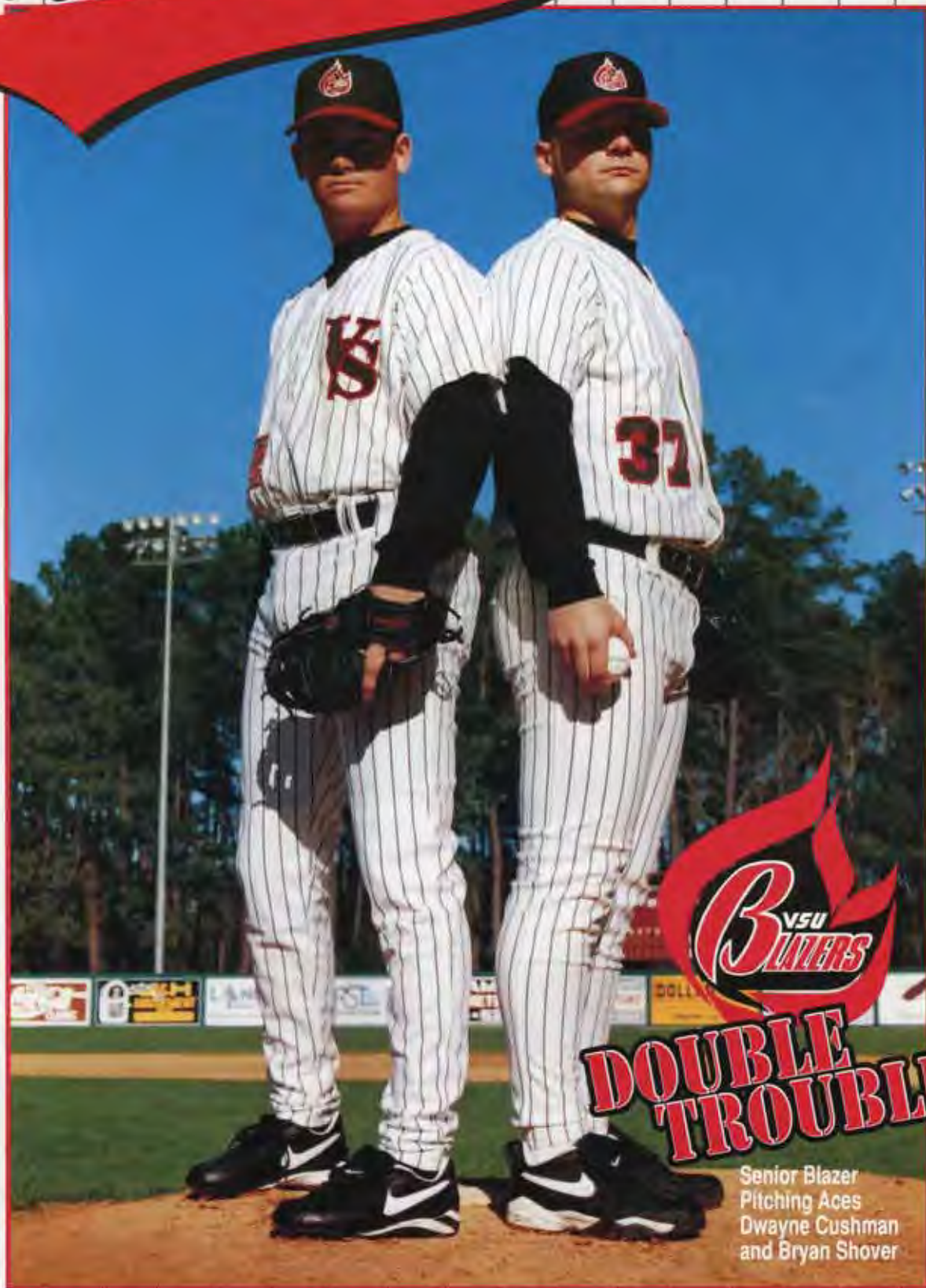


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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## 1995 BLAZER SCHEDULE

### FEBRUARY

11	Sat.	Tampa★ (2pm)	A
12	Sun.	Brewton Parker★ DH (2pm)	H
15	Wed.	Brewton Parker DH (2:30pm)	A
18	Sat.	West Georgia★ DH (1pm)	H
19	Sun.	West Georgia★ (1pm)	H
21	Tue.	St. Leo (3pm)	A
25	Sat.	North Alabama★ DH (1pm)	H
26	Sun.	North Alabama★ (2pm)	H
28	Tue.	GA. Southwestern (3pm)	A

### MARCH

1	Wed.	St. Leo (3pm)	H
3	Fri.	Albany State (3pm)	H
4	Sat.	Shippensburg★ (Noon)	H
4	Sat.	Lynn (6pm)	H
5	Sun.	Eckerd (2pm)	H
8	Wed.	Florida Southern (6pm)	H
10	Fri.	West Florida★ DH (4pm)	A
11	Sat.	West Florida★ (1pm)	A
15	Wed.	North Florida (7pm)	H
18	Sat.	Lincoln Memorial★ DH (4pm)	H
19	Sun.	Lincoln Memorial★ (1pm)	H
23	Thu.	GA Southwestern (6:30pm)	H
24	Fri.	Kennesaw State (3pm)	A
25	Sat.	West Georgia★ DH (1pm)	A
26	Sun.	West Georgia★ (1pm)	A
27	Mon.	Jacksonville State, AL (7pm)	H
28	Tue.	Jacksonville State, AL (7pm)	H
30	Thu.	Columbus (6pm)	A

### APRIL

1	Sat.	North Alabama★ DH (4pm)	A
2	Sun.	North Alabama★ (1pm)	A
4	Tue.	North Florida (7pm)	A
6	Thu.	Florida A&M (7pm)	H
7	Fri.	Albany State (3pm)	A
8	Sat.	Georgia College (2pm)	H
9	Sun.	Georgia College (2pm)	A
11	Tue.	Armstrong State (6pm)	A
12	Wed.	Thomas College (6pm)	H
14	Fri.	West Florida★ DH (4pm)	H
15	Sat.	West Florida★ (1pm)	H
18	Tue.	Columbus (6pm)	H
22	Sat.	Lincoln Memorial★ DH (Noon)	A
23	Sun.	Lincoln Memorial★ (1pm)	A
25	Tue.	Columbus (7pm)	A
28-30	Fri.-Sun.	Gulf South Conf. Tournament (TBA) Site of Eastern Div. Winner	

### MAY

2	Tue.	Armstrong State (6pm)	H
3	Wed.	Florida A&M (7pm)	A
4	Thu.	Thomas College (5pm)	A

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**Steve Roberts**

The 1995 Blazers will, as many teams, have as their ultimate goal a berth in the Division II World Series, which will be held at Paterson Field in Montgomery, Ala. The Blazers won the 1979 national championship and have made six other appearances in the national tournament. Valdosta State again will be the host school for this year's national tourney, but that does not give the Blazers an automatic bid. Information on this year's team, the coaches and statistics and records can be found in this yearbook.

## RADIO

Valdosta State has a booth reserved in the press box for the official broadcast team of the opponent for each game. Permission and credentials should be obtained in advance from Steve Roberts. Gulf South Conference opponents are provided the phone line at no charge. Others are charged a \$50 fee. The visiting radio number will be given on request.

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# 1995 BLAZER BASEBALL



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name	Valdosta State University
Location	Valdosta, Georgia
Founded	1906
Enrollment	9150
President	Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
Colors	Red and Black
Nickname	Blazers
Home Facility	Billy Grant Field (1000)
Conference	Gulf South
National Affiliation	NCAA, Division II
1994 Record	25-25 overall, 9-9 GSC

## ATHLETIC STAFF

Athletic Director	Herb Reinhard
Secretary	Debbie Bennett
Faculty Athletic Representative	Bobby Tucker
Sports Information Director	Steve Roberts
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Trainer	Jim Madaleno
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Head Coach	Tommy Thomas
Assistant Coach	Pete Meyer
Graduate Assistant	Mike Lee
Student Assistant	Will Smith
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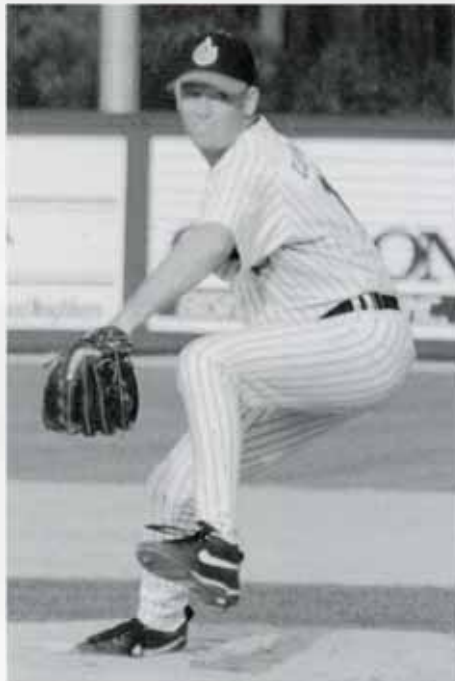
## THE OUTLOOK

If pitching is indeed the key to ultimate baseball success, Valdosta State could very possibly live up to its preseason Gulf South Conference billing, and in the process erase the unpleasant memories of a late season collapse in 1994.

The 1995 Blazer contingent, which will be the 28th squad fielded by Tommy Thomas, has been picked to win the pennant race in the league's eastern division. Thomas, with 903 career victories under his belt, is pleasantly surprised by the lofty selection and believes his veteran pitching staff must be the reason.

"I can only assume the other coaches think our pitching will be the best in the east because we lost most of our position players to graduation," Thomas said. "I think we had our best recruiting year in many years and maybe the word got out. Whatever the reason, I'm happy. Now we need to go out and earn it on the field."

Thomas knows it will take a solid and consistent total package to compete against the powers of the South, South Atlantic and South Central regions which dot the 1995 schedule. Valdosta State is again situated in the South Central, which houses all the Gulf South Conference schools. VSU and the four other eastern division members, North Alabama, West Georgia, Lincoln Memorial and newcomer West Florida, will play home-



and-home three-game series in the regular season. The top two teams will advance to a four-team double elimination tournament with the two best from the west. The winner of the east will host the three-day tourney the weekend of April 28.

While Thomas expects his pitching staff to be very competitive, he is also excited about a virtually new cast of position players recruited from the junior college ranks. Only catcher Shannon Jernigan, who shared that job a

year ago, and leftfielder Gene Swift, who played third base in 1994, will be in the opening day starting lineup. (The other returning offensive starter will be designated hitter Billy Lillis.)

"I think we helped ourselves a great deal offensively and defensively, especially up the middle," Thomas said. "I was impressed with our recruiting class in the fall. The fact they stepped in as starters ahead of some players who started last year should certainly improve our depth. It all points to an improved team overall."

## PITCHING

With two of the top righthanders in Division II baseball returning, the Blazer pitching staff should offer a firm foundation for the total VSU package. Seniors Bryan Shover, who has won 21 games in his career, and Dwayne Cushman, who threw the first VSU no-hitter in 20 years in 1994, return to anchor an eight-man staff.

Shover, who pitched better a year ago than his 6-6 record, became VSU's all-time strikeout leader and goes into his final campaign with 261 career Ks. Cushman led the team in wins and ERA last season and teams with Shover to give the Blazers a formidable 1-2 pitching punch.

The likely No. 3 starter is Shane Shook, one of the seven JUCO transfers, who was the ace of nearby South Georgia's staff last season, winning eight games. He had several impressive outings in the fall, and the coaching staff likes the prospect of trotting out the trio of Shover, Cushman and Shook against conference teams.

But this Blazer team is by no means a three-man staff. A quartet of veterans - senior Paul Senkbeil and juniors Scott MacRae, Josh McGee and Mike Hall - have all had their moments in the sun. MacRae, Hall and Senkbeil have filled the No. 3 starter role in past seasons, and all have the "stuff" to do that job for this team. McGee made his presence felt in the fall after sitting out last season rehabilitating an injured arm.

JUCO transfer Gary Fassl, whose importance is magnified because he is the only lefthander, rounds out the staff. Plans are to bring Fassl out of the pen.



## CATCHING

The receiver position, obviously a vital cog on any team, is especially critical on this VSU club because of a dangerous lack of depth. Shannon Jernigan, an eastern division all-conference selection last year, is a quality starter. Behind him is freshman Brian Gibson, whose inexperience at the college level is further hindered by a foot injury which will keep him on the shelf for the early part of the season.

"This is the first time in my coaching career that I've started a season with only one catcher, and it's a scary proposition," Thomas said. "Jernigan will have to be an ironman early, and hopefully Gibson will recover and be able to offer some relief."

## INFIELD

With Swift moving to the outfield, Thomas and his staff recruited an entirely new infield from the junior college ranks, and it's a foursome which genuinely excites the veteran coach. Paul Bagley comes in from Middle Georgia where he hit .300 with 12 home runs and 45 RBI to play first base. He's expected to hit in the middle of the lineup and provide power, but Thomas also likes his defensive skills and quickness around the bag.

Joyous LaRosa, who played shortstop at Pasco-Hernando where he hit .320, was

recruited to play second base, and Thomas was pleased with his play in the fall. "Joyous is a good athlete who had no problem with the transition."

The new shortstop is Franky Carrasquillo, a .315 hitter with 38 stolen bases at Shoals CC in Alabama last year who was brilliant defensively in the fall and also a threat offensively. "I think our fans will really like the way Franky plays the game," Thomas said.

Jeff Roesler, a transfer from Gordon JC, proved in the fall he can handle the hot corner defensively. His JUCO numbers were impressive - .320 average, 40 RBI and 13 stolen bases.

Junior Tony Roy, who played sparingly last season, will fill the utility role primarily at third and second, and Sam Shaw from nearby Lakeland, the other freshman recruit, will back up Bagley and fill the designated hitter spot on occasion. The primary DH will be senior Billy Lillis, a good contact hitter with some power, who filled that role a year ago.

## OUTFIELD

The starting outfield is also new from 1994, but one old face is among that trio. Gene Swift, who played third base after recovering from a broken hand a year ago, moved to left field in the fall, and Thomas likes the results. Swift hit .300 last season, and Thomas expects the average to climb.

The new rightfielder will be Kenny Edwards, the player of the year on the Florida JUCO

circuit in 1994. He hit a robust .376 with six home runs and 46 RBI for Pasco-Hernando, and Thomas is counting on similar production from the middle of his lineup this spring.

Playing center field will be Darren Bush, who Thomas calls "reliable, steady and productive." He comes in from Hillsborough CC where he hit .333 with 27 RBI.

Outfield depth will be supplied by a couple of seniors who started much of the time last season. Rob Lanier, an eastern division all-conference selection a year ago, will relieve in center and right and also DH against certain righthanded pitching. Steve Norris, a late season starter who hit .341 last year, will spell Swift in left.

## THE SCHEDULE

Few, if any, breathers are on the Blazers' 55-game schedule which gets underway February 11 at Tampa, a two-time national champion out of the Sunshine State Conference. Twenty-four of the games will be against the four eastern division partners in the GSC. Home-and-home series with South Atlantic Region powers Armstrong State, Columbus and Georgia College are on the schedule as well.

"As always, the schedule is a challenge," Thomas said. "Our pitching depth will really be tested with all the conference games on the weekends, preceded or followed by quality non-conference opposition during the week."



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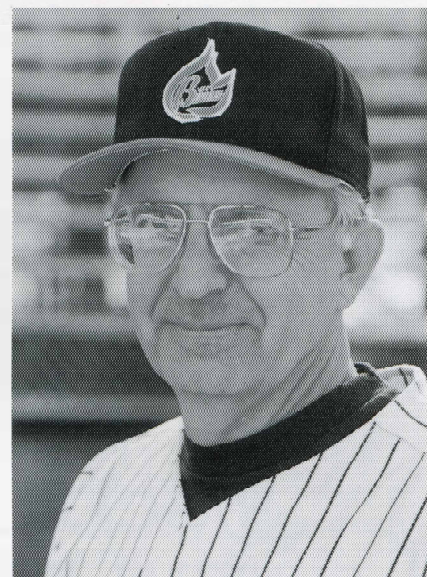
# COACHING STAFF

## TOMMY THOMAS HEAD COACH

Entering his 28th season as the outstanding head coach of Valdosta State's Blazer baseball team, Tommy Thomas has enjoyed success gained by very few. In 27 seasons, Thomas-led teams have compiled an overall record of 903-515, a .637 winning percentage. In 1994 he became only the third NCAA Division II coach to win 900 games, and his 903 wins are the second most among active Division II coaches.

Nineteen of his 27 teams have reached post-season play, and seven teams have made it to the national tournament with the 1979 team winning the national championship. As a result, Thomas has been the recipient of numerous individual awards and honors. Following the national title year, he was named National Coach of the Year for NCAA Division II by the American Baseball Coaches Association. On six occasions he has been named regional coach of the year, once in the NAIA Area V (1969) and five times in the NCAA South Atlantic region (1974, 1977, 1979, 1983 and 1985).

The 54-year-old Valdosta native received the BS degree from Valdosta State, where he was a four-year letterman in baseball from 1959-62, ending his career with a .316 batting average. Thomas, who is single, earned the MST degree from Georgia Southern in 1967.



## DIVISION II'S WINNINGEST COACHES

	Years	Wins
1. Gordie Gillespie, St. Francis (IL)	42	1387
2. Tommy Thomas, Valdosta State	27	903
3. Frank Vieira, New Haven	32	824
4. Rudy Abbott, Jacksonville State	25	803
5. Jack Smitheran, UC Riverside	25	768
6. Gary Grob, Winona State	27	756
7. Jack Rose, Denver	34	743
8. Irish O'Reilly, Lewis	16	670
Phil Swimley, UC Davis	29	670
10. Joe Roberts, Armstrong State	15	665



## THOMAS MILESTONES

First Win	7-6 vs. David Lipscomb 1968
First Loss	5-2 vs. David Lipscomb 1968
50th Win	7-0 vs. Shorter 1970
50th Loss	5-3 vs. Jacksonville 1971
100th Win	14-2 vs. Florida State 1972
100th Loss	11-3 vs. Florida 1975
150th Win	2-1 vs. Columbus 1973
150th Loss	16-8 vs. West Georgia 1977
200th Win	15-3 vs. Eckerd 1974
200th Loss	3-0 vs. Louisville 1980
250th Win	3-1 vs. Erskine 1976
250th Loss	11-3 vs. Jacksonville State 1983
300th Win	13-5 vs. Augusta 1977
300th Loss	10-6 vs. Tampa 1986
350th Win	11-9 vs. Eastern Illinois 1978
350th Loss	4-3 vs. Armstrong State 1988
400th Win	1-0 vs. Rose-Hulman 1980
400th Loss	10-6 vs. Tampa 1990
450th Win	13-4 vs. Charleston 1981
450th Loss	7-4 vs. Flagler 1992
500th Win	7-2 vs. Illinois Benedictine 1982
500th Loss	5-3 vs. Jacksonville State 1994
550th Win	11-5 vs. Augusta 1983
600th Win	8-7 vs. Georgia Southwestern 1984
650th Win	12-6 vs. Mercer 1985
700th Win	5-2 vs. Georgia College 1987
750th Win	12-11 vs. Armstrong State 1988
800th Win	7-0 vs. Kennesaw State 1991
850th Win	5-2 vs. Augusta 1993
900th Win	9-5 vs. Albany State 1994

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# COACHING STAFF

## PETE MEYER ASSISTANT COACH

Pete Meyer, who was Thomas's graduate assistant for two seasons while working on his master of education degree, always hoped he could again be a part of the Blazer baseball program. His wish came true in the summer of 1993 when former assistant Bart Shuman stepped down, opening the door for the energetic Meyer to return to Valdosta State. He begins his second season as Blazer baseball's top assistant and chief recruiter.



Meyer, a native of Greencastle, Ind., and the son of DePauw University baseball coach Ed Meyer, spent three years as head baseball coach at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. He went to Oglethorpe to help reinstate a baseball program which had been dormant for 15 years and compiled a two-year record of 39-30, including a perfect 16-0 conference record.

His two teams won the eastern division of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, and he coached 10 all-conference players, three all-region players, two academic all-south players and one pitcher of the year in the SCAC.

Meyer was a four-sport athlete at Greencastle High School, earning 10 varsity letters. He was an all-conference prep baseball player and continued his baseball career at College of Wooster where he was a four-year letterman and three-time all-conference selection. Three of the teams (1985-87) participated in the NCAA Division III national playoffs.

Meyer is married, and he and his wife Cindy, a certified public accountant who is the manager of accounting and budgets in VSU's Office of Business and Finance, have two children, Mitch, 4 1/2, and Megan, 3.

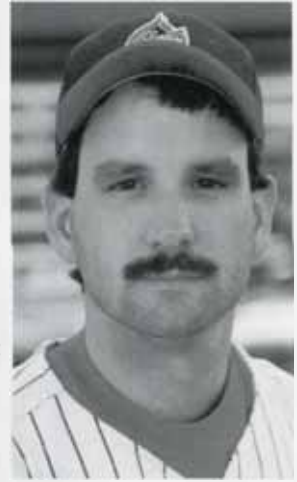
## MIKE LEE GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Mike Lee rejoins the Valdosta State baseball family this season as a graduate assistant following a year in the same capacity for the outstanding VSU softball program. Lee was the stopper out of the bullpen for two Blazer teams in 1991 and 1992 after transferring to VSU from Florida Community College in his hometown of Jacksonville.

In his Blazer career he led the team with five saves and set a school record for most appearances as a senior with 25. A submarine righthander, Lee struck out 57 in 52 innings and compiled an ERA of 4.67.

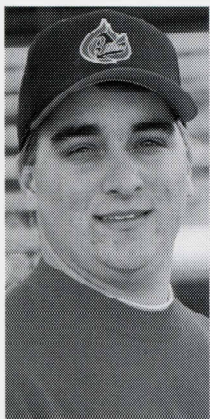
He will work primarily with the Blazer pitching staff with an emphasis on lowering last season's staff ERA of 4.18. He will also help Meyer with recruiting and handle various administrative duties in the baseball office.

Lee, 25 and single, is working toward a master of education degree in the field of health and physical education.

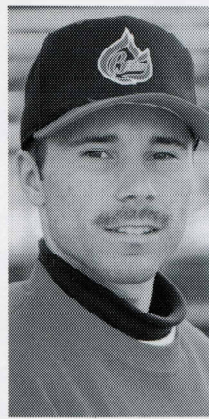


**WILL SMITH**  
STUDENT ASSISTANT

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1	Franky Carrasquillo	SS	R/R	5-11	165	20	JR	Talto, PR
5	Shannon Jernigan	C	R/R	6-0	190	22	SR	Live Oak, FL
9	Gene Swift	OF	R/R	5-10	205	22	SR	Silver Springs, FL
12	Dwayne Cushman	P	R/R	5-11	175	23	SR	Port Salerno, FL
13	Joyous LaRosa	2B	S/R	5-10	170	20	JR	Venice, FL
16	Paul Senkbeil	P	R/R	6-0	165	22	SR	Albany, GA
17	Mike Hall	P	R/R	6-1	190	21	JR	Tifton, GA
19	Tony Roy	IF	R/R	5-10	170	22	JR	Duluth, GA
21	Jeff Roesler	3B	R/R	5-8	180	20	JR	Lilburn, GA
22	Shane Shook	P	R/R	6-3	170	21	JR	Douglas, GA
23	Gary Fassl	P	L/L	6-2	200	21	JR	Columbia, SC
24	Darren Bush	CF	L/R	6-0	180	21	JR	Dunedin, FL
26	Paul Bagley	1B	R/R	6-2	240	21	JR	Louisville, KY
27	Kenny Edwards	RF	R/R	5-10	175	22	JR	Sarasota, FL
29	Brian Gibson	C	R/R	5-11	175	19	FR	Savannah, GA
30	Scott MacRae	P	R/R	6-2	190	20	JR	Marietta, GA
33	Sam Shaw	1B	R/R	5-10	180	19	FR	Lakeland, FL
35	Josh McGee	P	R/R	6-0	165	21	JR	Lincolnton, GA
37	Bryan Shover	P	R/R	6-1	195	22	SR	Stone Mountain, GA
39	Steve Norris	OF	R/R	5-10	165	23	SR	Macon, GA
44	Billy Lillis	1B	R/R	6-2	230	21	SR	Albany, GA
49	Rob Lanier	OF	L/R	6-1	180	22	SR	Douglas, GA
3	Tommy Thomas, head coach			Valdosta State, 1962				(912) 333-5890; 245-0303 (H)
25	Pete Meyer, assistant coach			College of Wooster, 1987				333-5890; 241-7168 (H)
54	Mike Lee, graduate assistant			Valdosta State, 1992				333-5890; 245-8516 (H)
7	Will Smith, student assistant							

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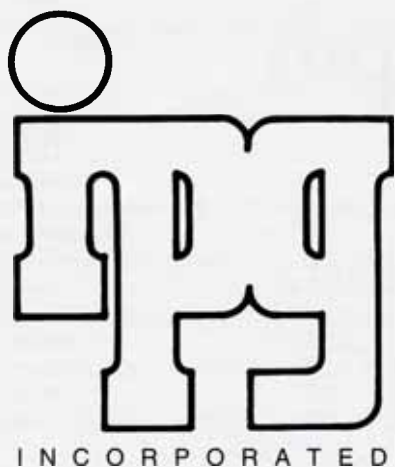
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# 1995 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Name	No.	Pos.	B/T	Class	Hometown
Paul Bagley	26	1B	R/R	Junior	Louisville, KY
Darren Bush	24	CF	L/R	Junior	Dunedin, FL
Franky Carrasquillo	1	SS	R/R	Junior	Talto, PR
Dwayne Cushman	12	P	R/R	Senior	Port Salerno, FL
Kenny Edwards	27	RF	R/R	Junior	Sarasota, FL
Gary Fassel	23	P	L/L	Junior	Columbia, SC
Brian Gibson	29	C	R/R	Freshman	Savannah, GA
Mike Hall	17	P	R/R	Junior	Tifton, GA
Shannon Jernigan	5	C	R/R	Senior	Live Oak, FL
Rob Lanier	49	OF	L/R	Senior	Douglas, GA
Joyous LaRosa	13	2B	S/R	Junior	Venice, FL
Billy Lillis	44	1B	R/R	Senior	Albany, GA
Scott MacRae	30	P	R/R	Junior	Marietta, GA
Josh McGee	35	P	R/R	Junior	Lincolnton, GA
Steve Norris	39	OF	R/R	Senior	Macon, GA
Jeff Roesler	21	3B	R/R	Junior	Lilburn, GA
Tony Roy	19	IF	R/R	Junior	Duluth, GA
Paul Senkbeil	16	P	R/R	Senior	Albany, GA
Sam Shaw	33	1B	R/R	Freshman	Lakeland, GA
Shane Shook	22	P	R/R	Junior	Douglas, GA
Bryan Shover	37	P	R/R	Senior	Stone Mountain, GA
Gene Swift	9	LF	R/R	Senior	Silver Springs, FL



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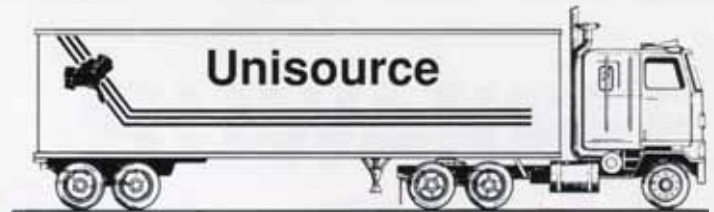
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Number and Name Home Address and Phone	Bats / Throws	Birthday	Height	Weight	Class	Hometown and High School
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## PITCHERS

12 <b>Dwayne Cushman</b> P.O. Box 1073, Pt. Salerno, FL 34992 (407) 283-0724	R-R	11-27-71	5-11	175	Senior	Pt. Salerno, FL (South Fork)
23 <b>Gary Fassl</b> 100 Hollingwood Drive, Columbia, SC (803) 736-1643	L-L	1-31-74	6-2	200	Junior	Columbia, SC (Spring Valley)
17 <b>Mike Hall</b> Rte. 7, Box 549, Tifton, GA 31794 (912) 382-3431	R-R	9-12-73	6-1	190	Junior	Tifton, GA (Tift County)
30 <b>Scott MacRae</b> 2792 Brookcliff Landing, Marietta, GA 30062 (404) 565-5074	R-R	8-13-74	6-2	190	Junior	Marietta, GA (Walton)
35 <b>Josh McGee</b> 5261 Clay Hill Road, Lincolnton, GA 30817 (706) 359-1591	R-R	1-8-73	6-0	165	Junior	Lincolnton, GA (Lincoln County)
16 <b>Paul Senkbeil</b> 2319 Gail Avenue, Albany, GA 31707 (912) 888-0117	R-R	8-8-72	6-0	165	Senior	Albany, GA (Westover)
22 <b>Shane Shook</b> Rte. 2, Box 123, Nicholls, GA 31554 (912) 384-4148	R-R	2-9-74	6-3	170	Junior	Douglas, GA (Coffee)
37 <b>Bryan Shover</b> 4808 White Oak Path, Stone Mountain, GA 30088 (404) 987-9375	R-R	9-9-72	6-1	195	Senior	Stone Mountain, GA (Redan)

## CATCHERS

29 <b>Brian Gibson</b> 129 S. Sheftall Circle, Savannah, GA 31410 (912) 897-6312	R-R	8-17-75	5-11	175	Freshman	Savannah, GA (Benedictine)
5 <b>Shannon Jernigan</b> P.O. Box 592, Live Oak, FL 32060 (904) 362-4518	R-R	2-7-73	6-0	190	Senior	Live Oak, FL (Suwannee)

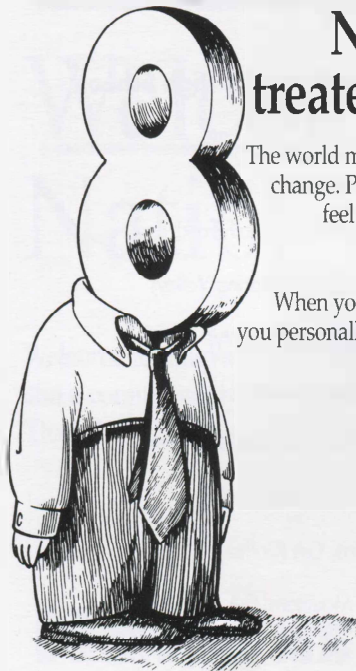
## INFIELDERS

26 <b>Paul Bagley</b> 8402 Cabin Hill Road, Louisville, KY 40291 (502) 239-2993	R-R	4-20-73	6-2	240	Junior	Louisville, KY (Louisville Male)
1 <b>Franky Carrasquillo</b> Avenue Diego Valazquez, D-7, El Congui, Talto, P.R. 00976 (809) 748-8722	R-R	5-4-74	5-11	165	Junior	Talto, P.R. (Antilles Military)
13 <b>Joyous LaRosa</b> 86 Venice East Blvd., Venice, FL 34293 (813) 493-9203	S-R	8-29-74	5-11	175	Junior	Venice, FL (Venice)
44 <b>Billy Lillis</b> 2112 Hoover St., Albany, GA 31707 (912) 435-2461	R-R	4-4-73	6-2	230	Sophomore	Albany, GA (Albany)
21 <b>Jeff Roesler</b> 5256 Ashfurn Court, Lilburn, GA 30247 (404) 381-6596	R-R	9-20-74	5-8	180	Junior	Lilburn, GA (Parkview)
19 <b>Tony Roy</b> 3386 Rollingbrook Way, Duluth, GA 30136 (404) 476-8638	R-R	10-20-73	5-10	170	Junior	Duluth, GA (Duluth)
33 <b>Sam Shaw</b> 410 Chestnut Ave., Lakeland, GA 31635 (912) 482-3517	R-R	7-29-75	5-10	180	Freshman	Lakeland, GA (Lanier County)

## OUTFIELDERS

24 <b>Darren Bush</b> 1725 Amberlea Drive South, Dunedin, FL 34698 (813) 733-8510	L-R	1-12-74	6-0	180	Junior	Dunedin, FL (Dunedin)
27 <b>Kenny Edwards</b> 3829 Hawkeye Circle, Sarasota, FL 34232 (813) 377-2610	R-R	9-7-72	5-10	175	Junior	Sarasota, FL (Sarasota)
49 <b>Rob Lanier</b> P.O. Box 763, Douglas, GA 31533 (912) 384-5769	L-R	9-1-72	6-1	180	Senior	Douglas, GA (Coffee)
39 <b>Steve Norris</b> 5014 Wellington Drive, Macon, GA 31210 (912) 477-3752	R-R	9-19-71	5-10	165	Senior	Macon, GA (Tattall Square)
9 <b>Gene Swift</b> P.O. Box 2181, Silver Springs, FL 34489 (904) 236-4849	R-R	2-28-73	5-10	205	Senior	Silver Springs, FL (Vanguard)

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# PLAYER PROFILES

## DWAYNE CUSHMAN

# 12

**Pitcher**  
**5 - 11 • 175**  
**Senior • Port Salerno, FL**



No. 1 pitching recruit from Indian River CC in 1994 who lived up to his preseason billing by leading the team in wins with 8, complete games with 9, innings pitched with 97.1 and earned run average with a 3.14...Threw first VSU no-hitter in 20 years, shutting out Brewton Parker 1-0...All-conference selection...Teams with fellow senior Bryan Shover to form one of the best 1-2 punches in Division II baseball.

Birthday: November 27, 1971 Major: Physical Education

### Cushman At Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
19	12	9	97.1	80	44	34	37	82	8-4	3.14	2	8	4

## GARY FASSL

# 23

**Pitcher**  
**6 - 2 • 200**  
**Junior • Columbia, SC**



Transfer from Lake City CC...Very valuable member of the pitching staff because he is the lone lefthander...Finesse-type pitcher with good breaking ball...Exhibits outstanding poise and maturity on the mound...Expected to be used in middle relief and as a spot starter.

Birthday: January 31, 1974 Major: Business Management

## MIKE HALL

# 17

**Pitcher**  
**6 - 1 • 190**  
**Junior • Tifton, GA**



One of top pitching recruits in 1993 who appears ready to blossom into a solid member of the starting rotation...Work on mechanics in fall paid off with improved control...Coaches expect him to compete for the No. 3 starting spot...Had second most appearances (18) last season and should have a similar number this season.

Birthday: September 12, 1973 Major: Physical Education

### Hall At Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
26	8	1	74.2	94	68	53	41	59	4-7	6.39	2	15	2

## SCOTT MACRAE

# 30

**Pitcher**  
**6 - 2 • 190**  
**Junior • Marietta, GA**



Another maturing pitcher from the 1993 recruiting class who has attracted attention from professional scouts...Has the best fast ball on the staff, and his No. 1 is complimented by a very good overhand curve ball...When he has control of all his pitches, MacRae is one of the top pitchers in Division II baseball...Has 27 career appearances and will definitely get the ball a lot in 1995.

Birthday: August 13, 1974 Major: Business Management

### MacRae At Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
27	9	8	87	82	56	46	57	70	3-7	4.76	2	14	5



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# PLAYER PROFILES

**JOSH MCGEE**

**35**

**PITCHER**

**6 - 0 • 165**

**Junior • Lincolnton, GA**



Has fully rehabilitated an arm injury which sidelined him early last season...Has tremendous breaking pitches...Control was much improved in the fall, earning him a certain spot in middle relief...He will also be used as a spot starter on a staff which numbers only eight.

Birthdate: January 8, 1973

Major: Business Marketing

**McGee At Valdosta State**

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
14	3	0	33	42	25	22	21	31	2-1	6.00	0	3	2

**PAUL SENKBEIL**

**16**

**PITCHER**

**6 - 0 • 165**

**Senior • Albany, GA**



Had several solid outings among his 12 appearances last season...Above average fast ball and above average breaking pitches make him a valuable member of staff...One of a trio of senior pitchers expected to provide leadership and maturity...Coaches expect him to make a valuable contribution.

Birthdate: August 8, 1972

Major: Criminal Justice

**Senkbeil At Valdosta State**

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
22	2	0	44	45	35	24	30	43	2-2	4.91	1	8	4

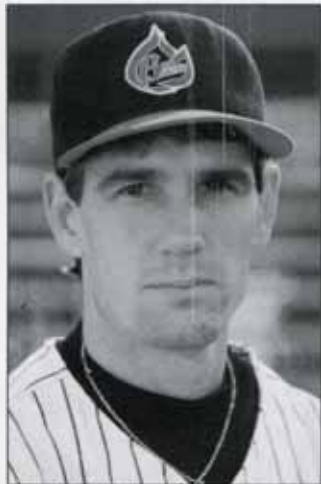
**SHANE SHOOK**

**22**

**PITCHER**

**6 - 3 • 170**

**Junior • Douglas, GA**



Transfer from South Georgia JC...Top pitching recruit on the strength of an outstanding JUCO career...Three-quarter delivery is very effective...Fast ball has great movement...Shows exceptional poise...Expected to be right at the top of the pitching staff...Heavily counted on to be an effective starter day in and day out.

Birthdate: February 9, 1974

Major: Accounting

**BRYAN SHOVER**

**37**

**PITCHER**

**6 - 1 • 195**

**Senior • Stone Mt., GA**



Expected to bounce back from a disappointing (by his standards) 1994 to the brilliant form of 1993 when he went 12-2 with a 1.67 ERA and earned all-America honors...Was the victim of several low-scoring losses a year ago, finishing 6-6, but still was named an all-conference pitcher...Tremendous slider has resulted in a school record 261 career strikeouts...Has earned the reputation as one of the top pitchers in Division II baseball.

Birthdate: September 9, 1972

Major: Physical Education

**Shover At Valdosta State**

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
46	32	17	248	217	100	70	67	261	21-13	2.54	1	8	5

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# PLAYER PROFILES

## BRIAN GIBSON

# 29

**CATCHER**

**5 - 11 • 175**

**Fr. • Savannah, GA**



Untested rookie receiver from Savannah-Benedictine where he was a dominating prep player, hitting .390 last season and being named to the all-city team...Missed fall work with a foot injury which has required surgery in January...Rehabilitation will take four-to-five weeks...Expected to debut in early March...All indications point to him being a very adequate backup this season and an outstanding catcher in the future. Hits from right side.

Birthday: August 17, 1975

Major: Undeclared

## SHANNON JERNIGAN

# 5

**CATCHER**

**6 - 0 • 190**

**Senior • Live Oak, FL**



Shared catching duties last season, hitting .267 and earning all-conference honors...Will assume "ironman" duty behind the plate this season, especially early in the year with his backup rehabilitating an injury...Outstanding defensive skills and excellent relationship with the pitching staff...Hitting was outstanding in the fall, making him the total package behind the plate...Hits from the right side.

Birthday: February 7, 1973

Major: Physical Education

### Jernigan At Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	E	AVG
37	105	11	28	11	.267	2	1	0	17	15	4	.983

## PAUL BAGLEY

# 26

**FIRST BASE**

**6 - 2 • 240**

**Junior • Louisville, KY**



Transfer from Middle Georgia JC where he hit 12 home runs, drove in 45 runs and batted .300, helping MGC win state JUCO title...Great attitude...Despite his size he has very good speed and agility...Outstanding defensively...Expected to provide power and run production, hitting in the middle of the lineup...Hits and throws from right side.

Birthday: April 20, 1973

Major: Finance

## FRANKY CARRASQUILLO

# 1

**SHORTSTOP**

**5 - 11 • 165**

**Jr. • Talto, Puerto Rico**

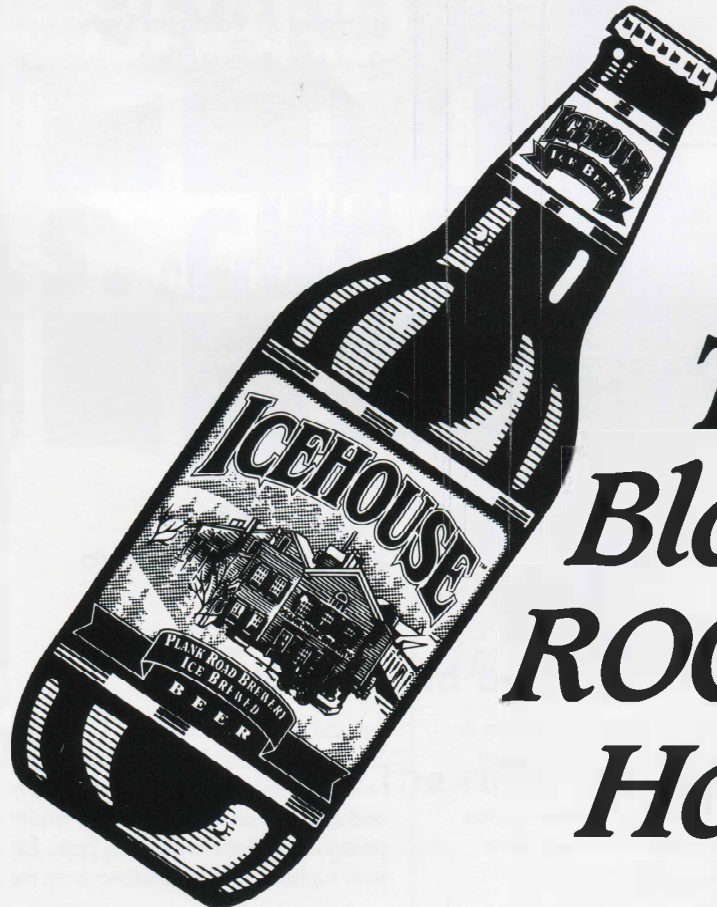
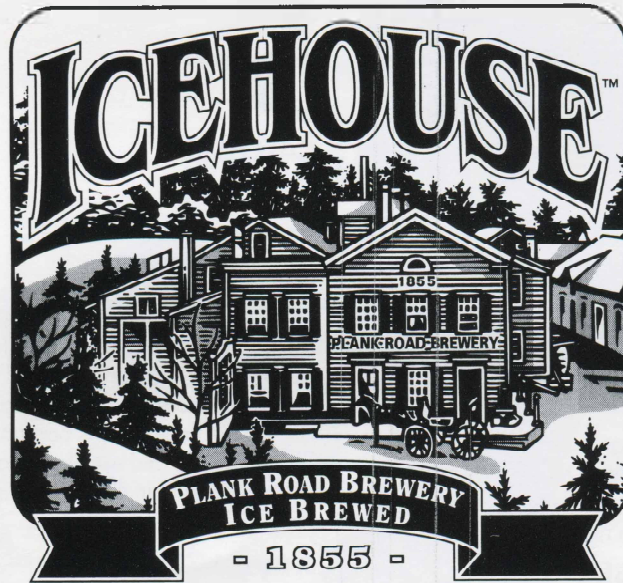


Transfer from Shoals (Ala.) CC where he hit .315 with five home runs, 25 RBI and 35 of 38 stolen bases, helping team to a second place finish in state...Turned heads with his brilliant defensive play in the fall and also demonstrated valuable leadership ability...Very personable young man...Bat shows some pop...Expected to be the catalyst for this year's infield...Hits and throws from the right side.

Birthday: May 4, 1974

Major: Pre-medicine

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# PLAYER PROFILES

**JOYOUS LAROSA**

**13**

**SECOND BASE**

**5 - 11 • 175**

**Junior • Venice, FL**



Transfer from Pasco-Hernando CC where he hit .320 with four home runs and 44 RBI and made all-conference...Was a solid shortstop in junior college but will play second this season...Looked sharp in the fall both offensively and defensively...Expected to team with Carrasquillo to form a very good keystone combination...Switch hitter who throws from the right side.

Birthdate: August 29, 1974

Major: Physical Therapy

**BILLY LILLIS**

**44**

**FIRST BASE**

**6 - 2 • 230**

**Senior • Albany, GA**



Shared first base and designated hitter duties last season, hitting .302 and knocking in 22 runs...Will concentrate on the DH spot this season and will back up Bagley at first...Good contact hitter with power...Coaches expect big year offensively and in a leadership capacity from this senior. Hits and throws from the right side.

Birthdate: April 4, 1973

Major: Communication Arts

**Lillis At Valdosta State**

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	E	AVG
78	195	17	57	37	.292	8	0	6	28	54	4	.979

**JEFF ROESLER**

**21**

**THIRD BASE**

**5 - 8 • 180**

**Junior • Lilburn, GA**



Transfer from Gordon College where he hit .320 with 40 RBI and stole 13 of 14 bases...Impressed everyone in fall with his hustle, attitude and leadership ability...Proved he can handle the hot corner defensively in the fall and also showed some power at the plate...Another great addition to a totally revamped infield...Hits and throws from the right side.

Birthdate: September 20, 1974

Major: Criminal Justice

**TONY ROY**

**19**

**INFIELDER**

**5 - 10 • 170**

**Junior • Duluth, GA**



Hit .300 in limited playing time last season...Expected to provide top quality utility play on this year's team, especially at second and third base...Good player to have around because of his versatility...Has shown the ability to hit good pitching...Hits and throws from the right side.

Birthdate: October 10, 1973

Major: Business Administration

**Roy At Valdosta State**

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	E	AVG
15	20	2	6	2	.300	1	0	0	3	9	3	.947

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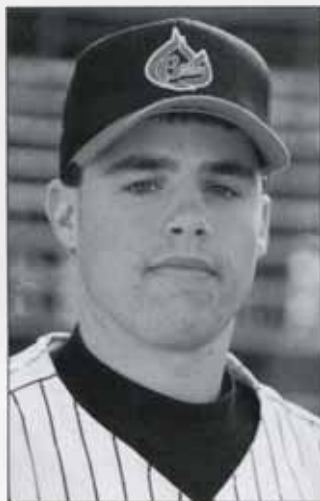
**SAM SHAW**

**33**

**FIRST BASE**

**5 - 10 • 180**

**Freshman • Lakeland, GA**



One of two freshmen recruits on this year's club...Expected to become a solid college player as he gains experience...Coaches impressed with his quick bat which came on strong toward the end of fall practice...Will get an occasional start at first base and at DH and will be used in a pinch-hitting role this season. Hits and throws from the right side.

Birthday: July 29, 1975

Major: Undeclared

**DARREN BUSH**

**24**

**CENTER FIELD**

**6-0 • 180**

**Junior • Dunedin, FL**



Transfer from Hillsborough CC where he hit .333 with three home runs and 27 RBI and made the all-conference team...Reliability is the best descriptive word for JC recruit...Very good defensive centerfielder who is expected to be the glue in the outfield...Hits from the left side and throws from the right side.

Birthday: January 12, 1974

Major: Secondary Education

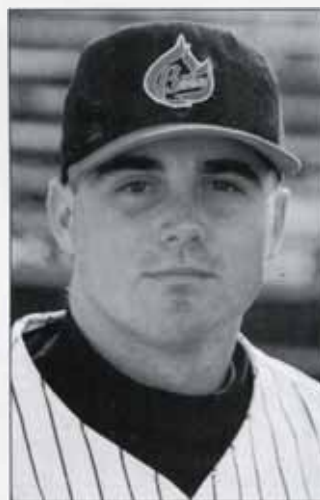
**KENNY EDWARDS**

**27**

**RIGHT FIELD**

**5 - 10 • 175**

**Junior • Sarasota, FL**



Transfer from Pasco-Hernando CC where he hit .376 with six home runs, 46 RBI and 15 stolen bases...Named player of the year in conference and first team all-state on a team which finished second in the state...A top recruit who is expected to be a leader on this team in offensive production...Comes with outstanding credentials...Will hit in the middle of the lineup...Hits and throws from the right side.

Birthday: September 7, 1972

Major: Physical Education

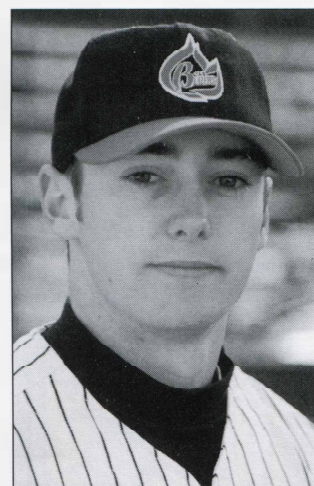
**ROB LANIER**

**49**

**OUTFIELD**

**6 - 1 • 180**

**Senior • Douglas, GA**



Started most of the time in right field last season where he hit .270...Will start the season as the No. 4 outfielder, which is a testimony to the improved depth on this year's Blazer team...Solid hitting in conference games last season earned him all-GSC honors...Expected to play a lot and will be used in the DH role against certain righthanders...Hits from the left side, throws from the right side.

Birthday: September 1, 1972

Major: Accounting

**Lanier At Valdosta State**

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	E	AVG
43	126	24	34	22	.270	11	1	1	12	25	1	.981

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# PLAYER PROFILES

## STEVE NORRIS

# 39

**OUTFIELD**

**5 - 10 • 165**

**Senior • Macon, GA**



Started 24 games in left field last season, hitting a healthy .341 and stealing 9 of 10 bases...Expected to come off the bench and provide depth, mainly in left field...Also will be used to fill the designated hitter role on occasion...Hustle and quiet leadership are other attributes...Hits and throws from the right side.

Birthday: September 19, 1971

Major: Business Management

### Norris At Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	E	AVG
51	99	27	28	10	.238	2	1	1	11	10	2	.946

## GENE SWIFT

# 9

**LEFT FIELD**

**5 - 10 • 205**

**Senior • Silver Springs, FL**



Hit an even .300 last season after missing first month rehabilitating a broken hand...Other injuries hampered his season but he was still very productive...Played third base last year but will move to left field this season...Expected to be one of the top hitters on the club and will hit in the middle of the lineup...Solid all-round baseball player...Hits and throws from the right side.

Birthday: February 28, 1973

Major: Business Administration

### Swift At Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	E	AVG
33	110	25	33	21	.300	8	0	4	14	15	14	.816

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	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	K	Slug%	OB%	SB-A
Bryan Garber	141	31	51	21	.362	4	1	0	33	9	.404	.480	5-7
STEVE NORRIS	82	24	28	8	.341	2	1	1	10	7	.427	.426	9-10
Barry Roberson	138	30	46	36	.333	7	2	8	15	35	.587	.404	5-9
Neill James	138	22	45	36	.326	11	0	6	16	23	.536	.400	3-3
Mike Ward	95	20	29	9	.305	8	0	0	17	16	.389	.411	9-14
BILLY LILLIS	116	11	35	22	.302	4	0	4	12	18	.440	.362	0-2
GENE SWIFT	110	25	33	21	.300	8	0	4	14	15	.482	.394	6-7
TONY ROY	20	2	6	2	.300	1	0	0	3	9	.350	.391	0-0
ROB LANIER	126	24	34	22	.270	11	1	1	12	25	.397	.340	6-9
SHANNON JERNIGAN	105	11	28	11	.267	2	1	0	17	15	.305	.366	0-2
Jay Folds	43	11	10	5	.233	1	2	1	8	9	.419	.353	1-2
Will Smith	137	12	29	13	.212	5	1	0	17	13	.263	.297	3-6
Warren Sumner	29	8	6	1	.207	1	0	0	3	8	.241	.281	1-1
Scott Culp	57	11	11	9	.193	3	0	1	8	8	.298	.292	1-1
Mickey Weldon	65	8	12	4	.185	2	0	0	5	4	.215	.239	3-5
Keith Bogg	28	8	3	3	.107	0	1	0	4	8	.179	.206	6-10
others	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	1.000	0-0
<b>VSU</b>	1538	278	431	238	.280	77	10	28	208	239	.398	.369	60-92
<b>Opponents</b>	1572	259	404	218	.257	65	14	24	175	365	.362	.336	38-71

## FINAL PITCHING STATISTICS

	G	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	GS	CG
DWAYNE CUSHMAN	19	8	4	2	97.1	80	44	34	37	82	2.45	12	9
BRYAN SHOVER	15	6	6	0	92.1	89	46	34	28	99	2.58	13	7
SCOTT MacRAE	14	3	5	0	57	51	30	22	36	50	2.70	8	3
Matt Seymour	14	3	1	0	53.2	57	36	22	19	44	2.87	9	1
David Francis	8	0	2	0	12	16	11	6	6	13	3.50	0	0
PAUL SENKBEIL	12	2	1	1	26.1	30	24	17	15	29	4.52	1	0
MIKE HALL	18	3	5	1	51.2	60	47	36	23	38	4.88	6	1
JOSH McGEE	2	0	0	0	1.2	2	2	2	2	1	8.40	0	0
Joe Chastain	9	0	1	0	7	13	11	10	6	7	10.00	1	0
others	4	0	0	0	3.1	6	8	4	3	2	10.81	0	0
<b>VSU</b>	50	25	25	5	402.1	404	259	187	175	365	3.25	50	21
<b>Opponents</b>	50	25	25	5	397	431	278	228	208	239	4.02	50	27



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## FINAL FIELDING STATISTICS

	<b>C</b>	<b>PO</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>DP</b>	<b>PB</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>CS</b>
Keith Boggs	18	15	3	0	1.000	0	0	0	0
SHANNON JERNIGAN	236	204	28	4	.983	1	2	20	19
ROB LANIER	52	50	1	1	.981	0	0	0	0
Scott Utech	241	195	40	6	.975	5	6	15	13
STEVE NORRIS	36	33	2	1	.972	1	0	0	0
Scott Culp	128	115	8	5	.961	4	0	3	0
Barry Roberson	281	263	6	12	.957	21	0	0	0
TONY ROY	19	3	15	1	.947	3	0	0	0
Neill James	74	68	2	4	.946	0	0	0	0
BRYAN SHOVER	18	4	13	1	.944	0	0	9	5
Mike Ward	35	32	1	2	.943	0	0	0	0
BILLY LILLIS	14	13	0	1	.929	0	0	0	0
Bryan Garber	220	91	113	16	.927	21	0	0	0
Jay Folds	50	11	35	4	.920	2	0	0	0
DWAYNE CUSHMAN	34	11	20	3	.912	2	0	3	9
MIKE HALL	10	2	7	1	.900	2	0	4	3
Warren Sumner	28	11	14	3	.893	4	0	0	0
Will Smith	193	52	118	23	.881	16	0	0	0
Mickey Weldon	14	12	0	2	.857	0	0	0	0
Matt Seymour	14	2	10	2	.857	0	0	8	2
GENE SWIFT	76	15	47	14	.816	2	0	0	0
<b>VSU</b>	1809	1207	492	110	.939	34	8	62	51
<b>Opponents</b>	1792	1191	510	91	.249	38	12	53	43

## SCORING

Score by Innings:	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>XInn</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>AvPG</b>
<b>Valdosta State</b>	41	34	47	28	33	32	25	20	13	5	278	5.6
<b>Opponents</b>	27	21	38	20	27	43	30	31	12	10	259	5.2



# 1994 FINAL STATISTICS

## GAME SUMMARY (ALL GAMES)

Record: W-25 L-25 (H: 14-13 A: 10-12 N: 1-0) Gulf South: 9-9  
 NCAA I: 1-0 NCAA II: 18-21 NCAA III: 1-0 NAIA: 5-4

Date	Opponent	Score	R H E	R H E	W	L	Pitcher	Attend
2/19	St. Leo	10-0	10-12-0	0-4-1	1	0	Shover 1-0	100
2/20	Georgia College	1-0	1-4-1	0-3-3	2	0	Cushman 1-0	500
2/22	Ga. Southwestern	1-2	1-3-1	2-9-2	2	1	MacRae 0-1	100
2/22	Ga. Southwestern	1-2	1-5-1	2-8-1	2	2	Hall 0-1	100
2/26	Brewton Parker	1-0	1-4-1	0-0-0	3	2	Cushman 2-0	50
2/26	Brewton Parker	4-3	4-7-0	3-5-1	4	2	MacRae 1-1	50
2/27	Kennesaw State	1-3	1-2-3	3-6-0	4	3	Shover 1-1	100
3/3	Brewton Parker	2-4	2-6-4	4-6-3	4	4	MacRae 1-2	100
3/3	Brewton Parker	14-2	14-15-1	2-3-2	5	4	Seymour 1-0	55
3/5	North Florida	4-3	4-9-4	3-6-1	6	4	Cushman 3-0	400
3/6	North Florida	7-22	7-5-2	22-21-1	6	5	Shover 1-2	450
3/7	Emory	8-2	8-11-1	2-4-0	7	5	Seymour 2-0	155
3/11	SIU-Edwardsville	5-4	5-6-4	4-6-0	8	5	Shover 2-2	242
3/12	SIU-Edwardsville	10-0	10-13-1	0-3-1	9	5	MacRae 2-2	238
3/12	Mansfield	6-13	6-8-3	13-12-1	9	6	Cushman 3-1	401
3/13	Mansfield	4-3	4-11-5	3-10-3	10	6	Hall 1-1	248
3/15	Ga. Southwestern	11-6	11-13-1	6-8-6	11	6	Shover 3-2	251
3/19	North Alabama*	3-5	3-10-3	5-11-0	11	7	Shover 3-3	465
3/19	North Alabama*	6-5	6-8-0	5-9-3	12	7	Senkbeil 1-0	394
3/20	North Alabama*	2-9	2-6-5	9-11-0	12	8	MacRae 2-3	368
3/26	Lincoln Memorial*	6-1	6-9-1	1-6-1	13	8	Shover 4-3	375
3/26	Lincoln Memorial*	3-1	3-6-2	1-2-2	14	8	Cushman 4-1	331
3/27	Lincoln Memorial*	12-17	12-16-2	17-17-4	14	9	Hall 1-2	143
3/29	Jacksonville State	3-5	3-9-3	5-5-1	14	10	MacRae 2-4	113
3/29	Jacksonville State	5-8	5-8-2	8-8-5	14	11	Hall 1-3	300
4/1	West Georgia*	5-4	5-8-2	4-6-2	15	11	Shover 5-3	100
4/1	West Georgia*	7-3	7-6-2	3-3-3	16	11	Cushman 5-1	100
4/2	West Georgia*	15-9	15-19-1	9-10-3	17	11	Senkbeil 2-0	100
4/4	Ga. Southwestern	16-2	16-20-1	2-8-2	18	11	MacRae 3-4	135
4/5	Albany State	8-5	8-7-2	5-11-5	19	11	Seymour 3-0	218
4/7	Florida A&M	10-4	10-7-3	4-6-3	20	11	Hall 2-3	263
4/9	North Alabama*	0-1	0-5-1	1-7-1	20	12	Shover 5-4	75
4/9	North Alabama*	6-3	6-10-0	3-5-2	21	12	Cushman 6-1	75
4/10	North Alabama*	18-21	18-21-6	21-20-0	21	13	Cushman 6-2	100
4/14	Albany State	9-5	9-15-2	5-8-1	22	13	Hall 3-3	100
4/14	Albany State	0-1	0-6-1	1-5-1	22	14	Francis 0-1	100
4/16	Lincoln Memorial*	4-5	4-9-1	5-8-1	22	15	Senkbeil 2-1	100
4/16	Lincoln Memorial*	6-3	6-8-2	3-7-2	23	15	Cushman 7-2	100
4/17	Lincoln Memorial*	2-5	2-5-2	5-7-2	23	16	MacRae 3-5	100
4/20	Columbus*	6-8	6-8-4	8-8-5	23	17	Seymour 3-1	106
4/23	West Georgia*	4-5	4-7-1	5-6-0	23	18	Shover 5-5	233
4/23	West Georgia*	4-1	4-4-1	1-5-1	24	18	Cushman 8-2	322
4/24	West Georgia*	2-5	2-10-5	5-9-2	24	19	Hall 3-4	223
4/29	Livingston+	3-4	3-6-2	4-12-2	24	20	Cushman 8-3	355
4/30	North Alabama+	5-2	5-9-2	2-5-0	25	20	Shover 6-5	183
4/30	Livingston+	2-9	2-5-4	9-13-1	25	21	Hall 3-5	328
5/4	St. Leo	5-8	5-5-2	8-11-5	25	22	Chastain 0-1	157
5/5	Georgia College	5-12	5-9-6	12-15-2	25	23	Francis 0-2	100
5/12	Armstrong State	4-11	4-10-4	11-16-1	25	24	Cushman 8-4	215
5/14	Armstrong State	2-3	2-6-2	3-10-1	25	25	Shover 6-6	100

\* Gulf South Conference games

+ Gulf South Conference Tournament



# BASEBALL HISTORY

## COACHES' RECORDS

Walter Cottingham, 12-25, .324; Gary Colson, 10-11, .476; Billy Grant, 93-83, .528; Tommy Thomas, 903-515, .637

Year	W-L	Coach
1955	6-5	Cottingham
1956	2-8	Cottingham
1957	2-7	Cottingham
1958	2-5	Cottingham
1959	10-11	Colson
1960	15-5	Grant
1961	8-15	Grant
1962	9-9	Grant
1963	4-8	Grant
1964	10-10	Grant
1965	18-11	Grant
1966	15-9	Grant
1967	14-16	Grant
1968	15-9	Thomas
1969	27-10	Thomas
1970	25-16	Thomas
1971	24-18	Thomas
1972	28-15	Thomas
1973	43-14	Thomas
1974	38-13	Thomas
1975	36-17	Thomas

Year	W-L	Coach
1976	28-25	Thomas
1977	47-16	Thomas
1978	39-20	Thomas
1979	47-14	Thomas
1980	45-11	Thomas
1981	39-19	Thomas
1982	49-22	Thomas
1983	45-14	Thomas
1984	33-23	Thomas
1985	47-21	Thomas
1986	43-17	Thomas
1987	34-20	Thomas
1988	26-26	Thomas
1989	22-31	Thomas
1990	18-31	Thomas
1991	21-23	Thomas
1992	29-25	Thomas
1993	30-20	Thomas
1994	25-25	Thomas
TOTALS	1018-634	.616





# THE BLAZER RECORD BOOK

## INDIVIDUAL - GAME

Most ABs.....	7, 14 players tied
Most Runs.....	5, Steve Crawford, '68 David DeMersseman, '77; June Munford, '83 Mike White, '85
Most Hits.....	6, Mike Jones, '85
Most 2Bs.....	3, Sam Bowen, '74 Seo Torres, '80; June Munford, '83; Mike Cassala, '88; Darrien Teals, '88; Tom White, '91
Most 3Bs.....	2, 9 players tied
Most HRs.....	3, Gene Felts, '72
Most HRs: Inning.....	2, Billy Tyler, '76 Sal Amadeo, '78
Most TBs.....	13, Gene Felts, '72
Most RBIs.....	9, Rob Busch, '85
Most SBs.....	6, Claude Speck, '67
Most Put Outs.....	20, Kevin Spooner, '85
Most Assists.....	10, John Gordon, '86
Most Errors.....	4, 5 players tied
Most IP.....	15, Danny Chadwick, '73
Most Ks.....	18, Kelly Scott, '80
Perfect Game.....	Leroy Purdy, '70
No Hitters.....	Eddie Fisher, '69 Steve Sorgious, '70; Dan Darden, '74 Dwayne Cushman, '94

## INDIVIDUAL - SEASON

Best B.A.....	433, Chuck Devane, '83
Best Slugging %.....	839, Cecil Whitehead, '78
Most AB.....	271, Mike Jones, '85
Most Runs.....	96, Andy Anthony, '85
Most Hits.....	114, Mike Jones, '85
Most 2Bs.....	23, JoJo Blaha, '86
Most 3Bs.....	8, Dan Darden, '75
Most HRs.....	22, Cecil Whitehead, '78
Most Consecutive Hits.....	9, Rob Bush, '85
Longest Hitting Streak.....	25, Rusty Brown, '90
Most Extra Base Hits.....	39, JoJo Blaha, '86 Kevin Spooner, '85
Most Total Bases.....	166, Mike Jones, '85
Most RBIs.....	76, JoJo Blaha, '85
Most BBs (drawn).....	91, Richie Johnson, '82
Most SBs.....	46, Mike White, '85
Most Appearances.....	25, Mike Lee, '92
Most IP.....	127.1, Jeff Agerter, '83
Most Consecutive Shutout Innings.....	28.2, Jimmy Wall, '77
Most Ks.....	112, Bryan Shover, '93
Most Ks per 9 innings.....	12.7, Sam Bowen, '73
Most Wins.....	13, Jeff Agerter, '82
Most Decisions.....	17, Jeff Agerter, '82
Most Saves.....	8, Chuck Beale, '77
Best ERA.....	0.78, Mike Perry, '64
Most Shutouts.....	3, 9 players tied

## INDIVIDUAL - CAREER

Best B.A.....	390, John Gordon, '86-87
Best Slugging %.....	643, Cecil Whitehead, '76-78
Most ABs.....	751, Craig Viers, '75-78
Most Runs.....	183, Sal Amadeo, '77-79
Most Hits.....	248, JoJo Blaha, '84-87
Most 2Bs.....	52, JoJo Blaha, '84-87
Most 3Bs.....	18, Gene Felts, '71-74 Craig Viers, '75-78
Most HRs.....	43, JoJo Blaha, '84-87
Most TBs.....	445, JoJo Blaha, '84-87
Most RBIs.....	209, JoJo Blaha, '84-87

Most SBs.....	91, Sal Amadeo, '77-79
Most Appearances.....	70, Ted West, '85-88
Most IP.....	353, Jimmy Wall, '77-80
Most Ks.....	261, Bryan Shover, '92-A
Most Wins.....	31, Bill Petty, '74-77 Jimmy Wall, '77-80
Best Winning Percentage.....	.950, Kelly Scott, '79-80
Most Saves.....	11, Chuck Beale, '76-77
Best ERA.....	1.48, Eddie Fisher, '66-69
Most Shutouts.....	7, Bill Petty, '74-77

## TEAM - GAME

Most Runs.....	23 vs. Westmar, '75 Fort Valley State, '85
Most Runs: Inning.....	13 vs. Jacksonville State, '79 Fort Valley State, '85
Most Hits.....	30 vs. Shippensburg, '85
Most RBIs.....	20 vs. 6 teams
Most 2Bs.....	8 vs. Columbus, '83 Wofford, '91; Columbus, '91
Most 3Bs.....	4 vs. Oglethorpe, '65 Ouachita Baptist, '70; Fort Valley State, '83
Most HRs.....	6 vs. Eckerd, '85
Most Runs Against.....	28 vs. Jacksonville State, '90
Most Runs: Both Teams.....	36 vs. Longwood (17-19), '82
Most Extra Base Hits.....	11 vs. Columbus, '83
Most TBs.....	39 vs. Fort Valley State, '83
Most Errors.....	9 vs. Florida Southern, '89
Most SBs.....	13 vs. Armstrong State, '68
Most DPs.....	5 vs. New Orleans, '74
Most Innings.....	17 vs. David Lipscomb, '68

## TEAM - SEASON

Most Games.....	71, 1982
Most Wins.....	49, 1982
Most Consecutive Wins.....	22, 1983
Best Winning Percentage.....	804 (45-11), 1980
Most Losses.....	31, 1989, 1990
Best Batting Average.....	.343, 1985
Worst Batting Average.....	.216, 1957
Best Slugging Percentage.....	.566, 1985
Most ABs.....	2261, 1985
Most Runs.....	620, 1985
Most Runs Per Game.....	9.8, 1986
Most Times Shut Out.....	8, 1976
Fewest Runs Allowed Per Game.....	2.3, 1960
Most Hits.....	776, 1985
Most 2Bs.....	144, 1985
Most 3Bs.....	31, 1985
Most HRs.....	99, 1985
Most Extra Base Hits.....	274, 1985
Most Total Bases.....	1279, 1985
Most RBIs.....	545, 1985
Most Stolen Bases.....	179, 1985
Most Double Plays.....	67, 1985
Best Fielding Percentage.....	.964, 1965
Most Innings Pitched.....	577.1, 1982
Most Strikeouts.....	412, 1986
Most Walks.....	404, 1981
Best ERA.....	1.45, 1964
Worst ERA.....	7.36, 1990
Most Shutouts.....	12, 1973
Most Consecutive Shutouts.....	4, 1971





# BASEBALL HISTORY

## VSU VS ALL OPPONENTS

Albany State .....	32-5
Armstrong State .....	51-22
Ashland .....	2-1
Auburn .....	1-1
Auburn-Montgomery .....	1-1
Augusta .....	32-11
Austin Peay State .....	2-1
Ball State .....	3-0
Belmont Abbey .....	0-2
Berry .....	23-6
Birmingham Southern .....	2-2
Bowling Green State .....	4-4
Brewton-Parker .....	16-8
California .....	0-1
Cal Poly-Pomona .....	1-2
California (PA) .....	2-0
CSU-Northridge .....	1-2
Campbellsville .....	2-0
Central Arkansas .....	1-1
Central Florida .....	5-4
Central Missouri St. .....	0-1
Charleston .....	43-3
Cincinnati .....	0-1
Citadel .....	2-0
Clemson .....	4-13
Columbus .....	57-44
David Lipscomb .....	6-9
Delta State .....	5-2
DePauw .....	16-1
Duke .....	2-0
East Stroudsburg .....	1-0
East Connecticut St. ....	0-1
Eastern Illinois .....	1-0
Eastern Kentucky .....	3-0
Eastern Michigan .....	4-0
Eckerd .....	10-10
Edward Waters .....	1-1
Emory .....	1-0
Erskine .....	17-11
Evansville .....	1-0
Flagler .....	16-6
Florida .....	5-14
Florida A&M .....	22-9
Florida International .....	1-3
Florida Southern .....	9-31
Florida State .....	4-23
Fort Valley State .....	16-0
Furman .....	1-1
Georgetown .....	1-0
Georgia .....	5-4
Georgia College .....	15-5
Georgia Southern .....	15-25

Georgia Southwestern .....	36-10
Georgia State .....	7-2
Georgia Tech .....	4-1
Grand Canyon .....	1-0
High Point .....	2-1
Hope (MI) .....	3-0
Howard .....	0-1
Illinois Benedictine .....	31-3
Jacksonville .....	22-26
Jacksonville State .....	13-27
Kennesaw State .....	10-6
Kentucky .....	2-0
Lake Forest (IL) .....	1-0
Lamar .....	0-2
Lewis .....	6-5
Liberty .....	0-1
Lincoln Memorial .....	5-4
Livingston .....	7-8
Longwood .....	2-2
Louisville .....	2-1
Macalester .....	2-0
Malone .....	3-0
Maine .....	0-1
Mansfield .....	1-1
Marion .....	3-0
Mercer .....	24-19
Mercer-Atlanta .....	3-1
Miami (Ohio) .....	0-2
Milligan .....	1-1
Millikin .....	1-1
Mississippi College .....	9-3
Missouri-St. Louis .....	2-1
Newberry .....	9-0
New Haven .....	0-3
New Orleans .....	0-1
Norfolk State .....	3-0
North Alabama .....	7-9
North Central (IL) .....	1-1
North Florida .....	2-12
North Georgia .....	3-11
Northwestern .....	1-1
Oglethorpe .....	11-7
Ohio .....	3-1
Oral Roberts .....	1-0
Oregon State .....	0-1
Otterbein .....	4-1
Ouachita Baptist .....	2-1
Pembroke State .....	4-3

Phillips .....	0-1
Piedmont .....	25-11
Purdue-Calumet .....	2-0
Quincy .....	6-0
Rollins .....	4-2
Rose-Hulman .....	22-0
St. Francis (IL) .....	8-3
St. Leo .....	15-11
St. Louis .....	2-0
St. Mary's (MN) .....	4-0
St. Thomas .....	1-1
St. Xavier .....	23-6
Shippensburg .....	7-1
Shorter .....	19-2
SIU-Edwardsville .....	7-2
Slippery Rock .....	1-0
South Florida .....	2-2
SE Missouri State .....	2-0
Southern Tech .....	16-1
Stanford .....	0-1
Stetson .....	7-7
Tampa .....	5-11
Taylor .....	1-0
Tennessee .....	4-0
Tennessee Tech .....	0-2
Trinity (IL) .....	7-0
Troy State .....	19-34
UC-Riverside .....	0-2
USF-St. Petersburg .....	3-0
UT-Martin .....	2-0
UWis-Parkside .....	0-1
Vanderbilt .....	1-5
Wake Forest .....	1-0
Washington (MO) .....	1-0
Washington & Lee .....	2-0
West Chester .....	2-1
Westfield State .....	6-3
West Georgia .....	51-29
West Liberty State .....	2-0
West Virginia .....	3-0
Western Carolina .....	1-0
Western Kentucky .....	4-2
Westmar .....	2-0
William Carey .....	0-1
Wofford .....	4-0
Wright State .....	1-1



# BLAZER BATGIRLS



**Kneeling, L - R:** Ginny Welch, Jennifer Jordan, Bobbie Guillebeau, Heather Smith. **Standing: L - R:** Becky Rankin, Julie McCann, Amber Bostler, Parrish Rinehart, Marla Smith.

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