



**Valdosta
State**

**Football
1990**

TO THE WORKING MEDIA. . .

PRESS BOX

Martin Stadium, the football home of Valdosta State's Blazers, is topped on the west side by a long, narrow press row with adequate seating for writers, broadcasters, game officials and film crews. Some game filming may be done from a platform at the top of the east stands.

PRESS BOX SERVICES

Standard services are provided for media personnel — flip cards, cumulative statistics, media guides, programs, play-by-play accounts at the conclusion of each quarter, abbreviated statistics at halftime and complete final statistics as soon as possible at the end of the game. Ample telephone service is available. Soft drinks and a sandwich will be served.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Contact Steve Roberts, SID, for press passes as far in advance as possible. Passes will be mailed if time permits. If not, they will be left at the Will Call table at the northwest corner of Martin Stadium. The passes will be at the Will Call table an hour and a half before kickoff.

MEDIA PARKING

Parking for the media is available near the west and northwest gates at Martin Stadium. No parking sticker is necessary.

RADIO

Valdosta State has a spot reserved along press row for the Blazer Football Network. A modular plug phone line on press row is provided the official broadcast team of the opponent for each game. The

visiting radio crew should obtain permission and credentials in advance from Steve Roberts, SID. Gulf South Conference opponents are provided the phone line at no charge. Other opponents are charged a \$50 fee. The visiting radio phone number as well as a trouble number will be given on request.

SCOUTS

Requests for scouting credentials should be made directly to Steve Roberts, SID, early during the week of the game to be scouted.

OFFICES

Offices of all football coaches are located in the old gymnasium, which also houses the football fieldhouse and ticket office. All other athletic offices, including the sports information office, are located in the physical education complex.

SPORTS INFORMATION MAILING ADDRESS:

Steve Roberts
Sports Information Director
Athletic Department
Valdosta State College
Valdosta, GA 31698

PHOTO CREDITS

Many thanks to Valdosta State photographer Derek Pickup, Valdosta Daily Times photographers Paul Leavy and Mike Tanner, free lance photographers Perry McIntyre of Atlanta, Ken Klanicki of Valdosta, Action Sports of America and Bill England of the VSC football office for their time and talent which produced the photos in this media guide.

VALDOSTA STATE SPORTS OUTLETS

Greg McIlvain
Valdosta Times Sports
P. O. Box 968
Valdosta, GA 31603
912-244-1880

Chris Beckham
Valdosta Times Sports
P. O. Box 968
Valdosta, GA 31603
912-244-1880

David Schmidt
WVGA-TV Sports
P. O. Box 1588
Valdosta, GA 31603
912-242-4444

Vernon Arnold
WJEM Sports
P. O. Box 368
Valdosta, GA 31603
912-242-1565

Jill Cousins
Sports Department
P. O. Box 1949-F
Jacksonville, FL 32231
904-359-4246

Vince Little
Spectator Sports
Valdosta State College
Valdosta, GA 31698
912-333-5685

Bill Muntz
Communication Arts
Valdosta State College
Valdosta, GA 31698
912-333-7156

Earnest Reese
Sports Department
P. O. Box 4689
Atlanta, GA 30302
404-526-5794

Steve Elkins
Sports Department
P. O. Box 4167
Macon, GA 31213
912-744-4302

Scott Atwell
WCTV-TV Sports
P. O. Box 3048
Tallahassee, FL 32303
904-893-2126

Mike Grubb
Times-Enterprise Sports
P. O. Box 650
Thomasville, GA 31792
912-226-2400

Tim Luke
Observer Sports
P. O. Box 889
Moultrie, GA 31776
912-985-4545

Jim Torell
Gazette Sports
P. O. Box 708
Tifton, GA 31794
912-382-4321

Paul McCorvey
Herald Sports
P. O. Box 48
Albany, GA 31703
912-888-9305

Jim Wallace
WALB-TV Sports
P. O. Box 3130
Albany, GA 31708
912-883-0154

THE COVER

Three Valdosta State seniors who have made outstanding contributions to Blazer football are pictured on this year's cover. Surrounding head coach Mike Cavan are (l. to r.) quarterback Tye Cottle, free safety Deon Searcy and kicker Jack McTyre. The photo was taken in front of West Hall, built in 1916 and recently renovated to house many of the college's administrative offices.

CONTENTS

Coaching Staff	3
Blazer Girls	30
College	56
Depth Chart	16
Gulf South Conference	52
Head Coach	4
Lettermen	32
Opponents	33
Outlook	13
Players	17
President	56
Records	45
Review	39
Rosters	28
VSC Girls	54



TELEPHONES



Mike Cavan
Head Coach

Office:
(912) 333-5844
Home:
(912) 247-5117



David McKnight
Asst. Head Coach

Office:
(912) 333-5844
Home:
(912) 242-5577



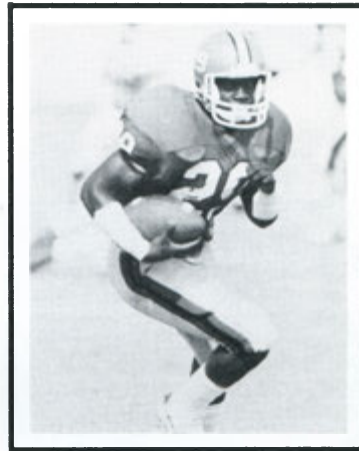
Bill England
Admin. Asst.

Office:
(912) 333-5844
Home:
(912) 242-7413



Steve Roberts
SID

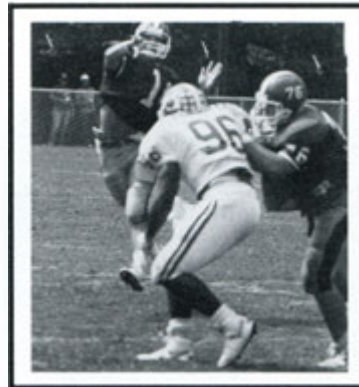
Office:
(912) 333-5890
Home:
(912) 244-6560



The Outlook

An improved offensive line coupled with a veteran defense led by solid linebackers should make Valdosta State a better football team in 1990.

page 13



The Players

All-conference candidates Tye Cottle, Ramon Allen, Deon Searcy, Antonio Edwards and Marcus Walker lead a cast of veteran players into a new decade.

page 15



The Opponents

The always tough eight-game Gulf South Conference schedule is made even tougher by playing defending 1-AA national champion Georgia Southern as well as 1-AA East Tennessee State on the road

page 33.



"I think this is the best staff we've had since I've been here. Everyone has the same bottom line, and that's to win. It is a very loyal group and a very computible group. I feel very fortunate to be surrounded by this group of coaches."

— Head Coach Mike Cavan

The Coaches

MIKE CAVAN

Associate Athletic Director Head Football Coach

It's been a lightning fast 4½ years since Mike Cavan took over the football fortunes at Valdosta State, but in that time he has firmly established the Blazers as one of the top teams in the rugged Gulf South Conference.

He has laid a solid foundation by sending his troops out against the very best competition available. The GSC schedule assures him of eight quality Division II opponents each year, and he has chosen to fill out the 10-game schedule with teams which play at a higher level in Division 1-AA. The season opener is against the cream of the 1-AA crop, Georgia Southern, and will again be played in Paulson Stadium where the Eagles, which won their third national championship in 1989, haven't lost since September 1985. The other non-league game will be at East Tennessee State, a member of the Southern Conference.

"No one is more aware than I am of the toughness of our schedule, but we feel our players deserve to play against the best competition possible. We want our program to be special and playing other quality programs helps to that end. I know we will have the players full attention when they report in the fall because we have Georgia Southern waiting in the wings."

Cavan's impact on the Gulf South, which has produced four national champions in football since it was founded in 1971, has been impressive. His four teams have finished second, third and fourth twice, winning



The Cavans: Mike, Michael, Mima and Becky (sitting).

20 of 32 games in that span. Although he has made the Blazers an upper division team, he is yet to win a championship or advance to the playoffs, something he would like to correct as soon as possible.

"Our ultimate goal remains the same. We want to win the national title. Two of our conference teams played for the championship last season, and we're envious of them. We want to be there, and so do about 100 other Division II schools. The formula hasn't changed. Athletic ability, hard work, persistence, avoiding injuries and luck are the keys."



A native of Thomaston, Cavan was an all-round athlete at Robert E. Lee High School where he played for his father, Jim, one of the all-time great high school coaches in the state. His senior season he made all-state and was named the Atlanta Touchdown Club's player of the year.

His 20-year association with the University of Georgia began when he joined the Bulldogs in the fall of 1967 as a quarterback. As the starting signal caller in 1968, 1969 and 1970, Cavan led the Bulldogs to the Southeastern Conference championship as a sophomore and was named to the all-SEC Sophomore team by The Associated Press and was chosen SEC Sophomore of the Year by the Jacksonville Journal, outpolling such stars as Archie Manning of Ole Miss and Scott Hunter of Alabama. He also made the Atlanta Constitution All-South team.

In that great sophomore season, Cavan piled up over 1700 yards in total offense, leading Georgia to an 8-0-2 regular season finish, the SEC crown and a bid to the Sugar Bowl. He passed for nine touchdowns, completing 56 percent of his passes, and ran for four TDs. In his career, Cavan gained almost 3400 yards in total offense and was responsible for 26 touchdowns.

Following his playing career, Cavan worked in real estate in Athens for two years before joining the Georgia coaching staff as a graduate assistant on the freshman team. He was elevated to full-time status as offensive backfield coach in 1975.

An excellent recruiter, Cavan lured all-SEC performers Lindsay Scott, Tommy Thurson, Donald Chumley and Greg Waters to Georgia. His most famous recruit, however, was three-time all-American and Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker.

Cavan is married to the former Becky Pittard of Duluth, and they have two children, Michael, 15, and Mima, 12. His sister, Joanie, is a 1968 graduate of Valdosta State.

Cavan Thumbnail

Born: April 15, 1948 (age 42)

Hometown: Thomaston, Ga.

Education: Robert E. Lee High School, Thomaston, Ga.;
University of Georgia (B.S. Ed.)

Coaching Experience: University of Georgia, freshman assistant,
1973-74; offensive backfield coach, 1975-85; Valdosta State
College, associate athletic director and head football coach,
1986

Religious Affiliation: Methodist

Hobbies: Golf, hunting, fishing

Family: Wife, Becky; two children, Michael, 15, Mima, 12



Cavan with former VSC All-America and current Atlanta Falcon Jessie Tuggle.



Cavan in the Georgia Record Book

SEASON RECORDS

Pass Attempts: 207, ranks 5th all-time
 Pass Completions: 116, ranks 2nd all-time.
 Passing Yards: 1619, ranks 2nd all-time.
 Completion Percentage: 56, ranks 6th all-time.
 Touchdown Passes: 9, ranks 8th all-time.
 Most Plays: 309, ranks 6th all-time.
 Total Offense: 1710, ranks 6th all-time.

CAREER RECORDS

Pass Attempts: 448, ranks 4th all-time.
 Pass Completions: 229, ranks 4th all-time.
 Passing Yards: 3216, ranks 4th all-time.
 Completion Percentage: 51.1, ranks 6th all-time.
 Touchdown Passes: 20, ranks 5th all-time.
 Most Plays: 673, ranks 7th all-time.
 Total Offense: 3381, ranks 6th all-time.

David McKnight

**Assistant Head
Coach,
Offensive
Coordinator**



David McKnight has been on the job at Valdosta State almost as long as head coach Mike Cavan. That's because one of the first moves Cavan made after taking the job was to lure his former Georgia roommate away from the head coaching job at Glynn Academy at Brunswick to coordinate the Blazer offense.

The personable McKnight, who had enjoyed seven winning seasons at Glynn, accepted Cavan's challenge to start from the ground up building an exciting and productive offense, something the Blazers had lacked in three of their first four seasons.

He came on board in time for spring practice in 1986 and immediately installed a multiple offense, one which he says has no name but is geared to taking advantage of what the defense will give you. But the main thing he "installed" that spring was confidence.

That confidence has continued to grow in the 4½ years McKnight has been on the scene. Cavan made him his assistant head coach on the eve of the 1989 season, adding some administrative duties to those of offensive coordinator.

McKnight is anxious to get the new season underway. He sees the potential for a sound offensive unit, featuring an improved offensive line which should lead to a more balanced attack. The Blazers were second in passing offense in the conference in 1989 but were a disappointing seventh in rushing, and McKnight wants that to change.

"We had too many breakdowns last year offensively. We just weren't good enough to keep the opposing defenses off balance," McKnight said. "We've made some changes, and I believe we'll be a very efficient offensive team. We have a lot of experience coming back, and I think we will have more depth on this team than any I've been associated with here."

On the field, McKnight works primarily with the quarterbacks, and he is senior Tye Cottle's biggest fan. "Because we had trouble rushing the ball at times last year, Tye probably put too much pressure on himself. He still had a fine season, but with a balanced offense he can be tremendous. He's so smart, and I think his leadership ability will really come out this year.

"I'm really excited about this season."

McKnight's Glynn Academy teams averaged seven wins during his tenure with the 1985 club going 10-2, setting several offensive records in the process.

A native of Hampton, Va., McKnight was an all-American high school player at Hampton High School before enrolling at Georgia in 1965. He was a three-year starter at defensive end. Following a tour of duty as an officer in the Army, he returned to Georgia to work on his graduate degree in physical education, which he received in 1973.

He held coaching positions at Tennessee Tech and Appalachian State before taking over the Glynn Academy program in 1979.

McKnight is married to the former Beth Perry of Bristol, Va., and they have two sons, Ross, 8, and Perry, 6.



The McKnights: David and Beth; Ross and Perry

Bill Hyde

Defensive Coordinator



When Valdosta State's defensive coordinator's job came open following the 1988 season, Mike Cavan turned to a veteran of Gulf South Conference football wars, hiring Bill Hyde as the new architect of the Blazers' defensive scheme.

Hyde, 53, turned out a solid defensive unit in 1989 as the Blazers finished fourth in the conference in total defense, setting school records in fewest yards passing allowed (1255) and fewest total yards allowed (2899). But he wasn't satisfied because the team's record was an average 5-5.

"I was probably a little too optimistic going into last season, all things considered," Hyde said. "I'm going to take a more conservative approach going into this season. We couldn't hit during the spring, so we still have some question marks. I do think our linebacker corps has the capability of becoming very good, and I think we have the possibility of having more depth than last year. We're thin in the trenches and that concerns me."

Hyde's hard-nosed defenses earned an enviable reputation when he was coordinator at North Alabama from 1976 to 1987. His units annually ranked among the best in Division II and were instrumental in the Lions' great success during that decade.

Under Hyde, UNA led the conference in scoring defense for five consecutive seasons and led the league in all four defensive categories in 1985, the year the Lions reached the national championship game.

In his 11 seasons at North Alabama, Hyde directed his units to first place finishes in total defense and scoring defense five times, but he downplays that success. "I was fortunate to have some great athletes during those years, and they responded to the challenge. I think there are a lot of players here who can become great athletes. My job, and the defensive staff's job, is to help these players reach their full potential."

Hyde began his coaching career at Samford University, his alma mater, in 1962, working with receivers, defensive ends, linebackers and serving as defensive coordinator. He directed the defense which helped take Samford to the Division II national championship in 1971.

After Samford dropped its football program in 1973, Hyde went to Delta State as defensive coordinator for three seasons before taking charge of the North Alabama defense in 1976.

Following his tenure at UNA, Hyde became head coach at Red Bay (Ala.) High School in 1988. He led Red Bay to a 7-4 record and into the state playoffs for the first time in 12 years. He was named Alabama's AAA coach of the year.

An outstanding quarterback during his playing days at Haleyville High School, Hyde played two years of college football at Itawamba Junior College in Fulton, Mississippi.

Hyde is married to the former Yvonne Lowery of Phil Campbell, Alabama.



Yvonne and Bill Hyde

Eric Schumann

Defensive Assistant, Secondary



Eric Schumann, who coached at Valdosta State for three seasons during the mid-80's, rejoined the Blazer staff as secondary coach last spring. He returned to VSC from conference rival Livingston, where he coached the secondary in 1989.

In his previous tour at VSC, Schumann coached the secondary and was also defensive coordinator his final year when the Blazers were ranked third in the GSC in scoring defense and passing defense. After leaving Valdosta State following the 1985 season, Schumann coached at New Mexico for one year before becoming head coach at Pierce County High School in Blackshear. He coached two years there before going to Livingston.

His other coaching experience was gained as a high school assistant at McAdory near Birmingham and as a graduate assistant at Troy State.

A native of Blue Island, Ill., Schumann walked on at Alabama in 1973 and earned a football scholarship in 1974. He was a defensive back on four Southeastern Conference championship teams including the 1973 national championship squad. He holds both an undergraduate and graduate degree in health and physical education from Alabama.

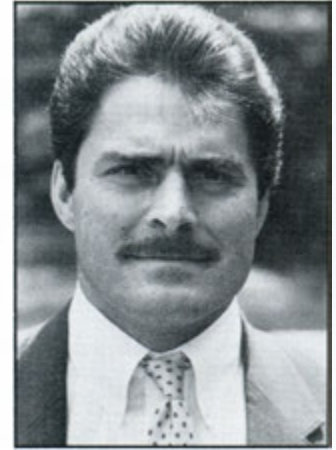
Schumann, 35, is married to the former Sherry Haskin who is the assistant women's basketball coach at VSC. Their first child, Glenn Barrett, was born in March.



The Schumanns: Glenn, Sherry and Eric (standing)

David Napert

Defensive Assistant, Line



David Napert is the "old man" on the Valdosta State football staff, beginning his sixth season this fall. He has coached defensive ends, defensive line and the outside linebackers and rovers. This year he will again concentrate on the defensive line. He also designed and administers the strength program and the off-season conditioning program for the Blazers.

Napert, 30, came to VSC from Panama City, Fla., where he coached football, basketball and track at Rutherford High School for two years. A native of Rockledge, Fla., he was an outstanding football player at Rockledge High School, making all-conference as a tight end and linebacker. He also ran track in high school.

He was recruited by Troy state to play football and was a four-year letterman for the Trojans at defensive end. He graduated from Troy State in 1982 with a B.S. in education, physical education and biology.

Napert, who completed work on his master's degree in physical education in the summer of 1986, is married to the former Jackie Patelidas of St. Simons.



Jackie and David Napert

David Elsenrath

**Offensive
Assistant,
Line;
Recruiting
Coordinator**



David Elsenrath is beginning his third season on Mike Cavan's staff after joining the Blazers in time for spring practice in 1988. After coaching the tight ends for two years, he took over the offensive line in the spring and will be in charge of those positions this fall.

Elsenrath also heads up the Valdosta State recruiting efforts and is in charge of organizing and directing the Blazer Girls, a crew of more than 40 VSC coeds which support the Blazer football program. Under his leadership the group has more than doubled in size.

Elsenrath, 28, came to Valdosta State from Auburn where he was a graduate assistant, coaching both the offensive and defensive lines for two seasons. In 1985 he was the offensive and defensive line coach and strength coach at Cooper High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A native of St. Peters, Missouri, he played college football at Missouri-Rolla, where he was an offensive guard. He was an all-conference prep lineman at Francis Howell High School in St. Charles, Missouri.

Elsenrath, who is single, received his B.S. degree from Missouri-Rolla in 1985 and his M.Ed. degree from Auburn in 1987.



David Elsenrath

Jim Dye

**Offensive
Assistant,
Line**



The newest addition to the Valdosta State coaching staff is Jim Dye, who joined the Blazers in time for spring practice. The nephew of Pat Dye, head coach at Auburn, Dye will assist David Elsenrath with the offensive line.

A native of Augusta, Dye played high school football at Hephzibah before beginning his college career at Georgia. He transferred to Georgia Southern when the Eagles reinstated football and was a tight end on the 1982 team and the center on the 1983 squad.

He coached the offensive line in 1984 and defensive scout team in 1985 at Southern before graduating with a degree in health and physical education. He went to Auburn for graduate work, coaching the defensive scout team in 1986 and the offensive scout team in 1987, the year he received his master's degree in health and physical education.

He was head coach at Hephzibah the last two seasons.

Dye, 29, is married and his wife Sherry is a teacher.



Sherry and Jim Dye

David Dean

**Offensive
Assistant,
Receivers**

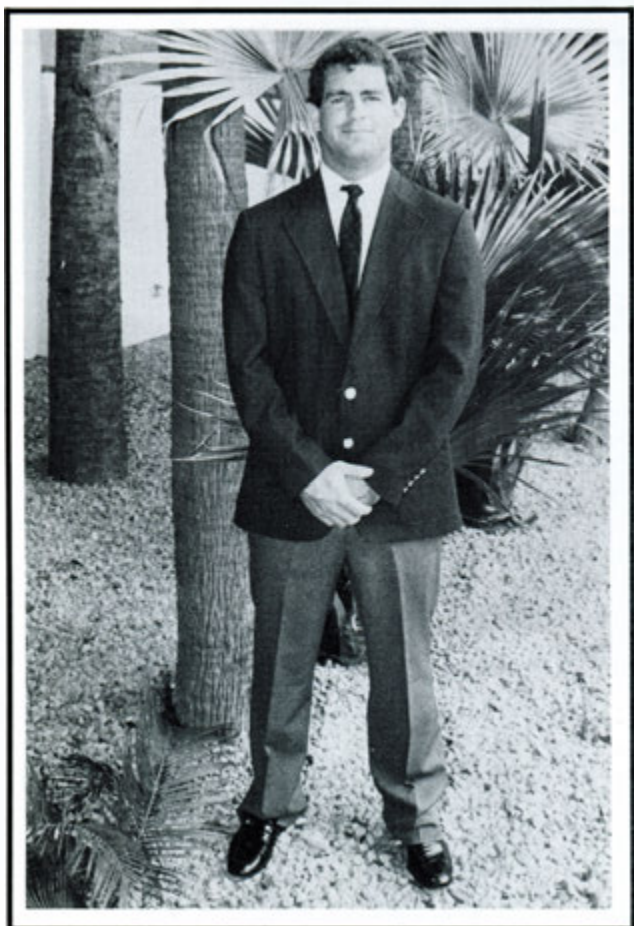


David Dean is entering his third season as wide receivers coach and will be working with a talented group of players, led by junior Dexter Holiday and freshman Gary Thornton.

Dean was a versatile high school football player at Avondale, playing both defensive back and quarterback. He was selected to the all-county team as a defensive back and was the second ranked quarterback in passing efficiency. He was named his team's most outstanding offensive and defensive back and won the coaches award in his senior season.

After walking on as a freshman at Georgia Tech in 1982, Dean earned a scholarship and played for the Yellow Jackets for three seasons, winning the Guts Award in 1984 and 1985. He coached wide receivers at Avondale in 1986 and was a graduate assistant at Georgia Tech in 1987.

Dean, who is 26 and single, received a B.B.A. degree in business management from Georgia State in 1987.



David Dean

Terry Corum

**Defensive
Assistant,
Line**



Terry Corum, an outstanding football player in the Gulf South Conference from 1985-87, begins his second season as a member of the Blazer football staff. Last year he was in charge of the scout team, but this season he will assist David Napert with the defensive line.

Corum, 26, a native of Cleveland, Tenn., was named an all-state lineman in high school at Bradley Central in Cleveland before receiving a scholarship to GSC rival North Alabama.

He was a three-year starter for the Lions, playing on the 1985 team that reached the national championship game after winning the conference title. He was captain of the 1987 team and was the center on the league's all-conference team. He was voted the Lions' best offensive lineman that year and was also an all-academic selection.

Before coming to Valdosta, Corum was a student assistant at North Alabama, coaching the tight ends.

Corum, who is single, received a degree in history and physical education from North Alabama in 1988. He is working toward a degree in administration and supervision at VSC.



Terry Corum

Bill England

Administrative Assistant



Bill England joined the Valdosta State staff as a public relations specialist in 1984 following 19 years in the newspaper business. He became Coach Cavan's administrative aide on a full-time basis in the summer of 1988 and is responsible for tickets, marketing, budgeting, broadcasting and financial aid.

An Atlanta native, he received a B.A. degree in English from LaGrange College in 1967 and began his newspaper career there as sports editor of the LaGrange Daily News. He later worked for papers in Petersburg, Virginia, Laurel, Mississippi and Valdosta. He was general manager and publisher of the latter two publications.

England joined the Blazer Football Network as color analyst in 1986 and this fall will begin his third season as the voice of the Blazers, providing play-by-play reports on the seven-station radio network. He also hosts the weekly "Blazer Football With Coach Mike Cavan" television show.

England, 44, is divorced and has a daughter, Ashli, a freshman at Valdosta State.

Jim Madaleno

Assistant Athletic Director For Sports Medicine



Jim Madaleno returned for his second tour of duty at Valdosta State last September following a five-year absence during which he worked for the New York Giants and the Hughston Sports Medicine Clinic in Columbus.

In addition to his head trainer duties, Madaleno directs the curriculum of the new sports medicine major which was instituted by the Department of Health, Physical Education and Athletics in the fall of 1985.

Madaleno oversees a staff of 15 people and maintains two fully-equipped training rooms, one in the football fieldhouse and another in the physical education complex.

Initially, Madaleno, 32, came to VSC in time for spring practice in 1982 from Florida State where he was working as an assistant trainer with the football team after receiving his master's degree in movement science in 1981. The Dearborn, Mich. native received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State where he was a student trainer for four years.

He moved into the professional ranks after three years at VSC, joining the New York Giants staff as assistant trainer in 1985. He was with the Giants for three seasons, including the Super Bowl year of 1986, before returning South to work for the Hughston Clinic in 1987.

Madaleno is married and he and his wife Paddy have a daughter, Kiley, born in February.



Ashli and Bill England



The Madalenos: Jim, Paddy and Kiley



BLAZER MANAGERS

L-R: Kevin Trimble, Rick Windell, Susan Ann McCarty, Ricky Carter, Jennifer Haskell, Shannon Jarrell.

Larry Lampert

Equipment Manager



Every football program must have a behind-the-scenes person who takes care of all the every day, run of the mill, unglamorous duties which must be done if the program is going to run smoothly.

Valdosta State is fortunate to have Larry Lampert heading up that job, and the Air Force veteran does it to perfection. Lampert came on the job as a volunteer helper when football was initiated in 1982 and was later hired as equipment manager.

Taking care of the football equipment is just one of a myriad of assignments the personable Lampert handles. He is in charge of the Blazers' managerial staff and takes care of the game filming for football as well as men's and women's basketball.

An Illinois native, Lampert retired from the Air Force after serving 22 years. His last assignment was at Moody Air Force Base near Valdosta, and he decided to make his home here. He is married, and he and his wife Dottie, an avid Blazer fan, have two sons, Mark and John. John was a student trainer for five Blazer football teams.

BLAZERS ON THE ROAD

GAME 1

Georgia Southern
Sept. 1, 1 p.m. (EDT)

Leave: Friday, Aug. 31
Pre-Game Headquarters:
Holiday Inn, Statesboro, Ga.
(912) 764-6121
Return: Sept. 1 (after game)
Travel Time: 3 hours (170 miles)

GAME 2

UT-Martin
Sept. 15, 1 p.m. (CDT)

Leave: Friday, Sept. 14
Pre-Game Headquarters:
Holiday Inn, Jackson, Tenn.
(901) 668-4100
Return: Sept. 15 (after game)
Travel Time: 12 hours (580 miles)

GAME 4

Troy State
Sept. 29, 7 p.m. (CDT)

Leave: Saturday, Sept. 29
Pre-Game Headquarters:
Tine Davis Fieldhouse, Troy, Ala.
(205) 566-3000
Return: Sept. 29 (after game)
Travel Time: 4 hours (190 miles)

GAME 6

West Georgia
Oct. 13, 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

Leave: Friday, Oct. 12
Pre-Game Headquarters:
Ramada Inn, Carrollton, Ga.
(404) 834-7700
Return: Oct. 13 (after game)
Travel Time: 5 hours (240 miles)

GAME 7

East Tennessee State
Oct. 20, 2 p.m. (EDT)

Leave: Friday, Oct. 19
Pre-Game Headquarters:
Garden Plaza, Johnson City, TN
(615) 929-2000
Return: Oct. 20 (after game)
Travel Time: 9 hours (450 miles)

GAME 9

Delta State
Nov. 3, 2 p.m. (CST)

Leave: Friday, Nov. 2
Pre-Game Headquarters:
Ramada Inn, Greenwood, Miss.
(602) 455-2321
Return: Nov. 3 (after game)
Travel Time: 12 hours (560 miles)

1990 OUTLOOK

Valdosta State coach Mike Cavan is taking a wait and see attitude toward the 1990 football Blazers, which will be his fifth edition since taking over the VSC program in the spring of 1986.

"Because of the no contact rule in the spring we didn't find out as much about our football team as we would have liked," Cavan said after ending the abbreviated spring drills in mid-April. "Normally, some players step forward in the spring and make an impact, but the absence of contact eliminated that."

To further complicate matters, the Blazers open the season against a Division I-AA team which was allowed to enjoy contact in the spring, and it's not just your run of the mill I-AA opponent. The opener is at Georgia Southern, a team that ran roughshod over 15 consecutive foes en route to its third national championship last season. In the process the Eagles extended their Paulson Stadium winning streak to 37 games.

"No question, it's a tremendous challenge for our football team to go into Statesboro on opening day against the best Division I-AA team in the country," Cavan said. "It is also a tremendous opportunity. I don't expect our coaches to have any problem getting the attention of the players during the preseason. Again, because of the short spring, it is critical that we get in quality work everytime we go on the field in August, and an opener against a quality opponent should assure that."

Cavan also likes the idea of having an open date following the Georgia Southern game, giving his staff some extra days to work in pads in preparation for the Gulf South Conference schedule which begins at UT Martin September 15.

"I firmly believe a team improves most between the first and second game, and the open date should allow us to make great improvement because of the extra days we'll have to correct first game mistakes."

Looking at his 1990 crop, Cavan sees 37 returning lettermen, including 16 players who started some of the time a year ago. The starting placekicker and long snapper also return, so Cavan and his staff aren't starting over by any means. "We have a solid nucleus returning, and I think we possibly have more depth than in the past. It's a matter of getting the right mix and getting lucky with injuries."

When Cavan looks at the offense he sees a lot of familiar faces, led by senior quarterback Tye Cottle who has started VSC's last 25 games, ringing up some impressive numbers over that span. The Tift County product has thrown for 4404 yards and 43 touchdowns and now owns most of the school's career passing records.

"I have all the confidence in the world in Tye, and I believe he will be a tremendous leader for this football team. It's his senior season and he wants to go out a winner in a big way. I fully expect Tye to push himself to an even higher level of play," Cavan said.

Cottle had no backup help a year ago, but redshirt freshman Scott Klees should provide adequate relief this season.

Surrounding Cottle in the Blazer backfield will be returning starters Ramon Allen at tailback and Marcus Copeland at fullback. Allen rushed for a school record 846 yards to become VSC's second all-time leading rusher with 1626 yards, reaching that figure in only two years. Stanley Hall, who rushed for 301 yards as Allen's backup last year, will move to fullback and challenge Copeland for the starting job. Blake Duncan also returns at fullback.

Chad Tanner, a redshirt freshman, will back up Allen, and Cavan hopes the recruiting class will provide more depth. "I hope we don't have to move Hall back to tailback."

The receiving corps, including the tight ends, must be rebuilt. The only returning starter is Dexter Holiday, who caught 19 passes for 402 yards and four touchdowns last season. Reginald Davis, who started the year at tailback, was coming into his own at wide receiver at year's end and will return there in the fall. And Gary Thornton, an all-state performer at R.E. Lee in 1988, became eligible in the spring and was outstanding. Willie Osborn gained some experience last season and could fill a relief role.

The starting tight end will be Scott Long, who took over the starting job late last season, but there is little depth behind the Dublin junior. Cavan believes a couple of signees have the tools to step in and offer backup help.

Most of the offensive line, led by senior tackle Michael Parker, returns but really needed a spring of contact to get better. Nonetheless, the nucleus is there for perhaps one of VSC's best offensive lines in its soon to be nine-year history. Junior Will O'Steen, who started at guard last



year, moved to center in the spring, and senior Mike Brenton returns at guard. Transfer Jason Richards took over at the other guard, and sophomore Wayne Jackson ended the spring at the other tackle. Red-shirt freshman Bo Houston, George Ball and Chuck Stamey should contribute, and 14 of the Blazers' 26 signees were offensive linemen in high school, prompting Cavan to expect more help than usual from the newcomers.

Defensively the Blazers could be very good, especially at linebacker and in the secondary where a lot of experience returns. Defensive coordinator Bill Hyde, who coaches the linebackers, begins his second year and is much more comfortable this time around.

The defensive front has two premier athletes in sophomores Antonio Edwards at end and Marcus Walker at tackle. Both made giant strides last season and have gotten bigger, stronger and quicker in the off-season. Rod Callaway, a fifth year senior with great ability, will start at the other end, and John Kenny and Don Hart finished the spring in a dead heat at the other tackle spot.

Hyde sees the potential for an outstanding tandem of linebackers, starting in the middle with sophomore Harold McClain, who made 53 tackles playing mainly outside last season. Sophomore Barry Roberson and junior Danny Metcalf, who didn't play last year but lettered in 1987 and 1988, are solid on the outside. Quality relief help is also available from Paul Hall in the middle and Chris Davenport, Adrian Steele and Marcus Hollis on the outside.

The secondary also has the athletes and the experience to be a strong part of the VSC attack. All-conference senior Deon Searcy was moved to free safety in the spring, and new secondary coach Eric Schumann, who is beginning his second tenure at Valdosta State, thinks he is a natural at that spot. Junior Eric Luke was moved to cornerback from free safety, and senior Edward Jackson will be at the other corner. Senior Clifford Scott returns at strong safety, giving the Blazers outstanding speed and experience in the secondary. Again quality depth will be provided by senior Dwayne Hart at both safeties, sophomore Derick McCant and junior college transfer Jessie Randle at the corners and sophomore Chris Dupree at strong safety.

Cavan likes what he sees defensively. "We need some backup help up front. We've got to find some size there. If we get some help along the line and get the right combination playing in the secondary, I think we have a chance to be good on defense."

Special teams will need attention in the fall, although placekicker Jack McTyre, who is 40-for-40 on extra points and 17-22 on field goals, returns, as does backup kicker Don Kelly, who is also very reliable. Long snapper Ted Palmer, who Cavan calls the best he's ever seen, is also back. But the punting game is in limbo and a holder must be found as do return specialists.

"We've got a lot of work to do with the special teams in the fall, but overall I feel good about the coming season. I think the coaching staff is the best since I've been here, and I think the caliber of personnel is high. The key, as always, will be avoiding crippling injuries and working to improve every week."

CAVAN ASSESSES THE 1990 BLAZERS

OFFENSIVE LINE

"We feel like we have a chance to be a little bit better on the offensive line this season. Will O'Steen, who started at a guard last year, made the transition to center in the spring and we think he'll be a good one for us. Michael Brenton is back at one guard and Jason Richards transferred in and looks solid at the other guard. Michael Parker will be back at one tackle and Wayne Jackson was at the other tackle in the spring. Behind those people we have a couple of redshirt freshmen like George Ball, Bo Houston and Chuck Stamey who should help along with transfer Jody Dowda. I think we have more depth than we've had the last two or three years, and that will be the key to our success along the front. We've got to play more people. We've been getting by playing five or six guys up front and we can't do that. We're going to make it a point to play a lot of people in the offensive line, especially early. Hopefully, we can come up with two units and play those people. If we can do that, we'll be a better football team."

TIGHT ENDS

"This is a critical position for us going into the fall. We have a solid starter in Scott Long, who started toward the end of last season, and he's a fine football player. But behind him we don't have anybody right now. What we're hoping for is that a signee will be able to provide some depth. Anthony Thornton is a signee who has a chance to help. But he's got to prove he can play at this level."

WIDE RECEIVERS

"You've got to start with Doc Holiday who proved last year to be a premier player. He's a top notch receiver who plays hard and uses his ability to the utmost. Reginald Davis is extremely valuable because he can play so many places. We used him at running back and both receiver spots last year and we'll continue to do that. And Gary Thornton joined us in the spring and he has a chance to be one of those impact players, the kind that can make the really big play for you. I think Willie Osborn, who picked up some experience last year, will add some depth. We have the potential to be pretty good at wide receiver."

QUARTER- BACKS

"Tye Cottle is back for his senior year and I really believe he has made the commitment to be as good as he can be. I still believe with the proper help and the proper amount of work habits that he has a chance to lead this team to a conference championship. We've got all the confidence in the world in Tye. The other good thing is that Scott Klees started to mature in the spring. He's getting bigger and he threw the ball extremely well. So I feel a lot better about our depth because last year we didn't have any and I think that hurt us a lot. I really feel good about the quarterback situation."

RUNNING BACKS

"I think we have a chance to be pretty good. The first key is the health of Ramon Allen. His knee needs to be 100 percent from the first day in the fall, and I think it will be. He's a top notch running back, but behind him we're very thin. Chad Tanner is a redshirt freshman who is still a question mark, and we recruited a couple of good high school backs who may be able to give some help. At fullback we could be strong with Marcus Copeland coming back and Stanley Hall, who played at tailback last year, moving over. And you can't forget about Blake Duncan who played a lot last year as a freshman. We may have to move Hall back to tailback, and if we do then fullback will suffer. But if we get some help at tailback, I think the running back position can be a strong one for us."

DEFENSIVE LINE

“We’ve got some good players up front. Antonio Edwards and Rod Callaway are back at the ends and both started last year. Rod is a fifth year senior and has played a lot of football for us, and Antonio is a premier football player. He keeps getting bigger, stronger and faster, and if he keeps working hard he can be a quality player for us at end. On the inside we have another quality player in Marcus Walker who as a freshman last year just got bigger and better. He doesn’t know how good he can be for us inside. Beside him we have a good situation with John Kenny and Don Hart fighting it out for playing time. What we’ve got to have now is some backup help from people coming back and recruits coming in. We’ve got Dave Sigler and Ricky Swales who could give us a little help at the ends, and it will be important for us to build some more depth inside.”

LINE- BACKERS

“We’ve got a chance to be pretty strong at linebacker. We put Harold McClain in the middle in the spring, and I think that’s his best position although we had to play him outside as a freshman last year. I think if we get him in the middle and soak him with experience he’ll be a fine middle linebacker. Behind him we have Paul Hall who’s not bad either and will play a lot. On the outside we’ve got Barry Roberson who started some as a freshman and Danny Metcalf who is back with us after a year off, and they are both fine football players. As far as backups outside are concerned Chris Davenport, Adrian Steele and Marcus Hollis come to mind, and again I hope we will get a little help from the recruiting class. And that’s very possible. McClain and Roberson are two prime examples.”

SECONDARY

“I think you start with Deon Searcy at free safety. We moved him there in the spring and I think that’s where he needs to be even though he made all-conference at cornerback last year. He’ll be a senior and he can be more of a leader for us at free safety. Dwayne Hart is another senior who will play some free safety and strong safety. He’s a great leader and a solid football player who’ll play a lot. Clifford Scott, another senior, will start at strong safety where he played very well last year, and Chris Dupree, a youngster, will see some playing time at the safeties as well. At the corners we moved Eric Luke from safety and Derick McCant from offense in the spring, and they are both solid players. Jessie Randle is a junior college transfer who has a chance to play a lot, and Edward Jackson should be back to add even more experience. So we have outstanding leadership, experience and depth in the secondary going into the season which should make it one of the strongest areas on our football team.”

KICKING

“We have an unusual situation in our kicking game in that we have two quality kickers in Jack McTyre and Don Kelly. Jack’s a senior who I think will be an all-conference kicker for us, and Don will be a tremendous backup who will take over when Jack’s gone. Our long snapper is Ted Palmer, and he’s the best I’ve ever been around. We’re very fortunate to have him. Now the bad part of our kicking game is the punting. We don’t have a consistent, quality punter. I think Brian Chestnutt, if he will work at it, has a chance, but that’s up to him. Punting is an area where a newcomer could step forward in the fall and make the football team. I’d certainly like to see some competition.”

RECRUITING

“I think that our recruiting class is the kind that can keep this program growing and moving in the right direction. We signed a lot of big linemen (14 out of 26 signees), and almost all of the signees are academically sound. Now you never know how a youngster will turn out. We can’t really judge this class for four years, but I do know we moved in the right direction.”

SCHEDULE

“Even though we open with the defending 1-AA national champion (Georgia Southern) on the road, I think the schedule will work to our advantage. Playing Georgia Southern first is a great experience for our kids, and we won’t have any trouble getting their attention. After the first game, we have an open week and I think that will really help us prepare for our conference schedule. We couldn’t practice in pads in the spring, and the open week will give us some extra time to really work on fundamentals and improve. I think the most improvement in a football team comes between the first and second game, and the open week should really help us. After that we get into our normal conference schedule for five weeks before playing another 1-AA team in East Tennessee State, which should be another great experience for our kids because they play on artificial turf inside a domed stadium. Then we finish out our conference schedule against three quality teams starting with Mississippi College, the defending national champion, followed by Delta State and North Alabama which I think along with Jacksonville State are the top teams in the conference. I hope we fit in there with them somewhere.”

VALDOSTA STATE DEPTH CHART

(End of Spring Practice)

OFFENSE

SPLIT END

*7 Dexter Holiday, Jr.
21 Reginald Davis, Jr.

LEFT TACKLE

*72 Mike Parker, Jr.
74 Shawn Bostick, Fr.

LEFT GUARD

65 Jason Richards, So.
52 George Ball, Fr.

CENTER

*61 Will O'Steen, Jr.
54 Tommy Clark, Fr.

RIGHT GUARD

*66 Michael Brenton, Sr.
67 Bo Houston, Fr.

RIGHT TACKLE

75 Wayne Jackson, So.
77 Chuck Stamey, Fr.

TIGHT END

*84 Scott Long, Jr.
94 Mark Massey, Fr.

FLANKER

*4 Gary Thornton, Fr.
81 Willie Osborn, So.

QUARTERBACK

*14 Tye Cottle, Sr.
10 Scott Klees, Fr.

FULLBACK

5 Marcus Copeland, Sr.
30 Stanley Hall, Jr.

RUNNING BACK

*29 Ramon Allen, Jr.
24 Chad Tanner, Fr.

LETTERMEN RETURNING (12) — RB Ramon Allen, G Michael Brenton, FB Marcus Copeland, QB Tye Cottle, RB Reginald Davis, FB Stanley Hall, WR Dexter Holiday, T Wayne Jackson, TE Scott Long, WR Willie Osborn, C Will O'Steen, T Mike Parker.

*1989 Starter

DEFENSE

LEFT END

*79 Rod Callaway, Sr.
90 Ricky Swales, Fr.

LEFT TACKLE

56 John Kenny, Jr.
68 Don Hart, Fr.

RIGHT TACKLE

*64 Marcus Walker, So.
Mike Deese, Fr.

RIGHT END

*95 Antonio Edwards, So.
*93 Dave Sigler, Fr.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

*92 Barry Roberson, So.
48 Chris Davenport, So.

MIDDLE LINEBACKER

*55 Harold McClain, So.
50 Paul Hall, So.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

45 Danny Metcalf, Jr.
35 Adrian Steele, Fr.

CORNERBACK

36 Derick McCant, So.
38 Andreas Gresham, Fr.

FREE SAFETY

* 9 Deon Searcy, Sr.
18 Dwayne Hart, Sr.

STRONG SAFETY

*28 Clifford Scott, Sr.
26 Chris Dupree, So.

CORNERBACK

* 6 Eric Luke, Jr.
23 Mike Lane, So.

LETTERMEN RETURNING (16) — E Rod Callaway, LB Chris Davenport, SS Chris Dupree, E Antonio Edwards, LB Paul Hall, FS Dwayne Hart, DT John Kenny, CB Mike Lane, CB Eric Luke, CB Derick McCant, LB Harold McClain, LB Danny Metcalf #, LB Barry Roberson, SS Clifford Scott, FS Deon Searcy, T Marcus Walker.

*1989 Starter

Lettered in 1987-88

KICKING

PLACEKICKER

*3 Jack McTyre, Sr.
8 Don Kelly, Jr.

PUNTER

15 Brian Chestnutt, So.
Jaime Echols, Fr.

HOLDER

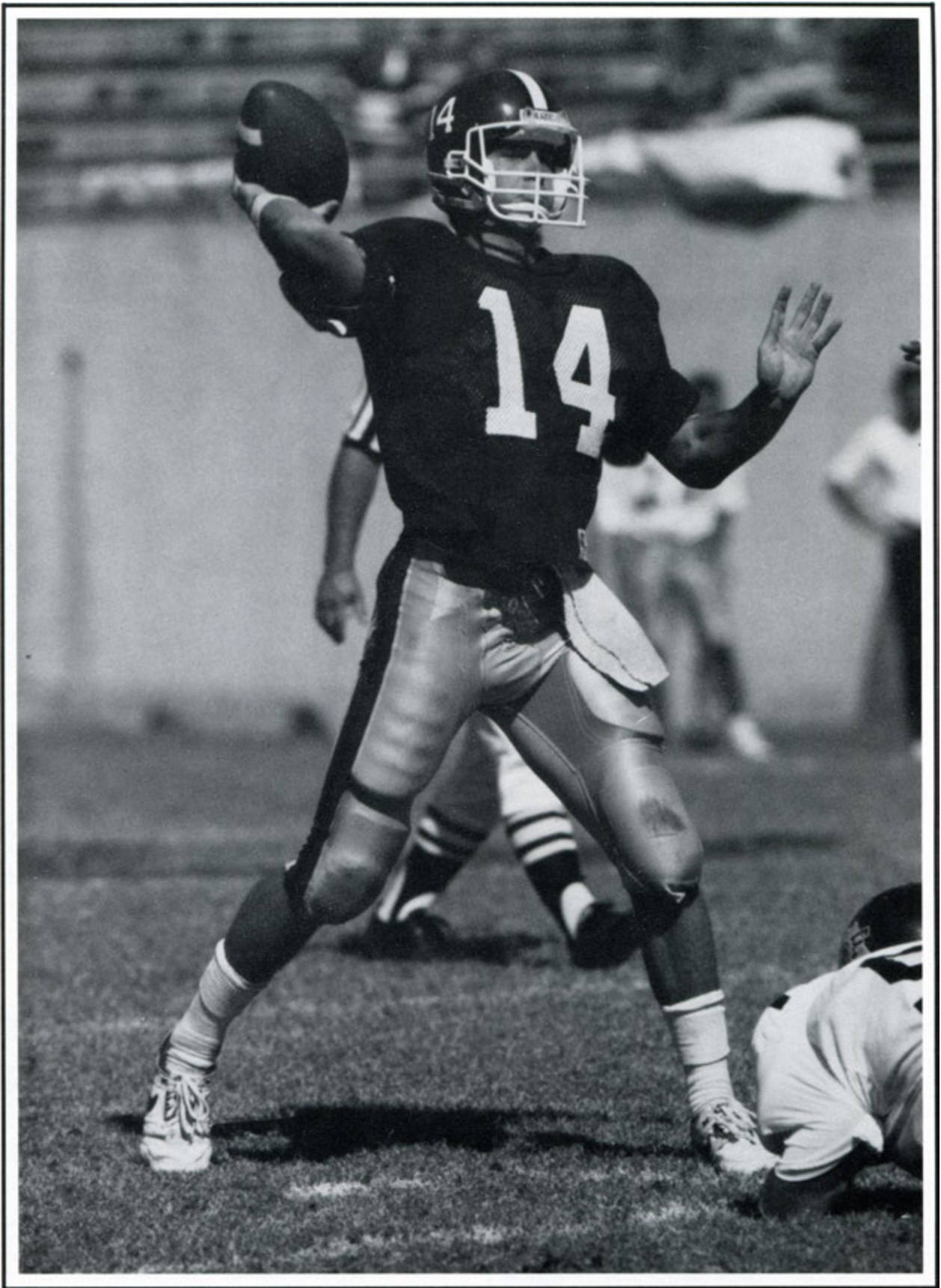
10 Scott Klees, Fr.

SNAPPER

*53 Ted Palmer, So.

LETTERMEN RETURNING (4) — P Brian Chestnutt, K Don Kelly, K Jack McTyre, S Ted Palmer.

*1989 Starter



The Players



Tye Cottle

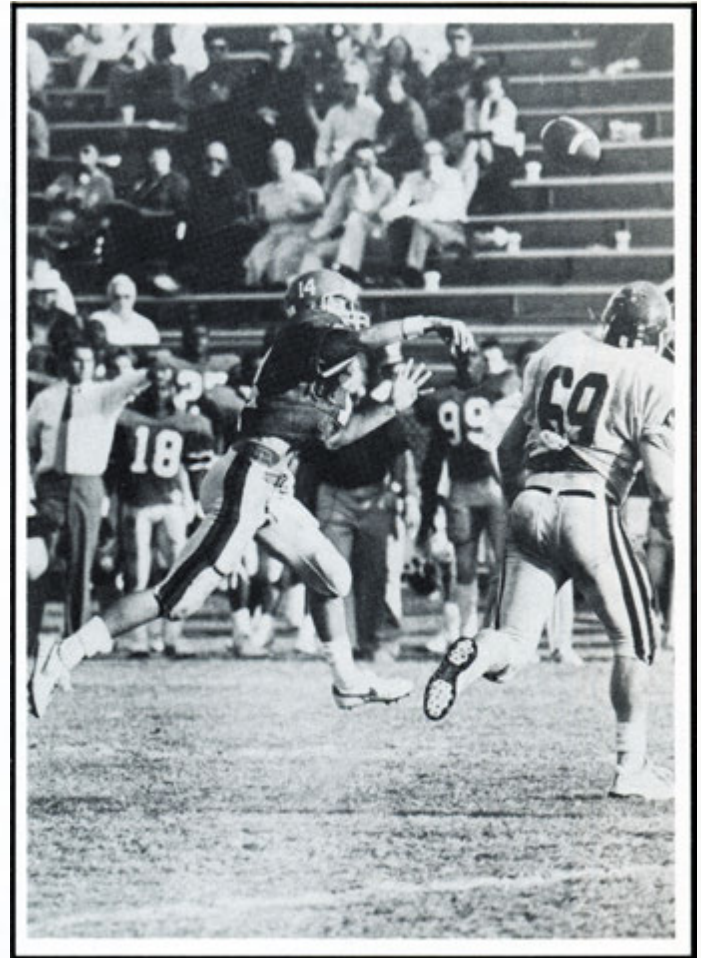
QUARTERBACK
6-1 182
SENIOR

14

Back for his senior season, Cottle holds virtually every passing and total offense record at Valdosta State. He has proven to be very durable, starting 25 straight games since winning the job midway his freshman season. He's coming off a solid junior year in which he led the conference in passing, throwing for 1677 yards and 14 TDs. He was second in total offense last year, averaging 158.2 yards a game. Cottle has passed for more than 4400 yards and 43 touchdowns in his career. He's expected to assert more of a leadership role this season. Played for Gene Brodie at Tift County. Born March 20, 1968.

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TDs
1987	98	54	8	767	9
1988	262	143	13	1960	20
1989	235	131	15	1677	14
Totals	595	328	36	4404	43

RUSHING	G	ATT	YDs	TDs
1987	9	48	49	4
1988	10	72	9	2
1989	10	76	-95	0
Totals	29	196	-37	6



Ramon Allen

TAILBACK
6-1 197
JUNIOR

29



One of the best running backs in the Gulf South Conference, Allen needs less than 300 yards to become VSC's all-time career rushing leader. He broke his own single season mark last year, gaining 846 yards despite a slow start due to off-season knee surgery. Allen is a tough inside runner but is at his best when he can get outside. He has rushed for more than 100 yards eight times in his career, including a school record 178-yard day as a freshman. He will be expected to carry the load in VSC's tailback-oriented offense. Played for Gary Guthrie at LaGrange. Born Sept. 23, 1968.

RUSHING	G	ATT	YDs	TDs
1988	10	155	780	6
1989	10	197	846	3
Totals	20	352	1626	9



Dexter Holiday

SPLIT END
5-6 148
JUNIOR

7

Doc became an outstanding receiver last season, taking the pressure off VSC all-American Randy Fisher. Holiday ended the year with 19 catches for 402 yards, an average of 21.2 yards per reception. He has great hands and runs precise routes. Played for Max Bass at Newnan. Born July 9, 1968.

RECEIVING	G	NO	YDs	TDs
1989	10	19	402	4



Marcus Copeland

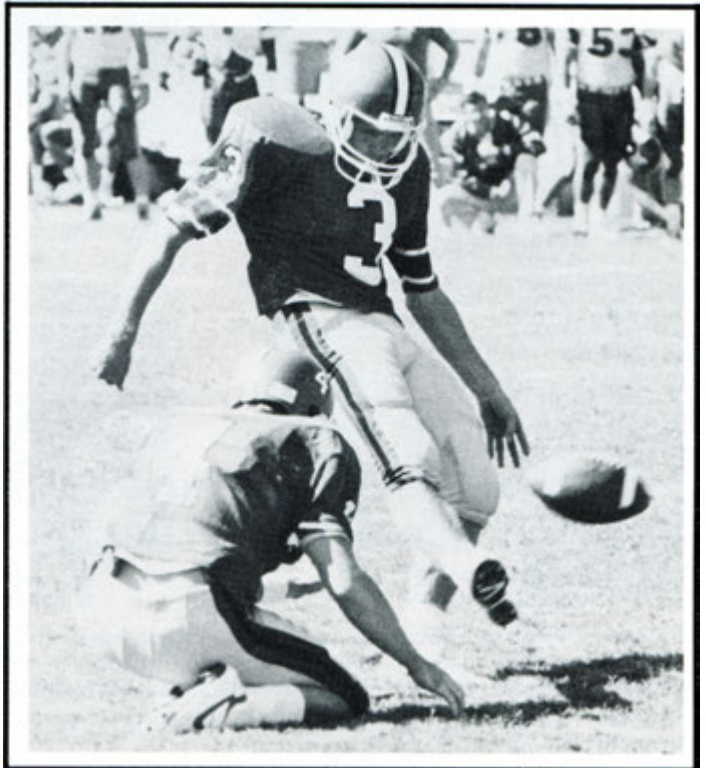
FULLBACK
5-8 195
SENIOR

5



Copeland has started most of the time the last two seasons and has been a reliable performer as a rusher, receiver and blocker. One of four seniors on offense expected to provide leadership this season. Played for Juby Shiver at Manchester. Born Feb. 28, 1969.

RUSHING	G	ATT	YDs	TDs
1987	8	65	204	0
1988	10	14	61	0
1989	8	17	84	0
Totals	26	96	349	0



Jack McTyre

KICKER
6-1 185
SENIOR

3

McTyre continued his outstanding accuracy as a placekicker last season and is expected to again play a major role in VSC's offense. Has not missed a point after touchdown in 40 attempts. Played prep football at Clarkston. Born April 11, 1966.

KICKING	PATs	FG	TP
1988	28-28	10-13	58
1989	12-12	7-9	33
Totals	40-40	17-22	91



Stanley Hall

FULLBACK
5-11 220
JUNIOR

30

Hall became eligible for the fourth game last season and gained more than 300 yards in four games before missing the remainder of the season with a neck injury. He backed up Allen at tailback last year but was moved to fullback in the spring. Coaches expect him to be a major part of the VSC offense. From Ocilla. Born Oct. 6, 1967.

RUSHING	G	ATT	YDs	TDs
1989	6	53	301	3



Reginald Davis

FLANKER
5-9 172
JUNIOR

21



Davis is one of the most versatile players on the team, playing tailback and wide receiver as well as on the special teams. He was the third leading rusher last year and also caught 10 passes. Coaches hope to leave him at wideout where he has shown steady improvement. From Musella. Born June 10, 1969.

RECEIVING	G	NO	YDs	TDs
1988	10	1	9	0
1989	10	10	94	2
Totals	20	11	103	2



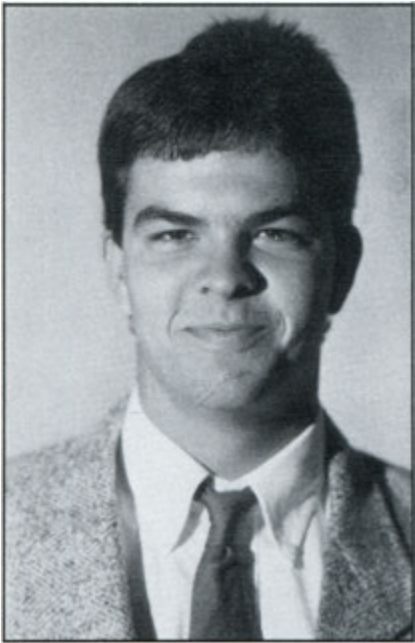
Mike Parker

TACKLE
6-4 262
SENIOR

72

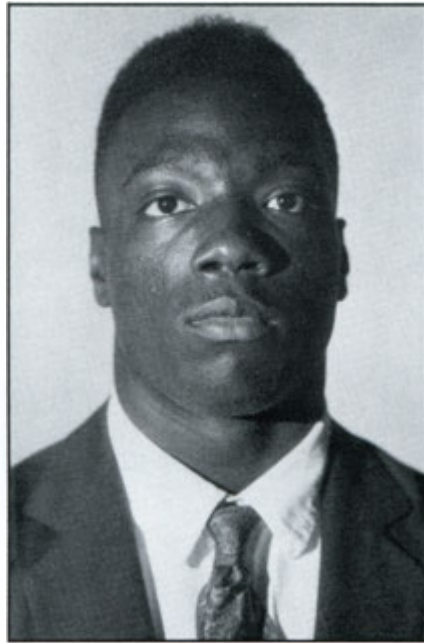
Parker is a fifth year senior who has started for three years. He has improved each season and should be a main cog in what is expected to be a much better offensive line. Parker will be counted on to provide senior leadership along the front. Played high school football for Leroy Riley at Pelham. Born Sept. 26, 1967.





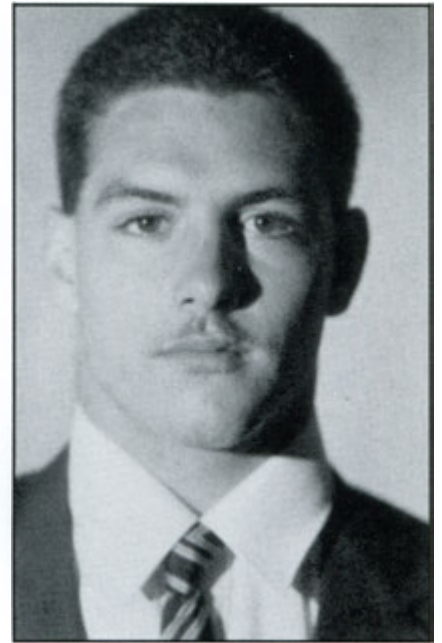
Scott Klees 10
QUARTERBACK
 6-3 190
FRESHMAN

Made tremendous strides in off-season after a redshirt year. Coaches feel good about his ability to provide solid backup. From Tallahassee.



Gary Thornton 4
FLANKER
 6-4 210
FRESHMAN

Became eligible in the spring, showed signs of becoming a top notch receiver. Outstanding physical tools. From Thomaston.



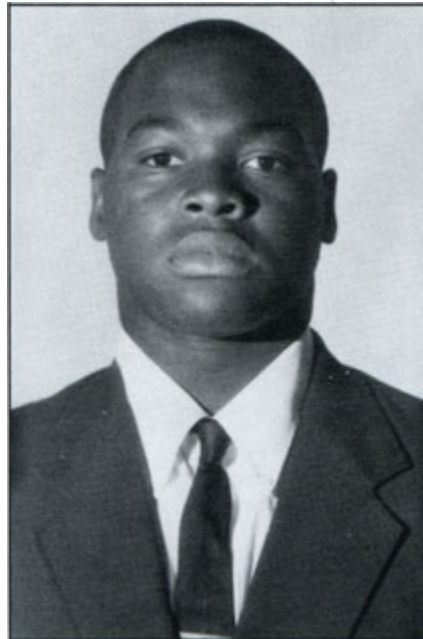
Blake Duncan 22
FULLBACK
 6-1 200
SOPHOMORE

Made solid contribution as a freshman in a relief role and on special teams. A hard-nosed and durable player. From Warner Robins.



Scott Long 84
TIGHT END
 6-3 220
JUNIOR

Became a starter late last season and is expected to start again. Has steadily improved as a blocker and can catch the ball. From Dublin.



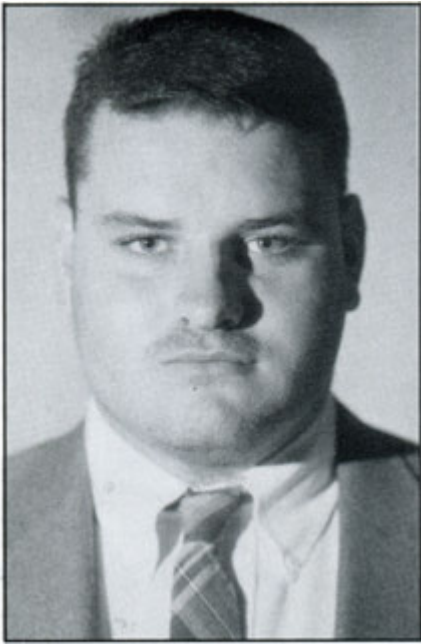
Ted Palmer 53
SNAPPER
 5-11 210
SENIOR

Does his job as well as it can be done. Coaches consider him invaluable because of his reliability as a long snapper. From Meridian, Ga.



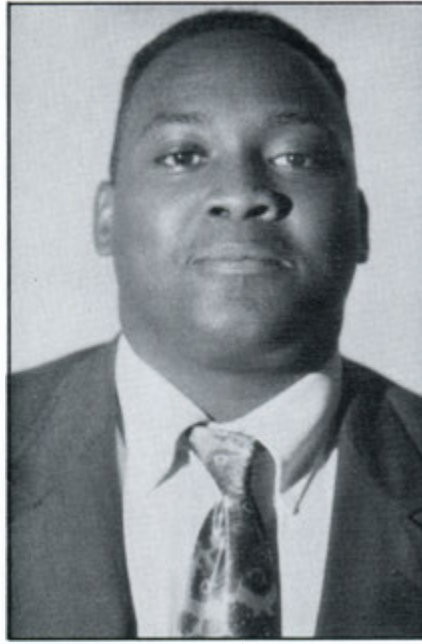
Will O'Steen 61
CENTER
 6-1 248
JUNIOR

Moved to center in the spring after starting last season at guard. Has added needed weight and strength in the off-season. A solid performer. From Eatonton.



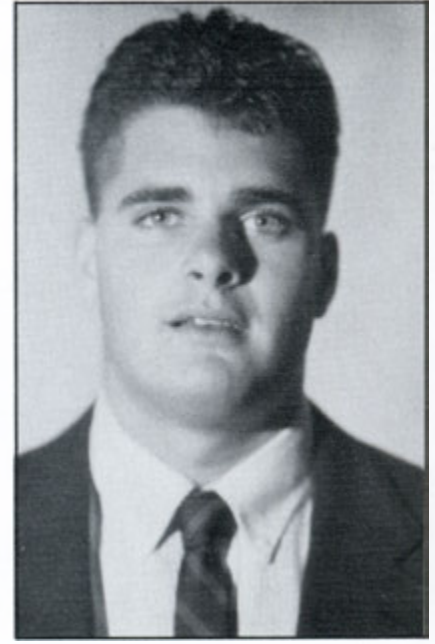
Jason Richards 65
GUARD
6-3 280
SOPHOMORE

Transfer who stepped into starting role in the spring. Expected to solidify what should be an improved offensive line. From Canton.



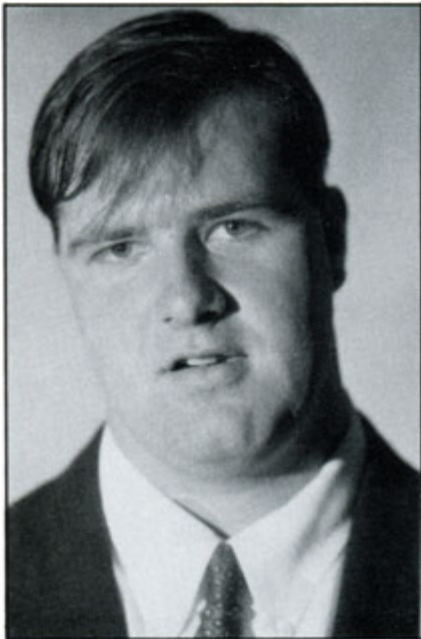
Mike Brenton 66
GUARD
5-10 270
SENIOR

Three-year starter at guard whose experience will be vital to this year's offense. From Bainbridge.



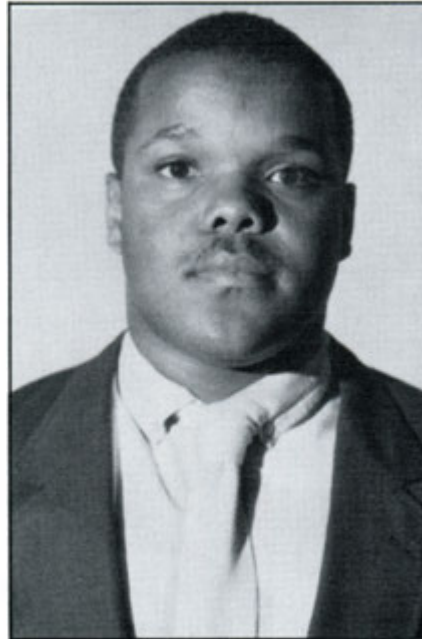
Don Kelly 8
KICKER
5-8 150
JUNIOR

Gives the Blazers the luxury of two outstanding placekickers. Was perfect on eight PATs and was 3-4 on field goals last year. From Tallahassee.



Bo Houston 67
GUARD
6-3 240
FRESHMAN

Expected to provide solid backup along the offensive line after being redshirted last season. From Nashville.



George Ball 52
GUARD
6-1 244
FRESHMAN

Another redshirt who should provide depth to an offensive line which is growing in quality. From Jackson.



Jody Dowda 51
CENTER
6-5 285
SOPHOMORE

Transfer from Alabama who will challenge for the starting job at center. Has all the tools to be a great player. From Canton.



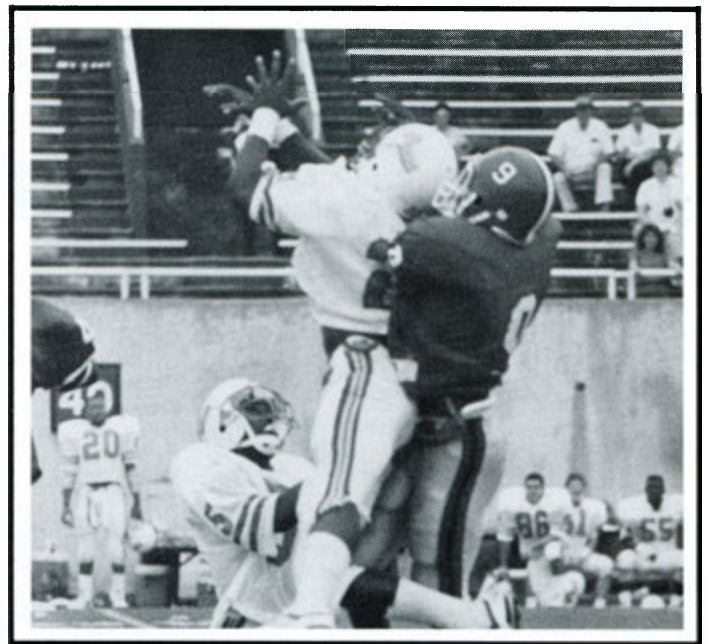
Deon Searcy

FREE SAFETY
5-11 183
SENIOR

9

Searcy was named first team all-conference in the defensive backfield after putting together his third solid season in the Blazer secondary. Moved to free safety in the spring. Has 10 career interceptions. From Manchester. Born June 22, 1969.

	UT	AT	TOT	FR	INT	BUP
1987	36	16	52	0	1	7
1988	32	11	43	2	5	12
1989	33	17	50	2	4	4
Totals	101	44	145	4	10	23



Clifford Scott

STRONG SAFETY
5-11 192
SENIOR

28



Scott turned in his second straight outstanding season in 1989, finishing fourth in tackles. Moved to strong safety in the spring where he should excel. Senior leadership will be important to this year's team. From Sneads, Fla. Born Oct 27, 1967.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1987	13	7	20	1	0	0	0
1988	28	24	52	0	0	0	1
1989	40	15	55	1	1	1	1
Totals	81	46	127	2	1	1	2



Rod Callaway

END
6-3 247
SENIOR

79

A fifth year senior, Callaway has been part-time starter the last three seasons. Coaches think he can be a fine player if aggressiveness will match his quickness. Has recorded seven sacks and 10 tackles for losses in his career. From Athens-Cedar Shoals. Born Aug. 28, 1968.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1987	9	7	16	3	0	1	3
1988	7	8	15	5	0	0	2
1989	7	7	14	2	0	0	2
Totals	23	22	45	10	0	1	7





Harold McClain

MIDDLE LINEBACKER

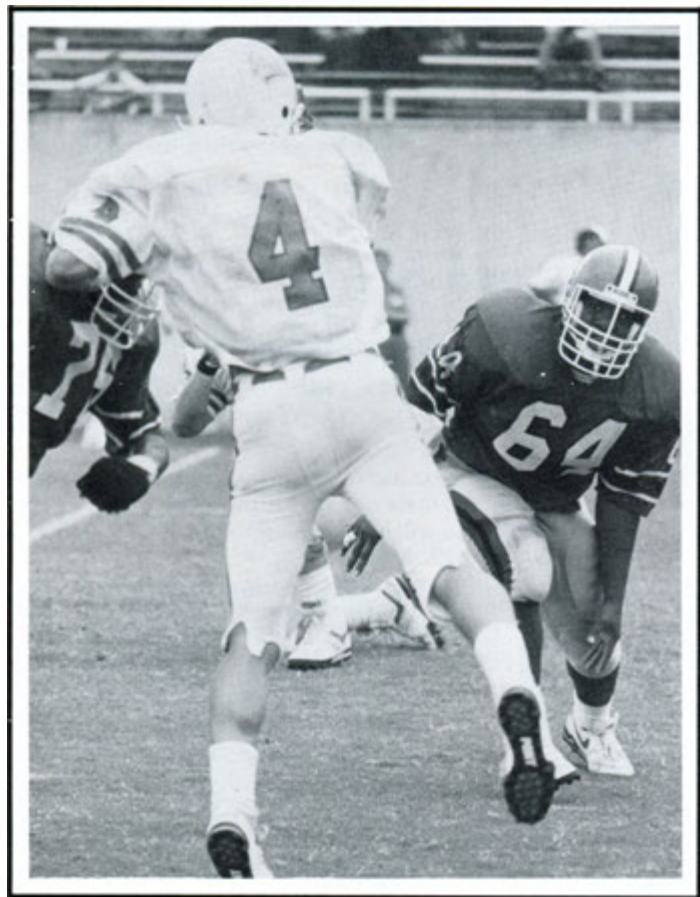
6-2 230

SOPHOMORE

55

McClain turned in a solid rookie year despite playing several positions during the season. Coaches moved him inside in the spring and he is expected to be a very good middle linebacker. Outstanding work habits and a natural leader. Played for Joe Compton at Irwin County. Born Feb. 16, 1971.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1989	29	24	53	3	0	0	0



Marcus Walker

TACKLE

6-1 258

SOPHOMORE

64



Walker immediately made his presence known last season, exceeding expectations and earning a starting job along the defensive front. Named one of the team's top rookies at year's end. Had five tackles for losses and three sacks. Played for Larry Freeman at Warrenton. Born Nov. 28, 1970.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1989	25	13	38	5	1	0	3



Antonio Edwards

END

6-4 255

SOPHOMORE

95

Edwards earned the team's other top rookie award because of his outstanding play at defensive end where he recorded four sacks and six tackles for losses. Coaches think he can become an all-star performer because of his ability and work habits. Played for Jim Hughes at Colquitt County. Born March 10, 1970.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1989	29	23	52	6	0	0	4





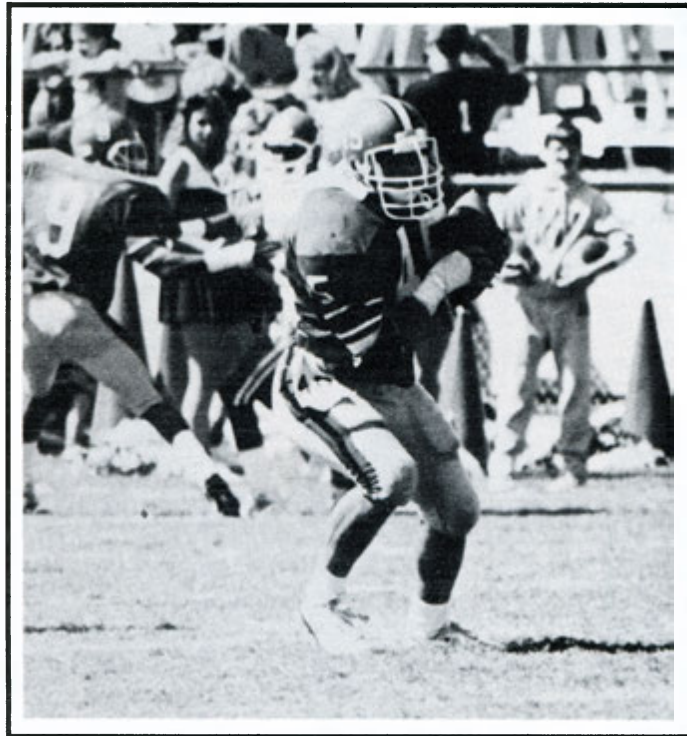
Eric Luke

CORNERBACK
5-9 167
JUNIOR

6

Luke has played a lot of football in two seasons, starting last year at free safety where he made 33 tackles and had two interceptions. He made the switch to cornerback in the spring because he has excellent speed and quickness. Played for Butch Brooks at Washington-Wilkes. Born Dec. 5, 1969.

	UT	AT	TOT	FR	INT	BUP
1988	30	19	49	0	0	1
1989	21	12	33	1	2	0
Totals	51	31	82	1	2	1



Danny Metcalf

45 **OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**
6-1 203
JUNIOR

Metcalf returned to the team in the spring after a year off and is projected as a starter on the outside. In 1988 he was the Blazers' third leading tackler with 58 stops. Good instincts and good speed make him a valuable member of the defense. Played prep football at Wakulla County, Fla. Born Nov. 10, 1969.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1987	13	5	18	4	0	0	2
1988	28	30	58	0	1	1	1
Totals	41	35	76	4	1	1	3



Dwayne Hart

SAFETY
5-7 163
SENIOR

18

Hart's experience and leadership make him invaluable to the VSC secondary. He will be used at both safeties and can also play cornerback. One of three seniors among the defensive backs. Very active player. Played for Nick Hyder at Valdosta. Born Aug. 30, 1967.

	UT	AT	TOT	FR	INT	BUP
1987	5	7	12	1	0	2
1988	10	11	21	0	0	0
1989	26	18	44	2	0	0
Totals	41	36	77	3	0	2





John Kenny 56

TACKLE
6-2 230
JUNIOR

Played sparingly last year after transferring in. Ended spring work in a dead heat for starting job at defensive tackle. From Guyton.



Barry Roberson 92

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER
6-1 205
SOPHOMORE

Played extremely well last season as a freshman, especially late in the year. Was penciled in as a starter at end of spring drills. From Live Oak, Fla.



Don Hart 68

TACKLE
6-2 230
FRESHMAN

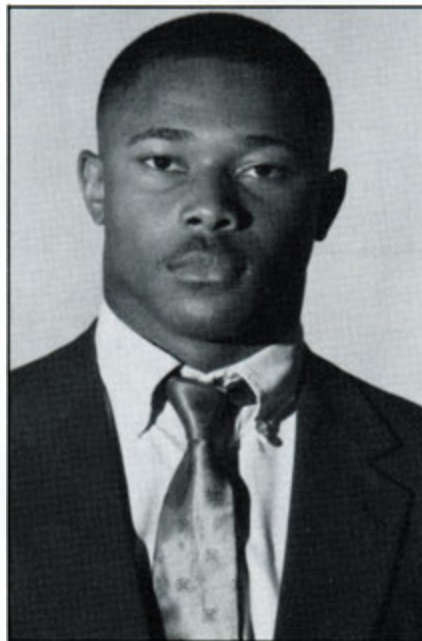
Redshirt freshman who caught attention of staff with outstanding work in the spring. Will play a lot at defensive tackle. From Moultrie.



Chris Davenport 48

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER
5-11 191
SOPHOMORE

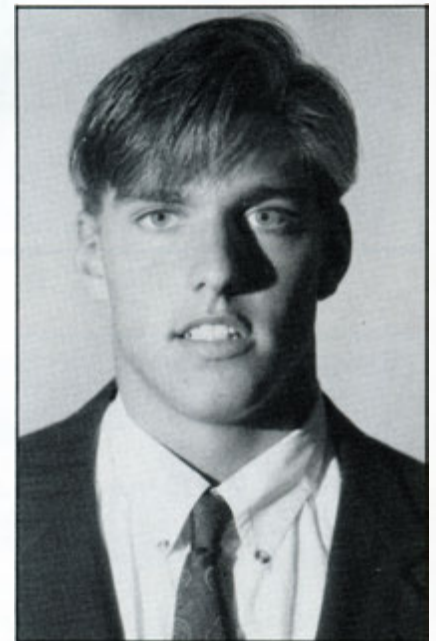
A special teams player last year who made solid progress and finished spring as a backup linebacker on the strong side. From Lawrenceville.



Derick McCant 36

CORNERBACK
6-1 180
SOPHOMORE

Played on both sides of the ball last year but in the spring was moved back to defense where he excelled in high school. From Tifton.



Chris Dupree 26

STRONG SAFETY
6-1 190
SOPHOMORE

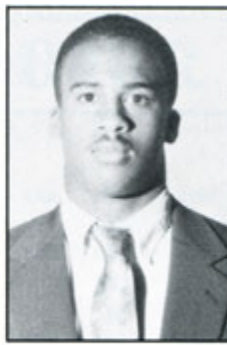
Another special teams player who improved toward year's end and continued to progress in the spring. From Mableton.



CHRIS AKERS
Defensive End
6-3 215



STEVE BODI
Outside Linebacker
6-2 206



ANDREAS GRESHAM
Cornerback
6-0 174



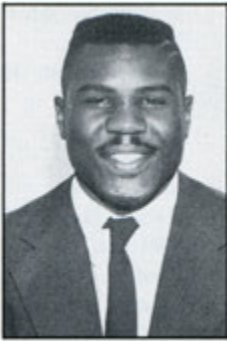
BRIAN CHESTNUTT
Punter
6-0 201



SHAWN BOSTICK
Offensive Tackle
6-2 268



PAUL HALL
Middle Linebacker
6-1 205



EDWARD JACKSON
Cornerback
5-8 182



KELLY WELLS
Offensive Guard
6-3 251



MARCUS HOLLIS
Outside Linebacker
5-11 180



WAYNE JACKSON
Offensive Tackle
6-2 239



MIKE BALDWIN
Strong Safety
6-0 195



JESSIE RANDLE
Cornerback
5-11 170



TODD McCUTCHEON
Quarterback
6-1 189



WILLIE OSBORN
Split End
5-11 160



MIKE LANE
Cornerback
5-9 172



DAVID SIGLER
Defensive End
6-4 210



CHARLES STAMEY
Offensive Tackle
6-3 300



ADRIAN STEELE
Outside Linebacker
6-2 186



RICKY SWALES
Defensive End
6-0 206



CHAD TANNER
Tailback
5-11 177

1990 VALDOSTA STATE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	EXP.	CL.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
58	Chris Akers	DE	6-3	215		SO	Columbus, GA	Columbus
29	Ramon Allen	TB	6-1	193	2L	JR	LaGrange, GA	LaGrange
34	Mike Baldwin	SS	6-0	195		FR	Woodstock, GA	Cherokee County
52	George Ball	OG	6-1	244		FR	Jackson, GA	Jackson
83	Steve Bodi	SLB	6-2	206	2L	JR	Dade City, FL	Pasco
74	Shawn Bostick	OT	6-2	268		FR	Forsyth, GA	Monroe Academy
66	Michael Brenton	OG	5-9	270	3L	SR	Bainbridge, GA	Bainbridge
79	Rod Callaway	DE	6-3	247	3L	SR	Athens, GA	Cedar Shoals
15	Brian Chestnutt	P	6-0	201		JR	Tifton, GA	Tift County
54	Tommy Clark	C	6-2	205		FR	Orange Park, FL	Orange Park
5	Marcus Copeland	FB	5-8	190	3L	SR	Manchester, GA	Manchester
14	Tye Cottle	QB	6-1	181	3L	SR	Tifton, GA	Tift County
48	Chris Davenport	SLB	5-11	191	1L	SO	Lawrenceville, GA	Berkmar
21	Reginald Davis	SE	5-9	172	2L	JR	Roberta, GA	Crawford County
62	Fran Delaney	LS	5-11	218	1L	SO	Tavernier, FL	Coral Shores
51	Jody Dowda	C	6-5	281		JR	Canton, GA	
99	Mark Dugar	DT	6-3	260		FR	Augusta, GA	Aiken
22	Blake Duncan	FB	6-1	190	1L	SO	Warner Robins, GA	Warner Robins
26	Chris Dupree	SS	6-1	190	1L	SO	Mableton, GA	Pebblebrook
95	Antonio Edwards	DE	6-4	237	1L	SO	Moultrie, GA	Colquitt County
38	Andreas Gresham	CB	6-0	174		FR	Athens, GA	Lincoln County
50	Paul Hall	MLB	6-1	205		FR	Marietta, GA	Marietta
30	Stanley Hall	FB	5-11	220	1L	JR	Ocilla, GA	Irwin County
11	Carter Harper	FL	6-0	170		FR	Lenox, GA	Tift Area Academy
68	Don Hart	DT	6-2	230		FR	Moultrie, GA	Colquitt County
18	Dwayne Hart	FS	5-7	163	3L	SR	Valdosta, GA	Valdosta
7	Dexter Holiday	SE	5-6	150	1L	JR	Newnam, GA	Newnam
32	Marcus Hollis	WLB	5-11	180		FR	Thomaston, GA	R.E. Lee
67	Bo Houston	OG	6-3	240		FR	Nahvillee, GA	Berrien County
31	Edward Jackson	CB	5-8	182	3L	SR	Americus, GA	Americus
75	Wayne Jackson	OT	6-2	239	1L	SO	Longwood, FL	Lake Brantley

1990 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Matt Alexander	OL	6-1	265	Riverdale, GA	Riverdale
Brian Barnhill	OL	6-3	260	Buena Vista, GA	Tri-County
Geoff Bennett	LB	5-10	180	Ocilla, GA	Irwin County
Josten Clark	OL	6-0	260	Perry, GA	Perry
Billy Cumbess	OL	6-6	295	Jasper, FL	Hamilton County
Calvin Davis	LB	6-0	215	Columbus, GA	Baker
Doug Fincher	FB	5-10	188	Macon, GA	1st Presbyterian Day
Walt Foy	RB	5-10	175	Albany, GA	Albany
Steve Greer	TE	6-0	185	Athens, GA	Clarke Central
Clint Harris	OL	6-8	347	Dublin, GA	Dublin
Talmadge McLendon	DL	6-2	233	Mount Vernon, GA	Montgomery County
Matthew Means	OL	6-2	215	Valdosta, GA	Valdosta
Jay Torbert	OL	6-3	240	Albany, GA	Westover
Mike Tuggle	OL	6-1	250	Griffin, GA	Griffin
Bobby Walden	OL	6-1	265	Irwinton, GA	Wilkinson County
Calvin Walker	WR	5-9	165	Augusta, GA	Butler
Myrick Walker	DB	5-11	190	Manchester, GA	Manchester
Robert Williams	DB	6-3	180	Washington, GA	Washington-Wilkes

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	EXP.	CL.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
33	Casey Johnson	TB	6-1	215		FR	Glennville, GA	Glennville
8	Don Kelly	K	5-8	150		JR	Tallahassee, FL	Rickards
56	John Kenny	DT	6-2	230	1L	JR	Guyton, GA	Effingham County
10	Scott Klees	QB	6-4	185		FR	Tallahassee, FL	North Fla. Christia
23	Mike Lane	CB	5-9	172	1L	SO	Jesup, GA	Wayne County
84	Scott Long	TE	6-2	215	1L	JR	Dublin, GA	Dublin
20	Mikeal Lovejoy	SS	5-10	185	3L	SR	Meigs, GA	Thomasville-Central
6	Eric Luke	FS	5-9	675	2L	JR	Washington, GA	Washington-Wilkes
36	Derick McCant	CB	6-1	180	1L	SO	Tifton, GA	Tift County
55	Harold McClain	MLB	6-2	230	1L	SO	Ocilla, GA	Irwin County
12	Todd McCutcheon	QB	6-1	189		FR	Wildwood, FL	Wildwood
3	Jack McTyre	K	6-2	182	2L	SR	Stone Mountain, GA	Clarkston
45	Danny Metcalf	WLB	6-1	203	2L	JR	Panacea, FL	Wakulla County
61	Will O'Steen	C	6-1	234	2L	JR	Eatonton, GA	Gatewood
81	Willie Osborn	SE	5-11	160	1L	SO	Statesboro, GA	Statesboro
53	Ted Palmer	LS	5-11	200	2L	SR	Crescent, GA	John F. Kennedy
72	Michael Parker	OT	6-4	262	3L	SR	Pelham, GA	Pelham
13	Jessie Randle	CB	5-11	170		JR	West Point, MS	West Point
65	Jason Richards	OG	6-3	283		SO	Canton, GA	Cherokee County
92	Barry Roberson	SLB	6-1	205	1L	SO	Live Oak, FL	Suwannee
25	Brian Scott	TB	6-0	178		FR	Brunswick, GA	Glynn Academy
28	Clifford Scott	SS	5-11	192	3L	SR	Sneads, FL	Sneads
9	Deon Searcy	FS	5-11	183	3L	SR	Manchester, GA	Manchester
93	David Sigler	DE	6-4	210		FR	Coral Springs, FL	J.P. Taravello
77	Charles Stamey	OT	6-3	300		FR	Columbus, GA	Hardaway
35	Adrian Steele	WLB	6-2	186		FR	Calhoun, GA	Red Bud
37	Chucky Stinson	FB	5-8	208		FR	Macon, GA	Mt. De Sales
90	Ricky Swales	DE	6-0	206		FR	Kennesaw, GA	North Cobb
24	Chad Tanner	TB	5-11	177		FR	Sandersville, GA	Brentwood Academy
80	Anthony Thornton	TE	6-2	220		FR	Thomaston, GA	R.E. Lee
4	Gary Thornton	FL	6-3	200		FR	Thomaston, GA	R.E. Lee
70	Michael Tinley	OT	6-2	241		SO	Waynesboro, GA	Edmund Burke
64	Marcus Walker	DT	6-1	258	1L	SO	Warrenton, GA	Warren County
76	Kelly Wells	OT	6-3	251	2L	JR	Lincolnton, GA	Lincoln County

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.
3	Jack McTyre	K	29	Ramon Allen	TB	64	Marcus Walker	DT
4	Gary Thornton	FL	30	Stanley Hall	FB	65	Jason Richards	OG
5	Marcus Copeland	FB	31	Edward Jackson	CB	66	Michael Brenton	OG
6	Eric Luke	FS	32	Marcus Hollis	WLB	67	Bo Houston	OG
7	Dexter Holiday	SE	33	Casey Johnson	TB	68	Don Hart	DT
8	Don Kelly	K	34	Mike Baldwin	SS	70	Michael Tinley	OT
9	Deon Searcy	FS	35	Adrian Steele	WLB	72	Michael Parker	OT
10	Scott Klees	QB	36	Derick McCant	CB	74	Shawn Bostick	OT
11	Carter Harper	FL	37	Chucky Stinson	FB	75	Wayne Jackson	OT
12	Todd McCutcheon	QB	38	Andreas Gresham	CB	76	Kelly Wells	OT
13	Jessie Randle	CB	45	Danny Metcalf	WLB	77	Charles Stamey	OT
14	Tye Cottle	QB	48	Chris Davenport	SLB	79	Rod Callaway	DE
15	Brian Chestnutt	P	50	Paul Hall	MLB	80	Anthony Thornton	TE
18	Dwayne Hart	FS	51	Jody Dowda	C	81	Willie Osborn	SE
20	Mikeal Lovejoy	SS	52	George Ball	OG	83	Steve Bodi	SLB
21	Reginald Davis	SE	53	Ted Palmer	LS	84	Scott Long	TE
22	Blake Duncan	FB	54	Tommy Clark	C	90	Ricky Swales	DE
23	Mike Lane	CB	55	Harold McClain	MLB	92	Barry Roberson	SLB
24	Chad Tanner	TB	56	John Kenny	DT	93	David Sigler	DE
25	Brian Scott	TB	58	Chris Akers	DE	95	Antonio Edwards	DE
26	Chris Dupree	SS	61	Will O'Steen	C	99	Mark Dugar	DT
28	Clifford Scott	SS	62	Fran Delaney	LS			



LEIGH ANN KIRKLAND
Douglas, Ga.



MICHELE JONES
Thomasville, Ga.



GENA GOODRUM
Thomasville, Ga.



KAREN SMITH
Thomaston, Ga.



MARY HIGHSMITH
Savannah, Ga.



LYNN ODOM
Lawrenceville, Ga.



CARLA CARTER
Valdosta, Ga.



WENDY CRIPPEN
Tampa, Fla.



SUSAN HAASE
Dunwoody, Ga.



LaDONNA WARD
Augusta, Ga.



NIKI ARMSTRONG
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.



CHARLOTTE CLARKSON
Kingsland, Ga.



EVA CARSWELL
Macon, Ga.



DEIRDRE WITHERSPOON
Homerville, Ga.



TAMI JOHNSON
Bainbridge, Ga.



LISA LAYNE
Dade City, Fla.



PENNY STRICKLAND
Moultrie, Ga.



MICHELE McWHITE
Pelham, Ga.



DONNA HOLLEY
Ashburn, Ga.



TRACEY COBB
Davisboro, Ga.



ANGIE PEARCE
Douglas, Ga.



VANESSA STEWART
Brunswick, Ga.



KIM McCALL
Midway, Ga.



GAIL DELANEY
Tavernier, Fla.



AMY BRINKLEY
Thomasville, Ga.



LIZ FRALEIGH
Madison, Fla.



NICOLE ENGLISH
Trenton, N.J.



LEE ANN MITCHELL
Windermere, Fla.

BLAZER GIRLS

Valdosta State head coach Mike Cavan is surrounded by the Blazer Girls, a group of beautiful VSC coeds who serve as the official recruiting hostesses for the Blazers. The girls are further identified in their head shots surrounding this photo and on the opposite page.



ANGIE STUBBS
Thomaston, Ga.



HOPE NIX
Marietta, Ga.



KIM HALEY
Douglas, Ga.



ANNA CALDWELL
Jesup, Ga.



DEENA GODWIN
Lilburn, Ga.



GINA HORNE
Moultrie, Ga.



MELANIE MORRIS
Nashville, Ga.



COURTNEY THOMPSON
Atlanta, Ga.



STACIE STOTT
Leary, Ga.

VALDOSTA STATE FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

A

Ashley Abrams, DB 1982
 Howard Akers, WR 1987-88
 Jody Allen, DE 1982
 Ramon Allen, RB 1988-89
 Steve Allen, OT 1982
 Tony Allen, RB 1985
 Greg Alley, OG 1982-83
 Carl Armstrong, WR 1982
 Cary Arneson, DB 1982

B

Keith Backstrom, LB 1988-89
 Bryan Banks, OT 1984-87
 Rodrigus Bartell, WR 1986
 Brad Bauer, K 1982-84
 Pernel Bee, RB 1983
 Stacey Blake, OT 1982-83
 Andy Blanchard, LB 1984-86
 Jeremiah Blount, RB 1987
 Oliver Blount, DT 1985-86
 Steve Bodi, DE 1988
 Elson Bolar, DT 1983-84
 Keith Bonnell, OT 1983-85
 Bobby Booker, LB 1987-89
 Robert Boyette, NG 1982
 Michael Brenton, OG 1987-89
 Terrence Brisbon, RB 1984
 Jason Brock, OG 1989
 Jimmy Brookins, LB 1985-88
 Charles Brooks, DT 1985

C

Rod Callaway, DT 1987-89
 Bret Calzaretta, LB 1982
 Cedric Campbell, RB 1984
 Vince Capece, LB 1983-85
 Harvey Carter, NG 1982
 Mark Catano, OT 1982-83
 Brian Chestnutt, P 1989
 Henry Chubb, RB 1982-83
 Eric Clark, RB 1985-88
 Cary Cody, WR 1982, 84-86
 Jay Coley, WR 1982
 Marcus Copeland, FB 1987-89
 Roger Copeland, LB 1987
 Tye Cottle, QB 1987-89
 Vic Crawford, DB 1984
 Elkannah Crockett, DB 1982

D

Mark Dace, QB 1984-87
 J.D. Daniels, WR 1982
 Chris Davenport, LB 1989
 Kelvin Davis, DT 1988
 Reginald Davis, RB 1988-89
 Rick Davis, QB 1982
 Fran Delaney, LB 1988-89
 Richard DeWees, LB 1989
 Artie Dovers, OG 1982
 Blake Duncan, FB 1989
 Chuck Dunmon, OT 1982-85
 Chris Dupree, SS 1989

E

John Eaton, OG 1982
 Antonio Edwards, DE 1989

F

Leon Farmer 1985
 Ken Fasnacht, WR 1983
 Eric Faulkner, DE 1984-87
 Randy Fisher, WR 1986-89
 Reggie Ford, WR 1982
 Cliff Fouty, LB 1982-83
 Jimmy Francis, DB 1982-85
 Rodney Fulk, K 1987
 Darrell Funderburk, QB 1985-88

G

Cedric Gantt, DT 1986
 Bert Gelis, DT 1985-88
 James Gibson, DT 1983-86
 David Gilyard, LB 1982

John Gray, DT 1982-83
 Kevin Gray, WR 1984
 Steve Griffin, QB 1982-83
 Ryan Grubbs, LB 1984

H

Stanley Hall, RB 1989
 Wayne Hamm, TE 1982-84
 Jeff Hanton, DB 1982-83, 85-86
 Donnie Harrell, RB 1985-88
 Derrick Harris, DB 1983-84
 Dwayne Hart, DB 1987-89
 Mike Henry, C 1983-84
 Chester Hightower, LB 1986
 Dexter Holiday, WR 1989
 Jimmy Holton, OG 1987
 Greg Hoven, WR 1984-85
 Doug Hunter, QB 1983-85

J

Edward Jackson, FS 1987-89
 Jerome Jackson, RB 1982-83, 86
 Stonewall Jackson, RB 1985
 Eric Jarvis, C 1982-83
 Willie Jefferson, LB 1983
 Kenny Jennings, DB 1983-84
 Bo Johnson, OT 1982
 Keith Jones, TE 1986-89
 Maurice Jordan, DT 1986-89

K

John Kenny, DT 1989

L

Lance Laskey, TE 1988
 Mark Lawson, LB 1982-84
 Ray Lloyd, C 1983-86
 Scott Long, TE 1989
 Scottie Long, LB 1986
 Stan Long, OG 1983
 Mikeal Lovejoy, DB 1986-88
 Eric Luke, DB 1988-89

M

George Mackey, DE 1982
 Kevin Maddox, P 1987
 Terry Mallory, QB 1983-86
 Brad Martin, WR 1983
 Derryl Mason, WR 1983-84
 Timmy Massey, DB 1982-85
 William Massey, RB 1985
 Alvoid Mays, DB 1984
 Mike McBride, RB 1982
 Derick McCant, CB 1989
 Harold McClain, LB 1989
 Clint McCrory, NG 1982
 Mike McCullough, P 1988-89
 Alex McKinnie, RB 1982-83
 James McRae, TE 1986-87
 Jack McTyre, K 1988-89
 Danny Metcalf, LB 1987-88
 Keith Miles, DE 1987
 Charles Mitchell, LB 1984-86
 Rob Mitchell, WR 1983
 Clifton Montgomery, RB 1984
 Donald Monts, OG 1982
 Keith Moore, K 1983-86
 Robert Morris, DE 1986-89
 Jackson Mosley, DB 1982
 Scott Mowry, LB 1985-88
 Tony Murphy, LB 1987

N

Clay NeSmith, DT 1986
 Anthony Newsome, DE 1983
 David Niemeyer, DT 1982
 John Norris, OT 1984-87

O

Alex Oakes, LB 1988
 Calvin Orr, DB 1986-89
 Willie Osborn, WR 1989
 Will O'Steen, C 1989
 James Owens, QB 1982

P

Ted Palmer, DS 1988-89
 Lenny Parker, LB 1983-84
 Michael Parker, OT 1987-89
 Buddy Phillips, OT 1987-88
 Larry Pividal, TE 1982
 Alan Pohalski, NG 1982
 Eric Porter, LB 1988
 Sammie Price, DT 1985
 Don Pumphrey, OT 1984-85

R

Jerry Randall, DT 1984-85
 Buddy Ratledge, OT 1983-85
 Ben Reaves, TE 1983-86
 Charles Reddick, DT 1987-88
 Keith Reddings, DE 1983-86
 Quinton Reed, DB 1983-84
 Robert Renfro, DT 1983-84
 Luis Reveiz, K 1983
 Rusty Rivers, OG 1984
 Lee Rourk, LB 1983
 John Royal, LB 1987

S

Homer Sanders, DB 1983
 Drew Sauls, WR 1984-85
 Mike Scantling, TE 1983
 Richard Schlie, TE 1983
 Clifford Scott, LB 1987-89
 Deon Searcy, DB 1987-89
 Mike Sellars, C 1986-87
 Brock Sellers, C 1982
 Andy Sharpless, OG 1982-84
 Kelvin Sheppard, WR 1982-83
 Pete Shuttters, NG 1982-83
 Dean Siegel, DE 1984-85
 Albert Smith, RB 1984, 87
 Anthony Smith, LB 1983
 Dallis Smith, DB 1983-86
 Dennis Smith, DB 1983-86
 Jerome Smith, DE 1983
 Tracy Soles, RB 1982-83
 Dan Strickland, DT 1983-86
 James Strickland, C 1982
 Mel Stripling, OT 1982
 Ricky Sutton, NG 1982
 R.D. Swain, OG 1983-86

T

Darrell Tarver, DE 1986-89
 Larry Tatum, C 1984
 Darrien Teals, WR 1985-88
 Freddie Thomas, LB 1984-85
 Curtis Thompson, LB 1983
 Hugh Thompson, QB 1982
 Jessie Tuggle, LB 1983-86
 John Turley, DE 1984

V

Max Vickers, RB 1983-86

W

Jay Walls, DT 1983-85
 Geoff Walters, QB 1984-85
 Emmett Watkins, DB 1984-87
 Zim Watters, DT 1986
 Arthur Webb, WR 1984
 Kelly Wells, OT 1988-89
 Derwin Whatley, DB 1986
 Robert Wheeler, TE 1989
 David White, LB 1988
 Bill Wilhelm, C 1983-86
 David Williams, TE 1982
 Fitzgerald Williams, DB 1985-86
 Michael Williams, RB 1985-86
 Mike Williams, RB 1984
 Randy Williams, C 1988-89
 Rod Williams, OT 1982
 Wilbur Williams, RB 1984-85
 Hershel Wooten, DT 1985-86

THE OPPONENTS



**GEORGIA
SOUTHERN**



**JACKSONVILLE
STATE**



**MISSISSIPPI
COLLEGE**



**EAST
TENNESSEE
STATE**



TROY STATE



DELTA STATE



UT-MARTIN



LIVINGSTON



WEST GEORGIA



**NORTH
ALABAMA**

Georgia Southern University

September 1, 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.

Location: Statesboro, Ga.
Enrollment: 11,238
President: Dr. Nicholas Henry
Athletic Director: Dr. David Wagner
Nickname: Eagles
Conference: Independent
National Affiliation: NCAA 1-AA
Stadium: Allen E. Paulson (18,000)
Head Coach: Tim Stowers
 Alma Mater: Auburn 1980
 Record at GSC: 0-0 (first year)
 Phone: (912) 681-5522



Tim Stowers

Series Record: GSU leads 3-1-1
Assistants: Tommy Spangler, Mike Hodges, Jeff McInerney, Milton Gore, Jay Russell, David Saunders, Pat Spurgeon
1989 Record: 15-0 (1-AA national champs)
Basic Offense: Flexbone
Basic Defense: Eagle Seven
Sports Information Director: Matt Rogers
 Office: (912) 681-5239
 Home: (912) 681-7880
Top Returnees: QB Raymond Gross, FB Joe Ross, RB Karl Miller, DE Giff Smith, DT Tim Brown, LB Michael Berry.
Lettermen Returning: 46 (21 off, 25 def)

1990 Schedule	1989 Results (15-0)
Sept. 1 . . . VALDOSTA STATE	31 VALDOSTA STATE . . . 10
Sept. 8 . at Middle Tenn. State	48 West Georgia . . . 7
Sept. 15 . . . at Florida State	28 Florida A&M . . . 0
Sept. 22 . . . Eastern Kentucky	26 Middle Tenn. State . . . 0
Sept. 29 . Northeast Louisiana	35 Savannah State . . . 14
Oct. 6 at Marshall	21 Nicholls State . . . 13
Oct. 20 . . . at Central Florida	31 Central Florida . . . 17
Oct. 27 . . . Savannah State	52 Samford . . . 7
Nov. 3 James Madison	36 James Madison . . . 21
Nov. 10 . . at UT-Chattanooga	34 UT-Chattanooga . . . 13
Nov. 17 Samford	63 Marshall . . . 31
	52 Villanova . . . 36
	45 Middle Tenn. State . . . 3
	45 Montana . . . 15
	37 Stephen E. Austin . . . 34

University of Tennessee-Martin

September 15, 1:00 p.m. (CDT) - Pacer Stadium, Martin, Tenn.

Location: Martin, Tenn.
Enrollment: 5095
Chancellor: Dr. Margaret Perry
Athletic Director: Don McLeary
Nickname: Pacers
Conference: Gulf South
National Affiliation: NCAA II
Stadium: Pacer (7500)
Head Coach: Don McLeary
 Alma Mater: Tennessee 1970
 Record at UTM: 21-25 (4 years)
 Phone: (901) 587-7630



Don McLeary

Series Record: VSC leads 5-1
Assistants: Larry Shanks, Jerry Reese, Todd Kirk, Jim Hughes, Doug Fouty, Jim Tero
1989 Record: 2-9, 1-7 in GSC (9th)
Basic Offense: Run and Shoot
Basic Defense: 4-3
Sports Information Director: Lee Wilmot
 Office: (901) 587-7630
 Home: (901) 587-9811
Top Returnees: QB Tom Ruban, WR Darron Turner, RB Scottie Mitchell, DT Todd White, DE Lanarido Perry, DB Ronnie Steele
Lettermen Returning: 21 (12 off, 9 def)

1990 Schedule	1989 Results (2-9)
Sept. 1 Lane	3 Murray State . . . 24
Sept. 8 . at Austin Peay State	21 Austin Peay State . . . 0
Sept. 15 . . VALDOSTA STATE	14 VALDOSTA STATE . . . 35
Sept. 22 at Mississippi College	3 Mississippi College . . . 24
Sept. 29 Delta State	13 Delta State . . . 12
Oct. 6 at North Alabama	6 North Alabama . . . 28
Oct. 13 at Middle Tenn. State	33 Samford . . . 37
Oct. 20 Jacksonville State	0 Jacksonville State . . . 63
Oct. 27 at Troy State	6 Troy State . . . 14
Nov. 3 Livingston	17 Livingston . . . 35
Nov. 10 . . . at West Georgia	7 West Georgia . . . 36

Jacksonville State University

September 22, 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - Martin Stadium, Valdosta, Ga.

Location: Jacksonville, Ala.
Enrollment: 8200
President: Dr. Harold McGee
Athletic Director: Jerry Cole
Nickname: Gamecocks
Conference: Gulf South
National Affiliation: NCAA II
Stadium: Paul Snow Memorial (15,000)
Head Coach: Bill Burgess
 Alma Mater: Auburn 1963
 Record at JSU: 36-17-3 (5 years)
 Phone: (205) 231-5365



Bill Burgess

Series Record: JSU leads 6-2
Assistants: Charlie Maniscalco, Eddie Garfinkle, Roland Houston, Mark Fleetwood, David Sikes, Jay Brown
1989 Record: 13-1, 8-0 in GSC (1st)
Basic Offense: Wishbone
Basic Defense: 4-4
Sports Information Director: Mike Galloway
 Office: (205) 231-5377
 Home: (205) 435-1143
Top Returnees: QB David Gullede, RB Shawn Johnson, OT Jeff Williams, LB Yancy Dials, LB Reginald James, CB Darrell Malone
Lettermen Returning: 41 (21 off, 20 def)

1990 Schedule	1989 Results (13-1)
Sept. 8 at Alabama A&M	19 Samford 9
Sept. 15 West Georgia	42 Alabama A&M 21
Sept. 22 at VALDOSTA ST.	38 West Georgia 6
Sept. 29 Mississippi College	17 VALDOSTA ST. 15
Oct. 6 at Delta State	23 Mississippi College 3
Oct. 13 North Alabama	34 Delta State 10
Oct. 20 at UT Martin	12 North Alabama 3
Oct. 27 at Wofford	63 UT-Martin 0
Nov. 3 Troy State	38 Troy State 3
Nov. 10 at Livingston	36 Livingston 0
	33 Alabama A&M 9
	21 North Dakota State 17
	34 Angelo State 16
	0 Mississippi College 3

Troy State University

September 29, 7:00 p.m. (CDT) - Memorial Stadium, Troy, Ala.

Location: Troy, Ala.
Enrollment: 4500
President: Dr. Jack W. Hawkins
Athletic Director: Robert E. Stewart
Nickname: Trojans
Conference: Gulf South
National Affiliation: NCAA II
Stadium: Memorial (12,000)
Head Coach: Robert Maddox
 Alma Mater: Troy State 1977
 Record at TSU: 8-12 (2 years)
 Phone: (205) 566-8112



Robert Maddox

Series Record: TSU leads 5-3
Assistants: Mike Beagle, Willie Slater, Mike Turk, Mike O'Toole, Johnny Williams, Chris Yeager
1989 Record: 4-6, 3-5 in GSC (T-6th)
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 50
Sports Information Director: Tom Ensey
 Office: (205) 566-8112
 Home: (205) 566-2038
Top Returnees: FB Tony Jackson, OG Reginald Hutchins, TB Derrick Moore, FS Steve Leach, LB Mike Herbert, SS Rodney Singleton
Lettermen Returning: 36 (18 off, 18 def)

1990 Schedule	1989 Results (4-6)
Sept. 1 at Central Florida	13 Alabama State 16
Sept. 8 West Georgia*	24 Livingston 17
Sept. 15 Livingston	20 Central Florida 6
Sept. 29 VALDOSTA STATE	14 West Georgia 28
Oct. 6 at Mississippi College	14 VALDOSTA STATE 20
Oct. 13 Delta State	7 Mississippi College 45
Oct. 20 at North Alabama	28 Delta State 38
Oct. 27 UT-Martin	23 North Alabama 16
Nov. 3 at Jacksonville State	14 UT-Martin 6
Nov. 10 Nicholls State	3 Jacksonville State 38

*at Phoenix City, Ala.

Livingston University

October 6, 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - Martin Stadium, Valdosta, Ga.

Location: Livingston, Ala.

Enrollment: 1800

President: Dr. Asa Green

Athletic Director: Dr. Jim Pate

Nickname: Tigers

Conference: Gulf South

National Affiliation: NCAA II

Stadium: Tiger (8500)

Head Coach: Sam McCorkle

Alma Mater: Livingston 1973

Record at LU: 17-36-2 (5 years)

Phone: (205) 652-9661

Series Record: VSC leads 7-1

Assistants: Tim Moore, Jim Rieves, Tom Gray, Butch Caldwell, Mike Fanoga

1989 Record: 3-7-1, 1-6-1 in GSC (8th)

Basic Offense: Vandy Passing

Basic Defense: 4-4

Sports Information Director: Dee Outlaw

Office: (205) 652-9661

Home: (205) 652-2221

Top Returnees: QB Jon Gant, RB Shay Oliver, WR Willie Ivy, DT Vincent Washington, DE Roy Campbell, CB Tracy Boyd

Lettermen Returning: 39 (20 off, 19 def)



Sam McCorkle

1990 Schedule

Sept. 1 . . . at East Texas State
 Sept. 8 Gardner Webb
 Sept. 15 at Troy State
 Sept. 22 Newberry
 Sept. 29 West Georgia
 Oct. 6 . . . at VALDOSTA ST.
 Oct. 13 . . Mississippi College*
 Oct. 20 at Delta State
 Oct. 27 North Alabama
 Nov. 3 at UT-Martin
 Nov. 10 . . Jacksonville State

*at Meridian, Miss.

1989 Results (3-7-1)

24 East Texas State 41
 17 Troy State 24
 7 Elon 0
 35 Samford 28
 14 West Georgia 36
 6 VALDOSTA ST. 17
 10 Mississippi College . . . 23
 24 Delta State 24
 0 North Alabama 30
 35 UT-Martin 17
 0 Jacksonville State 36

West Georgia College

October 13, 1:30 p.m. (EDT) - Grisham Stadium, Carrollton, Ga.

Location: Carrollton, Ga.

Enrollment: 6600

President: Dr. Maurice Townsend

Athletic Director: Dr. Tom Virgets

Nickname: Braves

Conference: Gulf South

National Affiliation: NCAA II

Stadium: Grisham (6500)

Head Coach: Ron Jurney

Alma Mater: Millsaps 1977

Record at WGC: 0-0 (first year)

Phone: (404) 836-6539

Series Record: VSC leads 7-0

Assistants: Don Jacobs, Gary Otten, John Pate, Ron Wright, Ken Hite, Cleve Pounds, Jeff Durden

1989 Record: 4-7, 3-5 in GSC (T-6th)

Basic Offense: Multiple

Basic Defense: 4-3

Sports Information Director: Susan Hite

Office: (404) 836-6542

Home: (404) 834-5763

Top Returnees: FB Shane Reinhardt, OT Doug Pridmore, C Blake Collins, CB Preston Mitchell, DT Nico Guggino, FS Troy Kirkland

Lettermen Returning: 34 (18 off, 16 def)



Ron Jurney

1990 Schedule

Sept. 1 at Miles
 Sept. 8 Troy State*
 Sept. 15 at Jacksonville State
 Sept. 22 American Internat'l.
 Sept. 29 at Livingston
 Oct. 6 Wofford
 Oct. 13 . . VALDOSTA STATE
 Oct. 20 . at Mississippi College
 Oct. 27 Delta State
 Nov. 3 at North Alabama
 Nov. 11 UT-Martin

*at Phenix City, Ala.

1989 Results (4-7)

17 Wofford 16
 7 Georgia Southern 48
 6 Jacksonville State 38
 28 Troy State 14
 36 Livingston 14
 3 Samford 28
 16 VALDOSTA STATE 34
 6 Mississippi College 48
 21 Delta State 27
 17 North Alabama 27
 36 UT-Martin 7

East Tennessee State University

October 20, 2:00 p.m. (EDT) - Gentry Field, Johnson City, Tenn.

Location: Johnson City, Tenn.
Enrollment: 11,500
President: Dr. Ronald E. Beller
Athletic Director: Dr. Janice Shelton
Nickname: Buccaneers
Conference: Southern
National Affiliation: NCAA 1-AA
Stadium: Gentry Field (12,000)
Head Coach: Ron Riley
 Alma Mater: ETSU 1956
 Record at ETSU: 7-15 (2 years)
 Phone: (615) 929-4261



Don Riley

Series Record: First meeting
Assistants: Doug Martin, Ron Davis, Gunter Brewer, John Bowles, Zane Vance, Scott Forbes, Jeff Monteroso

1989 Record: 4-7
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: Multiple

Sports Information Director: John Cathey
 Office: (615) 929-6138
 Home: (615) 929-5302

Top Returnees: QB Randy Meredith, WR Kip Bemby, TE Jack Teachey, LB Chris York, LB Murphy Duckett, DT Darryl Butler

Lettermen Returning: 43 (20 off, 23 def)

1990 Schedule

Sept. 1 . . . at Appalachian State
 Sept. 8 Samford
 Sept. 15 at Middle Tenn. State
 Sept. 22 . . . at West. Carolina
 Oct. 6 at UT Chattanooga
 Oct. 13 Marshall
 Oct. 20 . . VALDOSTA STATE
 Oct. 27 at The Citadel
 Nov. 3 Wofford
 Nov. 10 Furman
 Nov. 17 VMI

1989 Results (4-7)

17 VMI 16
 6 Middle Tenn. State . . . 41
 21 Marshall 31
 30 Western Carolina 11
 14 Appalachian State . . . 20
 0 Central Florida 34
 24 UT Chattanooga 23
 35 The Citadel 33
 28 William & Mary 34
 20 Furman 44
 23 Samford 38

Mississippi College

October 27, 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - Martin Stadium, Valdosta, Ga.

Location: Clinton, Miss.
Enrollment: 4000
President: Dr. Lewis Nobles
Athletic Director: John Williams
Nickname: Choctaws
Conference: Gulf South
National Affiliation: NCAA II
Stadium: Robinson-Hale (8500)
Head Coach: John Williams
 Alma Mater: Mississippi College 1957
 Record at MC: 113-76-4 (18 years)
 Phone: (601) 925-3342



John Williams

Series Record: MC leads 7-1
Assistants: Terry McMillan, Ricky Herzog, Joel Hudson, Charlie Coles, Laurin Collins

1989 Record: 11-3, 6-2 in GSC (2nd)
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: Multiple

Sports Information Director: Norman Gough
 Office: (601) 925-3255
 Home: (601) 924-5115

Top Returnees: WR Nathaniel Bolton, RB Fred McAfee, FB Robert Taylor, LB Shinall Conway, DT Milton Magee, DB Brian Richardson

Lettermen Returning: 38 (20 off, 18 def)

1990 Schedule

Sept. 8 at North Alabama
 Sept. 15 at NE Louisiana
 Sept. 22 UT Martin
 Sept. 29 . . . at Jacksonville St.
 Oct. 6 Troy State
 Oct. 13 Livingston*
 Oct. 20 West Georgia
 Oct. 27 at Valdosta State
 Nov. 3 at Nicholls State
 Nov. 10 Delta State

1989 Results (11-3)

21 McNeese State 28
 34 North Alabama 0
 21 SE Missouri State 6
 24 UT-Martin 3
 3 Jacksonville State 23
 23 Livingston 10
 48 West Georgia 6
 32 VALDOSTA STATE 3
 7 Delta State 17
 34 Texas A&I 19
 55 St. Cloud State 24
 26 Indiana (Pa.) 14
 3 Jacksonville State 0

*at Meridian, Miss.

Delta State University

November 3, 2:00 p.m. (CST) - Parker Field, Cleveland, Miss.

Location: Cleveland, Miss.
Enrollment: 3786
President: Dr. Kent Wyatt
Athletic Director: Dr. Jim Jordan
Nickname: Statesmen
Conference: Gulf South
National Affiliation: NCAA II
Stadium: Travis E. Parker (8000)
Head Coach: Don Skelton
 Alma Mater: Delta State 1963
 Record at DSU: 10-9-2 (2 years)
 Phone: (601) 846-4132



Don Skelton

Series Record: DSU leads 5-2-1
Assistants: Ray Bridges, Steve Campbell, Melvin Smith, Britt Stender
1989 Record: 6-3-1, 4-3-1 in GSC (4th)
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: Multiple
Sports Information Director: Jody Correro
 Office: (601) 846-4677
 Home: (601) 846-4133
Top Returnees: FB Revis Davis, WR Danny Aldridge, QB Kenny Taylor,
 DT Tim Edwards, LB Michael Greer, LB Jimmy Wilson
Lettermen Returning: 37 (16 off, 21 def)

1990 Schedule

Sept. 1 at Southern Mississippi
 Sept. 8 . . . at Henderson State
 Sept. 22 . . . North Alabama
 Sept. 29 . . . UT-Martin
 Oct. 6 . . . Jacksonville State
 Oct. 13 . . . at Troy State
 Oct. 20 . . . Livingston
 Oct. 27 . . . at West Georgia
 Nov. 3 . . . VALDOSTA STATE
 Nov. 10 at Mississippi College

1989 Results (6-3-1)

35 Southern Arkansas . . . 14
 15 Nicholls State 14
 12 North Alabama 31
 12 UT-Martin 13
 10 Jacksonville State . . . 34
 38 Troy State 28
 24 Livingston 24
 27 West Georgia 21
 24 VALDOSTA STATE . . . 16
 17 Mississippi College . . . 7

University of North Alabama

November 10, 1:00 p.m. (EST) - Martin Stadium, Valdosta, Ga.

Location: Florence, Ala.
Enrollment: 5600
President: Dr. Robert Potts
Athletic Director: Bill Jones
Nickname: Lions
Conference: Gulf South
National Affiliation: NCAA II
Stadium: Braly Municipal (13,000)
Head Coach: Bobby Wallace
 Alma Mater: Mississippi State 1976
 Record at UNA: 8-13 (2 years)
 Phone: (205) 760-4565



Bobby Wallace

Series Record: UNA leads 5-3
Assistants: Ikey Fowler, Randy Campbell, Glenn Davis, Raymond
 Monica, Bob Harris, Norman Bryant, David Martin
1989 Record: 6-5, 4-4 in GSC (5th)
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: Multiple
Sports Information Director: Jeff Hodges
 Office: (205) 760-4595
 Home: (205) 766-7672
Top Returnees: QB Craig Bryant, C Chuck Holt, TE Bennie Jennings,
 LB James Davis, FS Myron Miller, DT Tony Holley
Lettermen Returning: 37 (22 off, 15 def)

1990 Schedule

Sept. 1 Alabama A&M
 Sept. 8 Mississippi College
 Sept. 15 at Albany State
 Sept. 22 at Delta State
 Oct. 6 UT Martin
 Oct. 13 . . . at Jacksonville St.
 Oct. 20 Troy State
 Oct. 27 at Livingston
 Nov. 3 West Georgia
 Nov. 10 . . . at VALDOSTA ST.

1989 Results (6-5)

19 Alabama A&M 7
 0 Mississippi College . . . 34
 17 Albany State 3
 31 Delta State 12
 16 Central Florida 17
 28 UT Martin 6
 3 Jacksonville State . . . 12
 16 Troy State 23
 30 Livingston 0
 27 West Georgia 17
 21 VALDOSTA ST. 24



1989 - A Look Back

DESPITE DISAPPOINTMENTS, BLAZERS FINISH THIRD IN CONFERENCE RACE IN 1989

Valdosta State football avoided its first losing season since 1985 with a come-from-behind victory at North Alabama in the season finale to finish the 1989 campaign 5-5 overall and 5-3 in the Gulf South Conference.

The 5-3 conference worksheet landed the Blazers alone in third place in the final GSC standings behind Jacksonville State and Mississippi College which finished 8-0 and 6-2 respectively and later played for the national title. The finish was exactly where both the head coaches and sports information directors predicted in the pre-season.

This Valdosta State team started the season on a pair of sour notes, losing to eventual 1-AA national champion Georgia Southern, 31-10, and at Central Florida, 35-14, before regrouping in time to rout UT Martin in the home opener, 35-14. The Blazers then battled Jacksonville State, which went all the way to the national championship game undefeated, tooth and nail only to lose 17-15 as the Gamecocks hit a 46-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

VSC then reeled off three straight conference victories over Troy State, Livingston and West Georgia before Mississippi College, which has beaten the Blazers seven times in eight meetings, rolled to a 32-3 victory, eliminating Valdosta State from the conference title picture.

A loss to Delta State at home the next week put the Blazers in danger of suffering a losing season, but a great fourth quarter effort at North Alabama led to a last-minute 24-21 victory and the final 5-5 worksheet.

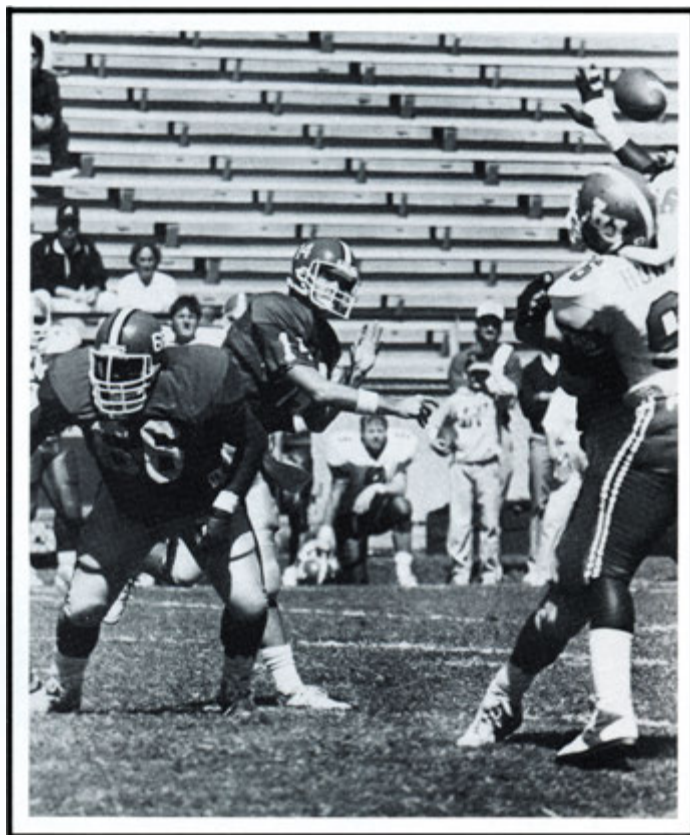
Coach Mike Cavan, completing his fourth season, has compiled a solid 26-14-1 record, a winning percentage of .654. In the conference he is 20-11-1 for a winning percentage of .651. VSC's overall record after eight seasons of football is 46-37-2; the conference record is 30-30-1.

Valdosta State's senior class had only eight members, but it was a quality group which will be greatly missed. Flanker Randy Fisher leaves as the Blazers' all-time leading receiver with 185 career catches for 2892 yards and 26 touchdowns. Tight end Keith Jones, who missed the final four games with a broken leg, nonetheless had a good year with 9 catches for 117 yards and two TDs. Robert Wheeler, who transferred from Georgia Southwestern, replaced Jones and did a solid job down the stretch.

Defensively, end Robert Morris added 10 sacks to his school record total to finish his career with 29. Three-year starter Maurice Jordan turned in his best year with 48 tackles and three fumble recoveries. Cornerback Calvin Orr, also a three-year starter, was the third leading tackler with 60 and ended his career with 10 interceptions and 26 breakups. End Darrell Tarver was a steady performer with 27 tackles, ending his career with 102 stops. Shawn Utley, another Georgia Southwestern transfer, made his mark in his only season as a Blazer, leading the team in tackles with 79 and picking off two passes.

Fisher, Morris and Jones were named first team all-conference, and Fisher, whose 26 career touchdown receptions is a league record, was selected to Kodak's prestigious all-American team. Utley was a second team all-conference choice.

Several Blazer underclassmen continued their assault on the VSC record book. Quarterback Tye Cottle now holds virtually all the VSC passing records, and tailback Ramon Allen, a second team all-conference selection, broke his own season rushing marks. Center Randy Williams, also named to the all-league second team, shook off knee and ankle injuries



during the season to make every offensive snap and was the team's most consistent lineman.

Cornerback Deon Searcy, a first team all-conference choice, led the team with four interceptions, giving him 10 in his career. Outside linebacker Bobby Booker was the second leading tackler with 62, and strong safety Clifford Scott was fourth in tackles with 55.

A total of 13 school records were either broken or tied during the season.

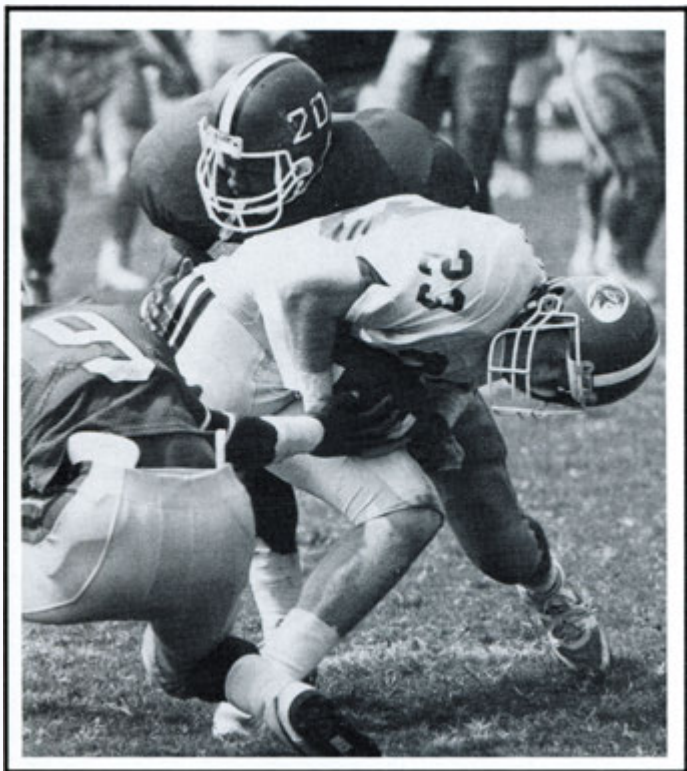
A game-by game capsule of 1989 follows:

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 31 VALDOSTA STATE 10

Playing Georgia Southern for the first time in five years, Valdosta State jumped to an early 3-0 lead on a brutally hot afternoon in Statesboro, driving to the Eagle's 12 on its first possession before settling for a Jack McTyre field goal. Georgia Southern answered right back, driving 61 yards in four plays to take the lead for good. Blazer quarterback Tye Cottle was intercepted on VSC's next two possessions, the second theft leading to another Eagle TD. A 32-yard punt return set up Southern's third touchdown, giving the Eagles a 21-3 halftime cushion. GSU added 10 second half points, and the Blazers scored late in the game on a Cottle pass to Statesboro native Willie Osborn. Despite the lopsided final, Valdosta State held the high-powered Eagle offense to less than 300 yards. Tailback Ramon Allen gained 97 yards rushing and Cottle threw for 147 yards but was intercepted three times.

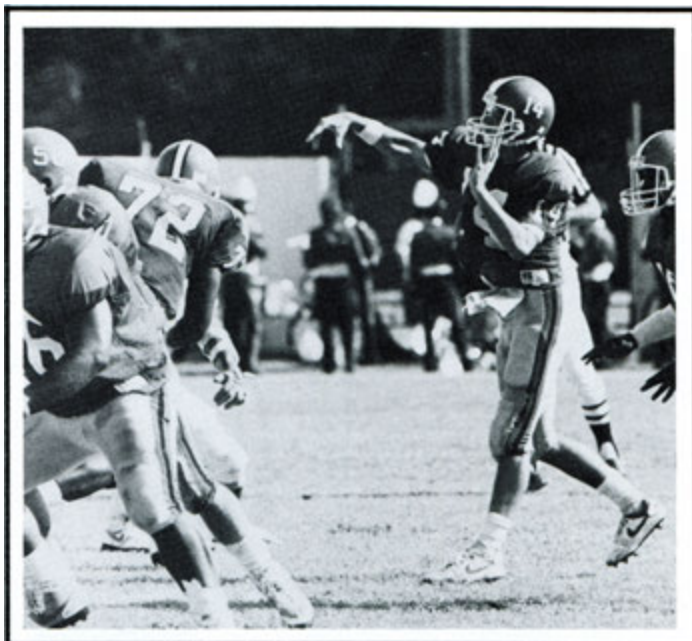
CENTRAL FLORIDA 35 VALDOSTA STATE 14

For the second straight week Valdosta State saw an early lead disappear, this time to an inspired Central Florida team at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando. The Blazers scored on their second possession after recovering a Knight fumble at the UCF 16. One play later Tye Cottle hit Randy Fisher from 14 yards out. The Knights fumbled again on their next possession and VSC was back in business at the UCF 30. But a clipping penalty forced the Blazers to punt, and the Knights drove 95 yards in 13 plays to tie the game at 7. Central Florida took control in the second quarter, scoring 14 unanswered points for a 21-7 halftime lead. After a scoreless third quarter, UCF put the game away with another score early in the final period after which the teams exchanged touchdowns, VSC's coming on a 35-yard pass from Cottle to Dexter Holiday. The Knights enjoyed a big offensive night, amassing 512 yards of total offense. The Blazers managed only 216 total yards, getting just 42 yards rushing. With the victory, Central Florida grabbed a 3-2 lead in the series between the two schools.



VALDOSTA STATE 35 UT MARTIN 14

Playing at home for the first time, the Blazers jumped all over conference foe UT Martin for three touchdowns in the first six minutes, then survived a Pacer comeback to record their first win of the season. VSC's first score came on the game's second offensive play when safety Clifford Scott returned an interception 42 yards. The Blazers cashed in on another UT Martin turnover less than a minute later, recovering a fumble and scoring in two plays from 22 yards out. Ramon Allen scored on a 12-yard sweep for a 14-0 VSC lead. Valdosta State was on the board again five minutes later, driving 36 yards in five plays with Tye Cottle hitting Reginald Davis from 15 yards out. To their credit the Pacers fought back, scoring a second quarter touchdown on an 82-yard drive, then cutting the lead to seven with a 38-yard interception return early in the third quarter. But VSC put the game on ice when Cottle connected with Dexter Holiday on a 56-yard TD strike late in the third followed by Allen's 51-yard burst for the final points early in the fourth. Allen gained 130 yards on 22 carries and Cottle's 12 completions were good for 222 yards. The Blazers sacked UTM quarterbacks six times with defensive end Robert Morris getting credit for four of the sacks for 47 yards in losses.



JACKSONVILLE STATE 17 VALDOSTA STATE 15

Back on the road for the third time in four weeks, Valdosta State played perhaps its best game of the season against a Jacksonville State team that would eventually reach the national championship game undefeated. After a scoreless first quarter, the Gamecocks broke on top early in the second, using their punishing wishbone attack to drive 51 yards in 10 plays. The Blazers cut the lead to 7-3 with a Jack McTyre 36-yard field goal midway the period. Lady Luck took a nasty turn for VSC late in the half when a JSU punt bounced off a Blazer player and was recovered by the Gamecocks at the Valdosta State three. Jax State scored on the first play to take a 14-3 lead. But the Blazers fought right back, driving 65 yards in seven plays and scoring on a 19-yard pass from Tye Cottle to tight end Keith Jones. A two-point conversion attempt failed and JSU led at the half 14-9. Valdosta State took its only lead of the game in the third quarter, driving 99 yards in 11 plays. The payoff was again a Cottle to Jones pass, this time from 13 yards out. And again the two-point conversion try failed, setting up what turned out to be a backbreaking loss. The Gamecocks pulled out the victory with a 46-yard field goal with 6:28 left followed by solid defense which stopped VSC's final drive at midfield. Cottle had another good day, completing 18 passes for 228 yards. Flanker Randy Fisher caught eight passes for 123 yards. Linebacker Shawn Utley led a courageous defensive effort with 12 tackles.



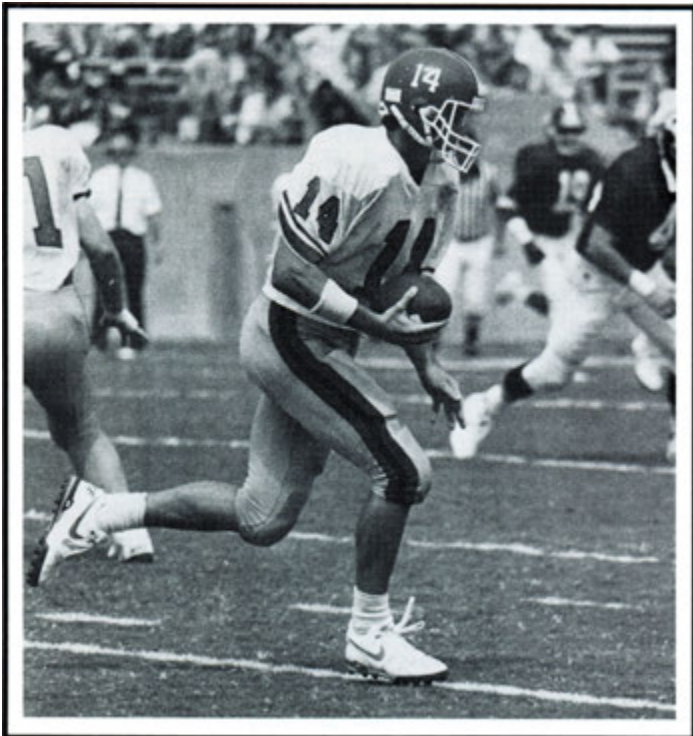


VALDOSTA STATE 17 LIVINGSTON 6

Valdosta State continued its mastery of Livingston, winning for the seventh time in eight meetings, and as usual the game was a defensive struggle played in the trenches. The Blazers managed a 7-6 halftime lead, sandwiching a 14-yard touchdown run by Stanley Hall between two Tiger field goals. Some clutch defensive work turned Livingston away repeatedly in the second half, and the VSC offense produced 10 fourth quarter points. Jack McTyre drilled a 38-yard field goal early in the period, and the Blazers put the game away with a 70-yard drive on their next possession. Junior fullback Marcus Copeland scored his first VSC touchdown, catching an 11-yard strike from Tye Cottle. Ramon Allen had a productive afternoon, rushing for 106 yards, and tackle Maurice Jordan led the defense with nine tackles. The bad news: senior tight end Keith Jones suffered a career-ending injury when his leg was broken in the second quarter.

VALDOSTA STATE 20 TROY STATE 14

The Blazers continued their winning ways at home, building a 17-0 halftime lead before settling for a 20-14 victory over Troy State. Tailbacks Ramon Allen and Stanley Hall, playing his first game, combined for 234 yards rushing with Hall scoring both Blazer touchdowns on runs of 19 and 31 yards. Those runs capped VSC's first two scoring drives in the second quarter and were followed by the first of two Don Kelly field goals for the 17-0 halftime cushion. Troy State cut the lead to 10 with a 66-yard drive midway the third quarter, but Kelly added his second field goal early in the final period for a 20-7 lead. The Trojans made it close by scoring their final touchdown with 56 seconds remaining. The Blazer defense turned in a solid performance, picking up five quarterback sacks and limiting Troy State's wishbone to 157 yards. Freshman linebacker Harold McClain was credited with 12 tackles on the afternoon.

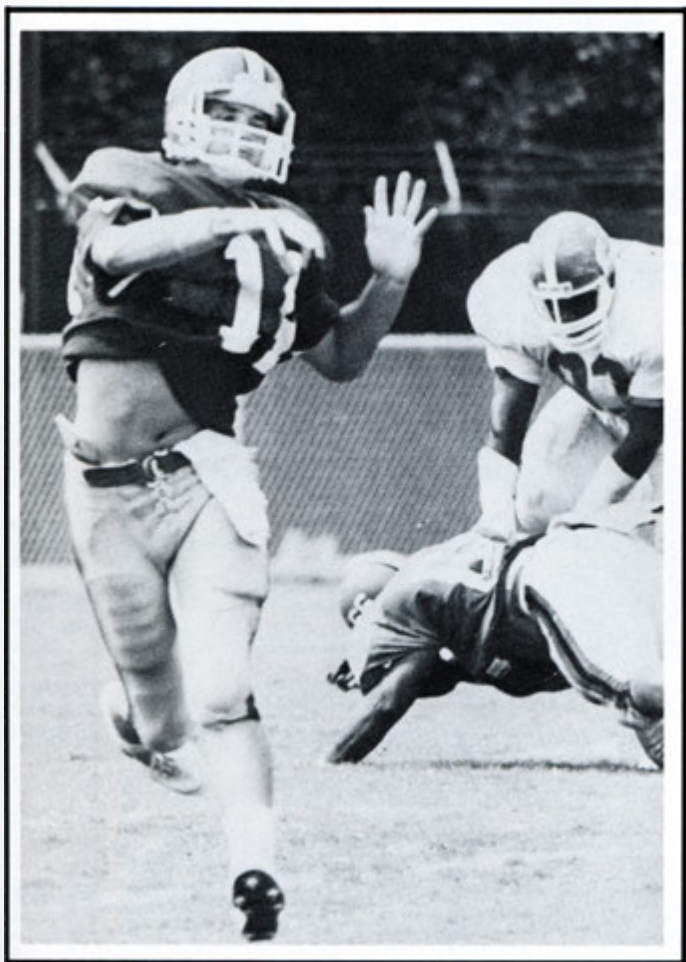


VALDOSTA STATE 34 WEST GEORGIA 16

A noisy Homecoming crowd cheered its approval as Valdosta State rolled past arch rival West Georgia for the seventh time in as many meetings, this one a relatively easy 34-16 laugher. The Blazers enjoyed their biggest offensive day of the season, putting 505 yards in the book. The ground game accounted for 277 of those yards with Ramon Allen gaining 152 in 27 carries. Concentration was a problem, however, as he lost three fumbles which stopped promising Blazer drives. VSC scored on its first two possessions, getting a 22-yard field goal from Don Kelly and a beautiful 69-yard pass play from Tye Cottle to Dexter Holiday. After a West Georgia field goal, the Blazers made it 17-3 at the half when Cottle hit Randy Fisher from 15 yards out 22 seconds before intermission. The teams exchanged a pair of touchdowns each in the second half with Holiday catching a 33-yarder from Cottle and Allen scoring on a 14-yard burst up the middle for the VSC points. Jack McTyre added a 22-yard field goal late in the game for the final margin.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE 32 VALDOSTA STATE 3

As has been the case so many times, the Blazers could not get past the massive roadblock named Mississippi College, a team that always plays well against Valdosta State. This Choctaw edition would go on to win its first national championship, and it was certainly a championship caliber team on this night in Clinton, Miss. Following a scoreless first quarter, MC exploded for 17 second quarter points and never looked back. The Blazers only offense came from kicker Jack McTyre who banged home a 45-yard field goal late in the third period to cut the lead to 17-3. But the Chocs went on another scoring spree in the final period, putting the final 15 points on the board. MC rubbed some salt in the wound after its final TD, faking the PAT and passing for a two-point conversion. The Blazers were held to 168 yards of offense. The loss was the seventh in eight meetings between the two schools.



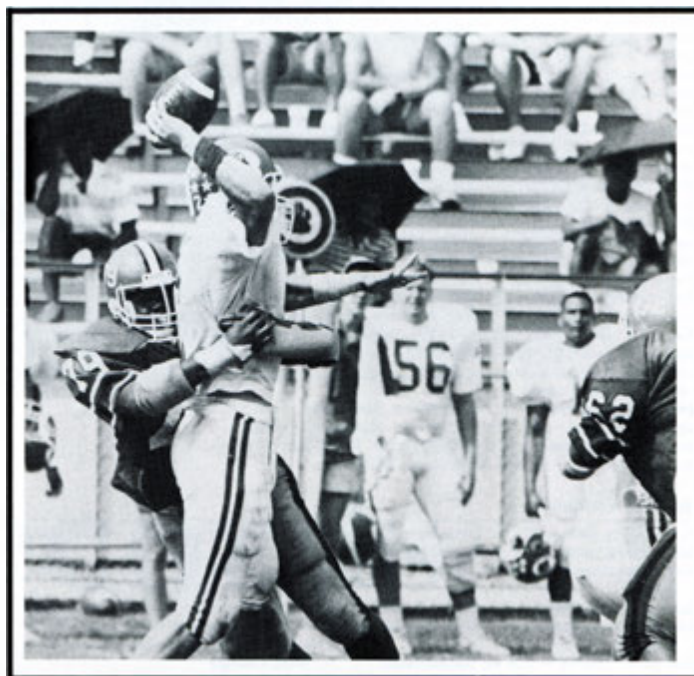
DELTA STATE 24 VALDOSTA STATE 16

Valdosta State's undefeated streak at Martin Stadium, which had reached five games, was abruptly ended by a very good Delta State team which twice came from behind and went on to a 24-16 victory, placing the Blazers in danger of suffering their first losing season since 1985. VSC opened the scoring on its first possession, driving 52 yards before settling for a 42-yard Jack McTyre field goal. The lead was short-lived, however, as the Statesmen returned the ensuing kickoff 97 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. The Blazers came back, converting a Shawn Utley pass interception into a touchdown as Tye Cottle hit Blake Duncan from 28 yards out. But DSU took the lead for good, driving 62 yards on its next possession for a 14-10 halftime lead. The Statesmen extended the cushion to 24-10 with 10 second half points before VSC closed the gap midway the fourth quarter on a 23-yard pass from Cottle to Randy Fisher. A two-point conversion attempt failed, but it mattered not as the Blazers could not manage another drive.



VALDOSTA STATE 24 NORTH ALABAMA 21

The Blazers literally pulled out a break-even season, winning a thrilling see-saw battle at North Alabama with a heart-stopping 80-yard drive which produced the winning points with 18 seconds left in the game. VSC opened the scoring in the first quarter, converting a fumble recovery into fullback James Williams' five-yard touchdown run. The Lions dominated the remainder of the half and scored twice for a 14-7 lead at intermission. The Blazers regained the lead, scoring on its first two second half possessions. First they tied the game on a four-yard halfback pass from Ramon Allen to Blake Duncan, then they took the lead on Jack McTyre's 27-yard field goal. North Alabama went back on top late in the quarter, driving 58 yards in eight plays for a 21-17 lead. Both teams' defenses took over until VSC quarterback Tye Cottle directed his team on the 80-yard game-winning march. The drive took 10 plays, the last one a 6-yard pass to Reginald Davis for the winning points. McTyre's three extra points kept him perfect for his VSC career (40-40) with one year remaining.



1989 VSC STATISTICS

RECORD: W-5 L-5 T-0 (H: 3- 1- 0 A: 2- 4- 0 N: 0- 0- 0) GSC: 5- 3- 0 NCAA I: 0- 2- 0; NCAA II: 5- 3- 0; NCAA III: 0- 0- 0; NAIA: 0- 0- 0

TEAM STATISTICS	VSC	OPP	SCHEDULE/ATTENDANCE DATA							PUNT RETURNS				NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
FIRST DOWNS	156	165	10	at	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	31												
Rushing	71	98	14	at	CENTRAL FLORIDA	35												
Passing	78	53	35		UT-Martin	14*												
Penalty	7	14	15	at	JACKSONVILLE STATE	17*												
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	400	460	20		Troy State	14*												
Yards Gained	1664	1986	17	at	Livingston	6*												
Yards Lost	315	342	34		West Georgia	16*												
Net Yards	1349	1644	3	at	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	32*												
Avg. Per Game	134.9	164.4	16		DELTA STATE	24*												
PASSING ATTEMPTS	238	208	24	at	North Alabama	21*												
Completions	132	96	*Gulf South Conference Games															
Net Yards	1681	1255																
Avg. Per Game	168.1	125.5																
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	638	668																
Total Offense	3030	2899																
Avg. Per Game	303.0	289.9																
NUMBER OF PUNTS	67	57																
Avg. Per Punt	35.5	38.9																
PUNT RETURNS	26	17																
Yards	158	95																
Avg. Per Return	6.1	5.6																
KICKOFF RETURNS	28	39																
Yards	502	770																
Avg. Per Return	17.9	19.7																
INTERCEPTION RETURNS	9	15																
Yards	80	193																
Avg. Per Return	8.9	12.9																
PENALTIES	67	52																
Yards	528	372																
FUMBLES/LOST	27/9	28/17																
TOUCHDOWNS	23	27																
Rushing	7	22																
Passing	15	3																
Other	1	2																
EXTRA POINTS	20	26																
By Kicking	20	25																
Other	0	1																
FIELD GOALS	13/10	12/7																
SAFETIES	0	0																
TOTAL POINTS	188	210																
Avg. Per Game	18.8	21.0																
GAMES	10	10																

INDIVIDUAL IN A GAME

Most points — 12, Ramon Allen vs. UT-Martin; Keith Jones vs. Jacksonville St.; Stanley Hall vs. Troy State; Dexter Holiday vs. West Ga.

Longest run from scrimmage for TD — 51, Ramon Allen vs. UT-Martin

Longest run from scrimmage, no score — 46, Ramon Allen vs. Troy State

Longest pass for TD — 69, Tye Cottle to Dexter Holiday vs. West Georgia

Longest pass, no score — 50, Tye Cottle to Randy Fisher vs. Delta State

Longest punt return for TD — None

Longest punt return, no score — 27, Edward Jackson vs. Mississippi College

Longest kickoff return for TD — none

Longest kickoff return, no score — 29, Eric Luke vs. West Georgia

Longest interception return for TD — 42, Clifford Scott vs. UT-Martin

Longest interception return, no score — 25, Deon Searcy vs. UT-Martin

Longest punt — 52, Mike McCullough vs. Troy State

Most passes attempted — 31, Tye Cottle vs. Jacksonville State

Most passes completed — 18, Tye Cottle vs. Jacksonville State, North Alabama

Most passes had intercepted — 3, Tye Cottle vs. Georgia Southern

Most passes caught — 8, Randy Fisher vs. Ga. Southern, Jacksonville St., North Alabama

Most yards passing — 228, Tye Cottle vs. Jacksonville State, West Georgia

Most yardage by receiver — 123, Randy Fisher vs. Jacksonville State

Most rushing attempts — 27, Ramon Allen vs. Livingston, West Georgia

Most yards rushing — 152, Ramon Allen vs. UT-Martin, West Georgia

Most total offense attempts — 39, Tye Cottle vs. Georgia Southern

Most yards total offense — 238, Tye Cottle vs. West Georgia

Most field goals attempted — 2, Don Kelly vs. Troy State, West Georgia; Jack McTyre vs. Mississippi College

Most field goals made — 2, Don Kelly vs. Troy State

Longest field goal — 45, Jack McTyre vs. Mississippi College

Most PATs attempted — 5, Jack McTyre vs. UT-Martin

Most PATs made — 5, Jack McTyre vs. UT-Martin

TEAM IN A GAME

Most rushing plays — 51 vs. Livingston

Most rushing yards — 277 vs. West Georgia

Most passes attempted — 32 vs. Jacksonville State

Most passes completed — 19 vs. N. Alabama

Most passes had intercepted — 3 vs. Georgia Southern

Most yards passing — 228 vs. Jacksonville State, West Georgia

Most yards total offense — 505 vs. West Georgia

Most first downs — 24 vs. West Georgia

Most fumbles — 6 vs. Troy State

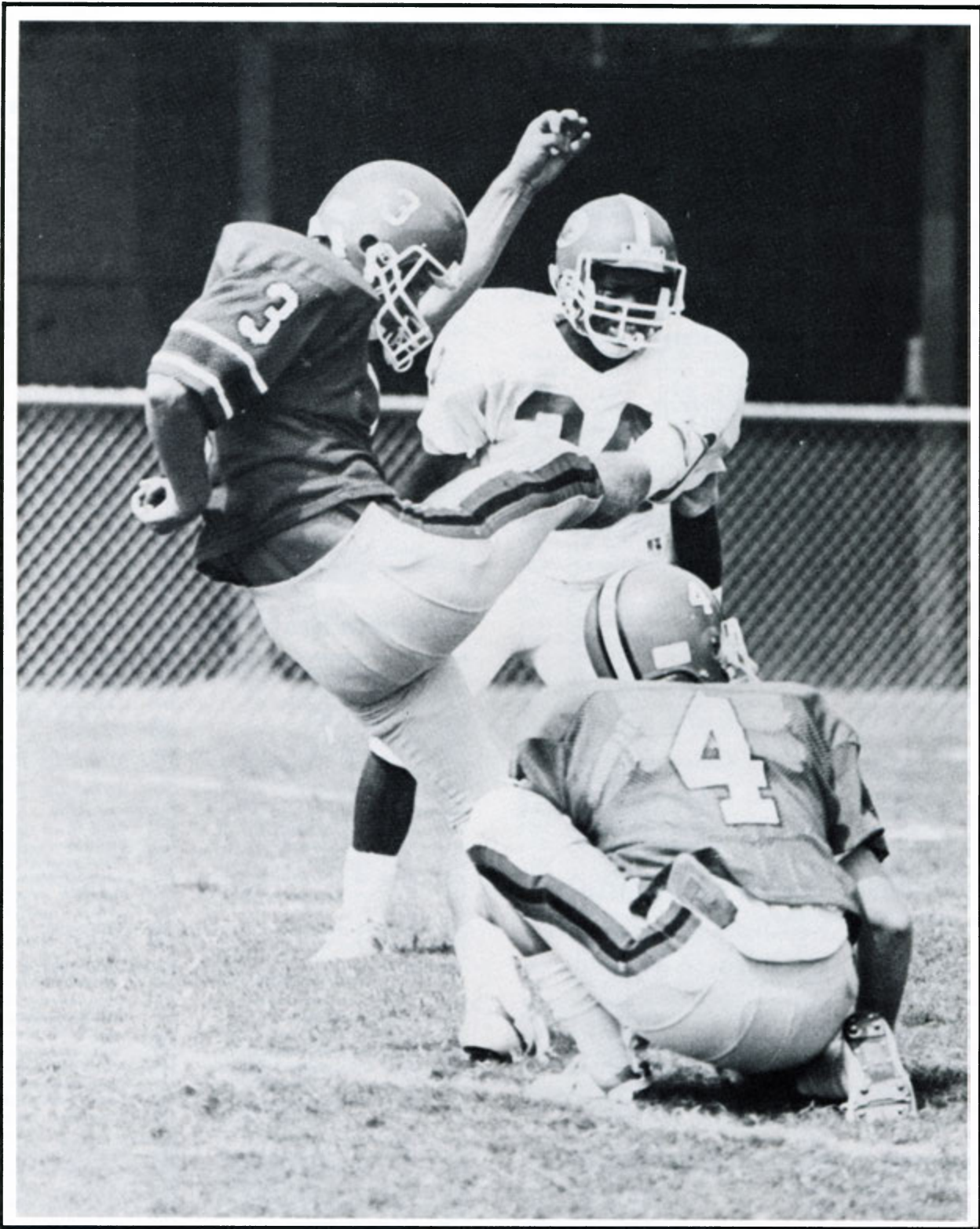
Most fumbles lost — 4 vs. West Georgia

Most yards penalized — 88 vs. UT-Martin

Longest touchdown — 69-yard pass vs. West Georgia

Most plays — 71 vs. North Alabama

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TOT	FOR LOS	FUM REC	PASS INT	PASS BK	SACK
Utley	44	35	79	3	2	2	0	1
Booker	38	24	62	2	0	0	5	0
Orr	41	19	60	3	1	0	7	1
Scott	40	15	55	1	1	1	4	1
Morris	31	23	54	8	2	0	3	10
McClain	29	24	53	3	0	0	3	0
Edwards	29	23	52	6	0	0	2	4
Searcy	33	17	50	2	2	4	4	0
Jordan	24	24	48	5	3	0	2	1
Roberson	20	26	46	3	0	0	0	0
Hart	26	18	44	0	2	0	0	0
Walker	25	13	38	5	1	0	0	3
Luke	21	12	33	0	1	2	0	0
Tarver	12	15	27	2	1	0	3	1
Bodi	8	18	26	0	0	0	2	0
Backstrom	8	7	15	1	0	0	0	0
Callaway	7	7	14	2	0	0	0	2
Lane	9	2	11	0	0	0	0	0
Swakcerd	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0
Kenny	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	1
Jackson	4	1	5	0	0	0	1	0
Davenport	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Duncan	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	0
Palmer	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
Reddick	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
McTyre	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
DeWees	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Long	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hall	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Brock	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Davis	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



The Records

GENERAL RECORDS AND INFORMATION

Attendance Records

YEAR	HOME GAMES	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	AVG ATTENDANCE
1989	4	18,286	4571
1988	5	20,500	4100
1987	5	27,000	5400
1986	5	25,000	5000
1985	6	37,100	6183
1984	5	25,468	5094
1983	6	28,500	4750
1982	5	36,800	7360

Top 5 Home Crowds

ATTENDANCE	OPPONENT AND SCORE	DATE
1. 10,100	Fort Valley State (FVSC, 17-3)	Sept. 14, 1985
2. 9,500	Central Florida (VSC, 13-7)	Oct. 2, 1982
3. 9,300	Troy State (VSC, 24-21)	Sept. 18, 1982
4. 9,000	Georgia Southern (GSC, 45-29)	Nov. 20, 1982
5. 8,500	Troy State (TSU, 44-7)	Oct. 10, 1987

Valdosta State Versus All Opponents

Opponent	W	L	T
Albany State	1	0	0
Bishop	1	0	0
Central Florida	2	3	0
Clark	1	0	0
Delta State	2	5	1
Fort Valley State	3	1	0
Georgia Southern	1	3	1
Jacksonville State	2	6	0
Kentucky State	3	0	0
Livingston	7	1	0
Mississippi College	1	7	0
North Alabama	3	5	0
Savannah State	4	0	0
Troy State	3	5	0
UT-Martin	5	1	0
West Georgia	7	0	0
TOTALS	41	32	2

Year, Record, Coach and Captains

Year	Record	Coach	Captains
1982	5-5-1	Jim Goodman	James Owens, QB; David Gilyard, LB
1983	5-6-0	Jim Goodman	Mark Catano, OT; Cliff Fouty, LB
1984	5-6-0	Jim Goodman	Lenny Parker, LB; Elson Bolar, LB
1985	5-6-0	Jim Berryman	Jimmy Francis, FS; Jay Walls, DT
1986	9-2-0	Mike Cavan	Jessie Tuggle, LB; R. D. Swain, OG; Dallis Smith, CB; Dennis Smith, OB
1987	6-4-0	Mike Cavan	Jimmy Brookins, LB; Scott Mowry, LB; Bryan Banks, OT; John Norris, OT
1988	6-3-1	Mike Cavan	Jimmy Brookins, LB; Scott Mowry, LB; Eric Clark, FB
1989	5-5-0	Mike Cavan	Randy Fisher, WR; Maurice Jordan, DT

Valdosta State All-Americans

1982	— Mark Catano, Offensive Tackle
1984	— Lenny Parker, Linebacker Keith Moore, Kicker
1986	— Jessie Tuggle, Linebacker
1988	— Robert Morris, Defensive Line Jimmy Brookins, Linebacker (2nd) Mikeal Lovejoy, Safety (2nd) Randy Fisher, Flanker (HM)
1989	— Randy Fisher, Flanker

Valdosta State

All-Gulf South Conference Players

1982	— Carl Armstrong, WR Mark Catano, OT (2nd) Cliff Fouty, LB (2nd) Jimmy Francis, CB (2nd) James Owens, QB (2nd)	Freddie Thomas, LB (2nd) Jimmy Francis, FS (2nd) Mark Dace, QB (2nd) R. D. Swain, OG (2nd) Darrien Teals, WR (2nd)
1983	— Lenny Parker, LB Mark Catano, OT Cliff Fouty, LB (2nd) Dallis Smith, CB (2nd)	1986 — Jessie Tuggle, LB* Dallis Smith, CB Randy Fisher, WR# Terry Mallory, P R. D. Swain, OG (2nd) James Gibson, DT (2nd) Keith Reddings, DE (2nd)
1984	— Lenny Parker, LB Dallis Smith, CB (2nd) Jessie Tuggle, DE (2nd) Timmy Massey, SS (2nd) Chuck Dunmon, OG (2nd)	1987 — Randy Fisher, WR Jimmy Brookins, LB (2nd)
1985	— Jessie Tuggle, LB Dallis Smith, CB Terry Mallory, P	1988 — Randy Fisher, WR Jimmy Brookins, LB Buddy Phillips, OT Robert Morris, DT (2nd)
		1989 — Randy Fisher, WR Keith Jones, TE Robert Morris, DE Ramon Allen, RB (2nd) Shawn Utley, LB (2nd) Randy Williams, C (2nd)

*—Defensive Player of the Year
#—Freshman of the Year

Valdosta State Team Award Winners

Best Offensive Lineman	Best Defensive Lineman
1982 — Mark Catano, tackle	1982 — Cliff Fouty, linebacker
1983 — Mark Catano, tackle	1983 — Lenny Parker, linebacker
1984 — Chuck Dunmon, guard	1984 — Lenny Parker, linebacker
1985 — R. D. Swain, guard	1985 — Jessie Tuggle, linebacker
1986 — R. D. Swain, guard	1986 — James Gibson, tackle
1987 — Bryan Banks, tackle	1987 — Scott Mowry, linebacker
1988 — Buddy Phillips, tackle	1988 — Maurice Jordan, tackle
1989 — Keith Jones, tight end	1989 — Maurice Jordan, tackle
Best Offensive Back	Best Defensive Back
1982 — James Owens, quarterback	1982 — Jimmy Francis, cornerback
1983 — Henry Chubb, fullback	1983 — Timmy Massey, safety
1984 — Max Vickers, fullback	1984 — Timmy Massey, safety
1985 — Donnie Harrell, tailback	1985 — Jimmy Francis, safety
1986 — Mark Dace, quarterback	1986 — Dallis Smith, cornerback
1987 — Randy Fisher, flanker	1987 — Calvin Orr, cornerback
1988 — Tye Cottle, quarterback	1988 — Mikeal Lovejoy, safety
1989 — Ramon Allen, tailback	1989 — Calvin Orr, cornerback
Scholastic Award	Hugh C. Bailey Player of the Year
1982 — James Owens, quarterback	1982 — Carl Armstrong, wide receiver
1982 — Geoff Walters, quarterback	1983 — Kelvin Sheppard, wide receiver; Tracy Soles, tailback
1984 — Geoff Walters, tight end	1984 — Lenny Parker, linebacker
1985 — Bert Gelis, offensive guard	1985 — Jessie Tuggle, linebacker
1986 — Bill Wilhelm, offensive guard	1986 — Jessie Tuggle, linebacker
1987 — Bryan Banks, offensive tackle	1987 — Jimmy Brookins, linebacker
1988 — Darrien Teals, wide receiver	1988 — Jimmy Brookins, linebacker
1989 — Reginald Davis, flanker	1989 — Randy Fisher, wide receiver
Scout Team Players of the Year	Rookie of the Year
1986 — Offense: Steve Marrs, quarter- back; Defense: Clint Bennett, linebacker	1986 — Randy Fisher, flanker
1987 — Offense: Carlos Marshall, flanker; Defense: Jeff Wooden, linebacker	1987 — Tye Cottle, quarterback
1988 — Offense: Jay Jernigan, quarter- back; Defense: Fran Delaney, linebacker	1988 — Ramon Allen, tailback
1989 — Offense: Todd McCutcheon, quar- terback; Defense: Don Hart, tackle	1989 — Marcus Walker, defensive tackle; Antonio Edwards, defensive end
Coaches Award	
1988 — Randy Williams, center	
1989 — Randy Williams, center; Shawn Utley, linebacker	

GENERAL RECORDS AND INFORMATION

Valdosta State Year-by-Year

1982 (5-5-1)		1983 (5-6-0)	
VSC	Opp	VSC	Opp
13 Mississippi College	28	3 Mississippi College	26
24 Troy State	21	12 Troy State	13
27 Georgia Southern	27	14 Savannah State	10
13 Central Florida	7	0 Central Florida	20
0 Delta State	27	16 Delta State	24
11 Jacksonville State	43	11 Jacksonville State	37
36 Albany State	13	20 West Georgia	13
7 North Alabama	53	0 North Alabama	27
48 Kentucky State	13	32 Kentucky State	20
22 Livingston	21	29 Livingston	14
29 Georgia Southern	45	34 Georgia Southern	29
230	298	171	233

Coach: Jim Goodman
GSC Record: 2-4 (6th)

1984 (5-6-0)		1985 (5-6-0)	
VSC	Opp	VSC	Opp
49 Clark	0	3 Fort Valley State	17
28 Savannah State	7	27 Kentucky State	0
38 UT-Martin	6	31 UT-Martin	7
5 Jacksonville State	12	10 Jacksonville State	12
12 Troy State	27	3 Troy State	10
17 Livingston	16	5 Livingston	10
20 West Georgia	13	49 West Georgia	12
8 Georgia Southern	38	9 Bishop	2
3 Mississippi College	10	7 Mississippi College	28
11 Delta State	17	39 Delta State	20
24 North Alabama	35	0 North Alabama	45
215	181	193	163

Coach: Jim Goodman
GSC Record: 3-5 (6th)

1986 (9-2)		1987 (6-4)	
VSC	Opp	VSC	Opp
17 Fort Valley State	0	21 Fort Valley State	14
7 Central Florida	10	19 Livingston	9
49 UT-Martin	24	24 UT-Martin	10
29 Jacksonville State	25	27 Jacksonville State	10
10 Troy State	45	7 Troy State	44
17 Livingston	12	49 West Georgia	14
41 West Georgia	26	35 Savannah State	16
21 Savannah State	7	12 Mississippi College	20
21 Mississippi College	10	21 Delta State	24
31 Delta State	8	16 North Alabama	17
24 North Alabama	7	231	178
267	174		

Coach: Mike Cavan
GSC Record: 7-1 (2nd)

1988 (6-3-1)		1989 (5-5)	
VSC	Opp	VSC	Opp
14 Fort Valley State	13	10 Georgia Southern	31
9 UT-Martin	13	14 Central Florida	35
21 Jacksonville State	31	35 UT-Martin	14
21 Troy State	16	15 Jacksonville State	17
20 Livingston	7	20 Troy State	14
17 West Georgia	14	17 Livingston	6
48 Central Florida	19	34 West Georgia	16
21 Mississippi College	31	3 Mississippi College	32
28 Delta State	28	16 Delta State	24
35 North Alabama	28	24 North Alabama	21
234	200	188	210

Coach: Mike Cavan
GSC Record: 4-3-1 (4th)



Henry Chubb



Terry Mallory



Randy Fisher

Season Leaders

TOTAL OFFENSE

1982 - QB James Owens, 2906
1983 - QB Terry Mallory, 732
1984 - QB Mark Dace, 680
1985 - QB Mark Dace, 899
1986 - QB Mark Dace, 1744
1987 - QB Tye Cottle, 816
1988 - QB Tye Cottle, 1969
1989 - QB Tye Cottle, 1582

PASSING

1982 - James Owens, 169-339-2258
1983 - Terry Mallory, 41-98-681
1984 - Mark Dace, 42-106-662
1985 - Mark Dace, 53-108-762
1986 - Mark Dace, 104-186-1435
1987 - Tye Cottle, 54-98-767
1988 - Tye Cottle, 143-262-1960
1989 - Tye Cottle, 131-235-1677

SCORING

1982 - WR Carl Armstrong, 48 K Brad Bauer, 48
1983 - RB Tracy Soles, 54
1984 - K Keith Moore, 59
1985 - K Keith Moore, 59
1986 - WR Randy Fisher, 60
1987 - K Rodney Fulk, 44
1988 - K Jack McTyre, 58
1989 - K Jack McTyre, 33

PUNT RETURNS

1982 - Jimmy Francis, 30-199 (6.6)
1983 - Derrick Harris, 24-155 (6.5)
1984 - Derrick Harris, 18-198 (11.0)
1985 - Jimmy Francis, 29-140 (4.8)
1986 - Randy Fisher, 23-205 (8.9)
1987 - Randy Fisher, 19-192 (10.1)
1988 - Edward Jackson, 10-100 (10.0)
1989 - Edward Jackson, 26-158 (6.1)

INTERCEPTIONS

1982 - Timmy Massey, 3-30; Jimmy Francis, 3-28
1983 - Dallis Smith, 5-91
1984 - Jimmy Francis, 4-31
1985 - Jimmy Francis, 5-109
1986 - Dallis Smith, 9-53*
1987 - Calvin Orr, 4-71
1988 - Deon Searcy, 5-11
1989 - Deon Searcy, 4-29

* - Led Conference

RUSHING

1982 - FB Henry Chubb, 475
1983 - FB Henry Chubb, 668
1984 - RB Michael Williams, 362
1985 - RB Tony Allen, 564
1986 - FB Eric Clark, 565
1987 - Donnie Harrell, 632
1988 - Ramon Allen, 780
1989 - Ramon Allen, 846

RECEIVING

1982 - WR Carl Armstrong, 61-1028*
1983 - WR Kelvin Sheppard, 22-388
1984 - WR Kevin Gray, 23-455
1985 - WR Darrien Teals, 33-448
1986 - WR Randy Fisher, 46-753
1987 - WR Randy Fisher, 36-585
1988 - WR Randy Fisher, 52-864
1989 - WR Randy Fisher, 51-690

PUNTING

1982 - Brad Bauer, 37.1 (L55)
1983 - Terry Mallory, 37.6 (L56)
1984 - Terry Mallory, 37.6 (L60)
1985 - Terry Mallory, 42.2 (L62)
1986 - Terry Mallory, 40.6 (L71)
1987 - Kevin Maddox, 35.6 (L49)
1988 - Mike McCullough, 34.9 (L49)
1989 - Mike McCullough, 36.1 (L52)

KICKOFF RETURNS

1982 - Kelvin Sheppard, 20-422 (21.1)
1983 - Derrick Harris, 21-610* (29.0)
1984 - Derrick Harris, 27-534 (19.8)
1985 - Donnie Harrell, 15-280 (18.7)
1986 - Derwin Whatley, 11-288 (26.2)
1987 - Clifford Scott, 16-435 (27.2)
1988 - Donnie Harrell, 11-258 (23.5)
1989 - Eric Luke, 15-307 (20.5)

TACKLES-ASSISTS

1982 - Cliff Fouty, 20-135=155
1983 - Lenny Parker, 47-76=123
1984 - Lenny Parker, 62-63=125
1985 - Jimmy Francis, 63-62=125
1986 - Jessie Tuggle, 42-87=129
1987 - Jimmy Brookins, 69-36=105
1988 - Jimmy Brookins, 73-52=125
1989 - Shawn Utley, 44-35-79

VSC RECORD BOOK



INDIVIDUAL — GAME

RUSHING:

Most Rushes — 30, Henry Chubb vs. Livingston, 1983
Most Yards — 178, Ramon Allen vs. Delta State, 1988
Most Yards Lost — 77, James Owens vs. Jacksonville State, 1982
Best Average — 9.9, Stanley Hall vs. West Georgia, 1989
Longest Run From Scrimmage — 80, Donnie Harrell vs. West Georgia, 1985
Most Touchdowns — 4, Donnie Harrell vs. West Georgia, 1985;
Michael Williams vs. West Georgia, 1986

PASSING:

Most Attempted — 48, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Completed — 27, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Consecutive Completions — 8, Tye Cottle vs. Troy State, 1988
Most Yards — 406, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Touchdowns — 5, Mark Dace vs. UT-Martin, 1986;
Tye Cottle vs. Central Florida, 1988
Best Percentage — .867, Mark Dace vs. West Georgia (13-15), 1985
Longest Reception — 82, Randy Fisher to Darrien Teals vs. Savannah State, 1987
Most Had Intercepted — 4, James Owens vs. Troy State, 1982;
Mark Dace vs. North Alabama, 1984

TOTAL OFFENSE:

Most Plays — 58, Mark Dace vs. North Alabama, 1984
Most Yards — 363 (-43R, 406P), James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982

SCORING:

Most Points — 24, Donnie Harrell vs. West Georgia, 1985; Michael Williams vs. West Georgia, 1986; Darrien Teals vs. Central Florida, 1988
Most Touchdowns — 4, Donnie Harrell vs. West Georgia, 1985; Michael Williams vs. West Georgia, 1986; Darrien Teals vs. Central Florida, 1988
Most TDs Responsible For — 6, Mark Dace vs. UT-Martin, 1986 (5 TD passes, 1 TD rushing)
Most PATs Attempted — 7, Keith Moore vs. West Georgia, 1985; Rodney Fulk vs. West Georgia, 1987
Most PATs Made — 7, Keith Moore vs. West Georgia, 1985; Rodney Fulk vs. West Georgia, 1987

Most FGs Attempted — 4, Keith Moore vs. Georgia Southern, 1983, vs. North Alabama, 1984, vs. Kentucky State and Bishop, 1985
Most FGs Made — 4, Keith Moore vs. Bishop, 1985
Longest FG — 54, Keith Moore vs. Kentucky State, 1985*
Most Points Kicking — 13, Keith Moore vs. Bishop, 1985

RECEIVING:

Most Caught — 10, Carl Armstrong vs. Georgia Southern, 1982;
Randy Fisher vs. Jacksonville State, 1988
Most Yards — 200, Randy Fisher vs. Jacksonville State, 1988
Most Touchdowns — 4, Darrien Teals vs. Central Florida, 1988

PUNTING:

Most Punts — 11, Mike McCullough vs. Central Florida, 1989
Longest Punt — 71, Terry Mallory vs. Savannah State, 1986
Best Average — (min, 4 punts) 9-49.8, Terry Mallory vs. Livingston, 1985

PUNT RETURNS:

Most Returns — 7, Jimmy Francis vs. West Georgia, 1984
Most Yards — 69, Edward Jackson vs. Jacksonville State, 1988
Longest for Touchdown — 55, Derrick Harris vs. UT-Martin, 1984

KICKOFF RETURNS:

Most Returns — 5, Kelvin Sheppard vs. North Alabama, 1982, Derrick Harris vs. Georgia Southern, 1983
Most Yards — 147, Derrick Harris vs. Georgia Southern, 1983
Longest for Touchdown — 97, Clifford Scott vs. Savannah State, 1987

DEFENSE:

Most Interceptions — 3, Jimmy Francis vs. Bishop, 1985
Most Yards Returned — 62, Jimmy Francis vs. Bishop, 1985
Most Total Tackles — 21, Jimmy Francis vs. Mississippi College, 1985
Most Solo Tackles — 17, Jimmy Brookins vs. Mississippi College, 1988
Most Sacks — 4, Robert Morris vs. UT Martin, 1989
Most Assists — 18, Harvey Carter vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Fumble Recoveries — 3, Anthony Newsome vs. Delta State, 1983

* — Conference Record

VSC RECORD BOOK

INDIVIDUAL — SEASON

RUSHING:

Most Rushes — 197, Ramon Allen, 1989
 Most Yards — 846, Ramon Allen, 1989
 Most Yards Lost — 307, James Owens, 1982
 Best Average — 5.7, Stanley Hall, 1989 (53-301)
 Best Game Average — 84.6, Ramon Allen, 1989 (846, 10 games)
 Most Touchdowns — 7, Tracy Soles, 1983; Clifton Montgomery, 1984

PASSING:

Most Attempted — 339, James Owens, 1982
 Most Completed — 169, James Owens, 1982
 Best Percentage — .559, Mark Dace, 1986
 Most Completions Per Game — 16.9, James Owens, 1982
 Most Yards — 2258, James Owens, 1982
 Most Yards Per Game — 225.8, James Owens, 1982*
 Most Touchdowns — 20, Tye Cottle, 1988
 Most Had Intercepted — 15, Tye Cottle, 1989

TOTAL OFFENSE:

Most Plays — 402, James Owens, 1982
 Most Yards — 2096, James Owens, 1982
 Most Yards Per Game — 209.6, James Owens, 1982

SCORING:

Most Points — 60, Randy Fisher, 1986
 Most Touchdowns — 10, Randy Fisher, 1986
 Most TDs Responsible For — 22, Tye Cottle, 1988 (20 passing, 2 rushing)
 Most PATs Attempted — 29, Rodney Fulk, 1987
 Most PATs Made — 28, Jack McTyre, 1988
 Most Consecutive PATs Made — 28, Jack McTyre, 1988
 Most FGs Attempted — 22, Keith Moore, 1985
 Most FGs Made — 14, Keith Moore, 1985
 Most Points Kicking — 59, Keith Moore, 1984 and 1985

RECEIVING:

Most Caught — 61, Carl Armstrong, 1982
 Most Yards — 1028, Carl Armstrong, 1982
 Most Touchdowns — 10, Randy Fisher, 1986

PUNTING:

Most Punts — 76, Terry Mallory, 1983
 Best Average — 42.2, Terry Mallory, 1985

PUNT RETURNS:

Most Returns — 30, Jimmy Francis, 1982
 Best Average — 11.0, Derrick Harris, 1984
 Most Yards — 205, Randy Fisher, 1986

KICKOFF RETURNS:

Most Returns — 27, Derrick Harris, 1984
 Best Average — 29.0, Derrick Harris, 1983
 Most Yards — 610, Derrick Harris, 1983

DEFENSE:

Most Interceptions — 9, Dallis Smith, 1986
 Most Yards Returned — 109, Jimmy Francis, 1985
 Most Total Tackles — 155, Cliff Fouty, 1982
 Most Solo Tackles — 63, Jimmy Brookins, 1988
 Most Assists — 135, Cliff Fouty, 1982
 Most Sacks — 12, Robert Morris, 1988
 Most Fumble Recoveries — 3, Cliff Fouty, Eric Jarvis, 1982;
 Elson Bolar, Anthony Newsome, 1983;
 Dallis Smith, Lenny Parker, 1984; Freddie Thomas, 1985;
 Maurice Jordan, 1989

INDIVIDUAL IN A CAREER

RUSHING	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDs
Donnie Harrell, 1985-88	407	1904	4.7	10
Ramon Allen, 1988-A	352	1626	4.6	9
Eric Clark, 1985-88	292	1301	4.5	3
Henry Chubb, 1982-83	221	1143	5.2	5
Max Vickers, 1983-86	247	955	3.9	9
Michael Williams, 1985-86	194	898	5.5	8
Tracy Soles, 1982-83	174	712	5.1	12
Tony Allen, 1985	127	564	4.4	3
Mark Dace, 1984-87	373	606	1.6	10
Jerome Jackson, 1982-86	142	518	3.6	3

PASSING	COMP.	ATT.	YDS.	INT.	TDs
Tye Cottle, 1987-A	328	595	4404	36	43
Mark Dace, 1984-87	241	477	3459	36	25
James Owens, 1982	169	339	2258	14	15
Terry Mallory, 1983-86	77	186	1227	14	8

TOTAL OFFENSE	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOT.	TDR
Tye Cottle, 1987-A	791	-37	4404	4367	49
Mark Dace, 1984-1987	850	606	3459	4065	35
James Owens, 1982	402	-162	2258	2096	15
Terry Mallory, 1983-86	322	103	1227	1330	10

SCORING	TD	FG	PAT	PTS
Keith Moore, 1983-86	0	32	76	202
Randy Fisher, 1986-89	26	0	0	156
Tracy Soles, 1982-83	16	0	0	96
Darrien Teals, 1985-88	16	0	0	96
Jack McTyre, 1988-A	0	17	40	91
Donnie Harrell, 1985-A	10	0	0	60
Mark Dace, 1984-1987	10	0	0	60
Max Vickers, 1983-86	9	0	0	54
Michael Williams, 1985-86	9	0	0	54
Carl Armstrong, 1982	8	0	0	48
Brad Bauer, 1982-84	0	8	24	48

RECEIVING	CATCHES	YARDS	TDs
Randy Fisher, 1986-89	185	2892	26
Darrien Teals, 1985-88	105	1650	16
Carl Armstrong, 1982	61	1028	8
Kelvin Sheppard, 1982-83	53	879	7
Cary Cody, 1982-86	39	554	1

PUNTING	PUNTS	YARDS	AVG.
Terry Mallory, 1983-86	272	10,732	39.5
Brad Bauer, 1982-84	63	2,341	37.2

PUNT RETURNS	RETURNS	YARDS	AVG.
Randy Fisher, 1986-89	56	473	8.4
Jimmy Francis, 1982-85	84	473	5.6
Derrick Harris, 1983-84	42	353	8.4

KICKOFF RET.	RETURNS	YARDS	AVG.
Derrick Harris, 1983-84	48	1144	23.8
Donnie Harrell, 1985-88	27	566	21.0
Kelvin Sheppard, 1982-83	28	556	19.9

KICK SCORING	PAT A/M	FGA/M	PTS
Keith Moore, 1983-86	83-76	65-42	202
Jack McTyre, 1988-A	28-28	13-10	58
Brad Bauer, 1982-84	27-24	14-8	48

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YARDS	TDs
Dallis Smith, 1983-86	21	209	0
Jimmy Francis, 1982-85	14	160	0
Calvin Orr, 1986-A	10	172	0
Deon Searcy, 1987-A	10	40	0

VSC RECORD BOOK

TEAM — GAME

RUSHING:

Most Rushes — 69 vs. Livingston, 1983
Most Yards — 385 vs. West Georgia, 1985
Most Yards Lost — 103 vs. North Alabama, 1984
Best Average — 6.3 vs. West Georgia, 1985
Most Touchdowns — 5 vs. Kentucky State, 1982;
vs. West Georgia, 1985, 1986

PASSING:

Most Attempted — 48 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Completed — 27 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Yards — 406 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Touchdowns — 5 vs. UT-Martin, 1986; vs. Central Florida, 1988
Best Percentage — .867 vs. West Georgia, 1982
Most Had Intercepted — 7 vs. Fort Valley State, 1985

TOTAL OFFENSE:

Most Plays — 91 vs. West Georgia, 1984
Most Yards — 577 (379R, 198P) vs. Delta State, 1985

SCORING:

Most Points — 49 vs. Clark, 1984; vs. West Georgia, 1985;
vs. UT-Martin, 1986; vs. West Georgia, 1987
Most Touchdowns — 7 vs. West Georgia, 1985, 1987; vs. UT-Martin, 1986
Most PATs Attempted — 7 vs. West Georgia, 1985, 1987;
vs. UT-Martin, 1986
Most PATs Made — 7 vs. West Georgia, 1985, 1987; vs. UT-Martin, 1986
Most FGs Attempted — 4 vs. Georgia Southern, 1983; vs. North
Alabama, 1984; vs. Kentucky State and Bishop, 1985
Most FGs Made — 4 vs. Bishop, 1985
Most Points Kicking — 13 vs. Bishop, 1985

PUNTING:

Most Punts — 11 vs. Central Florida, 1989
Best Average — (min. 4 punts) 9-49.8 Livingston, 1985

PUNT RETURNS

Most Returns — 10 vs. Livingston, 1984
Most Yards — 90 vs. UT-Martin, 1984
Longest for Touchdown — 55 vs. UT-Martin, 1984

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Returns — 6 vs. North Alabama, 1982; vs. Troy State, Georgia
Southern, 1984
Most Yards — 147 vs. Georgia Southern, 1983
Longest for Touchdown — 97 vs. Savannah State, 1987

FIRST DOWNS:

Most Total — 29 vs. Delta State, 1985
Most Rushing — 21 vs. Delta State, 1985
Most Passing — 19 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most by Penalty — 3 vs. Livingston, 1983; vs. Clark, Troy State,
Livingston, 1984; vs. Central Florida, Delta State, 1988

PENALTIES:

Most Penalties — 14 vs. UT-Martin, 1986
Fewest Penalties — 1 vs. Troy State, 1984; vs. North Alabama, 1985
Most Yards — 118 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
Fewest Yards — 5 vs. Troy State, 1984; vs. North Alabama, 1985

FUMBLES:

Most — 7 vs. North Alabama, 1983
Most Lost — 5 vs. North Alabama, 1983; West Georgia, 1985

DEFENSE:

Most Interceptions — 6 vs. UT-Martin, 1986
Most Yards Returned — 62 vs. Bishop, 1985
Most Fumbles Recovered — 7 vs. Savannah State, 1984
Fewest Yards Rushing — minus 29 vs. Central Florida, 1988
Fewest Yards Passing — 20 vs. North Alabama, 1983
Fewest Yards Total — 53 vs. Clark, 1984

TEAM — SEASON

RUSHING:

Most Rushes — 545, 1985
Most Net Yards — 1968, 1985
Most Yards Lost — 550, 1984
Best Average Per Carry — 3.9, 1987
Best Average Per Game — 182.3, 1987
Most Touchdowns — 17, 1984, 1986

PASSING:

Most Attempted — 396, 1982
Most Completed — 191, 1982
Most Yards — 2635, 1982
Best Average Per Completion — 14.9, 1983
Most Had Intercepted — 23, 1984
Most Touchdowns — 21, 1988

TOTAL OFFENSE:

Most Plays — 781, 1985
Most Yards — 3543, 1982
Best Average — 346.0, 1988

SCORING:

Most Points — 267, 1986
Most Touchdowns — 35, 1986
Most PATs Attempted — 33, 1986
Most PATs Made — 31, 1986
Most FGs Attempted — 22, 1985
Most FGs Made — 14, 1984
Most 2-Point PATs Attempted — 6, 1984
Most 2-Point PATs Made — 5, 1984

PUNTING:

Most Punts — 79, 1983
Best Average — 40.6, 1985

PUNT RETURNS:

Most Returns — 40, 1984
Most Yards — 320, 1984
Best Average — 10.4, 1987

KICKOFF RETURNS:

Most Returns — 38, 1982
Most Yards — 802, 1983
Best Average — 24.8, 1987

FIRST DOWNS:

Most Total — 193, 1982
Most Rushing — 109, 1986
Most Passing — 116, 1982
Most By Penalty — 18, 1984

PENALTIES:

Most Penalties — 82, 1982
Fewest Penalties — 48, 1987
Most Yards — 699, 1982
Fewest Yards — 383, 1987

FUMBLES:

Most — 40, 1984
Most Lost — 21, 1983
Fewest — 17, 1988
Fewest Lost — 9, 1989

DEFENSE:

Fewest Points Allowed — 163, 1985
Most Interceptions — 32, 1986*
Most Yards Returned — 311, 1987
Most Fumbles Recovered — 24, 1984
Fewest Yards Rushing Allowed — 1228, 1986
Fewest Yards Passing Allowed — 1255, 1989
Fewest Yards Total Allowed — 2899, 1989
Takeaway-Giveaway — plus 19, 1986

* — Conference Record



THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

Valdosta State, heading into its ninth season in the dangerous Gulf South Conference wars, became a football force in the nine-team league in 1986, finishing a surprising second and just missing a playoff spot. Last year the Blazers had an up-and-down season in the league but still finished with a 5-5 overall record. VSC was 5-3 in the conference, finishing third behind national championship finalists Mississippi College and Jacksonville State.

This season the conference coaches and sports information directors have picked the Blazers to finish in the middle of the pack in the conference. The Blazers were awarded one first place vote in each poll, getting 39 votes from the coaches and 37 from the SIDs.

Mississippi College, the defending national champion which finished second in the conference last year, is the heavy favorite to claim this year's championship. The Choctaws return 38 lettermen, including 16 starters, from the national championship squad. MC picked up 61 points from the SIDs on the strength of six first place votes and 60 points from the coaches, who gave the Chocs five first place votes.

Jacksonville State, which won the league title last year and went into the national championship game undefeated, is the second place choice in both polls, getting 56 points and two first place votes from the coaches and 53 points and one first place vote from the SIDs. Delta State, which finished strong last year and returns most of that 6-3-1 team, finished third in the voting, getting one first place vote from each group. The Statesmen received 49 points in both polls.

North Alabama edged Valdosta State for the fourth spot in both polls, and Troy State, UT Martin, Livingston and West Georgia were voted sixth-ninth respectively by both groups.

Only one new coach joins the conference this season. Ron Jurney, a graduate of Millsaps, was elevated from defensive coordinator at West Georgia in February. The dean of GSC football coaches is John Williams at Mississippi College who is entering his 20th season. Sam McCorkle is beginning his sixth year at Livingston, Bill Burgess his sixth at Jacksonville State, Don McLeary his fifth at UT Martin, Mike Cavan his fifth at Valdosta State, Don Skelton his third at Delta State, Robert Maddox his third at Troy State and Bobby Wallace his third at North Alabama.

The Gulf South Conference was formed in 1971, and in those 19 years eight different teams have won the football championship. Jacksonville State and Troy State have enjoyed the most success, with JSU winning seven championships and Troy State winning six. North Alabama and Mississippi College have both claimed three titles. Nicholls State, Northwestern State (La.), Livingston and UT Martin own one crown. Livingston won the first title on the way to the NAIA national championship in 1971.



G.E. "Sonny" Moran became the league's fifth commissioner in November 1987. The president of the conference, beginning a two-year term, is Dr. Harold McGee, president of Jacksonville State.

The Gulf South Conference mailing address and telephone number

Gulf South Conference
4 Office Park Circle
Suite 218
Birmingham, AL 35223
(205) 870-9750

THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE



GULF SOUTH OFFICIALS



G. E. "Sonny" Moran



Dr. Harold J. McGee

FINAL 1989 STANDINGS

Team	GSC	PCT	PF	PA	O'all	PCT	PF	PA
Jacksonville State	8-0	1.000	251	40	10.0	1.000	322	70
Mississippi College	6-2	.750	216	69	7-3	.700	258	103
VALDOSTA STATE	5-3	.625	164	144	5-5	.500	188	210
Delta State	4-3-1	.563	165	174	6-3-1	.650	214	202
North Alabama	4-4	.500	156	128	6-5	.545	208	155
Troy State	3-5	.375	127	208	4-6	.400	160	230
West Georgia	3-5	.375	166	209	4-7	.364	193	301
Livingston	1-6-1	.188	106	207	3-7-1	.318	172	276
UT-Martin	1-7	.125	66	274	2-9	.182	123	308

PRE-SEASON POLLS

THE COACHES

1. Mississippi College (5)	60
2. Jacksonville State (2)	56
3. Delta State (1)	49
4. North Alabama	42
5. Valdosta State (1)	39
6. Troy State	31
7. UT Martin	20
8. Livingston	14
9. West Georgia	13

THE SIDs

1. Mississippi College (6)	61
2. Jacksonville State (1)	53
3. Delta State (1)	49
4. North Alabama	44
5. Valdosta State (1)	37
6. Troy State	35
7. UT Martin	18
8. Livingston	15
9. West Georgia	12

1989 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

OFFENSE

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL
Wide Receivers	RANDY FISHER	VALDOSTA STATE
	Nathaniel Bolton	Mississippi College
Offensive Line	Jordan Bradford	Delta State
	George Coker	Troy State
	Nate Hawkins	Jacksonville State
	Keith Henderson	Jacksonville State
	Jimmy Zila	Mississippi College
Tight End	KEITH JONES	VALDOSTA STATE
Quarterback	David Gullede	Jacksonville State
Running Backs	Revis Davis	Delta State
	Fred McAfee	Mississippi College
Kicker	Slade Stinnett	Jacksonville State
Return Specialist	Nickey Edmondson	Jacksonville State

DEFENSE

Linemen	ROBERT MORRIS	VALDOSTA STATE
	Terry Fleming	Mississippi College
	Tim Edwards	Delta State
	Orlando Adams	Jacksonville State
Linebackers	James Davis	North Alabama
	Freddy Goodwin	Jacksonville State
	Derrick Gunnerson	Livingston
	Roderick Magee	Mississippi College
Backs	DEON SEARCY	VALDOSTA STATE
	Donnie Milloy	Mississippi College
	Eric Davis	Jacksonville State
	Sedric Barnett	North Alabama
Punter	Wally Henry	Mississippi College

1989 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM*

PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL	GPA	MAJOR
Danny Aldridge	WR	Delta State	3.43	Physical Ed.
Archie Austin	OL	UT Martin	3.20	Education
KEITH BACKSTROM	LB	VALDOSTA ST.	3.27	Physics
Randy Beck	DE	Jacksonville St.	3.48	Physical Ed.
Marty Bray	OL	Delta State	3.21	Business Adm.
JASON BROCK	OL	VALDOSTA ST.	3.33	Undecided
Ki Tok Chu	PK	UT Martin	3.10	Business Mgt.
Jimmy Cooper	TE	West Georgia	3.52	Engineering
James Davis	LB	North Alabama	3.33	Marketing
Anton Duke	WR	UT Martin	4.00	Accounting
Jon Gant	QB	Livingston	3.19	Biology
Barry Hampton	OL	North Alabama	3.88	Sec. Ed.
Jeff Hill	RB	Jacksonville St.	3.25	Chemistry
Robert Jenkins	DB	Miss. College	3.60	Computer Sci.
Sherman Johnson	DL	North Alabama	3.50	Hist./Pol. Sci.
Kenny Loup	OL	Delta State	3.10	Crim. Justice
Roderick Magee	LB	Miss. College	3.40	Biology
Doug Mims	DB	Troy State	3.67	Accounting
Sean Oakley	C	Miss. College	3.25	Marketing
David Summerall	DL	Troy State	3.06	Business
Shane Tucker	TE	Livingston	3.16	Math
Jeff Williams	OT	Jacksonville St.	3.39	Computer Sci.

*Student-athletes were selected on the basis of a minimum 3.0 GPA for schools using a 4.0 system and a minimum of 2.0 for schools using the 3.0 system.

1989 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE STATISTICS

RUSHING OFFENSE

SCHOOL	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	AVG	TD
Jax State	10	562	2648	4.7	265.8	30
West Georgia	11	551	2364	4.3	214.9	20
Troy State	10	492	2011	4.1	201.1	15
Delta State	10	439	1959	4.5	195.9	16
North Alabama	11	554	2130	3.8	193.6	14
Miss. College	10	403	1775	4.4	177.5	19
VSC	10	400	1349	3.4	134.9	7
Livingston	11	430	1288	3.0	117.1	13
UT Martin	11	315	503	1.6	45.7	4

SCORING OFFENSE

SCHOOL	G	Pts	Avg	SCHOOL	G	Pts	Avg
Jax State	10	322	32.2	Jax State	10	70	7.0
Miss. Coll	10	258	25.8	Miss. Coll	10	103	10.3
Delta State	10	214	21.4	North Alabama	11	155	14.1
North Alabama	11	208	18.9	Delta State	10	202	20.2
VSC	10	188	18.8	VSC	10	210	21.0
West Georgia	11	193	17.5	Troy State	10	230	23.0
Troy State	10	160	16.0	Livingston	11	276	25.1
Livingston	11	172	15.6	West Georgia	11	301	27.4
Livingston	11	123	11.2	UT Martin	11	308	28.0

RUSHING DEFENSE

SCHOOL	G	ATT	YDS	ATT AVG	GAME AVG	TD
Miss. College	10	412	1175	2.9	117.5	7
Jax State	10	380	1223	3.2	122.3	5
North Alabama	11	448	1415	3.2	128.6	9
Delta State	10	421	1450	3.4	145.0	17
VSC	10	460	1986	4.3	164.4	22
Troy State	10	421	1761	4.2	176.1	15
Livingston	11	519	2307	4.4	209.7	23
UT-Martin	11	571	2501	4.4	227.4	28
West Georgia	11	521	2684	5.2	244.0	25

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

PLAYER/SCHOOL	G	ATT	YDS	ATT AVG	GAME AVG	TD
Revis Davis, DSU	8	88	761	8.5	93.3	6
Ramon Allen, VSC	10	197	846	4.3	84.6	3
Fred McAfee, MC	10	161	835	5.2	83.5	6
Shane Reinhardt, WGC	9	112	659	5.9	73.2	9
Dennis Patterson, DSU	10	139	708	5.1	70.8	7

TOTAL OFFENSE

SCHOOL	G	ATT	YDS	ATT AVG	GAME AVG	TD
Miss. College	10	641	3507	5.5	350.7	32
Jax State	10	651	3399	5.2	339.9	33
Delta State	10	649	3308	5.1	330.8	25
North Alabama	11	757	3484	4.6	316.6	22
VSC	10	638	3031	4.8	303.1	22
West Georgia	11	708	3205	4.5	291.4	25
Troy State	10	648	2798	4.3	279.8	20
Livingston	11	738	2876	3.9	261.5	20
UT Martin	11	674	2268	3.4	206.2	12

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

PLAYER/SCHOOL	G	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	CperG	TD
Tye Cottle, VSC	10	235	131	15	1677	13.1	14
Wally Henry, MC	10	231	131	7	1650	13.1	12
Jon Gant, LU	11	269	127	14	1512	11.5	7
Tom Ruban, TUM	7	128	66	8	780	9.4	5
Kenny Taylor, DSU	10	198	89	9	1320	8.9	9

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

PLAYER/SCHOOL	G	CGT	YDS	AVG GAIN	CGT GAME	TD
Randy Fisher, VSC	10	51	690	13.5	5.1	3
Nathaniel Bolton, MC	10	49	838	17.1	4.9	9
Derrick Coffey, UNA	11	39	618	15.8	3.5	5
Andre Allen, UTM	10	33	279	8.5	3.3	0
Louis Riley, MC	10	29	314	10.8	2.9	3

TOTAL DEFENSE

SCHOOL	G	ATT	YDS	ATT AVG	GAME AVG	TD
Jax State	10	636	2338	3.7	233.8	8
Miss. College	10	641	2355	3.7	235.5	8
North Alabama	11	717	2908	4.1	264.4	15
VSC	10	668	2899	4.3	289.9	25
Delta State	10	677	2945	4.4	294.5	24
Troy State	10	636	3103	4.9	310.3	26
Livingston	11	738	3939	5.3	358.1	33
West Georgia	11	713	4160	5.8	378.2	38
UT Martin	11	811	4219	5.2	383.3	38

INDIVIDUAL TOTAL OFFENSE

PLAYER/SCHOOL	G	ATT	RUSH YDS	PASS YDS	TOT YDS	GAME AVG
Wally Henry, MC	10	267	-54	1650	1596	159.6
Tye Cottle, VSC	10	311	-95	1677	1582	158.2
Jon Gant, LU	11	369	62	1512	1574	143.1
David Gulleddge, JSU	10	202	605	737	1342	134.2
Craig Bryant, UNA	11	284	272	1073	1345	122.3

PASSING OFFENSE

SCHOOL	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD
Miss. College	238	134	7	.563	1732	173.2	13
VSC	238	132	15	.555	1682	168.2	15
UT Martin	360	160	27	.444	1765	160.5	8
Livingston	298	136	19	.456	1588	144.4	7
North Alabama	203	99	13	.488	1354	135.4	8
Delta State	210	93	10	.443	1349	134.9	9
Troy State	156	65	11	.417	787	78.7	5
West Georgia	157	70	9	.446	841	76.5	5
Jax State	89	47	3	.528	751	75.1	3

SCORING

PLAYER/SCHOOL	G	TD	PAT	FG	PTS	AVG
Nathaniel Bolton, MC	10	15	0	0	90	9.0
David Gulleddge, JSU	10	13	0	0	78	7.8
Slade Stinnett, JSU	10	0	40	10	70	7.0
Alfred Banks, LU	11	11	0	0	66	6.0
Shane Reinhardt, VSC	9	9	0	0	54	6.0

INTERCEPTIONS

PLAYER/SCH.	NO	YDS
Eric Davis, JSU	6	117
Brian Richardson, MC	5	96
Sedric Barnett, UNA	5	11
Deon Searcy, VSC	4	29

PUNTING

PLAYER/SCH.	NO	YDS	AVG
Wally Henry, MC	49	2097	42.8
Tim Jolly, DSU	56	2265	40.4
Steve Bailey, JSU	54	2166	40.1
Rodney Glass, TSU	60	2370	39.5
Chris Hilliker, LU	69	2719	39.4

PASSING DEFENSE

SCHOOL	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD
Jax State	256	115	21	.449	1115	111.5	3
Miss. College	229	103	21	.450	1180	118.0	1
VSC	208	96	9	.462	1255	125.5	3
Troy State	215	115	11	.535	1342	134.2	11
West Georgia	192	106	9	.552	1476	134.2	13
North Alabama	269	121	15	.450	1493	135.7	6
Livingston	219	112	10	.511	1632	148.4	10
Delta State	256	124	12	.484	1501	150.1	7
UT Martin	230	130	12	.565	1718	156.2	10

PUNT RETURNS

PLAYER/SCHOOL	NO	Yds	Avg
Nicky Edmondson, JSU	32	364	11.4
Troy Nelson, UNA	24	254	10.6
Ronnie Steele, UTM	8	78	9.8
Ritchie Harbison, LU	36	273	7.6
Julius Pittman, TSU	14	91	6.5

KICKOFF RETURNS

PLAYER/SCHOOL	NO	Yds	AVG
Darrell Malone, JSU	14	379	27.1
Alfred Banks, LU	13	333	25.6
Troy Nelson, UNA	17	436	25.6
Fred McAfee, MC	13	320	24.6
Ollie Thigpen, DSU	1821	411	22.8



Angie Stubbs



LaDonna Ward



Angie Pearce



Amy Brinkley

VSC GIRLS



Tami Johnson



Mary Hightower



Stacie Scott

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

Valdosta State College, which first opened its doors to students January 2, 1913 as the South Georgia State Normal College for young ladies, is a multi-purpose unit of the University System of Georgia.

The beautiful, south Georgia college offers undergraduate degree work leading to the Associate of Applied Science, the Associate of Arts, the Bachelor of Arts in 13 major programs, the Bachelor of Science in 9 major programs, the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Bachelor of Science in Education in 7 major programs, the Bachelor of Business Administration in 6 major programs, the Bachelor of Fine Arts in 4 major programs, and the Bachelor of Music in 2 major programs.

Graduate degrees offered are in English, history and mathematics, the Master of Science with majors in psychology and sociology, the Master of Business Administration, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science in Nursing, the Master of Music Education, the Master of Education in 11 major programs and the Education Specialist in 9 major programs.

New baccalaureate and graduate degree programs are added from time to time to meet the needs of the population served by the college.

A special act of the Georgia Legislature established the institution of higher learning in 1906. It was not until 1911, however, that the state appropriated \$30,000 for one building and equipment. The city of Valdosta, enthused over the idea of having a college in their city, gave a campus of 60 acres and \$50,000 in money. In 1912, the future of the institution was assured when the Legislature granted it adequate annual appropriation for maintenance.

In 1922, the school's name was changed to Georgia State Womans College and a four-year program leading to the bachelor's degree was authorized. In 1950, the Board of Regents made the college coeducational and also changed the name to Valdosta State College.



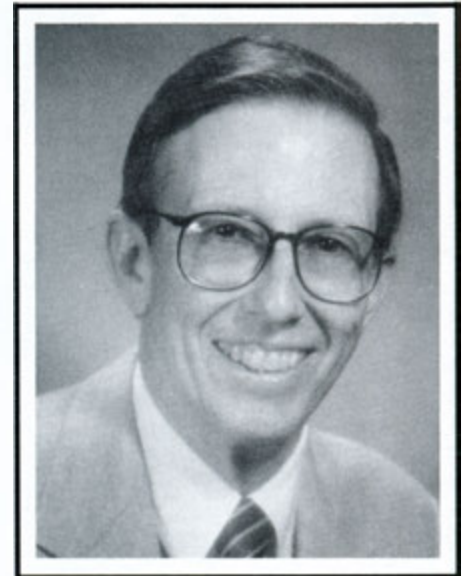
DR. HUGH C. BAILEY PRESIDENT

Valdosta State College has firmly established itself as one of the state's leading institutions of higher learning since Dr. Hugh C. Bailey became the school's sixth president on July 1, 1978.

The Berry, Ala., native firmly believes in academic excellence and athletic excellence and has added programs in both areas to further enhance the attractiveness of Valdosta State to prospective students. In his 12-year tenure, enrollment has steadily increased as Valdosta State continues to serve an ever-increasing geographical area. Dr. Bailey and his staff are currently preparing VSC for the move to university status, possibly as early as July 1992.

Dr. Bailey considers athletics to be an integral part of the total picture of Valdosta State and stays completely informed concerning developments in the entire athletic program. He promoted the initiation of a football program at VSC nine years ago, and when it was overwhelmingly approved by student referendum he gave it his full support.

Dr. Bailey came to Valdosta State from Francis Marion College in Florence, S.C., where he was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. He went to Francis Marion from Samford University in Birmingham where he joined the faculty of the Department



of History and Political Science in 1953. He was at Samford for 22 years, the last five as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

He earned the A.B. degree from Samford in 1950 and his master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Alabama in 1951 and 1954 respectively. He is a member of numerous civic and professional organizations and has published more than 25 articles in various professional journals. He is also the author of six books.

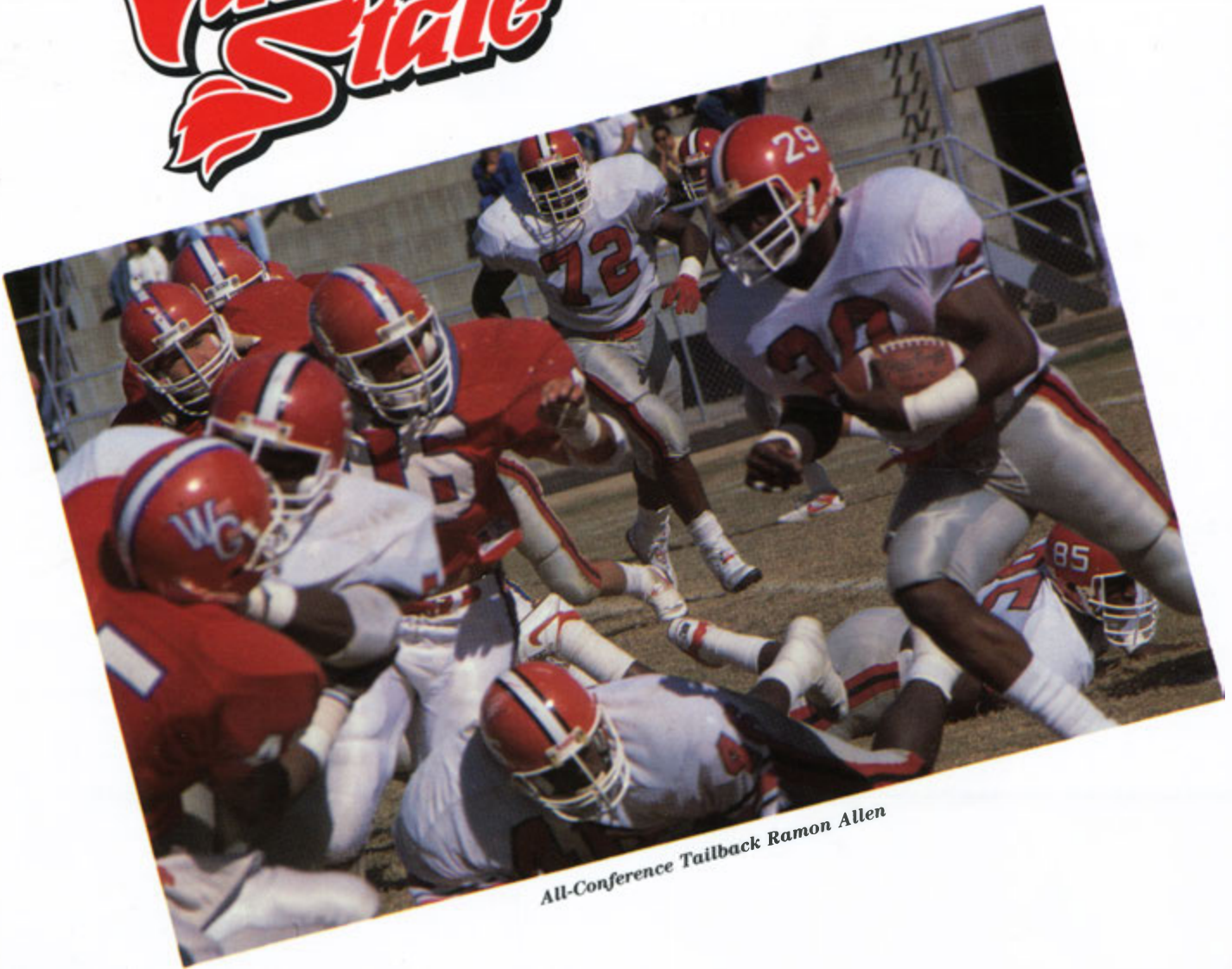
Dr. Bailey is married to the former Ahleida Joan Seever of Mobile, Ala., and has two daughters, Debra Jane, a graduate of the University of Georgia, and Laura Joan, a junior at Florida State University.

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE OF 1990 OPPONENTS

*Night Game	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10
Valdosta State	at Georgia Southern	Open	at UT-Martin	Jacksonville State	at Troy State*	Livingston	at West Georgia	at East Tenn. State	Mississippi College	at Delta State	North Alabama
Georgia Southern	VSC	at Middle Tenn. State*	at Florida State*	Eastern Kentucky	Northwest Louisiana	at Marshall*	Open	at Central Florida*	Savannah State	James Madison	at UT-Chatanooga*
UT-Martin	Lane*	at Austin Peay State*	VSC	at Mississippi College*	Delta State*	at North Alabama	at Middle Tenn. State	Jacksonville State	at Troy State	Livingston	at West Georgia
Jacksonville State	Open	at Alabama A&M	West Georgia*	at VSC	Mississippi College	at Delta State	North Alabama	at UT-Martin	at Wofford*	Troy State*	at Livingston
Troy State	at Central Florida*	West Georgia#	Livingston*	Open	VSC*	at Mississippi College	Delta State*	at North Alabama*	UT-Martin	at Jacksonville State*	Nicholls State
Livingston	at East Texas State	Gardner Webb	at Troy State*	Newberry	West Georgia*	at VSC	Mississippi College	at Delta State	North Alabama	at UT-Martin	Jacksonville State
West Georgia	at Miles	Troy State#	at Jacksonville State*	American International	at Livingston*	Wofford*	VSC	at Mississippi College*	Delta State	at North Alabama*	at UT-Martin
East Tenn. State	at Appalachian State	Sanford	at Middle Tenn. State*	at Western Carolina	Open	at UT-Charlanooga	Marshall*	VSC	at The Citadel	Wofford*	Furman*
Mississippi College	Open	at North Alabama*	at Northeast Louisiana*	UT-Martin*	at Jacksonville State*	Troy State*	Livingston	West Georgia*	at VSC	at Nicholls State*	Delta State*
Delta State	at Southern Mississippi	Henderson State	Open	North Alabama*	at UT-Martin*	Jacksonville State	at Troy State*	Livingston	at West Georgia	VSC	at Mississippi College
North Alabama	Alabama A&M*	Mississippi College*	at Albany State	at Delta State*	Open	UT-Martin	at Jacksonville State	Troy State*	at Livingston	West Georgia*	at VSC

Nov. 17 — Sanford at Georgia Southern; VMI at East Tennessee State* # - at Phenix City, Ala.

Valdosta State



All-Conference Tailback Ramon Allen

1990 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 1	Georgia Southern	Statesboro	1 p.m. EDT
Sept. 15	UT-Martin*	Martin, Tenn.	1 p.m. CDT
Sept. 22	Jacksonville State*	Valdosta	1 p.m. EDT
Sept. 29	Troy State*	Troy, Ala.	7 p.m. CDT
Oct. 6	Livingston*	Valdosta	1 p.m. EDT
Oct. 13	West Georgia*	Carrollton	1:30 p.m. EDT
Oct. 20	East Tennessee State	Johnson City, Tenn.	2 p.m. EDT
Oct. 27	Mississippi College*	Valdosta +	1 p.m. EDT
Nov. 3	Delta State*	Cleveland, Miss.	2 p.m. CST
Nov. 10	North Alabama*	Valdosta	1 p.m. EST

*Gulf South Conference games

+ Homecoming