

# Valdosta State



## BLAZER FOOTBALL 1989

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## PRESS BOX

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## THE COVER

Five 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.) defensive tackle Maurice Jordan, tight end Keith Jones, cornerback Calvin Orr, flanker Randy Fisher and defensive end Robert Morris.

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## The Outlook

Valdosta State returns 17 starters from last year's 6-3-1 team, including outstanding skill people on offense and a veteran defensive front and secondary. . .page 13.



## The Players

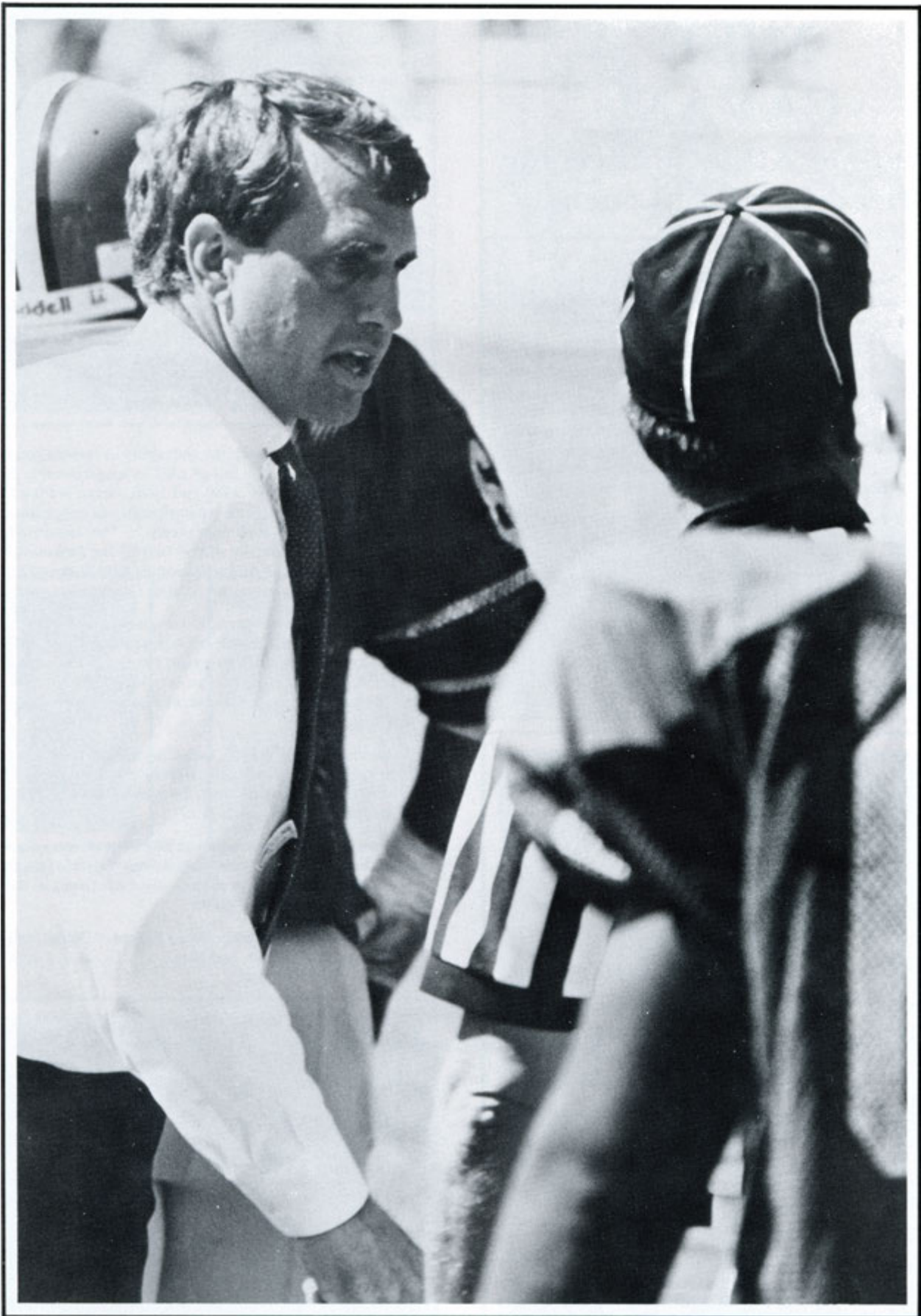
All-America candidate Randy Fisher, record-setting quarterback Tye Cottle, GSC Freshman of the Year Ramon Allen and all-conference defensive end Robert Morris lead a veteran team. . .page 15.



## The Opponents

The rugged eight-game Gulf South Conference schedule is further enhanced by Division 1-AA foes Georgia Southern and Central Florida on the road . . .page 31.





# The Coaches

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# MIKE CAVAN

## Associate Athletic Director Head Football Coach

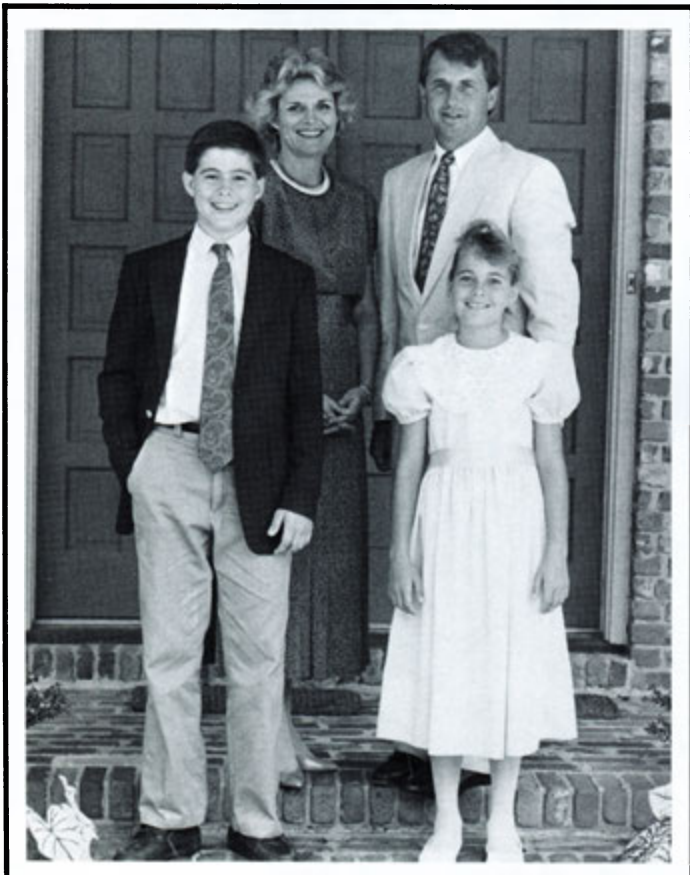
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Mike Cavan, ready to begin his fourth season as head football coach at Valdosta State, is facing the biggest challenge of his still young head coaching career as he prepares his team for the 1989 season.

He has created the magnitude of the challenge by jumping out of the frying pan (the eight-game Gulf South Conference schedule) into the fire (by scheduling two 1-AA opponents to complete the slate). The season opener is at Georgia Southern, a two-time national champion and last year's national runnerup in 1-AA. The Eagles haven't lost at home since September 1985, piling up 26 wins in succession. A week later, Cavan will take his troops to 50,000-seat Citrus Bowl Stadium in Orlando to play Central Florida, another 1-AA entry.

"I realize the schedule is extremely difficult, but we want this program to continue making strides forward," Cavan said. "The thing we've got to make sure the players understand is those first two games will make us a better football team. That doesn't mean we don't think we can win those games, but I don't want us to put all our eggs in that basket when the most important part of our schedule is the conference games and a chance for the playoffs."

Cavan's impact on the GSC has been impressive. Only Troy State has a better record in the last three years than the Blazers' 21-9-1 worksheet. The Trojans have gone 22-8-1 under two different head



*The Cavans: Michael and Mima; Becky and Mike*

coaches, making Cavan the most successful head man in the league since 1986. That success is something in which he takes a certain amount of pride, but he knows it will have very little effect on Valdosta State fortunes in 1989.

"We won't be judged on last year or 1986 when we went 9-2. This business operates in the present. You must produce, and like I've said before and it bears repeating, there's no magic formula. It's nothing but hard work, persistence, patience and luck. Don't discount the luck because injuries are such a big part of football."



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, 14, and Mima, 11. His sister, Joanie, is a 1968 graduate of Valdosta State.

### Cavan Thumbnail

Born: April 15, 1948 (age 41)

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, 14, Mima, 11



## 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**



Mike Cavan knew when he took the Valdosta State head job that the Blazer offense the three previous years had not been consistent. He also knew he had the person in mind who had a proven track record for turning out high-powered scoring machines on the high school level.

One of Cavan's first moves after taking the job was to lure his former Georgia roommate away from the head coaching job at Glynn Academy in Brunswick. David McKnight, who had enjoyed seven winning seasons at Glynn, accepted Cavan's challenge and joined the Blazer camp in time for spring practice.

He 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" during the spring of 1986 was confidence.

That confidence has continued to grow in the 3½ years McKnight has been on the scene. Cavan's confidence became more apparent last spring when he promoted McKnight to assistant head coach, adding some administrative duties to those of coordinator of the Blazers' exciting offense.

Under McKnight's direction, the VSC offense has steadily climbed in the Gulf South Conference statistics. Last season the Blazers ranked second in total offense and passing offense and third in scoring offense. Rushing offense was a problem in 1988 (VSC ranked seventh), and McKnight wants to see his offense become more balanced.

"We have some wonderful athletes at the skill positions on offense," the personable McKnight said. "I think we can be a very efficient offensive team this year. We're going to work hard on execution, on staying on schedule, on keeping drive-killing bad plays to a minimum. I'm excited about this group of players."

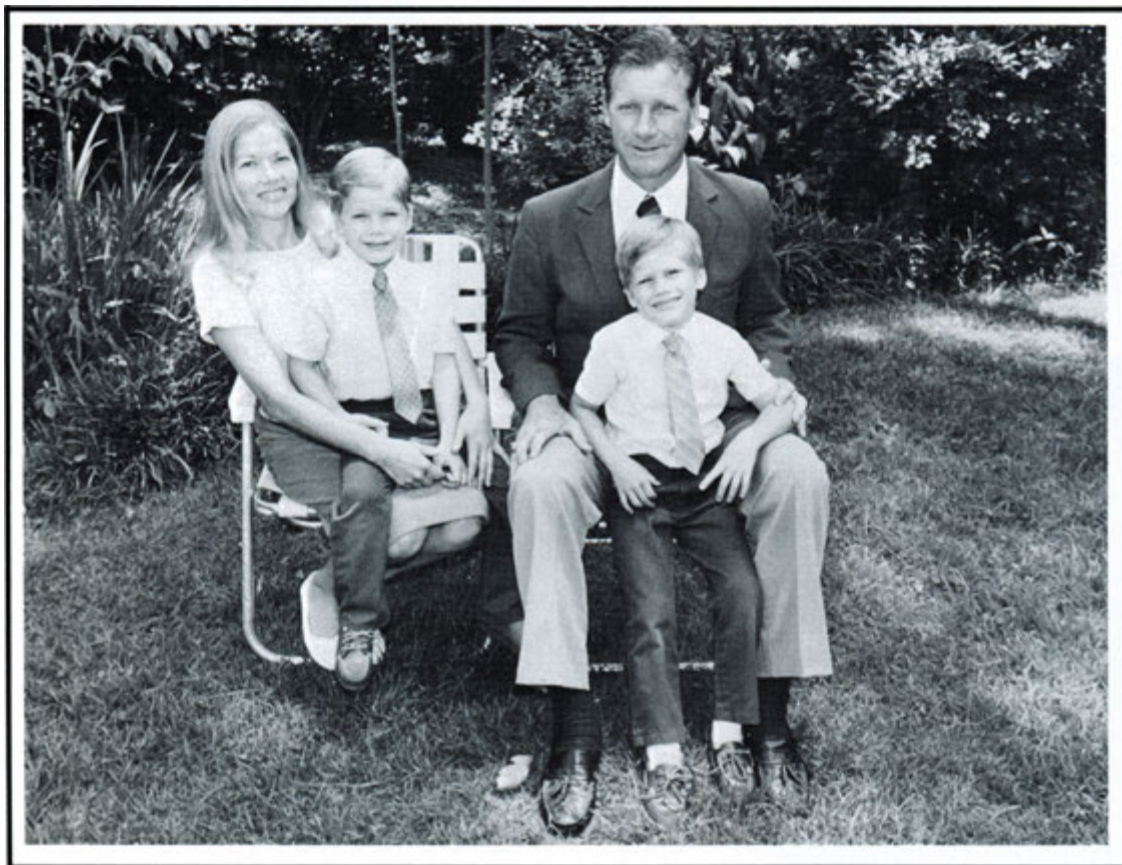
On the field, McKnight works primarily with the quarterbacks, and he is junior Tye Cottle's biggest fan. "Tye not only has great ability, but he is so smart. He's a coach on the field. He had a great season last year, but I think he is just beginning to reach his potential as a college quarterback."

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, 7, and Perry, 5.



***The McKnights:  
Beth, Perry,  
David and Ross***

# Bill Hyde

## Defensive Coordinator



When Valdosta State's defensive coordinator's job came open last winter, head coach 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, 52, arrived in time for spring practice, taking over a veteran unit at most positions. But he found the position he coaches on the field -- the linebackers -- depleted by graduation. So he spent the spring not only introducing his defensive philosophy but also searching for some quality players to man the all-important linebacker positions.

"I think we came out of the spring in pretty good shape, all things considered," Hyde said. "I think we'll be all right at linebacker although I would like to have more depth. But that's true at almost every position. The most important thing we accomplished in the spring was getting a new defense installed and working." (Hyde uses an odd-man front with a four-spoke secondary. The Blazers have played an even front the last three years.)

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 finished 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 last season. 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*

# George Collins

**Offensive Assistant, Line**



George Collins, an all-American offensive lineman in the mid-1970s at Georgia, joined Mike Cavan's staff in the spring of 1986 as offensive line coach.

A high school all-American at Warner Robins High School, Collins was a starting offensive guard from 1975-77, and was a part of what is considered one of the best Bulldog offensive lines in history in 1976, a year Georgia won the Southeastern Conference championship.

Following his senior season, Collins played in the East-West Shrine game and the Senior Bowl before being drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. He played in St. Louis for five seasons before joining the Jacksonville Bulls of the United States Football League where he played for two years.

Collins returned to Georgia in 1985 as a graduate assistant before coming to VSC in time for spring practice. He completed work on his master of education degree during the summer of 1986.

He is married to the former Tina Hampton of Warner Robins, and they have three children, Brad 6, Amy 3, and Ben, born in March.



*The Collinses: Amy, George, Tina Holding Ben, and Brad*

# Greg McMahon

**Defensive Assistant, Secondary**



Greg McMahon became Valdosta State's first full-time secondary coach when he came on board in time for spring practice, after having coached receivers at Southern Illinois—Carbondale last season.

"I was very impressed with Greg's work during the spring," head coach Mike Cavan said. "With the changes we're making on defense, it's important to have as much experience on our defensive staff as possible. Greg motivates his players, and I think will get their best effort this fall."

McMahon, a native of Rantoul, Illinois, was a defensive back at Eastern Illinois, playing strong safety on the 1978 national championship team and free safety on the 1980 national runnerup. He graduated from Eastern Illinois in 1983 with a degree in psychology and physical education.

He was a student coach at EIU for a year before working two years as a graduate assistant at Minnesota (the second year under current Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz). McMahon moved to North Alabama in 1985 for his first full-time assignment, coaching wide receivers and tight ends for three seasons.

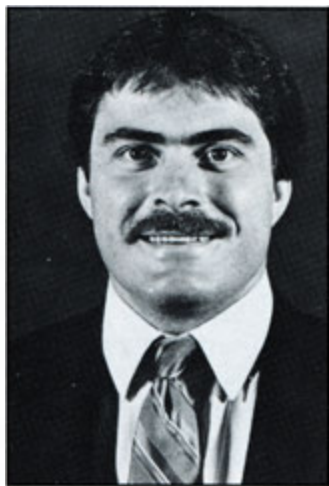
McMahon, 29, is married to the former Linda Sue Baylies of Tampa, and they have two children, Drew, 4, and Lisa, 1.



*The McMahanes: Linda Sue Holding Lisa, Drew and Greg*

# David Napert

**Defensive Assistant,  
Line**



David Napert is entering his fifth season as a member of the Valdosta State football staff, having coached defensive ends, the defensive line and the outside linebackers and rovers. This year he will again concentrate on the defensive line. He also designed and runs the strength program and the off-season conditioning program for the Blazers.

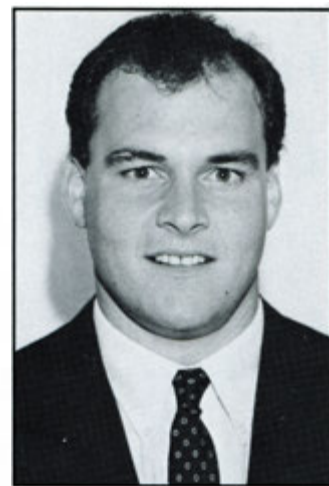
Napert, 29, came to VSC from Panama City, Florida, where he coached football, basketball and track at Rutherford High School for two years. A native of Rockledge, Florida, he was an outstanding football player at Rockledge High School, making all-conference as a tight end and linebacker. He also ran 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.

# David Elsenrath

**Offensive Assistant,  
Tight Ends**



David Elsenrath is beginning his second season on Mike Cavan's staff after joining the Blazers in time for spring practice in 1988. His primary responsibility will be coaching the tight ends and he will also assist George Collins with the offensive line.

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 35 VSC coeds which support the Blazer football program. Under his leadership the group has doubled in size since its inception in 1986.

Elsenrath, 27, 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 and Jackie Napert*



*David Elsenrath*

# David Dean

**Offensive  
Assistant,  
Receivers**

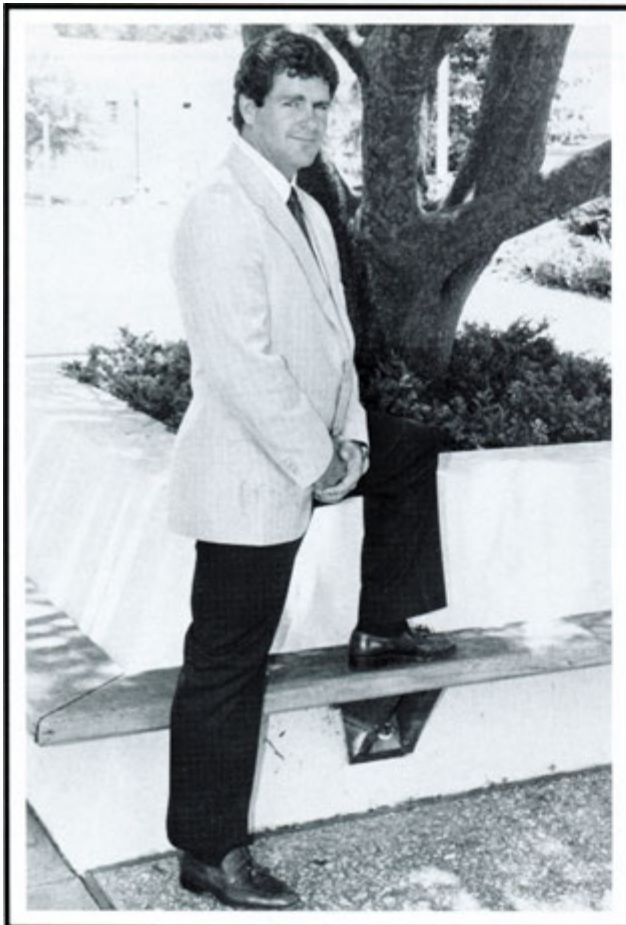


David Dean is entering his second season as wide receivers coach and will be working with a talented group of players, led by three-time all-conference selection Randy Fisher.

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 25 and single, received a B.B.A. degree in business management from Georgia State in 1987.



*David Dean*

# Marvin McGhee

**Defensive  
Assistant,  
Outside  
Linebackers,**



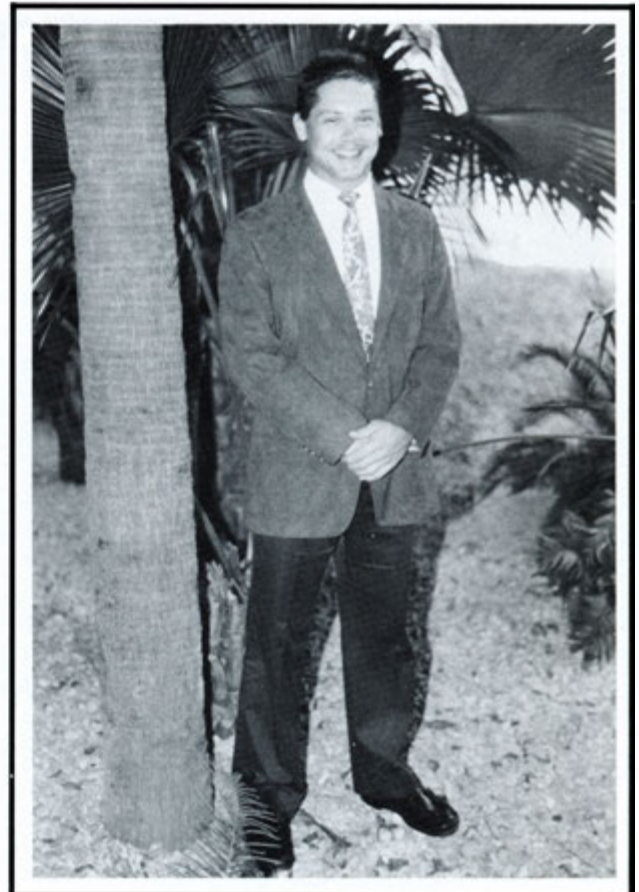
Not only did Valdosta State pick up several players when Georgia Southwestern disbanded its football program last winter, but head coach Mike Cavan also added another defensive coach to his staff in Marvin McGhee who coached the defensive line for the Hurricanes in 1988.

McGhee arrived in time for spring practice and took over the outside linebackers and rovers for new defensive coordinator Bill Hyde.

A native of Gastonia, North Carolina, McGhee was an outstanding linebacker at Ashbrook High School where he was an all-conference choice as a junior and senior. He played college football at Lenoir-Rhyne College in North Carolina, starting at inside linebacker for two seasons.

After a one-year high school coaching stint, McGhee entered the private sector for two years before joining Jimmy Hightower at Georgia Southwestern last season.

McGhee, who is 25 and single, received a degree in physical education and sports management from Lenoir-Rhyne in 1987. He is working on his master's degree in physical education at VSC.



*Marvin McGhee*

# 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 last summer 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, 43, is divorced and has a daughter, Ashli, a senior at Valdosta High School.



*Bill and Ashli England*

# Jim Rudd

## Athletic Trainer



Jim Rudd joined the Valdosta State athletic staff in July 1985 as head athletic trainer, bringing 15 years experience to the important job.

In addition to his head trainer duties, Rudd directs the curriculum of the new athletic training major which was instituted by the Department of Health, Physical Education and Athletics in the fall of 1986.

Rudd oversees a staff of 12 people and maintains two fully-equipped training rooms, one in the football fieldhouse and another in the physical education complex.

Rudd, 38, came to VSC from West Virginia University, where he was coordinator of athletic training education. A native of New Jersey, he received the B.S. degree in biology from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., and earned the M.S. degree in physical education from the University of North Dakota where he worked as an assistant trainer.

He has been the head athletic trainer at Mercer County Community College in Trenton, N.J., and at Kansas State University in Manhattan. Rudd is married and he and his wife Elaine have one daughter, Jennifer, 10.

# 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.

# CAVAN ASSESSES THE 1989 BLAZERS

<b>OFFENSIVE LINE</b>	<p>"I think that the offensive line is probably one of the two weakest areas on our football team as far as experience, depth and quality are concerned. Randy Williams will be back at center, and although small he is an overachiever and gets more out of his ability than anybody on the team. Our two guards will be guys who have little or no experience. Jason Brock was redshirted and Will O'Steen played a little on special teams so we're young there. Our tackles are Michael Parker who started last year and Kelly Wells who started at guard last year. If those guys pick up where they left off in the spring, it's a group we feel good about. We need to build some depth behind them. Tim Puckett and Lee Robinson are two redshirts who could help, and maybe we'll get a surprise from our recruiting class. It's an area where we've got to keep working hard."</p>
<b>TIGHT ENDS</b>	<p>"I think with Keith Jones returning as a starter the position is in good shape. I think he is an all-conference player because he's been a starter for two years and is a senior. He's really stable. Then with Robert Wheeler (Georgia Southwestern transfer) coming in as a senior, I think it gives us a pretty good one-two punch at tight end. We'd like to find another tight end in the fall because we'd like to carry three."</p>
<b>WIDE RECEIVERS</b>	<p>"What else can be said about Randy Fisher. He's a premier player in this conference. He's been all-conference and all-American and I think he will be again. We have Philip Bryant (another Georgia Southwestern transfer) coming in, and he's a quality receiver. Dexter Holiday came out in the spring and was outstanding."</p>
<b>QUARTERBACKS</b>	<p>"The quarterback situation turned into a disaster in the spring because everybody got hurt. But we're putting a lot of our eggs in Tye Cottle's basket. He proved last year to be a quality quarterback, an all-conference quarterback and I feel real good about Tye getting the job done. The scary part is we have no college experience behind him. We recruited a good high school quarterback in Ray Merritt from Tift County, and he'll get a lot of work early."</p>
<b>RUNNING BACKS</b>	<p>"The disappointing thing of spring was that Ramon Allen did not get in any work because of the knee injury. He had a good freshman year and I think the spring would have helped his continuity. Now we have to see how he comes back in the fall. I believe he can still be a solid player. The good news out of the spring is Reginald Davis proved he can play. He should keep pressure on Ramon to keep getting better, and that's the kind of competition we'd like to have at all positions. At fullback Marcus Copeland had a good spring. He's played a good bit his first two seasons and I feel good about Marcus. I think we've recruited some quality running backs. Stanley Hall from Ocilla, James Williams from Thomasville, and Casey Johnson from Glenville all have a chance to help this football team this fall. It could be a good position."</p>
<b>LINEBACKERS</b>	<p>"We're starting all over with our linebacking, and it's one of the weakest areas on our football team. Here again we were helped by Georgia Southwestern dropping football because Shawn Utley transferred in and kind of took over in the middle. He's a senior with a lot of experience and he really had a good spring. Keith Backstrom, who played a lot on special teams last year, also had a good spring but he really needs experience. Clifford Scott can also play, and Bobby Booker at rover has a chance to be a very good player. That's it. We're going to be looking at freshmen, and I think we recruited some potentially good players like Harold McClain from Ocilla and Richard DeWees from Alachua. But you never know about freshmen until you get them in your program. We really need to build some depth at linebacker."</p>
<b>DEFENSIVE LINE</b>	<p>"The defensive front is the strongest and deepest part of our football team. Robert Morris and Maurice Jordan are two quality players who have played a lot of football for us. I think Morris is another all-star player. He's matured and should have an outstanding senior season. Steve Bodi came on in the spring and took over at one end, and Rod Callaway is solid at one tackle. That's four good ones right there. Then Charles Reddick is very dependable and will play a lot as will John Kenny, another Georgia Southwestern transfer. Then Kelvin Davis will be back from a knee injury and should be some help, as will Antonio Edwards from Moultrie. Antonio will be a good addition up front. We also expect Darrell Tarver to play a lot at end, and we recruited a couple of players we feel good about. So you can see why we think this will be one of the strongest positions on the football field."</p>
<b>SECONDARY</b>	<p>"I think losing Mikeal Lovejoy with the knee injury in the spring really hurt us, especially depth wise, but we still have some good football players in the secondary. Deon Searcy has started for two years at one corner. He wasn't at full speed in the spring, so we moved Edward Jackson from safety and he was very impressive. Calvin Orr has a lot of experience at the corner, and he had another good spring. Eric Luke at free safety and Dwayne Hart at strong safety are solid players. I feel real good about those five, but we don't have any experience behind them. Again we'll be looking at some recruits, guys like Derick McCant from Tifton, to come in and give us some help."</p>
<b>KICKING</b>	<p>"I think Jack McTyre, our placekicker, is another quality football player. He adjusted very well in the spring to kicking off the ground. He had a great year last season and I expect the same again. Mike McCullough, our punter, is also back and I think we'll have a couple of other guys to challenge him. Mike was adequate last season and should be better with the experience. Ted Palmer did a great job snapping last year and he's back as are most of our returners, so overall I feel pretty good about our kicking game going into the fall."</p>
<b>RECRUITING</b>	<p>"It had to be as good a recruiting year as we've had since I've been here. At the same time, let's remember that not everyone was a qualifier. We signed between 35 and 40 players, and I think some can definitely help us right away. The help I'm talking about is backup help, not starters. But I fully expect some of them to help us this year."</p>

# 1989 OUTLOOK



Valdosta State could be a better football team this year than was the 1988 edition, but the record come November may not be as good as last season's 6-3-1 mark. The reason is the most demanding schedule a Blazer team has ever faced, but head coach Mike Cavan, beginning his fourth season, has no regrets; in fact, he is looking forward to the challenge.

"In order for this program to get where we want it to be, we must play quality opponents," Cavan said. "The schedule is demanding and ambitious, but it's not impossible. Eight of the games are against teams from our conference, which happens to be very tough and well-balanced from top to bottom. It was my choice to schedule two 1-AA opponents for our non-conference games so the only breather on our schedule is October 21 (an open date)."

The season opener is against the premier 1-AA team in the country which just happens to be in the same state. Georgia Southern owns two national titles and was the national runnerup in 1988, making the Eagles a very tough opening day act, especially in Statesboro where they have won 26 straight games dating back to September 1985.

Central Florida, the second 1-AA foe, will be played in week two in Orlando's 50,000 seat Citrus Bowl Stadium. Then starts the conference slate, and the first two in line are UT-Martin and Jacksonville State, two of the three teams which shared the league championship a year ago.

Cavan and his staff certainly aren't starting from scratch on either side of the ball or in the kicking game. If everybody is back the Blazers return eight starters on offense and defense as well as the top punter, kicker, snapper and return specialists.

"We have a lot of front line people coming back at most positions on both sides of the ball, but we again are extremely thin. Depth is always a problem at this level and finding quality backup people will be a priority in the preseason. Some injuries to key personnel could wipe us out."

Not the least of Cavan's worries is the quarterback situation, even though the second most productive QB in the conference last season returns for his junior season. Tye Cottle passed for 1969 yards and 20 touchdowns in 1988, but he cracked his wrist the first week of spring practice, missing the rest of spring work. He should be a hundred percent when fall drills begin, but Cavan remains concerned.

The running back situation looks good with solid front line people, adequate reserves and an impressive list of signees ready to challenge in the fall. Tailback Ramon Allen, the freshman of the year in the GSC in 1988, gained a school record 780 yards, and even though he missed

the spring with a knee injury he is expected to pick up where he left off. Sophomore Reginald Davis seized his opportunity in the spring and will push Allen for playing time. Junior fullback Marcus Copeland should become a full-time starter after getting a lot of minutes the last two years. Cavan believes several recruits will be in the running back picture before the year is over.

The receiver corps is led by Randy Fisher, who has been all-conference for three seasons and is a great player. Phillip Bryant, transferring from Georgia Southwestern's disbanded program, brings solid statistics and experience, and tight end Keith Jones returns for his senior season.

The offensive line is a source of great concern even though three and possibly four starters return. Randy Williams, at center, and Michael Parker and Kelly Wells at the tackles, return, but the Blazers ended the spring with redshirt freshman Jason Brock and inexperienced sophomore Will O'Steen at the guards. Michael Brenton, a two-year starter at guard, is an academic question mark. Cavan hopes several other redshirts come forward in the fall to offer backup help.

Defensively the Blazers could be very good, especially along the line of scrimmage and in the secondary where a lot of experience returns. The inside linebacker spots could be a problem, but new defensive coordinator Bill Hyde thought great progress was made in the spring. Shawn Utley, another Georgia Southwestern transfer, stepped forward with outstanding play, and Keith Backstrom, primarily a special teams player last season, had a good spring as did Clifford Scott, who started outside last year. Bobby Booker returns at rover in Hyde's 4-3 scheme. Cavan worries about the critical lack of depth at the position.

The defensive line is solid with Robert Morris and Steve Bodi at the ends and Maurice Jordan and Rod Callaway at the tackles. It is also one of the few areas on the team blessed with depth. Darrell Tarver, John Kenny, Fran Delaney, Charles Reddick and Antonio Edwards offer quality backup across the front.

A severe knee injury to strong safety Mikeal Lovejoy in the spring cut into the depth in the secondary, but it is still a talented group. Edward Jackson, Calvin Orr and Deon Searcy at the corners and Dwayne Hart and Eric Luke at the safeties are solid players. New secondary coach Greg McMahon will continue to build depth in the fall.

The kicking game should be solid with the return of placekicker Jack McTyre and punter Mike McCullough. McTyre did not miss an extra point (28-28) and hit 10 of 13 field goals last season, and McCullough averaged 34.9 yards on 39 punts but had only 13 returned. Snapper Ted Palmer also returns as do most of the return specialists.

# VALDOSTA STATE DEPTH CHART

## (End of Spring Practice)

### OFFENSE

#### SPLIT END

7 Dexter Holiday, So.  
81 Willie Osborn, Fr.

#### LEFT TACKLE

\*72 Mike Parker, Jr.  
70 Mike Tinley, Fr.

#### LEFT GUARD

71 Jason Brock, Fr.

#### CENTER

\*50 Randy Williams, Jr.

#### RIGHT GUARD

61 Will O'Steen, Fr.  
77 Tim Puckett, Fr.

#### RIGHT TACKLE

\*76 Kelly Wells, So.  
75 Wayne Jackson, Fr.

#### TIGHT END

\*85 Keith Jones, Sr.  
87 Robert Wheeler, Sr.

#### FLANKER

\*2 Randy Fisher, Sr.  
84 Adrian Steele, Fr.

#### QUARTERBACK

\*14 Tye Cottle, Jr.

#### FULLBACK

5 Marcus Copeland, Jr.

#### RUNNING BACK

\*29 Ramon Allen, So.  
41 Reginald Davis, So.

**LETTERMEN RETURNING (10)** — RB Ramon Allen, FB Marcus Copeland, QB Tye Cottle, RB Reginald Davis, WR Randy Fisher, TE Keith Jones, Snapper Ted Palmer, OT Mike Parker, OT Kelly Wells, C Randy Williams.

\*1988 Starter

### DEFENSE

#### LEFT END

\*80 Robert Morris, Sr.  
\*44 Darrell Tarver, Sr.

#### LEFT TACKLE

\*78 Maurice Jordan, Sr.

#### RIGHT TACKLE

\*79 Rod Callaway, Jr.  
74 Charles Reddick, Jr.

#### RIGHT END

83 Steve Bodi, So.  
48 Fran Delaney, So.

#### ROVER

\*34 Bobby Booker, Jr.

#### INSIDE LINEBACKER

49 Keith Backstrom, So.  
28 Clifford Scott, Jr.

#### INSIDE LINEBACKER

51 Shawn Utley, Sr.  
Eddie Blankenship, Fr.

#### CORNERBACK

30 Edward Jackson, Jr.

#### FREE SAFETY

6 Eric Luke, So.

#### STRONG SAFETY

18 Dwayne Hart, Jr.  
Tyron Dunham, Fr.

#### CORNERBACK

\*25 Calvin Orr, Sr.  
\* 9 Deon Searcy, Jr.

**LETTERMEN RETURNING (16)** — LB Keith Backstrom, DE Steve Bodi, Rover Bobby Booker, DT Rod Callaway, DT Kelvin Davis, DE Fran Delaney, SS Dwayne Hart, CB Edward Jackson, DT Maurice Jordan, FS Eric Luke, DE Robert Morris, CB Calvin Orr, DT Charles Reddick, LB Clifford Scott, CB Deon Searcy, DE Darrell Tarver.

\*1988 Starter

### KICKING

#### PLACEKICKER

\*3 Jack McTyre, Jr.  
8 Don Kelly, So.

#### PUNTER

\*4 Mike McCullough, So.

#### HOLDER

4 Mike McCullough, So.

#### SNAPPER

\*53 Ted Palmer, So.  
63 Stacy Nobles, Fr.

**LETTERMEN RETURNING (3)** — P Mike McCullough, PK Jack McTyre, S Ted Palmer.

\*Starter



# The Players

# KEYS TO THE OFFENSE

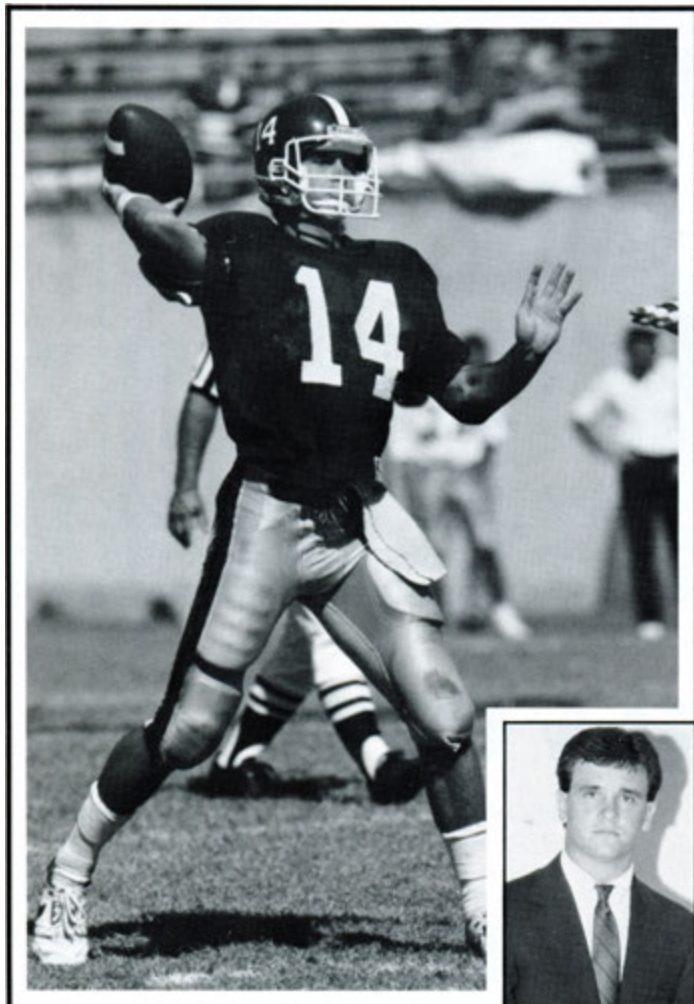
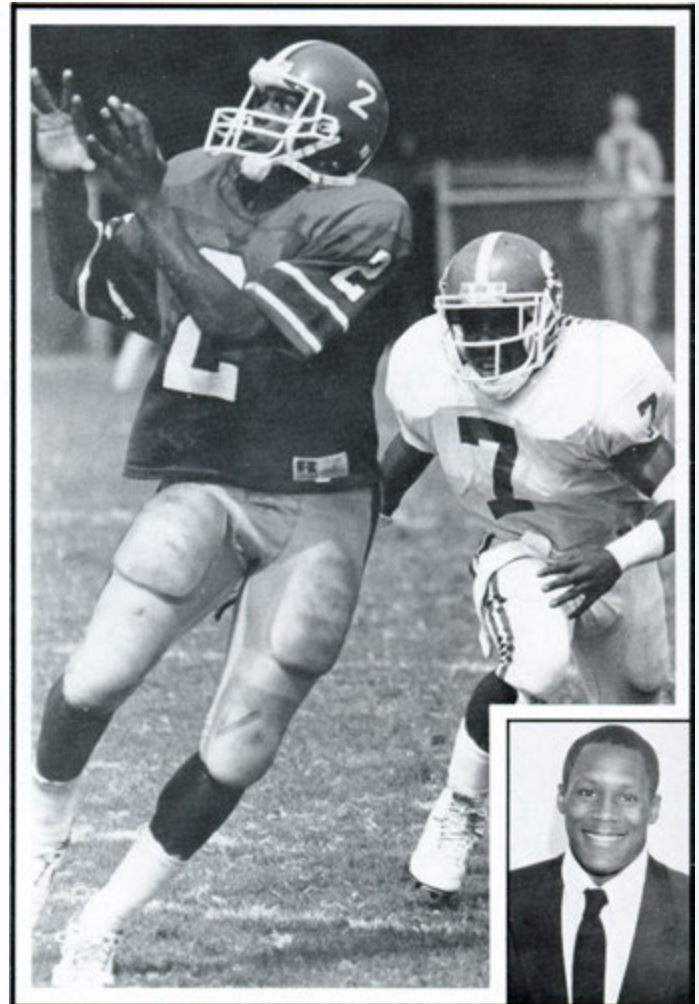
## Randy Fisher

**FLANKER**  
5-10 171  
SENIOR

# 2

Perhaps the premier player in the Gulf South Conference returns for his senior season, and the coaching staff believes it will be his best yet. The fleet and elusive Fisher already holds virtually every VSC receiving record with 134 career catches for 2202 yards and 23 touchdowns. Last season he had 52 receptions for 864 yards and 7 TDs. He was the second leading receiver in the GSC and was a first team all-conference choice for the third consecutive time. Fisher played high school football for offensive coordinator David McKnight at Glynn Academy in Brunswick.

RECEIVING	G	NO	YDs	TDs
1986	11	46	753	10
1987	10	36	585	6
1988	10	52	864	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>2202</b>	<b>23</b>



## Tye Cottle

**QUARTERBACK**  
6-1 176  
JUNIOR

# 14

Tye Cottle returns for his junior season after compiling record numbers in 1988. He shook off a slow start to finish among the national leaders in passing efficiency, throwing for a school record 20 touchdowns and completing 55 percent of his passes for 1960 yards. Cottle was second in the Gulf South Conference in passing last year, averaging 14.3 completions per game. He was also second in total offense, averaging 196.9 yards each time out. He is a proven leader who has steadily improved since becoming the starting quarterback midway his freshman season. Played high school football at Tift County.

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDs	TDs
1987	98	54	8	767	9
1988	262	143	13	1960	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2727</b>	<b>29</b>
RUSHING	G	ATT	YDs	TDs	
1987	9	48	49	4	
1988	10	72	9	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6</b>	

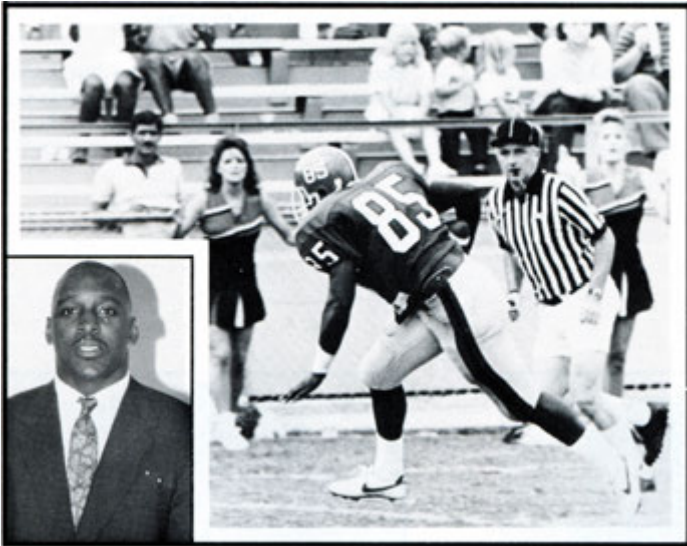
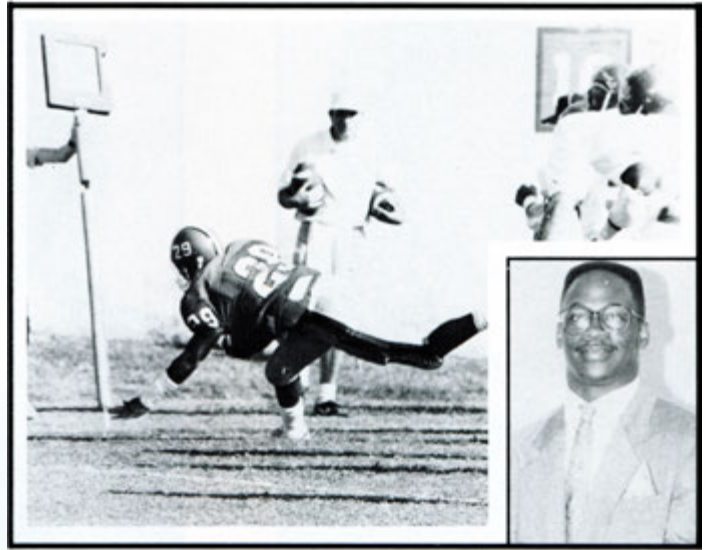
# Ramon Allen

**TAILBACK**  
**6-1 189**  
**SOPHOMORE**

# 29

Became VSC's best single season rusher in 1988, rambling for 780 yards and gaining more than 100 yards in four games. Set school mark by gaining 178 yards against Delta State. Named GSC's best freshman. Great speed to get outside and toughness to run inside. Played high school football at LaGrange.

RUSHING	G	ATT	YDs	TDs
1988	10	155	780	6



# Keith Jones

**TIGHT END**  
**6-1 225**  
**SENIOR**

# 85

A three-year starter, Jones is coming off his most productive season. Caught 17 passes for 178 yards and 4 TDs. He is also an excellent blocker and has become a quiet leader. Played high school football at Pelham.

RECEIVING	G	NO	YDs	TDs
1986	11	2	21	0
1987	10	7	130	2
1988	10	17	178	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>6</b>

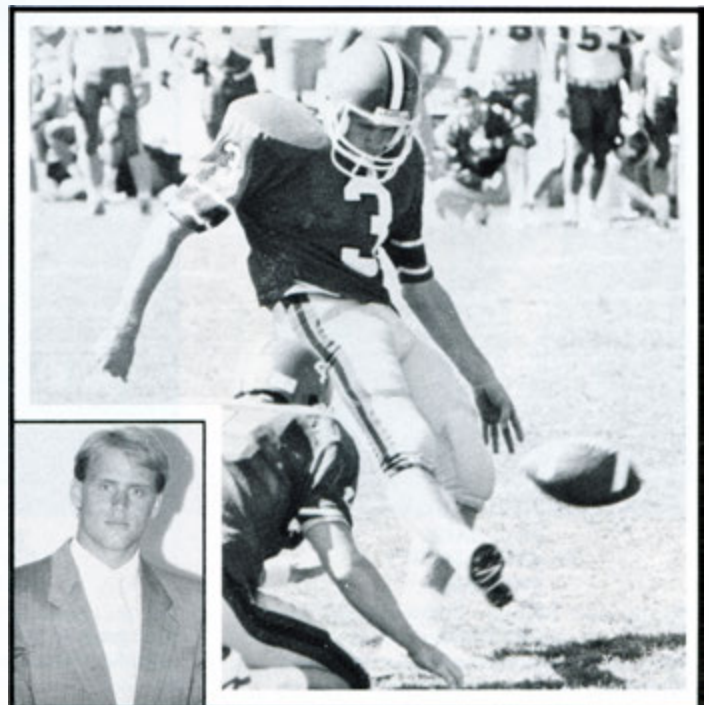
# Jack McTyre

**KICKER**  
**6-2 182**  
**JUNIOR**

# 3

Established himself as one of the top kickers in the GSC in 1988. Did not miss an extra point, hitting 28 straight, and also made 10 of 13 field goals to lead them in scoring with 58 points. Played prep football at Clarkston.

KICKING	PATs	FG	TP
1988	28-28	10-13	58





**RANDY WILLIAMS**  
**CENTER**  
**5-11 225**  
**JUNIOR**

Earned starting job last season with great hustle and determination. Won Coaches Award for his hard-nosed play. From Athens Clarke-Central.



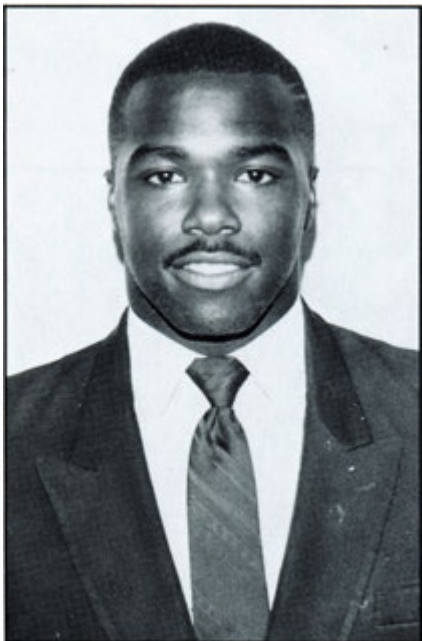
**MIKE PARKER**  
**TACKLE**  
**6-4 262**  
**JUNIOR**

Started last year and was a solid lineman at year's end. Needs to continue improving. From Pelham.



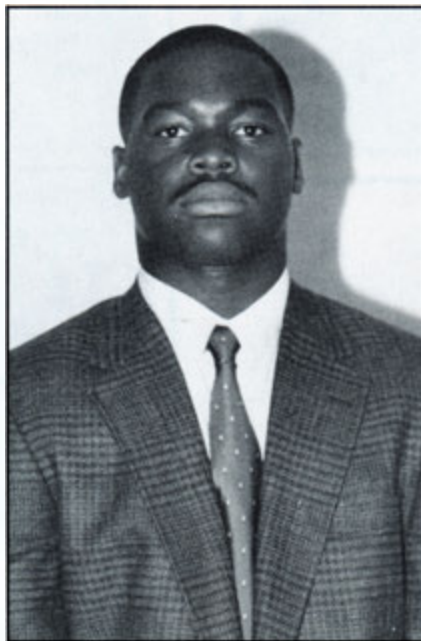
**KELLY WELLS**  
**TACKLE**  
**6-3 251**  
**SOPHOMORE**

Started at guard last season but moved to tackle in spring. Being counted on very heavily. From Lincolnton.



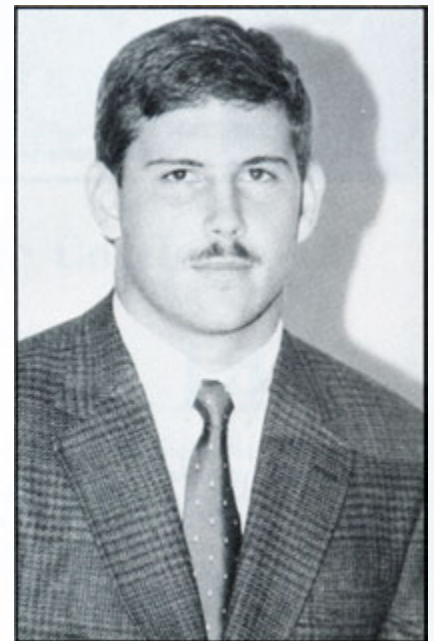
**MARCUS COPELAND**  
**FULLBACK**  
**5-8 192**  
**JUNIOR**

Should start full-time following two productive seasons as a backup. Has gained 263 yards in his career and is an excellent blocker. From Manchester.



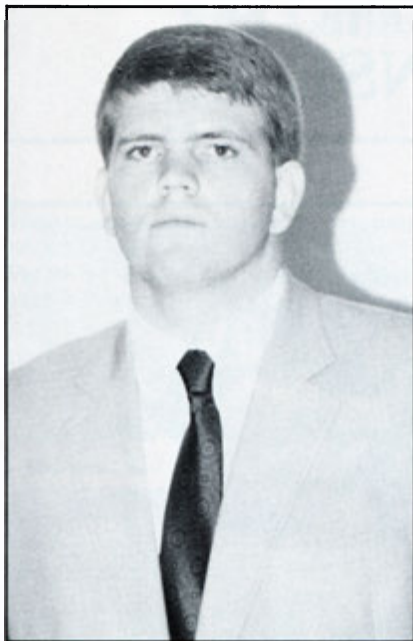
**TED PALMER**  
**SNAPPER**  
**5-11 205**  
**SOPHOMORE**

Did an excellent job snapping for punts, field goals and extra points last year. Very reliable performer. From Crescent.



**WILL O'STEEN**  
**GUARD**  
**6-1 230**  
**SOPHOMORE**

Special teams player who moved into starting job in the spring. Needs experience but has tools to be a solid player. From Eatonton.



**JASON BROCK**  
**GUARD**  
**6-2 255**  
**FRESHMAN**

Redshirt freshman who moved into starting role in the spring. Has the tools but needs experience. From Moultrie.



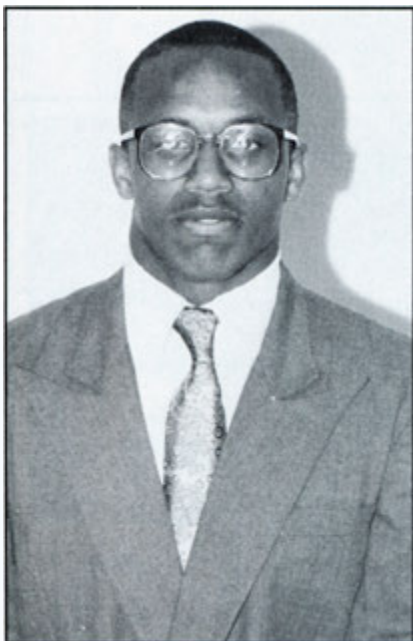
**TIM PUCKETT**  
**GUARD**  
**6-2 275**  
**FRESHMAN**

Was redshirted last season. Made progress in spring and moved into a backup role at guard. From Stockbridge.



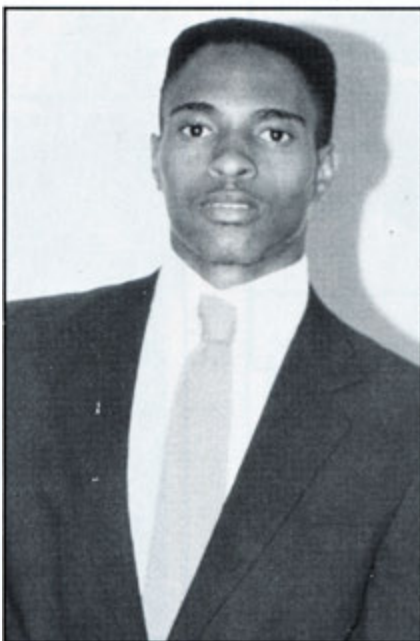
**ROBERT WHEELER**  
**TIGHT END**  
**6-2 215**  
**SENIOR**

Georgia Southwestern transfer who took over backup job at tight end in the spring. Good blocker who gives Blazers solid depth. From Baconton.



**REGINALD DAVIS**  
**TAILBACK**  
**5-9 172**  
**SOPHOMORE**

Played special teams last season but really played well in the spring at tailback. Will provide solid help. From Roberta.



**DEXTER HOLIDAY**  
**SPLIT END**  
**5-6 150**  
**SOPHOMORE**

Returned in spring after a year's layoff and was very impressive. Will add depth and speed at wideout. From Newnan.



**PHILLIP BRYANT**  
**SPLIT END**  
**6-0 176**  
**SENIOR**

Transfer from Georgia Southwestern where he was leading receiver with 18 catches for 395 yards. From Bainbridge.

# KEYS TO THE DEFENSE

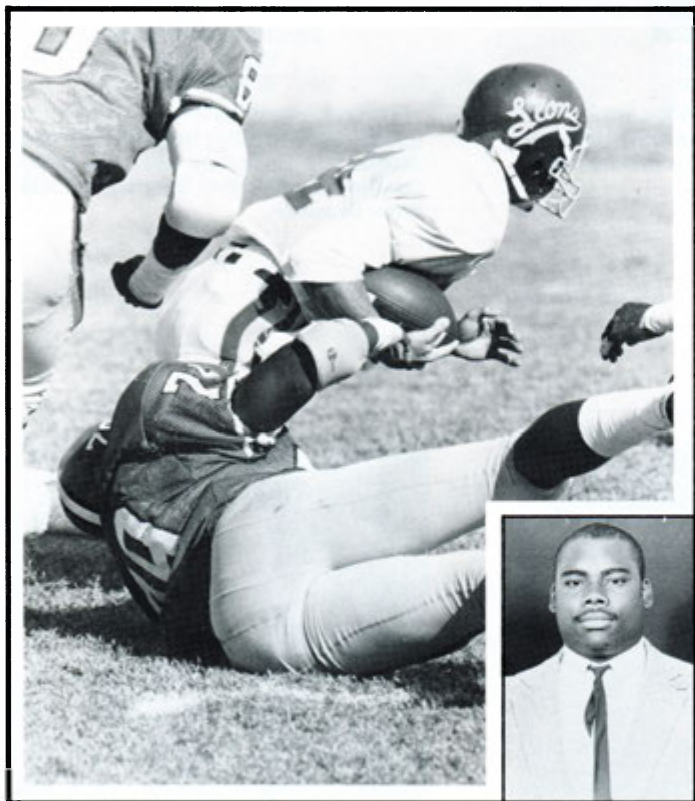
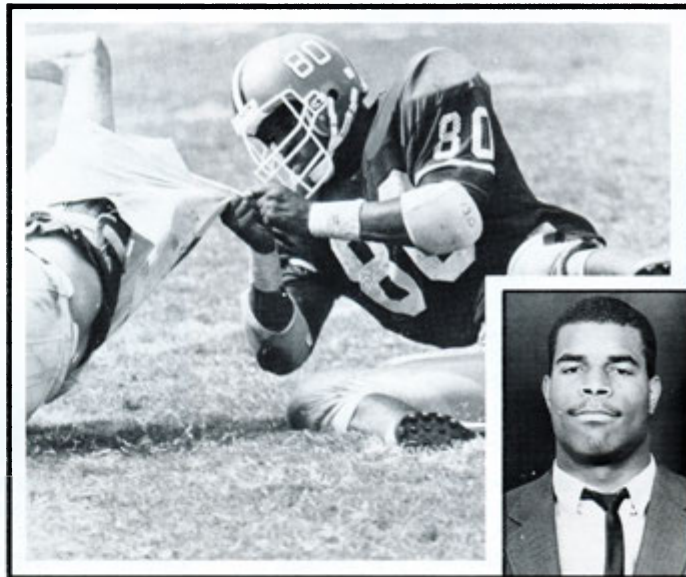
## Robert Morris

END  
6-6 255  
SENIOR

# 80

Came on strong last season and was a dominating player at the end of the year. Set a school record with 12 sacks and was a second team all-conference selection. Should push for conference and all-America honors. From Brunswick-Glynn Academy.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1986	7	2	10	5	1	0	5
1987	19	22	41	3	1	0	2
1988	26	13	39	11	0	0	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>



## Maurice Jordan

# 78

TACKLE  
6-2 255  
SENIOR

Jordan is coming off his best season and is a consistent and durable performer in the middle. Recorded 38 tackles and three sacks last season. Rushes the passer well and provides great leadership for defense. From High Springs, Fla., and played at Lake City-Columbia.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1987	10	18	28	6	1	0	5
1988	18	20	38	2	0	1	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

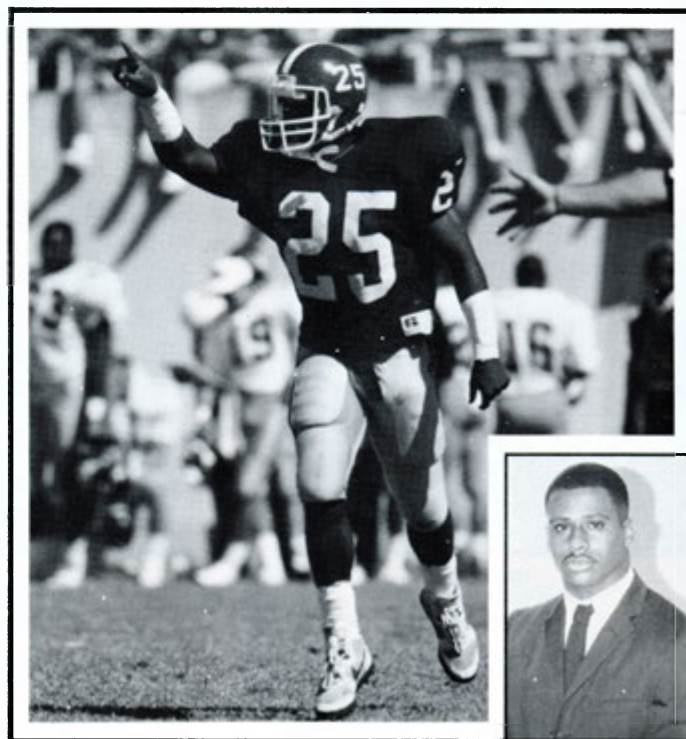
## Calvin Orr

CORNERBACK  
5-7 168  
SENIOR

# 25

Orr is a reliable and competitive cornerback who has started for two seasons. Usually draws the opponent's top receiver and responds to the challenge. Has 10 career interceptions and almost 100 career tackles. From Valdosta-Lowndes.

	UT	AT	TOT	FR	INT	SAK
1986	2	2	4	0	3	0
1987	26	18	44	0	4	11
1988	28	13	41	0	3	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>



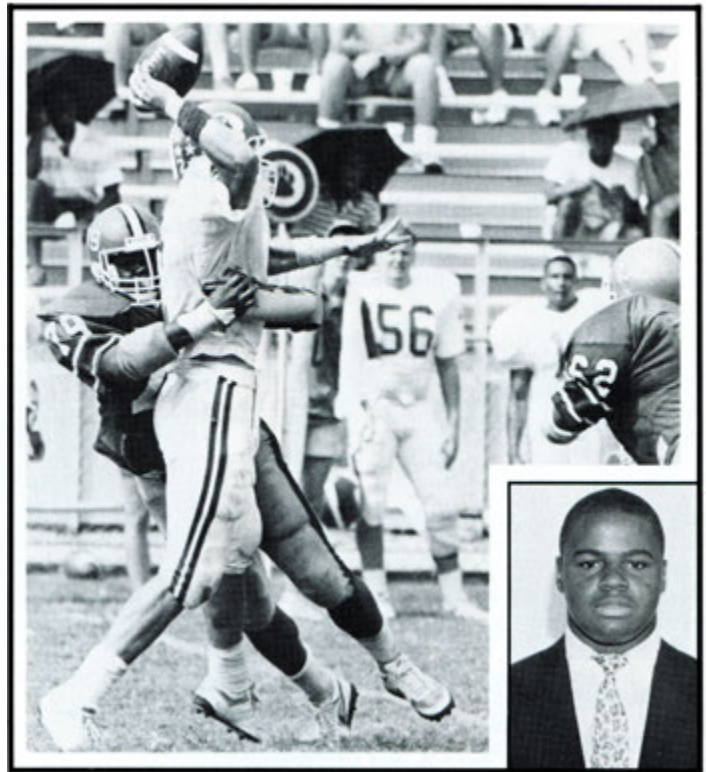
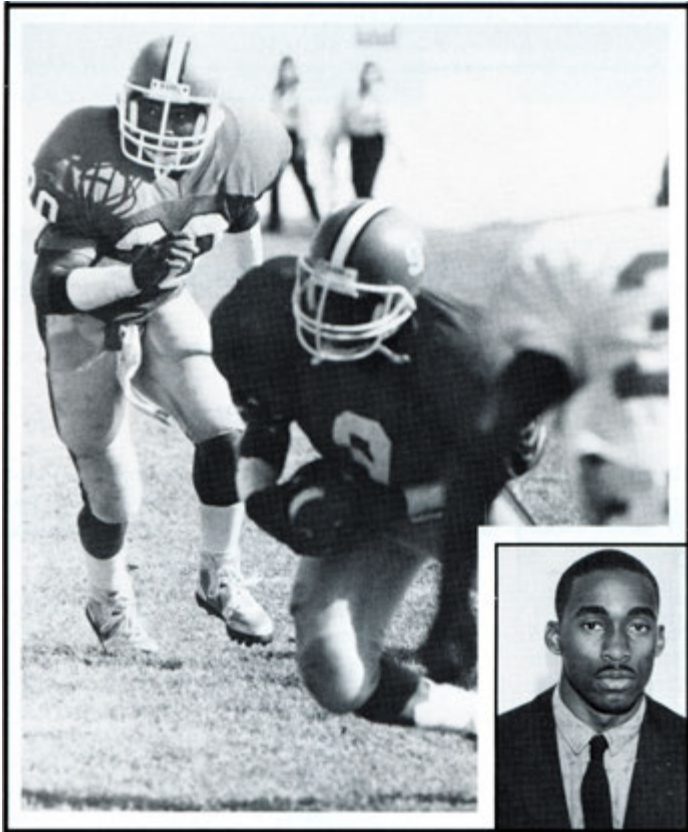
# Rod Callaway

**TACKLE**  
**6-3 243**  
**JUNIOR**

# 79

Another steady member of VSC's veteran front line. Callaway's strong suit is rushing the passer. Has used his excellent quickness to record five career sacks and eight other tackles for losses. Good all-around athlete. From Athens-Cedar Shoals.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1987	9	7	16	3	0	1	3
1988	7	8	15	5	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>



# Deon Searcy

**CORNERBACK**  
**5-11 176**  
**JUNIOR**

# 9

Followed an excellent freshman season with a solid sophomore year. Has all the tools to be an exceptional player at the corner. Has 19 pass breaks and six interceptions in career. Good speed and instincts. From Manchester.

	UT	AT	TOT	FR	INT	SAK
1987	36	16	52	0	1	7
1988	32	11	43	2	5	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>

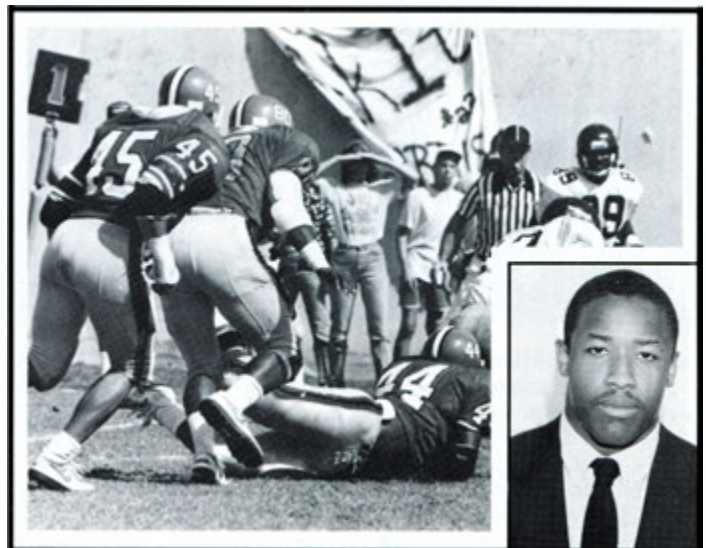
# Darrell Tarver

**END**  
**6-1 235**  
**SENIOR**

# 44

Tarver is another experienced veteran along the defensive front. Injuries hampered his play last season but he turned in impressive stats in 1987. Was challenged by younger players in the spring which should improve his performance. From Seale (Ala.) - Pacelli.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1986	11	19	30	4	1	0	1
1987	22	15	37	5	0	0	2
1988	3	5	8	1	0	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>



# Clifford Scott

**LINEBACKER**

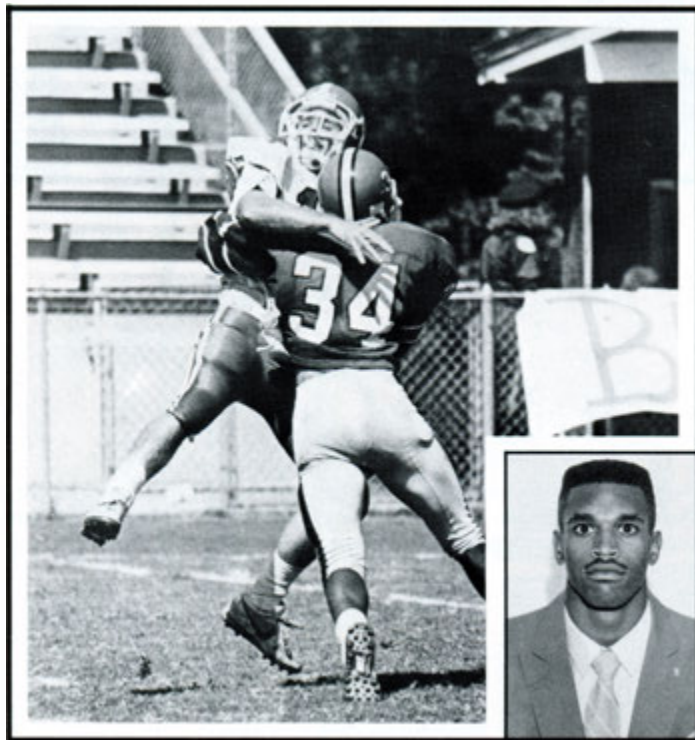
**5-11 185**

**JUNIOR**

# 28

Found a home last season at outside linebacker and recorded 52 tackles, fourth best on the team. Showed further improvement in the spring and is being counted on to be a leader among Blazer linebackers. From Sneads, Fla.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1987	13	7	20	1	0	0	0
1988	28	24	52	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>



# Bobby Booker

**ROVER**

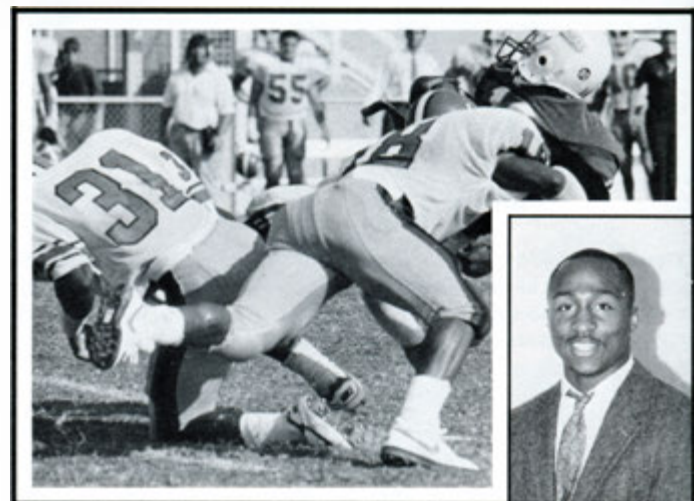
**6-1 192**

**JUNIOR**

# 34

Has started most of the time the last two seasons and has continued to improve each year. Plays a pivotal position in Blazer defense. Has 57 career tackles. Good all-round athlete. From Lincolnton-Lincoln County.

	UT	AT	TOT	LOS	FR	INT	SAK
1987	14	20	34	2	0	0	2
1988	16	7	23	1	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>



# Dwayne Hart

**STRONG SAFETY**

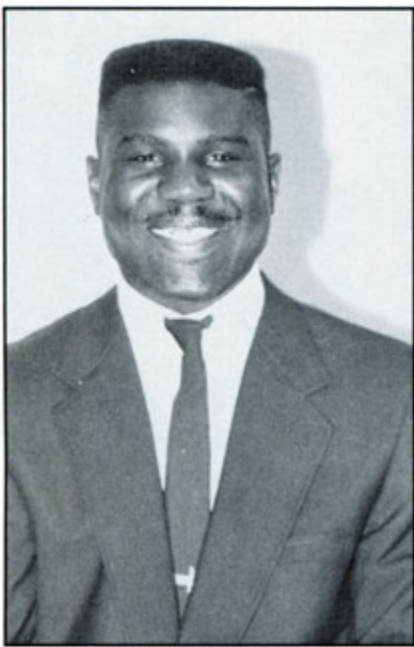
**5-8 161**

**JUNIOR**

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Played a lot last season at cornerback and moved to starting strong safety spot in VSC's new defensive scheme in spring. Hard hitter with good speed. Over 30 career tackles as a part-time player. From Valdosta.

	UT	AT	TOT	FR	INT	BUP
1987	5	7	12	1	0	2
1988	10	11	21	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>



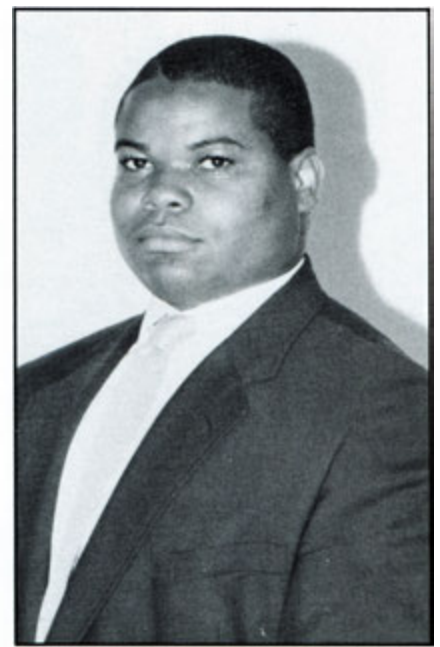
**EDWARD JACKSON**  
**CORNERBACK**  
 5-7 185  
**JUNIOR**

Very versatile player who ended spring work as starter at cornerback. Also a solid return specialist. From Americus.



**STEVE BODI**  
**END**  
 6-2 204  
**SOPHOMORE**

Enjoyed an outstanding spring at both linebacker and end. Projected as a starter. A hard hitter. From Dade City - Pasco.



**CHARLES REDDICK**  
**TACKLE**  
 5-8 259  
**JUNIOR**

Picked up a lot of experience last season and followed up with a very good spring. Provides quality depth. From Thomasville-Central.



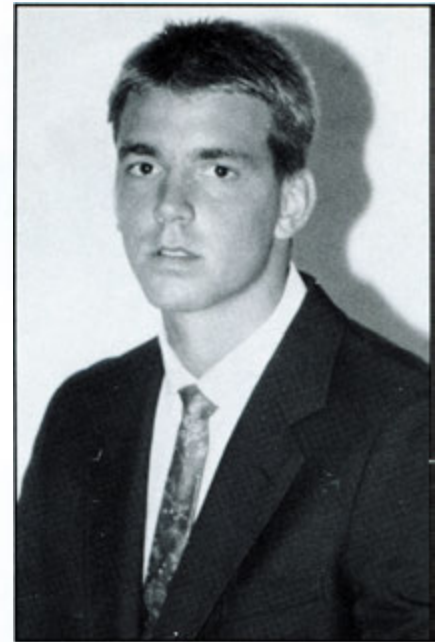
**SHAWN UTLEY**  
**LINEBACKER**  
 6-0 225  
**SENIOR**

Transfer from Georgia Southwestern who took over in the middle in the spring. Expected to be an impact player. From Tifton.



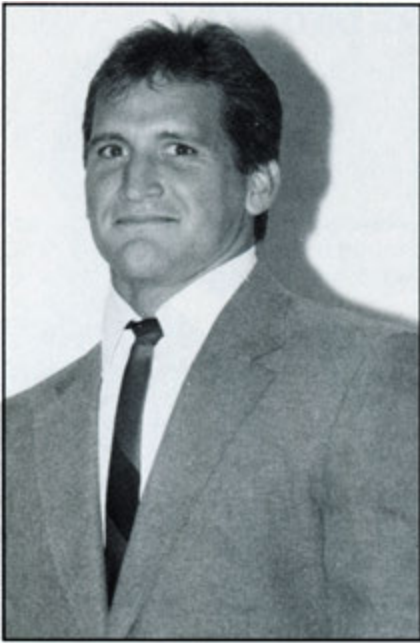
**JOHN KENNY**  
**END**  
 6-2 210  
**SOPHOMORE**

Another GSWC transfer who should provide quality depth along the defensive front. Had 43 tackles last season. From Guyton.



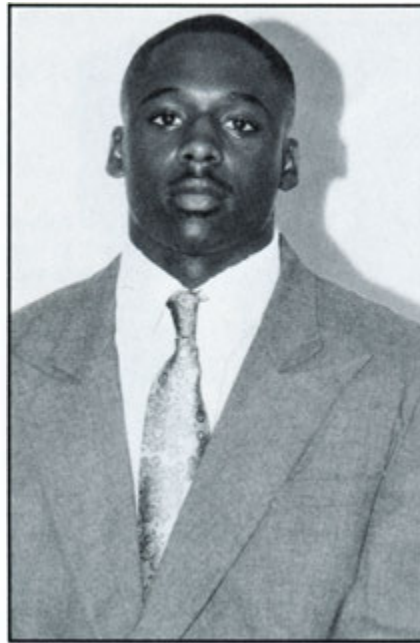
**MIKE McCULLOUGH**  
**PUNTER**  
 6-4 221  
**SOPHOMORE**

Averaged 34.9 yards on 39 punts last season, only 13 of which were returned. Expected to improve. From Tampa.



**KEITH BACKSTROM**  
**LINEBACKER**  
**5-10 205**  
**SOPHOMORE**

Solid special teams player last year who ended spring work as starter at outside linebacker. Has improved steadily. From Douglasville.



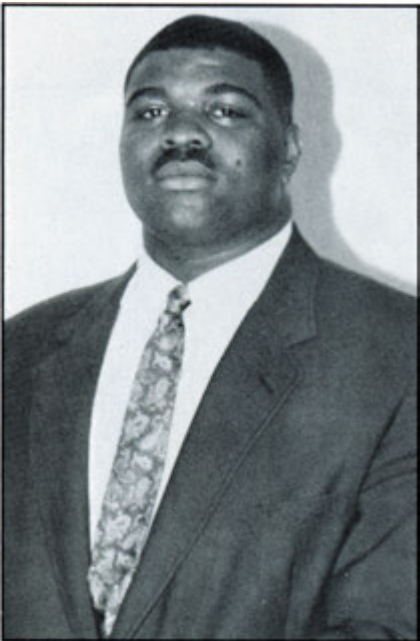
**ERIC LUKE**  
**FREE SAFETY**  
**5-9 164**  
**SOPHOMORE**

Part-time starter last season who ended spring as starting free safety. Had 49 tackles (fifth on team) in 1988. From Washington.



**FRAN DELANEY**  
**END**  
**5-11 210**  
**FRESHMAN**

Redshirt freshman who had an excellent spring at end. Won scout team defensive award in 1988. From Tavernier, Fla.



**KELVIN DAVIS**  
**TACKLE**  
**6-2 274**  
**SOPHOMORE**

Was beginning to play more last season when he went down with a knee injury in the fourth game. Will add more depth. From Albany-Dougherty.



**TYRON DUNHAM**  
**STRONG SAFETY**  
**5-10 175**  
**FRESHMAN**

A redshirt freshman who finished the spring as the backup strong safety. Could add depth to secondary. From Alma-Bacon County.



**ANTONIO EDWARDS**  
**END**  
**6-4 235**  
**FRESHMAN**

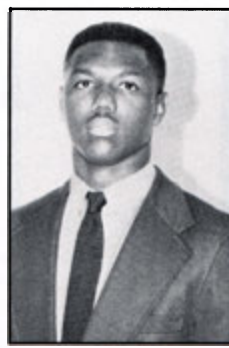
Sat out last season but is projected to be a solid backup performer at defensive end. Big and strong with excellent quickness. From Moultrie.



**WILLIE OSBORN**  
Freshman Receiver  
5-10 173



**J. B. MOORE**  
Freshman Tackle  
6-0 235



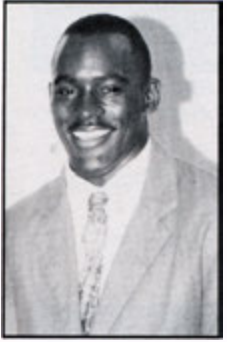
**ADRIAN STEELE**  
Freshman Receiver  
6-2 180



**KEVIN KOTKIEWICZ**  
Freshman Tackle  
5-11 205



**MILTON GRESHAM**  
Freshman Fullback  
5-10 195



**EDDIE ASHLEY**  
Freshman Tailback  
5-8 177



**WAYNE JACKSON**  
Freshman Tackle  
6-3 235



**TOM BURG**  
Freshman Guard  
6-0 215



**TERRY COLLINS**  
Freshman Center  
6-2 230



**MIKE FITZPATRICK**  
Freshman Receiver  
5-8 154



**CURTIS ALLEN**  
Junior Receiver  
6-3 192



**ERIC PORTER**  
Freshman Fullback  
5-7 180



**STACY NOBLES**  
Freshman Snapper  
6-2 185



**KIRK FREEMAN**  
Freshman Center  
6-1 220



**STEVE STOKLOSA**  
Sophomore OLB  
6-2 190



**SCOTT LONG**  
Freshman Tight End  
6-2 215



**CHRIS DUPREE**  
Freshman Safety  
5-11 170



**MIKE TINLEY**  
Freshman Tackle  
6-2 230



**CHRIS TOBLER**  
Freshman Cornerback  
5-7 168



**RICK SWALES**  
Freshman Rover  
6-2 199



**TERRI BYARS**  
Leesburg, Ga.



**VANESSA STEWART**  
Brunswick, Ga.



**KIM McCALL**  
Midway, Ga.



**GINA HORNE**  
Moultrie, Ga.



**TASHA DEMPSEY**  
Snellville, Ga.



**KRISTI CHAFIN**  
Moultrie, Ga.



**DAPHANIE SMITH**  
Warner Robins, Ga.



**NIKI ARMSTRONG**  
Ponte Vedra, Fla.



**TEALA PAUL**  
Orange Park, Fla.



**ANNA CALDWELL**  
Jesup, Ga.



**LYNN ODUM**  
Lawrenceville, Ga.



**SUZANNE HOLLIDAY**  
Lake City, Fla.



**KAY McCORKLE**  
Thomasville, Ga.



**MELODY SMITH**  
Atlanta, Ga.



**CHRISTINA KELLEY**  
Homestead, Fla.



**SALLY HAVENS**  
Marietta, Ga.



**DENISE SAUNDERS**  
Tifton, Ga.



**SHERRI DANIEL**  
Cairo, Ga.



**LISA STAFFORD**  
Macon, Ga.



**BRANDY JOHNSON**  
Tifton, Ga.



**PAM BEAUCHAMP**  
Macon, Ga.



**MELANIE HARMON**  
Stuart, Fla.



**ANGIE PEARCE**  
Ambrose, Ga.



**LIZ FRALEIGH**  
Madison, Fla.



**NICHELLE LIVINGSTON**  
St. Marys, Ga.



**STACIE STOTT**  
Leary, Ga.

## **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.*



**ADRIENE ETHERIDGE**  
Decatur, Ga.



**SUSAN HAASE**  
Dunwoody, Ga.



**NANCY DURRETT**  
Jesup, Ga.



**GAIL DELANEY**  
Tavernier, Fla.



**LEE ANN MITCHELL**  
Windermere, Fla.



**KAREN SAUNDERS**  
Jacksonville, Fla.



**JULIE MATHIAS**  
Moultrie, Ga.



**ANDREA CARTER**  
Macon, Ga.



**MARIA BROOKS**  
Tifton, Ga.

# 1989 VALDOSTA STATE

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	EXP.	CL.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
93	Curtis Allen	SE	6-2	185		JR	Lutz, FL	Gaither
29	Ramon Allen	TB	6-1	193	1L	SO	LaGrange, GA	LaGrange
23	Eddie Ashley	TB	5-7	167		SO	Macon, GA	Bitburg
49	Keith Backstrom	OLB	5-9	195	1L	SO	Douglasville, GA	Douglasville
83	Steve Bodi	DE	6-2	191	1L	SO	Dade City, FL	Pasco
34	Bobby Booker	ROV	6-1	197	2L	JR	Lincolnton, GA	Lincoln County
66	Michael Brenton	OG	5-9	260	2L	JR	Bainbridge, GA	Bainbridge
71	Jason Brock	OL	6-2	252		FR	Moultrie, GA	Colquitt County
1	Phillip Bryant	SE	6-1	185		SR	Bainbridge, GA	Bainbridge
63	Thomas Burgs	OL	6-0	215		FR	Davie, FL	Western
79	Rod Callaway	DT	6-3	247	2L	JR	Athens, GA	Cedar Shoals
5	Marcus Copeland	FB	5-8	193	2L	JR	Manchester, GA	Manchester
14	Tye Cottle	QB	6-1	176	2L	JR	Tifton, GA	Tift County
73	Kelvin Davis	DT	6-2	274		SO	Albany, GA	Dougherty
41	Reginald Davis	TB	5-9	172	1L	SO	Roberta, GA	Crawford County
48	Fran Delaney	DE	5-11	205		FR	Tavervier, FL	Coral Shores
13	Tyron Dunham	SS	5-10	175		FR	Alma, GA	Bacon County
95	Antonio Edwards	DE	6-4	235		FR	Moultrie, GA	Colquitt County
2	Randy Fisher	FL	5-10	172	3L	SR	Brunswick, Ga	Glynn Academy
15	Mike Fitzpatrick	FL	5-8	154		FR	Tavernier, FL	Coral Shores
35	Milt Gresham	FB	5-10	195		FR	Athens, GA	Clarke-Central
18	Dwayne Hart	SS	5-7	163	2L	JR	Valdosta, GA	Valdosta
7	Dexter Holiday	SE	5-6	150		SO	Newnam, GA	Newnan
31	Edward Jackson	CB	5-8	174	2L	JR	Americus, GA	Americus
75	Wayne Jackson	OL	6-2	239		FR	Longwood, FL	Lake Brantley
85	Keith Jones	TE	6-1	225	3L	SR	Pelham, GA	Pelham
78	Maurice Jordan	DT	6-2	238	3L	SR	High Springs, FL	Columbia

## 1989 SIGNEES

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Chris Akers	LB	6-3	215	Columbus, GA	Columbus
George Ball	OL	6-1	230	Jackson, GA	Jackson
John Banks	WR	5-11	180	Brunswick, GA	Glynn Academy
Richard DeWees	LB	6-0	205	Alachua, FL	Santa Fe
Blake Duncan	RB	6-1	190	Warner Robins, GA	Warner Robins
Paul Hall	LB	6-1	195	Marietta, GA	Marietta
Stanley Hall	LB	5-11	220	Ocilla, GA	Irwin County
Carter Harper	WR	6-0	170	Lenox, GA	Tift Area Academy
Marcus Hollis	DB	5-11	180	Thomaston, GA	R.E. Lee
Bo Houston	OL	6-3	240	Nashville, GA	Berrien County
Casey Johnson	RB	6-1	215	Glennville, GA	Glennville
Mark Massey	LB	6-2	210	Perry, GA	Westfield
Derick McCant	DB	6-1	180	Tifton, GA	Tift County
Harold McClain	LB	6-2	230	Ocilla, GA	Irwin County
Ray Merritt	TE	6-4	215	Tifton, GA	Tift County
David Mims	OL	6-3	235	Pelham, GA	Pelham
Gary Rambert	DB	6-0	175	Washington, GA	Washington-Wilkes
David Sigler	LB	6-4	210	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	J.P. Taravella
Danny Smith	OL	6-2	250	Sylvester, GA	Worth County
Charles Stamey	OL	6-3	300	Columbus, GA	Hardaway
Edmund Stevens	TE	6-4	225	Tucker, GA	Tucker
Chucky Stinson	FB	5-11	208	Macon, GA	Mt. De Sales
Chad Tanner	RB	5-11	172	Sandersville, GA	Brentwood Academy
Marcus Walker	LB	6-1	250	Warrenton, GA	Warren County
Cecil Williams	DL	6-2	240	Vidali, GA	Vidali
James Williams	FB	5-10	190	Thomasville, GA	Thomasville

# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	EXP.	CL.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
8	Don Kelly	K	5-8	150		JR	Tallahassee, FL	Rickards
56	John Kenny	DE	6-2	230		SO	Guyton, GA	Effingham County
60	Kevin Kotkiewicz	DT	5-11	205		SO	Snellville, GA	South Gwinnett
90	Scott Long	TE	6-2	215		SO	Dublin, GA	Dublin
20	Mikeal Lovejoy	SS	5-9	176	3L	SR	Meigs, GA	Central
6	Eric Luke	FS	5-10	171	1L	SO	Washington, GA	Washington-Wilkes
4	Mike McCullough	P	6-4	222	1L	SO	Tampa, Fa	Tampa Catholic
3	Jack McTyre	K	6-2	182	1L	JR	Stone Mountain, GA	Clarkson
68	J.B. Moore	OL	5-11	245		FR	Tampa, FL	Tampa Catholic
80	Robert Morris	DE	6-6	255	3L	SR	Brunswick, GA	Glynn Academy
26	Ryan Newton	CB	5-10	170		FR	Marietta, GA	North Cobb
54	Stacy Nobles	C	6-2	185		FR	Nicholls, GA	Bacon County
61	Will O'Steen	OL	6-1	221	1L	SO	Eatonton, GA	Gatewood
25	Calvin Orr	CB	5-7	158	3L	SR	Valdosta, GA	Lowndes
81	Willie Osborn	FL	5-11	160		FR	Statesboro, GA	Statesboro
53	Ted Palmer	C	5-11	201	1L	JR	Crescent, GA	John F. Kennedy
72	Michael Parker	OT	6-4	262	2L	JR	Pelham, GA	Pelham
38	Eric Porter	FB	5-7	175		FR	Forsyth, GA	Monroe Academy
77	Tim Puckett	OL	6-2	275		FR	Stockbridge, GA	Henry County
74	Charles Reddick	DT	5-8	251	2L	JR	Boston, GA	Central-Thomasville
28	Clifford Scott	OLB	5-11	188	2L	JR	Sneads, FL	Sneads
9	Deon Searcy	CB	5-11	171	2L	JR	Manchester, GA	Manchester
45	Troy Seay	ROV	5-11	190		FR	Trenton, FL	Trenton
84	Adrian Steele	FL	6-2	180		FR	Calhoun, GA	Red Bud
43	Steve Stoklosa	OLB	6-1	181		FR	Ocala, FL	Dunnellon
47	Rick Swales	ROV	6-2	199		FR	Kennesaw, GA	North Cobb
44	Darrell Tarver	DE	6-2	228	3L	SR	Seale, AL	Pacelli
70	Mike Tinley	OL	6-2	241		FR	Waynesboro	Edmund Burke
21	Chris Tobler	CB	5-7	168		SO	Alma, GA	Bacon County
51	Shawn Utley	ILB	6-0	210		SR	Tifton, GA	Tift County
76	Kelly Wells	OG	6-3	251	1L	SO	Lincolnton, GA	Lincoln County
87	Robert Wheeler	TE	6-2	215		SR	Baconton, GA	Mitchell-Baker
50	Randy Williams	C	5-10	225	2L	JR	Athens, GA	Clarke Central

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NO.	NAME	POS.
1	Phillip Bryant	SE	31	Edward Jackson	CB	68	J.B. Moore	OL
2	Randy Fisher	FL	34	Bobby Booker	ROV	70	Michael Tinley	OL
3	Jack McTyre	K	35	Milt Gresham	FB	71	Jason Brock	OL
4	Mike McCullough	P	38	Eric Porter	FB	72	Michael Parker	OL
5	Marcus Copeland	FB	41	Reginald Davis	TB	73	Kelvin Davis	DT
6	Eric Luke	FS	43	Steve Stoklosa	OLB	74	Charles Reddick	DT
7	Dexter Holiday	SE	44	Darrell Tarver	DE	75	Wayne Jackson	OL
8	Don Kelly	K	45	Troy Seay	ROV	76	Kelly Wells	OL
9	Deon Searcy	CB	47	Rick Swales	ROV	77	Tim Puckett	OL
13	Tyron Dunham	SS	48	Fran Delaney	DE	78	Maurice Jordan	DT
14	Tye Cottle	QB	49	Keith Backstrom	OLB	79	Rod Callaway	DT
15	Mike Fitzpatrick	FL	50	Randy Williams	OL	80	Robert Morris	DE
18	Dwayne Hart	SS	51	Shawn Utley	ILB	81	Willie Osborn	SE
20	Mikeal Lovejoy	FS	53	Ted Palmer	OL	83	Steve Bodi	DE
21	Chris Tobler	CB	54	Stacy Nobles	C	84	Adrian Steele	FL
23	Eddie Ashley	TB	56	John Kenny	DE	85	Keith Jones	TE
25	Calvin Orr	CB	60	Kevin Kotkiewicz	DT	87	Robert Wheeler	TE
26	Ryan Newton	CB	61	Will O'Steen	OL	90	Scott Long	TE
28	Clifford Scott	OLB	63	Thomas Burgs	OL	93	Curtis Allen	SE
29	Ramon Allen	TB	66	Michael Brenton	OL	95	Antonio Edwards	DE

# VALDOSTA STATE FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

## A

Ashley Abrams, DB ..... 1982  
 Howard Akers, WR ..... 1987-88  
 Jody Allen, DE ..... 1982  
 Ramon Allen, RB ..... 1988  
 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  
 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 ..... 1987-88  
 Robert Boyette, NG ..... 1982  
 Michael Brenton, OG ..... 1987-88  
 Terrence Brisbon, RB ..... 1984  
 Jimmy Brookins, LB ..... 1985-88  
 Charles Brooks, DT ..... 1985

## C

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

## D

Mark Dace, QB ..... 1984-87  
 J.D. Daniels, WR ..... 1982  
 Kelvin Davis, DT ..... 1988  
 Reginald Davis, RB ..... 1988  
 Rick Davis, QB ..... 1982  
 Fran Delaney, LB ..... 1988  
 Artie Dovers, OG ..... 1982  
 Chuck Dunmon, OT ..... 1982-85

## E

John Eaton, OG ..... 1982

## F

Leon Farmer ..... 1985  
 Ken Fasnacht, WR ..... 1983  
 Eric Faulkner, DE ..... 1984-87  
 Randy Fisher, WR ..... 1986-88  
 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

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 ..... 1987-88  
 Mike Henry, C ..... 1983-84  
 Chester Hightower, LB ..... 1986  
 Dexter Holiday, WR ..... 1986  
 Jimmy Holton, OG ..... 1987  
 Greg Hoven, WR ..... 1984-85  
 Doug Hunter, QB ..... 1983-85

## J

Edward Jackson, FS ..... 1987-88  
 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 ..... 1986-88  
 Greg Jordan, LB ..... 1987  
 Maurice Jordan, DT ..... 1986-88

## L

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

## 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  
 Clint McCrory, NG ..... 1982  
 Mike McCullough, P ..... 1988  
 Alex McKinnie, RB ..... 1982-83  
 James McRae, TE ..... 1986-87  
 Jack McTyre, K ..... 1988  
 Danny Metcalf, LB ..... 1987  
 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 ..... 1986-88  
 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

## P

Lenny Parker, LB ..... 1983-84  
 Michael Parker, OT ..... 1987-88  
 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 Schilie, TE ..... 1983  
 Clifford Scott, LB ..... 1987-88  
 Deon Searcy, DB ..... 1987-88  
 Mike Sellars, C ..... 1986-87  
 Brock Sellers, C ..... 1982  
 Andy Sharpless, OG ..... 1982-84  
 Kelvin Sheppard, WR ..... 1982-83  
 Pete Shutters, 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 ..... 1986-88  
 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 Waters, DT ..... 1986  
 Arthur Webb, WR ..... 1984  
 Kelly Wells, OT ..... 1988  
 Derwin Whatley, DB ..... 1986  
 David White, LB ..... 1988  
 Bill Wilhelm, C ..... 1983-86  
 David Williams, TE ..... 1982  
 Fitzgerald Williams, DB ..... 1985-86  
 Mike Williams, RB ..... 1984  
 Michael Williams, RB ..... 1985-86  
 Randy Williams, C ..... 1988  
 Rod Williams, OT ..... 1982  
 Wilbur Williams, RB ..... 1984-85  
 Hershel Wooten, DT ..... 1985-86

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**GEORGIA  
SOUTHERN**



**JACKSONVILLE  
STATE**



**MISSISSIPPI  
COLLEGE**



**CENTRAL  
FLORIDA**



**TROY STATE**



**DELTA STATE**



**UT-MARTIN**



**LIVINGSTON**



**WEST GEORGIA**



**NORTH  
ALABAMA**

# Georgia Southern College

September 2, 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.

**Location:** Statesboro, Ga.

**Enrollment:** 9850

**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:** Erk Russell

Alma Mater: Auburn 1949

Record at GSC: 68-22-1 (7 years)

Phone: (912) 681-5522

**Series Record:** GSC leads 2-1-1

**Assistants:** Mike Healey, Tim Stowers, Jay Russell, Tommy Spangler, Jay Venuto, John Pate, Pat Spurgeon

**1988 Record:** 12-3

**Basic Offense:** Flexbone

**Basic Defense:** Eagle Seven

**Sports Information Director:** Matt Rogers

Office: (912) 681-5239

Home:

**Top Returnees:** QB Raymond Gross, FB Joe Ross, RB Ernest Thompson, LB Darrell Hendrix, LB Everett Sharpe, FS Randell Boone.

## 1989 Schedule

Sept. 2 . . . VALDOSTA STATE  
 Sept. 9 . . . . . West Georgia  
 Sept. 16 . . . . . Florida A&M\*  
 Sept. 23 . . Middle Tenn. State  
 Oct. 7 . . . . . Savannah State  
 Oct. 14 . . . . . at Nicholls State  
 Oct. 21 . . . . . at Samford  
 Oct. 28 . . . . . Central Florida  
 Nov. 4 . . . . . at James Madison  
 Nov. 11 . . . . . UT-Chattanooga  
 Nov. 18 . . . . . Marshall

\*at Jacksonville

## 1988 Results (12-3)

55 Newberry . . . . . 7  
 42 Florida A&M . . . . . 14  
 13 UT-Chattanooga . . . . . 3  
 10 Middle Tenn. State . . . 26  
 10 Florida State . . . . . 28  
 43 Northeast Louisiana . . 11  
 38 Bethune-Cookman . . . 14  
 31 Central Florida . . . . . 17  
 27 James Madison . . . . . 13  
 49 Samford . . . . . 21  
 53 South Carolina State . . 0  
 38 The Citadel . . . . . 20  
 27 Stephen F. Austin . . . . 6  
 21 Eastern Kentucky . . . 17  
 12 Furman . . . . . 17

# University of Central Florida

September 9, 7:00 p.m. (EDT) - Florida Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

**Location:** Orlando, Fla.

**Enrollment:** 18,000

**President:** Dr. Trevor Colbourn

**Athletic Director:** Gene McDowell

**Nickname:** Knights

**Conference:** Independent

**National Affiliation:** NCAA 1-AA

**Stadium:** Florida Citrus Bowl (50,000)

**Head Coach:** Gene McDowell

Alma Mater: Florida State 1963

Record at UCF: 25-21 (4 years)

Phone: (407) 275-2342

**Series Record:** Tied 2-2

**Assistants:** Karl Dorrell, Mike Kruczek, Charlie Hoffman, Paul Lounsberry, Dana Martin, Randy Romero, Rusty Russell

**1988 Record:** 6-5

**Basic Offense:** Multiple

**Basic Defense:** 60

**Sports Information Director:** Bob Cefalo

Office: (407) 275-2464

Home: (407) 678-3356

**Top Returnees:** QB Shane Willis, WR Sean Beckton, TB Gil Barnes, DT Parnell McCall, SS Eric Buckley, LB Bill Stewart

## 1989 Schedule

Sept. 1 . . . Bethune-Cookman  
 Sept. 9 . . . VALDOSTA STATE  
 Sept. 16 . . . . . at Troy State  
 Sept. 23 . . . . . Newberry  
 Sept. 30 . . . at North Alabama  
 Oct. 7 . . . . . East Tenn. State  
 Oct. 21 . . . . . Liberty  
 Oct. 28 . . at Georgia Southern  
 Nov. 11 . . . Eastern Kentucky  
 Nov. 18 . . . . . Texas Southern

## 1988 Results (6-5)

29 Bethune-Cookman . . . 21  
 33 West Georgia . . . . . 14  
 26 Troy State . . . . . 18  
 23 East Tenn. State . . . . 17  
 35 North Alabama . . . . . 33  
 23 New Haven . . . . . 31  
 24 Southern Conn. State . 16  
 19 VALDOSTA STATE . . . 48  
 17 Georgia Southern . . . . 31  
 7 Liberty . . . . . 24  
 31 Eastern Kentucky . . . 35

# University of Tennessee-Martin

September 16, 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - Martin Stadium, Valdosta, Ga.

**Location:** Martin, Tenn.  
**Enrollment:** 4800  
**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: 19-16 (3 years)  
 Phone: (901) 587-7670  
**Series Record:** VSC leads 4-1  
**Assistants:** Larry Shanks, Jerry Reese, Vincent White, Bruce Scott, Jim Hughes  
**1988 Record:** 11-2, 7-1 in GSC (T-1st)  
**Basic Offense:** Run and Shoot  
**Basic Defense:** 4-3  
**Sports Information Director:** Lee Wilmot  
 Office: (901) 587-7630  
 Home: (901) 587-9811  
**Top Returnees:** RB Scottie Mitchell, WR Todd Pope, K Ki Tok Chu, CB Benny Thompson, DT Todd White, S Levon Johnson.

1989 Schedule	1988 Results (11-2)
Sept. 2 . . . . . Murray State	32 Murray State . . . . . 24
Sept. 9 . . . . . Austin Peay State	33 Henderson State . . . . . 0
Sept. 16 at VALDOSTA STATE	13 VALDOSTA STATE . . . . . 9
Sept. 23 . . . . . Mississippi College	21 Mississippi College . . . . . 24
Sept. 30 . . . . . at Delta State	15 Delta State . . . . . 3
Oct. 7 . . . . . North Alabama	38 North Alabama . . . . . 14
Oct. 14 . . . . . Samford	45 Samford . . . . . 13
Oct. 21 . . . . . at Jacksonville State	31 Jacksonville State . . . . . 24
Oct. 28 . . . . . Troy State	27 Troy State . . . . . 23
Nov. 4 . . . . . at Livingston	41 Livingston . . . . . 11
Nov. 11 . . . . . West Georgia	38 West Georgia . . . . . 12
	23 Butler . . . . . 6
	0 Texas A&I . . . . . 34

# Jacksonville State University

September 23, 2:00 p.m. (CDT) - Paul Snow Memorial Stadium, Jacksonville, Ala.

**Location:** Jacksonville, Ala.  
**Enrollment:** 7500  
**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: 23-16-3 (4 years)  
 Phone: (205) 231-5365  
**Series Record:** JSU leads 5-2  
**Assistants:** Charlie Maniscalco, Eddie Garfinkle, Roland Houston, Mark Fleetwood, David Saunders, Jay Brown  
**1988 Record:** 10-2, 7-1 in GSC (T-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 Gulledege, FB Brian Stevenson, WR Darrell Sanders, DT Orlando Adams, LB Freddy Goodwin, CB Eric Davis

1989 Schedule	1988 Results (10-2)
Sept. 2 . . . . . at Samford	34 Samford . . . . . 6
Sept. 9 . . . . . Alabama A&M	24 Alabama A&M . . . . . 14
Sept. 16 . . . . . at West Georgia	30 West Georgia . . . . . 0
Sept. 23 . . . . . VALDOSTA STATE	31 VALDOSTA STATE . . . . . 21
Sept. 30 at Mississippi College	10 Mississippi College . . . . . 0
Oct. 7 . . . . . Delta State	24 Delta State . . . . . 17
Oct. 14 . . . . . at North Alabama	38 North Alabama . . . . . 3
Oct. 21 . . . . . UT-Martin	24 UT-Martin . . . . . 31
Nov. 4 . . . . . at Troy State	31 Troy State . . . . . 3
Nov. 11 . . . . . Livingston	45 Livingston . . . . . 10
	63 West Chester . . . . . 24
	24 Portland State . . . . . 31

# Troy State University

September 30, 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - Martin Stadium, Valdosta, Ga.

**Location:** Troy, Ala.  
**Enrollment:** 4000  
**President:** Dr. Ralph Adams  
**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 TSC: 4-6 (1 year)  
 Phone: (205) 566-3000  
**Series Record:** TSU leads 5-2  
**Assistants:** Shannon White, Willie Slater, Mike O'Toole, Johnny Williams, Chris Yeager  
**1988 Record:** 4-6, 3-5 in GSC (T-5th)  
**Basic Offense:** Wishbone  
**Basic Defense:** 50  
**Sports Information Director:** Tom Ensey  
 Office: (205) 566-3000  
 Home: (205) 566-2038  
**Top Returnees:** QB Bob Godsey, FB Tony Jackson, OG Reginald Hutchins, DE David Summerall, CB Doug Mims, FS Steve Leach

1989 Schedule	1988 Results (4-6)
Sept. 2 . . . . . at Alabama State	26 SE Missouri State . . . . . 13
Sept. 9 . . . . . at Livingston	28 Livingston . . . . . 14
Sept. 16 . . . . . Central Florida	18 Central Florida . . . . . 26
Sept. 23 . . . . . West Georgia	38 West Georgia . . . . . 3
Sept. 30 at VALDOSTA STATE	16 VALDOSTA STATE . . . 21
Oct. 7 . . . . . Mississippi College	12 Mississippi College . . . 18
Oct. 14 . . . . . at Delta State	21 Delta State . . . . . 24
Oct. 21 . . . . . North Alabama	30 North Alabama . . . . . 7
Oct. 28 . . . . . at UT-Martin	23 UT-Martin . . . . . 27
Nov. 4 . . . . . Jacksonville State	3 Jacksonville State . . . 31

# Livingston University

October 7, 1:00 p.m. (CDT) - Tiger Stadium, Livingston, Ala.

**Location:** Livingston, Ala.  
**Enrollment:** 1700  
**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: 14-29-1 (4 years)  
 Phone: (205) 652-9661  
**Series Record:** VSC leads 6-1  
**Assistants:** Tim Moore, Eric Schumann, Harold Wells, Butch Caldwell  
**1988 Record:** 0-11, 0-8 in GSC (9th)  
**Basic Offense:** Vandy Passing  
**Basic Defense:** 4-4  
**Sports Information Director:** Dee Outlaw  
 Office: (205) 652-9661  
 Home: (205) 652-2221  
**Top Returnees:** RB Shay Oliver, RB Brad Shaw, WR Willie Ivy, CB Mike Griggs, LB Derrick Gunnerson, LB Joe Tidmore

1989 Schedule	1988 Results (0-11)
Sept. 2 . . . . . East Texas State*	14 East Texas State . . . . . 25
Sept. 9 . . . . . Troy State	14 Troy State . . . . . 28
Sept. 16 . . . . . Elon	23 Elon . . . . . 31
Sept. 23 . . . . . Samford	20 Samford . . . . . 41
Sept. 30 . . . . . at West Georgia	0 West Georgia . . . . . 13
Oct. 7 . . . . . VALDOSTA STATE	7 VALDOSTA STATE . . . 20
Oct. 14 . . . . . at Mississippi College	10 Mississippi College . . . 21
Oct. 21 . . . . . Delta State	11 Delta State . . . . . 12
Oct. 28 . . . . . at North Alabama	7 North Alabama . . . . . 10
Nov. 4 . . . . . UT-Martin	11 UT-Martin . . . . . 41
Nov. 11 . . . . . at Jacksonville State	10 Jacksonville State . . . 45
*at Mobile	

# West Georgia College

October 14, 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - Martin Stadium, Valdosta, Ga.

**Location:** Carrollton, Ga.  
**Enrollment:** 6700  
**President:** Dr. Maurice Townsend  
**Athletic Director:** Dr. Tom Virgets  
**Nickname:** Braves  
**Conference:** Gulf South  
**National Affiliation:** NCAA II  
**Stadium:** Grisham (6500)  
**Head Coach:** Mac McWhorter  
 Alma Mater: Georgia 1974  
 Record at WGC: 0-0 (first year)  
 Phone: (404) 836-6539  
**Series Record:** VSC leads 6-0  
**Assistants:** Don Jacobs, Gary Otten, Barry Russell, Ron Jurney, Ted Roof, Ron Wright, Cleve Pounds  
**1988 Record:** 4-6, 3-5 in GSC (T-5th)  
**Basic Offense:** Multiple  
**Basic Defense:** Multiple  
**Sports Information Director:** Warren Miller  
 Office: (404) 836-6542  
 Home: (404) 832-1152  
**Top Returnees:** FB Brooks Benton, TB Louis Lomax, C Mark Sonenshein, NG Charles Kidd, CB Anthony Green, LB Jason McBride

1989 Schedule	1988 Results (4-6)
Sept. 2 . . . . . at Wofford	14 Central Florida . . . . . 33
Sept. 9 . . at Georgia Southern	0 Jacksonville State . . . . . 30
Sept. 16 . . Jacksonville State	3 Troy State . . . . . 38
Sept. 23 . . . . . at Troy State	13 Livingston . . . . . 0
Sept. 30 . . . . . Livingston	17 Samford . . . . . 14
Oct. 7 . . . . . at Samford	14 VALDOSTA STATE . . . 17
Oct. 14 at VALDOSTA STATE	8 Mississippi College . . . 10
Oct. 21 . . . Mississippi College	33 Delta State . . . . . 28
Oct. 28 . . . . . at Delta State	16 North Alabama . . . . . 0
Nov. 4 . . . . . North Alabama	12 UT-Martin . . . . . 38
Nov. 11 . . . . . at UT-Martin	

# Mississippi College

October 28, 5:00 p.m. (CDT) - Robinson-Hale Stadium, Clinton, Miss.

**Location:** Clinton, Miss.  
**Enrollment:** 3600  
**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: 102-73-4 (17 years)  
 Phone: (601) 925-3342  
**Series Record:** MC leads 6-1  
**Assistants:** Terry McMillian, Ricky Herzog, Joel Hudson, Charlie Coles, Laurin Collins  
**1988 Record:** 9-3, 7-1 in GSC (T-1st)  
**Basic Offense:** Multiple  
**Basic Defense:** Multiple  
**Sports Information Director:** Norman Gough  
 Office: (601) 925-3255  
 Home: (601) 924-5115  
**Top Returnees:** QB Wally Henry, RB Fred McAfee, SE Buster Brown, DT Terry Fleming, LB Shinall Conway, FS Donnie Milloy

1989 Schedule	1988 Results (9-3)
Sept. 2 . . . . . at McNeese State	2 McNeese State . . . . . 6
Sept. 9 . . . . . North Alabama	42 North Alabama . . . . . 35
Sept. 16 . . at SE Missouri State	41 SE Missouri State . . . 13
Sept. 23 . . . . . at UT-Martin	24 UT-Martin . . . . . 21
Sept. 30 . . . Jacksonville State	0 Jacksonville State . . . 10
Oct. 7 . . . . . at Troy State	18 Troy State . . . . . 12
Oct. 14 . . . . . Livingston	21 Livingston . . . . . 10
Oct. 21 . . . . . at West Georgia	10 West Georgia . . . . . 8
Oct. 28 . . VALDOSTA STATE	31 VALDOSTA STATE . . . 21
Nov. 11 . . . . . at Delta State	16 Lamar . . . . . 14
	7 Delta State . . . . . 3
	15 Texas A&I . . . . . 39

# Delta State University

**November 4, 1:00 p.m. (EST) - Martin Stadium, Valdosta, Ga.**

**Location:** Cleveland, Miss.  
**Enrollment:** 3700  
**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: 4-6-1 (1 year)  
     Phone: (601) 846-4132  
**Series Record:** DSU leads 4-2-1  
**Assistants:** Todd Knight, Clifton Ealy, Ray Bridges, Britt Stender,  
     Joe Don Samples, Sean Seligman, Clay Ranager  
**1988 Record:** 4-6-1, 2-5-1 in GSC (7th)  
**Basic Offense:** Multiple  
**Basic Defense:** Multiple  
**Sports Information Director:** Jody Corroero  
     Office: (601) 846-4677  
     Home: (601) 846-4133  
**Top Returnees:** TB Dennis Patterson, FB Fred Word, WR Rodney  
     Hughes, LB Dwight Herlong, DT Paul Shoemaker, DT Tim Edwards

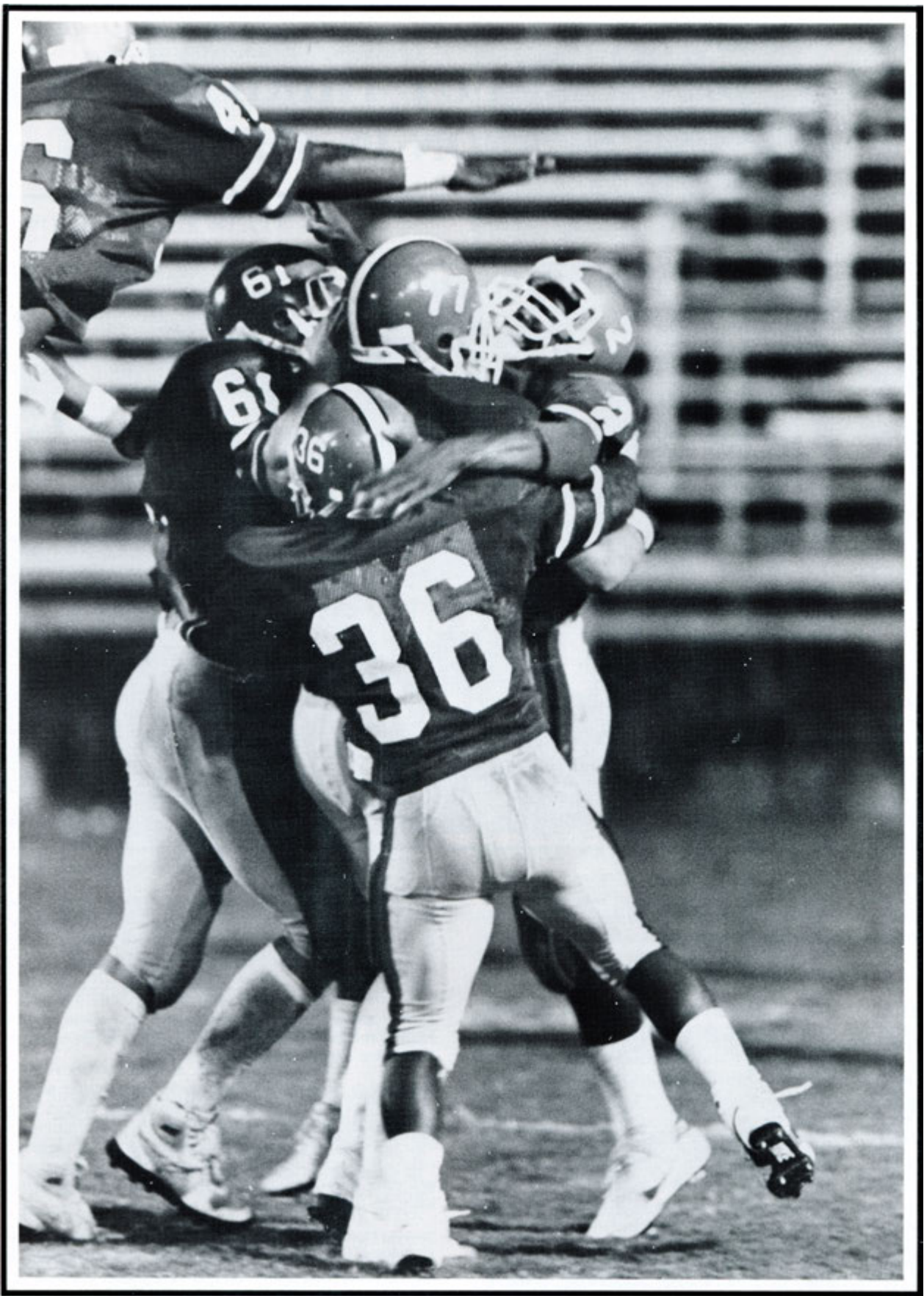
1989 Schedule	1988 Results (4-6-1)
Sept. 9 . . . at Southern Arkansas	15 Arkansas State . . . . . 28
Sept. 16 . . . . . at Nicholls State	31 Southern Arkansas . . . 10
Sept. 23 . . . at North Alabama	28 Henderson State . . . . 10
Sept. 30 . . . . . UT-Martin	24 North Alabama . . . . . 27
Oct. 7 . . . at Jacksonville State	3 UT-Martin . . . . . 15
Oct. 14 . . . . . Troy State	17 Jacksonville State . . . 24
Oct. 21 . . . . . at Livingston	24 Troy State . . . . . 21
Oct. 28 . . . . . West Georgia	12 Livingston . . . . . 11
Nov. 4 . at VALDOSTA STATE	28 West Georgia . . . . . 33
Nov. 11 . . . Mississippi College	28 VALDOSTA STATE . . . 28
	3 Mississippi College . . . . 7

# University of North Alabama

**November 11, 1:00 p.m. (CST) - Braly Municipal Stadium, Florence, Ala.**

**Location:** Florence, Ala.  
**Enrollment:** 5000  
**President:** Dr. Robert Guillot  
**Athletic Director:** Bill Jones  
**Nickname:** Lions  
**Conference:** Gulf South  
**National Affiliation:** NCAA II  
**Stadium:** Braly Municipal (14,500)  
**Head Coach:** Bobby Wallace  
     Alma Mater: Mississippi State 1976  
     Record at UNA: 2-8 (1 year)  
     Phone: (205) 760-4565  
**Series Record:** UNA leads 5-2  
**Assistants:** Ikey Fowler, Randy Campbell, Glenn Davis, Jeff Webb,  
     Bob Harris, Steve Carter, Ruffin McNeill  
**1988 Record:** 2-8, 2-6 in GSC (8th)  
**Basic Offense:** Multiple  
**Basic Defense:** Multiple  
**Sports Information Director:** Jeff Hodges  
     Office: (205) 760-4595  
     Home: (205) 766-7672  
**Top Returnees:** RB Tommy Compton, SE Derrick Coffey, OL Jeff  
     Thompson, DT Bennie Jennings, CB Phil Drummond, LB Felix Baxter

1989 Schedule	1988 Results (2-8)
Sept. 2 . . . . . at Alabama A&M	16 Alabama A&M . . . . . 17
Sept. 9 . . . at Mississippi College	35 Mississippi College . . . 42
Sept. 16 . . . . . Albany State	27 Delta State . . . . . 24
Sept. 23 . . . . . Delta State	33 Central Florida . . . . . 35
Sept. 30 . . . . . Central Florida	14 UT-Martin . . . . . 38
Oct. 7 . . . . . at UT-Martin	3 Jacksonville State . . . 38
Oct. 14 . . . Jacksonville State	7 Troy State . . . . . 30
Oct. 21 . . . . . at Troy State	10 Livingston . . . . . 7
Oct. 28 . . . . . Livingston	0 West Georgia . . . . . 16
Nov. 4 . . . . . at West Georgia	28 VALDOSTA STATE . . . 35
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# 1988 - A Look Back

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*Reviewing A 6-3-1 Year*

# CAVAN, BLAZERS PUT THIRD STRAIGHT WINNING SEASON IN THE BOOK

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The story of Valdosta State's 1988 season is one of near misses. The Blazers lost three hard-fought Gulf South Conference games to the teams which eventually shared the league championship. The only other blemish on the record was a late season tie, leaving the final worksheet at 6-3-1 overall and 4-3-1 in the GSC.

VSC finished fourth in the league race, a notch higher than predicted in the pre-season by the conference sports information directors and two places above the prediction of the league's head football coaches.

This Valdosta State team could have folded its tent early in the season after dropping back-to-back league games to UT-Martin on the road and Jacksonville State at home in weeks two and three. But to their credit, the Blazers regrouped and reeled off four straight wins, three against conference foes, to climb back into the GSC race and catch the attention of national pollsters.

But a solid Mississippi College team came to town and handed the Blazers their second home loss of the year, at the same time dealing the death blow to conference title aspirations. VSC ended the season with a tie at Delta State and a win at home against North Alabama to finish alone in fourth for the second straight year.

The winning season was the third in a row for head coach Mike Cavan, who has been the most successful coach in the GSC during that span. The last three Blazer teams have gone 21-9-1, second only to Troy State at 22-8-1 under two head coaches. The winning trifecta has improved Valdosta State's seven-year football record to a most respectable 41-32-2 (.560).

VSC's senior class had only eight members, but it was a quality group which will be sorely missed in 1989. Tailback Donnie Harrell leaves as the Blazers' all-time leading rusher with 1904 yards. Fullback Eric Clark is the No. 2 leading rusher with 1301 yards. Split end Darrien Teals ranks second in all receiving categories (105 catches, 1650 yards, 16 touchdowns). Offensive tackle Buddy Phillips was the leader and most consistent performer along a very young and inexperienced offensive line and was named first team all-conference. Split end Howard Akers was a solid performer all season.

Defensively, inside linebacker Jimmy Brookins set game and season tackle records and was named first team all-conference. Inside linebacker Scott Mowry, whose career ended prematurely with a knee injury in the fifth game, had 152 career tackles. Tackle Bert Gelis, proving perseverance pays off, enjoyed a good senior season with 13 tackles and three quarterback sacks. He was also named to the all-academic team for the second time.

Several Blazer underclassmen wrote their names in the VSC record book by turning in productive seasons. Flanker Randy Fisher, already the school's receiving leader, had his best season yet with 52 receptions for 864 yards and seven TDs, making the first all-conference team for the third straight year. Quarterback Tye Cottle shook off a slow start to finish among the national leaders in passing efficiency. He threw for a school record 20 touchdowns, completing 55 percent of his passes for 1960 yards. Freshman tailback Ramon Allen rushed for a school record 780 yards, ran for more than 100 yards in four games and was named the league's freshman of the year.

Defensively, free safety Mikeal Lovejoy was the team's second leading tackler with 107. End Robert Morris had a school record 12 quarterback sacks and was a second team all-conference choice while cornerback Deon Searcy led the team with five interceptions and 12 breakups.

A total of 25 school records were either broken or tied during the season.

A game-by-game capsule of 1988 follows:

### **VALDOSTA STATE 14 FORT VALLEY STATE 13**

Playing for the first time ever in Brunswick's Glynn County Stadium, the Blazers ground out a beautiful 86-yard drive in the fourth quarter to pull out a 14-13 victory, their third straight over the Wildcats. VSC drove to the Fort Valley State two-yard-line on its first possession but was turned away, and the Wildcats used the momentum to score two first half touchdowns. The Blazers got on the board on their first possession of the second half when Tye Cottle hit tight end Keith Jones from 11 yards out but could not mount another sustained drive until the 86-yarder in the final four minutes of the game. Freshman tailback Ramon Allen was the workhorse in the drive and scored the tying touchdown on an 8-yard run. Jack McTyre kicked the winning extra point with just over a minute left in the game. Allen gained 116 yards on 23 carries.



### **UT-MARTIN 13 VALDOSTA STATE 9**

Valdosta State's first road and conference game of the season ended in heart-breaking fashion as UT-Martin rallied in the final minute to snatch a 13-9 victory, the first ever for the Pacers over the Blazers in five meetings. Until UTM's desperation 78-yard touchdown drive in the final two minutes, the game had been a battle of field goals between VSC's Jack McTyre and the Pacers' Ki Tok Chu. Chu connected from 36 and 35 yards out to give UT-Martin a 6-0 lead before McTyre answered with kicks of 30, 37 and 30 yards. The second 30-yarder early in the fourth quarter put the Blazers on top 9-6. A Jimmy Brookins' interception later in the period put VSC in business at the Pacer 48, and the Blazers drove to the 22 before losing the ball on downs with 2:01 left. A questionable pass interference call kept the Pacer drive alive, and to their credit they took advantage of their good fortune, completing a touchdown pass with 48 seconds left in the game. The Pacers managed only 18 yards rushing and 180 yards of total offense, but VSC could do little better, getting 97 yards on the ground and another 116 in the air.



### **JACKSONVILLE STATE 31 VALDOSTA STATE 21**

Playing at home for the first time, the Blazers, for the second straight week, failed to hold a fourth quarter lead as Jacksonville State scored 14 unanswered points after VSC had taken a 21-17 lead early in the final period. Failure to hold the lead was the only similarity between the two games, however. The Blazer-Gamecock matchup was filled with offensive fireworks, pitting JSU's awesome wishbone against VSC's versatile passing attack. The Gamecocks, led by quarterback David Gulledge, piled up 297 yards on the ground while the Blazers, with Tye Cottle throwing at will to Randy Fisher, had 288 yards in the air. The two teams played on even terms in the first half with each scoring a first quarter touchdown. After Jax State took a 17-7 lead in the third quarter on a Gulledge touchdown and a field goal, the Blazers came roaring back with Cottle hitting Fisher with a 46-yarder late in the third and connecting with Ramon Allen from 14 yards out early in the fourth for a 21-17 lead. But Gulledge, who gained 172 yards and scored twice, brought the Gamecocks back, directing two scoring drives to secure the victory. For the Blazers, Fisher caught 10 passes for a school record 200 yards.



## VALDOSTA STATE 21 TROY STATE 16

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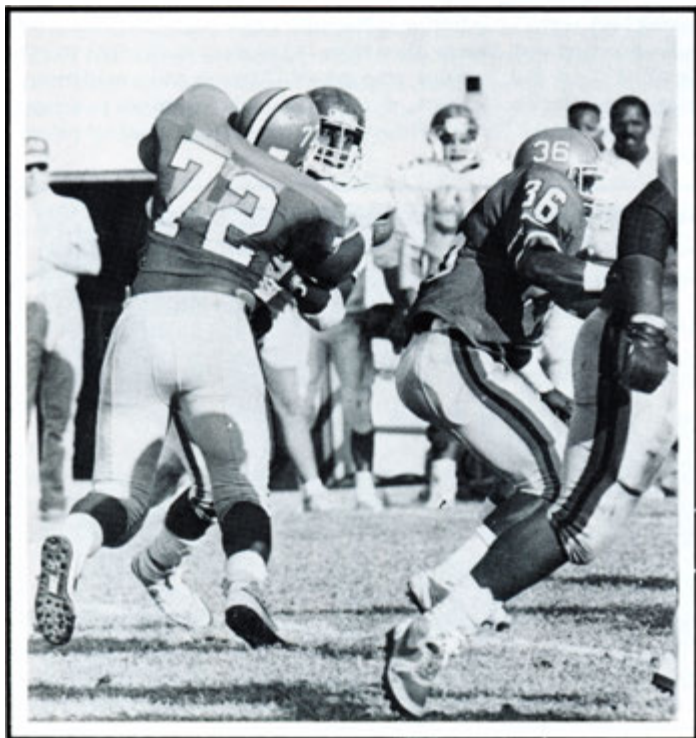


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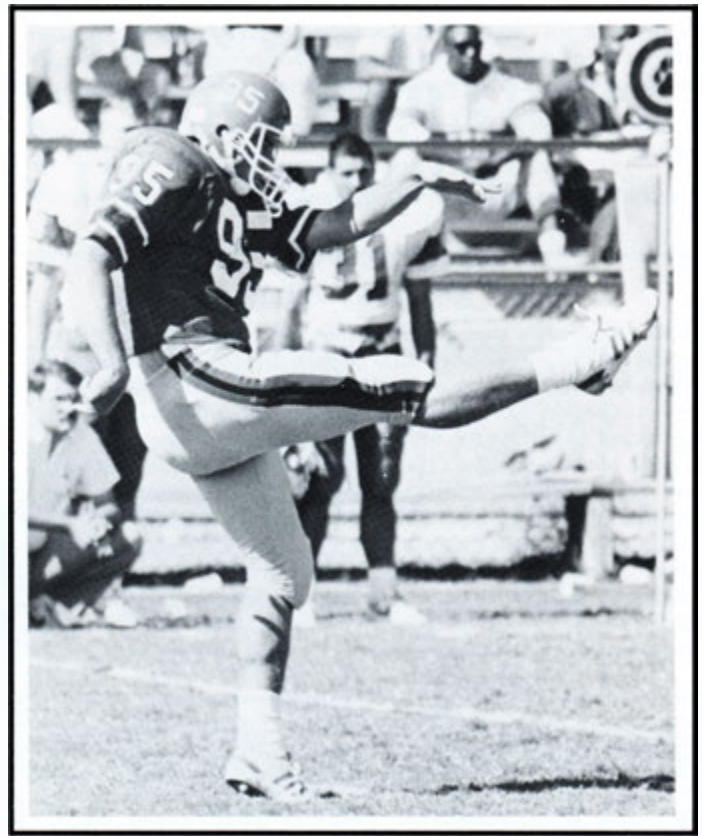


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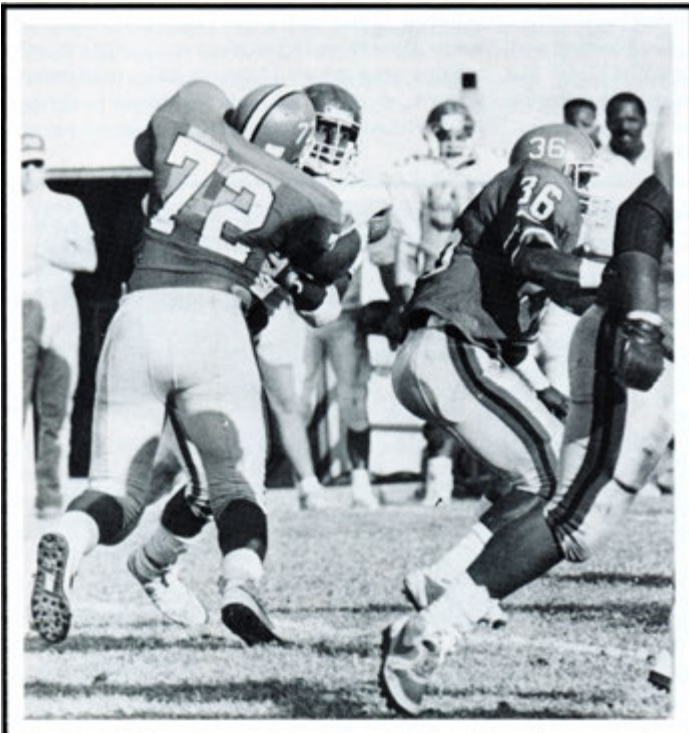


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**MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE 31  
VALDOSTA STATE 21**

The four-game winning streak and conference title hopes went down the drain as a sound Mississippi College team came to town and handed the Blazers a 31-21 defeat. For VSC it was a day of missed opportunities. The Choctaws made the big plays; the Blazers didn't. After the two teams swapped first quarter field goals, MC built a 17-3 lead before the VSC began a fourth quarter comeback. Tye Cottle hit Randy Fisher with an 11-yard touchdown pass and Jack McTyre kicked a 34-yard field goal to pull the Blazers within four. But the Chocs stopped the next VSC drive, then drove for the clinching touchdown. VSC wouldn't quit, however, scoring again with 47 seconds left on a Cottle pass to Darrien Teals. Cottle then hit Howard Akers for a two-point conversion to pull VSC within 3, and when the Blazers recovered the onside kick at their own 44, VSC hopes soared. But on the first play Cottle's pass was intercepted and returned 85 yards for MC's final touchdown.



**VALDOSTA STATE 28  
DELTA STATE 28**

The game was almost as even statistically as the final score. And even though each team scored 28 points both VSC's and Delta State's defenses played extremely well at times. It was a great day for VSC freshman tailback Ramon Allen, who gained a school record 178 yards and scored three touchdowns. His third TD, a one-yard plunge with 4:28 left in the game, gave the Blazers a 28-21 lead, but the Statesmen came roaring back to tie the game for the fourth time with only 1:32 remaining. VSC ended with 375 yards of offense to 344 for Delta State, but there were 14 punts in the game, eight by the Statesmen. The Blazers were hurt by two turnovers, both of which came deep in Delta State territory. The tie was only the second in VSC's seven-year history.



**VALDOSTA STATE 35  
NORTH ALABAMA 28**

The season finale was really two games in one. Valdosta State totally dominated for almost three quarters, building a 35-7 lead, but North Alabama came off the deck to score three unanswered touchdowns before running out of time. The Blazers were perfect offensively and defensively for the first 40 minutes of the game. Tye Cottle, who completed 19 passes for 234 yards, had TD tosses of 11, 6 and 26 yards. Flanker Randy Fisher caught the 26-yarder and threw a 41-yard TD strike to Darrien Teals. Teals and Keith Jones caught the other six-pointers and Ramon Allen, who gained 94 yards on the day, scored the other touchdown on a 3-yard run. The Blazer defenders recorded five sacks, four by end Robert Morris. Jack McTyre's five extra points kept his perfect string alive. The Stone Mountain sophomore hit 28 straight PATs during the season. The victory assured Valdosta State of its second straight fourth place finish in the conference.



# 1988 VSC STATISTICS

RECORD: W-6 L-3 T-1 (H: 3- 2- 0 A: 2- 1- 1 N: 1- 0- 0) GSC: 4- 3- 1 NCAA I: 0- 0- 0; NCAA II: 6- 3- 1; NCAA III: 0- 0- 0; NAIA: 0- 0- 0

TEAM STATISTICS			VSC			OPP			SCHEDULE/ATTENDANCE DATA							PUNT RETURNS			
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	190	178	14	Fort Valley State 13†	5000					Jackson	10	100	10.0	0					
Rushing	83	96	9	at UT-MARTIN 13*	4825					Fisher	14	76	5.4	0					
Passing	91	72	21	JACKSONVILLE STATE 31*	3000					<b>TOTALS</b>	24	176	7.3	0					
Penalty	16	10	21	at Troy State 14*	3000					<b>KICKOFF RTNS</b>									
<b>RUSHING ATTEMPTS</b>	407	448	20	Livingston 7*	7000					<b>NO</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>						
Yards Gained	1743	1971	17	at West Georgia 14*	3500					Harrell	11	258	23.5	0					
Yards Lost	284	347	48	Central Florida 19	6500					Jackson	8	179	22.4	0					
Net Yards	1459	1624	21	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE 31*	3000					Davis	3	56	18.7	0					
Avg. Per Game	145.9	162.4	28	at Delta State 28*	2100					Scott	2	28	14.0	0					
<b>PASSING ATTEMPTS</b>	265	242	35	North Alabama 28	3000					Clark	1	10	10.0	0					
Completions	144	112	*Gulf South Conference Games							Backstrom	2	7	3.5	0					
Net Yards	2001	1450	†Played in Brunswick							<b>TOTALS</b>	27	538	19.9	0					
Avg. Per Game	200.1	145.0								<b>PASSING</b>									
<b>OFFENSIVE PLAYS</b>	672	690	<b>RUSHING</b>		<b>G</b>	<b>ATT GAIN</b>	<b>LOS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>ATT COMP</b>	<b>INT</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>TD</b>				
Total Offense	3460	3074	Allen	10	155	821	41	780	5.0	6	262	143	13	.546	1960	20			
Avg. Per Game	346.0	307.4	Harrell	10	111	545	52	493	4.4	0	Fisher	1	1	0	1.000	41	1		
<b>NUMBER OF PUNTS</b>	45	55	Clark	10	54	119	6	113	2.1	0	Allen	1	0	0	.000	0	0		
Avg. Per Punt	34.1	37.8	Copeland	10	14	61	0	61	4.4	0	Harrell	1	0	1	.000	0	0		
<b>PUNT RETURNS</b>	24	13	Cottle	10	72	194	185	9	0.1	2	<b>TOTALS</b>	265	144	14	.543	2001	21		
Yards	176	42	Teals	9	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	<b>PUNTING</b>								
Avg. Per Return	7.3	3.2	<b>TOTALS</b>	10	407	1743	284	1459	3.6	8	<b>NO</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>Long</b>					
<b>KICKOFF RETURNS</b>	27	42	<b>INTERCEPT RTNS</b>							<b>NO</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>						
Yards	538	685	Lovejoy	2	50	25.0	0	McCullough	39	1360	34.9	49							
Avg. Per Return	19.9	16.3	Metcalfe	1	26	26.0	0	Leivenon	6	175	29.2	39							
<b>INTERCEPTION RETURN</b>	14	14	Orr	3	16	5.3	0	<b>TOTALS</b>	45	1535	34.1	49							
Yards	118	151	Brookins	2	15	7.5	0	<b>SCORING</b>											
Avg. Per Return	8.4	10.8	Searcy	5	11	2.2	0	<b>TD</b>	<b>PAT</b>	<b>2-PT</b>	<b>FG</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>TP</b>						
<b>PENALTIES</b>	59	48	Jordan	1	0	0.0	0	McTyre	0	28	0	10	0	58					
Yards	501	419	<b>TOTALS</b>	14	118	8.4	0	Teals	8	0	0	0	0	48					
<b>FUMBLES/LOST</b>	17/11	32/12	<b>RECEIVING</b>							Fisher	7	0	0	0	42				
<b>TOUCHDOWNS</b>	29	27	<b>G</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>AVPC</b>	<b>CPG</b>	<b>TD</b>	Allen	7	0	0	0	42					
Rushing	8	21	Fisher	10	52	864	16.6	5.2	7	Jones	4	0	0	0	24				
Passing	21	5	Teals	9	28	474	16.9	3.1	8	Cottle	2	0	0	0	12				
Other	0	1	Jones	10	17	178	10.5	1.7	4	Harrell	1	0	0	0	6				
<b>EXTRA POINTS</b>	29	24	Harrell	10	15	174	11.6	1.5	1	Akers	0	0	1	0	2				
By Kicking	28	24	Allen	10	16	168	10.5	1.6	1	<b>SCORE BY QUARTERS</b>									
Other	1	0	Akers	10	8	79	9.9	0.8	0	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>TP</b>					
<b>FIELD GOALS</b>	13/10	7/4	Laskey	10	4	33	8.3	0.4	0	Opponents	53	38	44	65	200				
<b>SAFETIES</b>	0	1	Clark	10	2	17	8.5	0.2	0	Valdosta State	62	66	58	48	234				
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	234	200	Davis	10	1	9	9.0	0.1	0	<b>Third Down Conversions:</b>									
Avg. Per Game	23.4	20.0	Copeland	10	1	5	5.0	0.1	0	VSC 56-133									
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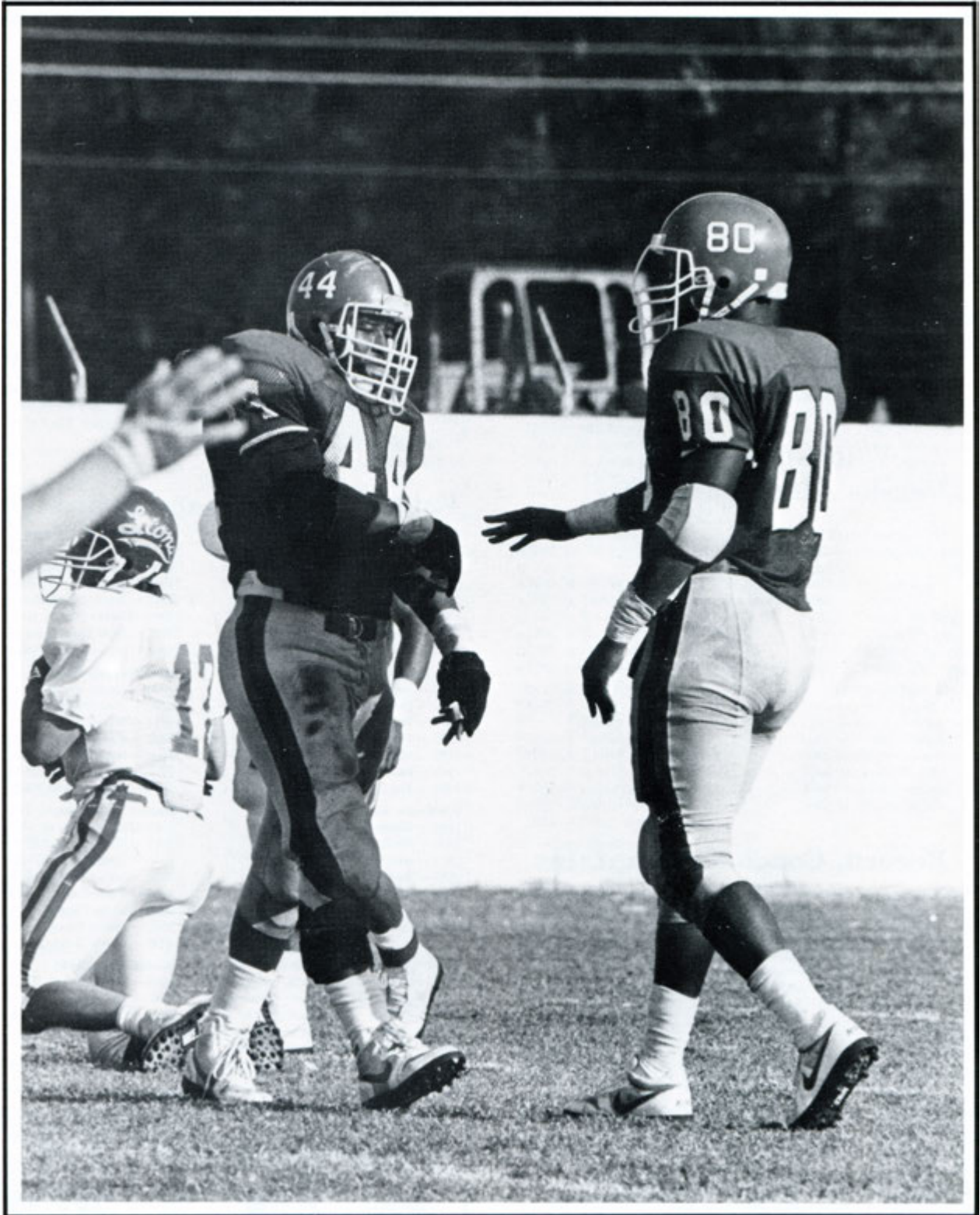
## INDIVIDUAL IN A GAME

Most points — 24, Darrien Teals vs. Central Florida +  
 Longest run from scrimmage for TD — 25, Ramon Allen vs. Delta State  
 Longest run from scrimmage, no score — 69, Donnie Harrell vs. Troy St.  
 Longest pass for TD — 46, Tye Cottle to Randy Fisher vs. Jacksonville St.  
 Longest pass, no score — 47, Tye Cottle to Randy Fisher vs. North Alabama  
 Longest punt return for TD — None  
 Longest punt return, no score — 60, Edward Jackson vs. Jacksonville St.  
 Longest kickoff return for TD — none  
 Longest kickoff return, no score — 53, Donnie Harrell vs. Livingston  
 Longest interception return for TD — none  
 Longest interception return, no score — 36, Mikeal Lovejoy vs. Ft. Valley St.  
 Longest punt — 49, Mike McCullough vs. Mississippi College  
 Most passes attempted — 35, Tye Cottle vs. North Alabama  
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 Most passes had intercepted — 3, Tye Cottle vs. Mississippi College  
 Most passes caught — 10, Randy Fisher vs. Jacksonville St. +  
 Most yards passing — 326, Tye Cottle vs. Central Florida  
 Most yardage by receiver — 200, Randy Fisher vs. Jacksonville St. +  
 Most rushing attempts — 23, Ramon Allen vs. Ft. Valley St.  
 Most yards rushing — 178, Ramon Allen vs. Delta St. +  
 Most total offense attempts — 46, Tye Cottle vs. Mississippi College  
 Most yards total offense — 321, Tye Cottle vs. Central Florida  
 Most field goals attempted — 3, Jack McTyre vs. UT-Martin  
 Most field goals made — 3, Jack McTyre vs. UT-Martin  
 Longest field goal — 41, Jack McTyre vs. Livingston, Mississippi College  
 Most PATs attempted — 6, Jack McTyre vs. Central Florida  
 Most PATs made — 6, Jack McTyre vs. Central Florida  
 \* — New School Record + — Ties School Record

## TEAM IN A GAME

Most rushing plays — 51 vs. UT-Martin  
 Most rushing yards — 226 vs. Delta State  
 Most passes attempted — 36 vs. Mississippi College  
 Most passes completed — 20 vs. Troy State, North Alabama  
 Most passes had intercepted — 3 vs. Troy State, Mississippi College  
 Most yards passing — 326 vs. Central Florida  
 Most yards total offense — 509 vs. Central Florida  
 Most first downs — 28 vs. Central Florida  
 Most fumbles — 4 vs. Livingston  
 Most fumbles lost — 4 vs. Livingston  
 Most yards penalized — 93 vs. Delta State  
 Longest touchdown — 46-yard pass vs. Jacksonville State  
 Most plays — 82 vs. Central Florida

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TOT	FOR LOS	FUM REC	PASS INT	PASS BK	SACK
Brookins	72	52	125	2	1	2	3	0
Lovejoy	71	36	107	2	2	2	4	1
Metcalfe	28	30	58	0	1	1	2	1
Scott	28	24	52	0	0	0	2	1
Luke	30	19	49	1	0	0	1	0
Searcy	32	11	43	2	2	5	12	0
Orr	28	13	41	0	0	3	8	0
Morris	26	13	39	11	0	0	3	12
Jordan	18	20	38	2	0	1	1	3
Jackson	16	13	29	0	1	0	2	0
Booker	16	7	23	1	0	0	1	2
White	11	10	21	0	0	0	0	0
Hart	10	11	21	0	0	0	0	0
Mowry	13	6	20	0	0	0	0	0
R. Copeland	9	8	17	0	0	0	1	0
Callaway	7	8	15	5	0	0	1	2
Gelis	5	8	13	1	1	0	0	3
Reddick	6	7	13	0	0	0	0	0
Bodi	9	3	12	0	0	0	0	0
Backstrom	6	4	11	0	1	0	0	0
Porter	7	3	10	0	1	0	0	0
Marshall	6	3	9	0	0	0	0	0
Tarver	3	5	8	1	0	0	0	3
R. Davis	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
McTyre	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
M. Copeland	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Oakes	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
Palmer	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
K. Davis	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Jones	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
O'Steen	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



# The Records

# GENERAL RECORDS AND INFORMATION

## Attendance Records

YEAR	HOME GAMES	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	AVG ATTENDANCE
1988	5	20,500	4100
1987	5	27,500	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	2	0
Clark	1	0	0
Delta State	2	4	1
Fort Valley State	3	1	0
Georgia Southern	1	2	1
Jacksonville State	2	5	0
Kentucky State	3	0	0
Livingston	6	1	0
Mississippi College	1	6	0
North Alabama	2	5	0
Savannah State	4	0	0
Troy State	2	5	0
UT-Martin	4	1	0
West Georgia	6	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>

## 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

## 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)

## 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
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 Robert Morris, DT (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, linebacker

Best Offensive Back
1982 — James Owens, quarterback
1983 — Henry Chubb, fullback
1984 — Max Vickers, fullback
1985 — Donnie Harrell, tailback
1986 — Mark Dace, quarterback
1987 — Randy Fisher, flanker
1988 — Tye Cottle, quarterback

Scholastic Award
1982 — James Owens, quarterback
1982 — Geoff Walters, quarterback
1984 — Geoff Walters, tight end
1985 — Bert Gelis, offensive guard
1986 — Bill Wilhelm, offensive guard
1987 — Buyan Banks, offensive tackle
1988 — Darrien Teals, wide receiver

Scout Team Players of the Year
1986 — Offense: Steve Marrs, quarterback; Defense: Clint Bennett, linebacker
1987 — Offense: Carlos Marshall, flanker; Defense: Jeff Wooden, linebacker
1988 — Offense: Jay Jernigan, quarterback; Defense: Fran Delaney, linebacker

Best Defensive Back
1982 — Jimmy Francis, cornerback
1983 — Timmy Massey, safety
1984 — Timmy Massey, safety
1985 — Jimmy Francis, safety
1986 — Dallis Smith, cornerback
1987 — Calvin Orr, cornerback
1988 — Mikeal Lovejoy, safety

Hugh C. Bailey Player of the Year
1982 — Carl Armstrong, wide receiver
1983 — Kelvin Sheppard, wide receiver; Tracy Soles, tailback
1984 — Lenny Parker, linebacker
1985 — Jessie Tuggle, linebacker
1986 — Jessie Tuggle, linebacker
1987 — Jimmy Brookins, linebacker
1988 — Jimmy Brookins, linebacker

Rookie of the Year
1986 — Randy Fisher, flanker
1987 — Tye Cottle, quarterback
1988 — Ramon Allen, tailback

Coaches Award
1988 — Randy Williams, center



# GENERAL RECORDS AND INFORMATION

## Valdosta State Year-by-Year

1982 (5-5-1)	
VSC	Opp
13 Mississippi College	28
24 Troy State	21
27 Georgia Southern	27
13 Central Florida	7
0 Delta State	27
11 Jacksonville State	43
36 Albany State	13
7 North Alabama	53
48 Kentucky State	13
22 Livingston	21
29 Georgia Southern	45
230	298
Coach: Jim Goodman	
GSC Record: 2-4 (6th)	

1984 (5-6-0)	
VSC	Opp
49 Clark	0
28 Savannah State	7
38 UT-Martin	6
5 Jacksonville State	12
12 Troy State	27
17 Livingston	16
20 West Georgia	13
8 Georgia Southern	38
3 Mississippi College	10
11 Delta State	17
24 North Alabama	35
215	181
Coach: Jim Goodman	
GSC Record: 3-5 (6th)	

1986 (9-2)	
VSC	Opp
17 Fort Valley State	0
7 Central Florida	10
49 UT-Martin	24
29 Jacksonville State	25
10 Troy State	45
17 Livingston	12
41 West Georgia	26
21 Savannah State	7
21 Mississippi College	10
31 Delta State	8
24 North Alabama	7
267	174
Coach: Mike Cavan	
GSC Record: 7-1 (2nd)	

1988 (6-3-1)	
VSC	Opp
14 Fort Valley State	13
9 UT-Martin	13
21 Jacksonville State	31
21 Troy State	16
20 Livingston	7
17 West Georgia	14
48 Central Florida	19
21 Mississippi College	31
28 Delta State	28
35 North Alabama	28
234	200
Coach: Mike Cavan	
GSC Record: 4-3-1 (4th)	

1983 (5-6-0)	
VSC	Opp
3 Mississippi College	26
12 Troy State	13
14 Savannah State	10
0 Central Florida	20
16 Delta State	24
11 Jacksonville State	37
20 West Georgia	13
0 North Alabama	27
32 Kentucky State	20
29 Livingston	14
34 Georgia Southern	29
171	233
Coach: Jim Goodman	
GSC Record: 2-5 (8th)	

1985 (5-6-0)	
VSC	Opp
3 Fort Valley State	17
27 Kentucky State	0
31 UT-Martin	7
10 Jacksonville State	12
3 Troy State	10
5 Livingston	10
49 West Georgia	12
19 Bishop	2
7 Mississippi College	28
39 Delta State	20
0 North Alabama	45
193	163
Coach: Jim Berryman	
GSC Record: 3-5 (6th)	

1987 (6-4)	
VSC	Opp
21 Fort Valley State	14
19 Livingston	9
24 UT-Martin	10
27 Jacksonville State	10
7 Troy State	44
49 West Georgia	14
35 Savannah State	16
12 Mississippi College	20
21 Delta State	24
16 North Alabama	17
231	178
Coach: Mike Cavan	
GSC Record: 4-4 (4th)	

## 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

### 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

### 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

### 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)

### 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

\* - 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

### 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

### 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)

### KICKOFF RETURNS

1982 - Kelvin Sheppard, 20-422 (21.1)
1983 - Derrick Harris, 21-610* (29.0)
1984 - Derrick Harris, 17-534 (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)

### 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



# 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 — 8.4, Donnie Harrell vs. West Georgia, 1985  
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 (-43, 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 — 10, Terry Mallory vs. Jacksonville State, 1985  
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 — 3, Robert Morris vs. North Alabama, 1988  
Most Assists — 18, Harvey Carter vs. Georgia Southern, 1982  
Most Fumble Recoveries — 3, Anthony Newsome vs. Delta State, 1983

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## INDIVIDUAL — SEASON

### RUSHING:

Most Rushes — 155, Ramon Allen, 1988  
 Most Yards — 780, Ramon Allen, 1988  
 Most Yards Lost — 307, James Owens, 1982  
 Best Average — 5.5, Henry Chubb, 1983 (121-668)  
 Best Game Average — 78.0, Ramon Allen, 1988 (780, 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 — 14, James Owens, 1982; Mark Dace, 1984

### 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

## INDIVIDUAL IN A CAREER

RUSHING	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDs
Donnie Harrell, 1985-88	407	1904	4.7	10
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
Ramon Allen, 1988-A	155	780	5.0	6
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
Mark Dace, 1984-87	241	477	3459	36	25
Tye Cottle, 1987-A	197	360	2727	21	29
James Owens, 1982	169	339	2258	14	15
Terry Mallory, 1983-86	77	186	1227	14	8

TOTAL OFFENSE	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOT.	TDR
Mark Dace, 1984-1987	850	606	3459	4065	35
Tye Cottle, 1987-A	480	58	2727	2785	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-A	23	0	0	138
Tracy Soles, 1982-83	16	0	0	96
Darrien Teals, 1985-88	16	0	0	96
Donnie Harrell, 1985-A	10	0	0	60
Mark Dace, 1984-1987	10	0	0	60
Jack McTyre, 1988-A	0	10	28	58
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-A	134	2202	23
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-A	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	PTS
Keith Moore, 1983-86	83-76	65-42
Jack McTyre, 1988-A	28-28	13-10
Brad Bauer, 1982-84	27-24	14-8

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
Dennis Smith, 1983-86	9	64	0

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## 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; 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 — 10 vs. Jacksonville State, 1985  
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 — 11, 1986, 1987

### 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 — 1281, 1984  
Fewest Yards Total Allowed — 3074, 1988  
Takeaway-Giveaway — plus 19, 1986

\* — Conference Record

# JESSIE TUGGLE

## VSC All-American

### At Valdosta State

Four Year Starter  
All-Conference Three Times  
Defensive Player of the Year in GSC, 1986  
Team Captain, 1986  
340 Career Tackles (School Record)

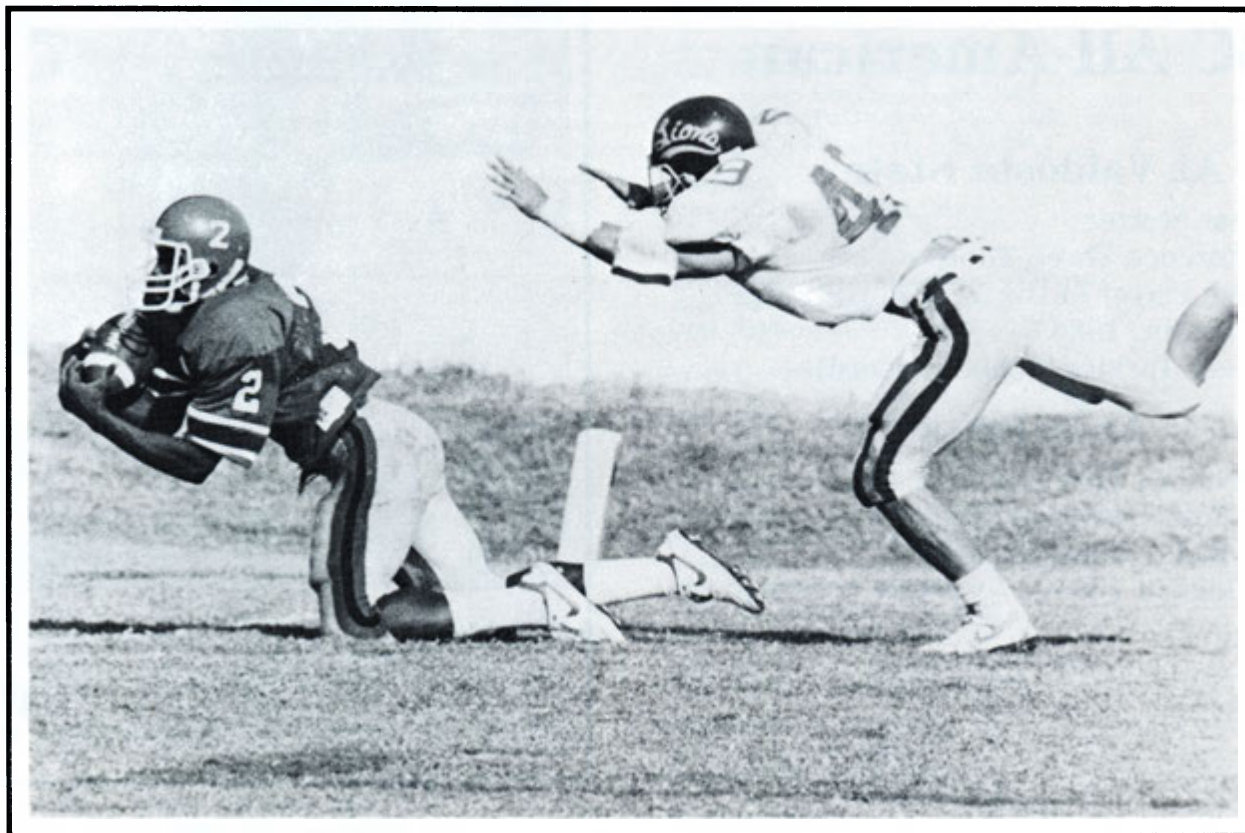
### At Atlanta

Made Team as Free Agent in 1987  
Started Four Games in 1987  
Started Eight Games in 1988  
103 Tackles in 1988 (17 vs. Los Angeles)



*No. 88 Retired: VSC All-American Jessie Tuggle And His College Coach Mike Cavan Pose With Tuggle's Blazer Jersey, The First Number Ever Retired.*

# THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE



Valdosta State, heading into its eighth 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 winning 6-3-1 record. VSC was 4-3-1 in the conference, finishing fourth for the second year in a row.

This season the conference coaches and sports information directors have picked the Blazers to finish third behind Jacksonville State and Mississippi College. Valdosta State picked up 49 points from the coaches on the strength of three second, four third and one fifth place vote. The SIDs gave VSC 46 points on two second, four third, one fourth and one sixth place ballot.

Jacksonville State, which shared the conference title with Mississippi College and UT-Martin last season, returns 51 lettermen and 17 starters from a team which finished 10-2 and reached the quarterfinals in the national playoffs. The Gamecocks received eight first place votes in both polls. Mississippi College picked up the other first place ballots and was the solid second place choice of both groups. Troy State was picked fourth in both polls.

UT-Martin, which had a senior-laden team last year, was picked to finish fifth by the coaches followed by Delta State. The SIDs reversed that order of finish. The coaches liked West Georgia seventh and North Alabama eight while the SIDs picked North Alabama ahead of West Georgia. Both groups picked Livingston, winless in 11 games in 1988, to finish in the cellar again.

Only one new head coach joins the conference this season. Mac McWhorter, a graduate of Georgia who was most recently Bill Curry's right-hand man at Alabama, was hired by West Georgia in March. The

dean of GSC football coaches is John Williams at Mississippi College who is entering his 19th season. Sam McCorkle is beginning his fifth year at Livingston, Bill Burgess his fifth at Jacksonville State, Don McLeary his fourth at UT-Martin, Mike Cavan his fourth at Valdosta State, Don Skelton his second at Delta State, Robert Maddox his second at Troy State and Bobby Wallace his second at North Alabama.

The Gulf South Conference was formed in 1971, and in those 16 years eight different teams have won the football championship. Troy State and Jacksonville State have enjoyed the most success, each winning six championships. 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. (Troy State and Livingston tied for the regular season title in 1971).

G.E. "Sonny" Moran became the league's fifth commissioner in November 1987. The president of the conference, completing a two-year term, is Dr. Maurice Townsend, president of West Georgia.

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# THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

## GULF SOUTH OFFICIALS



G. E. "Sonny" Moran



Dr. Maurice Townsend

## FINAL 1988 STANDINGS

Team	GSC	PCT	PF	PA	O'all	PCT	PF	PA
UT-Martin	7-1	.875	224	121	10-1	.909	334	157
Jacksonville State	7-1	.875	233	85	9-1	.900	291	105
Mississippi College	7-1	.875	153	120	9-2	.818	212	153
VALDOSTA STATE	4-3-1	.563	172	168	6-3-1	.650	234	200
Troy State	3-5	.375	172	145	4-6	.400	215	184
West Georgia	3-5	.375	99	161	4-6	.400	130	208
Delta State	2-5-1	.313	139	166	4-6-1	.409	213	214
North Alabama	2-6	.250	124	230	2-8	.200	173	282
Livingston	0-11	.000	70	190	0-11	.000	127	287

## 1988 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

### OFFENSE

POSITION	PLAYER	SCHOOL
Wide Receivers	RANDY FISHER	VALDOSTA STATE
	William Mackall	UT-Martin
Tackles	BUDDY PHILLIPS	VALDOSTA STATE
	Jason Womack	Mississippi College
Guards	Joe Billingsley	Jacksonville State
	Deron Huerkamp	Livingston
Center	Grady Andrews	UT-Martin
Tight End	Bennie Jennings	North Alabama
Quarterback	Leon Reed	UT-Martin
Running Backs	Londell Bankston	Delta State
	Terry Thomas	Jacksonville State
Kicker	Ashley Kay	Jacksonville State
Return Specialist	William Mackall	UT-Martin

### DEFENSE

Linemen	Orlando Adams	Jacksonville State
	Terry Fleming	Mississippi College
	Emanuel McNeil	UT-Martin
Linebackers	JIMMY BROOKINS	VALDOSTA STATE
	Gerrick Pimienta	Troy State
	Rod Williams	Jacksonville State
	Steve Hyché	Livingston
Backs	Shinall Conway	Mississippi College
	Donnie Milloy	Mississippi College
	Doug Mims	Troy State
	Kenneth Watson	Livingston
Punter	Wally Henry	Mississippi College

## PRE-SEASON POLLS

### THE COACHES

1. Jacksonville State (8) . . . . .	64
2. Mississippi College (1) . . . . .	54
3. Valdosta State . . . . .	49
4. Troy State . . . . .	42
5. UT-Martin . . . . .	32
6. Delta State . . . . .	31
7. West Georgia . . . . .	25
8. North Alabama . . . . .	18
9. Livingston . . . . .	9

### THE SIDs

1. Jacksonville State (8) . . . . .	64
2. Mississippi College (1) . . . . .	56
3. Valdosta State . . . . .	46
4. Troy State . . . . .	45
5. Delta State . . . . .	34
6. UT-Martin . . . . .	28
7. North Alabama . . . . .	21
8. West Georgia . . . . .	20
9. Livingston . . . . .	10

## 1988 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM\*

PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL	GPA	MAJOR
Grady Andrews	OL	UT-Martin	3.20	Math/Sec. Educ.
Jimmy Cooper	OL	West Georgia	3.30	Engineering
Anton Duke	WR	UT-Martin	4.00	Undecided
Jon Gant	QB	Livingston	3.16	Biology
Tim Garner	QB	North Alabama	2.20	Math/Physics
Robbin Gavin	OL	Miss. College	3.33	Criminal Justice
BERT GELIS	DT	VALDOSTA ST.	3.29	Business Mgt.
Wally Henry	QB	Miss. College	3.00	Business
Jeff Hill	RB	Jacksonville St.	3.02	Chemistry
Kenneth Jones	QB	Livingston	3.59	Math
Kevin Killough	QL	Miss. College	3.65	Pre-Medicine
Kenny Loup	OL	Delta State	3.35	Criminal Justice
Roderick Magee	LB	Miss. College	3.02	Chemistry
Gwayne Mathews	DB	Delta State	3.05	Criminal Justice
Kyle McLain	OL	Miss. College	3.50	Criminal Justice
Doug Mims	DB	Troy State	3.70	Business
Willie Ng	DB	UT-Martin	3.25	Sec. Educ.
David Summerall	DE	Troy State	3.13	Accounting
DARRIEN TEALS	WR	VALDOSTA ST.	3.32	Criminal Justice
Shane Tucker	DE	Livingston	3.11	Math/Education
David Vidrine	DB	Delta State	3.53	Physical Therapy
Jeff Williams	OL	Jacksonville St.	3.30	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.

# 1988 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE STATISTICS

## RUSHING OFFENSE

SCHOOL	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	AVG	TD
Jax State	10	588	2719	4.6	271.9	31
Troy State	10	542	2313	4.3	231.3	12
Miss. Coll	11	528	2230	4.2	202.7	20
West Georgia	10	472	1679	3.6	167.9	11
North Alabama	10	435	1611	3.7	161.1	13
Delta State	11	482	1707	3.5	155.3	16
VSC	10	407	1459	3.6	145.9	8
UT-Martin	11	376	1270	3.4	115.5	16
Livingston	11	375	760	2.0	69.1	10

## SCORING OFFENSE

SCHOOL	G	Pts	Avg	SCHOOL	G	Pts	Avg
UT-Martin	11	334	30.4	Jax State	10	105	10.5
Jax State	10	291	29.1	Miss. Coll	11	153	13.9
VSC	10	234	23.4	UT-Martin	11	157	14.3
Troy State	10	215	21.5	Troy State	10	184	18.4
Delta State	11	213	19.4	Delta State	11	214	19.5
Miss. Coll	11	212	19.3	VSC	10	220	20.0
North Alabama	10	173	17.3	West Georgia	10	208	20.8
West Georgia	10	130	13.0	Livingston	11	287	26.1
Livingston	11	127	11.5	North Alabama	10	282	28.2

## RUSHING DEFENSE

SCHOOL	G	ATT	YDS	ATT	GAME	TD
				AVG	AVG	
Jax State	10	340	832	2.4	83.2	6
UT-Martin	11	474	1356	2.9	123.2	10
Miss. Coll	11	447	1359	3.0	123.6	9
Troy State	10	565	1260	2.2	126.0	7
VSC	10	448	1624	3.6	162.4	21
Livingston	11	540	1909	3.5	173.5	20
Delta State	11	522	2115	4.1	192.3	23
North Alabama	10	468	1950	4.2	195.0	20
West Georgia	10	427	1965	4.6	196.5	19

## INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

PLAYER/SCHOOL	G	ATT	YDS	ATT	GAME	TD
				AVG	AVG	
Tommy Compton, UNA	10	205	934	4.6	93.4	9
Terry Thomas, JSU	10	191	897	4.7	89.8	8
Brooks Benton, WGC	10	196	856	4.4	85.6	3
David Gulledege, JSU	10	173	822	4.8	82.2	14
Ramon Allen, VSC	10	155	780	5.0	78.0	6

## INDIVIDUAL PASSING

PLAYER/SCHOOL	G	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	CperG	TD
Leon Reed, UTM	11	349	192	20	2679	17.5	21
Tye Cottle, VSC	10	202	143	13	1960	14.3	20
Kenneth Jones, LU	10	266	139	15	1363	13.9	3
Alton Marshall, DSU	11	252	124	8	1641	11.3	10
Bob Godsey, TSU	10	1533	75	13	965	7.5	7

## TOTAL OFFENSE

SCHOOL	G	ATT	YDS	ATT	GAME	TD
				AVG	AVG	
UT-Martin	11	177	4361	5.6	387.4	39
VSC	10	672	3460	5.1	346.0	29
Jax State	10	689	3373	4.9	337.3	35
Troy State	10	714	3325	4.7	332.5	19
North Alabama	10	687	3098	4.5	309.8	20
Delta State	11	740	3363	4.5	305.7	26
Miss. Coll	11	675	3066	4.5	278.7	24
Livingston	11	772	2761	3.6	251.0	15
West Georgia	10	591	2352	4.0	235.2	15

## INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

PLAYER/SCHOOL	G	CGT	YDS	AVG	CGT	TD
				GAIN	GAME	
William Mackall, UTM	11	66	1020	15.5	6.0	7
Randy Fisher, VSC	10	52	864	16.6	5.2	7
Troy Nelson, UNA	10	39	441	11.3	3.9	2
Kevin Locastro, DSU	11	41	611	14.9	3.7	5
Brad Shaw, LU	11	36	223	6.2	3.3	2

## TOTAL DEFENSE

SCHOOL	G	ATT	YDS	ATT	GAME	TD
				AVG	AVG	
Jax State	10	592	2360	4.0	236.0	13
UT-Martin	11	763	2903	3.8	263.9	16
Miss. Coll	11	730	2914	4.0	264.9	16
Livingston	11	745	3239	4.3	294.5	30
Delta State	11	716	3275	4.6	297.7	26
Troy State	10	662	3044	4.6	304.4	22
VSC	10	690	3074	4.5	307.4	26
West Georgia	10	650	3363	5.2	336.3	27
North Alabama	10	690	3468	5.0	346.8	34

## INDIVIDUAL TOTAL OFFENSE

PLAYER/SCHOOL	G	ATT	RUSH	PASS	TOT	GAME
			YDS	YDS	YDS	AVG
Leon Reed, UTM	11	467	175	2679	2854	259.5
Tye Cottle, VSC	10	334	9	1960	1969	196.9
Tommy Compton, UNA	10	363	934	941	1875	187.5
Alton Marshall, DSU	11	262	73	1641	1714	155.8
David Gulledege, JSU	10	262	822	638	1460	146.0

## PASSING OFFENSE

SCHOOL	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD
UT-Martin	401	224	23	.559	2991	271.9	23
VSC	265	144	14	.543	2001	200.1	21
Livingston	397	197	22	.496	1991	181.0	5
Delta State	258	126	8	.488	1656	150.5	10
North Alabama	232	117	29	.504	1487	148.7	7
Troy State	170	77	15	.453	1012	101.2	7
Miss. Coll	147	72	7	.490	836	76.0	4
West Georgia	119	58	8	.487	673	67.3	4
Jax State	101	47	4	.465	658	65.8	4

## SCORING

PLAYER/SCHOOL	G	TD	PAT	FG	PTS	AVG
David Gulledege, JSU	10	14	0	0	84	8.4
Ki Tok Chu, UTM	11	0	35	17	86	7.8
Ashley Kay, JSU	10	0	36	9	63	6.3
Brian Wilson, TSU	10	0	18	14	59	5.9
Jack McTyre, VSC	10	0	28	10	58	5.8

## INTERCEPTIONS

PLAYER/SCH.	NO	YDS
Doug Mims, TSU	8	165
Kendall Simmons, WGC	6	68
Deon Searcy, VSC	5	11
Roland Delaney, UTM	5	28
Donnie Milloy, MC	5	144
Greg Watkins, UTM	5	101

## PUNTING

PLAYER/SCH.	NO	YDS	AVG
Wally Henry, MC	67	2809	41.9
Craig Bryant, UNA	34	1322	38.9
Joey Elmore, UTM	44	1663	37.8
Mike Lilly, WGC	68	2568	37.8
Glenn Klava, TSU	52	1946	37.4
Keith Shumaker, DSU	64	2392	37.4

## PASSING DEFENSE

SCHOOL	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD
Delta State	194	101	13	.521	1160	105.5	3
Livingston	215	99	7	.460	1330	120.9	10
West Georgia	223	125	13	.561	1398	139.8	8
UT-Martin	289	121	16	.419	1547	140.6	6
Miss. Coll	283	150	17	.530	1555	141.4	7
VSC	242	112	14	.462	1450	145.0	5
North Alabama	222	114	10	.514	1518	151.8	14
Jax State	252	131	13	.520	1528	152.8	7

## PUNT RETURNS

PLAYER/SCHOOL	NO	Yds	Avg
Nicky Edmondson, VSC	13	133	10.2
Edward Jackson, VSC	10	100	10.0
Wm. Mackall, UTM	29	250	8.6
Ken Watson, LU	33	280	8.5
Kenny Eddenfield, TSU	11	77	7.0

## KICKOFF RETURNS

PLAYER/SCHOOL	NO	Yds	AVG
Donnie Harrell, VSC	11	258	23.5
Wm. Mackall, UTM	28	621	22.2
Troy Nelson, UNA	33	721	21.8
Alfred Banks, LU	12	258	21.5
Titus Dixon, TSU	21	451	21.5



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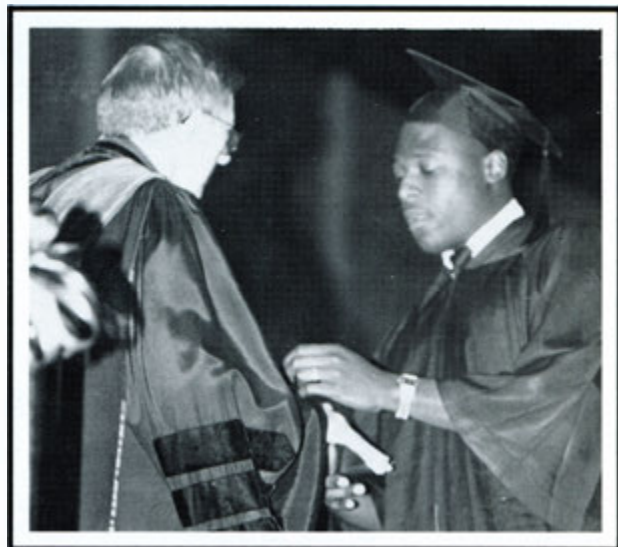
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*The Game Itself Brings Out The Blazer Faithful*



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*Denise Saunders*



*Nichelle Livingston*



*Andrea Carter*



*Brandy Johnson*

# VSC GIRLS



*Angie Pearce*



*Lynn Odum*



*Vanessa Stewart*

# 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 5 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, 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.



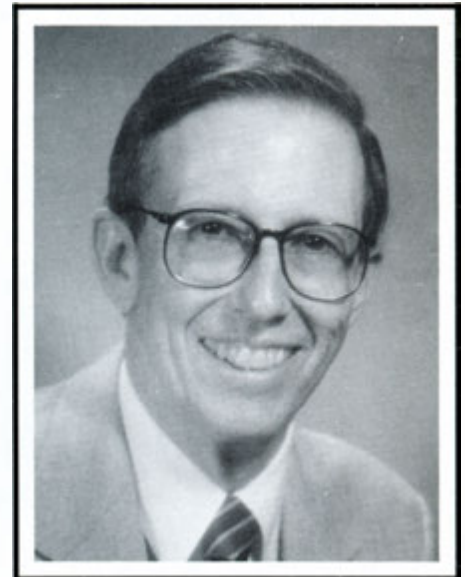
## DR. HUGH C. BAILEY PRESIDENT

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 60-year-old 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 11-year tenure, enrollment has increased more than any other school outside metropolitan Atlanta as Valdosta State continues to serve an ever-increasing geographical area.

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 eight 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 senior at the University of Georgia, and Laura Joan, a sophomore at Florida State University.

# COMPOSITE SCHEDULE OF 1989 OPPONENTS

*Night Game	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11
Valdosta State	at Georgia Southern	at Central Florida*	UT-Martin	at Jacksonville State	Troy State	at Livingston	West Georgia	Open	at Mississippi College	Delta State	at North Alabama
Georgia Southern	VSC	West Georgia	Florida A&M* (Jacksonville)	Middle Tennessee State	Open	Savannah State	at Nicholls State*	Central Florida	at Sanford	at James Madison	UT- Chattanooga
Central Florida	Bethune-Cookman* (9/1)	VSC*	at Troy State*	Newberry*	at North Alabama*	East Tennessee State	Open	at Georgia Southern	Liberty*	Open	Eastern Kentucky*
UT-Martin	Murray State*	Austin Peay State*	at VSC	Mississippi College*	at Delta State	North Alabama	Sanford	at Jacksonville State	Troy State	at Livingston	West Georgia
Jacksonville State	at Sanford	Alabama A&M*	at West Georgia*	VSC	at Mississippi College*	Delta State	at North Alabama*	UT-Martin	Open	at Troy State*	Livingston
Troy State	at Alabama State	at Livingston	Central Florida*	West Georgia*	at VSC	Mississippi College*	Delta State*	North Alabama	at UT-Martin	Jacksonville State*	Open
Livingston	East Texas State (Mobile)	Troy State	Elon	Sanford*	at West Georgia*	VSC	at Mississippi College	Delta State	at North Alabama*	UT-Martin	at Jacksonville State
West Georgia	at Wofford*	at Georgia Southern	Jacksonville State*	at Troy State*	Livingston*	at Sanford	at VSC	Mississippi College	at Delta State	North Alabama	at UT-Martin
Mississippi College	at McNeese State*	North Alabama*	at SE Missouri State*	at UT-Martin*	Jacksonville State*	at Troy State*	Livingston	at West Georgia	VSC	Open	at Delta State
Delta State	Open	at Southern Arkansas*	at Nicholls State*	at North Alabama*	UT-Martin	at Jacksonville State	Troy State*	at Livingston	West Georgia	at VSC	Mississippi College
North Alabama	Alabama A&M (Birmingham)	at Mississippi College*	Open	Delta State*	Central Florida*	UT-Martin	Jacksonville State*	at Troy State	Livingston*	at West Georgia	VSC

Nov. 18 — Marshall at Georgia Southern; Texas Southern at Central Florida\*



## 1989 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 2	Georgia Southern	Statesboro	1 p.m. EDT
Sept. 9	Central Florida	Orlando, Fla.	7 p.m. EDT
Sept. 16	UT-Martin*	Valdosta	1 p.m. EDT
Sept. 23	Jacksonville State*	Jacksonville, Ala.	2 p.m. CDT
Sept. 30	Troy State*	Valdosta	1 p.m. EDT
Oct. 7	Livingston*	Livingston, Ala.	1 p.m. CDT
Oct. 14	West Georgia*	Valdosta +	1 p.m. EDT
Oct. 28	Mississippi College*	Clinton, Miss.	5 p.m. CDT
Nov. 4	Delta State*	Valdosta	1 p.m. EST
Nov. 11	North Alabama*	Florence, Ala.	1 p.m. CST

\*Gulf South Conference games

+ Homecoming