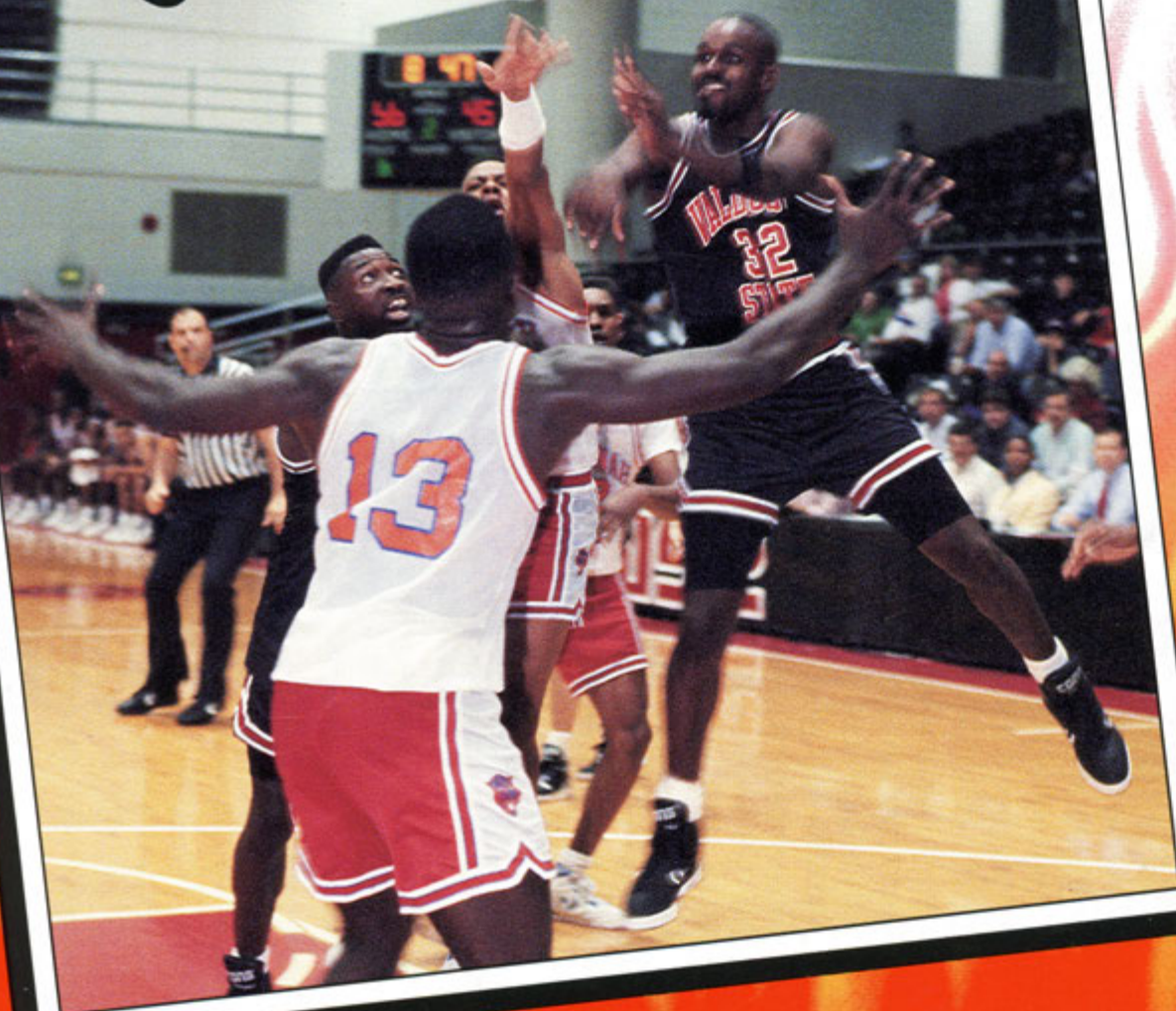


# VSC Blazers

# BASKETBALL



1991-1992

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

# VSC Blazers 1991-92 Basketball Outlook...

Valdosta State men's basketball enters the 1991-92 season with an even mix of veterans and newcomers, and head coach James Dominey believes he and his staff have assembled the talent necessary to go to war in the rugged Gulf South Conference.

Dominey, who is taking his 21st VSC team into battle, likes what he sees in this group of six junior college transfers, one freshman and six returnees from last year's 17-11 club. That team split 16 league games and finished sixth in the then nine-team conference.

Two important changes have occurred since the end of last season. One, Troy State and UT Martin have dropped out of the conference, and two, the post-season tournament format has been reinstated following a two-year absence. Only the top four teams make the post-season field, and the tourney winner gets the automatic bid to the 32-team national playoffs.

Dominey particularly likes the return of the tournament because it gives a team that blossoms later in the year a legitimate shot at post-season play. He's not saying he will have that kind of team, but the Blazers may start as many as four newcomers and it will take some time for everybody to get on the same page.

With that in mind, Dominey has scheduled 10 non-conference games before the Christmas break, and while he wants to win them all, he is also looking for the right combination of players to begin GSC play at home on January 6.

"From strictly a talent and athletic ability standpoint, I think this is as good a group as we've had around here in a long time," Dominey said following a couple of weeks of practice. "Now whether or not we can transfer that talent and athletic ability into a total team concept remains to be seen."

One of the biggest keys to that end will be senior guard Butch Shelman, a starter since his freshman year who has scored well over 1000 points in his career. Dominey expects leadership as well as scoring from his No. 2 guard. "Butch is a gifted player, and if he can maintain his focus for a full season I think it would not only be a great year for him but also a great year for us."

Joining Shelman in the back court will be JC transfer Joe Matthews, who Dominey calls "crucial to the team's success." Matthews averaged 18 points and five assists a game at Southeastern Illinois last season.

Returnee Tommy Morgan, JC transfers Mark Wilson and Chavis Barnes and freshman Tony Bellman round out a back court which Dominey thinks has great depth. "Morgan knows what it takes to win in this league and has great versatility. Wilson averaged 22 a game at Broward last year and is a great penetrator. Barnes is a complete player especially on the defensive end. And Bellman is one of the most talented freshmen to ever sign here. I think we can be very solid in the back court."

Up front Dominey expects a trio of junior college newcomers to join four returnees to form what should be a stronger front line than in recent years. "I think we've added a couple of great athletes in Ron Jones and John Neal (both 6-5), and Wayne Frechette, the other JC player, is an excellent shooter. Put them together with the returnees and I see more depth and talent than we've had in awhile."

Adding that depth will be junior Larry Jones, who at 6-6, 220 has the body to bang with the rugged GSC front liners, along with McCarthy Daphney, Robbie Crager and swing man Brad Bolton.

"This is an interesting group," Dominey said. "Going in, I'd say Shelman and Ron Jones are definitely keys to our success, but there's a lot more to it than just those two players. The league we play in is so tough it will take solid contributions from the entire roster to get us where we want to be...in post-season play."

## The Dominey Record 1971 - 1991

1971-72	18-8	.692	Won GIAC Championship
1972-73	17-8	.680	Won NAIA Area 25 Tournament; Reached 2nd Round in Nationals
1973-74	15-11	.577	2nd in South Atlantic Conference
1974-75	15-12	.556	2nd in South Atlantic Conference
1975-76	15-13	.536	3rd in South Atlantic Conference
1976-77	23-6	.793	Won SAC Championship; 3rd in South Regional
1977-78	18-8	.692	3rd in South Atlantic Conference
1978-79	20-8	.714	Won SAC Championship; 2nd in South Regional
1979-80	18-9	.667	Won SAC Championship
1980-81	18-8	.692	Won SAC Championship
1981-82	14-12	.538	2nd in South Atlantic Conference
1982-83	14-15	.483	4th in Gulf South Conference
1983-84	10-17	.370	8th in Gulf South Conference
1984-85	14-13	.519	4th in Gulf South Conference
1985-86	15-12	.556	5th in Gulf South Conference
1986-87	16-10	.615	3rd in Gulf South Conference
1987-88	17-11	.607	2nd in Gulf South Conference
1988-89	19-9	.679	3rd in Gulf South Conference
1989-90	12-16	.429	6th in Gulf South Conference
1990-91	17-11	.607	6th in Gulf South Conference
TOTAL	325-217	.599	

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### Quick Facts

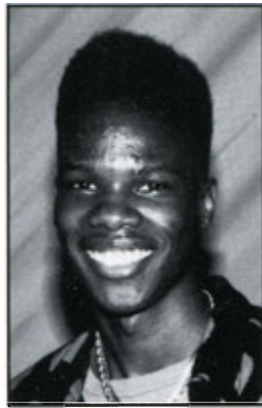
Location	Valdosta, GA
Founded	1906
Enrollment	7450
President	Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
Colors	Red and Black
Nickname	Blazers
Home Court	The Complex
Conference	Gulf South
National Affiliation	NCAA II
1990-91 Record	17-11, 8-8

### Basketball Staff

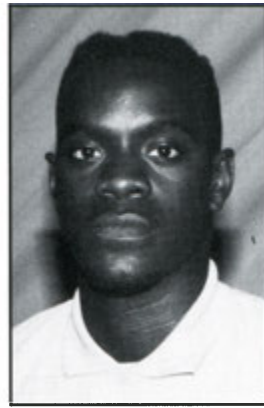
Athletic Director	Herb Reinhard
Head Coach	James Dominey
Assistant Coach	Rick Stukes
Graduate Assistant	Scott Moe
SID	Steve Roberts
Trainer	John McFarland
Manager	Rob Terrell
Stats	Jody Mitchem
	Scott Taylor
PA Announcer	Greg Coop



Wayne Frechette



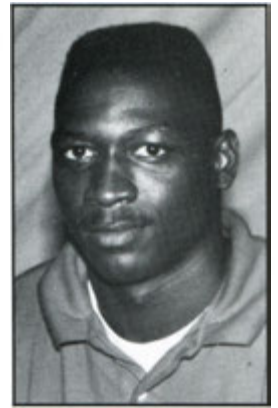
Tony Bellman




Butch Shelman



Joe Matthews

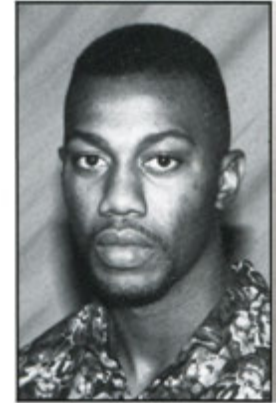


McCarthy Daphney



**1991-92  
BLAZERS  
ROSTER  
&  
SCHEDULE**

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	CLASS	HOMETOWN
3	Wayne Frechette	Guard	6-5	Junior	Boca Raton, Fla.
4	Tony Bellman	Guard	6-1	Freshman	Decatur, Ala.
5	Butch Shelman	Guard	5-11	Senior	Indianapolis, Ind.
11	Joe Matthews	Guard	6-0	Junior	Boynton Beach, Fla.
21	McCarthy Daphney	Forward	6-4	Senior	Thomasville, Ga.
22	Mark Wilson	Guard	6-2	Junior	Miami, Fla.
25	Robbie Crager	Center	6-8	Sophomore	Orlando, Fla.
30	John Neal	Forward	6-6	Junior	Nocatee, Fla.
31	Chavis Barnes	Guard	6-3	Junior	Athens, Ga.
32	Tommy Morgan	Guard	6-3	Senior	Miami, Fla.
33	Larry Jones	Center	6-7	Junior	Jacksonville, Fla.
34	Ron Jones	Forward	6-6	Junior	Denmark, S.C.



Mark Wilson

**SCHEDULE**

JANUARY	TEAM	SITE	TIME
6, Monday	West Georgia*	Valdosta	8:00
11, Saturday	North Alabama*	Valdosta	8:00
13, Monday	Jacksonville State*	Valdosta	8:00
18, Saturday	Livingston*	Livingston, AL	7:30
20, Monday	Mississippi College*	Clinton, MS	7:30
25, Saturday	Delta State*	Cleveland, MS	8:00
28, Tuesday	Albany State	Valdosta	8:00
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
1, Saturday	West Georgia*	Carrollton	7:30
3, Monday	Armstrong State	Savannah	7:30
6, Thursday	Troy State	Troy, AL	7:30
10, Monday	Delta State*	Valdosta	8:00
15, Saturday	Mississippi College*	Valdosta	8:00
17, Monday	Livingston*	Valdosta	8:00
19, Wednesday	Armstrong State	Valdosta	7:30
22, Saturday	Jacksonville State*	Jacksonville, AL	7:30
24, Monday	North Alabama*	Florence, AL	7:30
28, Friday	Albany State	Albany	7:30
<b>MARCH</b>			
6-7, Friday-Saturday	GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT	TBA	TBA



Robbie Crager

\*Gulf South Conference Games

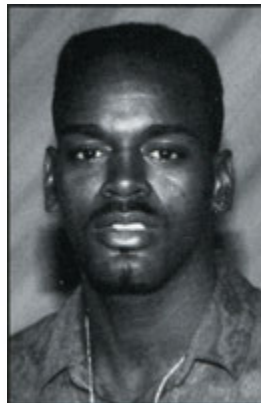
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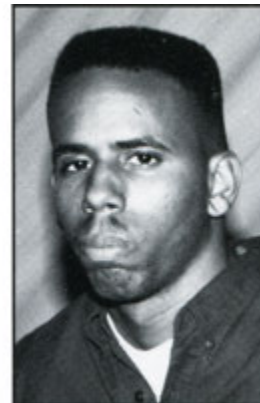
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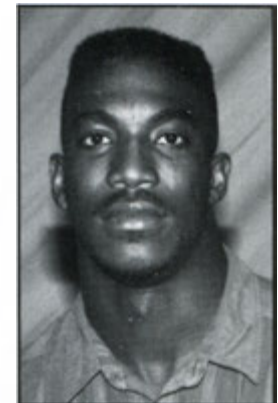
Chavis Barnes



Tommy Morgan



Larry Jones



Ron Jones



# 1991-92 Blazers

Kneeling L-R: John McFarland, trainer,  
Joe Matthews, Chavis Barnes, Tommy Morgan,  
Tony Bellman, Butch Shelman, Scott Moe,  
graduate assistant.

Standing, L-R: Rick Stukes, assistant coach,  
McCarthy Daphney, Brad Bolton, Larry Jones,  
Robbie Crager, John Neal, Ron Jones,  
Wayne Frechette, Mark Wilson,  
James Dominey, head coach.



The fountain in front of  
the Valdosta State College  
Library on main campus.

