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TODAY'S OPPONENT: ARKANSAS TECH

FAMILY DAY -- Welcome to Family Day festivities and the Gulf South Conference home opener. This is the second of five regular season contests to be played at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium where the Blazers are 51-18-1 through the years.

LEAGUE RECORD -- Valdosta State is 69-48-3 in 16-plus GSC seasons. The home record in the conference is 37-19-1, and the record in September is 36-22-1.

FOURTH MEETING -- The Blazers and Wonder Boys have met three times since Arkansas Tech joined the GSC in 1995, and VSU has dominated the short series. The Blazers have won the three games, 28-0, 43-26, and 31-14. This is the third time ATU has made the long trip to Valdosta.

CHANGE OF TACTICS -- Arkansas Tech had gained a reputation for going to the air offensively since joining the GSC, but his year's edition has used a solid ground attack to post a 2-1 record (1-1 in the GSC). The Wonder Boys' infantry is averaging 219 yards a game while the air force is gaining another 98.

'HORNING' IN -- Arkansas Tech freshman tailback **Travis Horn** has won the starting job and last week rambled for 113 yards to improve his yards per game average to 99. The 5-10, 200-pounder is averaging a healthy 7.6 yards in 39 carries.

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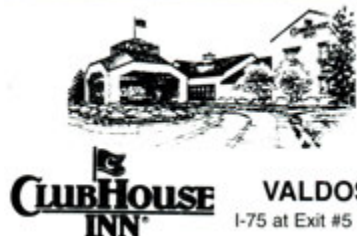
OFFENSIVE EFFICIENCY -- The Wonder Boys made the most of their offensive opportunities last week. West Alabama ran 25 more plays (80-55) but came up on the short end of the 44-27 final. ATU averaged 6.8 yards per play while the Tigers were gaining 4.7 ... good but not good enough.

A GOOD BEGINNING -- VSU freshman quarterback **Brandon Cowart** came away from his first collegiate starting assignment with passing marks after throwing for 257 yards and two touchdowns last week. He rallied the Blazers from a 17-0 deficit to a 17-17 tie before the Statesmen pulled out the win with a fourth quarter field goal.

THE LAST TIME ... -- Arkansas Tech has not been shut out since September 23, 1995, a span of 32 games. The opponent that hung the last goose egg on the Wonder Boys? Valdosta State. The Blazers blanked the Wonder Boys 28-0 here in Bazemore-Hyder Stadium three years ago.

BRING ON ARKANSAS -- The Blazers have enjoyed great success against teams from Bill Clinton's home state, winning 11 of 13 meetings since 1993. VSU is 3-0 versus Arkansas Tech and Henderson State, 2-0 versus Arkansas-Monticello, 2-1 versus Central Arkansas, and 1-1 versus Southern Arkansas.

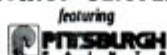
A CENTURY FIRST -- Last week marked the first time since the 1994 season for Arkansas Tech to have individual 100-yard rushing performances in three consecutive games. **Luther Ingram** rushed for 109 yards in the season opener against Southwest Baptist, and **Travis Horn** followed with 115 yards against Delta State and 113 yards against West Alabama.



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3	Carlos Hope	WR	6-2	205	Macclenny, FL
4	Eric Doggett	WR	5-7	168	Valdosta, GA
5	Nikko Cooper	WR	6-3	188	Miami, FL
6	Vontrell Mitchell	RB	5-10	203	Gainesville, FL
8	Mendez Hollis	CB	5-9	183	Fort Valley, GA
9	Antonio Speed	LB	5-11	242	Valdosta, GA
10	Tremaine Neal	FS	6-3	210	Baltimore, MD
11	Donnie Johnston	QB	5-11	187	Adams, GA
12	Brandon Cowart	QB	6-1	177	Helena, GA
15	Nathan Cowart	QB	6-0	170	Sheepsburg, GA
16	Dennis Fryzel	WR	6-0	185	Lakeland, FL
17	James Lightfoot	K	6-0	173	Tifton, GA
19	Winston Williams	WR	6-3	200	Jacksonville, FL
20	Jay Perkins	WR	5-9	180	Forsyth, GA
21	Vaughn Clark	CB	5-9	163	Valdosta, GA
22	Alberto Nurses	LB	5-11	220	C. Christ, TX
23	Elliott Burkes	CB	6-0	168	Cemille, GA
27	Andy Bishop	H	5-10	165	Valdosta, GA
28	Paul McCall	K/P	5-11	187	Reidsville, GA
29	Austin Harmon	SS	5-10	185	Clayton, GA
30	Cedric Holton	CB	5-9	179	Coolidge, GA
31	Greg Cooper	RB	5-8	216	Sandersville, GA
33	Terrill Battle	SS	6-0	187	Americus, GA
34	Daniel Carter	RB	5-9	171	Marietta, GA
35	Jeff Glazer	FS	5-11	195	Rmond Hill, GA
37	Demeakey Williams	CB	6-0	175	Albany, GA
39	Marcus Ray	RB	6-0	202	Valdosta, GA
41	Derek Braxton	CB	5-11	177	Hinesville, GA
44	Jimbo Shubert	RB	6-1	216	Waycross, GA
46	Mike Williams	LB	5-11	219	Lake City, FL
47	Jesse Sutton	LB	6-0	201	Moultrie, GA
48	J.T. Fuller	LB	5-10	209	Thomasville, GA
49	Rob Mills	LB	5-8	196	Norton, MA
50	Dominic June	DE	6-2	224	Stone Mtn, GA
53	John Stowe	DE	6-2	213	Adams Bch, FL
54	Ryan Sulkowski	OG	6-3	276	Tifton, GA
55	Willie Cord	DE	6-2	245	Daytona, FL
56	Kewon Edwards	LB	6-2	210	Washington, GA
58	Patrick Dukes	OT	6-5	350	Carrollton, TX
62	Bill Epps	OG	6-4	275	Hiram, GA
67	Tully Payne	C	6-3	244	Cordale, GA
70	Willie Caldwell	NO	6-1	290	Dawson, GA
74	Mac Morgan	OG	6-1	282	Morven, GA
77	Jason King	OT	6-2	283	Marietta, GA
78	John Gulyas	OT	6-6	323	Cocoa, FL
79	Terrance Jones	OG	6-7	333	Pine City, FL
82	Erik Gibson	WR	6-3	202	Middleburg, FL
86	Terry Turner	NO	6-2	294	Moultrie, GA
87	John McAfee	DE	6-2	215	Tennille, GA
89	David Fox	DE	6-4	260	Coral Spge, FL
91	Rory Hogan	DE	5-11	246	Lincolnton, GA
93	Jarrett Jones	DT	6-3	285	Forsyth, GA
97	Andy Gibbs	P	6-1	181	Lyons, GA
98	Arto Vartanian	DT	6-2	280	Lenham, MD

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BLAZER OFFENSE

XR 5 Nikko Cooper	3 Carlos Hope
LT 58 Patrick Dukes	77 Jason King
LG 62 Bill Epps	74 Mac Morgan
C 67 Tully Payne	54 Ryan Sulkowski
RG 54 Ryan Sulkowski	79 Terrance Jones
RT 78 John Gulyas	77 Jason King
YR 16 Dennis Fryzel	82 Erik Gibson
QB 12 Brandon Cowart	11 Donnie Johnston
RB 31 Greg Cooper	44 Jimbo Shubert
RB 6 Vontrell Mitchell	39 Marcus Ray
ZR 19 Winston Williams	4 Eric Doggett

BLAZER DEFENSE

LE 89 David Fox	55 Willis Cord
DT 98 Arto Vartanian	93 Jarrett Jones
NG 86 Terry Turner	70 Willie Caldwell
RE 91 Rory Hogan	50 Dominic June
LB 46 Mike Williams	22 Alberto Nurse
LB 9 Antonio Speed	56 Kewon Edwards
LB 47 Jesse Sutton	48 J.T. Fuller
CB 21 Vaughn Clark	30 Cedric Holton
CB 37 Demeakey Williams	8 Mendez Hollis
FS 10 Tremaine Neal	35 Jeff Glazer
SS 29 Austin Harmon	33 Terrell Battle

BLAZER SPECIALISTS

PK 17 James Lightfoot
KO 17 James Lightfoot
P 97 Andy Gibbs
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LT 55 Chris Eastburn	67 Charlie Lairamore
RT 53 Eric Hildreth	96 Carlos Austin
RE 36 D.J. Crane	46 B.J. Bayer
LB 11 Jon Parker	37 Leslie Hendrix
LB 24 Loren Jackson	30 Michael Riddick
LB 4 Mario Gurule	45 Charlie McAlister
CB 5 Earrick Stigall	2 Willie Henry
CB 29 Jeremy Lawson	17 Brian Lacy
FS 26 Patrick Pesnell	27 Phil Vega
SS 41 Ben Montgomery	34 Darin Kapella

WONDER BOY OFFENSE

SE 28 Lance Strother	85 Jamey South
LT 75 Matt Nelson	69 Ryan Meyers
LG 74 Todd Mathews	63 Ben Moreland
C 70 Beau Patrick	58 Seth Nilson
RG 72 Brian Cauthen	64 Gabe Cerasale
RT 62 Clint Reed	76 Mark Ellison
TE 83 Brandon Lawrence	40 Jeremy Keaster
QB 8 Chris Taylor	3 Josh Price
FB 44 Scott Pryor	39 Robbie Roberts
TB 32 Travis Horn	33 Ed Duncan
FL 6 Bryan Fisher	12 Stuart Cash

WONDER BOY SPECIALISTS

PK	10 Paul Peletz
KO	10 Paul Peletz
P	8 Chris Taylor
LS	40 Jeremy Keaster
H	3 Josh Price
KR	33 Ed Duncan
PR	12 Stuart Cash

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Side Judge	Michael Miller

ARKANSAS TECH

NO.	NAME	POS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN
1	Stanley Rose	WR	5-8	155	Devis, OK
2	Willie Henry	CB	5-10	170	Nashville, AR
3	Josh Price	QB	6-0	200	Beebe, AR
4	Mario Gurule	LB	5-11	230	FortSmith, AR
5	Earrick Stigall	CB	5-9	160	Brinkley, AR
6	Bryan Fisher	WR	5-10	180	Russellville, AR
7	Jerad Gulnn	QB	6-1	235	Seminole, OK
8	Chris Taylor	QB	6-1	210	Adkins, AR
9	Ed Poe	LB	5-10	230	Morrilton, AR
10	Paul Peletz	K	5-11	190	Bentonville, AR
11	Jon Parker	LB	6-2	210	Texasarkane, TX
12	Stuart Cash	WR	5-11	180	Lonoke, AR
13	Shane Savoie	QB	6-1	230	Lafayette, LA
17	Brian Lacy	CB	5-9	170	Beetrop, LA
18	Andre Beale	CB	5-11	190	Wynne, AR
19	Rodney Woodruff	CB	5-8	165	Tollette, AR
20	Steven Theasing	WR	5-10	165	Ablene, TX
21	Brad White	WR	6-1	170	Pine Bluff, AR
22	Chris Duncan	TB	5-7	175	Morrilton, AR
23	Tim Freeman	TB	5-11	180	Eunice, LA
24	Loren Jackson	LB	6-1	255	Higgins, AR
26	Patrick Pesnell	DB	5-7	165	Fayetteville, AR
27	Phil Vega	DB	5-9	175	Russellville, AR
28	Lance Strother	WR	6-0	175	Lafayette, LA
29	Jeremy Lawson	CB	6-0	180	Dover, AR
30	Michael Riddick	LB	5-11	255	Denison, TX
31	Luther Ingram	FB	6-0	260	Jonesboro, AR
32	Travis Horn	TB	5-10	200	Lamar, AR
33	Ed Duncan	TB	5-9	180	Morrilton, AR
34	Darin Kapella	DB	6-1	190	Devis, OK
35	Jeff Devis	DB	6-0	175	Searcy, AR
36	D.J. Crane	DE	6-3	235	Paris, AR
37	Leslie Hendrix	LB	6-0	210	Nashville, AR
39	Robbie Roberts	FB	6-0	215	Wynne, AR
40	Jeremy Keaster	DB	6-0	230	Russellville, AR
41	Ben Montgomery	DB	6-2	190	Okla. City, OK
43	Kurt Corbin	DE	6-3	240	Denville, AR
44	Scott Pryor	DB	6-0	210	Laxa, AR
45	Charlie McAlister	LB	6-2	215	Dover, AR
46	B.J. Bayer	DE	6-2	230	Gentry, AR
50	Byron Hammock	LB	5-11	190	Little Rock, AR
53	Eric Hildreth	DT	6-2	260	Camden, AR
54	Brock Woodriddle	DE	6-3	205	Paregoukd, AR
55	Chris Eastburn	DT	6-0	260	Hot Springs, AR
56	Matt Blaylock	DE	6-0	250	FortSmith, AR
58	Seth Nilson	OL	6-3	330	Tucson, AZ
62	Clint Reed	OL	6-3	260	Nashville, AR
63	Ben Moreland	OL	6-0	250	El Dorado, AR
64	Gabe Cerasale	OL	6-2	275	Rogers, AR
67	Charlie Lairamore	DT	6-1	255	Ozark, AR
68	Denny Albright	OL	6-4	305	Bryant, AR
69	Ryan Meyers	OL	6-2	260	FortSmith, AR
70	Beau Patrick	OL	6-2	260	Mtn. Home, AR
71	Derrill Deniel	DT	5-11	320	Wynne, AR
72	Brian Cauthen	OL	6-3	310	Vilonia, AR
73	Kevin Cauthen	DT	6-0	255	Vilonia, AR
74	Todd Mathews	OL	6-5	355	Sherm Spg. AR
75	Matt Nelson	OL	6-4	310	Sherwood, AR
76	Mark Ellison	OL	6-1	305	Camden, AR
81	Tom Sawyer	WR	6-3	205	Jackson, LA
83	Brandon Lawrence	TE	6-5	250	Rector, AR
85	Jamey South	WR	6-4	190	Wynne, AR
96	Carlos Austin	DT	6-2	325	Alexandria, LA



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<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Travis Horn	39	297	7.6	3
Ed Duncan	41	133	3.2	4
Luther Ingram	18	126	7.0	0

<u>Passing</u>	<u>A/C/I</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Chris Taylor	50/25/2	254	3
Josh Price	5/5/0	40	1

<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Lance Strother	8	89	11.1	0
Bryan Fisher	6	78	13.0	2
Ed Duncan	5	22	4.4	0
Tom Sawyer	3	51	17.0	2
Travis Horn	3	5	1.7	0

<u>Total Offense</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>
Travis Horn	39	297	99.0
Chris Taylor	63	275	91.7

<u>Scoring</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Ed Duncan	4	0	0	24
Paul Peletz	0	12	3	21
Travis Horn	3	0	0	18

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<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Vontrell Mitchell	43	97	2.3	2
Marcus Ray	15	62	4.1	0
Greg Cooper	13	25	1.9	0

<u>Passing</u>	<u>A/C/I</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Donnie Johnston	75/36/1	327	2
Brandon Cowart	48/172	288	3

<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Nikko Cooper	12	179	14.9	1
Dennis Fryzel	10	134	13.4	1
Vontrell Mitchell	8	49	6.1	0
Eric Doggett	7	118	16.9	2
Winston Williams	6	74	12.3	2

<u>Total Offense</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>
Brandon Cowart	56	269	134.5
Donnie Johnston	92	315	105.0

<u>Scoring</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>Pts</u>
James Lightfoot	0	6	3	15
Eric Doggett	2	0	0	12
Vontrell Mitchell	2	0	0	12

TEAM STATS

	<u>ATU</u>	<u>Opp</u>	<u>VSU</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Net Rushing/Game Yds	658/219.3	347/115.7	119/29.8	631/157.8
Passing/Game Yds	294/98.0	433/144.3	681/170.3	395/98.8
Total Offense	952/317.3	780/260.0	800/200.0	1026/256.5
Points/Game Avg.	95/31.7	60/20.0	63/15.8	58/14.5

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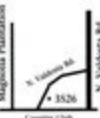


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	GSC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
West Georgia	2	0	4	0
Southern Arkansas	2	0	3	0
Delta State	2	0	2	1
Valdosta State	1	1	2	2
Arkansas Tech	1	1	2	1
West Alabama	0	1	1	1
North Alabama	0	1	1	1
Central Arkansas	0	1	1	1
Henderson State	0	1	1	2
Arkansas-Monticello	0	2	0	3

Last Week

Delta State 20, Valdosta State 17
West Georgia 35, Central Arkansas 21
Southern Arkansas 44, Ark.-Monticello 7
N'western Louisiana 53, Henderson St. 7
Arkansas Tech 44, West Alabama 27

This Week

Arkansas Tech at VSU
Southern Arkansas at West Georgia
Henderson State at West Alabama
Central Arkansas at North Alabama
Ark.-Monticello at McNeese State

Next Week

Henderson St. at Ark. Tech
West Ala. at Delta State
Central Ark. at Sou. Ark.
N. Ala. at Ark.-Monticello

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Rushing					Passing				
	Att	Net	Avg	TDs		A/C/I	Yds	TDs	
Steve Duncan, WGA	69	302	4.4	4	Jeremy Clements, WGA	84/46/3	695	9	
Travis Horn, ATU	39	297	7.6	3	Kevin McCarn, UAM	104/55/1	684	2	
Casey Macke, DSU	45	217	4.8	3	Kevin Mawracaj, UCA	50/27/3	423	3	
Receiving					Scoring				
	No	Yds	Avg	TDs		TDs	PAT	Pts/G	
Roscoe Pounds, WGA	19	363	19.1	3	Casey Phillips, UWA	5	0	15.0	
Anthony Giovingo, UAM	22	347	15.8	2	Greg Manson, UNA	3	1	10.0	
Roderick Amey, UAM	18	184	10.2	0	Steve Duncan, ATU	6	0	9.0	
Total Offense					Punting				
	Plays	Rush	Pass	Avg		No	Yds	Avg	
Kevin McCarn, UAM	156	40	684	241.3	Greg Rudolph, DSU	23	988	43.0	
Josh Turrentine, UWA	67	94	281	187.5	Justin Allen, WGA	21	843	40.1	



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