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VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE BLAZERS

1988-89 Basketball Outlook

Valdosta State, the surprise team in the Gulf South Conference a year ago when the Blazers finished second in the league race, is in a similar pre-season situation again this season.

Coach James Dominey's club is again comprised primarily of newcomers, about evenly divided between freshmen and upperclassmen. Only three players from last year's 17-11 (11-5 in the GSC) team return and one of them (sophomore Lloyd Clarke) won't be eligible until the end of fall quarter.

The two other returnees, however, are a solid nucleus around which to build a competitive club. Michael Phillips and Lavell Garror, both seniors and both guards, were two of the main reasons for the Blazers' success last season, and both have been picked by league coaches on the pre-season all-conference team.

Phillips, a 6-2 shooting guard with tremendous quickness and leaping ability, led VSC in scoring last season with a 14-point average. Garror, the point guard, was the catalyst of the club, especially defensively where he picked up 67 steals. He also averaged 9.9 points a game. Clarke, who saw limited duty in relief of Phillips, still averaged 4.1 points a game and was a 50 percent shooter from three-point range.

Dominey, beginning his 18th season at Valdosta State, and top assistant Rick Stukes again turned to the Florida junior college circuit to find quality replacements for last year's departing cast. Two of the top recruits played at Broward Community College in Ft. Lauderdale and the other was a standout at Lake City CC.

The Broward transfers are 6-7 center Joe Ellick, who averaged 10 points and 8 rebounds, and 6-4 power forward Roy Addison, who averaged 17.5 points and 5 rebounds. Coming from Lake City is Alex Thomas, a 6-5 shooting forward, who averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds a game.

The other JC transfer is 6-8 forward Mark Wienburg, who played at Florida Community College in Jacksonville last year after playing his freshman season at VSC.

The Blazers also recruited a quartet of freshmen, several of which have shown signs of helping right way. Butch Shelman, a 5-11 point guard from Indianapolis, has been impressive early and should give Dominey the most depth he's ever had at the all-important ball-handling position. Shelman averaged 17.5 points and four assists a game last season.

Barry Purvis, a 6-4 forward from Dunnellon, Fla., signed early last year and brings impressive credentials as a pure shooter. He averaged 28 points a game as a senior and gives the Blazers a legitimate three-point threat.

Rodney Ford, a 6-2 guard who played on Albany-Westover's undefeated regular season team last year, has also caught the coaching staff's eye in early drills.

The other rookie is 6-4 forward Mike McCullough from Tampa, Fla., who joined the team after he completed his duties as the punter on the Valdosta State football team.

THE DOMINEY RECORD 1971-1988

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
TOTAL	277-181	.605	

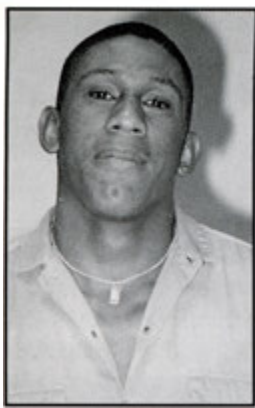
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Quick Facts

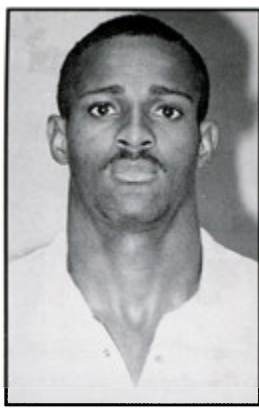
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 Founded 1906
 Enrollment 6950
 President Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
 Colors Red and Black
 Nickname Blazers
 Home Court Blazer Athletic Complex
 Conference Gulf South
 National Affiliation NCAA II
 1987-88 Record 17-11, 11-5

Basketball Staff

Athletic Director Tommy Thomas
 Head Coach James Dominey
 Assistant Coach Rick Stukes
 Graduate Assistant Dave Corder
 SID Steve Roberts
 Graduate Assistant Robert Bohler
 Trainer Paul Higgs
 Manager Mike Tarrant
 Stats Russ Beckham
 Scott Taylor

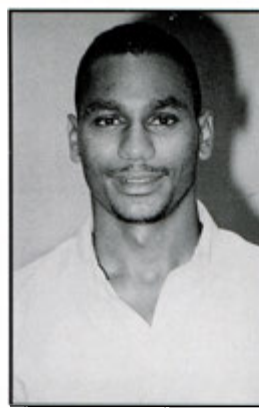


Roy Addison

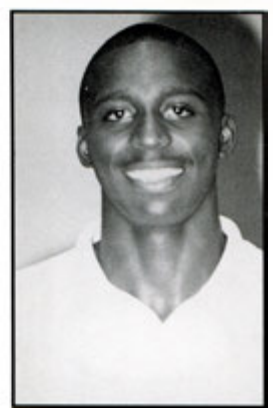


Mike Phillips

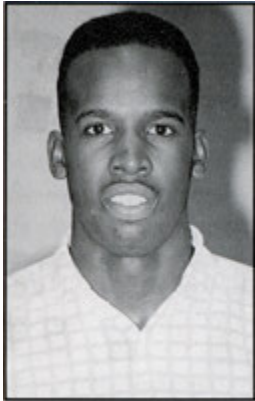
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Lavell Garror

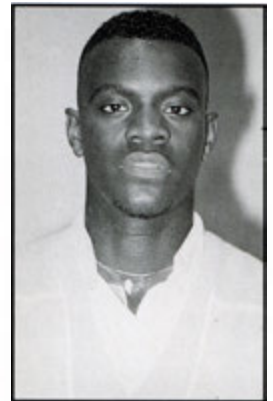


Joe Ellick



Alex Thomas

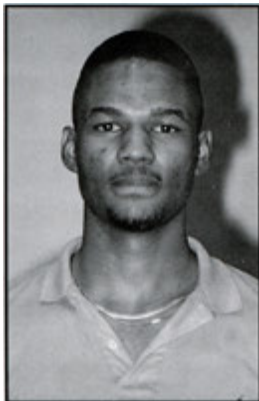
No.	Name	Position	Height	Class	Hometown
5	Butch Shelman	Guard	5-11	Freshman	Indianapolis, Ind.
11	Michael Phillips	Guard	6-2	Senior	Groveland, Fla.
12	Lloyd Clarke	Guard	6-1	Sophomore	Gainesville, Fla.
15	Rodney Ford	Guard	6-2	Freshman	Albany, Ga.
21	Barry Purvis	Forward	6-4	Freshman	Dunnellon, Fla.
25	Lavell Garror	Guard	6-0	Senior	Mobile, Ala.
31	Alex Thomas	Forward	6-5	Junior	Jacksonville, Fla.
33	Roy Addison	Forward	6-4	Junior	Pompano, Fla.
40	Joe Ellick	Center	6-7	Junior	Margate, Fla.
42	Mark Wienberg	Center	6-8	Junior	Jacksonville, Fla.
50	Mike McCullough	Forward	6-4	Freshman	Tampa, Fla.



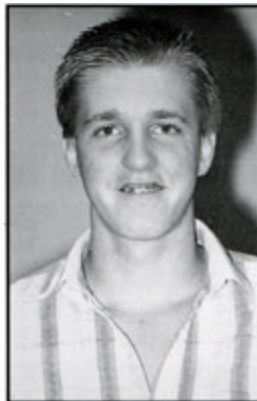
Butch Shelman



Mike McCullough



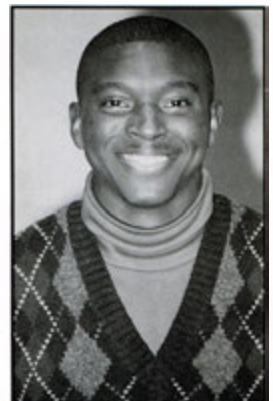
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Barry Purvis



Mark Wienberg



Lloyd Clarke

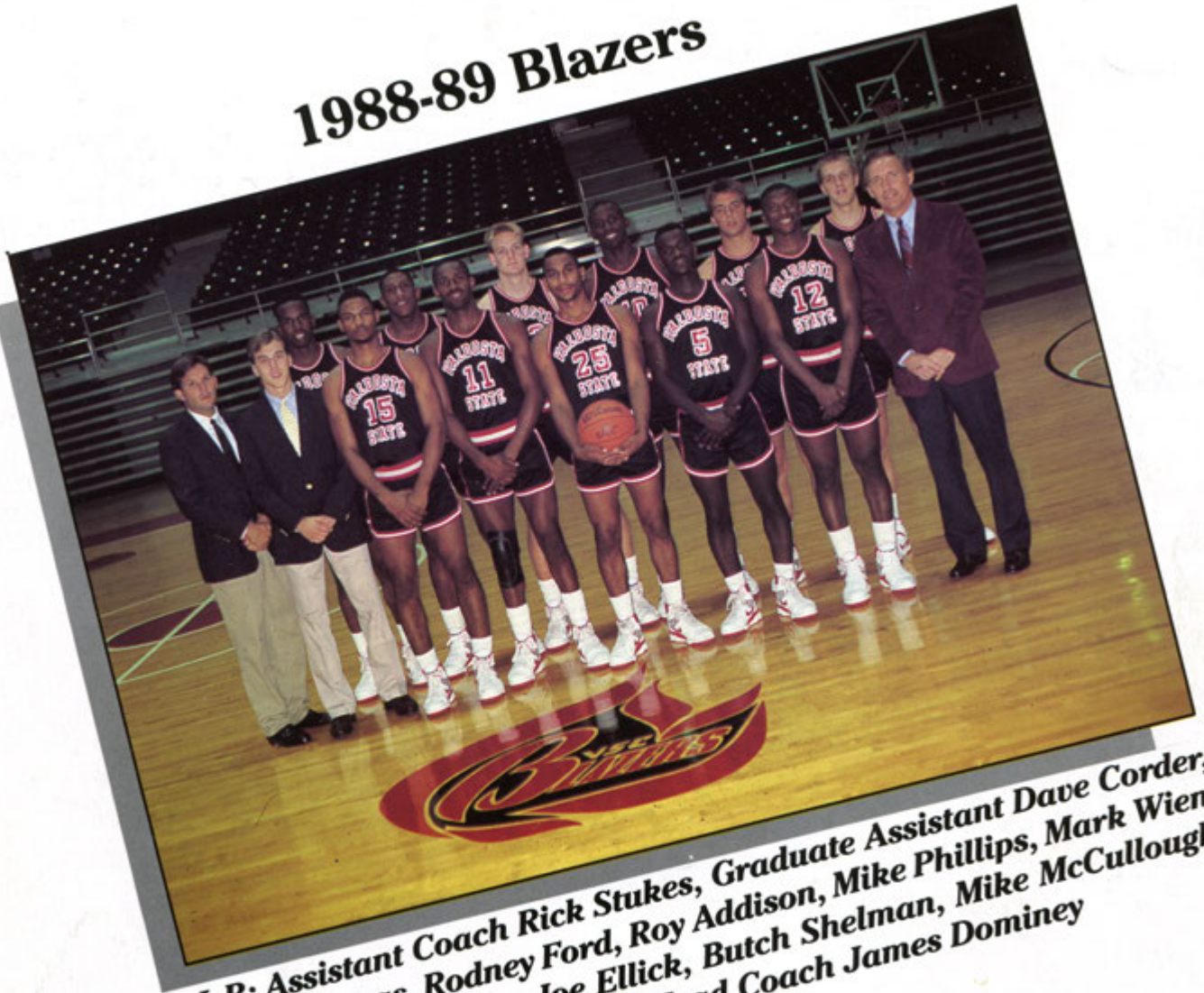
1988-89 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER	TEAM	SITE	TIME	JANUARY	TEAM	SITE	TIME
20-21	SOWEGA INVITATIONAL (Albany State, Fort Valley State, Columbus, Valdosta State)	Albany, GA	TBA	5, Thurs.	West Georgia*	Valdosta, GA	8:00
				7, Sat.	Mississippi College*	Valdosta, GA	7:30
				11, Wed.	Armstrong State	Valdosta, GA	7:30
				16, Mon.	Troy State*	Troy, AL	7:30
25-26	COLUMBUS INVITATIONAL (Columbus, North Georgia, Albany State, Valdosta State)	Columbus, GA	TBA	21, Sat.	North Alabama*	Florence, AL	7:30
				23, Mon.	UT-Martin*	Martin, TN	7:30
				28, Sat.	Livingston*	Valdosta, GA	8:00
				30, Mon.	Delta State*	Valdosta, GA	8:00
DECEMBER	TEAM	SITE	TIME	FEBRUARY	TEAM	SITE	TIME
7, Wed.	Edward Waters	Valdosta, GA	7:30	1, Wed.	Armstrong State	Savannah, GA	7:30
10, Sat.	Livingston*	Livingston, AL	7:30	4, Sat.	Mississippi College*	Clinton, MS	7:30
12, Mon.	Delta State*	Cleveland, MS	8:00	9, Thurs.	Jacksonville State*	Valdosta, GA	8:00
16, Fri.	St. Leo	Valdosta, GA	8:00	13, Mon.	Troy State*	Valdosta, GA	8:00
17, Sat.	Rollins	Valdosta, GA	8:00	18, Sat.	North Alabama*	Valdosta, GA	8:00
29-30	VALDOSTA STATE INVIT. (Savannah State, Albany State, Georgia College, Valdosta State)	Valdosta, GA	TBA	20, Mon.	UT-Martin*	Valdosta, GA	8:00
				25, Sat.	West Georgia*	Carrollton, GA	7:30
				27, Mon.	Jacksonville State*	Jacksonville, AL	7:30

*Gulf South Conference Games

Gulf South Conference Tournament Dates To Be Announced

1988-89 Blazers



L-R: Assistant Coach Rick Stukes, Graduate Assistant Dave Corder, Alex Thomas, Rodney Ford, Roy Addison, Mike Phillips, Mark Wienbarg, Lavell Garror, Joe Ellick, Butch Shelman, Mike McCullough, Lloyd Clarke, Barry Purvis, Head Coach James Dominey



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