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1988

General Information

Name	Valdosta State College
Location	Valdosta, Georgia
Founded	1906
Enrollment	7065
President	Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
Colors	Red and Black
Nickname	Blazers
Home Facility	Billy Grant Field (1000)
Conference	Gulf South
National Affiliation	NCAA, Division II
1987 Record	34-20

Athletic Staff

Associate Athletic Directors	Tommy Thomas Mike Cavan
Faculty Athletic Representative	Dr. Joe Gore
SID	Steve Roberts
Student Assistant	Chris Beckham
Trainer	Jim Rudd
Equipment Manager	Larry Lampert

Baseball Staff

Head Coach	Tommy Thomas
Assistant Coach	Kip McLeod
Graduate Assistant	Mark Murad
Student Trainer	Chip McCarty
Student Managers	Greg Jenkins, Darrell Lawson
Volunteer Manager	Andrew Price
PA Announcers	Jill West, Kim Vonweyhe
Scoreboard Operators	Jarret Watson, Molly Baker
Scorekeeper	Susan McCarty

Memo to the Media

Valdosta State, since becoming a member of NCAA's Division II in 1974, has established itself as a baseball power. The Blazers won the national championship in 1979 and have made five other trips to the national tournament.

The 1988 Blazer club will be trying to return to the Division II World Series, which again this year will be held at Patterson Field in Montgomery, AL. Information about this year's team as well as statistics and records are included in the brochure.

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Scouting Report

Valdosta State head baseball coach Tommy Thomas, who normally reloads from year to year, is facing for the first time in a long time a mammoth rebuilding job on his 1988 baseball team.

Thomas, beginning his third decade at the helm of Blazer baseball, sees only two returning starters from last year's 34-20 team. Senior first baseman Larry Gryskevich, who turned in solid numbers last season, and junior Darrien Teals, who played second base last year because of injuries, are the only starters back. Teals will return to left field this season, which means the entire defense up the middle must be replaced.

The one potential silver lining is pitchers which accounted for 21 of the Blazers' 34 wins last year return, led by sophomore Nick Speth (6-2), senior Ted West (5-1) and junior Scott Allen (5-3). But the team ERA a year ago was a fat 4.82, and the staff gave up 20 more hits than innings pitched.

"There's no question we've got our work cut out for us this year," Thomas said on the eve of his 21st season. "Offensively, this team won't be able to score runs in bunches because we don't have the power we've had the last several years. We must be much more resourceful. Fundamentals will be more important than ever. We will have to do all the little things well."

Thomas believes his club can be solid defensively, and team speed is above average. But catching is unproven, especially in the area of throwing out base runners, and the pitching staff needs to take pressure off the offense.

"We need big years from our returning pitchers and from the pitchers we recruited as well," Thomas said. "We will have to scratch and claw for everything we get, and our pitching staff will have to hold the opposition in check."

PITCHING

Thomas sees his mound staff as a big piece in the 1988 puzzle. In order to be competitive the Blazers need solid years from all the returning hurlers, which means better numbers than they put in the book last year. Speth led the veterans in wins and earned run average, but the ERA was high at 4.98. West's ERA was 5.12 and Allen's was at 6.09. Senior Jay Kimbrough (3-0, 5.68) and junior Cookie Alonso (2-2, 5.35) are the other returnees Thomas is counting on.

Gryskevich, who was used sparingly last year, should figure much more prominently in the pitching plans, Thomas said. He also expects experienced newcomers Paul Kish and Ed Bartnik, both juniors, to battle for jobs in the starting rotation. Kish was 3-6 with a 4.28 ERA at Lake City CC last season.

Freshman Darin Erickson, Derrick Mullins and Thomas Fulcher could be pleasant surprises if their fall performances carry over.

Speth, Allen, Kimbrough and Gryskevich are the lefthanders on the 11-man staff.

CATCHING

Thomas is comfortable with the catching situation as far as defense is concerned, but none of the candidates are proven hitters. Senior Allen Goodwin, who hit .207 in limited playing time last year, will platoon with JC transfer Rusty Brown, who hit .294 at Middle Georgia. Freshman Brett Martin needs experience at the college level and will be brought along slowly.

"I think we can be okay in the catching department," Thomas said. "All have leadership ability. The hitting is a question mark, and I want to see some improvement in the area of throwing out base runners."

INFIELD

Gryskevich at first base is the only returning starter to the infield, and Thomas expects a big battle for two of the other three spots. Senior Mike Cassala, who was lost for the year with an ankle injury in the third game a year ago, owns the shortstop job, and Thomas believes Cassala will produce at the plate and in the field. The second and third base jobs are up for grabs.

Senior Mark Bennett, who sat out last season after transferring from Augusta, and JC transfer Jeff Rose, who hit .301 at Polk CC, will duel for the third base spot, and freshman Trevor Nance (Valdosta High) and sophomore Todd Cole, a transfer from Jacksonville State, will compete for the second base job.

Kish, who hit .299 at Lake City, will spell Gryskevich at first base when he is called on to pitch.

OUTFIELD

Last year's starting outfield departed, but Teals will return there, leaving a net loss of two starters to replace. Teals, who hit .287 and stole 20 bases while playing out of position at second base last year, will take over in left field. The center field job will be handled by JC transfer David Cosper, who hit .379 at Abraham Baldwin. Right field is wide open with senior Craig Jenkins, who hit .250 in a utility role last year, Kish, and freshmen Mark Birdow and Sean Jamison all in the hunt.

SCHEDULE

The 55-game schedule again features a 12-game Gulf South Conference slate with home-and-home doubleheaders against West Georgia, Troy State and Jacksonville State. To win the conference title the Blazers must first win their division and then beat the western division winner in a best of three series. To win the division, VSC must handle Troy State which has won the national championship two consecutive years.

Nine Division I teams are on the schedule, the biggest of which is Florida State. The Seminoles visit April 15.

A highlight of the season will be an early season ceremony renaming Blazer Field in honor of former Valdosta State baseball coach and athletics director Billy Grant, who died last July. At that time Blazer Field will officially become Billy Grant Field.

Coaching Staff

Head Coach

Tommy Thomas

This season Tommy Thomas opens the door to his third decade as head baseball coach at Valdosta State, and the success he has enjoyed in the past 20 years is shared by very few coaches at any collegiate level.

Thomas enters the 1988 season with 732 victories, having averaged almost 37 wins a year in his distinguished coaching career. He opens this season with an overall record of 732-334, which translates into a winning percentage of .687.

It follows that Thomas has been the recipient of numerous individual awards and honors. In 1979, he directed the Blazers to the school's only national championship. As a result, the 47-year-old Valdosta native was named National Coach of the Year for NCAA Division II by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Seventeen of the 20 Thomas-coached teams have reached post-season play and seven teams have gone to national tournaments. Thomas was named coach of the year in NAIA Area V in 1969 and again in NCAA's South Atlantic Region in 1974, 1977, 1979, 1983 and 1985.

Thomas, who is also an associate athletic director in charge of every VSC sport except football, received the BS degree from VSC in 1962 and the MST degree from Georgia Southern in 1967.



Assistant Coach

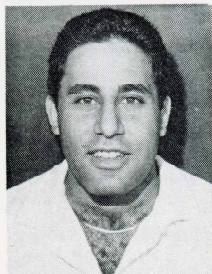
Kip McLeod

Kip McLeod, a member of the pitching staff on the 1979 Valdosta State national championship team, became the school's first full-time assistant baseball coach in July 1986.

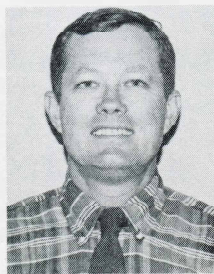
Thomas hand-picked McLeod to be his first full-time aide, saying his primary responsibility will be to serve as pitching coach, which he did as a graduate assistant in the early 1980s.

A native Valdostan, McLeod was a spot starter and long reliever for VSC teams in 1979 and 1980. After earning his master's degree, he coached at Macon County High School in Montezuma and at Cairo High School.

McLeod, 28, is married to the former Marcia Player of Valdosta, and they have one daughter, Kristin, 4.



Mark Murad
Graduate Assistant



Steve Roberts
Sports Information Director

Scott Allen

PITCHER

6-5 190

JUNIOR

44

A hard-throwing lefthander who has won 10 games in two seasons. Needs to improve on his hits to innings pitched ratio and his tendency to allow the home run ball. Expected to be one of the top starters on this year's club.



Cookie Alonso

PITCHER

5-11 155

JUNIOR

49

Alonso has posted six wins in two seasons but has lacked consistency. Control was a problem last year and again last fall, but coaches hope he is ready to join the starting rotation.



Ed Bartnik

PITCHER

6-4 210

JUNIOR

16

Big righthander who played at Chipola JC in 1985 but has missed two years with arm problems. A healthy and effective Bartnik would be a tremendous boost to Blazer pitching staff.



Darin Erickson

PITCHER

6-0 175

FRESHMAN

46

One of three freshmen on this year's staff. Showed promise in the fall but obviously needs experience on the college level. Relatively small staff guarantees him a chance to pitch.





Thomas Fulcher

PITCHER
6-1 165
FRESHMAN

54

A walkon from Miami who was impressive in the fall. One of three freshmen to make the 11-man staff. Needs experience, which he will get this year.

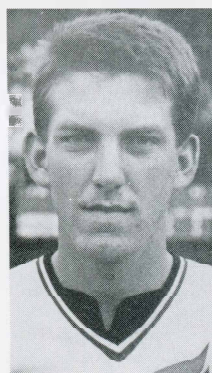


Jay Kimbrough

PITCHER
6-0 165
SENIOR

39

A three-game winner in 1987 but worked only 25 innings. One of four lefthanders on 11-man staff. Coaches hope he will show form that made him one of top pitchers on Middle Georgia JC staff in 1986. Had solid stats in the fall.



Paul Kish

PITCHER
6-2 190
JUNIOR

35

Recruited to pitch and hit, which he did at Lake City CC last year. A good athlete who will be in the lineup a lot, either on the mound, at first base, in right field or as the designated hitter.



Derrick Mullins

PITCHER
THIRD BASEMAN
6-1 185
FRESHMAN

37

Another freshman pitcher to make the staff. Showed definite ability in the fall. A versatile player, he could also see some action in the infield.

Nick Speth

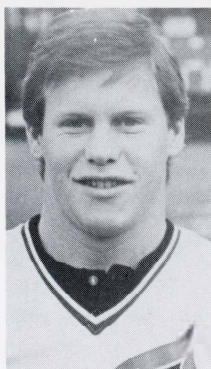
PITCHER

5-9 155

SOPHOMORE

30

Posted six wins as a freshman last season to lead club. Was team's stopper until late in the year when control became a problem. A very effective southpaw when in command of his pitches. A big key to success of 1988 team.



Ted West

PITCHER

5-10 190

SENIOR

23

A four-year veteran who has won 20 games in his career. Holds school record for most appearances with 56. Very competitive. Coaches expect leadership as well as quality starting pitching from this veteran righthander.



Rusty Brown

CATCHER

THIRD BASEMAN

6-0 190

JUNIOR

34

JC transfer from Middle Georgia. Expected to platoon behind the plate. Has not hit for average but has some power. Good defensive catcher. Being counted on for leadership.



Allen Goodwin

CATCHER

6-2 215

SENIOR

19

Saw action in 29 games last year after transferring from Indian River CC. Great leadership ability. Handles pitching staff well. Has not hit for average yet. Coaches hope he takes charge behind the plate.





Brett Martin

CATCHER
5-9 178
FRESHMAN

5

Sat out last season after transferring from Georgia. Had a large role in Clinch County High School winning state championship in 1986. Obviously needs experience at college level. Grandson of former VSC President S. Walter Martin.



Mark Bennett

INFIELDER
5-7 150
SENIOR

21

Sat out last year after transferring from Augusta. Expected to battle for third base job. Good defensive player with great hustle, desire and attitude. Capable of doing solid job at hot corner.



Mike Cassala

SHORTSTOP
5-11 165
SENIOR

9

Sat out last season after sustaining severe ankle injury in third game. Transfer from Armstrong State who was third in nation in RBI with 77 in 1986. Great bat control. Should be leader of Blazer infield this season.



Todd Cole

INFIELDER
5-11 165
SOPHOMORE

27

Transfer from conference rival Jacksonville State. Will battle for the second base job. Played well in the fall. Will play a lot even if he doesn't nail down starting job.

Larry Gryskevich

**FIRST BASEMAN
PITCHER**

**6-0 198
SENIOR**

12

One of offensive leaders a year ago with .343 average. Led team in doubles and slugging percentage and was second in home runs with 14. Leads by example. Expected to see more action on the mound this season. Solid all around player.



Trevor Nance

SECOND BASEMAN
5-7 145
SOPHOMORE

4

Valdosta High product who was a very pleasant surprise in the fall, leading club with a .467 average. Could get starting nod at second base in early season but needs experience. Has good speed.



Jeff Rose

INFIELDER
5-9 175
JUNIOR

13

JC transfer from Polk CC in Winter Haven. Has sights set on third base job and didn't hurt his chances in the fall, hitting .353. Has above average speed. Defense appears adequate.



Mark Birdow

OUTFIELDER
6-0 185
FRESHMAN

43

Walkon from Woodland High School in East Point who made the team in the fall. Expected to be used in a utility role in the outfield as he gains much needed college experience.



1988 Valdosta State Baseball Roster

Number and Name Home Address and Phone	Bats/Throws	Birthday	Height	Weight	Class	Hometown and High School
PITCHERS						
44 Scott Allen 118 Pinehurst Drive, Blackshear 31516 (912) 449-4346	L-L	10-7-67	6-5	190	Junior	Blackshear (Pierce County)
49 Cookie Alonso 11411 SW 40th Terrace, Miami, FL 33165 (305) 226-7857	R-R	5-14-67	5-11	155	Junior	Miami, FL (Southwest)
16 Ed Bartnik 18 Riviera Drive, Selden, NY 11784 (516) 698-9572	R-R	9-14-66	6-4	210	Junior	Selden, NY (Newfield)
46 Darin Erickson 2830 Elton St., Albany 31707 (912) 439-0969	R-R	2-20-69	6-0	175	Freshman	Albany (Albany)
54 Tom Fulcher 581 NW 188 St., Miami, FL 33169 (305) 652-9087	R-R	1-3-68	6-1	170	Freshman	Miami, FL (Norland)
39 Jay Kimbrough 3465 NW 1st Ct., Gainesville, FL 32607 (904) 376-8695	L-L	12-6-66	6-0	165	Senior	Gainesville, FL (Buchholz)
35 Paul Kish Rt. 1, Box 1718, Sanderson, FL 32087 (904) 755-5283	R-R	12-5-57	6-2	190	Junior	Sanderson, FL (Union County)
37 Derrick Mullins 5075 Meadowbrook Circle, Suwanee 30714 (404) 932-2627	R-R	10-13-68	6-1	185	Freshman	Suwanee (North Gwinnett)
30 Nick Speth 1702 Hammock Drive, Nokomis, FL 34245 (813) 485-5538	R-L	9-14-68	5-9	155	Sophomore	Nokomis, FL (Venice)
23 Ted West 900 Brookhaven Drive, Valdosta 31602 (912) 242-1129	R-R	4-4-65	5-10	190	Senior	Valdosta (Valdosta)
CATCHERS						
22 Rusty Brown P.O. Box 687, Swainsboro 30401 (912) 237-8880	R-R	9-3-66	6-0	190	Junior	Swainsboro (Swainsboro)
19 Allen Goodwin 125 S. Tropical Way, Merritt Island, FL 32952 (305) 453-6594	R-R	6-12-65	6-2	215	Senior	Jupiter, FL (John Carroll)
5 Brett Martin P.O. Box 296, Homerville 31634 (912) 487-2591	R-R	1-12-68	5-9	178	Freshman	Homerville (Clinch County)
INFIELDERS						
21 Mark Bennett Rt. 3, Moultrie, 31768 (912) 985-5365	R-R	4-14-65	5-7	150	Senior	Moultrie (Pineland)
9 Mike Cassala 1731 Shoreline Place, Orange Park, FL 32073	R-R	11-25-65	5-11	165	Senior	Orange Park, FL (Orange Park)
27 Todd Cole 100 Sandy Ridge Trail, Fayetteville 30214 (404) 964-1041	R-R	4-3-68	5-11	165	Sophomore	Fayetteville (McIntosh)
12 Larry Gryskevich 3820 Hanlin Way, Weirton, WV 26062 (304) 748-8429	L-L	9-12-66	6-0	198	Senior	Weirton, WV (Brooke)
4 Trevor Nance 1415 St. Augustine Rd., Apt. C-3, Valdosta 31601 (912) 244-7045	R-R	3-2-68	5-6	140	Sophomore	Valdosta (Valdosta)
13 Jeff Rose 406 Vaniman Ave., Winter Haven, FL 33880 (813) 299-2483	S-R	6-3-67	5-9	175	Junior	Winter Haven, FL (Winter Haven)
OUTFIELDERS						
43 Mark Birdow 2811 Arrowwood Drive, East Point 30344 (404) 349-0423	R-R	1-5-69	6-0	185	Freshman	East Point (Woodland)
33 David Cospser Rt. 1, Box 118 B, Tifton 31794 (912) 382-2395	L-R	8-10-67	5-10	155	Junior	Tifton (Tift County)
34 Louie Davenport 4842 Heathe Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308 (904) 893-3223	R-R	3-19-66	6-0	175	Junior	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln)
29 Walt Gill 2309 Camden Circle, Valdosta 31602 (912) 242-5336	R-R	3-12-69	5-11	185	Freshman	Valdosta (Valdosta)
7 Sean Jamison 120 Columbia Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003 (304) 242-4311	R-R	2-9-69	5-11	170	Freshman	Wheeling, WV (Wheeling Park)
17 Craig Jenkins 2214 Deborah Drive, Valdosta 31602 (912) 244-1022	R-R	1-1-65	5-6	150	Senior	Valdosta (Valdosta)
1 Darrien Teals 511 Martin Luther King Drive, Tifton 31794 (912) 382-4132	R-R	5-17-67	5-8	160	Junior	Tifton (Tift County)



David Cospers

CENTERFIELDER

5-10 155

JUNIOR

33

Transfer from Abraham Baldwin where he was a leader for the Stallions. Good speed. Good defense and arm. Outstanding bat control. One of two lefthanded bats expected to be in starting lineup. Solid candidate as leadoff hitter.



Louie Davenport

OUTFIELDER

THIRD BASEMAN

6-0 175

JUNIOR

22

Walkon who played last year at North Florida JC. Versatile athlete who can play in the outfield and at third base. Played well in the fall, hitting .308. Will be used as a utility player.



Sean Jamison

OUTFIELDER

SECOND BASEMAN

5-11 170

FRESHMAN

7

Freshman walkon from Wheeling Park High School in Wheeling, WV. Can play both infield and outfield positions. Likely to see action in a reserve role in his rookie season.



Craig Jenkins

OUTFIELDER

THIRD BASEMAN

5-6 150

SENIOR

17

Utility player who filled in at third, second and in the outfield last season. Versatility gives him a shot at seeing a lot of playing time this season. Will battle for starting job in right field.

Darrien Teals

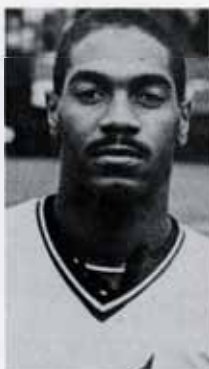
LEFTFIELDER

5-8 160

JUNIOR

1

Turned in solid numbers last season even though being forced to play second base because of team's injuries. Will return to the outfield this season. Has stolen 32 bases in career. First football-baseball player at VSC.

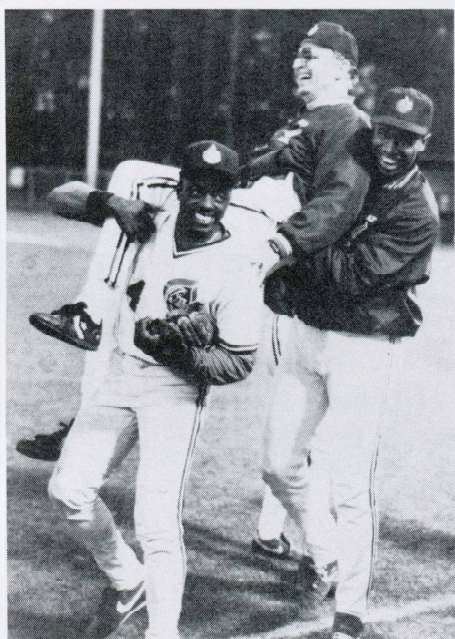
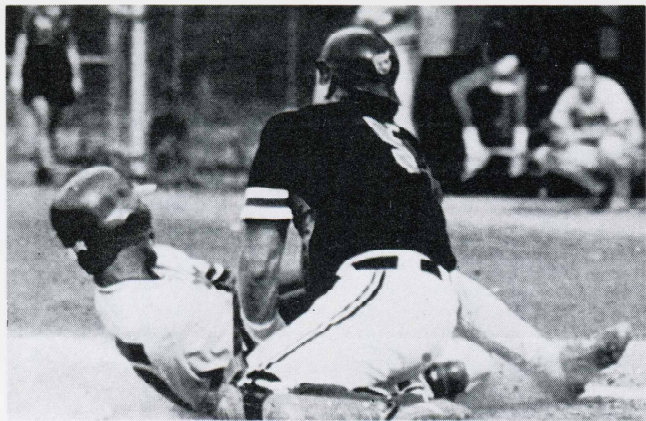


Thomas Milestones

First Win: 7-6 vs. David Lipscomb, '68	250th Loss: 11-3 vs. Jacksonville State, '83
First Loss: 5-2 vs. David Lipscomb, '68	300th Win: 13-6 vs. Augusta, '77
50th Win: 7-0 vs. Shorter, '70	300th Loss: 10-6 vs. Tampa, '86
50th Loss: 5-3 vs. Jacksonville, '71	350th Win: 11-9 vs. Eastern Illinois, '78
100th Win: 14-2 vs. Florida State, '72	400th Win: 1-0 vs. Rose-Hulman, '80
100th Loss: 11-3 vs. Florida, '75	450th Win: 13-4 vs. Charleston, '81
150th Win: 2-1 vs. Columbus, '73	500th Win: 7-2 vs. Ill. Benedictine, '82
150th Loss: 16-8 vs. West Georgia, '77	550th Win: 11-5 vs. Augusta, '83
200th Win: 15-3 vs. Eckerd, '74	600th Win: 8-7 vs. Ga. Southwestern, '84
200th Loss: 3-0 vs. Louisville, '81	650th Win: 12-6 vs. Mercer, '85
250th Win: 3-1 vs. Erskine, '76	700th Win: 5-2 vs. Georgia College, '87

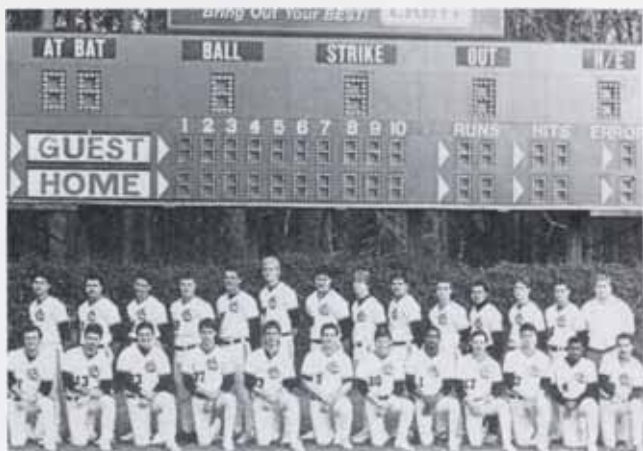
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No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Class	Hometown
1	Darrien Teals	LF	R-R	5-8	155	21	JR	Tifton, GA
4	Trevor Nance	2B	R-R	5-7	145	19	FR	Valdosta, GA
5	Brett Martin	C	R-R	5-9	178	20	FR	Homerville, GA
7	Sean Jamison	OF-2B	R-R	5-11	170	19	FR	Wheeling, WVA
9	Mike Cassala	SS	R-R	5-11	165	22	SR	Orange Park, FL
12	Larry Gryskevich	1B-P	L-L	6-0	198	21	SR	Weirton, WVA
13	Jeff Rose	INF	S-R	5-9	175	21	JR	Winter Haven, FL
16	Ed Bartnik	P	R-R	6-4	210	21	JR	Selden, NY
17	Craig Jenkins	OF-3B	R-R	5-6	150	23	SR	Valdosta, GA
19	Allen Goodwin	C	R-R	6-2	215	22	SR	Ft. Pierce, FL
21	Mark Bennett	3B-2B	R-R	5-7	150	22	SR	Moultrie, GA
22	Louie Davenport	OF-3B	R-R	6-0	175	21	JR	Tallahassee, FL
23	Ted West	P	R-R	5-10	190	22	SR	Valdosta, GA
27	Todd Cole	2B-SS	R-R	5-11	165	19	SO	Fayetteville, GA
29	Walt Gill	OF	R-R	5-11	185	18	FR	Valdosta, GA
30	Nick Speth	P	R-L	5-9	155	19	SO	Nokomis, FL
33	David Cosper	CF	L-R	5-10	155	20	JR	Tifton, GA
34	Rusty Brown	C-3B	R-R	6-0	190	21	JR	Swainsboro, GA
35	Paul Kish	P-DH	R-R	6-2	190	21	JR	Lake Butler, FL
37	Derrick Mullins	P-3B	R-R	6-1	185	19	FR	Suwanee, GA
39	Jay Kimbrough	P	L-L	6-0	165	21	SR	Gainesville, FL
43	Mark Birdow	OF	R-R	6-0	185	19	FR	East Point, GA
44	Scott Allen	P	L-L	6-5	190	20	JR	Blackshear, GA
46	Darin Erickson	P	R-R	6-0	175	19	FR	Albany, GA
49	Cookie Alonso	P	R-R	5-11	155	21	JR	Miami, FL
54	Thomas Fulcher	P	R-R	6-1	165	20	FR	Miami, FL



**Thomas Gets Ride After
Victory No. 700**





1988 Blazers



Press Box Crew

L-R: Jill West, Kim Von Wehye, Holly Hornsby, Pam David, Judy Poole



Blazer Batgirls

Final 1987 Valdosta State Batting & Fielding Averages

NAME & POSITION	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	SAC	SF	HP	SB-A	BB	K	Bat	Slug	Fielding			
																Avg.	Avg.	PO	A	E	Avg.
John Gordon, ss	54	179	50	69	12	0	7	102	45	1	3	1	8-8	37	29	.385	.570	82	138	17	.928
Junior Vizcaino, 1b	47	150	29	55	5	1	13	101	38	2	2	0	16-17	15	28	.367	.673	130	20	4	.974
Larry Gryskevich, 1b	52	169	39	58	14	0	14	114	48	1	2	0	4-5	12	23	.343	.675	240	21	8	.970
Alvin Jeffreys, lf	50	127	28	41	9	2	3	63	27	2	3	0	15-17	27	21	.323	.496	49	4	4	.930
JoJo Blaha, 3b	54	195	45	61	11	3	13	107	50	0	2	2	10-10	13	23	.313	.549	30	76	22	.828
Thad Williams, dh	23	29	9	9	1	1	1	15	3	0	0	0	0-0	5	1	.310	.517	2	12	0	1.000
Terry Sawick, rf	53	171	37	52	5	2	8	77	36	0	1	0	1-2	31	36	.304	.450	86	5	1	.989
Darrien Teals, 2b	45	122	27	35	4	2	2	49	13	1	0	3	20-24	20	18	.287	.402	68	66	6	.957
Mickey Peyton, cf	50	159	40	45	3	2	1	55	18	3	6	1	23-26	24	28	.283	.346	96	10	8	.930
Steve Browning, c	52	166	44	46	9	1	15	102	42	1	5	2	4-4	13	24	.277	.614	261	28	8	.973
Mike Cassala, ss	3	11	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1-1	0	2	.273	.273	2	4	2	.750
Craig Jenkins, of	18	12	6	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	3-3	8	6	.250	.250	8	6	1	.933
Marty Shiver, c	24	41	7	10	1	0	2	17	10	0	0	1	1-1	5	10	.244	.415	36	5	1	.976
Kelly Stites, of	36	38	15	8	1	0	2	15	7	0	1	1	21-23	6	9	.211	.395	12	0	0	1.000
Allen Goodwin, c	24	29	7	6	1	1	1	12	8	1	1	1	1-1	8	7	.207	.414	49	6	2	.965
Craig Jenkins, inf	40	68	10	13	2	2	1	22	10	3	2	1	4-5	12	15	.191	.324	58	60	9	.929
Others	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	.000	.000	19	59	10	.887
VALDOSTA STATE	54	1667	397	514	78	17	83	875	356	15	28	14	132-147	236	280	.308	.525	1228	520	103	.944
OPPONENTS	54	1586	282	428	54	11	39	621	249	16	13	15	47-64	283	322	.270	.392	1196	436	101	.942

1987 Pitching Staff Statistics

NAME & THROWS	G	GS	CG	ShO	S	IP	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	K	W	L	Pct.	WP	HB
Tim Brewster (R)	15	0	0	0	2	12.33	10	9	3	2.19	10	11	1	0	1.000	3	0
Junior Vizcaino (R)	14	7	3	1	2	58.33	49	28	24	3.70	27	50	5	4	.556	3	2
John Cummings (R)	9	0	0	0	0	9.33	12	8	4	3.86	9	4	0	0	.000	5	1
Dennis Crawford (R)	10	10	2	0	0	60.00	53	39	28	4.20	43	57	3	7	.300	3	0
Steve Thornton (R)	3	1	0	0	0	6.33	8	3	3	4.26	8	5	0	0	.000	0	0
Ray Garner (R)	11	0	0	0	3	12.67	11	10	7	4.97	9	8	1	0	1.000	0	0
Nick Speth (L)	14	10	1	0	1	56.00	61	42	31	4.98	38	50	6	2	.750	3	4
Dirk Harrell (R)	7	0	0	0	0	9.00	7	7	5	5.00	5	14	1	0	1.000	1	2
Thad Williams (L)	8	3	0	0	0	28.33	25	17	16	5.08	20	14	2	0	1.000	0	1
Ted West (R)	15	6	1	0	2	45.67	57	30	26	5.12	27	32	5	1	.833	1	2
Cookie Alonso (R)	13	5	1	0	0	37.00	41	30	22	5.35	33	21	2	2	.500	0	2
Jay Kimbrough (L)	8	3	0	0	0	25.33	20	17	16	5.68	32	22	3	0	1.000	3	0
Scott Allen (L)	11	9	1	0	0	44.33	69	36	30	6.09	20	27	5	3	.625	3	1
Larry Gryskevich (L)	5	0	0	0	1	4.67	6	6	4	7.71	2	7	0	1	.000	0	0
VALDOSTA STATE	54	54	9	1	11	409.33	429	282	219	4.82	283	322	34	20	.630	25	15
OPPONENTS	54	54	13	2	6	398.67	514	397	338	7.63	236	280	20	34	.370	44	14

1987 Results

VSC 7	ST. LEO 9
VSC 12	Georgia College 4
VSC 5	Georgia College 2
VSC 1	TAMPA 5
VSC 17	Flagler 11
VSC 4	Tampa 2
VSC 5	Trinity 2
VSC 16	Trinity 1
VSC 8	Trinity 0
VSC 8	Trinity 0
VSC 4	JACKSONVILLE STATE 6
VSC 9	JACKSONVILLE STATE 13
VSC 6	Norfolk State 0
VSC 3	Norfolk State 2
VSC 2	Charleston 1
VSC 12	Charleston 6
VSC 12	Charleston 2
VSC 12	Charleston 3
VSC 0	TROY STATE 2
VSC 6	Troy State 3
VSC 4	TROY STATE 5
VSC 12	JACKSONVILLE 17
VSC 19	Hope 4
VSC 5	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE 9
VSC 5	SIU-Edwardsville 4
VSC 5	ST. XAVIER 9
VSC 7	Augusta 5
VSC 2	CLEMSON 12
VSC 6	CLEMSON 12
VSC 5	Kennesaw 0
VSC 13	Florida A&M 4
VSC 10	West Georgia 8
VSC 10	West Georgia 2
VSC 9	West Georgia 3
VSC 7	Georgia College 6
VSC 0	JACKSONVILLE STATE 5
VSC 7	Jacksonville State 4
VSC 15	Jacksonville State 2
VSC 6	Florida A&M 4
VSC 4	Troy State 3
VSC 4	TROY STATE 7
VSC 10	Troy State 2
VSC 12	Columbus 8
VSC 6	COLUMBUS 13
VSC 5	WEST GEORGIA 6
VSC 3	WEST GEORGIA 5
VSC 11	Flagler 6

VSC 6	Columbus 3
VSC 3	Columbus 2
VSC 6	JACKSONVILLE 10

South Atlantic Regional Tournament

VSC 14	Longwood 1
VSC 5	COLUMBUS 8
VSC 8	COLUMBUS 14

Thru the Years

Walter Cottingham, 12-25, '324; Gary Colson, 10-11, '476; Billy Grant, 93-83, '528; Tommy Thomas, 732-334, '687.

Year	W-L	Coach
1955	6-5	Cottingham
1956	2-8	Cottingham
1957	2-7	Cottingham
1958	2-5	Cottingham
1959	10-11	Colson
1960	15-5	Grant
1961	8-15	Grant
1962	9-9	Grant
1963	4-8	Grant
1964	10-10	Grant
1965	18-11	Grant
1966	15-9	Grant
1967	14-16	Grant
1968	15-9	Thomas
1969	27-10	Thomas
1970	25-16	Thomas
1971	24-18	Thomas
1972	28-15	Thomas
1973	43-14	Thomas
1974	38-13	Thomas
1975	36-17	Thomas
1976	28-25	Thomas
1977	47-16	Thomas
1978	39-20	Thomas
1979	47-14	Thomas
1980	45-11	Thomas
1981	39-19	Thomas
1982	49-22	Thomas
1983	45-14	Thomas
1984	33-23	Thomas
1985	47-21	Thomas
1986	43-17	Thomas
1987	34-20	Thomas

VSC Vs. All Opponents

Albany State	20-3	Georgia	5-4	Phillips	0-1
Armstrong State	47-13	Georgia College	11-1	Piedmont	25-11
Ashland	2-1	Georgia Southern	15-25	Purdue-Calumet	2-0
Auburn	1-1	Georgia Southwestern	32-6	Quincy	3-0
Augusta	27-7	Georgia State	7-2	Rollins	4-2
Austin Peay State	2-1	Georgia Tech.	4-1	Rose-Hulman	22-0
Ball State	3-0	Grand Canyon	1-0	St. Francis (IL)	8-3
Belmont Abbey	0-2	High Point	2-1	St. Leo	6-6
Berry	23-6	Hope (MI)	1-0	St. Louis	2-0
Birmingham Southern	2-2	Howard	0-1	St. Mary's (MN)	4-0
Bowling Green	2-4	Illinois Benedictine	31-3	St. Xavier	23-6
California	0-1	Jacksonville	20-22	Shippensburg	5-1
California (PA)	2-0	Jacksonville State	6-8	Shorter	19-2
CSU-Northridge	1-2	Kennesaw	3-0	SIU-Edwardsville	5-2
Central Arkansas	1-1	Kentucky	2-0	Slippery Rock	1-0
Central Florida	5-4	Lake Forest (IL)	1-0	South Florida	2-2
Charleston	40-3	Lewis	6-5	Southern Tech.	16-1
Cincinnati	0-1	Livingston	6-1	Stanford	0-1
Citadel	2-0	Longwood	2-2	Stetson	7-7
Clemson	4-13	Louisville	2-1	Tampa	3-6
Columbus	49-35	Mcalester	2-0	Taylor	1-0
David Lipscomb	6-9	Malone	3-0	Tennessee	4-0
Delta State	0-1	Maine	0-1	Tennessee Tech	0-2
DePauw	14-1	Marion	3-0	Trinity (IL)	7-0
Duke	2-0	Mercer	24-19	Troy State	13-13
East Stroudsburg	1-0	Mercer-Atlanta	3-1	UC-Riverside	0-2
East Connecticut State	0-1	Miami (Ohio)	0-2	UMO-St. Louis	1-0
Eastern Illinois	1-0	Mississippi College	5-1	USF-St. Petersburg	3-0
Eastern Kentucky	3-0	Newberry	9-0	UT-Martin	2-0
Eastern Michigan	4-0	New Haven	0-3	UWis-Parkside	0-1
Eckerd	9-7	New Orleans	0-1	Vanderbilt	1-5
Edward Waters	1-1	Norfolk State	2-0	Wake Forrest	1-0
Erskine	17-11	North Alabama	1-0	Washington (MO)	1-0
Evansville	1-0	North Central (IL)	1-1	Washington & Lee	2-0
Flagler	14-4	North Georgia	3-11	West Chester	2-1
Florida	3-10	Northwestern	1-1	Westfield State	6-3
Florida A&M	14-4	Oglethorpe	11-17	West Georgia	37-27
Florida International	1-3	Ohio	3-1	West Liberty State	2-0
Florida Southern	7-24	Oral Roberts	1-0	West Virginia	3-0
Florida State	4-22	Oregon State	0-1	Western Carolina	1-0
Fort Valley State	16-0	Otterbein	4-1	Western Kentucky	4-2
Furman	1-1	Ouachita Baptist	2-1	Westmar	2-0
Georgetown	1-0	Pembroke State	4-3	William Carey	0-1
				Wofford	2-0
				Wright State	1-1

The Record Book

Individual - Game

Most ABs	7, 14 players tied
Most Runs	5, Steve Crawford, '68; David Demersseman, '77; June Munford, '83; Mike White, '85
Most Hits	6, Mike Jones, '85
Most RBIs	9, Rob Busch, '85
Most 2Bs	3, Sam Bowen, '74; Seo Torres, '80; June Munford, '83
Most 3Bs	2, 9 players tied
Most HRs	3, Gene Felts, '72
Most HRs: Inning	2, Billy Tyler, '76; Sal Amadeo, '78
Most TBs	13, Gene Felts, '72
Most Assists	10, John Gordon, '86
Most Put Outs	20, Kevin Spooner, '85
Most SBs	6, Claude Speck, '67
Most IP	15, Danny Chadwick, '73
Most Ks	18, Kelly Scott, '80
Perfect Game	Leroy Purdy, '70
No Hitters	Eddie Fisher, '69; Steve Sorgious, '70; Dan Darden, '74

Individual - Season

Most ABs	271, Mike Jones, '85
Most Runs	96, Andy Anthony, '85
Most Hits	114, Mike Jones, '85
Most Consecutive Hits	9, Rob Busch, '85
Most RBIs	76, JoJo Blaha, '85
Best B.A.	433, Chuck DeVane, '83
Most 2Bs	23, JoJo Blaha, '86
Most 3Bs	8, Dan Darden, '75
Most HRs	22, Cecil Whitehead, '78
Most SBs	46, Mike White, '85
Most Extra Base Hits	39, JoJo Blaha, '86; Kevin Spooner, '85
Most TBs	166, Mike Jones, '85
Best Slugging Percentage	.839, Cecil Whitehead, '78
Most BBs (Drawn)	91, Richie Johnson, '82
Most App.	24, Ted West, '85
Most IP	127.1, Jeff Agerter, '83
Most Consecutive Shutout Innings	28.2, Jimmy Wall, '77
Most Ks	101, Eddie Fisher, '69
Most Wins	13, Jeff Agerter, '82
Best ERA	0.78, Mike Perry, '64
Most Saves	8, Chuck Beale, '77
Most Shutouts	3, 8 players tied
Longest Hitting Streak	20, Craig Courtney, '69

Individual - Career

Most ABs	751, Craig Viers, '75-'78
Most Runs	183, Sal Amadeo, '77-'79
Most Hits	248, JoJo Blaha, '84-'87
Most RBIs	209, JoJo Blaha, '84-'87
Best B.A.	390, John Gordon, '86-'87
Most 2Bs	52, JoJo Blaha, '84-'87
Most 3Bs	18, Gene Felts, '71-'74; Craig Viers, '75-'78
Most HRs	43, JoJo Blaha, '84-'87
Most SBs	91, Sal Amadeo, '77-'79
Best Slugging Percentage	.643, Cecil Whitehead, '76-'78
Most App.	56, Ted West, '85-'A
Most IP	353, Jimmy Wall, '77-'80
Most Ks	229, Eddie Fisher, '66-'69
Most Wins	31, Bill Petty, '74-'77; Jimmy Wall, '77-'80
Best ERA	1.48, Eddie Fisher, '66-'69
Most Shutouts	7, Bill Petty, '74-'77
Most Saves	11, Chuck Beale, '76-'77

Team - Game

Most Runs	23 vs. Westmar, '75; Fort Valley State, '85
Most Runs: Inning	13 vs. Jacksonville State, '79; Fort Valley State, '83
Most Hits	30 vs. Shippensburg, '85
Most RBIs	20 vs. 6 teams
Most 2Bs	8 vs. Columbus, '83
Most 3Bs	4 vs. Oglethorpe, '65; Ouachita Baptist, '70; Fort Valley State, '83
Most HRs	6 vs. Eckerd, '85
Most Runs Against	26 vs. Georgia Southern, '77
Most Runs: Both Teams	36 vs. Longwood, '82
Most Extra Base Hits	11 vs. Columbus, '83
Most TBs	39 vs. Fort Valley State, '83
Most Errors	8 vs. Berry, '64; Armstrong State, '67 & '81
Most SBs	13 vs. Armstrong State, '68
Most DPs	5 vs. New Orleans, '74
Most Innings	17 vs. David Lipscomb, '68

Team - Season

Most Games	71, 1982
Most Wins	49, 1982
Most Consecutive Wins	22, 1983
Best Winning Percentage	.804, 1980
Most ABs	2261, 1985
Most Runs	620, 1985
Most Runs Per Game	9.8, 1986
Most Hits	776, 1985
Most Extra Base Hits	274, 1985
Best Slugging Percentage	.566, 1985
Most RBIs	545, 1985
Most 2Bs	144, 1985
Most 3Bs	31, 1985
Most HRs	99, 1985
Most SBs	179, 1985
Best B.A.	343, 1985



1988 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Feb. 20	St. Leo	Dade City, FL	3 pm
Feb. 21	St. Leo	Dade City, FL	Noon
Feb. 22	ST. LEO	VALDOSTA	3 pm
Feb. 23	ST. LEO	VALDOSTA	3 pm
Feb. 24	Tampa	Tampa, FL	3 pm
Feb. 27	KENNESAW	VALDOSTA	3 pm
Feb. 28	KENNESAW	VALDOSTA	1:30 pm
Mar. 1	North Florida	Jacksonville, FL	3 pm
Mar. 5	(2) JACKSONVILLE STATE*	VALDOSTA	1:30 pm
Mar. 6	CHARLESTON	VALDOSTA	2 pm
Mar. 7	CHARLESTON	VALDOSTA	3 pm
Mar. 8	CHARLESTON	VALDOSTA	3 pm
Mar. 9	(2) NORFOLK STATE	VALDOSTA	3 pm
Mar. 12	(2) TROY STATE*	VALDOSTA	4 pm
Mar. 13	TROY STATE	VALDOSTA	1:30 pm
Mar. 14	(2) LAMAR (TX)	VALDOSTA	5 pm
Mar. 19	HOPE (MI)	VALDOSTA	4 pm
Mar. 20	TAMPA	VALDOSTA	2 pm
Mar. 23	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, FL	2:30 pm
Mar. 24	(2) COLUMBUS	VALDOSTA	4 pm
Mar. 25	Kennesaw	Marietta	3 pm
Mar. 26	(2) QUINCY (IL)	VALDOSTA	5 pm
Mar. 27	QUINCY	VALDOSTA	2 pm
Mar. 29	AUGUSTA	VALDOSTA	5 pm
Mar. 30	AUGUSTA	VALDOSTA	2 pm
Apr. 1	(2) MILLIKEN (IL)	VALDOSTA	3 pm
Apr. 2	Armstrong State	Savannah	2 pm
Apr. 5	ST. THOMAS	VALDOSTA	7 pm
Apr. 6	ST. THOMAS	VALDOSTA	3 pm
Apr. 9	(2) Jacksonville State*	Jacksonville, AL	2 pm
Apr. 12	ARMSTRONG STATE	VALDOSTA	7 pm
Apr. 15	FLORIDA STATE	VALDOSTA	7 pm
Apr. 16	(2) WEST GEORGIA*	VALDOSTA	4 pm
Apr. 19	Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL	7 pm
Apr. 20	FLORIDA A&M	VALDOSTA	5 pm
Apr. 23	(2) Troy State*	Troy, AL	5 pm
Apr. 24	Troy State	Troy, AL	2 pm
Apr. 26	NORTH FLORIDA	VALDOSTA	7 pm
Apr. 30	(2) West Georgia*	Carrollton	12:30 pm
May 1	ECKERD	VALDOSTA	4 pm
May 2	ECKERD	VALDOSTA	3 pm
May 3	JACKSONVILLE	VALDOSTA	7 pm
May 6-8	Gulf South Conference Tournament	TBA	TBA
May 11	(2) Columbus	Columbus	2 pm

*Gulf South Conference Games

ALL TIMES EASTERN 38 Home Games 17 Away Games 12 Doubleheaders
 BREAKDOWN OF GAMES: 9 NCAA I, 35 NCAA II, 3 NCAA III, 8 NAIA