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1994

GENERAL INFORMATION

1994 BLAZER SCHEDULE

February

19, Saturday	St. Leo	St. Leo	3 pm
20, Sunday	Georgia College	Valdosta	2 pm
22, Tuesday	Georgia Southwestern (2)	Americus	1:30 pm
26, Saturday	Brewton Parker (2)	Mount Vernon	2 pm
27, Sunday	Kennesaw State	Marietta	1 pm

March

1, Tuesday	Georgia Southwestern	Valdosta	3 pm
3, Thursday	Brewton Parker (2)	Valdosta	6 pm
5, Saturday	North Florida	Jacksonville	2 pm
6, Sunday	North Florida	Valdosta	2 pm
7, Monday	Emory	Valdosta	3 pm
11, Friday	Southern Ill.-Edwardsville	Valdosta	7 pm
12, Saturday	Southern Ill.-Edwardsville	Valdosta	3 pm
12, Saturday	Mansfield (PA)	Valdosta	7 pm
13, Sunday	Mansfield (PA)	Valdosta	1 pm
15, Tuesday	Georgia Southwestern	Valdosta	3 pm
19, Saturday	North Alabama* (2)	Valdosta	4 pm
20, Sunday	North Alabama*	Valdosta	2 pm
24, Thursday	Columbus	Columbus	6 pm
26, Saturday	Lincoln Memorial* (2)	Valdosta	4 pm
27, Sunday	Lincoln Memorial*	Valdosta	1:30 pm
28, Monday	Jacksonville State	Valdosta	7 pm
29, Tuesday	Jacksonville State	Valdosta	7 pm

April

1, Friday	West Georgia* (2)	Carrollton	4 pm
2, Saturday	West Georgia*	Carrollton	1 pm
5, Tuesday	Albany State	Valdosta	7 pm
7, Thursday	Florida A&M	Valdosta	6:30 pm
9, Saturday	North Alabama* (2)	Florence	4 pm
10, Sunday	North Alabama*	Florence	1 pm
12, Tuesday	Columbus	Valdosta	6 pm
14, Thursday	Albany State (2)	Albany	4:30 pm
16, Saturday	Lincoln Memorial* (2)	Harrogate, TN	Noon
17, Sunday	Lincoln Memorial*	Harrogate, TN	1 pm
21, Thursday	Florida A&M	Tallahassee	6:30 pm
23, Saturday	West Georgia* (2)	Valdosta	4 pm
24, Sunday	West Georgia*	Valdosta	2 pm
29-30, Friday-Sat.	Gulf South Conference Tournament	Site of Western Division Winner	TBA

May

1, Sunday	Gulf South Conference Tournament	Site of Western Division Winner	TBA
3, Tuesday	Georgia College	Milledgeville	3 pm
4, Wednesday	St. Leo	Valdosta	7 pm
12, Thursday	Armstrong State	Valdosta	7 pm
14, Saturday	Armstrong State	Savannah	2 pm

* Gulf South Conference games
ALL TIMES LOCAL

27 Home Games 22 Away Games 10 Doubleheaders

Breakdown of Games:
2 NCAA I, 38 NCAA II, 1 NCAA III, 8 NAIA

MEMO TO THE MEDIA

The working media is cordially welcomed to Billy Grant Field as guests of the athletic department. Sports Information Director Steve Roberts can be contacted at (912) 333-5890 (office) or (912) 244-6560 (home). Other baseball contacts are Head Coach Tommy Thomas and top assistant Pete Meyer. The office number is 333-5890, and both can be reached in the mornings. Home numbers are 245-0303 (Thomas) and 244-5952.



Steve Roberts

The 1994 Blazers will, as many teams, have as their ultimate goal a berth in the Division II World Series, which will be held at Paterson Field in Montgomery, Ala. The Blazers won the 1979 national championship and have made six other appearances in the national tournament. Valdosta State will be the host school for this year's national tourney, but that does not give the Blazers an automatic bid. Information on this year's team, the coaches and statistics and records can be found in this yearbook.

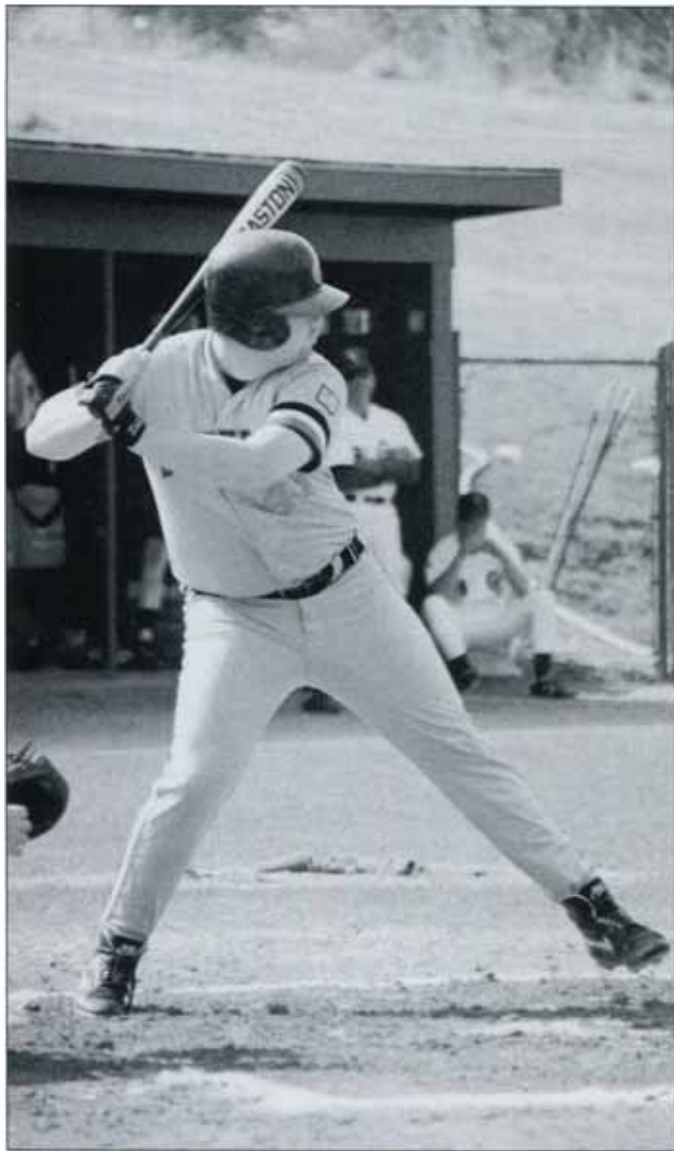
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1994 BLAZER BASEBALL



GENERAL INFORMATION

Name	Valdosta State University
Location	Valdosta, Georgia
Founded	1906
Enrollment	8750
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
1992 Record	30-20 overall, 12-6 GSC

ATHLETIC STAFF

Athletic Director	Herb Reinhard
Secretary.....	Debbie Bennett
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Sports Information Director	Steve Roberts
Graduate Assistant SID.....	Rod Warren
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Equipment Manager	Larry Lampert

BASEBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Tommy Thomas
Assistant Coach	Pete Meyer
Graduate Assistant.....	Don Norris
Student Trainer	Scott Trulock, LaJean Alewine
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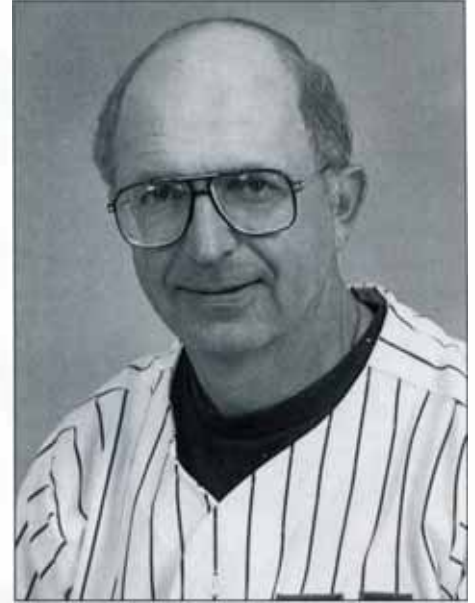
COACHING STAFF

TOMMY THOMAS HEAD COACH

Entering his 27th season as the outstanding head coach of Valdosta State's Blazer baseball team, Tommy Thomas has enjoyed success gained by very few. In 26 seasons, Thomas-led teams have compiled an overall record of 878-490, a .642 winning percentage. He became only the second NCAA Division II coach to win 800 games in 1991, and his 878 wins are the most among active Division II coaches.

Nineteen of his 26 teams have reached post-season play, and seven teams have made it to the national tournament with the 1979 team winning the national championship. As a result, Thomas has been the recipient of numerous individual awards and honors. Following the national title year, he was named National Coach of the Year for NCAA Division II by the American Baseball Coaches Association. On six occasions he has been named regional coach of the year, once in the NAIA Area V (1969) and five times in the NCAA South Atlantic region (1974, 1977, 1979, 1983 and 1985).

The 53-year-old Valdosta native received the BS degree from Valdosta State, where he was a four-year letterman in baseball from 1959-62, ending his career with a .316 batting average. Thomas, who is single, earned the MST degree from Georgia Southern in 1967.



Thomas Milestones

- First Win: 7-6 vs. David Lipscomb, '68
- First Loss: 5-2 vs. David Lipscomb, '68
- 50th Win: 7-0 vs. Shorter, '70
- 50th Loss: 5-3 vs. Jacksonville, '71
- 100th Win: 14-2 vs. Florida State, '72
- 100th Loss: 11-3 vs. Florida, '75
- 150th Win: 2-1 vs. Columbus, '73
- 150th Loss: 16-8 vs. West Georgia, '77
- 200th Win: 15-3 vs. Eckerd, '74
- 200th Loss: 3-0 vs. Louisville, '81
- 250th Win: 3-1 vs. Erskine, '76
- 250th Loss: 11-3 vs. Jacksonville St., '83
- 300th Win: 13-5 vs. Augusta, '77
- 300th Loss: 10-6 vs. Tampa, '86
- 350th Win: 11-9 vs. Eastern Illinois, '78
- 350th Loss: 4-3 vs. Armstrong State, '88
- 400th Win: 1-0 vs. Rose-Hulman, '80
- 400th Loss: 10-6 vs. Tampa, '90
- 450th Win: 13-4 vs. Charleston, '81
- 450th Loss: 7-4 vs. Flagler, '92
- 500th Win: 7-2 vs. Ill. Benedictine, '82
- 550th Win: 11-5 vs. Augusta, '83
- 600th Win: 8-7 vs. Ga. Southwestern, '84
- 650th Win: 12-6 vs. Mercer, '85
- 700th Win: 5-2 vs. Georgia College, '87
- 750th Win: 12-11 vs. Armstrong State, '88
- 800th Win: 7-0 vs. Kennesaw State, '91
- 850th Win: 5-2 vs. Augusta, '93

DIVISION II'S WINNINGEST COACHES

1. Tommy Thomas, Valdosta State878
2. Frank Viera, New Haven.....802
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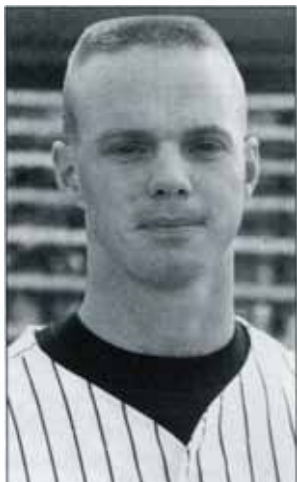
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PETE MEYER ASSISTANT COACH

Pete Meyer, who was Thomas's graduate assistant for two seasons while working on his master of education degree, always hoped he could again be a part of the Blazer baseball program. His wish came true last summer when former assistant Bart Shuman stepped down, opening the door for the energetic Meyer to return to Valdosta State.



Meyer, a native of Greencastle, Ind., and the son of DePauw University baseball coach Ed Meyer, spent the last three years as head baseball coach at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. He went to Oglethorpe to help reinstate a baseball program which had been dormant for 15 years and compiled a two-year record of 39-30, including a perfect 16-0 conference record.

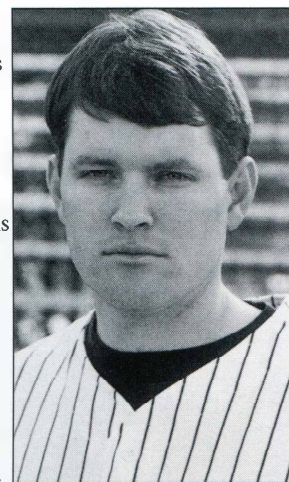
His two teams won the eastern division of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, and he coached 10 all-conference players, three all-region players, two academic all-south players and one pitcher of the year in the SCAC.

Meyer was a four-sport athlete at Greencastle High School, earning 10 varsity letters. He was an all-conference prep baseball player and continued his baseball career at College of Wooster where he was a four-year letterman and three-time all-conference selection. Three of the teams (1985-87) participated in the NCAA Division III national playoffs.

Meyer is married, and he and his wife Cindy, a certified public accountant, have two children, Mitch, 3 1/2, and Megan, 2.

DON NORRIS GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Don Norris begins his second season as the Blazers' graduate assistant coach. The Lakeland, Fla., native was a standout in baseball at Kathleen High School where he lettered for three years, winning rookie of the year honors, golden glove and most valuable players awards and being named first team all area following his senior season.



Norris continued his baseball career at Polk Community College where he was a two-year letterman at shortstop, then at the University of Georgia where he lettered two years at third base. He was a member of the Diamond 'Dogs which claimed the Division I national championship in 1990. While at Georgia he was a coach for the Athens American Legion team which won the state title in 1991 and was runnerup in 1992. Last summer he coached in the Cape Cod League in Massachusetts.

Norris, 24, is working toward a master's degree in physical education. He is single.

SUPPORT STAFF



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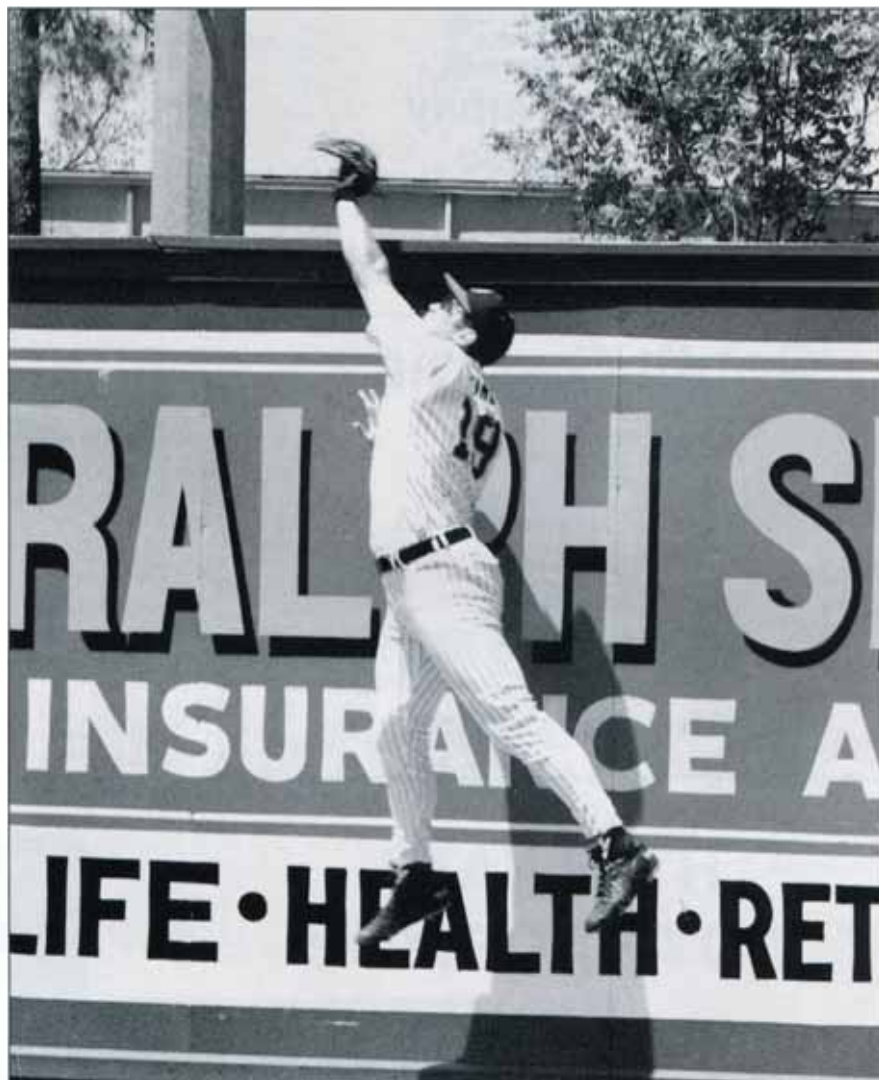
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Chastain is the only lefthander on the staff and will be used primarily in short relief.

CATCHING

Thomas expects the all-important receiver position to be stronger because he believes it to be more talent-laden. Senior Scott Utech played the second half of 1993 and was the co-leader in hitting with a .306 average. He will share time behind the plate with JC transfer Shannon Jernigan who hit .300 at Lake City CC.

"Catching should be a real strength of this year's team," Thomas said. "Utech and Jernigan handle pitchers well, both can throw, both can hit and both have leadership qualities. I feel good about this part of our team."



INFIELD

The three returning starters and most of last year's depth are back, and Thomas expects marked improvement, especially from the keystone combination of shortstop Will Smith and second baseman Brian Garber. "We made too many errors and didn't turn nearly enough double plays up the middle last year, but I expect Smith and Garber as seniors to have excellent years."

Smith, who missed the fall recovering from knee surgery, hit a solid .299 last year, and Garber hit .257.

Junior Billy Lillis, who shared time at first base and shared the batting title in 1993 with a .306 mark, was the most impressive hitter in the fall and nailed down the starting job. The other hitting highlight in

the fall was JC transfer Gene Swift, who hit .341 at Santa Fe CC last season. Swift will open at third base if he recovers from a broken finger in time to answer the opening bell.

The infield bench is a strength with the return of senior Barry Roberson (.229) at first, and utility players Warren Sumner (.250) and Jay Folds (.059). Walkon Tony Roy is a defensive specialist, especially at third base, and JC transfer Scott Culp, who hit an impressive .367 at Abraham Baldwin last year, can play first but will usually be found in the designated hitter spot.

OUTFIELD

Two of last year's starters were drafted and the third graduated, which sent the coaching staff scrambling for replacements.

Thomas thinks this year's group can be just as solid but was disappointed in the plate production in the fall. The starting outfield will likely consist of a trio of JC recruits headed by rightfielder Neill James, who hit .368 while playing first base at Indian River last year. Centerfielder Mike Ward led the Florida Junior College circuit in stolen bases with 67 in 1993, and leftfielder Mickey Weldon, who hit a solid .400 in the fall, played at nearby South Georgia JC last year.

Depth will be provided by returnees Keith Boggs (.167), Rob Lanier, a transfer from South Georgia, and Steve Norris, who sat out last season. That trio can play any of the outfield positions.

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THE OUTLOOK

Valdosta State baseball, which has returned to respectability the last two seasons by posting winning records and advancing to post-season play, should continue that recent tradition in 1994 on the strength of a solid nucleus of returning players coupled with perhaps the best recruiting class in recent memory.

Head Coach Tommy Thomas, the winningest active Division II baseball coach in the country with 878 victories in 26 seasons, expects his 27th edition to be a serious contender for the league championship. The Blazers will compete in the Eastern Division of a revamped conference alignment along with West Georgia, Lincoln Memorial and North Alabama.

Collegiate Baseball agrees, ranking the Blazers ninth in its pre-season Top 30 poll. The only other league schools in the ranking are North Alabama (12) and Delta State (22).

"Despite a somewhat alarming lack of hitting in the fall, I'm still optimistic that this group has championship qualities," Thomas said. "Hopefully, our pitching, which was also a bit inconsistent in the fall, was responsible for the silent bats, and



when we line up against other pitching we'll be all right.

"Going into the season, I will predict that we will be a competitive team which could make a run at the conference championship. I like the direction and determination this club displayed in the fall, and that is due in part to the leadership of Coach (Pete) Meyer." (Thomas's top assistant).

Thomas knows it will take a solid total package to compete against the powers of the South, South Atlantic and South Central regions which dot the 1994 schedule. Valdosta State is again situated in the South Central, which houses all the Gulf South Conference schools. VSU and the three other Eastern Division members will play home-and-home doubleheaders in the regular season with the top two teams advancing to a four-team double elimination league tournament at the site of the Western Division winner.

"Of course the first goal is to finish at least second in the East, then hopefully go on from there," Thomas said. "We have a lot of work to do in every area, and we need some people to play up to what we think is their potential."

PITCHING

Bryan Shover, the anchor of the 1994 staff, is one of the top returning pitchers in Division II on the strength of a 12-3, 1.67 ERA performance last season which earned the junior righthander first team all-America honors. Shover was the picture of consistency last year, completing 10 of 13 starts, allowing only 77 hits in 102-plus innings while striking out a school record 112. He gives Thomas perhaps the best No. 1 starter in the country, but he can't pitch everyday.

The rest of the staff could be very good, or it could be average. Top recruit Dwayne Cushman was 7-1 at Indian River CC and was impressive in the fall, nailing down the No. 2 starting job. The Nos. 3-5 jobs are up for grabs with a quintet of returnees who struggled at times last season expected to battle for spots in the rotation. The group includes senior Matt Seymour (2-3, 6.13), juniors Paul Senkbeil (0-1, 3.57) and Josh McGee (1-1, 6.75) and sophomores Mike Hall (1-2, 6.65) and Scott MacRae (0-2, 7.20). All are righthanders.

The remainder of the staff will have newcomers David Francis, a walkon from Pasco Hernando CC, and Ryan Thrailkill, a walkon from DeKalb CC, and Joe Chastain, a senior who sat out last season.



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PITCHERS							
33	Joe Chastain 6967 Delisle Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32244 (904) 772-1415	L-L	3-23-71	6-4	200	Senior	Jacksonville, FL (Forrest)
13	Dwayne Cushman P.O. Box 1073, Pt. Salerno, FL 34992 (407) 283-0724	R-R	11-27-71	5-11	175	Junior	Pt. Salerno, FL (South Fork)
41	David Francis P.O. Box 10551, Tallahassee, FL 32301 (904) 668-5229	R-R	8-7-73	6-3	225	Junior	Tallahassee, FL (Leon)
25	Mike Hall Rte. 7, Box 549, Tifton, GA 31794 (912) 382-3431	R-R	9-12-73	6-1	200	Sophomore	Tifton, GA (Tift County)
30	Scott MacRae 2792 Brookcliff Landing, Marietta, GA 30062 (404) 565-5074	R-R	8-13-74	6-3	205	Sophomore	Marietta, GA (Walton)
35	Josh McGee Rte. 1, Box 346-1, Lincolnton, GA 30817 (706) 359-1591	R-R	1-8-73	6-0	165	Junior	Lincolnton, GA (Lincoln County)
16	Paul Senkbeil 2319 Gail Avenue, Albany, GA 31707 (912) 888-0117	R-R	8-8-72	6-0	170	Junior	Albany, GA (Westover)
26	Matt Seymour 6527 Old Shell Road, No. 53, Mobile, AL 36608 (205) 342-3702	R-R	12-18-71	6-5	240	Senior	Mobile, AL (Baker)
37	Bryan Shover 4808 White Oak Path, Stone Mountain, GA 30088 (404) 987-9375	R-R	9-9-72	6-1	200	Junior	Stone Mountain, GA (Redan)
27	Ryan Thrailkill 3142 Boxwood Drive, Atlanta, GA 30345 (404) 939-1232	R-R	4-17-73	6-4	210	Junior	Atlanta, GA (Henderson)
CATCHERS							
5	Shannon Jernigan P.O. Box 592, Live Oak, FL 32060 (904) 362-4518	R-R	2-7-73	6-0	185	Junior	Live Oak, FL (Suwannee)
21	Scott Utech 1111 Lakewood Lane, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 (715) 424-2007	L-R	9-3-71	6-1	195	Senior	Wisconsin Rapids, WI (Lincoln)
INFIELDERS							
54	Scott Culp 619 Blackshear Street, Thomasville, GA 31792 (912) 226-0584	L-R	3-21-73	6-1	180	Junior	Thomasville, GA (Thomasville)
1	Jay Folds 4598 Homestead Drive, Acworth, GA 30102 (404) 974-7316	R-R	2-24-73	5-10	160	Junior	Acworth, GA (South Cobb)
12	Brian Garber 1317 Elwell Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32303 (904) 562-3027	L-R	8-25-72	5-10	165	Junior	Tallahassee, FL (Leon)
44	Billy Lillis 2112 Hoover St., Albany, GA 31707 (912) 435-2461	R-R	4-4-73	6-2	220	Sophomore	Albany, GA (Albany)
29	Barry Roberson Quitman, GA 31643 (912) 247-2298	R-R	6-17-71	6-1	210	Senior	Live Oak, FL (Suwannee)
19	Tony Roy 3386 Rollingbrook Way, Duluth, GA 30136 (404) 476-8638	R-R	10-20-73	5-10	170	Sophomore	Duluth, GA (Duluth)
7	Will Smith P.O. Box 144, Sparks, GA 31647 (912) 549-8639	R-R	5-31-72	5-8	160	Junior	Sparks, GA (Cook)
4	Warren Sumner Rte. 4, Box 1360, Fitzgerald, GA 31750 (912) 423-7289	R-R	6-15-73	6-0	165	Junior	Fitzgerald, GA (Irwin County)
9	Gene Swift P.O. Box 2181, Silver Springs, FL 34489 (904) 236-4849	R-R	2-28-73	5-10	205	Junior	Silver Springs, FL (Vanguard)
OUTFIELDERS							
23	Keith Boggs 2332 Clay Road, Austell, GA 30001 (404) 991-0348	R-R	3-7-73	6-1	174	Junior	Austell, GA (South Cobb)
24	Neill James 633 Lemonwood Court, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 (407) 862-1977	S-R	6-18-73	6-3	218	Junior	Altamonte Springs, FL (Lake Mary)
49	Rob Lanier 333 Fox Ridge Road, Douglas, GA 31533 (912) 384-5769	R-R	9-1-72	6-1	195	Junior	Douglas, GA (Coffee)
39	Steve Norris 5014 Wellington Drive, Macon, GA 31210 (912) 477-3752	R-R	9-19-71	5-9	160	Junior	Macon, GA (Tattnall Square)
22	Mike Ward 537 South Highland Avenue, Winter Garden, FL 34787 (407) 656-7265	R-R	6-20-72	5-10	180	Junior	Winter Garden, FL (West Orange)
43	Mickey Weldon Rte. 1, Box 60-1, Omega, GA 31775 (912) 528-6496	R-R	11-25-72	6-0	180	Junior	Omega, GA (Tift County)

1994 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	Class	B/T	Ht	Wt	Hometown
23	Keith Boggs	CF	Junior	R/R	6-1	174	Austell, GA
33	Joe Chastain	P	Senior	L/L	6-4	200	Jacksonville, FL
54	Scott Culp	DH-1B	Junior	L/R	6-1	180	Thomasville, GA
13	Dwayne Cushman	P	Junior	R/R	5-11	175	Port Salerno, FL
1	Jay Folds	IF	Junior	R/R	5-10	160	Acworth, GA
41	David Francis	P	Junior	R/R	6-3	225	Tallahassee, FL
12	Brian Garber	2B	Senior	L/R	5-10	165	Tallahassee, FL
25	Mike Hall	P	Sophomore	R/R	6-1	200	Tifton, GA
24	Neill James	RF	Junior	S/R	6-3	218	Altamonte Springs, FL
5	Shannon Jernigan	C	Junior	R/R	6-0	185	Live Oak, FL
49	Rob Lanier	OF	Junior	L/R	6-1	195	Douglas, GA
44	Billy Lillis	1B	Junior	R/R	6-2	220	Albany, GA
30	Scott MacRae	P	Sophomore	R/R	6-3	205	Marietta, GA
35	Josh McGee	P	Junior	R/R	6-0	165	Lincolnton, GA
39	Steve Norris	OF	Junior	R/R	5-9	165	Macon, GA
29	Barry Roberson	1B	Senior	R/R	6-1	210	Live Oak, FL
19	Tony Roy	IF	Sophomore	R/R	5-10	170	Duluth, GA
16	Paul Senkbeil	P	Junior	R/R	6-0	170	Albany, GA
26	Matt Seymour	P	Senior	R/R	6-5	240	Mobile, AL
37	Bryan Shover	P	Junior	R/R	6-1	200	Stone Mountain, GA
7	Will Smith	SS	Senior	R/R	5-8	160	Sparks, GA
4	Warren Sumner	IF	Junior	R/R	6-0	165	Fitzgerald, GA
9	Gene Swift	3B	Junior	R/R	5-10	205	Silver Springs, FL
27	Ryan Thrailkill	P	Junior	R/R	6-4	210	Atlanta, GA
21	Scott Utech	C-1B	Senior	L/R	6-1	195	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
22	Mike Ward	CF	Junior	R/R	5-10	180	Winter Garden, FL
43	Mickey Weldon	LF	Junior	R/R	6-0	180	Omega, GA

1994 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
1	Jay Folds	IF	26	Matt Seymour	P
4	Warren Sumner	IF	27	Ryan Thrailkill	P
5	Shannon Jernigan	C	29	Barry Roberson	1B
7	Will Smith	SS	30	Scott MacRae	P
9	Gene Swift	3B	33	Joe Chastain	P
12	Brian Garber	2B	35	Josh McGee	P
13	Dwayne Cushman	P	37	Bryan Shover	P
16	Paul Senkbeil	P	39	Steve Norris	OF
17	Mike Hall	P	41	David Francis	P
19	Tony Roy	OF	43	Mickey Weldon	LF
21	Scott Utech	C	44	Billy Lillis	1B
22	Mike Ward	CF	49	Rob Lanier	OF
23	Keith Boggs	CF	54	Scott Culp	DH
24	Neill James	RF			

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THE BLAZERS

JOE CHASTAIN

Pitcher • 6 - 4
200 • Sr.
Jacksonville, FL

33



Sat out last season recovering from an arm injury. Worked 19 innings in 1992, striking out 17 but walking 9...Only lefthander on '94 staff which makes him a valuable commodity out of the bullpen.. Will be used in long and short relief...Has a variety of off-speed pitches which are especially effective against power hitters...Velocity is probably slower than hitters think.

Birthday: March 23, 1971 Major: Secondary Education

Chastain At Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
8	2	1	19.1	18	21	10	9	17	1-1	4.66	0	0	4

DAVID FRANCIS

Pitcher • 6 - 3
225 • Jr.
Tallahassee, FL

41



Walkon from Pasco Hernando CC...A pleasant surprise in the fall demonstrating solid ability...Most effective pitch is a very good slider but control is a problem ...Going into the season he will be used in relief where he could be a definite asset...Once again, control is the key to success ...Right-handed.

Birthday: August 7, 1973 Major: Communication Arts

DWAYNE CUSHMAN

Pitcher • 5 - 11
175 • Jr.
Port Salerno, FL

13



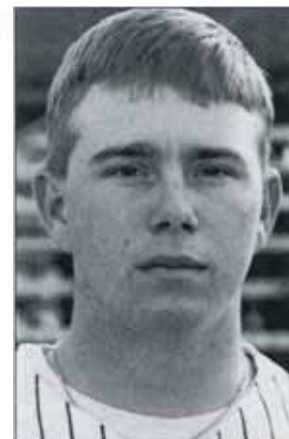
No. 1 pitching recruit from Indian River CC where he was 7-1 in '93...Did not disappoint in the fall and was very effective...Top pitcher on staff when velocity and variety of pitches are considered...A very solid No. 2 starter behind all-America Bryan Shover...A definite key to the success of the '94 Blazers.

Birthday: November 27, 1971 Major: Physical Education

MIKE HALL

Pitcher • 6 - 1
200 • Soph.
Tifton, GA

25



Top recruit in '93 who started strong but was ineffective down the stretch in his rookie season...Being counted on to be a part of the starting rotation, either at No. 3 or No. 4...Will definitely be a major part of the pitching equation in '94...Coaching staff looking for more consistency, more solid outings...Right-handed.

Birthday: September 12, 1973 Major: Physical Education

Hall At Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
8	2	0	23	34	21	17	18	21	1-2	6.65	1	5	1

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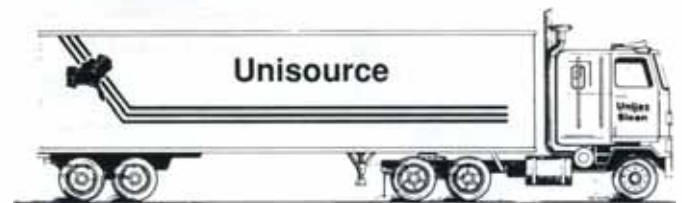
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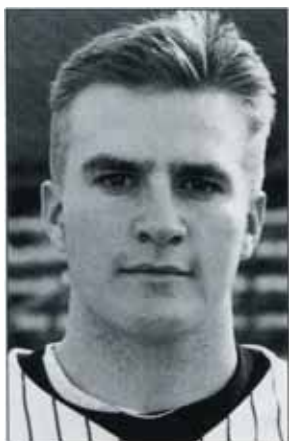
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THE BLAZERS

SCOTT MacRAE

Pitcher • 6 - 3
205 • Soph.
Marietta, GA

30



Another second year pitcher who had an up and down season a year ago...Also vying for the No. 3 job in the starting rotation...Has a variety of pitches but control has been a problem...Walked 21 in 30 innings of work last season...Experience gained last year should help as he becomes a bigger part of the pitching staff...Right-handed.

Birthday: August 13, 1974 Major: Business Management

MacRae At Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
13	1	0	30	31	26	24	21	20	0-2	7.20	2	5	3

PAUL SENKBEIL

Pitcher • 6 - 0
170 • Jr.
Albany, GA

16



Saw limited action on the hill a year ago and showed signs of being a productive pitcher...Among the hardest throwers on the staff and has a good enough breaking ball, but that same word – consistency – is the key to how much he will be used. If he's right, he could climb as high as No. 3 on the staff. Right-handed.

Birthday: August 8, 1972 Major: Criminal Justice

Senkbeil At Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
10	1	0	17.2	15	11	7	15	14	0-1	3.57	0	2	1

JOSH McGEE

Pitcher • 6 - 0
165 • Jr.
Lincolnton, GA

35



Now a veteran following two mediocre seasons...Has the best variety of breaking pitches on the staff, but controlling them is another story...If he gets it together, he can beat any team on the schedule...Pitching staff's rating would go up dramatically if McGee matures into a front-line starter in '94...Right-handed.

Birthday: January 8, 1973 Major: Business Marketing

McGee At Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
14	3	0	33	42	25	22	21	31	2-1	6.00	0	3	2

MATT SEYMOUR

Pitcher • 6 - 5
240 • Sr.
Mobile, AL

26



Returns for his senior season with tremendous work habits...Size makes him an imposing figure on the hill...Hard thrower who suffers the same malady as much of the staff, a lack of consistency...Has worked extremely hard in the off-season to become a better pitcher...Will have a shot to become a permanent member of the starting rotation...Right-handed.

Birthday: December 18, 1971 Major: Education

Seymour At Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
10	6	1	39.2	41	32	27	24	30	2-3	6.13	0	6	1

THE BLAZERS

BRYAN SHOVER

Pitcher • 6 - 1

200 • Jr.

Stone Mountain, GA

37



Coaching staff afraid a repeat of his 1993 performance, which earned him first team all-America honors with a 12-3 record and 1.67 ERA, is impossible...But numbers close to those will still be good enough for Shover to be the ace of the '94 staff...Tremendous control of a slider which was responsible for a school record 112 strikeouts in 102 innings...When he's on the hill, Blazers have a good shot at a "W"...Right-handed.

Birthday: September 9, 1972

Major: Physical Education

Shover At Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
31	19	10	155.2	128	54	36	39	162	15-7	2.08	1	3	4

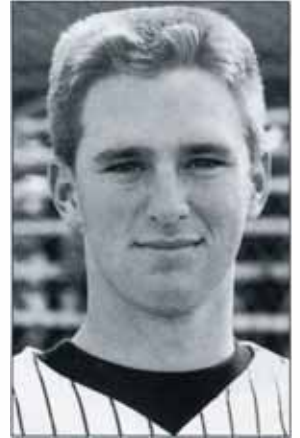
SHANNON JERNIGAN

Catcher • 6 - 0

185 • Jr.

Live Oak, FL

5



Transfer from Lake City CC where he hit .300 last season...Outstanding addition to Blazer roster because of his work ethic and defensive tools behind the plate...Hit in spurts in the fall but has not been a consistent hitter throughout his career...Will share catching duties when the season begins...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: February 7, 1973

Major: Physical Education

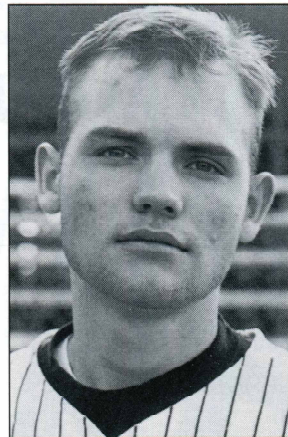
RYAN THRAILKILL

Pitcher • 6 - 4

210 • Jr.

Atlanta, GA

27



Walkon from DeKalb JC...Has a great arm but very little control of it ...Earned the nickname "The Thrill" in the fall for obvious reasons...But coaches like his "stuff" and he made the team on that basis...If he masters his control problems, he has the potential to make a positive contribution to the '94 staff...Right-handed.

Birthday: April 17, 1973

Major: Criminal Justice

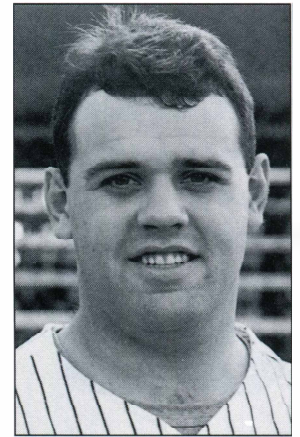
SCOTT UTECH

Catcher • 6 - 1

195 • Sr.

Wisconsin Rapids, WI

43



Transfer from Wisconsin by way of Central Florida who won an eligibility appeal after the '93 season began ...Shared top hitter honors at .306 but had only 49 at bats ... Solid receiver with a strong arm, throwing out 5 of 14 base stealers in '93...Elected one of the team captains by his peers ...Will start behind the plate...Bats left-handed, throws right-handed.

Birthday: September 3, 1971

Major: Business Marketing

Utech At Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	SB-A	BB	K	PO	A	E	AVG
28	49	7	15	7	.306	3	0	0	0-0	8	10	70	10	0	1.000

THE BLAZERS

BILLY LILLIS

First Base • 6 - 2

220 • Jr.
Albany, GA

44



Shared the first base job a year ago and led team in hitting...Was by far the most impressive hitter in the fall, crushing the ball at a .600-plus clip...Lack of agility hurts him defensively from a range standpoint...Outstanding hitting will have him in the lineup every day either at first or as the DH...Really enjoys the game and has leadership ability...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: April 4, 1973 Major: Communication Arts

Lillis At Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	AVG
39	79	6	22	15	.278	4	0	2	3-4	16	36	162	14	3	.983

JAY FOLDS

Infielder • 5 - 10

160 • Jr.
Acworth, GA

1



Walkon returnee who played sparingly at second base last season...Solid defensively and added strength has helped him at the plate although his bat remains suspect...Could see more playing time in '94 as a backup at second, short and third...Played for VSU assistant coach Pete Meyer at Oglethorpe in 1992...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: February 24, 1973 Major: Business Marketing

Folds At Valdosta State

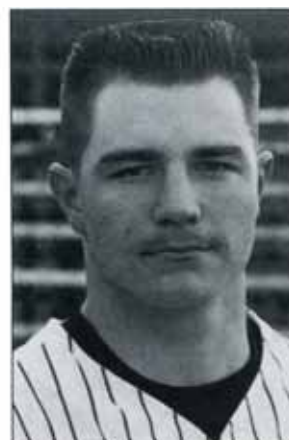
G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	SB-A	BB	K	PO	A	E	AVG
23	17	2	1	0	.059	1	0	0	1-1	7	3	17	21	3	.927

SCOTT CULP

DH-First Base • 6 - 1

180 • Jr.
Thomasville, GA

54



Transfer from Abraham Baldwin where he hit .367 for the Stallions...Recruited to bolster the Blazer offense primarily from the designated hitter spot but did not have a good fall with the bat...Very aggressive hitter who was successful against quality junior college pitching last season...Expected to be a major offensive threat despite slump in the fall...Bats left-handed, throws right-handed.

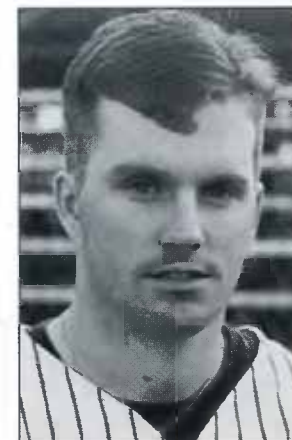
Birthday: March 21, 1973 Major: Liberal Arts and Sciences

BRIAN GARBER

Second Base • 5 - 10

165 • Sr.
Tallahassee, FL

12



Returning starter at second base who turned in solid numbers in 1993 and further cemented his hold on the keystone job with an excellent fall with the bat...Not flashy but very steady defensively...Elected a team captain because of leadership ability...A veteran who is expected to help take the Blazers to the next level...Bats left-handed, throws right-handed.

Birthday: August 25, 1972 Major: Criminal Justice

Garber At Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	SB-A	BB	K	PO	A	E	AVG
48	144	19	37	16	.257	4	2	1	2-3	25	14	80	96	11	.941



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THE BLAZERS

WARREN SUMNER

Infielder • 6 - 0
165 • Jr.
Fitzgerald, GA

4



Walkon who played sparingly last season but showed dramatic improvement defensively in the fall, starting at short in Smith's absence...That performance raised his stock, but hitting remains a liability...At the least, he will add quality depth at short and third and should see much more playing time...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: June 15, 1973 Major: Business Marketing

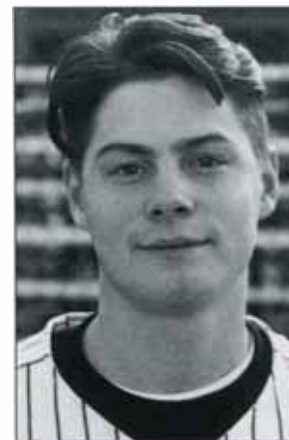
Sumner At Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	SB-A	BB	K	PO	A	E	AVG
18	12	7	3	5	.250	1	0	1	0-1	5	4	3	7	1	.909

TONY ROY

Infielder • 5 - 10
170 • Soph.
Duluth, GA

19



Walkon who was redshirted in 1993 and made the team in the fall primarily because of his defensive skills...Moved from second to third where he showed outstanding instincts and agility at the "hot corner"...His bat, like many others, was inconsistent in the fall...Ticketed for reserve duty, primarily at third base...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: October 10, 1973 Major: Business Administration

BARRY ROBERSON

First Base • 6 - 1
210 • Sr.
Live Oak, FL

29



Platooned at first base last season and while he didn't hit for average he did have some big hits in some big games...Was anemic with the bat in the fall and will likely begin the season in a backup role at first, catcher and DH...Has outstanding strength and surprising speed for a man his size...Streak hitter who will find himself in the lineup if he can get hot...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: June 17, 1971 Major: Business Marketing

Roberson At Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	SB-A	BB	K	PO	A	E	AVG
82	175	46	44	40	.251	11	0	8	12-15	41	44	261	19	9	.969

WILL SMITH

Shortstop • 5 - 8
160 • Sr.
Sparks, GA

7



Returning starter at shortstop who missed fall work rehabilitating a knee injury which required surgery...Hit a solid .299 and stole 12 bases last season but was disappointing defensively, making 23 errors, most on bad throws...Coaching staff is counting on a big defensive improvement and similar offensive numbers...Expected to be used in the leadoff position in the batting order...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: May 31, 1972 Major: Physical Education

Smith At Valdosta State

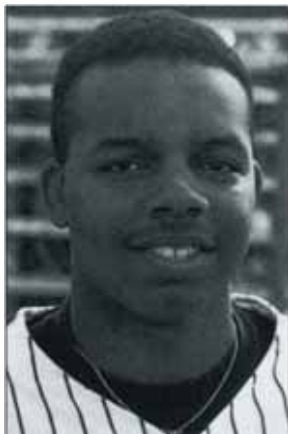
G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	SB-A	BB	K	PO	A	E	AVG
49	144	35	43	16	.299	5	1	2	12-15	24	20	58	116	23	.883

THE BLAZERS

GENE SWIFT

Third Base • 5 - 10
205 • Jr.
Silver Springs, FL

9



Transfer from Santa Fe CC where he hit .341 in '93...Recruited to replace Vinny Birrittieri at third base and was impressive in the fall, especially with the bat where he was one of the team's most consistent hitters...Not flashy but gets the job done defensively at third base...Will bat in the middle of the lineup and is being counted on for big production offensively...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: February 28, 1973

Major: Business Administration

KEITH BOGGS

Outfield • 6 - 1
174 • Jr.
Austell, GA

23



Showed marked improvement in the fall, especially defensively in the outfield where he uses his outstanding speed to good advantage...Hitting remains suspect but platoon situation in the outfield will give him the opportunity to produce offensively...Excellent baserunner which would add needed speed to the lineup...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: March 7, 1973

Major: Business Marketing

Boggs At Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	AVG
46	29	11	5	4	.172	0	1	0	6-12	7	11	25	0	0	1.000

NEILL JAMES

Right Field • 6 - 3
218 • Jr.
Altamonte Springs, FL

24



Newcomer from Indian River CC where he played first base and hit .368 last year...Has played the outfield and was recruited to play right field for VSU...Has been drafted in the past...Being counted on to provide offense despite a lackluster performance in the fall...Has good power and will likely hit in the cleanup spot...A switch hitter who throws right-handed.

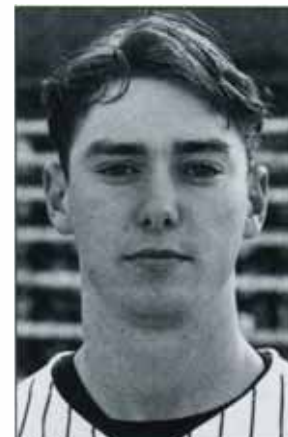
Birthday: June 18, 1973

Major: Criminal Justice

ROB LANIER

Outfield • 6 - 1
195 • Jr.
Douglas, GA

49



Transfer from South Georgia JC...Showed a lot of potential in the fall but did not fulfill that potential...Has a good arm and good speed and can play all the outfield positions...His bat was very sporadic in the fall...Turned down some partial scholarship offers to walk on at VSU and was impressive enough in the fall to earn some athletic aid. Bats left-handed, throws right-handed.

Birthday: September 1, 1972

Major: Accounting

THE BLAZERS

STEVE NORRIS

Outfield • 5 - 9

165 • Jr.
Macon, GA

39



Walkon returnee who sat out last season with an injury...Biggest asset is his speed but has not hit consistently...His hitting did come alive at the end of fall practice which was encouraging to coaching staff...At the least he will add depth in the outfield...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: September 19, 1971 Major: Business Management

Norris At Valdosta State

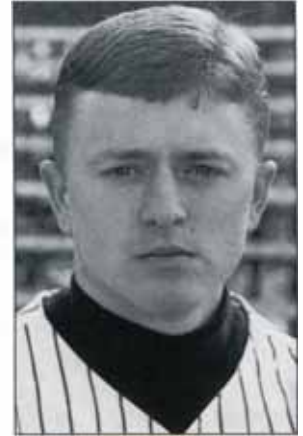
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14	17	3	4	2	.235	0	0	0	1-1	1	3	6	0	1	.857

MICKEY WELDON

Left Field • 6 - 0

180 • Jr.
Omega, GA

43



Transfer from South Georgia JC who was first 1994 signee...Gets the job done in a very quiet way...Hit .400 in the fall and has the reputation for hitting in the clutch...Coaches like his work ethic and his approach to the game...Gets the most out of his ability and will likely own the starting job in left field when the season opens...Bats and throws right-handed.

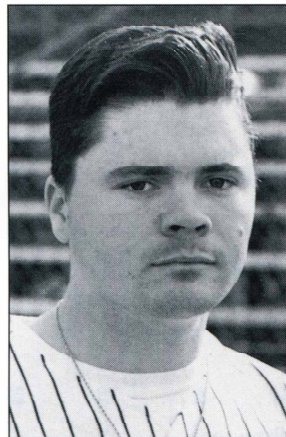
Birthday: November 25, 1972 Major: Secondary Education

MIKE WARD

Center Field • 5-10

180 • Jr.
Winter Garden, FL

22



Transferred from Valencia CC where he led the Florida JUCO league in stolen bases with 67...Attracted interest from major colleges including Miami...Was unproductive offensively in the fall...Coaches would like to see him hit the ball on the ground more to take advantage of his speed...Will be in a platoon situation in center field in the early part of the season...Bats and throws right-handed.

Birthday: June 20, 1972 Major: Business Marketing



1993 IN REVIEW

Final Statistics

Record: W-30 L-20 (H: 18-9 A: 12-10 N: 0-1) Gulf South 12-6
 NCAA I: 2-2 NCAA II: 24-14 NCAA III: 0-0 NAIA: 4-4

	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg	2B	3B	HR	BB	K	Slug	OnBase	SB-A
Lillis.....	62	3	19	13	.306	2	0	2	13	34	.435	.421	1-2
Utech.....	49	7	15	7	.306	3	0	0	8	10	.367	.424	0-0
Smith.....	144	35	43	16	.299	5	1	2	24	20	.389	.398	12-15
Simmons.....	94	13	28	10	.298	4	0	2	10	21	.404	.383	0-1
Rykard.....	153	22	45	34	.294	11	0	8	21	17	.523	.390	1-1
Young.....	159	50	46	23	.289	7	3	3	35	38	.428	.427	26-32
King.....	153	33	44	28	.288	5	2	7	32	34	.484	.412	10-14
Birrittieri.....	184	38	50	48	.272	6	0	15	11	33	.549	.327	6-17
Garber.....	144	19	37	16	.257	4	2	1	25	14	.333	.371	2-3
Hardin.....	156	34	40	24	.256	4	2	2	30	23	.346	.387	13-18
Sumner.....	12	7	3	5	.250	1	0	1	5	4	.583	.471	0-1
Roberson.....	70	25	16	14	.229	4	0	4	19	14	.457	.402	9-9
Brown.....	36	3	7	2	.194	1	0	0	13	8	.222	.256	1-1
Gray.....	48	8	8	9	.167	2	0	2	15	13	.333	.353	0-0
Boggs.....	18	10	3	2	.167	0	1	0	3	8	.278	.286	4-7
Pedersen.....	10	1	1	0	.100	0	0	0	1	3	.100	.250	0-0
Folds.....	17	2	1	0	.059	1	0	0	7	3	.118	.360	1-1
Seymour.....	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0
Smithers.....	1	2	0	1	.000	0	0	0	1	1	.000	.500	1-1
Shover.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0
DiMartino.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0
Senkbeil.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0
McGee.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0
MacRae.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0
Hall.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0-0
Total	1511	312	406	252	.269	60	11	49	263	273	.420	.384	88-122
Opp	1552	232	401	199	.258	69	6	24	179	365	.357	.339	57-78

Pitching Results

Valdosta State Pitching as of May 25, 1993
 (All games sorted by Earned run avg)

	Games	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	GS	CG
Pedersen.....	1	0	0	0	1.0	3	3	0	0	2	0.00	0	0
Shover.....	16	12	3	0	102.1	77	25	19	20	112	1.67	13	10
DiMartino.....	13	8	2	0	64.1	55	30	21	24	56	2.94	9	3
Senkbeil.....	10	0	1	0	17.2	15	11	7	15	14	3.57	1	0
Rykard.....	11	4	1	0	41.2	42	23	19	24	28	4.10	6	2
Smithers.....	13	2	5	0	59.0	78	43	35	18	63	5.34	9	1
Seymour.....	10	2	3	0	39.2	41	32	27	24	30	6.13	6	1
Hall.....	8	1	2	1	23.0	34	21	17	18	21	6.65	2	0
McGee.....	9	1	1	0	20.0	24	17	15	14	19	6.75	3	0
MacRae.....	13	0	2	2	30.0	31	26	24	21	20	7.20	1	0
Total	50	30	20	3	398.2	401	232	184	179	365	4.15	50	17
Opp	50	20	30	5	392.1	406	312	242	263	273	5.55		

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Fielding Results

Valdosta State Fielding as of May 25, 1993
(All games sorted by Fielding pct.)

	C	PO	A	Err	Pct	(DP	TP)	(PG	SB	CS)
Utech	80	70	10	0	1.000	4	0	2	9	5
Boggs	17	17	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0
McGee.....	10	2	8	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0
MacRae	5	1	4	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0
Hall	3	1	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0
Lillis	152	137	12	3	.980	13	0	0	0	0
Simmons.....	276	250	20	6	.978	2	0	8	30	9
Roberson.....	184	171	8	5	.973	9	0	0	0	0
King	102	96	3	3	.971	0	0	0	0	0
Brown	101	87	11	3	.970	1	0	5	18	7
Hardin.....	90	80	7	3	.967	1	0	0	0	0
Gray	29	28	0	1	.966	1	0	0	0	0
Garber	187	80	96	11	.941	20	0	0	0	0
Rykard.....	16	6	9	1	.938	2	0	0	0	0
Folds	41	17	21	3	.927	3	0	0	0	0
Shover	26	6	18	2	.923	0	0	0	0	0
Smithers	12	3	8	1	.917	0	0	0	0	0
Sumner.....	11	3	7	1	.909	0	0	0	0	0
Young.....	66	51	8	7	.894	1	0	0	0	0
Birrittieri.....	113	22	79	12	.894	3	0	0	0	0
Smith.....	197	58	116	23	.883	20	0	0	0	0
DiMartino	19	2	13	4	.789	0	0	0	0	0
Seymour	9	4	3	2	.778	0	0	0	0	0
Senkbeil.....	3	1	1	1	.667	1	0	0	0	0
Pedersen.....	13	3	5	5	.615	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1762	1196	469	97	.945	31	0	15	57	21
Opp	1762	1177	480	105	.940	38	0	19	88	34

Scoring

Score by Innings:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	XInn	Total	AvPG
Valdosta State	50	50	26	52	32	26	35	26	15	0	312	6.2
Opponents	26	29	28	29	36	14	19	33	7	1	232	4.6



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Final Statistics

Valdosta State University Game Summary (All games)

Game date	Opposing team	Score	r	h	e	r	h	e	W	L	T	(W-L) Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
Feb. 14, 1993	St. Leo	W 9- 4	9	14	1	4	10	5	1-	0-	0	Shover (1-0)	550	3:04
Feb. 20, 1993	Augusta College	W 5- 2	5	6	2	2	7	2	2-	0-	0	Smithers (1-0)	100	2:10
Feb. 20, 1993	Augusta College	W 5- 0	5	6	0	0	5	2	3-	0-	0	Shover (2-0)	100	2:20
Feb. 23, 1993	GA Southwestern	W 7- 3	7	7	2	3	12	4	4-	0-	0	DiMartino (1-0)	215	2:35
Feb. 25, 1993	St. Leo	W 4- 1	4	9	0	1	4	4	5-	0-	0	Shover (3-0)	100	2:45
Feb. 27, 1993	Brewton Parker	1- 4 L	1	4	0	4	8	0	5-	1-	0	Seymour (0-1)	50	2:14
Feb. 27, 1993	Brewton Parker	2- 5 L	2	4	4	5	7	0	5-	2-	0	Senkbeil (0-1)	50	2:19
Feb. 28, 1993	North Florida	4- 5 L	4	11	1	5	10	2	5-	3-	0	Hall (0-1)	618	3:32
Mar. 2, 1993	GA Southwestern	W 10- 3	10	6	2	3	6	6	6-	3-	0	Shover (4-0)	75	3:08
Mar. 5, 1993	Florida A&M	W 17- 8	17	14	6	8	10	2	7-	3-	0	Seymour (1-1)	278	3:18
Mar. 6, 1993	Florida A&M	7-10 L	7	7	3	10	9	1	7-	4-	0	MacRae (0-1)	150	3:08
Mar. 7, 1993	Brewton Parker	W 8- 3	8	4	1	3	6	3	8-	4-	0	Shover (5-0)	158	2:18
Mar. 7, 1993	Brewton Parker	W 7- 4	7	6	2	4	4	3	9-	4-	0	Rykard (2-0)	173	2:17
Mar. 9, 1993	Albany State	W 6- 1	6	6	3	1	5	3	10-	4-	0	DiMartino (2-0)	50	2:49
Mar. 10, 1993	Georgia College	W 10- 4	10	11	3	4	12	4	11-	4-	0	Hall (1-1)	123	3:12
Mar. 11, 1993	North Florida	8-11 L	8	11	3	11	13	3	11-	5-	0	MacRae (0-2)	185	3:08
Mar. 16, 1993	Albany State	W 6- 0	6	7	0	0	4	1	12-	5-	0	McGee (1-0)	143	1:43
Mar. 16, 1993	Albany State	W 13- 3	13	10	2	3	8	6	13-	5-	0	Rykard (2-0)	118	2:13
Mar. 20, 1993	Mississippi College	W 2- 1	2	5	0	1	7	0	14-	5-	0	Shover (6-0)	83	2:03
Mar. 20, 1993	Mississippi College	3- 4 L	3	8	0	4	6	1	14-	6-	0	Smithers (1-1)	74	2:18
Mar. 21, 1993	Mississippi College	W 12- 6	12	12	1	6	16	1	15-	6-	0	Rykard (3-0)	112	3:23
Mar. 23, 1993	Florida	4-14 L	4	5	4	14	9	1	15-	7-	0	Seymour (1-2)	636	2:58
Mar. 24, 1993	Florida	W 6- 5	6	6	0	5	9	2	16-	7-	0	Shover (7-0)	467	3:01
Mar. 25, 1993	Columbus	W 7- 1	7	9	1	1	6	3	17-	7-	0	DiMartino (3-0)	100	2:50
Mar. 27, 1993	Lincoln Memorial	W 8- 0	8	11	2	0	3	1	18-	7-	0	Shover (8-0)	149	1:54
Mar. 27, 1993	Lincoln Memorial	4- 7 L	4	4	5	7	12	0	18-	8-	0	Smithers (1-2)	159	3:09
Mar. 28, 1993	Lincoln Memorial	W 4- 2	4	4	1	2	5	3	19-	8-	0	Rykard (4-0)	381	2:09
Mar. 30, 1993	Georgia College	W 7- 1	7	11	2	1	4	1	20-	8-	0	DiMartino (4-0)	100	2:51
Apr. 3, 1993	Jacksonville State	W 9- 1	9	13	0	1	5	2	21-	8-	0	Shover (9-0)	255	2:16
Apr. 3, 1993	Jacksonville State	W 7- 6	7	12	0	6	9	1	22-	8-	0	DiMartino (5-0)	245	2:25
Apr. 4, 1993	Jacksonville State	6- 7 L	6	13	1	7	9	1	22-	9-	0	Hall (1-2)	98	3:07
Apr. 9, 1993	West Georgia	3- 5 L	3	2	2	5	11	2	22-	10-	0	Shover (9-1)	376	1:57
Apr. 9, 1993	West Georgia	W 19- 3	19	18	3	3	3	5	23-	10-	0	DiMartino (6-0)	381	2:23
Apr. 10, 1993	West Georgia	W 8- 6	8	9	1	6	11	5	24-	10-	0	Smithers (2-2)	259	2:58
Apr. 13, 1993	Troy State	4-14 L	4	12	3	14	15	1	24-	11-	0	Seymour (1-3)	257	3:03
Apr. 17, 1993	Delta State	W 1- 0	1	9	2	0	4	1	25-	11-	0	Shover (10-1)	117	1:50
Apr. 17, 1993	Delta State	W 3- 1	3	6	1	1	7	0	26-	11-	0	DiMartino (7-0)	117	2:09
Apr. 18, 1993	Delta State	12-14 L	12	12	6	14	12	4	26-	12-	0	Smithers (2-3)	138	3:24
Apr. 20, 1993	Troy State	7-10 L	7	9	3	10	13	2	26-	13-	0	McGee (1-1)	246	3:24
Apr. 21, 1993	Columbus	W 2- 1	2	3	1	1	4	2	27-	13-	0	Seymour (2-3)	237	2:28
Apr. 24, 1993	North Alabama	W 8- 5	8	6	3	5	8	4	28-	13-	0	Shover (11-1)	579	2:39
Apr. 24, 1993	North Alabama	W 4- 3	4	5	4	3	4	1	29-	13-	0	DiMartino (8-0)	518	2:34
Apr. 25, 1993	North Alabama	2- 6 L	2	8	0	6	9	1	29-	14-	0	Smithers (2-4)	239	2:43
Apr. 30, 1993	Livingston +	W 7- 2	7	8	1	2	5	4	30-	14-	0	Shover (12-1)	439	3:12
May 1, 1993	Jacksonville State +	1- 6 L	1	5	3	6	11	1	30-	15-	0	Smithers (2-5)	184	3:09
May 1, 1993	North Alabama +	3- 4 L	3	6	3	4	8	1	30-	16-	0	DiMartino (8-1)	334	2:33
May 4, 1993	Armstrong State	7- 8 L	7	5	4	8	9	2	30-	17-	0	Shover (12-2)	239	3:43
May 9, 1993	Armstrong State	4- 5 L	4	8	1	5	9	0	30-	18-	0	DiMartino (8-2)	100	3:10
May 21, 1993	North Alabama *	7- 9 L	7	11	2	9	10	0	30-	19-	0	Rykard (4-1)	150	3:00
May 21, 1993	Troy State*	2- 4 L	2	8	2	4	8	1	30-	20-	0	Shover (12-3)	1177	2:46

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HISTORY

VSU Through The Years

Walter Cottingham, 12-25, .324; Gary Colson, 10-11, .476; Billy Grant, 93-83, .528; Tommy Thomas, 878-490, .642.

Year	W-L	Coach	Year	W-L	Coach
1955	6-5	Cottingham	1975	36-17	Thomas
1956	2-8	Cottingham	1976	28-25	Thomas
1957	2-7	Cottingham	1977	47-16	Thomas
1958	2-5	Cottingham	1978	39-20	Thomas
1959	10-11	Colson	1979	47-14	Thomas
1960	15-5	Grant	1980	45-11	Thomas
1961	8-15	Grant	1981	39-19	Thomas
1962	9-9	Grant	1982	49-22	Thomas
1963	4-8	Grant	1983	45-14	Thomas
1964	10-10	Grant	1984	33-23	Thomas
1965	18-11	Grant	1985	47-21	Thomas
1966	15-9	Grant	1986	43-17	Thomas
1967	14-16	Grant	1987	34-20	Thomas
1968	15-9	Thomas	1988	26-26	Thomas
1969	27-10	Thomas	1989	22-31	Thomas
1970	25-16	Thomas	1990	18-31	Thomas
1971	24-18	Thomas	1991	21-23	Thomas
1972	28-15	Thomas	1992	29-25	Thomas
1973	43-14	Thomas	1993	30-20	Thomas
1974	38-13	Thomas	TOTALS...	993-609 .620	



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The Blazer 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 2Bs	3, Sam Bowen, '74 Seo Torres, '80 June Munford, '83 Mike Cassala, '88 Darrien Teals, '88 Tom White, '91
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 RBIs	9, Rob Busch, '85
Most SBs	6, Claude Speck, '67
Most Put Outs	20, Kevin Spooner, '85
Most Assists	10, John Gordon, '86
Most Errors	4, 5 players tied
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

Best B.A.	433, Chuck Devane, '83
Best Slugging %	839, Cecil Whitehead, '78
Most AB	271, Mike Jones, '85
Most Runs	96, Andy Anthony, '85
Most Hits	114, Mike Jones, '85
Most 2Bs	23, JoJo Blaha, '86
Most 3Bs	8, Dan Darden, '75
Most HRs	22, Cecil Whitehead, '78
Most Consecutive Hits	9, Rob Bush, '85
Longest Hitting Streak	25, Rusty Brown, '90
Most Extra Base Hits	39, JoJo Blaha, '86 Kevin Spooner, '85
Most Total Bases	166, Mike Jones, '85
Most RBIs	76, JoJo Blaha, '85
Most BBs (drawn)	91, Richie Johnson, '82
Most SBs	46, Mike White, '85
Most Appearances	25, Mike Lee, '92
Most IP	127.1, Jeff Agerter, '83
Most Consecutive Shutout Innings	28.2, Jimmy Wall, '77
Most Ks	112, Bryan Shover, '93
Most Ks per 9 innings	12.7, Sam Bowen, '73
Most Wins	13, Jeff Agerter, '82
Most Decisions	17, Jeff Agerter, '82
Most Saves	8, Chuck Beale, '77
Best ERA	0.78, Mike Perry, '64
Most Shutouts	3, 9 players tied

Individual - Career

Best B.A.	390, John Gordon, '86-87
Best Slugging %	643, Cecil Whitehead, '76-78
Most ABs	751, Craig Viers, '75-78
Most Runs	183, Sal Amadeo, '77-79
Most Hits	248, JoJo Blaha, '84-87
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 TBs	445, JoJo Blaha, '84-87
Most RBIs	209, JoJo Blaha, '84-87
Most SBs	91, Sal Amadeo, '77-79
Most Appearances	70, Ted West, '85-88
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 Winning Percentage	950, Kelly Scott, '79-80
Most Saves	11, Chuck Beale, '76-77
Best ERA	1.48, Eddie Fisher, '66-69
Most Shutouts	7, Bill Petty, '74-77

Team - Game

Most Runs	23 vs. Westmar, '75 Fort Valley State, '85
Most Runs: Inning	13 vs. Jacksonville State, '79 Fort Valley State, '85
Most Hits	30 vs. Shippensburg, '85
Most RBIs	20 vs. 6 teams
Most 2Bs	8 vs. Columbus, '83 Wofford, '91 Columbus, '91
Most 3Bs	4 vs. Oglethorpe, '65 Ouachita Baptist, '70 Fort Valley State, '83
Most HRs	6 vs. Eckerd, '85
Most Runs Against	28 vs. Jacksonville State, '90
Most Runs: Both Teams	36 vs. Longwood (17-19), '82
Most Extra Base Hits	11 vs. Columbus, '83
Most TBs	39 vs. Fort Valley State, '83
Most Errors	9 vs. Florida Southern, '89
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 (45-11), 1980
Most Losses	31, 1989, 1990
Best Batting Average	343, 1985
Worst Batting Average	216, 1957
Best Slugging Percentage	566, 1985
Most ABs	2261, 1985
Most Runs	620, 1985
Most Runs Per Game	9.8, 1986
Most Times Shut Out	8, 1976
Fewest Runs Allowed Per Game	2.3, 1960
Most Hits	776, 1985
Most 2Bs	144, 1985
Most 3Bs	31, 1985
Most HRs	99, 1985
Most Extra Base Hits	274, 1985
Most Total Bases	1279, 1985
Most RBIs	545, 1985
Most Stolen Bases	179, 1985
Most Double Plays	67, 1985
Best Fielding Percentage	964, 1965
Most Innings Pitched	577.1, 1982
Most Strikeouts	412, 1986
Most Walks	404, 1981
Best ERA	1.45, 1964
Worst ERA	7.36, 1990
Most Shutouts	12, 1973
Most Consecutive Shutouts	4, 1971

HISTORY

VSU Vs All Opponents

Albany State.....	30-4	Georgia Southern.....	15-25	Pembroke State.....	4-3
Armstrong State.....	51-20	Georgia Southwestern.....	34-8	Phillips.....	0-1
Ashland.....	2-1	Georgia State.....	7-2	Piedmont.....	25-11
Auburn.....	1-1	Georgia Tech.....	4-1	Purdue-Calumet.....	2-0
Auburn-Montgomery.....	1-1	Grand Canyon.....	1-0	Quincy.....	6-0
Augusta.....	32-11	High Point.....	2-1	Rollins.....	4-2
Austin Peay State.....	2-1	Hope (MI).....	3-0	Rose-Hulman.....	22-0
Ball State.....	3-0	Howard.....	0-1	St. Francis (IL).....	8-3
Belmont Abbey.....	0-2	Illinois Benedictine.....	31-3	St. Leo.....	14-10
Berry.....	23-6	Jacksonville.....	22-26	St. Louis.....	2-0
Birmingham Southern.....	2-2	Jacksonville State.....	13-25	St. Mary's (MN).....	4-0
Bowling Green State.....	4-4	Kennesaw State.....	10-5	St. Thomas.....	1-1
Brewton-Parker.....	13-7	Kentucky.....	2-0	St. Xavier.....	23-6
California.....	0-1	Lake Forest (IL).....	1-0	Shippensburg.....	7-1
Cal Poly-Pomona.....	1-2	Lamar.....	0-2	Shorter.....	19-2
California (PA).....	2-0	Lewis.....	6-5	SIU-Edwardsville.....	5-2
CSU-Northridge.....	1-2	Liberty.....	0-1	Slippery Rock.....	1-0
Campbellsville.....	2-0	Lincoln Memorial.....	2-1	South Florida.....	2-2
Central Arkansas.....	1-1	Livingston.....	7-6	SE Missouri State.....	2-0
Central Florida.....	5-4	Longwood.....	2-2	Southern Tech.....	16-1
Central Missouri St.....	0-1	Louisville.....	2-1	Stanford.....	0-1
Charleston.....	43-3	Macalester.....	2-0	Stetson.....	7-7
Cincinnati.....	0-1	Malone.....	3-0	Tampa.....	5-11
Citadel.....	2-0	Maine.....	0-1	Taylor.....	1-0
Clemson.....	4-13	Marion.....	3-0	Tennessee.....	4-0
Columbus.....	57-43	Mercer.....	24-19	Tennessee Tech.....	0-2
David Lipscomb.....	6-9	Mercer-Atlanta.....	3-1	Trinity (IL).....	7-0
Delta State.....	5-2	Miami (Ohio).....	0-2	Troy State.....	19-34
DePauw.....	16-1	Milligan.....	1-1	UC-Riverside.....	0-2
Duke.....	2-0	Millikin.....	1-1	USF-St. Petersburg.....	3-0
East Stroudsburg.....	1-0	Mississippi College.....	9-3	UT-Martin.....	2-0
East Connecticut St.....	0-1	Missouri-St. Louis.....	2-1	UWis-Parkside.....	0-1
Eastern Illinois.....	1-0	Newberry.....	9-0	Vanderbilt.....	1-5
Eastern Kentucky.....	3-0	New Haven.....	0-3	Wake Forest.....	1-0
Eastern Michigan.....	4-0	New Orleans.....	0-1	Washington (MO).....	1-0
Eckerd.....	10-10	Norfolk State.....	3-0	Washington & Lee.....	2-0
Edward Waters.....	1-1	North Alabama.....	5-5	West Chester.....	2-1
Erskine.....	17-11	North Central (IL).....	1-1	Westfield State.....	6-3
Evansville.....	1-0	North Florida.....	1-11	West Georgia.....	47-27
Flagler.....	16-6	North Georgia.....	3-11	West Liberty State.....	2-0
Florida.....	5-14	Northwestern.....	1-1	West Virginia.....	3-0
Florida A&M.....	21-9	Oglethorpe.....	11-7	Western Carolina.....	1-0
Florida International.....	1-3	Ohio.....	3-1	Western Kentucky.....	4-2
Florida Southern.....	9-31	Oral Roberts.....	1-0	Westmar.....	2-0
Florida State.....	4-23	Oregon State.....	0-1	William Carey.....	0-1
Fort Valley State.....	16-0	Otterbein.....	4-1	Wofford.....	4-0
Furman.....	1-1	Ouachita Baptist.....	2-1	Wright State.....	1-1
Georgetown.....	1-0				
Georgia.....	5-4				
Georgia College.....	14-4				

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Sitting, L - R: Will Smith, Tony Roy, Brian Garber, Jay Folds, Gene Swift, Paul Senkbeil, Steve Norris, Mike Ward, Jose McGee;
Kneeling, L - R: Bryan Shover, Mike Hall, Scott Culp, Scott Utech, Shannon Jernigan, Mickey Weldon, Dwayne Cushman, Warren Sumner, Keith Boggs;
Standing: L - R: David Francis, Joe Chastain, Neill James, Ryan Thraikill, Scott MacRae, Matt Seymour, Billy Lillis, Barry Roberson, Rob Lanier.

BLAZER BATGIRLS



Sitting, L - R: Heather Smith, Ginny Welch, Joanie Hungerbuhler, Kei McCarthy, Kendra Elliott, Wendy Womack, Jennifer Greely.
Standing: L - R: Andrea Cole, Heather Scealcs, Bobbie Guillebeau, Tammi Williams, Kari Langley, Brandi Hays, Jennifer Jordan, Betsy Allen.

Going, Going,



Gone!

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