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FEBRUARY

15, Saturday	Eckerd	Valdosta	2 pm
16, Sunday	Eckerd	Valdosta	2 pm
18, Tuesday	North Florida	Jacksonville	3 pm
19, Wednesday	Brewton Parker	Valdosta	4 pm
20, Thursday	Florida A&M	Tallahassee	3 pm
22, Saturday	Tampa (2)	Valdosta	3 pm
23, Sunday	Tampa	Valdosta	2 pm
25, Tuesday	St. Leo	St. Leo, FL	4 pm
28, Fri-Sat., Mar 2	Nijem Diamonds & Gold Classic	Valdosta	TBA
28, Friday	Wingate	Valdosta	3 pm

MARCH

1, Saturday	Lewis	Valdosta	4:30 pm
2, Sunday	Florida Southern	Valdosta	2 pm
4, Tuesday	Albany State	Albany	3 pm
5, Wednesday	Thomas College	Thomasville	5 pm
8, Saturday	Lincoln Memorial* (2)	Harrogate, TN	Noon
9, Sunday	Lincoln Memorial*	Harrogate, TN	1 pm
11, Tuesday	Georgia Southwestern State	Americus	3 pm
12, Wednesday	Kentucky Wesleyan	Valdosta	5 pm
15, Saturday	North Alabama* (2)	Valdosta	1 pm
16, Sunday	North Alabama*	Valdosta	2 pm
21, Friday	Kennesaw State	Kennesaw	6 pm
22, Saturday	West Georgia* (2)	Carrollton	1 pm
23, Sunday	West Georgia*	Carrollton	1 pm
25, Tuesday	Columbus State	Valdosta	6 pm
28, Friday	Alabama-Huntsville*	Valdosta	7 pm
29, Saturday	Alabama-Huntsville* (2)	Valdosta	1 pm

APRIL

3, Thursday	Florida A&M	Valdosta	6 pm
5, Saturday	West Florida* (2)	Pensacola	1 pm
6, Sunday	West Florida*	Pensacola	1 pm
8, Tuesday	Thomas College	Valdosta	6 pm
9, Wednesday	Albany State	Valdosta	5 pm
10, Thursday	Brewton Parker	Mount Vernon	5 pm
12, Saturday	Montevallo* (2)	Valdosta	1 pm
13, Sunday	Montevallo*	Valdosta	2 pm
15, Tuesday	Columbus State	Columbus	6 pm
17, Thursday	Armstrong Atlantic State	Savannah	3 pm
19, Saturday	West Alabama* (2)	Valdosta	1 pm
20, Sunday	West Alabama*	Valdosta	2 pm
22, Tuesday	North Florida	Valdosta	6 pm
24-27 Thu-Sun	Gulf South Conference Tournament		
	Site of Eastern Division Winner		TBA
29, Tuesday	Armstrong Atlantic State	Valdosta	6 pm
30, Wednesday	Georgia College and State	Milledgeville	6 pm
MAY			
1, Thursday	Georgia Southwestern State	Valdosta	6 pm
2, Friday	Georgia College and State	Valdosta	5 pm
3, Saturday	Augusta State	Augusta	6 pm
4, Sunday	Augusta State	Augusta	1 pm
6, Tuesday	St. Leo	Valdosta	6 pm

* Gulf South Conference games
 31 Home Games, 22 Away Games, 8 Doubleheaders
 Breakdown of Games: 2 NCAA I, 45 NCAA II, 6 NAIA

ALL TIMES LOCAL

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Media Memo

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.



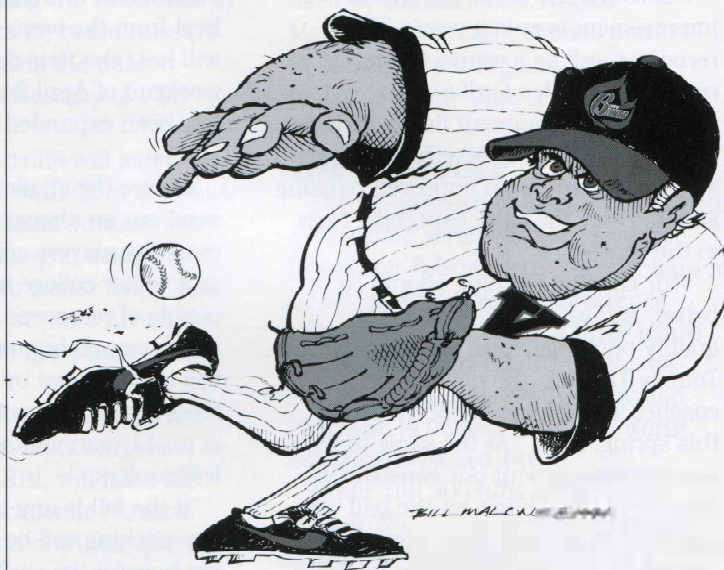
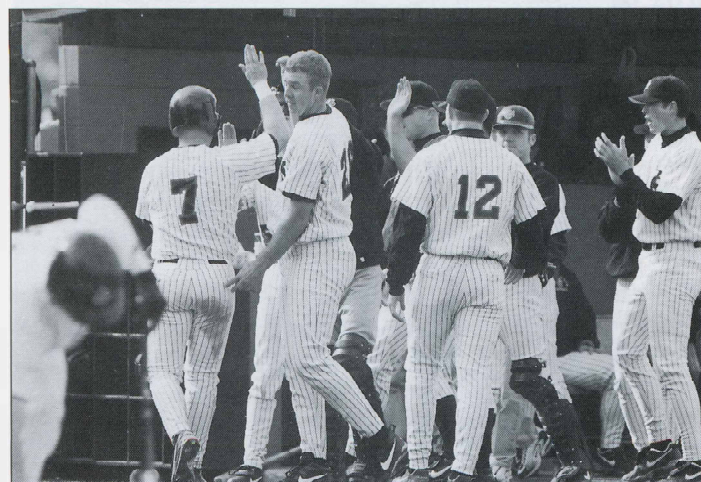
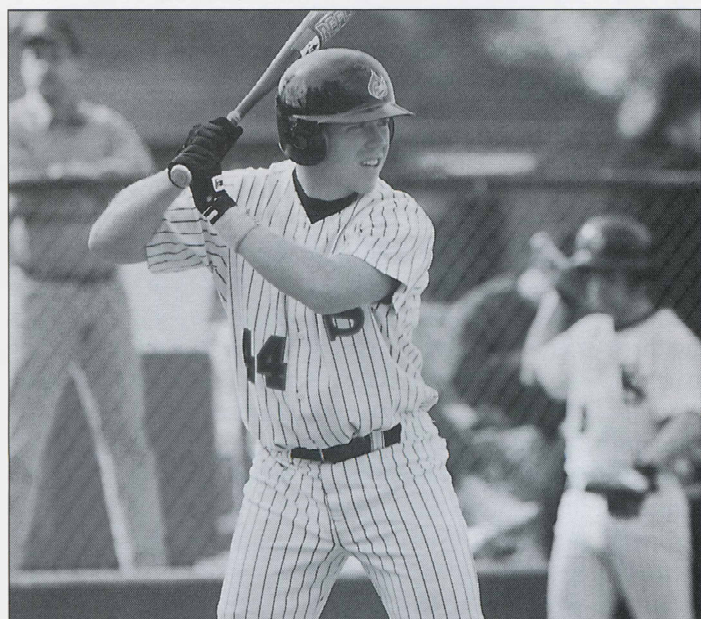
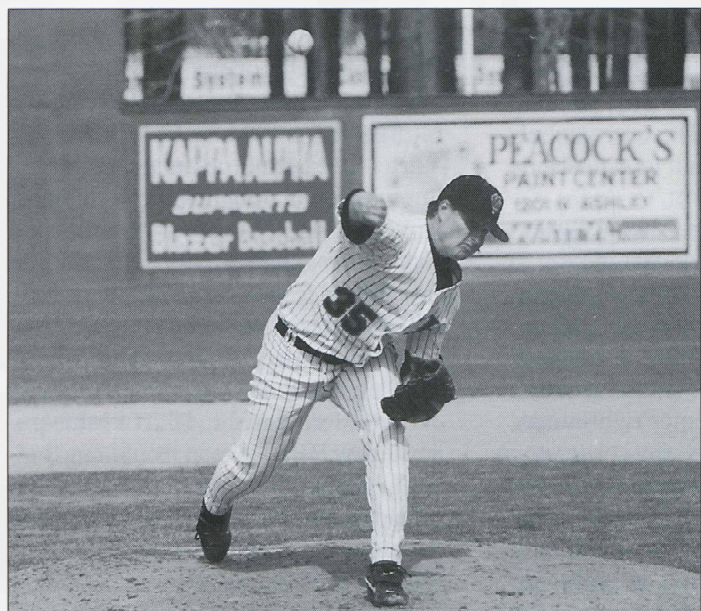
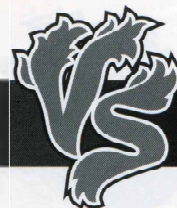
Steve Roberts, SID

The 1997 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 seven other appearances in the national tournament, including a third place finish two years ago. Valdosta State again 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.

Cover Photo

The new Valdosta State baseball fieldhouse and office complex is the site of this year's cover photo. Construction on the first phase of a \$900,000 building and renovation project at the Billy Grant Field complex began in late December, and completion of the fieldhouse and connected indoor practice facility is projected for late April. The total improvement project will include new lighting, a new pressbox and extensive renovation of the seating area. Pictured are VSU head coach Tommy Thomas, beginning his 30th season, and assistant Pete Meyer.

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General Information

Name Valdosta State University
 Location Valdosta, Georgia
 Founded 1906
 Enrollment 9810
 President Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
 Colors Red and Black
 Nickname Blazers
 Home Facility Billy Grant Field (1100)
 Conference Gulf South
 National Affiliation NCAA, Division II
 1996 Record 29-22 overall, 11-9 in GSC East

Athletic Staff

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1997 Scouting Report

Valdosta State seeks significant improvement over last year's 29-22 record as well as a return to the recently expanded Gulf South Conference tournament field which the Blazers missed in 1996. To that end, VSU will count on an improved pitching staff to carry the club, especially early in the season.

"Our starting pitching should be better, and we should have more quality pitching depth," head coach Tommy Thomas, the dean of GSC coaches who begins his 30th season this spring, said. "At the same time, I'm concerned about our consistency offensively. We didn't hit the ball with authority in the fall, but I hope at least part of that was due to better pitching."

The national pollsters, who mainly base preseason ranking on past performance, have picked the Blazers 24th, a ranking Thomas believes is much more realistic than the No. 3 ranking put on his club in 1996. "We were highly ranked last year primarily on the basis of our third place finish in the national tournament in 1995 plus the fact we had a lot of offensive weapons returning," Thomas said. "We have many more question marks coming into this season.

"The poll is nice for the fans to talk about, but it is relatively unimportant especially early in the year. Obviously, we must perform on the field against a very challenging schedule. If we have some success, the poll will take care of itself."

Thomas knows it will take a complete package to take on the powers of the South, South Atlantic and South Central regions which dot the 1997 schedule. Valdosta State is again situated in the South Central, which houses all 16 Gulf South Conference schools. VSU and the seven other eastern division members, North Alabama, West Georgia, Lincoln Memorial, West Alabama, West Florida, Alabama-Huntsville and Montevallo, will play a three-game series in the regular season. The top three teams will advance to a six-team double

elimination tournament with the three best from the west. The east winner will host the four-day tourney the weekend of April 24. The tournament has been expanded from four to six teams.

To face the challenge, Thomas will send out an almost new cast of everyday players consisting of junior and senior college transfers as well as a couple of returnees. What is expected to be a much improved pitching staff will be anchored by senior righthander Greg Denly, who will be the cornerstone of an 11-man staff which features three lefthanders.

"If the fall is any indication, I think our pitching will be much improved. I'm hopeful the staff will keep us in ball games and allow our offense to mature," Thomas said. "I'm going to be very disappointed if we're not a very competitive club."

PITCHING

Denly, who Thomas believes is a pro prospect, returns as the No. 1 pitcher after going 7-4 with an excellent 2.95 ERA last season. The righthander finished strong, winning three of his last four starts, and struck out 78 in 79.1 innings.

Another senior returnee and a trio of junior college transfers are expected to battle for the other top spots in the starting rotation. Senior righthander Tom Disney, whose control problems limited his effectiveness last season, was vastly improved in the fall and should make a bid for a top job. He was 2-2 with a 3.50 ERA but walked 39 in only 54 innings a year ago. Righthanders Israel Barnes and Adam Kiehl and southpaw Chris Skinner, all successful at the JC level, are in the hunt for high spots in the rotation.

Two versatile sophomore returnees from last year's club are also high on Thomas's list of pitching talent. Scotty Layfield, who can play everyday at either infield corner, allowed only one earned run in 16.2 innings. Bobby McDonald, a likely starter at first base, was a hard luck 1-4 in relief, but

opponents hit only .231 against him. Both are righthanders.

Senior righthander Rick Hagen also returns and could be a factor as a starter and out of the bullpen after an impressive fall. Sophomore lefthander Jarrett Bridges, the ace of Valdosta High School staffs in 1994 and 1995, transferred from Georgia at the end of fall quarter and could be a factor.

Freshmen righthanders Mark Middleton and Jeff Gillis, junior lefty Jeremy Merritt and redshirt freshman southpaw Ben Jackson round out the staff. Gillis will double as a backup infielder, and Merritt will see additional action as a designated hitter and reserve first baseman.

Jackson missed last season recovering from back surgery but is fully recovered and could rapidly move up in the rotation.

CATCHING

The all-important catching position will be handled by the two-man committee of Mike McGurk and Aaron Voldness, both products of Lake City CC. Thomas expects to platoon the duo unless one gets particularly hot at the plate. Both are solid receivers with above average arms. "I'm very comfortable with our catching situation," Thomas said. "Both will do a solid job behind the plate and hopefully help us at the plate."

INFIELD

Nobody returns from 1996, but Thomas believes recruiting has produced a solid group of starters at the inner defense positions. McDonald at first base is the lone returnee to likely crack the starting lineup. He hit .318 as a freshman, playing some in right field and filling the designated hitter role.

At second base will be JC transfer Jason Dorminy, who won the job in the fall after hitting .325 at South Georgia a year ago. Junior Jeff Barnett, an excellent base runner who hit .308 in limited duty last season, is a quality

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backup.

Charan Girard was recruited out of Florida Community College in Jacksonville to take over at shortstop, and he easily lived up to all expectations during the fall. Girard has great hands and a quick bat, hitting .368 at FCCJ in '96.

Brian Johnson, another transfer from Georgia, will complete his eligibility at VSU and will take over at third base. Adequate defensively, Johnson is expected to hit in the middle of the lineup and will be counted on to produce runs. Layfield, who played sparingly last season, will back up Johnson and McDonald.

Gillis at short and Merritt at first add even more depth to the infield spots.

OUTFIELD

Jamie Coons, last year's most productive offensive player, returns to

right field after leading the 1996 club in hitting (.368), triples (5) home runs (7) and RBI (51). Coons is the total package and an obvious key to VSU success.

A couple of JC recruits will join Coons in the Blazer outfield at the start of the season. Jermaine Jordan, who hit .350 at South Georgia, brings outstanding speed to center field. Jim Greer, a .445 hitter at Anne Arundel CC in Maryland, will open the year in left.

Senior David Robinson, a starter in left last year who hit .293 with six home runs and 40 RBI, will miss the first 22 games for academic reasons. His return at the end of winter quarter will greatly help the depth situation in the outfield.

DESIGNATED HITTER

The designated hitter role could be

filled by committee. Layfield, McDonald, Merritt, Johnson and Robinson (when eligible) are all probable at one time or another.

THE SCHEDULE

The 53-game slate, which begins with a two-game series at home against Eckerd on February 15-16, is enhanced by the eastern division conference schedule, which features three teams in the preseason Top 30. Alabama-Huntsville is ranked fourth, Lincoln Memorial is tabbed 13th, and North Alabama is picked 14th.

Other Top 30 clubs on the slate include No. 1 and defending national champion Kennesaw State, No. 2 Tampa, No. 5 Columbus State, No. 6 Florida Southern, No. 17 St. Leo, No. 18 Lewis, No. 25 North Florida and No. 29 Georgia College and State.



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Mitch and Megan Meyer

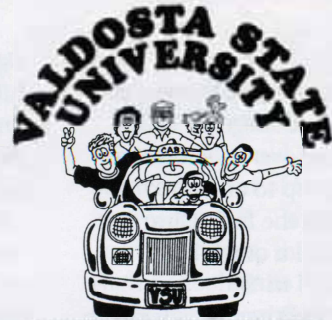


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TOMMY THOMAS, HEAD COACH

Entering his 30th season as the outstanding head coach of Valdosta State's Blazer baseball team, Tommy Thomas has enjoyed success gained by very few. In 29 seasons, Thomas-led teams have compiled an overall record of 973-559, a .635 winning percentage. In 1994 he became only the second NCAA Division II coach to win 900 games, and his 973 wins are the most among active Division II coaches.

Twenty of his 29 teams have reached post-season play, and eight teams, including the 1995 club, 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 seven occasions he has been named regional coach of the year, once in the NAA Area V (1969) and five times in the NCAA South Atlantic region (1974, 1977, 1979, 1983 and 1985) and once in the South Central region (1995).

The 56-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. Davis Lipscomb	1968
First Loss	5-2 vs. David Lipscomb	1968
50th Win	7-0 vs. Shorter	1970
50th Loss	5-3 vs. Jacksonville	1971
100th Win	14-2 vs. Florida State	1972
100th Loss	11-3 vs. Florida	1975
150th Win	2-1 vs. Columbus	1973
150th Loss	16-8 vs. West Georgia	1977
200th Win	15-3 vs. Eckerd	1974
200th Loss	3-0 vs. Louisville	1980
250th Win	3-1 vs. Erskine	1976
250th Loss	11-3 vs. Jacksonville State	1983
300th Win	13-5 vs. Augusta	1977
300th Loss	10-6 vs. Tampa	1986
350th Win	11-9 vs. Eastern Illinois	1978
350th Loss	4-3 vs. Armstrong State	1988
400th Win	1-0 vs. Rose Hulman	1980
400th Loss	10-6 vs. Tampa	1990
450th Win	13-4 vs. Charleston	1981
450th Loss	7-4 vs. Flagler	1992
500th Win	7-2 vs. Illinois Benedictine	1982
500th Loss	5-3 vs. Jacksonville State	1994
550th Win	11-5 vs. Augusta	1983
550th loss	9-6 vs. Alabama Huntsville	1996
600th Win	807 vs. Georgia Southwestern	1984
650th Win	12-6 vs. Mercer	1985
700th Win	5-2 vs. Georgia College	1987
750th Win	12-11 vs. Armstrong State	1988
800th Win	7-0 vs. Kennesaw State	1991
850th Win	5-2 vs. Augusta	1993
900th Win	9-5 vs. Albany State	1994
950th Win	4-1 vs. SIU Edwardsville	1996

Division II's Winningest Coaches

	Years	Wins
1. Tommy Thomas, Valdosta State	29	973
2. Frank Vieira, New Haven	34	881
3. Jack Smitheran, UC Riverside	27	854
4. Gary Grob, Winona State	29	807
5. Jack Rose, Denver	36	771
6. Irish O'Reilly, Lewis	18	754
7. Phil Swimley, UC Davis	31	734
8. Joe Roberts, Armstrong State	18	723
9. Bill Aker, Northern Kentucky	25	715
10. Ron Davies, Adelphi	32	691

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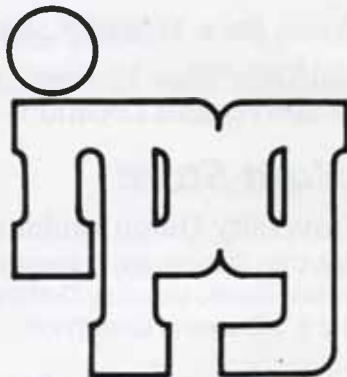
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Pete Meyer ASSISTANT COACH

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 in the summer of 1993 when former assistant Bart Shuman stepped down, opening the door for the energetic Meyer to return to Valdosta State. He begins his fourth season as Blazer baseball's top assistant and chief recruiter.

Meyer, a native of Greencastle, Ind., and the son of DePauw University baseball coach Ed Meyer, spent 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 who is the manager of accounting and budgets in VSU's Office of Business and Finance, have two children, Mitch, 6 1/2, and Megan, 5.



Shannon Jernigan GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Shannon Jernigan, a two-year starting catcher for Valdosta State's 1994 and 1995 clubs, begins his first year as a graduate assistant for the Blazer baseball program. The 23-year-old Live Oak, Fla., native worked as a student assistant last season while completing work on his undergraduate degree in health and physical education.

Jernigan earned all-conference honors his junior season, hitting .267 and helping the Blazers qualify for the conference tournament. His senior season, he commanded a solid pitching staff which turned in an excellent 3.43 ERA as the Blazers won their first Gulf South Conference championship. That team also won the South Central Regional and returned to the Division II World Series for the first time since 1985, finishing third.

This season Jernigan will work primarily with VSU pitchers and catchers and will also do some scouting. He is working toward a master of education degree in the field of health and physical education.



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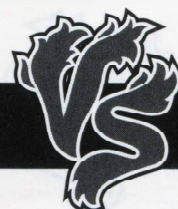
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Blazer Numerical Roster



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4	Jeff Barnett	2B
7	Bobby McDonald	1B/P
9	Charan Girard	SS
12	Jamie Coons	RF
16	Jason Dorminy	2B
19	Jim Greer	LF
21	Jarrett Bridges	P
22	Aaron Voldness	C
23	Brian Johnson	3B
24	Jermaine Jordan	CF
26	Jeremy Merritt	P/DH
29	Greg Denly	P
30	David Robinson	LF
33	Scotty Layfield	IF/P
34	Rick Hagen	P
35	Israel Barnes	P
37	Adam Kiehl	P
39	Chris Skinner	P
43	Ben Jackson	P
44	Mike McGurk	C
49	Tom Disney	P
54	Mark Middleton	P
3	Tommy Thomas, head coach	
25	Pete Meyer, assistant coach	
5	Shannon Jernigan, graduate assistant	
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1997 Blazer Alphabetical Roster



Name	No.	Pos
Israel Barnes	35	P
Jeff Barnett	4	2B
Jarrett Bridges	21	P
Jamie Coons	12	RF
Greg Denly	29	P
Tom Disney	49	P
Jason Dorminy	16	2B
Jeff Gillis	1	P/SS
Charan Girard	9	SS
Jim Greer	19	LF
Rick Hagen	34	P
Ben Jackson	43	P
Brian Johnson	23	3B
Jermaine Jordan	24	CF
Adam Kiehl	37	P
Scotty Layfield	33	IF/P
Bobby McDonald	7	1B/P
Mike McGurk	44	C
Jeremy Merritt	26	P/DH
Mark Middleton	54	P
David Robinson	30	LF
Chris Skinner	39	P
Aaron Voldness	22	C

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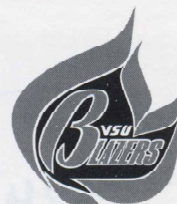
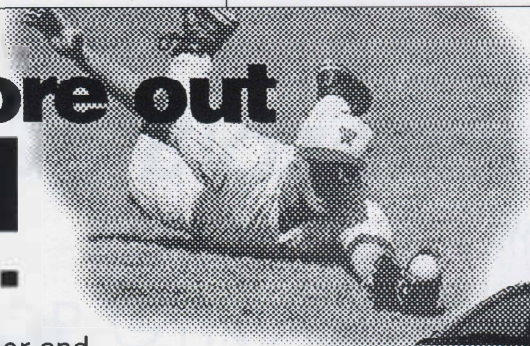
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21 Jarrett Bridges	L-L	2-16-77	6 0	175	Sophomore	Valdosta, GA (Valdosta)
2904 Bud Mackey Circle, Valdosta, GA 31602 (912) 245-1115						
29 Greg Denly	R-R	11-10-75	6 3	190	Senior	Valdosta, GA (Valdosta)
5 Tallullah Circle, Valdosta, GA 31602 (244-8540)						
49 Tom Disney	R-R	6-5-74	6 4	225	Senior	Chicago, IL (Bloom Township)
202 Martin Lane, Chicago Heights, IL 60411 (708) 755-6278						
1 Jeff Gillis	R-R	12-12-77	5 11	180	Freshman	Acworth, GA (Harrison)
6006 Fairlong Circle, Acworth, GA 30101 (770) 499-0330						
34 Rick Hagen	R-R	9-16-74	6 2	215	Senior	Waycross, GA (Ware County)
P.O. Box 1952, Waycross, GA 31501 (912) 283-0043						
43 Ben Jackson	R-L	1-12-77	6 1	185	Freshman	Thomasville, GA (Thomas County Central)
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37 Adam Kiehl	R-R	2-26-76	6 0	185	Junior	Muskego, WI (Wauwatosa East)
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33 Scotty Layfield	R-R	9-13-76	6 2	200	Sophomore.	Montezuma, GA (Macon County)
802 Christopher Drive, Montezuma, GA 31041 (912) 949-2044						
7 Bobby McDonald	R-L	9-23-76	5 11	195	Sophomore	Lilburn, GA (Parkview)
4642 Hancock Way, Lilburn, GA 30297 (404) 921-8908						
26 Jeremy Merritt	L-R	12-20-74	6 5	230	Junior.	Moultrie, GA (Colquitt County)
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54 Mark Middleton	R-R	3-3-77	6 1	170	Freshman	Waycross, GA (Ware County)
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4 Jeff Barnett	R-R	4/22/75	5 11	170	Junior	Douglas, GA (Coffee)
1211 St. Andrews Drive, Douglas, GA 31533 (912) 384-0651						
16 Jason Dorminy	R-R	11-24-75	5-10	170	Junior.	Leesburg, GA (Lee County)
1337 Lovers Lane Road, Leesburg, GA 31763 (912) 436-4274						
1 Jeff Gillis	R-R	12-12-77	5 11	180	Freshman	Acworth, GA (Harrison)
6006 Fairlong Circle, Acworth, GA 30101 (770) 499-0330						
9 Charan Girard	L-R	4-28-75	5 11	160	Junior	Palm City, FL (Martin County)
3861 SW Bimini Circle, Palm City, FL 34990 (407) 223-0785						
23 Brian Johnson	L-R	9-5-73	6 2	195	Senior	Albany, GA (Lee County)
217 Dunaway Drive, Albany, GA 31707 (912) 436-6390						
33 Scotty Layfield	R-R	9-13-76	6 20	200	Sophomore.	Montezuma, GA (Macon County)
802 Christopher Drive, Montezuma, GA 31041 (912) 949-2044						
7 Bobby McDonald	R-L	9-23-76	5 11	195	Sophomore	Lilburn, GA (Parkview)
4642 Hancock Way, Lilburn, GA 30297 (404) 921-8908						

OUTFIELDERS

12 Jamie Coons	R-R	10-16-74	6 0	185	Senior	Burke, VA (Edgewood)
5542 Hollins Lane, Burke, VA 22015 (703) 978-6079						
19 Jim Greer	R-R	2-28-76	5 11	180	Junior	Crownsville, MD (Old Mill)
1019 Dockser Drive, Crownsville, MD 21032						
24 Jermaine Jordan	R-R	8-10-76	5-9	165	Junior	Vidalia, GA (Vidalia)
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Israel Barnes

35

Pitcher

6-0 / 185

Junior / Tampa, FL



Transfer from Santa Fe CC...Has an overhand curve which rivals the outstanding deuce of former Blazer Scott MacRae, now in the Cincinnati Reds organization...Clocked consistently as fast as anyone on the staff in the fall and was one of the top three pitchers in the fall "world series"...Throws in the mid-80s with good command of all his pitches...Definitely a candidate to be among the top three pitchers on the staff...Drafted in 27th round by the Yankees in 1993.

Birthday: March 8, 1976
Major: Business Administration

Jarrett Bridges

21

Pitcher

6-0 / 175

Sophomore / Valdosta, GA



Transfer from Georgia who was the ace of Valdosta High School pitching staff in 1994 and 1995...A lefthander who pitched sparingly for the Bulldogs as a freshman...Coaching staff will watch him closely in the preseason...Expected to play a role this year, how big a role is yet to be determined...A welcome addition to this pitching staff.

Birthday: February 16, 1977
Major: Business Management

Greg Denly

29

Pitcher

6-3 / 190

Senior / Valdosta, GA



Returns as the No. 1 pitcher on the Blazer staff...Coaches believe he ended last season as the top pitcher and will continue where he left off...Without a doubt, he is expected to be one of the stalwarts on the '97 club...Finished 7-4 last season to lead team in wins, and his 2.95 ERA was the best among the starters...Possesses pro potential...Drafted in the 67th round by the Cubs in 1992.

Birthday: November 10, 1975
Major: Biology

Denly at Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
15	9	2	79.1	79	36	26	33	78	7-4	2.95	0	11	1

Tom Disney

49

Pitcher

6-4 / 225

Senior / Chicago, IL



Enjoyed a very productive fall which boosted his stock among the coaching staff...Inconsistent control was costly last season when he finished 2-2 with a 3.50 ERA, walking 39 batters in 54 innings of work...Consistent positive performances from Disney can make this staff one of the best in the GSC...One of the keys to this year's pitching staff.

Birthday: June 5, 1974
Major: Criminal Justice

Disney at Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	ERA	S	WP	HB
12	8	1	54	50	29	21	39	37	2-2	3.50	0	3	6



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Jeff Gillis

1

Pitcher / Shortstop

5-11 / 180

Freshman / Acworth, GA



A first year player expected to play a backup role both on the mound and at shortstop for this year's team...Plans are to use him in relief on occasion, especially in the non-conference weekday games...Comes with solid prep credentials earned at Harrison High School in Acworth.

Birthday: December 12, 1977

Major: Undecided

Rick Hagen

34

Pitcher

6-2 / 225

Senior / Waycross, GA



Another pitcher who showed dramatic improvement in the fall after an up and down campaign a year ago when he won four games but had a high 5.18 ERA...Changed his delivery in the fall, dropping down and throwing exclusively from the stretch...A tremendous competitor who will be used primarily in long relief but will get some spot starts.

Birthday: June 16, 1974

Major: Physical Education

Hagen at Valdosta State

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	W-L	S	WP	HB
15	5	0	41.2	61	39	24	21	33	4-3	0	12	1

Ben Jackson

43

Pitcher

6-1 / 180

Freshman / Thomasville, GA



A redshirt freshman lefthander who missed last season recovering from back surgery...Recruited out of Thomas County Central High School where he was 10-2 with an impressive 1.44 ERA, being named Region 1 AAA's MVP...Now fully recovered and coaches see great potential which could begin blossoming this season...Great attitude and work habits to go with outstanding pitches...Will get an opportunity to perform.

Birthday: January 12, 1977

Major: Undecided

Adam Kiehl

37

Pitcher

6-0 / 185

Junior / Muskego, WI



Transfer from Triton College in River Grove, IL where he was a top pitcher...Brings outstanding credentials...A hard thrower whose control was spotty in the fall...With control in hand, he is a dominating pitcher...A viable candidate to be among the top three pitchers on the staff...Has all the pitches to be successful...Drafted in the 56th round by the Dodgers in 1994.

Birthday: February 26, 1976

Major: Education



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Scotty Layfield

33

Pitcher / Infielder

6-2 / 200

Sophomore / Montezuma, GA

Possesses tremendous instincts for the game...A very versatile player who will be in the mix as a pitcher and an everyday player...Coaching staff believes he has the stuff to be one of the top pitchers on the staff...Did not have a bad outing in six appearances on the hill last season, allowing only one earned run in 16-plus innings...Can play first and third base, and if hitting comes along, he'll play a lot. A key player in '97.

Birthday: September 13, 1976

Major: Criminal Justice



Layfield at Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	K	E	AVG
25	52	7	12	8	.231	4	0	1	0	13	3	.952

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WL	ERA	S	WP	HB
6	2	0	16.2	14	3	1	7	12	2.0	0.54	0	0	1

Bobby McDonald

7

Pitcher / First Base

5-11 / 195

Sophomore / Lilburn, GA

A top recruit last season who turned in a solid year, hitting .318 and posting a 4.34 ERA in 34 innings of work, mainly in relief...Expected to start a lot at first base, getting a left-handed bat in the everyday lineup, but will be used and used in crucial situations on the mound...Being penciled in as a short and middle reliever...In the platoon mix as an everyday player...Has potential to set some offensive records...Can also fill in behind the plate.

Birthday: September 23, 1976

Major: Undecided



McDonald at Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	E	AVG
34	66	11	21	8	.318	2	0	1	4	13	0	1,000

G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WL	ERA	S	WP	HB
11	2	0	34	30	22	16	21	25	14	4.24	2	4	2

Jeremy Merritt

26

Pitcher / DH

6-5 / 230

Junior / Moultrie, GA

A walkon who played JC ball at South Georgia...Another versatile player who can pitch and play first base and may also be called on to fill the designated hitter role on occasion...Expected to be used in relief with perhaps an occasional start...Will back up at first base but real value may be as a DH...An impressive hitter in the fall...Uses his wrists well and has good pop in his bat...Experience and relaxed approach also a plus.

Birthday: December 20, 1974

Major: Communication Arts



Mark Middleton

54

Pitcher

6-1 / 170

Freshman / Waycross, GA

A walkon who took advantage of his opportunity in the fall, pitching good enough to make the team...Will be brought along slowly, being used primarily in relief...Coaching staff like his breaking pitch and change of pace...Potential is there to be a contributor somewhere down the road.

Birthday: March 3, 1977

Major: Undecided





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Chris Skinner

39

Pitcher

5-9 / 165

Junior / Summerfield, FL



Recruited out of Central Florida CC in Ocala where he was a top pitcher...A lefthander who shows savvy on the hill...Coaching staff impressed with his natural instincts for the game...A crafty lefty who spots the ball...Could be at or near the top of this year's staff.

Birthday: January 21, 1976
Major: Business Administration

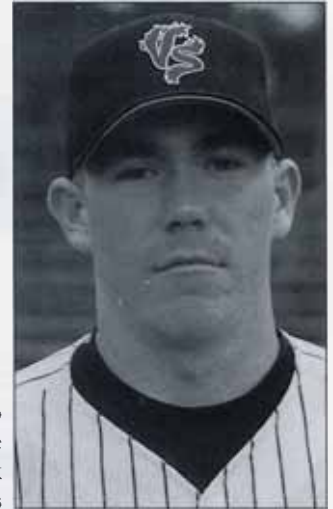
Mike McGurk

44

Catcher

6-2 / 210

Junior / Longwood FL



Transfer from Lake City CC who has outstanding defensive skills...Has shown a good arm, quick release and blocks pitches well...Hitting has been spotty...Expected to divide time behind the plate, especially in the early season.

Birthday: April 25, 1976
Major: Business Administration

Aaron Voldness

22

Catcher

5-11 / 195

Junior / Chicago Heights, IL



Played at Lake City CC two years ago before sitting out last year...Is a quality receiver who handles the bat well although he was inconsistent at the plate in the fall...Will divide time with Mike McGurk behind the plate.

Birthday: July 23, 1975
Major: Art

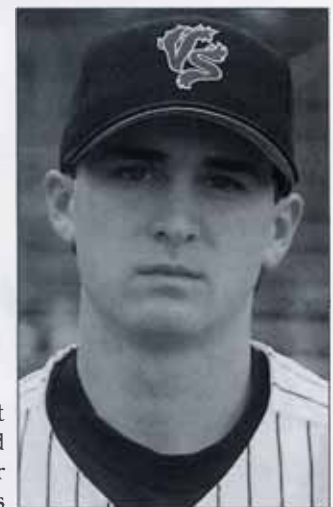
Jeff Barnett

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Infielder

5-11 / 170

Junior / Douglas



Made solid contributions last season as a backup second baseman and as a pinch runner where he helped secure several wins with his smart decisions on the base paths...Great speed...Will provide quality depth defensively at second base and will get some spot starts...Carries a perfect 4.0 grade point average in his biology major...Transferred last year from South Georgia in his hometown of Douglas.

Birthday: April 22, 1975
Major: Biology

Barnett at Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	E	AVG
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Jason Dorminy

16

Second Base

5-10 / 170

Junior / Leesburg, GA



Transfer from South Georgia JC where he hit .325 last season...Earned starting job at second base with clutch performances at the plate in the fall, consistently getting big hits in crucial situations...Fall performance was a pleasant surprise, leading coaches to have great confidence in the keystone position.

Birthday: November 24, 1975

Major: Sports Medicine

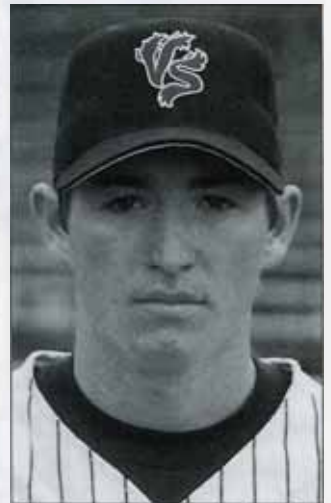
Charan Girard

9

Shortstop

5-11 / 180

Junior / Palm City, FL



Transfer from Florida CC in Jacksonville where he hit .368 and was outstanding defensively...Played extremely well in the fall, and coaches believe he will be considered one of the top shortstops in Blazer history when his career is over...Possesses great hands and quickness, turning the double play beautifully...Shows good pop in his bat...A complete player who will make VSU strong up the middle.

Birthday: April 28, 1975

Major: Business Administration

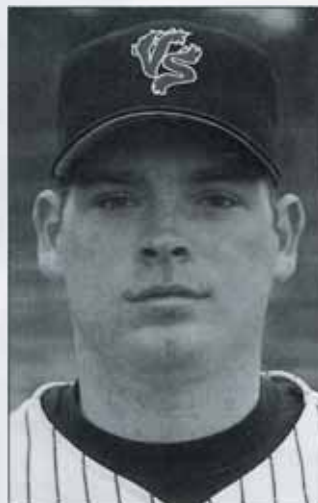
Brian Johnson

23

Third Base

6-2 / 195

Senior / Albany, GA



Transfer from Georgia where he played third base, hitting .300 for the Bulldogs in 1995...A very pleasant addition who will start at third base...Has come in and impressed everyone to the point he was selected a team captain because of his leadership ability...Could be a leading hitter on this year's club and will hit in an RBI spot int he order...Adequate defensively and can catch if needed...Drafted in the 43rd round by the Red Sox in 1992.

Birthday: September 5, 1973

Major: Political Science

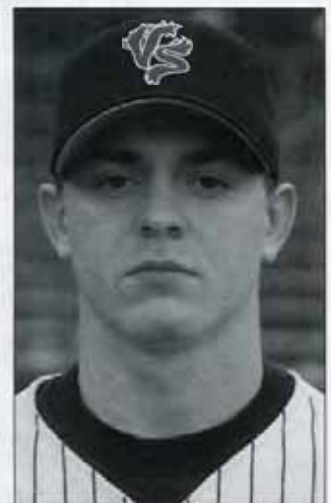
Jamie Coons

12

Right Field

6-0 / 185

Senior / Burke, VA



The top returning player...Enjoyed a tremendous junior season offensively and defensively, hitting .368 and leading the team in average, triples (5), home runs (7) and RBI (51)...Has a great arm from right field (seven assists in '96) and did not make an error...Leads by example...Considered one of the best college players around...Has professional capability...Drafted in the 31st round by the Indians in 1993.

Birthday: October 16, 1974

Major: Undeclared

Coons at Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	E	AVG
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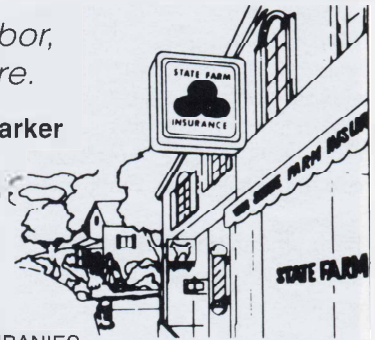
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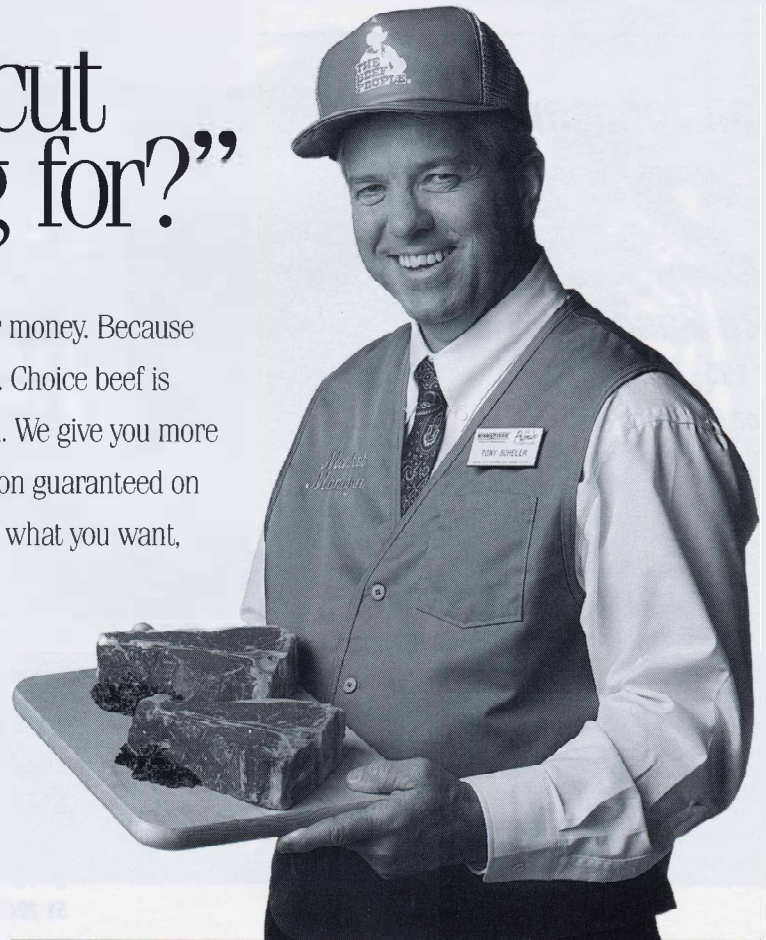
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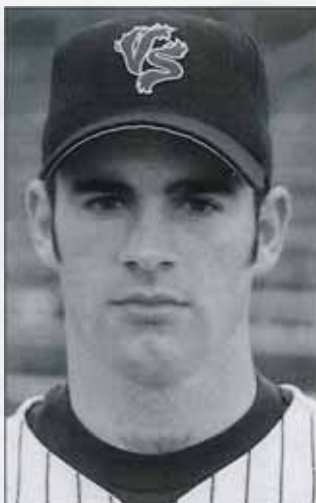
Jim Greer

19

Left Field

5-11 / 180

Junior / Crownsville, MD



Transfer from Anne Arundel CC in Maryland where he hit a robust .445...Had a solid fall and will open the year as the starting leftfielder...Expected to hit for average and get on base with regularity...Solid defensively...A good all-round player.

Birthday: February 28, 1976

Major: Computer Science

Jermaine Jordan

24

Center Field

5-9 / 165

Junior / Vidalia, GA



A transfer from South Georgia JC where he hit .350 last season...Was recruited to take over in center field...Did not disappoint in the fall...Quietly gets the job done offensively and defensively...Gets a great jump on the ball...Very good speed and has good bat control...Probable leadoff hitter...A definite key being heavily counted on to be a solid everyday player...Drafted in the 56th round by the Mariners in 1994.

Birthday: August 10, 1976

Major: Business Administration

David Robinson

30

Left Field

6-3 / 195

Senior / Archer, FL



Turned in solid numbers last season, hitting .293 with six home runs and 40 RBI (both second on the team)...Was the DH early in the year but moved into starting job in left field where he performed admirably...Will miss team's first 22 games regaining his eligibility...Was team's best hitter in the fall, so his return will be eagerly anticipated...Selected the other team captain because of his leadership ability...Drafted in the 40th round by the Padres in 1994.

Birthday: July 20, 1975

Major: Criminal Justice

Robinson at Valdosta State

G	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	E	AVG
48	164	28	48	40	.293	9	1	6	20	43	2	.970



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	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	K	Slug%	OB%	SB-A
Albert Sagnella	86	10	32	13	.372	5	0	0	13	10	.430	.450	2-2
Jamie Coons	204	49	75	51	.368	9	5	7	14	22	.564	.408	24-30
Jeff Roesler	172	29	61	31	.355	12	1	3	21	21	.488	.449	5-11
Darren Bush	182	46	64	35	.352	14	3	7	31	28	.577	.442	19-24
Bobby McDonald	66	11	21	8	.318	2	0	1	4	13	.394	.378	0-0
Franky Carrasquillo	161	39	51	17	.317	8	6	2	30	19	.478	.427	30-42
Jeff Barnett	39	15	12	6	.308	0	0	0	2	4	.308	.341	8-10
David Robinson	164	28	48	40	.293	9	1	6	20	43	.470	.379	9-14
Tony Roy	68	10	19	8	.279	3	0	0	4	8	.324	.333	0-0
Kenny Edwards	72	13	19	7	.264	5	2	1	6	7	.431	.346	6-7
Paul Bagley	162	28	39	31	.241	9	0	6	26	49	.407	.359	4-5
Tom Valdez	106	13	25	6	.236	2	0	1	8	15	.283	.308	3-6
Scotty Layfield	52	7	12	8	.231	4	0	1	0	13	.365	.245	2-3
Joyous LaRosa	109	16	25	12	.229	5	0	0	17	18	.275	.341	2-3
others	38	8	12	6	.316	3	0	0	4	11	.405	.350	0-1
VSU	1682	323	516	279	.307	90	18	35	201	281	.444	.389	114-158
Opponents	1701	271	474	212	.279	74	13	23	211	327	.378	.364	74-101

Final Pitching Statistics

	G	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	GS	CG
Scotty Layfield	6	2	0	0	16.2	14	3	1	7	12	0.54	2	0
Greg Denly	15	7	4	0	79.1	796	36	26	33	78	2.95	9	2
Shane Shook	14	4	4	1	67.2	84	40	26	26	49	3.46	10	3
Tom Disney	12	2	2	0	54	50	29	21	39	37	3.50	8	1
Mark Watson	12	6	2	0	55.2	64	33	26	16	48	4.20	9	4
Bobby McDonald	11	1	4	2	34	30	22	16	21	25	4.24	2	0
Adam Miller	10	1	0	0	13.1	16	11	7	10	9	4.72	0	0
Rick Hagan	15	4	3	0	41.2	61	39	24	21	33	5.18	5	0
Gary Fassl	17	1	1	2	22.1	29	25	16	16	13	6.45	1	0
Mike Hall	16	1	2	2	38.1	45	33	28	22	23	6.57	5	0
others	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
VSU	51	29	22	7	425	474	271	191	211	327	4.04	51	10
Opponents	51	22	29	5	419.2	516	323	272	201	281	5.83	51	15

Scoring

Score by Innings:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	XInn	Total	AvPG
Valdosta State	42	52	28	23	46	47	35	33	10	7	323	6.3
Opponents	36	22	40	29	36	31	29	25	21	2	271	5.3



Final Fielding Statistics

	C	PO	A	E	PCT	DP	PB	SB	CS
Jamie Coons	107	100	7	0	1.000	1	0	0	0
Bobby McDonald	24	21	3	0	1.000	1	0	7	0
Adam Miller	5	1	4	0	1.000	0	0	5	0
Louis Lowe	73	62	9	2	.973	0	2	17	4
David Robinson	66	61	3	2	.970	1	0	0	0
Tom Valdez	253	211	33	9	.964	2	14	39	19
Paul Bagley	421	384	219	16	.962	29	0	0	0
Darren Bush	163	142	14	7	.957	1	5	16	4
Shane Shook	23	4	18	1	.957	1	0	8	8
Jeff Barnett	43	18	23	2	.953	2	0	0	0
Scotty Layfield	62	45	14	3	.952	4	0	2	2
Joyous LaRosa	140	40	92	8	.943	12	0	0	0
Mike Hall	14	3	10	1	.929	0	0	15	2
Tony Roy	72	27	39	6	.917	8	0	0	0
Gary Fassl	10	3	6	1	.900	0	0	3	0
Mark Watson	10	1	8	1	.900	0	0	11	3
Kenny Edwards	29	24	2	3	.897	0	0	0	0
Jeff Roesler	131	33	82	16	.878	3	0	0	0
Franky Carrasquillo	219	69	123	27	.877	26	0	0	0
Tom Disney	13	5	6	2	.846	0	0	8	4
Albert Sagnella	60	18	32	10	.833	6	0	0	0
Greg Denly	18	3	12	3	.833	0	0	12	6
Rick Hagen	7	0	4	3	.571	0	0	2	2
VSU	1963	1275	565	123	.937	37	21	75	27
Opponents	1858	1259	505	94	.949	33	6	114	44

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Game Summary (All Games)

Record: W-29 L-22 (H: 19-10 A: 10-12) Gulf South: 11-9

Date	Opponent	Score	R H E	R H E	W	L	Pitcher	Att
2/17	Rollins	8-0	8-8-1	0-4-3	1	0	Shook 1-0	368
2/18	Rollins	6-0	6-9-2	0-5-1	2	0	Disney 1 0	273
2/20	at St. Leo	7-12	7-7-1	12-12-1	2	1	Watson 0-1	50
2/21	Brewton-Parker	8-9	8-14-4	9-15-0	2	2	Hagen 0-1	238
2/24	at Florida Southern	3-4	3-7-2	4-12-2	2	3	Fassl 0-1	530
2/25	at Eckerd	3-4	3-8-2	4-9-2	2	4	Denly 0-1	300
2/27	Albany State	5-2	5-9-7	2-9-4	3	4	Hagen 1-1	234
2/29	at Georgia Southwestern	26-0	26-28-1	0-5-2	4	4	Denly 1-1	100
3/1	West Florida	6-2	6-10-2	2-4-0	5	4	Watson 1-1	87
3/2	SIU Edwardsville	4-1	4-8-0	1-7-4	6	4	Disney 2-0	373
3/3	Tampa	0-6	0-7-5	6-14-1	6	5	Shook 1-1	427
3/5	at Columbus	4-7	4-7-4	7-10-1	6	6	Denly 1-2	80
3/9	Lincoln Memorial*	5-1	5-7-0	1-6-1	7	6	Shook 2-1	123
3/9	Lincoln Memorial*	3-11	3-4-2	11-8-2	7	7	Disney 2-1	168
3/10	Lincoln Memorial*	12-5	12-8-1	5-10-3	8	7	Watson 2 1	104
3/10	Bellarmino	5-12	5-8-3	12-11-2	8	8	Hagen 1-2	100
3/12	at Thomas College	16-5	16-17-4	5-7-2	9	8	Denly 2-2	50
3/13	Georgia Southwestern	9-5	9-18-1	5-6-1	10	8	Hall 1-0	185
3/16	at North Alabama*	1-18	1-2-6	18-16-2	10	9	Shook 2-2	300
3/16	at North Alabama*	4-2	4-8-1	2-11-0	11	9	Watson 3-1	300
3/17	at North Alabama*	3-4	3-8-1	4-6 1	11	10	Disney 2-2	300
3/22	at Brewton-Parker	5-8	5-13-3	8-11-0	12	11	McDonald 0 1	100
3/23	West Georgia*	4-0	4-7-2	0-5-4	13	11	Shook 3-2	238
3/23	West Georgia*	6-5	6-10-2	5-11-0	14	11	Watson 4 1	235
3/24	West Georgia*	9-3	9-15-1	3-9-3	15	11	Denly 3-2	272
3/28	Florida A&M	7-12	7-8-3	12-14-3	15	12	Hall 1-1	218
3/30	at Alabama-Huntsville*	6-9	6-11-3	9-10-2	15	13	Shook 3-3	100
3/30	at Alabama-Huntsville*	3-6	3-6-2	6-10 3	15	14	Watson 4-2	100
4/5	West Florida*	7-6	7-9-1	6-13-0	16	14	Hagen 3 2	227
4/5	West Florida*	8-11	8-9-6	11-13-7	16	15	Hall 1-2	289
4/6	West Florida*	6-5	6-10-2	5-12-0	17	15	Denly 4-2	101
4/8	St. Leo	3-2	3-10-2	2-6-4	18	15	Watson 5-2	143
4/9	Columbus	3-6	3-4-2	6-11-2	18	16	McDonald 0-2	191
4/10	at Georgia College	7-5	7-11-2	5-12-3	19	16	Layfield 1-0	46
4/13	at Montevallo*	4-5	4-5-0	5-8-1	19	17	Shook 3-4	100
4/13	at Montevallo*	2-4	2-6-0	4-8-1	19	18	Denly 4-3	100
4/14	at Montevallo*	5-7	5-8-3	7-7 1	19	19	McDonald 0-3	100
4/16	at Albany State	8-2	8-15-3	2-7-3	20	19	Miller 1-0	50
4/18	at Armstrong State	8-3	8-17-4	3-10-3	21	19	McDonald 1-3	100
4/20	at West Alabama*	4-0	4-8-0	0-1-4	21	19	Watson 6-2	200
4/20	at West Alabama*	7-5	7-8-3	5-9-3	23	29	Hagen 4 2	200
4/21	at West Alabama*	5-4	5-15-0	4-7-1	24	19	Denly 5-3	300
4/30	Armstrong State	7-11	7-10-3	11-19-1	24	20	Hagen 4-3	284
5/3	Georgia College	1-3	1-5-2	3-4-2	24	21	Denly 5-4	146
5/4	Augusta	8-2	8-10-5	2-7-1	25	21	Shook 4-4	123
5/5	Augusta	12-2	12-13-5	2-9-1	26	21	Layfield 2 0	184
5/6	Thomas College	12-7	12-16-6	7-11-0	27	21	Denly 6-4	143
5/8	Tampa	7-16	7-14-3	16-12-1	27	22	McDonald 1 4	111
5/11	at North Florida	7-3	7-16-2	3-9-0	28	22	Denly 7-4	200
5/12	North Florida	5-1	5-11-1	1-8-2	29	22	Fassl 1-1	235

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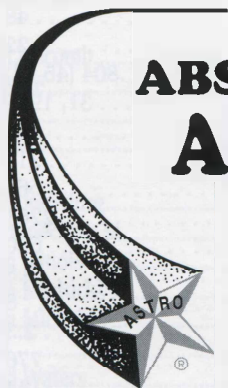


Coaches' Records

Walter Cottingham, 12-25, .324; Gary Colson, 10-11, .476; Billy Grant, 93-83, .528; Tommy Thomas, 973-559, .635.

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

Year	W-L	Coach
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
1988	26-26	Thomas
1989	22-31	Thomas
1990	18-31	Thomas
1991	21-23	Thomas
1992	29-25	Thomas
1993	30-20	Thomas
1994	25-25	Thomas
1995	41-22	Thomas
1996	29-22	Thomas
TOTALS	1088-678	.616



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Blazer Baseball History

Individual in a Game

Most ABs	7, 14 players tied
Most Runs	5, Steve Crawford, '68, 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, Dwayne Cushman, '94

Individual in a 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 in a 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	261, Bryan Shover, '92-A
Most Wins	31, Bill Petty, '74-77, Jimmy Wall, '77-80
Best Winning Percentage950, 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 in a Game

Most Runs	26 vs. GA Southwestern, '96
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	39 vs. UNA (18-21), '95
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 in a Season

Most Games	71, 1982
Most Wins	49, 1982
Most Consecutive Wins	22, 1983
Best Winning Percentage804 (45-11), 1980
Most Losses	31, 1989, 1990
Best Batting Average343, 1985
Worst Batting Average216, 1957
Best Slugging Percentage566, 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 Percentage964, 1965
Most Innings Pitched	577.1, 1982
Most Strikeouts	488, 1995
Most Walks	404, 1981
Best ERA	1.45, 1964
Worst ERA	7.36, 1990
Most Shutouts	12, 1973
Most Consecutive Shutouts	4, 1971

VSU Vs All Opponents



Alabama-Huntsville.....	0-2	Georgia College & State.....	18-7	Pembroke State.....	4-3
Albany State.....	36-5	Georgia Southern.....	15-25	Phillips.....	0-1
Armstrong State.....	54-23	Georgia Southwestern St.....	39-11	Piedmont.....	25-11
Ashland.....	3-1	Georgia State.....	7-2	Purdue-Calumet.....	2-0
Auburn.....	1-1	Georgia Tech.....	4-1	Quincy.....	6-0
Auburn-Montgomery.....	1-1	Grand Canyon.....	1-0	Rollins.....	6-2
Augusta.....	34-11	High Point.....	2-1	Rose-Hulman.....	22-0
Austin Peay State.....	2-1	Hope (MI).....	3-0	St. Francis (IL).....	8-3
Ball State.....	3-0	Howard.....	0-1	St. Leo.....	18-12
Bellarmino.....	0-1	Illinois Benedictine.....	31-3	St. Louis.....	2-0
Belmont Abbey.....	0-2	Jacksonville.....	22-26	St. Mary's (MN).....	4-0
Berry.....	23-6	Jacksonville State.....	14-28	St. Thomas.....	1-1
Birmingham Southern.....	2-2	Kennesaw State.....	12-6	St. Xavier.....	23-6
Bloomsburg.....	1-0	Kentucky.....	2-0	Shippensburg.....	8-1
Bowling Green State.....	4-4	Lake Forest (IL).....	1-0	Shorter.....	19-2
Brewton-Parker.....	18-12	Lamar.....	0-2	SIU Edwardsville.....	8-2
California.....	0-1	Lewis.....	6-5	Slippery Rock.....	1-0
Cal Poly-Pomona.....	1-2	Liberty.....	0-1	South Florida.....	2-2
California (PA).....	2-0	Lincoln Memoria.....	17-7	SE Missouri State.....	2-0
CSU-Northridge.....	1-2	Longwood.....	2-2	Southern Tech.....	16-1
Campbellsville.....	2-0	Louisville.....	2-1	Stanford.....	0-1
Central Arkansas.....	1-1	Lynn.....	1-0	Stetson.....	7-7
Central Florida.....	5-4	Macalester.....	2-0	Tampa.....	5-14
Central Missouri St.....	0-1	Malone.....	3-0	Taylor.....	1-0
Charleston.....	43-3	Maine.....	0-1	Tennessee.....	4-0
Cincinnati.....	0-1	Mansfield.....	1-1	Tennessee Tech.....	0-2
Citadel.....	2-0	Marion.....	3-0	Thomas College.....	3-1
Clemson.....	4-13	Mercer.....	24-19	Trinity (IL).....	7-0
Columbus State.....	58-48	Mercer-Atlanta.....	3-1	Troy State.....	19-34
David Lipscomb.....	6-9	Miami (Ohio).....	0-2	UC-Riverside.....	0-2
Delta State.....	6-3	Milligan.....	1-1	USF-St. Petersburg.....	3-0
DePauw.....	16-1	Millikin.....	1-1	UT Martin.....	2-0
Duke.....	2-0	Mississippi College.....	9-3	UWis-Parkside.....	0-1
East Stroudsburg.....	1-0	Missouri-St. Louis.....	2-1	Vanderbilt.....	1-5
East Connecticut St.....	0-1	Montevallo.....	0-3	Wake Forest.....	1-0
Eastern Illinois.....	1-0	Newberry.....	9-0	Washington (MO).....	1-0
Eastern Kentucky.....	3-0	New Haven.....	0-3	Washington & Lee.....	2-0
Eastern Michigan.....	4-0	New Orleans.....	0-1	West Alabama.....	10-8
Eckerd.....	11-11	Norfolk State.....	3-0	West Chester.....	2-1
Edward Waters.....	1-1	North Alabama.....	15-15	Westfield State.....	6-3
Emory.....	1-0	North Central (IL).....	1-1	West Florida.....	7-3
Erskine1.....	7-11	North Florida.....	6-12	West Georgia.....	59-30
Evansville.....	1-0	North Georgia.....	3-11	West Liberty State.....	2-0
Flagler.....	16-6	Northwestern.....	1-1	West Virginia.....	3-0
Florida.....	5-14	Oglethorpe.....	11-7	Western Carolina.....	1-0
Florida A&M.....	22-10	Ohio.....	3-1	Western Kentucky.....	4-2
Florida International.....	1-3	Oral Roberts.....	1-0	Westmar.....	2-0
Florida Southern.....	9-34	Oregon State.....	0-1	William Carey.....	0-1
Florida State.....	4-23	Otterbein.....	4-1	Wofford.....	4-0
Fort Valley State.....	16-0	Ouachita Baptist.....	2-1	Wright State.....	1-1
Furman.....	1-1				
Georgetown.....	1-0				
Georgia.....	5-4				



1997 Blazer Batgirls



Kneeling, L - R: Angela Cook, Cami Kegley, Aimee Phillips, Kerry Jarvis, and Rhonda Wise
Standing, L-R: Michele VanValkenburg, Jessica Wood, Molly Gainey, Allison Twiss, and Becky Rankin.
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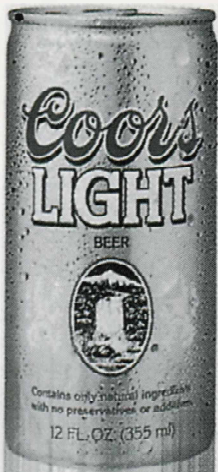
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