

Valdosta

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Basketball

89-90



VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE BLAZERS

1989-90 Basketball Outlook

Valdosta State, which finished third in the Gulf South Conference last year, is a true case of "You can't tell the players without a program" this year as only three of last year's ten players return.

Coach James Dominey faces the chore of replacing two All-GSC players in the likes of Lavell Garror and Mike Phillips who graduated, but last year's Freshman of the Year in the GSC, Butch Shelman, is back to lead a team that finished at 19-9 (10-6 in the GSC).

Shelman (5-11, guard) is the player Dominey will be counting on for leadership. As a freshman he averaged 13.8 points per game and led the team in free throw percentage (.854). Dominey also hopes there is much improvement this year for Shelman, and entering the Christmas break Shelman was leading the team with 19.4 points and 3.6 assists per game and a 90.5% free throw percentage.

Joe Ellick also returns from last year when he averaged 6.9 points per game in a reserve role. A 6-7 center, he had developed physically probably more than anyone else on the team over the last year. At the break he was the team's leading rebounder with 7.2 per game. He also had 9.4 points per game.

Dominey, in his 19th season at VSC, and top assistant Rick Stukes acquired the services of four junior college transfers for the year to help replace the depleted ranks. Those four are Lesley Hodge (Southern JC, Ala.), Tommy Hayes (Rend Lake College, Ill.), Will Patterson (South Plains JC, Texas), and Earl Barnett (Palm Beach JC, Fla.).

Hodge, a 6-4 forward, was 2nd team All-State at his JC, averaging 13 points, 7 rebounds, and 4.5 assists per game. As a starter for VSC, he has been putting 9 points per game in the books, but he has turned the ball over 17 times in only five games.

Barnett (6-4, center) has been providing rebounding help for the Blazers who were last in the league in rebounds last year. He led the state of Florida for the last two years in rebounding, and he was pulling down 6 boards per game at the break. He also led the team in field goal percentage (.545) and was second in free throw percentage (.867) and scoring average (9.4).

Hayes, a 6-5 guard, was signed to fill the void left by the graduation of Garror and Phillips and has been a threat from 3-point land. At Rend Lake, Hayes averaged 8.6 points and 5 assists per game in two years there, including leading the team to a 29-6 record last year. In the Blazers' first five games he was 7 of 16 from three-point range, averaging 9.4 points per game.

Patterson, a 6-8 forward, along with Rodney Ford, a walk-on last year, have been coming off the bench for VSC. In limited playing time, Patterson averaged 4.8 points and 3.6 rebounds per game at the end of fall quarter. Ford, a 6-2 sophomore, also has had limited action, but he had a 7.3 point average at the break.

Three freshmen and two sophomores also make up the roster. Jerry Jones, a sophomore who did not play last year, has been averaging 5.6 points per game, while Larry Jones, a 6-6 freshman forward from Jacksonville, Fla., has been recording 4.4 points and 2 rebounds per game in limited playing time.

The other two freshmen, Tim Oliver (6-4, forward) from Indianapolis and Bobby Smith (6-9, center) from New Palestine, Indiana, haven't seen much action in the early season, but Dominey expects them to be assets to the team down the stretch. Also looking for playing time as the year progresses in Steve Culp, a 6-3 guard from Townsend, Massachusetts.

THE DOMINEY RECORD

1971 - 1989

1971-72	18-8	.692	Won GIAC Championship
1972-73	17-8	.680	Won NAAIA Area 25 Tournament; Reached 2nd Round in Nationals
1973-74	15-11	.577	2nd in South Atlantic Conference
1974-75	15-12	.556	2nd in South Atlantic Conference
1975-76	15-13	.536	3rd in South Atlantic Conference
1976-77	23-6	.793	Won SAC Championship; 3rd in South Regional
1977-78	18-8	.692	3rd in South Atlantic Conference
1978-79	20-8	.714	Won SAC Championship; 2nd in South Regional
1979-80	18-9	.667	Won SAC Championship
1980-81	18-8	.692	Won SAC Championship
1981-82	14-12	.538	2nd in South Atlantic Conference
1982-83	14-15	.483	4th in Gulf South Conference
1983-84	10-17	.370	8th in Gulf South Conference
1984-85	14-13	.519	4th in Gulf South Conference
1985-86	15-12	.556	5th in Gulf South Conference
1986-87	16-10	.615	3rd in Gulf South Conference
1987-88	17-11	.607	2nd in Gulf South Conference
1988-89	19-9	.679	3rd in Gulf South Conference
TOTAL	296-190	.609	

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Quick Facts

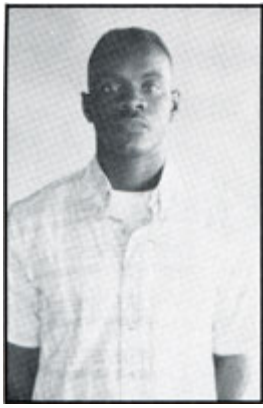
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 Founded 1906
 Enrollment 7350
 President Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
 Colors Red and Black
 Nickname Blazers
 Home Court Blazer Athletic Complex
 Conference Gulf South
 National Affiliation NCAA II
 1988-89 Record 19-9, 10-6

Basketball Staff

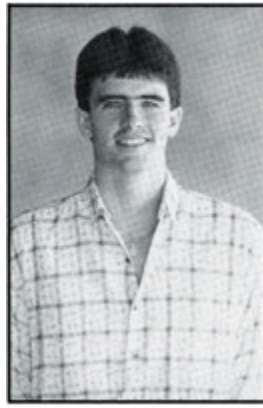
Athletic Director Tommy Thomas
 Head Coach James Dominey
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 SID Steve Roberts
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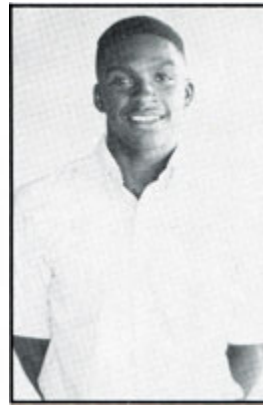
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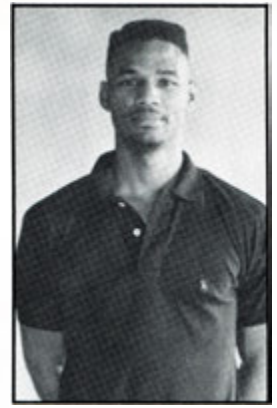
Butch Shelman



Tommy Hayes



Jerry Jones



Rodney Ford



Will Patterson

1989-90 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	CLASS	HOMETOWN
3	Tommy Hayes	Guard	6-5	Junior	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
4	Jerry Jones	Guard	5-9	Sophomore	Dalton, Ga.
5	Butch Shelman	Guard	5-11	Sophomore	Indianapolis, Ind.
20	Tim Oliver	Forward	6-4	Freshman	Indianapolis, Ind.
21	Will Patterson	Forward	6-8	Junior	Columbus, Ohio
22	Steve Culp	Guard	6-3	Junior	Townsend, Mass.
23	Lesley Hodge	Forward	6-4	Junior	Las Vegas, Nev.
25	Rodney Ford	Guard	6-2	Sophomore	Albany, Ga.
33	Larry Jones	Forward	6-6	Freshman	Jacksonville, Fla.
34	Earl Barnett	Center	6-4	Junior	Orlando, Fla.
40	Joe Ellick	Center	6-7	Senior	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
50	Bobby Smith	Center	6-9	Freshman	New Palestine, Ind.



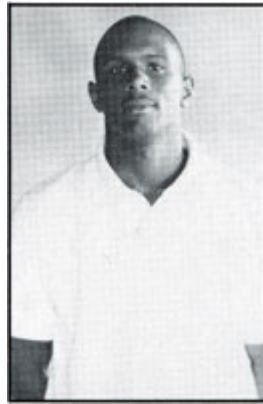
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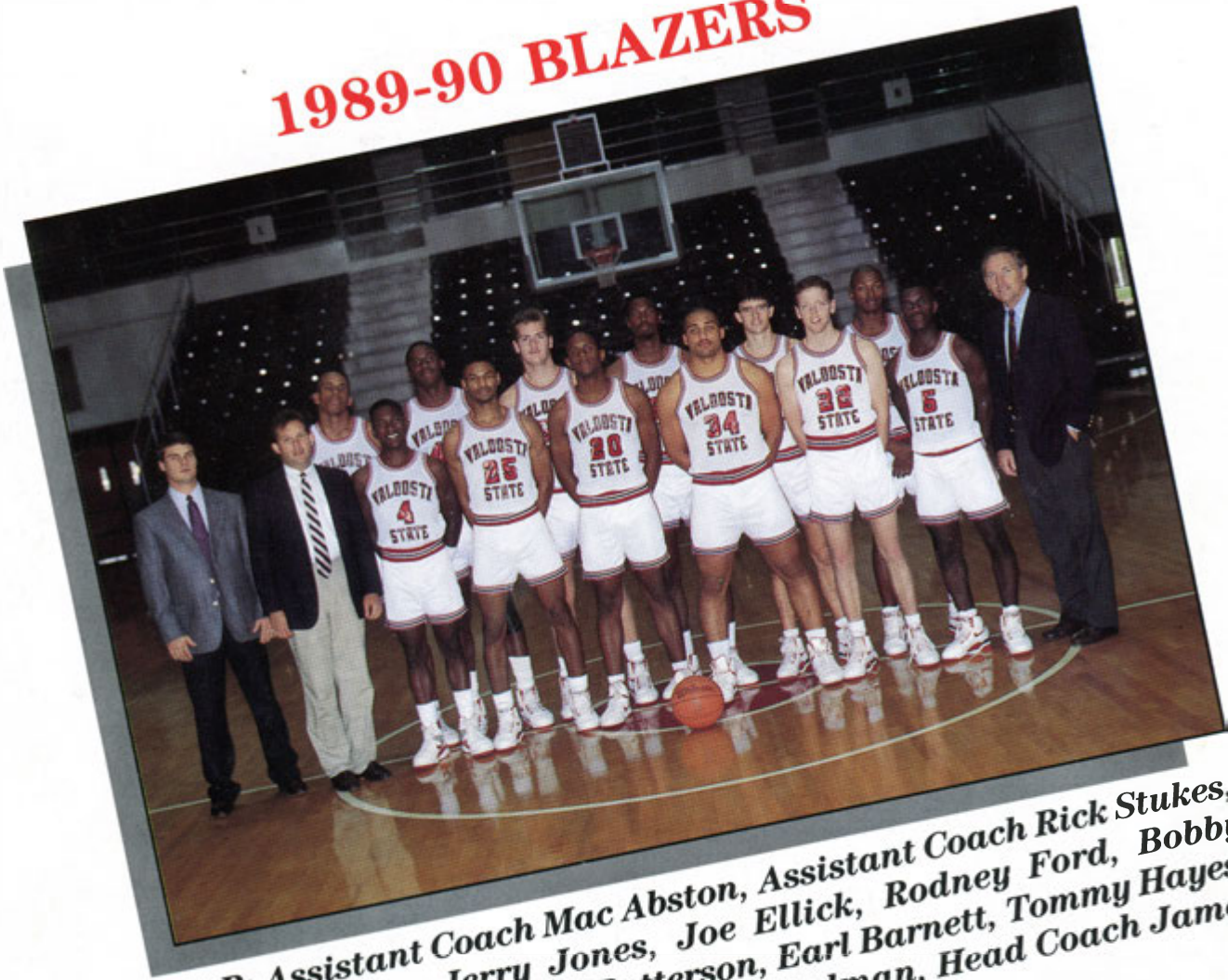
1990 SCHEDULE

JANUARY	TEAM	SITE	TIME	FEBRUARY	TEAM	SITE	TIME
6, Saturday	Livingston*	Valdosta	8:00	3, Saturday	Livingston*	Livingston, AL	7:30
8, Monday	Delta State*	Valdosta	8:00	5, Monday	Delta State*	Cleveland, MS	8:00
11, Thursday	West Georgia*	Carrollton	7:30	8, Thursday	Tennessee Temple	Valdosta	7:30
13, Saturday	Mississippi College*	Clinton, MS	7:30	10, Saturday	Mississippi College*	Valdosta	8:00
18, Thursday	Albany State	Albany	7:30	12, Monday	Armstrong State	Valdosta	7:30
22, Monday	Troy State*	Valdosta	8:00	15, Thursday	Jacksonville State*	Jacksonville, AL	7:30
25, Thursday	Alabama-Huntsville	Valdosta	7:30	19, Thursday	Troy State*	Troy, AL	7:30
27, Saturday	North Alabama*	Valdosta	8:00	24, Saturday	North Alabama*	Florence, AL	7:30
29, Monday	UT-Martin*	Valdosta	8:00	26, Monday	UT-Martin*	Martin, TN	7:30
				MARCH	TEAM	SITE	TIME
				1, Thursday	Jacksonville State*	Valdosta	8:00
				3, Saturday	West Georgia*	Valdosta	8:00

*Gulf South Conference Games

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L-R: Assistant Coach Mac Abston, Assistant Coach Rick Stukes, Larry Jones, Jerry Jones, Joe Ellick, Rodney Ford, Bobby Smith, Tim Oliver, Will Patterson, Earl Barnett, Tommy Hayes, Steve Culp, Lesley Hodge, Butch Shelman, Head Coach James Dominey.



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