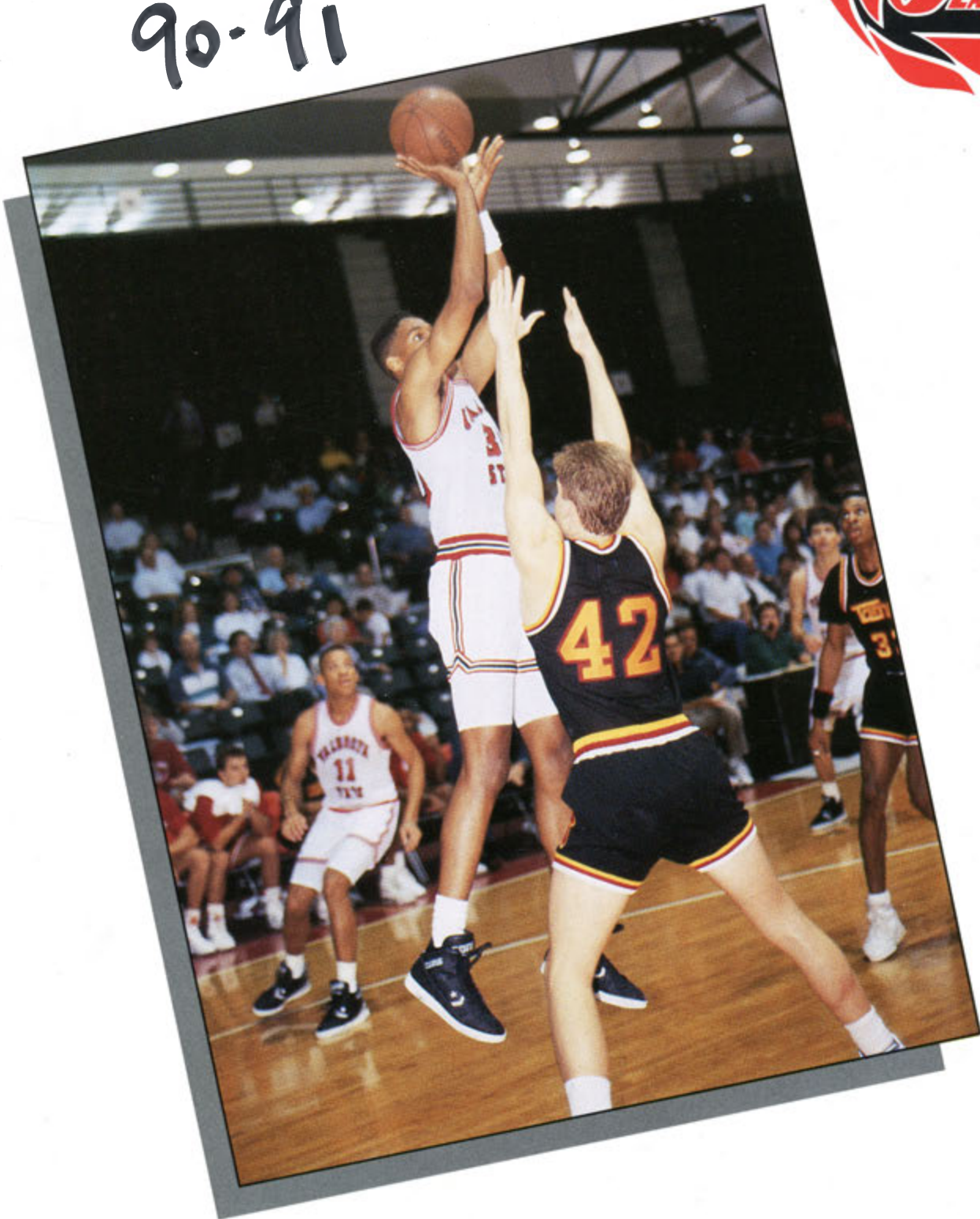


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VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE BLAZERS

1990-91 Basketball Outlook

Valdosta State men's basketball heads into 1991 full of optimism, expecting to challenge the giants of the Gulf South Conference for the league championship and along with it the automatic bid to post-season play.

Coach James Dominey, beginning his 20th season as the Blazer boss, has assembled a group of five returning lettermen, a talented crop of junior college transfers and a couple of freshmen who should easily improve on last year's 12-16 overall and 6-10 GSC records.

The Blazers closed out 1990 in fashion, winning six of eight starts, including a split on their first conference road trip, beating West Georgia and losing a thriller at Jacksonville State. They ended pre-holiday play by winning the First Union National Bank Invitational at home, beating a solid Georgia Southwestern team in the finals.

"This group has a chance to make a run at the conference title," Dominey said. "It is a gigantic challenge because I think the league has more balance toward the top than ever before, but I believe the potential is there to mount the kind of challenge it will take."

In early season play Dominey has gotten contributions from no less than 10 players on a regular basis, although a lack of consistency has been a problem at times. "Consider play from our inside people has been a sometime thing," Dominey said. "But we were very solid inside in our last game before the break and I expect that to carry over into the new year."

The enforcers inside consist of two returnees and two JC transfers. Senior Earl Barnett, an all-conference player last season, closed out 1990 with a 25-point performance and is averaging 12 points and 5 rebounds at the break. Starting center Rod Solomon, a transfer from St. Petersburg Junior College, has been up and down, but scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds against Georgia Southwestern in the 1990 finale. Sophomore Larry Jones, a returnee, and JC transfer Drew Daphney have come off the bench to provide quality minutes.

The Blazers normally start a three-guard set which includes 6-5 senior Tommy Hayes, 5-11 junior Butch Shelman and 6-2 junior J.J. Taylor. Hayes and Shelman started last year and Taylor transferred from Indian River Community College. Taylor has proven to be Dominey's first pure three-point shooter since the rule came into effect. The Wilmington, Delaware product has tossed in 36 threes in eight games and leads the Blazers in scoring with a 20.4 average.

Shelman has been the team's most consistent player in the early going, averaging 16 points, six rebounds and three assists a game. Hayes suffered through a shooting slump in 1990 (36 percent from the field) but still managed to average 11 points a game.

The backcourt bench is led by 5-8 junior returnee Jerry Jones and 6-2 JC transfer Tommy Morgan. Morgan, who played with Taylor at Indian River, has averaged 7.3 points off the bench, including a couple of 16-point performances.

Freshmen Robbie Crager and Brad Bolton and junior Greg Freeman round out the squad. Junior college transfer Sean Minton, a point guard who played with Solomon at St. Pete, is recovering from a summer ankle injury, and his status for this season is still in question.

Dominey was pleased with his club's progress in 1990 but realizes further improvement is needed as the Blazers get into the meat of their schedule in 1991. "The key is to win a few conference games on the road and take care of business at home. I think if this group stays focused it can do that."

THE DOMINEY RECORD 1971 - 1990

1971-72	18-8	.692	Won GIAC Championship
1972-73	17-8	.680	Won NAIA Area 25 Tournament; Reached 2nd Round in Nationals
1973-74	15-11	.577	2nd in South Atlantic Conference
1974-75	15-12	.556	2rd 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
1989-90	12-16	.429	6th in Gulf South Conference
TOTAL	308-206	.599	

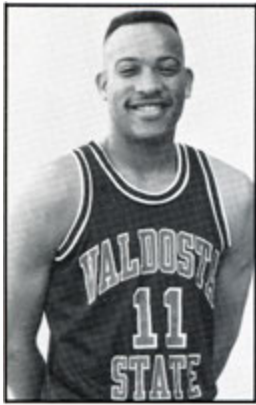
VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

Quick Facts

Location	Valdosta, GA
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
1989-90 Record	12-16, 6-10

Basketball Staff

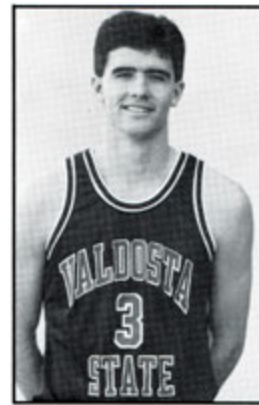
Athletic Director	Tommy Thomas
Head Coach	James Dominey
Assistant Coach	Rick Stukes
Graduate Assistant	Mac Abston
SID	Steve Roberts
Trainer	Greg Cronin
Manager	Steve Key
Stats	Scott Taylor
	Skeeter Parker
Public Address Announcer	Greg Coop



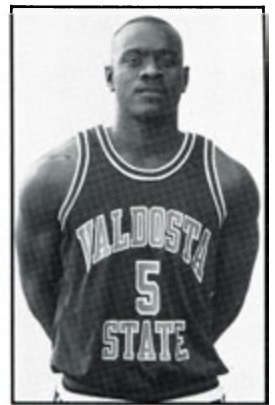
J.J. Taylor



Earl Barnett



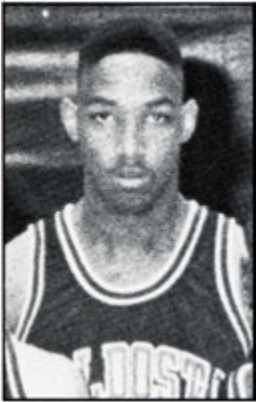
Tommy Hayes



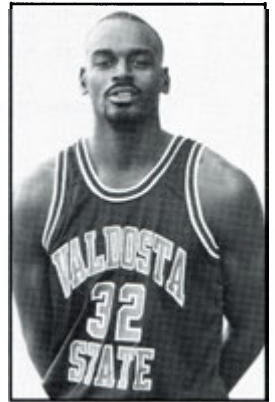
Butch Shelman

1990-91 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	CLASS	HOMETOWN
3	Tommy Hayes	Guard	6-5	Senior	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
4	Jerry Jones	Guard	5-9	Junior	Dalton, Ga.
5	Butch Shelman	Guard	5-11	Junior	Indianapolis, Ind.
11	J.J. Taylor	Guard	6-2	Junior	Wilmington, Del.
21	Drew Daphney	Forward	6-3	Junior	Thomasville, Ga.
22	Sean Minton	Guard	5-11	Junior	St. Petersburg, Fla.
23	Brad Bolton	Forward	6-5	Freshman	Orlando, Fla.
25	Robbie Crager	Center	6-7	Freshman	Orlando, Fla.
30	Rod Soloman	Center	6-8	Junior	St. Petersburg, Fla.
31	Greg Freeman	Forward	6-5	Junior	Pearson, Ga.
32	Tommy Morgan	Guard	6-3	Junior	Miami, Fla.
33	Larry Jones	Forward	6-6	Sophomore	Jacksonville, Fla.
34	Earl Barnett	Center	6-4	Senior	Orlando, Fla.



Rod Soloman



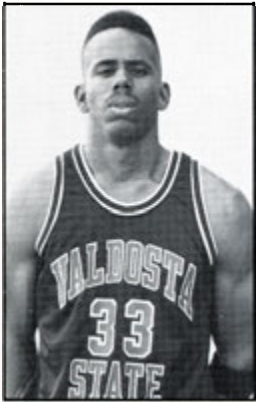
Tommy Morgan

1991 SCHEDULE

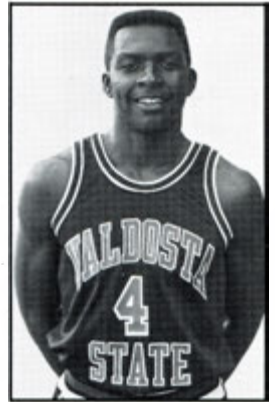
JANUARY	TEAM	SITE	TIME
5, Saturday	Mississippi College*	Valdosta	8:00
7, Monday	Delta State*	Valdosta	8:00
12, Saturday	North Alabama*	Florence, AL	7:30
14, Monday	UT Martin*	Martin, TN	7:30
17, Thursday	Albany State	Valdosta	7:30
21, Monday	Troy State*	Valdosta	8:00
23, Wednesday	Armstrong State	Valdosta	7:30
26, Saturday	Livingston*	Valdosta	8:00
28, Monday	Albany State	Albany	7:30
FEBRUARY	TEAM	SITE	TIME
2, Saturday	Mississippi College*	Clinton, MS	7:30
4, Monday	Delta State*	Cleveland, MS	8:00
7, Thursday	Armstrong State	Savannah	7:30
9, Saturday	North Alabama*	Valdosta	8:00
11, Monday	UT Martin*	Valdosta	8:00
15, Friday	Florida Atlantic	Valdosta	7:30
18, Monday	Troy State*	Troy, AL	7:30
23, Saturday	DeVry Institute	Valdosta	7:30
25, Monday	Livingston*	Livingston, AL	7:30
28, Thursday	West Georgia*	Valdosta	8:00
MARCH	TEAM	SITE	TIME
2, Saturday	Jacksonville State*	Valdosta	8:00

*Gulf South Conference Games

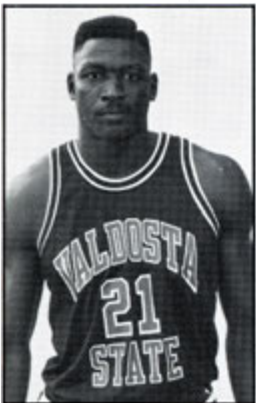
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Larry Jones



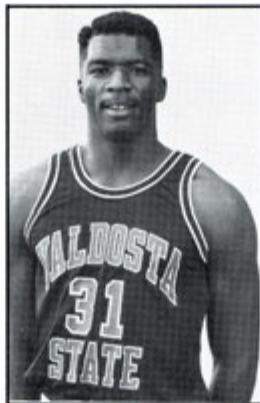
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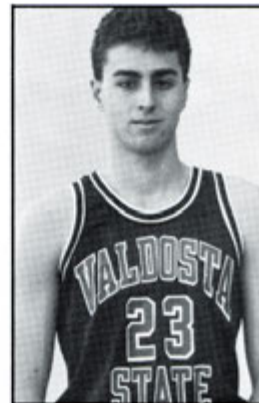
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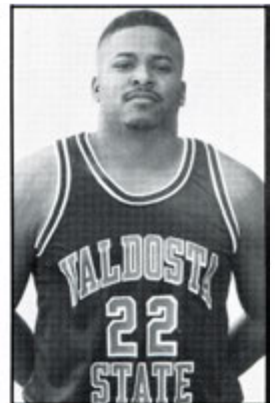
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Greg Freeman

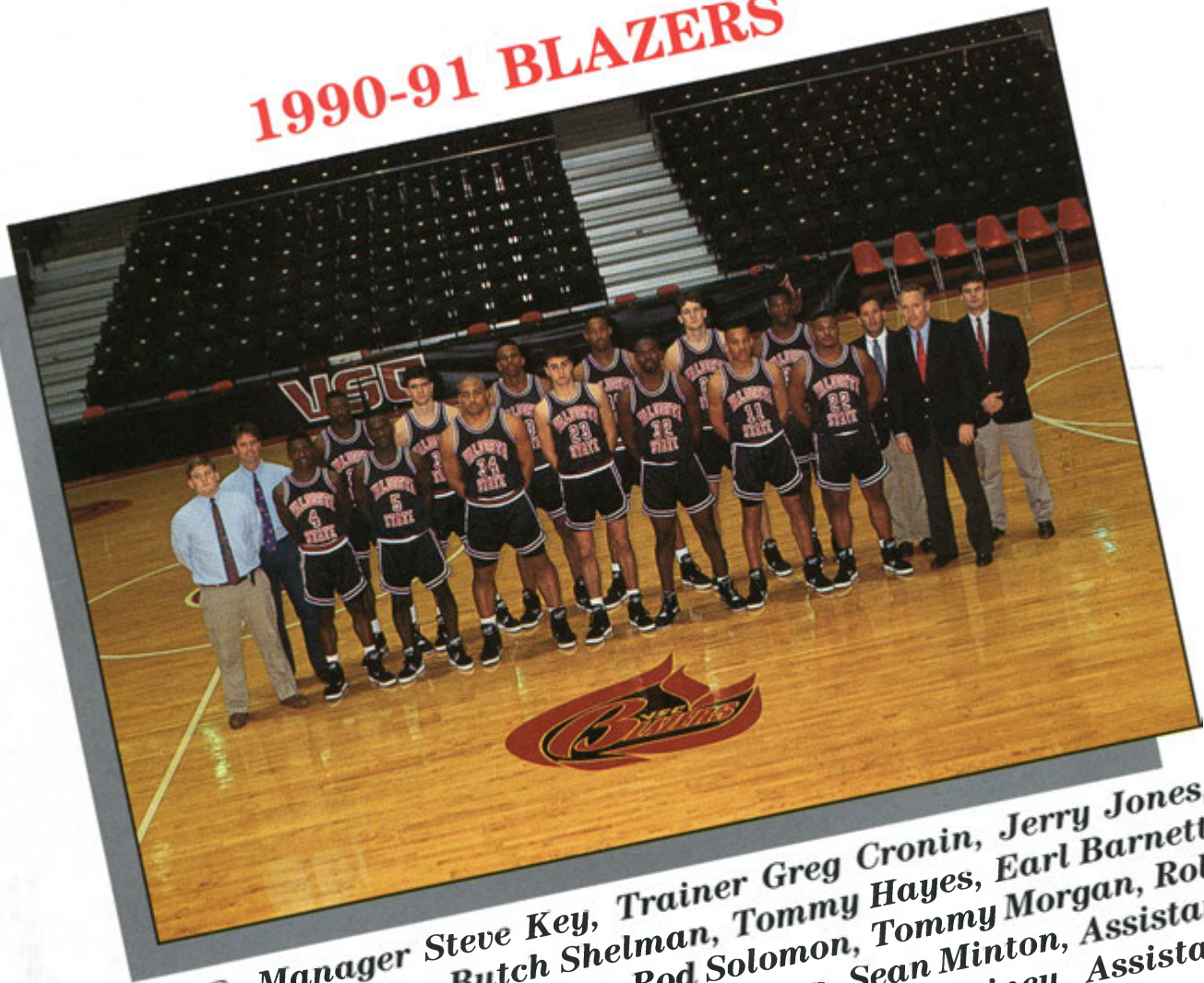


Brad Bolton



Sean Minton

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L-R: Manager Steve Key, Trainer Greg Cronin, Jerry Jones, Drew Daphney, Butch Shelman, Tommy Hayes, Earl Barnett, Larry Jones, Brad Bolton, Rod Solomon, Tommy Morgan, Robbie Crager, J.J. Taylor, Greg Freeman, Sean Minton, Assistant Coach Rick Stukes, Head Coach James Dominey, Assistant Coach Mac Abston.

