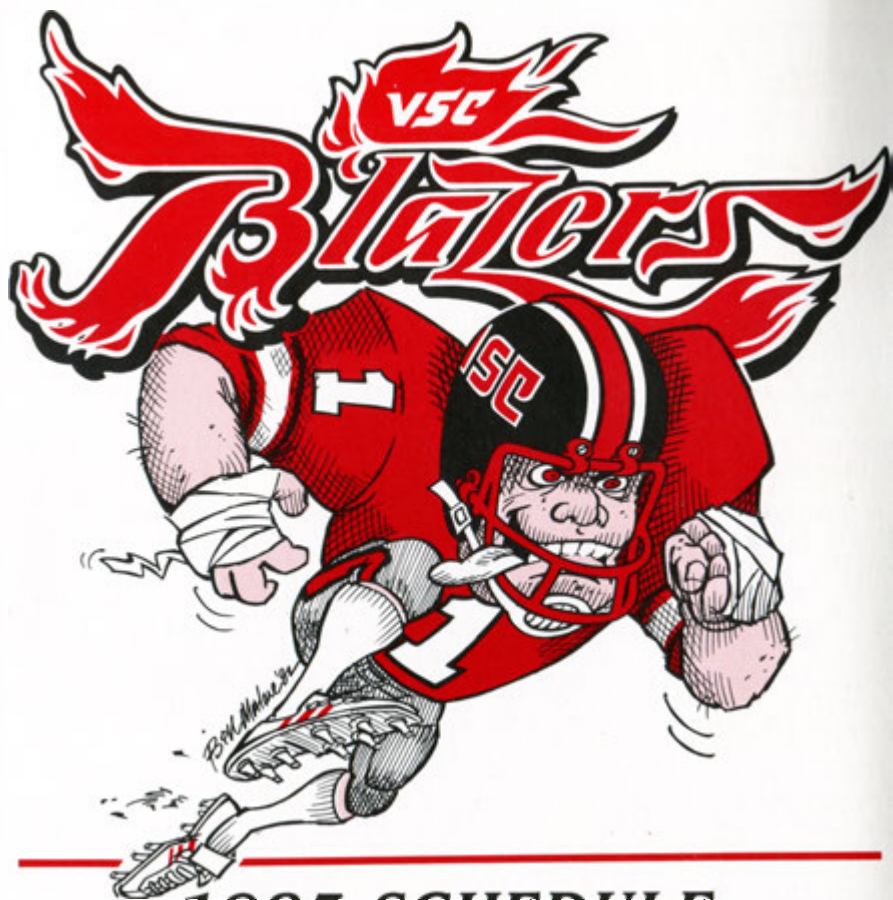


Valdosta State
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1983



1983 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 10	Mississippi College#	Valdosta	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	Troy State#	Troy, Ala.	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	Savannah State	Valdosta	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Central Florida	Orlando, Fla.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Delta State#	Valdosta	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Jacksonville State#	Valdosta	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	West Georgia#	Columbus	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 29	North Alabama#	Florence, Ala.	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 5	Kentucky State	Valdosta	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 12	Livingston#	Livingston, Ala.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	Georgia Southern	Valdosta	7:00 p.m.

Gulf South Conference Game
 All Times Local



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General Information

Name.....	Valdosta State College
Location.....	Valdosta, Georgia
Founded.....	1906
Enrollment.....	5700
President.....	Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
Colors.....	Red and Black
Nickname.....	Blazers
Stadium.....	Cleveland Field
Capacity.....	11,738
Conference.....	Gulf South
Affiliation.....	NCAA, Division II
Last Year's Record.....	5-5-1, 2-4

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To the Working Media...

This copy of the 1983 Valdosta State football guide has been assembled with you in mind. We hope it will be helpful in your coverage of Blazer football.

Cleveland Field, the football home of the Blazers, is topped on the South side by a pressbox with adequate seating on the lower level for about 12 writers. Broadcasters and photographers will use the upper level. Our pressbox staff will supply you with complete statistical information. Drinks will be available.

Pressbox Coverage: Admittance to the pressbox will be granted only to authorized persons with pressbox tickets for that specific game. Tickets must be reserved in advance with Sports Information Director Steve Roberts. Newspaper press passes will not be honored. Each ticket will carry a seat assignment and will entitle the authorized staff member to the full courtesies of the pressbox. Pressbox tickets are non-transferable. Spouses, dates and non-workers are not permitted in the pressbox.

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Radio Coverage: A modular plug will be provided for the official broadcast team of the opponent for each game. Broadcasters will be assigned in the upper level and should obtain permission and pressbox reservations in advance from Sports Information Director Steve Roberts. Gulf South Conference opponents are provided the phone line at no charge. Other opponents are charged a \$50 fee. The visiting radio phone number is (912) 247-7277. Other radio crews wanting to broadcast must contact Steve Roberts to find out if space is available.

Picking Up Credentials: Pressbox and sideline passes will be mailed if requests are received at least two weeks prior to the game. After that, passes will be held at the Will Call Table near the Southwest ticket booth at Cleveland Field. The passes will be at the Will Call Table after 5:30 p.m. on game days.

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Larry Nesler.....	Offensive Coordinator
Kenneth Hand.....	Linebackers
Cliff Fussell.....	Offensive Line
Tommy Macon.....	Receivers, Tight Ends
Ted Suttle.....	Defensive Ends
Eric Schumann.....	Defensive Secondary
Calvin Rackley.....	Defensive Line
Athletic Director.....	Bill Grant
Trainer.....	Jim Madaleno
Sports Information Director.....	Steve Roberts
Physician.....	Dr. Mack Greer

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About Valdosta State

Valdosta State College, which first opened its doors to students January 2, 1913 as the South Georgia State Normal College for young ladies, is a multi-purpose, senior unit of the University System of Georgia.

The beautiful, south Georgia college offers undergraduate degree work leading to the Associate in Applied Science, the Associate of Arts, the Bachelor of Arts in 13 major programs and the Bachelor of Science in six major programs. It offers the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Bachelor of Science in Education in 10 major programs, the Bachelor of Business Administration in six major programs, the Bachelor of Fine Arts in six major programs, and the Bachelor of Music in two major programs.

Graduate degrees offered are the Master of Education in eight major programs, the Master of Arts with majors in English, history and mathematics, the Master of Science with majors in psychology and sociology, the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Music Education and the Education Specialist in five major programs.

A special act of the Georgia Legislature established the institution of higher learning in 1906. It was not until 1911, however, that the state appropriated \$30,000 for one building and equipment. The city of Valdosta, enthused over the idea of having a college in their city, gave a campus of 60 acres and \$50,000 in money. In 1912, the future of the institution was assured when the Legislature granted it adequate annual appropriation for maintenance. In 1922, the school's name was changed to Georgia State Womans College and a four-year program leading to the bachelor's degree was authorized. In 1950, the Board of Regents made the college coeducational and also changed the name to Valdosta State College.

President

Hugh C. Bailey

Valdosta State athletics was the beneficiary of unparalleled support when Dr. Hugh C. Bailey became the college's sixth president on July 1, 1978.

The 54-year-old Berry, Ala., native has been instrumental in the tremendous advances VSC has made in the last four years in its total athletic program. His latest contribution has been the enthusiasm with which he has supported the introduction of football to the campus.

Dr. Bailey considers athletics to be an integral part of the overall picture of Valdosta State and stays completely informed concerning developments in the entire athletic program.

Dr. Bailey came to VSC from Francis Marion College in Florence, S.C., where he was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. He went to Francis Marion from Samford University in Birmingham where he joined the faculty of the Department of History and Political Science in 1953. He was at Samford for 22 years, the last five as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

He earned the A.B. degree from Samford in 1950 and his master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Alabama in 1951 and 1954 respectively.

He is a member of numerous civic and professional organizations and has published more than 25 articles in various professional journals. He is also the author of six books.

Dr. Bailey is married to the former Ahleida Joan Seever of Mobile, Ala., and has two daughters, Debra Jane and Laura Joan.



Athletic Director

Bill Grant

Bill Grant, in his 25th year at Valdosta State College, has been the school's athletic director since 1970 and in that capacity handles the business affairs of the athletic department.

A native Valdostan, Grant coached baseball at VSC for eight years and directed the 1965 team to the school's first conference title. He turned over the baseball job to Tommy Thomas in 1968. In addition to his teaching duties in the physical education department, he is also the school's golf coach. He is an avid golfer, playing the game to a one-handicap.

An outstanding high school athlete at Valdosta High School, Grant was the quarterback on the undefeated 1948 team which won the state championship. He received a scholarship to the University of Georgia to play football, but a broken ankle early in his sophomore year curtailed a promising college career.

Grant received the B.S. degree from Georgia, and after four years in the Air Force, he attended George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., where he received the Master of Arts degree in 1958. He coached at Valdosta High for two years before joining the VSC faculty.

Grant is married to the former Susan Mercer of Moultrie and lives a two-iron from the college's new physical education complex.



Head Coach

Jim Goodman

He's glad he came. He accomplished more than anybody had a right to expect in his first year on the job. But he wasn't satisfied with his first year's work.

Jim Goodman in the late fall of 1981 accepted the tremendous challenge of starting an intercollegiate football program at Valdosta State. Less than 10 months after he came on the job, he sent a group of inexperienced players onto the field against a veteran Mississippi College team.

The Blazers lost that game, 28-13, but the team served notice with its hard-nosed style of play that it didn't intend to be a doormat of the Gulf South Conference. That was verified the next week when the upstart Blazers stunned GSC foe Troy State, 24-21, in Valdosta to the delight of 9300 first time fans.

As the newspaper account of the game stated: "The football Blazers took their act to the Valdosta community, and they were accepted."

As the season progressed, Goodman and his club rode the waves of ecstasy and agony. And when the first season was history in late November, the final ledger read 5-5-1. It was indeed a much better record than anybody had predicted. But Goodman wasn't satisfied.

Jim Goodman is a winner, and while he agreed with the media that it would be tough to win a game in his first year, he constantly told his players that he expected to win every game. He worked extremely hard. He worked his young coaching staff extremely hard. He worked his players extremely hard. The results were very satisfying, but Goodman wasn't satisfied.

"Yes, we have a great deal to be proud of from our first year," Goodman said. "But we have so far to go before we're a quality football team in the Gulf South Conference. We started out crawling and we learned to walk last year. We even ran on occasion. We've got to remember how we ran because to keep up in this league you've got to run flat out all the time."

Goodman has not stood still since he arrived on the Valdosta State scene in December 1981. He is an excellent recruiter and a sound organizer. He has hired excellent coaches and has been given first class facilities by a most supportive administration.

Valdosta State's decision to enter the Gulf South Conference was a sound one, Goodman believes, even though it makes the initial challenge even greater. "Being in a conference is a big plus in every area," he said. "It's a very tough league in all sports and especially tough in football."

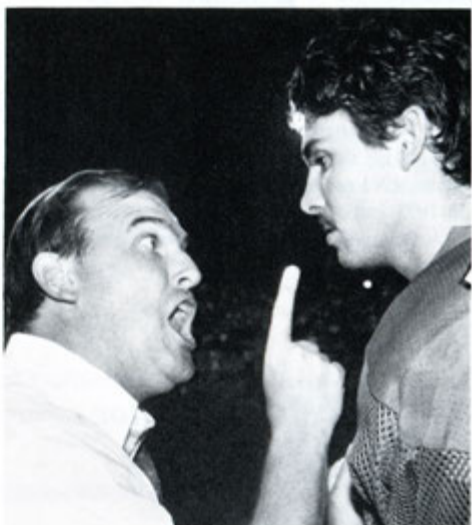
Goodman, who celebrated his 31st birthday in May, has packed a lot of experience in 10 years of coaching. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1973 and began his coaching career at Vanguard High School in Ocala, Fla., where he was an assistant for two years. He received his master's degree from the University of North Alabama and coached there from 1976-79, directing the junior varsity to two undefeated seasons.

He became head coach and athletic director at Marion Military Institute (an Alabama junior college) in 1979 and led his two teams to 8-3 and 8-2 records. His first team won the Wool Bowl in Roswell, N.M., and finished 14th in the final junior college national poll. His second team was ranked 12th in the last juco poll.

Goodman joined the Air Force Academy staff in the spring of 1981, coaching receivers and coordinating the passing game during spring drills. In the fall of 1981 he coached the outside linebackers before becoming the first Valdosta State football coach in December of that year.

Goodman and his wife Jennie, who is a registered pharmacist, are the parents of two children, Jeff, 5 and Nancy, 2.





Defensive Coordinator

Jim Berryman

Jim Berryman was given a clear cut assignment when he came on the job last spring — build a competitive defensive unit by Sept. 10, 1983. That's the date of the opening game this fall, and Berryman faces a tough challenge.

The Blazers' young defenders were at the bottom in most defensive statistics in 1982, but some progress was made. The defense received much of the recruiting attention, and Berryman inherited a solid nucleus on which to begin construction of a respectable stop 'em crew.

Berryman, 32, came to Valdosta State from Troy State where he had worked with the offensive line for three years. He was a successful high school coach at McAdory High School in Birmingham, leading the 1979 team to the school's only undefeated regular season.

Berryman was an all-American offensive tackle at Livingston University in 1972 and played on the 1971 national championship team and the 1972 runner-up. He graduated from Livingston in 1972 and received his master's degree in physical education that same year.

A Birmingham native, Berryman is married and he and his wife Patsy have two children, Jillian, 4, and Jay, 1.



Offensive Coordinator

Larry Nesler

Moving the football was seldom a problem for the 1982 Blazers, and a major reason for VSC's offensive success was offensive coordinator Larry Nesler.

Valdosta State's passing game quickly gained a feared reputation among Blazer opponents, and at the season's end VSC had tied or broken 10 passing and pass receiving records.

While Nesler was justly proud of the Blazers' aerial attack last season, he wants his offense to become more balanced in 1983 and spent many hours in spring drills toward that end.

The Booneville, Miss., native came to Valdosta State in the spring of 1982 from Northeast Louisiana University where he coached for two seasons. Before going to NLU he coached the defensive backs at Northeast Mississippi Junior College for two seasons.

In addition to his coaching and recruiting chores, Nesler also is an instructor in the physical education department.

Nesler, 26, is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and received his master's degree from Northeast Louisiana. He is single.



Defensive Ends, Linebackers

Kenneth Hand

Kenneth Hand spent much of the 1982 season working with a defensive secondary which because of injuries and position shifts changed from week to week.

As a result the Blazer secondary never found the consistency which is so vital to those positions. But by the season's end, Hand could be very happy with the play of two freshmen who had been thrown into battle before they were ready and survived. Cornerback Jimmy Francis and safety Timmy Massey were playing outstanding defense by the end of the year, and Francis was a second team all-conference selection.

This season Hand will work with the defensive ends and linebackers as Valdosta State seeks to improve a much maligned 1982 defense.

Hand, 31, is a Griffin native who joined the Blazer staff in June of 1982, coming from Enterprise, Ala., where he coached the defensive secondary at Enterprise High School for three seasons.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Livingston University and coached there for two seasons.

Hand and his wife Phyllis have one daughter, Laura Faye.



Offensive Line

Cliff Fussell

One of the most pleasant surprises from 1982 was the outstanding play of the offensive line, especially from a pass protection standpoint.

The man behind that forward wall was Cliff Fussell, an extremely tough taskmaster on the practice field who has the ability to get the most from his players.

Fussell was fortunate in that injuries were not a serious problem during the year and he was able to keep basically the same group working together. And the results were excellent. Junior tackle Mark Catano was a second team all-conference choice and was a Kodak all-American in the college division, becoming Valdosta State's first football all-American.

A native of Ocilla, Fussell played college football at the University of Southern Mississippi where he received his bachelor's degree. He did some graduate work at Auburn and completed work on his master's at VSC last spring.

Fussell, 30, has been offensive coordinator and strength coach at three Alabama high schools since 1975. In addition to his coaching and recruiting duties, he coordinates the off-season weight program for the football team.

He is single.



Defensive Line

Calvin Rackley

Calvin Rackley's first real taste of college coaching was a bit frustrating last season as he watched one defensive lineman after another go down with injuries serious enough to limit or prohibit playing time. Consequently he was forced to play musical chairs at the down linemen positions much of the year.

A good recruiting year and some position shifts have given Rackley more to work with, and he saw reason for more optimism during spring drills.

Rackley, a native of Camilla, played college football at Marion Military Institute where he was a junior college all-American at defensive tackle, and at Jacksonville State where he was a member of two national playoff teams.

He was a student coach at Jax State in the spring of 1982 before coming to Valdosta State in time for fall practice last year. He received his undergraduate degree in health and recreation from JSU and is working on his master's at VSC.

Rackley, 23, was married on the weekend of the VSC-Jacksonville State game last fall. His wife Wendy is a makeup consultant.



Secondary

Eric Schumann

Eric Schumann joined the VSC staff in time for spring practice last year and turned his attention to the young Blazer secondary which had its problems in 1982.

Those positions look much improved for 1983 due to experience and some solid recruits, and Schumann expects capable play out of the secondary, especially at the corners where he is primarily assigned.

Schumann, 28, brings a solid background to VSC, having played four years as a defensive back at Alabama. During his stay the Tide won four Southeastern Conference championships and one national title.

The Blue Island, Ill., native began his coaching career at McAdory High School in Birmingham where he worked with receivers and the defensive secondary for four years. Last season he was at Troy State where he coached the outside linebackers.

Schumann, who is single, has received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Alabama and is doing additional graduate work at Valdosta State.



Tight Ends, Receivers

Tommy Macon



Tommy Macon had a good year in 1982, coaching the receivers in Valdosta State's pass oriented offense. Eight different tight ends and wide receivers caught passes last season as Macon used all of the talent at his disposal.

The Blazers' top two catchers, wide receivers Carl Armstrong and Kelvin Sheppard, caught 92 balls between them, 12 for touchdowns. Armstrong was a first team all-conference selection after catching 61 passes for 1028 yards, both new GSC records.

Macon came to Valdosta State in January 1982 from Opelika High School in Alabama where he coached basketball and the defensive secondary in football for three seasons.

The Dalton native was a standout performer at Jacksonville State University where he started at strong safety in 1977 and 1978 and at defensive end in 1979. The 1977 team lost the national championship game in the Pioneer Bowl, and Jacksonville State won the GSC title all three years Macon was a starter.

Macon, 26, graduated from JSU in 1979 and completed work on his master's degree as VSC last spring. He is single.

Defensive Ends

Ted Suttle



The newest addition to the Blazer coaching staff is 26-year-old Ted Suttle, a former standout tight end at Troy State where he was a member of the 1976 Gulf South Conference championship team.

Suttle comes to VSC from Jess Lanier High School in Bessemer, Ala., where he coached the offensive line and the kicking game in football for two seasons.

An all-round athlete, Suttle played football, basketball and baseball at Foley (Ala.) High School, making all-county and all-region teams in all three sports.

Suttle has a big responsibility this season, rebuilding the Blazers' defensive end corps which was a weak link in the defensive scheme in 1982.

A 1980 graduate of Troy State, Suttle is married to the former Theresa Jerkins of Atmore, Ala., also a Troy State graduate. He is working on his master's degree at Valdosta State.

Athletic Trainer

Jim Madaleno

An added bonus that the new football program at Valdosta State gave the entire athletic program was a full-time athletic trainer. Before football, the various sports had to rely on students or coaches to handle the important training chores. Now Valdosta State has Jim Madaleno, a fully certified athletic trainer who has proven himself invaluable to the total athletic program.

Madaleno came to VSC in time for spring practice in 1982 and has since instituted an excellent training program. He maintains and staffs two fully equipped training rooms, one in the football complex and another in the physical education complex. He has recruited a very capable staff of student trainers and teaches a course in athletic training as a part of the physical education curriculum.

Before coming to VSC, Madaleno was an assistant trainer at Florida State University, working primarily with football. The Dearborn, Mich., native graduated from Michigan State University where he was a student trainer for four years.

He received a graduate assistantship to Florida State and earned his master's degree in movement science in 1981. Madaleno, 25, is single.



Staff Assistants



John Lampert
STUDENT TRAINER



Larry Lampert
EQUIPMENT MANAGER



James Gamber
STUDENT TRAINER



Blazers on the Road

Game 2

Troy State

Sept. 17, 7 p.m. (CDT)

Leave: Friday, Sept. 16

Pre-Game Headquarters:

Holiday Inn, Troy, Ala.

(205) 566-1150

Return: Sept. 17 (after game)

Travel Time: 4 hours (200 miles)

Game 4

Central Florida

Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m. (EDT)

Leave: Friday, Sept. 30

Pre-Game Headquarters:

Ramada Inn Court of Flags,

Orlando, Fla. (305) 351-3340

Return: Oct. 1 (after game)

Travel Time: 4 hours (200 miles)

Game 7

West Georgia in Columbus

Oct. 22, 7 p.m. (EDT)

Leave: Friday, Oct. 21

Pre-Game Headquarters:

Martinique Quality Inn,

Columbus (404) 322-6641

Return: Oct. 22 (after game)

Travel Time: 3 ½ hours (170 miles)

Game 8

North Alabama

Oct. 29, 7 p.m. (CDT)

Leave: Friday, Oct. 28

Pre-Game Headquarters:

Holiday Inn, Sheffield, Ala.

(205) 381-4710

Return: Oct. 29 (after game)

Travel Time: 8 hours (400 miles)

Game 10

Livingston

Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. (CST)

Leave: Friday, Nov. 11

Pre-Game Headquarters:

Holiday Inn, Selma, Ala.

(205) 872-0461

Return: Nov. 12 (after game)

Travel Time: 7 ½ hours (370 miles)

Pre-Season All-Conference Team

OFFENSE

Position	Player	School	Class	Height	Weight
Tight End	Rusty Fuller	Jacksonville State	Senior	6-1	215
Tackles	Mark Catano	Valdosta State	Senior	6-4	255
	Dexter Rutherford	North Alabama	Junior	6-5	260
Guards	Chris Ray	Jacksonville State	Senior	6-1	235
	Mike Rollins	North Alabama	Senior	6-1	225
Center	Wayne Frazier	Mississippi College	Senior	6-2	245
Quarterback	Rusty Towery	North Alabama	Senior	6-3	185
Running Backs	Reginald Goodloe	Jacksonville State	Senior	5-5	165
	Clarence Johnson	North Alabama	Junior	5-8	150
Wide Receivers	Tony Champion	Tennessee-Martin	Junior	6-2	175
	Carl Smith	Troy State	Senior	5-9	170
Kicker	Chris Hobbs	Jacksonville State	Junior	5-9	150

DEFENSE

Position	Player	School	Class	Height	Weight
Ends	Kyle McGovern	Jacksonville State	Junior	6-2	215
	Gary Bradshaw	Troy State	Senior	6-3	225
Tackles	Dean Sanders	North Alabama	Junior	6-5	230
	Alvin Wright	Jacksonville State	Senior	6-2	260
Nose Guard	Leonard Jackson	Livingston	Senior	5-11	260
Linebackers	Lenny Parker	Valdosta State	Junior	6-0	190
	Gary Ihnen	Tennessee-Martin	Senior	5-10	190
Backs	Ralph Battle	Jacksonville State	Senior	6-2	195
	Paul Meyerchick	Mississippi College	Senior	6-1	195
	Donnie Arnold	Troy State	Senior	6-0	170
	Rod Brooks	North Alabama	Senior	6-1	180
Punter	Harlow Fikes	North Alabama	Sophomore	6-0	180

1982 All-Conference Team

OFFENSE

Position	Player	School	Class	Height	Weight
Tight End	Rusty Fuller*	Jacksonville State	Junior	6-1	215
Tackles	Hubert Hurst*	Livingston	Senior	6-4	260
	James Jones	Troy State	Senior	6-3	255
Guards	Chris Ray*	Jacksonville State	Junior	6-1	235
	Mike Rollins	North Alabama	Junior	6-1	225
Center	Don Smith	North Alabama	Senior	6-2	240
Quarterback	Ed Lett*	Jacksonville State	Senior	5-10	200
Running Backs	Major Everett*	Mississippi College	Senior	5-11	205
	Johnny Shepherd*	Livingston	Senior	5-10	185
Wide Receivers	Carl Armstrong*	Valdosta State	Sophomore	6-4	200
	Mike Gilley	North Alabama	Junior	6-3	218
Kickers	Chris Hobbs	Jacksonville State	Sophomore	5-10	150

DEFENSE

Position	Player	School	Class	Height	Weight
Ends	Mike Ricker*	Mississippi College	Senior	6-3	235
	Ron Harris	North Alabama	Senior	6-0	205
Tackles	Charles Martin	Livingston	Senior	6-4	275
	Ted Watson	Jacksonville State	Senior	6-2	235
Nose Guard	Mitchell Price	Livingston	Senior	6-3	255
Linebackers	Frank Condon*	North Alabama	Senior	6-1	210
	Warren Conway	Mississippi College	Senior	5-11	230
Backs	Ralph Battle*	Jacksonville State	Junior	6-2	195
	Paul Meyerchick*	Mississippi College	Junior	6-1	195
	Rod Brooks	North Alabama	Junior	6-2	180
	Wilbur Myers	Delta State	Senior	6-1	195
Punter	Gregg Lowery*	Jacksonville State	Senior	6-1	190

* — A 1982 pre-season pick as well

Gulf South Conference

Final 1982 Standings

Team	GSC	Pct.	PF	PA	OverallPct.	PF	PA
Jacksonville State	7-0	1.000	303	127	10-2-0 .833	413	221
Mississippi College	6-1	.857	187	110	8-3-0 .727	300	173
North Alabama	4-3	.571	184	112	7-3-0 .700	284	138
Delta State	3-4	.429	155	134	6-4-0 .600	244	176
Livingston	3-4	.429	86	146	6-4-0 .600	172	166
Valdosta State	2-4	.333	77	193	5-5-1 .500	230	298
Troy State	2-5	.286	157	165	2-8-0 .200	177	220
Tennessee-Martin	0-6	.000	56	218	5-6-0 .455	152	266

Pre-Season Polls

Coaches Poll*

1. North Alabama, 54 (5)
2. Jacksonville State, 52 (3)
3. Troy State
4. Mississippi College, 37
5. Delta State, 33
6. Tennessee-Martin, 25
7. Livingston, 23
8. **Valdosta State, 19**

SIDs Poll

1. Jacksonville State, 56 (3)
2. North Alabama, 55 (3)
3. Delta State, 43 (2)
4. Mississippi College, 39 (1)
5. Livingston, 33
6. Troy State, 30
7. West Georgia, 28
8. **Valdosta State, 26**
9. Tennessee-Martin, 14

* — West Georgia had not been formally admitted to the conference when coaches voted.



When the Blazers Want the Ball

(Alphabetical Order By Class)

ENDS	CLASS	HT.	WT.	LETTERS	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Anthony Newsome	Junior	6-0	190	0	Gainesville, FL/Gainesville
John Turley	Junior	5-11	195	0	Morristown, TN/Morristown East
Vince Capece	Sophomore	6-1	210	1	Tallahassee, FL/Leon
Derrick Dawson	Sophomore	5-10	185	0	St. Marys/Camden Co.
Willie Jefferson	Sophomore	6-1	225	1	Jasper, FL/Hamilton Co.
Earl Johnson	Freshman	6-3	225	0	Jacksonville, FL/Bishop Kenny
Cliff Lee	Freshman	6-0	200	0	Miami, FL/Killian
Keith Reddings	Freshman	6-1	210	0	Brunswick/Brunswick
James Robinson	Freshman	6-0	190	0	Valdosta/Valdosta
Jerome Smith	Freshman	6-2	205	0	Hinesville/Bradwell Inst.
Jessie Tuggle	Freshman	6-0	200	0	Griffin/Griffin
TACKLES					
Elson Bolar	Junior	6-1	235	0	Daphne, AL/Fairhope
John Gray	Sophomore	6-3	225	1	Fayetteville/Fayette Co.
Pete Shutters	Sophomore	6-2	230	1	Ocala, FL/Forest
Jay Walls	Sophomore	6-4	240	0	Panama City, FL/Rutherford
James Gibson	Freshman	6-2	225	0	Brunswick/Brunswick
Chip Green	Freshman	6-3	235	0	Callahan, FL/West Nassau
Charles McGruder	Freshman	6-2	210	0	Cordele/Crisp Co.
Buddy Ratledge	Freshman	6-4	295	0	Sweetwater, TN/TMI
NOSE GUARDS					
Robert Boyette	Junior	6-0	235	0	Cross City, FL/Dixie Co.
Eddie Curl	Sophomore	5-8	220	0	Live Oak, FL/Suwannee
Phillip Simmons	Freshman	5-10	205	0	Nashville/Berrien Co.
Dan Strickland	Freshman	6-1	230	0	Patterson/Pierce Co.
LINEBACKERS					
Cliff Fouty	Senior	6-0	205	1	Jackson, OH/Jackson
Lenny Parker	Junior	6-0	190	0	Berwyn Heights, MD/Parkdale
Curtis Thompson	Junior	5-11	195	0	Charlotte, NC/West Mecklenburg
Mark Lawson	Sophomore	6-2	195	1	Sneads, FL/Sneads
Rusty Rivers	Sophomore	6-1	220	0	Fort Myers, FL/Riverdale
Jim Stepp	Sophomore	5-11	210	0	Jacksonville, FL/Fletcher
Chris Crocker	Freshman	6-2	190	0	Orange Park, FL/Orange Park
Tod Edwards	Freshman	5-10	195	0	Valdosta/Valdosta
Chris McKendree	Freshman	6-2	225	0	Fernandina Beach, FL/Fernandina Beach
Tommy Pitts	Freshman	6-1	200	0	Atlanta/Paulding Co.
Lee Rourk	Freshman	6-1	195	0	Orange Park, FL/Orange Park
Anthony Smith	Freshman	5-11	210	0	Douglas/Coffee
Victor Waymon	Freshman	6-1	195	0	Valdosta/Valdosta
Cedric Williams	Freshman	5-11	230	0	Ft. Walton Beach, FL/Choctahatchee
CORNERBACKS					
Derrick Harris	Junior	5-9	175	0	Warren, OH/Warren Reserve
Jimmy Francis	Sophomore	5-8	155	1	Thomasville/Thomasville
Jeff Hanton	Sophomore	5-9	175	1	Brunswick/Brunswick
Jackson Mosley	Sophomore	6-0	180	1	Wauchula, FL/Hardee
David Duncan	Freshman	6-0	175	0	Haddock/Jones Co.
Homer Sanders	Freshman	5-10	185	0	Tampa, FL/King
Pat Sharpton	Freshman	6-0	160	0	Jacksonville, FL/Ribault
Dallas Smith	Freshman	6-0	185	0	Albany/Westover
Dennis Smith	Freshman	6-0	185	0	Albany/Westover
Al White	Freshman	5-11	170	0	Atlanta/Chamblee
SAFETIES					
Derrick Hammond	Junior	5-11	170	0	Lithonia/Lithonia
Cary Arneson	Sophomore	5-10	180	1	Miami, FL/North Miami
Kenny Jennings	Sophomore	6-0	170	0	Keystone Heights, FL/Keystone Heights
Timmy Massey	Sophomore	6-1	180	1	Woodbine/Camden Co.
Chris Nixon	Sophomore	6-2	195	0	Ft. Lauderdale, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
Quinton Reed	Sophomore	5-11	175	0	Panama City, FL/Mosley
Mike Cornell	Freshman	6-1	175	0	Monroe/Monroe Area
Two Davis	Freshman	6-0	180	0	Valdosta/Lowndes
Jeff Hooks	Freshman	5-11	190	0	Gainesville, FL/Gainesville
Fitzgerald Williams	Freshman	5-11	180	0	Blackshear/Pierce Co.

When the Blazers Have the Ball

(Alphabetical Order By Class)

QUARTERBACKS	CLASS	HT.	WT.	LETTERS	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Steve Griffin	Junior	5-11	180	1	Bonifay, FL/Holmes Co.
Doug Hunter	Sophomore	6-1	195	0	Gainesville, FL/Gainesville
Mark Nixon	Sophomore	6-1	180	1	Ft. Lauderdale, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
Tom Annexstad	Freshman	6-1	205	0	Joliet, IL/Joliet
Terry Mallory	Freshman	6-1	185	0	Tampa, FL/Chamberlain
Richard Walewski	Freshman	6-1	180	0	Miami, FL/Sunset
Geoff Walters	Freshman	6-1	185	0	Birmingham, AL/Banks
FULLBACKS					
Henry Chubb	Senior	5-9	205	1	Cave Spring/Darlington
Alton Battle	Junior	5-9	200	0	Valdosta/Valdosta
Glenn Guthrie	Sophomore	5-10	190	1	Lithonia/Lithonia
Jerome Jackson	Sophomore	6-1	205	1	Quitman/Brooks Co.
Mike Scantling	Freshman	6-2	210	0	Jacksonville, FL/Wolfson
John Talley	Freshman	6-1	185	0	Leesburg, FL/Leesburg
Max Vickers	Freshman	5-11	185	0	Douglas/Coffee
RUNNING BACKS					
Tracy Soles	Senior	5-10	185	1	Stone Mountain/Stone Mountain
Alex McKinnie	Sophomore	5-10	175	1	Campbellton, FL/Graceville
Mike Smolchek	Sophomore	5-10	205	0	Sarasota, FL/Riverview
Pernell Bee	Freshman	5-10	180	0	Valdosta/Valdosta
Terry Brisbon	Freshman	5-8	175	0	Jacksonville, FL/Bishop Kenny
Barry Gray	Freshman	5-9	165	0	Ft. Walton Beach, FL/Choctahatchee
Darryl Mason	Freshman	5-11	195	0	Fernandina Beach, FL/Fernandina Beach
Joe Reese	Freshman	5-9	175	0	Newnan/Newnan
WIDE RECEIVERS					
Kelvin Sheppard	Senior	5-10	175	1	Lithonia/Lithonia
Jay Coley	Sophomore	5-10	175	1	Fayetteville/Fayette Co.
James Faulk	Sophomore	5-10	170	0	Miami, FL/Edison
Ken Fausnacht	Sophomore	5-9	175	0	Orange Park, FL/Orange Park
B. B. Chubb	Freshman	6-3	195	0	Cave Spring/Georgia School For The Deaf
Kris Coleman	Freshman	6-2	175	0	Jonesboro/Stockbridge
Monte Henderson	Freshman	6-3	195	0	Augusta/Aquinas
Jay Jaghory	Freshman	6-0	160	0	Pompano Beach, FL/Ely
Brad Martin	Freshman	6-3	200	0	Valdosta/Valdosta
Rob Mitchell	Freshman	5-9	165	0	Valdosta/Valdosta
Mike Moscrib	Freshman	5-10	160	0	Melbourne, FL/Eau Gallie
Allen Scott	Freshman	6-1	200	0	Fallon, IL/Fallon
Doug Walker	Freshman	5-11	175	0	Roberta/Crawford Co.
Jerry Yarbrough	Freshman	5-9	165	0	Sebring, FL/Sebring
TIGHT ENDS					
Wayne Hamm	Sophomore	6-2	220	0	Gray/Jones Co.
Taylor Jones	Sophomore	6-2	200	0	St. Louis, MO/Normandy
Kevin Henry	Freshman	6-2	210	0	Winter Park, FL/Winter Park
Ben Reaves	Freshman	6-1	225	0	Valdosta/Valdosta
Jimmy Trimier	Freshman	6-1	200	0	Toccoa/Stephens Co.
TACKLES					
Steve Allen	Senior	6-4	250	1	Conowingo, MD/Killeen
Mark Catano	Senior	6-4	255	1	Peckskill, NY/Hendrick Hudson
Stacey Blake	Sophomore	6-4	225	1	Alachua, FL/Santa Fe
Mike Sutton	Sophomore	6-3	250	0	Rochelle/Wilcox Co.
Guerry Wooten	Sophomore	6-5	250	0	West Palm Beach, FL/John I. Leonard
Ken Barnett	Freshman	6-4	235	0	Lithia Springs/Lithia Springs
Butch Edenfield	Freshman	6-3	270	0	Baxley/Appling Co.
GUARDS					
Stan Long	Junior	6-2	250	0	Tulare, CA/East
Greg Alley	Sophomore	6-2	220	1	Fayetteville/M.D. Collins
Chuck Dunmon	Sophomore	6-4	250	1	Americus/Southland Academy
Andy Sharpless	Sophomore	6-1	220	1	Atlanta/Peachtree
Keith Bonnell	Freshman	6-0	250	0	Dalton/Dalton
Robert Joyner	Freshman	6-2	235	0	Cairo/Cairo
R. D. Swain	Freshman	6-2	235	0	Cairo/Cairo
Frank Varona	Freshman	5-11	190	0	Miami, FL/Christopher Columbus

CENTERS	CLASS	HT.	WT.	LETTERS	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
James Strickland	Senior	6-3	245	1	Valdosta/Valdosta
Eric Jarvis	Junior	6-3	235	1	Lake Park/Marietta
Mike Henry	Freshman	6-0	215	0	Winter Park, FL/Winter Park
Ray Lloyd	Freshman	6-2	245	0	Brunswick/Brunswick
Bill Wilhelm	Freshman	6-1	195	0	Umatilla, FL/Umatilla
KICKERS/PUNTERS					
Glenn Matthews	Junior	5-11	195	0	Lincolnton/Lincolnton
Brad Bauer	Sophomore	6-0	185	1	Ft. Lauderdale, FL/Northeast
David Crawford	Freshman	6-0	185	0	Madison/Morgan Co.
Michael Ferguson	Freshman	5-10	180	0	Apopka, FL/Apopka
Keith Moore	Freshman	6-2	175	0	Augusta/Aquinas
Luis Reveiz	Freshman	5-8	170	0	Miami, FL/Sunset



1983 Outlook

The baby learned to walk in 1982. It fell down a lot and picked up a lot of bruises along the way, but before the year was over the baby didn't need any help. Now it must learn to run.

The baby is the still new Valdosta State College football program which premiered very successfully in the fall of 1982, finishing 5-5-1 while playing in the toughest Division II conference in America.

For Coach Jim Goodman, his staff and his players, the break even record will be a tough act to follow. For one thing the element of surprise is gone. For another the conference is even tougher with the addition of West Georgia College, the defending Division III national champions. And for another the Blazers lost both ends of a dynamic and record-setting passing duo.

But there are some positive aspects as VSC prepares for its second year of intercollegiate football. For one thing the Blazers had what Goodman thinks was an outstanding recruiting season. For another the all important depth situation appears to be much improved. And for another the returning players know what to expect.

"It's going to be extremely tough again this year to win," Goodman said. "We open with two traditionally tough conference teams so we're going to have to get ready right away. The players know they had better report in shape because there will be little time for conditioning once we start fall practice."

In contrast to the spring of 1982, Goodman and his staff learned a great deal more about their football team in the spring of '83, primarily because most of the players had been in the program for a year.

"At least we won't be starting from scratch this August," Goodman said. "We accomplished a good deal in the spring. We found a lot of players best position. We improved defensively, but we are still by no means a good defensive team. None of our young quarterbacks really took charge, and that position is of course a major concern.

"Our depth is better, but it too still has a long way to go. Actually, almost everything is better but you must remember where we're trying to go. We have by no means turned the corner."

Everybody applauded the baby for learning to walk. Now everybody is anxiously waiting for the baby to run.

The Offense

The quarterback situation makes what was the strong point of last year's team a definite question mark in 1983. Five starters plus kicking specialist Brad Bauer return, but the middle of the offensive line, tight end and the quarterback spot must be rebuilt.

Quarterbacks



Blazers Must Find Replacement For James Owens, A Record-Setting QB In 1982.

This is a definite code red position. James Owens, a second team all-conference choice, graduated after setting or tying five league records. The only other QB to play any in 1982 transferred, leaving inexperience at the all-important position.

Junior Steve Griffin and sophomore Doug Hunter battled on even terms in the spring. Sophomore Mark Nixon, who held for field goals and

extra points last year, was injured in the spring, and he and four freshmen will join in the scramble this fall. Recruits Terry Mallory from Tampa/Chamberlain and Geoff Walters from Birmingham/Banks come highly regarded.



Steve Griffin
Bonifay, Fla.
5-11 180 Junior



Doug Hunter
Gainesville, Fla.
6-1 195 Sophomore



Mark Nixon
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
6-1 180 Sophomore

Senior tailback Tracy Soles solidified this position last season after moving from defense. His 222 yard rushing in eight games was third on the squad and his five rushing touchdowns led all rushers. He also caught 16 passes for 290 yards and two more scores.

Sophomores Alex McKinnie and Mike Smolchek will be joined by eight freshmen recruits, including Joe Reese from Newnan and Pernel Bee from Valdosta.

Fullback is perhaps the deepest position on the team with senior Henry Chubb and sophomore Jerome Jackson returning. The twosome divided playing time last year with Chubb leading the team in rushing with 475 yards. Sophomore Glenn Guthrie and freshmen Max Vickers from Douglas and John Talley from Leesburg, Fla., will add even more depth.

Running Backs

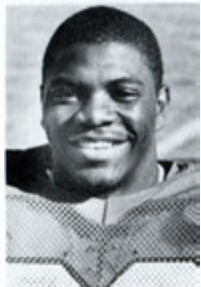


Jerome Jackson
Quitman, Ga.
6-1 205 Sophomore



Tracy Soles
Stone Mountain, Ga.
5-10 185 Senior

Henry Chubb
Cave Spring, Ga.
5-9 205 Senior



Alex McKinnie
Campbellton, Fla.
5-10 175 Sophomore



Alton Battle
Valdosta, Ga.
5-9 200 Junior



Glenn Guthrie
Lithonia, Ga.
5-10 190 Sophomore



Mike Smolchek
Sarasota, Fla.
5-10 205 Sophomore

Tight Ends, Wide Receivers



Kelvin Sheppard
Lithonia, Ga.
5-10 175 Senior



Wayne Hamm
Gray, Ga.
6-2 220 Sophomore



Jay Coley
Fayetteville, Ga.
5-10 175 Sophomore



J. D. Daniels
Jasper, Fla.
6-2 185 Sophomore

The team's strongest position in 1982 was hurt somewhat when all-conference receiver Carl Armstrong was suspended last winter. The talented Armstrong set two new league records with his 61 catches for 1028 yards. But the Blazers are blessed with a stable of outstanding receivers led by senior Kelvin Sheppard who caught 31 passes for 491 yards and four touchdowns in 1982. J. D. Daniels leads a group of sophomores who performed well in the spring, and 10 freshmen receivers

will add competition and depth this fall.

Tight end is the exact opposite of the wide receiver position. David Williams, last year's fourth leading receiver with 18 catches for 190 yards, graduated and his backup transferred. Wayne Hamm, a sophomore who saw limited playing time, had a good spring. One of the Blazers' recruits was Ben Reaves, a 6-1, 225-pound tight end off Valdosta's state championship team.



The Great Hands Of Kelvin Sheppard Head Up A Young But Promising Wide Receiver Corps



Eric Jarvis
Lake Park, Ga.
6-3 235 Junior



Roy Lloyd
Brunswick, Ga.
6-2 245 Freshman



Stacey Blake
Alachua, Fla.
6-4 225 Sophomore



Mike Sutton
Rochelle, Ga.
6-3 250 Sophomore

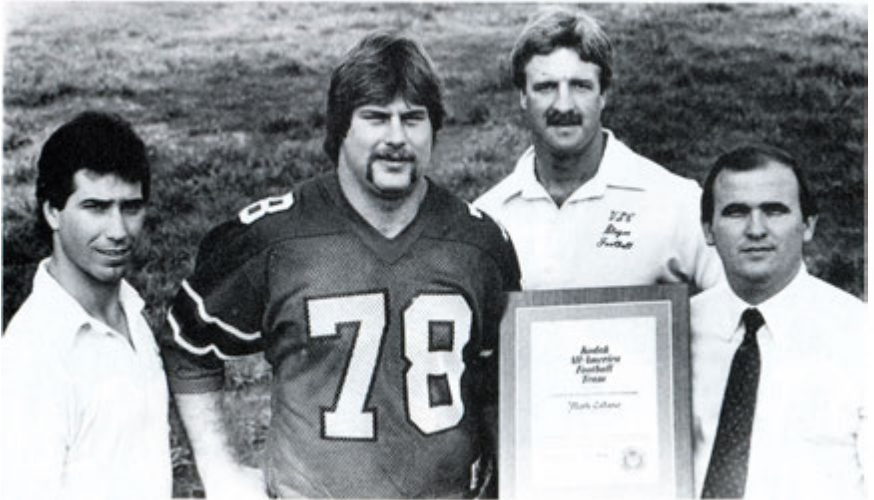


Greg Alley
Fayetteville, Ga.
6-2 220 Sophomore



Chuck Dunmon
Americus, Ga.
6-4 250 Sophomore

***Offensive
Linemen***



VSC's First All-American Mark Catano, An Offensive Tackle, With The Kodak Plaque And Coaches Larry Nesler (Offensive Coordinator), L, Cliff Fussell (Offensive Line) And Head Coach Jim Goodman, R.

Offensive Linemen



Mark Catano
Peekskill, N.Y.
6-4 255 Senior



Steve Allen
Conowingo, Md.
6-4 250 Senior



Stan Long
Tulare, Calif.
6-2 250 Junior



Andy Sharpless
Atlanta, Ga.
6-1 220 Sophomore

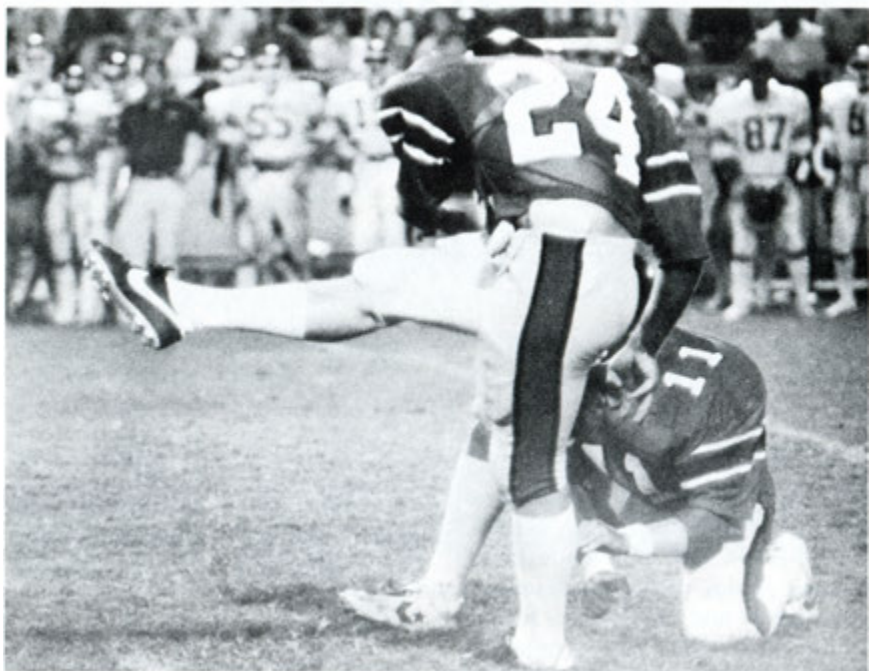
The tackle spot is in good shape with the return of starters Mark Catano (6-4, 255) and Steve Allen (6-4, 250). Catano was a second team all-conference choice and is a member of this year's pre-season all-conference team. He became VSC football's first all-American when he was selected to the Kodak College Division team. Sophomore Stacey Blake (6-5, 225), moved from defensive end in the spring, and sophomore Mike Sutton (6-3, 250), a transfer from UT-Chattanooga, will add depth.

Guard was the weakest of the offensive line positions in '82, and the spot was overhauled last spring.

Sophomore Andy Sharpless (6-1, 220), a backup guard last season, moved up and junior Stan Long (6-2, 250), a transfer from College of the Sequoias, was a solid addition. Sophomore Chuck Dunmon (6-4, 250), moved from defense, adds depth as will highly regarded freshmen Robert Joyner and R. D. Swain, both from Cairo.

Last year's starting center also graduated, but junior Eric Jarvis (6-3, 235) made a successful switch from defense during the spring. Three freshmen, including redshirt Ray Lloyd (6-2, 245), will back up Jarvis.





Brad Bauer, Kicking The Game-Winner Against Troy State, Led The Blazers In Scoring In 1982

The Kicking Game



Brad Bauer
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
6-0 185 Sophomore



Glenn Matthews
Lincolnton, Ga.
5-11 195 Junior

Sophomore Brad Bauer did an exceptional job place kicking in 1982, especially considering the little time VSC had to work on the kicking game. He hit 24 of 26 extra points and connected on 8 of 13 field goal tries, and his 48 points scored led the team. His 37.1 punting mark was

average at best and his kickoffs were neither high nor deep enough. Other kickers were in camp in the spring, including junior Glenn Matthews, a transfer from Western Carolina, and four freshmen will increase competition this fall.

The Defense

The offense was the 1982 team's biggest strength. The defense was its biggest weakness. The 1982 Blazer defenders were young, small and inexperienced. Throw in several injuries at critical positions early in the year and it's easy to see why VSC's defense was at the bottom of the league. Defense received major attention in the spring and great improvement was shown. Time will tell just how much improvement was made.

Down Linemen

Only two players who saw much playing time along the front wall return, but some help transferred in and improvement was made in the spring. Junior Anthony Newsome (6-0, 190) and freshman Jerome Smith (6-2, 205) had productive springs at defensive end, and the Blazers were successful in getting several recruits for the flanks, most notably Earl Johnson (6-3, 225) from Jacksonville / Bishop Kenny and Keith Reddings (6-1, 210) from Brunswick.

Junior Elson Bolar (6-1, 235), a juco transfer, was a welcome addition at tackle where he joined sophomore returnee Pete Shutters (6-2, 230). Sophomores John Gray (6-3, 225) and Jay Walls (6-4, 240) showed improvement, and that foursome will be joined by a highly regarded group of freshmen recruits.

The nose is being completely revamped with junior college transfer Mike Shawver (6-0, 235) and freshman Dan Strickland (6-1, 230) having good springs. Junior Robert Boyette (6-0, 235), a starting tackle before a knee injury early last year, will move to nose.



Elson Bolar
Daphne, Ala.
6-1 235 Junior



Jay Walls
Panama City, Fla.
6-4 240 Sophomore



Anthony Newsome
Gainesville, Fla.
6-0 190 Junior



Mike Shawver
Tazewell, Va.
6-0 235 Junior



Jerome Smith
Hinesville, Ga.
6-2 205 Freshman



Linebacker Cliff Fouty Shows Why He Was The Team Leader In Tackles In 1982

Linebackers

Several transfers will be counted on to join returnees Cliff Fouty and Mark Lawson at the all-important position. Senior Fouty (6-0, 205) led the team in tackles and sophomore Lawson (6-2, 195) made steady improvement in the spring. One of the transfers, junior Lenny Parker (6-0, 190), made the pre-season all-conference team. Seven freshmen recruits will join the battle for jobs this fall.



Mark Lawson
Sneads, Fla.
6-2 195 Sophomore



Cliff Fouty
Jackson, Ohio
6-0 205 Senior



Lenny Parker
Berwyn Heights, Md.
6-0 190 Junior



Cornerback Jeff Hanton, Making Tackle, Gained Valuable Experience In 1982

The Secondary

The Blazers' young secondary was picked-on last season, but the group gained experience and continued to improve in the spring. Several juco transfers joined the fold, and the corners and safeties should be much improved. Sophomore Jimmy Francis (5-8, 155) heads the list at cornerback, but he has help from sophomore Jeff Hanton (5-9, 175), junior Derrick Harris (5-9, 175) and freshman Homer Sanders (5-10, 185). Sophomore Timmy Massey (6-1, 180) at strong safety and sophomore Quinton Reed (5-11, 175) at free safety are solid performers.



Jimmy Francis
Thomasville, Ga.
5-8 155 Sophomore



Jeff Hanton
Brunswick, Ga.
5-9 175 Sophomore



Timmy Massey
Woodbine, Ga.
6-1 180 Sophomore



Quinton Reed
Panama City, Fla.
5-11 175 Sophomore

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Picture*



Jim Stepp
Linebacker
Jacksonville, Fla..
5-11 210 Sophomore



Al White
Cornerback
Atlanta, Ga.
5-11 170 Freshman



Curtis Thompson
Linebacker
Charlotte, N.C.
5-11 195 Junior



Cary Arneson
Safety
Miami, Fla.
5-10 180 Sophomore



Derrick Harris
Cornerback
Warren, Ohio
5-9 175 Junior



Derrick Hammond
Safety
Lithonia, Ga.
5-11 170 Junior



Jackson Mosley
Cornerback
Wauchula, Fla.
6-0 180 Sophomore



Kenny Jennings
Safety
Keystone Hgts., Fla.
6-0 170 Sophomore



Homer Sanders
Cornerback
Tampa, Fla.
5-10 185 Freshman



Chris Nixon
Safety
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
6-2 195 Sophomore



Willie Jefferson
 Defensive End
 Jasper, Fla..
 6-1 225 Sophomore



Robert Boyette
 Nose Guard
 Cross City, Fla.
 6-0 235 Junior



James Faulk
 Wide Receiver
 Miami, Fla.
 5-10 170 Sophomore



Frank Varona
 Offensive Guard
 Miami, Fla.
 5-11 190 Freshman



Doug Walker
 Wide Receiver
 Roberta, Ga.
 5-11 175 Freshman



Mike Henry
 Center
 Winter Park, Fla.
 6-0 215 Freshman



Kevin Henry
 Tight End
 Winter Park, Fla.
 6-2 210 Freshman



Bill Wilhelm
 Center
 Umatilla, Fla.
 6-1 195 Freshman



Ken Barnett
 Offensive Tackle
 Lithia Springs, Ga.
 6-4 235 Freshman



Vince Capece
 Defensive End
 Tallahassee, Fla.
 6-1 210 Sophomore



Guerry Wooten
 Offensive Tackle
 West Palm Beach, Fla.
 6-5 250 Sophomore



Derrick Dawson
 Defensive End
 St. Marys, Ga.
 5-10 185 Sophomore



John Turley
 Defensive End
 Morristown, Tenn.
 5-11 195 Junior



Phillip Simmons
 Nose Guard
 Nashville, Ga.
 5-10 205 Freshman



John Gray
 Defensive Tackle
 Fayetteville, Ga.
 6-3 225 Sophomore



Dan Strickland
 Nose Guard
 Patterson, Ga.
 6-1 230 Freshman



Buddy Ratledge
 Defensive Tackle
 Sweetwater, Tenn.
 6-4 295 Freshman



Tod Edwards
 Linebacker
 Valdosta, Ga.
 5-10 195 Freshman



Pete Shuttters
 Defensive Tackle
 Ocala, Fla.
 6-2 230 Sophomore



Rusty Rivers
 Linebacker
 Fort Myers, Fla.
 6-1 220 Sophomore



VSC Opponents

Game One

Mississippi College

September 10 7 pm (EDT)

Cleveland Field

Valdosta, Georgia

Location: Clinton, Miss. 39058
Enrollment: 3600
President: Dr. Lewis Nobles
Head Coach: John Williams
Alma Mater: Mississippi College,
1957
Record at MC: 58-54-2 (11 years)
Phone: (601) 924-5131

Assistants: Terry McMillan,
Don Skelton, Ricky Herzog,
Hap Hudson, Tom Gladney
Athletic Director: John Williams
Phone: (601) 924-5131
Trainer: Hap Hudson
SID: Norman H. Gough
Phone: O (601) 924-5131;
H (601) 924-5115
Stadium: Robinson Field (6000)
Nickname: Choctaws
Colors: Navy Blue, Old Gold
1982 Record: 8-3
Conference: Gulf South (NCAA II)
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 50s
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 27/21

Returning Starters

OFFENSE (4): Wayne Frazier, center; Chip Dean, guard; Steve Davis, guard; Tommy Nester, quarterback.
DEFENSE (5): Paul Meyerchick, cornerback; Bruce Howell, cornerback; Reginald Hathrone, free safety; Howard Jones, linebacker; Steve Rodgers, end.

1983 Schedule

Sep 3 at Southeastern Louisiana
Sep 10 at VALDOSTA STATE*
Sep 17 at Stephen F. Austin
Sep 24 Southern Arkansas
Oct 1 Troy State*
Oct 8 Jacksonville State*
Oct 15 at Ouachita Baptist
Oct 22 Tennessee-Martin* (HC)
Oct 29 Livingston*
Nov 5 at North Alabama*
Nov 19 at Delta State*

1982 Results

20 Northwestern Louisiana 24
28 VALDOSTA STATE* 13
16 Presbyterian 17
35 Southern Arkansas 8
31 Troy State* 7
36 Jacksonville State* 52
42 Ouachita Baptist 14
16 Tennessee-Martin* 9
21 Livingston* 3
27 Delta State* 6
28 North Alabama* 20

*Gulf South Conference game

VSC Opponents

Game Two

Troy State

September 17 7 pm (CDT)

Memorial Stadium

Troy, Alabama

Location: Troy, Ala. 36082
Enrollment: 4000
President: Dr. Ralph Adams
Head Coach: Chan Gailey
Alma Mater: Florida, 1974
Record at TSU: First Year
Phone: (205) 566-3000
Assistants: Jay Jefcoat, Willie Slater,
Rick Rhoades, Robert Maddox

Athletic Director: Robert Earl Stewart
Phone: (205) 566-3000
Trainer: Steve Cole
SID: Tom Ensey
Phone: O (205) 566-3000;
H (205) 566-2038
Stadium: Memorial Stadium (8600)
Nickname: Trojans
Colors: Cardinal, Black, Gray,
White
1982 Record: 2-8
Conference: Gulf South (NCAA II)
Basic Offense: Wishbone
Basic Defense: 50s
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 10/45

Returning Starters

OFFENSE (8): Jim Kremer, center; J. R. McKinnon, quarterback; Norman Kleinschmidt, guard; Mitch Geier, tackle; Bennie Smith, tight end; Carl Smith, wide receiver; Andre Pollard, wide receiver; Dewayne Thompson, running back.

DEFENSE (7): Anthony Henton, nose guard; Willie Collins, tackle; Gary Bradshaw, end; Gabe Thomas, linebacker; Stewart Lowery, linebacker; Ron Gibbs, defensive back; Donnie Arnold, defensive back.

1983 Schedule

Sep 3 Tuskegee Institute
Sep 10 Nicholls State
Sep 17 VALDOSTA STATE*
Sep 24 at Georgia Southern
Oct 1 at Mississippi College*
Oct 8 Southeastern Louisiana
Oct 15 at Delta State*
Oct 22 North Alabama* (HC)
Oct 29 at Tennessee-Martin*
Nov 5 at Livingston*
Nov 12 Jacksonville State*

1982 Results

10 Tennessee-Chattanooga 24
21 VALDOSTA STATE* 24
3 Nicholls State 10
7 Mississippi College* 31
7 Southeastern Louisiana 21
10 Delta State* 13
6 North Alabama* 38
54 Tennessee-Martin* 10
45 Livingston* 0
14 Jacksonville State* 49

*Gulf South Conference game

VSC Opponents

Game Three

Savannah State

September 24 7 p.m. (EDT)
Cleveland Field
Valdosta, Georgia

Location: Savannah, Ga. 31404
Enrollment: 2100
President: Dr. Wendell G. Rayburn
Head Coach: Frank Ellis, Jr.
Alma Mater: Savannah State, 1966
Record at SSC: 29-29-1 (6 years)
Phone: (912) 356-2278
Assistants: John Mason,

Joseph Turner, Frankie Harper,
Tim Jordan, Tim Walker
Athletic Director: Russell Ellington
Phone: (912) 356-2439
Trainer: Greg Wilson
SID: Lee Grant Pearson
Phone: O (912) 356-2439;
H (912) 232-5972
Stadium: Tiger Stadium (7500)
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Blue, Orange
1982 Record: 4-6
Conference: Southern Intercollegiate
(NCAA II)
Basic Offense: Pro Set
Basic Defense: 4-3
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 10/49

Returning Starters

- OFFENSE (6): Cacey Grigly, running back; Mark Merritt, center; Larry Strozier, wide receiver; Vernon Howell, guard; Kevin Pullin, tackle; Anthony Alvin, tight end.
- DEFENSE (6): Gary Jones, defensive back; Warren Washington, defensive back; William White, defensive back; Earnest Miller, linebacker; James Brown, tackle; Luther Mayfield, tackle.

1983 Schedule

Sep 3 at Middle Tennessee State
Sep 10 Tuskegee Institute*
Sep 24 at VALDOSTA STATE
Oct 1 Morris Brown*
Oct 8 at Mars Hill
Oct 15 Clark* (HC)
Oct 22 at Morehouse*
Nov 5 at Fort Valley State*
Nov 12 Albany State*
Nov 19 Alabama A&M
Nov 24 Georgia Southern

1982 Results

3	Middle Tennessee State	12
8	Tuskegee Institute*	13
17	Millersville State	14
17	Morehouse*	0
7	Morris Brown*	9
20	Mars Hill	0
16	Clark*	12
43	Newberry	57
3	Fort Valley State*	48
19	Albany State*	22

*SIAC game

VSC Opponents

Game Four

Central Florida

October 1 7:30 p.m. (EDT)

Tangerine Bowl
Orlando, Florida

Location: Orlando, Fla. 32816
Enrollment: 14,000
President: Dr. Trevor Colbourn
Head Coach: Lou Saban
Alma Mater: Baldwin-Wallace, 1948
Record at UCF: First Year
Phone: (305) 275-2281
Assistants: Jerry Anderson, Bill

Cubit, Tod Goodyear, Jeremiah Davis, Ken Jaworski, Al Seagraves, Pete Stewart
Athletic Director: Bill Peterson
Trainer: Ron Ribaric
SID: Vince Cotroneo
Phone: O (305) 275-2729;
H (305) 862-6252
Stadium: Tangerine Bowl (50,000)
Nickname: Fighting Knights
Colors: Black, Gold
1982 Record: 0-10
Conference: Independent (NCAA II)
Basic Offense: Pro Set
Basic Defense: Multiple
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 26/27

Returning Starters

OFFENSE (3): Jeff Froehlich, wide receiver; Jim Rountree, wide receiver; Dana Thyhsen, quarterback.
DEFENSE (4): Greg Atterberry, defensive back; Jeff Bolle, defensive back; Darrell Rudd, tackle; Glenn Whelpley, linebacker.

1983 Schedule

Sep 3 Elizabeth City State
Sep 10 at Georgia Southern
Sep 17 at Southeastern Louisiana
Sep 24 North Alabama
Oct 1 VALDOSTA STATE
Oct 8 Bethune-Cookman
Oct 15 VMI
Oct 29 Austin Peay
Nov 5 Carson-Newman
Nov 12 Nicholls State
Nov 19 Fort Lewis

1982 Results

9	Georgia Southern	16
14	Southeastern Louisiana	24
0	VMI	69
7	VALDOSTA STATE	13
21	Bethune-Cookman	40
10	Alabama A&M	31
10	Nicholls State	60
7	West Georgia	41
17	Carson-Newman	36
14	Eastern Kentucky	26

VSC Opponents

Game Five

Delta State

October 8 7 p.m. (EDT)

Cleveland Field

Valdosta, Georgia

Location: Cleveland, Miss. 38733
Enrollment: 3600
President: Dr. Kent Wyatt
Head Coach: Jim "Red" Parker
Alma Mater: Arkansas-Monticello,
1953
Record at DSU: 6-4, 1 year
Phone: (601) 843-2658
Assistants: Willie Coats,

Larry Dorsey, J. B. Grimes,
Jim Jordan
Athletic Director: Dr. Brad Hovious
Phone: (601) 843-2640
Trainer: Andy Bryan
SID: Jody Corroero
Phone: O (601) 843-4226;
H (601) 843-4217
Stadium: Delta Field (8000)
Nickname: Statesmen
Colors: Green, White
1982 Record: 6-4
Conference: Gulf South (NCAA II)
Basic Offense: Veer
Basic Defense: 50s
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 27/28

Returning Starters

- OFFENSE (8): Scott Butler, quarterback; Ronnie Parker, running back; Manuel Grays, running back; Mike Bradley, tackle; Steve Frazier, guard; Tim LeBlanc, center; Marty Bradshaw, guard; Kyle Finney, wide receiver.
- DEFENSE (3): William Price, tackle; Dickie Peralto, linebacker; Mike Parker, strong safety.

1983 Schedule

Sep 10 at Oauchita Baptist
Sep 17 West Georgia*
Sep 24 at Southeast Missouri State
Oct 1 at North Alabama*
Oct 8 at VALDOSTA STATE*
Oct 15 Troy State*
Oct 22 at Livingston*
Oct 29 Jacksonville State*
Nov 12 at Tennessee-Martin*
Nov 19 Mississippi College*

1982 Results

16 Liberty Baptist 13
31 Ouachita Baptist 14
42 Southeast Missouri State 15
19 North Alabama* 27
27 VALDOSTA STATE* 0
13 Troy State* 10
7 Livingston* 14
36 Jacksonville State* 56
6 Mississippi College* 27
47 Tennessee-Martin* 0

*Gulf South Conference game

VSC Opponents

Game Six

Jacksonville State

**October 15 7 p.m. (EDT)
Cleveland Field
Valdosta, Georgia**

Location: Jacksonville, Ala. 36265
Enrollment: 6500
President: Dr. Theron Montgomery
Head Coach: Jim Fuller
Alma Mater: Alabama, 1967
Record at JSU: 48-20 (6 years)
Phone: (205) 435-9820

Assistants: Jim Tompkins,
Don Jacobs, Bubba Gibson,
Randy Ragsdale, Frank Vohun
Athletic Director: Jerry Cole
Phone: (205) 435-9820
Trainer: James Skidmore
SID: Rudy Abbott
Phone: O (205) 435-9820;
H (205) 820-1650
Stadium: Paul Snow Memorial
Stadium (14,500)
Nickname: Gamecocks
Colors: Red, White
1982 Record: 10-2
Conference: Gulf South (NCAA II)
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 5-2
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 17/43

Returning Starters

OFFENSE (7): Reginald Goodloe, running back; Walter Broughton, running back; Rusty Fuller, tight end; Roger Loveridge, tackle; Chris Ray, guard; Gary Cunningham, guard, Barrett Lloyd, center.

DEFENSE (6): Mark Hampton, end; Kyle McGovern, end; Alvin Wright, tackle; Pete Hatcher, linebacker; Ralph Battle, strong safety; Quintin Stevenson, free safety.

1983 Schedule

Sep 3 at Tennessee-Chattanooga
Sep 10 Alabama A&M
Sep 24 at West Georgia*
Oct 1 Livingston*
Oct 8 at Mississippi College*
Oct 15 at VALDOSTA STATE
Oct 22 Tuskegee Institute
Oct 29 at Delta State*
Nov 5 Tennessee-Martin* (HC)
Nov 12 at Troy State*
Nov 19 at North Alabama*

1982 Results

21	Alabama A&M	13
42	Liberty Baptist	13
34	Livingston*	7
52	Mississippi College*	36
43	VALDOSTA STATE*	11
0	Tennessee-Chattanooga	28
56	Delta State*	36
41	Tennessee-Martin*	13
49	Troy State*	14
28	North Alabama*	10
34	Northeast Missouri St.**	21
14	Southwest Texas St.**	19

*Gulf South Conference game

**NCAA Playoffs

VSC Opponents

Game Seven

West Georgia

October 22 7 p.m. (EDT)

Memorial Stadium
Columbus, Georgia

Location: Carrollton, Ga. 30118
Enrollment: 6050
President: Dr. Maurice Townsend
Head Coach: Bobby Pate
Alma Mater: Georgia, 1963
Record at WGC: 21-1 (2 years)
Phone: (404) 834-1473
Assistants: Mike Earwood,

Jack Brinkley, Chuck Taylor,
Pete Peterson, Bobby Swofford
Athletic Director: Roger Kaiser
Phone: (404) 834-1357
Trainer: Russ Sharp
SID: Dan Minish
Phone: O (404) 834-1465;
H (404) 834-4068
Stadium: Grisham Stadium (6500)
Nickname: Braves
Colors: Red, Blue
1982 Record: 12-0
Conference: Gulf South (NCAA II)
Basic Offense: Pro Set
Basic Defense: 50s
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 2/54

Returning Starters

OFFENSE (8): Harold Long, running back; Todd Clifton, running back; Mike McConnell, wide receiver; Mike Shackelford, center; Charlie Whitlock, guard; Scott Daniel, tackle; Harry Broughton, tackle; Brian McCormick, tight end.
DEFENSE (10): Marion Erwin, tackle; Mac McCoy, tackle; Angelo Snipes, end; Ken Terry, end; Derrick Germaine, linebacker; Lawrence Erwin, linebacker; Bubba O'Brien, cornerback; Danny Elrod, cornerback; Steve South, free safety; Keith Harrison, strong safety.

1983 Schedule

1982 Results

Sep 10	Gardner Webb	38	Miles	6
Sep 17	at Delta State*	45	Baptist	0
Sep 24	Jacksonville State*	41	Millsaps	6
Oct 1	Tennessee-Martin*	48	Hampden-Sydney	0
Oct 8	at Livingston*	45	Knoxville	3
Oct 22	VALDOSTA STATE*	34	Randolph-Macon	0
Oct 29	Newberry (HC)	41	Central Florida	7
Nov 5	at Morehouse	42	Morehouse	6
Nov 12	North Alabama*	45	Maryville	13
Nov 19	at Liberty Baptist	31	Widener**	24
		27	Bishop**	6
		14	Augustana**	0

*Gulf South Conference game

**NCAA Division III Playoffs

VSC Opponents

Game Eight

North Alabama

October 29 7 p.m. (CDT)

Braly Municipal Stadium
Florence, Alabama

Location: Florence, Ala. 35632
Enrollment: 5500
President: Dr. Robert Guillot
Head Coach: Wayne Grubb
Alma Mater: Tennessee, 1961
Record at UNA: 43-19-1 (6 years)
Phone: (205) 766-4100
Assistants: Bill Hyde, Steve Davis,
Mike McGowan, Jim Keith,
Gerald Goodman

Athletic Directors: Wayne Grubb,
Bill Jones
Phone: (205) 766-4100
Trainer: Johnny Long
SID: Jeff Hodges
Phone: O (205) 766-4100
Stadium: Braly Municipal Stadium
(15,000)
Nickname: Lions
Colors: Purple, Gold
1982 Record: 7-3
Conference: Gulf South (NCAA II)
Basic Offense: I
Basic Defense: 5-2
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 9/30

Returning Starters

OFFENSE (7): Rusty Towery, quarterback; Clarence Johnson, running back; Mike Rollins, guard; Dexter Rutherford, tackle; Jeff Claunch, tackle; Mike Gilley, tight end; Germaine Young, wide receiver.

DEFENSE (9): Charlie Glass, end; Billy Whitt, end; Dean Sanders, tackle; Robert Moore, nose guard; Clifford Mason, linebacker; Gary Davis, defensive back; Rod Brooks, defensive back; Bruce Jones, defensive back; Daryl Smith, defensive back.

1983 Schedule

Sep 17 Livingston*
Sep 24 at Central Florida
Oct 1 Delta State*
Oct 8 at Alabama A&M
Oct 15 at Tennessee-Martin*
Oct 22 at Troy State*
Oct 29 VALDOSTA STATE*
Nov 5 Mississippi College* (HC)
Nov 12 at West Georgia*
Nov 19 Jacksonville State*

1982 Results

17 Southwest Missouri State 3
45 Miles 6
3 Livingston* 14
27 Delta State* 19
38 Alabama A&M 17
33 Tennessee-Martin* 10
38 Troy State* 6
53 VALDOSTA STATE* 7
20 Mississippi College* 28
10 Jacksonville State* 28

*Gulf South Conference games

VSC Opponents

Game Nine
Kentucky State
November 5 7 p.m. (EST)
Cleveland Field
Valdosta, Georgia

Location: Frankfort, Ky. 40601
Enrollment: 2300
President: Raymond Burse
Head Coach: Larry Kirksey
Alma Mater: Eastern Kentucky, 1973
Record at KSU: First Year
Phone: (502) 564-6011
Assistants: Tom Turshetta, Theo
Lemon, Lester Boyd, Henry Ross

Athletic Director: Ron Mitchell
Phone: (502) 564-6011
Trainer: Corrie Odom
SID: Open
Phone: O (502) 564-6011
Stadium: Alumni Field (6000)
Nickname: Thorobreds
Colors: Green, Gold
1982 Record: 2-9
Conference: Independent (NCAA II)
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 50s
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 21/32

Returning Starters

OFFENSE (5): Frank Hill, wide receiver; Benson Green, tackle, Reginald Bell, center; Ken Joiner, wide receiver; Dana Hayes, tight end.

DEFENSE (4): Henry Blair, tackle; Darryl Taltoan, linebacker; Eric Calhoun, linebacker; Victor Clay, cornerback.

1983 Schedule

Sep 3 at Kentucky Wesleyan
Sep 10 Morehead State
Sep 17 at Austin Peay
Sep 24 at Knoxville
Oct 8 at Clark
Oct 15 Central State (HC)
Oct 22 at Arkansas Pine Bluff
Oct 29 at Hillsdale
Nov 5 at VALDOSTA STATE
Nov 12 Fort Valley State
Nov 19 Wayne State

1982 Results

7	Lincoln	12
24	Austin Peay	31
6	Morehead State	28
7	Knoxville	0
21	Clark	14
0	Central State	50
10	Arkansas Pine-Bluff	32
0	Hillsdale	48
13	VALDOSTA STATE	48
0	Eastern Illinois	73
0	Tennessee-Martin	20

VSC Opponents

Game Ten

Livingston

November 12 7:30 p.m. (CST)

Tiger Stadium

Livingston, Alabama

Location: Livingston, Ala. 35470
Enrollment: 1500
President: Dr. Asa Green
Head Coach: Frank North
Alma Mater: Tennessee Tech, 1950
Record at LU: 20-20 (4 years)
Phone: (205) 652-9661
Assistants: Joe D'Alessandris,
Mike Ledford, Charlie Coles,
Chris Kincaid

Athletic Director (Acting): Jim Pate
Phone: (205) 652-9661
Trainer: R. T. Floyd
SID: Dee Outlaw
Phone: O (205) 652-9661;
H (205) 652-2221
Stadium: Tiger Stadium (8500)
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Red, White
1982 Record: 6-4
Conference: Gulf South (NCAA II)
Basic Offense: Veer and I
Basic Defense: 5-2
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 21/33

Returning Starters

OFFENSE (3): Randy Brooks, tackle; Dennis Walker, guard; Mickey Bentley, quarterback.

DEFENSE (5): Phillip Propst, end; Leonard Jackson, nose guard; Fletcher Louallen, cornerback; Kelly Kiner, cornerback; Richard Groover, free safety.

1983 Schedule

Sep 3	Miles
Sep 10	Arkansas Tech
Sep 17	at North Alabama*
Sep 24	at Tennessee-Martin*
Oct 1	at Jacksonville State*
Oct 8	West Georgia*
Oct 22	Delta State* (HC)
Oct 29	at Mississippi College*
Nov 5	Troy State*
Nov 12	VALDOSTA STATE*

1982 Results

34	Miles	0
31	Arkansas Tech	0
14	North Alabama*	3
27	Tennessee-Martin*	14
7	Jacksonville State*	34
21	Tuskegee Institute	20
14	Delta State*	7
3	Mississippi College*	21
0	Troy State*	45
21	VALDOSTA STATE*	22

*Gulf South Conference games

VSC Opponents

Game Eleven

Georgia Southern

November 19 7 p.m. (EST)
Cleveland Field
Valdosta, Georgia

Location: Statesboro, Ga. 30460
Enrollment: 6500
President: Dr. Dale Lick
Head Coach: Erk Russell
Alma Mater: Auburn, 1949
Record at GSC: 7-3-1 (1 year)
Phone: (912) 681-5522
Assistants: Ben Griffith,

Mike Healey, Paul Johnson,
Hugh Nall, Paul Johnson
Athletic Director: Dr. David Wagner
Phone: (912) 681-5376
Trainer: Ted Smith
SID: Glenn Greenspan
Phone: O (912) 681-5500;
H (912) 489-8121
Stadium: Womack Field (6000)
Nickname: Eagles
Colors: Blue, White
1982 Record: 7-3-1
Conference: Independent
(Non-Designated)
Basic Offense: I
Basic Defense: 50s
Lettermen Lost/Returning: 15/40

Returning Starters

OFFENSE (8): Delano Little, wide receiver; Scott LaSalle, tackle; Larry West, guard; Buddy Beauchamp, center; Vance Pike, tackle; Tracy Ham, quarterback; Ben Holt, running back; Melvin Bell, running back.

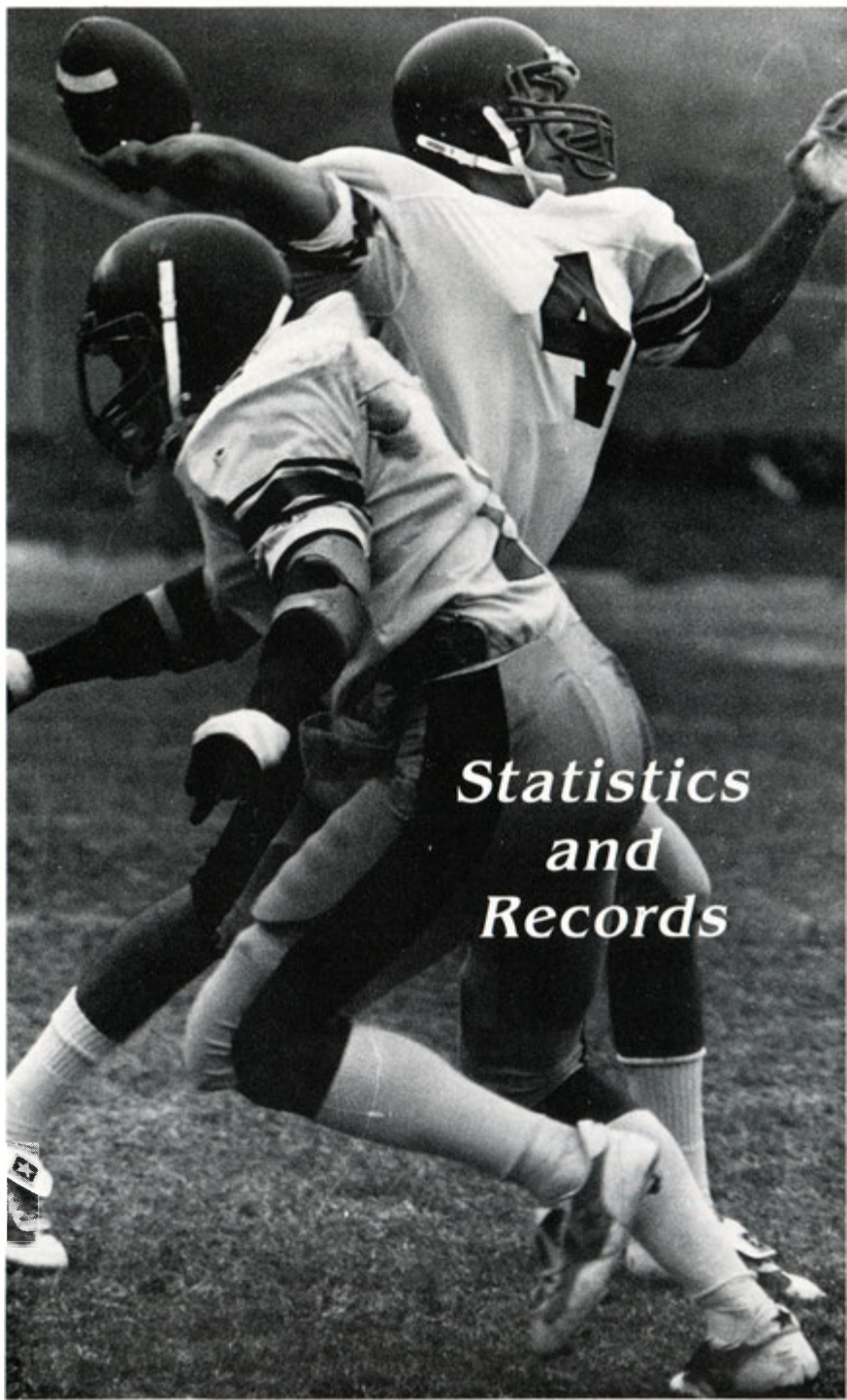
DEFENSE (7): Jeff Evans, tackle; Theoriea Ward, nose guard; Pat McDevitt, linebacker; Jessie Jenkins, tackle; John Richardson, end; Danny Durham, linebacker; Hugo Rossignol, linebacker.

1983 Schedule

Sep 10	Central Florida
Sep 17	Presbyterian
Sep 24	Troy State
Oct 1	Gardner Webb
Oct 15	at East Tennessee State
Oct 22	Newberry
Oct 29	at Catawba
Nov 5	at Wofford
Nov 12	Mars Hill (HC)
Nov 19	at VALDOSTA STATE
Nov 24	at Savannah State

1982 Results

16	Central Florida	9
42	Baptist	0
27	VALDOSTA STATE	27
6	Gardner Webb	44
56	Fort Benning	6
36	Newberry	14
7	Catawba	10
7	Wofford	28
17	Mars Hill	3
45	VALDOSTA STATE	29
31	Florida State JVs	20



*Statistics
and
Records*

VSC 1982 Final Football Statistics

Overall Record: 5-5-1 GSC: 2-4

	VSC	OPP
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS.....	193	235
Rushing.....	65	134
Passing.....	116	89
Penalty.....	12	12
RUSHING ATTEMPTS.....	367	525
Yards Gained.....	1411	2952
Yards Lost.....	517	288
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	894	2664
Avg. Per Game.....	81.3	242.2
PASSING ATTEMPTS.....	396	285
Completions.....	191	145
Had Intercepted.....	18	14
NET YARDS PASSING.....	2635	1731
Avg. Per Game.....	239.5	157.4
OFFENSIVE PLAYS.....	767	810
Total Offense.....	3543	4395
Avg. Per Game.....	322.1	399.5
NUMBER OF PUNTS.....	61	51
Avg. Per Punt.....	37.1	35.7
Punts Had Blocked.....	0	0
KICKOFFS RETURNED.....	38	50
Yards.....	675	788
Avg. Per Return.....	17.8	15.8
PENALTIES.....	82	89
Yards.....	699	773
FUMBLES.....	26	31
Fumbles Lost.....	12	18
TOUCHDOWNS.....	29	40
Rushing.....	12	26
Passing.....	17	10
Interception Return.....	0	4
EXTRA POINTS.....	27-29	35-40
By Kicking.....	24-26	33-37
Other.....	3-3	2-3
FIELD GOALS.....	8-13	5-13
SAFETIES.....	1	3
TOTAL POINTS.....	230	298
Avg. Per Game.....	20.9	27.1

SCORE AND ATTENDANCE

13, at Mississippi College	28	2850
24 Troy State	21	9300
27, at Georgia Southern	27	7724
13, Central Florida	7	9500
0, at Delta State	27	2069
11, at Jacksonville State	43	7500
36, at Albany State	13	2000
7, North Alabama	53	5000
48, at Kentucky State	13	500
22, Livingston	21	4000
29, Georgia Southern	45	9000

VSC 1982 Final Football Statistics

Overall Record: 5-5-1 GSC: 2-4

RUSHING	G	No.	YdG	YdL	NET	AvgPG	AvgPC	TD
Henry Chubb.....	11	100	519	44	475	43.2	4.8	3
Curt Garrett.....	7	82	341	36	305	43.6	3.7	3
Tracy Soles.....	8	62	242	20	222	27.8	3.6	5
Jerome Jackson.....	11	39	122	11	111	10.1	2.8	1
Kelvin Sheppard....	11	1	8	0	8	0.7	8.0	0
Steve Griffin.....	1	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	-7.0	0
Team Rush.....	1	1	0	22	-22	-22.0	-22.0	0
Rick Davis.....	6	18	34	70	-36	-6.0	-2.0	0
James Owens.....	10	63	145	307	-162	-16.2	-2.8	0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT.	YDS	TD
James Owens.....	339	169	14	.449	2258	15
Rick Davis.....	55	22	3	.400	377	2
Steve Griffin.....	1	0	0	.000	0	0
Hugh Thompson.....	1	0	1	.000	0	0

RECEIVING	No.	YDS	AvgPC	CPG	TD
Carl Armstrong.....	61	1028	16.9	5.5	8
Kelvin Sheppard.....	31	491	15.8	2.8	4
Tracy Soles.....	16	209	13.1	2.0	2
David Williams.....	18	190	10.6	1.6	1
Cary Cody.....	9	170	18.9	1.0	0
Jerome Jackson.....	8	145	18.1	0.7	1
Curt Garrett.....	19	102	5.4	2.7	0
Reggie Ford.....	8	101	12.6	0.7	1
Larry Pividal.....	3	62	20.7	3.0	0
Henry Chubb.....	12	61	5.1	1.1	0
Jay Coley.....	4	47	11.8	0.8	0
Richard Schielie.....	2	29	14.5	1.0	0

PASS INTERCEPTIONS	No.	YDS	TD
Timmy Massey.....	3	30	0
Jimmy Francis.....	3	20	0
Tracy Soles.....	2	10	0
Teddy Watson.....	1	41	0
David Gilyard.....	1	25	0
Jackson Mosley.....	1	17	0
Charles Smith.....	1	12	0
Elkannah Crockett.....	1	6	0
Cliff Fouty.....	1	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	YDS	AVG	TD
Jimmy Francis.....	30	199	6.6	0

VSC 1982 Final Football Statistics

Overall Record: 5-5-1 GSC: 2-4

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	YDS	AVG	TD
Kelvin Sheppard.....	20	422	21.1	0
Curt Garrett.....	6	83	13.8	0
Reggie Ford.....	4	55	13.8	0
Jerome Jackson.....	2	44	22.0	0
Teddy Watson.....	2	29	14.5	0
Henry Chubb.....	2	25	12.5	0
Tracy Soles.....	1	13	13.0	0
Jay Coley.....	1	0	0.0	0

PUNTING	No.	YDS	AVG	Long
Brad Bauer.....	60	2228	37.1	55
Team Punt.....	1	35	35.0	35

SCORING	TD	PAT	2-PT	FG	TP
Carl Armstrong.....	8				48
Brad Bauer.....		24		8	48
Tracy Soles.....	7				42
Kelvin Sheppard.....	4		1		26
Curt Garrett.....	3				18
Henry Chubb.....	3				18
Jerome Jackson.....	2				12
David Williams.....	1		2		10
Reggie Ford.....	1				6
Team Safety.....					2

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	TP
Opponents.....	59	102	60	77	298
Valdosta State.....	96	36	45	53	230

FUMBLE RECOVERIES	No.
Cliff Fouty.....	3
Eric Jarvis.....	3
David Niemeyer.....	2
Jody Allen.....	2
David Gilyard.....	1
Jimmy Francis.....	1
Tracy Soles.....	1
Chuck Dunmon.....	1
Mark Lawson.....	1
Jeff Hanton.....	1
Vince Capece.....	1
Willie Jefferson.....	1

VSC 1982 Final Football Statistics

Overall Record: 5-5-1 GSC: 2-4

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	UT	AT	TOTAL	FOR LOSS	FUMBLE RECOVERY	PASS INT.	PASS BrUP
Cliff Fouty	20..	135	155	9	3	1	4
David Gilyard.....	18..	103	121	4	1	1	5
Jody Allen.....	11..	44	55	6	2	0	0
Harvey Carter	10..	40	50	6	0	0	0
Jimmy Francis.....	13..	36	49	0	1	3	7
David Niemeyer	7..	30	37	5	2	0	0
Eric Jarvis	5..	27	32	1	3	0	0
Ashley Abrams	5..	27	32	0	0	0	4
Willie Jefferson	7..	23	30	0	1	0	0
Elkannah Crockett	7..	21	28	1	0	1	4
Jeff Hanton	7..	19	26	0	1	0	4
Timmy Massey	10..	14	24	0	0	3	6
Ricky Sutton	7..	15	22	4	0	0	0
Brett Calzaretta	7..	11	18	0	0	0	0
Cary Arneson.....	2..	14	16	0	0	0	1
Pete Shutters.....	4..	11	15	2	0	0	0
Stacey Blake.....	2..	12	14	0	0	0	0
Teddy Watson	5..	9	14	0	0	1	1
Chuck Dunmon	0..	9	9	0	1	0	0
Mark Lawson.....	3..	6	9	0	1	0	0
Vince Capece.....	1..	7	8	0	1	0	0
Alex McKinnie.....	2..	6	8	0	0	0	1
Don Pumphrey	0..	7	7	0	0	0	0
Robert Boyette	0..	6	6	1	0	0	0
Tracy Soles	2..	4	6	0	1	2	0
George Mackey.....	0..	5	5	0	0	0	0
Charles Smith.....	1..	4	5	0	0	1	1
Jackson Mosley	0..	4	4	0	0	1	1
John Gray	0..	3	3	0	0	0	0
Wayne Hamm	1..	1	2	0	0	0	0
Clint McCrory.....	1..	1	2	0	0	0	0
Kelvin Sheppard.....	1..	0	1	0	0	0	0

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- MOST POINTS — 18, Tracy Soles vs. Kentucky State, Livingston; Carl Armstrong vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE — 43, Henry Chubb vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST YARDS RUSHING — 134, Tracy Soles vs. Kentucky State, 1982
- MOST YARDS LOST RUSHING — 77, James Owens vs. Jacksonville State, 1982
- MUST RUSHING ATTEMPTS — 26, Curt Garrett vs. Central Florida, 1982
- BEST RUSHING AVERAGE — 6.4, Tracy Soles vs. Kentucky State (21-134), 1982
- MOST TDs RUSHING — 3, Tracy Soles vs. Kentucky State, 1982
- BEST PASSING PERCENTAGE — .688, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern (22-32), 1982
- MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED — 48, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST PASSES COMPLETED — 27, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS — 6, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST TD PASSES THROWN — 4, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST YARDS PASSING — 406, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED — 4, James Owens vs. Troy State, 1982
- LONGEST PASS RECEPTION — 63, James Owens to Kelvin Sheppard vs. Troy State, 1982
- MOST YARDS BY RECEIVING — 186, Carl Armstrong vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST PASSES CAUGHT — 10, Carl Armstrong vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST TD PASSES CAUGHT — 3, Carl Armstrong vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED — 1, several players
- LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN — 41, Teddy Watson vs. Troy State, 1982
- MOST FUMBLES RECOVERED — 1, several players
- MOST PUNT RETURNS — 6, Jimmy Francis vs. Troy State, 1982
- LONGEST PUNT RETURN — 30, Jimmy Francis vs. Mississippi College, 1982
- MOST YARDS PUNT RETURNS — 61, Jimmy Francis vs. Mississippi College, 1982
- MOST KICKOFF RETURNS — 5, Kelvin Sheppard vs. North Alabama, 1982
- LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN — 42, Kelvin Sheppard vs. Livingston, 1982
- MOST YARDS KICKOFF RETURNS — 91, Kelvin Sheppard vs. North Alabama, 1982
- MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED — 3, Brad Bauer vs. Central Florida, 1982
- MOST FIELD GOALS MADE — 2, Brad Bauer vs. Mississippi College, Central Florida, Kentucky State, 1982
- LONGEST FIELD GOAL — 43, Brad Bauer vs. Troy State, 1982
- MOST PATs ATTEMPTED — 6, Brad Bauer vs. Kentucky State, 1982
- MOST PATs MADE — 6, Brad Bauer vs. Kentucky State, 1982
- MOST TOTAL OFFENSE ATTEMPTS — 55, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE — 363, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST PUNTS — 9, Brad Bauer vs. Delta State, 1982
- LONGEST PUNT — 55 Brad Bauer vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
- MOST TACKLES — 9, Cliff Fouty vs. Livingston, 1982
- MOST ASSISTED TACKLES — 18, Harvey Carter vs. Georgia Southern, 1982

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- MOST PLAYS — 402, James Owens, 1982
- MOST POINTS — 48, Carl Armstrong, Brad Bauer, 1982
- MOST YARDS RUSHING — 475, Henry Chubb, 1982
- MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS — 100, Henry Chubb, 1982
- MOST YARDS LOST RUSHING — 307, James Owens, 1982
- BEST RUSHING AVERAGE PER CARRY — 4.8, Henry Chubb, 1982 (100-475)
- BEST RUSHING AVERAGE PER GAME — 43.6, Curt Garrett, 1982 (305, 7 games)
- MOST TDs RUSHING — 5, Tracy Soles, 1982
- BEST PASSING PERCENTAGE — .449, James Owens, 1982
- MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED — 339, James Owens, 1982
- MOST PASSES COMPLETED — 169, James Owens, 1982
- MOST COMPLETIONS PER GAME — 16.9, James Owens, 1982
- MOST YARDS PASSING — 2258, James Owens, 1982
- MOST YARDS PASSING PER GAME — 225.8, James Owens, 1982
- MOST TD PASSES COMPLETED — 15, James Owens, 1982
- MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED — 14, James Owens, 1982
- MOST YARDS BY RECEIVING — 1028, Carl Armstrong, 1982
- MOST PASSES CAUGHT — 61, Carl Armstrong, 1982
- MOST TD PASSES CAUGHT — 8, Carl Armstrong, 1982
- MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED — 3, Jimmy Francis, Timmy Massey, 1982
- MOST FUMBLES RECOVERED — 3, Cliff Fouty, Eric Jarvis, 1982
- MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED — 13, Brad Bauer, 1982
- MOST FIELD GOALS MADE — 8, Brad Bauer, 1982
- MOST PATs ATTEMPTED — 26, Brad Bauer, 1982
- MOST PATs MADE — 24, Brad Bauer, 1982
- MOST PUNTS — 60, Brad Bauer, 1982
- BEST PUNTING AVERAGE — 37.1, Brad Bauer, 1982
- MOST PUNT RETURNS — 30, Jimmy Francis, 1982
- MOST YARDS PUNT RETURNS — 199, Jimmy Francis, 1982
- MOST KICKOFF RETURNS — 20, Kelvin Sheppard, 1982
- MOST YARDS KICKOFF RETURNS — 422, Kelvin Sheppard, 1982
- MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE — 2096, James Owens, 1982
- MOST TDs RUSHING AND RECEIVING — 7, Tracy Soles, 1982
- MOST TACKLES — 20, Cliff Fouty, 1982
- MOST ASSISTED TACKLES — 135, Cliff Fouty, 1982

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- MOST PLAYS — 87 vs. Central Florida, 1982
MOST POINTS — 48 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
MOST FIRST DOWNS — 25 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
MOST RUSHES — 48 vs. Central Florida, 1982
MOST YARDS RUSHING — 217 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING — 12 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
MOST TDs RUSHING — 4 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING — 19 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED — 48 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
MOST FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY — 2 vs. Jacksonville State, Albany State, UNA, Georgia Southern, 1982
MOST PASSES COMPLETED — 27 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
MOST YARDS LOST RUSHING — 89 vs. Jacksonville, State, 1982
MOST YARDS PASSING — 406 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
BEST RUSHING AVERAGE — 5.3 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
BEST PASSING PERCENTAGE — .688 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
BEST AVERAGE PER COMPLETION — 22.5 vs. Troy State, 1982
MOST TDs PASSING — 4 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED — 4 vs. Troy State, 1982
MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED — 3 vs. Troy State, Albany State, Livingston, 1982
MOST FUMBLES LOST — 2 vs. Troy State, Albany State, Kentucky State, Livingston, 1982
MOST FUMBLES RECOVERED — 4 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
BEST PUNTING AVERAGE — 48.0 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
MOST PENALTIES — 12 vs. Livingston, 1982
MOST YARDS PENALIZED — 118 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
FEWEST PENALTIES — 2 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
MOST TDs RUSHING AND PASSING — 6 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
FEWEST YARDS PENALIZED — 10 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE — 470 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
LONGEST TD PLAY — 63-yard pass vs. Troy State, 1982
MOST PUNTS 9 vs. Delta State, 1982
MOST PUNT RETURNS — 6 vs. Troy State, 1982
MOST YARDS PUNT RETURNS — 61 vs. Mississippi College, 1982
MOST KICKOFF RETURNS — 6 vs. North Alabama, 1982
MOST YARDS KICKOFF RETURNS — 91 vs. North Alabama, 1982
MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED — 3 vs. Central Florida, 1982
MOST FIELD GOALS MADE — 2 vs. Mississippi College, Central Florida, Kentucky State, 1982
MOST PATs ATTEMPTED — 6 vs. Kentucky State, 1982
MOST PATs MADE — 6 vs. Kentucky State, 1982

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MOST WINS — 5, 1982
MOST LOSSES — 5, 1982
MOST TIES — 1, 1982
MOST POINTS — 230, 1982
MOST POINTS PER GAME — 20.9, 1982
MOST FIRST DOWNS — 193, 1982
MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING — 65, 1982
MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING — 116, 1982
MOST FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY — 12, 1982
MOST YARDS RUSHING 894 — 1982
MOST YARDS LOST RUSHING — 517, 1982
MOST YARDS PASSING — 2635, 1982
BEST RUSHING AVERAGE PER CARRY — 2.4, 1982
MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED — 396, 1982
BEST RUSHING AVERAGE PER GAME — 81.3, 1982
MOST PASSES COMPLETED — 191, 1982
BEST AVERAGE PER COMPLETION — 13.8, 1982
MOST TOUCHDOWNS — 29, 1982
MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED — 18, 1982
MOST TDs RUSHING — 12, 1982
MOST TDs PASSING — 17, 1982
MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE — 3543, 1982
MOST INTERCEPTIONS — 14, 1982
MOST INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS — 164, 1982
MOST PUNTS — 60, 1982
BEST PUNTING AVERAGE — 37.1, 1982
MOST FUMBLES Lost — 12, 1982
MOST FUMBLES RECOVERED — 18, 1982
MOST PUNT RETURNS — 30, 1982
MOST YARDS PUNT RETURNS — 199, 1982
MOST KICKOFF RETURNS — 38, 1982
MOST YARD KICKOFF RETURNS — 675, 1982
MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED — 13, 1982
MOST FIELD GOALS MADE — 8, 1982
MOST PATs ATTEMPTED — 26, 1982
MOST PATs MADE — 24, 1982
MOST 2-POINT PATs ATTEMPTED — 3, 1982
MOST 2-POINT PATs MADE — 3, 1982

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RUSHING	NO.	PLAYER	SCHOOL	OPPONENT	YEAR
Most Attempts.....	41	Horace Belton	Southeastern	Delta State	1974
Most Net Yards Gained.....	307	Major Everett	Miss. College	Delta State	1981
Highest Avg. Per Rush.....	21.3	Clarence Johnson	North Alabama	Valdosta, St.	1982
Most Consecutive Attempts.....	10	Ronald Joseph	Nicholls St.	Southeastern	1974
		Willie Dickson	Delta State	Troy State	1974
		Horace Belton	Southeastern	Delta State	1974
		Louis Henry	Nicholls St.	Southeastern	1977
FORWARD PASSING					
Most Attempts.....	51	Steve Lyles	Delta State	Miss. College	1981
Most Completions.....	27	Ed Lett	Jax State	North Alabama	1981
		James Owens	Valdosta St.	Ga. Southern	1982
Most Had Intercepted.....	4	Gene Estapa	Southeastern	Louisiana Tech	1972
		Kenny Pritchard	Nicholls St.	North Alabama	1973
		Ronnie Massey	Livingston	UT-Martin	1973
		Ted Bergeron	Nicholls St.	Jax State	1976
		Bobby Moore	Livingston	Troy State	1978
		Ed Lett	Jax State	UT-Chattanooga	1981
		Steve Lyles	Delta State	Miss. College	1981
		James Owens	Valdosta St.	Troy State	1982
Best Pct. Completed.....	90	Kirk Patterson	Jax State	Delta State	1981
Most Yards.....	406	James Owens	Valdosta St.	Ga. Southern	1982
Most TD Passes.....	4	Ralph Brock	Jax State	4 opponents	1972
		Ralph Brock	Jax State	Nicholls St.	1973
		David Bradberry	Delta State	Livingston	1973
		Steve Clark	North Alabama	Jax State	1974
		Ed Lett	Jax State	3 opponents	1981
		Fred Riley	North Alabama	SW Missouri St.	1981
		James Owens	Valdosta, St.	Ga. Southern	1982
		Ed Lett	Jax State	Delta State	1982
		Tony Bowen	Delta State	Livingston	1978
Consecutive Completions.....	12				
TOTAL OFFENSE					
Most Plays.....	23	Harold Hogan	Troy State	Southeastern	1972
Most Yards.....	420	Harold Hogan	Troy State	Southeastern	1972
PASS RECEIVING					
Most Caught.....	14	Donald Young	Jax State	North Alabama	1978
Most Yards.....	196	Perry Griggs	Troy State	North Alabama	1974
Most TDs.....	4	Roger Ralph	North Alabama	Jax State	1974
		Dwayne McKinney	UT-Martin	Morris Brown	1980
PASS INTERCEPTIONS					
Most Intercepted.....	4	Terry Stephens	Jax State	Alabama A&M	1981
Most Yards Returned.....	100	Nels Strickland	Livingston	North Alabama	1971
		Jimmy Randolph	UT-Martin	Morehead	1977
PUNTING					
Most Punts.....	14	David Brown	UT-Martin	Nicholls St.	1975
Best Average.....	54.4	Mike Quinn	Troy State	Southeastern	1977
PUNT RETURNS					
Most Returned.....	7	Larry Miller	Delta State	North Alabama	1972
		Virgil Seay	Troy State	Livingston	1979
		Jerry Reese	UT-Martin	Ft. Valley St.	1982
Most Yards Returned.....	215	Virgil Seay	Troy State	Livingston	1979
Best Avg. Per Return.....	59.3	Perry Griggs	Troy State	Livingston	1974
KICKOFF RETURNS					
Most Returned.....	7	Hassell Walls	Jax State	Troy State	1971
		Jim Witt	North Alabama	Jax State	1971
Most Yards Returned.....	196	Burnis Rose	North Alabama	Miss. College	1974
SCORING					
Most TDs.....	4	12 different players			
Most PAT Attempts Kicking...	9	Joe Hix	Jax State	NE Louisiana	1973
Most PATs Made Kicking.....	9	Joe Hix	Jax State	NE Louisiana	1973
Most FGs Attempted.....	7	Jim Turcotte	Miss. College	Troy State	1981
Most FGs Made.....	4	Ronnie Slovensky	Livingston	Henderson St.	1974
		Ronnie Slovensky	Livingston	Nicholls St.	1974
		Mickey Hamilton	UT-Martin	Tennessee St.	1976
Most Points Scored.....	24	12 different players			

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RUSHING	NO.	PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
Most Attempts.....	245	Horace Belton	Southeastern	1975
Most Net Yards.....	1401	Calvin Howard	Miss. College	1979
Average Per Rush.....	7.5	Rogers Wilson	Southeastern	1974
Most Yards Per Game.....	131.9	Ezra Tate	Miss. College	1978
FORWARD PASSING				
Most Attempts.....	368	Ed Lett	Jax State	1982
Most Completions.....	201	Ed Lett	Jax State	1982
Most Had Intercepted.....	20	Gene Estapa	Southeastern	1972
Best Pct. Completed.....	61.5	Bobby Ray Green	Jax State	1978
Lowest Pct. Intercepted.....	1.8	Bobby Lee	Troy State	1975
Most Yards.....	2484	Ed Lett	Jax State	1982
Most TD Passes.....	21	Ed Lett	Jax State	1982
Most Yards Per Game.....	225.8	James Owens	Valdosta St.	1982
Completion Avg./Game.....	17	Ed Lett	Jax State	1980
TOTAL OFFENSE				
Most Plays.....	449	Ed Lett	Jax State	1980
Most Yards.....	2330	Willie Tullis	Troy State	1980
Highest Avg. Per Play.....	7.6	Willie Tullis	Troy State	1980
Most TDs.....	22	Ralph Brock	Jax State	1973
Most Yards Per Game.....	233	Willie Tullis	Troy State	1980
PASS RECEIVING				
Most Caught.....	61	Carl Armstrong	Valdosta St.	1982
Most Yards.....	1028	Carl Armstrong	Valdosta St.	1982
Most TDs.....	8	Ronald George	UT-Martin	1977
		Dwayne McKinney	UT-Martin	1980
		Carl Armstrong	Valdosta St.	1982
PASS INTERCEPTIONS				
Most Intercepted.....	11	Stanley King	Livingston	1975
Most Yards Returned.....	269	Clay Blalack	UT-Martin	1976
Most TDs.....	4	Clay Blalack	UT-Martin	1980
PUNTING				
Most Punts.....	92	Carl Schultz	Southeastern	1971
Best Average.....	43.5	Gregg Lowery	Jax State	1982
PUNT RETURNS				
Most Returned.....	39	Jerome Coleman	Jax State	1977
Most Yards.....	457	Virgil Seay	Troy State	1979
Best Average.....	28	Perry Griggs	Troy State	1974
Most TDs.....	3	Perry Griggs	Troy State	1974
		Virgil Seay	Troy State	1979
KICKOFF RETURNS				
Most Returned.....	28	Billy Wilkins	UT-Martin	1982
Most Yards.....	59.1	Michael Kincaid	Miss. College	1982
Best Average.....	28.7	Larry Lightfoot	Livingston	1973
Most TDs.....	1	11 different players		
SCORING				
Most TDs.....	16	Walter Broughton	Jax State	1982
Most PAT Attempts Kicking.....	41	Rocky Riddle	Jax State	1977
Most PATs Made Kicking.....	38	Rocky Riddle	Jax State	1977
Most Consecutive PATs.....	32	James Mullinax	Livingston	1975
Most Two-Point Attempts.....	6	Clemit Spruiell	Livingston	1971
Most Two-Pointers Made.....	3	Roger Ralph	North Alabama	1975
		Cedric Brownlee	Jax State 1980	
Most FGs Attempted.....	24	Nelson McMurrain	North Alabama	1980
Most FGs Made.....	16	Nelson McMurrain	North Alabama	1980
Most Points Scored Kicking.....	82	Nelson McMurrain	North Alabama	1980
Most Points Scored.....	96	Walter Broughton	Jax State	1982

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RUSHING	NO.	SCHOOL	OPPONENT	YEAR
Most Attempts.....	80	Livingston	Northern Michigan	1975
Most Yards	555	North Alabama	Valdosta St.	1982
Most Yards Lost.....	129	Nicholls St.	Jax State	1974
Most Net Yards.....	545	North Alabama	Valdosta St.	1982
Best Average Per Rush.....	8.3	North Alabama	Valdosta St.	1982
Most TDs.....	7	Miss. College	Arkansas-Monticello	1975
		North Alabama	Valdosta St.	1982
FORWARD PASSING				
Most Attempts.....	59	Delta State	Miss. College	1981
Most Completions.....	32	Jax State	Miss. College	1982
Most Yards.....	434	Jax State	Miss. College	1982
Most TDs.....	5	Jax State	3 opponents	1981
		Jax State	Miss. College	1982
Most Without Interception	46	Jax State	Miss. College	1982
TOTAL OFFENSE				
Most Plays.....	95	Jax State	Livingston	1978
Most Yards.....	644	Jax State	Miss. College	1982
Best Avg. Yards Per Play.....	8.5	North Alabama	Valdosta St.	1982
PASS INTERCEPTIONS				
Most Intercepted.....	6	North Alabama	Nicholls St.	1973
		Miss. College	Harding	1976
		Troy State	Tennessee Tech	1978
		Livingston	Delta State	1979
Most Yards Returned.....	140	Troy State	Tennessee Tech	1978
PUNTING				
Most Punts.....	14	UT-Martin	Nicholls St.	1975
		Miss. College	Livingston	1976
PUNT RETURNS				
Most Returned.....	10	Nicholls St.	Southeastern	1976
Most Yards Returned	221	Troy State	Livingston	1976
KICKOFF RETURNS				
Most Returned.....	11	North Alabama	Jax State	1971
Most Yards Returned	322	Troy State	North Alabama	1975
SCORING				
Most TDs.....	9	Jax State	NE Louisiana	1973
		Troy State	Livingston	1979
		Jax State	Liberty Baptist	1981
Most PATs Made Kicking.....	9	Jax State	NE Louisiana	1973
Most FGs Made.....	4	Livingston	Nicholls St.	1974
		Livingston	Henderson St.	1974
		UT-Martin	Tennessee Tech	1976
Most Points.....	64	Troy State	Livingston	1979
		Jax State	Liberty Baptist	1981
FIRST DOWNS				
Most Rushing.....	23	North Alabama	Valdosta St.	1982
Most Passing.....	21	Jax State	North Alabama	1978
Most by Penalties.....	6	Delta State	Liberty Baptist	1982
		Delta State	Jax State	1982
Most Total.....	30	Jax State	North Alabama	1974
FUMBLES				
Most Fumbles.....	9	Livingston	Southeastern 1974	
		Nicholls St.	Delta State	1976
		Troy State	Southern Miss.	1977
		Miss. College	Delta State	1982
Most Fumbles Lost	7	Delta State	North Alabama	1972

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RUSHING	NO.	TEAM	YEAR
Most Attempts.....	828	Livingston	1975
Most Yards	3882	Livingston	1975
Most Yards Lost.....	563	UT-Martin	1975
Best Average Per Game.....	314.5	Miss. College	1979
FORWARD PASSING			
Most Attempts.....	433	Jax State	1982
Most Completions.....	242	Jax State	1982
Most Had Intercepted.....	22	Southeastern	1972
Most Yards.....	2915	Jax State	1982
Most TDs.....	28	Jax State	1981
Best Completion Pct.....	59	Jax State	1981
Best Avg. Gain Per Attempt.....	9.6	Troy State	1974
Best Avg. Gain Per Completion.....	21.6	Livingston	1975
Best Avg. Yards Per Game.....	242.9	Jax State	1982
Most Without Interception.....	77	Troy State	1971
TOTAL OFFENSE			
Most Plays.....	1055	Jax State	1977
Most Yards.....	4777	Jax State	1977
Best Average Per Play.....	5.9	Troy State	1980
Best Average Per Game.....	402.9	UT-Martin	1977
PASS INTERCEPTIONS			
Most Intercepted.....	28	Livingston	1971
Most Yards Returned.....	485	UT-Martin	1976
Best Avg. Per Return.....	27	Troy State	1979
Most TDs.....	6	UT-Martin	1976
PUNTING			
Most Punts.....	92	Southeastern	1971
Fewest Punts.....	38	North Alabama	1975
Best Average.....	43.5	Jax State	1982
Most Punts Had Blocked.....	5	Livingston	1976
		Troy State	1978
PUNT RETURNS			
Most Returned.....	48	Nicholls St.	1976
Most Yards.....	495	Jax State	1972
Best Average Per Return.....	17.8	Troy State	1979
KICKOFF RETURNS			
Most Returned.....	54	North Alabama	1971
Most Yards.....	952	North Alabama	1971
Best Avg. Per Return.....	26.5	Livingston	1972
SCORING			
Most TDs.....	43	Jax State	1977
Most PATs Kicking.....	40	Jax State	1981
Most Two-Point Attempts.....	10	Troy State	1974
Most Two-Pointers Made.....	6	North Alabama	1975
Most FGs Made.....	16	North Alabama	1980
Most Safeties.....	4	North Alabama	1980
Most Points.....	414	Jax State	1982
Most Points Per Game.....	35.4	Jax State	1973
FIRST DOWNS			
Most Rushing.....	185	Livingston	1975
Most Passing.....	116	Valdosta St.	1982
Most By Penalties.....	28	Delta State	1982
Most Total.....	274	Jax State	1977

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PASSING YARDS	COMP-ATT	YARDS	TD	PCT.	INT
Ed Lett, JSU (79-82).....	563-1027	7145	61	.548	42
Willie Tullis, TSU (78-80).....	223-438	4661	25	.509	23
Bobby Ray Green, JSU (74-78).....	266-447	3428	20	.595	21
Bobby Lee, TSU (72-75).....	190-351	3278	25	.543	13
Alvin Smalls, UT-M (75-77).....	200-441	2866	23	.453	17
RUSHING YARDS	ATT	YARDS		AVG.	TD
Major Everett, MC (79-82).....	597	3459		5.8	32
Horace Belton, SE (73-75).....	682	3222		4.7	31
Ezra Tate, MC (74-78).....	571	3116		5.5	26
Boyce Callahan, JSU (71-73).....	600	2944		4.9	29
Lawson Fletcher, UNA (78-82).....	490	2432		5.0	22
TOTAL OFFENSE	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	TDR
Ed Lett, JSU (79-82).....	1263	-371	7145	6774	65
Willie Tullis, TSU (78-80).....	731	1149	3456	4605	40
Alvin Smalls, UT-M (75-77).....	939	1250	2866	4116	30
David Bradberry, DSU (72-73).....	647	1188	2616	3804	30
Bobby Ray Green, JSU (74-78).....	754	31	3428	3459	38
Major Everett, MC (79-82).....	597	3459	0	3459	32
RECEIVING	PASSES	YARDS		AVG.	TD
Robert Hill, MC (73-75).....	131	1768		13.7	12
Donald Young, JSU (76-78).....	128	1680		13.1	7
Roger Ralph, UNA (73-75).....	126	1932		15.3	14
Perry Griggs, TSU (73-76).....	110	1975		17.9	19
Gerald Butler, NSU (73-76).....	105	1470		14.0	11
PUNTING AVERAGE		PUNTS		YARDS	AVG.
Gregg, Lowery, JSU (79-82).....		278		11,576	41.6
Randy Walker, NW (72-73).....		125		5,169	41.4
Terry Magee, NSU (72-75).....		292		11,966	40.9
Mike Quinn, TSU (77-80).....		213		8,461	39.7
Dale Mathis, UNA (71-73).....		125		4,937	39.4
PUNT RETURN YARDS	RET	YARDS		AVG.	TD
Virgil Seay, TSU (78-79).....	47	783		16.6	5
Wayne Bond, JSU (71-73).....	47	780		16.5	1
Des Ball, DSU (78-82).....	93	755		8.1	4
Michael Kincaid, MC (79-82).....	75	736		8.9	3
Clayton Lundy, UNA (73-76).....	86	728		8.5	2
KICKOFF RETURN YARDS	RET	YARDS		AVG.	TD
Burnis Rose, UNA (74-76).....	62	1681		27.1	0
Michael Kincaid, MC (79-82).....	64	1494		23.3	0
Perry Griggs, TSU (73-76).....	59	1375		23.3	1
Randall Mallard, LU (78-82).....	61	1297		21.3	2
Jessie Jackson, DSU (75-77).....	50	1192		23.8	1
PASS INTERCEPTIONS	INT	YARDS		AVG.	TD
Tyrone Ferguson, TSU (74-77).....	16	136		8.5	1
Stanley King, LU (75-77).....	15	233		21.5	2
Robert Hudson, MC (75-78).....	15	219		14.6	3
Robbie Hudson, UNA (72-75).....	15	122		8.1	0
John Kelly, NW (72-73).....	14	174		12.4	0
KICK SCORING	EP-EPA	FG-FGA		TOTAL	
Nelson McMurrain, UNA (78-81).....	104-113	40-64		224	
Rocky Riddle, JSU (76-79).....	116-120	28-54		200	
James Mullinax, LU (75-78).....	73-76	30-55		163	
Ronnie Slovensky, LU (72-74).....	64-66	28-37		148	
Jim Turcotte, MC (79-82).....	74-77	17-25		125	
SCORING	TD	EP	FG	2-PT.	TOTAL
Nelson McMurrain, UNA (78-81).....	0	104	40	0	224
Major Everett, MC (79-82).....	35	0	0	2	214
Rocky Riddle, JSU (76-79).....	0	116	28	0	200
Horace Belton, SE (73-76).....	31	0	0	0	196
Boyce Callahan, JSU (71-73).....	29	0	0	0	174

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Voice of the Blazers

Pete Butler, 24, came to Valdosta in May 1982 to head up the sports program at WVLD, which is the flag station for all Blazer sports. The Kentucky native is a graduate of Red Bank High School in Chattanooga and Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, where he was sports director at WMOT-FM for two years.

Butler has organized a total sports program for WVLD with an emphasis on Valdosta State athletics. WVLD is building a network of other radio stations which will carry Blazer football and basketball games.

Composite Football Schedule of 1983 Opponents

	*Night Game (HO) Homecoming	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 24
	Valdosta State	Open	Mississippi College	at Troy State*	Savannah State*	at Central Florida*	Delta State (HC)	Jacksonville State*	West Georgia* in Columbus	at North Alabama*	Kentucky State*	at Livingston*	Georgia Southern*	Open
	Mississippi College	at Southeastern Louisiana*	at VSC*	Stephen F. Austin*	Southern Arkansas	Troy State*	Jacksonville State*	at Quachita Baptist	UT Martin* (HC)	Livingston*	at North Alabama	Open	at Delta State	Open
	Troy State	Tuskegee Institute in Montgomery	Nicholls State*	VSC*	Georgia Southern*	at Mississippi College*	Southeastern Louisiana*	at Delta State	North Alabama (HC)	at UT Martin	at Livingston*	Jacksonville State	Open	
	Savannah State	at Middle Tennessee State	Tuskegee Institute*	Open	at VSC*	Morris Brown*	at Mays Hill	Clark (HC)	at Morehouse	Open	at Fort Valley State	Albany State*	Alabama A & M*	Georgia Southern*
	Central Florida	Elizabeth City State*	at Georgia Southern*	at Southeastern Louisiana*	North Alabama*	VSC*	Belane Cookman*	VMI*	Open	at Austin Peay	at Carson Newman	Nicholls State*	Fort Lewis*	Open
	Delta State	Open	at Quachita Baptist*	West Georgia	at Southeast Missouri State*	at North Alabama*	at VSC*	Troy State	at Livingston	Jacksonville State	Open	at UT Martin	Mississippi College	Open
	Jacksonville State	at UT Chattanooga*	Alabama A & M*	Open	at West Georgia*	Livingston*	at Mississippi College*	at VSC*	Tuskegee Institute*	at Delta State	UT Martin (HC)	at Troy State	at North Alabama	Open
	West Georgia	Open	Gardner Webb*	at Delta State	Jacksonville State*	UT Martin*	at Livingston*	Open	VSC*	Newberry (HC)	at Morehouse*	North Alabama	at Liberty Baptist	Open
	North Alabama	Open	Open	Livingston*	at Central Florida*	Delta State	at Alabama A & M*	at UT Martin*	at Troy State	VSC*	Mississippi College (HC)	at West Georgia	Jacksonville State	Open
	Kentucky State	at Kentucky Wesleyan	Morehead State	at Austin Peay*	at Knoxville*	Open	at Clark	Central State (HC)	at Arkansas Pine Bluff	at Hillsdale	at VSC*	Fort Valley State	Wayne State	Open
	Livingston	Miles*	Arkansas Tech*	at North Alabama*	at UT Martin*	at Jacksonville State*	West Georgia*	Open	Delta State (HC)	at Mississippi College*	Troy State*	VSC*	Open	Open
	Georgia Southern	Open	Central Florida*	Presbyterian* in Savannah	Troy State*	Gardner Webb*	Open	at East Tennessee State	Newberry* in Augusta	at Catawba	at Wofford*	Mars Hill* (HC)	at VSC*	at Savannah State*