

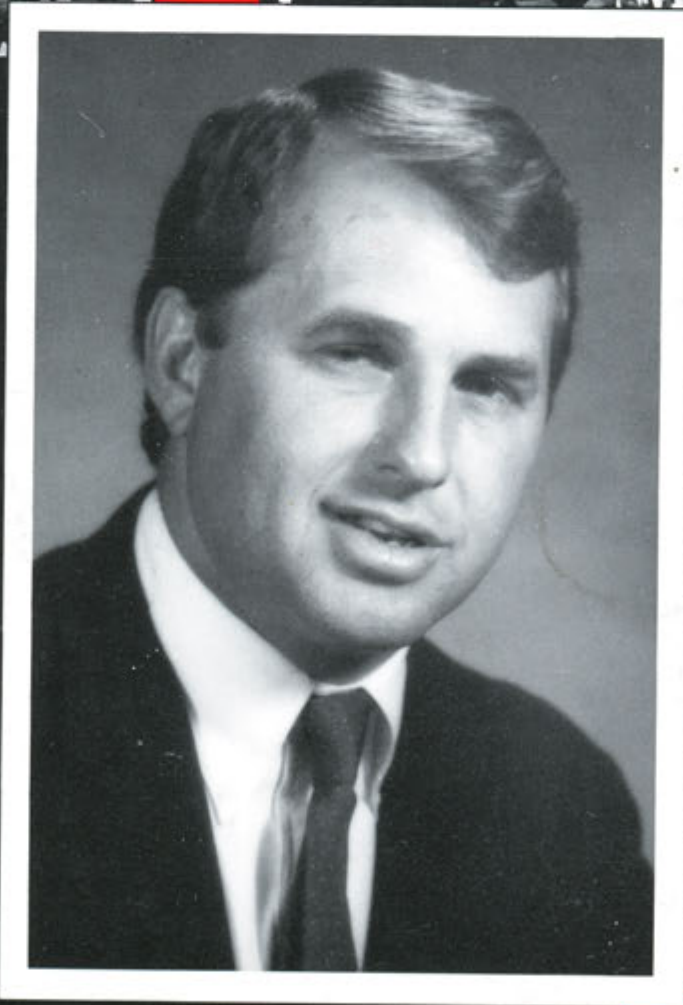
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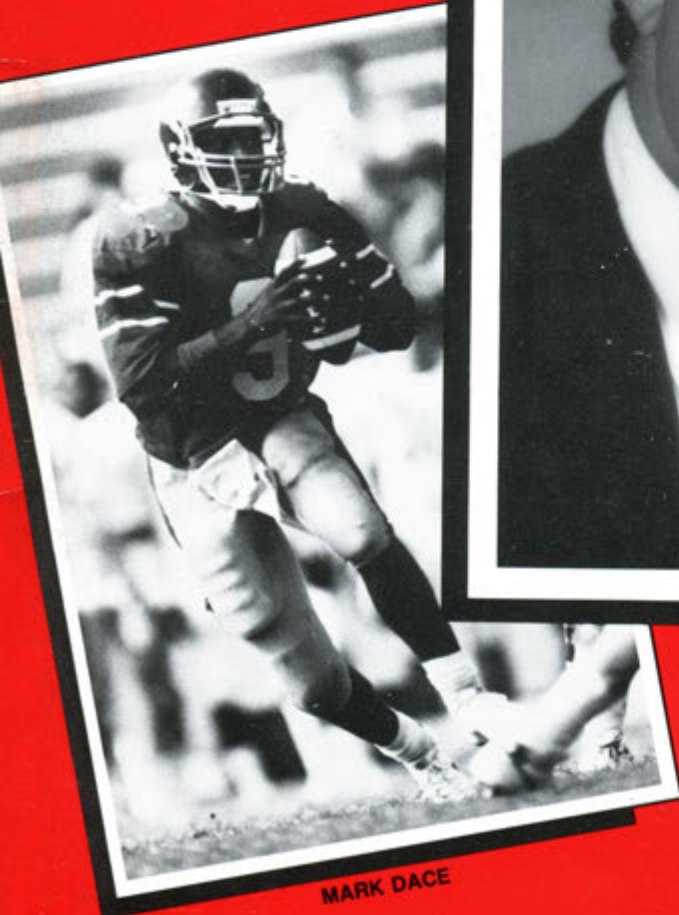
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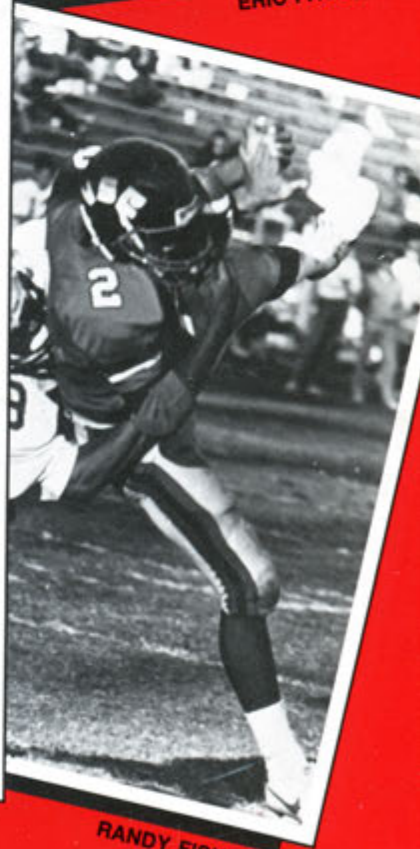
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1987 FOOTBALL

TO THE WORKING MEDIA ...

PRESS BOX

Cleveland Field, the football home of Valdosta State's Blazers, is topped on the South side by a two-level press box with adequate seating on the lower level for about 12 writers. Broadcasters, film crews and photographers use the upper level.

PRESS BOX SERVICES

Standard services are provided for media personnel — flip cards, cumulative statistics, media guides, programs, play-by-play accounts at the conclusion of each quarter, abbreviated statistics at halftime and complete final statistics as soon as possible at the end of the game. Ample telephone service is available. Soft drinks will be served.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Contact Steve Roberts, SID, for press passes as far in advance as possible. Passes will be mailed if time permits. If not, they will be left at the Will Call window at the Southeast ticket booth at Cleveland Field. The passes will be at the Will Call window an hour and a half before kickoff.

MEDIA PARKING

Parking for the media is available near the Southeast Gate at Cleveland Field. No parking sticker is necessary.

RADIO

Valdosta State has a radio booth for the originating station for the Blazer Sports Network. A modular plug phone line is provided the official broadcast team of the opponent for each game. Visiting radio will use the upper level (no booth) and should

obtain permission and credentials in advance from Steve Roberts, SID. 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.

SCOUTS

Requests for scouting credentials should be made directly to Steve Roberts, SID, early during the week of the game to be scouted.

OFFICES

Offices of all football coaches are located in the old gymnasium, which also houses the football fieldhouse and ticket office. All other athletic offices, including the sports information office, are located in the physical education complex.

SPORTS INFORMATION MAILING ADDRESS

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1987 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 11	Fort Valley State	Valdosta	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Livingston*	Livingston, AL	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	UT - Martin*	Valdosta	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Jacksonville State*	Jacksonville, AL	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Troy State*	Valdosta	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	West Georgia* (Homecoming)	Valdosta	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Savannah State	Savannah	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Mississippi College*	Clinton, MS	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Delta State*	Valdosta	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	North Alabama*	Florence, AL	1:30 p.m.

* Gulf South Conference Games

ALL TIMES LOCAL

THE COVER

The cover features five of the important ingredients to the success of the 1987 Valdosta State football team. Blazer head coach Mike Cavan, who was instrumental in turning around the Valdosta State football fortunes last season, is the center piece of the 1987 puzzle, but he is counting on the performance of senior quarterback Mark Dace, senior defensive end Eric Faulkner, junior split end Darrien Teals and sophomore flanker Randy Fisher to make the Blazers contenders for the Gulf South Conference championship.

VALDOSTA STATE AT A GLANCE

Location	Valdosta, Ga.
Enrollment	6800
President	Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
Associate Athletics Directors	Mike Cavan Tommy Thomas
Football Coach	Mike Cavan
Athletic Affiliation	Gulf South Conference, NCAA Division II
Nickname	Blazers
Colors	Red and Black
Stadium	Cleveland Field (11,798, natural turf)

FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Mike Cavan
Alma Mater	Georgia, 1972
Collegiate Record	9-2, 1 year
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Best Time to Call	Mornings
Assistant Coaches	
David McKnight, Georgia 1970	Offensive Coordinator
Rusty Russell, Georgia 1976	Defensive Coordinator
George Collins, Georgia 1978	Offensive Line
Peter Thurmond, Vanderbilt 1987	Secondary
Willie McClendon, Georgia 1979	Running Backs
Buck Belue, Georgia 1981	Quarterbacks, Receivers
David Napert, Troy State 1982	Outside Linebackers
Jay Walls, Valdosta State 1986	Defensive Line
Sports Information Director	Steve Roberts
Graduate Assistant	Chris Beckham
Athletic Trainer	Jim Rudd
Equipment Manager	Larry Lampert
Football Secretary	Debbie Yarbrough

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Tommy Thomas	333-5890	242-2577
Secretary — Kathie Gardner	333-5890	247-7247
PE/Athletics Department Head		
Dr. John Merriman	333-7161	242-8612
Secretary — Ann Bagley	333-7161	242-8737
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Assistant — Kip McLeod	333-7161	242-2415
Basketball (Men)		
James Dominey	333-5890	242-0752
Assistant — Rick Stukes	333-5890	244-4790
Basketball (Women)		
Charles Cooper	333-5890	244-5979
Assistant — Debbie McBeath	333-5890	
Cross County		
Paul DeGroot	333-5890	
Equipment, Film — Larry Lampert	333-5844	244-7188
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Golf — Nicky Balanis	247-0430	247-4033
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Sports Information — Steve Roberts	333-5890	244-6560
Graduate Assistant — Chris Beckham	333-5685	
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Ticket Manager		
Debbie Yarbrough	333-5844	244-4391
Trainer — Jim Rudd	333-7161	686-5177
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MIKE CAVAN

Associate Athletic Director Head Football Coach

Everyone familiar with the Valdosta State football program was in agreement that VSC president Dr. Hugh Bailey had done a great day's work when he convinced Mike Cavan to leave the University of Georgia and take charge of Blazer football in the spring of 1986.

Everybody who knew or knew of Michael George Hains Cavan was sure he would turn the program, which had not had a winning season in its then four-year history, in the right direction. But very few people were optimistic enough to say openly that Cavan would or could do it in his first year. What happened between the time Cavan came on board in April until his Blazers put the lid on a 9-2 season with a 24-7 victory over North Alabama in late November is a story about hard work, sweat, tears, adversity, and ultimately success.

Cavan takes all the praise and adulation that has come with the big winning season in stride. He gives credit to his staff, a staff he put together in two weeks time which consisted primarily of former Georgia players. He gives credit to Dr. Bailey and the VSC administration which is solidly behind the football program. He is an eternal optimist, but he is a realist who knows past results are of little consequence in the present.

"I was extremely pleased with our season last year," Cavan



The Cavans: Mima, Becky, Michael, Mike

said. "It being my first as a head coach, I really didn't know what to expect. We had a lot of things go right for us. My staff was hard working and loyal. We were able to change the attitude of the players and get a good effort week after week. It was very enjoyable.

"But that was last year. It's history. You can't take it away from us, but you can't bottle it and bring it back out this year. We're 0-0 and starting over. In many ways the challenge is even greater this season because we lost so many seniors. Our work habits among the staff and players must be better. It will be interesting to see how we all respond."

A native of Thomaston, Cavan was an all-round athlete at Robert E. Lee High School where he played for his father, Jim, one of the all-time great high school coaches in the state. His senior season he made all-state and was named the Atlanta Touchdown Club's player of the year.

His 20-year association with the University of Georgia began when he joined the Bulldogs in the fall of 1967 as a quarterback. As the starting signal caller in 1968, 1969 and 1970, Cavan led the Bulldogs to the Southeastern Conference championship as a sophomore and was named to the all-SEC Sophomore team by The Associated Press and was chosen SEC Sophomore of the Year by the Jacksonville Journal, outpolling such stars as Archie Manning of Ole Miss and Scott Hunter of Alabama. He also made the Atlanta Constitution All-South team.

In that great sophomore season, Cavan piled up over 1700 yards in total offense, leading Georgia to an 8-0-2 regular season finish, the SEC crown and a bid to the Sugar Bowl. He passed for nine touchdowns, completing 56 percent of his passes, and ran for four TDs. In his career, Cavan gained almost 3400 yards in total offense and was responsible for 26 touchdowns.

Following his playing career, Cavan worked in real estate in Athens for two years before joining the Georgia coaching staff as a graduate assistant on the freshman team. He was elevated to full-time status as offensive backfield coach in 1975.

An excellent recruiter, Cavan lured all-SEC performers Lindsey Scott, Tommy Thurson, Donald Chumley and Greg Waters to Georgia. His most famous recruit, however, was three-time all-American and Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker.

Cavan is married to the former Becky Pittard of Duluth, and they have two children, Michael, 12, and Mima, 9. His sister, Joanie, is a 1968 graduate of Valdosta State.



Cavan Thumbnail

Born: April 15, 1948 (age 39)

Hometown: Thomaston, Ga.

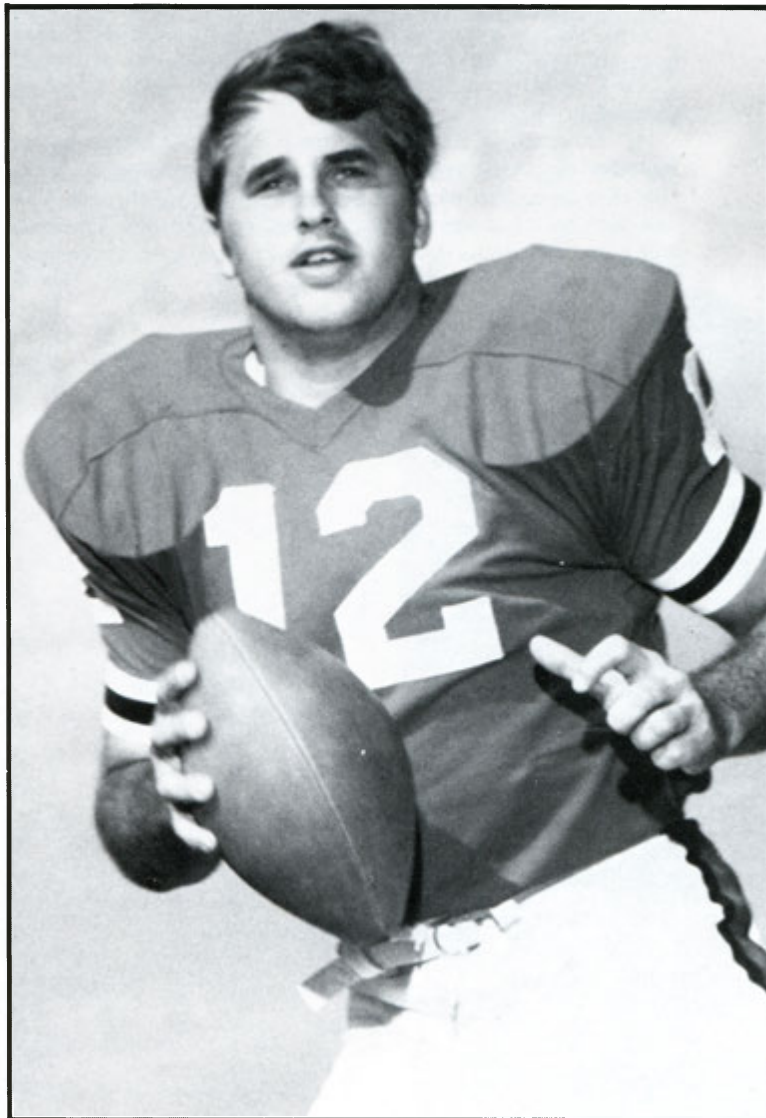
Education: Robert E. Lee High School, Thomaston, Ga.
University of Georgia (B.S. Ed.)

Coaching Experience: University of Georgia, freshman assistant, 1973-74; offensive backfield coach, 1975-85; Valdosta State College, associate athletic director and head football coach, 1986.

Religious Affiliation: Methodist

Hobbies: Golf, hunting, fishing.

Family: Wife, Becky; two children, Michael, 12, Mima, 9.



Cavan in the Georgia Record Book

Season Records

Pass Attempts: 207, ranks 5th all-time.
 Pass Completions: 116, ranks 2nd all-time.
 Passing Yards: 1619, ranks 2nd all-time.
 Completion Percentage: 56, ranks 6th all-time.
 Touchdown Passes: 9, ranks 8th all-time.
 Most Plays: 309, ranks 6th all-time.
 Total Offense: 1710, ranks 6th all-time.

Career Records

Pass Attempts: 448, ranks 4th all-time.
 Pass Completions: 229, ranks 4th all-time.
 Passing Yards: 3216, ranks 4th all-time.
 Completion Percentage: 51.1, ranks 6th all-time.
 Touchdown Passes: 20, ranks 5th all-time.
 Most Plays: 673, ranks 7th all-time.
 Total Offense: 3381, ranks 6th all-time.

COACHING STAFF

David McKnight OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR



Mike Cavan knew when he took the Valdosta State head job that the Blazer offense the three previous years had not been consistent. He also knew he had the person in mind who had a proven track record for turning out high-powered scoring machines on the high school level.

One of Cavan's first moves after taking the job was to lure his former Georgia roommate away from the head coaching job at Glynn Academy in Brunswick. David McKnight, who had enjoyed seven winning seasons at Glynn, accepted Cavan's challenge and joined the Blazer camp in time for spring practice.

He immediately installed a multiple offense, one which he says has no name but is geared to taking advantage of what the defense will give you. But the main thing he "installed" during the spring of 1986 was confidence.

That confidence carried over to the fall, and under McKnight's direction the Blazers were transformed into an exciting offensive football team which averaged over 24 points a game.

"Our goal is to have the defense think it must stop the run and the pass. We'll take what the defense gives us, trying not to line up and bang heads. We don't want to be committed to the run or the pass but be able to do both effectively in given situations.

"We have a lot of people coming back on offense, and I think we'll be stronger up front. But we don't want to become predictable. We still want to run when the defense is playing pass and pass when they're geared to the run. It's a guessing game much of the time, but it's also execution, staying on schedule and not having a bad play."

McKnight likes the wide-open offense because it is not a one-dimensional set, which depends to a great extent on the quarterback for success. "The quarterback is of course important but he doesn't have to be the dominant player in order for the offense to move the ball."

McKnight's Glynn Academy teams averaged seven wins a year during his tenure with the 1986 club going 10-2, setting several offensive records in the process.

A native of Hampton, Va., McKnight was an all-American high school player at Hampton High School before enrolling at Georgia in 1965. He was a three-year starter at defensive end. Following a tour of duty as an officer in the Army, he returned to Georgia to work on his graduate degree in physical education, which he received in 1973.

He held coaching positions at Tennessee Tech and Appalachian State before taking over the Glynn Academy program in 1979.

McKnight is married to the former Beth Perry of Bristol, Va., and they have two sons, Ross, 5, and Perry, 3.



*The McKnights:
Beth, Ross,
Perry, David*

COACHING STAFF

Rusty Russell DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR



John Erskine (Rusty) Russell was on the job at Valdosta State almost as soon as new head coach Mike Cavan was. Cavan announced one day after taking the VSC job that Russell would be joining him as his defensive coordinator, and Russell did just that less than a week later.

Russell, 34, is the son of former Georgia defensive coordinator Erk Russell and has literally been a student of defensive football all his life. He brought a simple philosophy to the Blazer defensive camp, which had performed solidly the three previous years.

"We're going to try to win football games," Russell said on the eve of the 1986 season.

To do that, Russell instituted changes in the spring of 1986, going from an odd to an even scheme. Simply put, the new look had defensive ends and tackles as down linemen, two outside linebackers, two inside linebackers, two cornerbacks and a free safety.

The new system paid huge dividends. The 1986 Blazer defense set a Gulf South Conference record with 32 interceptions and a school record in rushing defense, giving up only 1228 yards or an average of 111 yards a game. It was a senior-dominated defense which played with great intensity and desire, emulating its coordinator.

Russell's work last spring was perhaps a bigger challenge than the spring of '86. The defense must be totally rebuilt, and it will be a monumental task. The unit made positive steps in the spring, but Russell is far from satisfied.

"We were a million miles from being any kind of defensive unit at the beginning of spring drills," Russell said. "At the end we were still a hundred thousand miles from where we need to be. We found some players we think can help us, but we don't have enough by any means. The recruiting class is going to be vitally important to us. It's a scary situation."

Russell grew up in Athens and played at Clarke Central High School before going to Florida State. He transferred to Georgia after one year and had an outstanding career as a defensive end and linebacker on three Junkyard Dog defenses.

After receiving a business administration degree in 1976 and working in sales for a couple of years, Russell returned to Georgia as a graduate assistant for one year and as scout team coach for two more. He joined the Memphis State staff as outside linebackers coach in 1981 and moved to Vanderbilt as defensive ends coach in 1984.

"My association with Rusty goes back to our days at Georgia," Cavan said. "I followed him as a player and coach at Georgia and as a coach at Memphis State and Vanderbilt. He is an outstanding young coach who will do whatever it takes for us to get the job done defensively."

Russell is married to the former Pam Stroh of Des Moines, Iowa, and they have four children, Brian, 12, Jill, 9, Angie, 7, and Audrey, 2.



*The Russells:
Angie, Rusty, Audrey,
Pam, Jill, Brian,
with family pet Shasta*

George Collins

OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT LINE

George Collins, an all-American offensive lineman in the mid-1970's at Georgia, joined Mike Cavan's staff in the spring of 1986 as offensive line coach.

A high school all-American at Warner Robins High School, Collins was a starting offensive guard from 1975-77, and was a part of what is considered one of the best Bulldog offensive lines in history in 1976, a year Georgia won the Southeastern Conference championship.

Following his senior season, Collins played in the East-West Shrine game and the Senior Bowl before being drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. He played in St. Louis for five seasons before joining the Jacksonville Bulls of the United States Football League where he played for two years.

Collins returned to Georgia in 1985 as a graduate assistant before coming to VSC in time for spring practice. He completed work on his master of education degree during the summer of 1986.

He is married to the former Tina Hampton of Warner Robins, and they have two children, Brad 4, and Amy, 1.



The Collins: Tina, Brad, George, Amy

Buck Belue

OFFENSIVE ASST. QUARTERBACKS, RECEIVERS

Buck Belue, who began his brilliant athletic career in Valdosta, became the final member of Mike Cavan's first staff when he came aboard during the summer of 1986 to coach the quarterbacks and receivers.

Belue was a four-year starter at quarterback for Valdosta High School, directing the Wildcats to 10-2, 9-2 and 12-2 records his last three years. He turned down an attractive baseball offer from the Chicago White Sox to play football at Georgia where he starred in both sports. His football career was highlighted by the Bulldogs winning the national championship in 1980. He was captain of the 1981 Georgia team which also played in the Sugar Bowl.

Belue was drafted by the Montreal Expos following his senior year at Georgia and played in the Expo farm system for two seasons before quitting to pursue a professional football career. He joined the Jacksonville Bulls in 1984 and was the starting quarterback in two games that season.

Belue, who is single, is pursuing a degree in communication arts. This is his first coaching job.



Buck Belue

Willie McClendon

**OFFENSIVE ASST.
RUNNING BACKS**

Willie McClendon, an outstanding running back at Georgia from 1975-78, will coach that position at Valdosta State for the second year this fall.

A native of Brunswick, McClendon was an all-state performer at Glynn Academy before enrolling at Georgia, where he was a three-year starter at tailback. He was a member of the 1976 SEC championship team and played in the Sugar and Bluebonnet bowls. He enjoyed a tremendous senior season and still holds the Georgia record for most yards rushing by a senior with 1312. He captained the 1978 team and was named to the all-SEC squad.

Following his Georgia career, McClendon was drafted by the Chicago Bears and played five seasons before joining the Jacksonville Bulls of the United States Football League for the 1984 season.

"Because of Willie's background and knowledge of offensive football, he has been a tremendous asset to Valdosta State," head coach Mike Cavan said. "He has instant credibility with our runningbacks, which is good because we will be so young at those positions this year."

McClendon is married to the former Susan Crim of Atlanta, and they have two sons, Brandon, 6, and Bryan, 3.



David Napert

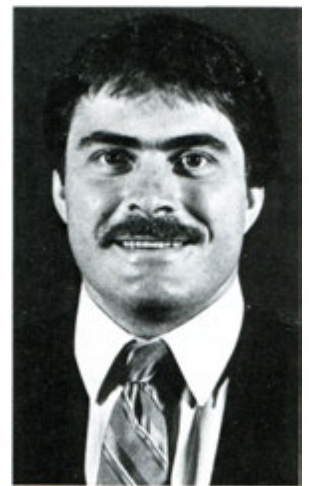
**DEFENSIVE ASST.
OUTSIDE
LINEBACKERS**

David Napert is entering his third season as a member of the Valdosta State football staff, having coached both the defensive ends and the defensive line. This year he will work with outside linebackers and rovers. He also designed and runs the strength program and the off-season conditioning program for the Blazers.

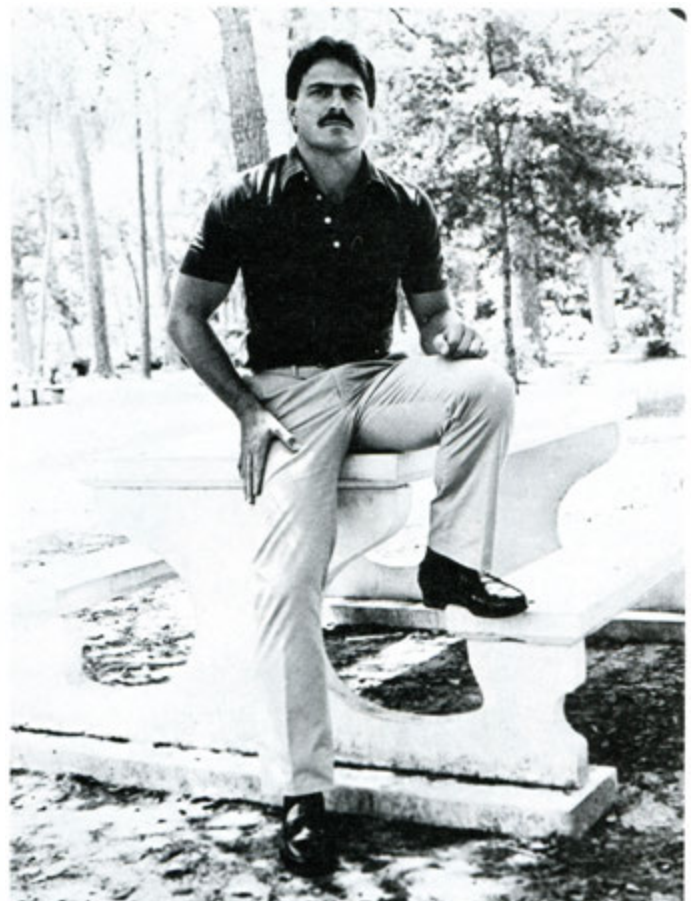
Napert, 27, came to VSC from Panama City, Fla., where he coached football, basketball and track at Rutherford High School for two years. A native of Rockledge, Fla., he was an outstanding football player at Rockledge High School, making all-conference as a tight end and linebacker. He also ran track in high school.

He was recruited by Troy State to play football and was a four-year letterman for the Trojans at defensive end. He graduated from Troy State in 1982 with a B.S. in education, physical education and biology.

Napert, who is single, completed work on his master's degree in physical education during the summer of 1986.



The McClendons: Brandon, Brian, Willie, Susan



David Napert

Jay Walls

DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT LINE

Jay Walls, who did an outstanding job with the Blazer scout team last season, was elevated to defensive line coach during the spring and will continue in that capacity this fall.

A three-year letterman for Valdosta State at defensive tackle, Walls was a durable performer who started 33 consecutive games for the Blazers from 1983 through 1985. During that span he made 124 tackles and recorded seven sacks.

A native of Panama City, Fla., Walls was an outstanding high school player at Rutherford High School before enrolling at Gardner Webb College in North Carolina. He transferred to Valdosta State following his freshman season to complete his eligibility.

Walls, working toward a degree in physical education, is married to the former Kathleen Downs of Panama City and they have two daughters, Lindsey, 2, and Lauren, 1.



Peter Thurmond

DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT SECONDARY

The newest member of Mike Cavan's coaching staff is Peter Thurmond, who has accepted the challenge of rebuilding the Blazer secondary this fall.

Thurmond, a native of Atlanta, was a three-sport letterman in high school at Westminster, playing football, basketball and baseball. It was in football that he made his mark, playing free safety and wide receiver and being named to the all-state team.

He played free safety at Vanderbilt for two seasons before a head injury curtailed his college playing career. He was a student coach at Vandy the past three seasons and received his degree in economics last spring.

Thurmond, 23, coached with VSC defensive coordinator Rusty Russell at Vanderbilt, and Russell was particularly pleased to be reunited. "I like Peter's personality and I'm impressed with his ability," Russell said. "He is a very welcome addition to our staff. Because of our youth and inexperience in the secondary, he has his work cut out for him but I expect him to do well."



The Walls: Jay, Lindsey, Lauren, Kathleen



Peter Thurmond

Jim Rudd

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Jim Rudd joined the Valdosta State athletic staff in July 1985 as head athletic trainer, bringing 15 years experience to the important job.

In addition to his head trainer duties, Rudd will direct the curriculum of the new athletic training major which was instituted by the Department of Health, Physical Education and Athletics in the fall of 1986.

Rudd oversees a staff of eight people and maintains two fully-equipped training rooms, one in the football fieldhouse and another in the physical education complex.

Rudd, 36, came to VSC from West Virginia University, where he was coordinator of athletic training education. A native of New Jersey, he received the B.S. Degree in Biology from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., and earned the M.S. degree in physical education from the University of North Dakota where he worked as an assistant trainer.

He has been the head athletic trainer at Mercer County Community College in Trenton, N.J., and at Kansas State University in Manhattan. Rudd is married and he and his wife Elaine have one daughter, Jennifer, 8.



Larry Lampert

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Every football program must have a behind-the-scenes person who takes care of all the every day, run of the mill, unglamorous duties which must be done if the program is going to run smoothly.

Valdosta State is fortunate to have Larry Lampert heading up that job, and the Air Force veteran does it to perfection. Lampert came on the job as a volunteer helper when football was initiated in 1982 and was later hired as equipment manager.

Taking care of the football equipment is just one of a myriad of assignments the personable Lampert handles. He is in charge of the Blazers' managerial staff and takes care of the game filming for football as well as men's and women's basketball.

An Illinois native, Lampert retired from the Air Force after serving 22 years. His last assignment was at Moody Air Force Base near Valdosta, and he decided to make his home here. He is married, and he and his wife Dottie, an avid Blazer fan, have two sons, Mark and John. John was a student trainer for five Blazer football teams.



*Blazer Managers:
L-R Darby Conner,
John Martin, Laurie Turney,
Andy Jones, Chuck Pearson*

CAVAN ASSESSES THE 1987 BLAZERS

THE OFFENSIVE LINE

"We lost three of our leaders who had good years so last spring was spent finding new people and rebuilding our offensive line. I think coming out of spring we're going to be all right with (Mike) Sellars at center, (Bryan) Banks at left guard, (John) Norris at left tackle, (Buddy) Phillips at right guard and (Michael) Parker at right tackle. We're pretty well set right now as far as the first unit goes. They have a chance to be a decent offensive line. I think the players we have now are maybe more physical than what we had last year, but whether they play that way is yet to be seen. But those seniors will be very hard to replace because they played so well."

THE TIGHT ENDS

"We came out of the spring in good shape with Keith Jones and James McRae about even. Both played a good bit last year and they can do a good job. I would like to see a freshman step in and be a player. We need three tight ends in our offense."

THE WIDE RECEIVERS

"With Randy Fisher, Darrien Teals and (Dexter) Doc Holiday, who had an excellent spring, we have three pretty good wide receivers. We think some of the freshmen will give us some more depth in this area. But regardless of whether they do or not, the wide receivers are one of the strongest points of this football team. It's of course important that they keep working to get better because they are vital to us being successful offensively. That's the reason I hope the freshmen are as good as we think they are. That will create competition, and that's how you get better."

THE QUARTERBACKS

"Mark Dace followed up his solid regular season with a good spring, and he's coming back for his senior year. Right now we have very little depth. Darrell Funderburk got hurt and missed half of spring work which he needed badly. The quarterback situation is just like that at running back. We've got to get some help from the recruiting class. We need at least two capable quarterbacks. Dace has been pretty durable, but you never know when it comes to injuries. We've got to get a couple more quarterbacks ready."

THE RUNNING BACKS

"We are really hurting at running back. Eric Clark had an outstanding spring at fullback and Donnie Harrell had an outstanding spring at tailback, but that's about it. We really need help coming in. Those two guys are really solid football players, and we've got to find somebody to play behind them. I think we've got some help coming in. I hope I'm right."

THE INSIDE LINEBACKERS

"Probably the biggest and most pleasant surprise of the spring was the play of Jimmy Brookins at weakside linebacker. It was a new position for him, and he really made progress. He has a chance to be a pretty good football player. Scott Mowry at strongside

backer had a good spring and is an experienced player. Behind them we are very young with redshirt freshmen Rodney Douglas and Clint Bennett. Just like the rest of the football team we need to build some depth here."

THE OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

"We've got two solid football players as starters in seniors Emmett Watkins at rover and Charles Mitchell at outside backer. But behind them we are very, very thin. This is a critical area for us to find some help. We can't go into the season with just two people."

THE DEFENSIVE LINE

"The defensive front, just like the offensive line, had to be rebuilt during the spring, and we came out of it with some people we feel made some progress. Darrell Tarver at end had a real good spring. At the other end we're hoping that Eric Faulkner will come back in the fall and take over, but he missed the spring recovering from knee surgery. Alonso Harvin, a redshirt freshman, had a pretty good spring, and Greg Hoven had a fair spring. In the middle at the tackles Maurice Jordan had a very good spring, and Rod Callaway and Robert Morris got a little better. They've all still got some growing up to do. We're awfully young in the middle. Clay NeSmith moved from offense and was making progress before getting hurt. We really need help from the recruits in this area."

THE SECONDARY

"This area is just the opposite from last year when we had everybody back. We lost all the starters from a very strong secondary, so we had to start over in the spring. We moved Fitzgerald Williams from an outside backer to safety, and we think it's a good switch but we won't know for sure until he gets some more work there this fall. In our defensive scheme the safety has really got to be consistent. At the corners we came out of the spring with Mikeal Lovejoy, Calvin Orr and Dwayne Hart. They're capable players but awfully young. I hope the competition is strong in this area in the fall."

THE RECRUITING CLASS

"What you hope to have in a recruiting class are players who will come in and offer strong competition. You don't expect many if any to come in and start, but you want them to win backup jobs and push your starters to make them better. I think we have that with a great many of our recruits. Sammy King at wide receiver and Jeremiah Blount at running back are players who could make an immediate impact. We have two quarterbacks in Greg Jordan and Tye Cottle that we need to get in here and start developing. In the defensive line Johnny Dixon and Adrian Clark are two guys we expect to help. Nine of our recruits were chosen to play in the Georgia high school all-star game. That's by far the most we've ever had. You never know what they'll do until they get here, but I think we're on the right track with this recruiting class."

1987 OUTLOOK



As Valdosta State enters its sixth football season this fall, the Blazers for the first time have the momentum of a winning season on which to build. VSC won 9 of 11 games, finishing with six straight wins to nail down a second place finish in the Gulf South Conference.

But as he looks at the holes that must be filled by the departure of 19 seniors, Blazer head coach Mike Cavan is quick to point out, "Last year is last year. In this business it's 'what have you done for me lately' that counts. Right now we're 0-0 and all that matters is Fort Valley State on September 11."

Cavan, preparing for his second season as a college head coach, sees almost the opposite situation from a year ago when the Blazers were returning most of the defense from 1985. This fall VSC returns eight offensive starters from last year's 9-2 team, but only three defensive starters are back.

"We have a chance to be better offensively," Cavan said, "but the defensive situation is scary. It will be very difficult to replace the chemistry and leadership that last year's defensive unit had.

"I say we have a chance to be better offensively, and we do. But they've still got to go out there and perform. Defensively, we're not as good. There's no way you can lose that many people and be as good. We've just got to get ourselves together and tie the boot straps on and go to work."

The other area of major concern for Cavan and his staff is the kicking game, which was also decimated by graduation. Placekicker Keith Moore and punter Terry Mallory, both four-year starters, won't be around in 1987.

"We can't be as good initially in the kicking game," Cavan said. "So in two of the three major areas which make up a successful

football team we're not as good, that's defensively and in the kicking game. Offensively we have a chance to be as good or better.

"Now that doesn't mean that our kicking game or our defense can't be as good. But going into the fall, neither of them approach last year's level."

Cavan said like last year versatility will be the key word for VSC's wide open offensive attack.

"We don't want to be predictable. We've got to use all our offensive weapons. We won't be fancy, but we must display variety, mix the run and the pass and try to keep the defense off balance."

Cavan thought the defense, which was so heavily hit by graduation, came a long way in the spring, but he also thinks it has just as far to go.

"Coach (Rusty) Russell (defensive coordinator) was just about starting over for the second time again last spring because he lost so many starters. I was pleased with the progress the defensive unit made. I think they took some big steps toward becoming the kind of group we've got to have on that side of the ball. They still have just as far to go, and it will be a tremendous challenge to the defensive coaches and players to get the job done."

Turning to the kicking game, Cavan expects help to come from the class of recruits. Little time was spent on the kicking game in the spring, but it will be an agenda item on a daily basis this fall.

"We've got to find a kicker and a punter early, then get our special teams players and go to work. The kicking game is too important to the success of the team. It's got to be good."

In summary, nothing has changed from a year ago. "The goal is still the same," Cavan said. "We want to win it all."



Dace



Funderburk



Marris

QUARTERBACK

The starting job would appear to be secure in the hands of senior Mark Dace (5-11, 193), who enjoyed an outstanding junior season. The Lake City-Columbia product passed for 1435 yards and 16 touchdowns and ran for 309 yards and 5 scores, finishing the year ranked fourth in the nation in passing efficiency.

Behind Dace there is very little experience. Sophomore Darrell Funderburk (6-1, 180) was redshirted last year although he started several games as a freshman. The Blazers recruited three high school quarterbacks — Greg Jordan (6-2, 190) from Blountstown, Fla., Tye Cottle (5-11, 180) from Tift County, and Chris Teal (6-0, 180) from R.E. Lee in Thomaston — and all bring impressive credentials. Freshman Steve Marris (5-10, 185) was also redshirted.

RUNNING BACKS

There is very little depth behind starting junior fullback Eric Clark (6-0, 199) and starting junior halfback Donnie Harrell (5-8, 165), both of whom had solid years in 1986.

Clark was the leading rusher with 565 yards, and Harrell picked up 316 yards, but they scored only one touchdown between them.



Clark



Harrell

Again the recruiting class will be counted on to supply depth and push the starters. Cavan believes a strong group of runners were signed, including Jeremiah Blount (6-0, 200), from Marianna, Fla., David Fanning (5-11, 195) from Washington-Wilkes, and Edward Jackson (5-9, 175) from Americus at halfback and Marcus Copeland (6-0, 230) from Manchester and C.J. Thompson (6-1, 200) from Eustis, Fla., at fullback.



Fisher



Holiday



McRae

TIGHT END / WIDE RECEIVER

If Valdosta State has a surplus of depth and experience plus a highly touted group of newcomers, it's at the receiving positions.

Sophomore Randy Fisher (5-10, 163), last year's Freshman of the Year in the conference, had a brilliant rookie season with 46 catches for 753 yards and 10 touchdowns from his flanker position.

Junior split end Darrien Teals (5-8, 152) turned in another solid year with 29 receptions for 411 yards and 4 TDs. Sophomore Dexter "Doc" Holiday (5-9, 150) plays behind both Fisher and Teals.

Both tight ends from a year ago, sophomore Keith Jones (6-1, 230) and senior James McRae (6-3, 210), return, and Cavan expects them to be more a part of the offense in 1987.

Recruits expected to make an immediate impact are wide receivers Sammy King (6-3, 190) from Bainbridge and Deon Searcy (6-1, 180) from Manchester, and tight end James Johnson (6-3, 225) from Douglas.



Teals





Banks



Gelis



Norris



Parker



Phillips



Sellars

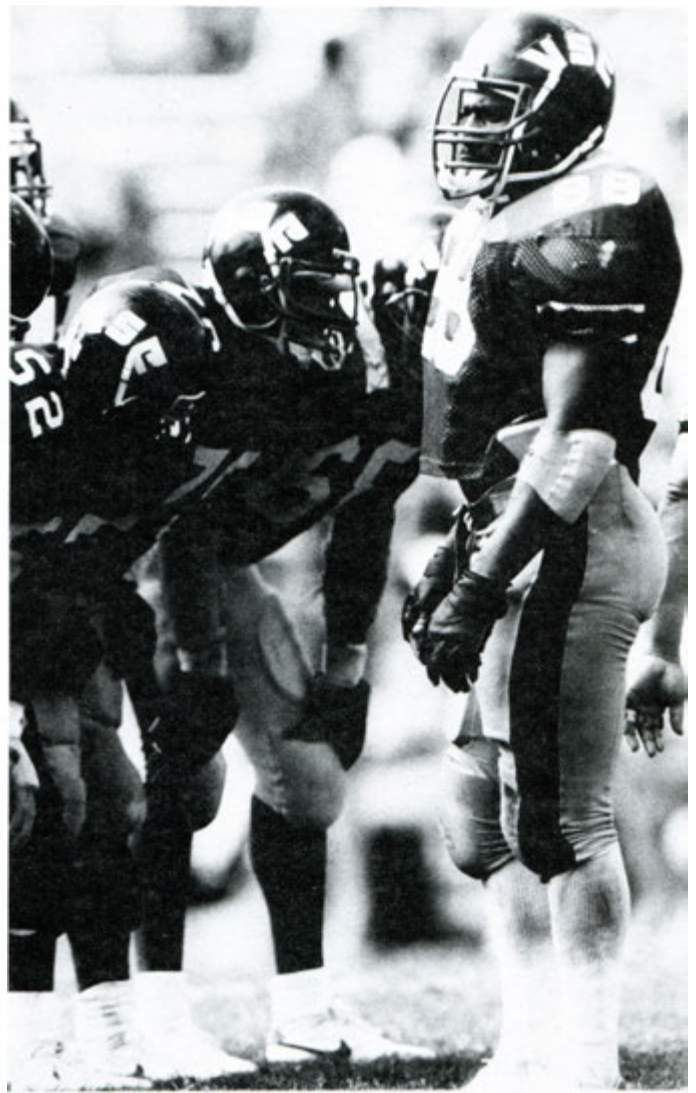
OFFENSIVE LINE

Although three starters off the offensive line graduated, Cavan and line coach George Collins expect the offensive front to be more productive. Back for their senior season are left tackle John Norris (6-4, 248) and left guard Bryan Banks (6-3, 248). Backup guard Mike Sellars, a 6-4, 240-pound sophomore, was moved to center and performed well in the spring. Junior college transfer Buddy Phillips (6-2, 274) took over the right guard spot in the spring, and redshirt freshman Michael Parker (6-5, 268) showed great improvement at right tackle.

Depth could be a problem. Junior guard Bert Gelis (6-4, 225) backed up both sides in the spring. Three highly regarded offensive linemen are among the recruits — Michael Brenton (5-10, 260) from Bainbridge, Ramsey Barrett (5-11, 250) from R.E. Lee in Jacksonville, and Kelly Wells (6-3, 260) from Lincoln County. Also Clarke - Central's Randy Williams (5-11, 200) who transferred from Tennessee Military Institute, made strides as a backup center in the spring.



Williams



Bennett



Brookins



Douglas

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

Graduation shredded the defense, and one of the places it hit the hardest is inside linebacker where four-year starter and all-American Jessie Tuggle did such a brilliant job. Defensive coordinator Rusty Russell isn't starting over, however, as strong side backer Scott Mowry, a 6-2, 225-pound junior returns. And junior Jimmy Brookins (6-3, 215) may have finally found a home at the weak side backer spot where he had an outstanding spring.



Mowry

Depth at both inside positions is uncertain. Redshirt freshmen Rodney Douglas (5-11, 191) and Clint Bennett (6-1, 185) made progress during the spring, and certain members of the recruiting class will get a close look.



Callaway



Faulkner



Harvin



Hoven



Jones



Jordan



Morris



NeSmith



Tarver

DEFENSIVE LINE

The defensive front could be in good shape although it will be very young and somewhat inexperienced. Senior Kevin Faulkner (6-2, 210) had earned a starting job before injuring a knee in the fourth game. He missed spring practice and is a question mark.



Copeland



Hooks



Mitchell

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS / ROVERS

Senior Charles Mitchell (6-2, 195), a part-time starter last year, returns to the outside where he had three sacks, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass in 1986. Senior Jeff Hooks (5-11, 186) missed last season with an injury and has little experience. The recruiting class will again be called on to provide depth.



Watkins

Senior Emmett Watkins (5-11, 200), who led the team in sacks with 6 and had 10 tackles for losses last year, returns at rover. Red-shirt freshman Roger Copeland (6-1, 171) played behind him in the spring, and more depth is needed.



Sophomore Darrell Tarver (6-1, 220) was a pleasant surprise last season and had a good spring at left defensive end. Redshirt freshmen Tim Jones (5-10, 190) and Alonzo Harvin (5-11, 200) offer some depth but badly need experience, as does junior Greg Hoven (6-4, 203).

The defensive tackle spot is by no means settled. Sophomore Maurice Jordan (6-2, 263) played some as a freshman and started on the left side in the spring. Sophomore Robert Morris (6-6, 233) has great potential as does redshirt freshman Rod Callaway (6-3, 230). Junior Clay NeSmith (6-6, 240) moved from offense in the spring, but a knee injury slowed his progress. Some outstanding prep linemen are among the recruits, including Adrian Clark (6-2, 260) from Lithonia, Johnny Dixon (6-2, 260) from Rochelle, Keith Miles (6-2, 230) from Douglas and Jake Stanfill (6-5, 215) from Melbourne, Fla.

THE KICKING GAME

It's back to square one for Cavan as far as the kicking game is concerned. Only sophomore Todd Wilson (6-3, 200), who handled the placement chores in one game last year, is back. Cavan expects his punter as well as competition for the placekicking job to come from the recruiting class.

As Cavan said, no time was spent on the overall kicking game in the spring. The punt and kickoff returners as well as the other personnel on the special teams will be decided on in the fall.



Wilson



Hart



Lovejoy



Orr

THE SECONDARY

The secondary must be completely rebuilt with twin cornerbacks Dallis and Dennis Smith gone to the pros. Their backups from a year ago, sophomores Calvin Orr (5-8, 159) and Mikeal Lovejoy (5-10, 167) are capable performers, but only redshirt freshman Dwayne Hart (5-7, 160) is behind them.

The defensive staff made a late move in the spring, shifting outside linebacker Fitzgerald Williams, 5-11, 186-pound senior, to safety where he played well in that limited time. Williams was the team's second leading tackler with 65, leading the club in tackles for losses with 11. He also recovered two fumbles and had three interceptions. There's little depth behind him and the recruiting class will again be tested to provide help at safety as well as at the cornerback spots.



Williams



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VALDOSTA STATE DEPTH CHART

(End of Spring Practice)

OFFENSE

SPLIT END

*1 Darrien Teals, Jr.
8 Dexter Holiday, So.

LEFT TACKLE

*77 John Norris, Sr.
Kevin Morris, So.

LEFT GUARD

*72 Bryan Banks, Sr.
60 Bert Gelis, Jr.

CENTER

*61 Mike Sellars, So.
Randy Williams, Fr.

RIGHT GUARD

67 Buddy Phillips, Jr.
60 Bert Gelis, Jr.

RIGHT TACKLE

65 Michael Parker, Fr.
Parker Hix, Fr.

TIGHT END

85 Keith Jones, So.
99 James McRae, Sr.

FLANKER

*2 Randy Fisher, So.
8 Dexter Holiday, So.

QUARTERBACK

*9 Mark Dace, Sr.
4 Darrell Funderburk, So.

FULLBACK

46 Eric Clark, Jr.

RUNNING BACK

*36 Donnie Harrell, Jr.

LETTERMEN RETURNING (12) — OG Bryan Banks, FB Eric Clark, QB Mark Dace, WR Randy Fisher, OG Bert Gelis, RB Donnie Harrell, WR Dexter Holiday, TE Keith Jones, TE James McRae, OT John Norris, C Mike Sellars, WR Darrien Teals.

*1986 Starter

DEFENSE

LEFT END

44 Darrell Tarver, So.
Tim Jones, Fr.

LEFT TACKLE

78 Maurice Jordan, So.
63 Clay NeSmith, Jr.

RIGHT TACKLE

79 Rod Callaway, Fr.
80 Robert Morris, So.

RIGHT END

*92 Kevin Faulkner, Sr.
Alonso Harvin, Fr.

ROVER

*34 Emmett Watkins, Sr.
13 Roger Copeland, Fr.

INSIDE LINEBACKER

10 Jimmy Brookins, Jr.
82 Rodney Douglas, Fr.

INSIDE LINEBACKER

40 Scott Mowry, Jr.
54 Clint Bennett, Fr.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

*48 Charles Mitchell, Sr.
11 Jeff Hooks, Sr.

CORNERBACK

20 Mikeal Lovejoy, So.
Dwayne Hart, Fr.

FREE SAFETY

*26 Fitz Williams, Sr.
Jamie Jones, Fr.

CORNERBACK

25 Calvin Orr, So.
Dwayne Hart, Fr.

LETTERMEN RETURNING (11) — ILB Jimmy Brookins, DE Eric Faulkner, DT Maurice Jordan, CB Mikeal Lovejoy, OLB Charles Mitchell, DT Robert Morris, ILB Scott Mowry, CB Calvin Orr, DE Darrell Tarver, ROV Emmett Watkins, FS Fitzgerald Williams.

*1986 Starter

KICKING

PLACEKICKER

3 Todd Wilson, So.

PUNTER

HOLDER

9 Mark Dace, Sr.

SNAPPER

LETTERMEN RETURNING (2) — H Mark Dace, PK Todd Wilson.

THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE



Valdosta State, heading into its sixth season in the dangerous Gulf South Conference wars, became a football force in the nine-team league in 1986, finishing a surprising second and just missing a playoff spot.

This season the conference sports information directors have picked the Blazers to finish fourth behind Troy State, Jacksonville State and Mississippi College. Valdosta State picked up 44 points from the SIDs on the strength of two second, two third, two fourth and two fifth place votes.

Troy State, which reached the semifinals in the national playoffs last season and returns 17 starters off that team, is the consensus choice to defend its conference title. The Trojans amassed 64 points (eight first place votes) while Jacksonville State edged Mississippi College for the second spot, getting 48 points to the Chocs' 47. The Gamecocks picked up the other first place ballot (SIDs couldn't vote for their own team) to go with two second, three third and two fifth place votes. Mississippi College received four second, three fourth and one fifth place vote.

North Alabama, whose ninth place finish last year was more surprising than Valdosta State's finishing second, has been picked to finish fifth with 37 points. The Lions were picked to win the conference title in 1986. Delta State, with 33 points, placed sixth in the balloting, while Livingston with 21 points, West Georgia with 16 points and UT-Martin with 14 points finished in the lower third of the ranking.

For the first time in several years no team will have a new head coach. The dean of GSC football coaches is John Williams at Mississippi College who is entering his 17th season. Wayne Grubb is beginning his 11th year at North Alabama, Red Parker his sixth

at Delta State, Sam McCorkle his third at Livingston, Frank Vohun his third at West Georgia, Rick Rhoades his third at Troy State, Bill Burgess his third at Jacksonville State, Don McLeary his second at UT-Martin and Mike Cavan his second at Valdosta State.

The Gulf South Conference was formed in 1971, and in those 16 years seven different teams have won the football championship. Jacksonville State and Troy State have enjoyed the most success, each winning five championships. North Alabama has won three football titles while Nicholls State, Northwestern State (La.), Mississippi College and Livingston own one championship. Livingston won the first title on the way to the NAIA national championship in 1971. (Troy State and Livingston tied for the regular season crown in 1971).

Ralph McFillen became the league's fourth commissioner in August, 1984. The president of the conference, completing a two-year term, is Dr. Hugh C. Bailey, president of Valdosta State. West Georgia president Dr. Maurice Townsend is president-elect.

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Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
PRESIDENT

FINAL 1986 STANDINGS

Team	GSC	Pct.	PF	PA	O'all	Pct.	PF	PA
Troy State	8-0	1.000	281	132	10-2	.833	404	239
VALDOSTA STATE	7-1	.875	222	157	9-2	.818	267	174
Mississippi College	5-3	.625	143	103	7-4	.636	246	164
Delta State	4-3-1	.563	178	183	6-4-1	.591	244	246
Jacksonville State	4-3-1	.563	245	229	5-4-1	.550	279	264
West Georgia	2-6	.250	215	295	4-7	.364	267	353
Livingston	2-6	.250	162	200	3-8	.273	190	244
UT-Martin	2-6	.250	184	262	3-8	.273	270	346
North Alabama	1-7	.125	131	200	4-7	.364	219	223

1986 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

OFFENSE

Position	Player	School
Wide Receivers	RANDY FISHER	VALDOSTA STATE
	Tony Eddins	Mississippi College
Tackles	Jeff Richards	Livingston
	Greg Shepherd	West Georgia
Guards	Marty Gilley	Troy State
	Cooper Pope	Mississippi College
Center	Tripp Higginbotham	Mississippi College
Tight End	Keith McKeller	Jacksonville State
Quarterback	Mike Turk	Troy State
Running Backs	Marvin Marsh	North Alabama
	Stevie Young	West Georgia
Kicker	Ted Clem	Troy State

DEFENSE

Linemen	Kenny Littles	Livingston
	Karl Balls	Delta State
	Terry Fleming	Mississippi College
Linebackers	JESSIE TUGGLE	VALDOSTA STATE
	Darryl Hopkins	Mississippi College
	Steve Hyche	Livingston
	Gerrick Pimienta	Troy State
Backs	DALLIS SMITH	VALDOSTA STATE
	David Darden	Mississippi College
	Freddie Thomas	Troy State
	Kenneth Watson	Livingston
Punter	TERRY MALLORY	VALDOSTA STATE

POLLING THE SIDs

1. Troy State, 64 (8)
2. Jacksonville State, 48 (1)
3. Mississippi College, 47
4. Valdosta State, 44
5. North Alabama, 37
6. Delta State, 33
7. Livingston, 21
8. West Georgia, 16
9. UT-Martin, 14

1986 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Player	Pos.	School	GAP	Major
Eric Bradner	QB	UT-Martin	3.45	Electrical Eng.
Howard Broadfoot	OL	N. Alabama	2.29	History
Johnny Burks	DB	Delta State	3.20	Physical Ed.
Craig Burns	C	Miss. College	3.80	Computer Science
Steve Campbell	C	Troy State	2.12	Business
Karl Dobbs	LB	Delta State	3.21	Business
Tommy Dugosh	HB	Troy State	2.69	Business
Tony Eddins	WR	Miss. College	3.75	Education
Rex Everett	RB	Miss. College	3.60	Communications
Tim Garner	QB	N. Alabama	2.64	Math, Physical Ed.
Allen Hickman	OL	Miss. College	3.50	Religion
Darrell Hopkins	LB	Miss. College	3.25	Accounting
Kenneth Jones	QB	Livingston	2.25	Mathematics
TERRY MALLORY	P	VSC	3.15	COMMUNICATIONS
Dennis Moreland	DE	West Georgia	4.0	Pre-Med
Joey Parham	DB	Miss. College	3.40	Mathematics
David Pleasants	TE	West Georgia	3.50	Social Science
BEN REAVES	TE	VSC	3.11	PHYSICAL ED.
Rusty Rogers	OT	J'ville State	2.03	Finance
Mike Sanford	OT	West Georgia	3.30	Physics
Kenneth Wells	DB	UT-Martin	3.35	Accounting
BILL WILHELM	OG	VSC	3.47	PHYSICAL ED.

* Student-athletes were selected on the basis of a minimum 3.0 GPA for schools using a 4.0 system and a minimum of 2.0 for schools using the 3.0 system.

1987 VALDOSTA STATE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown / High School
	Curtis Allen	SE	5-11	175	FR		Lutz, FL/Gaither
23	Dale Baker	CB	5-11	165	FR		Naylor, GA/Lowndes
72	Bryan Banks	OG	6-3	248	SR	3L	Albany, GA/Dougherty
76	Ramsey Barrett	OG	5-11	250	FR		Jacksonville, FL/Robert E. Lee
54	Clint Bennett	ILB	6-1	185	FR		Louisville, KY/Clarke Central, GA
	Todd Bliss	DT	6-0	225	FR		Knoxville, TN/Farragut
32	Jeremiah Blount	RB	5-11	195	FR		Marianna, FL/Marianna
70	Bobby Booker	OLB	6-2	195	FR		Lincolnton, GA/Lincoln County
66	Michael Brenton	OG	5-10	260	FR		Bainbridge, GA/Bainbridge
10	Jimmy Brookins	ILB	6-3	211	JR	2L	Monticello, FL/Jefferson County
79	Rod Callaway	DT	6-3	230	FR		Athens, GA/Cedar Shoals
	Eric Carter	DT	6-4	238	FR		Savannah, GA/Memorial
51	Andy Clack	ILB	6-1	205	FR		Abbeville, GA/Wilcox County
75	Adrian Clark	DT	6-2	260	FR		Lithonia, GA/Shiloh
46	Eric Clark	FB	6-0	199	JR	2L	Brunswick, GA/Glynn Academy
	John Clements	DE	6-0	175	FR		Zepherhills, FL/Zepherhills
41	Marcus Copeland	FB	6-0	230	FR		Manchester, GA/Manchester
13	Roger Copeland	ROV	6-1	171	FR		Athens, GA/Clarke Central
14	Tye Cottle	QB	5-11	180	FR		Tifton, GA/Tift County
9	Mark Dace	QB	5-11	193	SR	3L	Lake City, FL/Columbia
56	Johnny Dixon	DT	6-2	260	FR		Rochelle, GA/Wilcox County
82	Rodney Douglas	ILB	5-11	191	FR		Willacoochee, GA/Atkinson County
33	David Fanning	RB	5-11	195	FR		Washington, GA/Washington-Wilkes
92	Eric Faulkner	DE	6-2	210	SR	3L	Gainesville, GA/East Hall
2	Randy Fisher	FL	5-10	163	SO	1L	Brunswick, GA/Glynn Academy
4	Darrell Funderburk	QB	6-1	180	SO	1L	Moultrie, GA/Colquitt County
60	Bert Gelis	OG	6-4	225	JR	2L	Palatka, FL/Palatka
47	Darius Gibson	FS	6-2	190	FR		Fort Valley, GA/Peach County
38	Walt Gill	OLB	5-11	185	FR		Valdosta, GA/Valdosta
52	Greg Gilmore	ILB	6-0	200	FR		Houston, TX/Klein-Forrest
55	Wes Greene	OLB	5-11	185	FR		Decatur, GA/Columbia
	Sam Hackney	FB	5-10	194	FR		Hastings, FL/St. Augustine
36	Donnie Harrell	RB	5-8	165	JR	2L	Middleburg, FL/Middleburg
	Dwayne Hart	CB	5-7	160	FR		Valdosta, GA/Valdosta
	Alonzo Harvin	DE	5-11	200	SO		Havana, FL/Havana
	Parker Hix	OG	6-2	235	FR		Atlanta, GA/Chamblee
8	Dexter Holiday	SE	5-9	150	SO	1L	Newnan, GA/Newnan
11	Jeff Hooks	OLB	5-11	186	SR	1L	Gainesville, FL/Gainesville
15	Greg Hoven	DE	6-4	203	JR	2L	Mulga, AL/Oak Grove
31	Edward Jackson	RB	5-9	175	FR		Americus, GA/Americus
	Dan James	P	6-0	180	FR		Douglasville, GA/Douglas County
	Handy Jernigan	OLB	6-0	188	FR		Brunswick, GA/Glynn Academy
88	James Johnson	TE	6-3	225	FR		Douglas, GA/Coffee
	Jamie Jones	FS	5-11	185	FR		Rome, GA/West Rome

1987 FRESHMEN SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	40 Speed	High School	Hometown
Ramsey Barrett	OL	5-11	250		Robert E. Lee	Jacksonville, FL
Jeremiah Blount	RB	6-0	200	4.5	Marianna	Marianna, FL
Bobby Booker	LB	6-2	195	4.7	Lincoln County	Lincolnton, GA
Michael Brenton	OL	5-10	260	5.1	Bainbridge	Bainbridge, GA
Andy Clack	LB	6-1	205	4.9	Wilcox County	Abbeville, GA
Adrian Clark	DL	6-2	260		Shiloh	Lithonia, GA
Marcus Copeland	FB/NG	6-0	230		Manchester	Manchester, GA
Tye Cottle	QB	5-11	180	4.8	Tift County	Tifton, GA
Johnny Dixon	DL	6-2	260	4.7	Wilcox County	Rochelle, GA
David Fanning	RB	5-11	195		Wash.-Wilkes	Washington, GA
Darius Gibson	FS	6-2	190		Peach County	Fort Valley, GA
Walt Gill	S	5-11	185	4.8	Valdosta	Valdosta, GA
Rick Gilmore	LB	6-1	200		Klein-Forrest	Houston, TX
Wes Greene	LB	5-11	185	4.6	Columbia	Decatur, GA
Edward Jackson	RB	5-9	175	4.7	Americus	Americus, GA
James Johnson	TE	6-3	225	4.8	Coffee	Douglas, GA
Greg Jordan	QB	6-2	190		Blountstown	Blountstown, FL
Sammy King	WR	6-3	190	4.6	Bainbridge	Colquitt, GA
Carlos Marshall	RB/DB	5-9	175	4.6	Calhoun County	Leary, GA
Danny Metcalf	LB	6-1	190	4.7	Wakulla County	Panacea, FL
Keith Miles	DE	6-5	230	5.1	Coffee	Douglas, GA
Tony Murphy	RB/LB	6-0	195	4.6	Calhoun County	Leary, GA
Clifford Scott	DB	5-11	175		Sneads	Sneads, FL
Deon Searcy	WR	6-1	180		Manchester	Manchester, GA
Jake Stanfill	DE	6-5	215		Melbourne	Melbourne, FL
Chris Teal	QB	6-0	180		Robert E. Lee	Thomaston, GA
C.J. Thompson	FB	6-1	200		Eustis	Eustis, FL
Kelly Wells	OL	6-3	260		Lincoln County	Lincolnton, GA
Ronnie West	WR/DB	6-3	185	4.6	Wilcox County	Pineview, GA

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown / High School
85	Keith Jones	TE	6-1	230	SO	1L	Pelham, GA/Pelham
	Tim Jones	DE	5-10	190	FR		Macon, GA/Central
12	Greg Jordan	QB	6-2	190	FR		Blountstown, FL/Blountstown
78	Maurice Jordan	DT	6-2	263	SO	1L	High Springs, FL/Columbia
83	Sammy King	WR	6-2	190	FR		Colquitt, GA/Bainbridge
	Lance Laskey	TE	6-3	220	SO		Valdosta, GA/Natchitoches, LA
20	Mikeal Lovejoy	CB	5-10	167	SO	1L	Meigs, GA/Central
	Steven Marrs	QB	5-10	185	FR		New Orleans, LA/John Ehret
24	Carlos Marshall	CB	5-9	175	FR		Leary, GA/Calhoun County
99	James McRae	TE	6-3	209	SR	1L	Fairmont, NC/South Robeson
45	Danny Metcalf	OLB	6-1	190	FR		Panacea, FL/Wakulla County
74	Keith Miles	DE	6-5	230	FR		Douglas, GA/Coffee
48	Charles Mitchell	OLB	6-2	195	SR	3L	Hazlehurst, GA/Jeff Davis
	Carlos Moring	ILB	5-11	235	SO		Columbus, GA/Pacelli
	Kevin Morris	OT	6-2	260	SO		Kingsland, GA/Camden County
80	Robert Morris	DT	6-6	233	SO	1L	Brunswick, GA/Glynn Academy
40	Scott Mowry	ILB	6-2	225	JR	2L	Marietta, GA/Walton
49	Tony Murphy	ILB	6-0	195	FR		Leary, GA/Calhoun County
63	Clay NeSmith	DT	6-6	240	JR	1L	Thomasville, GA/Central
77	John Norris	OT	6-4	248	SR	3L	Moultrie, GA/Pineland Academy
25	Calvin Orr	CB	5-8	159	SO	1L	Valdosta, GA/Lowndes
	Ted Palmer	C	5-11	225	FR		Crescent, GA/John F. Kennedy
65	Michael Parker	OT	6-5	283	FR		Pelham, GA/Pelham
67	Buddy Phillips	OG	6-2	274	JR		Lake Wales, FL/Lake Wales
35	John Royal	FB	5-11	180	FR		Douglas, GA/Coffee
28	Clifford Scott	CB	5-11	180	FR		Sneads, FL/Sneads
22	Deon Searcy	WR	6-1	180	FR		Manchester, GA/Manchester
61	Mike Sellars	C	6-4	240	SO	1L	Leesburg, GA/Lee County
	Napoleon Stafford	RB	5-10	175	FR		Adel, GA/Cook
93	Jake Stanfill	DE	6-5	215	FR		Melbourne, FL/Melbourne
44	Darrell Tarver	DE	6-1	220	SO	1L	Seale, AL/Pacelli
7	Chris Teal	QB	6-0	180	FR		Thomaston, GA/Robert E. Lee
1	Darrien Teals	SE	5-8	152	JR	2L	Tifton, GA/Tift County
	Todd Tharp	ILB	5-11	200	FR		Orlando, FL/Boone
30	C.J. Thompson	FB	5-11	200	FR		Eustis, FL/Eustis
34	Emmett Watkins	ROV	5-11	200	SR	3L	Starke, FL/Bradford County
73	Kelly Wells	OT	6-3	260	FR		Lincolnton, GA/Lincoln County
21	Ronnie West	FS	6-3	185	FR		Pineview, GA/Wilcox County
	Aris Williams	FB	5-11	195	FR		Groveland, FL/Groveland
26	Fitzgerald Williams	FS	5-11	186	SR	2L	Patterson, GA/Pierce County
	Randy Williams	C	5-11	200	FR		Athens, GA/Clarke Central
81	Todd Williams	FL	6-0	165	FR		Valdosta, GA/Lowndes
3	Todd Wilson	K	6-3	200	SO	1L	Thomasville, GA/Central

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	No.	Name	No.	Name
1	Darrien Teals	31	Edward Jackson	63	Clay NeSmith
2	Randy Fisher	32	Jeremiah Blount	65	Michael Parker
3	Todd Wilson	33	David Fanning	66	Michael Brenton
4	Darrell Funderburk	34	Emmett Watkins	67	Buddy Phillips
7	Chris Teal	35	John Royal	70	Bobby Booker
8	Dexter Holiday	36	Donnie Harrell	72	Bryan Banks
9	Mark Dace	38	Walt Gill	73	Kelly Wells
10	Jimmy Brookins	40	Scott Mowry	74	Keith Miles
11	Jeff Hooks	41	Marcus Copeland	75	Adrian Clark
12	Greg Jordan	44	Darrell Tarver	76	Ramsey Barrett
13	Roger Copeland	45	Danny Metcalf	77	John Norris
14	Tye Cottle	46	Eric Clark	78	Maurice Jordan
15	Greg Hoven	47	Darius Gibson	79	Rod Callaway
20	Mikeal Lovejoy	48	Charles Mitchell	80	Robert Morris
21	Ronnie West	49	Tony Murphy	81	Todd Williams
22	Deon Searcy	51	Andy Clack	82	Rodney Douglas
23	Dale Baker	52	Greg Gilmore	83	Sammy King
24	Carlos Marshall	54	Clint Bennett	85	Keith Jones
25	Calvin Orr	55	Wes Greene	88	James Johnson
26	Fitzgerald Williams	56	Johnny Dixon	92	Eric Faulkner
28	Clifford Scott	60	Bert Gelis	93	Jake Stanfill
30	C.J. Thompson	61	Mike Sellars	99	James McRae

VALDOSTA STATE FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

A

Ashley Abrams, DB1982
Jody Allen, DE1982
Steve Allen, OT1982
Tony Allen, RB1985
Greg Alley, OG1982-83
Carl Armstrong, WR1982
Cary Arneson, DB1982

B

Bryan Banks, OT1984-86
Rodrigus Bartell, WR1986
Brad Bauer, K1982-84
Pernell Bee, RB1983
Stacey Blake, OT1982-83
Andy Blanchard, LB1984-86
Oliver Blount, DT1985-86
Elson Bolar, DT1983-84
Keith Bonnell, OT1983-85
Robert Boyette, NG1982
Terrence Brisbon, RB1984
Jimmy Brookins, LB1985-86
Charles Brooks, DT1985

C

Bret Calzaretta, LB1982
Cedric Campbell, RB1984
Vince Capece, LB1983-85
Harvey Carter, NG1982
Mark Catano, OT1982-83
Henry Chubb, RB1982-83
Eric Clark, RB1985-86
Cary Cody, WR1982, 84-86
Jay Coley, WR1982
Vic Crawford, DB1984
Elkannah Crockett, DB1982

D

Mark Dace, QB1984-86
J.D. Daniels, WR1982
Rick Davis, QB1982
Artie Dovers, OG1982
Chuck Dunmon, OT1982-85

E

John Eaton, OG1982

F

Leon Farmer, LB1985
Ken Fasnacht, WR1983
Eric Faulkner, DE1984-86
Randy Fisher, WR1986
Reggie Ford, WR1982
Cliff Fouty, LB1982-83
Jimmy Francis, DB1982-85
Darrell Funderburk, QB1985

G

Cedric Gantt, DR1986
Bert Gelis, OG1985-86
James Gibson, DT1983-86
David Gilyard, LB1982
John Gray, DT1982-83
Kevin Gray, WR1984
Steve Griffin, QB1982-83
Ryan Grubbs, LB1984

H

Wayne Hamm, TE1982-84
Jeff Hanton, DB1982-83, 85-86
Donnie Harrell, RB1985-86
Derrick Harris, DB1983-84
Mike Henry, C1983-84
Chester Hightower, LB1986
Dexter Holiday, WR1986
Greg Hoven, WR1984-85
Doug Hunter, QB1983-85

J

Jerome Jackson, RB1982-83, 86
Stonewall Jackson, RB1985
Eric Jarvis, C1982-83
Willie Jefferson, LB1983
Kenny Jennings, DB1983-84
Bo Johnson, OT1982
Keith Jones, TE1986
Maurice Jordan, DT1986

L

Mark Lawson, LB1982-84
Ray Lloyd, C1983-86
Scottie Long, LB1986
Stan Long, OG1983
Mikeal Lovejoy, DB1986

M

George Mackey, DE1982
Terry Mallory, QB1983-86
Brad Martin, WR1983
Derryl Mason, WR1983-84
Timmy Massey, DB1982-85
William Massey, RB1985
Alvoid Mays, DB1984
Mike McBride, RB1982
Clint McCrory, NG1982
Alex McKinnie, RB1982-83
James McRae, TE1986
Charles Mitchell, LB1984-86
Rob Mitchell, WR1983
Clifton Montgomery, RB1984
Donald Monts, OG1982
Keith Moore, K1983-86
Robert Morris, DT1986
Jackson Mosley, DB1982
Scott Mowry, LB1985-86

N

Clay NeSmith, DT1986
Anthony Newsome, DE1983
David Niemeyer, DT1982
John Norris, OT1984-86

O

Calvin Orr, DB1986
James Owens, QB1982

P

Lenny Parker, LB1983-84
Karry Pivald, TE1982
Alan Pohalski, NG1982
Sammie Price, DT1985
Don Pumphrey, OT1984-85

Q

Jerry Randall, DT1984-85
Buddy Ratledge, OT1983-85
Ben Reaves, TE1983-86
Keith Reddings, DE1983-86
Quinton Reed, DB1983-84
Robert Renfro, DT1983-84
Luis Reveiz, K1983
Rusty Rivers, OG1984
Lee Rourk, LB1983

S

Homer Sanders, DB1983
Drew Sauls, WR1984-85
Mike Scantling, TE1983
Richard Schilie, TE1983
Mike Sellars, C1986
Brock Sellers, C1982
Andy Sharpless1982-84
Kelvin Sheppard, WR1982-83
Pete Shutters, NG1982-83
Dean Siegel, DE1984-85
Albert Smith, RB1984
Anthony Smith, LB1983
Dallis Smith, DB1983-86
Dennis Smith, DB1983-86
Jerome Smith, DE1983
Tracy Soles, RB1982-83
Dan Strickland, DT1983-86
James Strickland, C1982
Mel Stripling, OT1982
Ricky Sutton, NG1982
R.D. Swain, OG1983-86

T

Darrell Tarver, DE1986
Larry Tatum, C1984
Darrien Teals, WR1985-86
Freddie Thomas, LB1984-85
Curtis Thompson, LB1983
Hugh Thompson, QB1982
Jessie Tuggle, LB1983-86
John Turley, DE1984

V

Max Vickers, RB1983-86

W

Jay Walls, DT1983-85
Geoff Walters, QB1984-85
Emmett Watkins, DB1984-86
Zim Watters, DT1986
Arthur Webb, WR1984
Derwin Whatley, DB1986
Bill Wilhelm, C1983-86
David Williams, TE1982
Fitzgerald Williams, DB1985-86
Mike Williams, RB1985
Michael Williams, RB1985-86
Rod Williams, OT1982
Wilbur Williams, RB1984-85
Hershel Wooten, DT1985-86



VSC OPPONENTS



FORT VALLEY STATE

SEPT. 11, 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

Cleveland Field, Valdosta, Ga.

Location: Fort Valley, Ga. **Enrollment:** 2000. **Conference:** Southern Intercollegiate Athletic. **Nickname:** Wildcats. **Colors:** Blue & Gold. **Stadium:** Wildcat (6000). **Athletic Director:** Doug Porter. **Head Coach:** Doug Porter. **Record:** 56-14-2 (7 years). **Assistants:** Gerald Walker, John Rhodes, U.S. Marshall, Florazel Lamar, Lester Parrish, Tommy Joe Crutchfield. **Lettermen Returning:** 32. **Starters Returning:** 8 Offense, 6 Defense. **Offense:** Pro Set. **Defense:** 60. **Series Record:** Tied, 1-1. **Sports Information Director:** Johnny Ford. **SID's Phone:** (912) 825-6394 (office) **Top Players:** Chris Hill, RB Darrien Lowe, OG Elvis Thomas, DB Victor Matthews, LB Tim Beard, DT Thomas Ragin.

1987 Schedule

S 11 ...at VALDOSTA STATE
S 19.....at Morehouse
S 26Morris Brown
O 3Clark
O 17at Alabama A&M
O 24Central State
O 31at Tuskegee Institute
N 7Savannah State
N 14.....at Kentucky State
N 21at Albany State

1986 Results (7-3)

0 VALDOSTA STATE17
32 Morehouse 0
7 Morris Brown 0
29 Clark 9
24 Alabama State21
12 Alabama A&M28
13 Tuskegee Institute 9
18 Savannah State 6
34 Kentucky State14
7 Albany State20



LIVINGSTON

SEPT. 19, 1:00 P.M. (CDT)

Tiger Stadium, Livingston, Ala.

Location: Livingston, Ala. **Enrollment:** 1500. **Conference:** Gulf South. **Nickname:** Tigers. **Colors:** Red & White. **Stadium:** Tiger (8500). **Athletic Director:** Dr. Jim Pate. **Head Coach:** Sam McCorkle. (Livingston, 1973). **Record:** 9-13 (2 years). **Assistants:** Bill Patterson, Tim Moore, Calvin Clark, Ricky Seale, Kenny Jones, Chuck Fields. **Lettermen Returning:** 37. **Starters Returning:** 6 Offense, 7 Defense. **Offense:** Multiple. **Defense:** 4-4. **Series Record:** VSC leads, 4-1. **Sports Information Director:** Dee Outlaw. **SID's Phone:** (205) 652-9661 (office), 652-2221 (home). **Top Players:** QB Kenneth Jones, RB Lorenzo Graham, SE Daryl Law, DT Ronnie Glanton, CB Kenneth Watson, OLB Steve Hyche.

1987 Schedule

S 3at East Texas State
S 19.....VALDOSTA STATE
S 26Troy State
O 3Miles
O 10at West Georgia
O 17at Western Kentucky
O 24at Mississippi College
O 31Delta State
N 7at North Alabama
N 14.....UT-Martin
N 21at Jacksonville State

1986 Results (3-8)

2 East Texas State 9
23 Western Kentucky21
3 North Alabama14
6 Troy State28
28 West Georgia17
12 VALDOSTA STATE17
14 Mississippi College16
27 Delta State15
17 North Alabama21
25 UT-Martin48
33 Jacksonville State38



UT-MARTIN

SEPT. 26, 2:00 P.M. (EDT)

Cleveland Field, Valdosta, Ga.

Location: Martin, Tenn. **Enrollment:** 5100. **Conference:** Gulf South. **Nickname:** Pacers. **Colors:** Orange & Blue. **Stadium:** Pacer (7000). **Athletic Director:** Ray Mears. **Head Coach:** Don McLeary (Tennessee, 1970). **Record:** 3-8 (1 year). **Assistants:** Larry Shanks, Todd Berry, Jeremiah Davis, Denver Johnson. **Lettermen Returning:** 38. **Starters Returning:** 10 Offense, 4 Defense. **Offense:** Run and Shoot. **Defense:** 4-3. **Series Record:** VSC leads, 3-0. **Sports Information Director:** Lee Wilmot. **SID's Phone:** (901) 587-7630 (office), 587-9811 (home). **Top Players:** HB William Mackall, WR Antonio Perry, QB Trey Sikes, DE Orlando Miles, LB Paul Randolph, CB Benny Thompson.

1987 Schedule

S 5at Murray State
S 12Austin Peay State
S 19...Southeast Missouri State
S 26 ...at VALDOSTA STATE
O 3Mississippi College
O 10at Delta State
O 17North Alabama
O 31at Jacksonville State
N 7Troy State
N 14Livingston
N 21West Georgia

1986 Results (3-8)

57 Lane11
0 Austin Peay State36
29 Southeast Missouri State .37
24 VALDOSTA STATE49
3 Mississippi College28
19 Delta State38
7 North Alabama 3
20 Jacksonville State30
30 Troy State50
48 Livingston25
33 West Georgia39



VSC OPPONENTS



JACKSONVILLE STATE

OCT. 3, 2:00 p.m. (CDT)

Paul Snow Memorial Stadium, Jacksonville, Ala.

Location: Jacksonville, Ala. **Enrollment:** 7000. **Conference:** Gulf South. **Nickname:** Gamecocks. **Colors:** Red & White. **Stadium:** Paul Snow Memorial (14,500). **Athletic Director:** Jerry Cole. **Head Coach:** Bill Burgess (Auburn, 1963). **Record:** 8-10-2 (2 years). **Assistants:** Charles Maniscalco, Ronald Houston, Eddie Garfinkle, Jeff Bullen, Mark Fleetwood. **Lettermen Returning:** 42. **Starters Returning:** 9 Offense, 9 Defense. **Offense:** Wishbone. **Defense:** Split 4. **Series Record:** JSU leads, 4-1. **Sports Information Director:** Mike Galloway. **SID's Phone:** (205) 231-5377 (office), 435-1143 (home). **Top Players:** QB Pat White, FB Terry Thomas, OG Joe Billingsley, DT Judge Stringer, P Garey Waiters, K Ashley Kay.

1987 Schedule

S 5 at Newberry
S 12 Alabama A&M
S 26 at West Georgia
O 3 VALDOSTA STATE
O 10 at Mississippi College
O 17 Delta State
O 24 at North Alabama
N 31 UT-Martin
N 14 at Troy State
N 21 Livingston

1986 Results (5-4-1)

27 Newberry 21
7 Alabama A&M 14
52 West Georgia 34
25 VALDOSTA STATE 29
14 Mississippi College 28
14 Delta State 14
29 North Alabama 26
30 UT-Martin 20
43 Troy State 45
38 Livingston 33



TROY STATE

OCT. 10, 2:00 P.M. (EDT)

Cleveland Field, Valdosta, Ga.

Location: Troy, Ala. **Enrollment:** 4000. **Conference:** Gulf South. **Nickname:** Trojans. **Colors:** Red, Gray & Black. **Stadium:** Memorial (10,000). **Athletic Director:** Robert E. Stewart. **Head Coach:** Rick Rhoades (Central Missouri State, 1970). **Record:** 16-6 (2 years). **Assistants:** Mike O'Toole, Robert Maddox, Willie Slater, Johnny Williams, Jeff McInerney. **Lettermen Returning:** 38. **Starters Returning:** 8 Offense, 9 Defense. **Offense:** Wishbone. **Defense:** 5-2. **Series Record:** TSU leads, 4-1. **Sports Information Director:** Tom Ensey. **SID's Phone:** (205) 566-3000 (office), 566-2038 (home). **Top Players:** QB Mike Turk, OL Ed Hughey, WR Titus Dixon, ILB Gerrick, Pimienta, SS Freddie Thomas, DL Jerald Travis.

1987 Schedule

S 12 at Nicholls State
S 19 West Texas State
S 26 at Livingston
O 3 West Georgia
O 10 at VALDOSTA STATE
O 17 Mississippi College
O 24 at Delta State
N 31 North Alabama
N 7 at UT-Martin
N 14 Jacksonville State

1986 Results (10-2)

38 West Texas State 32
25 Nicholls State 26
28 Livingston 6
34 West Georgia 21
45 VALDOSTA STATE 10
10 Mississippi College 0
31 Delta State 13
38 North Alabama 9
50 UT-Martin 30
45 Jacksonville State 43
31 Virginia Union 7
28 South Dakota 42



WEST GEORGIA

OCT. 24, 2:00 P.M. (EDT)

Cleveland Field, Valdosta, Ga.

Location: Carrollton, Ga. **Enrollment:** 6200. **Conference:** Gulf South. **Nickname:** Braves. **Colors:** Red & Blue. **Stadium:** Grisham (6500). **Athletic Director:** Roger Kaiser. **Head Coach:** Frank Vohun (Florida State, 1970). **Record:** 9-12 (2 years). **Assistants:** Don Jacobs, Mike Bugar, Mike Pack, Bubba May, Hal Lamb, Cater Pierce, Archie Donaldson. **Lettermen Returning:** 33. **Starters Returning:** Offense 7, Defense 9. **Offense:** Pro. I. **Defense:** 40. **Series Record:** VSC leads, 4-0. **Sports Information Director:** Dan Minish. **SID's Phone:** (404) 836-6539 (office); 834-4375 (home). **Top Players:** TB Stevie Young, WR John Strickland, FB Larry Adams, FS Bernard Willis, LB Trent Hattaway, LB Neal Gooch.

1987 Schedule

S 12 .. at Georgia Southwestern
S 19 Clark
S 26 Jacksonville State
O 3 at Troy State
O 10 Livingston
O 17 at Central Florida
O 24 .. at VALDOSTA STATE
O 31 Mississippi College
N 7 at Delta State
N 14 North Alabama
N 21 at UT-Martin

1986 Results (4-7)

21 Liberty 17
21 Central Florida 34
10 Clark 7
34 Jacksonville State 52
21 Troy State 34
17 Livingston 28
26 VALDOSTA STATE 41
14 Mississippi College 30
27 Delta State 42
37 North Alabama 35
39 UT-Martin 33



SAVANNAH STATE

OCT. 31, 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

Wright Stadium, Savannah, Ga.

Location: Savannah Ga. **Enrollment:** 1800. **Conference:** Southern Intercollegiate Athletic. **Nickname:** Tigers. **Colors:** Orange and Blue. **Stadium:** Wright (7500). **Athletic Director:** John H. Myles. **Head Coach:** William R. "Bill" Davis (Johnson C. Smith, 1965). **Record:** (6-4, 1 year). **Assistants:** Joseph Turner, John Mason, Joe Crosby, Frankie Harper. **Lettermen Returning:** 26. **Starters Returning:** 7 Offense, 6 Defense. **Offense:** Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple. **Series Record:** VSC leads, 3-0. **Sports Information Director:** Lee Grant Pearson. **SID's Phone:** (912) 356-2191 (office). **Top Players:** QB Earl Bryant, TE Timothy Smart, WR Ronald Day, DL Timmy Medlock, LB Terrence Houston, CB Kenny Tate.

1987 Schedule

S 5at Fayetteville State
 S 12..... Tuskegee Institute
 S 19.....at Alabama A&M
 O 3 Morris Brown
 O 10at Central Florida
 O 17 Clark
 O 24at Morehouse
 O 31 VALDOSTA STATE
 N 7at Fort Valley State
 N 14 Albany State

1986 Results (6-4)

30 Bowie State 0
 15 Tuskegee Institute 44
 3 Alabama A&M 7
 10 Morris Brown 7
 20 Georgia Southwestern ... 3
 16 Clark 0
 34 Morehouse 17
 7 VALDOSTA STATE ... 21
 6 Fort Valley State 18
 19 Albany State 10



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

NOV. 7, 5:00 P.M. (CST)

Robinson-Hale Stadium, Clinton, Miss.

Location: Clinton, Miss. **Enrollment:** 3600. **Conference:** Gulf South. **Nickname:** Choctaws. **Colors:** Blue & Gold. **Stadium:** Robinson-Hale (8000). **Athletic Director:** John Williams. **Head Coach:** John Williams (Mississippi College, 1957). **Record:** 87-65-4 (16 years). **Assistants:** Terry McMillan, Joel Hudson, Ricky Herzog, Tom Gladney, Charlie Coles. **Lettermen Returning:** 31. **Starters Returning:** 6 Offense, 7 Defense. **Offense:** Multiple. **Defense:** 50. **Series Record:** MC leads, 4-1. **Sports Information Director:** Norman Gough. **SID's Phone:** (601) 925-3255 (office), 924-5115 (home). **Top Players:** QB Wally Henry, WR Ron Frank, OT Miles Hallberg, DE Terry Fleming, DE Perry Walker, LB Darrell Hopkins.

1987 Schedule

S 12at Arkansas State
 S 19..... North Alabama
 S 26..... West Texas State
 O 3at UT-Martin
 O 10..... Jacksonville State
 O 17.....at Troy State
 O 24 Livingston
 O 31at West Georgia
 N 7 VALDOSTA STATE
 N 14...at S'east. Missouri State
 N 21 Delta State

1986 Results (7-4)

27 Southeast Missouri State .30
 21 North Alabama 6
 42 Arkansas-Monticello 7
 34 West Texas State 24
 28 UT-Martin 3
 28 Jacksonville State 14
 0 Troy State 10
 16 Livingston 14
 30 West Georgia 14
 10 VALDOSTA STATE ... 21
 10 Delta State 21



DELTA STATE

NOV. 14, 2:00 P.M. (EST)

Cleveland Field, Valdosta, Ga.

Location: Cleveland, Miss. **Enrollment:** 3600. **Conference:** Gulf South. **Nickname:** Statesmen. **Colors:** Green & White. **Stadium:** Parker Field (8000). **Athletic Director:** Brad Hovious. **Head Coach:** Red Parker (Arkansas A&M, 1953). **Record:** 28-22-3 (5 years). **Assistants:** Don Skelton, Rufus Williams, Todd Knight, Joe Wickline. **Lettermen Returning:** 34. **Starters Returning:** Offense 8, Defense 11. **Offense:** Veer. **Defense:** 5-2. **Series Record:** DSU leads, 3-2. **Sports Information Director:** Jody Correro. **SID's Phone:** (601) 846-4675 (office), 843-4217 (home). **Top Players:** RB Londale Bankston, OL Darrell Potts, WR Kevin Locastro, DB Willie Greene, LB Richard Dale, LB Carl Dobbs.

1987 Schedule

S 5at Southern Illinois
 S 12 Southern Arkansas
 S 26 at Southeast Missouri State
 O 3at North Alabama
 O 10 UT-Martin
 O 17 Jacksonville State
 O 24 Troy State
 N 31at Livingston
 N 7 West Georgia
 N 14...at VALDOSTA STATE
 N 21 Mississippi College

1986 Results (6-4-1)

28 Southern Arkansas 13
 10 Northwestern Louisiana . 29
 28 Southeast Missouri State . 21
 27 North Alabama 24
 38 UT-Martin 19
 14 Jacksonville State 14
 13 Troy State 31
 15 Livingston 27
 42 West Georgia 27
 8 VALDOSTA STATE ... 31
 21 Mississippi College 10



NORTH ALABAMA

NOV. 21, 1:30 P.M. (CST)

Braly Municipal Stadium, Florence, Ala.

Location: Florence, Ala. **Enrollment:** 5300. **Conference:** Gulf South. **Nickname:** Lions. **Colors:** Purple & Gold. **Stadium:** Braly Municipal (14,500). **Athletic Directors:** Wayne Grubb, Bill Jones. **Head Coach:** Wayne Grubb (Tennessee, 1961). **Record:** 77-30-5 (10 years). **Assistants:** Mike Turner, Greg McMahon, Bill Hyde, Steve Carter, Mike McGowan, Steve Wherry. **Lettermen Returning:** 37. **Starters Returning:** 7 Offense, 8 Defense. **Offense:** Multiple; **Defense:** 50. **Series Record:** UNA leads, 4-1. **Sports Information Director:** Jeff Hodges. **SID's Phone:** (205) 766-4100 (office), 766-7572 (home). **Top Players:** RB Marvin Marsh, QB Lonnie Mister, FL Stevie Hobbs; SS Wendell Phillips, P Scott DeMott, DT Steve Eger.

1987 Schedule

S 12 Virginia State
 S 19..... at Mississippi College
 O 3 Delta State
 O 10at Alabama A&M
 O 17at UT-Martin
 O 24 Jacksonville State
 O 31at Troy State
 N 7 Livingston
 N 14at West Georgia
 N 21 VALDOSTA STATE

1986 Results (4-7)

48 Miles 20
 6 Mississippi College 21
 14 Livingston 3
 24 Delta State 27
 3 UT-Martin 7
 26 Jacksonville State 29
 9 Troy State 38
 21 Livingston 17
 35 West Georgia 37
 7 VALDOSTA STATE ... 24

RIGHT COMBINATION LEADS TO FIRST WINNING SEASON



If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Yes, it's a very old saying, but it certainly applies to the Valdosta State football program. The Blazers, which had been an average football team in each of their first four seasons, posting a 20-23-1 record during that span, completely turned it around in 1986 under the direction of the school's third coaching staff.

The metamorphosis began in the spring of 1986 when new head coach Mike Cavan left the security of the University of Georgia football staff to take command of the struggling VSC program. Cavan assembled an outstanding staff of his own, primarily comprised of former Bulldog greats, and immediately began the tough job of building a winner.

The Blazers had been close to the winner's circle every year, but the chemistry which was missing from those teams was supplied by Cavan and his staff to the 1986 squad. Cavan began with the 19 returning seniors, turning each of them into a leader. The staff preached the team concept — offense, defense and the kicking game. The team bought that concept, then executed it throughout the 1986 campaign. The result was a 9-2 overall record, 7-1, in the Gulf South Conference good for second place.

The second place finish wasn't bad for a team predicted to be eighth in the nine-team league. The first-ever winning season improved Valdosta State's five-year record to 29-25-1.

After going 3-2 in the first half of the season, the Blazers reeled

off six straight wins down the stretch, and then had to face the bitter disappointment of being rejected by the NCAA selection committee for post-season play. The team deserved one of the eight bids but had to settle for a final No. 8 national ranking by The Football News and a No. 12 ranking by the NCAA football committee.

The 1986 Blazers were a record-setting team. Five conference records and 42 school marks were either broken or tied. Individually several players distinguished themselves. Linebacker Jessie Tuggle became the school's fourth all-American at season's end and was joined by Dallis Smith, Randy Fisher, Terry Mallory, R.D. Swain, James Gibson and Keith Reddings on the all-conference team.

Tuggle signed a free agent contract with the Atlanta Falcons while Dallis Smith and his twin brother Dennis signed free agent pacts with the Seattle Seahawks and the St. Louis Cardinals respectively.

The Blazers were also represented individually and as a team in the final Division II national statistics. Dallis Smith's nine interceptions ranked him sixth in the nation; quarterback Mark Dace's 56 percent completion average coupled with 16 touchdown passes and only 11 interceptions placed him fourth in the country in passing efficiency; and punter Terry Mallory's 40.6 average on 58 punts ranked 11th. As a team the Blazers finished 20th in scoring defense, allowing 15.8 points a game, and 24th in rushing



defense, giving up only 111.6 yards a game.
 A game-by-game capsule of 1986 follows:

VSC 17 FORT VALLEY STATE 0

The Blazers immediately put their outstanding special teams play to work in the season opener in Warner Robins when Jessie Tuggle blocked Fort Valley State's first punt of the game. Fitzgerald Williams scooped up the loose ball and raced untouched into the end zone to give VSC an early 7-0 lead. The Blazers never looked back, adding a Keith Moore field goal and a 20-yard TD pass from Mark Dace to Randy Fisher in the third quarter. Valdosta State sacked Wildcat quarterbacks 10 times, recovered three fumbles and intercepted three passes. Fort Valley State finished with negative yardage on the ground.

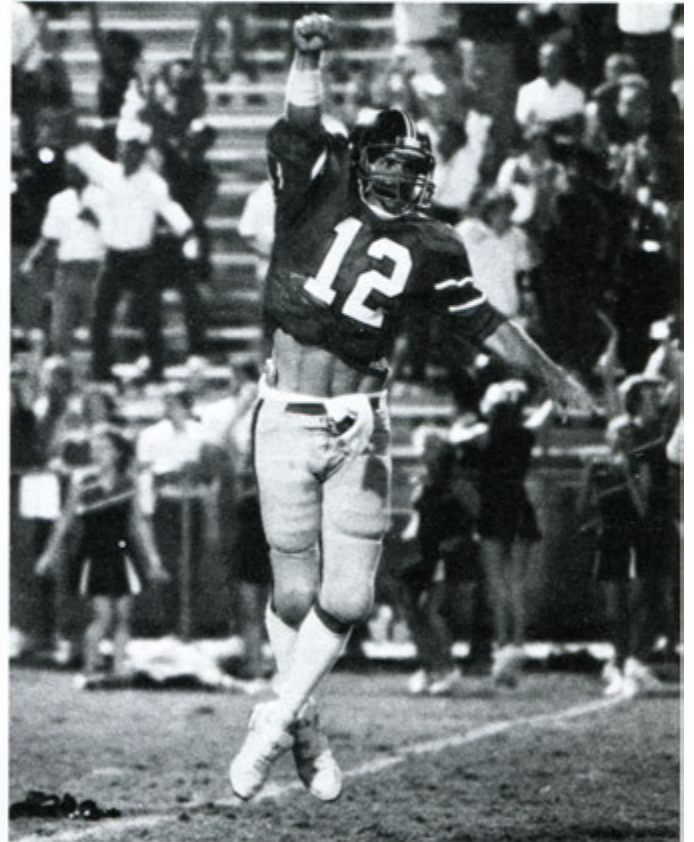


CENTRAL FLORIDA 10 VSC 7

Valdosta State tasted defeat for the first time, losing a hard-fought defensive struggle in Orlando Stadium. It was a battle of missed field goals until Central Florida took a 3-0 lead early in the final period. The Blazers then started a picture-perfect 14-play, 62-yard drive capped by a one-yard plunge by Mark Dace, and took a 7-3 lead with 4:57 remaining. But the Knights bounced back, desperately driving 80 yards in seven plays to score with less than two minutes left, pulling out a 10-7 victory.

VSC 49 UT-MARTIN 24

The Blazers scored early and often in a record-breaking offensive and defensive performance, building a 28-3 halftime lead and coasting to a 49-24 victory at Martin, Tenn. Mark Dace threw for a school-record five touchdowns, and VSC intercepted a conference-record six passes. The Blazers rolled up 446 yards of offense. Randy Fisher's three touchdown receptions tied a school record, and Darrien Teals grabbed a school-record 70-yard TD pass. The point total also tied a school mark as did Keith Moore's seven extra points.



VSC 29 JACKSONVILLE STATE 25

Playing their first home game, the Blazers jumped to a 29-10 lead after three quarters then held off a furious Jacksonville State rally to win 29-25 before a crowd of 5500 at Cleveland Field. VSC answered an early Gamecock TD with three scores in a nine-minute span to lead 19-10 at halftime. The Blazers dominated the third quarter, scoring 10 points, before surviving the JSU come-back effort. Fullback Max Vickers scored two touchdowns on short runs, and Mark Dace threw for two more. Keith Moore added his second field goal of the year to complete the VSC scoring. The win marked Valdosta State's first over Jacksonville State in five meetings.



TROY STATE 45 VSC 10

The only other low point of the 1986 season was reached in Troy Ala., on Oct. 11 when Troy State rolled up 529 yards total offense en route to a 45-10 victory. Despite the lopsided final, the Blazers had their chances early, driving to the Troy State one without scoring. The Trojans turned a 24-10 halftime lead into the rout, scoring 21 unanswered points after intermission. The Blazers were intercepted three times and lost a fumble.

VSC 17 LIVINGSTON 12

The Blazers rallied from a 9-7 halftime deficit, outscoring Livingston 10-3 in the second half to begin a six-game winning streak before 4000 at Cleveland Field. Mark Dace scored on a short run in the first half, then hit Randy Fisher on a short pass that the elusive flanker turned into a 54-yard touchdown early in the third quarter. Keith Moore added a 39-yard field goal.

VSC 41 WEST GEORGIA 26

In a see-saw battle in Carrollton, the Blazers exploded for 21 fourth quarter points to subdue stubborn West Georgia and spoil the Braves' Homecoming, 41-26. Runningback Michael Williams enjoyed an outstanding day, scoring a school record four touchdowns and gaining 120 yards on 20 carries. VSC compiled 448 yards total offense with 283 yards coming on the ground.

VSC 21 SAVANNAH STATE 7

The Blazer defense turned in an outstanding effort to rescue a sluggish offense and lead VSC to a 21-7 victory before a Homecoming crowd of 6500 at Cleveland Field. The Blazer offense started strong as Michael Williams ran 11 yards to cap an 85-yard drive on the team's first possession. But the game turned into a defensive battle with the VSC defenders coming up with five turnovers, two of which led to a 36-yard Keith Moore field goal and a 33-yard TD pass from Mark Dace to Randy Fisher.

VSC 21 MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE 10

The Blazers put together a solid offensive, defensive and special teams effort to beat Mississippi College for the first time in the school's history before a crowd of 3000 at Cleveland Field. Mark Dace scored two touchdowns and flanker Randy Fisher passed 43 yards to split and Darrien Teals for the other score. The VSC defense came up with three turnovers, and Terry Mallory averaged 45 yards on five punts, including a 70-yarder.



VSC 31 DELTA STATE 8

Playing perhaps their most complete game of the year, the Blazers shelled Delta State 31-8 on the road. Five different players got in the scoring act as VSC put points on the board in every quarter. Darrien Teals, Mark Dace, Donnie Harrell and Randy Fisher scored the TDs and Keith Moore added four PATs and a 37-yard field goal. The defense picked up three more turnovers, two of which led to touchdowns.

VSC 24 NORTH ALABAMA 7

In the season finale, the Blazers methodically took apart North Alabama, 24-7, as a crowd of 6000 looked on at Cleveland Field. Randy Fisher caught his ninth and tenth touchdown passes of the season, Max Vickers scored on a short run and Keith Moore closed out his outstanding VSC career with a 46-yard field goal. The Blazer defense, brilliant all season, recovered a fumble and came up with three interceptions, giving VSC a league record 32 thefts on the season. All-conference punter Terry Mallory finished his career in fine fashion, averaging 49.5 yards on four punts. It was the first time VSC had defeated North Alabama in five tries.

1986 GAME - BY - GAME

VSC 17, FORT VALLEY STATE 0

	VSC	FVSC
First Downs	12	13
Yards Rushing	124	-12
Yards Passing	116	240
Passes	26-14-2	39-18-3
Punting	6-39.8	5-35.8
Fumbles/Lost	2-2	5-3
Return Yards	20	91
Penalties	8-75	7-43

VSC	7	0	10	0	—	17
FVSC	0	0	0	0	—	0

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Donnie Harrell, 5-42; Passing: Mark Dace, 23-14-2-121; Receiving: Randy Fisher, 5-45; Tackles: Jessie Tuggle, 3-5=8.

VSC 7, CENTRAL FLORIDA 10

	VSC	UCF
First Downs	18	19
Yards Rushing	203	91
Yards Passing	71	203
Passes	23-12-2	44-17-4
Punting	8-40.1	8-39.0
Fumbles/Lost	4-1	1-0
Return Yards	42	14
Penalties	7-66	6-47

VSC	0	0	0	7	—	7
UCF	0	0	0	10	—	10

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Eric Clark, 11-57; Passing: Mark Dace, 23-12-2-71; Receiving: Randy Fisher, 4-27; Tackles: Jeff Hanton, 3-8=11.

VSC 49, UT-MARTIN 24

	VSC	UT-M
First Downs	20	17
Yards Rushing	205	56
Yards Passing	241	335
Passes	21-12-0	46-25-6
Punting	6-35.3	4-36.5
Fumbles/Lost	2-1	4-0
Return Yards	51	43
Penalties	14-79	9-80

VSC	14	14	14	7	—	49
UT-M	0	3	14	7	—	24

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Eric Clark, 15-75; Passing: Mark Dace, 21-12-0-241; Receiving: Randy Fisher, 8-135; Tackles: Fitzgerald Williams, 4-10=14.

VSC 29, JACKSONVILLE STATE 25

	VSC	JSU
First Downs	15	20
Yards Rushing	193	83
Yards Passing	106	244
Passes	12-8-1	45-27-3
Punting	4-36.8	4-38.0
Fumbles/Lost	6-3	3-1
Return Yards	85	122
Penalties	3-24	3-15

VSC	13	6	10	0	—	29
JSU	7	3	0	15	—	25

JACKSONVILLE (Cont'd.)

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Max Vickers, 16-64; Passing: Mark Dace, 12-8-1-106; Receiving: Randy Fisher, 3-28; Tackles: Jessie Tuggle, 3-10=13.

VSC 10, TROY STATE 45

	VSC	TSU
First Downs	17	22
Yards Rushing	176	334
Yards Passing	167	195
Passes	26-14-3	11-7-1
Punting	4-36.5	4-44.5
Fumbles/Lost	1-1	2-0
Return Yards	30	45
Penalties	4-46	7-60

VSC	0	10	0	0	—	10
TSU	14	10	7	14	—	45

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Donnie Harrell, 17-80; Passing: Mark Dace, 26-14-3-167; Receiving: Darrien Teals, 7-94; Tackles: Jessie Tuggle, 4-10=14.

VSC 17, LIVINGSTON 12

	VSC	LU
First Downs	13	18
Yards Rushing	149	125
Yards Passing	130	133
Passes	16-7-1	29-15-3
Punting	5-40.8	5-40.8
Fumbles/Lost	5-2	2-1
Return Yards	72	133
Penalties	3-15	4-19

VSC	7	0	7	3	—	17
LU	0	9	0	3	—	12

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Eric Clark, 11-70; Passing: Mark Dace, 16-7-1-130; Receiving: Randy Fisher, 3-89; Tackles: Jessie Tuggle, 3-13=16.

VSC 41, WEST GEORGIA 26

	VSC	WGC
First Downs	21	21
Yards Rushing	283	51
Yards Passing	165	239
Passes	17-11-2	32-25-2
Punting	4-41.2	6-38.1
Fumbles/Lost	3-1	4-1
Return Yards	52	47
Penalties	6-31	5-25

VSC	7	13	0	21	—	41
WGC	6	7	7	6	—	26

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Michael Williams, 20-120; Passing: Mark Dace, 15-10-1-159; Receiving: Randy Fisher, 6-97; Tackles: Jessie Tuggle, 5-4=9.

VSC 21, SAVANNAH STATE 7

	VSC	SSC
First Downs	13	19
Yards Rushing	101	155
Yards Passing	148	153
Passes	17-7-0	29-15-4
Punting	7-44.3	6-38.5
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	4-1
Return Yards	92	64
Penalties	6-62	5-50

VSC	7	3	11	0	—	21
SSC	0	7	0	0	—	7

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Michael Williams, 14-71; Passing: Mark Dace, 16-7-0-148; Receiving: Randy Fisher, 3-94; Tackles: Jessie Tuggle, 5-10=15.

VSC 21, MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE 10

	VSC	MC
First Downs	17	17
Yards Rushing	123	132
Yards Passing	119	139
Passes	13-9-0	27-18-2
Punting	5-45.0	4-47.0
Fumbles/Lost	0-0	1-1
Return Yards	94	46
Penalties	3-35	8-53

VSC	0	7	7	7	—	21
MC	7	0	0	3	—	10

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Eric Clark, 13-43; Passing: Mark Dace, 10-7-0-47; Receiving: Darrien Teals, 4-81; Tackles: Jessie Tuggle, 5-12=17.

VSC 31, DELTA STATE 8

	VSC	DSU
First Downs	18	17
Yards Rushing	221	86
Yards Passing	89	114
Passes	13-7-0	29-14-1
Punting	4-48.3	5-34.2
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	2-2
Return Yards	7	62
Penalties	4-30	3-15

VSC	7	7	10	7	—	31
DSU	0	0	0	8	—	8

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Max Vickers, 11-62; Passing: Mark Dace, 12-7-0-89; Receiving: Darrien Teals, 2-32; Tackles: Scott Mowry, 3-6=9.

VSC 24, NORTH ALABAMA 7

	VSC	UNA
First Downs	14	14
Yards Rushing	166	127
Yards Passing	156	127
Passes	15-6-0	27-13-3
Punting	4-49.5	5-43.8
Fumbles/Lost	0-0	1-1
Return Yards	120	36
Penalties	2-15	7-64

VSC	7	3	7	7	—	24
UNA	0	0	7	0	—	7

VSC Leaders — Rushing: Eric Clark, 12-69; Passing: Mark Dace, 13-6-0-156; Receiving: Randy Fisher, 4-136; Tackles: Jessie Tuggle, 5-9=14.

1986 VSC STATISTICS

RECORD: W-9 L-2 T-0 (H: 5- 0- 0 A: 3- 2- 0 N: 1- 0- 0) GSC: 7- 1- 0; NCAA I: 0- 0- 0; NCAA II: 9- 2- 0; NCAA III: 0- 0- 0; NAIA: 0- 0- 0

VSC		OPP	SCHEDULE / ATTENDANCE DATA							PASSING					
										ATT	COMP	INT	PCT.	YDS	TD
FIRST DOWNS	178	197	17, Fort Valley State 0+					7,000	Dace	186	104	11	.559	1435	16
Rushing	109	84	7, at CENTRAL FLORIDA 10					12,056	Fisher	6	2	0	.333	72	1
Passing	57	97	49, at UT-Martin 24*					5,950	Mallory	5	1	1	.200	6	0
Penalty	12	16	29, Jacksonville State 25*					5,500	M. Williams	1	0	0	.000	0	0
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	520	429	10, at TROY STATE 45*					7,400	Harrell	2	0	0	.000	0	0
Yards Gained	2274	1567	17, Livingston 12*					4,000	TOTALS	200	107	12	.535	1513	17
Yards Lost	316	339	41, at West Georgia 26*					2,500	RECEIVING	G	NO	YDS	AvgPC	CPG	TD
Net Yards	1958	1228	21, Savannah State 7 (HC)					6,500	Fisher	11	46	753	16.4	4.2	10
Avg. Per Game	178.0	111.6	21, Mississippi College 10*					3,000	Teals	11	29	411	14.2	2.6	4
PASSING ATTEMPTS	200	358	31, at Delta State 8*					1,000	Clark	11	6	94	15.7	0.5	1
Completions	107	194	24, North Alabama 7*					6,000	McRae	11	4	57	14.3	0.4	1
Net Yards	1513	2122	*Gulf South Conference games						Reaves	6	5	55	11.0	0.8	1
Avg. Per Game	137.5	192.9	* at Warner Robins						M. Williams	10	5	37	7.4	0.5	0
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	720	787							Harrell	10	5	36	7.2	0.5	0
Total Offense	3471	3350							Jones	11	2	21	10.5	0.2	0
Avg. Per Game	315.5	304.5							Wilhelm	11	1	20	20.0	0.1	0
NUMBER OF PUNTS	58	58							Vickers	11	3	20	6.7	0.3	0
Avg. Per punt	40.6	37.8							Cody	11	1	9	9.0	0.1	0
PUNT RETURNS	25	18							TOTALS	11	107	1513	14.1	9.7	17
Yards	211	81							PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Avg. Per Return	8.4	4.5							Fisher	23	205	8.9	0		
KICKOFF RETURNS	30	41							De Smith	1	6	6.0	0		
Yards	676	717							Orr	1	0	0.0	0		
Avg. Per Return	22.5	17.5							TOTALS	25	211	8.4	0		
INTERCEPTION RETURNS	32	11							KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Yards	277	122							Whatley	11	288	26.2	0		
Avg. Per Return	8.7	11.1							Bartell	11	237	21.5	0		
PENALTIES	61	64							Cody	8	151	18.9	0		
Yards	483	471							TOTALS	30	676	22.5	0		
FUMBLES/LOST	28/11	29/10							INTERCEPTION RET.	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
TOUCHDOWNS	35	22							Orr	3	85	28.3	0		
Rushing	17	8							Da Smith	9	53	5.9	0		
Passing	17	13							De Smith	6	50	8.3	0		
Other	1	1							Lovejoy	1	31	31.0	0		
EXTRA POINTS	32	18							F. Williams	3	22	7.3	0		
By Kicking	31	17							Hanton	3	18	6.0	0		
Other	1	1							Mowry	1	12	12.0	0		
FIELD GOALS	14/8	10/7							Mitchell	1	4	4.0	0		
SAFETIES	0	1							Tuggle	1	2	2.0	0		
TOTAL POINTS	267	174							Whatley	2	0	0.0	0		
Avg. Per Game	24.3	15.8							Reddings	1	0	0.0	0		
GAMES	11	11							Watkins	1	0	0.0	0		
SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	TP										
Opponents	34	39	35	66	174										
Valdosta State	69	63	76	59	267										

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TOTAL	FOR LOSS	FUMBLE RECOVERY	PASS INT.	PASS BK	SACK
Tuggle	42	87	129	3	0	1	3	0
F. Williams	24	41	65	11	2	3	6	1
Hanton	24	37	61	1	0	3	3	0
Blanchard	14	37	51	2	0	0	2	0
Reddings	18	31	49	6	1	1	0	3
Watkins	20	21	41	10	0	1	5	6
Mowry	15	24	39	0	1	1	0	0
Da Smith	17	21	38	0	0	9	8	0
Strickland	13	24	37	2	2	0	1	1
Gibson	17	19	36	10	1	0	2	5
Mitchell	17	14	31	4	1	1	4	3
Tarver	11	19	30	4	1	0	0	1
Blount	12	16	28	5	0	0	1	4
De Smith	14	14	28	0	0	6	7	0
Wooten	4	13	17	3	0	0	0	1
Hightower	8	9	17	0	0	0	1	0
Faulkner	5	11	16	3	0	0	0	2
Whatley	4	7	11	1	0	2	0	0
Morris	7	3	10	5	1	0	0	5
Brookins	2	8	10	1	0	0	0	0
Lovejoy	6	3	9	2	0	1	2	0
Watters	6	3	9	1	0	0	1	1
Orr	2	2	4	0	0	3	0	0

TEAM IN A GAME

Most rushing plays — 57 vs. Delta State
 Most rushing yards — 296 vs. West Georgia
 Most passes attempted — 26 vs. Fort Valley St.
 Most passes completed — 14 vs. Fort Valley St.
 Most passes had intercepted — 3 vs. Troy State
 Most yards passing — 241 vs. UT-Martin
 Most yards total offense — 461 vs. West Georgia
 * New VSC Record

Most first downs — 21 vs. West Georgia
 Most fumbles — 6 vs. Jacksonville State
 Most fumbles lost — 3 vs. Jacksonville State
 Most yards penalized — 80 vs. Fort Valley St.
 Longest touchdown — 70-yard pass play vs. UT-Martin*
 Most plays — 79 vs. Central Florida

INDIVIDUAL IN A GAME

Most Points — 24, Michael Williams vs. West Georgia+
 Longest run from scrimmage for TD — 26, Michael Williams vs. West Georgia
 Longest run from scrimmage, no score — 51, Donnie Harrell vs. Jax State
 Longest pass for TD — 70, Mark Dace to Darrien Teals vs. UT-Martin*
 Longest pass, no score — 50, Mark Dace to Randy Fisher vs. Savannah State
 Longest punt return for TD — none
 Longest punt return, no score — 31, Randy Fisher vs. Delta State
 Longest kickoff return for TD — none
 Longest kickoff return, no score — 48, Derwin Whatley vs. Central Florida
 Longest interception return for TD — none
 Longest interception return, no score — 45, Calvin Orr vs. UT-Martin
 Longest punt — 71, Terry Mallory vs. Savannah State*
 Most passes attempted — 26, Mark Dace vs. Troy State
 Most passes completed — 14, Mark Dace vs. Ft. Valley St., Troy State
 Most passes had intercepted — 3, Mark Dace vs. Troy State
 Most passes caught — 8, Randy Fisher vs. UT-Martin
 Most yards passing — 241, Mark Dace vs. UT-Martin
 Most yardage by receiver — 136, Randy Fisher vs. North Alabama
 Most rushing attempts — 20, Michael Williams vs. West Georgia
 Most yards rushing — 134, Michael Williams vs. West Georgia
 Most total offense attempts — 41, Mark Dace vs. Central Florida
 Most yards total offense — 259, Mark Dace vs. UT-Martin
 Most field goals attempted — 2, Keith Moore vs. FVSC, UCF, TSU, LU, SSC
 Most field goals made — 2, Keith Moore, vs. Savannah State
 Longest field goal — 46, Keith Moore vs. North Alabama
 Most PATs attempted — 7, Keith Moore vs. UT-Martin+
 Most PATs made — 7, Keith Moore vs. UT-Martin+
 * — New VSC Record + — Ties VSC Record

GENERAL RECORDS AND INFORMATION

Attendance Records

Year	Home Games	Total Attendance	Avg. Attendance
1986	5	25,000	5000
1985	6	37,100	6183
1984	5	25,468	5094
1983	6	28,500	4750
1982	5	36,800	7360

Top 5 Home Crowds

Attendance	Opponent and Score	Date
1. 10,100	Fort Valley State (FVSC, 17-3)	Sept. 14, 1985
2. 9,500	Central Florida (VSC, 13-7)	Oct. 2, 1982
3. 9,300	Troy State (VSC, 24-21)	Sept. 18, 1982
4. 9,000	Georgia Southern (GSC, 45-29)	Nov. 20, 1982
5. 8,000	Georgia Southern (VSC, 34-29)	Nov. 19, 1983
6. 8,000	Jacksonville State (JSU, 12-5)	Sept. 29, 1984

Valdosta State Versus All Opponents

Opponent	W	L	T
Albany State	1	0	0
Bishop	1	0	0
Central Florida	1	2	0
Clark	1	0	0
Delta State	2	3	0
Fort Valley State	1	1	0
Georgia Southern	1	2	1
Jacksonville State	1	4	0
Kentucky State	3	0	0
Livingston	4	1	0
Mississippi College	1	4	0
North Alabama	1	4	0
Savannah State	3	0	0
Troy State	1	4	0
UT-Martin	3	0	0
West Georgia	4	0	0
TOTALS	29	25	1

Year, Record, Coach and Captains

Year	Record	Coach	Captains
1982	5-5-1	Jim Goodman	James Owens, QB; David Gilyard, LB
1983	5-6-0	Jim Goodman	Mark Catano, OT; Cliff Fouty, LB
1984	5-6-0	Jim Goodman	Lenny Parker, LB; Elson Bolar, LB
1985	5-6-0	Jim Berryman	Jimmy Francis, FS; Jay Walls, DT
1986	9-2-0	Mike Cavan	Jessie Tuggle, LB; R.D. Swain, OG; Dallis Smith, CB; Dennis Smith, CB

Valdosta State All-Americans

1982	Mark Catano, Offensive Tackle
1984	Lenny Parker, Linebacker Keith Moore, Kicker
1986	Jessie Tuggle, Linebacker

Valdosta State All-Gulf South Conference Players

1982	Carl Armstrong, WR Mark Catano, OT (2nd) Cliff Fouty, LB (2nd) Jimmy Francis, CB (2nd) James Owens, QB (2nd)	1985 (Cont'd.) Jimmy Francis, FS (2nd) Mark Dace, QB (2nd) R.D. Swain, OG (2nd) Darrien Teals, WR (2nd)
1983	Lenny Parker, LB Mark Catano, OT Cliff Fouty, LB (2nd) Dallis Smith, CB (2nd)	1986 — Jessie Tuggle, LB* Dallis Smith, CB Randy Fisher, Flanker# Terry Mallory, Punter R.D. Swain, OG (2nd) James Gibson, DT (2nd) Keith Reddings, DE (2nd)
1984	Lenny Parker, LB Dallis Smith, CB (2nd) Jessie Tuggle, DE (2nd) Timmy Massey, SS (2nd) Chuck Dunmon, OG (2nd)	
1985	Jessie Tuggle, LB Dallis Smith, CB Terry Mallory, Punter Freddie Thomas, LB (2nd)	* — defensive player of the year # — freshman of the year



Jessie Tuggle



Jimmy Francis



Terry Mallory



Lenny Parker



Keith Moore



Henry Chubb

Valdosta State Team Award Winners

Most Improved Offensive Player 1983 — Terry Mallory, quarterback 1984 — R. D. Swain, guard	Scholastic Award 1982 — James Owens, quarterback 1983 — Geoff Walters, quarterback 1984 — Geoff Walters, tight end 1985 — Bert Gelis, offensive guard 1986 — Bill Wilhelm, offensive guard
Most Improved Defensive Player 1983 — Jessie Tuggle, end 1984 — Dean Siegel, end	Scout Team Players of the Year 1986 — Offense: Steve Marrs, quarterback; Defense: Clint Bennett, linebacker
Best Offensive Lineman 1982 — Mark Catano, tackle 1983 — Mark Catano, tackle 1984 — Chuck Dunmon, guard 1985 — R.D. Swain, guard 1986 — R.D. Swain, guard	Rookie of the Year 1986 — Randy Fisher, flanker
Best Defensive Lineman 1982 — Cliff Fouty, linebacker 1983 — Lenny Parker, linebacker 1984 — Lenny Parker, linebacker 1985 — Jessie Tuggle, linebacker 1986 — James Gibson, tackle	Most Valuable Player 1982 — Carl Armstrong, wide receiver 1983 — Henry Chubb, fullback 1984 — Lenny Parker, linebacker 1985 — Jimmy Francis, free safety
Best Offensive Back 1982 — James Owens, quarterback 1983 — Henry Chubb, fullback 1984 — Max Vickers, fullback 1985 — Donnie Harrell, tailback 1986 — Mark Dace, quarterback	Hugh C. Bailey Player of the Year 1982 — Carl Armstrong, wide receiver 1983 — Kelvin Sheppard, wide receiver; Tracy Soles, tailback 1984 — Lenny Parker, linebacker 1985 — Jessie Tuggle, linebacker 1986 — Jessie Tuggle, linebacker
Best Defensive Back 1982 — Jimmy Francis, cornerback 1983 — Timmy Massey, strong safety 1984 — Timmy Massey, strong safety 1985 — Jimmy Francis, free safety 1986 — Dallis Smith, cornerback	

GENERAL RECORDS AND INFORMATION

Valdosta State Year-by-Year

1982 (5-5-1)		1983 (5-6-0)	
VSC	Opp	VSC	Opp
13	Mississippi College	3	Mississippi College
24	Troy State	12	Troy State
27	Georgia Southern	14	Savannah State
13	Central Florida	0	Central Florida
0	Delta State	16	Delta State
11	Jacksonville State	11	Jacksonville State
36	Albany State	20	West Georgia
7	North Alabama	0	North Alabama
48	Kentucky State	32	Kentucky State
22	Livingston	29	Livingston
29	Georgia Southern	34	Georgia Southern
230	298	171	233

Coach: Jim Goodman
GSC Record: 2-4 (6th)

Coach: Jim Goodman
GSC Record: 2-5 (8th)

1984 (5-6-0)		1985 (5-6-0)	
VSC	Opp	VSC	Opp
49	Clark	3	Fort Valley State
28	Savannah State	27	Kentucky State
38	UT-Martin	31	UT-Martin
5	Jacksonville State	10	Jacksonville State
12	Troy State	3	Troy State
17	Livingston	5	Livingston
20	West Georgia	49	West Georgia
8	Georgia Southern	19	Bishop
3	Mississippi College	7	Mississippi College
11	Delta State	39	Delta State
24	North Alabama	0	North Alabama
215	181	193	163

Coach: Jim Goodman
GSC Record: 3-5 (6th)

Coach: Jim Berryman
GSC Record: 3-5 (6th)

1986 (9-2)	
VSC	Opp
17	Fort Valley State
7	Central Florida
49	UT-Martin
29	Jacksonville State
10	Troy State
17	Livingston
41	West Georgia
21	Savannah State
21	Mississippi College
31	Delta State
24	North Alabama
267	174

Coach: Mike Cavan
GSC Record: 9-2 (2nd)



Season Leaders

TOTAL OFFENSE

1982 — QB James Owens, 2906
1983 — QB Terry Mallory, 732
1984 — QB Mark Dace, 680
1985 — QB Mark Dace, 899
1986 — QB Mark Dace, 1744

PASSING

1982 — James Owens, 169-339-2258
1983 — Terry Mallory, 41-98-681
1984 — Mark Dace, 42-106-662
1985 — Mark Dace, 53-108-762
1986 — Mark Dace, 104-186-1435

SCORING

1982 — WR Carl Armstrong, 48
K Brad Bauer, 48
1983 — RB Tracy Soles, 54
1984 — K Keith Moore, 59
1985 — K Keith Moore, 59
1986 — WR Randy Fisher, 60

PUNT RETURNS

1982 — Jimmy Francis, 30-199 (6.6)
1983 — Derrick Harris, 24-155 (6.5)
1984 — Derrick Harris, 18-198 (11.0)
1985 — Jimmy Francis, 29-140 (4.8)
1986 — Randy Fisher, 23-205 (8.9)

INTERCEPTIONS

1982 — Timmy Massey, 3-30;
Jimmy Francis, 3-28
1983 — Dallis Smith, 5-91
1984 — Jimmy Francis, 4-31
1985 — Jimmy Francis, 5-109
1986 — Dallis Smith, 9-53

RUSHING

1982 — FB Henry Chubb, 475
1983 — FB Henry Chubb, 668
1984 — RB Michael Williams, 362
1985 — RB Tony Allen, 564
1986 — FB Eric Clark, 565

RECEIVING

1982 — WR Carl Armstrong, 61-1028
1983 — WR Kelvin Sheppard, 22-388
1984 — WR Kevin Gray, 23-455
1985 — WR Darrien Teals, 33-448
1986 — WR Randy Fisher, 46-753

PUNTING

1982 — Brad Bauer, 37.1 (L55)
1983 — Terry Mallory, 37.6 (L56)
1984 — Terry Mallory, 37.6 (L60)
1985 — Terry Mallory, 42.2 (L62)
1986 — Terry Mallory, 40.6 (L71)

KICKOFF RETURNS

1982 — Kelvin Sheppard, 20-422 (21.1)
1983 — Derrick Harris, 21-610* (29.0)
1984 — Derrick Harris, 27-534 (19.8)
1985 — Donnie Harrell, 15-280 (18.7)
1986 — Derwin Whatley, 11-288 (26.3)

TACKLES-ASSISTS

1982 — Cliff Fouty, 20-135 = 155
1983 — Lenny Parker, 47-76 = 123
1984 — Lenny Parker, 62-63 = 125
1985 — Jimmy Francis, 63-62 = 125
1986 — Jessie Tuggle, 42-87 = 129

* — Led Conference



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INDIVIDUAL — GAME

RUSHING:

Most Rushes — 30, Henry Chubb, vs. Livingston, 1983
Most Yards — 169, Tony Allen vs. UT-Martin, 1985
Most Yards Lost — 77, James Owens vs. Jacksonville State, 1982
Best Average — 8.4, Donnie Harrell vs. West Georgia, 1985
Longest Run From Scrimmage — 80, Donnie Harrell vs. West Georgia, 1985
Most Touchdowns — 4, Donnie Harrell vs. West Georgia, 1985;
Michael Williams vs. West Georgia, 1986

PASSING:

Most Attempted — 48, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Completed — 27, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Consecutive Completions — 7, Mark Dace vs. West Georgia, 1985
Most Yards — 406, James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Touchdowns — 5, Mark Dace vs. UT-Martin, 1986
Best Percentage — .867, Mark Dace vs. West Georgia (13-15), 1985
Longest Reception — 70, Mark Dace to Darrien Teals vs. UT-Martin, 1986
Most Had Intercepted — 4, James Owens vs. Troy State, 1982;
Mark Dace vs. North Alabama, 1984

TOTAL OFFENSE:

Most Plays — 58, Mark Dace vs. North Alabama, 1984
Most Yards — 363 (-43R, 406P), James Owens vs. Georgia Southern, 1982

SCORING:

Most Points — 24, Donnie Harrell vs. West Georgia, 1985
Michael Williams vs. West Georgia, 1986
Most Touchdowns — 4, Donnie Harrell vs. West Georgia, 1985
Michael Williams vs. West Georgia, 1986
Most TDs Responsible For — 6, Mark Dace, vs. UT-Martin, 1986
(5 TD passes, 1 TD rushing)
Most PATs Attempted — 7, Keith Moore vs. West Georgia, 1985
Most PATs Made — 7, Keith Moore vs. West Georgia, 1985

Most FGs Attempted — 4, Keith Moore vs. Georgia Southern, 1983, vs. North Alabama, 1984, vs. Kentucky State and Bishop, 1985
Most FGs Made — 4, Keith Moore vs. Bishop, 1985
Longest FG — 54, Keith Moore vs. Kentucky State, 1985*
Most Points Kicking — 13, Keith Moore vs. Bishop, 1985

RECEIVING:

Most Caught — 10, Carl Armstrong vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Yards — 186, Carl Armstrong vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Touchdowns — 3, Carl Armstrong vs. Georgia Southern, 1982;
Randy Fisher vs. UT-Martin, 1986

PUNTING:

Most Punts — 10, Terry Mallory vs. Jacksonville State, 1985
Longest Punt — 71, Terry Mallory vs. Savannah State, 1986
Best Average — (min. 4 punts) 9-49.8, Terry Mallory vs. Livingston, 1985

PUNT RETURNS:

Most Returns — 7, Jimmy Francis vs. West Georgia, 1984
Most Yards — 67, Derrick Harris vs. Livingston, 1983

KICKOFF RETURNS:

Most Returns — 5, Kelvin Sheppard vs. North Alabama, 1982;
Derrick Harris vs. Georgia Southern, 1983
Most Yards — 147, Derrick Harris vs. Georgia Southern, 1983

DEFENSE:

Most Interceptions — 3, Jimmy Francis vs. Bishop, 1985
Most Yards Returned — 62, Jimmy Francis vs. Bishop, 1985
Most Total Tackles — 21, Jimmy Francis vs. Mississippi College, 1985
Most Solo Tackles — 10, Lenny Parker vs. Mississippi College, 1984
Most Assists — 18, Harvey Carter vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
Most Fumble Recoveries — 3, Anthony Newsome vs. Delta State, 1983

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INDIVIDUAL — SEASON

RUSHING:

Most Rushes — 129, Mark Dace, 1986
 Most Yards — 668, Henry Chubb, 1983
 Most Yards Lost — 307, James Owens, 1982
 Best Average — 5.5, Henry Chubb, 1983 (121-668)
 Best Game Average — 62.7, Tony Allen, 1985 (564, 9 games)
 Most Touchdowns — 7, Tracy Soles, 1983; Clifton Montgomery, 1984

PASSING:

Most Attempted — 339, James Owens, 1982
 Most Completed — 169, James Owens, 1982
 Best Percentage — .559, Mark Dace, 1986
 Most Completions Per Game — 16.9, James Owens, 1982
 Most Yards — 2258, James Owens, 1982
 Most Yards Per Game — 225.8, James Owens, 1982
 Most Touchdowns — 16, Mark Dace, 1986
 Most Had Intercepted — 14, James Owens, 1982; Mark Dace, 1984

TOTAL OFFENSE:

Most Plays — 402, James Owens, 1982
 Most Yards — 2096, James Owens, 1982
 Most Yards Per Game — 209.6, James Owens, 1982

SCORING:

Most Points — 60, Randy Fisher, 1986
 Most Touchdowns — 10, Randy Fisher, 1986
 Most TDs Responsible For — 21, Mark Dace, 1986 (16 passing, 5 rushing)
 Most PATs Attempted — 27, Keith Moore, 1986
 Most PATs Made — 26, Keith Moore, 1986
 Most FGs Attempted — 22, Keith Moore, 1985
 Most FGs Made — 14, Keith Moore, 1985
 Most Points Kicking — 59, Keith Moore, 1984 and 1985

RECEIVING:

Most Caught — 61, Carl Armstrong, 1982
 Most Yards — 1028, Carl Armstrong, 1982
 Most Touchdowns — 10, Randy Fisher, 1986

PUNTING:

Most Punts — 76, Terry Mallory, 1983
 Best Average — 42.2, Terry Mallory, 1985

KICKOFF RETURNS:

Most Returns — 27, Derrick Harris, 1984
 Most Yards — 610, Derrick Harris, 1983*

DEFENSE:

Most Interceptions — 9, Dallis Smith, 1986
 Most Yards Returned — 109, Jimmy Francis, 1985
 Most Total Tackles — 155, Cliff Fouty, 1982
 Most Solo Tackles — 63, Jimmy Francis, 1985
 Most Assists — 135, Cliff Fouty, 1982
 Most Fumble Recoveries — 3, Cliff Fouty, Eric Jarvis, 1982;
 Elson Bolar, Anthony Newsome, 1983;
 Dallis Smith, Lenny Parker, 1984; Freddie Thomas, 1985



INDIVIDUAL IN A CAREER

RUSHING	ATT	YARDS	AVG.	TDs
Henry Chubb, 1982-83	221	1143	5.2	5
Max Vickers, 1983-86	247	955	3.9	9
Michael Williams, 1985-86	194	898	5.5	8
Donnie Harrell, 1985-A	154	779	5.1	6
Eric Clark, 1985-A	162	764	4.7	1
Tracy Soles, 1982-83	174	712	5.1	12
Tony Allen, 1985	127	564	4.4	3
Jerome Jackson, 1982-86	142	518	3.6	3
Mark Dace, 1984-A	317	464	1.5	9
Curt Garrett, 1982	82	205	3.7	3

PASSING	COMP	ATT	YARDS	INT	TDs
Mark Dace, 1984-A	199	400	2859	34	22
James Owens, 1982	169	339	2258	14	15
Terry Mallory, 1983-86	77	186	1227	14	8

TOTAL OFFENSE	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	TDR
Mark Dace, 1984-A	717	464	2859	3323	31
James Owens, 1982	402	-162	2258	2096	15
Terry Mallory, 1983-86	322	103	1227	1330	10

SCORING	TD	FG	PAT	PTS
Keith Moore, 1983-86	0	32	76	202
Tracy Soles, 1982-83	16	0	0	96
Randy Fisher, 1986-A	10	0	0	60
Mark Dace, 1984-A	9	0	0	54
Max Vickers, 1983-86	9	0	0	54
Michael Williams, 1985-86	9	0	0	54
Carl Armstrong, 1982	8	0	0	48
Brad Bauer, 1982-84	0	8	24	48
Kelvin Sheppard, 1982-83	7	0	0	42

RECEIVING	CATCHES	YARDS	TDs
Darrien Teals, 1985-A	62	859	6
Carl Armstrong, 1982	61	1028	8
Kelvin Sheppard, 1982-83	53	879	7
Randy Fisher, 1986-A	46	753	10
Cary Cody, 1982-86	39	554	1

PUNTING	PUNTS	YARDS	AVG.
Terry Mallory, 1983-86	272	10,732	39.5
Brad Bauer, 1982-84	63	2341	37.2

PUNT RETURNS	RETURNS	YARDS	AVG.
Jimmy Francis, 1982-85	84	473	5.6
Derrick Harris, 1983-84	42	353	8.4

KICKOFF RETURNS	RETURNS	YARDS	AVG.
Derrick Harris, 1983-84	48	1144	23.8
Kelvin Sheppard, 1982-83	28	556	19.9

KICK SCORING	PAT A/M	FG A/M	PTS
Keith Moore, 1983-86	83-76	65-42	202
Brad Bauer, 1982-84	27-24	14-8	48

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YARDS	TDs
Dallis Smith, 1983-86	21	209	0
Jimmy Francis, 1982-85	14	160	0
Dennis Smith, 1983-86	9	64	0

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TEAM — GAME

RUSHING:

Most Rushes — 69 vs. Livingston, 1983
 Most Yards — 385 vs. West Georgia, 1985
 Most Yards Lost — 103 vs. North Alabama, 1984
 Best Average — 6.3 vs. West Georgia, 1985
 Most Touchdowns — 5 vs. Kentucky State, 1982;
 vs. West Georgia, 1985, 1986

PASSING:

Most Attempted — 48 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
 Most Completed — 27 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
 Most Yards — 406 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
 Most Touchdowns — 5 vs. UT—Martin, 1986
 Best Percentage — .867 vs. West Georgia, 1982
 Most Had Intercepted — 7 vs. Fort Valley State, 1985

TOTAL OFFENSE:

Most Plays — 91 vs. West Georgia, 1984
 Most Yards — 577 (379R, 198P) vs. Delta State, 1985

SCORING:

Most Points — 49 vs. Clark, 1984; vs. West Georgia, 1985;
 vs. UT-Martin, 1986
 Most Touchdowns — 7 vs. West Georgia, 1985; vs. UT-Martin, 1986
 Most PATs Attempted — 7 vs. West Georgia, 1985;
 vs. UT-Martin, 1986
 Most PATs Made — 7 vs. West Georgia, 1985;
 vs. UT-Martin, 1986
 Most FGs Attempted — 4 vs. Georgia Southern, 1983;
 vs. North Alabama, 1984; vs. Kentucky State and Bishop, 1985
 Most FGs Made — 4 vs. Bishop, 1985
 Most Points Kicking — 13 vs. Bishop, 1985

PUNTING:

Most Punts — 10 vs. Jacksonville State, 1985
 Best Average — (min. 4 punts) 9-49.8 vs. Livingston, 1985

PUNT RETURNS:

Most Returns: 10 vs. Livingston, 1984
 Most Yards — 90 vs. UT-Martin, 1984

KICKOFF RETURNS:

Most Returns — 6 vs. North Alabama, 1982;
 vs. Troy State, Georgia Southern, 1984
 Most Yards — 147 vs. Georgia Southern, 1983

FIRST DOWNS:

Most Total — 29 vs. Delta State, 1985
 Most Rushing — 21 vs. Delta State, 1985
 Most Passing — 19 vs. Georgia Southern, 1982
 Most by Penalty — 3 vs. Livingston, 1983;
 vs. Clark, Troy State, Livingston, 1984

PENALTIES:

Most Penalties — 14 vs. UT-Martin, 1986
 Fewest Penalties — 1 vs. Troy State, 1984; vs. North Alabama, 1985
 Most Yards — 118, vs. Kentucky State, 1982
 Fewest Yards — 5 vs. Troy State, 1984; vs. North Alabama, 1985

FUMBLES:

Most — 7 vs. North Alabama, 1983
 Most Lost — 5 vs. North Alabama, 1983; vs. West Georgia, 1985

DEFENSE:

Most Interceptions — 6 vs. UT-Martin, 1986
 Most Yards Returned — 62 vs. Bishop, 1985
 Most Fumbles Recovered — 7 vs. Savannah State, 1984
 Fewest Yards Rushing — minus 22 vs. Clark, 1984
 Fewest Yards Passing — 20 vs. North Alabama, 1983
 Fewest Yards Total — 53 vs. Clark, 1984

TEAM — SEASON

RUSHING:

Most Rushes — 545, 1985
 Most Net Yards — 1968, 1985
 Most Yards Lost — 550, 1984
 Best Average Per Carry — 3.8, 1986
 Best Average Per Game — 178.9, 1985
 Most Touchdowns — 17, 1984, 1986



PASSING:

Most Attempted — 396, 1982
 Most Completed — 191, 1982
 Most Yards — 2635, 1982
 Best Average Per Completion — 14.9, 1983
 Most Had Intercepted — 23, 1984
 Most Touchdowns — 17, 1982, 1986

TOTAL OFFENSE:

Most Plays — 781, 1985
 Most Yards — 3543, 1982
 Best Average — 322.1, 1982

SCORING:

Most Points — 267, 1986
 Most Touchdowns — 35, 1986
 Most PATs Attempted — 33, 1986
 Most PATs Made — 31, 1986
 Most FGs Attempted — 22, 1985
 Most FGs Made — 14, 1984
 Most 2-Point PATs Attempted — 6, 1984
 Most 2-Point PATs Made — 5, 1984

PUNTING:

Most Punts — 79, 1983
 Best Average — 40.6, 1985

PUNT RETURNS:

Most Returns — 40, 1984
 Most Yards — 320, 1984
 Best Average — 8.4, 1986

KICKOFF RETURNS:

Most Returns — 38, 1982
 Most Yards — 802, 1983
 Best Average — 23.6, 1983

FIRST DOWNS:

Most Total — 193, 1982
 Most Rushing — 109, 1986
 Most Passing — 116, 1982
 Most by Penalty — 18, 1984

PENALTIES:

Most Penalties — 82, 1982
 Fewest Penalties — 57, 1985
 Most Yards — 699, 1982
 Fewest Yards — 483, 1986

FUMBLES:

Most — 40, 1984
 Most Lost — 21, 1983
 Fewest — 26, 1982
 Fewest Lost — 11, 1986

DEFENSE:

Most Interceptions — 32, 1986*
 Most Yards Returned — 277, 1986
 Most Fumbles Recovered — 24, 1984
 Fewest Yards Rushing Allowed — 1228, 1986
 Fewest Yards Passing Allowed — 1281, 1984
 Fewest Yards Total Allowed — 3228, 1985
 Takeaway-Giveaway — plus 19, 1986



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RUSHING OFFENSE

School	G	Att.	Yds.	Att. Avg.	Game Avg.	TD
Troy State	10	578	3164	5.5	316.4	27
Jax State	10	484	2060	4.3	206.0	28
VSC	11	520	1958	3.8	178.0	17
North Ala.	11	465	1953	4.2	177.5	19
Miss. Coll	11	477	1906	4.0	173.3	18
Delta State	11	509	1881	3.7	171.0	24
Livingston	11	478	1440	3.0	130.9	16
West Ga.	11	371	1046	2.8	95.1	9
UT-Martin	11	287	915	3.2	83.2	16

SCORING OFFENSE

School	G	Pts.	Avg.	School	G	Pts.	Avg.
Troy State	10	345	34.5	Miss. Coll	11	165	14.9
Jax State	10	279	27.9	VSC	11	174	15.8
UT-Martin	11	270	24.5	Troy State	10	190	19.0
VSC	11	267	24.3	North Ala.	11	223	20.3
West Ga.	11	267	24.3	Livingston	11	244	22.2
Miss. Coll	11	246	22.4	Delta State	11	246	22.4
Delta State	11	244	22.2	Jax State	10	264	26.4
North Ala.	11	219	19.9	UT-Martin	11	346	31.5
Livingston	11	190	17.3	West Ga.	11	353	32.1

SCORING DEFENSE

RUSHING DEFENSE

School	G	Att.	Yds.	Att. Avg.	Game Avg.	TD
Troy State	10	340	855	2.5	85.5	11
Miss. Coll	11	407	1176	2.9	107.2	13
VSC	11	429	1228	2.9	111.6	8
Livingston	11	439	1491	3.4	135.5	14
North Ala.	11	461	1575	3.4	143.2	15
Delta State	11	474	1739	3.7	158.0	19
Jax State	10	400	1645	4.1	164.5	19
UT-Martin	11	526	2547	4.8	231.5	19
West Ga.	11	570	3065	5.4	278.6	31

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Player/School	G	Att.	Yds.	Att. Avg.	Game Avg.	TD
Marvin Marsh, UNA	11	187	1106	5.9	100.5	10
Londale Bankston, DSU	11	148	791	5.3	71.9	3
Eddie Brundidge, TSU	10	152	660	4.3	66.0	7
Curtis Potter, MC	11	143	723	5.1	65.7	6
Stevie Young, WGC	11	179	678	3.8	61.6	4

TOTAL OFFENSE

School	G	Att.	Yds.	Att. Avg.	Game Avg.	TD
Troy State	10	736	4599	6.2	459.9	40
Jax State	10	758	4027	5.3	402.7	37
Delta State	11	842	4086	4.9	371.4	33
UT-Martin	11	734	3771	5.1	342.8	32
Miss. Coll	11	748	3750	5.0	340.9	26
West Ga.	11	750	3602	4.8	327.5	33
VSC	11	720	3471	4.8	315.5	34
North Ala.	11	714	3431	4.8	311.9	26
Livingston	11	824	3263	4.0	296.6	22

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

Player/School	G	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	CperG	TD
Trey Sikes, TTM	8	231	136	9	1554	17.0	10
Cater Pierce, WGC	11	345	184	16	2348	16.7	22
Keith Williams, DSU	11	317	178	11	2142	16.0	9
David Coffey, JSU	10	261	150	7	1937	15.0	9
Wally Henry, MC	11	266	159	12	1746	14.5	8

TOTAL DEFENSE

School	G	Att.	Yds.	Att. Avg.	Game Avg.	TD
Miss. Coll	11	736	3147	4.3	286.1	21
Livingston	11	706	3190	4.5	290.0	26
VSC	11	787	3350	4.3	304.5	21
Troy State	10	685	3165	4.6	316.5	24
North Ala.	11	788	3495	4.4	317.7	26
Delta State	11	747	3579	4.8	325.4	32
Jax State	10	676	3875	5.7	387.5	34
West Ga.	11	831	4881	5.9	443.7	44
UT-Martin	11	859	4931	5.7	448.2	42

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

Player/School	G	Cgt.	Yds.	Avg. Gain	Cgt. Game	TD
William Mackall, UTM	11	63	655	10.4	5.7	4
Tony Eddins, MC	11	58	590	10.2	5.3	5
Hal Lamb, WGC	11	53	771	14.5	4.8	6
Joey Morris, UTM	11	48	591	12.3	4.4	4
Randy Fisher, VSC	11	46	753	16.4	4.2	10

PASSING OFFENSE

School	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
UT-Martin	447	251	24	.562	2856	259.6	16
West Ga.	379	197	18	.520	2516	228.7	24
Delta State	333	185	12	.556	2205	200.4	9
Jax State	294	156	9	.531	1977	197.7	9
Miss. Coll	280	166	12	.593	1844	167.6	8
Livingston	346	173	26	.500	1823	165.7	6
Troy State	158	90	3	.570	1435	143.5	13
VSC	200	107	11	.535	1513	137.5	17
North Ala.	249	115	10	.462	1478	134.4	7

INDIVIDUAL TOTAL OFFENSE

Player/School	G	Att.	Rush Yds.	Pass Yds.	Tot Yds.	Game Avg.
Trey Sikes, UTM	8	293	137	1554	1691	211.4
Keith Williams, DSU	11	454	176	2142	2318	210.7
Cater Pierce, WGC	11	374	-118	2348	2230	202.7
David Coffey, JSU	10	307	-32	1977	1945	194.5
Wally Henry, MC	11	333	96	1746	1842	167.5

PASSING DEFENSE

School	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Livingston	267	139	9	.521	1699	154.5	12
West Ga.	261	146	13	.559	1816	165.1	13
Delta State	273	147	16	.538	1830	166.4	13
North Ala.	327	150	13	.459	1920	174.5	11
Miss. Coll	329	167	17	.508	1971	179.2	8
VSC	358	194	32	.542	2122	192.9	13
UT-Martin	332	170	19	.512	2384	216.7	23
Jax State	276	164	10	.594	2230	223.0	15
Troy State	345	206	15	.597	2310	231.0	13

SCORING

Player/School	G	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.	Avg.
Prentiss Baker, MC	9	9	0	8	54	6.0
William Mackall, UTM	11	10	1	0	62	5.6
Randy Fisher, VSC	11	10	0	0	60	5.5
Marvin Marsh, UNA	11	10	0	0	60	5.5
Pat White, JSU	10	9	0	0	54	5.4

INTERCEPTIONS

Player/School	No.	Yds.
Dallis Smith, VSC	9	53
David Darden, MC	6	103
Dennis Smith, VSC	6	50

PUNTING

Player/School	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Glen Klava, TSU	34	1401	41.2
Scott DeMott, UNA	72	2949	40.9
Terry Mallory, VSC	58	2355	40.6
Wally Henry, MC	57	2309	40.5
Carey Waiters, JSU	50	2020	40.4

PUNT RETURNS

Player/School	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Greg Harris, TSU	9	126	14.0
Henry Allen, UTM	27	306	11.3
Kenneth Watson, LU	26	291	11.2
Solomon Rivers, JSU	13	140	10.8
Randy Fisher, VSC	23	205	8.9

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player/School	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Titus Dixon, TSU	22	572	26.3
Derwin Whately, VSC	11	288	26.2
John Strickland, WGC	24	571	23.8
Darrell Sanders, JSU	13	284	21.9
Willie Campbell, UNA	10	215	21.5

VALDOSTA



STATE GIRLS



VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

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 unit of the University System of Georgia.

The beautiful, south Georgia college offers undergraduate degree work leading to the Associate of Applied Science, the Associate of Arts, the Bachelor of Arts in 13 major programs, the Bachelor of Science in 9 major programs, the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Bachelor of Science in Education in 7 major programs, the Bachelor of Business Administration in 6 major programs, the Bachelor of Fine Arts in 5 major programs, and the Bachelor of Music in 2 major programs.

Graduate degrees offered are in English, history and mathematics, the Master of Science with majors in psychology and sociology, the Master of Business Administration, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science in Nursing, the Master of Music Education, and the Education Specialist in 9 major programs.

New baccalaureate and graduate degree programs are added from time to time to meet the needs of the population served by the college.

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.



DR. HUGH C. BAILEY PRESIDENT

Valdosta State College has firmly established itself as one of the state's leading institutions of higher learning since Dr. Hugh C. Bailey became the school's sixth president on July 1, 1978.

The 58-year-old Berry, Ala., native believes in academic excellence and athletic excellence and has added programs in both areas to further enhance the attractiveness of Valdosta State to prospective students. In his nine-year tenure, enrollment has increased more than any other school outside metropolitan Atlanta as Valdosta State continues to serve an ever-increasing geographical area.

Dr. Bailey considers athletics to be an integral part of the total picture of Valdosta State and stays completely informed concerning developments in the entire athletic program. He promoted the initiation of a football program at VSC six years ago, and when it was overwhelmingly approved by student referendum he gave it his full support.

Dr. Bailey came to Valdosta State 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, a sophomore at the University of Georgia, and Laura Joan, a senior at Valdosta High School.

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE OF 1987 OPPONENTS

*Night Game (HC) Homecoming	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 21
Valdosta State	Open	Ft. Valley State* (9/11)	at Livingston	UT-Martin	at Jacksonville State	Troy State	Open	West Georgia (HC)	at Savannah State	at Mississippi College	Delta State	at North Alabama
Ft. Valley State	Open	at VSC* (9/11)	at Morehouse	Morris Brown*	Clark	Open	at Alabama A & M	Central State*	at Tuskegee	Savannah State (HC)	at Kentucky State	at Albany State
Livingston	at East Texas State* (9/3)	Open	VSC	Troy State	Miles*	at West Georgia*	at Western Kentucky	at Mississippi College	Delta State (HC)	at North Alabama	UT-Martin	at Jacksonville State
UT-Martin	at Murray State*	Austin Peay State*	at Southeast Missouri State*	at VSC	Mississippi College*	at Delta State	North Alabama	Open	at Jacksonville State	Troy State (HC)	at Livingston	West Georgia
Jacksonville State	at Newberry	Alabama A & M	Open	at West Georgia*	VSC (HC)	at Mississippi College	Delta State*	at North Alabama	UT-Martin	Open	at Troy State*	Livingston
Troy State	Open	at Nichols State*	West Texas State*	at Livingston*	West Georgia*	at VSC	Mississippi College*	at Delta State	North Alabama (HC)	at UT-Martin	Jacksonville State	Open
West Georgia	Open	at Georgia Southwestern*	Clark*	Jacksonville State*	at Troy State*	Livingston*	at Central Florida*	at VSC	Mississippi College (HC)	at Delta State	North Alabama	at UT-Martin
Savannah State	at Fayetteville State	Tuskegee*	at Alabama A & M*	Open	Morris Brown*	at Central Florida*	Clark*	at Morehouse	VSC (HC)	at Ft. Valley State	Albany State*	Open
Mississippi College	Open	at Arkansas State*	North Alabama*	West Texas State*	at UT-Martin*	Jacksonville State*	at Troy State*	Livingston (HC)	at West Georgia	VSC	at Southeast Missouri State	at Delta State
Delta State	at Southern Illinois	at Southern Arkansas*	Open	at Missouri State*	at North Alabama*	UT-Martin (HC)	at Jacksonville State*	Troy State	at Livingston	West Georgia	at VSC	Mississippi College
North Alabama	Miles*	Virginia State*	at Mississippi College*	Open	Delta State*	at Alabama A & M*	at UT-Martin	Jacksonville State*	at Troy State	Livingston (HC)	at West Georgia	VSC

