

# BLAZER FOOTBALL

UNC PEMBROKE - GAME 11

2004, 2007, 2012 NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONS  
1996, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2010 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS



VS.



Saturday, November 12th • 7:00 p.m. EST  
Valdosta, Ga. • Bazemore-Hyder Stadium

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## VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS (8-2, 6-2 GSC)

Sep. 3	ALBANY STATE	W, 16-7
Sep. 17	North Alabama*	L, 44-19
Sep. 24	WEST FLORIDA*	W, 40-28
Oct. 1	Kentucky State^	W, 48-10
Oct. 8	WEST GEORGIA*	W, 38-27
Oct. 15	Mississippi College*	W, 42-41
Oct. 22	DELTA STATE* (HOMECOMING)	W, 56-27
Oct. 29	Florida Tech*	L, 20-38
Nov. 5	West Alabama*	W, 37-22
Nov. 12	SHORTER*	W, 44-0

all times Eastern; \*GSC; ^Okefenokee Gridiron Classic

## UNC-PEMBROKE (9-1)

Sep. 3	Winston-Salem State	W, 20-17
SEP. 10	FAYETTEVILLE STATE	W, 50-28
Sep. 17	Shaw	W, 38-19
SEP. 24	NORTH GREENVILLE	W, 49-35
Oct. 1	Tuskegee	L, 16-21
Oct. 8	Lenoir-Rhyne	W, 36-20
Oct. 15	Kentucky Wesleyan	W, 43-20
OCT. 22	CATAWBA	W, 41-31
Oct. 29	West Virginia State	W, 44-14
NOV. 12	CONCORD	W, 19-18

all times Eastern;

## ABOUT THE GAME

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## BACK IN BLACK (AND RED)

For the third consecutive season, the Valdosta State Blazers have earned the right to participate in the opening round of the 2016 NCAA Division II Playoffs and will compete in postseason play for the 15th time in program history this weekend on their home turf in Valdosta, Ga. at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium.

The Blazers (8-2), nationally and No. 4 in the final NCAA Division II Super Region 2 poll, will square off against the Braves of UNC-Pembroke (9-1), who hold a national AFCA ranking of No. 16 and finished the regular season as the No. 5 team in the Super Region 2 rankings.

Twice in Valdosta State Football history have the Blazers faced the Braves, with each team having claimed one victory. Oddly enough, neither team claimed their respective wins at home, which means Valdosta State will enter Saturday's matchup seeking their first-ever win over UNCP at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium. The last matchup between the two squads took place in Pembroke, N.C. and ended in VSU's favor, 36-7. With the help of current senior Larry Murphy, the Black Swarm held the Braves to just 225 total yards.

Valdosta State looks to carry the momentum of their late season success into the playoffs, particularly from the Blazer defense, which has been the picture of consistency for VSU throughout the entirety of the 2016 season. A key matchup of interest will be UNCP's quarterback, Patrick O'Brien, against the Black Swarm secondary. Under the leadership of All-GSC honorees Donatello Brown and Kenny Moore, VSU's defensive backs have recorded 22 interceptions on the season and have held opposing passers to an average of fewer than 200 yards per game. With 2485 passing yards on the season, 20 touchdown tosses, and an average of 248.5 yards per game on the season, O'Brien will serve as a true test for the unit.

The two teams will compete for the opportunity to advance to the second round, where the Super Region 2's top team, North Alabama, will await the winner.

### VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS

Record:	7-2, 5-2 GSC
Ranking:	No. 23 AFCA
Last Game:	vs. West Alabama (W, 37-22)
Coach:	Kerwin Bell (Univ. of Florida, 1988)
Record:	72-37 (9 years at Jacksonville Univ.)
at VSU:	8-2 (1st season)
vs. UNCP:	0-0

### UNC-PEMBROKE

Record:	9-1
Ranking:	No. 16
Last Game:	Concord (W, 19-18)
Coach:	Shane Richardson
Record:	17-23
at UNCP:	17-23 (3rd season)
vs. VSU:	0-1

## QUICK NOTES

- Valdosta State is now in its 35th year of intercollegiate football and owns an overall record of 273 wins, 121 losses and four ties.
- The Blazers' mantra this year is "New era. Same tradition." With the exception of Jeremy Darveau, the Blazer coaching staff features an entirely new lineup, consisting of four new assistant coaches. The group is led by Kerwin Bell, who was named the program's new head coach in January, and is serving as the eighth head coach in a line of Valdosta State Football head coaches.
- The Blazers have scored points in 304 straight games, which represents a Division II Football record. The last time the Blazers were shutout was in the 1991 season opener against Central Florida.
- With their 6-2 GSC record and a massive conference win over West Alabama two weeks ago and a follow-up victory over Shorter last weekend, the Blazers wrapped up in the top half of the NCAA Division II Super Regional 2 rankings. The Blazers started at the No. 2 position three weeks ago before falling all the way to No. 7 after the team's loss to Florida Tech. Now, the pendulum has swung back in VSU's favor last week for a No. 3 ranking before the red and black dropped to a final position of No. 4.
- Valdosta State football's winning percentage of .686 places them second all-time at the Division II level. The only program with a higher winning percentage is Grand Valley State. The Lakers have a record of 380-137-3, which tops Division II with a .730 winning percentage.
- The Blazers enter the playoffs seeking to continue their success at home. Valdosta State is 5-0 at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium this year and have outscored their opponent 194-89. The Blazers also alleviated their road woes two weeks ago in Livingston, Ala. after picking up a critical and convincing win over West Alabama.
- Four Blazers were honored by the Gulf South Conference this week as All-Gulf South Conference honorees. Defensive back Donatello Brown joined offensive lineman Brandon Kemp for First-Team recognition, while Kenny Moore and Jamar Simpkins rounded out the honors for Valdosta State as members of the Second Team. Brown, Kemp, and Simpkins each made the first appearances of their career on the list, while Moore scored his third consecutive All-GSC honor.

## SERIES HISTORY AGAINST UNC-PEMBROKE

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ALL-TIME IN THE NCAA PLAYOFFS				
VSU				
Year	Record	Streak	Opponent	Score
1994	1-0	Won 1	Albany State	W, 14-7
1994	1-1	Lost 1	North Alabama	L, 27-24 (2ot)
1996	2-1	Won 1	Albany State	W, 38-28
1996	2-2	Lost 1	Carson-Newman	L, 24-19
2000	2-3	Lost 2	Delta State	L, 45-12
2001	3-3	Won 1	Fort Valley St.	W, 40-24
2001	3-4	Lost 1	Catawba	L, 37-34 (ot)
2002	4-4	Won 1	Catawba	W, 24-7
2002	5-4	Won 2	Carson-Newman	W, 31-28
2002	6-4	Won 3	Texas A&M-Kings.	W, 21-12
2002	6-5	Lost 1	Grand Valley St.	L, 31-24
2003	6-6	Lost 2	Carson-Newman	L, 35-29
2004	7-6	Won 1	Carson-Newman	W, 38-12
2004	8-6	Won 2	Albany State	W, 38-24
2004	9-6	Won 3	West Chester	W, 45-21
2004	10-6	Won 4	Pittsburg State	W, 36-31
2005	10-7	Lost 1	North Alabama	L, 40-13
2007	11-7	Won 1	Catawba	W, 55-29
2007	12-7	Won 2	North Alabama	W, 37-23
2007	13-7	Won 3	California (Pa.)	W, 28-24
2007	14-7	Won 4	NW Missouri St.	W, 25-20
2008	15-7	Won 5	Carson-Newman	W, 24-20
2008	15-8	Lost 1	North Alabama	L, 37-10
2010	15-9	Lost 2	North Alabama	L, 43-20
2012	16-9	Won 1	West Alabama	W, 49-21
2012	17-9	Won 2	Carson-Newman	W, 48-26
2012	18-9	Won 3	Minnesota State	W, 35-19
2012	19-9	Won 4	Winston-Salem St.	W, 35-7
2014	20-9	Won 5	North Alabama	W, 33-31
2014	21-9	Won 6	Lenoir-Rhyne	W, 23-21
2014	21-10	Lost 1	West Georgia	L, 31-17
2015	22-10	Won 1	Carson-Newman	W, 61-59
2015	22-11	Lost 1	West Georgia	L, 27-20
Valdosta State Average Points: 30.3 (980 total)				
Opponent Average Points: 26.4 (871 total)				
in Valdosta: Valdosta State leads 14-5				
on Opponent's Home Field: Tied 5-5				
at Neutral Field: Valdosta State leads 3-1				
VSU in the First/Second Round: 11-6				
VSU in the Quarterfinals: 4-4				
VSU in the Semifinals: 4-0				

VSU PLAYOFF RECORDS			
Most Points Scored		Fewest Points Scored	
2015-C-N	61	2008-UNA	10
2007-CAT	55	2000-DSU	12
2012-UWA	49	2005-UNA	13
2012-C-N	48	1994-ASU	14
2004-WCU	45	1996-C-N	19
Most Points Allowed		Fewest Points Allowed	
2015-C-N	59	1994-ASU	7
2000-DSU	45	2002-CAT	7
2010-UNA	43	2012-WSSU	7
2005-UNA	40	2002-TAMUK	12
2001-CAT	37	2004-C-N	12
Largest Margin of Victory		Largest Margin of Defeat	
2012-UWA	28	2000-DSU	33
2012-WSSU	28	2005-UNA	27
2004-C-N	26	2008-UNA	27
2007-CAT	26	2010-UNA	23
2004-WCU	24	2014-UWG	13
Most Rushing Yards		Fewest Rushing Yards	
2014-UNA	395	2002-TAMUK	16
2007-CAT	285	2007-NWMS	34
2012-C-N	279	2005-UNA	50
2004-WCU	264	2003-C-N	53
2015-C-N	234	1994-ASU	56
Most Rushing Yards Allowed		Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed	
2014-L-R	424	2013-UNA	12
2012-C-N	362	2002-TAMUK	16
2000-DSU	342	2002-CAT	30
1994-UNA	327	2002-GVSU	65
2015-C-N	270	2004-WCU	67
Most Passing Yards		Fewest Passing Yards	
2001-FVSU	497	2010-UNA	71
2015-C-N	416	2012-WSSU	109
2002-CAT	343	2004-PSU	165
2001-CAT	326	2008-UNA	167
2003-C-N	311	2007-CAT	171
Most Passing Yards Allowed		Fewest Passing Yards Allowed	
2014-UNA	511	1994-UNA	12
2015-C-N	416	2012-C-N	30
2002-GVSU	361	2014-L-R	56
2007-UNA	318	1996-C-N	78
2012-WSSU	310	2002-C-N	117
2007-CAT	278	Fewest Total Yards	
Most Total Yards		2010-UNA	203
2015-C-N	682	2002-TAMUK	211
2014-UNA	629	2008-UNA	232
2001-FVSU	577	2005-UNA	238
2012-C-N	525	2002-GVSU	246
2012-MSU	498	Fewest Total Yards Allowed	
Most Total Yards Allowed		2012-UWA	187
2015-C-N	682	2002-TAMUK	192
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## NATIONAL POLLS

### AFCA

(November 14, 2016)

Pos.	Team (1st place votes)	Record	Points
1.	Northwest Missouri St. (30)11-0		750
2.	Grand Valley St. (Mich.) 11-0		714
3.	Shepherd (W.Va.) 10-0		688
4.	Sioux Falls (S.D.) 11-0		657
5.	Harding (Ark.) 11-0		617
6.	California (Pa.) 10-0		602
7.	North Alabama 8-1		540
8.	Texas A&M-Commerce 9-1		530
9.	Emporia St. (Kan.) 10-1		506
10.	LIU-Post (N.Y.) 11-0		495
11.	Indiana (Pa.) 9-1		444
12.	North Carolina-Pembroke 9-1		401
13.	Minnesota-Duluth 10-1		396
14.	Newberry (S.C.) 10-1		330
15.	Ferris St. (Mich.) 9-2		328
16.	Ashland (Ohio) 9-2		270
17.	Southwest Baptist (Mo.) 10-1		250
18.	Fairmont St. (W.Va.) 10-1		248
19.	Valdosta St. (Ga.) 8-2		193
20.	Central Missouri 9-2		153
21.	Colorado School of Mines 9-2		139
22.	Midwestern St. (Texas) 8-2		123
23.	Florida Tech 8-2		82
24t.	Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 9-2		81
24t.	Colorado Mesa 9-2		81
25.	Assumption (Mass.) 9-2		72

Dropped Out: Tuskegee (Ala.) (14).

Others Receiving Votes: Tuskegee (Ala.), 26; Edinboro (Pa.), 15; Winston-Salem St. (N.C.), 8; Notre Dame (Ohio), 7; Virginia St., 2; Colorado St.-Pueblo, 1; Southern Arkansas, 1.

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Pos.	Team	Record	Last Week
1	Northwest Missouri	11-0	1
2	Grand Valley	11-0	2
3	North Alabama	8-1	3
4	Shepherd	10-0	4
5	Sioux Falls	11-0	5
6	Emporia State	10-1	6
7	Texas A&M-Commerce	9-1	7
8	California	10-0	8
9	Harding	11-0	9
10	IUP	9-1	11
11	Minnesota Duluth	10-1	12
12	Central Missouri	9-2	13
13	LIU-Post	11-0	14
14	Ferris State	9-2	16
15	Ashland	9-2	17
16	Valdosta State	8-2	19
17	UNC-Pembroke	9-1	20
18	Midwestern State	8-2	10
19	Southwest Baptist	10-1	22
20	Florida Tech	8-2	23
21	Colorado Mines	9-2	24
22	Azusa Pacific	9-2	15
23	Newberry	10-1	25
24	Fairmont State	10-1	NR
25	Colorado Mesa	9-2	NR

## VALDOSTA STATE WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE POLLS

DATE	AFCA	D2	SR2
preseason	Rec. Votes	Rec. Votes	-
9/7	23	20	-
9/14	22	18	-
9/21	Rec. Votes	Rec. Votes	-
9/28	Rec. Votes	25	-
10/5	25	21	-
10/12	17	16	-
10/19	16	16	-
10/26	14	15	2
11/2	23	19	7
11/9	23	19	3
11/16	19	16	4

### VSU'S TOP 25 HISTORY

Last Time Ranked in the AFCA Top 25 ... Nov. 16, 2016

Last Time Ranked in the AFCA Top 10 ... Sep. 21, 2015

All-time weeks Ranked in the AFCA Top 25 ..... 229

All-time weeks Ranked in the AFCA Top 10 ..... 142

All-time weeks Ranked in the AFCA Top 5 ..... 93

Highest Ranking All-Time ..... 1st (28 times)

vs. Top 25 in 2016 ..... 2-1

vs. Top 25 all-time ..... 57-56-2

vs. GSC ..... 25-47-2

at home ..... 29-22-1

on the road ..... 24-32

neutral sites ..... 4-1

2016 Opponents in Top 25 (AFCA / D2Football) ..... 4/4

2016 Opponents Receiving Votes in the Top 25 ..... 1

### BLAZERS MAKE THE POINT

Known for its offense, Valdosta State is the current NCAA Division II leader in games without being shutout as the Blazers have scored in each of their last 303 games. The last time VSU was shutout was on September 14, 1991 when UCF defeated the Blazers 12-0 in Orlando, Fla.

Below is a closer look at the current Division II leaders in consecutive games without being shutout:

Rank	School	Games
1.	Valdosta State	304
2.	Grand Valley State	282
3.	Carson-Newman	265
4.	Central Missouri	265
5.	Shepherd	229
6.	Missouri Western State	207
7.	Bentley	171
8.	Pittsburg State	155
9.	East Stroudsburg	163
10.	West Liberty State	160

### BLAZERS AMONG THE NATIONS BEST

Now in its 35th year of football, Valdosta State ranks among the top schools in the nation in terms of all-time winning percentage. In fact, only one school - Grand Valley State - has a better all-time winning percentage than the Blazers, whose 273-121-4 all-time record accounts for a .685 winning percentage. Below is a look at the top five teams by winning percentage all-time on the NCAA Division II level:

No.	Team	Yrs	W	L	T	Pct.
1.	Grand Valley State	45	363	131	3	.730
3.	Valdosta State	34	273	121	4	.685
3.	Bentley	27	196	83	1	.694
4.	West Chester	86	577	261	17	.683
5.	Texas A&M-Kingsville	86	597	291	16	.667

## ONE OF THE BEST SINCE 2000

Much of the Blazers' all-time winning percentage ranking can be attributed to Valdosta State's play since the beginning of the 2000 season, as only two Division II teams have won more games during that period. The Blazers have tallied 161 wins over the course of the last 15 seasons, behind only Grand Valley State's 183 and Northwest Missouri State's 180. GVSU (.848), NMSU (.850) and Tuskegee (.805) are the only teams with a better winning percentage than Valdosta State's .796. Below is a look at the top five in the nation in each category since the beginning of 2000:

### By Total Wins

No.	Team	W	L	Pct.
1.	Grand Valley State	187	32	.851
2.	Northwest Missouri State	184	31	.853
3.	Valdosta State	161	41	.798
4.	Bloomsburg	153	40	.789
5.	Tuskegee	154	37	.808

## FOUR BLAZERS EARN ALL-GSC RECOGNITION

Four Valdosta State football players were named to the 2016 All-Gulf South Conference team, as announced by the league office on Wednesday.

In a poll taken by coaches throughout the conference, the resulting votes placed two Blazers on the first team and two additional player among the second team honorees.

Donatello Brown earned First Team honors for the first time in his career after helping lead the Blazer secondary to 22 interceptions, a number which tops the GSC. He has played in and started all ten games for Valdosta State this season and has recorded eight tackles. He has been challenged only a few times this season by opposing quarterbacks, but has nevertheless picked off two passes and tallied four breakups.

Representing the offensive unit was lineman Brandon Kemp, a red shirt freshman out of Stone Mountain, Ga. that ranked second on the team with 28 knockdowns and received a 95 percent assignment rating during his 2016 campaign.

Jamar Simpkins and Kenny Moore rounded out the remaining honorees, each earning Second Team honors to represent Second-Team honorees. Moore's selection represents the third straight year in which the Valdosta, Ga. native has been named All-GSC, while Simpkins makes his first appearance after a season that included 6.5 tackles for loss and a team-high 4.5 sacks.

## HOLLINGSBED NAMED GSC FRESHMAN OF YEAR

Cedric Hollingshed was named the 2016 GSC Freshman of the Year in an announcement by the GSC office at the end of the 2016 regular season. The honor marked the first GSC Offensive Freshman of the Year accolade for a Blazer since Cedric O'Neal, Valdosta State's all-time leading rusher, kicked off his career in 2012 with the same recognition. The Macon, Ga. native scored seven rushing touchdowns on the season, marking the fifth-highest total in the GSC. In addition, Hollingshed ranked sixth in the league with an average of 66.2 yards per contest, and he also served as an influential receiving target with 25 catches, 182 receiving yards, and one touchdown reception.

## NON-CONFERENCE SUCCESS

Overall, VSU has tallied a 95-35-1 record all-time in non-conference games, a winning percentage of .731.

Under former head coach David Dean, VSU compiled a 37-7 record and an .860 winning percentage during his nine year stint. Of the seven losses under Dean, three came against GSC foes during the NCAA playoffs, which rendered the contest a non-conference matchup.

Current head coach Kerwin Bell has two non-conference games under his belt with Valdosta State, contests that he won against the Albany State Golden Rams and the Kentucky State Thoroughbreds earlier this season.

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## THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

### 2016 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	I--- GSC Games ---I			I----- Overall -----I			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
North Alabama	7	0	1.000	8	1	0.889	W8
Valdosta State	6	2	0.750	8	2	0.800	W2
West Alabama	6	2	0.750	7	4	0.636	W1
Florida Tech	5	2	0.714	8	2	0.800	W3
West Georgia	4	4	0.500	7	4	0.636	W1
West Florida	3	5	0.375	5	6	0.455	L3
Delta State **	3	5	0.375	4	6	0.400	L3
Mississippi College	1	7	0.125	3	7	0.300	L1
Shorter	0	8	0.000	0	11	0.000	L11

### LAST WEEK IN THE GSC

#### Saturday, November 12th

West Georgia 69 at West Florida 0  
 Delta State 16 at Florida Tech 42  
 Malone 7 at West Alabama 56  
 North Alabama 42 at Mississippi College 7  
 Shorter 0 at Valdosta State 44

### THIS WEEK IN THE GSC

#### Saturday, November 5th

North Greenville at Florida Tech, 12pm  
 UNC-Pembroke at Valdosta State, 1pm  
 \*all times local

### 2016 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### OFFENSE

September 3 - Chris Robinson, DSU  
 September 10 - Kaleb Nobles, UWF  
 September 17 - Anas Hasic, UWF  
 September 24 - Jacob Tucker, UNA  
 October 1 - Chris Robinson, DSU  
 October 8 - Austin Grammar, UWA  
 October 15 - Chris Robinson, DSU  
 October 22 - Jacob Tucker, UNA  
 October 29 - Austin Grammar, UWA  
 November 5 - Adam Robles, VSU  
 November 12 - Antwuan Haynes, FIT

#### DEFENSE

September 3 - Dante Robinson, VSU  
 September 10 - Adonis Davis, FIT  
 September 17 - Dylan Donahue, UWG  
 September 24 - Joe Jackson, FIT  
 October 1 - Marvin Conley, UWF  
 October 8 - Trent Archie, UWF  
 October 15 - Darius Ellis, UWA  
 October 22 - Jeff Fulwood, UWG  
 October 29 - Tyler Rosenblatt, FIT  
 November 5 - Chris Stapleton, FIT  
 November 12 - Philbert Martial, UNA

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

September 3 - Thomas Boone, DSU  
 September 10 - Austin Peffers, UWF  
 September 17 - Marcus Sayles, UWG  
 September 24 - Devontae Jackson, UWG  
 October 1 - Andrew Bogaenko, UWF  
 October 8 - Jordan Bennett, UWA  
 October 15 - Marcel Newson, MC  
 October 22 - Gary Simon, VSU  
 October 29 - Philbert Martial, UNA  
 November 5 - Marcel Newson, MC  
 November 12 - Donta Armstrong, UWA

#### FRESHMAN

September 3 - Tim Bellinger, UWF  
 September 10 - Tyler Pullum, SU  
 September 17 - Devontae Jackson, UWG  
 September 24 - Cedric Hollingshed, VSU  
 October 1 - Tyler Pullum, SU  
 October 8 - Cedric Hollingshed, VSU  
 October 15 - Cedric Hollingshed, VSU  
 October 22 - Willie Candler, UWG  
 October 29 - Willie Candler, UWG  
 November 5 - Cedric Hollingshed, VSU  
 November 12 - Willie Candler, UWG

## GSC PRESEASON PREDICTIONS

### Preseason Coaches Poll (first place votes)

1.	West Georgia (7)	63
2.	North Alabama	53
3.	Florida Tech (2)	48
4.	Delta State	46
5.	Valdosta State	40
6.	West Alabama	26
7.	Mississippi College	21
8.	West Florida	16
9.	Shorter	11

### Preseason All-GSC Team

#### Offense

QB	Tyler Sullivan	Delta State
RB	Trevor Sand	Florida Tech
RB	BJ McCoy	Shorter
WR	Dre Hall (U)	North Alabama
WR	Qa Walker (U)	West Georgia
TE	Kenny Johnston (U)	Florida Tech
AP	Ryan Harper (U)	North Alabama
G	Kevini Delgado	Florida Tech
G	Stephen Evans (U)	North Alabama
T	Matt Nelson (U)	Florida Tech
T	Austin Kasti (U)	West Georgia
C	Blake Stone	Florida Tech

#### Defense

DL	Erin Brown	Delta State
DL	Freddie Reed	North Alabama
DL	Alex Armah (U)	West Georgia
DL	Dylan Donahue (U)	West Georgia
LB	Jamel Dennis	Delta State
LB	Chris Stapleton (U)	Florida Tech
LB	Felix Woods	West Alabama
LB	Gabe Freeman	West Georgia
DB	Manny Adad	Florida Tech
DB	Trai Cadore	Florida Tech
DB	Philbert Martial (U)	North Alabama
DB	Kenny Moore (U)	Valdosta State

#### Specialists

PK	Kevin Henke	North Alabama
P	Cody Mills (U)	Delta State
RS	Telvin Brown	West Georgia
BT	Marcus Sayles	West Georgia

(U) - Unanimous Selection

## VALDOSTA STATE GSC CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**2016 VALDOSTA STATE DEPTH CHART - LAST UPDATED THURSDAY, SEPT. 20**

<b>Offense</b>						<b>Defense</b>					
<b>QB</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Adam Robles</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Egim Etta-Tawo</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	15	Roland Rivers	6-2	235	So.		51	Alvin Brown	6-1	245	So.
<b>RB</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Jordan Germany</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>Jamar Simpkins</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	21	Quahlin Patterson	5-9	195	So.		99	Guito Ervilus	6-4	278	Jr.
<b>FB</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>Tahj Dennis</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>DT</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>Joseph Mozone</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>Fr.</b>
	49	Alex Brock	6-2	260	Sr.		95	Henry Pryor	6-3	300	Jr.
<b>WR</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>Donovan Bolden</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Selwyn Carrol</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	87	Marik Merine	5-10	165	Fr.		42	Josh Ealy	6-4	243	Jr.
<b>WR</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Damien Strange</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>SLB</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Gaughf Ivey</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
	80	Joe Fortson	6-6	215	Jr.		13	John Marvin	6-1	200	Jr.
<b>WR</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Dallas Baldner</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>MLB</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Malik Slater</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>Fr.</b>
	84	Chris Berry	5-10	178	Jr.		34	Justin Dixon	6-0	227	Sr.
<b>LT</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>Brandon Kemp</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>Fr.</b>	<b>WLB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Dante Robinson</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
	72	Travion Wallace	6-6	275	Jr.		59	Dalton Mydell	6-0	225	So.
<b>LG</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>Jeremy King</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>LCB</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Larry Murphy</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	61	Josh Turner	6-0	255	Jr.		2	Andre Johnson	5-11	191	Sr.
<b>C</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Cam Morgan</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Kenny Moore</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	63	David May	6-4	297	So.		28	Raymond Palmer	5-9	188	Jr.
<b>RG</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>Josh Adams</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>FS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Brandon Roe</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
	64	Joe Rucker	6-3	315	Jr.		30	Jeray Dembay	6-1	175	Jr.
<b>RT</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>Toa Lavatai</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>Fr.</b>	<b>RCB</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Donatello Brown</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	78	Andrew Marshall	6-8	330	Jr.		26	Gary Simon	6-2	176	So.
						<b>Special Teams</b>					
						<b>K</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Andrew Gray</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>So.</b>
							48	Logan Roberts	5-10	160	Fr.
						<b>P</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Gavin Wilson</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>So.</b>
							48	Logan Roberts	5-10	160	Fr.
						<b>LS</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Brent Wildes</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
						<b>H</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Jacob Chesser</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
						<b>KR</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Jeray Dembay</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
							21	Quahlin Patterson	5-9	195	So.
						<b>PR</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Gary Simon</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>So.</b>

<b>Start Chart</b>		
<b>Offense</b>	<b>'16</b>	<b>Career</b>
Roland Rivers	5	5
Adam Robles	2	4
Jordan Germany	7	7
Tahj Dennis	7	7
Donovan Bolden	7	17
Damien Strange	7	7
Dallas Baldner	7	7
Brandon Kemp	7	7
Jeremy King	7	19
David May	5	17
Josh Adams	5	17
Andrew Marshall	3	3
<b>Defense</b>	<b>'16</b>	<b>Career</b>
Egim Etta-Tawo	7	7
Kenny Moore	7	19
Jamar Simpkins	7	7
Larry Murphy	7	9
Joseph Mozone	7	7
Selwyn Carrol	7	7
Gaughf Ivey	7	7
Donatello Brown	7	9
Brandon Roe	7	7
Dante Robinson	7	7
Malik Slater	7	7
<b>Specialists</b>	<b>'16</b>	<b>Career</b>
Andrew Gray	5	5
Logan Roberts	2	2
Gavin Wilson	7	10

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**2016 VALDOSTA STATE DRESS ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	Previous School
1	Donatello Brown	CB	6-0	161	Sr.	Coral Springs, Fla.	North Cobb
2	Andre Johnson Sr.	CB	5-11	191	Jr.	Ocala, Fla.	Trinity Catholic HS
3	Xay Howard	WR	6-0	181	Sr.	Suwanee, Ga.	Collins Hill
4	Anthony Ingram	WR	5-10	156	Jr.	Jasper, Fla.	Hamilton County
5	Dante Robinson	LB	6-0	204	Jr.	Valdosta, Ga.	Lowndes
6	Malik Slater	LB	6-0	232	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	
7	Egim Etta-Tawo	LB	6-3	213	Sr.	Powder Springs, Ga.	West Georgia
8	Donte Taylor	DB	5-10	160	Jr.	Bradenton, Fla.	Bayshore HS
9	Larry Murphy	CB	5-11	167	Sr.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Georgia Southern
10	Stephen Denmark	WR	6-4	196	So.	Tallahassee, Fla.	James S. Rickards HS
11	Damien Strange	WR	5-11	178	Sr.	Williston, Fla.	Jacksonville
12	Adam Robles	QB	6-3	215	So.	Ocala, Fla.	South Florida
13	John Marvin	DB	6-1	200	Jr.	Fort Walton Beach, Fla.	Georgia Tech
14	Brandon Roe	DB	6-1	195	Jr.	Douglas, Ga.	Coffee County HS
15	Roland Rivers	QB	6-2	235	So.	Ellenwood, Ga.	Martin Luther King
16	Dallas Baldner	WR	6-0	174	Jr.	Homosassa, Fla.	Crystal River
19	Jacob Chesser	QB	6-2	188	Sr.	Marietta, Ga.	Sprayberry
20	Jordan Germany	RB	5-11	210	Jr.	Decatur, Ga.	Grayson
21	Quahlin Patterson	RB	5-9	195	So.	Orange Park, Fla.	Presbyterian College
22	Alex Brown	DB	5-9	160	So.	Valdosta, Ga.	Lowndes
23	Marcus Webb	RB	5-10	198	So.	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover HS
24	Kenny Moore	CB	5-9	179	Sr.	Valdosta, Ga.	Lowndes
25	Skyler Baggs	DB	6-3	205	Fr.	Brunswick, Ga.	Brunswick HS
26	Gary Simon	DB	6-2	171	So.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Gibbs HS
27	Cedric Hollingshed	RB	6-0	209	Fr.	Macon, Ga.	Westside HS
28	Raymond Palmer	CB	5-9	188	Jr.	Darien, Ga.	McIntosh County Aca.
29	Decary Croaker	SS	6-1	187	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	West Orange HS
30	Jeray Demby	DB	6-1	175	Jr.	Woodbury, N.J.	Monroe College
31	Maurice Fason	LB	5-10	186	Gr.	Valdosta, Ga.	Point
32	Willie Fletcher	DB	6-3	190	Jr.	Carson, Calif.	Los Angeles Harbor
33	Gaughf Ivey	SS	5-11	186	Jr.	Albany, Ga.	Deerfield-Windsor
34	Justin Dixon	LB	6-0	227	Sr.	Duluth, Ga.	Savannah State
35	Brian Miller	DB	5-10	165	So.	Tyrone, Ga.	Sandy Creek HS
36	Charlie Massey	S	6-1	195	Fr.	Tifton, Ga.	Tiftarea Academy
37	Hakeem Sawyer	SS	5-10	189	Jr.	Acworth, Ga.	North Cobb HS
38	Gavin Wilson	K/P	6-0	196	So.	Thomasville, Ga.	Thomas County Central
39	Kenneth Johnson	SS	5-11	181	So.	Albany, Ga.	Dougherty HS
40	Mitchell Kamm	WR	5-10	184	Jr.	Bethlehem, Ga.	Bethlehem Christian
41	Andrew Gray	K	6-1	150	So.	Johns Creek, Ga.	Chattahoochee HS
42	Josh Ealy	DE	6-4	243	Jr.	Vero, Fla.	Delaware State
43	Thomas Wright	LB	5-11	215	Sr.	Leesburg, Ga.	Lee County
44	Selwyn Carrol	DE	6-2	250	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Southeast Missouri State
45	Malik Sheppard	RB	5-8	198	So.	Carrollton, Ga.	Carrollton HS
46	Tahj Dennis	FB	5-11	245	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Erie CC
47	Brent Wildes	LS	6-0	201	Jr.	Folkston, Ga.	Charlton County
48	Logan Roberts	K	5-10	160	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Amos P. Godby HS
49	Alex Brock	FB	6-2	260	Sr.	Vidalia, Ga.	Vidalia HS
50	Tyler Wallace	LB	5-11	219	Fr.	Ocala, Fla.	West Port HS
51	Alvin Brown	DL	6-1	245	So.	Ridgeland, S.C.	Winston-Salem State
52	Trenton Pruett	DE	5-11	206	Jr.	Kennesaw, Ga.	North Cobb
53	Mitch Watson	OL	6-2	212	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.	Mallard Creek HS
54	Joseph Barbara	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Lincoln HS
55	Jeffery Stokes	DE	6-0	235	So.	Cape Coral, Fla.	Jacksonville University
56	Tre'dez Jones	LB	6-0	227	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	
57	Brandon Kemp	TE	6-6	235	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.	Columbia HS
58	Stewart Spence	LB	5-11	220	So.	Madison, Ga.	Morgan County HS
59	Dalton Mydell	LB	6-0	225	So.	Rincon, Ga.	Savannah State
60	Cam Morgan	OL	6-3	300	So.	Fitzgerald, Ga.	Stetson
61	Josh Turner	DT	6-0	255	Jr.	Douglasville, Ga.	Alexander HS

**By Position**
**Quarterbacks (4)**

15	Roland Rivers	So.
12	Adam Robles	So.
19	Jacob Chesser	Sr.

**Running Backs (5)**

36	Jordan Germany	Jr.
21	Quahlin Patterson	So.
23	Marcus Webb	So.
27	Cedric Hollingshed	Fr.
45	Malik Sheppard	So.
86	Dondre Butler	Fr.

**Fullbacks (1)**

46	Tahj Dennis	Sr.
49	Alex Brock	Sr.

**Wide Receivers (16)**

3	Xay Howard	Sr.
4	Anthony Ingram	Jr.
10	Stephen Denmark	So.
11	Damien Strange	Sr.
16	Dallas Baldner	Jr.
40	Mitchell Kamm	Jr.
80	Joe Fortson	Jr.
81	Johnny Williams	So.
82	T.J. Skelton	Fr.
83	Donovan Bolden	Sr.
84	Chris Berry	Jr.
85	Nick Utley	Sr.
87	Marik Merine	Fr.
89	Rustin Suter	Fr.

**Tight Ends (2)**

81	Brandon Kemp	Fr.
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**Centers (1)**

63	David May	So.
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**Offensive Guards (12)**

53	Mitch Watson	Jr.
60	Cam Morgan	So.
62	Austin White	Fr.
64	Joe Rucker	Jr.
67	Cass Cole	Fr.
70	Jacob Dilliplane	So.
72	Travion Wallace	Jr.
73	Jadavian Williams	So.
74	Preston Langley	So.
76	Toa Lavatai	Fr.

**Offensive Tackles (5)**

66	Josh Adams	Jr.
69	Jeremy King	Jr.
77	Jacob Baker	Fr.
78	Andrew Marshall	Jr.

**Placekickers/Punters (2)**

41	Andrew Gray	So.
48	Logan Roberts	Fr.
65	Jeremy Walker	So.
68	Javier Salas	Fr.
38	Gavin Wilson	So.

62	Austin White	OL	6-3	312	Fr.	Quitman, Ga.	Brooks County HS
63	David May	C	6-4	297	Jr.	Orange Park, Fla.	Fleming Island
64	Joe Rucker	OL	6-3	315	Jr.	Fort Valley, Ga.	Eastern Arizona
65	Jeremy Walker	K	5-8	177	So.	Fortson, Ga.	Calvary Christian
66	Josh Adams	OT	6-3	313	Jr.	Kennesaw, Ga.	Harrison
67	Cass Cole	OL	6-4	295	Fr.	Spring Hill, Fla.	Nature Coast Tech HS
68	Javier Salas	K	5-11	170	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Fort Lauderdale HS
69	Jeremy King	OT	6-1	327	Jr.	Macon, Ga.	Westside HS
70	Jacob Dilliplane	OL	6-4	245	So.	Orange City, Fla.	University HS
71	Joseph Merreix	DL	6-2	289	Fr.	Lake Butler, Fla.	Union County HS
72	Travion Wallace	OL	6-6	275	Jr.	Tampa, Fla.	Jacksonville
73	Jadavian Williams	OL	6-2	255	So.	Hanes City, Fla.	Ridge Community HS
74	Preston Langley	OL	6-4	300	So.	Bogart, Ga.	North Oconee HS
75	Joseph Mozone	DT	6-1	328	Fr.	North Augusta, S.C.	North Augusta HS
76	Toa Lavatai	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Creekside HS
77	Jacob Baker	OT	6-6	349	Fr.	Leesburg, Ga.	Lee County HS
78	Andrew Marshall	OT	6-8	330	Jr.	Ellendale, Del.	
80	Joe Fortson	WR	6-6	215	Jr.	Buffalo, N.Y.	Erie CC
81	Johnny Williams	WR	6-1	185	So.	Dothan, Ala.	Northview HS
82	TJ Skelton	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	Jefferson, Ga.	Jefferson HS
83	Donovan Bolden	WR	5-9	178	Sr.	Folkston, Ga.	Charlton County
84	Chris Berry	WR	5-10	178	Jr.	Lithonia, Ga.	Miller Grove HS
85	Nick Utley	WR	6-3	210	Sr.	Tifton, Ga.	Tift County
86	Dondre Butler	RB	6-0	165	Fr.	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Spruce Creek HS
87	Marik Merine	WR	5-10	165	Fr.	Valdosta, Ga.	Valwood HS
89	Rustin Suter	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga.	Alpharetta HS
90	Tikere Ralands	DL	6-5	260	Jr.	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	Monroe College
91	Adrian Fendell	DE	6-1	229	Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga.	Cedar Grove HS
92	Alex Williams	DE	6-0	235	So.	Moultrie, Ga.	Colquitt County HS
93	Iseoluwapo Jegede	DE	6-6	245	So.	Nigeria	Central Florida College
94	Jamar Simpkins	DT/DE	6-3	280	Sr.	Miami, Fla.	Western Michigan
95	Henry Pryor	DL	6-3	300	Jr.	Summerville, S.C.	Brevard College
96	Leafus Thomas	DL	6-5	245	So.	Memphis, Tenn.	Alabama State
97	Sherman Hart	DL	6-0	268	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Englewood HS
99	Guito Ervilus	DT	6-4	278	Jr.	Orlando, Fla.	South Florida

#### Defensive Ends (7)

44	Selwyn Carrol	
52	Trenton Pruett	
55	Jeffery Stokes	
91	Adrian Fendell	
92	Alex Williams	
93	Iseoluwapo Jegede	
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#### Defensive Tackles (4)

51	Alvin Brown	So.
71	Joseph Merreix	Fr.
90	Tikere Ralands	Jr.
95	Henry Pryor	Jr.
96	Leafus Thomas	So.
97	Sherman Hart	Fr.
61	Josh Turner	Jr.
75	Joseph Mozone	Fr.
99	Guito Ervilus	Jr.
94	Jamar Simpkins	Sr.

#### Linebackers (12)

5	Dante Robinson	Jr.
6	Malik Slater	Fr.
7	Egim Etta-Tawo	Sr.
31	Maurice Fason	Sr.
34	Justin Dixon	Sr.
43	Thomas Wright	Sr.
50	Tyler Wallace	Fr.
54	Joseph Barbara	Fr.
56	Tre'dez Jones	Fr.
58	Stewart Spence	So.
59	Dalton Mydell	So.

#### Defensive Backs (6)

1	Donatello Brown	Sr.
2	Andre Johnson	Jr.
9	Larry Murphy	Sr.
24	Kenny Moore	Sr.
28	Raymond Palmer	Jr.
32	Willie Fletcher	
8	Donte Taylor	Jr.
13	John Marvin	Jr.
14	Brandon Roe	Jr.
22	Alex Brown	So.
25	Skyler Baggs	Fr.
26	Gary Simon	So.
30	Jeray Demby	Jr.
35	Brian Miller	So.

#### Strong Safeties (3)

36	Charlie Massey	Fr.
29	Decary Croaker	Fr.
33	Gaughf Ivey	Jr.
37	Hakeem Sawyer	Jr.
39	Kenneth Johnson	So.

#### Longsnappers (1)

47	Brent Wildes	Sr.
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#### 2016 COACHING STAFF

**Kerwin Bell** – Head Coach  
**Jeremy Darveau** – Offensive Line / Recruiting Coordinator  
**Jake Grande** – Wide Receivers / Special Teams Coach  
**Justin Hinds** – Defensive Line Coach  
**James Rowe** – Defensive Coordinator  
**Danny Verpaele** – Linebackers Coach  
**Taylor Anderson** – Graduate Assistant – Linebackers  
**Thomas Baltrus** – Graduate Assistant – Wide Receivers  
**Kade Bell** – Graduate Assistant - Quarterbacks  
**Trey Camps** – Graduate Assistant – Tight Ends  
**Joseph Hamman** – Graduate Assistant – Defensive Line  
**John Peacock** – Student Assistant – Defensive Line  
**Joseph Tassitano** – Graduate Assistant – Equipment Manager  
**Allen Tucker** – Intern Assistant Coach – Secondary  
**Chris West** – Student Assistant – Defensive Line

#### ROSTER BREAKDOWN

ROSTER BY CLASS		ROSTER BY STATE		North Carolina	
Freshman	24	Georgia	49	New Jersey	1
Sophomore	26	Florida	36	Tennessee	1
Junior	29	South Carolina	3	Nigeria	1
Senior	18	New York	2		
		Alabama	2		

1996, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004 AND 2010 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS





### THE KERWIN BELL SHOW - ONLINE AND RADIO

Hosted by Dick Rockey, The Kerwin Bell Show will be available to watch on demand each week at [www.vsublazerfootball.com](http://www.vsublazerfootball.com). The show will be filmed on location following each contest, and will be posted no later than the following Monday each week. The show includes feature packages on various Blazer Athletics events, while also giving an in-depth look at the VSU game from the previous week.

The Kerwin Bell Radio Show will air each Monday night at 7:00 p.m. and is hosted by Marty McGhin. The show airs live on 105.9 FM in Valdosta and will broadcast live from the Coyocan Restaurant in Valdosta. The hour-long program features analysis from Bell as well as a question and answer time at the end of the program.

### THE BLAZERS AT HOME

Valdosta State has won 151 of 202 games, with 50 losses and one tie (.757), on its home field since beginning football in 1982. The Blazers are an impressive 184-46-1 (.751) at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium and have a 9-4 (.692) at Martin Stadium.

VSU has gone undefeated at home seven times (5-0 in 2006, 6-0 in 2004, 9-0 in 2002, 5-0 in 1995, 8-0 in 1994, 3-0-1 in 1992 and 5-0 in 1986) in its 29-year history. The Blazers have been particularly successful at home since the beginning of the 2000 season as they have tallied a 77-19 record (.802) during that span.

### THE GSC IN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Only three teams in the Gulf South Conference have made appearances in the Division II National Championship. Delta State appeared in both the 2000 and 2010 title games, while North Alabama (1985, '93, '94, '95) and Valdosta State (2002, '04, '07, '12) have each appeared four times. The Blazers and the Lions have each won three titles, and DSU has won once.

### KENNY MOORE NAMED PRESEASON ALL-GSC

Preseason All-Gulf South Conference pick Kenny Moore and the Valdosta State football team will enter the 2016 campaign with something to prove, according to a poll taken of the Gulf South Conference coaches, as the Blazers were picked to finish fifth in the league in a release by the GSC on Wednesday.

Despite a preseason national ranking at No. 13 in the 2016 Lindy's Sports Magazine Preseason Division II poll, the Blazers picked up two third place votes, four fourth place votes and two fifth place votes for 40 total points. As a result, VSU trailed Delta State, who fell into fourth place with 46 points (one second place vote, five third place votes, one fourth place vote, one fifth place vote). Florida Tech edged out DSU by a narrow margin in third place with 48 points (two first place votes, one second place vote, one third place vote, three fourth place votes, one fifth place vote), while North Alabama came in second with 53 points (six second place votes, one third place vote, one fourth place vote). West Georgia topped the preseason list for the second straight season with 63 points (seven first place votes, one second place vote).

Rounding out the poll in the bottom four positions were West Alabama in sixth place with 26 points, followed by Mississippi College, West Florida, and Shorter in the bottom three with 21, 16, and 11 points, respectively.

As for individual honors, the Blazers were represented by Moore, a local product out of Lowndes High School who is preparing for his senior season. Moore established himself as one of the top defensive backs in the GSC after a stellar 2015 season, in which the Tiletown native snatched three interceptions and returned two for touchdowns. Additionally, Moore recorded a career high 51 tackles last season to extend his career total beyond the century mark at 106, and earned All-GSC and All-Super Region II honors as a result. Moore was one of just five defensive players to be chosen as a unanimous pick in the poll, voted on each preseason by coaches throughout the GSC.

"I just want to honor God and my family for pushing me to standards that I would not have reached on my own," said Moore on Wednesday after learning of the honor. "I didn't do any of this on my own, and I give all the credit back to the people who made me who I am along the way. As a team, we to come together and motivate one another in order to be successful."

### VALDOSTA STATE'S RECORD WHEN...

	2016	Under Bell
At Home	5-0	5-0
On the Road	2-2	2-2
Neutral Site Game	1-0	1-0
vs. GSC Games	6-2	6-2
vs. Non-Conference	2-0	2-0
vs. In-State Opponents	3-0	3-0
In August	0-0	0-0
In September	2-1	2-1
In October	4-1	4-1
In November	2-0	2-0
In December	0-0	0-0
On Television	1-2	1-2
Afternoon Games	4-0	4-0
Night Games	4-2	4-2
Decided by 7 pts or Less	1-0	1-0
Scoring First	7-0	7-0
Opponent Scores First	1-2	1-2
Leading at Halftime	6-0	6-0
Trailing at Halftime	2-2	2-2
Tied at Halftime	0-0	0-0
Leading after 3 quarters	8-0	8-0
Trailing after 3 quarters	0-2	0-2
Tied after 3 quarters	0-0	0-0
In overtime	0-0	0-0
Scoring 30+ points	7-0	7-0
Scoring 20-29 points	0-1	0-1
Scoring 0-19 points	1-1	1-1
Allowing 30+ points	1-2	1-2
Allowing 20-29 points	4-0	4-0
Allowing 0-19 points	3-0	3-0
Outrushing Opponent	4-0	4-0
Getting Outrushed	4-2	4-2
Passing for more Yards	6-1	6-1
Passing for fewer Yards	2-1	2-1
Outgaining Opponent	4-1	4-1
Getting Outgained	4-1	4-1
Winning Time of Poss.	5-1	5-1
Losing Time of Poss.	3-1	3-1
Scoring a Def./ST TD	2-1	2-1
Allowing a Def./ST TD	0-1	0-1
Fewer Penalty Yards	2-0	2-0
More Penalty Yards	6-2	6-2
Winning Turnover Battle	7-0	7-0
Losing Turnover Battle	1-1	1-1
Equal Turnovers	0-1	0-1

### 2016 OPPONENT TRACKER

Opponent	Overall Record	Conference Record	Next Game
Albany State	5-4	4-2	End of Season
North Alabama	8-1	7-0	1st ROUND BYE
West Florida	5-6	3-5	End of Season
Kentucky State	4-7	4-3	End of Season
West Georgia	7-4	4-4	End of Season
Mississippi College	3-7	1-7	End of Season
Delta State	4-6	3-5	End of Season
Florida Tech	8-2	5-2	North Greenville
West Alabama	7-4	7-2	End of Season
Shorter	0-11	0-8	End of Season

**2004, 2007 AND 2012 NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONS**



## THE LAST TIME VALDOSTA STATE AND ITS OPPONENT ...

### ... Returned a Punt for a Touchdown

VSU: Nov. 5, 2016; Gary Simon vs. West Alabama (62 yards) - **1 gms**  
 OPP: Oct. 15, 2016; Marcel Newson of Mississippi College (73 yards) - **4 gms**

### ... Returned a Kickoff for a Touchdown

VSU: Sept. 6, 2014; Vincent Dallas versus Albany State (85 yards) - **33 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 2, 2013; Jarvis York of Delta State (43 yards) - **36 gms**

### ... Returned an Interception for a Touchdown

VSU: Oct. 29, 2016; Egim Etta-Tawo vs. Florida Tech (45 yards) - **2 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 29, 2014; Chris Shaffer of Lenoir-Rhyne (29 yards) - **22 gms**

### ... Returned a Fumble for a Touchdown

VSU: Sep. 24, 2016; Roe versus West Florida (13 yard) - **7 gms**  
 OPP: Sep. 17, 2016; Eddquerson Harris of North Alabama (28 yards) - **8 gms**

### ... Returned a Blocked Punt for a Touchdown

VSU: Oct. 30, 2008; Derrick Harris versus West Georgia (20 yards) - **93 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 12, 2011; Robbie Burdine of North Alabama (22 yards) - **58 gms**

### ... Recovered a Fumble in the End Zone for a Touchdown

VSU: Oct. 29, 2016; Jamar Simpkins versus Florida Tech - **2 gms**  
 OPP: Oct. 11, 1997; Corey Prosperie of Arkansas-Monticello - **230 gms**

### ... Scored a Safety

VSU: Sept. 27, 2014; Tevin Davis versus North Alabama - **30 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 28, 2015; Damarcus Davis of West Georgia - **10 gms**

### ... Recorded a Two-Point Conversion

VSU: Sept. 13, 2014; Kenny Murphy versus Winston-Salem State (rush) - **32 gms**  
 OPP: Sept. 27, 2014; Hagan Scott of North Alabama (reception) - **30 gms**

### ... Blocked a Punt

VSU: Sept. 27, 2014; Nick Davis versus North Alabama - **30 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 5, 2016; Seth Knotts of West Alabama - **1 gms**

### ... Blocked a Field Goal

VSU: Oct. 22, 2016; vs. Delta State - **3 gms**  
 OPP: Oct. 26, 2013; Tavarius Wilson of North Alabama - **37 gms**

### ... Blocked a Point After Attempt

VSU: Nov 5, 2016 versus West Alabama - **2 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 5, 2016; Taderion Myhand of West Alabama - **1 gms**

### ... Returned a Point After Attempt for Two Points

VSU: Sept. 7, 2013; Jeremy Grable versus Fort Valley State - **43 gms**  
 OPP: Sept. 26, 2015 versus Cumberland - **19 gms**

### ... Had a Player Rush for 200 Yards

VSU: Oct. 19, 2002; Aaron Jenkins versus Central Arkansas (204) - **173 gms**  
 OPP: Oct. 22, 2015; BJ McCoy of Shorter (256) - **15 gms**

### ... Had a Player Catch 10 Passes

VSU: Oct. 1, 2016; Xay Howard versus Kentucky State (10) - **6 gms**  
 OPP: Sep. 24, 2016; Ishmel Morrow of West Florida (10) - **7 gms**

### ... Had a Player Record 150 Yards Receiving

VSU: Oct. 1, 2016; Xay Howard versus Kentucky State (153) - **7 gms**  
 OPP: Sep. 24, 2016; Ishmel Morrow of West Florida (156) - **8 gms**

### ... Had a Quarterback Throw For 400 Yards

VSU: Oct. 1, 2016; Adam Robles versus Kentucky State (401) - **6 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 21, 2015; De'Andre Thomas of Carson-Newman (416) - **11 gms**

### ... Had a Quarterback Throw Five Touchdowns

VSU: Oct. 15, 2016; Roland Rivers versus Mississippi College (5) - **4 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 7, 2014; Tyler Sullivan of Delta State (5) - **12 gms**

### ... Had a Quarterback Throw Four Touchdowns

VSU: Nov. 21, 2015; EJ Hilliard vs. Carson-Newman (4) - **11 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 7, 2015; Tyler Sullivan of Delta State (5) - **34 gms**

### ... Had a Player Score Four Touchdowns

VSU: Nov. 2, 2013; Seantavius Jones versus Delta State (6) - **34 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 18, 2000; Rico McDonald of Delta State (4) - **187 gms**

### ... Had a Player Score Three Touchdowns

VSU: Oct. 8, Damien Strange versus West Georgia (3) - **5 gms**  
 OPP: Oct. 22, Chris Robinson of Delta State (3) - **3 gms**

### ... Had a Kicker Make Four Field Goals

VSU: Sep. 17, 2016; Andrew Gray versus North Alabama (4) - **8 gms**  
 OPP: Dec. 1, 2012; Curt Duncan of Carson-Newman (4) - **45 gms**

### ... Had a Kicker Make Three Field Goals

VSU: Nov. 12, 2016; Andrew Gray versus Shorter (3) - **0 gms**  
 OPP: Dec. 1, 2012; Curt Duncan of Carson-Newman (4) - **45 gms**

### ... Scored 60 Points

VSU: Nov. 21, 2015; vs. Carson-Newman (61) - **11 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 2, 2013; Delta State (63) - **35 gms**

### ... Scored 50 Points

VSU: Oct. 22, 2016; vs. Delta State (56) - **3 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 21, 2015; Carson-Newman (59) - **11 gms**

### ... Scored 40 Points

VSU: Nov. 12, 2016 vs. Shorter (44) - **0 gms**  
 OPP: Oct. 15, 2016; Mississippi College (41) - **4 gms**

### ... Scored 40 Points in One Half

VSU: Nov. 21, 2015; vs. Carson-Newman (41) - **11 gms**  
 OPP: Never - **398 gms**

### ... Scored 30 Points in One Half

VSU: Nov. 21, 2015; vs. Carson-Newman (41) - **11 gms**  
 OPP: Sep. 17, 2016; North Alabama (30) - **8 gms**

### ... Was Shut Out

VSU: Sept. 14, 1991 at Central Florida - **304 gms**  
 OPP: Nov. 12, 2016 versus Shorter - **0 gms**

# VALDOSTA STATE SINGLE GAME TEAM RECORDS

## Rushing Attempts

No.	Att.	Opponent	Date
1.	75	Arkansas Tech	Sept. 25, 1999
2.	63	West Alabama	Oct. 6, 1990
3.	58	Delta State	Nov. 7, 2015
4.	57	UT-Martin	Sept. 15, 1990
5.	53	Harding	Sept. 18, 2004
	53	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Nov. 16, 2013
	53	West Georgia	Oct. 11, 2014
8.	52	Lees-McRae	Oct. 26, 1991
9.	52	Catawba	Nov. 24, 2007
10.	52	Mississippi College	Oct. 18, 2014

## Rushing Yards

No.	Yds	Opponent	Date
1.	395	North Alabama	Nov. 22, 2014
2.	391	Arkansas Tech	Sept. 25, 1999
3.	352	Edward Waters	Sept. 29, 2012
4.	351	West Georgia	Oct. 11, 2014
5.	344	Mississippi College	Oct. 18, 2014
6.	319	West Alabama	Oct. 6, 1990
7.	315	North Alabama	Oct. 27, 2001
8.	306	Delta State	Nov. 7, 2015
9.	301	Ouchita Baptist	Sept. 29, 2007
10.	297	West Georgia	Oct. 6, 2012

## Rushing Touchdowns

No.	Tds	Opponent	Date
1.	7	Edward Waters	Nov. 7, 2009
	7	Edward Waters	Sept. 29, 2012
3.	6	Lees-McRae	Oct. 26, 1991
	6	West Alabama	Nov. 24, 2012
	6	Mississippi College	Oct. 18, 2014
5.	5	Ouachita Baptist	Sept. 20, 2005
6.	4	12 times	



## Pass Attempts

No.	Att.	Opponent	Date
1.	70	West Georgia	Nov. 11, 1995
2.	68	St. Ambrose	Oct. 14, 1995
3.	67	Kentucky State	Oct. 1, 2016
4.	62	Delta State	Oct. 7, 2000
	62	West Georgia	Oct. 16, 1993
6.	61	North Alabama	Oct. 28, 1995
7.	58	Delta State	Sept. 20, 2014
8.	56	Mississippi College	Oct. 23, 1993
	56	Delta State	Oct. 1, 2009
10.	55	four times (Last vs. C-N - Nov. 21, 2015)	

## Pass Completions

No.	Comp.	Opponent	Date
1.	48	St. Ambrose	Oct. 14, 1995
2.	45	Mississippi College	Oct. 23, 1993
	45	West Georgia	Oct. 16, 1993
4.	43	Delta State	Oct. 7, 2000
5.	42	West Georgia	Nov. 11, 1995
	42	Kentucky State	Oct. 1, 2016
6.	41	West Georgia	Oct. 15, 1994
7.	40	West Alabama	Oct. 19, 1996
	40	Mississippi College	Nov. 4, 1995
	40	Tarleton State	Oct. 9, 1993

## Passing Yards

No.	Yds	Opponent	Date
1.	575	Kentucky State	Oct. 1, 2016
2.	508	St. Ambrose	Oct. 14, 1995
3.	488	Ouachita Baptist	Sept. 11, 2004
4.	480	Mississippi College	Oct. 23, 1993
5.	477	Delta State	Oct. 7, 2000
6.	474	Southern Arkansas	Sept. 28, 2002
7.	463	West Alabama	Oct. 7, 1995
8.	462	Ouachita Baptist	Oct. 8, 2011
9.	457	Delta State	Oct. 29, 1994
10.	455	twice (Last vs. UNA on Oct. 28, 2000)	

## Passing Touchdowns

No.	Tds	Opponent	Date
1.	7*	West Alabama	Oct. 20, 2001
	7*	Ouachita Baptist	Nov. 4, 2000
	7*	Delta State	Oct. 29, 1994
	7*	Clark-Atlanta	Sept. 24, 1994
	7*	Tarleton State	Oct. 9, 1993
6.	6	eight times	

## Total Offensive Plays

No.	Plays	Opponent	Date
1.	101	Delta State	Sept. 20, 2014
2.	97	Arkansas Tech	Sept. 25, 1999
3.	95	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Nov. 16, 2013
	95	Carson-Newman	Nov. 21, 2015
5.	91	West Georgia	Oct. 20, 1984
	91	Kentucky State	Oct. 1, 2016
6.	90	Arkansas Tech	Sept. 22, 2007
	90	North Alabama	Oct. 28, 1995
8.	89	St. Ambrose	Oct. 14, 1995

## Total Offensive Yards

No.	Yds	Opponent	Date
1.	682	Carson-Newman	Nov. 21, 2015
2.	659	North Alabama	Oct. 27, 2001
3.	651	Mississippi College	Oct. 18, 2014
4.	648	North Alabama	Oct. 28, 2000
5.	42	Kentucky State	Oct. 1, 2016
6.	633	Southern Arkansas	Oct. 14, 1995
7.	631	West Alabama	Oct. 19, 1996
8.	629	North Alabama	Nov. 22, 2014
9.	624	Delta State	Oct. 20, 2012
10.	622	Delta State	Sept. 20, 2014

## First Downs

No.	FD	Opponent	Date
1.	39	Carson-Newman	Nov. 21, 2015
	39	West Alabama	Oct. 19, 1996
2.	34	North Alabama	Oct. 28, 2000
	34	Mississippi College	Oct. 18, 2014
4.	33	Fort Valley State	Sept. 17, 1994
5.	32	Henderson State	Sept. 29, 2001
	32	Arkansas-Monticello	Oct. 12, 1996
	32	New Haven	Oct. 8, 1994
	32	Kentucky State	Oct. 1, 2016
7.	31	four times (Last vs. CAU - Sept. 22, 2001)	

## Points Scored

No.	Pts	Opponent	Date
1.	70	Delta State (W, 70-12)	Oct. 6, 2001
	70	Edward Waters (W, 70-6)	Nov. 7, 2009
3.	69	Fort Valley State (W 69-0)	Sept. 8, 2007
4.	68	Tarleton State (W 68-10)	Oct. 9, 1993
5.	65	Mount Senario (W 65-0)	Sept. 2, 1993
6.	63	Ark.-Monticello (W 63-28)	Nov. 3, 2007
	63	Central Arkansas (W 63-30)	Nov. 9, 1996
	63	West Alabama (W 63-0)	Oct. 1, 1994
	63	Clark Atlanta (W 63-6)	Sept. 24, 1994
10.	62	two times (Last vs. MC - Oct. 18, 2014)	

## Kickoff Return Yards

No.	Yds	Opponent	Date
1.	223	Carson-Newman	Nov. 22, 2003
2.	217	West Alabama	Oct. 10, 2013
3.	211	North Alabama	Oct. 26, 2013
4.	199	Delta State	Oct. 2, 2004
5.	192	Central Arkansas	Sept. 22, 2001
6.	180	North Alabama	Nov. 11, 2011
7.	169	West Alabama	Sept. 22, 2012
8.	166	Carson-Newman	Sept. 6, 1997
9.	154	UNC-Pembroke	Nov. 7, 2013
10.	153	Truman	Nov. 7, 1996

## Punt Return Yards

No.	Yds	Opponent	Date
1.	202	Arkansas Tech	Sept. 23, 2006
2.	183	North Alabama	Dec. 1, 2007
3.	175	Southern Arkansas	Oct. 7, 2006
4.	138	Delta State	Oct. 6, 2001
5.	129	Fort Valley State	Sept. 8, 2012
6.	117	West Georgia	Nov. 15, 2003
7.	119	Arkansas Tech	Oct. 26, 1998
	119	West Georgia	Nov. 10, 2001
9.	111	West Georgia	Oct. 30, 2008





# VALDOSTA STATE SINGLE GAME INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

## Rushing Attempts

No.	Player	Attempts	Opponent	Date
1.	Ramon Allen	35	Tennessee-Martin	Sept. 15, 1990
2.	Vontrell Mitchell	33	West Alabama	Oct. 18, 1997
	Cedric O'Neal	33	Delta State	Oct. 20, 2012
4.	Ramon Allen	32	Jacksonville State	Sept. 22, 1990
5.	Dominique Ross	31	Central Florida	Sept. 10, 1994
	Dominique Ross	31	West Georgia	Oct. 15, 1994
7.	Henry Chubb	30	West Alabama	Nov. 12, 1983
	Dominique Ross	30	West Alabama	Oct. 10, 1992
	Dominique Ross	30	Fort Valley State	Sept. 18, 1993
	Cedric O'Neal	30	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Nov. 16, 2013

## Rushing Yards

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Vontrell Mitchell	263	Central Arkansas	Nov. 9, 1996
2.	Dominique Ross	248	West Alabama	Oct. 1, 1994
3.	Dominique Ross	218	Fort Valley State	Sept. 18, 1993
4.	Aaron Jenkins	204	Central Arkansas	Oct. 19, 2002
5.	Ramon Allen	199	Tennessee-Martin	Sept. 15, 1990
6.	Cedric O'Neal	194	Carson-Newman	Dec. 1, 2012
7.	Ramon Allen	192	Jacksonville State	Sept. 22, 1990
8.	Cedric O'Neal	191	Shorter	Oct. 22, 2015
	Aaron Jenkins	191	Ouachita Baptist	Nov. 3, 2001
10.	Troy Braswell	188	West Georgia	Oct. 29, 2011

## Yards Per Carry (min. 10 carries)

No.	Player	Yards	Att.	YPC	Opponent	Date
1.	Dominique Ross	248	11	22.5	West Alabama	Oct. 1, 1994
2.	Aaron Jenkins	191	12	15.9	Ouachita Baptist	Nov. 3, 2001
3.	Aaron Jenkins	170	12	14.2	Arkansas-Monticello	Oct. 12, 2002
4.	Travis Francis	140	10	14.0	Fort Valley State	Sept. 4, 1999
5.	Cedric O'Neal	131	10	13.1	Fort Valley State	Sept. 8, 2012
6.	Cedric O'Neal	194	15	12.9	Carson-Newman	Dec. 1, 2012
7.	Dominique Ross	141	11	12.8	Clark Atlanta	Sept. 24, 1994
8.	Tyran Robinson	151	12	12.6	North Alabama	Oct. 27, 2001
9.	Troy Braswell	188	16	11.8	West Georgia	Oct. 29, 2011
10.	Two tied at			11.3		

## Passing Attempts

No.	Player	Attempts	Opponent	Date
1.	Lance Funderburk	70*	West Georgia	Nov. 11, 1995
2.	Dusty Bonner	62	Delta State	Oct. 7, 2000
3.	Chris Hatcher	61	West Georgia	Oct. 16, 1993
	Lance Funderburke	61	North Alabama	Oct. 28, 1995
5.	Lance Funderburke	57	North Dakota State	Sept. 9, 1995
6.	Chris Hatcher	56	Mississippi College	Oct. 23, 1993
	Kellen Lewis	56	Delta State	Oct. 1, 2009
8.	E.J. Hilliard	55	Carson-Newman	Nov. 15, 2015
	Dusty Bonner	55	Fort Valley State	Nov. 17, 2001
10.	Barrett Wilkes	54	Harding	Sept. 17, 2005

## Pass Completions

No.	Player	Completions	Opponent	Date
1.	Chris Hatcher	45	West Georgia	Oct. 16, 1993
	Chris Hatcher	45	Mississippi College	Oct. 23, 1993
3.	Dusty Bonner	43	Delta State	Oct. 7, 2000
4.	Lance Funderburke	42	West Georgia	Nov. 11, 1995
5.	Chris Hatcher	41	West Georgia	Oct. 15, 1994
6.	E.J. Hilliard	39	Carson-Newman	Nov. 21, 2015
	Chris Hatcher	39	New Haven	Oct. 8, 1994
	Lance Funderburke	39	North Alabama	Oct. 28, 1995
8.	Lance Funderburke	38	St. Ambrose	Oct. 14, 1995
9.	two times	37	(Last Willie Copeland vs. UWA Oct. 21, 2006)	

## Passing Yards

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Dusty Bonner	497	Fort Valley State	Nov. 17, 2001
2.	Chris Hatcher	480	Mississippi College	Oct. 23, 1993
3.	Dusty Bonner	477	Delta State	Oct. 7, 2000
4.	Lance Funderburke	463	West Alabama	Oct. 7, 1995
5.	Barrett Wilkes	456	West Alabama	Oct. 25, 2003
6.	E.J. Hilliard	448	Carson-Newman	Nov. 21, 2015
7.	Lance Funderburke	447	Arkansas-Monticello	Oct. 12, 1996
8.	Chris Hatcher	430	West Georgia	Oct. 15, 1994
9.	Lance Funderburke	428	St. Ambrose	Oct. 14, 1995

## Completion Percentage (min. 15 completions)

No.	Player	Comp.	Att.	Per.	Opponent	Date
1.	Jake Medlock*	19	20	.950	Mississippi College	Oct. 18, 2014
	Lance Funderburke	15	16	.938	Tarleton State	Oct. 9, 1993
2.	Fabian Walker	31	34	.912	Henderson State	Oct. 9, 2004
3.	Chris Hatcher	39	44	.886	New Haven	Oct. 8, 1994
4.	Cayden Cochran	20	23	.870	Shorter	Oct. 25, 2012
5.	Dusty Bonner	26	30	.867	Henderson State	Sept. 29, 2001
6.	Fabian Walker	24	28	.857	West Chester	Dec. 4, 2004
7.	Dusty Bonner	29	34	.853	West Alabama	Oct. 21, 2000
8.	Chris Hatcher	34	40	.850	Henderson State	Nov. 12, 1994
9.	Fabian Walker	25	30	.833	West Georgia	Nov. 6, 2004
10.	Chris Hatcher	29	35	.829	Delta State	Oct. 29, 1994

## Receptions

No.	Player	Receptions	Opponent	Date
1.	Sean Pender	20	Mississippi College	Nov. 4, 1995
2.	Sean Pender	17	West Georgia	Nov. 11, 1995
3.	Calvin Walker	16	Mississippi College	Oct. 31, 1992
	Calvin Walker	16	Delta State	Nov. 7, 1992
	Sean Pender	16	North Dakota State	Sept. 9, 1995
6.	Steve Greer	14	Henderson State	Nov. 12, 1994
	C.J. Lofton	14	North Alabama	Oct. 28, 2000
	Cedric Jones	14	Arkansas Tech	Sept. 22, 2007
	Cedric Jones	14	Delta State	Oct. 1, 2009
10.	three tied with	13	(Last Greg Dent vs. C-N Nov. 21, 2015)	

## Receiving Yards

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Reggie Mosley	232	West Georgia	Nov. 11, 2000
2.	Calvin Walker	230	Delta State	Nov. 7, 1992
3.	Seantavius Jones	210	Delta State	Oct. 20, 2012
4.	Seantavius Jones	204	Ouachita Baptist	Oct. 8, 2011
5.	Randy Fischer	200	Jacksonville State	Sept. 24, 1988
6.	Sherard Reynolds	194	Southern Arkansas	Oct. 29, 2005
7.	Darrien Teals	191	Central Florida	Oct. 22, 1988
8.	Nikko Cooper	188	Central Arkansas	Nov. 9, 1996
9.	Seantavius Jones	187	West Georgia	Oct. 19, 2013
10.	Carl Armstrong	186	Georgia Southern	Sept. 25, 1982

## Total Offensive Plays

No.	Player	Plays	Opponent	Date
1.	Lance Funderburk	74	West Georgia	Nov. 11, 1995
2.	Kellen Lewis	69	Harding	Oct. 17, 2009
3.	E.J. Hilliard	67	Carson-Newman	Nov. 21, 2015
3.	Dusty Bonner	66	Delta State	Oct. 7, 2000
4.	Kellen Lewis	65	Delta State	Oct. 1, 2009
5.	Chris Hatcher	61	West Georgia	Oct. 16, 1993
	Chris Hart	61	Delta State	Oct. 2, 2008
	Kellen Lewis	61	Ouachita Baptist	Sept. 19, 2009
	Lewis Kuffuor	61	Delta State	Oct. 1, 2005
	Kaleb Nobles	61	Delta State	Nov. 2, 2013

## VALDOSTA STATE SINGLE GAME INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (CONT.)

### Total Offensive Yards

No.	Player	Rush	Pass	Total	Opponent	Date
1.	Dusty Bonner	-2	497	495	Fort Valley State	Nov. 17, 2001
2.	E.J. Hilliard	46	448	494	Carson-Newman	Nov. 21, 2015
3.	Lance Funderburke	0	463	463	West Alabama	Oct. 7, 1995
4.	Chris Hatcher	-22	480	458	Mississippi College	Oct. 23, 1993
5.	Dusty Bonner	-24	477	453	Delta State	Oct. 7, 2000
6.	Cayden Cochran	22	424	446	Ouachita Baptist	Oct. 8, 2011
7.	Cayden Cochran	30	412	442	Delta State	Oct. 20, 2012
8.	Barrett Wilkes	-16	456	440	West Alabama	Oct. 25, 2003
9.	Lance Funderburke	9	428	437	St. Ambrose	Oct. 14, 1995
10.	Kellen Lewis	113	316	429	Delta State	Oct. 1, 2009

### Points Scored

No.	Player	Points	Opponent	Date
1.	Seantavius Jones	36	Delta State	Nov. 2, 2013
2.	Aaron Jenkins	30	Ouachita Baptist	Nov. 3, 2001
3.	Darrien Teals	24	Central Florida	Oct. 22, 1988
	Ramon Allen	24	Tennessee-Martin	Sept. 15, 1990
	Stanley Flanders	24	Fort Valley State	Sept. 17, 1994
	Stanley Flanders	24	Delta State	Oct. 29, 1994
	Rodney Brown	24	Truman	Sept. 7, 1996
	Seantavius Jones	24	Delta State	Oct. 20, 2012
9.	Mike Davis	20	Arkansas Tech	Sept. 23, 1995
10.	43 tied with	18	(Last Cedric O'Neal vs. C-N Nov. 21, 2015)	

### Point After Attempts

No.	Player	PAT Att.	Opponent	Date
1.	Reid Bethea	10	Delta State	Oct. 6, 2001
	Daniel Andersen	10	Edward Waters	Nov. 7, 2009
3.	Vernon Loree	9	Clark Atlanta	Sept. 24, 1994
	Vernon Loree	9	West Alabama	Oct. 1, 1994
	Todd Douthit	9	Central Arkansas	Nov. 9, 1996
	Zac Williams	9	Arkansas-Monticello	Nov. 3, 2007
	Zac Williams	9	Fort Valley State	Sept. 8, 2007
	Anthony Pistelli	9	Mississippi College	Oct. 18, 2015

### Point After Attempts Made

No.	Player	PAT Made	Opponent	Date
1.	Reid Bethea	10	Delta State	Oct. 6, 2001
2.	Daniel Andersen	10	Edward Waters	Nov. 7, 2009
3.	Vernon Loree	9	Clark Atlanta	Sept. 24, 1994
	Vernon Loree	9	West Alabama	Oct. 1, 1994
	Todd Douthit	9	Central Arkansas	Nov. 9, 1996
	Zac Williams	9	Fort Valley State	Sept. 8, 2007
	Zac Williams	9	Arkansas-Monticello	Nov. 3, 2007
	Daniel Andersen	9	Fort Valley State	Sept. 8, 2012
8.	Eight tied with	8	(Last Anthony Pistelli vs. MC Oct. 18, 2014)	

### Total Tackles

No.	Player	Tackles	Opponent	Date
1.	Ryan Branch	24	Texas-El Paso	Sept. 16, 1995
2.	Jimmy Francis	21	Mississippi College	Nov. 9, 1985
	Chris Pope	21	Carson-Newman	Dec. 1, 2012
4.	Cliff Fouty	20	Georgia Southern	Nov. 20, 1982
	Mikeal Lovejoy	20	Delta State	Nov. 5, 1988
	Jesse Sutton	20	Central Arkansas	Oct. 24, 1998
	Chris Pope	20	Delta State	Nov. 2, 2013
8.	Four tied with	19		

### Solo Tackles

No.	Player	Tackles	Opponent	Date
1.	Jimmy Brookins	17	Mississippi College	Oct. 29, 1988
2.	Chris Pope	14	Delta State	Nov. 2, 2013

3.	Mikeal Lovejoy	13	Delta State	Nov. 5, 1988
4.	Erasmus Harvey	12	Fort Valley State	Sept. 19, 1992
5.	Jimmy Brookins	11	Delta State	Nov. 5, 1988
	Antonio Speed	11	Central Arkansas	Oct. 23, 1999
	Everett Kitchens	11	Catawba	Nov. 24, 2007
	Chris Pope	11	Carson-Newman	Dec. 1, 2012
9.	12 tied with	10		

### Assisted Tackles

No.	Player	Tackles	Opponent	Date
1.	Harvey Carter	18	Georgia Southern	Nov. 20, 1982
2.	Cliff Fouty	15	West Alabama	Nov. 13, 1982
	Cliff Fouty	15	Georgia Southern	Nov. 20, 1982
	Cliff Fouty	15	Mississippi College	Sept. 10, 1983
	Lenny Parker	15	Savannah State	Sept. 24, 1983
	Danny Metcalf	15	Troy State	Oct. 1, 1988
7.	Jimmy Francis	14	Mississippi College	Nov. 9, 1985
	Scott Mowry	14	Mississippi College	Nov. 7, 1987
	Danny Metcalf	14	Delta State	Nov. 3, 1990
	Larry Dean	14	Arkansas-Monticello	Oct. 23, 2010

### Punt Return Yards

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Sherard Reynolds	168	Arkansas Tech	Sept. 23, 2006
2.	Sherard Reynolds	154	Southern Arkansas	Oct. 7, 2006
3.	Quin Roberson	129	Fort Valley State	Sept. 8, 2012
4.	Eric Doggett	119	Arkansas Tech	Sept. 26, 1998
5.	Gary Simon	110	Delta State	Oct. 22, 2016
6.	Tony Hill	104	Fort Valley State	Sept. 21, 1991
7.	Sherard Reynolds	103	North Alabama	Dec. 1, 2007
8.	Eric Doggett	102	Henderson State	Sept. 11, 1999
9.	Reggie Mosley	99	Fort Valley State	Sept. 2, 2000
10.	Reggie Mosley	97	Delta State	Sept. 21, 2002

### Kickoff Return Yards

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Derrick Harris	147	Georgia Southern	Nov. 19, 1983
2.	Wendell Olden	143	Carson-Newman	Sept. 6, 1997
3.	Matt Pierce	141	North Alabama	Nov. 12, 2011
4.	Aaron Jenkins	138	West Alabama	Oct. 26, 2002
5.	Vincent Brown	136	North Alabama	Oct. 23, 2004
6.	Reggie Mosley	131	North Alabama	Nov. 6, 1999
	Austin Scott	131	UNC-Pembroke	Nov. 7, 2013
8.	Willie Downs	125	West Alabama	Oct. 10, 2013
9.	Vincent Brown	124	Delta State	Oct. 2, 2004
10.	Reggie Mosley	122	Southern Arkansas	Sept. 15, 2001



**1996, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004 AND 2010 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS**

## VALDOSTA STATE SINGLE GAME INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (CONT.)

### Longest Rush

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Dominique Ross	93	West Alabama	Oct. 1, 1994
2.	Aaron Jenkins	76	Ouachita Baptist	Nov. 3, 2001
3.	Tyran Robinson	75	West Georgia	Nov. 6, 2004
	David Arnold	75	Newberry	Sept. 11, 2010
	Troy Braswell	75	West Georgia	Oct. 29, 2011
6.	Vontrell Mitchell	73	Delta State	Nov. 1, 1997
	Austin Scott	72	Florida Tech	Oct. 5, 2013
8.	Dominique Ross	70	West Alabama	Oct. 1, 1994
9.	Michael Terry	69	Ouachita Baptist	Sept. 29, 2007
	Cedric O'Neal	69	Fort Valley State	Sept. 7, 2013

### Longest Completion

No.	Quarterback	Receiver	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Chris Hatcher	Calvin Walker	90	UCF	Sept. 11, 1993
2.	Dusty Bonner	Reggie Mosley	89	West Alabama	Oct. 21, 2000
3.	Patrick Prewitt	Mike Bowman	88	Central Arkansas	Nov. 8, 1997
4.	Donnie Johnston	Nikko Cooper	85	North Alabama	Nov. 7, 1998
5.	Buster Faulkner	Reggie Mosley	82	Central Arkansas	Oct. 19, 2002
6.	Chris Hatcher	Robert Williams	81	Albany State	Nov. 19, 1994
	Lance Funderburke	Sean Pender	81	Gardner-Webb	Sept. 2, 1995
	Cayden Cochran	Gerald Ford	81	North Alabama	Oct. 13, 2012
9.	Chris Hatcher	Stanley Flanders	80	Delta State	Oct. 29, 1994
	Dusty Bonner	C.J. Lofton	80	West Alabama	Oct. 20, 2001

### Longest Field Goal Made

No.	Player	FG Length	Opponent	Date
1.	Keith Moore	54*	Kentucky State	Sept. 21, 1985
2.	James Lightfoot	52	Arkansas-Monticello	Oct. 11, 1997
	Michael Green	52	West Georgia	Nov. 5, 2005
4.	Keith Moore	51	Clark Atlanta	Sept. 8, 1984
	Jack McTyre	51	Delta State	Nov. 3, 1990
	Daniel Andersen	51	North Alabama	Oct. 13, 2012
7.	Michael Green	49	Albany State	Sept. 3, 2005
	Daniel Andersen	49	Southern Arkansas	Sept. 12, 2009
	Daniel Andersen	49	Delta State	Oct. 20, 2012
10.	Five tied at	48		

### Longest Punt

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Andy Gibbs	72	Delta State	Sept. 19, 1998
2.	Jack Fulford	69	West Alabama	Oct. 15, 2011
3.	Wayne DeVane	65	Arkansas-Monticello	Oct. 12, 1996
4.	Chad Mosley	64	Lees-McRae	Oct. 26, 1991
	David Ashby	64	Albany State	Nov. 19, 1994
	Jack Fulford	64	Southern Arkansas	Sept. 25, 2010
	Jack Fulford	64	Ouachita Baptist	Oct. 8, 2011
8.	Four tied at	63		

### Longest Punt Return

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Quin Roberson*	94 (td)	Fort Valley State	Sept. 8, 2012
2.	Quin Roberson	81 (td)	Newberry	Sept. 8, 2011
3.	Roger King	80 (td)	North Alabama	Dec. 1, 2007
4.	Sherard Reynolds	78 (td)	Southern Arkansas	Oct. 7, 2007
5.	Gary Simon	70 (td)	Delta State	Oct. 22, 2016
6.	Eric Doggett	68	Arkansas Tech	Sept. 26, 1998
7.	Sherard Reynolds	65 (td)	North Alabama	Dec. 1, 2007
	Roger King	65 (td)	Henderson State	Oct. 11, 2008
9.	Derrick Harris	62 (td)	West Alabama	Nov. 12, 1983
	Willie Downs	62 (td)	Florida Tech	Oct. 5, 2013

### Longest Kickoff Return

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Aaron Jenkins	100 (td)	West Georgia	Nov. 11, 2000
2.	Billy Poole	99 (td)	West Alabama	Oct. 1, 1994
3.	Tyran Robinson	98 (td)	Carson-Newman	Nov. 22, 2003
4.	Sean Pender	97 (td)	Albany State	Nov. 23, 1996
	Vincent Brown	97 (td)	North Alabama	Oct. 23, 2004
	Willie Downs	97 (td)	West Alabama	Oct. 10, 2013
7.	Rodney Brown	96 (td)	Texas-El Paso	Sept. 16, 1995
	Matt Pierce	96 (td)	North Alabama	Nov. 11, 2011
	Matt Pierce	96 (td)	Winston-Salem State	Dec. 15, 2012
10.	Two tied at	91 (td)		

### Longest Interception Return

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Kenny Moore	94 (td)	Delta State	Nov. 7, 2015
	Sherard Reynolds	94 (td)	Fort Valley State	Aug. 23, 2008
3.	Shawn Harris	86 (td)	Southern Arkansas	Oct. 6, 2007
4.	Matt Pierce	85 (td)	West Alabama	Oct. 15, 2011
5.	Kenny Murphy	79 (td)	West Georgia	Nov. 28, 2015
	Adrian Bryant	79 (td)	Arkansas-Monticello	Nov. 4, 2006
7.	Kenny Murphy	73 (td)	West Alabama	Oct. 31, 2015
8.	Shaunta Dismuke	70 (td)	Delta State	Oct. 6, 2001
	Dominique Wheeler	70 (td)	Delta State	Nov. 2, 2013
10.	Wesley Brown	60	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Dec. 7, 2002
	Maurice Leggett	60 (td)	Henderson State	Oct. 8, 2005

### Longest Fumble Return

No.	Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
1.	Dee Williford	97 (td)	Southern Arkansas	Sept. 27, 2003
2.	Dominique Wheeler	86 (td)	Angelo State	Sept. 28, 2013
3.	Stevie Harden	62 (td)	Southern Arkansas	Sept. 25, 2010
4.	Maurice Leggett	57 (td)	Southern Arkansas	Oct. 7, 2007
5.	Tevin Davis	56 (td)	Florida Tech	Oct. 5, 2013
6.	Dudley Spence	55 (td)**	North Alabama	Nov. 15, 2008
7.	Matt Pierce	49 (td)	Newberry	Sept. 8, 2011
8.	Michael Flood	48	Albany State	Sept. 3, 2005
9.	Dee Williford	47 (td)	Florida Atlantic	Sept. 6, 2003
10.	Deon Searcy	46	East Tennessee State	Oct. 20, 1990

\*\*Yardage came after a lateral by Jermel Daniels. Play covered 73 yards total.

### Miscellaneous Single Game Records

<b>Rushing Touchdowns</b>	4	four times
<b>Consecutive Completions</b>	20	Chris Hatcher vs. New Haven, 10/08/94*
<b>Passing Touchdowns</b>	7	three times
<b>Interceptions Thrown</b>	5	Chris Hatcher vs. North Alabama, 11/06/93
<b>Passes Without An Interception</b>	56	Chris Hatcher vs. Mississippi College, 10/23/93
<b>Receiving Touchdowns</b>	6	Seantavius Jones vs. Delta State, 11/02/13
<b>Total Touchdowns</b>	6	Seantavius Jones vs. Delta State, 11/02/13
<b>TDs Responsible For</b>	8	Dusty Bonner vs. Delta State, 10/06/01 (2 Rush, 6 Pass)
<b>Field Goals Attempts</b>	5	Will Rhody vs. Central Arkansas, 09/25/04
<b>Field Goals Made</b>	5	Will Rhody vs. Central Arkansas, 09/25/04
<b>Interceptions</b>	3	Jimmy Francis vs. Bishop, 11/02/85
<b>Sacks</b>	4.0	three times
<b>Fumbles Recovered</b>	3	Anthony Newsome vs. Delta State, 10/08/83
<b>Punts</b>	12	Gavin Wilson vs. West Florida, 9/24/16
<b>Average (min. 4 punts)</b>	49.8	Terry Mallory vs. West Alabama, 10/19/85
<b>Punt Returns</b>	7	two times
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>	6	Ronnye Nelson vs. Delta State, 09/18/10

\*Gulf South Conference record



## GAME 1

### VALDOSTA STATE 16, ALBANY STATE 7

**VALDOSTA, Ga.** – VALDOSTA, Ga. – The Black Swarm defense came up big in Valdosta State football's home opener to hold the Golden Rams at bay and help lift the Blazers to a 16-7 victory on Saturday night in Tittletown.

After a 15-yard Roland Rivers pass to Jordan Germany for a Valdosta State first down on the first play of the game from scrimmage, The Blazer offense stalled out continuously throughout the remainder of the first half.

Despite the slow start for the offense, Valdosta State's defensive effort helped keep the game in check for the first two quarters and allowed just one score for the Golden Rams in the half. Albany State pieced together a 10-play, 72-yard march down the field on their first possession of the second quarter with a drive that quarterback Caleb Edmonds capped off with a touchdown scramble. The carry accounted for six of 156 rushing yards for Edmonds on the night.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	0	0	16	0	16
Albany State	0	7	0	0	7

#### Second Quarter

ASU 8:45 Edmonds 6-yard run (Maldonad kick)

#### Third Quarter

VSU 9:22 Gray 43-yard field goal  
VSU 3:39 Baldner 4-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)  
VSU 0:00 Rivers 9-yard rush (Gray kick blocked)

Team Statistics	VSU	ASU
First Downs	13	17
Rushes-Yards (Net)	29-67	39-220
Passes Comp-Att-Int	13-32-0	15-30-4
Passing Yards (Net)	203	157
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	61-270	69-377
Return Yards	42	51
Punts (Number-Avg.)	8-42.0	7-34.9
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-68	9-66
Sacks By (No.-Yards)	3-12	5-36
Time of Possession	26:41	33:12
Attendance	5,401	

#### Individual Stats

**Rushing:** VSU - Rivers 19-44; Germany 9-25; Patterson 1--2. ASU - Edmonds 18-156; Green 8-25; Small 7-19; Hambersham 5-12; Wiley 1-8.

**Passing:** VSU - Rivers 13-32-1-203. ASU - Edmonds 15-30-0-157.

**Receiving:** VSU - Strange 4-88; Baldner 4-80; Germany 1-15; Howard 2-10; Dennis 1-7; Patterson 1-3. ASU - Harr 8-74; Green 4-39; Storey 1-21; Simmons 1-17; Hun 1-6.

## GAME 2

### VALDOSTA STATE 19, NORTH ALABAMA 44

**FLORENCE, Ala.** – A host of Blazer miscues, combined with a strong offensive outing by North Alabama quarterback Jacob Tucker, resulted in a lopsided 44-19 victory for the Lions in Saturday's Gulf South Conference road matchup in Florence, Ala.

The Lions evened up their overall record at 1-1 with the victory and opened up GSC play at 1-0, while the Blazers fell to 1-1 overall and 0-1 in conference action.

Statistically, the numbers didn't matchup with the outcome of the contest, as Valdosta State racked up 433 total yards against UNA's 369. The Blazers struggled to complete drives, however, as the Lion defense tightened up in the red zone and forced VSU to kick field goals on four out of six opportunities.

Gray finished 4-for-5 on field goal attempts in the contest for a new career high, connecting from 25-yards, 35-yards, and twice from 30-yards out.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	0	9	7	3	19
North Alabama	7	23	7	7	44

#### First Quarter

UNA 3:13 Humphrey 5-yard run (Henke kick)

#### Second Quarter

VSU 14:47 Gray 25-yard field goal  
VSU 10:07 Gray 35-yard field goal  
UNA 8:35 Humphrey 31-yard run (Henke kick failed)  
UNA 8:19 Harris 28-yard fumble recovery (Henke kick)  
VSU 4:25 Gray 30-yard field goal  
UNA 2:18 Tucker 1-yard run (Henke kick)  
UNA 0:00 Henke 49-yard field goal

#### Third Quarter

UNA 4:58 Cox 1-yard run (Henke kick)  
VSU 2:02 Baldner 10-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)

#### Fourth Quarter

UNA 13:27 Thomas 41-yard pass from Hawkins (Henke kick)  
VSU 3:11 Gray 30-yard field goal

Team Statistics	VSU	UNA
First Downs	26	19
Rushes-Yards (Net)	31-109	46-199
Passes Comp-Att-Int	35-60-2	12-19-1
Passing Yards (Net)	324	170
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	91-433	65-369
Return Yards	22	4
Punts (Number-Avg.)	3-7.3	1-4.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	16-151	10-105
Sacks By (No.-Yards)	1-7	4-27
Time of Possession	33:11	26:49
Attendance	8,216	

#### Individual Stats

**Rushing:** VSU - Germany 8-42; Patterson 5-36; Rivers 12-35; Bolden 1--1; Robles 5--3. UNA - Tucker 14-108; Humphrey 6-44; Beasley 6-20; Hawkins 8-16; Cox 8-13; Jackson 1-11; Emmett 2-3.

**Passing:** VSU - Robles - 15-33-1-187; Rivers 20-27-0-137. UNA - Tucker 8-12-0-117; Hawkins 4-7-1-53.

**Receiving:** VSU - Strange 6-91; Howard 6-54; Baldner 4-33; Berry 1-32; Germany 5-26; Bolden 4-23; Merine 2-22; Denmark 2-15; Webb 1-15; Fortson 3-15; Patterson 1--2. UNA - Thomas 2-56; Jones 2-43; Hall 3-39; Harper 1-18; Spurling 1-6; Coffey 1-5; Scott 1-2; Cox 1-1.

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# **GAME 3** **VALDOSTA STATE 40, WEST FLORIDA 28**

**VALDOSTA, Ga.** – An impressive start fizzled out for the Blazer football team on Saturday night at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium, but the VSU defense forced some key turnovers down the stretch to give Valdosta State a 40-28 Gulf South Conference win over West Florida.

Former Blazer quarterback Kaleb Nobles, who took a few moments for an emotional gathering at midfield with his former Blazer teammates following the game, completed 21-of-52 passes for the Argonauts on the night with two touchdowns. Ishmel Morrow played a huge part in those numbers with a host of tremendous grabs that led to 156 receiving yards. His 10 receptions marked the most for a Blazer opponent since Darryl Collins of West Alabama hauled in 10 against the Blazers nearly two years ago on October 30, 2014.

The Valdosta State defense was the difference for the Blazers, forcing seven turnovers in the contest and holding the Argonauts to -6 rushing yards, a mark which tied the eighth fewest allowed in the history of Blazer football.

The Argonauts suffered their first-ever conference loss to fall to 2-2 overall and 0-1 in GSC play. Meanwhile, the Blazers improved to 2-1 on the season and evened up their conference record at 1-1.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	20	0	13	7	40
West Florida	7	7	14	0	28
First Quarter					
VSU	11:49	Bolden 27-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
VSU	7:34	Rivers 1-yard run (Chesser pass failed)			
VSU	6:14	Roe 13-yard fumble recovery (Gray kick)			
UWF	2:29	Lehtio 4-yard pass from Jackson (Peffers kick)			
Second Quarter					
UWF	2:35	Nobles 2-yard run (Peffers kick)			
Third Quarter					
VSU	8:18	Hollingshed 1-yard run (Gray kick)			
UWF	6:01	Griffin 18-yard pass from Nobles (Peffers kick)			
UWF	4:12	Hasic 29-yard pass from Nobles (Peffers kick)			
VSU	1:13	Hollingshed 5-yard run (Hollingshed rush failed)			
Fourth Quarter					
VSU	0:45	Germany 1-yard run (Gray kick)			
Team Statistics					
	VSU		UWF		
First Downs	23		21		
Rushes-Yards (Net)	39-130		30--6		
Passes Comp-Att-Int	27-49-2		25-58-5		
Passing Yards (Net)	210		385		
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	88-340		88-379		
Return Yards	80		75		
Punts (Number-Avg.)	12-32.1		7-43.0		
Fumbles-Lost	2-1		3-2		
Penalties-Yards	13-85		9-99		
Sacks By (No.-Yards)	3-22		6-41		
Time of Possession	33:23		26:37		
Attendance	6,810				
Individual Stats					
Rushing: VSU - Hollingshed 11-78; Germany 9-44; Patterson 5-19; Rivers 8-14; Robles 6--25. UWF - Bellinger 9-16; Sayles 8-14; Taylor 2-6; Schwarz 1-1; Nobles 10--43.					
Passing: VSU - Robles 11-23-1-108; Rivers 16-26-0-102. UWF - Nobles 21-52-2-323; Jackson 4-6-1-62.					
Receiving: VSU - Bolden 3-49; Baldner 4-43; Denmark 3-27; Howard 3-26; Germany 4-26; Strange 4-17; Dennis 2-15; Berry 2-3; Hollingshed 1-2; Fortson 1-2. UWF - Morrow 10-156; Griffin 6-100; Hasic 3-65; Lehtio 3-47; Grant 1-17; Robinson 1-1; Shwarz 1--1.					

# **GAME 4** **VALDOSTA STATE 48, KENTUCKY STATE 10**

**WAYCROSS, Ga.** – Adam Robles and Roland Rivers teamed up at the quarterback position to rack up 42 completions for a school record 575 passing yards en route to a 48-10 win over Kentucky State in non-conference action at the Okefenokee Classic in Waycross, Ga. on Saturday afternoon.

Robles accounted for 31 of the completions on 48 attempts, resulting in 408 passing yards and three touchdowns. Meanwhile, Rivers came on late to put the exclamation point on the offensive performance with 11 completions on 19 attempts for 174 yards and three touchdowns of his own.

The offensive line delivered a gutsy effort, which allowed the pair of quarterbacks to scour the field and dole out multiple completions to seven different receivers. In fact, the Blazer receiving corps saw four receivers rack up 82 or more yards, and Xay Howard's team-leading 153 yards marked the first 150-plus yard game for a receiver this season.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	7	17	3	21	48
Kentucky State	0	3	7	0	10
First Quarter					
VSU	7:43	Howard 13-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
Second Quarter					
KSU	13:49	Rose 25-yard field goal			
VSU	12:43	Bolden 24-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
VSU	5:30	Gray 43-yard field goal			
VSU	3:11	Strange 7-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
Third Quarter					
KSU	11:28	Ramsey 7-yard pass from St. Ge (Rose kick)			
VSU	8:28	Gray 22-yard field goal			
Fourth Quarter					
VSU	13:16	Strange 10-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
VSU	7:31	Fortson 34-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
VSU	4:25	Williams 10-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
Team Statistics					
	VSU		KSU		
First Downs	32		9		
Rushes-Yards (Net)	24-64		45-66		
Passes Comp-Att-Int	42-67-1		7-20-1		
Passing Yards (Net)	575		88		
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	91-639		65-154		
Return Yards	64		0		
Punts (Number-Avg.)	1-44.0		11-33.4		
Fumbles-Lost	3-2		1-0		
Penalties-Yards	8-64		6-55		
Sacks By (No.-Yards)	4-17		1-10		
Time of Possession	28:54		31:06		
Attendance	1,014				
Individual Stats					
<b>Rushing:</b> VSU - Germany 10-44; Robles 2-16; Hollingshed 1-9; Webb 3-6; Rivers 4--1; Bolden 1--1; Patterson 1--2; Ingram 1--6. KSU - Warr - 16-54; Harris 16-24; Cloyd 4-5; Groathouse 2--4; St. Ge 7--13.					
<b>Passing:</b> VSU - Robles 31-48-3-401; Rivers 11-19-3-174. KSU - St. Ge 6-16-1-74; Groathouse 1-4-0-14;					
<b>Receiving:</b> VSU - Howard 10-153; Baldner 8-120; Fortson 4-84; Bolden 6-82; Denmark 5-65; Strange 4-34; Williams 3-22; Hollingshed 1-15; Patterson 1-0. KSU - Anderson 2-34; Ramsey 2-22; Harris 2-20; Johnson 1-12.					

## GAME 5 VALDOSTA STATE 38, WEST GEORGIA 27

**VALDOSTA, Ga.** – Everything came together for the Valdosta State football team on Saturday night, as the No. 25 ranked Blazers outlasted the No. 12 West Georgia Wolves for a massive 38-27 Gulf South Conference victory at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium in Valdosta, Ga.

Valdosta State's balanced effort included 546 offensive yards and a defensive performance that held the Wolves to just 383 total yards. On the offensive side, the offensive line contained UWG's highly touted defensive front to help Roland Rivers and Adam Robles team up for another solid passing performance. The duo worked in tandem for a total of 381 yards, and freshman Cedric Hollingshed complemented the attack with 86 rushing yards. The total for Hollingshed represented a season high for the Blazers on the ground, and with 79 additional rushing yards from Rivers and Jordan Germany, Valdosta State was able to fashion a threatening rushing performance throughout the duration of the contest.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	7	14	14	3	38
West Georgia	6	7	14	0	27
<b>First Quarter</b>					
VSU	8:51	Strange 7-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
UWG	6:39	Custis 4-yard run (Wylie kick failed)			
<b>Second Quarter</b>					
UWG	14:22	Franks 13-yard run (Wylie kick)			
VSU	6:39	Hollingshed 11-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
VSU	0:05	Strange 17-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
<b>Third Quarter</b>					
UWG	12:47	Armah 41-yard pass from Gardner (Wylie kick)			
UWG	10:47	Franks 24-yard run (Wylie kick)			
VSU	6:30	Howard 20-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
VSU	2:02	Strange 12-yard from Robles (Gray kick)			
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>					
VSU	2:41	Gray 43-yard field goal			
<b>Team Statistics</b>					
	<b>VSU</b>		<b>UWG</b>		
First Downs	30		16		
Rushes-Yards (Net)	39-165		25-167		
Passes Comp-Att-Int	35-54-1		11-29-4		
Passing Yards (Net)	381		216		
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	93-546		54-383		
Return Yards	-6		54		
Punts (Number-Avg.)	5-37.0		3-45.3		
Fumbles-Lost	1-0		1-1		
Penalties-Yards	6-60		4-20		
Sacks By (No.-Yards)	1-9		0-0		
Time of Possession	37:39		22:21		
Attendance	4,105				
<b>Individual Stats</b>					
<b>Rushing:</b> VSU - Hollingshed 20-86; Rivers 16-61; Germany 3-18. UWG - Franks 15-147; Custis 8-23; Jackson 1-6; Gardner 1-9.					
<b>Passing:</b> VSU - Baldner 5-142; Howard 4-53; Hollingshed 9-52; Strange 4-40; Bolden 5-39; Fortson 3-30; Denmark 1-14; Ingram 1-9; Berry 1-3; Germany 1-1; Dennis 1-0; Rivers 0-2. UWG - Walker 6-107; Carter 1-43; Armah 1-41; Parmer 1-15; Lester 2-10.					
<b>Receiving:</b> VSU - Baldner 5-142; Howard 4-53; Hollingshed 9-52; Strange 4-40; Bolden 5-39; Fortson 3-30; Denmark 1-14; Ingram 1-9; Berry 1-3; Germany 1-1; Germany 1-0. UWG - Walker 6-107; Carter 1-43; Armah 1-41; Parmer 1-15; Lester 2-10;					

## GAME 6 VALDOSTA STATE 42, MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE 41

**CLINTON, Miss.** – The Valdosta State football team went to battle with a well-prepared Mississippi College program, but a resilient group of Blazers would not be denied and escaped with a narrow 42-41 Gulf South Conference win on Saturday afternoon in Clinton, Miss.

Valdosta State put up 541 yards in the game to outscore the Choctaws by one and improve their record to 5-1 overall, 3-1 in GSC play. Meanwhile, the Choctaws slid to 2-5 overall and were denied their first conference win to fall to 0-5 against league opponents on the season.

Mississippi College racked up 216 rushing yards in the game, 153 of which came from Josh Dixon. The senior cut through the Black Swarm defense throughout the contest with 13 carries and a 51-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Dixon's touchdown represented one of four different rushing scores for the Choctaws in the contest.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	14	7	14	7	42
Mississippi College	0	14	14	13	41
First Quarter					
VSU	10:16	Ingram 18-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
VSU	4:27	Baldner 34-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
Second Quarter					
MC	9:03	Williams 1-yard run (Brasher kick)			
MC	3:26	Dixon 51-yard run (Brasher kick)			
VSU	0:19	Fortson 20-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
Third Quarter					
MC	10:38	Chubbs 1-yard run (Brasher kick)			
VSU	8:05	Fortson 17-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
MC	2:49	Brand 1-yard run (Brasher kick)			
VSU	0:58	Howard 18-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
Fourth Quarter					
MC	12:12	Newson 21-yard pass from Williams (Brasher kick)			
MC	7:36	Newson 73-yard punt return (Brasher kick blocked)			
VSU	3:58	Hollingshed 6-yard run (Gray kick)			
Team Statistics					
			VSU	UWG	
First Downs			28	17	
Rushes-Yards (Net)			35-147	43-216	
Passes Comp-Att-Int			29-48-1	10-19-0	
Passing Yards (Net)			394	158	
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)			83-541	62-374	
Return Yards			29	93	
Punts (Number-Avg.)			5-39.0	7-42.4	
Fumbles-Lost			0-0	0-0	
Penalties-Yards			6-36	2-10	
Sacks By (No.-Yards)			5-28	2-15	
Time of Possession			31:59	28:01	
Attendance			5,979		
Individual Stats					
Rushing: VSU - Hollingshed 13-65; Rivers 13-50; Merine 2-18; Germany 6-14. MC - Dixon 13-153; Chubbs 9-37; Brand 8-24; Williams 11-2; Newson 2-0.					
Passing: VSU - Rivers 23-38-5-330; Robles 6-10-0-64. MC - Williams 10-19-1-158.					
Receiving: VSU - Howard 5-82; Fortson 6-74; Strange 5-70; Bolden 1-49; Baldner 2-41; Hollingshed 5-41; Ingram 2-24; Denmark 1-8; Dennis 1-6; Merine 1-1. MC - Newson 7-114; Hodges, Jr. 2-34; Freeman 1-10.					

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**GAME 7****VALDOSTA STATE 56, DELTA STATE 27**

**VALDOSTA, Ga.** – The Valdosta State football team used a stellar special teams effort and a dominant defensive second half to upend Delta State and pick up a 56-27 Gulf South Conference victory on Saturday afternoon during homecoming weekend at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium in Valdosta, Ga.

After a 10-yard passing touchdown from Roland Rivers to Dallas Baldner on Valdosta State's first drive of the contest, and a follow-up touchdown run by Rivers just two drives later, the Blazer offensive attack went cold throughout the rest of the first half.

Valdosta State's special teams unit was there to pick up the slack, however, beginning with an 84-yard touchdown return by Donatello Brown after a blocked field goal attempt by the Statesmen late in the first quarter. Facing a 14-7 deficit, DSU drove the ball all the way down to the VSU three yard line. The Black Swarm stood tall to deny the Statesmen in the red zone, and Cody Mills' blocked attempt resulted in a 10-point swing in Valdosta State's favor and a 21-7 lead for the Blazers.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	21	7	0	28	56
Delta State	7	14	0	6	27
First Quarter					
VSU	11:13	Baldner 10-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)			
DSU	9:03	Robinson 8-yard run (Mills kick)			
VSU	6:29	Rivers 5-yard run (Gray kick)			
VSU	4:43	Brown 84-yard blocked field goal return (Gray kick)			
Second Quarter					
DSU	11:04	Robinson 9-yard run (Mills kick)			
DSU	4:48	Robinson 5-yard run (Mills kick)			
VSU	2:12	Simon 70-yard punt return (Gray kick)			
Third Quarter					
None					
Fourth Quarter					
VSU	14:57	Hollingshed 1-yard run (Gray kick)			
VSU	11:29	Hollingshed 1-yard run (Gray kick)			
VSU	7:47	Denmark 35-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
DSU	5:06	Harrell 23-yard pass from Sullivan (Mills kick failed)			
VSU	2:08	Ingram 13-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
Team Statistics		VSU		DSU	
First Downs		23		20	
Rushes-Yards (Net)		44-152		37-117	
Passes Comp-Att-Int		16-33-0		25-43-2	
Passing Yards (Net)		212		360	
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)		77-364		80-477	
Return Yards		83		0	
Punts (Number-Avg.)		6-27.8		7-38.1	
Fumbles-Lost		1-1		1-0	
Penalties-Yards		9-115		14-152	
Sacks By (No.-Yards)		5-52		2-17	
Time of Possession		29:56		30:04	
Attendance		5,402			

**Individual Stats**

**Rushing: VSU** - Germany 8-58; Rivers 15-49; Hollingshed 20-42; Robles 1-3. **DSU** - Robinson 18-131; Bellaire 11-23; Foy 1-5; McArthur 1--2; Sullivan 4--12; Burgess 2--28.

**Passing: VSU** - Robles 7-12-2-112; Rivers 9-21-1-100. **DSU** - Sullivan 14-24-1-184; Burgess 11-19-0-176.

**Receiving: VSU** - Denmark 3-57; Baldner 2-36; Strange 2-30; Howard 2-27; Ingram 2-17; Bolden 1-14; Hollingshed 2-12; Fortson 1-12; Germany 1-7. **DSU** - Robinson 5-79; Bellaire 2-58; Evans 3-48; Peterson 3-33; Harrell 2-33; Cooley 4-32; Pina Rhoden 1-21; Pinkston 1-19; Carr 1-17; Foy 2-11; Carter 1-9.

**GAME 8****VALDOSTA STATE 20, FLORIDA TECH 38**

**MELBOURNE, Fla.** – The Valdosta State football team suffered 38-20 a Gulf South Conference loss at the hands of the Florida Tech Panthers, following a tough offensive night on FIT's home turf in Melbourne, Fla. on Saturday night.

The Blazer offense was held 200 yards shy of their 447.6-yard season average in the contest, but the Black Swarm defense kept the contest close for most of the night after delivering a host of key stops and two defensive scores.

FIT jumped out to an early 7-0 lead after capitalizing on their opening possession with a 7-play, 80-yard drive. Antwuan Haynes and Gary Holmes teamed up for a majority of the yardage on the scoring drive, which proved to be an indication of things to come, particularly with Haynes, who went on to finish the night with 197-rushing yards.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	0	7	3	10	20
Florida Tech	10	7	0	21	38
<b>First Quarter</b>					
FIT	12:04	Cato 3-yard run (Williams kick)			
FIT	7:26	Gullikson 23-yard field goal			
<b>Second Quarter</b>					
VSU	9:16	Etta-Tawo 45-yard interception (Gray kick)			
FIT	0:23	Haynes 4-yard run (Williams kick)			
<b>Third Quarter</b>					
VSU	4:16	Gray 36-yard field goal			
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>					
VSU	14:49	Simpkins 0-yard fumble recovery (Gray kick)			
FIT	9:11	Sand 1-yard run (Williams kick)			
VSU	6:12	Gray 23-yard field goal			
FIT	5:28	Saunders 81-yard pass from Cato (Williams kick)			
FIT	2:31	Cato 8-yard run (Williams kick)			
<b>Team Statistics</b>					
			<b>VSU</b>	<b>FIT</b>	
First Downs			15	20	
Rushes-Yards (Net)			25-102	54-345	
Passes Comp-Att-Int			18-39-2	6-21-1	
Passing Yards (Net)			147	160	
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)			64-249	75-505	
Return Yards			0	3	
Punts (Number-Avg.)			7-32.9	5-40.2	
Fumbles-Lost			0-0	1-1	
Penalties-Yards			9-74	7-57	
Sacks By (No.-Yards)			0-0	3-35	
Time of Possession			21:48	35:43	
Attendance			3,247		

**Individual Stats**

**Rushing: VSU** - Hollingshed 10-69; Rivers 12-49; Germany 1-4; Robles 2--20. **FIT** - Haynes 28-197; Sand 13-59; Holmes 3-52; Cato 6-50; Ziamo 1-8.

**Passing: VSU** - Robles 9-19-0-78; Rivers 9-20-0-69. **FIT** - Cato 5-20-1-154; Ziamo 1-1-0-6.

**Receiving: VSU** - Howard 4-69; Ingram 4-26; Baldner 4-26; Denmark 1-7; Merine 1-6; Hollingshed 1-5; Dennis 1-5; Bolden 1-4; Germany 1--1. **FIT** - Saunders 2-106; Johnston 3-38; Haynes 1-16.

**GAME 9****VALDOSTA STATE 37, WEST ALABAMA 22**

**LIVINGSTON, Ala.** – Facing one of the top offensive teams in the Gulf South Conference, the Valdosta State Blazers answered the call with a balanced effort that led to a 37-22 win over West Alabama on Saturday afternoon in Livingston, Ala.

Minutes later, after being pinned inside their own 20-yard line by Gavin Wilson's 50-yard punt, the Tigers ripped off two big plays for a touchdown, the second of which was a 61-yard rush by Rashaad Lee. Lee's yardage on the play accounted for 103 first-half yards for the Tigers on the ground and 226 yards in the game, but Jordan Bennett botched the point after attempt and allowed VSU to hold a one point lead.

Robles spread his passing game out to 12 different receivers for 34 completions, 353 passing yards, and three touchdowns in 54 attempts on the afternoon. His leading receiver was Damian Strange, who recorded nine catches for 108 yards, and freshman Cedric Hollingshed teamed up with Jordan Germany and Qualin Patterson to help lead the Blazers to 99 rushing yards in the contest.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	7	7	16	7	37
West Alabama	6	9	0	7	22
First Quarter					
VSU	5:09	Gary Simon 62-yard punt return (Gray kick)			
UWA	0:19	Lee 61-yard run (Bennett kick failed)			
Second Quarter					
UWA	9:15	Thomas 8-yard run (Grammer pass failed)			
VSU	5:45	Howard 9-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
UWA	0:00	Bennett 18-yard field goal			
Third Quarter					
VSU	7:33	Gray 22-yard field goal			
VSU	7:18	Hollingshed 4-yard run (Gray kick blocked)			
VSU	0:17	Ingram 18-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
Fourth Quarter					
VSU	9:20	Fortson 8-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
UWA	1:44	Grammer 10-yard run (Bennett kick)			
Team Statistics					
			VSU	UWA	
First Downs			28	18	
Rushes-Yards (Net)			39-99	31-226	
Passes Comp-Att-Int			35-57-1	21-37-2	
Passing Yards (Net)			356	232	
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)			96-455	68-458	
Return Yards			62	39	
Punts (Number-Avg.)			7-30.1	7-40.3	
Fumbles-Lost			3-0	3-3	
Penalties-Yards			9-59	4-31	
Sacks By (No.-Yards)			1-3	2-10	
Time of Possession			38:30	21:30	
Attendance			5,269		
Individual Stats					
Rushing: VSU - Hollingshed 17-43; Germany 7-8; Patterson 6-20; Robles 5-18; Merine 1-5; Chesser 1-2. UWA - Lee 8-101; Thomas 18-101; Grammer 3-20; Johnson 2-4.					
Passing: VSU - Robles 34-56-3-353; Chesser 1-1-0-3. UWA - Grammer 21-37-0-232.					
Receiving: VSU - Strange 9-108; Bolden 3-42; Ingram 2-37; Merine 3-30; Howard 4-28; Hollingshed 3-27; Baldner 2-25; Fortson 3-24; Denmark 2-18; Sheppard 2-8; Germany 1-7; Kemp 1-2. UWA - Armstrong 8-94; McGhee 6-51; Davis 3-35; Fletcher 2-20; Savage 1-19; Patterson 1-13.					

**GAME 10****VALDOSTA STATE 44, SHORTER 0**

**VALDOSTA, Ga.** – The Valdosta State football team cruised to a 44-0 win over Shorter and picked up their second straight Gulf South Conference victory to close out regular season action at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium in Valdosta, Ga. on Saturday.

Valdosta State (8-2, 6-2 GSC) started slowly on offense and didn't get on the board until their third drive of the first quarter, when Andrew Gray slipped a 20-yard field goal through the uprights for his first of three on the day, including a career high 44-yard strike in the second quarter. Gray's kicking game opened up the floodgates early in the contest, as the Blazer defense kept things comfortable and allowed little to no threats by the Shorter (0-11, 0-8 GSC) offense.

The Black Swarm defense picked up their first shutout of the year after completely dominating the contest and allowing Shorter just 75 total yards on the night. The number tied the mark for the fifth fewest total yards allowed by an opponent in Blazer football history. Maurice Fason and Justin Dixon notched five tackles each for a team high, while Egim Etta-Tawo recorded four takedowns and one sack.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	13	10	21	0	44
Shorter	0	0	0	0	0
First Quarter					
VSU	6:26	Gray 20-yard field goal			
VSU	3:00	Howard 78-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
VSU	1:13	Gray 25-yard field goal			
Second Quarter					
VSU	6:37	Gray 44-yard field goal			
VSU	1:12	Patterson 13-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
Third Quarter					
VSU	10:43	Hollingshed 7-yard run (Gray kick)			
VSU	7:10	Germany 13-yard rush (Gray kick)			
VSU	2:18	Denmark 3-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			
Team Statistics					
	VSU			SU	
First Downs	30			8	
Rushes-Yards (Net)	37-211			38-53	
Passes Comp-Att-Int	33-51-1			5-19-2	
Passing Yards (Net)	392			22	
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	88-603			57-75	
Return Yards	40			10	
Punts (Number-Avg.)	1-48.0			10-41.4	
Fumbles-Lost	1-1			2-0	
Penalties-Yards	11-103			2-15	
Sacks By (No.-Yards)	2-17			2-15	
Time of Possession	32:46			25:43	
Attendance	3,654				
Individual Stats					
Rushing: VSU - Hollingshed 13-82; Patterson 9-53; Germany 5-42; Merine 1-19; Webb 3-25; Robles 4-2; Kamm 1-2; Chesser 1-4. SU - McGhee 7-40; Owensby 13-18; Borders 2-15; Carswell 3-3; Green 1-1; James 12-24.					
Passing: VSU - Robles 26-40-3-333; Chesser 7-11-0-59. Shorter - James 5-19-0-22.					
Receiving: VSU - Howard 3-99; Strange 3-46; Germany 4-42; Skelton 2-34; Bolden 2-32; Patterson 3-28; Hollingshed 3-28; Ingram 4-25; Baldner 2-19; Merine 1-17; Brock 1-8; Utley 1-4; Suter 1-4; Denmark 2-3; Webb 1-3. Shorter - Ross 1-13; Christian 2-12; Carr 1-0; Sutton 1-3.					

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**A** new era of Blazer football began in 2016 with Kerwin Bell at the helm, as Bell was announced as Valdosta State's next head football coach by Valdosta State Athletic Director Herb Reinhard in January.

Bell, a Mayo, Fla. native and graduate of Lafayette County High School, joins the program with extensive coaching experience after having coached at Jacksonville University for nine years, while leading the NCAA Football Championship Series program to a 66-35 record during his time there. Under his direction, the Dolphins won two Pioneer Football League championships, set a PFL record with 16 consecutive wins, and led the team to the best record in school history during the Dolphins' 10-1 run in 2010.

His responsibilities at JU included roles as the team's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, which produced a high-powered offense that led to big numbers in each of his nine seasons. During the aforementioned 2010 PFL championship season, Jacksonville led the nation in total offense with an average of 486 yards per game and also in scoring with an average of 42.2 points per game.

Bell's coaching experience dates back to 1990, when he began his coaching career as a graduate assistant coach under Steve Spurrier at the University of Florida, where he also played from 1983-87 while earning a Psychology degree and serving as the team's quarterback. In his four years as a Gator, Bell constructed a career that consisted of an SEC Freshman of the Year honor in 1984 after leading the Gators to a 9-1-1 record. He accumulated 7,586 career passing yards and 56 touchdowns in his time at Florida, which ultimately landed him in the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

After completing a professional playing career in the 1990's that included time in the National Football League, the Canadian Football League, and the World League of American Football, Bell returned to a coaching career as an offensive coordinator for the Toronto Argonauts, where he served for two seasons before coaching at Trinity Catholic High School in Ocala, Fla. until his time began at JU, where he posted 9-2 records in both 2014 and 2015.

"I am very pleased and excited to have Kerwin join Valdosta State University and our Blazer football program," stated Reinhard. "He has enjoyed success as a head coach and he has considerable ties in Georgia and Florida. His teams are exciting to watch, and I am confident that he will build on our wonderful foundation of football success."

## **NEW ERA. SAME TRADITION.**

### **KERWIN BELL QUICK FACTS**

#### **PERSONAL:**

Born June 15, 1965 in Live Oak, Fla.

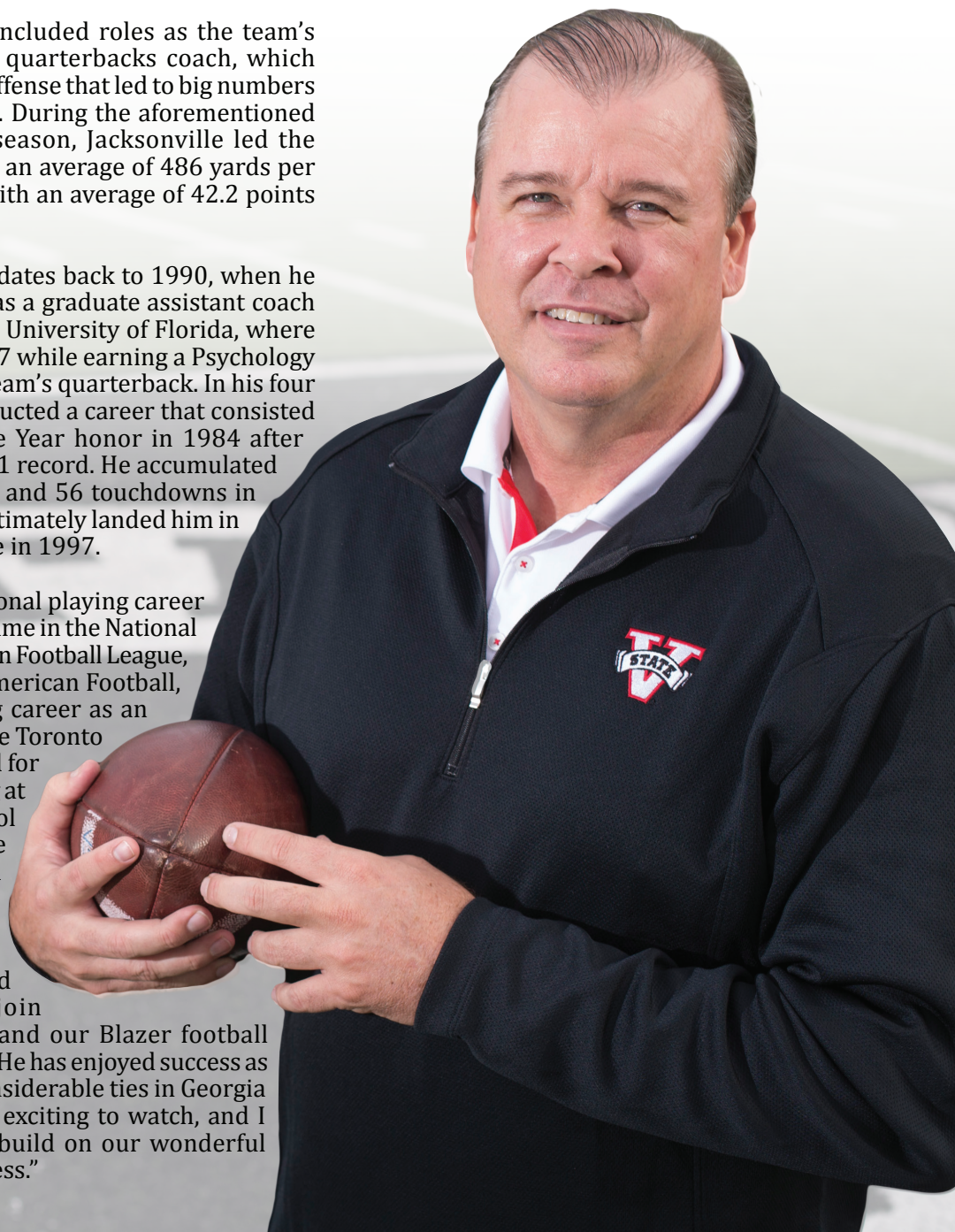
Wife: Cosette Children (Kade, 22, Kolton, 19, and Kenzley, 14)

#### **EDUCATION:**

The University of Florida, 1987; (B.S. Psychology)

#### **COACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Nine-year tenure at Jacksonville University resulted in 66-35 record
- 2008 & 2010 Pioneer Football League Champions
- 2008 PFL Coach of the Year
- Led Trinity Catholic HS (Ocala) to a 45-15 record from 2001-2006
- Toronto Argonauts Offensive Coordinator (2000-2001)
- University of Florida Graduate Assistant (1990)



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**JAKE GRANDE**  
**DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR**  
**FIRST SEASON AT VALDOSTA STATE**  
**SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (2002)**

Jake Grande was added to the Valdosta State football coaching staff in the summer of 2016, prior to the start of the 2016 season.

Grande is expected to serve as both a special teams and wide receivers coach, the latter of which will be an important role under Coach Bell, who has stated his intentions of offering up a high powered air attack.

"I am a very energetic and positive coach on the field," stated Grande. "I hope that my excitement in coaching will get my players excited when they attack the field. I'm hoping that the energy these receivers bring will help them stretch the field and open it up for Kerwin Bell's passing attack so we can have a great year at the receiver position."

There's no denying that a transition will be in place for Grande, who has spent a majority of his career as a defensive coach. Grande is no stranger to Coach Bell's approach on offense, however, after having worked with the head coach since 2011 at Jacksonville University.

During his stint at JU, Grande started with a bang as the defensive backs coach and led his secondary to a No. 12 pass defense ranking among all NCAA Division I FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) programs. By 2015, the Dolphins had progressed to a No. 1 ranking in the FCS in interceptions, and Grande helped lift the team to No. 4 ranking in pass defense efficiency and a No. 6 overall ranking in scoring defense in 2014.

Grande also served as an assistant to the Jacksonville Sharks Arena Football League team during his same years at Jacksonville University, and preceded his time with those two programs as an assistant coach with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of Arena Football League fame, where he helped guide the Pioneers to a No. 1 ranking in scoring defense, turnover margin, and fumble recoveries in just his second year with the organization.

In addition to responsibilities as an instructor to the Blazer receiving corps during the upcoming season, Grande will also contribute as a special teams coach. His experience as a player at Wilkes University, where he served as a team captain and achieved All Conference recognition as both a cornerback and a return specialist, will no doubt help in his efforts.



**JEREMY DARVEAU**  
**OFFENSIVE LINE/RECRUITING COORDINATOR**  
**FIRST SEASON AT VALDOSTA STATE**  
**LOUISVILLE (2008)**

Bringing a wealth of coaching knowledge and eight years of experience to the Valdosta State program, Jeremy Darveau was named the Offensive Line coach for the Blazers in 2015.

While earning a Sociology Bachelors of Science Degree, Darveau put together an impressive collegiate career at the University of Louisville. Following four successful years at the Division I level, he added to his on-field experience with the Amsterdam Admirals in NFL Europe and closed out his playing career with one year in the Arena 1 Football League as a member of the Tampa Bay Storm.

In 2008, Darveau began his coaching career at Southwest Minnesota State, where he served as a Tight End and Running Backs Graduate Assistant Coach for two years while earning a Masters Degree in Business Administration. His efforts with the program resulted in a full-time job as the Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach through the 2013 season, in which the Mustangs earned their first-ever bowl appearance. During his tenure at SMSU, Darveau helped his players rewrite both the school and conference record books with over 40 new offensive records with the program and seven new league marks.

Before joining the Valdosta State program, Darveau returned to the Sunshine State in 2014 as the Offensive Quality Control Coach at the University of Florida, and he continued to prove his worth after helping lead the UF offense to 12 new offensive records and a Birmingham Bowl victory to close out the year.

Throughout the duration of his coaching career, Darveau has helped train countless All-Americans, three of which he personally developed. In addition, he personally oversaw the development of nine All-Conference student-athletes.



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**JUSTIN HINDS**  
**DEFENSIVE LINE**  
**FIRST SEASON AT VALDOSTA STATE**  
**ROWAN UNIVERSITY (2008)**

Justin Hinds joined the Valdosta State coaching staff as the defensive line coach prior to the 2016 season.

Hinds brings two years of coaching experience from Division I's Southeastern Conference after having spent the 2014 season working under Coach David Turner at Mississippi State as a graduate assistant before transitioning to another graduate assistant position at Florida for the 2015 season, where he worked under Chris Rumph and Geoff Collins to help lead the Gators to an SEC East title.

"Obviously this is a great opportunity at a great place with great tradition," said Hinds on Friday afternoon. "Just in my short time being here and getting a feel for the area, it's apparent that people really love football around here. This is an opportunity to coach some elite football players around a great fanbase, and I'm ready to be a part of something special that Coach Bell is building here at Valdosta State."

During his time in the SEC, Hinds had the opportunity to coach multiple NFL Draft picks, including John Bullard (2nd round to Chicago Bears) at Florida, along with Preston Smith (2nd round to Washington Redskins) and Chris Jones (2nd round to Kansas City Chiefs) at Mississippi State. Alex McCalister (5th round to Philadelphia Eagles) also benefitted from Hinds' tutelage while at Florida, and Hinds' recruiting efforts also helped the Gators acquire five-star defensive line recruit CeCe Jefferson, who went on to become an All-American during his freshman season in 2015 under the leadership of Hinds and the defensive line coaching staff at UF.

Prior to his hire at Mississippi State in 2014, Hinds worked as the Defensive Line Coach at Wagner College in Staten Island, New York, where he implemented defensive schemes and assisted the team's defensive coordinator with weekly game plans. His efforts helped lead the program to an NEC Championship in 2012, which represented the second of three seasons for Hinds with the team. Other experience includes defensive line coaching positions at Woodbridge and Plainfield in New Jersey, along with a position as the assistant defensive line coach at Rowan University, where he began his coaching career in Glassboro, New Jersey.



**JAMES ROWE**  
**DEFENSIVE BACKS**  
**FIRST SEASON AT VALDOSTA STATE**  
**SOUTH FLORIDA (2008)**

James Rowe was named the defensive coordinator of the Valdosta State football program on April 18, prior to the start of the 2016 season.

Rowe, a 2009 graduate of the University of South Florida and three-year letterman for the Bulls' baseball team, has since established himself as a talented coach at the collegiate level, with a wealth of experience obtained in a relatively short period of time.

"I'm very excited about having Coach Rowe join us as a defensive coordinator," said Head Coach Kerwin Bell. "I had an opportunity to work with him at Jacksonville University, and I think he is a young superstar in this profession."

Rowe's time as a graduate assistant cornerbacks coach under Bell at JU began in 2012 and carried on throughout the 2013 season. His accomplishments in that role led to a promotion into an assistant coaching role for the wide receiver position in March of 2013, and he continued up the chain in 2014, with yet another promotion into the role of the team's defensive coordinator.

Following his time at Jacksonville University, Rowe was picked up as an addition to the secondary coaching unit at the University of Florida, where he served time as a graduate assistant coach alongside Geoff Collins and Kirk Callahan. Under his tutelage, the Florida defense ranked No. 8 in scoring defense, No. 6 in total defense, and No. 11 in pass defense. Rowe also assisted in the development of some of the top defenders at the Division I level, including Thorpe Finalist and All-American Vernon Hargreaves, All-American safety Marcus Maye, and All-American defensive back Jalen Tabor.

Before joining Coach Bell's staff at Jacksonville University, Rowe began his collegiate coaching career, where he served as a graduate assistant coach for the Bethel University defensive staff in McKenzie, Tenn. during the 2011 season. The Wildcats finished that year ranked No. 14 in the nation, and BU finished the season as the West Division Mid-South Champions.

"[Rowe] is a great communicator," added Bell. "That's probably his number one strength, is his ability to communicate with these young men. I also think he is a very cerebral guy that makes a lot of great adjustments during game situations, and I think he is going to be a great asset for our program as we move forward."



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**DANNY VERPAELE**  
**LINEBACKERS**  
**FIRST SEASON AT VALDOSTA STATE**  
**MONTANA (2008)**

Danny Verpaele officially joined the Valdosta State coaching staff as a linebackers coach on April 18, prior to the start of the 2016 season.

Verpaele came to Valdosta State after two seasons as an assistant coach at Army West Point.

During his tenure at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., he acquired a significant amount of recruiting experience, particularly in the southeast, with time spent in Texas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

“Coach Verpaele is a guy who is going to complement Coach [James] Rowe very well,” said Head Coach Kerwin Bell. “He is a very knowledgeable guy, but he also brings a lot of juice, or energy, as we say, to our practices and our games.”

Verpaele spent time as a member of Coach Bell’s staff at Jacksonville University prior to his position at Army, working under Coach Bell as an assistant defensive coach with a primary focus on defensive backs. In 2012, his work at JU produced a defensive unit that ranked No. 1 in pass defense and total defense in the Pioneer Football League.

Success at JU led to a graduate assistant coaching position at Mississippi State in 2013, where Verpaele worked at the linebackers position and helped lead the Bulldogs to a No. 18 national ranking on defense. In addition, he helped guide sophomore Bernardrick McKinney to All-American honors and he helped develop New England Patriot free agent Deontae Skinner.

Prior to Jacksonville University, Verpaele kicked off his coaching career at Virginia Military Institute as an assistant coach in 2009, and he posted a three-year letterman career as a strong safety at the University of South Florida from 2004-08.

“[Verpaele] is a guy who brings great energy, who gets after it, and who gets his players to play at a very high level,” added Bell. “He’s a great addition to our staff and is going to bring a lot to the table.”



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