



# BLAZER NATION, RISE UP! IT'S GAMEDAY IN ALBANY, GA!

## VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS



**RECORD: 0-0, 0-0 GSC**  
**AFCA RANKING: No. 11**  
**HEAD COACH: Kerwin Bell**  
**Alma Mater: Florida**  
**79-40 all-time (11th season)**  
**8-3 at Valdosta State (2nd season)**

Sep. 2	at Albany State	7PM
Sep. 9	Fort Valley State #	7PM
Sep. 16	<b>NORTH ALABAMA</b>	<b>7PM</b>
Sep. 23	at West Florida	7PM EST
Sep. 30	OFF	
Oct. 7	at West Georgia	2PM
Oct. 14	<b>MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE</b>	<b>7PM</b>
Oct. 21	at Delta State	7PM EST
Oct. 28	<b>FLORIDA TECH</b>	<b>7PM</b>
Nov. 4	<b>WEST ALABAMA</b>	<b>3PM</b>
Nov. 11	at Shorter	1:30PM

*all times Eastern*

*^ Okefenokee Classic in Waycross, Ga.*

*# Homecoming*

*\*GSC*

## ALBANY STATE GOLDEN RAMS



**RECORD: 0-0, 0-0 SIAC**  
**AFCA RANKING: NR**  
**HEAD COACH: Gabe Giardina**  
**Alma Mater: Alabama**  
**0-0 at Albany State (1st season)**

SEP. 2	<b>VALDOSTA STATE</b>	<b>7PM</b>
Sep. 9	at Tuskegee*	5PM
SEP. 16	<b>NORTH GREENVILLE</b>	<b>7PM</b>
Sep. 23	at West Georgia	2PM
Sep. 30	at Miles*	7PM
Oct. 7	<b>LINCOLN UNIV. (MISSOURI)</b>	<b>2PM</b>
Oct. 14	<b>MOREHOUSE*</b>	<b>2PM</b>
Oct. 21	at Clark Atlanta*	2PM
Oct. 28	<b>BENEDICT*</b>	<b>2PM</b>
Nov. 4	at Fort Valley State*	2PM

*all times Eastern*

*\*SIAC game*

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**Saturday, September 2nd • 7:00 p.m. EST**  
**Albany, Ga. • Albany State Coliseum**

After a lengthy preseason that began in early August, the Valdosta State Blazers will at long last kick off their highly anticipated 2017 campaign this Saturday against non-conference rival Albany State in Albany, Ga.

The Blazers come into their season opener with a No. 11 ranking in the first American Football Coaches Association poll of the new campaign. The mark represents the highest for VSU since the week of September 28th in 2015, when the team made their 143rd all-time appearance in the top ten of the weekly poll.

Saturday's matchup will mark the 19th time the Blazers have faced the Golden Rams and the fourth consecutive season in which VSU and ASU have squared off for a season opener. Valdosta State is 17-1 all-time against Albany State, with the Blazers only loss coming in a narrow 24-22 defeat in the 2004 season opener. The game was played in Albany, Ga., and the Blazers avenged that loss later that same season with a 38-24 playoff win.

Season openers have been kind to the flame red and black, as the Blazers hold a 24-11 opening day record. Since its inception in 1982, the Valdosta State football program has outscored opponents 913-511, and the team carries a three-game opening day winning streak into Saturday's contest.

## QUICK NOTES

- Valdosta State is now in its 36th year of intercollegiate football and owns an overall record of 272 wins, 121 losses and four ties.
- The Blazers enter the 2017 season just outside of the American Football Coaches Association Division II top ten. Valdosta State snagged a No. 11 ranking in the first poll of the new season, with North Alabama representing the only Gulf South Conference team to earn a higher ranking. The Lions, following an appearance in the 2016 National Championship game, landed a spot at No. 6.
- Head Coach Kerwin Bell enjoyed a strong first year outing at the Division II level with an 8-3 record and an appearance in the NCAA DII Playoffs. Bell has stated numerous times throughout preseason that last year's early exit from the playoffs was tough to swallow, and one key goal moving forward is a deep playoff run.
- The Blazers will not see a home matchup until the third week of the season, the same weekend the team opens up GSC play against rival North Alabama.
- The Gulf South Conference recognized several Blazers in the 2017 Preseason All-GSC release. On the defensive side of the ball, senior Brandon Roe represented the Black Swarm following a junior campaign at defensive back that led to five interceptions and two fumble recoveries. One of those fumbles was returned for a touchdown. Linebacker Malik Slater also made the cut, after having 32 tackles in 2016. For the offense, junior quarterback Adam Robles joined linemen Josh Adams and Brandon Kemp on the list of preseason honorees. As a freshman last year, Kemp earned First Team All-GSC and First Team All-Super Region 2 recognition.

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**BLAZER FOOTBALL ON OPENING DAY...**

Year	Record	H/A/N	Opponent	Score
9/3/16	24-11-0	H	Albany State	W, 16-7
9/3/15	23-11-0	A	Albany State	W, 21-13
9/6/14	22-11-0	H	Albany State	W, 38-10
9/7/13	21-11-0	N	Fort Valley State	W, 36-21
9/1/12	20-11-0	A	Saginaw Valley St.	L, 28-24
9/3/11	20-10-0	A	Wingate	W, 34-28 (2OT)
9/4/10	19-10-0	H	Wingate	W, 25-22
8/29/09	18-10-0	H	Newberry	L, 31-24
8/23/08	18-9-0	A	Fort Valley State	W, 56-3
9/1/07	17-9-0	H	Albany State	W, 41-3
9/2/06	16-9-0	A	Albany State	W, 20-16
8/27/05	15-9-0	N	Fort Valley State	W, 32-10
9/4/04	14-9-0	A	Albany State	L, 24-22
8/30/03	14-8-0	H	Albany State	W, 21-3
8/31/02	13-8-0	A	Albany State	W, 26-0
8/25/01	12-8-0	H	Albany State	W, 41-6
8/26/00	11-8-0	A	Albany State	W, 42-6
8/28/99	10-8-0	H	Albany State	W, 18-6
8/29/98	9-8-0	A	Albany State	W, 20-10
8/30/97	8-8-0	A	Georgia Southern	L, 45-26
8/31/96	8-7-0	A	Gardner-Webb	W, 42-16
9/2/95	7-7-0	H	Gardner-Webb	W, 34-21
9/3/94	6-7-0	H	Knoxville	W, 36-0
9/2/93	5-7-0	H	Mount Seranio	W, 65-0
9/12/92	4-7-0	A	Georgia Southern	L, 24-13
9/14/91	4-6-0	A	Central Florida	L, 12-0
9/1/90	4-5-0	A	Georgia Southern	L, 17-10
9/2/89	4-4-0	A	Georgia Southern	L, 31-10
9/10/88	4-3-0	H	Fort Valley State	W, 14-13
9/12/87	3-3-0	H	Fort Valley State	W, 21-14
9/14/86	2-3-0	H	Fort Valley State	W, 17-0
9/8/85	1-3-0	H	Fort Valley State	L, 17-3
9/14/84	1-2-0	H	Clark	W, 49-0
9/10/83	0-2-0	H	Mississippi College	L, 26-3
9/11/82	0-1-0	H	Mississippi College	L, 28-13

**Valdosta State Average Points:** 26.4 (897 total)**Opponent Average Points:** 14.8 (504 total)**Longest Winning Streak:** 6 (1998-2003)**Longest Losing Streak:** 4 (1989-1992)**Current Streak:** Valdosta State has won three in a row**At Home:** Valdosta State leads 13-4**On the Road:** Valdosta State leads 8-7**Neutral Site:** Valdosta State leads 2-0**BLAZERS PICKED TO FINISH SECOND...**

If the Gulf South Conference Preseason Release is any indication of what lies in store for the Valdosta State football program in 2017, Blazer Nation has plenty to be excited about, as the Blazers have been predicted to finish in second place in the GSC. Furthermore, five student-athletes made their way on to the list of Pre-season All-GSC honorees.

In the annual poll taken of GSC head coaches throughout the league, the Blazers picked up 54 votes, including one first place vote, to finish eight points behind the North Alabama Lions, who earned 62 points and seven first place votes heading into their final season before an upcoming transition to the Division I ranks. Falling in at third place were the West Georgia Wolves with 49 points, followed closely by the Florida Tech Panthers, who secured 47 points for a predicted fourth place finish. West Alabama and Delta State landed 32 and 31 points, respectively, to claim the fifth and sixth place positions.

Rounding out the poll in the bottom three positions were West Florida at number seven with 25 points, followed by Mississippi College in the eighth place spot with 16 points. Eight votes placed Shorter in the final ninth place position.

As for individual honors, the Blazers were well represented on both sides of the ball. Adam Robles, Valdosta State's primary starter at the quarterback position in 2016, earned recognition heading into his junior season with the red and black. The Ocala, Fla. native tossed 18 touchdown passes and averaged over 200 yards passing per game last year, with his top performance coming against Kentucky State, when he threw for 401 yards and three touchdown passes. Alongside Robles on the offensive side with his first career Preseason All-GSC honor was Brandon Kemp, an upcoming sophomore out of Stone Mountain, Ga. As a red-shirt freshman last season, Kemp made a big splash at the offensive tackle position and earned both All-GSC and All-Region honors. Kemp was also joined by returning senior and offensive guard Josh Adams, who has been a starting lineman for the Blazers since 2015.

Representing the Black Swarm, Brandon Roe headlined Valdosta State's defensive unit in recognition of a 2016 junior season in which he picked off five passes for a second-place tie among all GSC defensive backs. In addition, Roe helped lead the Blazer secondary to a nation-leading 27 interceptions last season and added two fumble recoveries, one of which was returned for a touchdown. Malik Slater also joined the fray after a 2016 season that included 32 tackles, a pass breakup, and 0.5 tackles for loss at the linebacker position.





# IN THE NATIONAL POLLS...

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

Pos.	Team (1st place votes)	2016 Record	Points	Final Pos.
1	Northwest Missouri St. (34)	15-0	850	1
2	Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	12-1	765	4
3	Ferris St. (Mich.)	12-3	716	5
4	Emporia St. (Kan.)	11-2	652	10
5	Texas A&M-Commerce	10-2	634	9
6	North Alabama	11-2	622	2
7	Shepherd (W.Va.)	13-1	574	3
8	California (Pa.)	11-1	568	7
9	Indiana (Pa.)	10-2	500	12
10	Minnesota-Duluth	10-2	431	14
11	Valdosta St. (Ga.)	8-3	390	18
12	Colorado St.-Pueblo	8-3	349	NR
13	Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	9-3	302	25
14	LIU-Post (N.Y.)	12-1	288	11
15	Harding (Ark.)	13-1	281	6
16	Colorado School of Mines	10-3	254	15
17	Sioux Falls (S.D.)	12-1	235	8
18	Southwest Baptist (Mo.)	10-2	227	22
19	North Carolina-Pembroke	10-2	220	13
20	Minnesota St.	8-3	201	NR
21	Central Missouri	9-3	189	21
22	Southern Arkansas	9-3	157	NR
23	Colorado Mesa	9-3	154	NR
24	Midwestern St. (Texas)	8-3	138	24
25	Bemidji (Minn.)	9-3	133	NR

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Pos.	Team	
1	Northwest Missouri	15-0
2	Ferris State	12-3
3	Grand Valley	12-1
4	Emporia State	11-2
5	North Alabama	11-2
6	Texas A&M-Commerce	10-2
7	Shepherd	13-1
8	Minnesota Duluth	10-2
9	IUP	10-2
10	Harding	13-1
11	California	11-1
12	CSU-Pueblo	8-3
13	Valdosta State	8-3
14	Azusa Pacific	9-3
15	Sioux Falls	12-1
16	Minnesota State	8-3
17	Bemidji State	9-3
18	Ashland	9-2
19	LIU-Post	12-1
20	Central Missouri	9-3
21	Colorado Mines	10-3
22	Midwestern State	8-3
23	UNC-Pembroke	10-2
24	Southern Arkansas	9-3
25	West Chester	8-3

Others Receiving Votes in the AFCA Poll: Ashland (Ohio), 130; Tuskegee (Ala.), 123; North Greenville (S.C.), 121; Winston-Salem St. (N.C.), 114; Newberry (S.C.), 107; Ohio Dominican, 86; West Chester (Pa.), 82; West Georgia, 75; Edinboro (Pa.), 57; Albany St. (Ga.), 45; Florida Tech, 43; Assumption (Mass.), 38; Texas A&M-Kingsville, 36; Fairmont St. (W.Va.), 19; Bowie St. (Md.), 16; Augustana (S.D.), 14; Carson-Newman (Tenn.), 14; Virginia Union, 12; Arkansas Tech, 11; Central Washington, 10; Pittsburg St. (Kan.), 10; Henderson St. (Ark.), 8; Charleston (W.Va.), 7; Indianapolis (Ind.), 7; Gannon (Pa.), 6; Ouachita Baptist (Ark.), 6; Truman St. (Mo.), 5; Fort Valley St. (Ga.), 4; Slippery Rock (Pa.), 4; Delta St. (Miss.), 3; East Central (Okla.), 3; Humboldt St. (Calif.), 2; Tusculum (Tenn.), 1; Wingate (N.C.), 1.

## BEST IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA...

Valdosta State has been pegged as the best college football program in the state of Georgia, regardless of division, according to a recent release by HERO Sports.

In a story highlighting the best collegiate football programs in each of the nation's 50 states, HERO Sports used an equation that measured winning percentage, individual awards, conference championships, playoff appearances, and national championships. Stats and records from the last five seasons were used to supply data, so every team is judged on the same timeline and a heavy emphasis is placed on how successful teams have been in recent years.

## THE BLAZERS AGAINST THE SIAC...

Valdosta State has a long history playing against schools from the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. In addition to the 18 games that the Blazers have played against Albany State, VSU has played 28 additional games versus the SIAC for a 42-4 record overall and a .911 winning percentage against the conference.

The Blazers have faced Fort Valley State the most among SIAC teams with wins in 18 of those 21 meetings and has swept Clark Atlanta and Kentucky State with three and four wins against those schools, respectively.





## VALDOSTA STATE



## BLAZER OFFENSE

<b>QB</b>	12 Adam Robles	16 Rogan Wells
<b>RB</b>	20 Jordan Germany	5 Ron Johnson
<b>FB</b>	36 Stewart Spence	87 Kenny Henningsen
<b>XWR</b>	8 Desean Blair	81 Travon Roberts
<b>YWR</b>	9 Tshumbi Johnson	6 Shane Henderson
<b>ZWR</b>	1 Dallas Baldner	84 Lio'undre Gallimore
<b>LT</b>	57 Brandon Kemp	72 Travion Wallace
<b>LG</b>	78 Kevin Battle	55 Josh Allen
<b>C</b>	69 Jeremy King	61 JT Black
<b>RG</b>	62 Austin White	77 Jacob Baker
<b>RT</b>	71 Andrew Marshall	76 Toa Lavatai

## BLAZER DEFENSE

<b>LCB</b>	15 Steve Durosier	8 Donte Taylor
<b>FS</b>	14 Brandon Roe	29 Decary Croaker
<b>RCB</b>	28 Raymond Palmer	21 Terrance Bryant
<b>FS</b>	2 Andre Johnson	31 J'Voski Bartee
<b>S</b>	13 John Marvin	33 Gaughf Ivey
<b>MLB</b>	6 Malik Slater	45 David Brown
<b>WLB</b>	9 Sharmaine Washington	34 Stephon Williams
<b>DE</b>	48 Alex Williams	52 Jeff Stokes
<b>DT</b>	99 Guito Ervilus	92 Jadavien Williams
<b>NT</b>	75 Joe Mozone	97 Sherman Hart
<b>DE</b>	11 Josh Ealy	93 Iseoluwapo Jegede

## BLAZER SPECIALISTS

<b>K</b>	41 Andrew Gray	
<b>P</b>	98 Gavin Wilson	
<b>LS</b>	47 Brent Wildes	
<b>KR</b>	26 Jairus Jones	10 Stephen Denmark
<b>PR</b>	4 Kenny Benjamin	

Kerwin Bell – Head Coach  
 Jeremy Darveau – Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator  
 Danny Verpaele – Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers  
 David Rowe – Defensive Backs  
 Willie Tillman – Defensive Line  
 Kerry Webb – Running Backs/Special Teams  
 Kade Bell – Graduate Assistant/Quarterbacks  
 Craig Brodsky – Graduate Assistant/Nickels and Quality Control  
 Josh Fletcher – Intern/Special Teams  
 TJ Jenkins – Graduate Assistant/Defensive Line  
 Larry Murphy – Student Assistant/Defensive Backs  
 John Peacock – Student Assistant/Defensive Line  
 Andrew Robustelli – Graduate Assistant/Wide Receivers  
 Trent Turknott – Graduate Assistant/Offensive Analyst

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Previous School
1	Dallas Baldner	WR	6-0	192	Sr.	Homosassa, Fla.	Crystal River HS
2	Andre Johnson	CB	5-11	191	Sr.	Ocala, Fla.	Trinity Catholic HS
4	Kenny Benjamin	WR	5-7	178	Fr.	Lehigh Acres, Fla.	Dunbar HS
5	Ron Johnson	RB	5-11	205	Sr.	Naples, Fla.	Connecticut
6	Shane Henderson	WR	6-0	200	Sr.	Columbus, Ind.	Allan Hancock JC
7	Malik Slater	LB	6-0	232	Sr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Jacksonville Univ.
8	Nick Davis	RB	5-11	187	Sr.	Bolingbroke, Ga.	Mary Persons HS
8	De'Sean Blair	WR	6-4	190	Sr.	Jacksonville Fla.	Missouri
8	Donte Taylor	DB	5-10	160	Sr.	Bradenton, Fla.	Bayshore HS
9	Tshumbi Johnson	WR	5-11	194	Sr.	Immokalee, Fla.	Cincinnati
9	Sharmaine Washington	LB	6-0	225	Sr.	Moultrie, Ga.	Colquitt County HS
10	Stephen Denmark	CB	6-4	210	Jr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	James S. Rickards HS
11	Josh Ealy	DE	6-4	230	Sr.	Vero, Fla.	Delaware State
12	Adam Robles	QB	6-3	215	Jr.	Ocala, Fla.	South Florida
13	John Marvin	DB	6-1	200	Sr.	Fort Walton Beach, Fla.	Georgia Tech
14	Brandon Roe	DB	6-1	195	Sr.	Douglas, Ga.	Coffee County HS
15	Steve Durosier	CB	6-0	185	Jr.	Miami, Fla.	Southeast Missouri State
16	Rogan Wells	QB	6-3	205	So.	Fort Mill, S.C.	Fort Mill HS
19	Quahlin Patterson	RB	5-9	195	Jr.	Orange Park, Fla.	Presbyterian College
20	Jordan Germany	RB	5-10	210	Sr.	Decatur, Ga.	Grayson HS
21	Terrance Bryant	DB	6-2	215	Sr.	Fort Walton Beach, Fla.	Jacksonville Univ.
22	Willie Fletcher	CB	6-3	205	Sr.	Carson, Calif.	Cerritos College
23	Isaiah Johnson	WR	5-11	180	So.	Lake Butler, Fla.	Union County HS
24	Alex Brown	DB	5-9	160	So.	Valdosta, Ga.	Lowndes HS
25	Dondre Butler	RB	6-0	155	Fr.	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Spruce Creek HS
26	Jairus Jones	CB	6-1	189	Fr.	Mobile, Ala.	Central Gwinnett HS
27	Cedric Hollingshead	RB	6-0	209	Jr.	Macon, Ga.	Westside HS
28	Raymond Palmer	SS	5-9	188	Sr.	Darien, Ga.	McIntosh County Aca.
29	Decary Croaker	SS	6-1	196	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	West Orange HS
30	Taurus Dotson	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami NW Senior HS
31	J'voski Barti	CB	6-0	154	Fr.	Dublin, Ga.	Coconut Creek HS
32	Eric Ross II	S	5-10	175	Fr.	Lithonia, Ga.	Arabia Mountain HS
33	Gaughf Ivey	LB	5-11	186	Sr.	Albany, Ga.	Deerfield-Windsor
34	Stephon Williams	LB	6-1	225	So.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	SE Missouri St.
35	Damon Daniel	DB	5-10	202	Fr.	Lakewood, Fla.	Oxbridge Academy
36	Stewart Spence	LB	5-11	220	Jr.	Madison, Ga.	Morgan County HS
37	Jared Pryor	DB	6-2	200	Fr.	Powder Springs, Ga.	Hillgrove HS
39	Kenneth Johnson	SS	5-11	181	Jr.	Albany, Ga.	Dougherty HS
41	Andrew Gray	K	6-0	165	Jr.	Johns Creek, Ga.	Chattahoochee HS
41	Norman Thrasher	CB	6-1	175	So.	Decatur, Ga.	Miller Grove HS
42	Kahari Richards	DB	6-0	190	So.	Riverdale, Ga.	Charles Drew HS
43	Antonio Keuma	WR	6-1	200	So.	Valdosta, Ga.	Valdosta HS
44	Calvin Howard	RB	5-10	205	Jr.	Perry, Ga.	Los Angeles Pierce College
45	David Brown	LB	6-0	220	Jr.	North Charleston, S.C.	Eastern Arizona CC
46	Mondrell Jefferson	SS	5-9	185	So.	Sanderson, Fla.	Baker County HS
47	Brent Wildes	LS	6-0	201	Sr.	Folkston, Ga.	Charlton County HS
48	Alex Williams	DE	6-0	235	Jr.	Moultrie, Ga.	Colquitt County HS
49	Thomas Incom	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.	Stone Mountain HS
50	Tyler Wallace	LB	5-11	219	So.	Ocala, Fla.	West Port HS
51	Shaun Rountree	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	Leesburg, Ga.	Lee County HS
52	Jeffery Stokes	DE	6-0	235	Jr.	Cape Coral, Fla.	Jacksonville University
53	Marcus Webb	RB	5-10	198	Jr.	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover HS
54	Sam DiRoberto	LB	6-0	205	Fr.	Woodstock, Ga.	Roswell HS
55	Joshua Allen	OG	6-2	300	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Arkansas
56	Donte Carpenter	LB	5-10	215	Fr.	Sebring, Fla.	Sebring HS
57	Brandon Kemp	OL	6-6	235	So.	Stone Mountain, Ga.	Columbia HS
58	D'Von McCullough	DL	6-3	215	Fr.	DeLand, Fla.	Deltona HS
59	Dalton Mydell	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	Rincon, Ga.	Savannah State
60	Cam Morgan	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	Fitzgerald, Ga.	Stetson
61	John Black	C	6-1	300	So.	Hawkinsville, Ga.	Peach County HS
62	Austin White	OL	6-3	312	So.	Quitman, Ga.	Brooks County HS
63	Terrance Lovett	T	6-2	300	Fr.	Amittville, N.Y.	St. Augustine HS
64	Emenike Ikpa	OL	6-0	305	Fr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Dacula HS
65	Evan Pulawski	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Bradenton, Fla.	Iowa Central CC
66	Josh Adams	OT	6-3	313	Sr.	Kennesaw, Ga.	Harrison HS
67	Cass Cole	OL	6-4	295	So.	Spring Hill, Fla.	Nature Coast Tech HS
68	Steven Rix	T	6-4	280	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	
69	Jeremy King	OT	6-1	327	Sr.	Macon, Ga.	Westside HS
71	Andrew Marshall	OT	6-8	330	Sr.	Ellendale, Del.	Milford HS
72	Travion Wallace	OL	6-6	275	Sr.	Tampa, Fla.	Jacksonville
74	Preston Langley	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	Bogart, Ga.	North Oconee HS
75	Joseph Mozone	DT	6-1	328	So.	North Augusta, S.C.	North Augusta HS
76	Toa Lavatai	OL	6-4	285	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Creekside HS
77	Jacob Baker	OT	6-6	349	So.	Leesburg, Ga.	Lee County HS
78	Kevin Battle	OL	6-4	337	Sr.	Orlando, Fla.	Jacksonville University
79	Tikere Ralands	DL	6-5	260	Sr.	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	Monroe College
80	Jamarcus Tyson	WR	6-3	202	So.	Valdosta, Ga.	Valdosta HS
81	Travon Roberts	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Mater Academy
82	Marik Merine	WR	5-10	165	So.	Valdosta, Ga.	Valwood HS
83	Brian Saunders	WR	5-10	177	Fr.	Darien, Ga.	Coastal Georgia
84	Lio'undre Gallimore	WR	5-10	165	Fr.	Miami Gardens, Fla.	Mater Academy
85	Troy Lilly	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	Kenner, La.	Bonnable HS
86	Austin Leach	WR	6-2	205	So.	Sarasota, Fla.	Fullerton College
87	Kenneth Henningsen	FB	6-3	210	Fr.	Parkland, Fla.	North Broward Prep
89	Isaiah Wilson	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Gainesville HS
90	Barry Jackson	DE	6-1	225	Fr.	Darien, Ga.	McIntosh County Aca.
91	Jaalen Ford	DE	6-4	230	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jean Ribault HS
92	Jadavien Williams	OL	6-2	255	Jr.	Haines City, Fla.	Ridge Community HS
93	Iseoluwapo Jegede	DE	6-6	245	Jr.	Lagos, Nigeria	Central Florida
94	Torey Jenkins	DE	6-4	225	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Raines HS
95	Henry Pryor	DL	6-3	300	Sr.	Summerville, S.C.	Brevard College
96	Vanden Fehmerling	TE	6-4	225	Fr.	Chiefland, Fla.	Chiefland HS
97	Sherman Hart	DL	6-0	290	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Englewood HS
98	Dallas Anthony	LB	6-2	200	Fr.	Darien, Ga.	McIntosh County Aca.
98	Gavin Wilson	K/P	6-0	196	Jr.	Thomasville, Ga.	Thomas Co. Central
99	Guito Ervilus	DT	6-4	260	Jr.	Orlando, Fla.	South Florida





# ALBANY STATE



## GOLDEN RAM OFFENSE

<b>QB</b>	15 Stephon Masha	10 Chancellor Johnson
<b>RB</b>	22 Calvin Lewis	35 Lorenzo Bolden
<b>FB</b>	4 McKinley Habersham	46 D'Angelo Smith
<b>WR</b>	2 Quadrey Simmons	8 Aaron Pierce
<b>WR</b>	14 Ta'Keevian Harris	18 Chris Sparks
<b>TE</b>	34 Yusuf Muhammad	81 Chris Hunt
<b>LT</b>	77 Douglas Turner	78 Jonathan McKeller
<b>LG</b>	53 Brandon Williams	74 Josh Coleman
<b>C</b>	65 Tedrick Cofield	52 John Wesley, Jr.
<b>RG</b>	52 John Wesley	74 Josh Coleman
<b>RT</b>	56 Jamie Glenn	78 Jonathan McKeller

## GOLDEN RAM DEFENSE

<b>CB</b>	29 Cameron McDowell	13 Jalen Bush
<b>CB</b>	20 Jalen Boyd	36 Juwan Horn
<b>FS</b>	1 Nick Scott	39 Dequan Chapman
<b>SS</b>	43 Anfernee Simmons	19 Coemba Jones
<b>SLB</b>	6 Aaron Davis	25 Samori Allen
<b>MLB</b>	50 Marquez Thomas	24 Anthony Davis
<b>WLB</b>	9 Emmanuel Brown	41 Terry Compton
<b>DE</b>	7 Zavondric Shingleton	55 Marvin Lewis
<b>DT</b>	54 Toryan Bell	70 Malik High
<b>DT</b>	90 Jabari Dickson	44 Undray Heller
<b>DE</b>	11 Zane Fields	58 D'Shon Rosser

## GOLDEN RAM SPECIALISTS

<b>K</b>	28 Gabriel Ballinas	21 Stefan Whitehead
<b>P</b>	28 Gabriel Ballinas	21 Stefan Whitehead
<b>LS</b>	60 Ted McGuire	9 Emmanuel Brown
<b>KR</b>	4 McKinley Habersham	3 Mike Green
<b>PR</b>	3 Mike Green	2 Quadrey Simmons

Gabe Giardina - Head Coach

Newland Isaac - Offensive Coordinator

Cory Peoples - Defensive Coordinator

Adam Miller - Assistant Coach (Quarterbacks)

Anthony Kelly - Assistant Football Coach (Tight Ends)

Adam Hollifield - Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

Sean Lampkin - Assistant Coach (Wide Receivers)

Darius Buck - Assistant Coach (Safeties)

Nick Reveiz - Assistant Coach (Linebackers)

Collins Ukwu - Assistant Coach (Defensive Line)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Nick Scott	DB	6-0	205	SR	Ellabell, Georgia / Bryan County HS
2	Quadrey Simmons	WR	6-2	187	SR	Cope, South Carolina / Edisto HS
4	McKinley Habersham	RB	5-9	180	JR	Savannah, Georgia / Memorial Day School
5	Terrence Harris	DB	6-3	205	SO	Riverdale, Georgia / North Clayton HS
6	Aaron Davis	DB	5-9	180	SR	Jonesboro, Georgia / Lovejoy HS
7	Zavondric Shingleton	LB	6-4	210	R-SR	Millen, Georgia / Jenkins County HS
8	Aaron Pierce	DB	6-1	175	SO	Covington, Georgia / Newton HS
9	Emmanuel Brown	LB	6-0	200	SR	Columbus, Georgia / Kendrick HS
10	Chancellor Johnson	QB	6-5	240	R-FR	Newnan, GA
11	Zane Fields	LB	6-1	240	SR	Jonesboro, Georgia / Hutchinson CC
12	Kelias Williams	QB	5-10	190	FR	Thomasville, GA
13	Jalen Bush	DB	5-10	175	FR	Leesburg, GA
14	Ta'Keevian Harris	WR	6-0	175	SR	Albany, Georgia / Westover HS
15	Stephon Masha	QB	6-2	215	GR	Austell, GA
16	Eldine Dorvil	DB	6-0	160	FR	Miami, FL
17	Billy Cobb, III	QB	6-1	215	SO	Jacksonville, Florida / Trinity Christian
18	Christopher Sparks	WR	6-4	185	JR	Macon, Georgia / Central HS
19	Coemba Jones	DB	5-9	160	FR	Miami, FL
20	Jaylin Boyd	DB	5-11	175	R-JR	Fairburn, GA
21	Stefan Whitehead	K/P	5-11	165	SR	Fairburn, Georgia / Langston Hughes HS
22	Calvin Lewis, V	RB	5-9	175	FR	Jacksonville, GA
23	Tori Sapp, Jr.	RB	5-9	190	FR	Thomasville, GA
24	Anthony Davis	LB	6-1	220	R-JR	Tallahassee, FL
25	Samori Allen	DB	6-2	190	JR	Albany, Georgia / Middle Georgia State
26	Theodore Harrold, III	RB	5-10	190	FR	Albany, GA
27	Stevie Rhodes	RB	5-7	180	FR	Perry, GA
28	Kelan Fraise	RB	5-8	175	JR	Ellenwood, GA
29	Cameron McDowell	DB	5-9	180	SO	Bainbridge, Georgia / Bainbridge HS
30	James Hawkins	DB	5-9	170	FR	Fayetteville, GA
31	Tyrese Sanders	LB	6-2	195	FR	Orlando, FL
32	William Champion	DB	5-10	205	FR	Melbourne, FL
34	Yusuf Muhammad	FB	5-7	240	SR	Ashburn, Georgia / Turner County HS
35	Lorenzo Bolden	RB	5-10	180	SO	Sycamore, GA
36	Juwan Horn	DB	5-10	170	FR	Miami, FL
37	Hennis Washington	DB	5-10	190	FR	Opp, AL
38	Frederic Aka	DB	6-2	180	R-SO	Norcross, Georgia / Norcross HS
39	De'Qwan Chapman	DB	5-11	170	FR	Brunswick, GA
40	Charmane White	DE	6-2	220	SO	Pensacola, Florida / Pensacola Catholic
41	Terry Compton, II	LB	6-2	210	SO	Waverly, Georgia / Camden County HS
42	Quintavious Martin	LB	6-0	215	R-SR	Manchester, GA
43	Anfernee Simmons	DB	5-10	170	FR	Tallahassee, FL
44	Undray Heller	OL	6-0	260	FR	Douglas, GA
45	Brendan Kimble	LB	6-1	205	SO	Iron City, GA
46	D'Angelo Smith	RB	5-10	200	R-SO	Hinesville, GA
47	Stephan Pierre	LB	6-2	190	FR	Tallahassee, FL
48	Tyler Wimberly	LB	6-1	205	FR	Blakely, GA
49	Taylor Wimberly	LB	6-1	210	FR	Blakely, GA
50	Marquez Thomas	LB	5-10	220	SO	Perry, Georgia / Iowa Western CC
52	John Wesley, Jr.	OL	6-4	315	SR	Miami, Florida / ASA College
53	Brandon Williams	OL	6-2	325	JR	Fayetteville, GA
54	Toryan Bell	DL	5-11	320	JR	Hampton, Georgia / Lovejoy HS
55	Marvin Lewis	LB	6-1	220	SR	Columbus, Georgia / Kendrick HS
56	Jamie Glenn	OL	6-5	350	R-SO	Snellville, GA
57	Marion Deberry	LB	5-10	205	FR	Adel, GA
58	D'Shon Rosser	DL	6-0	225	FR	Grantville, GA
59	Jonathan Jason	LB	6-1	210	FR	Townsend, GA
60	Ted McGuire	OL	6-0	255	SO	Lithonia, Georgia / West Georgia
64	Bakari Woods	RB	5-8	190	SO	Mount Vernon, Georgia / Montgomery Co.
65	Tedrick Cofield	OL	6-3	315	SR	Atlanta, Georgia / Westlake HS
67	Roman Victor	LS	6-1	205	FR	Jonesboro, GA
68	Brandon Williams	OL	6-2	265	FR	Tallahassee, FL
69	Christian Jackson	OL	6-3	340	FR	Cuthbert, GA
70	Malik High	DL	6-0	295	FR	Ashburn, GA
71	Javin Maxwell	OL	6-5	270	FR	Stone Mountain, GA
73	Bryan Calhoun	OL	6-4	365	FR	Columbus, GA
74	Joshua Coleman	OL	6-6	330	JR	Dublin, Georgia / Dublin HS
76	Reginald Curtis	OL	6-4	325	FR	Lithonia, GA
77	Douglas Turner	OL	6-5	295	SR	Columbus, Georgia / Spencer HS
78	Jonathan McKeller	OL	6-5	315	JR	Villa Rica, Georgia / Villa Rica HS
79	Elijah Brown	DL	6-3	260	FR	Augusta, GA
80	Rodel Shorter	WR	5-10	185	FR	Stockbridge, GA
81	Christopher Hunt	TE	6-2	225	SR	College Park, Ga. / North Carolina A&T
82	Nicholas Harris	WR	6-3	175	R-SR	Hampton, Georgia / Luella HS
83	Javon Wooten	WR	5-9	165	FR	Tallahassee, FL
84	Andre Robinson	WR	5-9	155	FR	Vienna, GA
85	Gabriel Ballinas	K/P	5-9	190	FR	Guadalupe, Mexico
86	Dray Major	WR	6-2	190	FR	Orlando, FL
87	Terrius Whitehead	TE	6-2	230	FR	Albany, GA
88	Malik Garye	WR	6-5	185	FR	Tallahassee, FL
89	Antione Howard	WR	5-8	150	JR	Barnesville, Georgia / Lamar County HS
90	Jabari Dickson	DL	6-2	250	R-SO	Snellville, GA
91	Arshad Jackson	DL	6-4	270	FR	Atlanta, GA
92	Tyrese Brown	DL	6-2	245	FR	Orlando, FL
94	Venson Maddox	DL	6-4	265	FR	Columbus, GA
95	Femi Mays	DB	5-9	165	FR	Douglasville, GA
97	Raymond Thomas	DL	6-3	315	SO	Albany, Georgia / Monroe Comprehensive

**K**erwin Bell is set to begin his second season at the helm of the Valdosta State football program, aiming to follow a strong 2016 outing during which he led the Blazers to their sixth playoff appearance in the last eight years.

In 2016, Bell picked up right where his predecessor left off and overcame an abbreviated recruiting season to navigate the Blazers to an 8-3 record. His offense-driven approach to the game paid dividends for VSU, as the team earned hosting rights for the first round of the NCAA Division II Playoffs. Furthermore, Bell's defense was a force to be reckoned with, as the program's secondary led the nation with 27 interceptions.

Bell, a Mayo, Fla. native and graduate of Lafayette County High School, brought extensive coaching experience to Valdosta State in 2016 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.

# KERWIN BELL

## Head Football Coach

### PERSONAL:

Born June 15, 1965 in Live Oak, Fla.

Wife: Cosette Children (Kade, 23, Kolton, 20, and Kenzley, 15)

### 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)

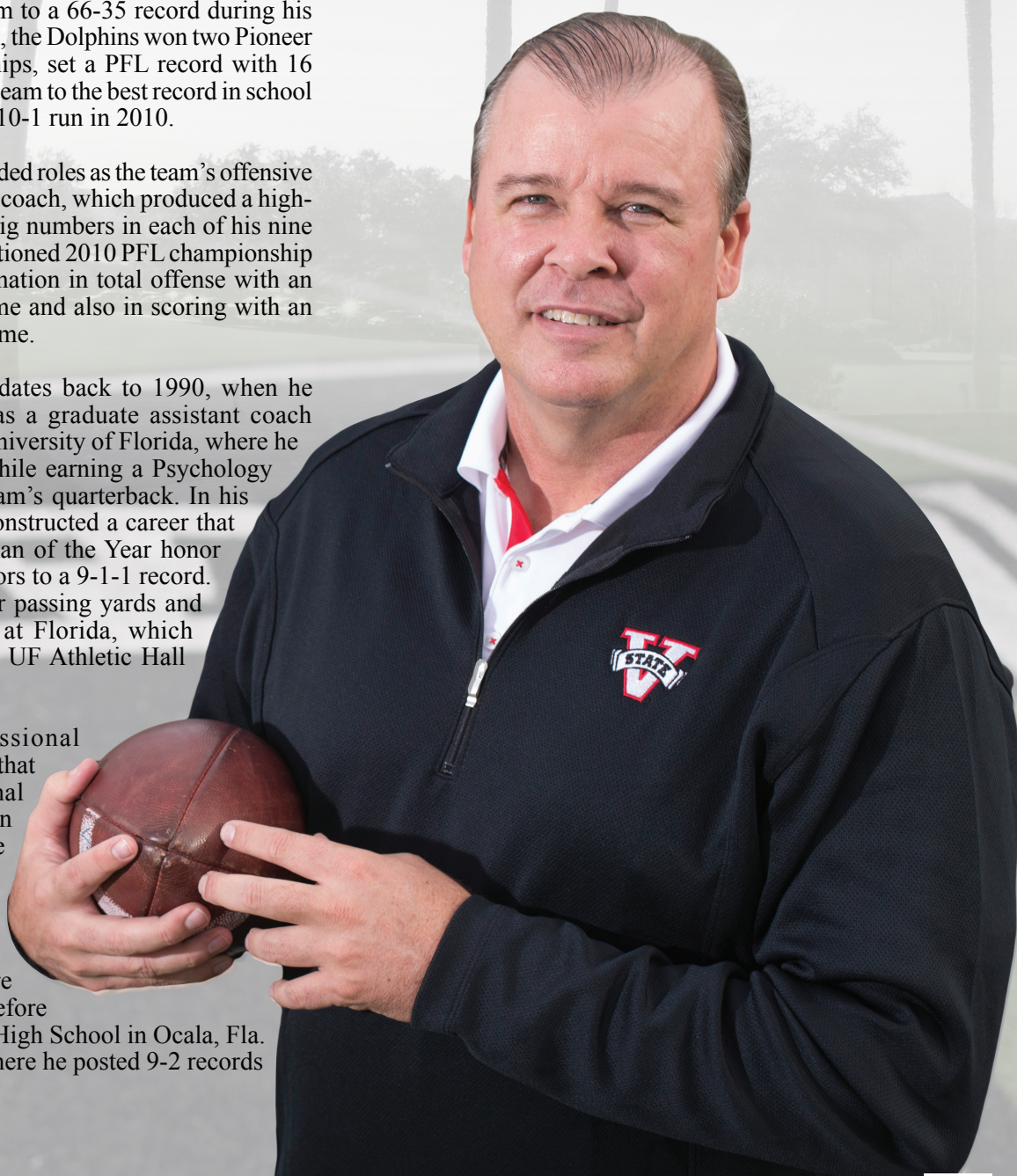




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Bell's collegiate playing career started at the University of Florida with 18 wins and just two losses during his freshman and sophomore seasons. His performance during those two years led to a Southeastern Conference Player of the Year award as a freshman in 1984, and he earned First-Team All-SEC honors the following year in 1985. In his four years as a Gator, Bell threw for 7,585 yards and 56 touchdowns. He was inducted into the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997 as a "Gator Great", and In 2006, *The Gainesville Sun* sportswriters placed him No. 26 on the list of 100 greatest Gators of all time. Bell went on to play professionally in both the NFL and the CFL.

### KERWIN BELL YEAR BY YEAR

Year	School	Overall Record	Conference Record	Conference Ranking	Postseason
<b>JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY</b>					
2007	Jacksonville University	3-8	2-5	T-6th	
2008	Jacksonville University	9-4	7-1	1st	Gridiron Classic
2009	Jacksonville University	7-4	6-2	T-3rd	
2010	Jacksonville University	10-1	8-0	T-1st	
2011	Jacksonville University	7-4	6-2	3rd	
2012	Jacksonville University	7-4	5-3	T-4th	
2013	Jacksonville University	5-6	4-4	6th	
2014	Jacksonville University	9-2	7-1	T-1st	
2015	Jacksonville University	9-2	6-2	T-3rd	
<b>VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS</b>					
2016	Valdosta State	8-3	5-2	T-2nd	NCAA Regional
Valdosta State Totals	(1 season)	8-3 (.727)	5-2 (.750)		
Career Totals	(10 seasons)	74-38 (.660)			

### BLAZERS HONORED UNDER BELL

#### NFL SIGNEES

Name	Year
Kenny Moore (New England)	2016
Donatello Brown (Green Bay)	2016
Jamar Simpkins (San Francisco)	2016

#### ALL-AMERICANS

Name	Year
Kenny Moore	2016

#### ALL-GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

Name	Year
Brandon Kemp	2016
Donatello Brown	2016
Jamar Simpkins	2016
Kenny Moore	2016

#### OFFENSIVE FRESHMEN OF THE YEAR

Name	Year
Cedric Hollingshed	2016





## DANNY VERPAELE

**Defensive Coordinator  
Second Season at Valdosta State  
MONTANA (2008)**

Danny Verpaele officially joined the Valdosta State coaching staff as a linebackers coach on April 18 of 2016, and was promoted to the position of Defensive Coordinator prior to the start of the 2017 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 very knowledgeable guy, but he also brings a lot of juice, or energy, as we say, to our practices and our games," said Head Coach Kerwin Bell.

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."



## JEREMY DARVEAU

**Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator  
Second Season at Valdosta State  
MONTANA (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.



## DAVID ROWE

**Defensive Backs Coach  
First Season at Valdosta State  
RUTGERS (2012)**

David Rowe was named the defensive backs coach for Valdosta State in 2017. He is a 2009 graduate of Rutgers University and served as a three-year starter for the Scarlet Knights, and he has since established himself as a talented football coach at the collegiate level, with a wealth of experience obtained in

a relatively short period of time.

"It's an honor to have this opportunity to work at such a prestigious university," said Rowe. "I look forward to helping our student-athletes continue to be winners both on and off the field."

A former cornerback and safety during his playing career at Rutgers, Rowe transitioned into a coaching career in the summer of 2013 when he joined the Tampa Bay Buccaneers by way of the Bill Walsh Minority Internship program. The four-month internship proved to be time well spent, as Rowe was picked up as a Defensive Assistant in September of 2013. His experience with the Bucs included direct work with Tampa Bay Safeties Coach Jeff Hafley.

Following his stint with the Bucs during their 2013 season, Rowe elected to further his education at Western Michigan while serving as a Graduate Assistant Cornerbacks Coach. His work there helped the Broncos



become the number one ranked team in the Mid American Conference in pass efficiency defense. Following his time at Western Michigan, Rowe preceded his new position at Valdosta State as the defensive coordinator at Rockledge High School in Rockledge, Fla.



## WILLIE TILLMAN

**Defensive Line Coach  
First Season at Valdosta State  
MONTANA (2008)**

Willie Tillman, a former four-year letter winner and two year starter as a wide receiver at Purdue University, joins the Blazer football coaching staff in 2017 and brings a veteran presence to Valdosta State after having accumulated nearly 20 years of coaching experience.

Tillman kicked off his coaching career at his alma-mater as an assistant in 1997, and has since coached at multiple colleges and universities, including a recent three-year stint as the defensive coordinator at Florida Tech. As the shot caller for all defensive staff, player personnel, play calling, game planning, and recruiting, Tillman took the program from its inception in 2013, to a winning record in 2014, and then to a second place finish in the Gulf South Conference in 2015. He followed his time at FIT with a head coaching position at Westminster Academy in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., which ultimately led to his recent hire at Valdosta State.

"I am very excited about this opportunity to join the Valdosta State University football program," stated Tillman this week. "I look forward to being a part of TitleTown USA, and I certainly look forward to working with Coach Bell and the VSU football staff."

Tillman's experience as a football coach throughout the years is



made up of a host of highly respected programs at both the collegiate and professional levels. Since starting out as an assistant at Purdue, Tillman has added the Baltimore Ravens, Florida A&M, Murray State, and Bethel University to the list of programs where he has contributed his coaching talents.



## Kerry WEBB

**Running Backs/Special Teams  
First Season at Valdosta State  
FLORIDA (2004)**

Kerry Webb returned to Valdosta State prior to the 2017 season to bring an experienced coaching presence to the Blazers' stable of running backs. Webb has coached at four different collegiate programs, including a previous stint at Valdosta State as a graduate assistant in 2005 and 2006 while pursuing a Masters in Education Health and Physical Education.

Prior to his first round at Valdosta State, Webb earned his first experience as a student assistant at the University of Florida. On the back end of his time with the Blazers in the mid-2000's, he transitioned into his first full-time coaching position as a running backs coach and special teams coordinator at Jacksonville University. With nearly 10 years of previous experience under the leadership of Kerwin Bell at JU, Webb is expected to bring some welcomed familiarity to the Blazers' coaching staff in 2017.

Notable accomplishments throughout Webb's career include the guidance of the JU running backs in 2010, which led the Sharks' offense to a No. 1 ranking in the country. The squad nearly repeated the feat in 2013 with a No. 5 ranking, and the Sharks ranked 3rd nationally in overall scoring during that same season.

After Bell left JU in 2016, Webb took a job at Tusculum College in



Greeneville, Tenn., where he spent one year as a wide receiver and special teams coach. Webb's tutelage helped produce First Team All South Atlantic Conference honors for return specialist Jay Boyd in 2016.

During his coaching career of over ten years, Webb has coached 11 All-Conference players, and his recruiting efforts led to the signing of two All-Americans and three players who progressed into the NFL.



## MARTY McGHIN

**Director of Football Operations  
Second Season at Valdosta State  
VALDOSTA STATE (2008)**

For over a decade, McGhin has been, and continues to be, a key supporter of VSU Athletics. A VSU alum, Marty's financial support has helped to provide scholarship aid for many Blazer student-athletes allowing those student-athletes to reach their potential both as an athlete and as a student. He currently serves in a key role with the Blazer football program and also serves as the team chaplain for the Blazer basketball team.

In recognition of his immeasurable support and contributions to Valdosta State Athletics, particularly the football program, McGhin was inducted into the VSU Hall of Fame in January of 2017. The football program has placed great faith in his talents and abilities, and McGhin has fully embraced a host of responsibilities as the team's Director of Football Operations. McGhin plays a large role in many key areas of day-to-day operations, including travel arrangements, scheduling, meals, and much more. Most impressive of all, is that fact that McGhin takes on all of these responsibilities on a complete volunteer basis.



***2016 IN REVIEW***





## GAME 1

VALDOSTA STATE 16, ALBANY STATE 7

**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 Titledtown.

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.





## 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 (Peffer's kick)

**Second Quarter**

UWF	2:35	Nobles 2-yard run (Peffer's kick)
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**Third Quarter**

VSU	8:18	Hollingshed 1-yard run (Gray kick)
UWF	6:01	Griffin 18-yard pass from Nobles (Peffer's kick)
UWF	4:12	Hasic 29-yard pass from Nobles (Peffer's kick)
VSU	1:13	Hollingshed 5-yard run (Hollingshed rush failed)

**Fourth Quarter**

VSU	0:45	Germany 1-yard run (Gray kick)
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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; Schwarz 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)
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**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**

**Rushing:** 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.

**Passing:** VSU - Robles 31-48-3-401; Rivers 11-19-3-174. KSU - St. Ge 6-16-1-74; Groathouse 1-4-0-14;

**Receiving:** 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

First Quarter	
VSU 8:51	Strange 7-yard pass from Rivers (Gray kick)
UWG 6:39	Custis 4-yard run (Wylie kick failed)

Second Quarter	
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)

Third Quarter	
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)

Fourth Quarter	
VSU 2:41	Gray 43-yard field goal

Team Statistics	VSU	UWG
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	

**Individual Stats**

**Rushing:** VSU - Hollingshed 20-86; Rivers 16-61; Germany 3-18. UWG - Franks 15-147; Custis 8-23; Jackson 1-6; Gardner 1--9.

**Passing:** 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.

**Receiving:** 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.





## 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

**First Quarter**

FIT	12:04	Cato 3-yard run (Williams kick)
FIT	7:26	Gullikson 23-yard field goal

**Second Quarter**

VSU	9:16	Etta-Tawo 45-yard interception (Gray kick)
FIT	0:23	Haynes 4-yard run (Williams kick)

**Third Quarter**

VSU	4:16	Gray 36-yard field goal
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**Fourth Quarter**

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)

**Team Statistics**

	VSU	FIT
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.





## GAME 11

VALDOSTA STATE 21, UNC-PEMBROKE 24

**VALDOSTA, Ga.** – The No. 19 Valdosta State football team fought through a difficult offensive outing to give No. 16 UNC-Pembroke a run in the first round of the NCAA Division II Playoffs, but the Braves held off the Blazers and narrowly escaped Valdosta, Ga. with a 24-21 victory.

With the victory, UNC-Pembroke improved to 10-1 on the season and earned the right to compete against the Lions of North Alabama next weekend in Florence, Ala. The loss ended VSU's season at 8-3.

The highly touted VSU secondary came up with five interceptions in the contest against Patrick O'Brien, who entered the day with just 10 picks on the season. Valdosta State was able to accumulate just 257 total yards in the contest, however, and had a difficult time capitalizing on the opportunities.

Blazer quarterback Adam Robles flung 21 completions to nine different receivers on the day, but UNCP's defensive front dealt heavy pressure throughout the contest with an aggressive game plan that featured a consistent variety of blitz packages. As a result, the Braves recorded five tackles for loss in the game and negated 25 of Valdosta State's rushing yards.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	F
Valdosta State	0	7	7	7	21
UNC-Pembroke	10	7	0	7	24

<b>First Quarter</b>					
UNCP	9:06	Davis 28-yard field goal			
UNCP	3:12	Jones 5-yard run (Davis kick)			

<b>Second Quarter</b>					
UNCP	10:23	Stanley 1-yard run (Davis kick)			
VSU	0:14	Baldner 5-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			

<b>Third Quarter</b>					
VSU	6:46	Howard 19-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			

<b>Fourth Quarter</b>					
UNCP	11:00	Threatt 44-yard pass from O'Brien (Davis kick)			
VSU	7:35	Baldner 6-yard pass from Robles (Gray kick)			

Team Statistics	VSU	UNCP
First Downs	18	15
Rushes-Yards (Net)	18-32	39-152
Passes Comp-Att-Int	19-34-5	21-55-4
Passing Yards (Net)	235	225
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	73-387	73-257
Return Yards	7	37
Punts (Number-Avg.)	8-43.1	9-40.1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-95	10-60
Sacks By (No.-Yards)	3-17	1-1
Time of Possession	36:27	23:33
Attendance	2,184	

<b>Individual Stats</b>	
<b>Rushing:</b> VSU - Germany 7-31; Patterson 4-10; Hollingshed 1-2; Merine 1-2; Robles 5--13. UNCP - Stanley 25-122; Chandler 2-20; Jones 3-5; Sheridan 1-4; Martin 1-1; O'Brien 5-0; Grant 2-0.	
<b>Passing:</b> VSU - Robles 21-55-3-225. UNCP - O'Brien 19-34-1-235.	
<b>Receiving:</b> VSU - Howard 5-68; Germany 3-45; Denmark 2-26; Baldner 4-26; Fortson 2-19; Hollingshed 2-14; Ingram 1-12; Merine 1-9; Bolden 1-6. UNCP - Bunn 8-153; Threatt 1-44; Huffman 4-22; Stanley 2-8; Chandler 1-6; Jones 1-4; Rush 1-1; Allen 1--3.	





## 2016 TEAM STATS

	Valdosta State	Opponents
<b>SCORING</b>	381	268
Points Per Game	34.64	24.36
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	266	178
- Rushing	82	76
- Passing	157	87
- Penalty	27	15
<b>RUSHING YARDAGE</b>	1279	1759
Yards gained rushing	1632	2143
Yards lost rushing	353	384
Rushing Attempts	361	428
Average Per Rush	3.5	4.1
Average Per Game	116.3	159.9
TDs Rushing	12	25
<b>PASSING YARDAGE</b>	3420	2162
Att-Comp-Int	545-304-15	330-157-27
Average Per Pass	6.28	6.55
Average Per Catch	11.25	13.77
Average Per Game	310.91	196.55
TDs Passing	31	10
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	5065	4667
Total Plays	906	758
Average Per Play	5.2	5.2
Average Per Game	427.2	356.5
<b>KICK RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	38-756	63-1118
<b>PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	38-348	17-290
<b>INT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	27-365	15-141
<b>KICK RETURN AVERAGE</b>	19.89	17.75
<b>PUNT RETURN AVERAGE</b>	11.53	17.06
<b>INT RETURN AVERAGE</b>	13.52	9.40
<b>FUMBLES-LOST</b>	17-9	15-7
<b>PENALTIES-Yards</b>	102-863	76-692
Average Per Game	78.45	62.91
<b>PUNTS-Yards</b>	65-2273	79-3112
Average Per Game	34.97	39.39
Net punt average	30.20	32.58
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION</b>	05:38:13	05:17:40
Average Per Game	30:45	28:53
<b>3RD-DOWN Conversions</b>	72-184	40-159
3rd Down Percentage	39.13%	25.16%
<b>4TH-DOWN Conversions</b>	13-20	9-17
4th-Down Percentage	65.00%	52.94%
<b>SACKS BY-Yards</b>	26-168	30-223
<b>MISC YARDS</b>	95	0
<b>TOUCHDOWNS SCORED</b>	49	37
<b>FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS</b>	14-23	5-10
<b>ON-SIDE KICKS</b>	0-0	0-1
<b>RED-ZONE SCORES</b>	49-60	28-36
<b>RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS</b>	38-60	24-36
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	27,555	22,711
Games/Avg Per Game	6/4,592	4/5,677
Neutral SiteGames		1/3,000

## 2016 SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Valdosta State	89	85	114	95	383
Opponents	53	98	56	61	268

## 2016 INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	YPC	TD	Long	YPG
Hollingshed, Cedric	9	107	503	27	476	4.4	7	24	52.89
Rivers, Roland	8	99	458	157	301	3.0	3	29	37.63
Germany, Jordan	11	73	378	30	348	4.8	2	24	31.64
Patterson, Quahlin	10	31	142	8	134	4.3	0	25	13.40
Robles, Adam	10	30	84	106	-22	-0.7	0	10	-2.20
Merine, Marik	8	5	44	0	44	8.8	0	19	5.50
Webb, Marcus	3	6	21	0	21	3.5	0	8	7.00
Kamm, Mitchell	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	1	2.00
Chesser, Jacob	10	2	0	6	-6	-3.0	0	0	-0.60
Bolden, Donovan	11	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-0.18
Team	6	4	0	11	-11	-2.8	0	0	-1.83
Ingram, Anthony	8	1	0	6	-6	-6.0	0	0	-0.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>1279</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>116.27</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>2143</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>1759</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>159.91</b>

PASSING	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	YPG
Robles, Adam	10	124.53	173-315-6	54.92 %	2046	18	78	204.60
Rivers, Roland	8	119.32	123-218-8	56.42 %	1312	13	59	164.00
Chesser, Jacob	10	93.40	8-12-1	66.67 %	62	0	27	6.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>121.76</b>	<b>304-545-15</b>	<b>55.78 %</b>	<b>3420</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>310.91</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>96.24</b>	<b>157-330-27</b>	<b>47.58 %</b>	<b>2162</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>196.55</b>

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	YPC	TD	Long	YPG
Howard, Xay	11	48	669	13.94	6	78	60.82
Baldner, Dallas	11	41	591	14.41	6	64	53.73
Strange, Damien	10	41	524	12.78	5	59	52.40
Bolden, Donovan	11	27	341	12.63	2	49	31.00
Fortson, Joe	10	23	260	11.30	4	34	26.00
Denmark, Stephen	11	22	240	10.91	2	39	21.82
Hollingshed, Cedric	9	27	196	7.26	1	17	21.78
Germany, Jordan	11	21	168	8.00	0	35	15.27
Ingram, Anthony	8	16	150	9.38	3	19	18.75
Merine, Marik	8	9	83	9.22	0	17	10.38
Berry, Chris	3	4	38	9.50	0	32	12.67
Skelton, TJ	3	2	34	17.00	0	27	11.33
Dennis, Tahj	11	6	33	5.50	0	9	3.00
Patterson, Quahlin	10	6	29	4.83	1	13	2.90
Williams, Johnny	3	3	22	7.33	1	10	7.33
Webb, Marcus	3	2	18	9.00	0	15	6.00
Brock, Alex	7	1	8	8.00	0	8	1.14
Sheppard, Malik	3	2	8	4.00	0	5	2.67
Utley, Nick	7	1	4	4.00	0	4	0.57
Suter, Rustin	1	1	4	4.00	0	4	4.00
Kemp, Brandon	11	1	2	2.00	0	2	0.18
Rivers, Roland	8	0	-2	-Infinity	0	0	-0.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>3420</b>	<b>11.25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>310.91</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>2162</b>	<b>13.77</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>196.55</b>

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Simon, Gary	30	408	13.60	2	70
Baldner, Dallas	4	26	6.50	0	29
Williams, Johnny	1	5	5.00	0	5
Roe, Brandon	1	0	0	0	0
Taylor, Donte	2	-1	-0.50	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>11.53</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>17.06</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>73</b>





## 2016 INDIVIDUAL STATS

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Palmer, Raymond	4	104	26.00	0	83
Moore, Kenny	5	87	17.40	0	29
Roe, Brandon	5	64	12.80	0	24
Etta-Tawo, Egim	2	51	25.50	1	45
Taylor, Donte	1	22	22.00	0	22
Robinson, Dante	2	17	8.50	0	15
Demby, Jeray	1	16	16.00	0	16
Brown, Donatello	2	4	2.00	0	4
Johnson, Andre	2	0	0.00	0	0
Murphy, Larry	1	0	0.00	0	0
Simpkins, Jamar	1	0	0.00	0	0
Carrol, Selwyn	1	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>13.52</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>9.40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Demby, Jeray	21	440	20.95	0	33
Simon, Gary	6	149	24.83	0	62
Patterson, Quahlin	4	73	18.25	0	27
Fason, Maurice	1	23	23.00	0	23
Wright, Thomas	1	22	22.00	0	22
Dennis, Tahj	2	17	8.50	0	15
Roe, Brandon	1	16	16.00	0	16
Taylor, Donte	2	16	8.00	0	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>19.89</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1118</b>	<b>17.75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Roe, Brandon	1	13.0	13.0	0	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

----- PATs -----									
SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rev	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts
Gray, Andrew	0	14	45	0	0		0	0	87
Hollingshed, Cedric	8	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Howard, Xay	6	0	0	0	0		0	0	36
Baldner, Dallas	6	0	0	0	0		0	0	36
Strange, Damien	5	0	0	0	0		0	0	30
Fortson, Joe	4	0	0	0	0		0	0	24
Rivers, Roland	3	0	0	0	0		0	0	18
Ingram, Anthony	3	0	0	0	0		0	0	18
Denmark, Stephen	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	12
Germany, Jordan	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	12
Bolden, Donovan	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	12
Simon, Gary	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	12
Brown, Donatello	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	6
Etta-Tawo, Egim	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	6
Roe, Brandon	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	6
Patterson, Quahlin	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	6
Simpkins, Jamar	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	6
Williams, Johnny	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>381</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>268</b>

ALL-PURPOSE YDS	G	Plays	Rush	PR	KR	Total	Avg/G
Cedric Hollingshed	9	476	196	0	0	672	74.7
Xay Howard	11	0	669	0	0	669	60.8
Dallas Baldner	11	0	598	26	0	624	56.7
Gary Simon	10	0	0	408	149	557	55.7
Damien Strange	10	0	524	0	0	524	52.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1279</b>	<b>3427</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>6265</b>	<b>569.5</b>

FIELD GOALS	FG-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Andrew Gray	14-21	0.7	0	6	8	7	0	44	0
Logan Roberts	0-1	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	21	0
Jacob Chesser	0-1	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	34	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14-23</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>

FG SEQUENCE	Valdosta State	OPPONENTS
Albany State	21, (43)	0
North Alabama	(25), (35), (30), 37, (30)	(49)
West Florida	0	35
Kentucky State	(43), 33, (22)	(25)
West Georgia	31, (43)	0
Mississippi College	39, 44	0
Delta State	44	22
Florida Tech	(36), (23)	29, (23)
West Alabama	34, (22)	(18)
Shorter	(20), (25), (44)	0
UNC Pembroke	0	(28)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
Wilson, Gavin	63	2236	35.49	58	1	21	18	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2273</b>	<b>34.97</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3112</b>	<b>39.39</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
Gray, Andrew	71	4151	58.5	6	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>4309</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2908</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

**2016 INDIVIDUAL STATS**

DEFENSE	GP	Solo	Asst	Total	TFL	Yards	Sacks	YDSInt	BU
Moore, Kenny	11	45	20	65	6.5	11	1.0	2	5
Roe, Brandon	11	36	20	56	0.5	0	0	0	5
Etta-Tawo, Egim	11	25	27	52	7.5	51	2.5	29	2
Robinson, Dante	11	25	18	43	3.5	18	2.0	16	2
Simpkins, Jamar	11	21	19	40	7.5	34	4.5	28	1
Dixon, Justin	11	22	12	34	5.5	18	1.5	7	0
Slater, Malik	11	15	17	32	0.5	0	0	0	0
Fason, Maurice	11	23	6	29	5.0	22	2.0	15	0
Wright, Thomas	11	16	11	27	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer, Raymond	11	20	6	26	5.0	8	0	0	4
Carrol, Selwyn	11	16	9	25	5.5	32	3.5	26	1
Murphy, Larry	11	20	4	24	3.0	10	0	0	1
Johnson, Andre	11	16	6	22	0	0	0	0	2
Ivey, Gaughf	11	16	6	22	1.0	2	0	0	0
Marvin, John	10	14	3	17	1.0	1	0	0	0
Mozone, Joseph	11	8	8	16	2.5	5	0	0	0
Pryor, Henry	8	10	6	16	2.5	2	0	0	0
Ervilus, Guito	11	10	5	15	3.5	16	1.5	10	0
Taylor, Donte	6	8	5	13	0	0	0	0	1
Brown, Donatello	11	9	2	11	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	11	446	241	687	73.0	267	24.0	148	27
Opponents	11	496	252	748	73.0	317	28.0	204	15

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg	TD	Long
Palmer, Raymond	4	104	26.00	0	83
Moore, Kenny	5	87	17.40	0	29
Roe, Brandon	5	64	12.80	0	24
Etta-Tawo, Egim	2	51	25.50	1	45
Taylor, Donte	1	22	22.00	0	22
Robinson, Dante	2	17	8.50	0	15
Demby, Jeray	1	16	16.00	0	16
Brown, Donatello	2	4	2.00	0	4
Johnson, Andre	2	0	0.00	0	0
Murphy, Larry	1	0	0.00	0	0
Simpkins, Jamar	1	0	0.00	0	0
Carrol, Selwyn	1	0	0.00	0	0
TOTAL	27	365	13.52	1	83
Opponents	15	141	9.40	0	46

**VSU IN THE NCAA/****GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE STATISTICS**

Team	NCAA	GSC	STAT
Rushing Offense	131st	7th	116.4
Passing Offense	8th	1st	311.5
Passing Efficiency	103rd	7th	121.9
Total Offense	53rd	4th	427.8
Scoring Offense	45th	5th	34.6
Rushing Defense	95th	6th	160.8
Passing Defense	95th	3rd	196.5
Passing Efficiency Defense	5th	2nd	96.2
Total Defense	56th	4th	357.4
Scoring Defense	53rd	4th	24.4
Net Punting	149th	8th	30.2
Punt Returns	47th	4th	13.1
Kickoff Returns	98th	6th	19.9
Turnover Margin	14th	1st	0.83
Sacks	61st	5th	2.36
Sacks Allowed	130th	7th	2.81
Third Down Conversions	78th	4th	(72-of-184) 39.1 pct
Third Down Conversion Defense	3rd	1st	(40-of-159) 25.2 pct
Fourth Down Conversions	15th	1st	(13-of-20) 65.0 pct
Fourth Down Conversion Defense	122nd	7th	(9-of-17) 52.9 pct
Red Zone Offense	55th	5th	81.7 pct
Red Zone Defense	95th	6th	77.7 pct
First Down Offense	31st	1st	24.2 per game
First Down Defense	50th	1st	16.2 per game
Time of Possession	35th	2nd	30:58

**BLAZERS IN THE NCAA STATISTICS**

Individual	100 ranked
All-Purpose Yards	none within top 100
Completion Percentage	Adam Robles 95th / 54.9 pct
Completions per Game	Adam Robles 58th / 17.3 per game
Forced Fumbles	none within top 100
Fumbles Recovered	Brandon Roe Tied for 41st / 2
Interceptions	Brandon Roe / Kenny Moore 29th / 0.5 per game
	Raymond Palmer Tied for 64th / 0.4 per game
Kickoff Returns	none within top 100
Passing Touchdowns	Adam Robles 70th / 18
Passing Yards Per Game	Adam Robles 85th / 2.053
Punt Returns	Gary Simon 14th / 13.6
Punting	none within top 100
Receiving Touchdowns	none within top 100
Receiving Yards	none within top 100
Receiving Yards/Game	none within top 100
Receptions Per Game	none within top 100
Rushing Yards	none within top 100
Rushing Yards Per Game	none within top 100
Scoring	Andrew Gray 49th / 7.9 per game
Total Offense	Adam Robles 90th / 203.1 yards per game
Total Tackles	none within top 100





## 2016 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	GP	-----Tackles-----			TFL-Yds	-Sacks-	-----Pass Def-----			--Fumbles--		Blkd Kick	Saf
		Solo	Ast	Total		No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rev-Yds	FF		
Moore, Kenny	11	45	20	65	6.5-11	1.0-2	5-87	8	0	0-0	0	0	0
Roe, Brandon	11	36	20	56	0.5-0	0-0	5-64	3	0	2-13	1	0	0
Etta-Tawo, Egim	11	25	27	52	7.5-51	2.5-29	2-51	0	0	1-0	0	0	0
Robinson, Dante	11	25	18	43	3.5-18	2.0-16	2-17	1	1	0-0	0	0	0
Simpkins, Jamar	11	21	19	40	7.5-34	4.5-28	1-0	1	0	1-0	0	0	0
Dixon, Justin	11	22	12	34	5.5-18	1.5-7	0-0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Slater, Malik	11	15	17	32	0.5-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Fason, Maurice	11	23	6	29	5.0-22	2.0-15	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Wright, Thomas	11	16	11	27	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Palmer, Raymond	11	20	6	26	5.0-8	0-0	4-104	2	0	0-0	0	1	0
Carrol, Selwyn	11	16	9	25	5.5-32	3.5-26	1-0	1	0	0-0	0	1	0
Murphy, Larry	11	20	4	24	3.0-10	0-0	1-0	4	0	1-0	1	0	0
Johnson, Andre	11	16	6	22	0-0	0-0	2-0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ivey, Gaughf	11	16	6	22	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Marvin, John	10	14	3	17	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Mozone, Joseph	11	8	8	16	2.5-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Pryor, Henry	8	10	6	16	2.5-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ervilus, Guito	11	10	5	15	3.5-16	1.5-10	0-0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Taylor, Donte	6	8	5	13	0-0	0-0	1-22	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brown, Donatello	11	9	2	11	0-0	0-0	2-4	4	0	0-0	0	0	0
Watson, Mitch	9	8	3	11	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Stokes, Jeffrey	10	7	3	10	5.0-12	3.0-7	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Williams, Alex	10	8	1	9	4.5-21	2.0-7	0-0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Demby, Jeray	11	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	1-16	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ealy, Josh	7	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0	0	0	0
Brock, Alex	7	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0	1	0	0
Mydell, Dalton	6	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Spence, Stewart	7	2	2	4	0.5-1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Richards, Kahari	2	2	2	4	0.5-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Denmark, Stephen	11	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Wildes, Brent	8	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Fletcher, Willie	7	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jegade, Iseoluwapo	7	2	1	3	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brown, Alex	5	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Germany, Jordan	11	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Johnson, Kenneth	2	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Sheppard, Malik	3	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Thomas, Leafus	2	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	446	241	687	73.0-267	24.0-148	27-365	39	1	7-13	3	2	0
Opponents	11	496	252	748	73.0-317	28.0-204	15-141	54	15	9-28	6	3	0



Team	Valdosta State High	Valdosta State Low	Opponent High	Opponent Low
Points	56 vs. Delta State (Oct. 22)	16 vs. Albany State (Sep. 3)	44 by North Alabama (Sep. 17)	0 by Shorter (Nov. 12)
Points/Half	28 (1st and 2nd) vs. DSU (Oct. 22)	0 (1st) vs. Albany State (Sep. 3)	30 (1st) by North Ala. (Sep. 17)	0 two times
Points/Quarter	28 (4th) vs. Delta State (Oct. 22)	0 nine times	23 (2nd) by North Ala. (Sep. 17)	0 fifteen times
First Downs	32 vs. Kentucky State (Oct. 1)	13 vs. Albany State (Sep. 3)	21 by West Florida (Sep. 24)	8 by Shorter (Nov. 12)
First Downs Rushing	15 vs. Shorter (Nov. 12)	2 vs. UNC-Pembroke (Nov. 18)	13 by Florida Tech (Oct. 29)	2 by West Florida (Sep. 24)
First Downs Passing	24 vs. Kentucky State (Oct. 1)	6 vs. Albany State (Sep. 3)	17 by West Florida (Sep. 24)	2 by Shorter (Nov. 12)
First Downs from Penalties	16 at North Alabama (Sep. 17)	4 vs. Albany State (Sep. 3)	14 vs. Delta State (Oct. 22)	2 two times
Net Yards Rushing	211 vs. Shorter (Nov. 12)	32 vs. UNC-Pembroke (Nov. 18)	345 by Florida Tech (Oct. 29)	-6 by West Florida (Sep. 24)
Rushing Attempts	45 vs. Delta State (Oct. 22)	18 vs. UNC-Pembroke (Nov. 18)	54 by Florida Tech (Oct. 29)	25 by West Georgia (Oct. 8)
Average per Rush	5.7 vs. Shorter (Nov. 12)	1.7 vs. UNC-Pembroke (Nov. 18)	7.3 by West Alabama (Nov. 5)	-0.2 by West Florida (Sep. 24)
Rushing Touchdowns	4 vs. West Florida (Sep. 24)	0 five times	4 three times	0 two times
Net Yards Passing	575 vs. Kentucky State (Oct. 1)	145 at West Georgia (Oct. 10)	385 by West Florida (Sep. 24)	22 by Shorter (Nov. 12)
Pass Completions	42 vs. Kentucky State (Oct. 1)	13 vs. Albany State (Sep. 3)	26 by Delta State (Oct. 22)	5 by Shorter (Nov. 12)
Pass Attempts	67 vs. Kentucky State (Oct. 1)	32 vs. Albany State (Sep. 3)	58 by West Florida (Sep. 24)	19 three times
Passes Had Intercepted	4 vs. UNC-Pembroke (Nov. 18)	0 two times	5 two times	0 by Miss. College (Oct. 15)
Passing Touchdowns	6 vs. Kentucky State (Oct. 1)	0 at Florida Tech (Oct. 29)	3 by West Florida (Sep. 24)	0 three times
Total Offense	639 vs. Kentucky State (Oct. 1)	249 at Florida Tech (Oct. 29)	505 by Florida Tech (Oct. 29)	75 by Shorter (Nov. 12)
Total Offensive Plays	96 at West Alabama (Nov. 5)	61 vs. Albany State (Sep. 3)	88 by West Florida (Sep. 24)	54 by West Georgia (Oct. 8)
Average Gain per Play	7.0 vs. Kentucky State (Oct. 1)	3.8 vs. West Florida (Sep. 24)	6.7 by Florida Tech (Oct. 29)	1.3 by Shorter (Nov. 12)
Fumbles	4 at North Alabama (Sep. 17)	0 four times	3 two times	0 three times
Fumbles Lost	2 two times	0 six times	3 by West Alabama (Nov. 5)	0 seven times
Penalties	16 at North Alabama (Sep. 17)	4 vs. Albany State (Sep. 3)	14 by Delta State (Oct. 22)	2 two times
Penalty Yardage	151 at North Alabama (Sep. 17)	36 vs. Miss. College (Oct. 15)	152 Delta State (Oct. 22)	10 by Miss. College (Oct. 15)
Punts	12 vs. West Florida (Sep. 24)	1 two times	11 by Kentucky State (Oct. 1)	1 by North Alabama (Sep. 17)
Punting Average	48.0 vs. Shorter (Nov. 12)	7.3 at North Alabama (Sep. 17)	45.3 by West Georgia (Oct. 8)	4.0 by North Alabama (Sep. 17)
Average Yards/Punt Return	62.0 at West Alabama (Nov. 5)	-6 vs. West Georgia (Oct. 8)	25.0 by West Florida (Sep. 24)	3.0 by Florida Tech (Oct. 29)
Average Yards/Kickoff Return	26.3 at North Alabama (Sep. 17)	15.4 vs. West Florida (Sep. 24)	23.6 UNC-Pembroke (Nov. 18)	11.8 by Miss. College (Oct. 15)
Interceptions	5 two times	0 at Mississippi College (Oct. 15)	4 by UNC-Pembroke (Nov. 18)	0 two times
Possession Time	38:30 at West Alabama (Nov. 5)	21:48 at Florida Tech (Oct. 29)	35:43 by Florida Tech (Oct. 25)	21:30 by West Ala. (Nov. 5)
Sacks	5.0 two times	0 at Florida Tech (Oct. 29)	6 by West Florida (Sep. 24)	0 by West Georgia (Oct. 8)
Field Goals	4 at North Alabama (Sep. 17)	0 four times	1 five times	0 six times

Category	Valdosta State	Opponent
Yards Rushing	86 C. Hollingshed vs West Georgia (Oct 08, 2016)	28 Antwuan Haynes, at Florida Tech (Oct 29, 2016)
TD Rushes	2 C. Hollingshed vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016) 2 C. Hollingshed vs Delta State (Oct 22, 2016)	97 Antwuan Haynes, at Florida Tech (Oct 29, 2016) 3 Chris Robinson, vs Delta State (Oct 22, 2016)
Long Rush	29 Roland Rivers at North Alabama (Sep 17, 2016)	
Pass attempts	56 Adam Robles at West Alabama (Nov 05, 2016)	81 Caleb Edmonds, vs Albany State (Sep 03, 2016)
Pass completions	34 Adam Robles at West Alabama (Nov 05, 2016)	52 K. Nobles, vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016) 21 K. Nobles, vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016)
Yards Passing	401 Adam Robles vs Kentucky State (Oct 01, 2016)	21 Austin Grammer, at West Alabama (Nov 05, 2016)
TD Passes	5 Roland Rivers at Mississippi College (Oct 15, 2016)	323 K. Nobles, vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016)
Long Pass	78 Adam Robles vs Shorter (Nov 12, 2016)	2 K. Nobles, vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016)
Receptions	10 Xay Howard vs Kentucky State (Oct 01, 2016)	81 Mark Cato, at Florida Tech (Oct 29, 2016)
Yards Receiving	153 Xay Howard vs Kentucky State (Oct 01, 2016)	10 I. Morrow, vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016)
TD Receptions	3 Damien Strange vs West Georgia (Oct 08, 2016)	156 I. Morrow, vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016) 1 Jacob Thomas, at North Alabama (Sep 17, 2016) 1 A. Hasic, vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016)
Long Reception	78 Xay Howard vs Shorter (Nov 12, 2016)	1 Ant. Griffin, vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016)
Field Goals	4 Andrew Gray at North Alabama (Sep 17, 2016)	81 Wayne Saunders, at Florida Tech (Oct 29, 2016)
Long Field Goal	44 Andrew Gray vs Shorter (Nov 12, 2016)	1 Five times
Punts	12 Gavin Wilson vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016)	49 Kevin Henke, at North Alabama (Sep 17, 2016)
Punting Avg	48.0 Gavin Wilson vs Shorter (Nov 12, 2016)	11 WARREN, vs Kentucky State (Oct 01, 2016)
Long Punt	58 Gavin Wilson vs Albany State (Sep 03, 2016)	45.3 Jordan Ikner, vs West Georgia (Oct 08, 2016)
Punts inside 20	4 Gavin Wilson vs Albany State (Sep 03, 2016) 4 Gavin Wilson vs UNCP (Nov 18, 2016)	66 M. Turcotte, at Mississippi College (Oct 15, 2016) 2 Four times - last David Thompson, vs. Shorter (Nov 12, 2016)
Long Punt Return	70 Gary Simon vs Delta State (Oct 22, 2016)	
Long Kickoff Return	62 Gary Simon at Florida Tech (Oct 29, 2016)	73 Marcel Newson, at Mississippi College (Oct 15, 2016)
Tackles	9.0 Brandon Roe at West Alabama (Nov 05, 2016) 9.0 Kenny Moore vs UNCP (Nov 18, 2016)	39 Two times - last Tra Chandler, vs UNCP (Nov 18, 2016) 13.0 Willy Dorcin, vs Shorter (Nov 12, 2016)
Sacks	2.0 Alex Williams vs Albany State (Sep 03, 2016) 2.0 Maurice Fason vs Delta State (Oct 22, 2016)	2.0 Three times - last A. Duncombe, vs UWF (Sep 24, 2016)
Tackles For Loss	3.0 Maurice Fason vs Delta State (Oct 22, 2016)	
Interceptions	2 Dante Robinson vs Albany State (Sep 03, 2016) 2 Raymond Palmer vs West Georgia (Oct 08, 2016) 2 Brandon Roe vs UNCP (Nov 18, 2016) 2 Kenny Moore vs UNCP (Nov 18, 2016)	3.0 Two times - last Julian Charles, at Mississippi College (Oct 15, 2016) Interceptions 2 T. Rosenblatt, at Florida Tech (Oct 29, 2016) 2 Matthew Thomas-, vs UNCP (Nov 18, 2016)





## 2016 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	Conference					Overall					Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	For	Opp				
North Alabama	7	0	1.000	300	78	11	2	0.846	469	189				L1
Valdosta State	6	2	0.750	296	227	8	3	0.727	381	268				L1
West Alabama	6	2	0.750	285	228	7	4	0.636	388	289				W1
Florida Tech	5	2	0.714	280	144	8	3	0.727	411	220				L1
West Georgia	4	4	0.500	256	185	7	4	0.636	335	211				W1
West Florida	3	5	0.375	223	324	5	6	0.455	341	390				L3
Delta State **	3	5	0.375	291	324	4	6	0.400	369	393				L3
Mississippi College	1	7	0.125	175	297	3	7	0.300	230	339				L1
Shorter	0	8	0.000	35	331	0	11	0.000	79	452				L11

\*\*Delta State will officially be credited with a record of 2-8 (1-7 GSC) due to NCAA violations in 2016

## 2016 BLAZER HONORS

### HERO Sports All-America

Kenny Moore, Defensive Back  
(1st)

### AFCA All-America

Kenny Moore, Defensive Back  
(1st)

### D2CCA All-Super Region 2

Brandon Kemp, Offensive Line  
(1st)

Kenny Moore, Defensive Back  
(2nd)

### All-Gulf South Conference

Donatello Brown, Defensive Back  
(1st Team)

Brandon Kemp, Offensive Line  
(1st Team)

Kenny Moore, Defensive Back  
(2nd Team)

Jamar Simpkins, Defensive End  
(2nd Team)

### GSC All-Academic Team

Dallas Baldner, Wide Receiver  
Adam Robles, Quarterback  
Gavin Wilson, Punter  
Kenny Moore, Defensive Back  
Thomas Wright, Linebacker

### GSC Academic Honor Roll

Josh Adams  
Dallas Baldner  
Alex Brown  
Jacob Chesser  
Jegede Iseoluwapo  
Mitchell Kamm  
Jeremy King  
Charlie Massey  
David May  
Marik Merine  
Kenny Moore  
Trenton Pruett  
Adam Robles  
Malik Sheppard  
TJ Skelton  
Stewart Spence  
Nick Utley  
Gavin Wilson  
Thomas Wright

### GSC Offensive Player of the Week

Adam Robles, Quarterback, Nov. 7

### GSC Defensive Player of the Week

Dante Robinson, Linebacker,  
Sep. 5

### GSC Special Teams

#### Player of the Week

Gary Simon, Wide Receiver,  
Oct. 24

### GSC Freshman of the Week

Cedric Hollingshed, Running Back  
Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Nov. 7

## 2016 AFCA TOP 25

1. Northwest Missouri St.
2. North Alabama
3. Shepherd (W. Va.)
4. Grand Valley St. (Mich.)
5. Ferris St. (Mich.)
6. Harding (Ark.)
7. California (Pa.)
8. Sioux Falls (S.D.)
9. Texas A&M-Commerce
10. Emporia St. (Kan.)
11. LIU-Post
12. Indiana (Pa.)
13. North Carolina-Pembroke
14. Minnesota-Duluth
15. Colorado School of Mines
16. Newberry (S.C.)
17. North Greenville (S.C.)
18. Valdosta St. (Ga.)
19. Ashland (Ohio)
20. Tuskegee (Ala.)
21. Central Missouri
22. Southwest Baptist (Mo.)
23. Fairmont St. (W. Va.)
24. Midwestern St. (Texas)
25. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)

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10. IUP
11. Minnesota Duluth
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13. LIU-Post
14. Ferris State
15. Ashland
16. Valdosta State
17. UNC-Pembroke
18. Midwestern State
19. Southwest Baptist
20. Florida Tech
21. Colorado Mines
22. Azusa Pacific
23. Newberry
24. Fairmont State
25. Colorado Mesa

