

VALDOSTA STATE

BLAZER BASKETBALL



2016-17 GAME NOTES



TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 28TH • 8:00 PM
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VS.



VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS

RECORD: 24-4, 19-3 GSC

HEAD COACH: Mike Helfer

YEAR AT VSU: 12th

RECORD AT VSU: 225-123, 106-84

LAST FIVE GAMES: 5-0

NORTH ALABAMA LIONS

RECORD: 14-14, 9-13 GSC

HEAD COACH: Bobby Champagne

YEAR AT UNA: 14th

LAST FIVE GAMES: 2-3

VSU ALL-TIME VS. UNA: 35-39



VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS (24-4, 19-3 GSC)

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
0	Damian Young	G	6-4	204	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Miss. Valley State Univer.
1	Marquise Simuels	F	6-6	230	Sr.	Columbia, SC / Spartanburg Methodist College
2	Jake Elliott	G	6-0	160	R-Fr.	Broxton, Ga. / Georgia Christian HS
3	Josh Lemons	G	6-1	175	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Toledo University
5	Jeremiah Hill	G	6-2	170	Sr.	Savannah, Ga. / Savannah State
11	Tim Dal Bon	G	5-11	175	Jr.	Cape Coral, Fla. / Tallahassee CC
12	Beau Justice	G	6-2	175	So.	Peebles, Ohio / West Liberty State University
15	Saadig Muhammad	F	6-7	220	Sr.	Savannah, Ga. / Savannah State University
21	Kody Morales	G	6-2	175	Sr.	Savannah, Ga. / Richmond Hill HS
22	Max Harris	F	6-5	190	So.	Titusville, Fla. / Ave Maria University
23	Jimmy Kodet	F	6-7	208	Jr.	Williamston, Mich. / Lansing CC
24	Justin Simon	F	6-6	230	Sr.	Aliceville, Ala. / Shelton State CC
32	Carlos Beverly	F	6-7	202	Jr.	Valdosta, Ga. / Albany Tech.
34	Justin McBride	F	6-11	350	Sr.	Starke, Fla. / University of Central Florida

Head Coach: Mike Helfer (12th Year)

Assistant Coach: Jason Mays (2nd Year)

Graduate Assistant Coaches: Gabe Frisbie, Blake Justice



NORTH ALABAMA LIONS (14-14, 9-13 GSC)

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Austin Patterson	G	5-10	170	Fr.	Birmingham, Alabama / Homewood HS
3	Jeff Hodge	G	5-11	170	Jr.	Birmingham, Alabama / Center Point HS
4	Johnell Ginnie	G/F	6-5	210	Jr.	Jacksonville, Florida / Pensacola State Coll.
10	Carter Sweat	G	6-4	170	So.	Piperton, Tennessee / Itawamba CC
11	Dimario Jackson	G	6-0	160	Sr.	Addis, Louisiana / Northeast Mississippi CC
13	Myrek Lee-Fowlkes	G/F	6-4	215	So.	Baltimore, Maryland / Garden City CC
14	Dakota Holtzclaw	G/F	6-6	215	So.	Cumming, Georgia / North Forsyth HS
20	Austin Timms	G/F	6-7	195	Sr.	Mooreville, Mississippi / Itawamba CC
21	Sam Griffin	G	5-10	150	Fr.	Tusculumbia, Alabama / Christian School
22	Tavaras Tolliver	G	5-10	150	So.	Scottsboro, Alabama / Scottsboro HS
23	EJ Card	G	6-3	150	Fr.	Montgomery, Alabama / St. James HS
24	DeAndre McKinnie	G	6-3	175	Sr.	Bolivar, Tennessee / Southwest Tennessee CC
30	Luke Scott	G	6-0	150	Fr.	Summertown, Tennessee / Summertown HS
31	Chandler Boy	G	6-3	175	Fr.	Decatur, Alabama / Decatur HS
32	Damon Ottman	F	6-8	205	So.	Macon, Georgia / Troy
35	Sharwyn McGee	F/C	6-5	225	Jr.	Greensboro, North Carolina / Northwest Mississippi CC
42	Timothy Benton	G	6-5	165	So.	Hubbertville, Alabama / Hubbertville HS

Head Coach: Bobby Champagne

Graduate Assistant Coach: Daniel Williams

Assistant Coach: Eddie McCarter

**VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS SEASON STATISTICS****Overall: 24-4 Conf: 19-3 Home: 12-1 Away: 10-3 Neutral: 2-0**

#	PLAYER	-MINUTES-		-TOTAL-		-3-PTS-		-F-THROWS-		-REBOUNDS-		-SCORING-				
		GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A-AVG	PTS-AVG
05	Hill, Jeremiah	28-28	932-33.3	180-414	.435	69-200	.345	108-143	.755	29	119	148	5.3	57	110-3.9	67 54 11 537-19.2
12	Justice, Beau	28-28	926-33.1	138-299	.462	73-181	.403	46-55	.836	20	57	77	2.8	59	51-1.8	41 22 4 395-14.1
15	Muhammad, Saadiq	28-28	780-27.9	139-227	.612	0-0	.000	78-115	.678	68	124	192	6.9	80	20-0.7	50 14 23 356-12.7
00	Young, Damian	28-5	540-19.3	120-270	.444	44-118	.373	30-37	.811	36	48	84	3.0	62	34-1.2	57 37 13 314-11.2
03	Lemons, Josh	26-26	823-31.7	96-199	.482	20-55	.364	76-97	.784	33	89	122	4.7	73	92-3.5	53 39 10 288-11.1
24	Simon, Justin	22-20	541-24.6	52-93	.559	0-0	.000	49-73	.671	64	84	148	6.7	48	23-1.0	21 8 10 153-7.0
23	Kodet, Jimmy	28-0	364-13.0	60-124	.484	21-61	.344	8-12	.667	25	82	107	3.8	39	6-0.2	14 6 24 149-5.3
01	Simuels, Marquise	24-0	278-11.6	34-65	.523	1-4	.250	16-30	.533	33	33	66	2.8	42	12-0.5	20 11 4 85-3.5
32	Beverly, Carlos	26-0	241-9.3	30-48	.625	0-0	.000	9-24	.375	23	45	68	2.6	54	5-0.2	19 4 2 69-2.7
11	Dal Bon, Tim	24-0	154-6.4	10-29	.345	5-18	.278	5-7	.714	4	15	19	0.8	23	21-0.9	6 5 0 30-1.3
02	Elliott, Jake	5-0	16-3.2	2-4	.500	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	1	1-0.2	3 1 0 6-1.2
21	Morales, Kody	3-0	9-3.0	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	2	1-0.3	0 0 0 3-1.0
Total		28	5750	885-1833	.483	247-670	.369	437-605	.722	390	755	1145	40.9	549	391-14.0	384 207 101 454-87.64
Opponents			5750	759-1714	.443	196-618	.317	452-643	.703	306	655	961	34.3	542	307-11.0	408 177 104 2166-77.36

**NORTH ALABAMA LIONS SEASON STATISTICS****Overall: 14-14 Conf: 9-13 Home: 9-8 Away: 5-6 Neutral: 0-0**

#	PLAYER	-MINUTES-		-TOTAL-		-3-PTS-		-F-THROWS-		-REBOUNDS-		-SCORING-				
		GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A-AVG	PTS-AVG
11	Jackson, Dimario	28-28	959-34.3	144-345	.417	40-113	.354	121-139	.871	11	88	99	3.5	66	102-3.6	53 39 1 449-16.0
20	Timms, Austin	28-28	833-29.8	128-264	.485	14-51	.275	58-94	.617	84	146	230	8.2	86	39-1.4	51 52 12 328-11.7
22	Tolliver, Tavaras	28-18	685-24.5	104-239	.435	15-54	.278	60-83	.723	30	98	128	4.6	68	67-2.4	49 31 3 283-10.1
03	Hodge, Jeff	28-26	783-28.0	71-186	.382	35-97	.361	76-100	.760	23	40	63	2.3	46	46-1.6	31 25 1 253-9.0
04	Ginnie, Johnell	28-14	608-21.7	91-191	.476	18-48	.375	53-77	.688	44	75	119	4.3	44	15-0.5	38 16 11 253-9.0
24	McKinnie, DeAndre	28-3	318-11.4	72-151	.477	35-93	.376	35-42	.833	8	35	43	1.5	41	8-0.3	12 9 0 214-7.6
35	McGee, Sharwyn	28-14	549-19.6	70-158	.443	0-0	.000	54-84	.643	60	95	155	5.5	91	7-0.3	37 10 13 194-6.9
13	Lee-Fowlkes, Myrek	28-8	569-20.3	56-168	.333	31-92	.337	36-63	.571	17	49	66	2.4	70	25-0.9	22 14 6 179-6.4
32	Ottman, Damion	14-0	166-11.9	19-47	.404	0-9	.000	17-31	.548	12	33	45	3.2	36	4-0.3	24 9 1 55-3.9
14	Holtzclaw, Dakota	25-1	154-6.2	16-54	.296	6-37	.162	5-8	.625	9	21	30	1.2	25	10-0.4	14 6 4 43-1.7
10	Sweat, Carter	7-0	23-3.3	3-9	.333	1-2	.500	3-4	.750	0	1	1	0.1	3	2-0.3	1 2 0 10-1.4
30	Scott, Luke	9-0	28-3.1	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	5-8	.625	0	2	2	0.2	5	1-0.1	2 1 0 5-0.6
Total		28	5675	774-1815	.426	195-597	.327	523-733	.714	350	724	1074	38.4	581	326-11.6	341 214 52 2266-80.93
Opponents			5675	787-1661	.474	233-628	.371	476-656	.726	259	815	1074	38.4	572	428-15.3	428 134 10 2283-81.54

PROJECTED BLAZER STARTERS

#3 JOSH LEMONS

#5 JEREMIAH HILL

#15 BEAU JUSTICE

#15 SAADIQ MUHAMMAD

#24 JUSTIN SIMON

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QUICK NOTES:

- Valdosta State cleaned house in the All-GSC award department on Monday. Jeremiah Hill was named GSC Player of the Year and First Team All-GSC, while Saadiq Muhammad secured Second Team honors. The Blazers, who were picked to finish seventh at the beginning of the season, finished in first place and Head Coach Mike Helfer became just the fifth coach to ever win three GSC Coach of the Year honors.
- The Blazers have moved up to No. 20 in the most recent release of the NABC polls. The ranking marks the highest in a season for Valdosta State since January of 2011, when the team spent one week in the polls at No. 24.
- Head Coach Mike Helfer picked up the 400th win of his collegiate coaching career with a win over Delta State on January 19th. In addition, the veteran's double-overtime victory over Mississippi College on the road on February 2nd marked Helfer's 100th career GSC victory.
- Tonight's matchup marks the 75th all-time between North Alabama and Valdosta State. The Lions hold the advantage in the all-time series with 39 wins against 35 losses. The two teams last faced each other on February 18th, when the VSU's Josh Lemons hit a game-saving layup and added two free throws in the final six seconds of regulation to help the Blazers secure a 77-74 victory. VSU has won both matchups against the Lions this season.

PRONUNCIATION KEY:

- #1 Marquise Simuels Mar-KWEESE
 #15 Saadiq Muhammad Suh-DEEK
 #21 Kody Morales More-AL-ess



STANDINGS

Team	GSC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
VSU* ^A	19-3	0.864	24-4	0.857
UAH* ^A	17-5	0.773	21-7	0.750
DSU* ^A	16-6	0.727	21-7	0.750
UWF*	14-8	0.636	20-8	0.714
CBU* ^A	14-8	0.636	17-11	0.607
SU*	11-11	0.500	17-11	0.607
UNA*	9-13	0.409	14-14	0.500
UU*	9-13	0.409	14-14	0.500
LU	7-15	0.318	11-17	0.393
UWG	7-15	0.318	10-18	0.357
UWA	5-17	0.227	10-18	0.357
MC	4-18	0.182	7-19	0.269

*Climbed a GSC Tournament berth

^A Climbed a GSC Quarterfinal home game

Valdosta State Blazer Quick Facts

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name	Valdosta State University
Location	Valdosta, Ga.
Founded	1906
Enrollment	12,300
Nickname	Blazers
School Colors	Red and Black
Home Arena	The Complex
Capacity	5,300
Affiliation	NCAA Division II
Conference	Gulf South
University President	Dr. Richard Carvajal
Athletic Director	Herb Reinhard

PROGRAM INFORMATION

First Year of Basketball	1954
All-Time Record	992-636
All-Time Gulf South Conference Record	272-232
GSC Tournament Record	8-10

2015-16 FINISH

Overall Record	17-11
Home Record	11-4
Away Record	6-6
Neutral Record	0-1
Gulf South Conference Record	13-9
GSC Finish	6th
Letterwinners R/L	4/3
Starters Returning/Lost	3/2
Newcomers	9

BLAZER STAFF

Head Coach	Mike Helfer (12th Year)
Assistant Coach	Jason Mays (2nd Year)
Graduate Assistant Coach	Gabe Frisbie (2nd Year)
Graduate Assistant Coach	Blake Justice (1st Year)
Student Assistant... Dee Frazier, Jeremy Fowler, Bryceland Brown	
Men's BBA Athletic Trainer	Maci Fox
Alma Mater	Lee
Strength/Conditioning Coach	Gabby Felps

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**BLAZERS'
RECORD WHEN:**

Overall.....	24-4
GSC.....	19-3
Non-Conference.....	5-1
Home.....	12-1
Road.....	10-3
Neutral.....	2-0
In November.....	4-1
In December.....	4-1
In January.....	9-1
In February.....	7-1
In March.....	0-0
Day games.....	11-2
Night games.....	12-2
Ahead at halftime.....	21-2
Trailing at halftime.....	3-2
Tied at halftime.....	0-0
In Overtime.....	4-0
Games by 5 or less.....	5-0
Games by 6-10 points.....	4-3
Games by 11-15 points.....	5-1
Games by 16-20 points.....	4-0
Games by 20+ points.....	6-0
VSU scores 75+ points.....	22-2
VSU scores under 75 points.....	2-2
VSU makes more FG.....	21-0
Opponent makes more FG.....	2-3
Tied in FG.....	1-1
VSU has a better FG percentage.....	20-0
Opponent has a better FG pct.....	4-4
Tied in FG percentage.....	0-0
Shooting 40% or better.....	24-2
Shooting less than 40 %.....	0-2
VSU makes more 3FG.....	15-2
Opponent makes more 3FG.....	6-2
Tied in made 3FG.....	3-0
VSU has a better 3FG percentage.....	16-0
Opponent has a better 3FG pct.....	7-4
Tied in 3FG percentage.....	1-0
VSU attempts more free throws.....	11-1
Opponent attempts more free throws.....	13-3
Tied in free throw attempts.....	0-0
VSU makes more free throws.....	12-1
Opponent makes more free throws.....	10-3
Tied in made free throws.....	2-0
VSU shoots better than 70 pct. FT.....	15-1
VSU shoots less than 70 pct. FT.....	9-3
VSU shoots 70 percent FT.....	0-0
Opp. shoots better than 70 pct. FT.....	11-2
Opp. shoots less than 70 pct. FT.....	11-2
Opp. shoots 70 pct. FT.....	2-0
VSU has more rebounds.....	19-2
Opponent has more rebounds.....	2-2
Tied in rebounds.....	3-0
VSU has more defensive rebounds.....	17-0
Opponent has more def. rebounds.....	5-4
Tied in defensive rebounds.....	2-0
VSU has more offensive rebounds.....	18-3
Opponent has more off. rebounds.....	6-0
Tied in offensive rebounds.....	0-1
VSU has more assists.....	16-2
Opponent has more assists.....	7-2
Tied in assists.....	1-0
VSU has more turnovers.....	11-2
Opponent has more turnovers.....	11-2
Tied in turnovers.....	2-0
VSU has more blocks.....	13-0
Opponent has more blocks.....	7-3
Tied in blocks.....	4-1
VSU has more steals.....	10-2
Opponent has more steals.....	8-2
Tied in steals.....	6-0

2016-17 SCHEDULE**NOVEMBER**

3	Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.	L, 76-104
11	Fort Valley State	Fort Valley, Ga.	W, 85-72
12	Albany State	Fort Valley, Ga.	W, 88-80
21	SOUTHEASTERN	THE COMPLEX	W, 111-83
26	Lynn	West Palm Beach, Fla.	W, 101-93
27	Palm Beach Atlantic	West Palm Beach, Fla.	L, 86-95

DECEMBER

1	ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC	THE COMPLEX	W, 95-72
12	West Florida*	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 92-89 2OT
15	Christian Brothers*	Memphis, Tenn.	L, 77-85
17	Union*	Jackson, Tenn.	W, 96-72
31	NORTH ALABAMA*	THE COMPLEX	W, 99-82

JANUARY

2	ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE*	THE COMPLEX	L, 72-82
7	Lee*	Cleveland, Tenn.	W, 76-72
9	Shorter*	Rome, Ga.	W, 93-76
12	West Georgia*	Carrollton, Ga.	W, 79-70
14	WEST ALABAMA*	THE COMPLEX	W, 74-53
19	DELTA STATE*	THE COMPLEX.	W, 79-62
21	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE*^	THE COMPLEX	W, 103-79
23	WEST FLORIDA*	THE COMPLEX	W, 89-82
26	WEST GEORGIA*	THE COMPLEX	W, 107-77
28	West Alabama*	Livingston, Ala.	W, 73-61

FEBRUARY

2	Mississippi College*	Jackson, Miss.	W, 100-98 2OT
4	Delta State*	Cleveland, Miss.	L, 58-72
9	UNION*^	THE COMPLEX	W, 89-75 OT
11	CHRISTIAN BROTHERS*	THE COMPLEX	W, 79-65
16	Alabama-Huntsville*	Huntsville, Ga.	W, 84-81
18	North Alabama*	Florence, Ala.	W, 77-74
23	SHORTER*	THE COMPLEX	W, 109-92
25	LEE*	THE COMPLEX	W, 83-72

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINAL ROUND

28	UNION* / NORTH ALABAMA*	THE COMPLEX	8:00 P.M.
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* - Gulf South Conference Match

^ - Hall of Fame Weekend

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HEAD COACH MIKE HELFER

**12TH SEASON
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Entering his 12th year with Valdosta State, Mike Helfer has established himself as one of the top coaches in the nation. After all, in his first 11 years, he has compiled a 201-119 record, including winning seasons in nine of his 11 years, and repeatedly established his program as one of the most exciting teams in the Gulf South Conference, South Region, and nationwide.

The Blazers returned to form in 2015-16 with a 17-11 overall record and a 13-9 conference record. The season included a slew of near-misses, as VSU took teams into overtime seven times and fell in five of those hard-fought contests. Valdosta State's run last season led to a return to the Gulf South Conference Tournament, marking Helfer's 10th appearance in the playoffs as a head coach at VSU.

Helfer's plan for the Valdosta State program nearly reached its pinnacle in 2009-10 as his team advanced further than any squad in school history. En route to advancing to the national quarterfinals, Helfer directed his team to a school record 28 victories, against just five defeats, and claimed a share of the program's second straight Gulf South Conference East Division title. The Blazers reached as high as No. 2 in the national polls during the year, the highest VSU has ever ranked nationally, and twice defeated the No. 1 team in the nation, the first incident coming in an 81-75 victory over Augusta State during the regular season and the second occurring when Valdosta State defeated Arkansas Tech 72-60 in the semifinals of the NCAA South Region Tournament. The 28 victories on the year marked the second-highest win total in a single season for Helfer in his 13-year coaching career.

Personal honors were handed out to various Blazers at the conclusion of the season, led by Tyrone Curnell who was named the Gulf South Conference and South Region Player of the Year while earning All-America honors for the second straight season. Helfer shared the GSC East Division Coach of the Year honors, earning the award for the second straight year. Ricardo Lewis was also honored by the Gulf South Conference as he joined Curnell on the first All-Conference squad.

The single season wins record was not the only Blazer school record to fall during the season as Valdosta State also established a new school mark for points in a season, finishing the year with 2,666 to surpass the old mark of 2,591 set during the 1967 season. The aggressive Blazers also established a new school mark of free throw attempts in a season, tallying 812 attempts on the year, while Curnell set the individual record in both free throws made and free throw attempts, connecting on 156-of-226 attempts on the season to best both old school marks by two. Valdosta State fell just one win shy of tying the school record for consecutive victories in a season as it went 15 games, a stretch that lasted from December 15 until February 18, without losing a contest.

The success of the 2009-10 season was not an overnight occurrence

as Helfer spent four years prior to that year establishing the Blazers as one of the top school in the NCAA Division II ranks. His first four years with Valdosta State saw his teams play in a pair of NCAA South Region Tournaments while the Blazers won the Gulf South Conference East Division title in 2008-09, just the third time in school history that the Blazers finished first in the league's division.

Helfer's ability to teach the game of basketball was never more evident than the 2008-09 season, when in addition to the GSC East Division title and a NCAA South Regional appearance, he led his squad to a 24-7 record, despite losing four starters from the previous year. The squad, which featured 10 new players, went 9-3 in conference play and advanced to the championship game of the league tournament. Helfer's direction helped several Blazers earn individual honors, led by Curnell, who earned All-America status from the National Association of Basketball Coaches while also being named to the All-Gulf South Conference squad. Curnell and Lewis each earned GSC All-Tournament honors during the season while Helfer was named the GSC East Division Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the season.

Helfer turned in perhaps his finest coaching performance the year after the magical 2009-10 season as he again directed his squad to a 20-win season, despite having to completely retol and reload his squad after massive losses from the previous year's team. The 2010-11 Valdosta State team lost nine out of the 12 players that led the team to the 2009-10 Elite Eight, which accounted for 78.3 percent of the team's scoring and 83.0 percent of its rebounding.

With an entirely new squad, Helfer led his squad to a 21-9 record and a second place finish in the GSC's East Division. Two Blazers, Kevin Harris and Christian Hunter, earned All-Gulf South Conference honors while the team tallied 277 three-pointers on the season, a new school record. The 21 victories gave Valdosta State its third straight season of 20 or more wins, marking just the second time in school history VSU accomplished that feat, with the other occurrence coming during between 1965 and 1968.

After going 11-16 in 2011-12, Helfer once again proved his ability as a team builder as he returned just one player for his 2012-13 squad. The job Helfer turned in during his seventh year was nothing short of masterful as he molded a collection of new players into a team that improved with each passing game. The 2012-13 Blazers finished the year with a 19-10 record, including a 9-9 mark in GSC play, but saved their best for last as they charged through the GSC Tournament, including an upset of sixth-ranked Alabama-Huntsville, before falling 65-62 to Christian Brothers in the Championship game.

Three Blazers earned All-Gulf South Conference honors at the end of the 2012-13 season, including Josh Sparks, who earned All-Region honors after setting a new VSU and GSC record with 100 blocks on the season. He was joined on the All-GSC team by guard Patrick Diop and forward James Anacreon.

Helfer inherited a team that averaged 68.0 points a game in 2004-05 and led it to a 17-11 mark while averaging 83.5 points a game in 2005-06, his first season at the helm of the Blazers. Helfer's first squad went 7-7 in Gulf South Conference play and finished tied for fourth in the league's East Division. Two of Helfer's players, Jon Rogers (First) and Michael Crane (Second), were named to the All-GSC team while Rogers also earned All-GSC Tournament honors after VSU advanced to the tournament's quarterfinals.

ASSISTANT COACH



JASON MAYS
(2ND SEASON)

GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH



GABE FRISBIE
(2ND SEASON)

GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH



BLAKE JUSTICE
(1ST SEASON)



2016-17 Game-by-Game Statistics

		SCORE	RESULT	FG/FGA	PCT	3FG/FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL
Valdosta State		85-72	W	27-60	.450	8-22	.364	23-30	.767	13	35	48	48.0	25	13	19	1
at Fort Valley State				26-74	.351	8-27	.296	12-27	.444	22	24	46	46.0	23	11	14	5
Valdosta State		88-80	W	34-66	.515	4-15	.267	16-26	.615	15	20	35	41.5	18	15	13	7
vs. Albany State				32-64	.500	4-15	.267	12-18	.667	14	21	35	40.5	24	18	18	4
VALDOSTA STATE		111-83	W	43-74	.581	15-32	.469	10-18	.556	16	21	37	40.0	24	24	12	4
SOUTHEASTERN				26-53	.491	7-17	.412	24-30	.800	8	21	29	36.7	21	11	20	1
Valdosta State		101-93	W	33-60	.550	10-22	.455	25-28	.893	5	22	27	36.8	20	17	15	3
vs. Lynn				36-75	.480	7-30	.233	14-19	.737	18	23	41	37.8	23	10	20	5
Valdosta State		86-95	L	37-77	.481	11-29	.379	1-2	.500	11	22	33	36.0	15	19	17	3
at Palm Beach Atlantic				37-65	.569	10-20	.500	11-16	.688	8	27	35	37.2	12	18	16	3
VALDOSTA STATE		95-72	W	38-72	.528	11-23	.478	8-11	.727	14	25	39	36.5	11	10	11	3
ARMSTRONG STATE				29-67	.433	6-23	.261	8-10	.800	12	22	34	36.7	15	8	17	3
Valdosta State		92-89 W (2OT)		29-70	.414	8-25	.320	26-34	.765	13	34	47	38.0	24	19	19	6
at West Florida*				32-81	.395	6-28	.214	19-29	.655	20	33	53	39.0	26	21	16	6
Valdosta State		77-85	L	29-67	.433	7-25	.280	12-16	.750	10	25	35	37.6	23	12	10	7
at Christian Brothers*				30-57	.526	12-26	.462	13-24	.542	10	28	38	38.9	18	19	17	10
Valdosta State		96-72	W	34-58	.586	5-12	.417	23-25	.920	9	30	39	37.8	25	8	15	2
at Union*				23-54	.426	6-21	.286	20-38	.526	10	17	27	37.6	21	11	12	1
VALDOSTA STATE		99-82	W	27-50	.540	11-20	.550	34-37	.919	10	32	42	38.2	23	16	22	6
NORTH ALABAMA*				27-69	.397	5-27	.185	23-26	.885	12	15	27	36.5	30	9	14	1
Valdosta State		72-82	L	26-71	.367	5-24	.208	15-23	.652	20	24	44	38.7	19	10	9	2
ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE*				31-57	.544	7-18	.389	13-18	.722	7	31	38	36.6	18	12	12	6
Valdosta State		76-72	W	29-65	.446	9-21	.429	9-14	.643	14	25	39	38.8	14	16	12	5
at Lee*				25-61	.410	8-25	.320	14-18	.778	12	26	38	36.8	15	8	15	7
Valdosta State		93-76	W	31-58	.534	14-27	.519	17-22	.773	10	29	39	38.8	24	14	19	4
at Shorter*				22-59	.373	6-23	.261	26-32	.813	11	21	32	36.4	18	6	15	3
Valdosta State		79-70	W	28-68	.412	6-19	.316	17-22	.773	17	34	51	39.6	19	13	19	2
West Georgia*				26-62	.419	3-15	.200	15-23	.652	7	26	33	36.1	18	11	13	4
Valdosta State		74-53	W	28-58	.483	9-22	.409	9-15	.600	13	31	44	39.9	22	9	12	5
West Alabama*				15-52	.288	2-16	.125	21-24	.875	9	19	28	35.6	16	2	9	3
VALDOSTA STATE		79-62	W	28-57	.491	9-20	.450	14-17	.824	13	26	39	39.9	19	17	14	6
DELTA STATE*				23-56	.411	3-12	.250	13-23	.565	11	21	32	35.4	15	4	14	5
VALDOSTA STATE		103-79	W	37-62	.597	10-22	.455	19-23	.826	11	22	33	39.5	22	21	13	1
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE*				27-51	.529	7-17	.412	18-27	.667	5	16	21	34.5	17	9	17	1
Valdosta State		89-82	W	29-68	.426	8-31	.258	23-30	.767	19	32	51	40.1	16	9	19	4
WEST FLORIDA*				28-67	.418	12-27	.444	14-20	.700	12	22	34	34.5	22	12	17	5
Valdosta State		107-77	W	42-79	.532	12-29	.414	11-17	.647	18	27	45	40.4	17	15	11	4
WEST GEORGIA*				26-58	.448	12-25	.480	13-18	.722	8	23	31	34.3	19	7	19	2
Valdosta State		73-61	W	26-54	.481	4-17	.235	17-24	.708	14	30	44	40.6	18	16	10	4
at West Alabama*				19-52	.365	7-24	.292	16-17	.941	4	20	24	33.8	18	13	9	5
Valdosta State		100-98 W (2OT)		36-81	.444	14-37	.378	14-27	.519	21	31	52	41.1	33	18	19	4
at Miss. College*				33-65	.508	4-10	.400	28-42	.667	9	31	40	34.1	26	18	19	4
Valdosta State		58-72	L	22-62	.355	7-26	.269	7-18	.389	19	23	42	41.1	21	14	12	5
at Delta State*				26-57	.456	5-13	.385	15-20	.750	12	28	40	34.4	15	11	10	7
VALDOSTA STATE		89-75 W (OT)		29-60	.420	8-29	.276	23-30	.767	15	33	48	41.4	16	10	12	2
UNION*				26-64	.406	11-35	.314	12-17	.706	10	26	36	34.4	23	11	13	0
VALDOSTA STATE		79-65	W	31-63	.492	9-25	.360	8-12	.667	13	20	33	41.1	14	7	5	3
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS*				29-56	.518	4-17	.235	17-24	.708	14	30	44	40.6	18	16	10	4
Valdosta State		84-81 W (OT)		33-72	.458	9-27	.333	9-11	.818	12	29	41	41.1	14	11	16	1
at Alabama_Huntsville*				30-64	.469	8-27	.296	13-16	.813	7	27	34	34.4	14	12	15	4
Valdosta State		77-74	W	30-58	.517	6-22	.273	11-18	.611	10	21	31	40.7	16	11	10	4
at North Alabama*				24-50	.480	11-27	.407	15-23	.652	9	22	31	34.2	18	10	15	3
VALDOSTA STATE		109-92	W	37-63	.587	12-27	.444	23-31	.742	16	22	38	40.6	21	15	11	3
SHORTER*				26-61	.426	6-27	.222	34-38	.895	15	15	30	34.1	23	5	10	1
VALDOSTA STATE		83-72	W	32-71	.451	6-20	.300	13-24	.542	19	30	49	40.9	16	12	8	4
LEE*				25-63	.397	9-26	.346	13-21	.619	14	27	41	34.3	18	10	12	3
Valdosta State (TOTAL)				885-1833	.483	247-670	.369	437-605	.722	390	755	1145	40.9	549	391	384	101
Opponents (TOTAL)				759-1714	.443	196-618	.317	452-643	.703	306	655	961	34.3	542	307	408	104

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2016-17 Results

OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDS	HIGH ASSISTS	HIGH STEALS	HIGH BLOCKS
at Fort Valley State	W, 85-72	1-0	18-Joyce Darnell	8-Hill, Jeremiah	5-Zablotny, Sheldon	2-Joyce Darnell	1-Muhammad, S.
vs. Albany State	W, 88-80	2-0	20-Muhammad, S.	8-Muhammad, S.	6-Hill, Jeremiah	4-Hill, Jeremiah	3-Muhammad, S.
SOUTHEASTERN	W, 111-83	3-0	26-S. Muhammad	9-Josh Lemons	7-Jeremiah Hill	5-Jeremiah Hill	2-S. Muhammad
vs. Lynn	W, 101-93	4-0	31-Beau Justice	6-Damian Young	8-Jeremiah Hill	5-Josh Lemons	1-Damian Young
at Palm Beach Atl.	L, 86-95	4-1	25-S. Zablotny	6-S. Muhammad	6-Jeremiah Hill	2-S. Muhammad	1-Damian Young
ARMSTRONG STATE W, 95-72	5-1	25-Josh Lemons	8-S. Muhammad	3-Jeremiah Hill	2-Marquis Simuels	1-S. Muhammad	
at West Florida* W, 92-89 (2OT)	6-1	24-Jeremiah Hill	11-Jeremiah Hill	9-Jeremiah Hill	4-Josh Lemons	3-Jimmy Kodet	
at Christian Brothers* L, 77-85	6-2	20-Jeremiah Hill	7-Josh Lemons	3-Damian Young	3-Damian Young	2-Damian Young	
at Union*	W, 96-72	7-2	20-S. Muhammad	6-Jimmy Kodet	3-Damian Young	3-Damian Young	2-Jimmy Kodet
NORTH ALABAMA* W, 99-82	8-2	22-Beau Justice	7-Josh Lemons	5-Jeremiah Hill	2-Jeremiah Hill	2-Muhammad, S.	1-Josh Lemons
ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE* L, 72-82	8-3	15-Jeremiah Hill	8-Justin Simon	3-Josh Lemons	3-Damian Young	1-Josh Lemons	
at Lee*	W, 76-72	9-3	18-Jeremiah Hill	10-Justin Simon	7-Josh Lemons	4-Josh Lemons	2-Josh Lemons
at Shorter*	W, 93-76	10-3	34-Damian Young	7-Jeremiah Hill	3-Josh Lemons	4-Jeremiah Hill	1-Jeremiah Hill
W, 79-70	11-3	17-Beau Justice	13-S. Muhammad	5-Josh Lemons	3-Damian Young	1-Marquis Simuels	
WEST ALABAMA* W, 74-53	12-3	28-Jeremiah Hill	12-S. Muhammad	4-Jeremiah Hill	1-S. Muhammad	2-S. Muhammad	
W, 79-62	13-4	16-Beau Justice	10-Justin Simon	6-Josh Lemons	2-Josh Lemons	3-Jimmy Kodet	
MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE* W, 103-79	14-3	27-Jeremiah Hill	6-Jeremiah Hill	7-Jeremiah Hill	4-Jeremiah Hill	1-Jimmy Kodet	
WEST FLORIDA* W, 89-82	15-3	27-Jeremiah Hill	15-S. Muhammad	3-Jeremiah Hill	4-Jeremiah Hill	2-Justin Simon	
WEST GEORGIA* W, 107-77	16-3	24-Jeremiah Hill	7-S. Muhammad	5-Jeremiah Hill	5-Jeremiah Hill	3-S. Muhammad	
at West Alabama*	W, 73-61	17-3	18-S. Muhammad	11-Justin Simon	6-Josh Lemons	2-Jeremiah Hill	
at Miss. College* W, 100-98 (OT)	18-3	35-Jeremiah Hill	9-Justin Simon	5-Josh Lemons	2-Josh Lemons	2-Jimmy Kodet	
at Delta State* L, 72-58	18-4	22-Beau Justice	10-Justin Simon	6-Jeremiah Hill	1-Josh Lemons	1-Jeremiah Hill	
UNION* W, 89-75 (OT)	19-4	40-Jeremiah Hill	13-S. Muhammad	4-Jeremiah Hill	2-Jeremiah Hill	1-Josh Lemons	
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS* W, 79-65	20-4	21-Beau Justice	9-S. Muhammad	1-Jeremiah Hill	4-Josh Lemons	2-Jeremiah Hill	
at Alabama-Huntsville* W, 84-81 OT	21-4	20-Damian Young	10-Jeremiah Hill	4-Jeremiah Hill	4-Jeremiah Hill	1-Jeremiah Hill	
at North Alabama* W, 77-74	22-4	16-Josh Lemons	8-Carlos Beverly	4-Justin Simon	1-Jeremiah Hill	2-Josh Lemons	
SHORTER* W, 109-92	23-4	36-Jeremiah Hill	12-S. Muhammad	4-Jeremiah Hill	1-Jeremiah Hill	2-S. Muhammad	
LEE* W, 83-72	24-4	15-Justin Simon	11-Carlos Beverly	4-S. Muhammad	2-S. Muhammad	2-S. Muhammad	

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FORT VALLEY (0-1)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
33 Crawford	* 7-15	1-7	2-2	1-4	5	2	17	2	0 1 31
4 Edwards	* 3-7	0-0	5-8	2-3	5	2	11	4	3 0 1 28
5 Williams	* 2-7	0-1	1-4	3-5	8	4	5	1	2 3 1 24
12 Bryant	* 1-10	1-4	1-2	1-0	1	4	4	1	0 0 0 19
2 Bell	* 2-3	0-0	0-1	1-0	1	3	4	0	2 1 0 15
11 McMillan	5-15	3-9	3-4	2-1	3	1	16	0	0 1 24
24 Mobley	2-5	2-3	0-0	2-3	5	3	6	1	2 0 0 14
1 Garror	2-5	1-3	0-0	1-2	3	2	5	2	1 0 0 12
32 Bell	2-3	0-0	0-6	1-2	3	2	4	0	0 0 0 10
15 Hurst	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	0	0	0	1 0 0 8
3 Ware	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0 1 0 7
13 Barfield	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	1 0 1 6
20 Smoak	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0 0 1 2
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	7	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 26-74	8-27	12-27	22-24	46	23	72	11	4 5 6 200

Valdosta State (1-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
5 Hill	* 5-11	2-6	6-6	1-7	8	2	18	2	0 0 2 37
0 Young	* 7-16	3-6	1-2	0-7	7	4	18	1	5 0 2 28
4 Zaboltny	* 3-12	2-6	6-6	1-6	7	2	14	5	6 0 0 35
15 Muhammad	* 2-4	0-0	6-9	4-3	7	4	10	0	1 1 0 27
12 Justice	* 4-7	0-2	1-2	0-3	3	1	9	3	1 0 0 34
23 Kodet	3-6	1-2	0-0	2-5	7	4	7	0	3 0 0 6
1 Simuels	1-2	0-0	2-2	0-1	1	3	4	0	0 0 2 13
32 Beverly	2-2	0-0	0-1	2-0	2	4	4	0	2 0 0 13
11 Dal Bon	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-2	2	1	1	2	0 0 0 7
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	4	0	0	0	1 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 27-60	8-22	23-30	13-35	48	25	85	13	1 6 200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Fort Valley State	34	38	-	-	= 72	35.1%	29.6%	44.4%
Valdosta State	49	36	-	-	= 85	45.0%	36.4%	76.7%

Pts in the Paint: FVSU-30, VSU-28

2nd Chance Pts: FVSU-11, VSU-13

Bench Pts: FVSU-31, VSU-16

FVSU Largest Lead: 2 in 1st-19:46

Pts off Turnovers: FVSU-18, VSU-15

Fast Break Pts: FVSU-14, VSU-10

Tied-1 Times, Lead Changed-1 Times

VSU Largest Lead: 25 in 1st-4:20

Blazers Blow by Wildcats in Season Opener

Valdosta State Wins, 85-72

VALDOSTA, Ga. - The Valdosta State Blazers raced out of the gate and never looked back for a convincing 85-72 triumph over the Fort Valley State Wildcats in the squad's season opener on Friday night in Fort Valley, Ga.

The Blazers could do no wrong early in the contest and blistered the Wildcats in the opening minutes to open up a 25-point advantage. Fort Valley leveled off late in the opening period, however, and used the three ball to make a run late in the first half and narrow the deficit to 49-34 at intermission.

Valdosta State made the necessary adjustments at halftime to slow down FVSU's long range attack, and the two teams traded buckets throughout the majority of the second half. Valdosta State's lead proved to be insurmountable, allowing the Blazers to secure the victory in the non-conference showdown.

The key difference came at the charity stripe, where FVSU shot just 12-of-27. In contrast, the Blazers shot 76.7 percent with a 23-of-30 performance.

Four Blazers reached double-digit figures in the scoring column, and Jeremiah Hill and Damian Young paced the effort with 18 points. In addition, five different VSU players hauled in seven or more rebounds. Hill led in the rebounding column as well and nearly missed a double-double after notching a team-high 18 rebounds.

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Albany State (0-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
22 Davis	* 3-5	1-2	1-2	0-1	1	2	8	0	2 0 2 17
24 Walker	* 3-7	1-3	0-0	1-0	1	3	7	1	0 0 2 23
33 Habersham	* 1-3	1-1	2-2	1-1	2	2	5	0	1 0 0 10
10 Fields	* 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	1	1 0 0 6
30 Cloud	* 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0 4
20 McClure	7-10	0-1	1-1	2-3	5	2	15	2	2 1 1 33
44 Ward	5-10	0-0	4-6	5-3	8	3	14	3	4 0 0 27
21 Lenyear	4-6	1-2	2-3	0-1	1	2	11	4	2 0 1 21
4 Hughes	4-11	0-4	1-2	1-4	5	4	9	3	2 1 0 28
23 Green	4-11	0-2	1-2	3-5	8	5	9	4	3 1 1 28
11 Hudson	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	1 0 0 3
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 32-64	4-15	12-18	14-21	35	24	80	18	4 7 200

Valdosta State (2-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
15 Muhammad	* 9-14	0-0	2-4	4-4	8	3	20	1	3 3 31
4 Zaboltny	* 7-15	1-5	4-4	2-0	2	0	19	5	3 0 2 36
5 Hill	* 5-10	0-1	6-11	0-5	5	1	16	6	1 1 4 35
0 Young	* 3-7	1-1	0-0	1-0	1	2	7	2	0 1 1 17
12 Justice	* 2-7	0-4	0-2	1-1	2	4	4	1	2 1 4 35
32 Beverly	5-6	0-0	1-2	2-5	7	4	11	0	2 0 1 22
23 Kodet	1-4	0-1	3-3	3-2	5	1	5	0	0 2 0 8
1 Simuels	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	0	0 0 0 8
11 Dal Bon	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	3	0	0 0 0 8
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 34-66	4-15	16-26	15-20	35	18	88	15	713 200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Albany State	41	39	-	-	= 80	50.0%	26.7%	66.7%
Valdosta State	42	46	-	-	= 88	51.5%	26.7%	61.5%

Pts in the Paint: ASU-34, VSU-46

2nd Chance Pts: ASU-8, VSU-22

Bench Pts: ASU-60, VSU-22

ASU Largest Lead: 4 in 2nd-15:55

Pts off Turnovers: ASU-16, VSU-21

Fast Break Pts: ASU-14, VSU-8

Tied-13 Times, Lead Changed-14 Times

VSU Largest Lead: 9 in 1st-09:24

Blazers Outlast Golden Rams

Valdosta State Wins, 88-80

FORT VALLEY, Ga. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team outlasted Albany State for a tightly contested, 88-80 non-conference victory over the Golden Rams in Fort Valley, Ga. late Saturday afternoon.

With the win, the Blazers improved to 2-0 on the young season. Meanwhile, the Golden Rams dropped to 0-2.

In the first half, the Blazers led during a majority of the frame, although the score remained very tight throughout. Valdosta State looked as though they might break away after Jimmy Kodet delivered a three point play at the 11:11 mark to spark an 8-2 run and give VSU a 27-18 lead.

Albany State fired right back, however, and answered with a 13-4 run over the course of the next seven minutes to knot the contest back up at 31-31. The race to intermission was neck-and-neck, but the Blazers entered the break with a slight advantage at 42-41.

The first ten minutes of the second half featured seven ties and a slight advantage for Albany State, as they led for a majority of the stretch. The Blazers found their mark, however, after using a jumper by Sheldon Zaboltny to take a 67-65 lead with 9:12 to go in regulation. Zaboltny's bucket put Valdosta State's offense back on track and cued up a 15-6 run that would put VSU in front for good.

Saadqi Muhammad served as the primary force on the attack for VSU and recorded eight rebounds to go along with a team-high 20 points. The senior shot 9-for-14 in the game and complemented the efforts of Zaboltny, Jeremiah Hill, and Carlos Beverly, who scored 19, 16, and 11 points respectively.

Valdosta State shot over 51 percent from the field in the game and used 22 putback points on 15 offensive rebounds to help offset ASU's gritty effort.



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Southeastern (2-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
5 Hebert	* 6-10	4-8	0-0	0-2	2 4	16	1 1	0 1	30
24 Johnson	* 3-4	0-0	6-7	2-4	6 1	12	1 2	1 0	22
1 Oppenheimer	* 4-7	2-3	2-4	0-1	1 4	12	2 3	0 0	16
12 Wilcox	* 3-8	0-0	4-4	2-2	4 3	10	1 5	0 0	29
11 Holder	* 3-7	0-1	2-2	0-4	4 2	8	2 4	0 1	35
23 Miguez	* 3-9	0-4	6-6	0-4	4 2	12	0 3	0 1	26
2 Cartwright	1-5	0-0	2-2	0-1	1 0	4	4 1	0 0	20
32 Edwards	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	0 2	3	0 1	0 0	6
15 Celestin	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	1 1	3	0 0	0 0	5
33 Custodio	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0 0	3	0 0	0 0	2
42 Steffens	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	1 2	0	0 0	0 0	9
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-1	5 0	0	0 0	0 0	0
TOTALS	- 26-53	7-17	24-30	8-21	29 21	83	11	20	1 3 200

Valdosta State (3-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
12 Justice	* 9-13	8-11	0-0	1-2	3 1	26	2 1	0 1	29
15 Muhammad	* 12-14	0-0	2-3	2-0	2 2	26	0 2	1 1	26
3 Lemons	* 7-9	1-2	4-5	5-4	9 3	19	7 2	0 3	33
5 Hill	* 2-7	1-4	3-5	2-2	4 2	8	7 1	0 5	20
4 Zablotsky	* 1-6	1-3	0-0	1-0	1 2	3	3 1	0 1	20
23 Kodet	7-9	2-4	0-1	2-3	5 0	16	0 0	0 0	10
1 Simuels	3-6	0-0	0-2	1-3	4 2	6	2 1	0 0	19
2 Elliott	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	1 1	3	1 0	0 0	6
21 Morales	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1 1	3	1 0	0 0	2
11 Dal Bon	0-2	0-2	1-2	1-1	2 2	1	0 1	0 0	11
0 Young	0-4	0-3	0-0	0-0	0 3	0	1 1	1 0	7
32 Beverly	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	3 5	0	0 1	0 0	7
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2 0	0	0 0	1 0	0
TOTALS	- 43-74	15-32	10-18	16-21	37 24	111	24	12	411 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Southeastern	36	47	-	-	= 83	49.1%	41.2%	80.0%
Valdosta State	55	56	-	-	= 111	58.1%	46.9%	55.6%

Pts in the Paint: SE-32, VSU-52
 2nd Chance Pts: SE-10, VSU-22
 Bench Pts: SE-25, VSU-29
 SE Largest Lead: --
 Pts off Turnovers: SE-8, VSU-39
 Fast Break Pts: SE-0, VSU-0
 Tied-0 Times, Lead Changed-0 Times
 VSU Largest Lead: 31 in 2nd-07:48

Blazers Fly High to Defeat Southeastern Valdosta State Wins, 111-83

VALDOSTA, Ga. – The Valdosta State men's basketball team thrived in their hometown environment on Monday night and relished their home opener after outshining the Southeastern Fire in a 111-83 win in Valdosta, Ga. at The Complex.

Sophomore Beau Justice set the tone less than 20 seconds into the contest with a three ball from the right side to give VSU a 3-0 advantage, and both Josh Lemons and Jeremiah Hill followed suit on the next two possessions with a pair of three balls that gave the Blazers a 9-0 lead just over one minute after the opening tip.

The early offensive onslaught was a sign of things to come throughout the night, as the Blazers used 15 long balls and a sparkling 46.9 shooting percentage from long range to maintain a comfortable advantage throughout the evening.

Justice and Saadiq Muhammad accounted for 52 of VSU's 111 points in the game, as each scored 26 points. The pair racked up their big numbers in very different ways, however, as Justice used an 8-for-11 performance from the three point line, and Muhammad tallied most of his points on a 12-for-14 performance from close range.

In the game, the Blazers shot 58.1 percent from the field on a 43-of-74 effort, and ten different players helped contribute to the offensive attack. In addition, Valdosta State outrebounded the Fire 37 to 29, all while committing just 12 turnovers.

The only downside for VSU came at the free throw line, where the Blazers shot just 10-of-18. Head Coach Mike Helfer's squad overcame the slip at the charity stripe, however, with 11 steals to complement the aforementioned offensive barrage.

Other top performers in the contest included Lemons, who posted 19 points on 7-of-9 shooting from the field and 4-of-5 shooting from the line, along with Jimmy Kodet, who poured in 16 points on a 7-of-9 shooting effort from the field.

The win lifted VSU to 3-0 on the year, while Southeastern saw their record drop to 2-3 overall.

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Lynn (1-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
4 Bottley	* 5-13	3-9	4-4	1-1	2 3	17	2 0	0 0	29
10 Kande	* 6-9	0-0	1-1	3-9	12 4	13	0 2	4 0	32
11 Baez	* 5-7	0-0	3-3	2-2	4 2	13	3 4	0 1	21
33 O'Brien	* 3-9	1-7	0-0	3-2	5 2	7	0 1	0 0	32
0 Rogers	* 0-9	0-4	0-0	1-1	2 1	0	2 5	0 0	17
2 Palmer	9-13	1-2	6-9	3-3	5 25	0	3 0	0 0	26
5 Morrow	3-8	2-6	0-0	0-2	2 0	8	1 1	0 1	11
22 Nwachukwu	3-3	0-0	0-0	2-2	4 2	6	0 0	0 0	8
3 Frazier	2-4	0-2	0-2	0-3	3 3	4	2 2	0 1	16
1 James	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2 1	0	0 0	0 0	8
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2 0	0	0 0	0 0	0
TOTALS	- 36-75	7-30	14-19	18-23	41 23	93	10	20	5 2 200

Valdosta State (4-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
12 Justice	* 10-14	3-5	8-8	1-1	2 2	31	2 0	1 3	34
5 Hill	* 5-10	2-5	5-6	1-3	4 1	17	8 4	0 2	32
15 Muhammad	* 3-5	0-0	3-4	1-1	2 4	9	1 3	1 0	29
4 Zablotsky	* 3-8	0-2	2-2	0-2	2 3	8	0 1	0 2	21
3 Lemons	* 2-3	0-1	2-2	0-6	6 4	6	5 3	0 5	31
0 Young	7-11	3-5	4-4	1-5	6 2	21	0 3	1 2	27
23 Kodet	2-5	2-4	0-0	0-1	1 0	6	0 0	0 0	10
32 Beverly	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1 3	2	0 1	0 1	6
1 Simuels	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-0	1 0	1	1 0	0 0	9
11 Dal Bon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1	0	0 0	0 0	1
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0
TOTALS	- 33-60	10-22	25-28	5-22	27 20	101	17	15	315 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Lynn	34	59	-	-	= 93	48.0%	23.3%	73.7%
Valdosta State	48	53	-	-	= 101	55.0%	45.5%	89.3%

Pts in the Paint: LU-58, VSU-34
 2nd Chance Pts: LU-20, VSU-9
 Bench Pts: LU-43, VSU-30
 LU Largest Lead: --
 Pts off Turnovers: LU-14, VSU-26
 Fast Break Pts: LU-6, VSU-15
 Tied-1 Times, Lead Changed-0 Times
 VSU Largest Lead: 16 in 2nd-19:42

Offensive Onslaught Leads VSU to Victory Valdosta State Wins, 101-93

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. – The Valdosta State men's basketball team delivered another impressive offensive outing and eclipsed the 100 point mark for the second straight game to pick up an important South Region victory over the Lynn Fighting Knights at the Palm Beach Atlantic Thanksgiving Classic on Saturday in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Momentum shifted in Lynn's favor after the break, as Lynn allowed one quick bucket by Saadiq Muhammad before stringing together a four-minute run during which the Fighting Knights scored 13 unanswered points. The stretch pulled Lynn to within five points, but Jeremiah Hill snapped the stretch with a vengeance when he flushed home a dunk at the 14:49 mark while drawing a foul. Hill connected from the stripe to complete the three-point play and put VSU in front 55-47.

The momentum of Hill's three point play sparked a 12-4 run for Valdosta State over the next three minutes, which gave VSU a fairly comfortable 15-point advantage at 66-51. Lynn battled to keep the contest respectable and closed VSU's lead to single digits in the closing minutes. The Fighting Knights were never able to overcome the deficit, however, as the Blazers used a series of timely buckets and free throws to hold the opposition at bay throughout the remainder of regulation.

Justice topped his career high for the second time this week with an impressive 31-point outing that included 10-of-14 shooting from the field, 3-of-5 shooting from the perimeter, and a perfect 8-of-8 performance from the free throw line. Young also posted a career high with 21 points, while Jeremiah Hill chipped in with 17 points and eight assists.

The Blazers took full advantage of their opportunities at the stripe and racked up 25 points on free throws alone. The team shot a sparkling 89.3 percent from the line (25-of-28) and used 17 assists and 15 steals to offset their 15 turnovers.

With the win, Valdosta State added to their strong start to improve to 4-0 on the season. Meanwhile, the Fighting Knights fell to 1-4 overall.



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Palm Beach Atl. (4-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
5 Jackson	* 11-14	3-5	2-3	0-5	5 1	27	0 3	1 1 33
12 Warthen	* 7-15	1-4	2-3	1-5	6 1	17	3 4	1 4 28
33 Kostic	* 4-7	3-4	3-4	1-4	5 0	14	3 2	0 1 22
21 Barber	* 5-10	0-2	1-2	2-3	5 0	11	1 0	1 1 29
3 Johnson	* 0-3	0-0	0-0	1-2	3 3	0	1 3	0 0 12
25 Zinser	7-8	3-4	0-0	0-1	1 2	17	2 1	0 1 19
11 Stones	3-6	0-1	3-4	0-2	2 0	9	5 1	0 2 22
4 Morales	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-3	3 4	0	2 2	0 1 25
20 Koonce	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2 0	0	1 0	0 0 8
52 Kenning	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1	0	0 0	0 0 0
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3 0	0	0 0	0 0 0
TOTALS	- 37-65	10-20	11-16	8-27	35 12	95	18 16	311 200

Valdosta State (4-1)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
4 Zaboltny	* 9-16	7-11	0-0	3-1	4 2	25	2 3	0 1 34
15 Muhammad	* 6-9	0-0	1-1	2-4	6 5	13	0 2	1 2 27
3 Lemons	* 5-10	0-2	0-0	2-2	4 2	10	4 1	0 1 31
12 Justice	* 3-14	1-7	0-0	0-5	5 1	7	5 2	0 1 31
5 Hill	* 2-6	1-3	0-1	0-5	5 3	5	6 3	0 1 26
23 Kodet	7-11	1-3	0-0	0-3	3 1	15	1 1	1 0 23
0 Young	4-8	1-2	0-0	1-0	1 0	9	1 3	0 1 16
1 Simuels	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	3 0	2	0 2	0 0 6
11 Dal Bon	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1 1	0	0 0	0 0 3
32 Beverly	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0 0
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1 0	0	0 0	0 0 0
TOTALS	- 37-77	11-29	1-2	11-22	33 15	86	19 17	3 6 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Palm Beach Atl.	50	45	-	-	= 95	56.9%	50.0%	68.8%
Valdosta State	45	41	-	-	= 86	48.1%	37.9%	50.0%

Pts in the Paint: PBA-50, VSU-44 Pts off Turnovers: PBA-26, VSU-19
 2nd Chance Pts: PBA-4, VSU-7 Fast Break Pts: PBA-19, VSU-8
 Bench Pts: PBA-26, VSU-26 Tied 3 Times, Lead Changed 5 Times
 PBA Largest Lead: 14 in 2nd-05:14 VSU Largest Lead: 6 in 1st-16:14

Blazers Edged Out by Sailfish

Palm Beach Atlantic Wins, 95-86

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. – The Valdosta State men's basketball team suffered a 95-86 loss to the hosting Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish in South Region action on the final day of the 2016 Thanksgiving Classic in West Palm Beach, Fla. on Sunday.

Blazer guard Sheldon Zaboltny, who led the Blazers with 25 points in the game, helped VSU get off to a great start in the contest with a layup and a three pointer in the opening minutes. Zaboltny's effort sparked an 11-5 run out of the gate, and VSU held that advantage for a 22-18 lead after the first nine minutes of the opening period.

The Sailfish fired back, however, using a three-point barrage during the remaining minutes of the first half to overtake the Blazers with a narrow 50-45 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Valdosta State connected for seven of their 11 three pointers in the game, including four from Zaboltny, who hit from beyond the arc seven times in the game. Against a 64.5 percent second-half shooting performance by the Sailfish, however, the long-range shooting effort was not enough for the Blazers, who were awarded just two free throw attempts in the game, both in the first half.

The story of the night was PBA's shooting effort, which led to a 37-of-65, 56.9 percent performance from the field and a 10-of-20, 50 percent night from the three point line. PBA's accuracy from the field overshadowed an otherwise impressive 37-of-77, 48.1 percent shooting effort by Valdosta State.

PBA's De'Andre Jackson was the offensive highlight for the Sailfish with 27 points (11-of-14), nine of which came on long range shots. Meanwhile, Saadiq Muhammad and Jimmy Kodet joined Zaboltny with double digits in the scoring column for Valdosta State.

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THE COMPLEX IN VALDOSTA, GA.

Armstrong (4-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
3 Tillery	* 4-10	2-7	4-4	1-2	3 3	14	4 1	0 0 30
1 Council	* 5-7	0-0	3-3	4-1	5 1	13	0 4	0 2 29
23 James	* 5-9	1-3	0-0	1-3	4 3	11	0 4	1 0 25
10 Jeffers	* 3-10	1-6	0-0	0-5	5 1	7	3 3	0 0 33
2 Goldston	* 2-5	1-3	0-0	1-1	2 4	5	0 2	0 2 20
32 Spicer	5-8	0-1	1-1	0-1	1 1	11	0 0	0 0 16
5 Clifton	3-9	1-3	0-0	3-3	6 0	7	0 1	0 1 22
4 Williams	1-4	0-0	0-2	1-2	3 1	2	0 1	1 0 13
41 Cunningham	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	2	0 0	1 0 2
0 Brown	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0 0	0	1 1	0 1 7
15 Ballard	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0 3
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	4 0	0	0 0	0 0 0
TOTALS	- 29-67	6-23	8-10	12-22	34 15	72	8 17	3 6 200

Valdosta State (5-1)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
3 Lemons	* 9-10	3-3	4-4	0-1	1 2	25	2 2	0 1 28
5 Hill	* 10-17	4-7	0-0	0-5	5 2	24	3 1	0 1 28
0 Young	* 7-13	2-5	1-2	3-1	4 1	17	1 1	0 1 22
15 Muhammad	* 2-5	0-0	2-2	7-1	8 1	6	0 4	1 0 27
12 Justice	* 2-7	1-2	0-0	0-2	2 2	5	3 0	0 0 31
1 Simuels	3-4	0-0	1-1	2-6	8 0	7	0 3	0 2 18
23 Kodet	2-8	1-4	0-0	0-3	3 0	5	0 0	1 0 18
32 Beverly	2-3	0-0	0-2	0-2	2 2	4	0 0	1 1 12
11 Dal Bon	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-1	2 0	2	1 0	0 0 12
21 Morales	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 1	0	0 0	0 0 2
2 Elliott	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0 2
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	4 0	0	0 0	0 0 0
TOTALS	- 38-72	11-23	8-11	14-25	39 11	95	10 11	3 6 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Armstrong State	30	42	-	-	= 72	43.3%	26.1%	80.0%
Valdosta State	46	49	-	-	= 95	52.8%	47.8%	72.7%

Pts in the Paint: AAU-30, VSU-36 Pts off Turnovers: AAU-18, VSU-23
 2nd Chance Pts: AAU-13, VSU-17 Fast Break Pts: AAU-0, VSU-0
 Bench Pts: AAU-22, VSU-18 Tied 4 Times, Lead Changed 2 Times
 AAU Largest Lead: 4 in 1st 15:51 VSU Largest Lead: 30 in 2nd-02:40

Blazers Bury Pirates

Valdosta State Wins, 95-72

VALDOSTA, Ga. – The Valdosta State Blazers delivered a statement win in their last matchup before conference play with an impressive 95-72 win over Armstrong State on Thursday night at The Complex in Valdosta, Ga.

The win improved Valdosta State to 5-1 on the season and snapped a four-game winning streak for the Pirates, which dropped Armstrong State to 4-3 overall.

The Pirates scored the first points of the game after a pair of early free throws by Denzel Council at the 18:34 mark, before the Blazers fired back and reclaimed a 4-2 advantage with back-to-back jumpers by Jeremiah Hill and Damian Young. The two teams traded buckets during the next three minutes and the Pirates reclaimed a narrow lead until the 14:20 mark, when Marquise Simuels sliced through the lane to sink a contested layup and give VSU a 12-10 lead.

With the help of a 12-point (5-for-11) first half performance by Hill, Valdosta State continued to build on their lead throughout the remainder of the opening frame, and the Blazers stretched their lead to 16 points at 46-30 by the end of the half.

The Pirates hung around in the second half but never came any closer than 13 points, as Valdosta State used a 57.6 percent second-half shooting effort to hold Armstrong State at bay. Josh Lemons was the anchor for the Valdosta State offense, which has scored 85 or more points in every contest this season. The senior buried 9-of-10 shots from the field in the game, shot a perfect 3-of-3 from the three point line, and a hit 4-for-4 from the charity stripe. Lemons' 25 points in the game marked a career-high and eclipsed his previous career-best of 19, which he achieved in Valdosta State's last home game against Southeastern on November 21st.

Hill finished with 24 points in the game and added five rebounds and three assists, while Young made his first career start at home court with 17 points on 7-of-13 shooting from the field.



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THE ATHLETIC FIELDHOUSE IN PENSACOLA, FL

West Florida (5-1)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	TO	B	S	Min.
11 Benson	* 10-25	1-4	1-2	1-2	3	22	6	1	1	1	45	
5 Legrier	* 6-8	0-0	3-5	6-10	16	5	15	3	0	4	36	
23 Somerfield	* 4-11	0-1	5-6	2-5	7	4	13	2	4	0	31	
12 Laatsch	* 2-12	1-9	3-4	1-1	2	1	8	5	1	1	42	
4 Jones	* 0-2	0-2	2-2	1-1	2	3	2	0	0	0	17	
1 Stramaglia	3-9	3-8	1-2	1-0	1	1	10	2	1	0	27	
21 Tucker	3-6	1-1	2-5	6-8	14	2	9	1	2	0	21	
10 Deng	3-5	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	6	0	0	0	10	
3 Chalifoux	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	1	1	3	2	3	0	2	9
40 Ventoniemi	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	
24 Thorpe	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	4	0	0	3	0	8	
2 Laatsch	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 32-81	6-28	19-29	33	53	26	89	21	16	6	8	250

Valdosta State (6-1)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	TO	B	S	Min.
5 Hill	* 6-18	2-7	10-10	4-7	11	4	24	9	5	0	1	46
12 Justice	* 7-18	3-8	1-2	1-4	5	2	18	3	4	0	1	46
3 Lemons	* 4-10	2-5	8-10	0-4	4	4	18	5	3	1	4	42
15 Muhammad	* 6-9	0-0	5-8	1-1	2	3	17	0	3	1	0	42
0 Young	* 2-7	0-3	2-2	1-1	2	2	6	2	1	1	3	16
23 Kodet	4-6	1-2	0-2	1-10	11	3	9	0	0	3	0	29
24 Simon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	12
11 Dal Bon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	10
32 Beverly	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 29-70	8-25	26-34	13-34	47	24	92	19	19	6	9	250

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
West Florida	46	30	8	5	= 89	39.5%	21.4%	65.5%
Valdosta State	38	38	8	8	= 92	42.3%	29.4%	52.6%

Pts in the Paint: UWF-44, VSU-32 Pts off Turnovers: UWF-16, VSU-16
 2nd Chance Pts: UWF-14, VSU-19 Fast Break Pts: UWF-4, VSU-10
 Bench Pts: UWF-29, VSU-9 Tied-13 Times, Lead Changed-14 Times
 UWF Largest Lead: 9 in 1st-12:50 VSU Largest Lead: 4 in 2nd-02:02

Blazers Get 2OT Win in Conference Opener

Valdosta State Wins, 92-89

PENSACOLA, Fla. - The Valdosta State Blazers saw four players score 17 points or more in a resilient 92-89, double-overtime win in their Gulf South Conference opener against the Argonauts of West Florida in Pensacola, Fla. on Monday night.

Jeremiah Hill highlighted the thrilling triumph with a 24-point performance, which included a 6-of-18 shooting effort from the field, along with two three pointers and a perfect 10-of-10 night at the free throw line. In addition, Hill recorded his first double-double of the season after hauling in 11 rebounds, and the senior finished just one assist shy of a triple-double.

The Blazers never led by more than four points in the contest, which featured 13 ties and 14 lead changes over the course of the night. The Blazers hung around, however, and held to within striking distance by never allowing UWF to open up a lead any further than nine points.

The outcome looked promising for Valdosta State late in the second half after Beau Justice buried a three with 2:02 remaining in regulation to put Valdosta State in front 76-72. But, two unanswered field goals by Rashaun Benson in the final two minutes, the second of which came with just 23 seconds on the clock, forced a 76-76 tie and sent the game into overtime.

In the first overtime frame, the Blazers took the lead two different times during the first four minutes, before Darryl Tucker used a three-point play to swing the advantage in UWF's favor for a one-point, 81-80 lead. Hill proceeded to knock down a pair of free throws after he was fouled on the ensuing possession, but Mario Stramaglia gave the Blazers a scare with a long three from the corner with just 39 seconds remaining on the clock. Stramaglia's clutch shot gave UWF a two-point lead, but Hill drew another Argonaut foul with nine seconds remaining and proceeded to calmly bury both free throws to force a second overtime period.

The Blazers took their final lead of the game with 1:43 on the clock in the second overtime period after Hill threaded a pass through the lane to Saadiq Muhammad, who connected from close range while drawing a foul for a three-point play. Senior Josh Lemons took over from there and provided the storyline in the closing moments of the game with four of his eight free throws in the last ten seconds to hold UWF at bay.

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Dec. 15, 2016 Christian Brothers 85

CANALE ARENA IN MEMPHIS, TN

Christian Bros. (6-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	TO	B	S	Min.
5 Larkin	* 5-12	4-7	2-4	2-0	2	1	16	2	4	0	2	40
33 Dieball	* 6-9	2-3	1-4	1-12	13	2	15	9	3	4	1	38
34 Trentman	* 3-5	0-1	0-0	1-6	7	4	6	1	3	1	1	28
22 Mays	* 3-7	0-3	0-0	1-3	4	4	6	1	2	0	0	26
20 Garbuzinski	* 2-5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	4	4	1	1	3	0	21
11 Laravie	8-14	6-10	5-9	0-4	4	2	27	2	3	1	0	36
42 Miller	3-5	0-1	5-7	2-3	5	1	11	3	1	1	0	11
14 Estep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 30-57	12-26	13-24	10-28	38	18	85	19	17	10	4	200

Valdosta State (6-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	TO	B	S	Min.
5 Hill	* 7-18	3-9	3-4	1-6	7	3	20	1	3	0	3	37
0 Young	* 6-11	0-2	4-4	1-1	2	4	16	3	2	2	3	26
12 Justice	* 5-9	2-5	0-0	2-2	4	2	12	3	0	1	2	40
3 Lemons	* 3-12	1-4	1-2	2-5	7	3	8	3	3	1	0	40
15 Muhammad	* 3-5	0-0	1-2	0-4	4	5	7	0	2	0	1	18
23 Kodet	3-5	1-3	0-0	0-2	2	2	7	1	0	2	1	17
32 Beverly	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	3	4	1	0	1	0	6
24 Simon	0-1	0-0	3-4	0-3	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	11
11 Dal Bon	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 29-67	7-25	12-16	10-25	35	23	77	12	10	7	10	200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Christian Bros.	35	50	-	-	= 85	52.6%	46.2%	54.2%
Valdosta State	41	36	-	-	= 77	43.3%	28.0%	75.0%

Pts in the Paint: CBU-32, VSU-38 Pts off Turnovers: CBU-18, VSU-21
 2nd Chance Pts: CBU-12, VSU-8 Fast Break Pts: CBU-2, VSU-19
 Bench Pts: CBU-38, VSU-14 Tied-1 Times, Lead Changed-5 Times
 CBU Largest Lead: 12 in 2nd-11:35 VSU Largest Lead: 13 in 1st-11:15

Second-Half Shooting Leads CBU to Win

Christian Brothers Wins, 85-77

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team fell victim to a remarkable second-half shooting effort by Christian Brothers, resulting in an 85-77 Gulf South Conference loss on Thursday night at Canale Arena in Memphis, Tenn.

The Blazers took control of the contest early and led throughout the majority of the first half, thanks in large part to the performance of Jeremiah Hill. The senior hit 5-of-8 attempts from the field during the first half and scored 13 of his 20 points in the opening period, which helped Valdosta State post a 51.6 field goal percentage from the field and out-score the Bucs 41-35.

The lead slipped out of Valdosta State's hands, however, during the first five minutes of the second half, when CBU came out firing and ripped off a 15-4 run to take a 52-45 lead. The Bucs used a series of critical three point shots and a host of timely offensive rebounds to thwart the Blazers' come-from-behind effort.

As a team, the Bucs shot 56.3 percent from the field in the second half and connected on nearly half of their three-point attempts to close out the final period with a 7-of-15 performance for 46.7 percent. Adam Dieball was held below his scoring average by the Blazer defense, but each of his two treys came at key moments in the second half. Furthermore, Joe Laravie was completely unconscious from the field, shooting well above his average with an 8-of-14 shooting performance from the field and a 6-of-10 display from the three-point line. Laravie, who entered the game with an average of fewer than seven points per game, finished with 27 points, a number that bested his previous season-high of 16.

For the Blazers, Jeremiah Hill posted 20 points on 7-of-18 shooting, and Damian Young chipped in with 16 points on a 6-of-11 night. In the second half, the Blazers shot an uncharacteristically low 20.0 percent from the three point line (3-of-15) and hit just 13-of-36 from the field for 36.1 percent. Furthermore, starting forward Saadiq Muhammad was forced to exit the game just five minutes into the second half after he was charged with his fifth foul.



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DAVID BLACKSHEAR COURT IN JACKSON, TN

Union (6-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	TO	B	S	Min.
22 Goodwin	* 5-11	2-5	0-2	1-0	1	2	12	5	3	0	4	38
5 Velasquez	* 3-10	2-6	4-4	0-2	2	2	12	3	1	0	1	31
23 Wilson	* 3-6	0-0	3-5	3-4	7	2	9	0	0	0	0	23
35 Scott	* 2-5	0-1	4-5	0-3	3	3	8	0	2	0	0	22
3 Boyd	* 3-8	0-3	0-1	0-1	1	2	6	0	1	0	0	14
24 Day	5-7	0-0	5-12	3-5	8	4	15	2	3	1	1	33
3 Fuzak	2-3	2-3	3-4	2-1	3	4	9	0	0	0	0	19
20 Burnside	0-4	0-3	1-2	0-1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	16
33 Keel	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 23-54	6-21	20-38	10-17	27	21	72	11	12	1	6	200

Valdosta State (7-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	TO	B	S	Min.
15 Muhammad	* 8-13	0-0	4-4	2-3	5	2	20	0	0	0	0	23
5 Hill	* 5-9	0-2	8-9	0-5	5	3	18	0	3	0	1	25
12 Justice	* 4-9	2-5	2-2	0-1	1	3	12	1	2	0	0	34
3 Lemons	* 3-5	0-0	4-4	1-4	5	4	15	2	2	0	1	30
24 Simon	* 1-3	0-0	1-1	1-2	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	20
0 Young	6-9	2-3	1-1	1-3	4	3	15	3	4	0	3	23
32 Beverly	4-5	0-0	2-3	2-4	6	3	10	0	2	0	0	18
23 Kodet	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-5	6	2	4	0	1	2	0	18
11 Dal Bon	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-2	3	0	4	2	0	0	0	7
2 Elliott	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 34-58	5-12	23-25	9-30	39	25	96	8	15	2	6	200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Union	26	46	-	-	= 72	42.6%	28.6%	52.6%
Valdosta State	51	45	-	-	= 96	58.6%	41.7%	92.0%

Pts in the Paint: UU-26, VSU-54

2nd Chance Pts: UU-11, VSU-9

Bench Pts: UU-25, VSU-33

UU Largest Lead: 5 in 1st-17:48

Pts off Turnovers: UU-10, VSU-19

Fast Break Pts: UU-4, VSU-8

Tied-2 Times, Lead Changed-1 Time

VSU Largest Lead: 35 in 2nd-04:39

Blazers Rout Bulldogs to Wrap Up Road Trip

Valdosta State Wins, 96-72

JACKSON, Tenn. - The Blazers of Valdosta State men's basketball wrapped up a successful road trip on Saturday with a dominant 96-72 rout of the Union Bulldogs in Gulf South Conference action on Saturday evening in Jackson, Tenn.

The Blazers fell behind early and trailed 5-0 at the 17:20 mark before Justin Simon completed a three-point play for VSU's first points of the game. The buckets for Simon sparked an eight-plus minute span, in which Valdosta State outscored the Bulldogs 32-9 to take a 32-14 lead.

Valdosta State never looked back from that point forward and extended their lead to as many as 35 points late in the second half. A short run by Union during the closing minutes of the contest pulled the Bulldogs to within 24 before the final buzzer sounded.

Head Coach Mike Helfer saw six of his players reach double-digit figures in the game, with Saadiq Muhammad leading the charge. The senior forward used a series of strong moves in the paint to score a game-high 20 points in the game on 8-of-13 shooting, and Jeremiah Hill complemented the offensive effort with 18 points of his own (5-of-9).

Along with a 58.6 percent shooting display from the field, the Blazers also racked up 23 points at the free-throw line on a 23-of-25 performance for 92.0 percent. In addition, nine different Blazers contributed to 39 rebounds in the game against just 27 for UU.

With the win, Valdosta State improved to 7-2 overall and bumped their GSC record up to 2-1. Union fell to 6-4 overall and dropped to 1-3 against conference opponents.

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THE COMPLEX IN VALDOSTA, GA

North Alabama (6-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	TO	B	S	Min.
22 Tolliver	* 5-12	0-2	5-6	1-4	5	4	15	5	3	0	4	34
20 Timms	* 5-11	1-4	3-3	5-2	7	4	14	0	3	0	1	28
3 Hodge	* 2-11	1-6	3-4	1-0	1	1	8	0	2	0	2	22
35 McGee	* 3-4	0-0	2-2	1-2	3	4	8	0	1	1	1	20
11 Jackson	* 2-11	0-6	3-3	0-3	3	4	7	0	1	0	1	30
13 Lee-Fowlkes	3-5	1-3	3-4	0-1	1	4	10	2	0	0	0	17
24 McKinnie	3-6	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	5	7	0	1	0	0	12
32 Ottman	2-3	0-0	2-2	1-3	4	3	6	0	1	0	1	13
14 Holtzclaw	1-1	1-1	2-2	1-0	1	1	5	0	1	0	0	6
4 Ginlie	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	15
10 Sweat	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
30 Scott	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Valdosta State (8-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	TO	B	S	Min.
12 Justice	* 6-10	5-7	5-6	1-3	4	2	24	4	5	0	0	35
3 Lemons	* 4-7	1-2	11-11	0-7	7	2	20	2	4	0	0	37
5 Hill	* 5-13	2-6	4-6	0-6	6	2	16	5	3	1	2	37
15 Muhammad	* 5-7	0-0	6-6	1-4	5	5	16	1	3	2	0	29
24 Simon	* 0-2	0-0	4-4	1-5	6	2	4	2	1	2	0	18
0 Young	6-10	2-4	2-2	0-2	6	4	16	1	2	0	0	20
11 Dal Bon	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	6
23 Kodet	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-2	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	9
32 Beverly	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
1 Simuels	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 27-50	11-20	34-37	10-32	42	23	99	16	22	6	3	200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
North Alabama	44	38	-	-	= 82	39.1%	18.5%	88.5%
Valdosta State	45	54	-	-	= 99	54.0%	55.0%	91.9%

Pts in the Paint: UNA-24, VSU-30

2nd Chance Pts: UNA-11, VSU-17

Bench Pts: UNA-30, VSU-21

VSU Largest Lead: 17 in 2nd-00:40

Pts off Turnovers: UNA-17, VSU-17

Fast Break Pts: UNA-2, VSU-6

Tied-3 Times, Lead Changed-5 Times

UNA Largest Lead: 2 in 1st-18:01

Blazers Win Second Straight

Valdosta State Wins, 99-82

VALDOSTA, Ga. - Valdosta State put their offensive firepower on display yet again on Saturday afternoon with a 99-82 Gulf South Conference win over North Alabama in Valdosta, Ga. at The Complex.

The game featured 18 lead changes, 10 of which came in the second half. Valdosta State flipped a switch at the 7:21 mark, however, and two Saadiq Muhammad free throws triggered a sprint to the finish during which the Blazers outscored the Lions 32-14. The powerful finish for the Blazer offense marked one of their most impressive runs of the season and was anchored by solid free throw shooting that helped cap off a 91.9 percent (34-of-37) shooting effort at the stripe.

"We've been able to make free throws we need to make free throws," said Head Coach Mike Helfer after the game. "They are an important part of every game, and if we are going to get those opportunities, we're going to have to continue to convert."

Guards Beau Justice and Josh Lemons fueled the attack on the afternoon and finished with 22 and 20 points, respectively. Justice connected on 6-of-10 from the field and 5-of-7 from beyond the arc, which helped lead the Blazers to a 54 percent (27-of-50) shooting percentage from the field and a 55 percent (11-of-20) shooting effort from beyond the arc.

Additional factors that played into Valdosta State's success included a lock down on UNA's perimeter shooting, as well as a tremendous rebounding performance. The Blazers held the Lions to just 18.5 percent (5-of-27) from long distance, and VSU outrebounded UNA 42-17.

"One of the big differences in this game for us had to be rebounding," added Helfer. "When you outboard somebody by 15, that's a significant difference. I was really proud of our guys for putting an emphasis on that part of our game today, and that's something we've been really trying to focus on for several games now."

With the victory, the Blazers improved to 8-2 overall and 3-1 against GSC opponents, while the Lions dropped to 6-4 and fell to 1-3 in league action.



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THE COMPLEX IN VALDOSTA, GA.

UAH (8-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
13 Saxton	* 8-9	1-1	3-4	1-5	6	2	20	1	3	0	0	32
3 Roberts	* 7-13	1-3	2-3	0-4	4	2	17	2	2	0	1	33
24 Webster	* 4-11	3-5	0-0	1-5	6	5	11	2	3	0	0	20
30 Owens	* 2-2	0-0	2-2	3-7	10	2	6	4	1	6	0	28
0 Gilmore	* 1-4	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	3	2	0	0	0	3	22
1 Elliott	4-5	0-0	3-5	0-5	5	1	11	3	1	0	1	19
34 Ward	3-8	2-5	2-2	1-3	4	0	10	0	0	0	0	20
11 Langley	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
35 Barkley	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	10
15 Finley	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
4 Cook-Stroupe	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	6
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 31-57	7-18	13-18	7-31	38	18	82	12	12	6	5	200

Valdosta State (8-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
5 Hill	* 5-15	2-7	3-4	2-1	3	3	15	0	1	0	0	28
12 Justice	* 4-11	2-7	3-4	3-5	8	3	13	2	1	0	0	32
24 Simon	* 4-7	0-0	4-5	6-2	8	2	12	2	0	0	0	28
3 Lemons	* 2-10	0-4	3-7	1-5	6	4	7	3	1	1	1	35
15 Muhammad	* 3-8	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	2	6	1	2	0	0	31
0 Young	4-11	0-3	0-0	1-1	2	2	8	2	1	3	1	19
32 Beverly	2-5	0-0	2-3	3-3	6	2	6	0	1	0	0	8
23 Kodet	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	8
11 Dal Bon	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	11
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 26-71	5-24	15-23	20-24	41	19	72	10	9	2	6	200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Ala.-Huntsville	32	50	-	-	= 82	54.4%	38.9%	72.2%
Valdosta State	41	31	-	-	= 72	36.6%	20.8%	65.2%

Pts in the Paint: UAH-46, VSU-30 Pts off Turnovers: UAH-11, VSU-12
 2nd Chance Pts: UAH-4, VSU-20 Fast Break Pts: UAH-4, VSU-8
 Bench Pts: UAH-26, VSU-19 Tied-1 Time, Lead Changed-4 Times
 UAH Largest Lead: 11 in 2nd-05:12 VSU Largest Lead: 14 in 1st-02:01

Blazers Fall Short to No. 24 UAH

Alabama-Huntsville Wins, 82-72

VALDOSTA, Ga. — A second half surge led the Alabama-Huntsville Chargers to an 82-72 win over the Valdosta State men's basketball team on Monday night in Gulf South Conference action in Valdosta, Ga.

After a series of lead changes in the early minutes of the contest, the Blazers used a 44.1 percent shooting effort from the field in the first half to take a nine-point, 42-31 lead into intermission.

Beau Justice fueled the squad's first half success with two three-balls and a trio of free throws for a total of nine points, while Justin Simon got off to a strong start with eight first half points and four rebounds.

The second half proved to be the difference for the Chargers, however. UAH could do no wrong on offense, and with the help of three different players who reached double-digit figures in the second-half scoring column, the Chargers shot 58.1 percent (18-of-31) from the field and 45.5 percent (5-of-11) from the three point line.

Despite Alabama-Huntsville's impressive second half shooting display, Valdosta State managed to hold the Chargers at bay and retain their lead for the first 10 minutes of the second half. UAH took a 59-58 lead at the 9:31 mark, however, thanks to a three-pointer by Seab Webster, and the Chargers used a five-minute long, 14-5 run to extend their lead out of VSU's reach.

Troy Saxton led the way for the Chargers with 20 points on a near perfect 8-of-9 night from the field. Saxton's performance complemented four other UAH players, who each reached double-digits in the scoring column on the night and nullified the performances of Jeremiah Hill, Justice, and Simon, who delivered 15, 13, and 12 points in the game, respectively. Justice and Simon both came close to double-doubles with eight rebounds each.

With the loss, Valdosta State saw a two-game winning streak come to an end and fell to 8-3 overall, 3-2 in GSC action. Alabama-Huntsville improved to 8-3 overall and 4-1 against league opponents.

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JAN. 7, 2017 Lee 82

WALKER ARENA IN CLEVELAND, TENN.

LEE (6-6)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
1 Tyus	* 6-9	2-3	1-2	1-5	6	3	15	2	4	0	0	32
3 Woods	* 3-9	1-3	0-0	1-2	3	0	7	0	1	0	0	22
25 Johnson	* 0-6	0-5	4-4	1-2	3	1	4	0	1	2	0	22
33 Farley	* 0-4	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	2	0	1	0	4	0	27
12 Overall	* 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
14 Suedeckum	4-5	2-2	4-4	1-2	3	3	14	1	0	0	0	19
0 Jones	3-10	1-5	3-4	1-2	3	5	10	3	5	0	3	26
23 Merian	4-7	2-5	0-0	1-3	4	0	10	0	1	0	1	16
5 Montgomery	3-7	0-2	2-4	1-5	6	1	8	0	2	0	1	22
32 Kobani	2-4	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	11
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 25-61	8-25	14-18	12-26	38	15	72	8	15	7	5	200

Valdosta State (9-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
5 Hill	* 7-16	2-7	2-4	2-6	8	3	18	4	2	0	1	30
3 Lemons	* 5-8	1-2	2-2	1-3	4	2	13	7	2	2	4	34
15 Muhammad	* 3-7	0-0	3-5	1-2	3	4	9	1	0	0	1	24
24 Simon	* 4-8	0-0	0-0	4-6	10	0	8	0	0	0	0	19
12 Justice	* 2-6	1-2	2-2	1-0	1	0	7	3	4	0	0	23
23 Kodet	4-8	3-5	0-0	1-2	3	2	11	0	0	0	1	19
0 Young	4-9	2-5	0-0	1-0	1	1	10	0	1	2	2	12
1 Simuels	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-3	4	1	0	0	3	1	2	21
32 Beverly	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
11 Dal Bon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 29-65	9-21	9-14	14-25	39	14	76	12	5	12	5	200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Lee	36	36	-	-	= 72	41.0%	32.0%	77.8%
Valdosta State	33	43	-	-	= 76	44.6%	42.9%	64.3%

Pts in the Paint: LU-28, VSU-34 Pts off Turnovers: LU-16, VSU-25
 2nd Chance Pts: LU-10, VSU-9 Fast Break Pts: LU-0, VSU-14
 Bench Pts: LU-46, VSU-21 Tied-7 Times, Lead Changed-14 Times
 LU Largest Lead: 3 in 1st-08:54 VSU Largest Lead: 17 in 2nd-04:27

Blazers Pick Up Road Win Over Lee

Valdosta State Wins, 76-72

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — The Valdosta State men's basketball team trailed by three at halftime, but a strong second half performance allowed the Blazers to overcome the deficit and hold off the Lee Flames for a 76-72 Gulf South Conference win on Saturday afternoon in Cleveland, Tenn.

After Isaac Merian connected from three point range with two seconds to play in the first half, Lee was afforded a 36-33 advantage at intermission. The Blazers didn't falter however, and completely controlled the first 16 minutes of the second half to open up a 17-point lead with 4:27 to play in regulation.

Just over one minute later, the Flames began to foul in order to stop the clock. A series of missed free throws by Valdosta State and four three-pointers by the Flames in the closing minutes allowed Lee to narrow the gap to just two points with less than one minute to play. Saadiq Muhammad stepped up in the final seconds, however, to drill two critical free throws and hold LU at bay.

Jeremiah Hill led the way for the Blazers on offense with 18 points on a 7-of-16 performance from the field. The senior came just two rebounds shy of a double-double after hauling in eight rebounds, and he added four assists with one steal. In addition, guard Josh Lemons added 13 points, and Jimmy Kodet poured in 11 points, eight of which came in the second half.

Valdosta State shot 33.3 percent from three point range in the first half with a 4-of-12 effort, but the team made their most substantial strides from long range in the second half with a 55.6 shooting performance (5-of-9). Kodet accounted for two of the second half threes, while Lemons, Hill, and Damian Young added one each. In contrast, the Flames were 0-of-10 from beyond the arc until their aforementioned surge during the game's final three minutes.

The win put Valdosta State in a three-way tie for third place in the GSC, improving the team to 9-3 overall and 4-2 against league opponents. The Flames saw their record fall to an even 6-6, and their conference record dropped to 2-4 overall.



13 Valdosta State

JAN. 9, 2017 **Shorter**

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WINTHROP-KING CENTRE IN ROME, GA.

SU (8-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
3 Taylor	* 8-22	2-9	15-17	0-1	1 4	33	2 2	0 5 40
24 Ross	* 6-8	0-0	3-6	5-8	13 4	15	1 3	2 0 31
Potter	* 2-7	0-3	3-4	0-2	2 3	7	0 2	1 2 23
25 Bennett	* 1-8	0-2	2-2	3-2	5 2	4	2 2	0 0 22
21 Wickliff	* 0-4	0-3	0-0	0-1	1 0	0	0 0	0 2 20
15 Birchfield	4-7	4-6	3-3	0-0	0 0	15	0 2	0 1 21
11 Brown	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1 0	2	0 1	0 0 13
5 Adolphonse	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3 2	0	1 1	0 1 16
33 Chambers	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1	0	0 0	0 0 5
23 Helligar	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1 0	0	0 0	1 0 5
22 Guillaume	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 2	0	0 0	1 0 0 4
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5 0	0	0 0	0 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 22-59	6-23	26-32	11-21	32	18	6 15	311 200

Valdosta State (10-3)FG-A 3G-A FT-A O-D TRPF Pts. A TO B S Min.

5 Hill	* 10-18	9-14	4-4	1-6	7 1	33	2 5	1 4 35
15 Muhammad	* 3-6	0-0	3-6	2-5	7 4	9	0 1	1 0 31
24 Simon	* 1-2	0-0	2-2	2-3	5 1	4	2 3	0 0 27
12 Justice	* 1-5	0-3	2-2	0-3	3 4	4	2 3	0 0 24
3 Lemons	* 1-4	0-2	1-2	0-3	3 5	3	3 1	0 2 30
0 Young	12-18	5-6	5-5	2-0	2 5	34	2 1	3 2 13
1 Simuels	2-2	0-0	0-1	1-2	3 1	4	1 2	0 0 10
23 Kodet	1-3	0-2	0-0	1-2	3 1	2	0 0	1 0 10
11 Dal Bon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1 2	0	2 0	1 0 6
32 Beverly	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1 0	0	0 0	0 0 4
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	4 0	0	0 0	1 0 0
TOTALS	- 31-58	14-27	17-22	10-29	39	24	93	14 19 4 11 200

Shorter	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Valdosta State	36	40	-	-	= 76	37.3%	26.1%	81.3%
	43	50	-	-	= 93	53.4%	51.9%	77.3%

Pts in the Paint: SU-28, VSU-24

2nd Chance Pts: SU-12, VSU-10

Bench Pts: SU-17, VSU-40

SU Largest Lead: --

Pts off Turnovers: SU-19, VSU-27

Fast Break Pts: SU-9, VSU-0

Tied-O Time, Lead Changed-0 Times

VSU Largest Lead: 20 in 2nd-01:40

Blazers Cruise to 93-76 Win Over Hawks

ROME, Ga. — A dual offensive explosion, along with a tremendous defensive effort, led the Valdosta State men's basketball team to their second straight Gulf South Conference win, 93-76, over the Shorter Hawks in Rome, Ga. on Monday night.

The Blazers held Shorter to under 40 percent at 37.3 percent from the field in the contest to limit the Hawks' damage on the night. In addition, SU hit just 6-of-23 attempts from long range and were held to just one three ball in the second half.

In contrast, the Blazer offense lit up Winthrop-King Centre with an incredible shooting display that resulted in a 53.4 percent (31-of-58) effort from the field and a 51.9 percent (14-of-27) performance from beyond the arc. In addition, VSU hit 17-of-22 free throws for 77.3 percent to cap off the offensive onslaught.

Valdosta State's barrage was led by Damian Young, who found his stride early in the contest and proceeded to bury 12-of-18 attempts from the field and 5-of-6 from long range. As a result, Young produced a career-high 34 points to lead all scorers in the game. Jeremiah Hill complemented Young with 33 points of his own after connecting on 10 three-pointers. The long range exhibition by Hill nearly matched his record setting performance last season against West Alabama, when he buried 11 treys for a single-game record.

The Blazer defense held Phil Taylor, the nation's leading scorer, to just seven first half points to help set the tone of the game early, but the guard used 13 second-half free throws and six field goals to push to a 33-point total to lead the Hawks.

Despite Taylor's production in the game, Valdosta State picked up the win to improve to 10-3 overall and 5-2 against league opponents. Meanwhile, the Hawks dropped to 8-4 overall and 3-4 in conference play.

14 Valdosta State

JAN. 12, 2017 **West Georgia**

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THE COLISEUM IN CARROLLTON, GA.

UWG (7-7)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
1 Branch	* 5-11	0-0	4-7	2-4	6 2	14	3 1	0 3 33
21 Fowler	* 6-10	0-0	2-3	1-6	7 2	14	0 1	3 0 33
25 Saicic	* 1-6	0-2	3-4	2-4	6 1	5	2 3	0 0 28
3 Briggs	* 1-6	1-4	0-0	0-2	2 1	3	0 0	0 0 25
10 Evans	* 1-4	0-1	0-0	0-2	2 2	2	2 2	0 0 19
20 Ulmer	* 7-8	0-0	1-2	0-2	2 4	15	2 5	0 1 21
4 Cameron	3-7	1-5	5-6	0-1	1 1	12	2 1	0 2 21
2 Houston	2-8	1-3	0-1	1-2	3 3	5	0 0	0 0 14
51 Blakely	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	2 2	0	0 0	1 0 6
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2 0	0	0 0	0 0 0
TOTALS	- 26-62	3-15	15-23	7-26	33	18	70	11 13 4 8 200

Valdosta State (11-3)FG-A 3G-A FT-A O-D TRPF Pts. A TO B S Min.

12 Justice	* 7-10	3-5	0-0	1-5	6 2	17	0 3	0 0 36
15 Muhammad	* 6-12	0-0	4-5	3-10	13 4	16	0 1	0 0 25
5 Hill	* 4-17	1-7	6-6	3-2	5 1	15	5 2	0 2 38
3 Lemons	* 1-5	0-1	5-6	1-8	9 2	7	5 4	0 1 37
24 Simon	* 3-3	0-0	1-3	3-3	6 4	7	1 1	0 0 21
0 Young	5-13	2-6	0-0	2-3	5 2	12	1 5	0 3 22
1 Simuels	2-6	0-0	1-2	1-1	2 2	5	1 0	1 0 10
32 Beverly	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0 7
23 Kodet	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1 2	0	0 0	1 1 4
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	4 0	0	0 0	1 0 0
TOTALS	- 28-68	6-19	17-22	17-34	51	19	73	19 27 200

West Georgia	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Valdosta State	36	34	-	-	= 70	41.9%	20.0%	65.2%
	45	34	-	-	= 79	41.2%	31.6%	77.3%

Pts in the Paint: UWG-44, VSU-40

2nd Chance Pts: UWG-9, VSU-19

Bench Pts: UWG-32, VSU-17

UWG Largest Lead: 3 in 2nd-10:35

Pts off Turnovers: UWG-22, VSU-6

Fast Break Pts: UWG-10, VSU-8

Tied-O Time, Lead Changed-3 Times

VSU Largest Lead: 13 in 1st-16:45

Blazers Finish Road Trip Strong With 79-70 Win Over UWG

CARROLLTON, Ga. — The Valdosta State men's basketball team thrived in a hostile environment at The Coliseum in Carrollton, Ga. to wrap up a perfect road trip with a 79-70 over the rival Wolves of West Georgia in Gulf South Conference action on Thursday night.

The Blazers opened up the contest with a bang after outscoring the Wolves 13-0 over the course of the first three-plus minutes. From that moment forward, the Wolves matched the Blazers throughout the rest of the opening half but struggled to cut into VSU's lead. Damian Young paced the Blazers in the first half with 12 points on 5-of-10 shooting, and Valdosta State took a 45-36 lead into intermission.

Beau Justice kicked off the second period with a backside tip-in to give Valdosta State a double-digit advantage within the first minute, but the contest took a shaky turn for the Blazers during the ensuing minutes. Valdosta State was unable to connect for the next five minutes, and West Georgia used the opportunity for a 12-0 run. As a result, UWG took their first lead of the game at 48-47 at the 14:27 mark.

Justice quickly broke VSU's offensive silence on the next possession with a three-ball to reclaim the lead for the Blazers, which led to a series of lead exchanges between the two teams. Jeremiah Hill sparked VSU's decisive run at the 9:41 mark, however, and gave the Blazers a 58-57 advantage with a jumper in the paint. Although the Wolves kept the game fairly tight, Valdosta State slowly extended their lead and did not relinquish it for the remainder of the contest.

Despite 19 turnovers in the game, the Blazers managed to overcome the slight by outrebounding the Wolves 51-33. More importantly, the red and black was able to use 17 offensive rebounds to score 19 second-chance points.

Justice served as the leading scorer for the Blazers with 17 points on 7-of-10 shooting from the field, while Saadiq Muhammad, Hill, and Young also reached double-digit figures with 16, 15, and 12 points each, respectively.



15 Valdosta State

JAN. 14, 2017 **West Alabama**

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THE COMPLEX IN VALDOSTA, GA.

UWA (3-6)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR PF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
12 Robinson	* 3-9	0-2	14-15	5-5	10 3	20	1 1	1 0	26
11 Lane	* 4-13	0-2	3-4	1-3	4 2	11	0 1	0 0	30
Stallworth	* 1-5	1-2	0-0	1-0	1 3	3	0 1	0 0	17
10 Kumanovic	* 1-3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0 0	2	1 2	0 1	20
14 Johnson	* 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3 3	0	0 0	2 1	26
4 Cranney	2-9	0-3	3-4	0-0	0 3	7	0 2	0 1	25
21 Jobling	2-4	1-3	1-1	0-1	1 0	6	0 0	0 0	26
20 Ingram	2-6	0-1	0-0	0-3	3 1	4	0 2	0 1	17
24 Moorer	0-3	0-1	0-0	1-1	2 1	0	0 0	0 1	13
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	4 0	0	0 0	0 0	0
TOTALS	- 15-52	2-16	21-24	9-19	28 16	53	2 9	3 5	200

16 Valdosta State

JAN. 19, 2017 **Delta State**

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THE COMPLEX IN VALDOSTA, GA.

DSU (7-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR PF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
23 Schmidt	* 5-20	1-6	4-5	0-3	3 2	15	2 7	0 2	34
10 Warner	* 4-8	1-1	0-0	0-1	1 2	9	1 0	0 2	30
22 Kilpatrick	* 3-6	0-1	2-8	0-1	1 1	8	0 1	0 2	28
4 Harper	* 2-4	0-0	4-4	3-4	7 5	8	0 2	3 0	28
3 Davis	* 2-6	0-0	0-2	5-2	7 2	4	1 2	0 1	28
2 Henry	7-11	1-4	2-2	1-3	4 3	17	0 1	1 1	26
32 Taylor	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-6	6 0	1	0 0	1 0	23
5 Cornish	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1 0	0	0 0	0 0	3
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2 0	0	0 0	1 0	0
TOTALS	- 23-56	3-12	13-23	21-21	32 15	62	4 14	5 8	200

Valdosta State (12-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR PF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
5 Hill	* 11-17	5-8	1-1	0-1	1 3	28	4 0	0 0	31
12 Justice	* 3-10	2-5	0-0	1-3	4 1	8	1 0	1 1	29
15 Muhammad	* 3-6	0-0	4-7	3-9	12 1	10	1 3	2 1	26
3 Lemons	* 1-4	0-0	1-2	3-4	7 1	3	1 1	0 0	26
24 Simon	* 1-3	0-0	3-4	3-2	5 3	5	0 1	1 0	24
0 Young	3-9	1-6	0-0	0-1	1 1	7	1 0	0 0	19
23 Kodet	2-4	0-1	0-0	1-4	5 1	4	0 0	1 0	15
1 Simuels	2-3	0-1	0-1	0-1	1 3	4	0 0	1 0	14
11 Dal Bon	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-2	2 4	5	1 1	0 0	9
32 Beverly	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1 4	0	0 0	1 0	6
2 Elliott	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	1
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5 0	0	0 0	2 0	0
TOTALS	- 28-58	9-22	9-15	13-31	44 22	74	9 12	5 2	200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
West Alabama	24	29	-	-	= 53	28.8%	12.5%	87.5%
Valdosta State	47	27	-	-	= 74	48.3%	40.9%	60.0%

Pts in the Paint: UWA-20, VSU-32
2nd Chance Pts: UWA-4, VSU-13
Bench Pts: UWA-17, VSU-20
UWA Largest Lead: 2 in 1st-19:33
Fast Break Pts: UWA-0, VSU-2
Tied-1 Time, Lead Changed-1 Times
VSU Largest Lead: 27 in 2nd-16:57

Blazer Basketball Tied For First After 74-53 Win Over UWA

VALDOSTA, Ga. – The Valdosta State men's basketball team took advantage of a Delta State win over Alabama-Huntsville in Cleveland, Miss., and used a 74-53 triumph over West Alabama to enter a three-way tie for first place on Saturday afternoon in Valdosta, Ga.

The Blazers controlled the game from the outset, after Beau Justice gave VSU their first lead of the game with three pointers on back-to-back possessions. Valdosta State rode the momentum throughout the first half with deadeye accuracy from the field and a host of highlight-reel plays. The squad's 57.6 shooting percentage led the team to a 47-24 halftime lead, and Jeremiah Hill paced the effort with 23 points on 9-of-11 shooting in the first half alone.

In the second period, Valdosta State put together a steady, balanced spread that included an impressive defensive performance. The Blazer defense kept the contest in check and held the Tigers at bay, forcing UWA to shoot a paltry 8-of-29 from the field for just 27.6 percent.

Overall in the game, Hill led the way on offense with 28 points, while Saadiq Muhammad landed another double-double on the afternoon after scoring 10 points and hauling in 12 rebounds. Nine different players scored points in the game, and VSU completely dominated the boards with 44 against West Alabama's 28.

As mentioned, Saturday's result allowed the Blazers to claim a piece of the top spot in the GSC standings with both Alabama-Huntsville and Delta State. VSU improved to 12-3 overall and 7-2 in league action, while the Tigers dropped to 8-7 overall and 3-6 in conference play.

Valdosta State (13-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
12 Justice	* 5-10	3-5	3-4	0-0	0	1	16	0	00 33
3 Lemons	* 5-9	0-2	3-4	1-3	4	4	13	6	1 02 31
5 Hill	* 5-10	2-4	0-0	1-2	3	3	12	4	5 00 24
24 Simon	* 2-4	0-0	7-8	5-5	10	2	11	1	2 12 27
15 Muhammad	* 4-7	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	3	8	0	1 00 28
23 Kodet	3-6	2-4	0-0	2-6	8	0	8	2	0 31 15
0 Young	2-6	2-4	0-0	1-3	4	2	6	2	3 21 15
1 Simuels	1-3	0-0	1-1	0-1	1	3	3	1	0 02 16
11 Dal Bon	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	1	0 00 8
32 Beverly	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0 00 3
TMTEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	0	0	0	0 10 0
TOTALS	- 28-57	9-20	14-17	13-26	39	19	79	17	4 6 8 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Delta State	31	31	-	-	= 62	41.1%	25.0%	56.5%
Valdosta State	36	43	-	-	= 79	49.1%	45.0%	82.4%

Pts in the Paint: DSU-30, VSU-30
2nd Chance Pts: DSU-4, VSU-10
Bench Pts: DSU-18, VSU-19
DSU Largest Lead: 2 in 1st-19:21
Fast Break Pts: DSU-6, VSU-4
Tied-0 Time, Lead Changed-2 Times
VSU Largest Lead: 18 in 2nd-03:57

Helper Wins 400th; Blazers Remain In First Place

VALDOSTA, Ga. – In a highly anticipated matchup on Thursday night between two of the Gulf South Conference's top ranked teams, the Valdosta State Blazers knocked off the Delta State Statesmen, 79-62, and helped Head Coach Mike Helper secure his 400th career victory as a collegiate head coach.

"When you reach a milestone like this, you tend to look back in amazement at how many players have played for you and how great many of them were," stated Helper. "It's not about the wins and losses as much as it is about the relationships and doing our best to influence lives in a positive way."

With the support of nearly 1,000 attendees, the Blazers took a 7-4 lead early in the first half after back-to-back layups by Saadiq Muhammad and never trailed again for the rest of the night. Thanks to an impressive shooting effort that resulted in a 49.1 percent performance from the field and a 45.0 percent three-point display, the Blazers remained in complete control throughout the duration of the night.

Even more impressive, was the intensity level of the Blazer defense throughout the night. The Blazers held the GSC's second-best scorer, Devin Schmidt, to just five first-half points and 15 total points in the game. Coach Helper credited the team's defensive success to their ability to carry out a specific game plan.

"I thought tonight, maybe more than any other time this season, we took the scouting report and applied it on the floor," said Helper after the game. "That is a very tough team to guard. Schmidt is very tough to guard. With strong execution tonight, we were able to do both."

Four different players reached double figures in the scoring column, and Justin Simon added 10 rebounds to his 11 points for a double-double. Beau Justice had a big night on offense as well, scoring 16 points on 5-of-10 shooting from the field.

"This is one of my favorite teams that I've coached," added Helper after being asked about achieving his 400th win with his current team. "They understand me, I understand them, and I think the chemistry we have is really helping us as an organization right now."



17 Valdosta State 103

JAN. 21, 2017 Mississippi College 79

THE COMPLEX IN VALDOSTA, GA.

MC (1-10)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR PF	Pts. A	T O	B S	Min.
1 Mack	* 5-9	0-0	9-12	2-1	3 2	19	0	1	00 26
14 Fisher	* 3-6	3-6	2-4	1-2	3 2	11	0	3	00 23
11 Johnson	* 3-6	2-5	1-2	0-1	1 2	9	2	4	00 22
23 McCall	* 1-3	0-0	1-2	0-2	2 2	3	0	0	01 24
4 Haynes	* 0-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	2 2	1	1	0	00 18
2 Boston	8-10	0-0	2-2	0-2	2 2	18	1	1	11 23
22 Hunter	2-3	1-1	2-3	1-2	3 4	7	2	5	00 18
32 Campbell	2-6	1-4	0-0	1-1	2 0	5	1	0	01 14
3 Harvey	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 0	4	2	2	00 25
5 Dillon	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	3 1	2	0	0	00 7
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0	0	1	00 0
TOTALS	- 27-51	7-17	18-27	5-16	21 17	79	9	17	1 3 200

Valdosta State (14-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR PF	Pts. A	T O	B S	Min.
5 Hill	* 9-15	2-7	7-9	1-5	6	2	27	7	0 04 27
3 Lemons	* 7-10	3-3	0-0	1-1	2	2	17	6	2 01 25
12 Justice	* 4-6	1-3	2-2	0-2	2	1	11	1	0 01 20
15 Muhammad	* 3-4	0-0	2-2	3-2	5	0	8	0	1 00 20
24 Simon	* 2-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0	4	0	0 00 17
23 Kodet	6-8	2-4	1-2	0-3	3	4	15	0	1 11 22
0 Young	2-6	1-3	2-2	1-3	4	2	7	2	3 01 21
32 Beverly	2-3	0-0	3-4	1-1	2	4	7	1	2 00 11
1 Simuels	1-3	0-0	2-2	3-1	4	3	4	1	1 01 13
2 Elliott	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0	1 01 5
11 Dal Bon	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	4	0	3	1 01 14
21 Morales	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0 00 5
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	1 00 0
TOTALS	- 37-62	10-22	19-23	11-22	33	22	103	21	13 111 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Miss. College	31	48	-	-	= 79	52.9%	41.2%	66.7%
Valdosta State	45	58	-	-	= 103	59.7%	45.5%	82.6%

Pts in the Paint: MC-24, VSU-44 Pts off Turnovers: MC-16, VSU-22
 2nd Chance Pts: MC-0, VSU-10 Fast Break Pts: MC-4, VSU-6
 Bench Pts: MC-36, VSU-36 Tied-0 Time, Lead Changed-1 Times
 MC Largest Lead: 1 in 1st-19:45 VSU Largest Lead: 39 in 2nd-07:43

Blazers Red Hot In 103-79 Win Over Mississippi College

VALDOSTA, Ga. — A sizzling second half offensive performance allowed the Valdosta State men's basketball team to run away from the Mississippi College Choctaws in the second half for a 103-79 rout on Saturday evening in Valdosta, Ga.

The Blazers were firing on all cylinders in The Complex, particularly in the second half, during which Head Coach Mike Helfer's club buried 19-of-23 field goals for a remarkable 75-percent shooting exhibition. Seven of the 19 shots were three pointers, resulting in a 7-of-10, 70 percent effort from long range, and VSU also drilled 9-of-12 attempts from the free throw line.

The second half surge pushed the Blazers to a season-high 59.7 shooting percentage in the game, and 19 of VSU's 103 points came from the free throw line. Valdosta State has now shot 50 percent or better from the field in eight games this season, and the team has shot 40 percent or better in each game of their current six-game winning streak.

Jeremiah Hill anchored the team with 27 points on the attack, with Josh Lemons and Jimmy Kodet adding 17 and 15 points, respectively. Hill also added seven assists and six rebounds for team leads in both categories, and the Blazers completely dominated the boards with 33 rebounds against MC's 21.

With the victory, Valdosta State improved to 14-3 overall and 9-2 in conference play, adding to their best start in over five years. Mississippi College's woes continued, as they fell to 4-11 overall and 1-10 against conference opponents.

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JAN. 23, 2017 West Florida 82

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UWF (6-6)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR PF	Pts. A	T O	B S	Min.
4 Jones	* 5-12	4-7	2-3	0-5	5 1	16	1	2	15 27
5 Legrier	* 4-7	0-0	3-4	4-3	7 3	11	1	1	21 38
11 Benson	* 3-12	1-4	4-6	0-0	0 1	11	2	5	12 26
10 Deng	* 2-5	2-3	0-0	1-1	2 5	6	1	3	01 21
12 Laatsch	* 1-7	0-3	0-0	1-0	1 2	2	2	2	11 16
24 Thorpe	5-10	0-1	3-5	1-1	2 5	13	1	2	01 26
2 Laatsch	2-3	2-2	2-2	0-0	0 0	8	1	0	00 10
21 Tucker	3-3	1-1	0-0	3-7	10 4	7	1	1	01 14
1 Stramaglia	2-5	2-4	0-0	0-1	1 0	6	1	0	00 10
3 Chalifoux	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0 0	2	0	1	00 5
40 Ventonemi	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1 1	0	1	0	00 7
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5 0	0	0	0	00 0
TOTALS	- 28-67	12-27	14-22	10-22	34 22	82	12	17	512 200

Valdosta State (15-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts. A	T O	B S	Min.
5 Hill	* 8-17	4-10	7-8	1-2	3	2	27	7	1	14 33
3 Lemons	* 3-5	0-0	7-7	1-3	4	2	13	4	0	01 28
12 Justice	* 4-11	2-9	2-3	1-5	6	4	12	2	0	01 32
15 Muhammad	* 4-9	0-0	4-4	4-11	15	0	12	1	1	00 29
24 Simon	* 4-4	0-0	2-2	4-5	9	1	8	0	2	20 28
0 Young	4-11	2-7	2-2	0-2	2	1	12	1	2	02 19
1 Simuels	1-3	0-1	1-4	4-1	5	3	3	0	0	12 13
23 Kodet	1-6	0-3	0-0	3-1	4	2	2	0	0	00 12
11 Dal Bon	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	00 5
32 Beverly	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	00 1
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	1	00 0
TOTALS	- 29-68	8-31	23-30	19-32	5	11	68	99	19	4 10200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
West Florida	32	50	-	-	= 82	41.8%	44.4%	70.0%
Valdosta State	44	45	-	-	= 89	42.6%	25.8%	76.7%

Pts in the Paint: UWF-22, VSU-34 Pts off Turnovers: UWF-13, VSU-24
 2nd Chance Pts: UWF-13, VSU-18 Fast Break Pts: UWF-0, VSU-4
 Bench Pts: UWF-36, VSU-17 Tied-0 Time, Lead Changed-1 Times
 UWF Largest Lead: ---- VSU Largest Lead: 23 in 2nd-13:57

Blazers Move to Seven Straight; Defeat UWF 89-82

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Jeremiah Hill scored 27 points for the second straight game to help the Valdosta State men's basketball team outlast a gritty West Florida Argonauts squad for an 89-82 Gulf South Conference win in Valdosta, Ga. on Monday night.

Hill hit 8-of-17 shots from the field and 4-of-10 from long range, and the Blazers boosted the offensive output by way of four other players to reach double-digit figures in the scoring column.

The Blazers shot over 42.6 percent for the seventh straight game, a stretch during which VSU has ripped off seven consecutive victories. The solid shooting performance was a critical one for Valdosta State and gave the red and black just enough cushion to hold off a late push by the Argonauts.

Trailing by 20 points at the 10:30 mark, West Florida's Darryl Tucker hit a three to spark a 26-7 run over the course of the next eight minutes. The Stretch allowed the Argonauts to pull to within one point at 80-79, but a timeout by Head Coach Mike Helfer allowed the Blazers to gather themselves and outscore UWF 9-3 during the final two minutes.

Valdosta State matched a season high with 51 rebounds in the game, out-rebounding the Argonauts by a total of 17. Of those rebounds, 19 came on offense, which set the Blazers up for 18 second-chance points. Saadiq Muhammad was the top performer on the boards with a career-high 15 boards. The double-double, which included 12 points, marked Muhammad's third of the season.

With the victory, VSU launched to 15-3 overall and 10-2 in Gulf South Conference play. In contrast, West Florida fell to 11-6 overall and 6-6 against league opponents.



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UWG (8-10)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
2 Houston	* 3-8	1-3	6-6	5-5	10	1	13	0	1	0	1	26
4 Cameron	* 4-7	1-3	4-4	0-1	1	5	13	0	2	0	0	19
21 Fowler	* 3-9	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	6	0	0	0	1	17
20 Ulmer	* 2-4	1-3	0-1	0-2	2	4	5	1	3	0	0	22
1 Branch	* 0-1	0-0	0-2	0-5	5	4	0	0	4	0	1	18
3 Briggs	8-13	6-9	2-3	0-1	1	1	24	0	2	0	0	26
10 Evans	2-4	2-3	0-0	0-1	1	0	6	3	4	0	1	19
5 Blakely	2-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	5	1	0	1	0	23
24 Dean	1-3	0-1	1-2	0-1	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	13
25 Saicic	1-4	0-0	0-0	3-4	7	2	2	2	3	0	0	17
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 26-58	12-25	13-18	8-23	31	19	77	7	19	2	5	200

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PRUITT HALL IN LIVINGSTON, ALA.

UWA (9-10)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
11 Lane	* 6-11	1-5	5-6	1-1	2	3	18	4	1	0	0	31
12 Robinson	* 4-8	1-1	7-7	1-4	5	2	16	1	1	1	0	31
10 Kumanovic	* 5-14	3-7	2-2	1-3	4	1	15	5	3	0	3	36
1 Alexander	* 2-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	4	4	1	2	3	0	16
0 Stallworth	* 1-10	1-7	0-0	1-0	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	40
20 Ingram	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	7
24 Moorer	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-2	2	4	2	2	2	0	0	17
12 Jobling	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
22 Habazin	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	8
14 Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 19-52	7-24	16-17	4-20	24	18	61	13	9	5	3	200

Valdosta State (16-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
5 Hill	* 9-17	2-6	4-6	1-2	3	1	24	5	1	0	5	28
12 Justice	* 6-12	3-6	0-0	1-2	3	1	15	0	0	0	0	32
15 Muhammad	* 6-8	0-0	3-5	4-3	7	3	15	2	1	3	1	24
3 Lemons	* 3-9	2-4	1-2	1-5	6	1	9	5	2	0	2	33
24 Simon	* 2-5	0-0	1-2	2-3	5	3	5	1	0	0	1	16
0 Young	8-15	4-7	0-0	4-3	7	1	20	4	0	0	0	19
1 Simuels	5-5	0-0	2-2	3-4	7	4	12	1	1	0	0	21
23 Kodet	2-7	0-5	0-0	0-5	3	4	2	0	1	0	0	17
11 Dal Bon	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	8
32 Beverly	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 42-79	12-29	11-17	18-27	45	17	107	15	11	4	9	200

Valdosta State (17-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
15 Muhammad	* 8-11	0-0	2-4	1-6	7	3	18	2	2	0	1	29
3 Lemons	* 5-10	1-5	3-4	1-3	4	2	14	6	1	0	0	36
12 Justice	* 4-7	2-5	4-4	0-2	2	0	14	2	1	0	0	35
5 Hill	* 5-10	0-3	2-5	0-6	6	3	12	3	2	0	2	32
24 Simon	* 2-8	0-0	6-7	6-5	11	3	10	1	1	0	0	31
0 Young	2-3	1-2	0-0	1-0	1	4	5	1	1	0	1	15
1 Simuels	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	12
23 Kodet	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
11 Dal Bon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-5	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 26-54	4-17	17-24	14-30	44	18	73	16	10	4	4	200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
West Georgia	38	39	-	-	= 77	44.8%	48.0%	72.2%
Valdosta State	55	52	-	-	= 107	53.2%	41.4%	64.7%

Pts in the Paint: UWG-24, VSU-48
 2nd Chance Pts: UWG-11, VSU-21
 Bench Pts: UWG-40, VSU-39
 UWG Largest Lead: 2 in 1st-19:19
 VSU Largest Lead: 34 in 2nd-02:38

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
West Alabama	28	33	-	-	= 61	36.5%	29.2%	94.1%
Valdosta State	42	31	-	-	= 73	48.1%	23.5%	70.8%

Pts in the Paint: UWG-20, VSU-46
 2nd Chance Pts: UWG-17, VSU-16
 Bench Pts: UWG-5, VSU-5
 UWG Largest Lead: 8 in 1st-09:27
 VSU Largest Lead: 16 in 1st-00:09

Blazers Roll to 107-77 Win Over UWG

VALDOSTA, Ga. — The Valdosta State men's basketball team delivered an incredible performance in front of an incredible crowd to land their eighth consecutive win with a 107-77 Gulf South Conference victory over the rival West Georgia Wolves on Thursday night at The Complex.

West Georgia's Aaron Cameron struck first in the first minute of the game to put the Wolves in front by two, but Beau Justice drilled a three just 20 seconds later to spark a relentless offensive attack by the Blazers that continued throughout the rest of the night.

Both teams shot well in the first half, and West Georgia hit 50.0 percent of their shots from the field. The Blazers fired off more shots, however, and connected on 21-of-37 attempts for a 56.8 shooting percentage. The result was a 55-38 lead for the Blazers at the half.

Valdosta State dominated in every facet of the game and led in every major statistical column. VSU pulled down 45 rebounds, committed just 11 turnovers, and dished out 15 assists in the game. Jeremiah Hill once again led the way with 24 points and was joined by eight other scorers, four of which posted double-digit scoring numbers.

Most impressive of all, perhaps, was Valdosta State's ability to completely shut down Stephann Branch, UWG's top offensive scorer. Branch came into the game averaging 18.6 per game and served as one of the top five scorers in the league, but Valdosta State held him scoreless. Furthermore, VSU held the senior to just a single shot attempt and essentially forced him out of the game early in the second half after frustration set in and led to a technical foul. The technical foul, followed by another quick foul in the opening minutes of the second half, led Head Coach Michael Cooney to bench Branch with four fouls. He never returned and notched just 18 minutes in the game.

In addition to Hill's impressive effort, Damian Young added 20 points for his third highest scoring effort of the season. The performance helped lead VSU to a 16-3 overall record and an 11-2 stint in GSC play. The Wolves fell to 8-10, 5-7 against league opponents.

Blazer Defense Locks Down Late to Defeat Tigers

LIVINGSTON, Ala. — Valdosta State overcame a slow offensive start to pick up a 73-61 Gulf South Conference road win over the West Alabama Tigers in Livingston, Ala. on Saturday for their ninth straight victory.

The Blazer defense kept the drought from being a costly one, however, by allowing the Tigers just two free throws of their own during that same stretch. Facing a 5-2 deficit at the 15:00 mark in the first half, UWA continued to stifle the Blazer offense and managed to outscore VSU over the next seven minutes to establish a 19-13 lead.

With eight minutes to play in the opening period, Valdosta State flipped a switch offensively and put together a 19-9 run. Jeremiah Hill came to life during that stretch, scoring 10 of his 12 points to help ignite the Blazer offense and push VSU out to a 42-28 lead at the break.

"Stuff isn't always going to go our way out there, and we just have to stay composed in those situations," said Saadiq Muhammad in response to VSU's slow start. "We have to just be patient, wear the other team down, and keep playing our game. If we do that, eventually, things will start going our way."

In the second half, the Tigers pulled to within two points four different times and used a pair of Jahmal Lane free throws to trim the Blazers' lead to 58-56 at the 8:45 mark. From that moment forward, however, Valdosta State's defense went into total lockdown mode, and Coach Mike Hefner's squad allowed UWA just five additional points throughout the remainder of regulation.

"I feel like as season has gone along, we've gotten better defensively," added Muhammad. "We can score, but we've got to stop somebody if we are going to win games, especially games where we score under 80 points. In that final stretch tonight, we just bucked down and did what coach asked of us. After that, good things happened."

Saadiq Muhammad was the driving force behind VSU's offensive production on the night, as the senior forward shot 8-of-11 from the field and 2-of-4 from the free throw line for a team-high 18 points. In addition, Justin Simon helped lead the Blazers to 44 rebounds in the game with 11 of his own. Valdosta State's rebound total exceeded UWA's by 20, and Simon's 10 points landed the senior another double-double.



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A.E. WOOD COLISEUM IN CLINTON, MS.

MC (4-14)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
4 Haynes	* 12-21	0-0	8-13	0-6	6	3	28	8 1 0 5 44
11 Johnson	* 5-11	4-7	5-6	0-4	4	4	19	1 3 0 3 47
1 Mack	* 6-12	0-1	3-4	4-5	9	5	15	1 0 1 1 28
23 McCall	* 3-7	0-0	4-7	1-4	5	3	10	1 3 1 1 31
14 Fisher	* 1-3	0-2	2-2	0-2	2	1	4	1 1 0 1 18
5 Dillon	4-4	0-0	3-5	1-3	4	2	11	1 2 1 0 26
2 Boston	4-6	0-0	1-1	2-2	4	2	9	1 2 0 0 15
22 Hunter	0-0	0-0	2-4	0-1	1	3	2	1 5 0 1 13
3 Harvey	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	3	0	3 1 1 0 28
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	0	0	0 1 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 33-65	4-10	28-42	9-31	40	26	98	18 19 41 25 20

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WALTER SILLERS COLISEUM IN CLEVELAND, MS.

DSU (15-6)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
22 Kilpatrick	* 5-12	1-2	5-6	0-3	3	1	16	0 2 2 0 37
4 Harper	* 6-6	0-0	2-4	5-10	15	3	14	2 1 5 2 32
23 Schmidt	* 3-13	2-5	2-2	0-3	3	2	10	5 4 0 2 35
10 Warner	* 3-7	2-3	0-2	0-3	3	2	8	0 2 0 1 26
5 Cornish	* 2-5	0-2	1-1	3-0	3	3	5	2 0 0 1 25
3 Davis	7-7	0-0	3-3	2-2	4	3	17	1 1 0 0 19
2 Henry	0-6	0-1	2-2	0-3	3	1	2	1 0 0 0 22
32 Taylor	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0 0 0 0 4
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 26-57	5-13	15-20	12-28	40	15	72	11 10 7 6 200

Valdosta State (18-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
5 Hill	* 12-21	6-16	5-9	1-6	7	3	35	2 3 1 1 39
3 Lemons	* 2-5	0-1	6-8	1-2	3	5	10	5 0 5 2 32
12 Justice	* 3-12	3-10	0-0	1-1	2	4	9	2 1 0 1 37
24 Simon	* 2-3	0-0	3-6	5-4	9	2	7	1 2 0 0 35
15 Muhammad	* 1-3	0-0	0-0	0-6	6	5	2	1 1 0 0 20
0 Young	9-18	4-8	0-2	2-2	4	5	22	2 3 1 2 35
23 Kodet	3-4	1-2	0-0	4-4	8	2	7	1 2 2 0 20
32 Beverly	3-3	0-0	0-2	2-4	6	4	6	0 2 0 1 24
11 Dal Bon	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	4 0 0 0 1 6
1 Simuels	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0 0 0 0 0 2
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-1	6	0	0	0 0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 36-81	14-37	14-27	21-31	52	33	100	18 19 4 8 250

Valdosta State (18-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
12 Justice	* 8-14	4-9	2-2	1-0	1	4	22	3 1 0 1 32
15 Muhammad	* 5-10	0-0	1-4	5-4	9	4	11	0 1 0 1 29
5 Hill	* 3-13	2-9	1-2	1-2	3	0	9	6 2 1 0 38
3 Lemons	* 2-10	1-4	2-2	3-4	7	5	7	3 1 1 1 33
24 Simon	* 2-3	0-0	0-3	4-6	10	2	4	1 2 1 1 25
1 Simuels	2-6	0-0	1-3	3-1	4	4	5	1 1 0 1 16
0 Young	0-5	0-4	0-2	1-0	1	0	0	0 2 0 0 9
23 Kodet	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	1	0	0 0 0 0 8
32 Beverly	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0 0 0 7
11 Dal Bon	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0 0 0 3
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 22-62	7-26	7-18	19-23	42	21	58	14 12 5 3 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Miss. College	37	41	12	8	= 98	50.8%	40.0%	66.7%
Valdosta State	45	33	12	10	= 100	44.4%	37.8%	51.9%

Pts in the Paint: MC-50, VSU-34 Pts off Turnovers: MC-26, VSU-21
 2nd Chance Pts: MC-8, VSU-16 Fast Break Pts: MC-22, VSU-11
 Bench Pts: MC-22, VSU-37 Tied-4 Times, Lead Changed-2 Times
 MC Largest Lead: 7 in 1st-16:15 VSU Largest Lead: 15 in 2nd-13:03

Kodet Beats Buzzer to Give VSU Double OT Win

CLINTON, Miss. – Jimmy Kodet flushed home a two-handed put-back dunk with less than one second remaining to give No. 24 Valdosta State their 10th consecutive win, a 100-98, double overtime victory over the Mississippi College Choctaws in Gulf South Conference play on Thursday night in Clinton, Miss.

Valdosta State got off to a slow start in the opening minutes of the game, scoring just two points during the first five-plus minutes of the contest. The Blazers recovered in fine fashion, however, after Damian Young buried a three pointer at the 14:31 mark to spark a 34-point onslaught over the course of the remainder of the first half.

Young's effort played a huge role in VSU's first-half success, as the senior point guard in 15 of this game's 26 bench points in the opening period. Kodet teamed up with Carlos Beverly and Tim Dal Bon to account for 5, 4, and 2 points, respectively. Combined with Young, the Valdosta State reserves help ignite the Blazer offense for a 45-37 lead.

After trailing for the first 16 minutes of the second half, the Choctaws used a Stacey Mack layup at the 3:12 mark, which sparked a 13-6 run over the course of the next three minutes and trimmed their deficit to 75-78 with four seconds to play in regulation. Deondre Haynes, who scored a team-high 28 points in the game, went to the free throw line and hit the first shot, before he purposely missed the second shot to try and give MC an offensive rebound opportunity. The gamble worked, as Haynes pulled down his own rebound and forced overtime with a last second, game tying layup.

The outcome looked bleak for VSU after the first two minutes of first overtime period, but Jeremiah Hill hit three shots from beyond the arc and scored 12 of his career-high 35 points in the final three minutes of the frame to help the Blazers overcome a six-point deficit and force an additional overtime period.

In the deciding frame, the two teams traded buckets throughout before VSU earned an opportunity for the last shot, as the final seconds ticked away. Hill prepared to take the final shot, and fired from long range with fewer than five seconds to play. The shot went left, but a heads-up play by Kodet put him in position to grab the miss out of the air and slam it home for the win.

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Delta State	27	45	-	-	= 72	45.6%	38.5%	75.0%
Valdosta State	24	34	-	-	= 58	35.5%	26.9%	38.9%

Pts in the Paint: DSU-38, VSU-22 Pts off Turnovers: DSU-8, VSU-11
 2nd Chance Pts: DSU-21, VSU-11 Fast Break Pts: DSU-8, VSU-4
 Bench Pts: DSU-19, VSU-5 Tied-1 Time, Lead Changed-3 Times
 DSU Largest Lead: 14 in 2nd-00:25 VSU Largest Lead: 5 in 2nd-17:57

Delta State Outlasts Blazer Basketball, 72-58

CLEVELAND, Miss. – The Valdosta State men's basketball team saw their 10-game winning streak come to an end after a 72-58 loss to the Delta State Statesmen on Saturday evening at Walter Sillers Coliseum in Cleveland, Miss.

The Blazers fell behind early, scoring just four points during the first seven minutes of the game. The Blazer defense helped weather the storm, however, allowing DSU just eight points during that same stretch. Just over two minutes later, Saadq Muhammad used a close bucket at the 10:46 mark to trim VSU's deficit to two points at 11-9, before Delta State produced a 16-7 run during the next nine minutes. At that moment, Valdosta State faced an 11-point deficit, their largest of the first half. Beau Justice helped right the ship, however with eight unanswered points during the final two minutes of the period to pull VSU to within three at 27-24.

In the second half, the Blazers picked up right where the first half ended and ripped off a 7-0 run during the first 90 seconds of the half to take a 31-27 lead. The Statesmen bounced back, however, and tied the game up at 34-34 just two minutes later. The two teams proceeded to exchange the lead eight times during the next ten minutes of the game, before DSU used a Cedric Harper put back tip to take a 53-52 lead at the 5:24 mark. The bucket sparked a 19-6 run during the final five minutes, which helped Delta State secure the victory.

Justice finished with a game-high 22 points for the Blazers, while PJ Davis and Harper teamed up for a perfect 13-of-13 shooting effort from the field and a combined 31 points.

Valdosta State fell to 18-4 overall and 13-3 in conference play, while DSU lifted their record to 15-6, 9-5 against GSC opponents.

The Blazers will return to action at home on Thursday against Union at 8:00 p.m. Live coverage of the event will be available right here at www.vstateblazers.com.



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UU (13-10)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
35 Scott	* 4-6	1-3	3-4	0-1	1	2	12	1	3	0	1	36
23 Wilson	* 4-6	0-0	4-5	3-4	7	5	12	2	1	0	0	24
3 Boyd	* 3-15	0-7	2-2	0-4	4	1	8	2	3	0	3	33
24 Day	* 2-6	1-2	2-4	4-4	8	4	7	2	1	0	1	37
22 Goodwin	* 1-4	0-2	0-0	1-0	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	25
33 Keel	6-10	3-7	1-2	0-7	7	3	16	1	2	0	0	21
5 Velasquez	3-10	3-8	0-0	0-1	1	2	9	2	0	0	1	30
32 Fuzak	3-7	3-6	0-0	0-1	1	1	9	0	2	0	0	13
15 Rocha	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 26-64	11-35	12-37	10-26	36	23	75	11	13	0	6	225

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CBU (14-10)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
5 Larkin	* 9-24	1-9	0-0	1-1	2	2	19	1	2	0	0	40
22 Mays	* 4-5	1-2	0-3	1-1	2	2	9	1	2	0	0	25
34 Trentman	* 3-4	1-1	1-1	1-7	8	4	8	3	1	0	0	36
20 Garbuzinski	* 3-9	0-2	0-0	4-5	9	0	6	1	2	0	0	37
45 Hummel	* 0-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	11
44 Oswald	5-6	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	4	11	0	1	0	0	20
14 Estep	4-5	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	2	10	2	2	1	1	22
31 Moody	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	9
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 29-56	4-17	3-9	10-23	33	16	65	10	10	2	2	200

Valdosta State (19-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
5 Hill	* 9-20	1-7	11-14	1-4	5	1	30	4	3	0	2	43
12 Justice	* 6-14	4-10	3-3	0-1	1	3	19	0	2	0	1	32
15 Muhammad	* 4-6	0-0	3-5	3-10	13	4	11	1	1	0	0	30
24 Simon	* 3-3	0-0	2-2	2-7	9	4	8	2	2	0	0	35
3 Lemons	* 0-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	17
0 Young	4-15	1-8	2-2	2-3	5	1	11	2	0	0	0	32
23 Kodet	3-4	2-3	0-0	1-2	3	1	8	0	0	1	1	15
11 Dal Bon	0-1	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	4
32 Beverly	0-1	0-0	0-2	2-2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
1 Simuels	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	7
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 29-69	8-29	23-30	13-33	48	16	89	10	14	2	6	225

Valdosta State (20-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
12 Justice	* 6-13	6-13	3-4	0-1	1	2	21	1	1	0	1	37
15 Muhammad	* 6-8	0-0	5-5	4-5	9	0	17	1	1	0	0	31
3 Lemons	* 6-12	0-2	0-1	2-3	5	1	12	0	1	1	4	36
5 Hill	* 4-13	2-7	0-0	1-5	6	0	10	1	0	2	1	33
24 Simon	* 4-7	0-0	0-0	4-3	7	1	8	1	0	0	0	34
1 Simuels	4-4	0-0	0-1	1-1	2	2	8	0	0	0	0	9
23 Kodet	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	5
0 Young	0-4	0-1	0-1	1-0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	7
32 Beverly	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
11 Dal Bon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 31-63	9-25	8-12	13-20	33	14	79	7	5	3	7	200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Union	39	35	1	-	75	40.6%	31.4%	70.6%
Valdosta State	27	47	15	-	89	42.0%	27.6%	76.7%

Pts in the Paint: UU-24, VSU-32 Pts off Turnovers: UU-12, VSU-18
 2nd Chance Pts: UU-11, VSU-14 Fast Break Pts: UU-2, VSU-2
 Bench Pts: UU-34, VSU-21 Tied-2 Times, Lead Changed-3 Times
 VSU Largest Lead: 20 in 1st-07:41 VSU Largest Lead: 14 in OT-00:28

Dramatic Comeback Gives Blazers 89-75 OT Win Over Union

VALDOSTA, Ga. – The Valdosta State Blazers overcame a slow start on offense with a gutsy comeback effort that led to an 89-75 overtime Gulf South Conference win over the visiting Union Bulldogs in Valdosta, Ga. on Thursday night.

Valdosta State used a spark of the bench in the final minutes of the opening period in the form of Jimmy Kodet. The junior forward ended the Blazers' drought from three-point range with a pair of long distance shots during a one-minute span between the third and second minute mark. The two shots helped the Blazers to a 17-9 run during the final seven minutes of the half and pulled VSU to within 12 at 39-27 at intermission.

Damian Young buried three quick buckets during the first three minutes of the second half, and Jeremiah Hill added five points in the next two minutes to help pull Valdosta State to within six at 43-37. Fueled by a lively crowd, Beau Justice then caught fire and scored 10 points on three treys and a free throw within a three-minute window.

That crowd support became a huge factor late in the contest, when Blazer forward Justin Simon hit a close range shot in the final minute of regulation to tie the contest up at 74-74. Ashanti Day was fouled on a rebound attempt in the closing seconds, which afforded the Union standout a chance to give the Bulldogs a late lead from the free throw line with just seconds to spare. The 1,114 in attendance came to life prior to his free throw attempt, however, and produced a deafening roar to help influence a misfire by Day and force overtime.

"Union is a great team," added Helfer. "They are big and strong, and they shoot it extremely well, which makes them difficult to guard. Tonight was a game that brought out our guys' heart and desire. We were struggling so much and had to dig deep. It was one of the best comeback wins of my coaching career."

Hill finished with 30 points in the game, which upped the senior's career point total up to 914 points. He hit 9-of-20 from the field, with 11 free throws, four assists, and two steals. Justice contributed with four second-half threes and 19 points in the game.

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Christian Brothers 23	42	-	-	-	65	51.8%	23.5%	33.3%
Valdosta State	38	41	-	-	79	49.2%	36.0%	66.7%

Pts in the Paint: CBU-38, VSU-38 Pts off Turnovers: CBU-8, VSU-11
 2nd Chance Pts: CBU-10, VSU-12 Fast Break Pts: CBU-0, VSU-2
 Bench Pts: CBU-23, VSU-11 Tied-0 Times, Lead Changed-0 Times
 CBU Largest Lead: --- VSU Largest Lead: 20 in 12-15:36

Blazers Stifle Bucs In 79-65 GSC Win

VALDOSTA, Ga. – The Valdosta State Blazers took an early lead and never looked back in a 79-65 victory over the Christian Brothers Bucs in Gulf South Conference action on Saturday at The Complex in Valdosta, Ga.

Beau Justice ignited the Blazers (20-4, 15-3 GSC) less than one minute into the game with a three-pointer from the right wing. The long range shot accounted for three of Justice's team-high 21 points in the game and gave VSU a lead they never relinquished throughout the rest of the contest.

"We're the type of team, that once we see one go early, that really gets us going," said Justice after the win. "I was lucky enough to hit that three, and that got the crowd into it early as well. Once the crowd started going, I knew we were going to take off and have a good start."

In front of a crowd of over 2,000 people, the largest of the year, the Blazers led by as many as 19 in the first half and opened the lead up even further to a 20-point advantage after a close-range shot at the 15:36 mark in the second half by Saadiq Muhammad, who closed out with 17 points on 6-of-8 shooting from the field and a 4-of-5 effort from the charity stripe.

The big lead was more than enough for the Blazers down the stretch, thanks in large part to a 52.3 percent shooting display in the second half, during which the Blazers buried 18 shots on 34 attempts.

Justice finished 6-of-13 from the field, with all six of those field goals coming from beyond the arc. The sophomore added three free throws and was helped out along the way on offense by both Muhammad and Josh Lemons, who connected on six shots from the field for 12 points in the game.

Valdosta State controlled the ball and valued possessions effectively all night long. Head Coach Mike Helfer's squad issued just five turnovers on the night, which helped the team negate a strong effort by the CBU (14-10, 11-7 GSC) reserves, who teamed up for 23 points off the bench.

The win marked VSU's 20th of the 2017 season and set the stage for the year's most anticipated matchup next Thursday, as the Blazers travel to Huntsville, Ala. for a battle against Alabama-Huntsville.



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UAH (19-6)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
24 Webster	* 11-21	5-9	8-8	0-9	9	4	35	2	4	2	0	31
3 Roberts	* 6-12	2-4	2-3	1-3	4	4	16	0	5	0	2	36
13 Saxton	* 6-11	1-4	1-1	3-6	9	1	14	6	1	0	3	42
30 Owens	* 3-4	0-1	0-0	1-6	7	2	6	2	3	2	2	32
0 Gilmore	* 1-6	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	31
15 Finley	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	11
34 Ward	0-4	0-3	2-3	1-0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	19
35 Barkley	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
11 Langley	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
4 Cook-Stroupe	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 30-64	8-27	13-16	7-27	34	14	81	12	15	4	8	225

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FLOWERS HALL IN FLORENCE, ALA.

UNA (13-13)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
24 McKinnie	* 7-11	5-8	4-4	1-5	6	4	23	0	3	0	0	26
11 Jackson	* 7-14	2-8	3-4	1-3	4	5	19	4	3	0	0	36
3 Hodge	* 3-8	1-4	3-6	0-0	0	0	10	2	1	0	0	27
4 Ginnie	* 1-4	1-3	2-2	1-3	4	1	5	0	2	0	0	25
20 Timms	* 0-0	0-0	1-2	3-4	7	4	1	2	3	2	2	32
22 Tolliver	3-8	1-2	0-0	0-2	2	1	7	1	2	0	0	20
13 Lee-Fowlkes	1-2	1-2	2-3	0-1	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	10
35 McGee	2-3	0-0	0-2	0-2	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	22
14 Holtzclaw	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 24-50	11-27	15-23	9-22	31	18	74	10	15	3	2	200

Valdosta State (21-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
12 Justice	* 7-16	2-8	1-1	1-1	2	2	17	1	2	0	0	42
5 Hill	* 5-17	3-9	3-3	3-7	10	2	16	4	1	4	1	42
15 Muhammad	* 6-12	0-0	3-4	2-5	7	3	15	1	4	0	1	42
24 Simon	* 5-7	0-0	1-1	3-7	10	1	11	1	2	0	0	33
3 Lemons	* 1-4	0-0	1-2	2-2	4	4	3	2	1	0	1	26
0 Young	8-13	4-8	0-0	0-3	3	0	20	1	2	0	1	24
1 Simuels	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	7
23 Kodet	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
11 Dal Bon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 33-72	9-27	9-11	12-29	41	14	84	11	16	1	7	225

Valdosta State (22-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
3 Lemons	* 5-7	1-2	5-6	0-2	2	1	16	2	2	0	0	24
5 Hill	* 6-14	1-8	1-1	0-2	2	3	14	3	1	1	1	36
12 Justice	* 5-12	4-10	0-0	1-2	3	1	14	1	2	0	0	32
15 Muhammad	* 7-7	0-0	0-2	1-2	3	2	14	1	1	0	0	20
24 Simon	* 4-8	0-0	5-8	2-3	5	5	13	4	0	1	1	33
32 Beverly	2-4	0-0	0-1	3-5	8	3	4	0	1	0	0	12
0 Young	1-6	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	14
1 Simuels	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
23 Kodet	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 30-58	6-22	11-18	10-21	31	16	77	11	10	4	2	200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
UAH	31	44	6	-	81	46.9%	29.6%	81.3%
Valdosta State	39	36	9	-	84	45.8%	33.3%	81.8%

Pts in the Paint: UAH-42, VSU-30 Pts off Turnovers: UAH-13, VSU-9
 2nd Chance Pts: UAH-7, VSU-18 Fast Break Pts: UAH-23, VSU-0
 Bench Pts: UAH-8, VSU-22 Tied-4 Times, Lead Changed-8 Times
 UAH Largest Lead: 9 in 2nd-15:52 VSU Largest Lead: 10 in 1st-18:02

Blazers Secure First Place With 84-81 OT Win Over UAH

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - The No. 25 Valdosta State men's basketball team secured a position all alone at the top of the Gulf South Conference standings, following a thrilling 84-81 overtime victory over the No. 19 Alabama-Huntsville Chargers on Thursday night in Huntsville, Ala.

The win helped the Blazers secure hosting rights for a first round GSC quarterfinal playoff game on February 28th and represented a key regional victory, as UAH entered the contest ranked No. 1 in the South Region. Valdosta State improved to 21-4 overall and 16-3 in conference play following the win, while the Chargers fell to 19-6 overall and 15-4 against league opponents.

The Chargers jumped out to an early 10-0 lead during the first two minutes of the contest, before Jeremiah Hill buried a three ball to put the Blazers on the board at the 17:34 mark. The Chargers maintained their lead and increased their advantage to nine, at 21:12 at the 11:51 mark.

Valdosta State remained calm, however, and scored 15 unanswered points over the next four minutes to claim a 27-21 advantage. The Blazers held strong to that lead and extended it to 39-31 at the break, thanks to a strong offensive effort late in the first half that was fueled in large part by the long range shooting of Damian Young, who connected on three first half three pointers.

A Tanner Finlay dunk put the Blazers in front 30 seconds later, before Justin Simon hit a layup to tie it right back up at 71-71. In the final minute Troy Saxton put back a missed three point attempt by Seab Webster, and UAH held the lead until the final two seconds, when Justice hit a tough three to beat the buzzer and force overtime.

The overtime period featured six lead changes, the last of which occurred when Hill buried a layup to give the Blazers an 82-81 lead with 15 seconds remaining. Saadiq Muhammad came up with a steal during UAH's final possession to help secure the win for the Blazers.

Young proved to be one of the top stories of the night and represented the leading scorer for the Blazers off the bench with a team-high 20 points on 8-of-13 shooting from the field and a 4-of-8 effort from beyond the arc. Simon bolstered the Blazers with 11 points and 10 rebounds for a double-double, and Justice poured in 17 points.

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
North Alabama	31	43	-	-	74	48.0%	40.7%	65.2%
Valdosta State	41	36	-	-	77	51.7%	27.3%	61.1%

Pts in the Paint: UNA-16, VSU-36 Pts off Turnovers: UNA-12, VSU-17
 2nd Chance Pts: UNA-9, VSU-9 Fast Break Pts: UNA-6, VSU-6
 Bench Pts: UNA-16, VSU-6 Tied-2 Times, Lead Changed-8 Times
 UNA Largest Lead: 3 in 1st-19:47 VSU Largest Lead: 10 in 1st-01:00

Basketball Wins Thriller Over UNA, 77-74

FLORENCE, Ala. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team scored another thrilling Gulf South Conference victory with a 77-74 win over the North Alabama Lions in Florence, Ala. on Saturday evening.

"I am so proud of my guys for sticking together in two very hostile environments on this road trip," said Head Coach Mike Helfer following the road trip sweep.

The slugfest produced 18 lead changes over the course of the night, 12 of which came in the second half. North Alabama overcame a 41-31 halftime deficit with a 51.9 percent shooting effort from the field and a 46.7 percent display from beyond the arc in the second half. The sharpshooting performance helped the Lions close the gap and overtake the Blazers for a 50-48 lead less than five minutes into the second period.

The two teams went blow for blow over the next 13 minutes, leading up to a Dimario Jackson three, which put the Lions up 73-71 at the 2:13 mark. The Blazers tied the game up at 73-73 when Saadiq Muhammad backed down his defender for a close-range bucket inside the final minute of regulation, but UNA fired right back with a Jeff Hodge free throw to reclaim a 74-73 lead with 15 seconds to play.

Trailing by one, Helfer called on senior guard Josh Lemons, who delivered with a left handed layup with six seconds to play for two of his 16 points on the night. The Cincinnati native didn't stop there, however, as the Lions' attempt at a game winner was denied when Lemons took a charge with just two seconds remaining on the game clock. Two Lemons free throws followed, and the Blazers escaped with the narrow win.

"Josh made a winning play by taking a charge on UNA's last possession," stated Helfer. "Plays like that don't always make the papers, but it's worth talking about. He has taken more charges than any player I've ever coached."

Lemons led the way offensively, while Jeremiah Hill, Beau Justice, and Muhammad each delivered 14 points in the game. Meanwhile, Carlos Beverly gave VSU a boost on the boards with a team-high eight rebounds.



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SU (17-10)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
3 Taylor	* 12-26	3-10	26-26	4-1	5	2	53	4	2	0	5	40
11 Brown	* 8-16	1-6	2-3	2-1	3	3	19	0	2	0	0	35
0 Potter	* 2-6	1-2	4-4	2-0	2	2	9	0	1	0	0	34
24 Ross	* 3-3	0-0	0-1	2-6	8	3	6	0	2	1	1	32
21 Wickliff	* 1-5	1-5	0-0	0-2	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	31
25 Bennett	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	4	2	0	1	0	0	10
33 Chambers	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
15 Birchfield	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	5
5 Adelphonse	0-2	0-1	0-0	2-0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	5
23 Helligar	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 26-61	6-27	34-38	15-15	30	23	92	5	10	1	7	200

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LU (11-17)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
1 Tyus	* 4-10	3-7	4-6	1-6	7	3	15	0	2	0	0	33
12 Overall	* 7-16	0-5	1-2	4-3	7	2	15	3	2	1	3	32
25 Johnson	* 3-6	1-3	0-0	1-2	3	2	7	0	2	0	0	17
33 Farley	* 1-3	0-1	0-0	2-2	4	0	2	2	1	0	0	24
3 Woods	* 0-5	0-2	1-2	1-0	1	3	1	3	1	0	1	20
14 Suedeckum	5-10	4-5	1-1	0-4	4	3	15	1	1	0	1	22
5 Montgomery	1-6	0-1	6-8	1-4	5	0	8	1	0	0	0	16
32 Kobani	3-4	0-0	0-2	2-1	3	3	6	0	0	2	0	16
0 Jones	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-3	3	1	3	0	3	0	0	16
23 Merian	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 25-63	9-26	13-21	14-27	41	18	72	10	12	3	5	200

Valdosta State (23-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
5 Hill	* 12-20	7-13	5-8	1-5	6	1	36	4	1	0	1	40
15 Muhammad	* 7-10	0-0	7-10	4-8	12	1	21	0	5	2	1	32
12 Justice	* 6-11	3-8	2-2	1-0	1	3	17	3	1	0	0	34
3 Lemons	* 5-8	2-2	1-2	3-2	5	4	13	4	2	0	0	25
24 Simon	* 0-1	0-0	3-4	2-3	5	0	3	2	1	1	1	24
1 Simuels	4-6	0-1	3-3	4-0	4	3	11	0	0	0	0	18
32 Beverly	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	4	1	1	0	0	5
0 Young	0-3	0-2	2-2	1-1	2	4	2	1	0	0	1	13
23 Kodet	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	9
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 37-63	12-27	23-31	16-22	38	21	109	15	11	3	5	200

VSU (24-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
24 Simon	* 6-8	0-0	3-7	5-2	7	2	15	1	0	1	0	23
12 Justice	* 5-11	3-7	0-0	0-0	0	1	13	0	0	0	1	35
3 Lemons	* 5-10	1-2	1-2	1-0	1	4	12	2	1	0	1	27
5 Hill	* 4-15	1-8	1-1	0-4	4	2	10	2	4	1	0	32
15 Muhammad	* 4-8	0-0	2-4	1-6	7	3	10	4	0	2	2	30
0 Young	4-9	1-2	2-2	3-2	5	2	11	0	1	0	2	20
32 Beverly	3-4	0-0	1-4	2-9	11	1	7	2	1	0	0	20
23 Kodet	1-6	0-1	2-2	2-5	7	0	4	0	1	0	0	6
1 Simuels	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	7
TMT TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 32-71	6-20	13-24	19-30	49	16	83	12	8	4	6	200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Shorter	44	48	-	-	= 92	42.6%	22.2%	89.5%
Valdosta State	56	53	-	-	= 109	58.7%	44.4%	74.2%

Pts in the Paint: SU-36, VSU-34 Pts off Turnovers: SU-14, VSU-17
 2nd Chance Pts: SU-15, VSU-10 Fast Break Pts: SU-2, VSU-2
 Bench Pts: SU-2, VSU-19 Tied-O Times, Lead Changed-1 Time
 VSU Largest Lead: 2 in 1st-19:41 VSU Largest Lead: 19 in 2nd-07:21

Blazer Basketball Defeats Shorter; Locks Up First Place Playoff Seed

VALDOSTA, Ga. – An impressive victory over Shorter, combined with a surprising loss elsewhere for the Alabama-Huntsville Chargers, allowed the Valdosta State men's basketball team to claim the title of 2017 Gulf South Conference Regular Season champs on Thursday night in Valdosta, Ga.

In front of another rowdy crowd at The Complex, the Blazers survived a record-setting night by the league's leading scorer, Phil Taylor, with a career-high effort from senior guard Jeremiah Hill. Hill poured in seven three pointers in the game, six of which came in the first half. The hot hand led the Savannah, Ga. native to a progressively confident performance on offense that included a 12-of-20 shooting display from the field and a 5-of-8 effort from the stripe. Hill's 36-point night narrowly topped his previous 35-point career high, achieved just three weeks ago against Mississippi College. Furthermore, Hill crept to within 10 of his 1,000th career point as a three-year Blazer.

Valdosta State used a pair of threes by Beau Justice and Hill within the first two minutes of the game to jump out to a 6-2 start, and the Blazers never looked back from there. The Blazers scored 19 points in the first five minutes of the game and used a 53.1 percent (17-of-32) shooting performance from the field and a 47.4 percent (9-of-19) shooting effort from beyond the arc to open up a 56-44 advantage at intermission.

In the second half, the Blazers allowed 32 second half points by Taylor, but countered with a 64.5 percent shooting display (20-of-31), which kept Valdosta State in front by 10-plus points throughout the entirety of the second half.

Taylor finished with 53 points, the most ever scored by a single player in a matchup of two Gulf South Conference teams. In addition, the senior shot 26 free throws and connected on all 26, which also set a new GSC mark in both categories.

Saadiq Muhammad joined Hill for 21 points on the night, which marked his highest single game point total since his 26-point performance against Southeastern on November 21, 2016. The senior took ten shots and hit seven, which lifted his league-leading field goal shooting percentage to 61.6 percent.

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Lee	33	39	-	-	= 72	39.7%	34.6%	61.9%
Valdosta State	44	39	-	-	= 83	45.1%	30.0%	54.2%

Pts in the Paint: LU-26, VSU-44 Pts off Turnovers: LU-10, VSU-20
 2nd Chance Pts: LU-12, VSU-22 Fast Break Pts: LU-6, VSU-2
 Bench Pts: LU-32, VSU-23 Tied-O Times, Lead Changed-1 Time
 VSU Largest Lead: --- VSU Largest Lead: 20 in 2nd-14:09

Blazers Earn Regular Season GSC Title; Hill Scores 1,000th Career Point

VALDOSTA, Ga. – The seven seniors of Valdosta State men's basketball finished the regular season in style, as Jeremiah Hill scored his 1,000th career point, and the Blazers outlasted Lee 83-72 in The Complex on Saturday evening in Valdosta, Ga.

The Blazers used a dunk by Hill within the first 30 seconds of the game to open up the scoring, and VSU expanded on that early success throughout the first half with a 43.2 percent (16-of-37) shooting effort from the field and a 41.7 effort (5-of-12) from beyond the arc. As a result, the Blazers took an 11-point, 44-33 lead to the locker room at halftime.

It was all Blazers in the first five minutes of the second half, as VSU manufactured a 14-5 run to open up a 20-point lead with just over 14 minutes to go in regulation. Valdosta State retained a fairly significant advantage until around the 8:30 mark, when Lee got a three-pointer from Keevin Tyus, which sparked a minimal run that allowed the Flames to slowly trim VSU's lead to single digits.

In fact, Lee pulled to within six two different times in the final three minutes of the game, before Justin Simon put the nail in the coffin with a layup at the 2:15 mark to put VSU on top 79-71.

Valdosta State's offensive effort was one of its most balanced of the season, as six different players reached double-digit figures in the contest. Simon led the way with 15 points, while Carlos Beverly provided a boost on the boards after hauling in a team-high 11 rebounds off the bench.

The Blazers led the Flames 49-41 in the rebounding column, which led to 22 put-back points on 19 offensive rebounds for Valdosta State. In addition, VSU protected the ball well with just eight turnovers in the contest.



Valdosta State Blazers Record vs. All Opponents

Alabama-Birmingham.....	0-1	Florida State.....	0-14	Ouachita Baptist.....	1-0
Alabama-Huntsville.....	27-25	Florida Tech.....	6-3	Paine.....	2-0
Alaska-Anchorage.....	1-1	Fort Valley State.....	14-1	Palm Beach Atlantic.....	6-1
Albany State.....	34-20	Frederick (Va.).....	1-1	Pembroke State.....	0-1
American.....	1-0	Friendship (S.C.).....	1-0	Pfeiffer.....	1-1
Anderson.....	0-1	Gannon.....	1-0	Piedmont.....	29-9
Appalachian State.....	33-20	Georgetown (Ky.).....	3-0	Pikeville (Ky.).....	0-1
Arkansas-Monticello.....	2-1	Georgia.....	0-3	Point.....	2-0
Arkansas Tech.....	1-3	Georgia College.....	4-8	Puerto Rico-Bayamon.....	2-0
Armstrong Atlantic.....	34-21	Georgia Regents Augusta.....	19-12	Puerto Rico-Cayey.....	6-0
Athens Site.....	1-0	Georgia Southern.....	8-23	Puerto Rico-Mayaguez.....	1-0
Auburn-Montgomery.....	2-3	Georgia Southwestern.....	19-8	Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras.....	4-0
Augustana (Ill.).....	1-0	Georgia State.....	14-3	Quincy.....	1-1
Ball State.....	1-0	Grace (Ind.).....	1-0	Quinnipiac.....	1-0
Barry.....	6-0	Greenville (Ill.).....	1-0	Randolph-Macon.....	0-1
Barton.....	0-1	Guilford.....	1-1	Reinhardt.....	1-0
Benedict.....	0-1	Hanover (Ind.).....	1-1	Rollins.....	7-5
Bethune-Cookman.....	1-0	Harding.....	1-3	Roosevelt (Ill.).....	1-0
Birmingham Southern.....	1-0	Hawthorne (Ind.).....	1-0	St. Bernard (Ala.).....	2-0
Boston College.....	0-1	Henderson State.....	1-0	Saint Leo.....	16-8
Bradley.....	0-1	Hiwassee.....	1-0	St. Thomas.....	3-2
Brewton-Parker.....	3-0	Indiana (Pa.).....	0-1	Savannah State.....	7-2
Bristol.....	1-0	Jacksonville.....	1-12	Selma.....	1-0
Brookport State.....	1-0	Jacksonville State.....	8-22	Shaw.....	2-1
Buffalo State.....	1-0	James Madison.....	1-0	Shippensburg.....	2-0
Cambellsville.....	2-0	Johnson C. Smith.....	1-0	Shorter.....	32-14
Capital (Ohio).....	1-0	Kennesaw State.....	2-3	Siena Heights (Mich.).....	1-0
Carson-Newman.....	1-0	Kentucky State.....	1-1	South Alabama.....	0-2
Carver Bible.....	15-0	Kentucky Wesleyan.....	1-1	Southeastern.....	4-0
Central Florida.....	4-3	LaGrange.....	27-12	Southern Tech.....	14-1
Central Iowa.....	0-1	Lake Superior State.....	1-0	Southern Wesleyan.....	4-0
Central State.....	0-1	Lambuth.....	4-0	Southwest Missouri State.....	0-1
Charleston Southern.....	6-0	Lane.....	1-0	Stetson.....	0-1
Christian Brothers.....	7-8	Lee.....	6-2	Tampa.....	9-14
Clafin.....	0-1	Lincoln Christian (Ill.).....	1-0	Taylor (Ind.).....	1-0
Clark Atlanta.....	2-0	Lincoln Memorial.....	14-13	Tennessee Tech.....	2-1
Clayton State.....	8-3	Lynn.....	8-1	Tennessee Temple.....	1-0
Clinch Valley (Va.).....	1-0	Mars Hill.....	1-0	Tennessee Wesleyan.....	3-1
Coastal Georgia.....	3-0	Memphis State.....	0-1	Thomas.....	2-1
College of Charleston.....	6-0	Mercer.....	1-2	Trinity Baptist.....	1-0
Columbus State.....	36-17	Mercy.....	1-0	Troy State.....	12-19
Covenant (Tenn.).....	1-0	Middle Tennessee State.....	0-2	Tuskegee.....	5-1
Cumberland.....	1-1	Millersville.....	1-0	UNC Charlotte.....	1-0
David Lipscomb.....	1-0	Mississippi College.....	15-19	UNC Wilmington.....	3-0
Delta State.....	21-21	Mississippi Valley State.....	1-0	USC Spartanburg.....	0-1
DeVry.....	1-0	Montevallo.....	19-12	UT Chattanooga.....	1-2
Drury.....	1-0	Morehouse.....	2-2	UT Martin.....	10-9
Earl Paulk.....	1-0	Morris Brown.....	3-1	Union.....	6-5
Earlham.....	0-1	Mount Union (Ohio).....	1-0	Valparaiso (Ind.).....	0-1
Eckerd.....	3-2	Newberry.....	0-1	Virgin Islands.....	2-0
Edward Waters.....	8-0	New Orleans.....	0-1	Voorhees.....	1-0
Elizabeth City State.....	1-1	North Alabama.....	35-39	Warner Southern.....	1-0
Emory and Henry.....	2-0	North Carolina Central.....	0-1	Webber International.....	3-0
Emmanuel.....	2-0	North Florida.....	4-4	West Alabama.....	44-29
Faulkner.....	1-0	North Georgia.....	16-10	West Florida.....	34-19
Fayetteville State.....	0-2	North Park (Ill.).....	1-0	West Georgia.....	72-56
Findlay (Ohio).....	0-1	Nova Southeastern.....	4-2	West Liberty State.....	1-0
Fisk.....	1-0	Oakwood.....	1-0	Western Carolina.....	1-0
Flagler.....	4-1	Oglethorpe.....	13-20	Western Illinois.....	1-0
Florida.....	0-1	Oklahoma Baptist.....	0-1	Westmar (Iowa).....	1-0
Florida Atlantic.....	1-0	Oral Roberts.....	0-1	Wilmington (Del.).....	1-0
Florida Gulf Coast.....	2-0			Winston-Salem State.....	1-0
Florida International.....	2-3				
Florida Memorial.....	9-0				
Florida Southern.....	8-16				



0 DAMIAN YOUNG

POSITION: GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-4

CLASS: SENIOR • **HOMETOWN:** ATLANTA, GA

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE



YOUNG'S VSU CAREER STATISTICS

	---MINUTES---		---TOTALS---				-F-THROWS-		---REBOUNDS---				SCORING											
YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	AVG	FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	S	B	PTS	AVG
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1 MARQUISE SIMUELS

POSITION: FORWARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-6

CLASS: JUNIOR • **HOMETOWN:** COLUMBIA, SC

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: SPARTANBURG METHODIST



SIMUELS' VSU CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	---MINUTES---		-----TOTALS-----				-F-THROWS-		---REBOUNDS---				SCORING											
	GP	GS	MIN	AVG	FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	S	B	PTS	AVG
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



2 JAKE ELLIOTT

POSITION: GUARD • HEIGHT: 6-0

CLASS: FRESHMAN (R) • HOMETOWN: BROXTON, GA

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: GEORGIA CHRISTIAN



ELLIOTT'S VSU CAREER STATISTICS

	---MINUTES---			-----TOTALS-----			-F-THROWS-			---REBOUNDS---			SCORING						
YEAR	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	S	B	PTS-AVG	
2015-16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

AS A FRESHMAN IN 2015-16: Took a redshirt season...

3 JOSH LEMONS

POSITION: GUARD • HEIGHT: 6-1

CLASS: SENIOR • HOMETOWN: CINCINNATI, OHIO

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: TOLEDO



LEMON'S VSU CAREER STATISTICS

	---MINUTES---			-----TOTALS-----			-F-THROWS-			---REBOUNDS---			SCORING						
YEAR	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	S	B	PTS-AVG	
2014-15	27-24	729-27.0	72-166	.434	9-34	.265	45-65	.692	35	54	89	3.3	74	0	75	48	1	45	198-7.3
2015-16	23-13	551-24.0	58-114	.509	9-35	.257	40-58	.690	16	51	67	2.9	76	5	40	37	5	30	165-7.2
Total	50-37	1280-25.6	130-280	.464	18-69	.261	85-123	.691	51	105	156	3.1	150	5	115	85	6	75	363-7.3

IN 2015-16 (JUNIOR): Appeared in 23 games and started 13 times... Averaged 27 minutes per game and 7.3 points per contest... Buried 43.4 percent of the shots taken from the field... Averaged 3.3 points per game and swiped a career high 48 steals... Top offensive performance came against rival West Georgia on February 20th, when he connected on 6-of-10 shots from the field for 15 points...

IN 2014-15 (SOPHOMORE): Played in all 28 games, with 25 starts ... Averaged 7.1 points and 3.4 rebounds a game ... Scored 198 points and pulled down 94 rebounds ... Also dished out 76 assists, blocked one shot and had 46 steals ... Scored in double figures eight times ... Had a season-best 12 points against Lee December 10 ... Scored 11 points on six occasions ... Distributed nine assists against Southeastern November 21 ... Tallied six assists at West Florida January 17 and at Christian Brothers February 14 ... Pulled down a season-best nine rebounds against Shorter December 15 ... Made 72-of-170 field goals on the year to shoot 42.4 percent from the field ... Connected on 45-of-65 free throws.



5 JEREMIAH HILL

POSITION: GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-2

CLASS: SENIOR • **HOMETOWN:** SAVANNAH, GA

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: SAVANNAH STATE



HILL'S VSU CAREER STATISTICS

	---MINUTES---		-----TOTALS-----				---F-THROWS---			---REBOUNDS---				SCORING						
YEAR	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	S	B	PTS	PTS-AVG	
2014-15	27-15	661-24.5	78-219	.356	42-125	.336	27-36	.750	16	77	93	3.4	59	2	51	46	8	53	225-8.3	
2015-16	17-8	495-29.1	86-183	.470	42-90	.467	24-30	.800	12	49	61	3.6	35	2	32	17	5	28	238-14.0	
Total	44-23	1156-26.3	164-402	.408	84-215	.391	51-66	.773	28	126	154	3.5	94	4	83	63	1381	463-10.5		

IN 2014-15 (SOPHOMORE): Second-best scorer on the team with an average of 14.0 points per game... Played in just 17 games due to an early season injury, but earned eight starts and shot 47.0 percent from the field... Connected on 42-of-90 attempts from three point range for a 46.7 long range shooting percentage... Set a new Valdosta State record with 11 threes in a single game against West Alabama on February 18th, when he connected for 11 of his first 12 attempts from beyond the arc and finished with a career high 33 points... Averaged 3.6 rebounds per game and turned the ball over just 17 times against 28 steals...

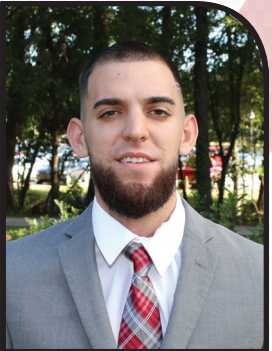
IN 2014-15 (SOPHOMORE): Played in all 28 games, including starts in 15 ... Averaged 8.0 points and 3.4 rebounds a game ... Scored 225 points and had 95 rebounds on the year ... Also recorded 52 assists, eight blocked shots and 52 steals ... Scored in double figures 10 times ... Had a personal-best 19 points at Delta State December 18 ... Scored 18 points against Carver on November 22 and at Lee on January 31 ... Made 6-of-8 field goals, including all four three-point attempts, versus the Flames ... Had a season-best eight steals at North Alabama on December 4 before tallying six against the Lions on January 24 ... Dished out six assists, against no turnovers, versus Southeastern on November 21 ... Followed with five assists against just one turnover against Carver Bible the next night ... Made 78-of-220 field goal attempts to shoot 35.5 percent on the year ... Connected on 42-of-126 three-pointers, or 33.3 percent ... Was successful on 27-of-36 free throw tries, or 75.0 percent ... Had a season-high seven rebounds in the season opener against Lane November 14 and versus Shorter December 15...

11 TIM DAL BON

POSITION: GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 5-11

CLASS: JUNIOR • **HOMETOWN:** CAPE CORAL, FL

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: TALLAHASSEE, FL



DAL BON'S VSU CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	---MINUTES---		-----TOTALS-----			---F-THROWS---		---REBOUNDS---		SCORING									
	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	S	B	PTS	PTS-AVG
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



12 BEAU JUSTICE

POSITION: GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-2

CLASS: SOPHOMORE • **HOMETOWN:** PEBBLES, OHIO

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: WEST LIBERTY STATE



JUSTICE'S VSU CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	---MINUTES---		---TOTALS---			---F-TROWS---			---REBOUNDS---			SCORING						
	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	T	S	B	PTS-AVG
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

15 SAADIO MUHAMMAD

POSITION: FORWARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-7

CLASS: SENIOR • **HOMETOWN:** SAVANNAH, GA

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: SAVANNAH STATE



MUHAMMAD'S VSU CAREER STATISTICS

	---MINUTES---		---TOTALS---				---F-TROWS---			---REBOUNDS---					SCORING				
YEAR	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	T	B	S	PTS-AVG	
2015-16	22-16	587-26.7	100-156	.641	0-1	.000	43-88	.489	42	72	114	5.2	67	8	37	12	18	243-11.0	
Total	22-16	587-26.7	100-156	.641	0-1	.000	43-88	.489	42	72	114	5.2	67	8	37	12	18	243-11.0	

IN 2015-16 (JUNIOR): Played in 22 contests and started 16 times... Steadily became one of the league's top big men and finished the season with an average of 11.0 points per game... Hit 64.1 percent of his shots on the season and averaged 5.2 rebounds per contest...



21 KODY MORALES

POSITION: GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-2

CLASS: SENIOR • **HOMETOWN:** SAVANNAH, GA

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: RICHMOND HILL



MORALES' VSU CAREER STATISTICS

	---MINUTES---		---TOTALS---				---F-THROWS---			---REBOUNDS---					SCORING			
YEAR	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	S	B	PTS-AVG
2014-15	3-0	11-3.7	1-4	.250	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	2	0	2	0	0	3-1.0
2015-16	3-0	6-2.0	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	3-1.0
Total	6-0	17-2.8	2-7	.286	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	2	0	2	0	0	6-1.0

23 JIMMY KODET

POSITION: FORWARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-7

CLASS: JUNIOR • **HOMETOWN:** WILLIAMSTON, MI

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: LANSING CC



KODET'S VSU CAREER STATISTICS

	---MINUTES---		-----TOTALS-----				-F-THROWS-		---REBOUNDS---					SCORING				
YEAR	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	S	B	PTS-AVG
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



24 JUSTIN SIMON

POSITION: FORWARD • HEIGHT: 6-6

CLASS: SENIOR • HOMETOWN: ALICEVILLE, AL

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: SHELTON STATE CC



SIMON'S VSU CAREER STATISTICS

	MINUTES		TOTALS			F-THROWS			REBOUNDS			SCORING						
YEAR	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	S	B	PTS-AVG
2015-16	27-26	786-29.1	110-166	.663	0-0	.000	78-113	.690	82	140	222	8.2	66	20	48	23	15	298-11.0
Total	27-26	786-29.1	110-166	.663	0-0	.000	78-113	.690	82	140	222	8.2	66	20	48	23	15	298-11.0

IN 2015-16 (JUNIOR): Played in 27 games and started 26 of those contests... Ranked fourth in the Gulf South Conference in rebounding with an average of 8.2 rebounds per game... Also averaged 11.0 points per game and shot 66.3 percent from the field on the season... Recorded seven double-doubles on the season, with his top performance coming against West Georgia on January 9th, when he scored 21 points and yanked down 15 rebounds...

32 CARLOS BEVERLY

POSITION: FORWARD • HEIGHT: 6-7

CLASS: JUNIOR • HOMETOWN: VALDOSTA, GA

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: ALBANY TECH



BEVERLY'S VSU CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	MINUTES		TOTALS			F-THROWS			REBOUNDS			SCORING						
	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	S	B	PTS-AVG
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--