

VALDOSTA STATE

BLAZER BASKETBALL



2017-18 GAME NOTES



MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH • 8:00 P.M.
VALDOSTA, GA. • THE COMPLEX



VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS

RECORD: 8-2, 1-1 GSC
 HEAD COACH: Mike Helfer
 YEAR AT VSU: 13th
 RECORD AT VSU: 236-125, 107-84 GSC
 STREAK W1

WEST ALABAMA TIGERS (LIVINGSTON, ALA.)

RECORD: 9-3, 3-1 GSC
 HEAD COACH: Allen Sharpe
 YEAR AT UWA: 2nd
 STREAK: L1
 VSU ALL-TIME VS. UWA: 44-29



VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS (8-2, 1-1 GSC)

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Tyler Johnson	G	6-4	180	Jr.	Howell, Mich. / Schoolcraft College
1	Max Harris	F	6-5	190	Jr.	Titusville, Fla. / Ava Marie University
2	Carlos Jones	G	5-11	170	So.	Decatur, Ga. / Stephenson HS
3	Winston Morgan	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Manchester, Conn. / Mississippi Gulf Coast
4	Clay Guillozet	G	6-4	190	So.	Greenville, Ohio / West Liberty State
5	Tyrone Sam	G	6-5	190	Jr.	Roswell, Ga. / Jacksonville University
12	Beau Justice	G	6-2	175	Jr.	Peebles, Ohio / West Liberty State
20	KJ James	F	6-5	175	Sr.	Charleston, S.C. / Armstrong Atlantic
21	Labrian Shiflet	G	6-3	180	Sr.	Tailors, S.C. / Florida Southern
23	Jimmy Kodet	F	6-7	208	Sr.	Williamston, Mich. / Lansing CC
24	Greg Zuppas	F	6-6	240	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / Daytona State
34	Justin McBride	F	6-11	350	Sr.	Starke, Fla. / Central Florida

Head Coach: Mike Helfer (13th Year)

Assistant Coach: Blake Justice (1st Year)

Graduate Assistant Coaches: Josh Lemons, Bryceand Brown



WEST ALABAMA TIGERS (9-3, 3-1 GSC)

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Johnny Stallworth	G	6-0	Sr.	Vredenburgh, Ala. / Alabama Southern CC
1	Domonique Alexander	F	6-7	Sr.	New Orleans, La. / Three Rivers CC
2	Chris Dudley	G	6-4	Jr.	Gasden, Ala. / Shelton State CC
3	Trey Petty	G	6-3	So.	Huntsville, Ala. / Westminster Christian
4	Sean Cranney	G	6-2	So.	Wollongong, Australia / Smiths Hill HS
5	Cannon Edwards	G	6-2	R-Sr.	Petal, Miss. / Northeast Mississippi CC
10	Kaddell Perry	G	5-10	Fr	Tuscaloosa, Ala. / Hale County HS
11	Malik Johnson	F	6-9	Sr.	Dothan, Ala. / Southern Union State CC
12	Gavin Robinson	F	6-7	Sr.	New Orleans, La. / Jackson State CC
14	Josh Fleming	G	5-9	Jr.	West Haven, Conn. / Garden City CC
15	DeAndre Harper	F	6-7	So.	Douglasville, Ga. / South Georgia Tech
21	Jake Jobling	G	6-2	Jr.	Canberra, Australia / Westwind Prep.
22	Demyon Greenwood	F	6-6	Jr.	Lithonia, Ga. / Bishop State CC
23	Charles Eaton	G	6-3	Sr.	Selma, Ala. / Northwest Mississippi JC
24	Charles Tripp	F	6-8	Jr.	Demopolis, Ala. / Marion Military Institute

Head Coach: Allen Sharpe (2nd Year)

Assistant Coach: Nick Woodruff

Student Assistant: Jahmal Lane

Graduate Assistant: Steven Thomas

**VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS SEASON STATISTICS****Overall: 8-2 Conf: 1-1 Home: 5-0 Away: 1-2 Neutral: 2-0**

		-MINUTES-			-TOTAL-			-3-PTS-			-F-THROWS-			-REBOUNDS-			-SCORING-				
#	PLAYER	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A-AVG	TO	STL	BLK	PTS-AVG		
12	Justice, Beau	10-10	338-33.8	55-119	.462	30-72	.417	47-53	.887	8	18	26	2.6	20	38-3.8	25	17	2	187-18.7		
05	Sam, Tyrone	9-6	206-22.9	52-97	.536	11-21	.524	52-61	.852	15	27	42	4.7	22	15-1.7	15	10	4	167-18.6		
20	James, KJ	10-9	266-26.6	51-89	.573	3-10	.300	31-46	.674	22	48	70	7.0	26	16-1.6	14	7	8	136-13.6		
03	Morgan, Winston	10-10	297-29.7	41-78	.526	36-68	.529	6-8	.750	0	23	23	2.3	25	34-3.4	22	4	0	124-12.4		
34	McBride, Justin	2-0	35-17.5	8-15	.533	0-0	.000	6-11	.545	4	11	15	7.5	8	2-1.0	3	1	4	22-11.0		
04	Guillozet, Clay	10-4	269-26.9	36-75	.480	3-18	.167	19-38	.500	26	33	59	5.9	21	28-2.8	11	8	0	94-9.4		
23	Kodet, Jimmy	10-10	188-18.8	34-66	.515	15-37	.405	8-9	.889	8	42	50	5.0	25	3-0.3	8	6	13	91-9.1		
21	Shifflet, Labrian	10-0	109-10.9	23-52	.442	13-33	.394	7-9	.778	1	15	16	1.6	8	5-0.5	2	2	2	66-6.6		
24	Zuppas, Greg	10-1	215-21.5	18-42	.429	1-6	.167	25-35	.714	20	47	67	6.7	23	16-1.6	16	5	3	62-6.2		
0	Johnson, Tyler	10-0	108-10.8	8-23	.348	6-18	.333	1-3	.333	1	6	7	0.7	6	5-0.5	2	4	0	23-2.3		
01	Harris, Max	3-0	9-3.0	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	2	0-0.0	0	0	0	2-0.7		
02	Jones, Carlos	8-0	35-4.4	2-9	.222	0-4	.000	1-3	.333	2	1	3	0.4	11	3-0.4	2	1	0	5-0.6		
Total		10	2075	329-668	.493	118-287	.411	203-276	.736	118	293	411	41.1	197	165-16.5	123	65	36	979-97.90		
Opponents			2075-207.5	302-699	.432	85-236	.360	162-224	.723	134	259	393	39.3	208	127-12.7	139	52	30	851-85.10		

**WEST ALABAMA TIGERS SEASON STATISTICS****Overall: 9-3 Conf: 3-1 Home: 5-0 Away: 1-2 Neutral: 3-1**

		-MINUTES-			-TOTAL-		-3-PTS-		-F-THROWS-		-REBOUNDS-			-SCORING-						
#	PLAYER	GP-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A-AVG	TO	STL	BLK	PTS-AVG	
23	Eaton, Charles	12-12	428-35.7	113-214	.528	27-68	.397	78-101	.772	3	70	73	6.1	24	24-2.0	29	19	0	331-27.6	
14	Fleming, Josh	12-11	370-30.8	58-147	.395	21-62	.339	50-55	.909	5	33	38	3.2	33	45-3.8	24	12	0	187-15.6	
12	Robinson, Gavin	12-12	355-29.6	55-100	.550	0-3	.000	63-87	.724	29	63	92	7.7	27	11-0.9	22	7	11	173-14.4	
21	Jobling, Jake	12-2	221-18.4	18-50	.360	16-43	.372	15-16	.938	3	5	8	0.7	7	5-0.4	7	3	1	67-5.6	
15	Harper, DeAndre	11-2	170-15.5	21-46	.457	5-18	.278	14-23	.609	8	33	41	3.7	33	8-0.7	10	11	4	61-5.5	
01	Alexander, Domonique	12-7	265-22.1	28-43	.651	0-1	.000	9-17	.529	31	56	87	7.3	37	2-0.2	9	3	33	65-5.4	
04	Cranney, Sean	12-10	335-27.9	13-32	.406	9-21	.429	19-25	.760	1	33	34	2.8	36	54-4.5	23	17	3	54-4.5	
24	Tripp, Charles	8-2	99-12.4	13-35	.371	3-16	.188	3-4	.750	6	20	26	3.3	15	3-0.4	4	5	2	32-4.0	
22	Greenwood, Demyon	3-0	15-5.0	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	1	1	2	0.7	1	0-0.0	0	0	1	8-2.7	
03	Petty, Trey	11-2	108-9.8	10-25	.400	2-10	.200	5-7	.714	6	8	14	1.3	8	7-0.6	8	3	0	27-2.5	
05	Edwards, Cannon	4-0	19-4.8	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	4	0-0.0	0	0	0	9-2.3	
11	Johnson, Malik	3-0	10-3.3	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	5	6	2.0	1	0-0.0	0	0	0	4-1.3	
00	Stallworth, Johnny	8-0	55-6.9	2-11	.182	1-8	.125	1-2	.500	0	1	1	0.1	2	1-0.1	5	2	1	6-0.8	
Total		12	2450	339-715	.474	87-254	.343	259-343	.755	109	357	466	38.8	228	160-13.3	146	82	56	1024-85.33	
Opponents			2450-204.2	2306-768	.398	87-275	.316	169-234	.722	136	307	443	36.9	287	146-12.2	173	78	22	868-72.33	

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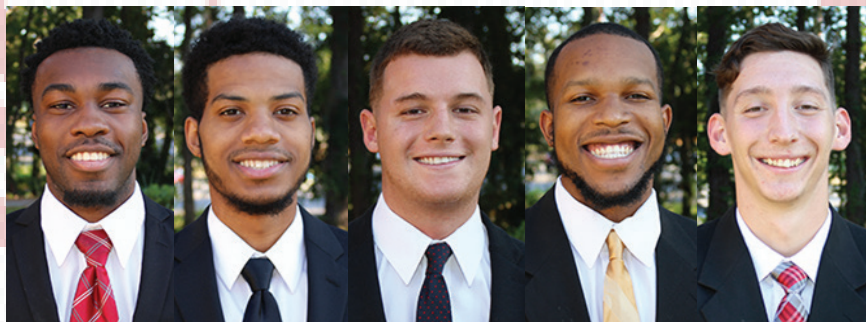
#3 WINSTON MORGAN

#5 TYRONE SAM

#12 BEAU JUSTICE

#20 KJ JAMES

#23 JIMMY KODET

**@BlazerAthletics #BlazerNation**

**QUICK NOTES:**

- The Blazers currently rank 8th in the country in scoring with an average of 93.3 points per game. As a team, the Blazers represent the top scoring team in the Gulf South Conference.
- The Blazers made VSU Basketball history last night with most points scored in a game in their historic 139-134 triple overtime victory over Montevallo Saturday night. The win, which replaced a 136-point night against Troy State in 1991-92 for a new school record, marked Valdosta State's first Gulf South Conference victory of the 2017-18 season.
- Tyrone Sam currently ranks 6th among all GSC players with an average of 18.6 points per game. He also ranks 6th in field goal percentage in the conference averaging 53.6% (52-97) on the season. He earned a career high 33-points against Fayetteville on November 25th and was the high scorer in the Blazers loss to West Florida on December 2nd with 20 points in the contest.
- The Blazers were picked to finish second in the Gulf South Conference, according to a preseason vote by coaches throughout the league. Returning junior Beau Justice was also named Preseason All-Gulf South Conference. He placed among the top-20 scorers in the league last season and led the team in 3-pointers. Off the court, he earned GSC All-Academic honors for his work in the classroom.

PRONUNCIATION KEY:

#4 Clay Guillozet..... Jee-OH-zee
 #15 Labrian Shiflet..... Luh-BRY-uhn
 #23 Jimmy Kodet Coe-DET
 #24 Greg Zuppas..... ZOO-Pahs

**STANDINGS**

Team	GSC	Cpct.	Overall	Pct.
CBU	2-0	1.000	10-0	1.000
UWF	2-0	1.000	10-0	1.000
UWA	3-1	0.750	9-3	0.750
LU	2-1	0.667	7-3	0.700
UNA	2-1	0.667	7-3	0.700
DSU	2-1	0.667	4-7	0.364
VSU	1-1	0.500	8-2	0.800
UAH	1-2	0.333	7-3	0.700
UWG	1-2	0.333	4-4	0.500
AUM [^]	1-2	0.333	5-5	0.500
UM	1-2	0.333	6-6	0.500
SU	1-2	0.333	1-10	0.091
MC	1-3	0.250	3-5	0.375
UU	0-2	0.000	6-4	0.600

[^] not eligible for postseason
 -Updated as of 12/18

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 1002-639
 All-Time Gulf South Conference Record 273-233
 GSC Tournament Record 8-10

2016-17 FINISH

Overall Record 26-6
 Home Record 13-2
 Away Record 10-3
 Neutral Record 3-1
 Gulf South Conference Record 19-3
 GSC Finish 2nd
 Letterwinners R/L 1/4
 Starters Returning/Lost 1/4
 Newcomers 8

BLAZER STAFF

Head Coach Mike Helfer (13th Year)
 Assistant Coach Blake Justice (1st Year)
 Graduate Assistant Coach Josh Lemons (1st Year)
 Student Assistant Bryceland Brown
 Men's Basketball Athletic Trainer Olivia Spuler
 Alma Mater Lee
 Strength/Conditioning Coach Gabby Felps

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**BLAZERS'
RECORD WHEN:**

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

2017-18 SCHEDULE**NOVEMBER**

2	vs. Georgia~	Athens, Ga.	L, 74-112
11	vs. Fort Valley State #	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 83-81
8	vs. Albany State #	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 100-76
18	vs. Tuskegee	Tuskegee, Ala.	W, 75-61
21	COASTAL GEORGIA	THE COMPLEX	W, 121-82
25	FAYETTEVILLE STATE	THE COMPLEX	W, 94-88
26	WEBBER INT.	THE COMPLEX	W, 104-68

DECEMBER

2	vs. West Florida*	Pensacola, Fla.	L, 88-97
5	TUSKEGEE	THE COMPLEX	W, 107-81
12	vs. Fort Valley State	Fort Valley, Ga.	L, 68-82
16	MONTEVALLO*	THE COMPLEX	W (OT), 139-135
WEST ALABAMA*		THE COMPLEX	8 P.M.

JANUARY

2	vs. Lee*	Cleveland, Tenn.	8 p.m.
4	vs. Shorter*	Rome, Ga.	8 p.m.
7	DELTA STATE*	THE COMPLEX	4 P.M.
9	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE*	THE COMPLEX	8 P.M.
13	vs. Christian Brothers*	Memphis, Tenn.	4 p.m. EST
15	vs. Union*	Jackson, Tenn.	9 p.m. EST
18	AUBURN MONTGOMERY*	THE COMPLEX	8 P.M.
20	WEST GEORGIA*^	THE COMPLEX	4 P.M.
25	vs. Alabama-Huntsville*	Huntsville, Ala.	8:30 p.m. EST
27	vs. North Alabama*	Florence, Ala.	4 p.m. EST

FEBRUARY

1	SHORTER*	THE COMPLEX	8 P.M.
3	LEE*	THE COMPLEX	6 P.M.
8	vs. West Georgia*	Carrollton, Ga.	8 P.M.
10	vs. Auburn Montgomery*	Montgomery, Ala.	5 p.m. EST
14	vs. Montevallo*	Montevallo, Ala.	9 p.m. EST
17	NORTH ALABAMA*	THE COMPLEX	4 P.M.
22	WEST FLORIDA*	THE COMPLEX	8 P.M.
27	GSC Tournament Quarterfinals	TBA	TBA

MARCH

3-4	GSC Tournament Semi-Finals	Birmingham, Ala.	TBA
10-13	NCAA South Regional	TBA	TBA
20	NCAA Elite Eight	Sioux Falls, S.D.	TBA
22	NCAA Final Four	Sioux Falls, S.D.	TBA
24	NCAA Championship	Sioux Falls, S.D.	TBA

* - Gulf South Conference Match

^ - Hall of Fame Weekend

~- Exhibition Game

All Times Eastern

- Neutral

HOME GAMES

All Dates and Times Subject to Change



HEAD COACH MIKE HELFER

**13TH SEASON
CAPITAL, 1989**



Entering his 13th year with Valdosta State, Mike Helfer has established himself as one of the top coaches in the nation. After all, in his first 12 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 retool 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

BLAKE JUSTICE
(2ND SEASON)

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH

BRYCELAND BROWN
(2ND SEASON)

GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH



JOSH LEMONS
(1ST SEASON)





2017-18 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		83-81	W	27-51	.529	13-29	.448	16-24	.667	6	26	32	32.0	16	15	16	0	5
at Fort Valley State				31-71	.437	7-24	.292	12-18	.667	19	22	41	41.0	19	17	9	1	8
Valdosta State		100-76	W	36-64	.563	16-28	.571	12-18	.667	11	26	37	34.5	16	23	14	3	11
at Albany State				29-70	.414	8-18	.444	10-13	.769	16	20	36	38.5	17	18	14	2	5
Valdosta State		75-61	W	22-55	.400	4-20	.200	27-36	.750	16	29	45	38.0	18	6	13	2	6
at Tuskegee				22-52	.423	8-18	.444	9-15	.600	5	23	28	35.0	25	11	15	2	3
Valdosta State		121-82	W	42-79	.532	20-39	.513	17-26	.654	9	34	43	39.3	21	24	5	6	12
vs. Coastal Georgia				27-67	.403	4-20	.200	24-29	.828	8	32	40	36.3	16	12	16	1	2
Valdosta State		94-88	W	32-62	.516	8-25	.320	22-29	.759	8	32	40	39.4	17	18	7	5	2
vs. Fayetteville State				34-77	.442	9-28	.321	11-16	.688	13	27	40	37.0	24	8	7	0	5
Valdosta State		104-68	W	33-75	.440	12-35	.343	26-31	.839	15	37	52	41.5	24	18	16	3	8
vs. Webber Int'l				21-66	.318	5-22	.227	21-32	.656	12	26	38	37.2	21	6	19	4	6
Valdosta State		88-97	L	30-62	.484	12-24	.500	16-20	.800	10	23	33	40.3	26	13	11	2	1
at West Florida*				34-65	.523	6-18	.333	23-33	.697	14	24	38	37.3	19	15	8	4	3
Valdosta State		107-81	W	39-71	.549	9-22	.409	20-28	.714	14	27	41	40.4	13	9	9	4	6
vs. Tuskegee				27-60	.450	11-23	.478	16-22	.727	7	24	31	36.5	21	10	17	2	3
Valdosta State		68-82	L	22-68	.324	4-27	.148	20-28	.714	12	35	47	41.1	17	12	16	5	6
at Fort Valley State				32-83	.386	10-31	.323	8-14	.571	21	40	61	39.2	19	16	17	10	10
Valdosta State		139-135	W	46-81	.568	20-38	.526	27-36	.750	17	24	41	41.1	29	27	16	6	8
vs. Montevallo				45-88	.511	17-34	.500	28-32	.875	19	21	40	39.3	27	14	17	4	7
Valdosta State		-		283-587	.482	98-249	.394	176-240	.733	101	269	370	41.1	168	138	107	30	57
Opponents		-		257-611	.421	68-202	.337	134-192	.698	115	238	353	39.2	181	113	122	26	45

* Conference games

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OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDS	HIGH ASSISTS	HIGH STEALS	HIGH BLOCKS
at Fort Valley State	W, 83-81	1-0	25-Beau Justice	8-Greg Zuppas	4-Beau Justice	2-Beau Justice	-
at Albany State	W, 100-76	2-0	21-Beau Justice	9-Clay Guillozet	7-Winston Morgan	3-Beau Justice	2-Jimmy Kodet
at Tuskegee	W, 75-61	3-0	20-Tyrone Sam	12-KJ James	2-Beau Justice	2-Beau Justice	1-Jimmy Kodet
vs. Coastal Georgia	W, 121-82	4-0	30-Labrian Shiflet	11-Greg Zuppas	5-Beau Justice	3-Beau Justice	2-Jimmy Kodet
vs. Fayetteville State	W, 94-88	5-0	33-Tyrone Sam	9-KJ James	8-Winston Morgan	2-Beau Justice	1-Beau Justice
vs. Webber Int'l	W, 104-68	6-0	20-Beau Justice	11-Jimmy Kodet	5-Beau Justice	3-Beau Justice	1-Jimmy Kodet
at West Florida*	L, 88-97	6-1	20-Tyrone Sam	7-Jimmy Kodet	5-Beau Justice	1-Clay Guillozet	2-Jimmy Kodet
vs. Tuskegee	W, 107-81	7-1	25-Beau Justice	8-Tyrone Sam	3-KJ James	2-Tyrone Sam	2-Greg Zuppas
at Fort Valley State	L, 68-82	7-2	15-Tyrone Sam	9-Clay Guillozet	4-Beau Justice	2-Clay Guillozet	3-Justin McBride
vs. Montevallo	W, 139-135	8-2	24-Winston Morgan	9-KJ James	9-Clay Guillozet	2-Beau Justice	3-KJ James

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Fort Valley (0-1)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
4 Edwards*	6-13	3-4	6-6	3-7	10	2 21	4 2 0	4 31
0 Barnes*	7-9	0-0	0-0	3-2	5	1 14	1 2 0	0 25
11 McMillan*	4-11	2-7	1-2	2-0	2	2 11	3 0 0	1 22
1 Garror*	3-6	1-2	3-4	1-1	2	3 10	0 0 0	0 20
25 Ford*	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0 2	0 0 0	0 10
15 Banks	4-6	1-2	0-2	0-0	2	0 9	0 1 0	1 15
5 Foster	3-7	0-0	1-2	4-3	7	3 7	2 0 0	0 26
24 Hollaway	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	1 4	0 0 0	0 9
12 Bryant	1-5	0-3	0-0	0-1	1	2 2	3 1 0	1 20
3 Barfield	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	2	0 1	2 1 0	0 6
10 Elliott	0-4	0-4	0-0	1-0	1	2 0	0 0 0	0 8
20 Smoak	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-2	3	3 0	2 2 0	0 8
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	0 0	0 0 0	0 0
TOTALS	- 31-71	7-24	12-18	19-22	41	19	8 17	9 1 8 200

Valdosta State (1-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
12 Justice*	7-10	5-7	6-8	0-0	2	0 25	4 2 0	2 32
3 Morgan*	4-8	4-8	0-0	0-2	2	3 12	2 1 0	0 33
20 James*	4-6	1-2	3-5	0-6	6	3 12	1 5 0	0 32
5 Sam*	3-5	0-1	2-3	0-2	2	3 8	1 0 1	0 17
23 Kodet*	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-4	4	0 0	1 2 0	2 13
4 Guillotzet	3-6	0-2	4-7	3-0	3	3 10	3 1 0	0 29
21 Shiftlet	3-4	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	0 9	0 0 0	1 15
24 Zuppas	3-9	0-2	1-1	3-5	8	2 7	3 2 0	0 18
0 Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0 1	1 1 0	0 11
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0 0	0 0 0	0 0
TOTALS	- 27-51	13-29	16-24	6-26	32	16	83 15	16 0 5 200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Fort Valley State	32	49	-	-	= 81	43.7%	29.2%	66.7%
Valdosta State	48	35	-	-	= 83	52.9%	44.8%	66.7%

Pts in the Paint: FVSU-40, VSU-24 Pts off Turnovers: FVSU-16, VSU-18
 2nd Chance Pts: FVSU-21, VSU-8 Fast Break Pts: FVSU-4, VSU-0
 Bench Pts: FVSU-23, VSU-26 Tied-2 Times, Lead Changed-2 Times
 FVSU Largest Lead: 4 in 1st-18:39 VSU Largest Lead: 18 in 1st-48

Blazers Outlast FVSU for 83-81 Win in Season Opener

Valdosta State Wins, 83-81

VALDOSTA, Ga. – The Valdosta State men's basketball team survived a scare down the stretch to lock up an 83-81 win over Fort Valley State at the Gulf South Conference/Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Crossover on Saturday in Pensacola, Fla.

Fort Valley State's production in the paint proved to be problematic for the Blazers throughout the night, as the Wildcats put up 40 points on the inside. Valdosta State used a solid effort off the bench, however, to help even things out. Led by Clay Guillotzet's 10-point performance, Valdosta State benefited from 26 points off the bench.

By halftime, the Blazers were well in control of the contest with a 48-32 lead. In that first period, VSU shot 63.0 percent from the field and connected on 9-of-17 from beyond the arc for a sizzling 52.9 percent three-point shooting percentage. Meanwhile, the Blazer defense held FVSU to just a 36.4 shooting percentage from the field prior to the half.

The second half was a bit of a different story, as the Blazers cooled off from the field while the Wildcats racked up 19 field goals on 38 tries for a 50 percent second-half shooting effort. The offensive performance helped Fort Valley string together a 10-2 run in the final two minutes of the game, but the Wildcats misfired on a last second shot to allow VSU to escape with the win.

Overall, the Blazers outshot the Wildcats by over 10 percentage points from the field, and a 25-point performance by Preseason All-GSC selection Beau Justice helped lead the way. Justice finished 7-of-10 overall and 5-of-7 from the three point line, while both KJ James and Winston Morgan each added 12.

For the Wildcats, Tyler Edwards did a majority of the offensive damage with 21 points, while three other players reached double-digit figures in the scoring column. Valdosta State picked up the win despite being outscored 41-32 on the night.

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Albany State (0-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
4 Hughes*	5-9	0-0	2-2	3-3	6	0 12	3 3 0	2 2
32 Harris*	4-5	0-0	1-1	1-3	4	3 9	1 3 1	1 18
34 Washington*	2-5	0-1	0-0	3-1	4	4 4	2 0 0	0 15
23 Graham*	1-6	1-3	0-1	1-2	3	1 3	4 3 0	1 28
24 Walker*	1-9	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	2 1	0 0 0	0 25
22 Davis	7-15	2-5	5-5	1-1	2	1 21	0 1 0	0 20
21 Ross	5-9	3-4	0-0	2-2	4	4 13	3 1 0	0 17
44 Jackson	2-5	0-0	2-4	1-1	2	2 6	0 0 0	0 13
15 Seneal	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-3	3	1 3	0 0 0	0 14
12 High	1-2	1-1	0-0	3-1	4	0 3	3 1 0	1 12
11 Henderson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0 0	0 0 0	0 8
10 Harrington	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0 0	1 1 0	0 3
30 Cloud	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0 0	0 0 0	0 3
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0 0	0 0 0	0 0
TOTALS	- 29-70	8-18	10-13	16-20	6	17	16 18	14 25 200

Valdosta State (2-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
12 Justice*	7-11	5-7	2-2	0-2	2	2 21	5 2 0	3 32
5 Sam*	6-12	3-4	5-5	1-3	4	2 20	4 2 1	3 27
23 Kodet*	7-12	4-6	0-1	2-2	4	2 18	0 2 2	0 20
20 James*	7-9	0-1	3-3	6-3	9	1 17	2 1 0	2 29
3 Morgan*	4-10	4-8	1-2	0-4	4	2 13	7 4 0	1 36
4 Guillotzet	5-6	0-0	1-5	2-7	9	3 11	3 1 0	1 30
24 Zuppas	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2 2	0 2 0	0 15
0 Johnson	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0 2	0 0 0	0 7
21 Shiftlet	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0 0	0 0 0	1 4
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	0 0	0 0 0	0 0
TOTALS	36-64	16-28	12-18	16-26	37	16	100 23	14 311 200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Albany State	27	49	-	-	= 76	41.0%	44.4%	76.9%
Valdosta State	43	57	-	-	= 100	56.5%	57.7%	66.5%

Pts in the Paint: ASU-38, VSU-36 Pts off Turnovers: ASU-16, VSU-26
 2nd Chance Pts: ASU-16, VSU-18 Fast Break Pts: ASU-10, VSU-13
 Bench Pts: ASU-11, VSU-46 Tied-0 Times, Lead Changed-4 Times
 ASU Largest Lead: 2 in 1st-19:37 VSU Largest Lead: 25 in 2nd-14:05

Stellar Shooting Leads to 100-76 Blazer Win

Valdosta State Wins, 100-76

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Valdosta State men's basketball team connected nine times from the three point line on 11 attempts in the second half to run away with a 100-76 win over the Albany State Golden Rams in south region NCAA basketball action at the SIAC/GSC Crossover on Sunday afternoon in Pensacola, Fla.

Jimmy Kodet constructed a breakout offensive effort with a career-high 18 points on 7-of-12 shooting from the floor and a 4-of-6 performance from three-point range. Meanwhile, Beau Justice delivered his second straight 20-plus point effort with 21 points on 7-of-11 shooting and a 5-of-7 effort from long distance.

The sharpshooting display of the Blazer offense wasn't just limited to the second half, as Valdosta State connected on 16-of-28 from long distance over the course of the entire game for a 57.1 percent three-point shooting effort. The percentage marked the highest for the program since February 18, 2016, when former Blazer Jeremiah Hill connected on a school record 11 threes in Livingston, Ala. Newcomers Winston Morgan and Tyrone Sam rounded out the long distance assault with four and three treys, respectively.

Valdosta State's offense produced a balanced attack, with six different players reaching double-digit figures in the scoring column. KJ James and Clay Guillotzet were among those six, and both finished just shy of a double-double with nine rebounds each.

With the victory, the Blazers improved to 2-0 on the young season, while the Golden Rams fell to 0-2. As representatives of the Gulf South Conference in the weekend crossover, both West Florida and VSU were a perfect 3-0 against Fort Valley State and Albany State heading into the final matchup between West Florida and FVSU later on Sunday afternoon.



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DANIEL JAMES CENTER IN TUSKEGEE, ALA.

Tuskegee (0-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
13 Eads*	4-13	1-4	4-5	0-2	2 3 13	4	0 1	35
4 Shelton*	4-9	1-1	0-0	0-2	2 4 9	1 2	0 1	29
23 Thomas*	4-9	0-3	0-3	2-4	6 3 8	2 1	0 0	28
2 Flagg*	2-3	1-1	2-3	0-2	2 5 7	0 0	0 0	17
12 Massey*	1-3	0-0	0-0	3-5	8 5 2	1 1	1 0	30
20 Boyd	6-13	5-9	1-2	0-4	4 3 18	3 2	0 1	36
5 Pasley	1-2	0-0	2-2	0-2	2 2 4	0 2	1 0	25
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2 0	0 0	3 0 0	0
TOTALS	- 22-52	8-18	9-15	5-23	28 25	61 11	15 2	3 200

Valdosta State (3-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
5 Sam*	5-9	3-4	7-8	2-4	6 4 20	0 2	0 1	26
20 James*	4-10	0-0	4-6	3-9	12 1 12	1 1	1 0	33
12 Justice*	2-9	0-5	8-8	0-3	3 4 12	2 4	0 0	31
3 Morgan*	1-3	1-3	2-2	0-1	1 2 5	1 2	0 0	15
23 Kodet*	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-2	2 2 4	0 0	1 0	17
4 Guillozet	5-11	0-3	1-3	5-0	5 1 11	0 0	0 2	24
24 Zuppas	2-2	0-0	5-8	5-7	12 2 9	1 4	0 0	23
21 Shiflet	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-0	0 1 2	0 0	0 0	15
0 Johnson	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	1 0 0	1 0	0 1	13
2 Carlos Jones	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1 1 0	0 0	0 0	3
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2 0	0 0	0 0 0	0
TOTALS	- 22-55	4-20	27-36	16-29	45 18	75 6	13 2	6 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Tuskegee	30	31	-	-	= 61	42.3%	44.4%	60.0%
Valdosta State	34	41	-	-	= 75	40.0%	20.0%	75.0%

Pts in the Paint: TU-26, VSU-28

Pts off Turnovers: TU-14, VSU-18

2nd Chance Pts: TU-7, VSU-20

Fast Break Pts: TU-4, VSU-4

Bench Pts: TU-22, VSU-22

Tied-2 Times, Lead Changed-2 Times

TU Largest Lead: 5 in 1st-18:41

VSU Largest Lead: 16 in 2nd-00:29

Blazer Basketball Stays Perfect With 75-61 Win
Valdosta State Wins, 75-61

TUSKEGEE, ALA. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team outlasted a pesky Tuskegee team to extend their early season winning streak to three with a 75-61 win in non-conference action on Saturday afternoon in Tuskegee, Ala.

The Blazers didn't perform at their full potential on offense in the close-quarters arena, but a strong defensive effort and a gritty performance in the remaining facets of the game allowed Head Coach Mike Helfer's crew to compensate for a below-average shooting performance.

Valdosta State's rebounding effort was indeed a key to the Blazers' success on the afternoon, and the statistics backed up that sentiment. Tuskegee (0-4) hauled in just 28 rebounds in the contest, a number dwarfed by VSU's number of 45 total boards. Furthermore, 16 of the Blazers' rebounds were on the offensive end, which led Valdosta State to 20 second chance points. In comparison, the Golden Tigers scored just seven put-back points on five offensive rebounds.

The Blazers benefited from a gutsy performance by Greg Zuppas, who came off the bench and nearly put up a double-double with 12 rebounds and nine points. KJ James reached the double-double mark for the first time this season with 12 boards and 12 points in the game, and Tyrone Sam led the team offensively with his second straight 20-point performance.

As a team, the Blazers shot just 40 percent (22-of-55) from the floor and 20 percent (4-of-20) from beyond the arc. The red and black softened the blow from the free throw line, however, with 27 points and a 75 percent (27-of-36) shooting effort from the stripe.

"We have a long way to go, but we are getting better in areas of concern," added Helfer. "We are certainly looking forward to playing in The Complex on Tuesday for our first home game of the year."

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THE COMPLEX IN VALDOSTA, GA.

Coastal Ga. (5-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
0 Washington*	6-15	2-6	10-12	1-5	6 1 24	4 3	0 0	30
13 Martin*	4-13	1-7	3-3	0-5	5 1 12	0 2	1 0	33
11 Wade*	3-8	0-1	1-2	1-5	6 1 7	0 2	0 1	27
32 Applegate*	2-3	0-0	1-1	0-3	3 3 5	0 0	0 0	12
2 Canada*	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 2 0	2 2	3 0	11
34 Green	3-8	0-0	4-4	1-10	11 1 10	1 1	0 0	22
4 Kaciusha	4-7	1-3	0-0	0-2	2 0 9	2 2	0 0	18
22 Smallwood	4-8	0-3	0-0	2-1	3 8 0	0 0	0 0	15
1 Gibson	0-4	0-0	4-4	1-0	1 0 4	2 0	0 0	14
24 Sarazine	1-1	0-0	1-3	1-1	2 4 3	0 1	0 0	6
14 Goins	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	1 2	0 0	12
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1 0	0 0	0 0 0	0
TOTALS	27-67	4-20	24-29	8-32	40 16	82 12	16 1	2 200

Valdosta State (4-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
3 Morgan*	7-11	7-11	0-0	0-3	3 2 21	4 2	0 1	30
12 Justice*	6-13	5-7	2-2	0-3	3 1 19	5 1	0 3	28
5 Sam*	7-14	1-3	0-1	0-4	4 1 15	5 0	1 3	21
20 James*	4-7	0-2	3-6	4-4	8 2 11	2 1	2 3	19
23 Kodet*	1-2	0-1	2-2	1-4	5 4 0	0 2	1 1	14
21 Shiflet	10-12	5-7	5-6	0-5	5 2 30	1 0	1 0	18
4 Guillozet	3-8	0-1	2-3	0-2	2 2 8	4 0	0 0	24
24 Zuppas	2-5	0-1	3-6	4-7	11 3 7	2 1	0 0	21
0 Johnson	2-4	2-4	0-0	0-0	0 0 6	0 0	0 1	13
2 Jones	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0 2 0	1 0	0 0	8
1 Harris	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1 0	0 0	0 0	4
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2 0	0 0	0 0 0	0
TOTALS	42-79	20-39	17-26	9-34	43 21	121 24	5 6	12 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Coastal Georgia	28	54	-	-	= 82	40.3%	20.0%	82.8%
Valdosta State	54	67	-	-	= 121	53.2%	51.3%	65.4%

Pts in the Paint: CG-34, VSU-36

Pts off Turnovers: CG-2, VSU-22

2nd Chance Pts: CG-13, VSU-8

Fast Break Pts: CG-0, VSU-2

Bench Pts: CG-34, VSU-51

Tied-0 Times, Lead Changed-0 Times

CG Largest Lead: --

VSU Largest Lead: 43 in 2nd-05:07

Blazers Unload on Mariners for 121-82 Victory
Valdosta State Wins, 121-82

VALDOSTA, Ga. - Another sharp shooting effort by the Valdosta State men's basketball team led to a 121-82 rout of the Coastal Georgia Mariners in Tuesday night's home opener in Valdosta, Ga.

Labrian Shiflet came off the bench for 30 of the Blazers' 51 bench points, which helped fuel VSU to the convincing non-conference win. Shiflet shot 10-of-12 from the field and connected on 5-of-7 from the three point line to highlight a 51.3 percent (7-of-17) long range shooting performance from Head Coach Mike Helfer's squad. Furthermore, the Blazers buried 42-of-79 from the field for 53.2 percent.

"One of the great things about this team, is that we have so many guys that can make threes," said Helfer after the team's fourth consecutive win. "It's hard for teams to defend, because you never know who's going to get it going on any given night. Tonight, Labrian had it going, Winston Morgan hit a bunch of threes, and Beau Justice hit a bunch of threes, and even though Jimmy Kodet wasn't on target tonight, he can really shoot it great too. This is going to be a team effort all year, and we just have to keep the mindset of team over individual, like we did tonight."

Four additional players reached double figures on offense, including Morgan with 21, Justice with 19, Tyrone Sam with 15, and KJ James with 11. James also pulled down eight rebounds, falling just short of a double-double.

The Blazers' defensive effort complemented the performance, as the team racked up 12 steals while forcing 16 Mariner turnovers and adding six blocked shots.

With the win, Valdosta State improved to 4-0 on the year, while the Mariners fell to 5-4.



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Fayetteville State (1-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
20 Bryant*	11-19	0-2	5-6	1-5	6	5	27	1 1 0 2 33
0 McNeill*	8-11	0-0	3-4	6-3	9	3	19	0 1 0 0 38
3 Gilmore*	3-12	1-4	3-4	1-3	4	3	10	4 3 0 1 34
4 Smith*	3-8	3-6	0-0	1-3	4	1	9	1 0 0 0 26
14 Brown*	1-3	0-0	0-2	0-3	3	3	2	0 0 0 0 16
10 Hosch	5-15	4-13	0-0	0-2	2	1	14	2 0 0 2 22
24 Pope	3-5	1-3	0-0	1-2	3	4	7	0 1 0 0 13
5 Tibbs	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0 0 0 5
11 Williams	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	3	0	0 0 0 0 5
1 McClain	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0 0 1 0 4
30 Joyner	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0 0 0 0 2
33 Cummings	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0 0 0 0 2
TMTTEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	6	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	-	34-77	9-28	11-1613	27	40	24	88 8 7 5 2 200

Valdosta State (5-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
5 Sam*	10-13	1-2	12-14	1-6	7	2	33	1 3 1 0 32
12 Justice*	8-13	3-6	3-4	1-1	2	2	22	2 2 1 2 27
20 James*	4-7	0-0	5-7	2-7	9	3	13	2 0 1 0 28
3 Morgan*	2-6	2-6	1-2	0-1	1	2	7	8 1 0 0 32
23 Kodet*	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	3	4	0 1 0 0 11
21 Shiflet	2-8	2-7	0-0	0-4	4	0	6	1 0 0 1 16
4 Guillozet	2-6	0-1	1-2	2-2	4	0	5	2 0 0 0 22
24 Zuppas	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-4	6	4	2	1 0 0 1 19
0 Johnson	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	2	0 0 0 0 6
2 Jones	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1 0 0 0 7
TMTTEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	32-62	8-25	22-29	8-32	40	17	94	18 7 5 2 200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Fayetteville St.	33	55	-	-	= 88	44.2%	32.0%	68.8%
Valdosta State	35	59	-	-	= 94	51.6%	32.9%	75.8%

Pts in the Paint: FSU-40, VSU-36 Pts off Turnovers: FSU-12, VSU-8
 2nd Chance Pts: FSU-9, VSU-6 Fast Break Pts: FSU-6, VSU-2
 Bench Pts: FSU-21, VSU-15 Tied-O Times, Lead Changed-1 Time
 FSU Largest Lead: 3 in 1st-18:02 VSU Largest Lead: 17 in 2nd-14:32

Sam's Career High Leads Basketball to 94-88 Win

Valdosta State Wins, 94-88

VALDOSTA, Ga. - Tyrone Sam dropped 33 points and Beau Justice poured in 22 to help lead the Valdosta State men's basketball team to a 94-88 victory over Fayetteville State in non-conference men's basketball action on Saturday afternoon at The Complex.

The Blazers (5-0) entered Saturday's contest as the Gulf South Conference leaders in points scored per game with an average of 94.5 per contest. Valdosta State needed every bit of that offensive production to outlast the Broncos (1-3), who shot 44.2 percent from the field and were led by the 27 points of Josh Bryant.

Valdosta State wasn't as productive from the three point line as they have grown accustomed to during the young season, but a 51.6 percent shooting effort from the field helped even out the afternoon for Helfer's squad.

After the Broncos outscored the Blazers 14-4 during the final four minutes of the first half to close VSU's lead to 35-33, VSU came out of the break with guns blazing for a 20-5 run in the first six minutes of the second half. The surge gave the Blazers their biggest lead of the afternoon at 55-38, but Fayetteville State refused to backdown.

A pesky Broncos squad closed the gap to just eight near the ten minute mark in the second half, but Valdosta State weathered the storm during the final ten minutes to hold the opposition at bay.

KJ James complemented Sam and Justice on offense with 13 points, while Winston Morgan efficiently managed the distribution with eight assists on the afternoon.

Sam's career high performance included a 10-of-13 effort from the field. Twelve of his 33 points came from the free throw line, as the junior shot 12-of-14 from the stripe. Meanwhile, Justice connected on 8-of-13 from the field and 3-of-6 from the three point line. Justice is now averaging 19.8 points per game, which places the junior 5th on the current GSC leaderboard.

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Webber Int. (3-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
23 Vaughn*	4-16	0-4	2-2	1-1	2	2	10	0 3 0 0 23
32 Childs*	2-7	1-2	5-8	3-3	6	3	10	0 0 3 0 16
12 Evans*	3-6	0-0	2-3	1-3	4	0	8	0 0 5 0 24
10 Serrano*	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0 0 0 1 16
21 Etienne*	0-2	0-2	0-0	1-2	3	0	0	1 1 0 0 17
2 Williams	4-9	0-3	4-6	1-1	2	2	12	0 0 0 1 17
4 Jean-Louis	3-6	2-4	3-4	0-2	2	1	11	0 1 0 0 19
24 Woodmansee	2-4	1-2	0-1	0-3	3	1	5	0 1 0 1 16
0 Luke	1-60	1-2	2-2	0-0	0	2	4	3 3 1 216
20 Orap	1-3	1-2	1-1	0-0	2	4	0	3 0 0 0 12
3 Blocker	0-2	0-1	2-5	2-6	8	4	2	2 2 0 1 17
5 Brooks	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	2	0	0 0 0 0 7
TOTALS	-	21-66	5-22	21-3212	26	38	21	68 6 19 4 6 200

Valdosta State (6-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
12 Justice*	6-11	3-8	5-6	2-3	5	1	20	5 3 1 3 32
3 Morgan*	5-9	4-7	2-2	0-3	3	1	16	3 6 0 1 28
5 Sam*	4-11	0-1	7-7	3-1	4	2	15	3 0 1 1 16
23 Kodet*	3-10	2-7	2-2	1-10	11	2	10	0 1 1 1 29
20 James*	3-4	0-0	1-2	0-4	4	4	7	0 2 0 0 15
4 Guillozet	6-14	1-4	4-4	6-4	10	4	17	2 1 0 1 27
24 Zuppas	1-3	0-0	4-6	2-5	7	3	6	2 2 0 0 21
21 Shiflet	2-6	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	2	5	1 0 0 0 10
0 Johnson	1-3	1-3	1-2	0-1	1	1	4	1 0 0 0 12
2 Jones	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	2	1 1 0 1 7
1 Harris	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0 0 0 0 3
TOTALS	33-75	12-35	26-31	15-37	52	24	104	18 16 3 8 200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Webber Int.	31	37	-	-	= 68	31.8%	22.7%	65.6%
Valdosta State	55	49	-	-	= 104	44.0%	34.3%	83.9%

Pts in the Paint: WIU-30, VSU-40 Pts off Turnovers: WIU-15, VSU-24
 2nd Chance Pts: WIU-13, VSU-7 Fast Break Pts: WIU-0, VSU-10
 Bench Pts: WIU-38, VSU-36 Tied O Times, Lead Changed 0 Times
 VSU Largest Lead: 41 in 2nd 3:44

Blazers Torch Warriors to Cap Off Classic

Valdosta State Wins, 104-68

VALDOSTA, Ga. - The No. 20 ranked Blazers of Valdosta State delivered another impressive offensive effort in a 104-68 non-conference win over Webber International in men's basketball action on Sunday afternoon at The Complex in Valdosta, Ga.

The Blazers enjoyed another balanced outing on the attack, as five different players reached double-digit figures in the scoring column. Junior Beau Justice paced the team with 20 points on 6-of-11 shooting from the field and a 3-of-8 display from beyond the arc. The performance marked Justice's fourth game in which he has scored 20 or more points. His average of 19.8 points per game currently places him fifth in the Gulf South Conference. Justice did a little bit of everything in the game, adding three steals, five assists, five rebounds, and one block to round out his performance.

Valdosta State ripped off 35 points in the first ten minutes of the contest, all while allowing the Warriors to score just four buckets and two free throws for 11 total points. A drought ensued for the Blazer offense, however, which allowed Webber to string together a 19-6 run and pull to within 11 at 41-30 with 4:29 to play in the first half.

Winston Morgan helped right the ship though, with a timely three ball that sparked a 14-7 run in the final minutes of the opening frame for VSU and afforded the Blazers a 55-37 lead at the break.

Valdosta State's offensive onslaught continued after the break, while the Blazer defense held Webber International to just 11 points on 11-of-34 shooting (32.4 percent) from the field in the second half. Furthermore, the Warriors were able to connect just once on 11 second half three pointer attempts in the final 20 minutes.

One of the brightest spots of the game for Valdosta State was the team's efficiency at the free throw line. In 31 attempts, the Blazers hit 26, which resulted in a 83.9 percent shooting effort from the stripe throughout the afternoon.

Jimmy Kodet and Clay Guillozet teamed up for 21 of Valdosta State's 52 rebounds in the contest, and each reached double-digit figures in both the rebounding and scoring columns. The double-doubles were the first of the season for both players.



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UWF FIELDHOUSE IN PENSACOLA, FLA.

West Florida (8-0)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
10 Deng*	6-11	0-1	10-11	3-7	10	1	22	3	0	1	38
11 Benson*	5-11	3-6	2-3	1-3	4	1	15	3	1	0	34
24 Thorpe*	3-8	1-2	1-3	0-2	2	4	8	5	0	0	35
40 Ventonjemi*	3-8	0-0	1-2	3-1	4	1	7	2	0	0	12
2 Tidwell*	1-2	1-1	2-4	1-1	2	2	5	1	0	0	14
21 Tucker	11-12	0-1	5-5	4-5	9	4	27	0	2	1	26
5 Jackson	4-8	1-4	1-3	0-0	0	5	10	0	1	0	18
23 Henderson	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-1	1	0	3	0	0	2	4
3 Chalifoux	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	1	0	10
1 Cox	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
14 Carter Jr	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	34-65	6-18	23-33	14-24	38	19	97	15	8	4	200

Valdosta State (6-1)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
3 Morgan*	6-8	4-6	0-0	0-2	2	3	16	3	2	0	34
12 Justice*	5-17	3-11	2-2	0-3	3	4	15	5	2	0	39
4 Guillotet*	4-5	1-1	2-4	0-4	3	4	11	1	1	0	19
24 Zuppas*	2-8	0-1	1-2	1-6	7	3	5	2	2	0	27
23 Kodet*	1-2	1-1	2-2	1-6	7	4	5	0	0	2	19
5 Sam	6-10	1-1	7-8	3-0	3	2	20	1	3	0	24
20 James	4-10	0-1	2-2	0-1	1	5	10	0	0	0	19
0 Johnson	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	6	1	0	0	14
21 Shiftlet	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5
2 Jones	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	30-62	12-24	16-20	10-23	33	26	88	13	11	2	100

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Valdosta State	43	45	-	-	= 88	48.4%	50.0%	80.0%
West Florida	48	49	-	-	= 97	53.3%	33.3%	69.7%

Pts in the Paint: UWF-44, VSU-30 Pts off Turnovers: UWF-16, VSU-7
 2nd Chance Pts: UWF-15, VSU-13 Fast Break Pts: UWF-2, VSU-7
 Bench Pts: UWF-40, VSU-36 Tied-2 Times, Lead Changed-2 Times
 UWF Largest Lead: 12 in 2nd-07:28 VSU Largest Lead: -

Argonauts Escape With 97-88 Win in League Opener

West Florida Wins, 97-88

PENSACOLA, Fla. - A late push by the Valdosta State men's basketball team came up short, as the West Florida Argonauts held off the Blazers for a 97-88 victory over the Blazers in Saturday's Gulf South Conference opener at the UWF Field House in Pensacola, Fla.

The victory improved the Argonauts to a perfect 8-0 start on the season, while the Blazers suffered their first loss of the season to fall to 6-1 overall.

West Florida led for most of the evening and extended their lead to as many as 12 points with under eight minutes to play in regulation. The Blazers remained resolute, however, and used the next five minutes to whittle away at the Argonauts' lead. Valdosta State pulled to within two points after a Winston Morgan layup at the 2:25 mark in the second half, but UWF managed to hold off the surging Blazers long enough to score at the 1:08 mark and open up a two-possession, 90-86 lead. The Argonauts used free throws down the stretch to hold VSU at bay.

Tyrone Sam delivered another solid outing for the Blazers with 20 points on 6-of-10 shooting from the field and a 7-of-8 night from the free throw line. In addition, Winston Morgan added 16 points, thanks to a 4-of-6 effort from beyond the arc.

Darryl Tucker, who leads the UWF squad in both scoring and rebounds, was the difference maker for the Argonauts. The forward poured in 27 points after a nearly perfect 11-of-12 shooting effort from the field. Furthermore, Moter Deng added 22 points, 10 of which came from the free throw line.

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Tuskegee (1-8)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
2 Flagg*	5-10	2-2	5-7	1-4	5	3	17	3	1	0	30
23 Thomas*	3-7	1-3	2-2	2-1	3	2	9	1	1	0	31
13 Eads*	3-8	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	1	7	1	2	0	30
4 Shelton*	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	4	2	1	0	0	15
22 Young*	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-5	5	3	0	0	6	0	16
3 Boyd	8-13	5-8	4-6	0-1	1	3	25	0	4	0	21
10 Grepke	4-11	0-2	3-5	0-2	2	1	11	1	1	0	27
5 Pasley	3-5	2-3	2-2	2-5	7	4	10	3	1	0	30
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	27-60	11-23	16-22	7-24	21	31	81	10	17	2	200

Valdosta State (7-1)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
12 Justice*	7-14	4-9	7-8	3-0	3	2	25	2	0	0	34
20 James*	10-14	1-1	1-4	2-6	8	2	22	3	0	1	29
23 Kodet*	5-8	2-4	0-0	1-4	5	0	12	0	1	0	18
3 Morgan*	2-4	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	1	4	1	2	0	20
4 Guillotet*	1-4	0-1	1-2	2-4	6	0	3	2	2	0	22
5 Sam	8-14	1-2	4-5	3-5	8	3	21	1	1	0	23
24 Zuppas	3-4	0-0	6-6	1-6	7	2	12	0	1	2	22
21 Shiftlet	1-4	1-2	0-0	1-0	1	2	3	0	0	0	6
2 Jones	1-3	0-0	1-2	1-0	1	1	3	0	0	0	3
0 Johnson	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	1	0	20
1 Harris	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	39-71	9-22	20-28	14-27	41	13	107	9	4	6	200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Tuskegee	37	44	-	-	= 81	45.0%	47.8%	72.7%
Valdosta State	53	54	-	-	= 107	54.9%	40.9%	71.4%

Pts in the Paint: TU-30, VSU-52 Pts off Turnovers: TU-12, VSU-17
 2nd Chance Pts: TU-10, VSU-16 Fast Break Pts: TU-0, VSU-2
 Bench Pts: TU-46, VSU-41 Tied-1 Time, Lead Changed-1 Time
 TU Largest Lead: - VSU Largest Lead: 30 in 2nd-02:23

Blazers Roll to 107-81 Win Over Tuskegee

Valdosta State Wins, 107-81

VALDOSTA, Ga. - The Valdosta State Blazers returned to form on Tuesday night and cruised to a dominant 107-81 win over Tuskegee in non-conference action at The Complex.

The Blazer offense reached the century mark in points scored for the fourth time this season, thanks in part to the efforts of Beau Justice, KJ James, and Tyrone Sam, who each scored 20-plus points in the contest. Justice led the way with 25, while James and Sam added 22 and 21, respectively.

"KJ is a senior this year and I think he sees that senior cliff, in that he knows his collegiate career is coming to an end," said Head Coach Mike Helfer of James, who delivered what was arguably his most aggressive effort of the season. "I think he's trying squeeze everything he can out of every minute. He's playing hard, he's playing smart, and he's playing aggressive, and I enjoyed seeing that from him tonight."

Despite falling behind 40-19 a little over midway through the opening period, the Tigers managed to keep the game respectable throughout the night and even pulled to within as few as 10 three different times in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Valdosta State used a 54.9 percent shooting effort to maintain control of the contest and eventually run away with the convincing win. The Blazers also won the rebounding battle 41-31, which led to 16 second chance points, and VSU also enjoyed an impressive 41-point performance off the bench by the reserves.

With the win, the Blazers remained perfect at home and improved to 7-1 overall. Meanwhile, the Tigers dropped to 1-8 on the season.



9 Fort Valley State

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10 Montevallo

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Fort Valley State (6-5)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
4 EDWARDS*	5-13	0-3	5-7	2-3	5	2	15	3	5	2	3	28
0 BARNES*	6-11	1-1	0-1	7-6	13	3	13	2	2	1	1	28
11 MCMILLAN*	5-13	2-7	1-1	1-0	1	1	13	2	0	0	1	27
5 FOSTER*	4-15	0-1	0-0	3-12	15	4	8	2	4	3	1	33
1 GARROR*	3-11	1-4	1-2	4-3	7	3	8	2	1	1	1	21
15 BANKS	3-7	2-5	1-2	1-4	5	0	9	0	0	1	1	12
0 ELLIOTT	2-5	2-5	0-0	1-1	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	14
24 HOLLAWAY	2-3	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	1	4	0	0	1	1	12
12 BRYANT	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-5	5	3	3	4	4	1	1	13
20 SMOAK	1-3	1-3	0-1	0-1	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	11
13 MCCLENDON	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 32-83	10-31	8-14	71-40	61	19	82	16	17	10	10	200

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Montevallo (6-6)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
5 Taylor*	14-28	5-9	7-7	3-5	8	4	40	1	2	0	0	49
2 Williams*	9-21	1-8	17-19	4-7	1	2	36	7	7	0	3	55
0 Jackson*	6-11	0-1	1-2	2-1	3	3	13	2	4	0	1	32
10 Jones*	4-9	1-2	3-4	2-3	5	5	12	2	0	0	1	30
13 Guity*	2-4	0-0	0-0	4-4	8	2	4	0	1	3	0	49
12 Brough	7-11	7-11	0-0	0-0	0	5	21	2	1	0	1	37
1 Gilbert	3-4	3-3	0-0	0-0	0	5	9	1	1	1	1	21
20 Updike	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-1	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 45-88	17-34	28-32	21-9	41	27	135	14	17	4	7	275

Valdosta State (7-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
23 Kodet*	6-10	1-4	0-0	1-4	5	3	13	1	1	2	1	24
20 James*	5-13	0-2	3-4	1-3	4	1	13	1	2	0	1	19
4 Guillozet*	3-5	0-1	1-2	2-7	9	2	7	2	4	0	2	30
3 Morgan*	2-8	2-7	0-0	0-2	2	4	6	3	0	0	0	27
12 Justice*	0-8	0-6	4-4	1-3	4	0	4	4	3	0	1	34
5 Sam	3-9	1-3	8-10	2-2	4	3	15	0	3	0	0	20
34 McBride	2-6	0-0	4-8	1-8	9	3	8	0	1	3	0	20
21 Shiftlet	1-6	0-3	0-0	0-2	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	7
24 Zuppas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	13
0 Johnson	0-3	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
2 Jones	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 22-68	4-27	20-28	12-35	47	17	68	12	16	5	6	200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Fort Valley St.	36	46	-	-	82	32.4%	14.8%	71.4%
Valdosta State	34	34	-	-	68	38.6%	32.3%	57.1%

Pts in the Paint: FVSU-32, VSU-26 Pts off Turnovers: FVSU-12, VSU-10
 2nd Chance Pts: FVSU-17, VSU-7 Fast Break Pts: FVSU-6, VSU-16
 Bench Pts: FVSU-25, VSU-25 Tied-0 Times, Lead Changed-3 Times
 FVSU Largest Lead: 17 in 2nd-12:36 VSU Largest Lead: 9 in 1st-15:45

Blazers Fall to FVSU After Rare Shooting Drought

Fort Valley State Wins, 82-68

FORT VALLEY, Ga. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team suffered a rare scoring drought in the second half, which resulted in an 82-68 loss to the Fort Valley State Wildcats on Tuesday night in Fort Valley, Ga.

The Blazers used a quick layup and a three ball by Winston Morgan in the first minute of the contest to jump out to a 5-0 lead over the Wildcats. The advantage was one the Blazers would hang on to for the first eight minutes of the game, until the Wildcats turned the game around midway through the first half and took a 27-19 lead with three straight three-pointers.

With the help of a strong 13-point first half by Jimmy Kodet, Valdosta State whittled FVSU's lead away throughout the remainder of the first half and pulled even with a fastbreak dunk by KJ James with just 14 seconds left in the frame. However, a two-handed put-back dunk by Glenn Holloway in the final seconds put FVSU back in front for a 36-34 lead at intermission.

The second half proved to be the beginning of the end for the Blazers, thanks in large part to a downward spiral on offense for VSU. Valdosta State shot just 8-of-31 from the field for 25.8 percent in the second half and connected on just 1-of-11 from three point range for a paltry 9.1 percent. As a result, the Wildcats outscored the Blazers 46-34 in the final period to run away with the victory.

Tyrone Sam led the way for the Blazers with 15 points, while Justin McBride made his Blazer debut with nine rebounds to tie Clay Guillozet for the team lead on the boards.

With the loss, Valdosta State fell to 7-2 overall. Meanwhile, the Wildcats improved to 6-4 on the season.

Valdosta State will return to Gulf South Conference action this Saturday at 4:00 p.m. against the visiting Montevallo Falcons. The contest will mark the first conference game of the season to take place at The Complex.

Valdosta State (8-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
12 Justice*	7-13	2-6	8-9	1-0	1	2	24	4	6	0	2	49
3 Morgan*	8-11	8-10	0-0	0-3	3	5	24	2	2	0	1	42
23 Kodet*	7-12	5-9	2-2	1-3	4	4	21	1	0	2	1	23
20 James*	6-9	1-1	6-7	4-5	9	4	19	4	2	3	0	43
4 Guillozet*	4-10	1-4	2-6	4-3	7	3	11	9	1	0	1	42
24 Zuppas	4-8	1-2	5-6	2-3	5	2	14	3	1	0	1	35
34 McBride	6-9	0-0	2-3	3-3	6	5	14	2	2	1	1	15
21 Shiftlet	3-7	1-4	2-3	0-0	0	0	9	1	1	0	0	13
0 Johnson	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	3	1	0	0	1	9
2 Jones	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	- 46-81	20-38	27-36	12-24	41	29	139	27	16	6	8	275

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Montevallo	46	54	13	11	135	51.1%	50.0%	87.5%
Valdosta State	50	50	13	11	139	56.8%	52.6%	75.0%

Pts in the Paint: UM-46, VSU-42 Pts off Turnovers: UM-29, VSU-27
 2nd Chance Pts: UM-8, VSU-16 Fast Break Pts: UM-2, VSU-2
 Bench Pts: UM-30, VSU-40 Tied-0 Times, Lead Changed-3 Times
 UM Largest Lead: 15 at OT-00:12 VSU Largest Lead: 15 in 2nd-17:45

Historic Night Results in Triple Overtime Win

Valdosta State Wins, 139-135

VALDOSTA, Ga. - The Valdosta State Blazers racked up more points than any other game in Blazer basketball history with a historic 139-134 triple overtime victory over Montevallo at Gulf South Conference action at The Complex on Saturday night.

The Falcons chipped away at a 15-point Valdosta State lead throughout the first half of the second period before pulling even at 85-85 on a layup by Jamaar Taylor with 7:32 to play in regulation. The contest then transformed into a back-and-forth affair, as the two teams traded buckets down the stretch.

Inside the one minute mark, VSU took a 100-97 lead on a jumper by Beau Justice, but Tyler Brough connected on one of his seven three pointers at the 0:30 mark to send the game into overtime. The initial overtime period featured five lead changes, before Montevallo used a circus three-point shot by Taylor to open up a 113-109 lead with 12 seconds remaining. When all seemed lost for the Blazers, KJ James drew a foul at the 0:04 mark and pulled the Blazers to within a single possession deficit on the first of two free throws. On James' second free throw, the senior transfer purposely missed the shot to give VSU an attempt at an offensive rebound. Greg Zuppas was there to save the possession, and threw the ball off of a Montevallo player as he recovered it just before falling out of bounds. With two seconds to go, the inbound pass from underneath ended up in the hands of Zuppas, who buried his first three of the season from the right corner as time expired to tie the game at 113-113 and force double overtime.

Double overtime was more of the same, as the two teams went toe-to-toe throughout to send the game to yet another overtime period. With the score knotted at 124-124, Valdosta State finally managed to extend the game beyond the Falcons' reach, thanks in large part to a pair of timely three point shots by Jimmy Kodet, who finished with a career-high 21 points in the game.

Taylor racked up a game-high 40 points in the game on a 14-of-28 performance from the field, and Chris Williams scored 36 points, 17 of which came on 19 attempts from the free throw line. Valdosta State countered the duo, however, with a balanced offensive effort that saw seven different players post double-digit figures in the scoring column. Furthermore, Justice, Kodet, and Winston Morgan each scored 20-plus. All 24 of Morgan's points came on three point shooting, as the junior shot 8-of-10 from the field and connected on each of his five three point attempts in the first half.

The win, which replaced a 136-point night against Troy State in 1991-92 for a new school record, marked Valdosta State's first Gulf South Conference victory of the 2017-18 season and moved the Blazers to 8-2 overall and 1-1 in league play. Meanwhile, the Falcons dropped to 6-6 on the year and fell to 1-2 against conference opponents.



Valdosta State Blazers Record vs. All Opponents

Alabama-Birmingham.....	0-1	Florida State.....	0-14	Ouachita Baptist.....	1-0
Alabama-Huntsville.....	27-26	Florida Tech.....	6-3	Paine.....	2-0
Alaska-Anchorage.....	1-1	Fort Valley State.....	16-2	Palm Beach Atlantic.....	6-1
Albany State.....	36-20	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.....	0-5	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 Stte.....	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
Brockport 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.....	8-8	Lee.....	6-2	Tampa.....	9-14
Claflin.....	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.....	4-0	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.....	7-1
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.....	20-12	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.....	36-39	Warner Southern.....	1-0
Emory and Henry.....	2-0	North Carolina Central.....	0-1	Webber International.....	4-0
Emmanuel.....	2-0	North Florida.....	4-4	West Alabama.....	44-29
Faulkner.....	1-0	North Georgia.....	16-10	West Florida.....	34-20
Fayetteville State.....	1-2	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 ^{Tyler} Johnson

POSITION: GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-4

CLASS: JUNIOR • **HOMETOWN:** HOWELL, MICH.

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE



JOHNSON'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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1 ^{Max} Harris

POSITION: FORWARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-5

CLASS: JUNIOR • **HOMETOWN:** TITUSVILLE, FLA.

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: AVA MARIA UNIVERSITY



HARRIS'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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



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Carlos
Jones**POSITION:** GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 5-11**CLASS:** SOPHOMORE • **HOMETOWN:** DECATUR, GA.**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** STEPHENSON HS**JONES' 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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Winston
Morgan**POSITION:** GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-0**CLASS:** JUNIOR • **HOMETOWN:** MANCHESTER, CONN.**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST**MORGANS 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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

PRIOR TO VALDOSTA STATE: All-Conference player while at Mississippi Gulf Coast and All-State player while in high school under Head Coach Luke Reilly at East Catholic High School in Manchester, CT... Led ECHS to State Championship in 2014... Averaged 21.0 points per game and 6.0 rebounds per game during senior season at ECHS, which capped off a 1,000-plus point career... Named Feb 15 Player in state of Connecticut and earned a spot among New Haven Top-25 players...



4 *Clay* Guillozet

POSITION: GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-4

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

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: WEST LIBERTY STATE



GUILLOZET'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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

PRIOR TO VALDOSTA STATE: Multi talented athlete who also produced an All-Greater Western Ohio Conference career at quarterback while at West Liberty University... In basketball, twice named Greater Western Ohio Conference Player of the Year... Led the program in points, assists, and three pointers made... Named District 9 Player of the Year... Led West Liberty University to a GWOC Championship... Member of the National Honors Society and National Technical Honors Society...

5 *Tyrone* Sam

POSITION: GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-5

CLASS: JUNIOR • **HOMETOWN:** ROSWELL, GA.

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY



SAM'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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

PRIOR TO VALDOSTA STATE: Averaged 25 points per game at South Georgia State and was named Region Player of the Year... Landed First Team All-Region honors while at Roswell High School... Named Second Team All-Metro... Averaged 18 points per game during high school career and scored 40 points in a single game for the fourth-highest single game point total in Roswell history...



12 ^{Bean} JUSTICE

POSITION: GUARD • HEIGHT: 6-2

CLASS: JUNIOR • HOMETOWN: PEBBLES, OHIO

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: WEST LIBERTY STATE



JUSTICE'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
2016-17	32-32	1076-33.6	161-349	.461	87-216	.403	50-59	.847	22	68	90	2.8	70	57	51	27	4	459-14.3	
Total	32-32	1076-33.6	161-349	.461	87-216	.403	50-59	.847	22	68	90	2.8	70	57	51	27	4	459-14.3	

IN 2016-17 (SOPHOMORE): Had a sensational sophomore season starting all 32 games for the Blazers, and averaging 33.6 minutes per game.... Hit 161 of 349 field-goals (.461%).... Led the Blazers from the arc draining 87 three-pointers on the season.... Produced an astonishing .847 free-throw percentage missing just 9 of 59 attempts.... Pulled down 90 boards for the Blazers (22 Offensive, 68 Defensive).... Finished the season with 57 assists.... Defensively, combined for 27 steals and 4 blocks.... Tallied 459 points on the season producing six 20-plus point performances.... Ranked among the top 20 scorers in the league averaging 14.3 per game.... Earned a spot on the Gulf South Conference Fireseeds Winter All-Academic Team....

20 ^{KJ} James

POSITION: FORWARD • HEIGHT: 6-5

CLASS: SENIOR • HOMETOWN: CHARLESTON, S.C.

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC



JAMES' 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	B	S	PTS	PTS-AVG
Total	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

PRIOR TO VALDOSTA STATE: Standout at Armstrong State under Head Coach Evans Davis... Averaged 15 points per game and 6.0 rebounds per game while at Armstrong... Played at High Point prior to Armstrong State, where he helped earn the team a Big South regular season championship.... Also earned Millis Scholar Athlete honors and served on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee while at High Point... Scored a school record 2,400 points during High School career at Porter Gaud in Charleston, S.C.... Currently holds the school record for most points scored in a single game with 46....



21 *Labrian* Shiflet

POSITION: GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-3

CLASS: SENIOR • **HOMETOWN:** TAYLORS, S.C.

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: FLORIDA SOUTHERN



SHIFLET'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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

23 *Jimmy* KODET

POSITION: FORWARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-7

CLASS: SENIOR • **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
2016	32-1	409-12.8	67-141	.475	27-74	.365	8-12	.667	27	94	121	3.8	45	7	16	7	26	169-5.3
Total	32-1	409-12.8	67-141	.475	27-74	.365	8-12	.667	27	94	121	3.8	45	7	16	7	26	169-5.3

IN 2016-17 (JUNIOR): Became the Blazers go-to sixth man, appearing in all 32 games.... Totaled 409 minutes averaging 12.8 minutes per game.... Went 67-for-141 inside the arc (.475 FG%).... Drained 27 three-pointers.... From the line, went 8-12 producing a .667 free-throw percentage.... Brought down 121 boards for the Blazers, 94 defensive and 27 offensive.... Defensively produced 7 steals.... Had a team-high 27 blocks.... Totaled 169 points on the season averaging 5.3 points per game....



24 Greg Zuppas

POSITION: FORWARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-6
CLASS: JUNIOR • **HOMETOWN:** ORLANDO, FLA.
PREVIOUS SCHOOL: DAYTONA STATE



ZUPPAS'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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

PRIOR TO VALDOSTA STATE: Has played on winning teams everywhere he has been... Began college career at Embry Riddle, where the program won Sun Conference regular season and postseason championships during his freshman season as a red shirt... Transferred to Daytona State, where he helped lead his team to back-to-back conference championships in both freshman and sophomore seasons... In high school at Faith Christian Academy, his team won a district championship...

34 Justin McBride

POSITION: FORWARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-11
CLASS: SENIOR • **HOMETOWN:** STARKE, FLA.
PREVIOUS SCHOOL: CENTRAL FLORIDA



MCBRIDE'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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--