

VALDOSTA STATE

BLAZER BASKETBALL



2017-18 GAME NOTES



SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD • 6:00 P.M. EST
BIRMINGHAM, AL. • PETE HANNA CENTER



VS.



VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS

RECORD: 26-3, 18-2 GSC
 HEAD COACH: Mike Helfer
 YEAR AT VSU: 13th
 RECORD AT VSU: 254-126, 125-85 GSC
 STREAK W1



VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS (26-3, 18-2 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
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
12	Beau Justice	G	6-2	175	Jr.	Peebles, Ohio / West Liberty State
20	KJ James	F	6-5	175	Sr.	Charelston, 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, Bryceland Brown



DELTA STATE STATESMEN (14-13, 11-9 GSC)

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
2	Ravion Henry	G	6-4	Sr.	Carthage, Miss. / East Central CC
3	PJ Davis	F	6-6	Sr.	Cleveland, Miss. / East Side HS
4	Cedric Harper	F	6-7	Sr.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Holmes CC
5	Matthew Wilson	G	6-2	Fr.	Farmington, Ark. / Farmington HS
10	Brett Warner	G	6-2	Jr.	Collierville, Tenn. / Collierville HS
11	Cameron Monix	G	5-10	Sr.	Clarksdale, Miss. / Coahoma CC
12	Cameron Burkett	F	6-8	So.	Houston, Texas / Bossier Parish CC
14	Nathan King	G	6-2	Rf.	Union City, Tenn. / Obion County HS
21	Armon Benford	G	6-2	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / South Suburban CC
22	Cliff Fernandez	F	6-5	Sr.	Sandy Hook, Miss. / Iowa State
24	Cornelius McIntosh	F	6-4	Jr.	Dolton, Ill. / Parkland College
25	Bien Harbin Jr.	C	6-8	Jr.	Mobile, Ala. / Faith Academy
32	Dietrich Taylor	F	6-5	Sr.	Jackson, Miss. / Holmes CC
33	Mitch Keller	C	6-8	Jr.	Bunbury, Australia / Iowa Lakes CC

Head Coach: Jim Boone (6th Year)

Assistant Coach: Robert Szorc

Student Assistant: Bryant Wilkinson

Volunteer Assistant: Jimmy Boone



VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS SEASON STATISTICS

Overall: 26-3 Conf: 18-2 Home: 14-1 Away: 10-2 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	TO STL BLK PTS-AVG
12	Justice, Beau	29-29	1020-35.2	193-401	.481	88-206	.427	127-141	.901	30	81	111	3.8	51	103-3.6	63 32 2 601-20.7
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	29-28	833-28.7	150-247	.607	29-60	.483	101-135	.748	68	142	210	7.2	76	53-1.8	49 33 28 430-14.8
03	Morgan, Winston	29-29	949-32.7	119-285	.418	100-231	.433	30-42	.714	3	69	72	2.5	49	93-3.2	60 20 0 368-12.7
04	Guillozet, Clay	29-23	905-31.2	145-260	.558	16-56	.286	59-107	.551	69	105	174	6.0	49	97-3.3	38 28 4 365-12.6
23	Kodet, Jimmy	29-29	623-21.5	113-229	.493	62-148	.419	20-24	.833	32	142	174	6.0	75	17-0.6	21 12 48 308-10.6
34	McBride, Justin	20-0	232-11.6	50-86	.581	0-0	.000	35-61	.574	30	61	91	4.6	48	7-0.4	32 3 16 135-6.8
24	Zuppas, Greg	29-1	558-19.2	61-113	.540	1-9	.111	44-66	.667	48	113	161	5.6	66	32-1.1	38 14 10 167-5.8
21	Shifflet, Labrian	29-0	278-9.6	43-117	.368	27-82	.329	19-27	.704	4	28	32	1.1	22	13-0.4	11 5 3 132-4.6
0	Johnson, Tyler	29-0	294-10.1	18-58	.310	16-52	.308	2-5	.400	4	26	30	1.0	16	29-1.0	9 5 0 54-1.9
01	Harris, Max	7-0	15-2.1	2-5	.400	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.1	2	0-0.0	1 0 0 5-0.7
02	Jones, Carlos	18-0	62-3.4	2-18	.111	0-10	.000	1-3	.333	3	5	8	0.4	19	6-0.3	5 3 0 5-0.3
Total		29	5975-206.0	948-1916	.495	351-876	.401	490-672	.729	340	847	1187	40.9	495	465-16.0	357 166 115 2737-94.38
Opponents			5975-206.0	894-2022	.442	313-685	.337	375-538	.697	362	712	1074	37.0	533	355-12.2	340 173 81 2394-82.55



DELTA STATE STATESMEN SEASON STATISTICS

Overall: 14-13 Conf: 11-9 Home: 8-8 Away: 6-6 Neutral: 0-1

#	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	TO STL BLK PTS-AVG
10	Warner, Brett	29-29	1067-36.8	168-422	.398	60-179	.335	73-89	.820	12	73	85	2.9	49	66-2.3	49 23 0 469-16.2
03	Davis, PJ	29-29	1001-34.5	181-352	.514	12-49	.245	87-131	.664	65	116	181	6.2	68	35-1.2	59 27 41 461-15.9
02	Henry, Ravion	8-8	226-28.3	35-87	.402	8-23	.348	14-20	.700	10	26	36	4.5	12	9-1.1	10 8 2 92-11.5
21	Benford, Armon	29-29	991-34.2	86-183	.470	2-6	.333	39-67	.582	31	132	163	5.6	64	132-4.6	61 54 8 213-7.3
05	Wilson, Matthew	29-8	591-20.4	68-170	.400	33-89	.371	18-25	.720	7	46	53	1.8	46	39-1.3	41 15 6 187-6.4
24	McIntosh, Cornelius	28-10	386-13.8	41-109	.376	7-31	.226	26-32	.813	15	22	37	1.3	42	20-0.7	27 14 1 115-4.1
33	Keller, Mitch	26-19	451-17.3	37-69	.536	1-1	1.000	19-30	.633	50	81	131	5.0	63	10-0.4	19 13 8 94-3.6
32	Taylor, Dietrich	29-6	489-16.9	33-65	.508	0-0	.000	27-55	.491	49	56	105	3.6	63	7-0.2	26 8 4 93-3.2
12	Burkett, Cameron	26-5	330-12.7	28-75	.373	18-55	.327	4-8	.500	9	47	56	2.2	39	3-0.1	11 0 2 78-3.0
11	Monix, Cameron	29-2	277-9.6	9-36	.250	3-13	.231	13-19	.684	5	28	33	1.1	22	51-1.8	19 17 2 34-1.2
14	King, Nathan	2-0	3-1.5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0-0.0	1 0 0 2-1.0
22	Fernandez, Cliff	3-0	14-4.7	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	1	1	0.3	7	0-0.0	3 0 0 2-0.7
25	Harbin Jr., Rien	5-0	24-4.8	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	6	6	1.2	4	0-0.0	2 0 1 2-0.4
Total		29	5850-201.7	688-1572	.438	144-447	.322	322-479	.672	287	674	961	33.1	482	372-12.8	345 179 75 1842-63.52
Opponents			5850-201.7	660-1505	.439	189-573	.330	328-477	.688	248	677	925	31.9	481	334-11.5	366 155 80 1837-63.34

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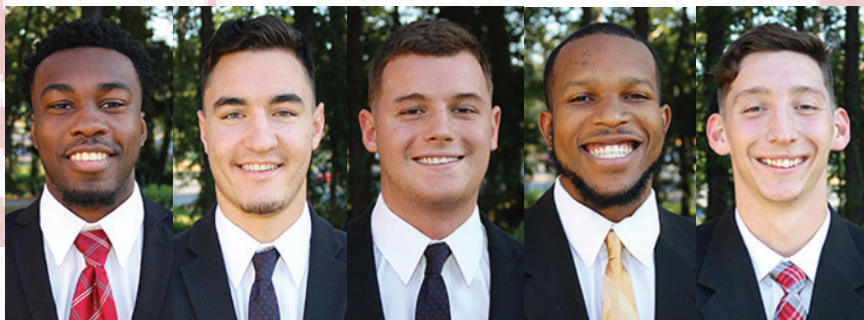
#3 WINSTON MORGAN

#4 CLAY GUILLOZET

#12 BEAU JUSTICE

#20 KJ JAMES

#23 JIMMY KODET



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QUICK NOTES:

- VSU fell to No. 14 on the NCAA National Rankings as voted on by the NABC Coaches this week. The Blazers 26-3 record earned them 195 total votes in the polls. Fellow GSC team West Florida jumped ahead to the No. 12 spot. Furthermore, VSU earned the No. 3 spot in the regional rankings behind West Florida (No. 2) and Morehouse (No. 1).
- KJ James capped off a solid senior season as he was placed on the Second Team All-GSC, as announced this afternoon. The Forward out of Charleston, S.C. held down the paint for the Blazers and led the team to a 26-3 record. James is among the top scorers in Field Goal Percentage at 60.7% (2nd) and has proved to be a monster in the paint, pulling in 205 total rebounds for the Blazers thus far (64 offensive, 142 defensive). James' performance down low has placed him on the top ten leaderboard, defensively, averaging 7.3 rebounds per game. The senior is averaging 14.8 points-per game and put up a career-high 32 points against Shorter earlier in the season.
- Blazer Guard Beau Justice was named GSC Player of the Year as announced by league officials this afternoon. He has also been awarded First Team All-GSC for his efforts this season. Justice' stellar junior campaign consisted of many milestones, including being inducted into the VSU 1,000-point club earlier in the season. Beau racked up three player-of-the-week honors and ranks among the top scorers in the Gulf South Conference in the offensive category. He stands 3rd in the scoring category, averaging 20.7 points per game in his 29 starts. Furthermore, he leads the conference in 3-point percentage (42.7%), 3-pointers per game (3.0), and free throw percentage (90.1%). Justice has missed just 14 free throws in 141 attempts from the line. His efforts from the line have placed him 10th in the country in free-throw percentage.

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.
VSU * (1)	18-2	0.900	26-3	0.897
UWF * (2)	17-3	0.850	26-3	0.897
CBU * (3)	12-8	0.600	21-8	0.724
LU * (4)	11-9	0.550	16-12	0.571
DSU * (5)	11-9	0.550	14-15	0.483
UNA * (6)	10-10	0.500	15-13	0.536
UM * (7) *	10-10	0.500	15-15	0.500
UWG * (8)	9-11	0.450	14-14	0.500
UAH	9-11	0.450	16-12	0.571
UU	6-14	0.300	12-16	0.429
MC	6-14	0.300	9-16	0.360
AUM ^	5-15	0.250	9-19	0.321
SU	3-17	0.150	3-25	0.107
UWA ^	13-7	0.650	19-9	0.679

^ not eligible for postseason

* - clinched a GSC Championship berth

() GSC Championship seed

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	1023-640
All-Time Gulf South Conference Record	293-234
GSC Tournament Record	9-10

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 (2nd Year)
Men's Basketball Athletic Trainer	Olivia Spuler
Alma Mater	Lee
Strength/Conditioning Coach	Gabby Felps

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**BLAZERS'
RECORD WHEN:**

Overall.....	26-3
GSC.....	18-2
Non-Conference.....	7-0
Home.....	14-1
Away.....	10-2
Neutral.....	2-0
In November.....	6-0
In December.....	3-2
In January.....	9-0
In February.....	7-1
In March.....	0-0
Day games.....	5-0
Night games.....	23-3
Ahead at halftime.....	21-0
Trailing at halftime.....	5-3
Tied at halftime.....	0-0
In Overtime.....	5-0
Games by 5 or less.....	7-0
Games by 6-10 points.....	3-2
Games by 11-15 points.....	7-1
Games by 16-20 points.....	1-0
Games by 20+ points.....	8-0
VSU scores 75+ points.....	24-2
VSU scores under 75 points.....	2-1
VSU makes more FG.....	19-0
Opponent makes more FG.....	3-3
Tied in FG.....	4-0
VSU has a better FG percentage.....	21-1
Opponent has a better FG pct.....	4-2
Tied in FG percentage.....	1-0
Shooting 40% or better.....	24-2
Shooting less than 40 %.....	2-1
VSU makes more 3FG.....	21-2
Opponent makes more 3FG.....	4-1
Tied in made 3FG.....	1-0
VSU has a better 3FG percentage.....	19-2
Opponent has a better 3FG pct.....	7-1
Tied in 3FG percentage.....	1-0
VSU attempts more free throws.....	21-1
Opponent attempts more free throws.....	5-1
Tied in free throw attempts.....	0-1
VSU makes more free throws.....	21-1
Opponent makes more free throws.....	5-2
Tied in made free throws.....	0-0
VSU shoots better than 70 pct. FT.....	18-2
VSU shoots less than 70 pct. FT.....	8-1
VSU shoots 70 percent FT.....	1-0
Opp. shoots better than 70 pct. FT.....	11-1
Opp. shoots less than 70 pct. FT.....	15-2
Opp. shoots 70 pct. FT.....	0-0
VSU has more rebounds.....	21-0
Opponent has more rebounds.....	4-3
Tied in rebounds.....	1-0
VSU has more defensive rebounds.....	25-0
Opponent has more def. rebounds.....	1-2
Tied in defensive rebounds.....	0-1
VSU has more offensive rebounds.....	16-0
Opponent has more off. rebounds.....	9-3
Tied in offensive rebounds.....	1-0
VSU has more assists.....	18-1
Opponent has more assists.....	8-1
Tied in assists.....	0-1
VSU has more turnovers.....	10-2
Opponent has more turnovers.....	14-1
Tied in turnovers.....	2-0
VSU has more blocks.....	18-1
Opponent has more blocks.....	5-2
Tied in blocks.....	3-0
VSU has more steals.....	19-0
Opponent has more steals.....	6-3
Tied in steals.....	1-0

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
18	WEST ALABAMA*	THE COMPLEX	W, 80-73

JANUARY

2	vs. Lee*	Cleveland, Tenn.	W (OT), 93-82
4	vs. Shorter*	Rome, Ga.	W, 91-77
7	DELTA STATE*	THE COMPLEX	W, 81-69
9	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE*	THE COMPLEX	W, 101-78
13	vs. Christian Brothers*	Memphis, Tenn.	W, 72-70
15	vs. Union*	Jackson, Tenn.	W, 83-69
19	AUBURN MONTGOMERY*	THE COMPLEX	W, 104-81
21	WEST GEORGIA* hof	THE COMPLEX	W, 114-92
25	vs. Alabama-Huntsville*	Huntsville, Ala.	W (OT), 97-93
27	vs. North Alabama*	Florence, Ala.	W (OT), 101-99

FEBRUARY

1	SHORTER*	THE COMPLEX	W, 104-98
3	LEE*	THE COMPLEX	W, 81-70
8	vs. West Georgia*	Carrollton, Ga.	W, 106-77
10	vs. Auburn Montgomery*	Montgomery, Ala.	W, 94-94
14	vs. Montevallo*	Montevallo, Ala.	W (OT), 68-67
17	NORTH ALABAMA*	THE COMPLEX	W, 98-75
22	WEST FLORIDA*^	THE COMPLEX	W, 84-91

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27	WEST GEORGIA*	THE COMPLEX	W, 106-90
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MARCH

3	vs. Delta State	Birmingham, Ala.	6 P.M. EST
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

^ - ESPN3 Game

~- Exhibition Game

All Times Eastern

- Neutral

HOME GAMES

hof - Hall of Fame Weekend

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 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 Anacreo.

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	3FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL
Valdosta State	83-81	W	27-51	528	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	7			
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			33-75	440	13-35	343	9-11	600	15	37	52	41.5	24	18	16	3	8			
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	9-24	321	11-16	688	13	37	40	37.0	14	8	7	0	5			
Valdosta State	104-68	W	33-75	440	13-35	343	26-31	440	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(OT)		46-81	568	20-38	526	27-36	750	17	24	41	41.1	29	27	16	6	8			
vs. Montevallo			45-88	511	7-34	50	28-32	875	21	40	39.3	27	14	17	4	7				
Valdosta State	80-73	W	28-50	500	11-26	423	13-14	929	9	34	43	41.3	20	11	26	4	4			
vs. West Alabama*			26-71	366	7-20	350	14-20	700	14	20	34	38.8	17	5	14	4	11			
Valdosta State	93-82	W(OT)	31-69	449	9-25	360	22-27	815	13	24	37	40.9	17	17	17	4	9			
at Lee*			32-67	478	9-26	346	9-19	474	14	25	39	38.8	20	22	23	4	10			
Valdosta State	91-77	W	29-55	527	7-18	389	26-31	839	7	30	37	40.6	16	11	21	3	8			
at Shorter*			31-70	443	6-24	250	9-14	643	12	22	34	38.5	21	13	18	1	8			
Valdosta State	81-69	W	27-55	491	10-30	333	17-22	773	11	23	34	40.1	16	11	9	6	3			
vs. Delta State*			26-55	473	8-21	381	9-15	600	8	17	25	37.5	19	7	7	2	3			
Valdosta State	101-78	W	35-75	467	15-37	405	16-21	762	16	34	50	40.8	17	20	5	7	6			
vs. Mississippi College*			31-67	463	7-19	368	9-10	600	6	27	33	37.2	16	13	10	1	5			
Valdosta State	72-70	W	26-67	388	10-26	385	10-16	625	15	28	43	40.9	20	13	9	2	4			
at Christian Brothers*			26-59	441	7-24	292	11-17	647	8	26	34	37.0	16	16	8	9	3			
Valdosta State	83-69	W	28-67	418	11-31	355	16-20	800	13	25	38	40.8	16	14	10	5	8			
at Union*			26-59	442	5-18	278	12-18	667	10	22	32	35.7	12	12	5	6				
Valdosta State	104-81	W	41-72	569	15-37	405	7-12	583	10	27	37	40.6	11	23	4	5	6			
vs. Auburn Montgomery*			29-70	414	10-26	385	13-16	813	16	24	40	36.9	12	9	9	1	2			
Valdosta State	114-92	W	41-66	621	20-39	513	12-19	632	8	37	45	40.8	18	16	11	5	0			
vs. West Georgia*			32-52	435	10-28	250	17-23	739	12	21	35	36.8	15	10	2	7	6			
Valdosta State	97-93	W(OT)	36-75	480	13-39	333	12-19	632	16	31	47	41.1	16	11	13	2	4			
at Alabama-Huntsville*			36-78	462	11-39	282	10-13	769	13	26	39	36.9	18	15	10	0	7			
Valdosta State	101-99	W	37-75	493	8-26	308	19-26	731	11	32	43	41.2	16	14	11	7	10			
at North Alabama*			37-84	440	14-31	452	11-15	733	18	31	49	37.5	20	26	13	3	4			
Valdosta State	104-98	W	30-58	401	5-18	278	12-17	706	8	20	28	36.5	16	7	11	0	2			
vs. Shorter*			37-70	529	14-34	412	10-18	556	8	21	29	37.1	14	16	10	1	6			
Valdosta State	81-70	W	23-49	469	8-21	381	27-39	692	10	29	39	41.3	14	10	10	2	5			
vs. Lee*			26-63	413	7-24	292	11-13	846	9	23	32	36.9	30	6	7	0	3			
Valdosta State	106-77	W	39-68	574	11-39	379	17-22	773	11	32	43	41.3	13	22	12	3	5			
at West Georgia*			30-58	401	5-18	278	12-17	706	8	20	28	36.5	16	7	11	0	2			
Valdosta State	94-92	W	35-68	515	19-41	463	5-7	714	14	24	38	41.2	12	24	14	6	5			
at AUM*			37-78	474	9-24	375	9-10	900	17	21	38	36.6	9	17	7	4	12			
Valdosta State	81-70	W(OT)	23-62	371	11-28	393	11-16	688	12	24	36	41.0	14	13	12	4	7			
at Montevallo*			29-65	446	9-35	333	6-13	462	17	29	46	36.9	18	13	19	3	7			
Valdosta State	98-75	W	32-67	478	14-38	368	20-26	769	12	32	44	41.1	16	20	8	5	1			
vs. North Alabama*			29-71	408	5-23	217	12-18	667	12	28	40	37.0	17	8	4	2	5			
Valdosta State	84-91	L	27-51	529	13-28	464	17-29	586	5	25	30	40.7	21	11	19	5	6			
vs. West Florida*			33-68	485	4-16	250	29-29	724	14	25	39	37.1	18	6	11	2	12			
Valdosta State	106-90	W	40-78	513	17-40	425	9-12	750	14	37	47	40.9	13	18	11	3	8			
vs. West Georgia			37-78	474	8-25	320	8-11	727	10	25	35	37.0	14	11	6	5	8			
Valdosta State			948-1916	495	351-876	401	490-672	729	340	847	1187	40.9	495	465	357	115	166			
Opponents			894-2022	442	231-685	337	375-538	697	362	712	1074	37.0	533	355	340	81	173			

2017-18 Game High Leaders

OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD	HIGH SCORER	HIGH REBOUNDS	HIGH ASSISTS	HIGH STEALS	HIGH BLOCKS
at Fort Valley State	W, 83-81	1-0	25-Justice	8-Zuppas	4-Justice	2-Justice	-
at Albany State	W, 100-76	2-0	21-Justice	9-Guillozet	7-Morgan	3-Justice	2-Kodet
at Tuskegee	W, 75-61	3-0	20-Sam	12-James	2-Justice	2-Justice	1-Kodet
vs. Coastal Georgia	W, 121-82	4-0	30-Shifflet	11-Zuppas	5-Justice	3-Justice	2-Kodet
vs. Fayetteville State	W, 94-88	5-0	33-Sam	9-James	8-Morgan	2-Justice	1-Justice
vs. Webber Int'l	W, 104-68	6-0	20-Justice	11-Kodet	5-Justice	3-Justice	1-Kodet
at West Florida*	L, 88-97	6-1	20-Sam	7-Kodet	5-Justice	1-Guillozet	2-Kodet
vs. Tuskegee	W, 107-81	7-1	25-Justice	8-Sam	3-James	2-Sam	2-Zuppas
at Fort Valley State	L, 68-82	7-2	15-Sam	9-Guillozet	4-Justice	2-Guillozet	3-McBride
vs. Montevallo*	W, 139-135	8-2	24-Morgan	9-James	9-Guillozet	2-Justice	3-James
vs. West Alabama*	W, 80-73	9-2	24-James	9-Guillozet	3-Morgan	1-Justice	1-Kodet
at Lee*	W, 93-82	10-2	29-Justice	8-James	6-Morgan	5-Guillozet	2-McBride
at Shorter*	W, 91-77	11-2	32-James	8-Guillozet	6-Guillozet	3-Morgan	2-Kodet
vs. Delta State*	W, 81-69	12-2	18-Guillozet	9-McBride	4-Justice	1-Morgan	5-Kodet
vs. Miss. College*	W, 101-78	13-2	27-Morgan	11-James	5-Johnson	2-McBride	3-James
at Christian Brothers*	W, 72-70	14-2	20-Justice	10-James	5-Morgan	2-Justice	1-James
at Union*	W, 83-69	15-2	16-Justice	10-James	5-Guillozet	2-Justice	3-James
vs. AUM*	W, 104-81	16-2	32-Justice	8-Kodet	6-Guillozet	2-Guillozet	2-Kodet
vs. West Georgia*	W, 114-92	17-2	40-Justice	10-James	4-Guillozet	2-Justice	1-Kodet
at UAH*	W, 97-93	18-2	28-James	8-Guillozet	3-Justice	2-Guillozet	1-Kodet
at North Alabama*	W, 101-99	19-2	24-Guillozet	9-Kodet	5-Morgan	3-Guillozet	3-Kodet
vs. Shorter*	W, 104-98	20-2	26-Guillozet	16-Zuppas	7-Guillozet	2-James	1-James
vs. Lee*	W, 81-70	21-2	22-Justice	15-Kodet	3-Justice	3-James	1-Guillozet
at West Georgia*	W, 106-77	22-2	24-Justice	11-Kodet	5-Justice	3-Morgan	2-Kodet
at AUM*	W, 94-92	23-2	21-Justice	9-James	10-Justice	2-Justice	2-McBride
at Montevallo*	W, 68-67	24-2	20-Kodet	7-James	4-Morgan	4-James	3-Kodet
vs. North Alabama*	W, 98-75	25-2	25-Kodet	10-Kodet	5-Justice	1-James	4-Kodet
vs. West Florida*	L, 84-91	25-3	22-Justice	6-Kodet	4-Guillozet	3-Guillozet	4-Kodet
vs. West Georgia	W, 106-90	26-3	23-Morgan	10-Guillozet	5-Guillozet	1-Morgan	2-Kodet



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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	31
0 Barnes*	7-9	0-0	0-0	3-2	5	1 14	1 2 0	25
11 McMillan*	4-11	2-7	1-2	2-0	2	2 11	3 0 0	22
1 Garror*	3-6	1-2	3-4	1-1	2	3 10	0 0 0	20
25 Ford*	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0 2	0 0 0	10
15 Banks	4-6	1-2	0-2	0-0	2	0 9	0 1 0	15
5 Foster	3-7	0-0	1-2	4-3	7	3 7	2 0 0	26
24 Hollaway	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	1 4	0 0 0	9
12 Bryant	1-5	0-3	0-0	0-1	1	2 2	3 1 0	20
3 Barfield	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	2	0 1	2 1 0	6
10 Elliott	0-4	0-4	0-0	1-0	1	2 0	0 0 0	8
20 Smoak	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-2	3	3 0	2 2 0	8
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	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	0	2 25	4 2 0	32
3 Morgan*	4-8	4-8	0-0	0-2	2	3 12	2 1 0	33
20 James*	4-6	1-2	3-5	0-6	6	3 12	1 5 0	32
5 Sam*	3-5	0-1	2-3	0-2	2	3 8	1 0 0	17
23 Kodet*	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-4	4	0 0	1 2 0	13
4 Guillotzet	3-6	0-2	4-7	3-0	3	3 10	3 1 0	29
21 Shiftlet	3-4	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	0 9	0 0 0	15
24 Zuppas	3-9	0-2	1-1	3-5	8	2 7	3 2 0	18
0 Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0 1	1 0 0	11
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0 0	0 0 0	0
TOTALS	- 27-51	13-29	16-24	6-26	32	16	83 15	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	22
32 Harris*	4-5	0-0	1-1	1-3	4	3 9	1 3 1	18
34 Washington*	2-5	0-1	0-0	3-1	4	4 4	2 0 0	15
23 Graham*	1-6	1-3	0-1	1-2	3	1 3	4 3 0	28
24 Walker*	1-9	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	2 1	0 0 0	25
22 Davis	7-15	2-5	5-5	1-1	2	1 21	0 1 0	20
21 Ross	5-9	3-4	0-0	2-2	4	4 13	3 1 0	17
44 Jackson	2-5	0-0	2-4	1-1	2	2 6	0 0 0	13
15 Seneal	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-3	3	1 3	0 0 0	14
12 High	1-2	1-1	0-0	3-1	4	0 3	3 1 0	12
11 Henderson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0 0	0 0 0	8
10 Harrington	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	3
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	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	32
5 Sam*	6-12	3-4	5-5	1-3	4	2 20	4 2 1	27
23 Kodet*	7-12	4-6	0-1	2-2	4	2 18	0 2 2	20
20 James*	7-9	0-1	3-3	6-3	9	1 17	2 1 0	29
3 Morgan*	4-10	4-8	1-2	0-4	4	2 13	7 4 0	36
4 Guillotzet	5-6	0-0	1-5	2-7	9	3 11	3 1 0	30
24 Zuppas	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2 2	0 2 0	15
0 Johnson	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0 2	0 0 0	7
21 Shiftlet	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0 0	0 0 0	1
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	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	TR	PF	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 0 1 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	TR	PF	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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Coastal Ga. (5-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	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	3 0 1 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	TR	PF	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
TMT TEAM	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 1 0 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 1 0 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
TMT TEAM	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	2OT	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.

6 Webber Int.

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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	0	2	4	0 3 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	2OT	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	200

	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
Valdosta State**

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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	1	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	1	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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Fort Valley State (6-5)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
4 EDWARDS*	5-13	0-3	5-7	2-3	5	2	15	3	5 23 28
0 BARNES*	6-11	1-1	0-1	7-6	13	3	13	2	1 11 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
11 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	0 0 1 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

Valdosta State (7-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	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	1 0 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	35	47	17	68	12	16 5 6 200

Fort Valley St.	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.

10 Montevallo

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Montevallo (6-6)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	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	11	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	1	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	5	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	19-21	40	27	135	14	17 4 2 275

Valdosta State (8-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	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	17-24	41	29	137	16	6 8 275

Montevallo	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: 14 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 rebound 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.



11 West Alabama 73

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West Alabama (9-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
23 Eaton*	13-26	2-5	9-13	1-3	4	1	37	2	4	0 4 39
14 Fleming*	8-19	3-8	5-6	2-2	4	2	24	1	3	1 1 37
1 Alexander*	3-6	0-0	0-0	5-4	9	3	6	0	0	2 0 33
4 Cranney*	1-4	1-1	0-0	1-4	5	3	3	1	1	0 3 23
12 Robinson*	0-6	0-0	0-1	0-4	4	3	0	1	3	0 0 27
21 Jobling	1-3	1-2	0-0	1-1	2	1	3	0	0	0 0 20
15 Harper	0-4	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	4	0	0	2	1 2 16
3 Petty	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0 1 3
24 Tripp	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 2
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	4	0	0	0	0	0 0 0
TOTALS	26-71	7-20	14-24	20-34	17	73	5	14	41	1200

Valdosta State (9-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
20 James*	9-15	1-2	5-5	3-6	9	2	24	2	2	1 1 26
12 Justice*	5-10	2-4	4-4	0-3	3	2	16	2	4	0 1 37
23 Kodet*	3-8	2-5	2-2	1-4	5	3	10	0	2	1 0 26
3 Morgan*	3-7	3-7	0-0	0-5	5	1	9	3	5	0 0 33
4 Guillozet*	4-7	1-4	0-1	3-6	9	1	9	2	1	0 0 30
21 Shifflet	2-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	5	0	1	1 1 10
34 McBride	1-3	0-0	2-2	2-6	8	3	4	0	6	1 0 14
0 Johnson	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	1	1	0 0 10
24 Zuppas	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	4	0	1	3	0 1 14
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	0	1	0 0 0
TOTALS	28-56	11-26	13-14	9-34	43	20	80	11	26	4 4 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
West Alabama	28	45	-	-	73	36.2%	35.0%	70.0%
Valdosta State	41	39	-	-	80	50.0%	42.3%	92.9%

Pts in the Paint: UWA-24, VSU-26 Pts off Turnovers: UWA-22, VSU-10
 2nd Chance Pts: UWA-16, VSU-11 Fast Break Pts: UWA-2, VSU-4
 Bench Pts: UWA-3, VSU-12 Tied-0 Times, Lead Changed-5 Times
 UWA Largest Lead: 5 in 1st-12:02 VSU Largest Lead: 18 in 2nd-14:32

Blazers Take Down Tigers, 80-73

Valdosta State Wins, 80-73

VALDOSTA, Ga. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team used another balanced effort to outlast the West Alabama Tigers in an 80-73 Gulf South Conference victory on Monday night at The Complex.

"West Alabama is a lot better than they played tonight," said Head Coach Mike Helfer, who saw his team's record lift to 9-2 overall and 2-1 in GSC play after the win. "I thought we did a really good job defensively as a team. One player did go a little bananas offensively, but I thought we did a pretty good job limiting the rest of their team."

The contest was tightly contested throughout the first eight minutes, which led to a 16-16 tie at the 11:56 mark in the opening frame. Less than one minute later, however, Justin McBride connected on a shot at point blank range to ignite the Blazers for seven unanswered points, and VSU used that momentum to extend their lead to 41-28 at intermission.

In the second half, the Blazers really got it going, particularly in the first five minutes of the second half, when VSU outscored West Alabama 15-10. The stretch gave Valdosta State their biggest lead of the game at 56-38 with 14:49 left in regulation. The lead proved to be insurmountable for the visiting Tigers, who were led offensively by the 37 points of Charles Eaton.

KJ James delivered a season-high 24 points in the game on 9-of-15 shooting from the field and a perfect 5-of-5 effort from the free throw line. The senior provided the Blazers with a strong presence inside, which led to 26 points in the paint for the red and black. Furthermore, Beau Justice poured in 16, despite a clear effort by the Tigers to limit the junior guard's opportunities.

As a team, Valdosta State posted another strong offensive outing with a 50.0 percent performance (28-of-56) from the field and a 42.3 percent effort (11-of-26) from the three-point line. Most impressive, however, was the team's free throw shooting display, which resulted in a season-high 92.9 percentage from the stripe. Valdosta State is now shooting 74.5 percent from the free throw line this season, which places the Blazers 3rd overall in the Gulf South Conference.

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WALKER ARENA IN CLEVELAND, TENN.

Lee (8-4)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
30 Blevins*	8-14	0-3	3-4	1-3	4	2	19	3	2	1 0 28
5 Montgomery*	5-11	0-2	5-10	2-3	5	4	15	3	8	1 2 33
14 Suedekum*	5-12	1-4	0-0	2-3	5	2	11	7	2	0 4 39
3 Woods*	4-8	3-5	0-2	0-3	3	2	11	0	6	0 0 27
0 Jones*	0-2	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	3	0	0 0 10
10 Copeland	3-5	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	4	9	2	1	0 2 27
25 McGuirk	3-6	2-4	0-1	0-2	2	1	8	0	1	0 0 15
21 Cullen	2-3	0-1	1-2	2-2	4	2	5	0	1	1 0 15
33 Landman	1-4	0-1	0-0	2-1	3	0	2	3	0	1 0 17
20 Ridgeway Jr	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	2	1	1	0 2 14
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	7	0	0	0	1	0 0 0
TOTALS	32-67	9-26	9-19	14-25	39	20	82	22	23	410 225

Valdosta State (10-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A TO	B S	Min.
12 Justice*	9-18	3-4	8-8	0-2	2	2	29	4	2	0 1 38
4 Guillozet*	10-17	0-2	4-4	4-3	7	1	24	3	1	0 5 37
3 Morgan*	6-14	5-10	2-2	0-4	4	2	19	6	2	0 0 40
20 James*	5-8	0-2	4-7	2-6	8	3	14	1	2	0 1 36
23 Kodet*	0-4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0	0	0	1	0	1 1 16
21 Shifflet	1-4	1-3	2-2	0-1	1	0	5	1	2	0 0 7
24 Zuppas	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-2	4	4	2	1	3	1 1 27
34 McBride	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	2	0	0	2	0 0 11
0 Johnson	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0 0 10
2 Jones	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	1	0 0 3
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-2	6	0	0	0	1	0 0 0
TOTALS	31-69	9-25	22-27	13-24	37	17	93	17	17	4 9 225

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Lee	40	36	6	-	82	47.8%	34.6%	47.5%
Valdosta State	37	39	17	-	93	44.9%	36.6%	81.5%

Pts in the Paint: LU-44, VSU-38 Pts off Turnovers: LU-20, VSU-28
 2nd Chance Pts: LU-12, VSU-17 Fast Break Pts: LU-2, VSU-4
 Bench Pts: LU-26, VSU-7 Tied 6 Times, Lead Changed 1 Time
 LU Largest Lead: 8 in 1st-13:23 VSU Largest Lead: 11 in OT-00:11

Blazers Prevail Again; Defeats Lee in Overtime

Valdosta State Wins, 93-82

CLEVELAND, Tenn. - The "Cardiac Kids" of Valdosta State men's basketball prevailed for their third straight Gulf South Conference victory with their latest overtime win, a 93-82 road triumph over the Lee Flames on Tuesday night in Cleveland, Tenn.

The contest featured 10 ties and seven lead changes, but Lee held the advantage for over 30 of the 40 minutes of regulation throughout the first and second halves. Valdosta State remained resilient, however, and hung around long enough to keep the game close as the final minutes ticked away in the second half.

With 2:02 remaining Lee's Levi Wood buried a long three pointer to put the Flames up 76-69. The shot looked like a potential dagger in the heart of the Blazers, but Winston Morgan altered the narrative with a clutch three ball 30 seconds later to pull VSU back to within four.

Valdosta State's defense stepped up on the ensuing possession and forced a Bryce Copeland turnover, which allowed Morgan a chance to draw a foul inside the one minute mark. Morgan converted on both free throws to narrow the deficit to 76-74, and yet another defensive stop by the Blazers set the stage for a potential game-tying shot. With 7.2 seconds on the clock, Beau Justice drove the lane to draw in the Lee defenders before dishling off to KJ James for an easy layup from point blank range.

James' game-saving bucket forced an overtime period for the second time in three games, and the Blazers used the extra minutes to outscore the Flames 17-6 and run away with the gutsy win.

Beau Justice served as the top offensive performer for Valdosta State and produced the highest point total of his career against a GSC opponent with 29 points on 9-of-18 shooting from the field and a 3-of-4 effort from the three-point line. The only time Justice scored more points in a single game was in a non-conference game against Lynn on November 26, 2016.

Clay Guillozet complemented Justice's performance with a career-best 24 points on 10-of-17 shooting and a 4-of-4 performance from the free throw line. Each of Guillozet's free throws were critical shots down the stretch, and six of the Ohio native's overall point total represented the first points scored by either team during the overtime period. Guillozet performed particularly well after the half with 10 points in the second half and 10 points in overtime, as Head Coach Mike Helfer continuously called on his West Liberty transfer while Lee struggled to solve the 6'4 guard.



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WINTHROP-KING CENTRE IN ROME, GA.

Shorter (1-13)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
15 Burnett*	13-22	2-6	5-7	3-5	8	4	33	1 6 0 2 38
0 Potter*	6-17	2-8	2-2	2-3	5	1	16	2 2 0 2 40
1 Thomas*	4-10	2-7	2-3	1-2	3	2	12	3 3 0 2 35
10 Major*	3-7	0-2	0-1	0-4	4	4	6	2 2 0 1 34
33 Bobbitt*	1-5	0-0	0-0	2-4	6	3	2	2 1 0 17
22 Newman	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	2	4	2 0 0 0 13
34 Mason	1-3	0-1	0-1	0-1	1	5	2	0 0 0 15
4 Russell	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	2	0 1 0 1 8
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 31-70	6-24	9-14	12-23	42	17	13	1 8 200

Valdosta State (11-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
20 James*	10-15	2-4	10-12	2-4	6	1	32	0 3 1 2 34
12 Justice*	7-10	3-4	6-6	0-4	4	3	23	2 5 0 1 33
4 Guillotzet*	4-6	0-0	4-5	2-6	8	3	12	6 3 0 2 33
3 Morgan*	2-7	1-5	2-2	0-2	2	1	7	2 1 0 3 36
23 Kodet*	2-7	1-4	0-0	2-1	3	2	5	1 0 2 1 15
34 McBride	3-5	0-0	1-1	1-3	4	1	7	0 3 0 0 9
24 Zuppas	1-3	0-0	3-5	0-6	6	3	5	0 1 0 0 22
21 Shifflet	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	1	0	0 1 0 0 14
0 Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0 1 0 0 4
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0 3 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 29-55	7-18	26-31	7-30	37	16	9	11 21 3 9 200

Shorter	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Shorter	34	43	-	-	77	44.3%	25.0%	64.3%
Valdosta State	33	58	-	-	91	52.7%	38.9%	83.9%

Pts in the Paint: SU-42, VSU-42
 2nd Chance Pts: SU-14, VSU-10
 Bench Pts: SU-8, VSU-12
 SU Largest Lead: 8 in 1st-12:02
 Pts off Turnovers: SU-14, VSU-22
 Fast Break Pts: SU-0, VSU-0
 Tied 6 Times, Lead Changed 4 Times
 VSU Largest Lead: 16 in 2nd-04:32

Valdosta State Wins Fourth Straight

Valdosta State Wins, 91-77

VALDOSTA, Ga. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team stayed red hot on Thursday night with their fourth consecutive Gulf South Conference win, after defeating the Shorter Hawks 91-77 on the road at Winthrop-King Center in Rome, Ga.

KJ James served as the game breaker for Valdosta State on the night, pouring in a career high 32 points, which eclipsed his 24-point effort against West Alabama on December 18th to set a new career-high for the senior forward.

Shorter (1-13, 1-5 GSC) gave the Blazers (11-2, 4-1 GSC) trouble throughout the first half of the contest, and Drew Thomas closed out the frame with a long three inside the final five seconds of the first half to put the Hawks on top 34-33 at the break.

The Blazers weathered the storm, however, and with the spark of a Jimmy Kodet three ball during the first minute of the second half, the Blazers took a lead that they would never again relinquish.

Beau Justice, who was named the GSC Player of the Week a few hours prior to tipoff, delivered another 20-plus point performance with 23 points on 7-of-10 shooting from the field and a 3-of-4 effort from long distance. In addition, Justice hit 6-of-6 from the free throw line, extending his total of consecutive free throws to 19 straight and improving his free throw percentage to 91.5 on the year. Justice leads the league in free throw shooting and represents the only player to have a percentage above 90 percent.

Despite allowing 33 points to forward Josh Burnett, the Blazer defense held the Hawks to just 6-of-24 from the three point line for 25.0 percent. Perimeter defense, along with poor free throw shooting by Shorter, allowed the Blazers to retain momentum heading into the weekend.

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Delta State (7-8)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
3 Davis*	5-15	1-5	7-9	3-4	7	1	18	1 2 0 0 39
10 Warner*	6-12	3-7	0-0	1-4	5	3	15	1 0 0 0 38
24 McIntosh*	4-9	1-2	0-0	1-0	1	2	9	1 1 1 0 21
21 Benford*	3-4	0-1	1-2	0-2	2	4	7	4 2 0 3 34
33 Keller*	2-3	0-0	1-2	1-2	3	1	5	0 0 0 0 18
5 Wilson	4-8	2-3	0-0	0-3	3	3	10	0 0 1 0 21
12 Burkett	2-4	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	5	0 0 0 0 14
32 Taylor	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-0	2	3	0	0 0 0 0 8
11 Monix	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0 0 0 0 7
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	2 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	- 26-55	8-21	9-15	8-17	25	19	69	7 7 2 3 200

Valdosta State (12-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
4 Guillotzet*	7-12	2-5	2-3	1-2	3	0	18	0 1 0 1 37
12 Justice*	4-9	1-3	8-8	0-3	3	1	17	4 2 0 0 38
20 James*	5-6	3-4	2-2	0-5	5	5	15	2 1 1 0 26
3 Morgan*	4-13	2-11	3-5	0-2	2	1	13	2 2 0 1 31
23 Kodet*	3-6	2-5	0-0	1-5	6	2	8	2 1 5 0 29
24 Zuppas	3-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	6	0	0 0 1 1 12
34 McBride	1-4	0-0	2-4	6-3	9	4	4	0 2 0 0 13
0 Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0 0 0 0 7
21 Shifflet	0-2	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	0 0 0 0 7
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	27-55	10-30	17-22	11-23	34	16	91	11 9 6 3 200

Delta State	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Delta State	35	34	-	-	69	47.3%	38.1%	60.0%
Valdosta State	38	43	-	-	81	49.1%	33.3%	77.9%

Pts in the Paint: DSU-26, VSU-26
 2nd Chance Pts: DSU-7, VSU-6
 Bench Pts: DSU-15, VSU-10
 DSU Largest Lead: 2 in 1st-19:15
 Pts off Turnovers: DSU-12, VSU-9
 Fast Break Pts: DSU-6, VSU-2
 Tied 1 Time, Lead Changed 2 Times
 VSU Largest Lead: 15 in 2nd-10:32

Blazers Knock off Top Ranked Delta State

Valdosta State Wins, 81-69

VALDOSTA, Ga. - The Delta State Statesmen came to The Complex as the league's top team on Sunday afternoon, but the Blazers of Valdosta State sent DSU home with a loss after outscoring the Statesmen 81-69 at The Complex in Valdosta, Ga.

The Statesmen, who entered the contest having allowed just 56 points or less in their last three games, were unable to solve the Blazers, thanks to a balanced effort by Valdosta State that included a 46.2 percent shooting effort from the field. In addition, VSU outrebounded the Statesmen 34-25.

Despite an early jump by the Blazers in the first eight minutes of the opening half, the Statesmen put together an 11-5 run in a four minute span to pull to within a one point deficit at 18-19 with 8:50 to play in the period. Valdosta State remained resilient, however, and never coughed up the lead, thanks to some timely shots that included an earth-shaking put back dunk by Greg Zuppas in the final 17 seconds of the half.

Valdosta State held momentum in the second half, starting with a quick three pointer by Jimmy Kodet that put VSU up 41-35 on the Blazers' first second half possession. The shot sparked an extensive 27-15 run that lasted just under 10 minutes and helped VSU open up a 65-50 advantage for their largest lead of the night.

The Statesmen managed to whittle away at VSU's lead and pulled to within seven with just under three minutes to play, but the Blazers weathered the storm and used an 86.7 percent shooting effort (13-of-15) from the free throw line in the second half to maintain the lead and secure the team's fifth consecutive win.

Clay Guillotzet, who delivered a career high 24 points against Lee on the road last week, put up another strong offensive effort with 18 points scored on 7-of-12 shooting from the field. Guillotzet enjoyed a strong supporting cast that included Beau Justice, KJ James, and Winston Morgan, who each posted double-digit figures in the scoring column with 17, 15, and 13 points, respectively.

Valdosta State improved to 12-2 overall and 5-1 in Gulf South Conference play for a tie with West Florida at the top of the league standings. Meanwhile, Delta State dropped to 7-8 overall and fell to 5-2 against league opponents.



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Miss. College (7-7)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
20 Ham*	10-19	4-8	1-4	1-6	7	4	25	1 4 0 0 38
2 Boston*	10-18	0-0	2-4	2-8	10	4	22	3 1 0 0 33
11 Johnson*	5-8	2-5	5-5	1-5	6	2	17	3 3 0 1 30
21 Harding*	3-8	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	2	6	0 0 1 1 23
3 Harvey*	0-3	0-1	1-2	0-1	1	1	1	2 0 0 1 25
32 Campbell	2-6	1-3	0-0	1-3	4	1	5	1 0 0 1 24
24 Johnson	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	2 2 0 1 17
14 Fisher	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1 0 0 0 10
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	31-67	7-19	9-15	6-27	3	3	1678	13 10 15200

Valdosta State (13-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
3 Morgan*	9-15	9-13	0-0	0-3	3	3	27	0 1 0 1 36
12 Justice*	7-18	2-9	2-2	2-4	6	2	18	5 0 0 1 32
20 James*	3-8	2-4	5-7	5-6	11	1	13	2 0 3 1 29
4 Guillotzet*	3-7	0-2	3-6	3-4	7	4	9	5 0 0 0 28
23 Kodet*	4-12	1-5	0-0	3-6	9	1	9	0 0 3 0 18
34 McBride	8-9	0-0	4-4	3-6	9	2	20	1 2 1 2 19
0 Johnson	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-2	2	0	3	5 0 0 0 15
21 Shiflet	0-3	0-2	2-2	0-0	2	2	0	1 0 0 0 7
24 Zuppas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2 0 0 0 13
2 Jones	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1 0 0 0 2
1 Harris	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0 0 1 1
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	35-75	15-37	16-21	16-34	50	17	10120	5 7 6 200

Miss. College	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Valdosta State	35	43	-	-	= 78	46.3%	36.8%	60.0%
	57	44	-	-	= 101	46.7%	40.5%	76.2%

Pts in the Paint: MC-30, VSU-38

2nd Chance Pts: MC-6, VSU-22

Bench Pts: MC-7, VSU-25

MC Largest Lead: 1 in 1st-18:02

Pts off Turnovers: MC-7, VSU-9

Fast Break Pts: MC-0, VSU-4

Tied 0 Times, Lead Changed 1 Time

VSU Largest Lead: 28 in 2nd-13:32

Blazers Extend Streak With Win over Choctaws

Valdosta State Wins, 101-78

VALDOSTA, Ga. - Winston Morgan lit up The Complex with nine threes and 27 points in a 101-78 rout of the Mississippi College Choctaws at Gulf South Conference action on Tuesday night in Valdosta, Ga.

The victory marked VSU's sixth consecutive victory and boosted the Blazers to a 13-2 overall record. Valdosta State has not lost a conference game since their GSC opener against West Florida in early December and now holds a 6-1 record against conference opponents. The loss for the Choctaws dropped MC to 7-7 overall and 4-5 against the GSC.

Morgan set the tone early on offense and came out swinging with his first three pointer of the night within the first 20 seconds of the game. With the help of a raucous crowd, the junior used the momentum to hit shot after shot, and he carried his performance well into the second half to top his previous season high of eight threes, which came in a win over Montevallo before the Christmas break.

As of Tuesday night, Morgan ranked sixth in the country in total three pointers made with 56, and his 49.1 shooting percentage from beyond the arc placed him in a tie for 13th among all DI1 players.

Valdosta State's barrage of offense didn't stop at Morgan, as three other players posted double-digit figures. The additional contributors included Justin McBride, who delivered a breakout performance with a career-high 20 points. The 6'-11" big man also came up just one rebound shy of a double-double, while KJ James reached the mark with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

The Blazers controlled the game throughout, thanks in large part to a paltry five turnover total on the night. Valdosta State recorded more steals than turnovers with six, and the red and black defense topped both of those numbers with a whopping seven blocks.

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CBU (13-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
11 Laravie*	7-14	3-6	2-4	1-2	3	0	19	2 1 0 0 37
33 Dieball*	6-12	1-4	2-3	0-1	1	5	15	5 3 5 1 33
5 Larkin*	5-12	0-2	2-4	3-8	11	2	12	6 1 2 1 40
34 Trentman*	1-5	0-2	3-4	2-8	10	0	5	1 1 1 0 24
20 Garbuzinski*	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	1 0 0 0 7
22 Mays	3-5	1-3	2-2	1-1	2	2	9	1 0 0 0 20
3 Miller	2-5	2-4	0-0	0-2	2	4	6	0 0 0 1 21
24 Rudy	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	4	0 0 0 1 15
44 Lyons	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	0 0 1 0 3
14 Estep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	1 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	26-59	7-24	11-17	8-26	34	16	70	16 8 9 3 200

Valdosta State (14-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
12 Justice*	8-17	4-7	0-1	1-4	5	0	20	2 1 0 2 37
20 James*	4-7	1-1	6-8	2-8	10	3	15	2 2 1 0 35
23 Kodet*	4-8	3-6	0-0	1-3	4	5	11	1 0 0 1 15
4 Guillotzet*	3-9	0-1	2-2	4-4	8	2	8	3 1 0 1 34
3 Morgan*	2-12	1-6	0-0	0-2	2	2	5	5 1 0 0 32
34 McBride	3-3	0-0	2-5	2-2	4	4	8	0 3 0 0 11
0 Johnson	1-5	1-5	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	0 0 0 0 19
24 Zuppas	1-6	0-0	0-0	4-1	5	3	2	0 0 1 0 13
21 Shiflet	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	0 1 0 0 4
TM TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	26-67	10-26	10-16	15-28	43	20	72	13 9 2 4 200

Christian Brothers	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Valdosta State	33	37	-	-	= 70	44.1%	29.2%	64.4%
	30	42	-	-	= 72	38.8%	38.5%	62.5%

Pts in the Paint: CBU-34, VSU-26

2nd Chance Pts: CBU-13, VSU-14

Bench Pts: CBU-19, VSU-13

CBU Largest Lead: 8 in 2nd-09:28

Pts off Turnovers: CBU-7, VSU-17

Fast Break Pts: CBU-6, VSU-15

Tied 1 Time, Lead Changed 5 Times

VSU Largest Lead: 7 in 1st-06:45

Blazers Score Huge Road Win over CBU

Valdosta State Wins, 72-70

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The Valdosta State Blazers trailed for most of the second half, but took the lead when they needed to in order to claim a massive 72-70 Gulf South Conference win over the Christian Brothers Bucs on Saturday night in Memphis, Tenn.

Although the Blazers trailed for most of the second half, Valdosta State pulled to within one point nine different times in the period. A layup by Beau Justice at the 1:58 mark trimmed CBU's lead to 70-69, and each team held the other scoreless during the next two possessions with a series of key defensive stops.

Valdosta State held possession with less than one minute remaining, and Greg Zuppas narrowly missed a well contested layup from the left side. Zuppas corralled in his own rebound, however, and managed to call time out as he fell toward the sideline to keep the ball in VSU's hands. Following the timeout, Winston Morgan missed a three, but Justice hauled in the offensive board to give Valdosta State yet another scoring opportunity. This time, the Blazers wouldn't miss, as Morgan made the adjustment for his only three of the game, a go-ahead bucket from the left corner on VSU's final possession, which gave VSU a two point edge and proved to be the deciding basket.

Prior to the shot, Morgan was an uncharacteristic 0-of-5 from the three point line. The sharp shooter credited his teammates, however, for giving him the mental edge he needed to fire up the game-winner during the final 30 seconds.

KJ James poured in 15 points and racked up 10 rebounds for his second double-double of the week and his third of the season. Meanwhile, Justice hit the 20-point mark again with an 8-of-17 shooting effort from the field and a 4-of-7 performance from the three point line. The point total represented Justice's ninth game of the season in which the junior has scored 20 or more points in a single game. Jimmy Kodet also added 11 points, including two huge three pointers in the second half that helped keep the Blazers within striking distance.



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18 Auburn Montgomery

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Union (8-9)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	F	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
22 Goodwin*	4-8	0-1	2-4	2-1	3	2	10	3	1	1	3	32	
13 Barnes*	4-11	1-4	1-1	1-5	6	3	10	0	3	1	0	29	
24 Da Silva*	4-8	0-1	1-2	3-5	8	5	9	0	2	0	0	22	
23 Wilson*	3-7	0-1	0-0	0-5	5	1	6	0	3	0	0	20	
5 Velasquez*	0-4	0-2	2-2	0-0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	16	
11 Boykin	8-14	4-7	2-2	0-3	3	1	22	1	0	1	3	24	
20 Florent	3-3	0-0	4-7	3-0	3	2	10	0	2	0	0	28	
3 Hawkins	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	18	
33 Keel	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	11	
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	26-59	5-18	12-18	10-22	32	15	69	8	12	5	7	200	

Valdosta State (15-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	F	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
12 Justice*	4-13	2-7	6-6	1-1	2	2	16	2	1	0	2	29	
20 James*	6-10	1-2	2-2	4-6	10	2	15	0	3	3	2	32	
3 Morgan*	3-11	1-6	3-4	1-1	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	30	
4 Guillotzet*	2-5	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	3	4	5	0	0	0	27	
23 Kodet*	1-4	0-2	0-0	1-2	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	15	
0 Johnson	4-8	4-7	1-2	0-3	3	1	13	3	0	0	1	21	
34 McBride	3-3	0-0	3-4	1-5	6	2	9	2	0	1	0	14	
21 Shiflet	3-8	3-6	0-0	1-0	1	1	9	0	1	0	0	13	
24 Zuppas	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-4	6	0	5	1	2	1	2	19	
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
TOTALS	- 28-67	11-31	16-23	15-38	38	16	83	14	0	5	8	200	

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Union	40	29	-	-	69	44.1%	27.8%	6.3%
Valdosta State	47	36	-	-	83	41.8%	35.5%	80.0%

Pts in the Paint: VSU-37, UU-36 Pts off Turnovers: VSU-23, UU-13
 2nd Chance Pts: VSU-21, UU-5 Fast Break Pts: VSU-5, UU-6
 Bench Pts: VSU-36, UU-32 Tied 3 Times, Lead Changed 2 Times
 UU Largest Lead: 6 in 1st-18:01 VSU Largest Lead: 18 in 2nd-12:02

Valdosta State Tames Bulldogs

Valdosta State Wins, 83-69

JACKSON, Tenn. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team used strong contributions off the bench in the first half to run away with an 83-69 Gulf South Conference road win over Union on Monday night in Jackson, Tenn.

Of the 47 points scored by the Blazers in the opening half, 33 came from VSU non-starters. Tyler Johnson led the charge with 13 first half points and a 4-of-7 shooting effort from the three point line. La'Brian Shiflet also provided a spark with three triples of his own for nine points, and Justin McBride teamed up with Greg Zuppas to pour in seven and four points, respectively.

Valdosta State used the momentum of a 7-0 run during the final two minutes of the first half to open up a 47-40 lead, and Beau Justice connected for five points in the opening minute of the second half to retain the edge for the Blazers. Justice went on to give VSU 14 second half points en route to a game-high total of 16, as the Blazers ran away with the game for their eighth straight victory.

KJ James was a force to be reckoned with in nearly every facet of the game, thanks to an aggressive, hustle-driven effort on both ends of the floor. James finished the night with 15 points on a 6-of-10 performance from the field, and the senior closed out the night with 10 rebounds for his third consecutive double-double. James also added three blocks and two timely steals in the game.

As a team, Valdosta State shot 41.8 percent from the field and remained solid at the free throw line with an 80 percent (16-of-20) effort from the stripe. The Blazers also made every Union turnover count with 23 points on 12 Bulldog miscues. VSU outrebounded Union 38-32 and used 13 offensive rebounds for 21 putback points in the contest.

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AUM (7-10)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.	
3 DeRamus*	6-12	2-6	6-7	1-6	7	3	20	2	0	0	38	
12 Croff*	6-13	0-1	2-2	3-6	9	0	14	2	2	1	0	29
20 Eubanks*	4-11	1-4	4-5	2-4	6	2	13	1	2	0	1	38
0 Keith*	3-9	2-4	0-0	3-0	3	1	8	2	1	0	0	21
22 James-Core*	1-5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	15
2 Taylor	4-8	3-5	0-0	1-1	2	1	11	1	0	0	1	18
25 Ferguson	4-9	2-3	0-0	3-4	7	1	10	1	1	0	0	23
1 Hornbuckle	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	8
5 Brooks	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
10 Bryant	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
21 Pitts	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
32 Jackson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
4 Merryweather	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	29-70	10-26	13-16	24-34	40	12	81	9	9	1	2	200

Valdosta State (16-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	P	F	Pts.	A	T	B	S	Min.
12 Justice*	13-22	6-13	0-1	2-3	5	0	32	2	0	0	1	34	
23 Kodet*	7-14	3-10	0-0	2-6	8	5	17	2	1	2	1	30	
4 Guillotzet*	8-11	0-1	0-0	3-3	6	2	16	6	0	0	2	36	
20 James*	4-5	2-2	6-6	0-7	7	1	16	6	1	1	2	30	
3 Morgan*	4-9	3-7	0-0	1-2	3	0	11	5	1	0	0	33	
24 Zuppas	3-3	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	1	6	1	0	0	0	12	
34 McBride	1-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	8	
1 Harris	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	
0 Johnson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
21 Shiflet	0-2	0-1	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
2 Jones	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
TOTALS	41-72	15-37	7-12	10-27	37	11	104	23	4	5	6	200	

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
AUM	37	44	-	-	81	41.1%	38.5%	81.3%
Valdosta State	44	60	-	-	104	56.9%	40.5%	53.3%

Pts off Turnovers: VSU-19, AUM-7
 2nd Chance Pts: VSU-16, AUM-12 Fast Break Pts: VSU-6, AUM-0
 Bench Pts: VSU-12, AUM-24 Tied 0 Times, Lead Changed 0 Times
 AUM Largest Lead: - VSU Largest Lead: 24 in 2nd-12:14

Blazer Basketball Lights Up Warhawks

Valdosta State Wins, 104-81

VALDOSTA, Ga. - Valdosta State poured in 15 three-pointers and Beau Justice hit a new career mark in Blazer basketball's 104-81 Gulf South Conference win over Auburn Montgomery on Friday night at The Complex in Valdosta, Ga.

The victory marked the ninth straight for the Blazers and added to a streak of 19 consecutive home wins dating back to the 2016-17 season. The Blazers improved to 16-2 with the win and lifted their GSC record to 9-1 in Gulf South Conference play. Meanwhile, the Warhawks fell to 7-10 overall and 3-7 against league opponents.

Justice hit four shots within the first four minutes of the game to account for 10 of Valdosta State's first 12 points. The early surge by the Blazer junior was a sign of things to come, as the Peebles, Ohio native fueled VSU's attack all night long and finished with a career high 32 points. The point total topped his previous high mark of 31 points, which he scored against Lynn during the first month of his sophomore season on November 26th, 2016 against the Lynn Fighting Knights. Justice finished the night with 13 field goals on 22 attempts, and six of those makes were from long distance.

Four other Blazers reached double-digits in the scoring column, as Jimmy Kodet scored 17, Clay Guillotzet and KJ James notched 16 each, and Winston Morgan added 11. As a team, the Blazers committed just four turnovers on the night and shot for a whopping 56 percent in front of a large, lively crowd of 1,831.



19 West Georgia
Jan. 21, 2018 **Valdosta State**

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20 Alabama-Huntsville
Jan. 25, 2018 **Valdosta State** **93**
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UWG (8-10)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
13 Smith*	7-18	1-6	7-8	2-6	8	3	22	2 0 1 28
3 Sides*	6-18	3-10	2-2	1-0	1	0	17	2 0 0 29
11 Odum*	6-9	1-1	1-2	2-3	5	3	14	0 0 1 23
4 Turner*	3-10	0-0	2-3	0-3	3	3	8	2 0 0 24
30 James*	1-5	1-3	0-0	2-1	3	2	3	2 0 0 25
25 Magbegor	4-4	0-0	2-3	1-4	5	0	10	0 0 0 19
1 Ross	3-5	1-1	3-5	1-1	2	3	10	0 0 1 18
23 Perry	3-8	0-3	0-0	1-1	2	0	6	1 0 0 21
10 Robinson	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0 0 0 19
12 Reeves	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1 0 0 4
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	4	0	0	0 0 0 0
TOTALS	34-82	7-28	17-23	14-21	35	15	92	10 2 0 6 200

Valdosta State (17-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
12 Justice*	15-19	10-11	0-0	2-5	7	3	40	2 1 0 35
20 James*	7-9	3-4	3-4	1-9	10	3	20	2 2 1 28
3 Morgan*	5-12	5-12	2-2	0-2	2	17	3	4 0 0 35
4 Guillozet*	7-7	0-0	1-5	3-5	8	1	15	4 2 1 34
23 Kodet*	4-7	1-4	2-2	1-6	7	4	11	1 1 1 19
34 McBride	1-3	0-0	2-4	1-3	4	2	4	0 0 1 11
21 Shiflet	1-4	0-3	2-2	0-0	0	0	4	0 0 0 5
0 Johnson	1-5	1-5	0-0	0-3	3	1	3	1 0 0 19
24 Zuppas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	2	0	0 0 1 12
2 Jones	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1 0 0 0
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0 0 0 0
TOTALS	41-66	20-39	12-19	8-37	45	18	114	16 11 5 0 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
West Georgia	35	57	-	-	= 92	41.5%	25.0%	73.3%
Valdosta State	51	63	-	-	= 114	62.1%	51.3%	63.3%
Pts in the Paint: VSU-34, UWG-44								
2nd Chance Pts: VSU-13, UWG-19								
Bench Pts: VSU-11, UWG-28								
UWG Largest Lead: -								
Pts off Turnovers: VSU-2, UWG-16								
Fast Break Pts: VSU-4, UWG-4								
Tied 1 Times, Lead Changed 1 Times								
VSU Largest Lead: 27 in 2nd-17:22								

Blazer Defeat UWG; Justice Posts Second Straight Career Night

Valdosta State Wins, 114-92

VALDOSTA, Ga. - For the second time in three days, Beau Justice topped a career high point total to lead the Valdosta State men's basketball team in a 114-92 Gulf South Conference victory over the West Georgia Wolves on Sunday afternoon at The Complex in Valdosta, Ga.

After scoring what was at the time a career high on Friday night against Auburn Montgomery, Justice didn't settle and proceeded to rack up a whopping 40 points against one of VSU's biggest rivals on Sunday. Justice literally could not miss throughout the majority of the contest. In fact, the Peebles, Ohio native was a perfect 9-of-9 from the three point line before he finally missed from long distance with 6:49 left in the game.

Justice finished the night 10-of-11 from beyond the arc and added five more buckets all total for a 15-of-19 performance from the field. The effort capped off a week in which the Blazers averaged 29.3 points per game and 4.7 rebounds per game. Since the Blazers squared off against Union on Monday, Justice has connected on 18-of-31 three pointers for 58.1 percent. On top of that, he has turned the ball over just twice.

The Blazers opened up the scoring during the first minute with a layup from Clay Guillozet, before the Wolves returned fire with a layup by Marquill Smith, who entered the contest ranked second in the GSC with an average of 21.6 points per game. Guillozet struck again one minute later, however, with another bucket, and Valdosta State never looked back. In fact, the Blazers took complete control of the game during the first ten minutes after a three ball by Winston Morgan gave VSU a double-digit, lead at the 11:19 mark. The Blazers would never allow the Wolves to pull the deficit back to within single digits on the scoreboard.

Other contributors for the Blazers included KJ James, who scored 20 and ripped down 10 rebounds for his fifth double-double of the year and his fourth in the last five games. Additionally, Morgan added 17, while Guillozet and Jimmy Kodet picked up 15 and 11, respectively.

SPRAGINS HALL IN HUNTSVILLE, AL

UAH (12-8)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
12 Swalve*	7-14	2-7	0-0	0-3	3	1	16	5 3 0 40
1 Elliott*	5-11	1-5	3-4	0-8	8	3	14	3 4 0 30
34 Ward*	5-13	3-9	1-2	2-2	4	3	14	0 1 0 25
15 Finley*	5-10	3-8	0-0	1-4	5	3	13	0 1 2 37
30 Owens*	2-6	0-4	3-3	3-2	5	1	7	0 1 2 26
13 Orf	7-14	2-3	0-0	3-1	4	5	16	0 0 1 37
35 Barkley	2-3	0-1	2-2	2-2	4	1	6	0 2 0 18
21 Lane	2-4	0-1	1-2	0-0	0	1	5	0 0 1 10
25 Kaplan	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	0	2	0 0 0 10
3 Anderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0 0 2
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	0	0	0 0 0 0
TOTALS	36-78	11-39	10-13	13-26	39	18	93	15 10 4 7 225

Valdosta State (18-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
20 James*	9-14	6-8	4-5	3-2	5	4	28	3 3 1 2 36
12 Justice*	7-14	2-7	2-2	3-3	6	2	18	3 3 0 1 43
4 Guillozet*	8-11	0-2	1-2	3-5	8	1	17	1 2 0 2 42
3 Morgan*	4-12	4-10	3-5	0-4	0	15	2	1 0 1 37
23 Kodet*	0-3	0-2	0-0	1-3	4	1	0	1 1 1 16
24 Zuppas	5-8	0-1	2-5	2-5	7	4	12	1 1 0 1 25
34 McBride	2-4	0-0	0-0	2-4	6	3	4	1 2 0 0 7
0 Johnson	1-5	1-5	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	0 0 0 0 12
21 Shiflet	0-4	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0 0 0 7
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	0	0	0 0 0 0 0
TOTALS	36-75	13-39	12-19	16-31	47	16	97	12 13 2 7 225

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
UAH	39	36	18	-	= 93	46.2%	28.2%	76.9%
Valdosta State	33	42	22	-	= 97	48.1%	33.3%	63.2%
Pts in the Paint: VSU-40, UAH-46								
2nd Chance Pts: VSU-22, UAH-11								
Bench Pts: VSU-19, UAH-29								
UAH Largest Lead: 11 in 1st-11:00								
Pts off Turnovers: VSU-12, UAH-14								
Fast Break Pts: VSU-4, UAH-4								
Tied 3 Times, Lead Changed 2 Times								
VSU Largest Lead: 9 in OT-01:07								

Blazer Extend Streak With Overtime Win Over UAH

Valdosta State Wins, 97-93

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team survived a slow start on the road to claim a thrilling overtime Gulf South Conference victory over Alabama-Huntsville, as the Blazers took down the Chargers 97-93 on Thursday night at Spragins Hall in Huntsville, Ala.

Senior forward KJ James showed off his versatility with six three pointers in the contest, including two treys in Valdosta State's 22-point overtime period. James' 28-point performance led the Blazers in the scoring column and helped VSU overcome a six-point halftime deficit.

Valdosta State took a one-point lead on a Clay Guillozet free throw with 2:34 to go in regulation, and the Blazers extended the lead to three at 75-72 when Guillozet finished a fastbreak with a right hand jam two possessions later. The Chargers had an opportunity to tie the game on the final possession, and UAH guard Seth Swalve delivered with a desperation three from the top of the key as time expired.

The Blazers remained calm and collective during the extra frame, and James helped VSU reclaim momentum with a three in the first 15 seconds of the overtime period. Though the Chargers kept the game close, the shot gave Valdosta State a lead they would not relinquish throughout the full duration of the overtime period. Winston Morgan, who finished with four threes and 15 points, helped keep VSU in front with two timely triples during the final five minutes.

Beau Justice, the reigning GSC Player of the Week, added 18 in the game, Guillozet poured in 17, and Greg Zuppas delivered 25 quality minutes with seven rebounds and 12 points.

With the win, the first place Blazers improved to 18-2 overall and lifted their conference record to 11-1. Valdosta State has now won 11 straight games. Even more impressive, is the fact that the Blazers have won 30 of their last 34 games against Gulf South Conference opponents. Alabama-Huntsville's loss marked only their second of the year at Spragins Hall and dropped the team to 12-8 on the year, 5-7 against league opponents.



21 North Alabama

Jan. 27, 2018 **Valdosta State**

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22 Shorter

Feb. 1, 2018 **Valdosta State**

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FLOWERS HALL IN FLORENCE, AL

N. Alabama (10-10)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
11 Smith*	8-19	6-13	2-2	0-3	3 5	24	5 2 0 1	42
24 Stafford*	8-19	4-9	2-4	3-7	10 22	26	6 2 1 1	42
35 McGee*	6-16	0-0	7-9	10-17	3 19	1 1	0 0	36
3 Hodge*	5-9	2-4	0-0	0-1	1 3	12	8 1 0 2	38
22 Tolliver*	3-8	1-3	0-0	0-6	6 4	7 4	3 0 0	26
32 Ndahiro	4-6	0-0	0-0	0-5	5 1	8 0	3 2 0	14
10 Smith	3-7	1-2	0-0	1-2	3 2	7 1	1 0 0	27
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	4 0	0 0	0 0 0	0
TOTALS	37-84	14-31	11-15	18-31	49 20	99 26	13 3 4	225

Valdosta State (19-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
4 Guillozet*	11-14	0-0	2-4	1-5	6 1	24	5 3 0	42
12 Justice*	4-16	0-4	9-11	1-1	2 1	17	2 0 0	38
23 Kodet*	7-10	3-5	0-0	0-9	9 3	17	1 0 3	33
3 Morgan*	5-14	4-12	2-2	0-1	1 1	16	5 3 0	41
20 James*	4-8	1-2	5-6	3-5	8 1	14	1 3	23
24 Zuppas	4-7	0-0	0-0	3-6	9 5	8 0	0 1 1	21
34 McBride	2-3	0-0	1-3	1-2	2 2	5	0 2 1	9
0 Johnson	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	2 0	0 0	0 0 0	8
21 Shiftlet	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 1	0 0	0 0 0	4
2 Jones	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1	0 0	0 0 0	2
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	4 0	0 0	0 0 0	0
TOTALS	37-75	8-26	19-26	11-32	43 16	101 14	11 7	225

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
North Alabama	45	37	17	-	= 99	44.0%	45.2%	73.3%
Valdosta State	37	45	19	-	= 101	49.3%	30.8%	73.1%
Pts in the Paint: VSU-50, UNA-42	Pts off Turnovers: VSU-18, UNA-9							
2nd Chance Pts: VSU-11, UNA-16	Fast Break Pts: VSU-19, UNA-26							
Bench Pts: VSU-13, UNA-15	Tied 6 Times, Lead Changed 10 Times							
UNA Largest Lead: 13 in 2nd-15:49	VSU Largest Lead: 8 in OT-00:27							

Blazers Survive Overtime Win Over UNA

Valdosta State Wins, 101-99

FLORENCE, Ala. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team picked up their 12th consecutive victory in a 101-99 overtime win over rival North Alabama in Gulf South Conference action on Saturday afternoon in Florence, Ala.

The overtime contest marked VSU's fourth of the season, each of which have resulted in Blazer wins. Furthermore, Valdosta State extended their current winning streak and picked up their 31st win in the program's last 35 GSC matchups dating back through the 2016-17 season.

This time out, Clay Guillozet served as the fuel for Valdosta State's high-octane offense. The sophomore scored the first five points of the game for the Blazers and proceeded to drop 24 on the Lions in the contest to match a previous season high, which Guillozet reached in an overtime road win over Lee from January 2nd. The Ohio native buried 11-of-14 from the field and 2-of-4 from the free throw line, while adding six rebounds, five assists, and three steals.

Valdosta State trailed by as many as 13 with 15-plus minutes to play in the second half, before VSU began a slow, methodical comeback. For the next 10 minutes, the Blazers used their firepower to take their first lead of the second half with a two-handed KJ James dunk in transition.

Five lead changes and four ties ensued during the final five minutes of the contest, and VSU managed to thwart a potential game winner for UNA on the final possession of regulation to force overtime.

North Alabama scored the first two points of the overtime period on a pair of Sharwyn McGee free throws, but the Blazers returned fire with a three point play by Beau Justice to take a one-point lead. Kendall Stafford put UNA back in front with a tip-in on the ensuing possession, but VSU scored eight unanswered points with back-to-back threes by Winston Morgan and Jimmy Kodet, before Guillozet added a fastbreak layup. The lead was one the Blazers would not relinquish, despite a barrage of UNA three pointers down the stretch.

THE COMPLEX IN VALDOSTA, GA

Shorter (3-19)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
0 Potter*	12-21	5-11	2-4	1-0	1 0	31	0 1 0	38
22 Newman*	8-12	2-3	1-2	0-2	2 1	19	2 2 0	38
10 Major*	6-12	4-7	0-1	0-6	6 3	16	3 3 0	37
15 Burnett*	5-10	0-3	6-9	2-4	6 5	16	4 2 1	26
1 Thomas*	2-7	1-4	0-0	1-5	6 2	5 4	1 0 0	28
34 Mason	3-6	2-5	1-2	1-3	4 2	9 2	0 0 0	20
4 Russell	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	2 1	2 1	0 0 2	13
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2 0	0 0	1 0 0	0
TOTALS	37-70	14-34	10-18	8-21	29 14	98 16	10 1	200

Valdosta State (20-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO	B S Min.
4 Guillozet*	10-14	2-3	4-7	4-4	8 1	26	7 2 0	37
12 Justice*	10-15	2-6	3-4	1-3	4 1	25	4 4 0	38
23 Kodet*	5-10	4-8	0-0	1-5	6 4	14	0 0 0	26
20 James*	5-8	1-2	1-2	2-3	5 1	12	4 1 1	27
3 Morgan*	2-10	2-8	0-0	0-3	3 2	6 4	3 0 1	34
24 Zuppas	7-11	0-1	1-2	6-10	16 3	15	1 0 0	23
21 Shiftlet	2-4	0-2	2-3	0-1	1 0	6 0	0 0 1	8
0 Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0 0	1 0 0	4
34 McBride	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0 0	0 0 0	3
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2 0	0 0	1 0 0	0
TOTALS	41-73	11-30	11-18	15-30	45 12	104 20	12 1	200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Shorter	52	46	-	-	= 98	52.8%	41.2%	55.6%
Valdosta State	54	50	-	-	= 104	56.2%	36.7%	61.6%

Pts in the Paint: VSU-48, SU-40
2nd Chance Pts: VSU-18, SU-12
Bench Pts: VSU-21, SU-11
VSU Largest Lead: 3 in 1st-18:50

Pts off Turnovers: VSU-17, SU-20
Fast Break Pts: VSU-2, SU-4
Tied 3 Times, Lead Changed 2 Times
VSU Largest Lead: 15 in 2nd-12:51

Men's Basketball Defeats Shorter; Clinches Post-season Berth

Valdosta State Wins, 104-98

VALDOSTA, Ga. - Blazer basketball's incredible 2017-18 campaign continued on Thursday with a 104-98 Gulf South Conference victory over the Shorter Hawks at The Complex in Valdosta, Ga.

The win, along with a loss by Mississippi College at nearly the same moment on Thursday night, made No. 12 ranked Valdosta State the first team in the GSC to secure a position in the 2017-18 Gulf South Conference postseason tournament. The Blazers are now 20-2 on the year and 13-1 against league opponents, while Shorter dropped to 3-19 overall and fell to 3-11 in GSC play. The victory marked VSU's 21st consecutive home victory and extended the Blazers' current win streak to 13.

For the second straight game, sophomore Clay Guillozet posted a team-high point total in a single game and topped his previous season high with 26 points on 10-of-14 shooting from the field. Guillozet narrowly missed a triple double after adding seven assists and eight rebounds.

The Blazers also saw key contributions from Beau Justice, who scored 25 points to remain one of the league's top three scorers, and Greg Zuppas complemented a stout 16 rebound total with 15 points for his first double-double of the season.

Led by Amonte Potter, who posted a game-high 31 points on 12-of-21 shooting, the Hawks held close throughout the night, but a 56.2 percent shooting effort by VSU, along with a 45-29 edge in the rebounding column, proved to be too much for Shorter to overcome.



23 Lee
Feb. 3, 2018 **Valdosta State**

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24 West Georgia
Feb. 8, 2018 **Valdosta State** **77 106**

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Lee (12-10)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A	T	B	S Min.
14 Suedeckum*	4-10	1-6	0-0	0-1	1	4	9	2	1	0 1 31
21 Cullen*	3-6	0-1	2-2	0-1	1	2	8	0	0	0 0 9
30 Blevins*	3-4	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	5	6	1	0	0 0 20
10 Copeland*	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	3	0	0	0 0 14
3 Woods*	0-4	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	4	0	0	0	0 0 20
25 McGuirk	7-14	4-7	5-6	2-3	5	3	23	0	2	0 0 24
5 Montgomery	5-10	1-3	2-3	2-4	6	3	13	0	3	0 1 28
20 Ridgeway Jr	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	4	2	0	0 0 12
0 Jones	0-5	0-3	2-2	0-4	4	1	2	0	0	0 0 22
33 Landman	1-6	0-2	0-0	2-2	4	5	2	0	0	0 1 18
23 Merian	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0 0 2
12 Dotson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0+
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-4	5	0	0	1	0	0 0 0
TOTALS	26-63	7-24	11-13	9-23	32	30	70	6	7	0 3 200

THE COLISEUM IN CARROLLTON, GA

UWG (11-12)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A	T	B	S Min.
4 Turner*	9-20	2-4	8-8	4-7	11	0	28	1	1	0 1 37
13 Smith*	6-14	3-7	0-0	0-6	6	1	15	0	4	0 1 33
0 Ulmer*	3-5	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	4	6	2	3	0 0 25
3 Sides*	2-8	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	4	1	1	0 0 33
11 Odum*	1-1	0-0	2-4	0-2	2	2	4	0	0	0 0 14
22 Glavan	5-7	0-0	0-1	2-2	4	3	10	1	0	0 0 18
25 Magbegor	2-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	2	2	5	0	0	0 0 9
23 Perry	1-6	0-3	0-0	0-1	1	3	2	1	2	0 0 16
10 Robinson	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0 0 7
1 Ross	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0 0 6
12 Reeves	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 2
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0 0 0
TOTALS	30-68	5-18	12-17	8-20	28	16	77	7	11	0 2 200

Valdosta State (21-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A	T	B	S Min.
12 Justice*	6-10	3-4	7-9	0-1	1	1	22	3	1	0 2 37
20 James*	4-7	1-3	5-8	5-7	12	3	14	1	3	0 3 33
23 Kodet*	4-8	1-4	3-3	3-12	15	3	12	0	0	0 0 27
4 Guillozet*	3-6	0-0	4-7	1-2	3	1	10	1	1	0 1 26
3 Morgan*	2-8	2-6	2-5	0-2	2	2	8	2	1	0 0 31
34 McBride	2-5	0-0	3-3	1-3	4	1	7	1	0	0 1 11
21 Shiflet	1-4	1-4	1-2	0-1	1	1	4	1	0	0 0 17
24 Zuppas	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	2	4	1	3	0 0 13
0 Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0 5
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0 0 0
TOTALS	23-49	8-21	27-39	10-29	39	14	81	10	10	2 5 200

Valdosta State (17-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A	T	B	S Min.
12 Justice*	15-19	10-11	0-0	2-5	7	3	40	2	1	0 0 35
20 James*	7-9	3-4	3-4	1-9	10	3	20	2	2	1 0 28
3 Morgan*	5-12	5-12	2-2	0-2	2	2	17	3	4	0 0 35
4 Guillozet*	7-7	0-0	1-5	3-5	8	1	15	4	2	1 0 34
23 Kodet*	4-7	1-4	2-2	1-6	7	4	11	1	1	0 0 19
34 McBride	1-3	0-0	2-4	1-3	4	2	4	0	0	0 0 11
21 Shiflet	1-4	0-3	2-2	0-0	0	0	4	0	0	0 0 5
0 Johnson	1-5	1-5	0-0	0-3	3	1	3	3	1	0 0 19
24 Zuppas	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	2	0	0	0	0	0 0 12
2 Jones	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0 0 2
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0 0 0
TOTALS	41-66	20-39	12-19	8-37	45	18	114	16	11	5 0 200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Lee	32	38	-	-	70	41.3%	29.2%	84.5%
Valdosta State	38	43	-	-	81	46.9%	38.1%	69.2%

Pts in the Paint: LU-24, VSU-22
2nd Chance Pts: LU-8, VSU-8
Bench Pts: LU-44, VSU-15
LU Largest Lead: 7 in 1st-05:23
Pts off Turnovers: LU-13, VSU-9
Fast Break Pts: LU-0, VSU-0
Tied 2 Times, Lead Changed 5 Times
VSU Largest Lead: 12 in 2nd-17:27

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
West Georgia	44	33	-	-	77	44.5%	27.8%	70.6%
Valdosta State	59	47	-	-	106	57.4%	37.9%	77.3%

Pts in the Paint: VSU-48, UWG-40
2nd Chance Pts: VSU-17, UWG-12
Bench Pts: VSU-26, UWG-20
UWG Largest Lead: 5 in 1st-18:27
Pts off Turnovers: VSU-11, UWG-13
Fast Break Pts: VSU-8, UWG-2
Tied 4 Times, Lead Changed 1 Times
VSU Largest Lead: 30 in 2nd-00:50

Blazers Basketball Wins Again; Takes Down Lee Valdosta State Wins, 81-70

VALDOSTA, Ga. - Despite being held well below their season average point total, the Valdosta State Blazers used a strong defensive effort to pick up their 14th consecutive win with an 81-70 triumph over the visiting Lee Flames in front of a crowd of 3,114 on Saturday night at The Complex.

Beau Justice, who finished with a team-high 22 points on the night, opened up the scoring with a three pointer during the first two minutes of the game. Lee fired back, however, and the two teams proceeded to trade leads seven different times in the first half.

Valdosta State used a layup by Justice at the 2:18 mark in the first half, however, to take a 32-30 lead. With a pair of three-point plays by KJ James and Jimmy Kodet in the final two minutes of the frame, VSU opened up a 38-32 lead at the break.

In the second half, Valdosta State held the Flames at bay with a balanced effort on offense that included points from eight different players. The offensive surge, along with a rebounding effort that included 39 Blazers rebounds against 32 for Lee, helped the Blazers keep their perfect home record intact. Furthermore, VSU was able to stifle the Flames' long range shooting effort by holding the team to just 7-of-24 from beyond the arc.

Justice was joined by James, Kodet, and Clay Guillozet on offense, each of which posted double-digit figures in the scoring column. In addition, Kodet hauled in a season high 15 rebounds to complement a 12-point performance, which resulted in the senior's second double-double of the season.

The No. 12 ranked Blazers, who have now won 22 consecutive games on their home floor, improved to 21-2 overall on the season and lifted their GSC record to 14-1. The Flames fell to 12-10 overall and dropped below .500 at 7-8 in conference play.

Balanced Effort Gives Men's Basketball 15th Straight Win

Valdosta State Wins, 106-77

CARROLLTON, Ga. - The No. 9 ranked Valdosta State Blazers used another strong offensive outing, along with a solid defensive second half performance, to rout the West Georgia Wolves on their home floor with a 106-77 Gulf South Conference victory on Thursday night at The Coliseum in Carrollton, Ga.

West Georgia jumped out to a 7-3 lead early in the contest, before Jimmy Kodet, who delivered his second straight double-double upon the night's conclusion, buried back-to-back three balls to pull VSU to within one at 7-6. The Blazers overtook the Wolves less than one minute later with a layup by Clay Guillozet, and VSU never trailed again for the rest of the night.

Valdosta State saw positive contributions from every player that stepped on the floor. Justin McBride scored 18 points in just 11 minutes of playing time, and Beau Justice poured in 24 for his third straight 20-plus point performance. In addition, Kodet, Guillozet, KJ James, and Winston Morgan all posted double-digit offensive numbers.

Valdosta State improved to 22-2 overall on the season and lifted their GSC record to 15-1. Meanwhile, the Wolves fell to 11-12 overall and dropped to 6-10 in league play.

The win marked the 15th consecutive victory for Valdosta State and moved the Blazers one step closer to a clinch of the No. 1 seed in the upcoming GSC Tournament. The current streak marks the longest since VSU reached the same milestone in 2010, and VSU has already clinched a position as one of four hosts on Tuesday, February 27th in the quarterfinal round of the postseason tournament.

The victory marked the 249th win for Head Coach Mike Helfer since he took over as the head man at Valdosta State in 2005. Furthermore, Justice's 24 points put him just 37 points away from becoming a member of Valdosta State's 1,000 point club.

Valdosta State returns to action on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. EST at Auburn Montgomery in Montgomery in Alabama.


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26 Montevallo
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AUM (9-16)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO B	S Min.
12 Croff*	9-16	0-2	3-3	6-6	12	1 21	1 0 1	36
0 Keith*	6-12	1-4	3-3	2-0	2 2	16 5	0 0 2	26
3 DeRamus*	7-18	1-4	0-0	4-1	5 2	15 4	1 0 4	40
22 James-Core*	3-7	1-2	1-2	0-3	3 0	8 1	1 0 0	16
20 Eubanks*	2-10	2-6	0-0	1-6	7 2	6 1	2 3 1	40
10 Bryant	6-9	3-5	0-0	1-3	4 1	15 0	1 0 3	24
2 Taylor	4-6	1-1	2-2	0-0	0 1	11 5	1 0 1	14
1 Hornbuckle	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0 0	0 0 0	10
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	5 0	0 0	0 0 0	0
TOTALS	37-78	9-24	9-10	17-21	38	9 92	17	412 200

Valdosta State (23-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO B	S Min.
12 Justice*	8-15	5-11	0-0	2-3	5 1	21 10	3 0 2	40
4 Guillouzet*	7-13	2-4	3-4	3-4	7 1	19 4	3 1 1	31
3 Morgan*	6-14	6-14	0-0	0-2	2 2	18 3	2 0 0	30
23 Kodet*	5-8	3-5	0-0	1-4	5 1	13 0	2 1 0	19
20 James*	2-4	1-3	0-0	3-6	9 2	5 4	3 1 1	31
24 Zuppas	4-7	0-0	1-1	3-5	8 3	9 1	1 1 1	23
0 Johnson	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0 0	3 2	0 0 0	9
21 Shifflet	1-4	1-3	0-0	0-0	0 0	3 0	0 0 0	9
34 McBride	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	0 2	3 0	0 2 0	8
2 Jones	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0 0	0 0 0	0+
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2 0	0 0	0 0 0	0
TOTALS	35-68	19-41	5-7	14-24	38	12 94	24	6 5 200

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
AUM	46	46	-	-	= 92	47.1%	37.5%	90.0%
Valdosta State	51	43	-	-	= 94	51.5%	46.3%	71.4%

Pts in the Paint: VSU-30, AUM-50
 2nd Chance Pts: VSU-22, AUM-18
 Bench Pts: VSU-18, AUM-26
 AUM Largest Lead: 8 in 2nd-07:16

Pts off Turnovers: VSU-20, AUM-5
 Fast Break Pts: VSU-10, AUM-18
 Tied 2 Times, Lead Changed 5 Times
 VSU Largest Lead: 10 in 1st-11:47

Blazer Come From Behind to Give Helfer 250th Win

Valdosta State Wins, 94-92

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team came from behind in the final minutes of Saturday's thrilling Gulf South Conference showdown with Auburn-Montgomery to claim a 94-92 win and give Head Coach Mike Helfer his 250th career victory at Valdosta State.

The win improved No. 9 ranked VSU to 23-2 overall and lifted the Blazers to 16-1 in Gulf South Conference play. Valdosta State has now won 16 straight, which matches a 1961-62 mark for the most consecutive wins ever recorded in a single season by the program. The loss for AUM dropped the team to 9-16 overall and 5-12 in conference play.

With 11 three-pointers in the first half, the Blazers led by as many as 10 points before intermission. The Warhawks were resilient, however, and slowly chipped away in the second half with a 17-10 run over the first six minutes of the final period.

Auburn Montgomery overtook the Blazers at the 10:44 mark and extended their lead to as many as eight points two different times in the final 10 minutes of regulation, but the Blazers began their miraculous comeback with a clutch three ball by Winston Morgan at the 2:25 mark. The shot marked one of six for the junior and pulled VSU to within four, and Clay Guillouzet matched Morgan on VSU's ensuing possession with his second three-pointer of the contest to cut AUM's lead to 92-91. After a missed three by Warhawk guard Michael Bryant, Guillouzet hauled in the defensive rebound and set up Morgan for the game winner, a triple from the left wing with 31 seconds to play.

Auburn Montgomery missed an attempt by Reagan Eubanks for the game winner, and after a steal by the Warhawks, Eubanks misfired again on a game-tying attempt from close range as time expired.

The Blazers buried 19 Blazers on 41 attempts in the game for 46.3 percent, and Beau Justice gave the Blazers a team-high 21 points on 8-of-15 from the field with five threes. Guillouzet, Morgan, and Jimmy Kodet added 19, 18, and 13, respectively, and KJ James led the rebounding effort with nine in the game.

Justice is now just 16 points away from the 1,000th of his career.

TRUSTMARK ARENA IN MONTEVALLO, AL

Montevallo (14-13)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO B	S Min.
2 Williams*	6-14	1-4	5-6	0-6	6 4	18 4	3 0 3	32
10 Jones*	6-18	0-0	0-0	4-4	8 2	12 7	8 0 0	36
33 Curtis*	5-11	0-0	1-4	4-0	4 2	11 0	1 0 0	23
13 Guity*	5-8	0-0	0-0	7-9	16 2	10 1	2 3 1	40
1 Gilbert*	1-5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 1	2 1	2 0 0	13
12 Brough	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-4	4 4	6 0	1 0 1	37
0 Jackson	3-3	0-0	0-2	1-0	1 2	6 0	2 0 1	17
20 Updike	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	1 1	2 0	0 0 0	14
4 Medenica	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-3	3 0	0 0	0 0 1	13
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3 0	0 0	0 0 0	0
TOTALS	29-65	3-9	6-13	17-29	46	18	67	13 19 3 7 225

Valdosta State (24-2)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TRPF	Pts.	A TO B	S Min.
23 Kodet*	7-13	5-10	1-2	2-4	6 1	20 1	0 3 0	25
12 Justice*	5-17	2-7	4-4	1-5	6 2	16 3	0 0 0	43
4 Guillouzet*	4-9	1-2	2-4	1-2	3 1	11 4	2 0 0	39
3 Morgan*	3-7	3-5	0-1	0-2	2 1	9 4	1 0 1	39
20 James*	2-6	0-3	2-3	2-5	7 4	6 1	3 1 4	37
34 McBride	1-4	0-0	2-2	2-2	4 3	4 0	3 0 0	9
24 Zuppas	1-3	0-0	0-0	2-3	5 0	2 0	2 0 0	20
21 Shifflet	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1 1	0 0	0 1 1	8
2 Jones	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1 1	0 0	0 1 4	1
0 Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0 0	0 1 0	1
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1 0	0 0	0 0 0	0
TOTALS	23-62	11-28	11-16	12-24	36	14	68	13 12 4 7 225

	1st	2nd	OT	TOT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Montevallo	29	32	6	-	= 67	44.6%	33.3%	46.2%
Valdosta State	26	35	7	-	= 68	37.1%	39.3%	68.8%

Pts in the Paint: UM-48, VSU-20
 2nd Chance Pts: UM-14, VSU-10
 Bench Pts: UM-14, VSU-6
 UM Largest Lead: 7 in 1st-02:40

Pts off Turnovers: UM-8, VSU-10
 Fast Break Pts: UM-2, VSU-2
 Tied 5 Times, Lead Changed 5 Times
 VSU Largest Lead: 5 in 2nd-03:49

Blazer Set New Single Season Record With 17th Straight Victory

Valdosta State Wins, 68-67

MONTEVALLO, Ala. - With a thrilling 68-67 overtime victory over Montevallo on the road on Wednesday, the Valdosta State men's basketball team became the first team in program history to record 17 consecutive wins in a single season.

In addition to the milestone win for the team, Beau Justice produced 16 points in the game to lift his career total at VSU to an even 1,000 points. He joined Eddie Brown and Tyrone Curnell as just the third player in VSU history to tally 1,000 career points in two years or less.

Jimmy Kodet delivered some of the best minutes of the night for the Blazers, particularly in the second half. After halftime, the Michigan native gave the Blazers three big blocks on defense and poured in 18 of his 20 points on 6-of-9 shooting from the field and a 5-of-8 effort from beyond the arc. One of his three blocks came with just 38 seconds left in overtime, after the Blazers had taken a one-point lead.

Valdosta State, who appeared at No. 2 in Wednesday's first release of the 2017-18 NCAA Division II South Regional rankings, improved to an incredible 24-2 overall with the win and lifted their conference record to 17-1. Montevallo's loss dropped the Falcons to 14-13 overall and evened up the team's conference record at 9-9.

The victory marked the fifth overtime game of the season for Valdosta State. The Blazers have won each of those extended matchups.

Valdosta State returns to The Complex on Saturday for a 4:00 p.m. GSC showdown against the rival Lions of North Alabama. Coverage of the game will be available at www.vstateblazers.com.



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N. Alabama (14-12)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	M	In.
11 Smith*	6-13	1-6	2-2	2-3	5	4	15	4	0	0	4	31	
24 Stafford*	4-11	1-4	2-6	0-4	4	2	11	1	1	0	0	35	
3 Hodge*	4-13	2-9	0-0	0-2	2	1	10	2	0	0	0	35	
22 Tolliver*	5-10	0-1	0-0	1-4	5	2	10	0	3	0	0	33	
35 McGee*	4-9	0-0	1-2	5-6	11	2	9	0	0	0	0	25	
0 Clayton	5-7	0-0	2-2	1-2	3	4	12	1	0	1	0	16	
10 Smith	1-5	1-2	5-6	0-1	1	2	8	0	0	1	0	17	
23 Card	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
4 Boy	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
30 Scott	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
32 Ndahiro	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	29-71	5-23	12-18	12-28	40	17	75	8	4	2	5	200	

Valdosta State (25-21FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	TO	B	S	M	In.
23 Kodet*	9-15	7-12	0-0	2-8	10	3	25	0	0	4	0	30
12 Justice*	5-16	1-7	8-8	1-2	3	1	19	5	5	0	0	33
4 Guillozet*	5-6	1-2	4-4	2-1	3	2	15	2	1	0	0	24
20 James*	4-6	0-1	3-3	2-3	5	4	11	3	0	0	1	22
3 Morgan*	2-8	2-7	2-3	0-5	5	1	8	2	1	0	0	31
21 Shiftlet	3-8	3-7	1-2	0-1	1	0	10	3	0	0	0	14
34 McBride	3-5	0-0	1-4	1-4	5	3	7	0	0	0	0	13
24 Zuppas	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-3	4	0	3	1	0	1	0	20
0 Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	1	0	3	0	1	0	8
2 Jones	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
1 Harris	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	32-67	14-38	20-26	12-32	44	16	98	20	8	5	1	200

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
North Alabama	45	30	-	-	75	40.8%	21.7%	66.7%
Valdosta State	46	52	-	-	98	47.8%	36.8%	76.9%
Pts in the Paint: VSU-34, UNA-40								
2nd Chance Pts: VSU-15, UNA-10								
Fast Break Pts: VSU-4, UNA-4								
Bench Pts: VSU-20, UNA-20								
Tied 4 Times, Lead Changed 10 Times								
UNA Largest Lead: 5 in 1st-15:59								
VSU Largest Lead: 24 in 2nd-01:02								

Blazers Defeat UNA; Claim GSC Regular Season Championship

Valdosta State Wins, 98-75

VALDOSTA, Ga. - The Valdosta State men's basketball team improved to 13-0 on their home floor, picked up their 18th consecutive victory, and claimed their second consecutive regular season Gulf South Conference Championship, thanks to a 98-75 win over rival North Alabama on Saturday night at The Complex.

North Alabama took an early lead out of the gate, but a 10-4 run by the Blazers put Valdosta State back on top 10-9 at the 17:00 minute mark. The back-and-forth continued throughout the rest of the first half, which featured a 50 percent shooting effort from the field by the Lions and eight threes by the Blazers. As a result, the opening period included 12 lead changes before VSU used a Jimmy Kodet layup in the paint to add a 13th lead change and put VSU up 46-45 at the break.

In the second half, Valdosta State used a KJ James layup with a pair of Clay Guillozet buckets and a Winston Morgan three-pointer in the first four minutes for a 9-4 run that opened up a 55-49 advantage. Jimmy Kodet then flushed home a two-handed dunk and followed with a three to put VSU up 60-50 at the 14:58 mark, for what was VSU's biggest lead of the game up to that point.

Kodet's offensive contributions led to a double-double, which included a 25-point performance. The point total came by way of some sharp shooting from beyond the arc that led to a 7-of-12 effort from long range. Furthermore, Kodet went 9-of-15 overall from the field and pulled down 10 rebounds en route to his fourth double-double of the year. The senior's performance led to a career-high, which topped his previous high of 21 scored against Montevallo on December 16th.

Kodet led all scorers and rebounders in the game, while Beau Justice added 19, and Clay Guillozet poured in 15. Meanwhile, both KJ James and LaBriar Shiftlet added 11 and 10 points, respectively. As a team, the Blazers shot 47.8 percent (32-of-67) from the field and connected on 36.8 three pointers (14-of-38).

With the win, VSU improved to 25-2 overall and 18-1 in GSC play. The Lions, currently fighting for a shot at a GSC postseason berth, fell to 14-12 on the year and dropped to 9-10 in league action.

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West Florida (25-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	M	Min.
24 Thorpe*	9-13	1-2	5-7	2-1	3	4	24	0	2	0	4	40	
11 Benson*	6-13	3-6	3-4	0-2	2	3	18	3	1	1	3	40	
40 Ventonieni*	6-10	0-0	0-0	4-3	7	12	12	0	3	0	2	19	
10 Deng*	5-11	0-3	1-3	2-6	8	1	11	1	1	0	0	32	
4 Jones*	1-6	0-4	8-10	0-8	8	3	10	1	3	1	1	37	
21 Tucker	3-11	0-1	3-4	4-5	9	4	9	1	1	0	1	21	
23 Henderson	3-4	0-0	1-1	1-0	1	1	7	0	0	0	1	8	
3 Chalfoux	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	33-68	4-16	21-29	14-25	39	18	91	6	11	2	12	200	

Valdosta State(25-3)	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-D	TR	PF	Pts.	A	T	B	S	M	In.
12 Justice*	6-13	4-10	6-7	1-3	4	4	22	2	4	0	0	37	
20 James*	5-8	1-2	2-2	0-2	2	4	13	0	2	1	0	20	
4 Guillozet*	3-9	1-2	3-7	0-3	3	1	10	4	2	0	3	36	
23 Kodet*	3-5	3-5	0-0	1-5	6	4	9	0	3	4	0	31	
3 Morgan*	2-6	1-5	1-1	0-1	1	0	6	3	2	0	2	28	
21 Shiftlet	4-5	3-4	2-2	0-3	3	2	13	1	1	0	0	14	
34 McBride	3-4	0-0	0-4	0-2	2	3	6	0	2	0	0	16	
24 Zuppas	1-1	0-0	3-6	0-2	2	2	5	0	2	1	1	4	
0 Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	
2 Jones	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0+	
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
TOTALS	27-51	13-28	17-29	5-25	30	21	84	11	19	5	6	200	

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Valdosta State	33	51	-	-	84	52.9%	46.3%	58.6%
West Florida	37	54	-	-	91	48.5%	25.0%	72.4%
Pts in the Paint: UWF-46, VSU-28								
2nd Chance Pts: UWF-8, VSU-8								
Fast Break Pts: UWF-8, VSU-4								
Bench Pts: UWF-16, VSU-24								
Tied-1 Time, Lead Changed-2 Times								
UWF Largest Lead: 12 in 1st-10:17								
VSU Largest Lead: 5 in 1st-17:18								

Blazers Suffer Loss to West Florida

West Florida Wins, 91-84

VALDOSTA, Ga. - In their final regular season matchup of the 2017-18 campaign, the No. 8 Valdosta State men's basketball team suffered a 91-84 loss at the hands of the No. 15 West Florida Argonauts on Thursday night at The Complex.

The loss snapped an 18-game winning streak for the Blazers, and ended a 23-game winning streak at The Complex. The Blazers slipped to 25-3 on the season overall and finished the season at 18-2 in conference play as the league's top team. West Florida, meanwhile, closed out their regular season at 25-3 and improved to 17-3 for a second place regular season finish, just behind Valdosta State.

Turnovers proved to be the thorn in the side of the Blazers on senior night, as Valdosta State turned the ball over 19 times in the game. West Florida capitalized on nearly every opportunity and scored 25 points off of VSU's miscues. Furthermore, the Argonauts outrebounded the Blazers 39-30 in the game and hauled in 14 offensive boards for eight second chance points. These two factors, along with an uncharacteristically below average effort at the free throw line (17-of-29), put VSU in a position where they were unable to come from behind late in the game.

Beau Justice poured in 22 points in the game, joining KJ James, Clay Guillozet, and LaBriar Shiftlet for double-digit figures in the scoring column. Valdosta State's offensive performance wasn't enough to overtake the Argonauts, however, who were led by DJ Thorpe and his 34-point performance.

The Blazers now turn their attention to the first round of the 2018 Gulf South Conference Tournament, which will take place on Tuesday night at The Complex in Valdosta, Ga. As the number one seed, Valdosta State will host the number eight ranked West Georgia Wolves for the Super Tuesday matchup. Tip time is slated for 8:00 p.m.



29 West Georgia

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West Georgia (14-14)	Min.	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-DTR	PF	A TO	B	S	PTS.
4 Turner*	35	9-18	2-4	2-3	2-4	6	4	3	1	0 1 22
13 Smith*	30	7-15	1-5	4-5	2-7	9	2	0	2	1 0 19
3 Sides*	29	3-13	1-9	1-1	1-1	2	1	0	1	0 2 8
22 Glavan*	16	4-4	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	3	0	0	0 0 8
0 Ulmer*	21	0-6	0-1	0-0	2-2	4	1	6	0	1 4 0
12 Reeves	20	3-5	3-5	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0 0 9
11 Odum	15	4-9	0-0	1-1	1-2	3	1	1	1	0 0 9
1 Ross	11	3-4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0 0 7
10 Robinson	12	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	2	1	0	0	0 1 4
25 Magbegor	11	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-5	5	0	1	1	3 0 4
TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	0	0	0	0 0 0
TOTALS	200	37-78	8-25	8-11	10-25	51	11	6	5	8 90

Valdosta State (26-3)	Min.	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	O-DTR	PF	A TO	B	S	PTS.
3 Morgan*	37	8-18	7-13	0-0	1-1	2	0	3	4	0 1 23
12 Justice*	26	8-15	3-9	0-0	2-7	9	2	3	1	0 0 19
23 Kodet*	19	6-9	4-7	3-3	0-5	5	3	1	1	2 0 19
4 Guillozet*	34	6-12	2-5	0-0	2-8	10	1	5	1	1 0 14
20 James*	31	5-7	0-0	3-5	4-1	5	3	1	0	0 0 13
24 Zuppas	24	6-8	0-0	3-4	1-6	7	0	3	2	0 0 15
21 Shifflet	8	1-4	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0 0 3
0 Johnson	12	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	1	2	0	0 0 0
2 Jones	8	0-3	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	1	0 1 0
1 Harris	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0 0 0
TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	0	0	1	0 0 0
TOTALS	200	40-78	17-40	9-12	14-33	47	13	11	3	2 106

	1st	2nd	OT	2OT	Tot	FG%	3FG%	FT%
West Georgia	46	44	-	-	= 90	47.4%	32.0%	72.7%
Valdosta State	51	41	-	-	= 106	51.3%	42.5%	75.0%

Pts in the Paint: VSU-38, UWG-48 Pts off Turnovers: VSU-4, UWG-21
 2nd Chance Pts: VSU-20, UWG-10 Fast Break Pts: VSU-0, UWG-6
 Bench Pts: VSU-18, UWG-33 Tied 0 Times, Lead Changed 0 Times
 UWG Largest Lead: - VSU Largest Lead: 27 in 2nd-05:15

Blazers Defeat UWG; Advance to GSC Semifinals

Valdosta State Wins, 106-90

VALDOSTA, Ga. - For the third time this season, the Valdosta State men's basketball team took down the rival Wolves of West Georgia, and this time, it was a playoff victory, as the Blazers defeated UWG 106-90 in the Gulf South Conference Quarterfinal round on Tuesday night at The Complex in Valdosta, Ga.

The Blazers used 14 first half threes to bury the Wolves early with 65 first half points. Valdosta State slowed down from long range in the second half, but still shot 47.2 percent from the field to hold on to their padded advantage throughout the final period.

Five different Blazers scored double-digit figures in the contest, but Winston Morgan was the highlight. The junior connected on seven three pointers to lift his season total to 100 shots made from beyond the arc. As a result, Morgan became the first Blazer to ever reach the century mark in a single season and eclipsed the previous season high of 95, set by J.J. Taylor 28 years ago during the 1990-91 season. He currently represents one of just eight players in Division II to have hit 100 or more threes during the current season.

As a team, the Blazers finished with 17 three-pointers for a 42.5 shooting effort from beyond the arc, and the squad fared even better from the field with a 51.3 percent performance. The effort moved the Blazers to 26-3 on the season, while the Wolves saw their season come to an end at an even 14-14.

The win sends the Blazers back to Birmingham, Ala. for the second straight season, where Valdosta State will compete in the semifinal round against Delta State at 6:00 p.m. EST at Pete Hanna Centre at Samford University. The winner of Saturday's matchup will face the winner of Saturday's other semifinal contest between Christian Brothers and West Florida.



Valdosta State Blazers Record vs. All Opponents

Alabama-Birmingham.....	0-1	Florida State.....	0-14	Ouachita Baptist.....	1-0
Alabama-Huntsville.....	28-26	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.....	4-3	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.....	34-14
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.....	9-8	Lee.....	8-2	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.....	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.....	16-19	UNC Wilmington.....	3-0
Delta State.....	22-21	Mississippi Valley State.....	1-0	USC Spartanburg.....	0-1
DeVry.....	1-0	Montevallo.....	21-12	UT Chattanooga.....	1-2
Drury.....	1-0	Morehouse.....	2-2	UT Martin.....	10-9
Earl Paulk.....	1-0	Morris Brown.....	3-1	Union.....	7-5
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.....	38-39	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.....	45-29
Faulkner.....	1-0	North Georgia.....	16-10	West Florida.....	34-21
Fayetteville State.....	1-2	North Park (Ill.).....	1-0	West Georgia.....	75-56
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**

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

12 Beau JUSTICE

POSITION: GUARD • **HEIGHT:** 6-2

CLASS: JUNIOR • **HOMETOWN:** PEEBLES, 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-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

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	B	S	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

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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



23 Jimmy KODET

POSITION: FORWARD • HEIGHT: 6-7
CLASS: SENIOR • HOMETOWN: WILLIAMSTON, MI
PREVIOUS SCHOOL: LANSING CC



KODET'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
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

	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: 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



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