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1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
September 3	NEWBERRY	Statesboro, Ga.	1 p.m.
September 10	Florida A&M	Jacksonville, Fla.	7 p.m.
September 17	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	8:30 p.m.
September 24	Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	8:30 p.m.
October 1	Open		
October 8	Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.	2 p.m.
October 15	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	Statesboro, Ga.	1 p.m.
October 22	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	Statesboro, Ga.	1 p.m.
October 29	Central Florida	Orlando, Fla.	7:30 p.m.
November 5	James Madison	Harrisonburg, Va.	2 p.m.
November 12	SAMFORD (Homecoming)	Statesboro, Ga.	1 p.m.
November 19	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	Statesboro, Ga.	1 p.m.

All Times Eastern

1987 GEORGIA SOUTHERN RESULTS

OPPONENT	W-L	SCORE	ATTENDANCE
Catawba	W	27-0	9,128
Florida A&M	L	14-17	17,268
Middle Tennessee	W	17-13	14,527
East Carolina	L	13-16	27,411
Central Florida	W	34-32	15,540
Bethune-Cookman	W	14-13	5,100
Northeast Louisiana	L	17-26	17,231
Western Carolina	W	37-16	13,460
Western Kentucky	W	23-20	13,066
James Madison	W	26-7	16,734
South Carolina State	W	30-13	10,048
*Maine	W	31-28 (OT)	9,440
*Appalachian State	L	0-19	9,229

* Indicates 1-AA Playoff Games

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The Georgia Southern College Athletic Department is pleased to provide you with this media guide and happy that you will be covering the 1988 edition of Erk Russell's Georgia Southern Eagles. For your convenience and so that you may better cover the Eagles, please take the time to read the following information.

PRESS BOX

Entrance - The entrance to the Georgia Southern press box is located at the back of the box midway across the South stands. There is no elevator to the press box. Steps are located on either end of the press box.

Levels - The Georgia Southern press box is a two-tier facility. The first level is for print media, radio networks, television, coaches and public address. The second level is for television cameras and coaching films. To reach the second level, you must enter the first level.

Level 1 - This area is reserved for print media and statistics personnel with separate booths for radio networks, coaches and television announcers. **Telephones** are available. The sports information office provides four telephones for your use. Credit card and collect calls only are allowed. If you desire your own phone, contact the Statesboro Telephone Company at (912) 764-9131. **Telecopier** service is available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Radio Network - The originating station for each team's network will be provided a spacious booth from which to broadcast. Two phone lines are provided in the visitor's radio booth on a reciprocal basis. Otherwise, a fee of \$25 per line per game is charged.

Television - Should there be television coverage of a game, a broadcast booth will be provided to the originating network. Contact the sports information office for details. All telecasts must have the approval of the Georgia Southern Athletic Department.

Coaches Booth - Each of the coaching staffs has one booth designated for its use. The booth can seat four people comfortably. For information on headsets, contact equipment manager Roger Inman at (912) 681-5970.

Level 2 - This is the photo deck level and serves as the filming area for all television and coaches films. Priority is given to coaches films and stations that regularly cover Georgia Southern and the opposing team.

SIDELINES

Georgia Southern College follows NCAA rules regarding media representatives on the sidelines. Photographers are not permitted to shoot between the 25-yard lines and they must display their credentials at all times. Photographers are not allowed in the team area for any reason.

CREDENTIALS

Press Box - All members of the media covering the game must request credentials from Mark McClellan. We would appreciate receiving requests as early as possible. All requests should be in writing on company letterhead. Spouses, dates, non-workers or anyone under the age of 16 are not allowed in the press box. Violators will be escorted from the premises.

Sideline - Follow the same procedure as used in requesting press box credentials. Armbands are not required at Georgia Southern.

Non-Network Radio Stations - Due to increased coverage by the print media, Georgia Southern will no longer issue press box passes to radio stations not involved in the origination of the official networks' broadcast. Radio stations wishing to cover the Eagles will be issued a post-game pass that will allow them to do interviews after the game. However, seating in the press box will not be available.

PRESS WILL CALL

Game credentials not mailed can be picked up at the Press Will-Call window at the Press/VIP gate at Allen E. Paulson Stadium. Game tickets that have been requested by the media may be picked up at the same gate. If you request that a parking pass be left at Press Will-Call, you must pick up your credentials at Campus Security located on Southern Circle near the main entrance of Georgia Southern College.

PARKING

Parking is at a premium at Paulson Stadium and as a result, spaces are allotted on a first-come-first-served basis. Print media, television stations and radio network broadcast crews have priority. Press parking is located in the VIP lot directly behind the press box on Row D only. Press cars which are parked in rows A, B or C will be towed at the owner's expense.

HOTEL ROOMS

On certain weekends, hotel rooms are hard to find. We strongly suggest you make reservations at the earliest possible date. Contact the sports information office for a list of quality hotels available in the Statesboro area.

PRESS BOX SERVICES

Play-by-play, complete halftime and final game statistics, defensive statistics and game notes are all regular services on game day. Upon your arrival, you will be given an extensive press folder containing all the pertinent information about the game.

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

Erk Russell will conduct a post-game press conference in the upstairs portion of the Lupton Building located in the West end zone approximately 15 minutes after the game. Television interviews and one-on-ones with Coach Russell are to be conducted after his press conference. There are no exceptions. The visiting coach will be available outside of the visitor's dressing room located in the right corner of the bottom floor of the Lupton Building. Georgia Southern's sports information staff will escort you to the field with approximately five minutes remaining in the game.

INTERVIEWING ERK RUSSELL

The best time to reach Coach Russell is between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If he is not available, leave a message and he will return the call. Please coordinate all in-person interviews through the sports information office.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS

All player interviews must be coordinated through the sports information office at least one day in advance. We strongly urge you to interview players Monday through Thursday after practice. No player interviews are allowed on Friday and all player interviews must be conducted after practice. No player interviews are allowed prior to practice due to class scheduling conflicts.

PRACTICE

All Georgia Southern practices are open to the media. Coach Russell will meet with interested media immediately following practice. Players are not available for interviews before or during practice.

VIDEO SERVICE

The Communication Arts Department of Georgia Southern, under the direction of

Kent Murray, will provide interviews and game footage to interested television stations.
Contact the sports information office for further details.

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL...

THE NATION'S FINEST I-AA PROGRAM

Georgia Southern football is the most amazing success story in this decade. Nowhere in America has a team reached the pinnacle of athletic success in such a short period of time.

Consider that in 1981, Georgia Southern did not field a football team and in 1982 and 1983, the Eagles played football as a club sport. However, since joining the NCAA's Division I-AA in 1984, no school has won more games or won a higher percentage of their games than Georgia Southern.

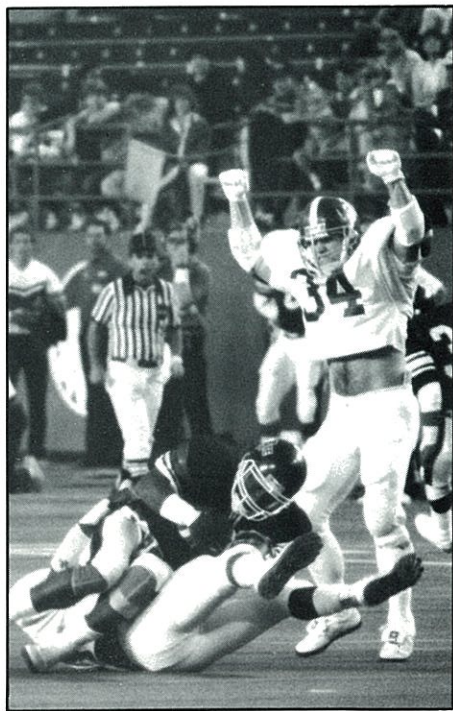
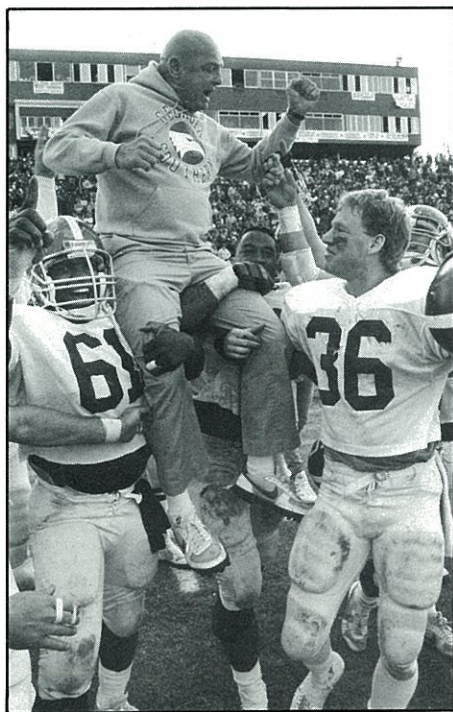
The success has been a combination of great coaching, outstanding players and a tremendous outpouring of support from Statesboro and surrounding communities. Since 1984, Georgia Southern has built a \$7 million stadium, has gone from no football scholarships to the I-AA limit of 70, built a quality practice facility and a new weight room.

There has been some luck, too. As

Erk Russell often says, "I'd rather be lucky than good." The Eagles have been blessed with an abundance of football talent. Seven former Eagles are now playing professional football; quarter back Tracy Ham with the Edmonton Eskimos and wide receiver Monty Sharpe with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League and Fred Stokes of the Los Angeles Rams, Gerald Harris of the Miami Dolphins, Nay Young of the New Orleans Saints, Darren Chandler of the Washington Redskins and Tim Foley of the Atlanta Falcons.

Ten Georgia Southern players have achieved All-America status in the last four years and a handful will vie for that honor in 1988.

The bottom line in sports, though, is winning and that is what Georgia Southern does more of than any I-AA school in the country.



WINNINGEST I-AA PROGRAM (1985-87)

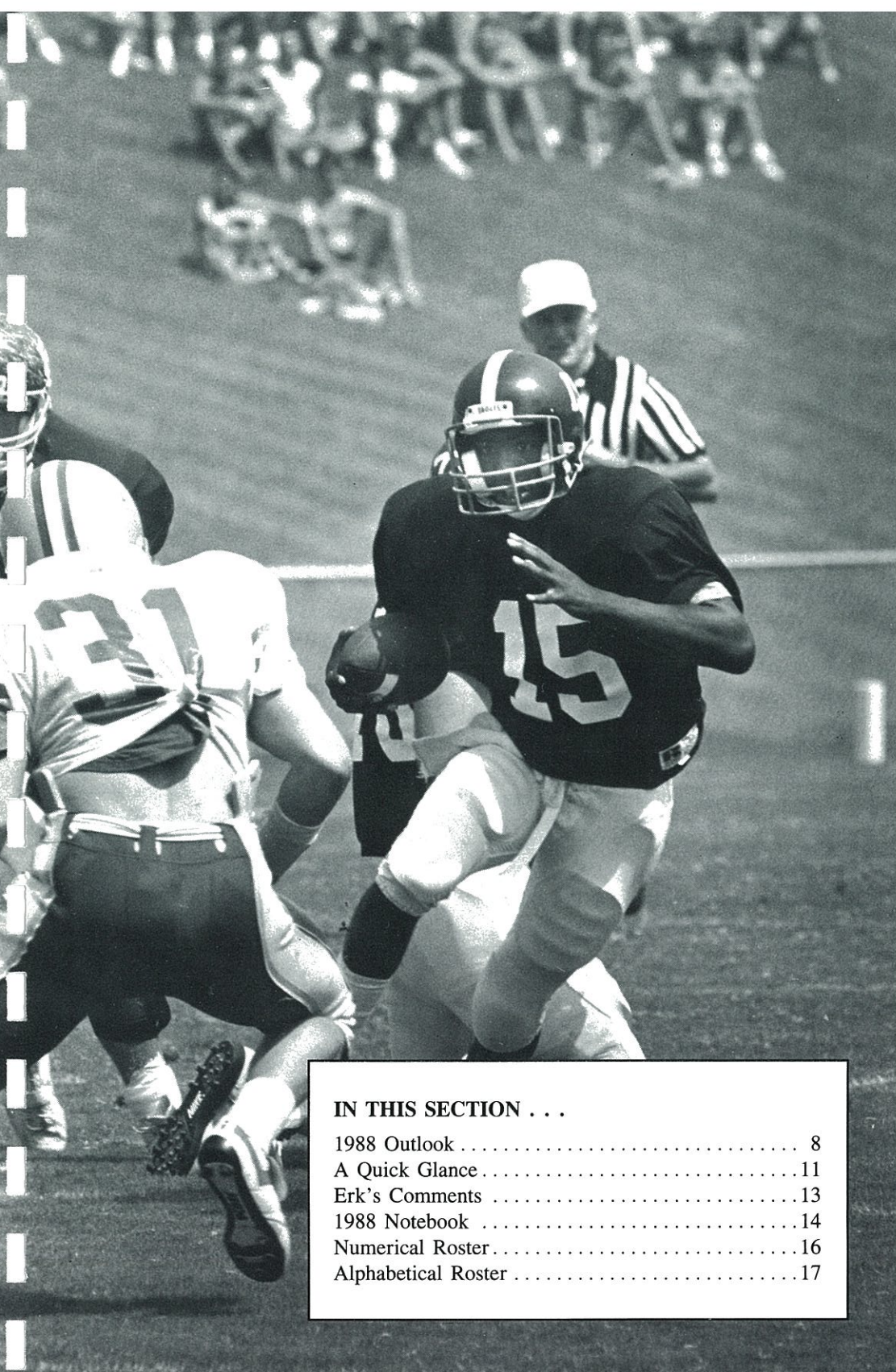
By Total Wins

1. 35 **GEORGIA SOUTHERN**
2. 30 Appalachian State
- 30 Arkansas State
- 30 Nevada-Reno
5. 29 Northern Iowa
6. 27 Eastern Kentucky
- 27 Idaho
8. 26 Jackson State
- 26 Furman
10. 25 Holy Cross
- 25 Sam Houston State

By Winning Percentage

1. 81.4 (35-8) **GEORGIA SOUTHERN**
2. 78.9 (30-6-2) Appalachian State
3. 75.8 (25-7-1) Holy Cross
4. 75.0 (30-10) Nevada-Reno
5. 74.4 (29-9-1) Northern Iowa
6. 73.5 (25-9) Sam Houston State
7. 73.2 (30-8-3) Arkansas State
8. 73.0 (27-9-1) Eastern Kentucky
9. 73.0 (27-10) Idaho
10. 70.3 (26-9-2) Furman





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1988 OUTLOOK...

GEORGIA SOUTHERN LOOKS FOR THIRD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

After winning the NCAA 1-AA national championship in 1985 and 1986, Georgia Southern went through a rebuilding year in 1987. However, the Eagles still managed to make it to the quarterfinals of the playoffs last season giving Georgia Southern fans high expectations for 1988.

The Eagles return nine full-time and one part-time starter on offense and five starters on defense from last year's playoff squad. Here is a position-by-position breakdown of the Eagles as they head into the 1988 campaign.

Quarterback

Unlike a year ago, the quarterback situation appears stable. Sophomore **Raymond Gross** started the last seven games as a freshman last season and will again get the starting nod in 1988. The Eagles were 5-2 under Gross with the only losses coming to eventual national champion Northeast Louisiana and playoff semi-finalist Appalachian State. Deceptively quick, Gross is well-suited to Georgia Southern's flexbone offense. An outstanding runner, Gross gained 765 yards rushing last season while passing for 608 more.

Depth at quarterback is good with the return of fifth-year senior **Ken Burnette**. Burnette started four games last season for the Eagles winning three of them. Not blessed with Gross' quickness, Burnette is a heady player and seems to thrive on pressure situations. He rushed for 122 yards last season and passed for 458 more. Another quarterback to watch is redshirt freshman **Albert Huntley**. Huntley has been impressive in workouts in the spring and during his redshirt year and could be an outstanding college quarterback in the future.

Fullback

To say Georgia Southern was pleasantly surprised with **Joe Ross'** freshman season would be a major understatement. In his first year in college football, Ross led all freshman in Division 1-AA rushing for 1,125 yards and became only the second Eagle to top the 1,000 yard mark in rushing in a regular season. Avoiding the sophomore jinx will be a key for Ross. He is no longer an unknown and opponents will most likely give him more attention. With his outstanding speed, Ross could play some at A-Back this season.

If that happens, Georgia Southern will turn to veteran **Garry Miller**. A hard-nosed runner, Miller rushed for 466 yards last season including his first career 100 yard game against Appalachian State in the playoffs. A versatile athlete, Miller also plays on all of Georgia Southern's special teams and is described by head coach Erk Russell as, "the greatest example of a team player that I have ever seen."

Look for Sophomore **Jerome King** and redshirt freshman **Lester Efford** to see playing time as well.

A-Back

Georgia Southern returns quality frontline players at the slot this season but the depth is unproven and is one of the main concerns heading into the 1988 season. **Ernest Thompson**, converted to A-Back from quarterback last season, blossomed into a fine college runner gaining 415 yards and scoring eight touchdowns. A redshirt junior in 1988, Thompson will be a key to Georgia Southern's offensive success.

Senior **Frank Johnson** missed spring practice with a recurring ankle injury initially suffered two years ago. His status

for the fall is questionable. Should he be healthy, Johnson gives Georgia Southern the added dimension of receiving out of the backfield. He has caught 38 passes in the last two seasons and is an extremely elusive runner.

Sophomore **Karl Miller** and redshirt freshman **Darryl Hopkins** and **Freddy Cuthbertson** will see time as well.

Wide Receiver

Senior **Tony Belser** has All-America potential for the Eagles. However, playing for the run-dominated Eagles, his statistics aren't as impressive as other wide receivers. Still, Georgia Southern threw to him enough last season for him to set a single season school reception record with 39. He has all the tools to be a great player in 1988. Belser will be flanked by veteran **Ross Worsham**. Worsham became a starter after a mid-season injury to Darren Chandler and responded with 10 receptions, two for touchdowns.

Other players to watch include **Donnie Allen**, a steady backup, and redshirt freshmen **Deryl Belser** and **Alex Brown**.

Offensive Line

The Eagles return four of five starters from a year ago including consensus All-America center **Dennis Franklin**. Franklin has played in all but one game since his freshman season and is one of the nation's top linemen. He is flanked at the guard positions by **Sean Gaine**y and **Brad Bernard**. Gaine was a full-time starter last year and Bernard became a starter in the third game of the season. Bernard had to miss spring practice because of a shoulder injury but is expected back at full speed in the fall. At tackle, **Tony Smith** returns. After spending his first two seasons as a part-time player, Smith blossomed into a solid lineman last season and will be counted on heavily. Replacing Ronald Warnock at the other tackle will be a main concern. Several players are in contention including veteran **George Jones** and converted defensive lineman **Brian Broughton**.

Depth is fair in the line. **Jay Marshall** will again back up Franklin and could probably start for any other 1-AA team in the country. Look for **Sammy Twiggs** and **Mike Wagner** to fill in when needed.

Kicker

Tim Foley has moved on to the Atlanta Falcons and replacing him is a major priority this fall. Two redshirt freshmen, **David Cool** and **Don Norton**, are battling for the job. Both should give the Eagles stability at the kicker slot.

Defensive Line

The Eagles return only one starter on the defensive line, but there is experience in some returning lettermen. **Charlie Waller** return at defensive guard for his third year as a starter. At 6-4, 260, Waller is an intimidating force in the middle. The other defensive line positions are up for grabs with several players battling for them. Senior **Darren Alford** could replace the graduated Jeff Banks at defensive end. Alford saw increased playing time at the end of last season and responded with some big plays. Sophomore **Tim Brown** saw plenty of playing time at guard last season and will most likely join Waller in the middle. The tackle spot has been vacated by James Carter who was moved to linebacker in the spring. Transfer **Doug Taylor** could help. **Giff Smith** saw a lot of playing time last year as well and will be a key member of the line this season.

Redshirt freshman **Patrick Parr** has been impressive in workouts and fellow freshman **Steve Bussoletti** could also see playing time as well.

Linebacker

Georgia Southern must replace its two leading tacklers from the past two seasons in Flint Matthews and Robert Underwood. **James Carter** has been moved from the defensive line to help out and could be an All-America candidate at linebacker. Veterans **Bart Hughes** and **Darrell Hen-**

drix will see plenty of playing time as well. Redshirt freshman **Michael Berry** has all the tools to be a great player and will see plenty of playing time as well. **Everett Sharpe** moved from rover to linebacker during the season last year and will be a mainstay this year as well. With his speed, Sharpe could as play some at cornerback this year.

Secondary

The Eagles return three veterans in the secondary but must replace versatile four-year starter Nay Young at one corner. **Terry Young**, Nay's younger brother, started last season and led the team in interceptions. The other corner spot could be filled by redshirt freshman **Rodney Oglesby** who had an outstanding spring game. **Machon Simms** will also compete for playing time at the corner. In Georgia Southern's new defensive alignment, **Taz Dixon** has been moved from free safety to strong safety. A heady player, Dixon possesses great speed and a good football sense. **Randell Boone** will start at free safety after coming on strong late last season. With his great speed, Boone gives Georgia Southern its fastest secondary ever.

Punter

Sophomore **Terry Harvin** became the regular midway through the 1987 season and responded with a 38.2 yards per kick average. He will be pushed by redshirt freshman **Don Norton** who had a solid spring.

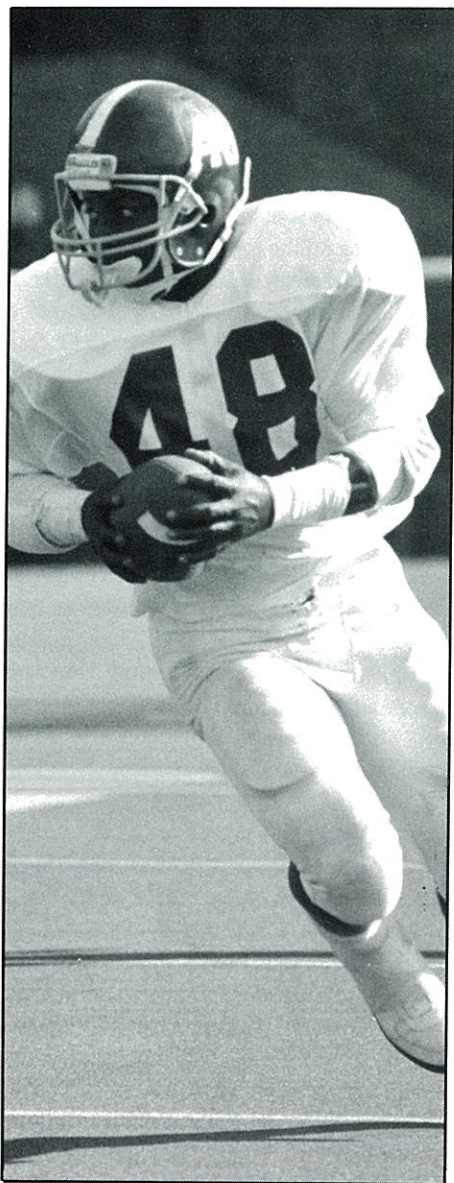
Overall

Offense should be Georgia Southern's strong point this season with 10 starters returning including the super sophomore tandem of Raymond Gross and Joe Ross. The offensive line is strong, but depth could be a problem should injuries happen.

On defense, the switch from the Split 60 to the new Eagle Seven alignment will

allow more flexibility, but replacing six starters from last year's strong unit will be a major priority.

Kicking will be a question mark as well until one of the freshman steps up. The Eagles will not have the benefit of Tim Foley's range, but consistency from inside 40 yards will probably be good.



1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES

AT-A-GLANCE

BASIC OFFENSE: Flexbone
BASIC DEFENSE: Eagle Seven
LETTERMEN RETURNING: 37

LETTERMEN LOST: 24
STARTERS RETURNING: 15
STARTERS LOST: 9

STARTERS RETURNING

OFFENSE (9): Dennis Franklin, Center, Sean Gainey, Guard; Brad Bernard, Guard; Tony Smith, Tackle; Tony Belser, Wide Receiver; Ross Worsham, Wide Receiver (part-time); Ernest Thompson, Slotback; Frank Johnson, Slotback; Joe Ross, Fullback; Raymond Gross, Quarterback.

DEFENSE (5): Charlie Waller, Guard; James Carter, Guard; Everett Sharpe, Rover; Terry Young, Cornerback; Taz Dixon, Safety.

SPECIALISTS (1): Terry Harvin, Punter.

STARTERS LOST

OFFENSE (2): Ronald Warnock, Tackle; Darren Chandler, Wide Receiver (part-time).

DEFENSE (6): Tyrone Hull, Tackle; Jeff Banks, End; Flint Matthews, Linebacker; Robert Underwood, Linebacker; Oliver Davis, Linebacker; Nay Young, Cornerback.

SPECIALISTS (2): Tim Foley, Kicker, Stan Stipe, Snapper.

LETTERMEN RETURNING

Offense

Quarterback (2): Raymond Gross, Ken Burnette.

Fullback (3): Joe Ross, Garry Miller, Jerome King.

Slotback (3): Ernest Thompson, Frank Johnson, Karl Miller.

Wide Receiver (4) Tony Belser, Ross Worsham, Donnie Allen, Ross Surrency.

Tackle (2): Tony Smith, Sammy Twiggs.

Guards (4): Sean Gainey, Brad Bernard, John Wilson, Mike Wagner.

Center (2): Dennis Franklin, Jay Marshall.

Defense

Guard (5): Charlie Waller, James Carter, Tim Durden, Tim Brown, Joe Crenshaw.

Tackle (1): Darren Alford.

End (1): Giff Smith.

Linebacker (2): Darrell Hendrix, Bart Hughes.

Rover (2): Everett Sharpe, Mike West.

Cornerback (2): Machon Sims, Terry Young.

Safety (3): Taz Dixon, Randell Boone, Calvin Robinson.

Specialists

Kicker (0): None.

Punter (1) Terry Harvin.

Snapper (0): None.

LETTERMEN LOST

Offense

Quarterback (1): Ken Bullock.

Fullback (1): Jimmy Taylor.

Slotback (2): Herman Barron, Keith Geter.

Wide Receiver (1): Darren Chandler.

Tackle (1): Ronald Warnock.

Guard (1): Charles Cochran.

Center (1): Brad Morris.

Defense

Guard (1): Craig Walker.

Tackle (1): Tyrone Hull.

End (2): Jeff Banks, Rod Eichler.

Linebacker (6): Flint Matthews, Robert Underwood, Kenny Butler, Thomas Porter, Oliver Davis, David Hodge.

Rover (0): None.

Cornerback (2): Nay Young, Bruce Holbrook.

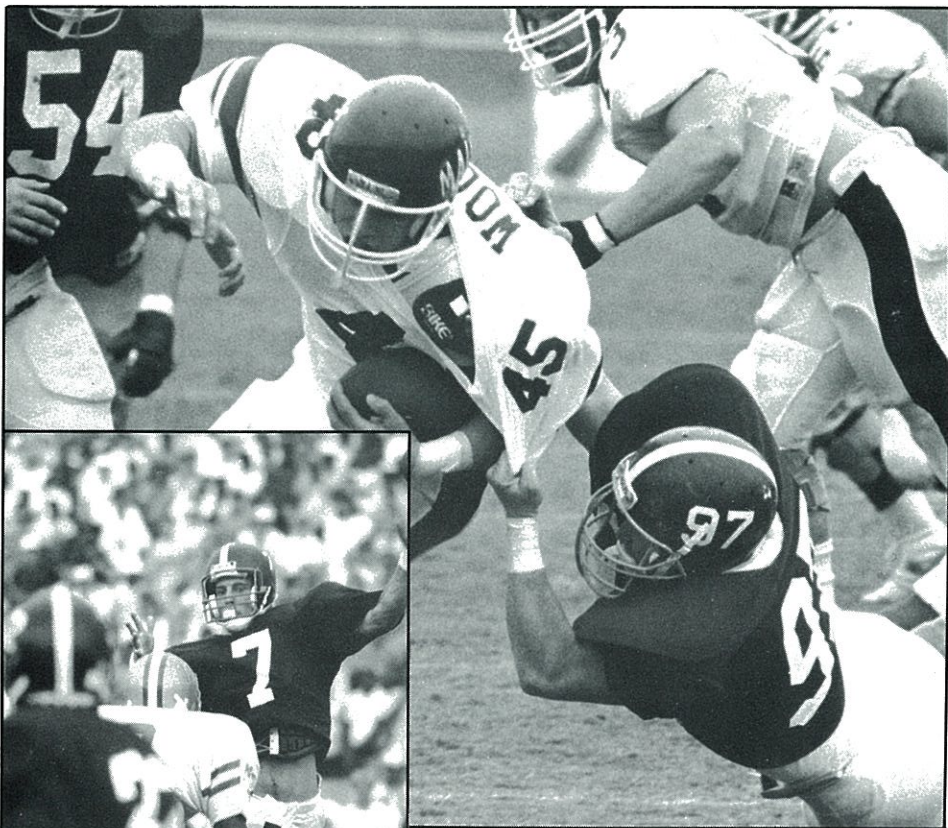
Safety (0): None.

Specialists:

Kicker (2): Tim Foley, Rob Whitton.

Punter (1): Pat Parker.

Snapper (1): Stan Stipe.



QUOTING ERK RUSSELL ON THE 1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES...

Expectations in 1988

"We'll be going into this season a lot like we were last season, except that our quarterback situation seems to be more resolved this year. Whereas in 1987, We had an experienced defensive team, the 1988 edition is very inexperienced and lacks depth. Our offense returns more experienced players than in 1987. Taking all that into consideration, and including the loss of Tim Foley, we might be starting off about the same as we did last year."

The 1988 Schedule

"On the surface, it would appear that most of our tough games are road games. The arrangement of our schedule, especially the road series with Florida A&M, UT-Chattanooga, Middle Tennessee and Florida State on consecutive weeks, is particularly tough. Then to return home and face the defending 1-AA national champion Northeast Louisiana would indicate a very tough schedule. I would say it is impossible, but nothing is impossible."

On The Home Winning Streak

"Number one, we play on the road so much that our players are doubly excited to get to play at home. We have the best playing field in America and our kids just like to play there. Number two, we've received great support from our patrons and, number three, we've been lucky."

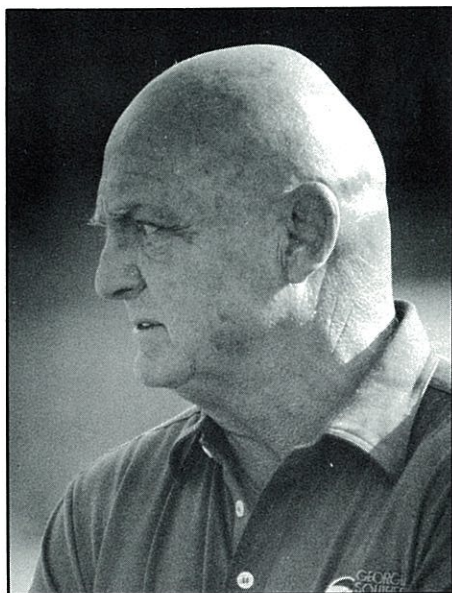
Individual Players

Dennis Franklin - "He is, without a doubt, our best offensive lineman and one of the best in 1-AA. He is an exceptionally fine blocker, particularly in our schemes that go with the option game. He is a great competitor and that competitive spirit contributes greatly to his effectiveness."

Joe Ross - "He is coming off of a fantastic freshman season. Hopefully, he can escape the sophomore jinx. He's capable of running for 60 yards as opposed to most fullbacks who are four and five yard guys. He is a scoring threat anytime he gets the ball. Because of his good speed, there is a possibility that Joe could play some A-Back. Because of the uncertainty due to the questionable status of Frank Johnson (ankle injury) and the lack of experienced depth at the A-Back position, Joe could play there some this year. If that happens, we are very confident that Garry Miller can do the job at fullback."

Loss of Tim Foley

"Losing Foley with his great record has got to be a minus for us. We do have a couple of guys who will be good kickers. But we can't expect them to approach his numbers initially."



NOTEBOOKING THE 1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES . . .

THIRD TIME IS THE CHARM

Georgia Southern enters the 1988 season in search of its third NCAA 1-AA national championship. The Eagles won the title in 1985 and 1986 becoming the first school to ever win back-to-back championships. No school has ever won three 1-AA titles. The Eagles were eliminated in the quarterfinals of the 1987 playoffs. Thus, they will be searching for their fourth consecutive playoff bid.

HOME, SWEET HOME

Georgia Southern enters the season with an 18 game winning streak at Allen E. Paulson Stadium. Since opening the facility on September 29, 1984, Georgia Southern has compiled a 22-1 record at home, winning percentage of 95.7. The last and only time the Eagles have lost at Paulson was in the second game of the 1985 season on September 14 when Middle Tennessee defeated them, 35-10. When Georgia Southern opens the 1988 season against Newberry, the streak will have reached two years, 355 days since the last loss at home.

OFFENSIVE RETURNEES

Georgia Southern returns 10 starters on offense as well as several key reserves. In 1987, the Eagles amassed 4,745 yards in total offense. The Eagles return players who accounted for 4,475 of those yards. That means that 94.3 percent of last year's total offense is returning for the 1988 season.

FROST ON THE PUMPKIN

Georgia Southern assistant coach Pat Spurgeon tells the story of his high school coach whose teams had a reputation of getting better as the season progressed. The

word on that coach was, "you better beat him before the frost gets on the pumpkin." Erk Russell's Georgia Southern teams have a similar reputation. In the last three years (1985-1987), the Eagles have lost only once in the final four games of the regular season. Including playoff games, the Eagles are 21-2 in games played after October 20. Their only regular season loss during that time span was at James Madison, 21-6, in the eighth game of the 1985 season and the only playoff loss was to Appalachian State, 19-0, in the quarterfinals of the 1987 playoffs. In games played in November, the Eagles are 10-1 over the past three years and in the month of December, the Eagles are 6-1 over that same time period.

CHAMPION VS. CHAMPION

When Georgia Southern plays Northeast Louisiana in Statesboro on October 15, it will mark the first time that the Eagles have played the defending NCAA 1-AA champion. Northeast Louisiana defeated Marshall in the championship game last season and Georgia Southern won the two previous 1-AA crowns.

POLL WATCHERS

Being in the 1-AA top 20 is a normality for Georgia Southern. The Eagles have received votes in every 1-AA poll since the week of October 7, 1985, a period of almost three years. The only time during that period that they were not ranked was the second week of last season when the Eagles were honorable mention. The Eagles have been the pre-season pick to win the national championship in each of the last two seasons (1986 and 1987), but have never been ranked number one during the season. Because of the playoff format in Division 1-AA, the poll is discon-

tinued once the playoffs begin. The highest the Eagles have been ranked is fourth. That occurred at the conclusion of the 1986 regular season. The Eagles proceeded to beat top-ranked Nevada-Reno and number two Arkansas State to win the national championship that season.

EAGLES TOUGH WITHIN THE DIVISION

Since starting football in 1982, Georgia Southern has posted a 56-19-1 record, a winning percentage of 73.7. Since joining Division 1-AA in 1984, the Eagles are 41-11 (78.8 percent). Against 1-AA teams since 1984, Georgia Southern has posted an incredible 31-7 record within the division, a winning percentage of 81.6. Since 1984, Georgia Southern's record against non-Division 1-AA teams is as follows: vs. Division 1-A: 0-4 (.000), vs. Division II: 7-0 (1.000), vs. NAIA: 3-0 (1.000).

AIRING IT OUT

If statistics are any indicator, the worst thing an opponent can do is throw the ball a lot against the Eagles. Since 1983, opponents have passed for more than 200 yards against Georgia Southern 21 times. In those games, Georgia Southern is 21-0. In playoff games, Georgia Southern is 6-0 in games in which the opponent has passed for more than 200 yards.

FIRST TIME OPPONENTS

Only two of Georgia Southern's eleven opponents this season are new to the Eagles. 1-A Florida State and 1-AA Samford are the only two schools on the 1988 schedule that the Eagles have never played. Florida State will be only the third 1-A school the Eagles have played. Georgia Southern is 0-3 against East Carolina and 0-1 against Florida. Samford is new to Division 1-AA moving up this year from Division III. The two schools are no strangers to each other, though. Georgia Southern and Samford are both members of

the Trans America Athletic Conference competing in all sports except football which is not a conference sport.

ROSS COULD MAKE HISTORY

Sophomore fullback Joe Ross could make Georgia Southern football history this season. Ross rushed for 1,018 yards in the 1987 regular season becoming only the second player in Georgia Southern history to top the 1,000 yard mark. Should he break the 1,000 yard barrier again, he would become the first Georgia Southern player to accomplish that feat in two separate seasons. The only other Eagle to reach that level was quarterback Tracy Ham who rushed for 1,048 yards in the 1986 regular season.

ALL-AMERICA RETURNEES

Georgia Southern returns two All-Americans on offense this season. Center Dennis Franklin was a consensus All-America last season and returns for his senior year. Fullback Joe Ross was a third team selection by The Associated Press as a freshman last year. The Eagles also lose two All-Americans. Offensive tackle Ronald Warnock was an AP Honorable Mention selection last season while linebacker Flint Matthews was a first team AP choice.

COACHING STAFF INTACT

For the first time since Georgia Southern started football, the coaching staff has remained identical for two straight years. Everyone who coached for the Eagles in 1987 is back. Defensive Coordinator Mike Healey is the only coach other than Erk Russell who has been with the program since its inception in 1982.

CONSISTENT WINNERS

Since joining Division 1-AA in 1984, Georgia Southern has won at least eight games in every season. The Eagles have posted records of 8-3 in 1984, 13-2 in 1985 and 1986 and 9-4 in 1987.

1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN NUMERICAL ROSTER

includes returnees only

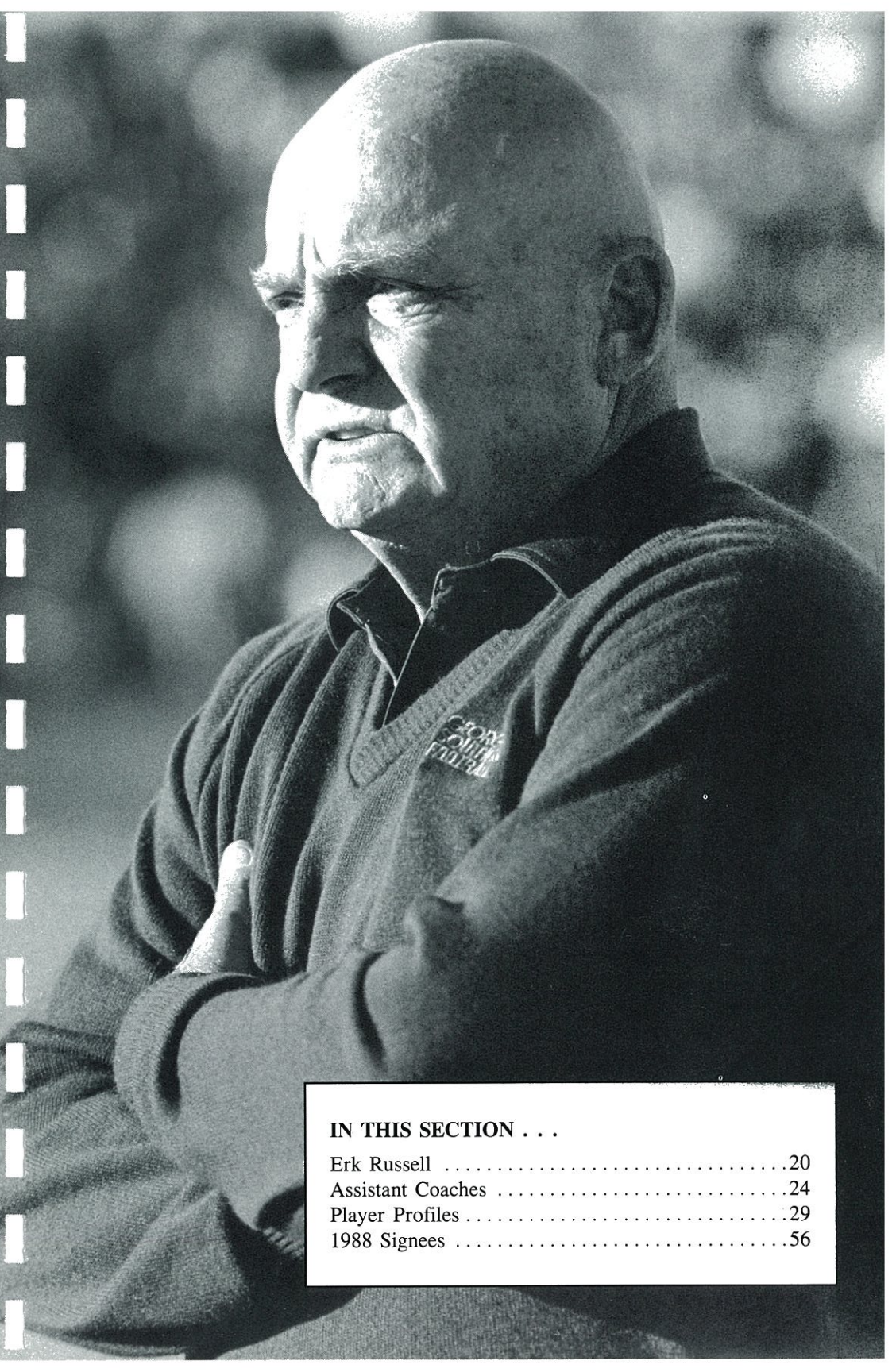
1	Donnie Suber, S	50	Sammy Twiggs, OT
2	Terry Harvin, P	51	Sean Gainey, OG
7	Ken Burnette, QB	52	Brad Bernard, OG
11	Raymond Gross, QB	53	Jay Marshall, C
12	Ernest Thompson, SB	59	Mike Wagner, OG
14	Fred Cuthbertson, SB	60	Brian Broughton, OT
17	Machon Simms, CB	63	John Wilson, OG
18	Robert Terrell, SB	66	George Jones, OT
19	Rodney Oglesby, CB	67	Charlie Waller, DG
21	Tony Belser, WR	68	Tim Durden, DG
22	Taz Dixon, S	71	Joe Crenshaw, DG-SN
24	Karl Miller, SB	72	Danny Smith, OT
26	Alonzo McGhee, SB	76	Dennis Franklin, C
28	Mike West, LB	78	Tony Smith, OT
29	Lee Smith, CB	79	Patrick Parr, DG
30	Terry Young, CB	80	Deryl Belser, WR
31	Jerome King, FB	82	Ross Surrency, WR
32	Garry Miller, FB	84	Ross Worsham, WR
35	Lester Efford, FB	85	Donnie Allen, WR
36	Joe Ross, FB	88	Rusty Shelton, DE
37	Everett Sharpe, LB	94	Tim Brown, DG
43	Darrell Hendrix, LB	95	Giff Smith, DE
44	Chip Harper, LB	96	Steve Bussoletti, DG
45	Robin Brooks, LB	97	Bart Hughes, LB
47	Darryl Hopkins, SB	98	Darren Alford, DE
48	Frank Johnson, SB	99	James Carter, LB
49	Randell Boone, S		

1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
98	Darren Alford	DE	6-3	231	Sr.	Eatonton, Ga.
85	Donnie Allen	WR	6-0	155	Sr.	Macon, Ga.
	Brad Almon	S	5-10	146	Fr.	Valdosta, Ga.
	Clinton Avret	S	6-0	178	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
80	Deryl Belser	WR	5-11	147	Fr.	Augusta, Ga.
21	Tony Belser	WR	5-10	156	Sr.	Augusta, Ga.
52	Brad Bernard	OG	6-0	257	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
	Michael Berry	LB	6-2	203	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.
49	Randell Boone	R	6-3	191	Jr.	Uvalda, Ga.
45	Robin Brooks	LB	6-1	182	Jr.	Pelham, Ga.
60	Brian Broughton	OT	6-7	239	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.
	Alex Brown	WR	6-2	167	Fr.	Pensacola, Fla.
94	Tim Brown	DG	6-2	251	So.	Madison, Ga.
07	Ken Burnette	QB	6-2	198	Sr.	Watkinsville, Ga.
96	Steve Bussoletti	DT	6-2	231	Fr.	Gainesville, Ga.
99	James Carter	DG	6-0	235	Jr.	Valdosta, Ga.
	David Cool	PK	5-11	181	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
23	Erick Cooper	R	5-8	185	Fr.	Thomson, Ga.
71	Joe Crenshaw	DG	6-3	255	Jr.	Hephzibah, Ga.
14	Fred Cuthbertson	QB	5-7	155	Fr.	Harrisburg, Pa.
22	Taz Dixon	S	5-10	165	Jr.	Dublin, Ga.
	Jeff Douthit	LB	6-0	204	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
	Neil Dubberly	C	6-1	231	Fr.	Jesup, Ga.
68	Tim Durden	DG	6-1	236	Sr.	Twin City, Ga.
35	Lester Efford	FB	5-8	197	Fr.	Warner Robins, Ga.
69	Wilbon Etheridge	LB	5-11	191	Fr.	Albany, Ga.
76	Dennis Franklin	C	6-1	258	Sr.	Loganville, Ga.
51	Sean Gainey	OG	5-11	247	Jr.	Hinesville, Ga.
	Rodney Gerido	DG	5-10	225	Fr.	Rincon, Ga.
	Mark Giles	WR	6-1	155	Fr.	Warner Robins, Ga.
11	Raymond Gross	QB	6-0	163	So.	Hinesville, Ga.
	Bobby Guerriere	C	6-1	216	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.
44	Chip Harper	LB	5-9	200	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
02	Terry Harvin	P	5-9	165	So.	Keystone Heights, Fla.
	Eugene Hayes	LB	5-10	190	Fr.	Statham, Ga.
43	Darrell Hendrix	LB	6-0	210	Jr.	Nahunta, Ga.
	Darryl Hopkins	SB	5-9	178	Fr.	Watkinsville, Ga.
97	Bart Hughes	LB	5-10	205	Jr.	Duluth, Ga.
	Albert Huntley	QB	5-11	186	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.
48	Frank Johnson	SB	5-8	195	Sr.	Sylvania, Ga.
66	George Jones	OT	6-1	258	Jr.	Griffin, Ga.
	Curtis Kimbrell	OT	5-11	266	Fr.	Albany, Ga.
31	Jerome King	FB	5-7	196	So.	Americus, Ga.
	Rupert Leary	QB	6-0	173	Fr.	Barnwell, S.C.
	Richard Lukens	OG	6-1	235	Fr.	Albany, Ga.

1988 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

53	Jay Marshall	C	6-1	220	Sr.	Dalton, Ga.
	Shane Maxwell	LB	6-4	176	Fr.	Winder, Ga.
	Shannon Maxwell	QB	6-2	202	Fr.	Winder, Ga.
	Trevor McElraft	R	5-9	176	Fr.	Fairfax, Va.
26	Alonzo McGhee	SB	6-0	179	Fr.	Perry, Ga.
32	Garry Miller	FB	5-11	204	Sr.	Augusta, Ga.
32	Karl Miller	SB	5-11	175	So.	College Park, Ga.
	Jim Mutimer	S	6-1	189	Fr.	Dunwoody, Ga.
	Don Norton	PK	6-0	175	Fr.	Coral Springs, Fla.
	Rodney Oglesby	CB	5-9	159	Fr.	Swainsboro, Ga.
	Joey Parker	DG	6-0	225	Fr.	Hahira, Ga.
79	Patrick Parr	DG	5-11	240	Fr.	West Point, Ga.
	David Paul	S	6-2	169	Fr.	Jesup, Ga.
70	Hal Radford	SN	6-0	173	Fr.	Lincolnton, Ga.
	Randy Rakestraw	S	5-11	173	Fr.	Orange Park, Fla.
	Brannon Rice	CB	5-9	160	Sr.	Elberton, Ga.
16	Calvin Robinson	S	5-10	175	Jr.	Pelham, Ga.
36	Joe Ross	FB	6-1	185	So.	Augusta, Ga.
	Gene Scott	CB	5-11	186	Fr.	Gainesville, Ga.
37	Everett Sharpe	R	5-10	195	Jr.	Lyons, Ga.
88	Rusty Shelton	DE	6-1	211	So.	Mansfield, Ga.
	Paul Sikkelee	LB	5-10	196	Fr.	Dalton, Ga.
17	Machon Simms	CB	5-11	167	So.	Athens, Ga.
72	Danny Smith	OT	6-3	222	Fr.	Waycross, Ga.
29	Lee Smith	CB	5-11	182	Fr.	Bunnell, Fla.
95	Giff Smith	DE	6-2	214	So.	Mableton, Ga.
78	Tony Smith	OT	6-3	242	Sr.	Waycross, Ga.
	Trey Smith	LB	6-7	205	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.
	Matt Spalding	DE	6-2	195	Fr.	Dunwoody, Ga.
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42	Jimmy Taylor	SB	5-9	197	Sr.	Augusta, Ga.
18	Robert Terrell	SB	5-7	158	Fr.	Eustis, Fla.
12	Ernest Thompson	QB	6-2	210	Jr.	Louisville, Ga.
50	Sammy Twiggs	OT	6-0	217	Sr.	North Augusta, S.C.
59	Mike Wagner	OT	5-11	218	Sr.	Statesboro, Ga.
67	Charlie Waller	DG	6-4	239	Jr.	Fairburn, Ga.
	Chance Ward	WR	5-8	140	Fr.	Riverdale, Ga.
28	Michael West	R	5-10	189	So.	Roswell, Ga.
	Jason Whitehead	R	6-0	174	Fr.	Marietta, Ga.
65	Bubba Williams	OT	6-1	231	Fr.	Tyrone, Ga.
63	John Wilson	OG	6-1	241	So.	Dublin, Ga.
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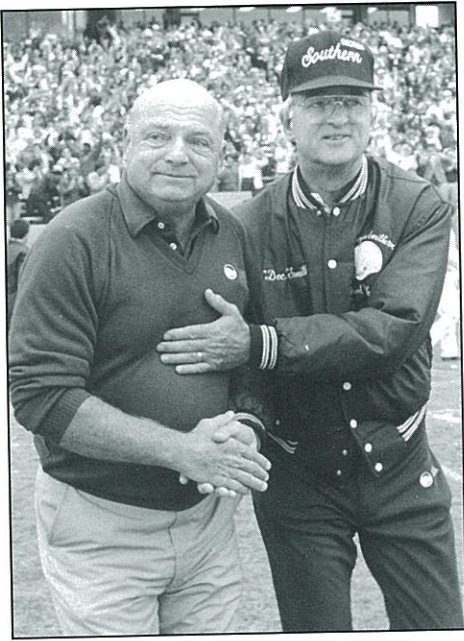


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ERK RUSSELL

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



Few coaches in the country have experienced the kind of success and popularity that Erk Russell has enjoyed in six years as head football coach at Georgia Southern. Two national championships, 56 wins, and nine All-America players--all at a school whose football program had been dormant for the preceding four decades.

When Georgia Southern resurrected its football program in 1981, it looked to Russell, the long-time defensive coordinator at the University of Georgia, to direct its fortunes. His passion for football and his down-home personality made him an immediate hit with fans and students alike. Those same traits enabled Russell to develop unique relationships with his players and have earned him a reputation as a "players' coach."

Russell's first Georgia Southern squad in 1982, composed entirely of walk-ons, fashioned a 7-3-1 record. In his second season, the Eagles posted a 6-5 mark, with four of the five losses coming by five

points or less. In 1984, Southern joined Division 1-AA and compiled an 8-3 record, narrowly missing a national playoff berth. Russell followed that with back-to-back 13-2 campaigns and consecutive 1-AA national titles. The Eagles posted an 9-4 mark in 1987.

Russell, who became a legend as a defensive genius at Georgia, has put together an extraordinary offensive machine at Georgia Southern. His 1986 squad led the nation in scoring, averaging 41.3 points per game; total offense, averaging 501.8 yards per game; and rushing offense, averaging 327.1 yards per game. His Eagles were virtually unstoppable in the 1986 playoffs, averaging 50.7 points per game in four post-season outings.

In just six years as a collegiate head coach, Russell has registered a career record of 56-19-1, a .737 winning percentage. While he has recorded some impressive numbers on the field, his significance to Georgia Southern and Statesboro is felt off the field as well. The community has developed a sense of pride with Russell, giving the people of Southeast Georgia a symbol and a team to call their own. His warmth and coaching skill have made him a legend in the profession, and that has transferred into the community. He is considered one of the boys, but his success has raised him above the crowd.

During his 17-year tenure at Georgia, Russell molded some of the nation's finest defensive teams, and his tenacious Junkyard Dogs became synonymous with Georgia football. His 1967 Bulldogs led the SEC in total defense and scoring defense. In 1968, Georgia again paced the conference in total defense and led the national in scoring defense, yielding only 9.8 points per contest. In 1971, Russell's

squad led the country in shutouts and placed among the nation's top 10 in rushing defense, total defense and scoring defense. His 1978 outfit finished a single point behind national champion Alabama in scoring defense, and his 1979 team led the national in takeovers with 49.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Russell holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn University. He played football, basketball, baseball and tennis at Auburn, earning a total of 10 varsity letters. He was the last four-sport letterman in Auburn athletic history.

Russell began his coaching career in 1950 at Atlanta's Grady High School, where he guided his troops to the 1953 AAA State title and was twice voted AAA High School Coach-of-the-Year. He returned to his alma mater in 1958 as freshman football coach and baseball coach. He was elevated to the Auburn varsity in 1961, serving as a defensive coach and scout. He was Vanderbilt's head defensive coach in 1963 before joining Vince Dooley's staff at Georgia a year later.

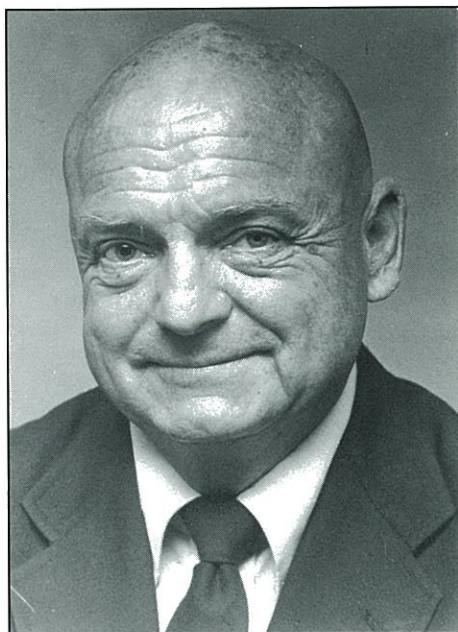
Born July 23, 1926, Russell is married to the former Jean Farmer of Birmingham. They have two sons, Rusty, the defensive coordinator at Valdosta State, and Jay, the receivers coach at Georgia Southern.

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY ABOUT ERK RUSSELL

Ed Hinton, Southeastern Football:

"Such a mystical, complex man this Russell seems to be, thanks to the national media; a balding high priest of swamp water hexes, rustic eloquence and dazzling offense; a molder of national championships at a college that only six years ago had no football program"

"But such a simple man this Russell really is, . . . with his fresh ideas that (a) always manage to get his points across to his players and (b) somehow mushroom into regional, sometimes national, legends."



Douglas Looney, Sports Illustrated:

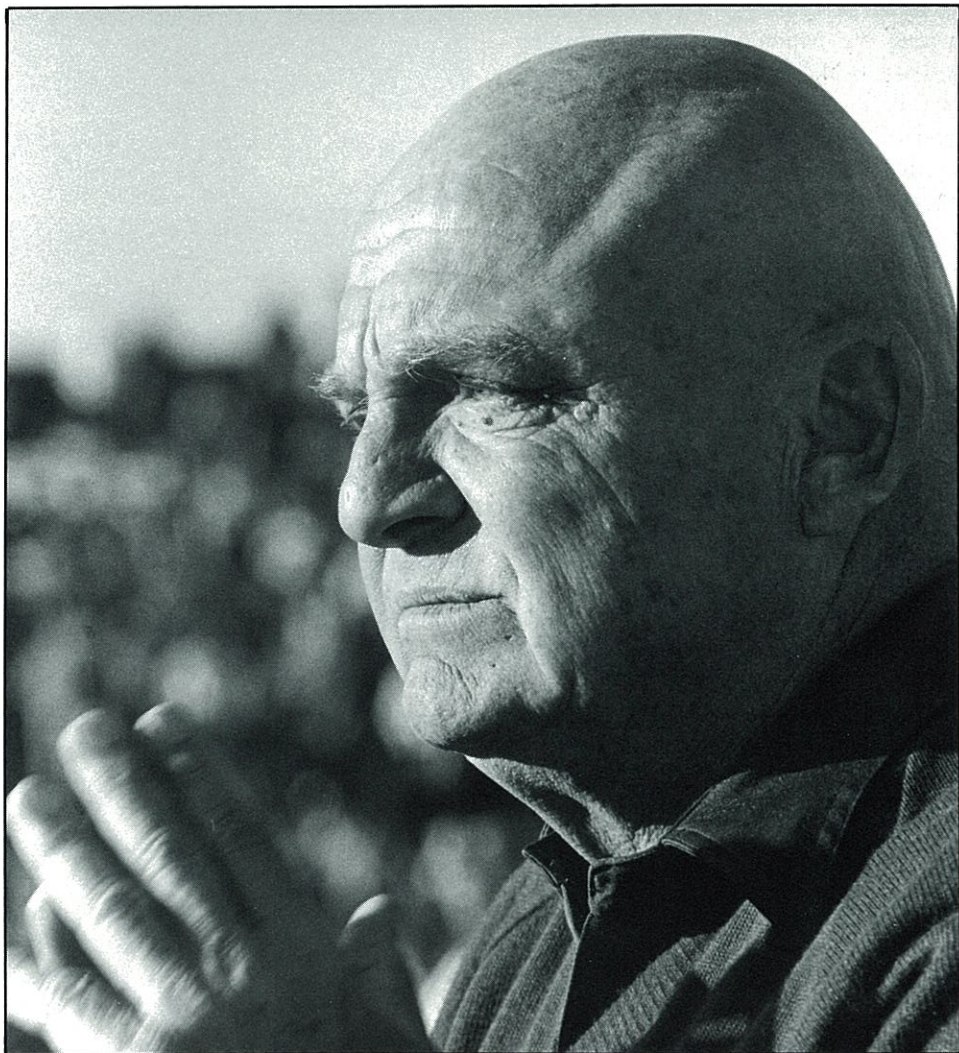
"But Russell is different, and therefore better, because he doesn't complicate things. As far as Erk is concerned, the only thing better than a simple idea is an even simpler idea."

Looney (again): "Yet, the winning and losing is not the point at Georgia Southern. The point is the great good spirit that Russell has brought to this peaceful burg 50 miles from Savannah. **Statesboro is football the way it ought to be. Nothing slick. Nothing fancy.**"

Keith Jackson, ABC Sports: "Not a young man who played for Erk Russell during the past two championship seasons won't tell his children and his grandchildren something he learned from this great man. It was like that with Knute Rockne and Bear Bryant."

Ivan Maisel, Dallas Morning News:

"This bald head wears many hats. Russell is rivermaster of Beautiful Eagle Creek, a part time snake charmer and a full-time legend, not only because he wins on Saturday. That is usually enough in these parts. All South Georgia ever had was farming



and football and we all know what shape farming is in.

"But it's how he wins that accounts for the pedestal. Russell is loved because he makes haves out of have nots."

James Palmer, Macon Telegraph:

"Maybe Erk Russell really is a magician. After all, he turned a Statesboro drainage ditch into Beautiful Eagle Creek and created a two-time Division 1-AA national champion out of a team that didn't exist six years ago. If he's not a magician, he's still one of the best loved coaches Georgia has ever known, and nothing short of a

legend at Georgia Southern College."

Richard Hoffer, Los Angeles Times:

"Credit Erk Russell, a bigger, balder and slowed-down replica of Don Rickles, with this instant football. A longtime Georgia assistant coach, whose sideline quirkiness was already legend, Russell has done more than create a football power from scratch; he has hatched a full-blown program complete with its own anecdotal history. Six years ago, no football: today, a coach legendary enough to retire the Bear's ghost."

ERK RUSSELL'S RECORD THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
1982	Ga. Southern	7	3	1	.636
1983	Ga. Southern	6	5	0	.545
1984	Ga. Southern	8	3	0	.727
1985	Ga. Southern	13	2	0	.867
1986	Ga. Southern	13	2	0	.867
1987	Ga. Southern	9	4	0	.692
Six Years		56	19	1	.737

HONORS AND AWARDS

1987

Inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

1986

Kodak-American Football Coaches Association 1-AA Coach-of-the-Year

Washington, D.C., Touchdown Club 1-AA Coach-of-the-Year

Football News Coach-of-the-Year

Chevrolet-CBS Sports 1-AA Coach-of-the-Year

Atlanta Touchdown Club Coach-of-the-Year

Macon Touchdown Club Coach-of-the-Year

100% Wrong Club of Atlanta Coach-of-the-Year

Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year

Statesboro Rotary Club Man-of-the-Year

1985

Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

Coach-of-the-Year

Football News Coach-of-the-Year

ABC-TV Coach-of-the-Year

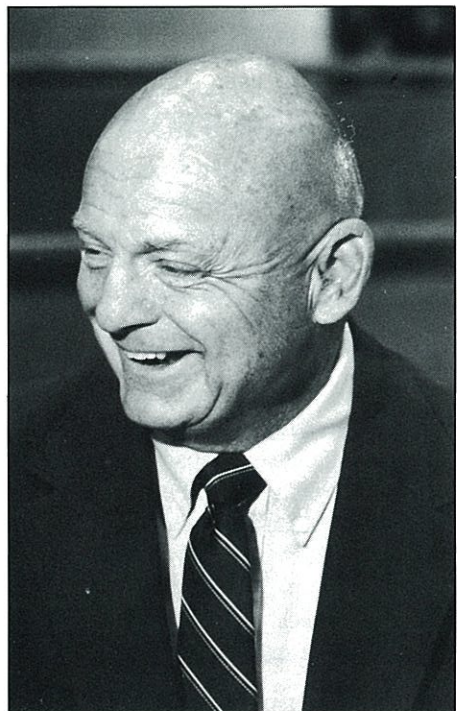
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Coach-of-the-Year

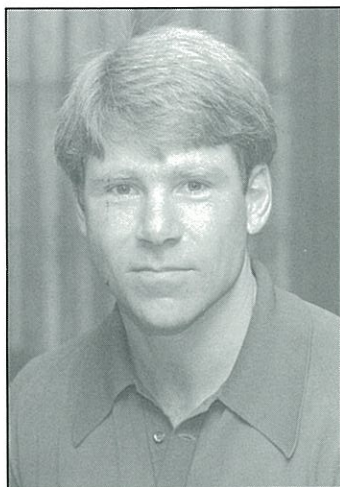
1984

Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

Coach-of-the-Year



ASSISTANT COACHES



MIKE HEALEY

Defensive Coordinator

Mike Healey is a veteran seven-season member of the Georgia Southern coaching staff. Upon joining the Eagle staff in 1982, Healey first served as defensive coordinator and worked closely with Eagle linebackers. After being elevated to his current assistant head coaching position in 1985, his additional duties have consisted of working with Erk Russell in the administrative operation of the football program.

Healey earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Florida, where he was a starting defensive tackle in 1967 and 1968. He served on the Gator coaching staff in 1973 as a graduate assistant and worked closely with the freshman team offensive

line. The Jacksonville native served two years at his prep alma mater of Bishop Kenny High School as head defensive coach before being named head coach in 1976. While there, he posted a five-year record of 37-13, capturing a pair of conference titles and two district championships. He was a two-time conference Coach-of-the-Year selection and was the 1976 Florida Times-Union Coach-of-the-Year.

Healey, who was a stand-out in football and track at Bishop Kenny, is single.

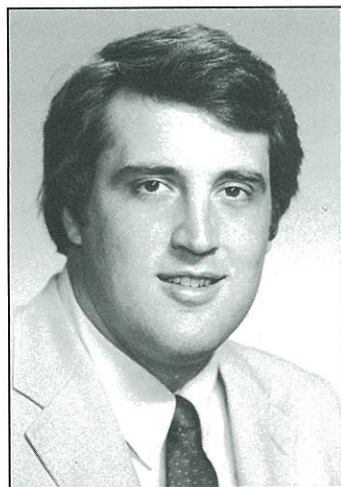
TIM STOWERS

Offensive Coordinator

Tim Stowers enters his fourth season as Georgia Southern's offensive line coach and assumes the role of Offensive Coordinator this season. He served as offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Jacksonville (AL) State prior to joining the Eagle staff in 1985.

A three-year letterman at Auburn, Stowers was the last Tiger player to play both offense (guard and tackle) and defense (linebacker and noseguard) in the same game back in 1978. Following his playing years, he joined the Auburn coaching staff as student coach, graduate assistant, and served two years as head junior varsity coach and varsity film coach.

Stowers received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn. He and his wife Gay have one child, TJ.



JAY RUSSELL

Receivers

Jay Russell enters his fourth year as a Georgia Southern assistant with responsibility for the wide receivers. In addition to his current position, he also worked as a graduate assistant on the 1982 team.

Russell, son of Eagle head coach Erk Russell, was a three-year letterman for the University of Georgia before an injury cut short his playing career. He earned both his undergraduate and master's degrees from Georgia.

Before returning to Statesboro prior to the 1985 season, Russell served as athletic director, head football coach, and baseball coach at Barnesville (GA) Academy. He posted a two-year football record of 16-6

and captured a pair of region championships. He was twice named region Coach-of-the-Year.

Russell and his wife Lynn have two children, Mandy and Davis.



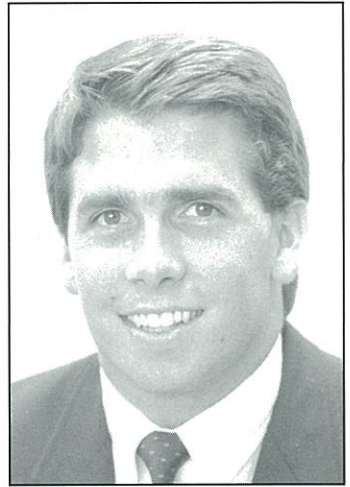
TOMMY SPANGLER

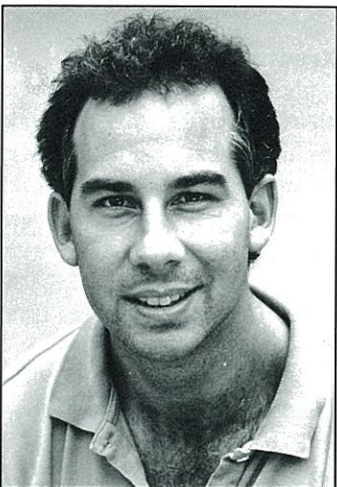
Secondary

After two seasons as a graduate assistant at the University of Georgia, Tommy Spangler came to Georgia Southern last year to work with the Eagles defense.

A native of Stone Mountain, Ga., Spangler was a three-sport stand-out at Stone Mountain High School. He moved on to play defensive back at the University of Georgia, where he was a member of the 1980 national championship squad. After earning his undergraduate degree from UGA in 1983, he served for one year as an assistant coach at Shiloh High near Atlanta.

Spangler was married to the former Kim Pierce during the off-season and is continuing to work towards a master's degree at Georgia Southern.





JAY VENUTO

Quarterbacks

Assuming second-year duties as the Eagle's quarterback coach, Jay Venuto is well-versed in this role.

A Salem, NJ, native, Venuto was a three-time All-State quarterback at Salem High. He then moved on to become a stand-out at Wake Forest. While playing for the Demon Deacons, Venuto twice earned the honorable-mention All-America honors and was 1979 Atlantic Coast Conference Player-of-the-Year. He set nine school passing and total offense records during his college career. A brief professional career followed in both the NFL and USFL with the Baltimore Colts and the Birmingham Stallions.

His first coaching assignment came at Appalachian State in 1981. He then moved into a graduate assistantship at the University of Pittsburgh for two years before returning to his alma mater as quarterback coach in 1984.

Venuto graduated from Wake Forest in 1981 and holds a master's degree from Pittsburgh. He is married to the former Jill Burlington.

RAY GREGORY

Offensive Line

Ray Gregory will be assisting offensive line coach Tim Stowers during his second year on the Eagle staff.

Gregory, a graduate of Lees-McRae Junior College and Emory and Henry College, coached the receivers at Bridgewater (Mass.) State in 1986 and also served as a defensive assistant at Patrick Henry High (VA), his alma mater, in 1985.

Gregory, who is single, is currently seeking a graduate degree in sport management from Georgia Southern.





JIM JARRARD

Outside Linebackers

Jim Jarrard came to Georgia Southern last year as a graduate assistant. After receiving his degree in the off-season, he will continue coaching this year as a full-time assistant on the Eagle staff working with the outside linebackers.

Jarrard's coaching experience began in 1982 as a student coach at Cedar Shoals High School in Athens, Ga. He then entered into a graduate assistant stint at Southeastern Louisiana and went from there into a full-time position at Mississippi College.

Jarrard earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and also holds a master's degree from Mississippi College in addition to his recently earned second degree from Georgia Southern. Jarrard is married to the former Lori Beth Ferguson.

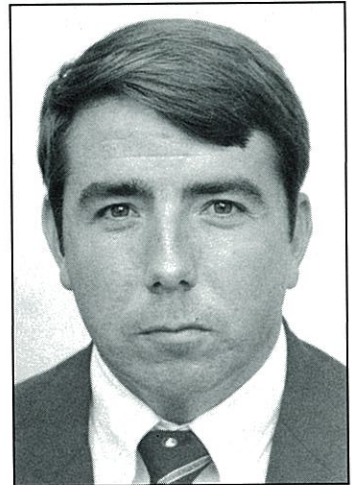
JOHN PATE

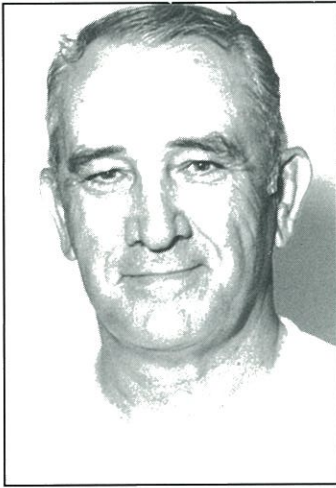
Defensive Line

Beginning his second season as a member of the Eagle coaching staff, John Pate handles the Georgia Southern defensive line.

Pate came to Georgia Southern as a graduate assistant in 1985. Before coming here he had served the 1984 season as head coach at Union College in Barbourville, Ky. He has also worked as defensive coordinator and head track coach at Georgia Southwestern. Pate was first introduced to the Eagles while he was assistant head coach and defensive coordinator for the Fort Benning Doughboys in 1981.

Pate holds a bachelor's degree from North Georgia College and a master's in sport management from Georgia Southern. He and wife Tammy became parents in July.





PAT SPURGEON

Kickers & Scouting

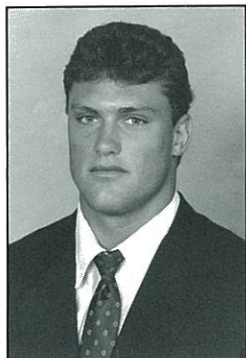
Pat Spurgeon, one of the first coaches to join Erk Russell's staff when the Eagle's program was re-activated in 1981, has perhaps the most diverse background of any college coach in America. Not only does Spurgeon coach the Eagle kickers and handle all scouting duties, but had given many years of service as an English professor on the Georgia Southern faculty until his retirement this year.

After putting in All-State performances in high school football and baseball, Spurgeon put in four football seasons at Emory and Henry, during which time his team compiled a 41-1-1 record. He completed his graduate work at Emory and Henry, then received both

his master's and doctorate from the University of Tennessee. He and his wife Ann have two sons.



MEET THE 1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES...



94 Darren Alford

Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 235, Senior, Eatonton, Ga.

Will battle for the starting job at defensive tackle...Can also play defensive guard and end...Originally came to Georgia Southern as a walk-on quarterback. **1987:** Credited with seven tackles, five solos and two assists, in limited playing time....Saw more playing time as the season progressed...His only sack was a crucial drive stopper against Maine in the opening round of the 1-AA playoffs...Credited with one pass breakup. **1986:** Used sparingly in a reserve role...Did not record any tackles. **1985:**

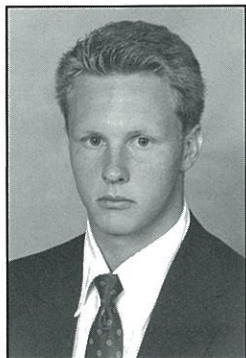
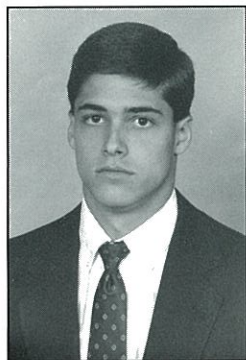
Sat out the 1985 season. **1984:** Played tight end before Georgia Southern converted to the run-and-shoot offense...No receptions. **High School:** Outstanding quarterback at Eatonton High School.

Donnie Allen

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Wide Receiver, 6-0, 155, Junior, Macon, Ga.

Will battle for the starting job vacated by Darren Chandler...Good route runner with excellent hands. **1987:** Made two receptions for 25 yards, one catch vs. Catawba and one vs. Western Kentucky...Saw extensive playing time when Darren Chandler suffered back injury. **1986:** Used sparingly...Did not catch a pass. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-State selection at Tattnall Square Academy...Also named All-Middle Georgia, All-Region and All-City...Most Valuable Player as a senior.



Clinton Avret

Defensive Back, 5-11, 175, Freshman, Jacksonville, Fla.

Will battle for playing time at defensive back this season. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two sport star at Bolles High lettering in football and baseball...Voted Most Valuable Player in baseball as a senior...Voted team's best receiver and best defensive player in football.

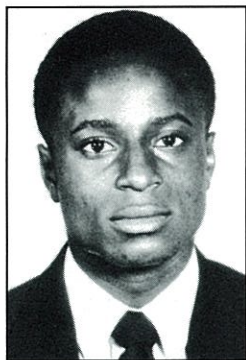
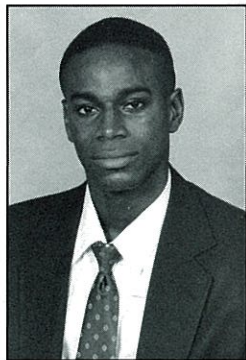
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Deryl Belser

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Wide Receiver, 5-11, 150, Freshman, Augusta, Ga.

Will contend for starting job vacated by Darren Chandler...Brother of Georgia Southern's starting receiver Tony Belser...Similar to Tony in that he has great speed...Has the talent to become one of the Eagles' top receivers. **1987:** Red-shirted. **High School:** Player of the Year at Glenn Hills High as a senior...All-City player in basketball and an academic All-County selection.



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Tony Belser

Wide Receiver, 5-11, 156, Senior, Augusta, Ga.

One of the top receivers in Division 1-AA this season...Has all the tools-tremendous speed and good hands...If he played on a passing team, would be an All-America candidate...As good a blocker as he is a receiver. **1987:** Set Georgia Southern single season record for receptions with 35...Averaged 16.0 yards per catch with 561 yards receiving...Led the team in touchdown receptions with four...On the receiving end of Georgia Southern's longest pass play of the season, a 68 yard touchdown catch against East Carolina...Had at least one reception in 12 of Georgia Southern's 13 games...Had at least two receptions in nine games...Had eight receptions for 124 yards and one touchdown against East Carolina...Also returned punts for the Eagles averaging 6.7 yards per return...Longest return was 41 yards against Central Florida...Returned one kickoff for 13 yards. **1986:** Made 11 receptions for 316 yards and three touchdowns...Led the team in yards-per-catch at 28.7...On the receiving end of the longest regular season play in Georgia Southern history, a 77 yarder against Bethune-Cookman...Caught three passes against East Carolina and Central Florida...Returned 25 punts averaging 7.1 yards per return...Longest return was 41 yards against Tennessee Tech...Returned two kickoffs including a 55 yard against Western Kentucky...Caught eight passes in the playoffs, two for touchdowns. **1985:** Caught nine passes for 183 yards averaging 20.3 yards per catch...Returned 16 kickoffs averaging 22.1 yards per return including a 60 yarder against East Tennessee State...Averaged 13.8 yards per return...Caught eight passes in the playoffs averaging 25.5 yards per catch and scored two touchdowns. **High School:** All-State defensive back at Glenn Hills High...Outstanding pitcher in baseball.

Top Game: 8 receptions, 124 yards, 1 touchdown vs. East Carolina (1987).

Longest reception: 77 yards vs. Bethune-Cookman (1986).

Longest punt return: 41 yards vs. Tennessee Tech (1986), Central Florida (1987).

Longest kick return: 55 yards vs. Western Kentucky (1986).

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Tony Belser continued

Regular Season Only					Playoffs Only			
	Rec	Yards	Avg	TD	Rec	Yards	Avg	TD
1987	35	561	16.0	4	4	35	8.8	0
1986	11	316	28.7	3	8	145	18.1	2
1985	9	183	20.3	0	8	204	25.5	2
	54	1060	19.6	7	20	384	19.2	4

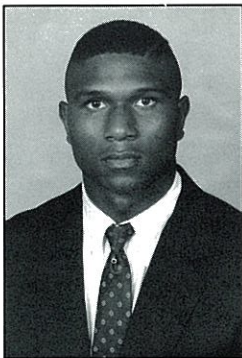
Brad Bernard 52

Offensive Guard, 6-0, 262, Junior, Jacksonville, Fla.

Will start at one of the guard spots for Georgia Southern this season...Has greatly improved with more playing time.

1987: Became a starter in the third game of the season when Charles Cochran suffered season-ending knee injury...Started 11 games for the Eagles...Became a top flight blocker by season's end...Suffered a dislocated shoulder in playoff loss to Appalachian State...Behind his blocking, Georgia Southern averaged 265.9 yards rushing per game. **1986:** Back up to Charles Cochran and All-

American James Carter...Saw limited playing time. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three sport star at Terry Parker High School receiving All-City honors in football, wrestling and track and field...All-State selection as a shot putter.



Michael Berry

Linebacker, 6-2, 215, Freshman, Atlanta, Ga.

Has the talent to see a lot of playing time for the Eagles this season...Great speed for a linebacker. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Lettered in Six sports at C.L. Harper High in Atlanta...Lettered in football, basketball, track, golf, tennis and soccer...All-State selection in football.

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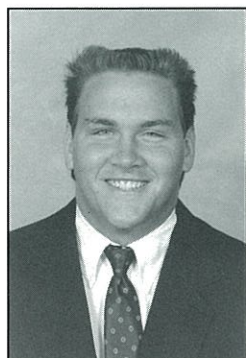
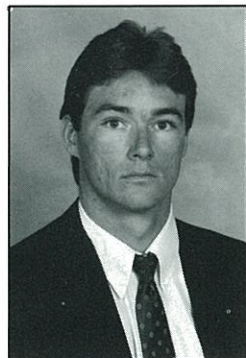
Randell Boone

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Safety, 6-3, 196, Sophomore, Uvalda, Ga.

Saw extensive playing time as the season progressed last year...Could start at safety this season if Taz Dixon moves to cornerback...Has outstanding speed...A big play performer.

1987: Credited with seven tackles, six solos and one assist...Tried for second on the team in pass breakups with six...Had a touchdown-saving interception in a crucial spot against James Madison...Had One quarterback sack...Also played rover and cornerback. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Four sport star at Robert Toombs Academy where he was an All-State selection in football, basketball, track and baseball...Player-of-the-Year in football as a senior.



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Brian Broughton

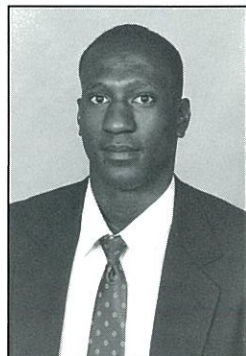
Offensive Tackle, 6-7, 244, Sophomore, Jacksonville, Fla.

Will battle for starting spot vacated by Ronald Warnock...Saw limited playing time last season after being converted to offensive tackle from defensive end...Tallest player on the team at 6-7. **1987** Back up to veterans Ronald Warnock and Tony Smith...Used sparingly. **1986:** Redshirted.

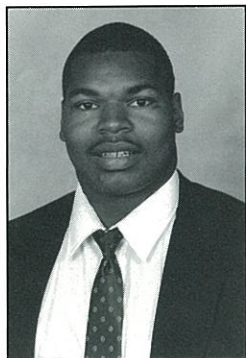
Alex Brown

Wide Receiver, 6-2, 180, Freshman, Pensacola, Fla.

Will battle for playing time at wide receiver...Has great speed. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Was the receiving threat that complimented the running of Emmitt Smith at Escambia High...Lettered in two sports, football and track...Voted track team MVP.



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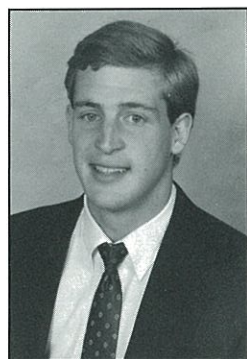
94 Tim Brown

Defensive Guard, 6-2, 256, Sophomore, Madison, Ga.

With James Carter moving to linebacker, will battle with Tim Durden for starting role at defensive guard. **1987:** Only true freshman to play on the defensive line...Credited with seven tackles, three solos and four assists...Showed promise and could develop into an outstanding defensive lineman. **High School:** Most Valuable Player as a senior at Morgan County High School.

Ken Burnette

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Quarterback, 6-2, 198, Senior, Watkinsville, Ga.

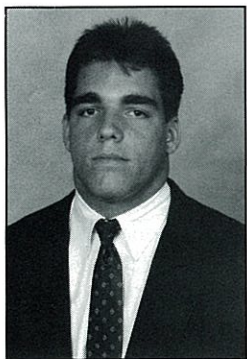
Will battle with Raymond Gross for the starting quarterback position this season...Valuable player because of his game experience...Has a sound knowledge of football and shows great poise in pressure situation. **1987:** Started four games at quarterback for Georgia Southern winning three of them...Led the Eagles to wins over Middle Tennessee State, Central Florida and Bethune-Cookman...Only loss was against 1-A East Carolina and that by just three points, 16-13...Completed 38-of-82 passes for 458 yards with three interceptions and two touchdowns...Rushed for 122 yards on 49 carries and scored one touchdown...Passed for more than 100 yards three times - vs. Middle Tennessee (105), East Carolina (160) and Central Florida (155)...Rushed for a career-high 91 yards against Central Florida...Georgia Southern had to come from behind in two of his wins as a starter against Middle Tennessee and Central Florida. **1986:** Was the top backup to All-American Tracy Ham...Played in seven regular season games and three of four playoff games...Rushed for 67 yards on 13 carries and completed four-of-six passes for 114 yards and two touchdowns...Rushed seven times for 38 yards in the playoffs and completed one-of-four passes for four yards with one interception. **1985:** Played in four games in the regular season rushing for one yard on three carries...Attempted only one pass. **High School:** Most Valuable Player and team captain at Oconee County High...Named All-Area as a senior after becoming the first Oconee player to pass for more than 1,000 yards in a season...Wears an artificial eye in his right eye as the result of childhood injury.

Top Rushing Game: 91 yards on 15 carries, one touchdown vs. Central Florida (1987).
Top Passing Game: 16-of-30 for 160 yards one interception vs. East Carolina (1987).

Regular Season Only

Rushing	Att	Yards	Avg	TD	Passing	Att	Comp	Yards	Int	TD
1987	49	122	2.5	1	1987	82	38	458	3	2
1986	23	67	2.8	0	1986	6	4	114	0	2
1985	3	1	0.3	0	1985	1	0	0	0	0
	75	190	2.5	1		89	42	572	3	4

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96 Steve Bussioletti

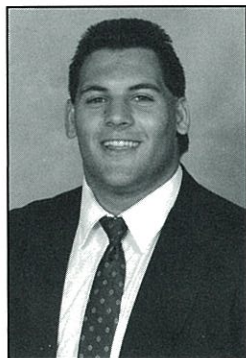
Defensive Guard, 6-2, 236, Freshman, Gainesville, Ga.

Will contend for playing time on the defensive line this season...Has great football sense and should develop into an outstanding player. **1987:** Redshirted **High School:** Most Valuable Player as a senior at Johnson High School...**Gainesville Times** All-Area selection.

James Carter 99

Linebacker, 6-2, 235, Junior, Valdosta, Ga.

Moved to linebacker this year to take advantage of his speed and football awareness... Nicknamed 'Wildman' for his aggressive style of play... Has the potential to be one of the best defensive players to ever play at Georgia Southern. **1987:** Led the team in quarterback sacks with seven playing as a defensive guard... Third on the team in tackles with 79, 55 solos and 24 assists... Had two caused fumbles, one recovered fumble and one pass breakup... Plays fullback in Georgia Southern's short yardage offense... Top game was 12 tackles against Western Carolina, 11 solos and one assist and one quarterback sack. **1986:** Only true freshman to play for Georgia Southern... Made 42 tackles, 22 solos and 20 assists... Credited with one pass breakup, two quarterback sacks and one recovered fumble... Missed four games due to emergency appendectomy. **High School:** All-State selection at Lowndes County High... Played in the Georgia-Florida All-Star game leading the Georgia team in tackles and being named the Georgia MVP.



Top Tackle Game: 12 vs. Western Carolina (1987).

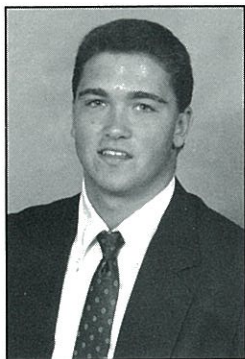
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	Tot	UA	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	71	48	23	7	2	1	0	0	1
1986	29	17	12	2	0	1	0	0	0
	100	65	35	9	2	2	0	0	1

Playoffs Only

	Tot	UA	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	8	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	13	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
	21	12	9	0	0	0	0	0	0

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David Cool

Kicker, 5-11, 181, Freshman, Stone Mountain, Ga.

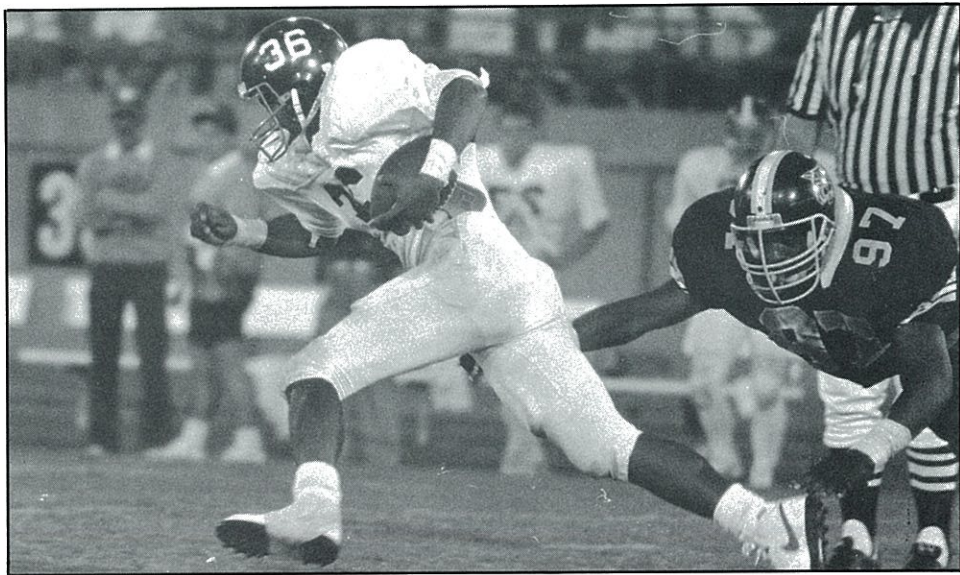
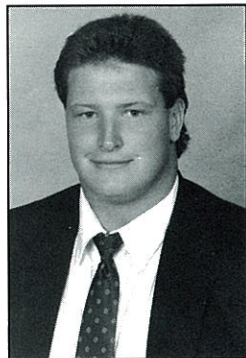
Will battle with Don Norton to become Georgia Southern's kicker this fall. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two sport star at Stone Mountain High lettering in football and soccer...All-County selection and Special Teams MVP.

Joe Crenshaw

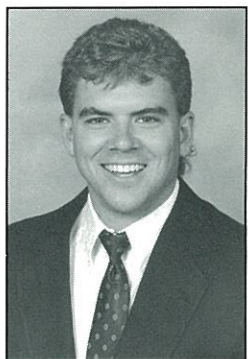
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Defensive Guard, 6-3, 260, Junior, Hephzibah, Ga.

Will compete for playing time at defensive guard this season...Converted to defensive line after originally signing an offensive lineman. **1987:** Credited with one tackle, an assist...Saw limited playing time. **1986:** Backup at offensive guard to Charles Cochran and James Carter...Saw limited action. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-Region and All-State selection at Edmund Burke Academy.



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22 Taz Dixon

Safety, 5-10, 170, Junior, Dublin, Ga.

Started all 13 games last season at safety...Fastest player in the secondary...Big play player who hits hard. **1987:** Led the secondary in tackles with 73, 46 solos and 27 assists...Second on the team in interceptions with four and second in pass breakups with six...Also had two caused fumbles...Intercepted two passes against eventual national champion Northeast Louisiana...Had career-high 19 tackles in playoffs against Appalachian State. **1986:** Saw limited time at cornerback, but

had three interceptions returning one 55 yards for a touchdown against Tennessee Tech...Credited with 14 tackles, seven solos and seven assists...Had two pass breakups. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played prep ball at Dublin High School.

Top Tackle Game: 19 vs. Appalachian State (1987).

Regular Season Only

	Tot	UA	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	53	33	20	0	1	0	4	0	6
1986	9	6	3	0	0	0	2	0	1
	62	39	23	0	1	0	6	0	7

Playoffs Only

	Tot	UA	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	20	13	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
1986	5	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	1
	25	14	11	0	1	0	1	0	1



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Tim Durden

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Defensive Guard, 6-1, 241, Senior, Twin City, Ga.

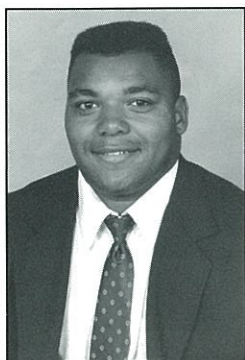
Has the inside track for a starting slot this season...Spent most of last season with an injured foot, thus limiting his playing time. **1987:** Credited with one tackle, a solo...Backup to Charlie Waller and James Carter. **1986:** Made one tackle in limited playing time. **1985:** Used sparingly in a reserve role. **High School:** All-State selection at Emanuel County Institute...Played in the Georgia High School All-Star Game



35 Lester Efford

Fullback, 5-8, 202, Freshman, Warner Robins, Ga.

Hard-nosed runner who will compete for playing time this fall...Low center of gravity makes him tough to tackle. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Voted Best Offensive Back at Warner Robins High School and was recipient of the Golden Helmet Award..Rushed for over 1,000 yards as a senior...First cousin of James Brooks of the Cincinnati Bengals.

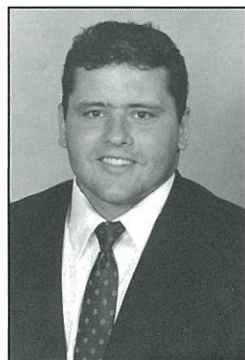


Dennis Franklin

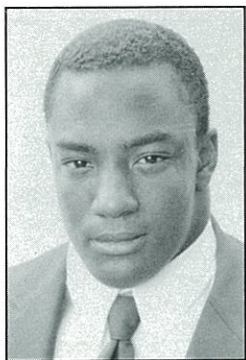
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Center, 6-1, 263, Senior, Loganville, Ga.

The premier offensive lineman in Division 1-AA...First team All-America selection last season by Kodak-American Football Coaches Association and Walter Camp...Second team pick by Associated Press and The Sports Network...**Atlanta Journal-Constitution** College Division Player-of-the-Year in 1987 becoming the first offensive lineman to ever win that award...Solid blocker who does everything well..."The best center I've ever been associated with," said Erk Russell. "He can do it all." **1987:** Top blocker for Georgia Southern...Team averaged 265.9 yards rushing per game...Behind Franklin, fullback Joe Ross rushed for more than 1,100 yards. **1986:** Anchored the offensive line that allowed Georgia Southern to average 501.8 yards per game in total offense and 327.1 yards rushing. **1985:** Eagles averaged 410.9 yards in total offense as the result of offensive line's work. **High School:** Played prep ball at Loganville High School...Member of the Georgia High School All-Star Game.



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51 Sean Gainey

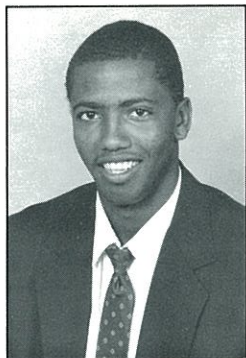
Offensive Guard, 5-11, 252, Junior, Hinesville, Ga.

Started all 13 games for the Eagles last season and will start again this year...Strongest player on this team with a bench press of more than 500 pounds. **1987:** Combined with Dennis Franklin and Brad Bernard to give Georgia Southern a solid line...Eagles averaged 365 yards per game in total offense as a result. **1986:** Because a starter in the playoffs starting in the semi-final and final games...Georgia Southern averaged 600 yards per game in total offense in those two games. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played his prep ball at Bradwell Institute.

Raymond Gross 11

Quarterback, 6-0, 178, Sophomore, Hinesville, Ga.

Wore number 15 last season switch to number 11 in the spring, the same number he wore in high school...Became Georgia Southern's starting quarterback in the seventh game of the season and led the Eagles to their third straight playoff appearance...Versatile player who runs as well as he throws... Similar in style to former Georgia Southern great Tracy Ham ...Could become one of the top quarterbacks in Division I-AA this season. **1987:** Started seven games for Georgia Southern and six of them were against teams ranked in the top 20...First career start was against eventual national champion Northeast Louisiana...Led Georgia Southern to wins over Western Carolina, Western Kentucky, James Madison, South Carolina State and Maine...Only losses were to Northeast Louisiana and top-ranked Appalachian State in the playoffs...Rushed for 765 yards on 170 carries averaging 4.5 yards per attempt...Led the team in rushing touchdowns with nine...completed 54-of-116 passes for 608 yards with six interceptions and two touchdowns...Averaged 137.3 yards per game in total offense...Rushed for at least 100 yards three times including a career high 173 yards against Maine in the opening round of the playoffs...Top passing game was against Western Kentucky when he completed eight-of-13 passes for 102 yards and one touchdown...Passed for 116 yards against Northeast Louisiana...Rushed for 125 yards against South Carolina State and 115 yards against Western Carolina...Teamed with fellow freshman Joe Ross to form Georgia Southern's 'Baby Boomer' backfield. **High School:** Led Bradwell Institute to a 13-1 record as a senior and a berth in the state 4-A semi-finals...Coastal Empire Offensive Player-of-the-Year...Versatile athlete who was voted Most Valuable Player at Bradwell in football, basketball and baseball...Quarterback in the Georgia High School All-Star Game.



Regular Season Only

Rushing	Att	Yard	Avg	TD	Passing	Att	Comp	Yard	Int	TD
1987	130	529	4.1	8	1987	89	42	481	4	2

Playoffs Only

1987	40	236	5.9	1	1987	27	12	127	2	0
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Top Rushing Game: 173 yards vs. Maine (1987 Playoffs)

Top Passing Game: 8-of-13, 102 yards, 1 touchdown vs. Western Kentucky (1987)

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2 Terry Harvin

Punter, 5-9, 165, Sophomore, Keystone Heights, Fla.

Became the number one punter midway through the 1987 season...Improved as the season progressed...Sports Editor of campus student newspaper. **1987:** Averaged 38.2 yards per punt on 38 punts...Kicked a school record 66 yarder against Western Carolina...Had one punt blocked, that against Central Florida...Had five punts of 50 yards or more. **1986:** Red-shirted...PA announcer for Georgia Southern women's basketball.

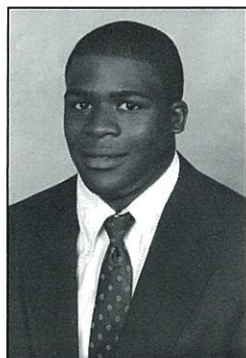
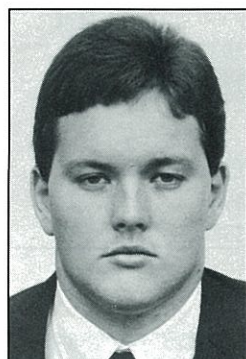
	No.	Yards	Avg.	LP
1987	38	1453	38.2	66

Darrell Hendrix

Linebacker, 6-0, 215, Junior, Nahunta, Ga.

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Expected to contend for a starting position this season...Saw increased playing time as the season progressed last year. **1987:** Credited with 12 tackles, eight solos and four assists...Had three tackles each against Western Carolina and Southern Carolina State. **1986:** Made nine tackles including eight solos and one assist...Had one interception and one pass breakup. **1985:** Red-shirted. **High School:** All-State Selection at Brantley County High School...Voted team's defensive Most Valuable Player.



47 Darryl Hopkins

Slotback, 5-11, 175, Freshman, Watkinsville, Ga.

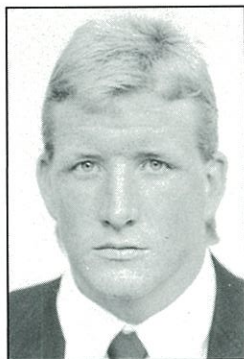
Will see plenty of playing time in 1988...Has all the tools to become an outstanding college runner. **1987:** Would have seen plenty of playing time, but suffered a deep rib bruise in the first game of the season and was medically redshirted. **High School:** Three sport star at Oconee County High where he was named Most Valuable Player in football, basketball and track...All-State in football and honorable mention All-State in basketball...Northeast Georgia Player-of-the-Year as a senior.

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Bart Hughes

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Linebacker, 5-10, 210, Junior, Duluth, Ga.



Saw extensive playing time last season and will most likely start for the Eagles this season on a full-time basis...Aggressive player with good speed. **1987:** Made 62 tackles, 36 solos and 26 assists...Credited with one quarterback sack and one pass breakup...Had at least four tackles in nine of Georgia Southern's 13 games...Had career high of 13 tackles against Maine in the opening round of the playoffs. **1986:** Credited with 11 tackles, five solos and six assists...Used in a reserve role.

1985: Redshirted. **High School:** All-County selection at Norcross High School...Co-Most Valuable Player as a senior.

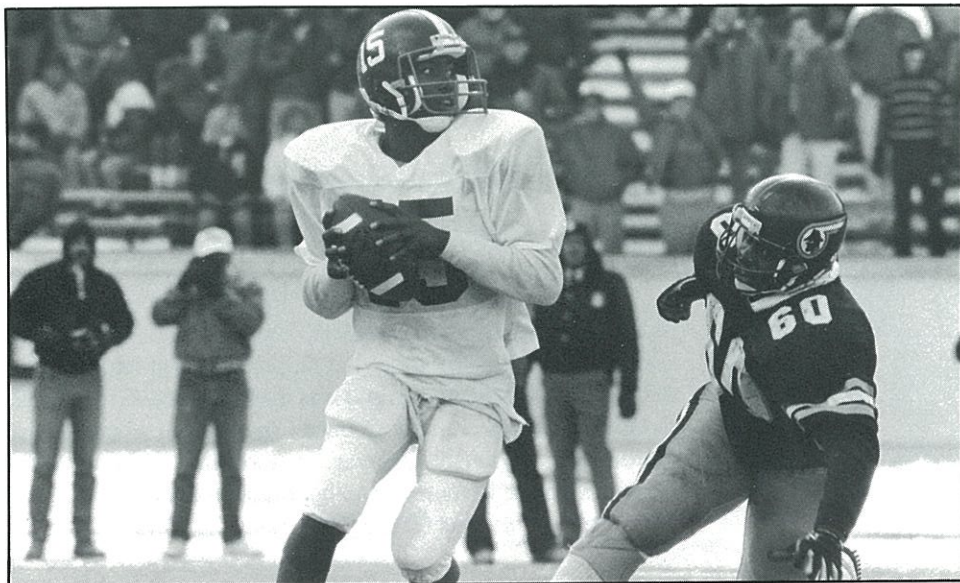
Top Tackle Game: 13 vs. Maine (1987 playoffs)

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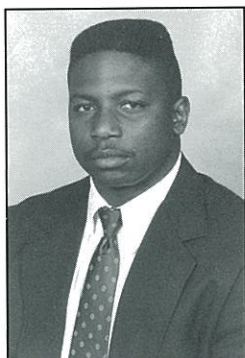
	Tot	UA	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	43	26	17	1	0	0	0	0	0
1986	11	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
	54	31	23	1	0	0	0	0	0

Playoffs Only

	Tot	UA	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	19	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	19	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0



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48 Frank Johnson

Slotback, 5-8, 187, Senior, Sylvania, Ga.

One of the more versatile backs on the team...Runs and catches the ball equally well...Does not possess great speed, but called by Erk Russell, "Slippery fast"...Has game-breaking ability. **1987:** Rushed for 287 yards on 49 carries averaging 5.9 yards per attempt...Scored two touchdowns...Top receiver out of the backfield catching 12 passes for 105 yards averaging 8.8 yards per reception...Rushed for 75 yards in regular season finale against South Carolina State...Top receiving game was

against Western Kentucky with three receptions for 28 yards. **1986:** Led the team in receiving in the regular season with 26 catches for 582 yards and two touchdowns...Averaged 22.4 yards per reception...Rushed for 340 yards on just 41 carries and scored one touchdown...Averaged 8.3 yards per carry...Did not play in the playoffs because of broken ankle suffered in the last game of the regular season against South Carolina State...Gained 89 yards against Bethune-Cookman on just four carries...Caught four passes against Florida A&M, East Carolina and Western Kentucky. **1985:** Rushed for 199 yards on just 21 carries during the regular season averaging 9.1 yards per carry and scored one touchdown...Caught six passes for 53 yards and one touchdown averaging 8.8 yards per reception in the regular season...Caught seven passes in the second half of the national championship game against Furman...Caught the touchdown pass from Tracy Ham with just 14 seconds left that gave Georgia Southern the national title...Became an instant hero after that game...Walk on who did not receive any scholarship offers out of high school. **High School:** All-State running back at Screven County High School...Gained 1,251 yards as a senior.

Regular Season Only

Rushing	Att	Yards	Avg	TD	Receiving	No.	Yards	Avg	TD
1987	40	267	6.7	2	1987	10	90	9.0	0
1986	41	340	8.3	1	1986	26	582	22.4	2
1985	21	199	9.1	1	1985	6	53	8.8	1
	102	806	7.9	4		42	725	17.3	3

Playoffs Only

1987	9	20	2.2	0	1987	2	15	7.5	0
1986	0	0	0.0	0	1986	0	0	0.0	0
1985	3	10	3.3	0	1985	7	148	21.1	2
	12	30	2.5	0		9	163	18.1	2

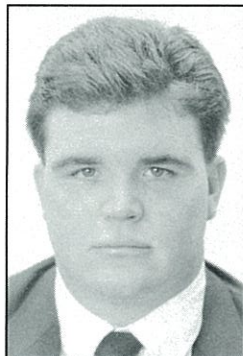
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George Jones

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Offensive Tackle, 6-1, 263, Junior, Griffin, Ga.

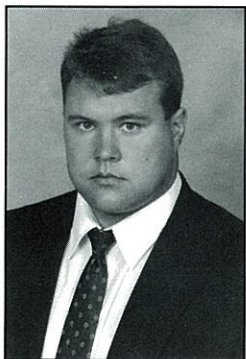
Will battle for the starting tackle spot vacated by Ronald Warnock... Could also replace Stan Stipe as Georgia Southern's long snapper. **1987:** Saw limited playing time as a backup to Warnock and Tony Smith. **1986:** used in reserve role, but gained valuable experience playing for the national champions. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played in Georgia High School All-Star Game... State discus champion at Griffin High.



Curtis Kimbrell

Offensive Guard, 5-11, 240, Freshman, Albany, Ga.

Will be an offensive line reserve this season and could see some playing time. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two time All-State and All-Region selection at Riverview in Albany.

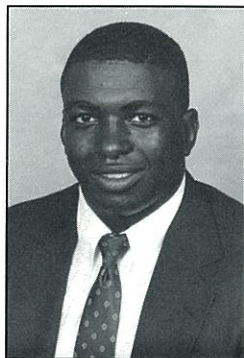


Jerome King

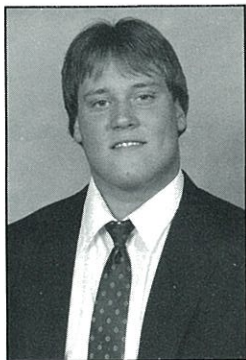
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Fullback, 5-7, 196, Sophomore, Americus, Ga.

Will provide great depth at fullback this season behind Joe Ross and Garry Miller... Solid runner who has great natural running instincts. **1987:** Rushed for 91 yards on 22 carries... Averaged 4.1 yards per carry... Long gain was a 19 yard run against Catawba in the season opener. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-State running back at Americus High.



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Richard Lukens

Offensive Tackle, 6-2, 240 Freshman, Albany, Ga.

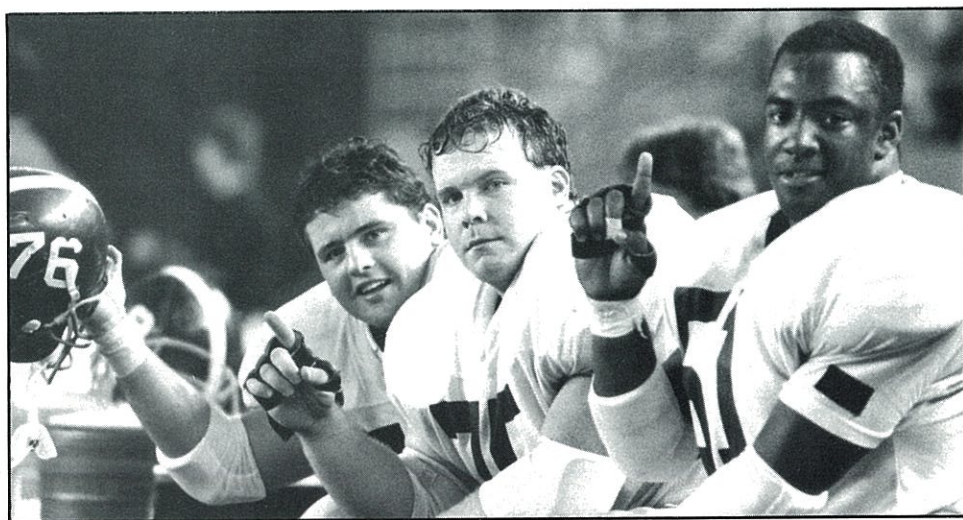
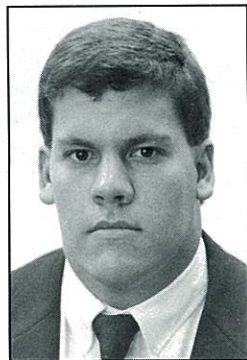
Will battle for playing time at tackle this season with several other freshman. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three sport star at Albany High lettering in football, wrestling and golf...Voted best offensive player two years at Albany.

Jay Marshall

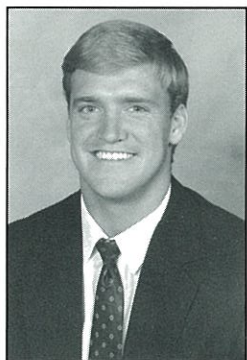
Center, 6-1, 235, Senior, Dalton, Ga.

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Has seen extensive playing time in three seasons at Georgia Southern...Provides great depth behind Dennis Franklin at center position...Can also play guard if necessary. **1987:** Back up to All-American Dennis Franklin, but still saw plenty of playing time. **1986:** Played in all 15 of Georgia Southern's games and was a big contributor to the Eagles' national championship. **1985:** Backup to Franklin, but played in all 15 games. **High School:** Three time All-Region selection at Dalton High...Two time All-Tri-State player.



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32 Garry Miller

Fullback, 5-11, 204, Senior, Augusta, Ga.

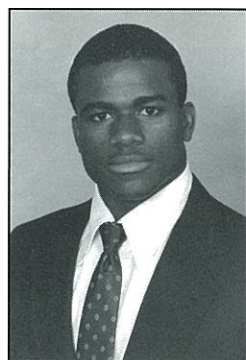
Will split time with All-American Joe Ross...Hard-nosed runner who can get the tough yardage...Top special teams player and plays on all special teams - kickoff, kick coverage, punt, punt coverage, field goal and extra point. **1987:** Third on the team in rushing with 466 yards on 85 carries...Averaged 5.5 yards per attempt...Long run was 28 yards against Maine in the opening round of the playoffs...Rushed for 105 yards against Appalachian State in the quarterfinals of the 1-AA playoffs...Was thrown for a loss on only two carries...Caught one pass for 13 yards and returned two kickoffs for 18 yards. **1986:** Rushed for 228 yards on 26 carries during the regular season scored two touchdowns...Averaged 8.8 yards per carry...Caught two passes for 25 yards...Gained 26 yards on 10 carries in the playoffs and caught one pass for 19 yards...Best game was against Tennessee Tech when he gained 81 yards on seven carries. **1985:** Gained 103 yards on 23 carries and scored one touchdown...Averaged 4.5 yards per carry...Caught four passes for 19 yards and one touchdown...Returned five kickoffs for 72 yards. **High School:** Most Valuable Player at Westside High as a senior...Named All-State and All-City after gaining 1,650 yards rushing as a senior...Played in the North-South All-Star game.

Regular Season	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Playoffs	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1987	64	305	4.8	0	1987	21	161	7.7	0
1986	26	228	8.8	2	1986	10	26	2.6	0
1985	23	103	4.5	1	1985	0	0	0.0	0
	113	636	5.6	3		31	187	6.0	0

Karl Miller 24

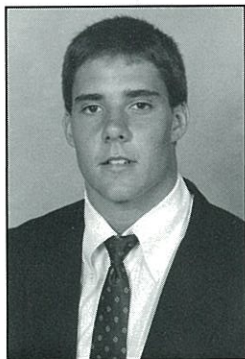
Slotback, 5-11, 181, Sophomore, College Park, Ga.

Will see plenty of playing time at slotback this season...Talented runner who gained valuable experience last season. **1987:** Rushed for 57 yards on 19 carries last season...Averaged three yards per carry and scored one touchdown, that coming against eventual national champion Northeast Louisiana...Backup to Ernest Thompson and Frank Johnson who played in 11 of Georgia Southern's 13 games. **High School:** North Clayton High School Player-of-the-Year...High School team finished 10th in the state rankings his senior season...Also played basketball and ran track.



Regular Season	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Playoffs Only	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1987	11	52	4.7	1		8	5	0.6	0

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Jim Mutimer

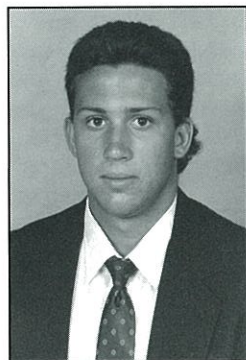
Defensive Back, 6-1, 180, Freshman, Dunwoody, Ga.

Will battle with several other redshirt freshman for playing time in the secondary. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Four sport star at Dunwoody High lettering in football, basketball, baseball and track... Voted Touchdown Club Player-of-the-Week three times as a senior.

Don Norton

Kicker, 6-0, 175, Freshman, Coral Springs, Fla.

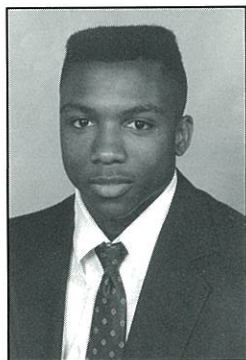
Will battle with David Cool for the kicking spot vacated by Tim Foley. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** two sport star at Coral Springs High lettering in football and soccer... All-County selection in football and soccer.



Rodney Oglesby

Cornerback, 5-11, 175, Freshman, Swainsboro, Ga.

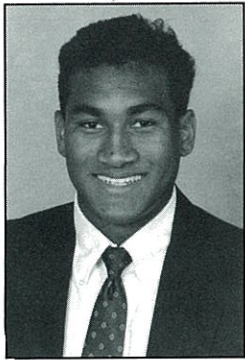
Could start on a cornerback this season... Had an outstanding spring game intercepting two passes... Has great speed. **1987:** Freshman. **High School:** Three sport star at Swainsboro High lettering in football, basketball and track... Voted Most Valuable Player in all three sports as a senior... All-State and All-Area selection in football.



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Joe Ross 36

Fullback, 6-1, 195, Sophomore, Augusta, Ga.



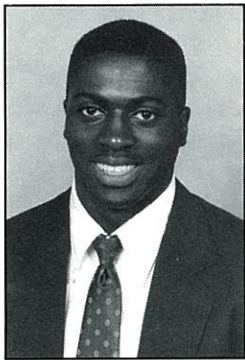
Enters the season as, perhaps, the premier running back in Division 1-AA...Has the potential to be the best running back ever to play at Georgia Southern...Has great speed and has gained 10 pounds in the off-season making him more of a bruising runner. **1987:** Only freshman in Division 1-AA to rush for more than 1,000 yards in the regular season...Became the first Georgia Southern running back to do that and only the second Eagle trailing only former quarterback Tracy Ham...**Associated Press** third team All-America selection as a freshman...Rushed for 1,125 yards including the playoffs to lead the team...Scored five touchdowns and averaged 5.7 yards per carry...In his first collegiate game, set school record for longest run from scrimmage with a 75 yard scamper against Catawba...Rushed for more than 100 yards five times in the regular season including a career-high 143 yards against Western Kentucky...Georgia Southern was 5-0 in games in which he rushed for more than 100 yards...Other 100 yard games were against Catawba (117), Middle Tennessee (110), Bethune-Cookman (130), and James Madison (129)...Lowest output was 59 yards against Northeast Louisiana, the eventual national champion...Number two freshman rusher in all divisions last season trailing only Enmitty Smith of Florida. **High School:** Rushed for more than 2,000 yards and scored 23 touchdowns as a senior at Westside High School in Augusta...Two-time Westside Most Valuable Player...Also played basketball and ran track. Majoring in Accounting.

Regular Season

	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1987	165	1018	6.2	4

Playoff Only

	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1987	32	107	3.3	1



Gene Scott

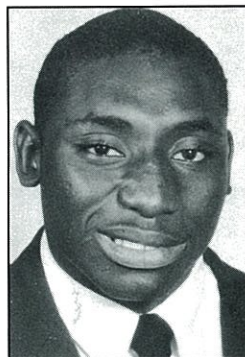
Defensive Back, 5-11, 190, Freshman, Gainesville, Fla.

Will battle with several other redshirt freshmen for playing time in the secondary. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two sport star at Gainesville High lettering in football and basketball...All-State, All-Area and All-District selection in football...All-Area point guard in basketball.

MEET THE 1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES...

Everett Sharpe 37

Linebacker, 5-10, 204, Junior, Lyons, Ga.



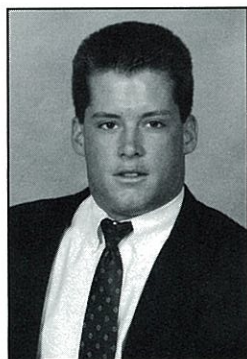
Two year starter who was moved from rover to linebacker in the middle of 1987 season...Covers the pass as well as he does the run...extremely hard-hitter...Younger brother of Monty Sharpe, Georgia Southern's all-time leading receiver...Will be a big contributor on defense this season. **1987:** Recorded 53 tackles in 13 games last season, 28 solos and 25 assists...Had one fumble recovery and one caused interception...Tied for second on the team in pass breakups with six. **1986:** Made 43 tackles including 29 solos and 14 assists...Credited with two pass breakups and one quarterback sack. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played prep ball at Reidsville High School.

Regular Season Only

	Tot	T	A	PB	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI
1987	50	26	24	6	0	0	1	0	1
1986	24	19	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
	74	45	29	7	0	0	1	0	1

Playoffs Only

	Tot	T	A	PB	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI
1987	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	19	10	9	2	1	0	0	0	0
	22	12	10	2	1	0	0	0	0



88 Rusty Shelton

Defensive End, 6-1, 221, Sophomore, Mansfield, Ga.

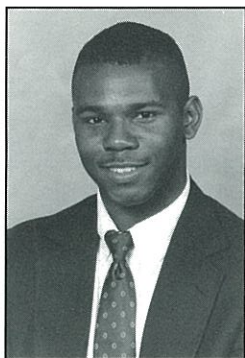
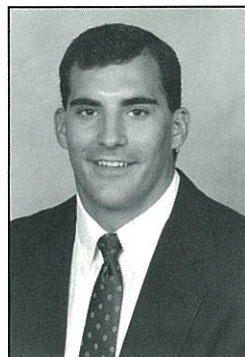
Will compete for playing time at defensive end this season...Has gained valuable experience in a backup role. **1987:** Was not credited with any tackles in a limited role. **1986:** Redshirted.

MEET THE 1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES...

Paul Sikkelee

Linebacker, 5-11, 195, Freshman, Dalton, Ga.

Will battle for playing time at linebacker this season. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two sport star at Dalton High lettering in football and baseball...All-State selection as a senior...Played in the Georgia High All-Star game.



17 Machon Simms

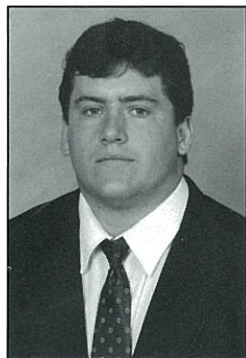
Cornerback, 5-11, 172, Sophomore, Athens, Ga.

Leading candidate to replace four year starter Nay Young...Was backup last season gaining valuable experience. **1987:** Was not credited with any tackles...Did see plenty of playing time, though. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:**

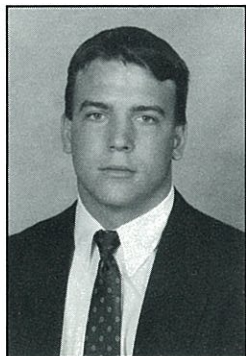
Danny Smith 72

Offensive Tackle, 6-3, 235, Freshman, Waycross, Ga.

Battling for the tackle spot vacated by Ronald Warnock... Younger brother of starting tackle Tony Smith. **1987:** Red-shirted. **High School:** Honorable Mention All-State performer at Waycross High School...Played in the North-South All-Star Game...Also played baseball.



MEET THE 1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES...



29 Lee Smith

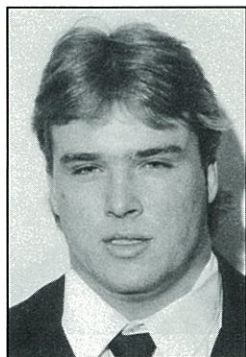
Rover, 5-11, 185, Sophomore, Bunnell, Fla.

Saw limited playing time in 1987, but will compete for more this season...Aggressive player who hits hard. **1987:** Credited with one tackle last season in limited playing time.

Giff Smith 95

Defensive End, 6-2, 224, Sophomore, Mableton, Ga.

Will battle for the starting job at defensive end after gaining a lot of experience last season...Aggressive player who has the ability to be an outstanding college player. **1987:** Credited with 10 tackles, three solos and seven assists...Made one quarterback sack...Played behind two seniors.



78 Tony Smith

Offensive Tackle, 6-3, 251, Senior, Waycross, Ga.

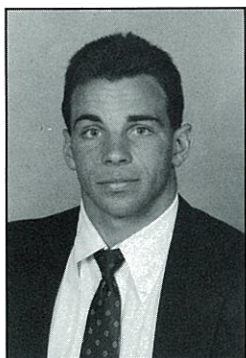
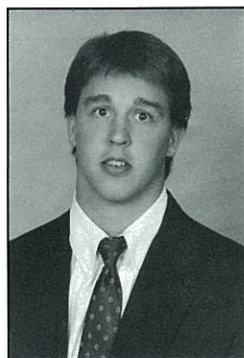
Returns at offensive tackle where he was a full-time starter last season...Steady blocker who has gotten better every year...played extensively in his sophomore and freshman seasons as well and started several games in those two years. **1987:** Starter at offensive tackle...His blocking helped Georgia Southern average 365 yards per game in total offense and 265 yards rushing per game. **1986:** Part-time starter on national championship team...Played in all 15 games...Offense led the nation in scoring because of offensive line's work. **1985:** Played in all games as a freshman and contributed greatly to offensive success. **High School:** All-State selection at Waycross High...Played in the Georgia-Florida All-Star game and North-South All-Star Game.

MEET THE 1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES...

Matt Spalding

Linebacker, 6-3, 200, Freshman, Dunwoody, Ga.

Will battle for playing time at linebacker and on the defensive line. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two sport star at Dunwoody High lettering in football and track...Honorable Mention high school All-America selection by Adidas...All-City selection as a senior.



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Donnie Suber

Safety, 5-7, 167, Sophomore, Columbia, S.C.

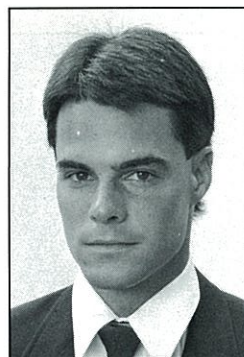
Will battle for playing time in the secondary...Saw some playing time last season. **1987:** Not credited with any tackles...However, did see quality playing time in several games. **1986:** Walk-on who was redshirted.

Ross Surrency

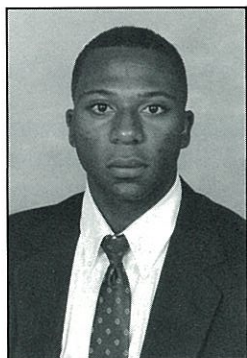
Wide Receiver, 6-0, 160, Junior, Waycross, Ga.

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Will compete for playing time at position vacated by Darren Chandler...Saw some playing time late in the season. **1987:** Did not catch a pass, but played in several games. **1986:** Did not catch a pass in limited playing time. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-Region selection at Ware County High.



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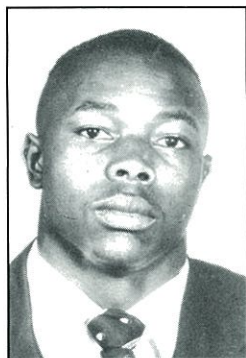
18 Robert Terrell

Slotback, 5-7, 180, Freshman, Eustis, Fla.

Will battle for playing time at A-Back this season and could also be Georgia Southern's return man on punts...Has good speed and is an elusive runner. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Four sport star at Eustis High School lettering in football, basketball, baseball and track...All-State selection as a running back and as a kick returner...Eustis Most Valuable Player as a senior.

Ernest Thompson 12

Slotback, 6-2, 220, Junior, Louisville, Ga.



Will be a key member of Georgia Southern's offense this season...Powerful runner with break away speed...Originally signed as a quarterback and played at that position as a freshman...Converted to slotback last season and responded well...Became Georgia Southern's short yardage runner last season and scored eight touchdowns. **1987:** Rushed for 415 yards and eight touchdowns in Georgia Southern's 13 games last season...Averaged 4.6 yards per carry...Also caught eight passes for 97 yards, a 12.1 yards per catch average...Completed one of three passes for 68 yards and one touchdown...Touchdown pass was to Tony Belser against East Carolina. **1986:** Redshirted. **1985:** Backup quarterback and started one game as a freshman...Rushed for 127 yards averaging 2.8 yards per carry...Completed 20-of-51 passes for 185 yards with three interceptions and two touchdowns. **High School:** Highly recruited out of Louisville High where he passed for more than 1,000 yards as a senior...All-State and All-CSRA selection.

Rushing

Regular Season Only

Year	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1987	80	361	4.5	7
1986		Redshirted		
1985	45	127	2.8	0
	125	488	3.9	7

Playoffs Only

Year	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1987	11	54	4.9	1
1987		Redshirted		
1985	2	4	2.0	0
	13	58	4.5	1

Passing

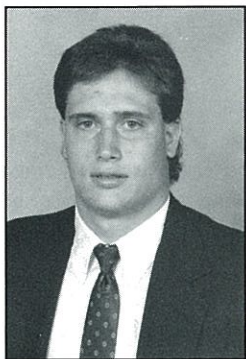
Regular Season

Year	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD
1987	3	1	68	1
1986		Redshirted		
1985	51	20	185	2
	54	21	253	3

Playoffs Only

Year	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD
1987	0	0	0	0
1986		Redshirted		
1985	1	1	15	0
	1	1	15	0

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50 Sammy Twiggs

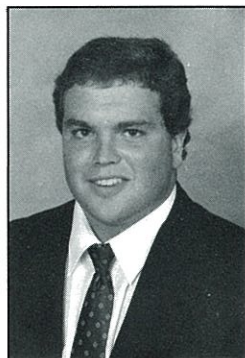
Offensive Tackle, 6-0, 235, Senior, North Augusta, Ga.

Switched to offensive line last season and responded well...Originally a defensive lineman...Will battle for starting tackle spot vacated by Ronald Warnock...Has good quickness and good technique. **1987:** Backup tackle and guard who played in every game. **1986:** Used sparingly in a reserve role on defense. **1985:** Saw limited playing time. **High School:** All-County and All-CSRA at North Augusta High.

Mike Wagner 59

Offensive Tackle, 5-11, 230, Senior, Statesboro, Ga.

Used mainly on special teams in the past two seasons, but will compete for playing time on the offensive line this year. **1987:** Played tight end in short yardage situations and was also a key member of the special teams. **1986:** Special teams player. **1985:** Used sparingly in a reserve role.



67 Charlie Waller

Defensive Guard, 6-3, 240, Junior, Fairburn, Ga.

Only returning starter on the defensive line...Has started for two seasons and has the potential to be a top notch college player. **1987:** Second on the team in tackles and top tackler among the lineman...Made 99 tackles in 13 games including 52 solos and 47 assists...Had four quarterback sacks, two caused fumbles and two pass breakups. **1986:** Credited with 41 tackles, 21 solos and 20 assists...Had two quarterback sacks. **1985:** Redshirted.

Regular Season Only

Year	Tot.	T	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	89	47	42	4	2	0	0	0	2
1986	33	17	16	1	0	0	0	0	0
	122	64	58	5	2	0	0	0	2

Playoffs Only

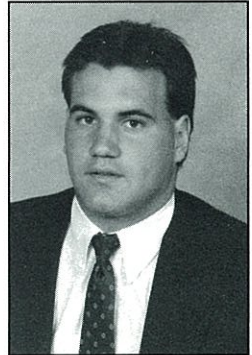
Year	Tot.	T	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	8	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
	18	9	9	1	0	0	0	0	0

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Mike West 28

Linebacker, 5-10, 195, Sophomore, Roswell, Ga.

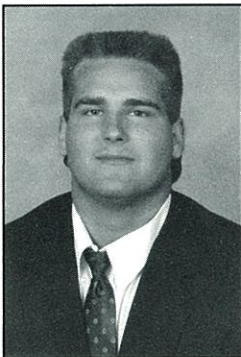
Played rover last season and will play linebacker and possibly some cornerback this season...Aggressive player who hits hard. **1987:** Used sparingly in a reserve role. **1985:** Redshirted.



63 John Wilson

Offensive Guard, 6-1, 250, Sophomore, Dublin, Ga.

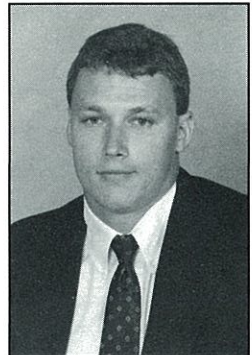
Will battle for playing time on the offensive line this season...Has the potential to be a solid college player. **1987:** Saw a lot of game action in a reserve role. **1986:** Redshirted.



Ross Worsham 84

Wide Receiver, 6-1, 165, Senior, Camilla, Ga.

Will be a starter at wide receiver this season...Has a good pair of hands and is a good route runner...Has made some big plays in his Georgia Southern career. **1987:** Had ten receptions for 132 yards and two touchdowns last season...Became a starter midway through the season...Averaged 13.2 yards per catch. **1986:** Caught one pass in the regular season for 40 yards and a touchdown against Tennessee Tech...Caught one pass in the championship game against Arkansas State. **1985:** Caught seven passes in the regular season for 109 yards...Averaged 15.6 yards per catch...Caught two passes in the playoffs for 15 yards. **1984:** Medical redshirt due to a shoulder injury. **High School:** Had 48 receptions for 1,065 yards as a senior at Mitchell-Baker High...Played in the Georgia High School All-Star Game.



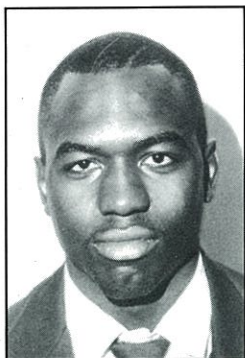
Regular Season

Year	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1987	9	118	13.1	2
1986	1	40	40.0	1
1985	1	109	15.6	0
	17	267	15.7	3

Playoffs

Year	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1987	1	14	14.0	0
1986	1	19	19.0	0
1986	2	15	7.5	0
	4	48	12.0	0

MEET THE 1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES...



30 Terry Young

Cornerback, 5-11, 175, Senior, Savannah, Ga.

Will be a starter for the third year in a row at cornerback...Is deceptively fast and has a knack for interceptions. **1987:** Led the team in interceptions with five...Recorded 30 tackles, 19 solos and 11 assists...Had one pass breakup and one caused interception. **1986:** Made 35 tackles including 23 solos and 12 assists...Credited with three pass breakups and one interception. **1985:** Made 26 tackles, 12 solos and 14 assists...Had five pass breakups, one caused fumble and two interceptions.

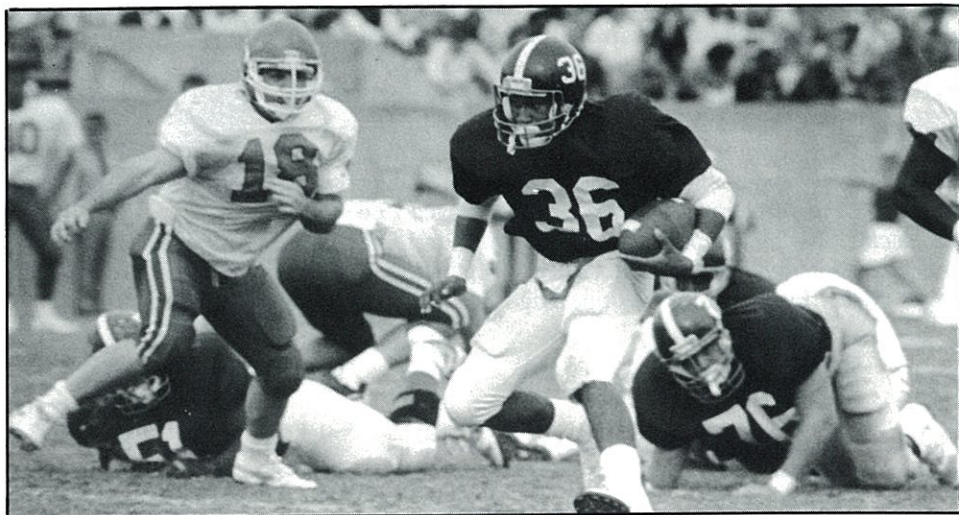
High School: All-City selection at Savannah High...Recipient of Walter Corish Student-Athlete Award.

Regular Season Only

Year	Tot	T	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	23	22	0	0	0	0	4	1	1
1986	19	14	5	0	0	0	1	0	1
1985	17	8	9	0	0	0	2	0	3
	59	34	25	0	0	0	7	1	5

Playoffs Only

1987	7	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1986	16	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	2
1985	9	4	5	0	1	0	0	0	2
	32	20	12	0	1	0	1	0	4



OTHER PLAYERS TO WATCH...

BRAD ALMON, Defensive Back, 5-10, 175, Freshman, Valdosta, Ga.

Will battle for playing time in the secondary this season. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three sport star at Lowndes County High lettering in football, baseball and track...Two time All-Region and All-Area Selection...As a senior, named to the **Florida Times-Union** Super Eleven...Played in the Georgia High School All-Star Game.

ROBIN BROOKS, Linebacker, 6-1, 187, Sophomore, Pelham, Ga.

Will see playing time at linebacker this season...Hard hitter with good quickness. **1987:** Credited with four tackles, three solos and one assist in limited playing time.

FREDDY CUTHBERTSON, Slotback, 5-7, 158, Freshman, Harrisonburg, Pa.

Moved from quarterback in the spring...Has tremendous quickness and great natural running ability...Could be a player to watch in the future. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** First team quarterback in the Mid-Penn Division after rushing for more than 700 yards as a senior...**Patriot News** All-Star selection...Selected Most Outstanding Back in 1985 and 1986 at Central Dauphin High...Also returned kicks and punts in high school.

ALBERT HUNTLEY, Quarterback, 6-1, 190, Freshman, Atlanta, Ga.

Could see some playing time at quarterback as well as A-Back this fall... Versatile athlete who caught the attention of coaches when he quarterbacked the scout team last fall. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Four sport star at Douglass High in Atlanta lettering in football, basketball, and baseball and golf...All-City selection and voted Offensive Player-of-the-Year as a senior...Led the region in passing for three years.

TREVOR MCELRAFT, Linebacker, 6-0, 205, Freshman, Fairfax, Va.

Will battle for playing time at linebacker this season. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three sport star at Robinson High lettering in football, baseball and track...Two time All-Region and All-District selection in football.

JOEY PARKER, Defensive Lineman, 5-11, 235, Freshman, Hahira, Ga.

Will battle with several other redshirt freshmen for playing time on the defensive line. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three sport star at Lowndes County High lettering in football, baseball and track...All-Area and All-Region selection in football.

1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL SIGNEES

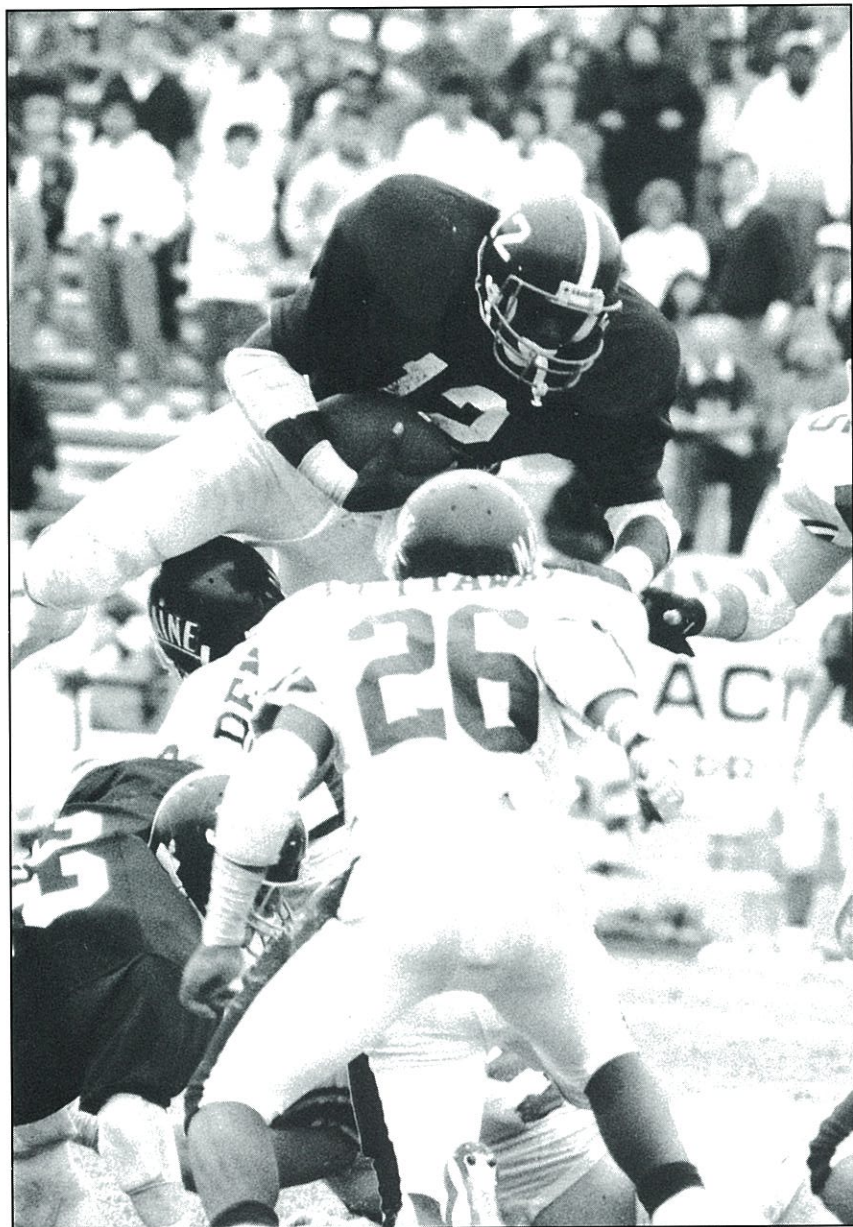
NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN (High School)
Derek Anderson	LB	6-3	195	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern)
Tony Byers	LB	6-2	225	Canton, Ga. (Cherokee)
Alex Chambliss	LB	5-11	210	Atlanta, Ga. (Clarkston)
Troy Donahue	DL	6-4	225	Savannah, Ga. (Calvary Baptist)
Herman Gray	RB	5-9	175	Fairfax, S.C. (Allendale-Fairfax)
Shawn Haralson	DL	6-4	228	Westminister, Md. (Fork Union Military)
Chris King	WR	5-10	160	Sylvester, Ga. (Worth County)
Derrick McGrady	DB	5-10	170	Statesboro, Ga. (Statesboro)
David Pack	LB	6-3	210	Griffin, Ga. (Griffin)
Rusty Parrish	C	6-3	225	Thomasville, Ga. (Thomasville)
Richard Roddenberry	OL	6-0	235	Pavo, Ga. (Central-Thomasville)
Jarrodd Satterfield	C	6-2	245	Jonesboro, Ga. (Jonesboro)
Tracy Sikes	OL	6-0	225	Gainesville, Fla. (Gainesville)
Terrance Sorrell	WR	6-1	175	Salem, N.J. (Salem)
Kevin Whitley	DB	5-10	180	Atlanta, Ga. (Lakeside)
Reggie Williams	OL	6-3	255	Augusta, Ga. (Butler)



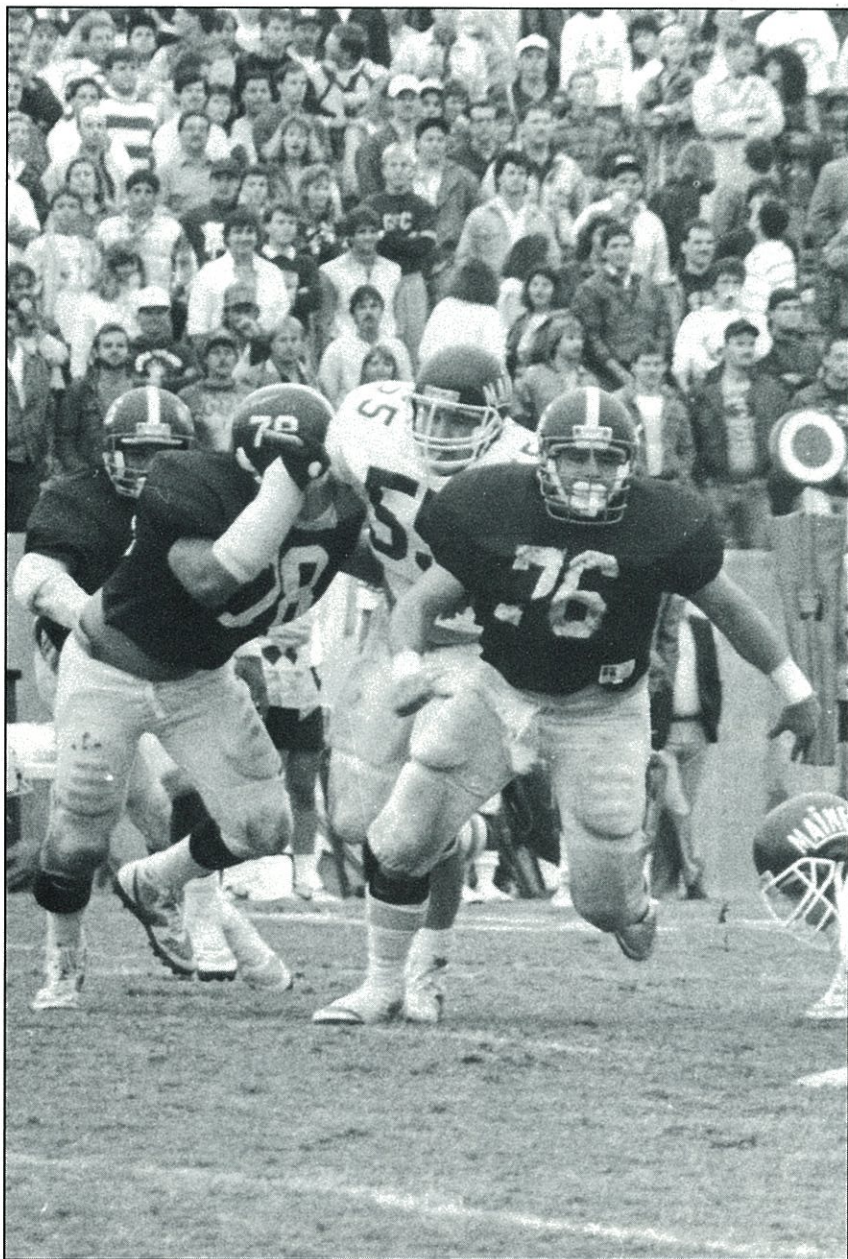
Sophomore quarterback Raymond Gross begins his first full season as Georgia Southern's starter.



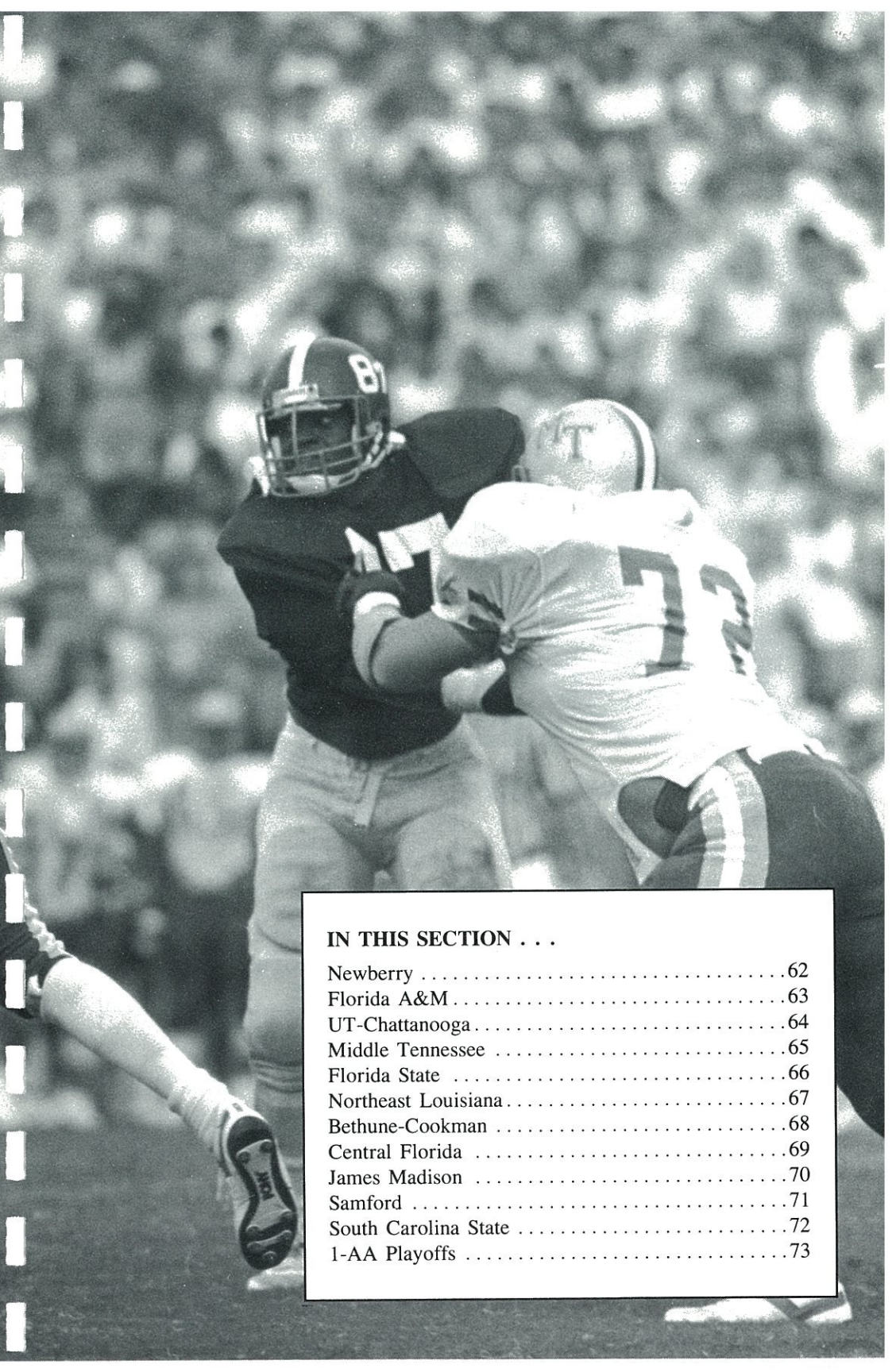
Frank Johnson has been a mainstay of Georgia Southern's offense for the past three seasons.



Ernest Thompson (12) led Georgia Southern in touchdowns in 1987 after being converted to running back from quarterback.



Dennis Franklin (76) and Tony Smith (78) anchor Georgia Southern's Veteran offensive line.



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NEWBERRY

September 3 ★ Allen E. Paulson Stadium



COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Gary Smallen

ALMA MATER (Year): Furman (1972)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 0-0

At School: 0-0

OFFICE PHONE: (803) 276-5010

BEST TIME TO REACH: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

ASSISTANT COACHES:

John Eder

Chris Worst

Jimmy Sessions

SERIES RECORD: (Newberry leads 5-3-1)

1930: 0-0

1931: 13-19, N.C.

1933: 6-14, N.C.

1934: 20-21, N.C.

1936: 10-13, N.C.

1982: 36-14, GSC

1983: 24-27, N.C.

1984: 41-6, GSC

1985: 38-17, GSC

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Newberry, S.C.

STADIUM: Setzler Field (4,000)

TURF: Natural Grass

ENROLLMENT: 675

NICKNAME: Indians

COLORS: Scarlet/Gray

CONFERENCE: South Atlantic

1987 RECORD: 4-7

BASIC OFFENSE: Pro I

BASIC DEFENSE: 5-2

PRESIDENT: Dr. Hubert Setzler, Jr.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Clyde Miller

SID: TBA

(803) 276-5010

1988 SCHEDULE

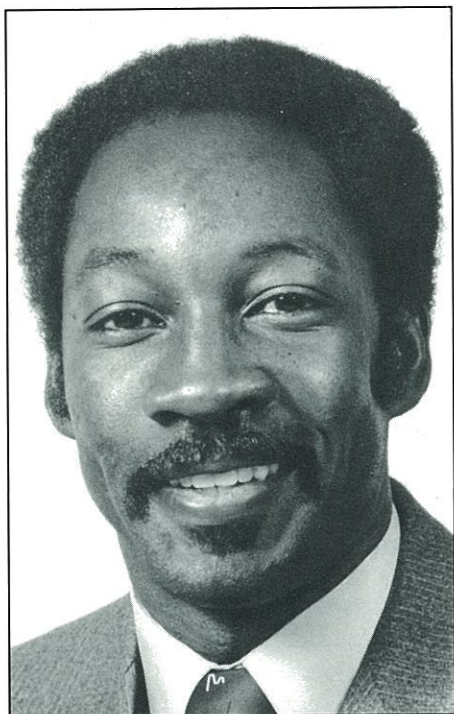
Sept. 3	Georgia Southern
17	GARDNER-WEBB
24	Furman
Oct. 1	MARS HILL
8	Carson-Newman
15	WOFFORD
22	WINGATE
29	Catawba
Nov. 5	Elon
12	LENOIR-RHYNE
24	Presbyterian

1987 RESULTS

3	Jacksonville St.	27
0	Howard University	45
29	Gardner-Webb	36
0	Mars Hill	3
26	Carson Newman	21
21	Wofford	3
19	Liberty University	20
40	Catawba	24
28	Elon	47
19	Lenoir-Rhyne	35
17	Presbyterian	15

FLORIDA A&M

September 10 ★ Gator Bowl



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Tallahassee, Fla.

STADIUM: Bragg Memorial (25,500)

TURF: Natural Grass

ENROLLMENT: 6,200

NICKNAME: Rattlers

COLORS: Orange & Green

CONFERENCE: Mid-Eastern Athletic

1987 RECORD: 5-5-1

BASIC OFFENSE: Pro Set

BASIC DEFENSE: 3-4

PRESIDENT: Dr. Frederick S. Humphries

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Sterlin Adams

SID: Alvin Hollins, Jr.

Office Phone: (904) 599-3206

Home Phone: (904) 575-1817

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Ken Riley

ALMA MATER (Year): FAMU (1969)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 10-11-1 (2)

At School: 10-11-1 (2)

OFFICE PHONE: (904) 599-3723

BEST TIME TO REACH: 10 a.m.-12 noon

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Allen Bogan

Conway Hayman

Walter Highsmith

Rick Kravitz

Kent Schoolfield

Johnnie Williams

SERIES RECORD: (GSC leads 3-1)

1987: 17-14, FAMU

1986: 35-12, GSC

1985: 27-21, GSC

1984: 14-0, GSC

1988 SCHEDULE

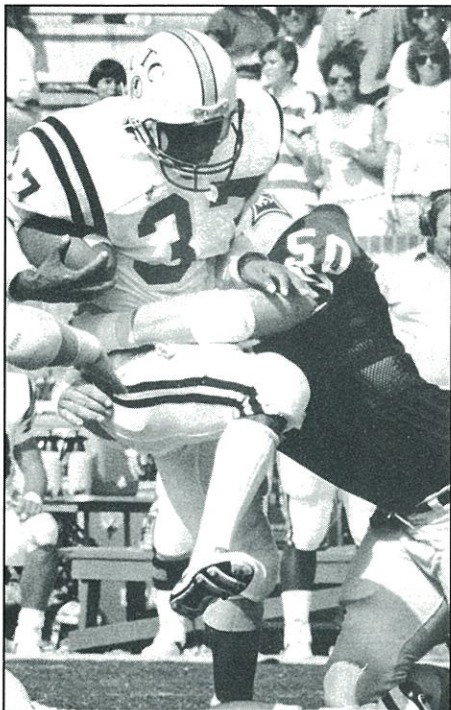
Sept. 3	Delaware State
10	Georgia Southern
24	Tennessee State
Oct. 1	Jackson State
8	North Carolina A&T
15	MORGAN STATE
22	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
29	Southern
Nov. 5	HOWARD UNIVERSITY
19	CENTRAL STATE OF OHIO
26	Bethune-Cookman

1987 RESULTS

0	Tuskegee	23
17	Georgia Southern	14
10	Mississippi Valley	0
16	Tennessee State	21
12	Alabama	14
10	Central State	10
10	South Carolina State	20
15	Alcorn State	17
24	Southern University	17
19	Central Florida	14
21	Bethune-Cookman	10

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA

September 17 ★ Chamberlain Field



COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Buddy Nix

ALMA MATER (Year): Livingston (1961)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 22-22 (4)

At School: 22-22 (4)

OFFICE PHONE: (615) 755-4494

BEST TIME TO REACH: 10 a.m.-12 noon

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Greg Ahrens

Whit Taylor

Joe D'Alessandris

Steve McGill

Bobby Johns

Johnny Henderson

Butch Caldwell

Horace Moore

SERIES RECORD: (GSC leads 3-0)

1986: 34-14, GSC

1985: 19-14, GSC

1984: 24-17, GSC

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Chattanooga, Tenn.

STADIUM: Chamberlain Field (10,501)

TURF: Natural Grass

ENROLLMENT: 6,717

NICKNAME: Moccasins

COLORS: Navy Blue & Old Gold

CONFERENCE: Southern

1987 RECORD: 6-5

BASIC OFFENSE: Pro Set

BASIC DEFENSE: 5-2 Multiple

CHANCELLOR: Dr. Frederick Obear

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Harold Wilkes

SID: Neil Magnussen

Office Phone: (615) 755-4618

Home Phone: (615) 875-6300

1988 SCHEDULE

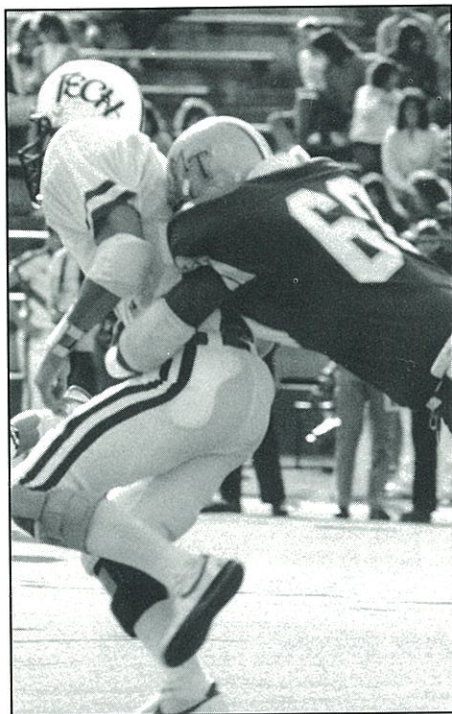
Sept. 3	Tulane
10	Georgia Tech
17	GEORGIA SOUTHERN
24	Tennessee Tech
Oct. 1	EAST TENNESSEE STATE
8	WESTERN CAROLINA
15	The Citadel
22	Marshall University
29	Western Kentucky
Nov. 5	FURMAN UNIVERSITY
12	APPALACHIAN STATE

1987 RESULTS

10	Eastern Kentucky	0
14	East Tennessee State	34
16	Furman	14
20	Louisiana Tech	18
17	Western Kentucky	20
22	The Citadel	19
3	Appalachian State	17
26	Marshall	28
13	Western Carolina	11
13	Tennessee Tech	20
31	VMI	0

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

September 24 ★ Red Floyd Stadium



COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: James "Boots" Donnelly

ALMA MATER (Year): MTSU (1965)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 73-48 (11)

At School: 59-41 (9)

OFFICE PHONE: (615) 898-2570

BEST TIME TO REACH: Morning

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Charlie Butler

Ed Bunio

Tom Fiveash

Andy McCollum

Randy Newsome

Preston O'Neal

Alex Robins

Randy Pippin

SERIES RECORD: (GSC leads 3-2)

1987 13-17, GSC

1986: 34-31, GSC

1985: 28-21, GSC

(NCAA I-AA Playoff Game)

1985: 35-10, MTSU

(Regular Season Game)

1984: 42-7, MTSU

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Murfreesboro, Tenn.

STADIUM: Red Floyd Stadium (15,000)

TURF: AstroTurf

ENROLLMENT: 11,975

NICKNAME: Blue Raiders

COLORS: Navy Blue & White

CONFERENCE: Ohio Valley Conference

1987 RECORD: 6-5

BASIC OFFENSE: Multiple I

BASIC DEFENSE: Wide Tackle

PRESIDENT: Dr. Sam Ingram

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: John Stanford

SID: Ed Given

Office Phone: (615) 898-2450

Home Phone: (615) 895-0827

1988 SCHEDULE

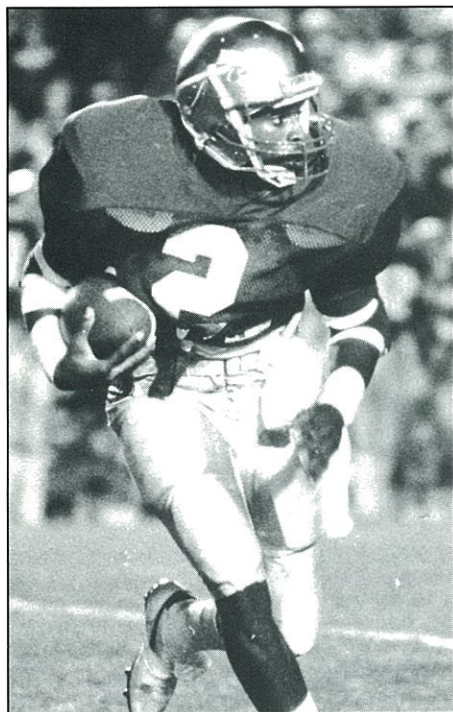
Sept.	3	Tennessee State
	10	Northern Illinois
	17	WESTERN KENTUCKY
	24	GEORGIA SOUTHERN
Oct.	1	Alcorn State
	8	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
	15	MOREHEAD STATE
	22	Austin Peay
Nov.	5	Eastern Kentucky
	12	Murray State
	19	Tennessee Tech

1987 RESULTS

55	Tennessee State	19
13	Georgia Southern	17
16	Western Kentucky	28
38	Austin Peay	16
38	Mississippi Valley	7
17	Eastern Kentucky	16
8	Winston-Salem	11
16	Youngstown State	17
3	Morehead State	7
27	Murray State	9
17	Tennessee Tech	13

FLORIDA STATE

October 8 ★ Campbell Stadium



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Tallahassee, Fla.

STADIUM: Doak S. Campbell (60,519)

TURF: Natural Grass

ENROLLMENT: 22,500

NICKNAME: Seminoles

COLORS: Garnet & Gold

CONFERENCE: Independent

1987 RECORD: 11-1

BASIC OFFENSE: Pro-Set

BASIC DEFENSE: 52 Oklahoma

PRESIDENT: Dr. Bernard F. Slinger

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

C.W. Hootie Ingram

SID: Wayne Hogan

Office Phone: (904) 644-1465

Home Phone: (904) 386-5359

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Bobby Bowden

ALMA MATER (Year): Samford (1953)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 174-69-3 (21)

At School: 101-37-3 (12)

OFFICE PHONE: (904) 644-1465

BEST TIME TO REACH:

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Chuck Amato

Mickey Andrews

Wayne McDuffie

Wally Burnham

Jim Gladden

John Eason

Billy Sexton

Brad Scott

Jimmy Heggins

Dave Van Halanger

SERIES RECORD: First Meeting

1988 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	Miami
10	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
17	Clemson
24	MICHIGAN STATE
Oct. 1	Tulane
8	GEORGIA SOUTHERN
15	EAST CAROLINA
22	LOUISIANA TECH
Nov. 5	South Carolina
12	VIRGINIA TECH
26	FLORIDA

1987 RESULTS

40	Texas Tech	16
44	East Carolina	3
41	Memphis State	24
31	Michigan State	3
25	Miami	26
61	Southern Mississippi	10
32	Louisville	9
73	Tulane	14
34	Auburn	6
41	Furman	10
28	Florida	14
28	Nebraska	31
	(Fiesta Bowl)	

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

October 15 ★ Allen E. Paulson Stadium



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Monroe, La.

STADIUM: Malone (23,277)

TURF: Natural Grass

ENROLLMENT: 10,215

NICKNAME: Indians

COLORS: Maroon & Gold

CONFERENCE: Southland

1987 RECORD: 13-2

BASIC OFFENSE: One-back Set-Pro-I

BASIC DEFENSE: 4-2-5

PRESIDENT: Dr. Dwight D. Vines

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Benny Hollis

SID: Bob Anderson

Office Phone: (318) 342-4015

Home Phone: (318) 343-2343

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Pat Collins

ALMA MATER (Year): Louisiana Tech (1963)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 52-29 (7)

At School: 52-29 (7)

OFFICE PHONE: (318) 342-3110

BEST TIME TO REACH:

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Bobby Keasler

Roger Carr

Kirby Bruchhause

J. B. Grimes

Bob Lane

Willie Ragan

SERIES RECORD: (1-0, NLU)

1987: 26-17, NLU

1988 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	Nicholls State
10	McNeese State
17	SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE
24	Arkansas State
Oct. 1	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
8	University of North Texas
15	Georgia Southern
22	Northwestern State
29	LAMAR
Nov. 12	SAM HOUSTON
19	LOUISIANA TECH

1987 RESULTS

44	Louisiana Tech	7
44	Southwest Texas	7
26	Nicholls State	14
38	Northwestern State	31
28	Lamar	48
26	Georgia Southern	17
7	Southwestern Louisiana	17
37	McNeese State	10
34	Southern Mississippi	24
24	North Texas State	23
31	Arkansas State	21
30	North Texas State (playoffs)	9
33	Eastern Kentucky (playoffs)	32
44	Northern Iowa (playoffs)	41
43	Marshall (championship)	42

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

October 22 ★ Allen E. Paulson Stadium



COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: LARRY LITTLE

ALMA MATER (Year):

Bethune-Cookman (1967)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 24-26-1 (5)

At School: 24-26-1 (5)

OFFICE PHONE: (904) 255-1401, X350

BEST TIME TO REACH:

9:30-12 or 1-2 p.m.

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Jack "Cy" McClairen

Alvin Wyatt

Reggie Beverly

Willie Blackmon

Sam Washington

Willie Martinez

SERIES RECORD: (GSC leads 4-0)

1984: 52-31, GSC

1985: 42-24, GSC

1986: 43-33, GSC

1987: 14-13, GSC

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Daytona Beach, Fla.

STADIUM: Daytona Bch. Municipal
(10,000)

TURF: Natural Grass

ENROLLMENT: 1,800

NICKNAME: Wildcats

COLORS: Maroon & Gold

CONFERENCE: Mid-Eastern Atlantic

1987 RECORD: 4-7

BASIC OFFENSE: Pro-Set

BASIC DEFENSE: 50-Series (Basic)

PRESIDENT:

Dr. Oswald Perry Bronson, Jr.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

Lloyd C. "Tank" Johnson

SID: Johnny Randolph

Office Phone: (904) 255-1401

Home Phone: (904) 258-5567

1988 SCHEDULE

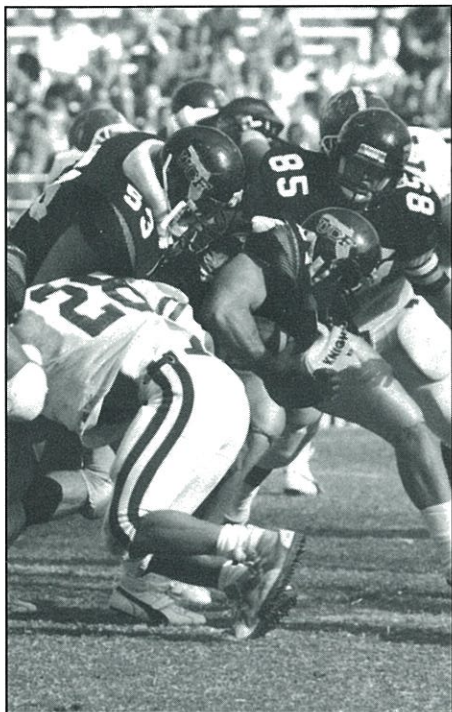
Sept. 2	Central Florida
10	MORGAN STATE
17	Howard
24	GRAMBLING STATE
Oct. 1	DELAWARE STATE
10	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
22	Georgia Southern
29	North Carolina State
Nov. 5	SOUTHERN U.
12	MORRIS BROWN
26	Florida A&M

1987 RESULTS

9	Central Florida	17
34	Morgan State	22
51	Howard	58
14	Grambling State	21
0	Delaware State	45
13	Georgia Southern	14
20	South Carolina State	41
38	North Carolina A&T	36
16	Tennessee State	13
34	Morris Brown	12
10	Florida A&M	21

CENTRAL FLORIDA

October 29 ★ Citrus Bowl



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Orlando, Fla.

STADIUM: Citrus Bowl (50,000)

TURF: Natural Grass

ENROLLMENT: 17,000

NICKNAME: Knights

COLORS: Black & Gold

CONFERENCE: Independent

1987 RECORD: 9-4

BASIC OFFENSE: Pro-set

BASIC DEFENSE: "50"

PRESIDENT: Dr. Trevor Colbourn

SID: Bob Cefalo

Office Phone: (407) 275-2464

Home Phone: (407) 678-3356

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Gene McDowell

ALMA MATER (Year): Florida State (1963)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 19-16 (3)

At School: 19-16 (3)

OFFICE PHONE: (407) 275-2994

BEST TIME TO REACH: weekday mornings

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Rick Stockstill

Bruce Bennett

Melvin Flournoy

Mike Kruczek

Paul Lounsberry

Dana Martin

Randy Ramero

SERIES RECORD: (GSC leads 5-1)

1982: 16-9, GSC

1983: 33-29, UCF

1984: 42-28, GSC

1985: 35-18, GSC

1986: 33-23, GSC

1987: 34-32, GSC

1988 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	BETHUNE-COOKMAN
10	WEST GEORGIA
17	TROY STATE
24	East Tennessee State
Oct. 1	NORTH ALABAMA
8	NEW HAVEN
15	SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE
22	Valdosta State
29	GEORGIA SOUTHERN
Nov. 5	Liberty
12	Eastern Kentucky

1987 RESULTS

17	Bethune-Cookman	9
34	Elon	10
16	Eastern Kentucky	23
32	Georgia Southern	34
36	Savannah State	26
52	West Georgia	14
45	N.W. Missouri State	3
67	Grand Valley State	3
42	Liberty	21
14	Florida A&M	19
24	Morningside	7
12	Indiana (Pa.)	10
10	Troy State	31

JAMES MADISON

November 5 ★ JMU Stadium



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Harrisonburg, Va.

STADIUM: JMU Stadium (15,000)

TURF: Omniturf

ENROLLMENT: 10,000

NICKNAME: Dukes

COLORS: Purple & Gold

CONFERENCE: Independent

1987 RECORD: 9-3

BASIC OFFENSE: Winged-T

BASIC DEFENSE: Multiple 30

PRESIDENT: Dr. Ronald E. Carrier

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Dean Ehlers

SID: Gary Michael

Office Phone: (703) 568-6154

Home Phone: (703) 337-7310

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Joe Purzycki

ALMA MATER (Year): Delaware (1971)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 40-35-2 (7)

At School: 19-14-1 (3)

OFFICE PHONE: (703) 568-6517

BEST TIME TO REACH: Mornings

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Herky Billings

Jim Pletcher

Jim Prince

Bill Bachman

Jeff Cannon

Hank Hughes

Chuck Jones

Sam Venuto

Andy Coen

SERIES RECORD: (GSC leads 2-1)

1987: 26-7, GSC

1986: 45-35, GSC

1985: 21-6, JMU

1988 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	US Naval Academy
10	APPALACHIAN STATE
17	Boston University
24	WILLIAM AND MARY
Oct. 1	LIBERTY
15	Northeastern
22	VIRGINIA MILITARY
29	Towson State
Nov. 5	GEORGIA SOUTHERN
12	Richmond
19	Virginia Tech

1987 RESULTS

38	Rhode Island	0
10	Appalachian State	17
44	Morehead State	10
21	Massachusetts	15
41	Richmond	3
20	Virginia Military	17
28	William & Mary	22
21	Towson State	19
7	Georgia Southern	26
13	Northeastern	3
28	East Tennessee St.	24

SAMFORD

November 12 ★ Allen E. Paulson Stadium



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Birmingham, Ala.

STADIUM: Seibert Stadium (6,000)

TURF: Natural Grass

ENROLLMENT: 4,000

NICKNAME: Bulldogs

COLORS: Crimson & Blue

CONFERENCE: Independent

1987 RECORD: 9-1

BASIC OFFENSE: Pro I

BASIC DEFENSE: Multiple 50

PRESIDENT: Dr. Thomas E. Corts

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Steve Allgood

SID: Kent Partridge

Office Phone: (205) 870-2799

Home Phone: (205) 988-0634

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Terry Bowden

ALMA MATER (Year):

West Virginia (1978)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 29-14 (4)

At School: 9-1 (1)

OFFICE PHONE: (205) 870-2575

BEST TIME TO REACH: 10-11:30 a.m.

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Jeff Bowden

Jack Hines

John Lee Armstrong

Todd Stroud

Gary Engle

Tony Iurulli

Bob Stinchcomb

Bill Sizemore

SERIES RECORD: First Meeting

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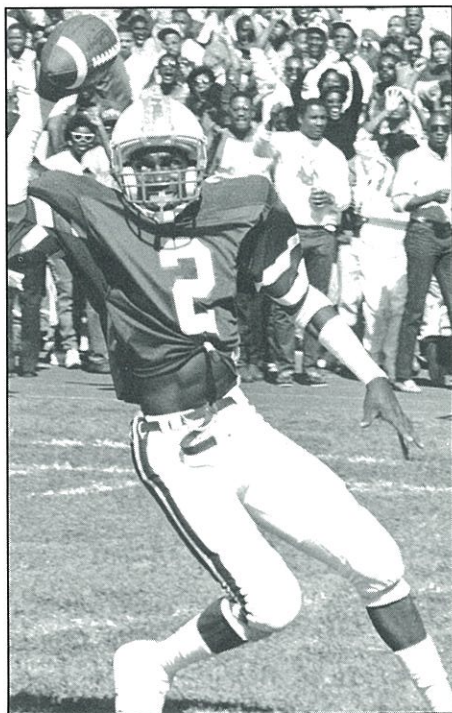
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10	NICHOLLS STATE
17	Tennessee Tech
24	LIVINGSTON
Oct. 1	Morehead State
8	West Georgia
15	TENNESSEE-MARTIN
29	MARS HILL
Nov. 5	EMORY & HENRY
12	Georgia Southern
19	MILES

1987 RESULTS

28	Cumberland	23
49	Hampden-Sydney	14
59	Tennessee Wesleyan	7
60	Anderson	16
33	Georgia Southwestern	14
37	Emory & Henry	56
63	Ferrum	42
72	Maryville	10
62	Millsaps	0
54	Wingate	46

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

November 19 ★ Allen E. Paulson Stadium



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Orangeburg, S.C.

STADIUM: Dawson Bulldog (14,000)

TURF: Natural Grass

ENROLLMENT: 4,200

NICKNAME: Bulldog

COLORS: Garnet & Blue

CONFERENCE: Mid-Eastern

1987 RECORD: 6-5

BASIC OFFENSE: Option/Trap

BASIC DEFENSE: Multiple

PRESIDENT: Dr. Albert E. Smith

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Dr. Willis C. Ham

SID: Bill Hamilton

Office Phone: (803) 536-7060

Home Phone: (803) 534-1814

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Dennis E. Thomas

ALMA MATER (Year): Alcorn State (1974)

COACH'S RECORD (Years):

Career: 11-11 (2)

At School: 11-11 (2)

OFFICE PHONE: (803) 536-7242

BEST TIME TO REACH: 12 Noon - 1 p.m.

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Orrick Dixon

Fred Coleman

Larry Thompson

Gary Harper

SERIES RECORD: (GSC leads 3-0)

1987: 13-30, GSC

1986: 28-7, GSC

1985: 43-30, GSC

1988 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	Furman
17	North Carolina A&T
24	HOWARD
Oct. 1	ELIZABETH CITY STATE
8	MORGAN STATE
15	Bethune-Cookman
22	Florida A&M
29	Delaware State
Nov. 5	VIRGINIA UNION
12	GRAMBLING
19	Georgia Southern

1987 RESULTS

7	Furman	25
12	North Carolina A&T	0
22	Howard	31
39	Elizabeth City State	6
41	Morgan	14
41	Bethune-Cookman	20
20	Florida A&M	10
7	Delaware State	28
22	Virginia Union	24
15	Grambling	13
13	Georgia Southern	30

1988 NCAA 1-AA PLAYOFF INFORMATION

Championship: December 17, 1988, at Mini Dome, Pocatello, Idaho
Host Institution: Idaho State

Semi-Finals: December 10, 1988, at home sites

Quarter-Finals: December 3, 1988, at home sites

First Round: November 26, 1988, at home sites

Previous Championship Games and Results

1987 - Northeast Louisiana 43, Marshall 42

1986 - Georgia Southern 48, Arkansas State 21

1985 - Georgia Southern 44, Furman 42

1984 - Montana State 19, Louisiana Tech 6

1983 - Southern Illinois 43, Western Carolina 7

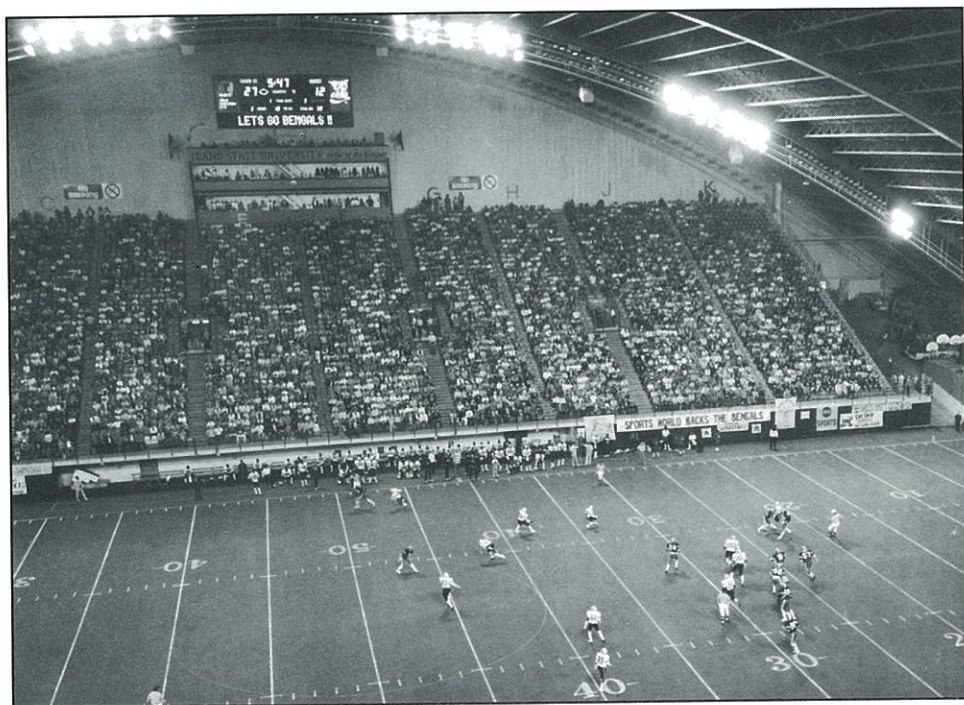
1982 - Eastern Kentucky 17, Delaware 14

1981 - Idaho State 34, Eastern Kentucky 23

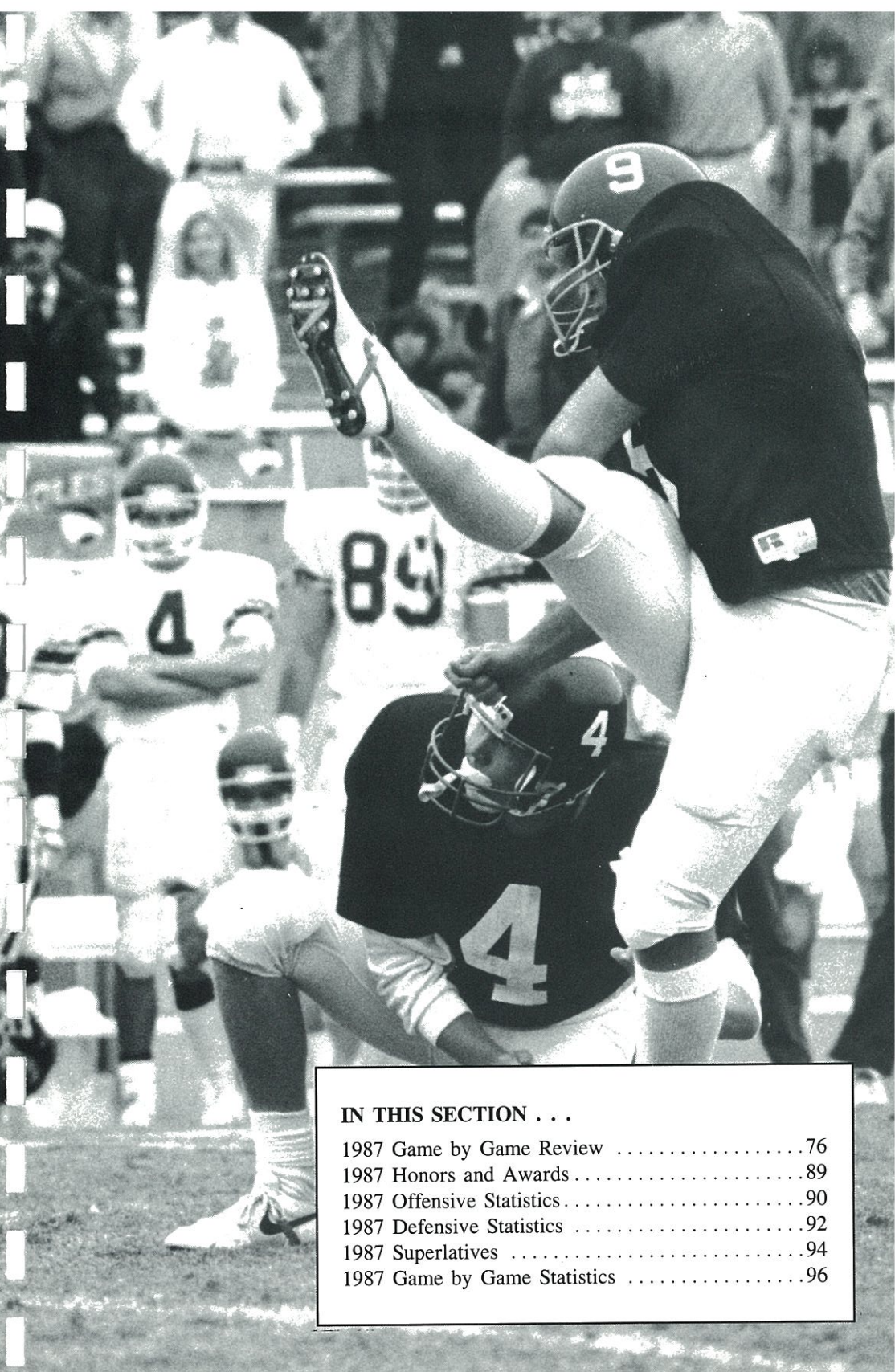
1980 - Boise State 31, Eastern Kentucky 29

1979 - Eastern Kentucky 30, Lehigh 7

1978 - Florida A&M 35, Massachusetts 28



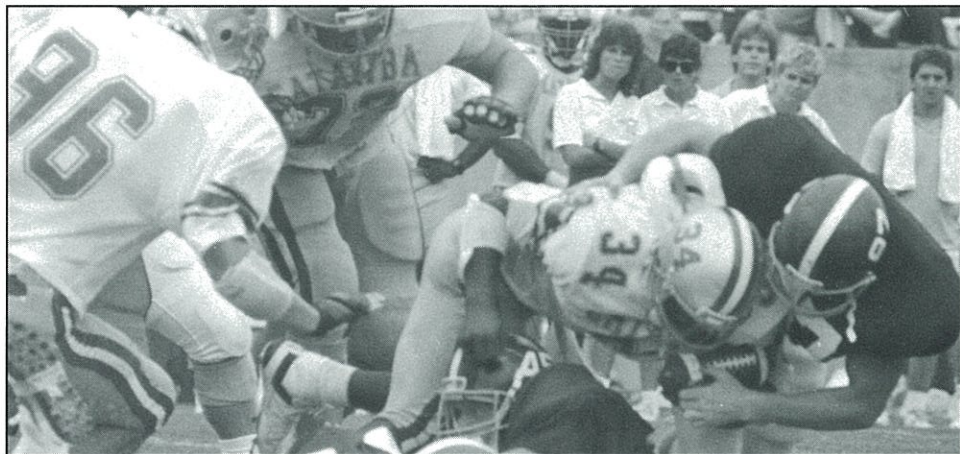




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Game 1

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 27, CATAWBA 0

	1	2	3	4	F
Catawba	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia Southern	14	7	6	0	27

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Georgia Southern - 6:52 - Thompson 1 run (Foley kick)

Georgia Southern - 0:00 - Belser 27 pass from Bullock (Foley kick)

Second Quarter

Georgia Southern - 8:38 - Ross 75 run (Foley kick)

Third Quarter

Georgia Southern - 8:04 - Foley 19 field goal

Georgia Southern - 4:21 - Foley 34 field goal

Team Statistics

GSC		Cat
25	First Downs	7
64	Rush Atts.	33
297	Net Rush Yds.	100
128	Net Pass Yds.	35
18	Pass Atts.	20
10	Pass Compls.	4
82	Total Plays	53
425	Total Yards	135

GSC NOTES - Joe Ross' 75 yard run at 8:38 of the first quarter was the longest from scrimmage in GSC history...The shutout was the first for GSC since the opening round of the 1985 playoffs when the Eagles beat Jackson State by the same score...The seven first downs allowed tied a Georgia Southern record for fewest ones allowed...The 135 yards in total offense allowed was the lowest total ever given up by GSC.

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Ross 12-117-1; Bullock 20-72; King 12-57; Thompson 8-18-1; Johnson 2-11; G. Miller 1-11; K. Miller 1-7; Hopkins 1-6; Barron 1-3; Butler 1-2; Burnette 4-(-7); Team 1-0.

Cat - Purnsley 13-32; Mayes 11-28; Scott 6-22; Harris 1-8; Maddox 1-6; Parker 1-4.

Passing

GSC - Bullock 14-8-1-1, 105; Burnette 4-2-0-0, 23.
Cat - Purnsley 20-4-0-0, 35.

Receiving

GSC - Belser 5-68-1; Chandler 2-25; Johnson 1-12; Barron 1-12; Allen 1-11.

Cat - Parker 1-13; Carfora 1-11; Barnette 1-8; Harris 1-3.

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Game 2

FLORIDA A&M 17, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 14

	1	2	3	4	F
Georgia Southern	7	7	0	0	14
Florida A&M	7	0	3	7	17

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Georgia Southern - 8:14 - Thompson 1 run (Foley kick)

Florida A&M - 3:45 - Green 1 pass from Jackson (Vertuno kick)

Second Quarter

Georgia Southern - 2:32 - Ross 14 run (Foley kick)

Third Quarter

Florida A&M - 3:14 - Vertuno 37 field goal

Fourth Quarter

Florida A&M - 14:49 - Gainer 3 run (Vertuno kick)

Team Statistics

GSC		FAMU
20	First Downs	11
47	Rush Atts.	42
231	Net Rush Yds.	147
59	Net Pass Yds.	49
18	Pass Atts.	20
7	Pass Compls.	8
65	Total Plays	62
290	Total Yards	196

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Ross 17-86-1; Johnson 6-60; Thompson 9-39-1; Bullock 13-26; Burnette 2-20.

FAMU - Jones 14-68; Gainer 8-61-1; Moore 9-33; Harris 1-15; Daniels 1-0; Jackson 9-(-30)

Passing

GSC - Bullock 14-6-2-0, 49; Burnette 4-1-0-0, 10.
FAMU - Jackson 20-8-1-1, 49.

Receiving

GSC - Thompson 2-33; Chandler 2-16; Ross 2-(-6); Johnson 1-16.

FAMU - Green 3-24-1; Schofield 2-31; Moore 1-4; Jones 1-(-1); Gainer 1-(-9).

GSC NOTES - This marked the first time in four years that GSC lost to FAMU...It was GSC's first loss to a 1-AA school in 19 games...This was the last game that Ken Bullock started at QB for the Eagles...Tim Foley had a 50 yard field goal attempt partially blocked on the last play of the game.

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Game 3

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 17, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 13

	1	2	3	4	F
Middle Tennessee	6	0	7	0	13
Georgia Southern	0	3	7	7	17

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Middle Tennessee - 10:14 - Lisle 43 field goal

Middle Tennessee - 0:35 - Lisle 30 field goal

Second Quarter

Georgia Southern - 2:02 - Foley 25 field goal

Third Quarter

Georgia Southern - 6:19 - Thompson 1 run (Foley kick)

Middle Tennessee - 1:56 - Anderson 24 pass from Collier (Lisle kick)

Team Statistics

GSC		MTSU
20	First Downs	7
63	Rush Atts.	35
189	Net Rush Yds.	113
117	Net Pass Yds.	85
23	Pass Atts.	14
10	Pass Compls.	5
86	Total Plays	49
306	Total Yards	198

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Ross 25-110-1; G. Miller 8-34; Gross 8-29; Burnette 15-10; Taylor 2-5; Johnson 2-1; Thompson 3-0.

MTSU - Anderson 18-59; Collier 14-32; Johnson 2-23; Womble 1-(-1).

Passing

GSC - Burnette 20-9-1-0, 104; Gross 3-1-0-0, 13.
MTSU - Collier 14-5-1-1, 85.

Receiving

GSC - Belser 4-52; Chandler 3-31; Barron 1-19; Johnson 1-10; Thompson 1-5.

MTSU - Anderson 2-35-1; Pittman 1-40; James 1-9; Johnson 1-1.

GSC NOTES - Joe Ross' winning touchdown came on an option play that was called at the line of Scrimmage by Ken Burnette...This was Burnette's first start at QB...The seven first downs allowed by GSC tied a school record for fewest first downs by an opponent...Nay Young intercepted a pass with 15 seconds remaining to seal the victory...This marked the third win in a row for the Eagles against MTSU

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Game 4

EAST CAROLINA 16, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 13

	1	2	3	4	F
Georgia Southern	10	0	3	0	13
Florida A&M	0	10	0	6	16

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Georgia Southern - 13:17 - Belser 68 pass from Thompson (Foley kick)

Georgia Southern - 1:21 - Foley 52 field goal

Second Quarter

East Carolina - Berleth 40 field goal

East Carolina - Simpson 12 run (Berleth kick)

Third Quarter

Georgia Southern - 10:38 - Foley 25 field goal

Fourth Quarter

East Carolina - 2:38 - Simpson 2 run (kick failed)

Team Statistics

GSC		ECU
24	First Downs	16
44	Rush Atts.	50
169	Net Rush Yds.	188
228	Net Pass Yds.	74
31	Pass Atts.	13
17	Pass Compls.	7
75	Total Plays	63
397	Total Yards	262

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Ross 16-70; G. Miller 9-48; Thompson 6-36; Johnson 1-7; Burnette 11-5; Taylor 1-3.

ECU - Simpson 21-112-2; McKinney 10-52; Hunter 7-10; James 5-6; Jones 1-4; Lewis 6-4.

Passing

GSC - Burnette 30-16-1-0, 160; Thompson 1-1-0-1, 68.

ECU - Hunter 13-7-0-0, 74.

Receiving

GSC - Belser 8-124-1; Chandler 4-28; Thompson 2-34; Barron 1-22; Johnson 1-18; Ross 1-2.

ECU - Wilson 2-32; Gaylor 1-18; Jones 1-12; Moody 1-5; Lewis 1-4; Harper 1-3.

GSC NOTES - GSC scored on the game's first play from Scrimmage on a 68 yard halfback option pass from Ernest Thompson to Tony Belser...Ken Burnette passed for a career-high 160 yards...This was the only loss in which Burnette started at QB...Joe Ross suffered an ankle sprain on the first play of the second half and did not return after gaining 70 yards in the first half.

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Game 5

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 34, CENTRAL FLORIDA 32

	1	2	3	4	F
Central Florida	7	9	10	6	32
Georgia Southern	25	0	0	9	34

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Georgia Southern - 9:13 - Burnette 10 run (Foley kick)

Georgia Southern - 9:05 - Safety (Slack tackled in end zone by Carter)

Georgia Southern - 7:33 - Foley 54 field goal

Central Florida - 6:24 - Ford 8 pass from Slack (O'Brien kick)

Georgia Southern - 2:36 - Worsham 45 pass from Burnette (pass failed)

Georgia Southern - 1:26 - Belser 26 pass from Burnette (Foley kick)

Second Quarter

Central Florida - 9:07 - Wimbley 18 blocked punt return (pass failed)

Central Florida - 0:00 - O'Brien 36 field goal

Third Quarter

Central Florida - 7:56 - O'Brien 21 field goal

Central Florida - 2:24 - Grayson 2 pass from Slack (O'Brien kick)

Fourth Quarter

Georgia Southern - 14:38 - Gross 29 run (pass failed)

Georgia Southern 6:34 - Foley 35 field goal

Central Florida - 5:24 - Ector 2 run (run failed)

Team Statistics

GSC		UCF
18	First Downs	24
67	Rush Atts.	22
279	Net Rush Yds.	52
178	Net Pass Yds.	350
26	Pass Atts.	58
10	Pass Compls.	25
93	Total Plays	74
457	Total Yards	402

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Burnette 15-91-1; Gross 16-89-1; Johnson 5-46; G. Miller 12-26; King 8-24; Thompson 9-9; Taylor 1-3.

UCF - Slack 13-39; Ector 5-20; Balasis 3-(-4).

Passing

GSC - Burnette 20-9-0-2, Gross 6-1-0-0, 23.

UCF - Slack 57-24-2-2, 315; Ford 1-1-0-0, 35.

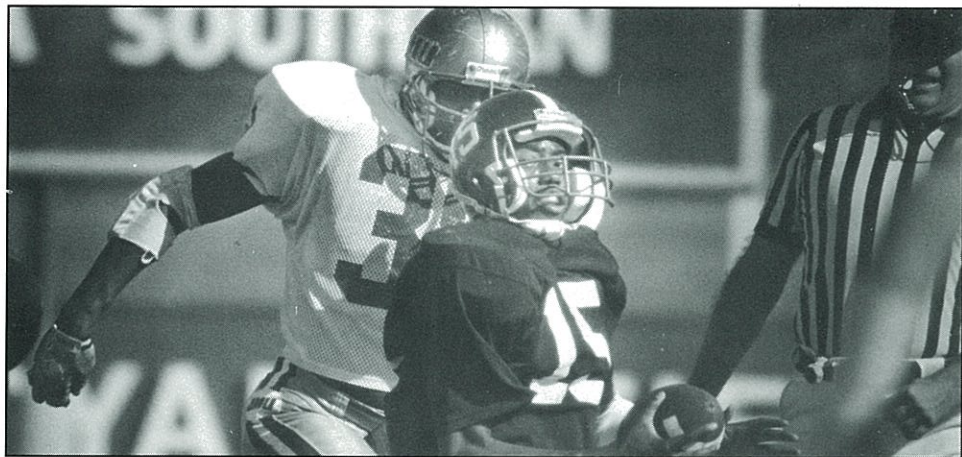
Receiving

GSC - Belser 4-91-1; Worsham 4-71-1; Chandler 2-16.

UCF - Spencer 9-152; Grayson 9-95-1; Ford 4-85-1; Balasis 2-7; White 1-11.

GSC NOTES - The 25 first quarter points were the most scored by GSC in any one quarter in 1987...This was the only game of Ken Burnette's career in which he threw two touchdown passes...GSC set a school record for yards penalized with 140 on 13 flags...Terry Harvin replaced Pat Parker as the regular GSC punter...Five of UCF's 24 first downs came via penalties.

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Game 6

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 14, BETHUNE-COOKMAN 13

	1	2	3	4	F
Georgia Southern	0	7	7	0	14
Bethune-Cookman	0	10	0	3	13

Scoring Summary

Second Quarter

Bethune-Cookman - 11:14 - Manolas 21 field goal

Bethune-Cookman - 10:03 - Williams 25 interception return (Manolas kick)

Georgia Southern - 2:50 - Thompson 4 run (Foley kick)

Third Quarter

Georgia Southern - Gross 1 run (Foley kick)

Fourth Quarter

Bethune-Cookman - 7:35 - Manolas 31 field goal

Team Statistics

GSC		BCC
15	First Downs	12
54	Rush Atts.	31
270	Net Rush Yds.	115
51	Net Pass Yds.	259
13	Pass Atts.	33
5	Pass Compls.	22
67	Total Plays	64
321	Total Yards	374

GSC NOTES - Raymond Gross entered the game at QB in the second quarter officially marking him as the number one QB...The 130 yards gained by Joe Ross was his biggest game rushing to date...The two teams combined for less than 700 yards in total offense, the lowest combined total since the series began in 1984...The interception runback by BCC was the first by a GSC opponent since 1982.

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Ross 14-130; Thompson 8-49-1; Johnson 5-37; G. Miller 6-25; Gross 18-20-1; K. Miller 1-6; Burnette 2-3.

BCC - Finnie 21-86; Butler 4-15; Bullard 3-12; Sumpter 1-1; Ross 2-1.

Passing

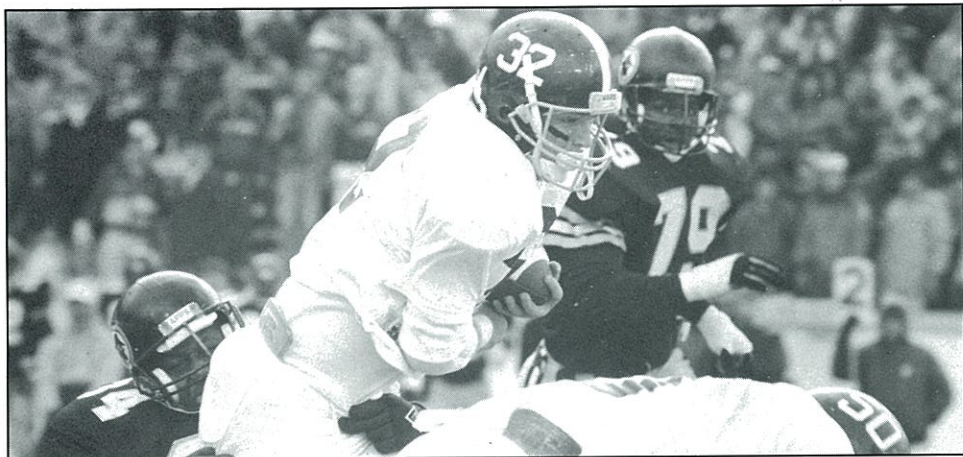
GSC - Gross 8-4-0-0, 45; Burnette 4-1-1-0, 6; Thompson 1-0-0-0, 0.

BCC - Ross 33-22-2-0, 259.

Receiving

GSC - Belser 2-24; Chandler 2-19; Worsham 1-8. BCC - Finnie 6-32; Jackson 4-53; Washington 3-107; Taylor 2-16; Bullard 2-7; Sumpter 2-22; Thomas 1-16; Mason 1-3; Baker 1-3.

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Game 7

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA 26, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 17

	1	2	3	4	F
Georgia Southern	0	3	7	7	17
Northeast La.	3	16	7	0	26

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Northeast Louisiana - 9:43 - Garcia 40 field goal

Second Quarter

Northeast Louisiana - 14:50 - Garcia 51 field goal

Northeast Louisiana - 10:18 Garcia 25 field goal

Georgia Southern - 6:34 - Foley 31 field goal

Northeast Louisiana - 2:30 Phythian 1 run (Garcia kick)

Northeast Louisiana - 0:43 - Garcia 35 field goal

Third Quarter

Northeast Louisiana - 9:19 - Minvielle 2 run (Garcia kick)

Georgia Southern - 6:24 - Johnson 7 run (Foley kick)

Fourth Quarter

Georgia Southern - 14:19 - Belser 50 pass from Gross (Foley kick)

Team Statistics

GSC		NLU
17	First Downs	17
46	Rush Atts.	49
183	Net Rush Yds.	132
116	Net Pass Yds.	186
22	Pass Atts.	32
9	Pass Compls.	16
68	Total Plays	81
299	Total Yards	318

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Ross 14-59; Thompson 7-39; Gross 13-36; G. Miller 3-27; K. Miller 6-27; Johnson 3-(-5).
NLU - Minvielle 20-68-1; Steele 13-33; Phythian 16-31-1.

Passing

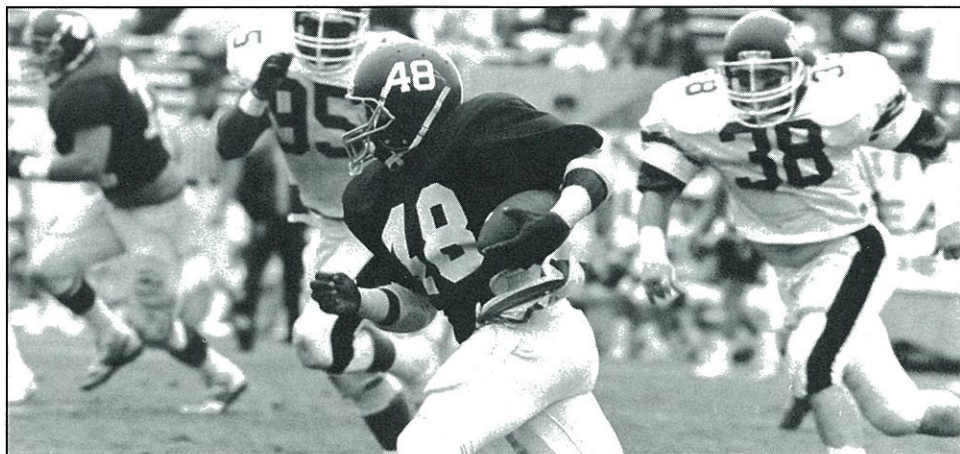
GSC - Gross 29-9-3-1, 116.
NLU - Phythian 32-16-2-0, 186.

Receiving

GSC - Chandler 5-40; Belser 3-85; Ross 1-(-9).

GSC NOTES - This was Raymond Gross' first start at QB...The 50 yard TD pass from Gross to Belser was Gross' longest of the season...This marked the second loss to a 1-AA school this year marking the first time that GSC had lost two 1-AA games in a single season since 1984...Joe Ross was held to 59 yards rushing, his lowest output of the season to date...Taz Dixon intercepted two passes in the game becoming the first GSC player to do that since Nay Young against Middle Tennessee in the 1985 playoffs...Northeast Louisiana eventually won the 1-AA national championship.

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Game 8

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 37, WESTERN CAROLINA 16

	1	2	3	4	F
Georgia Southern	7	7	3	20	37
Western Carolina	0	3	6	7	16

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Georgia Southern - 6:20 - Gross 37 run (Foley kick)

Second Quarter

Georgia Southern - 0:56 - Ross 33 run (Foley kick)

Western Carolina - 0:00 - Roach 55 field goal

Third Quarter

Western Carolina - 12:53 - Roach 35 field goal

Georgia Southern - 4:59 - Foley 32 field goal

Western Carolina - 1:04 - Roach 54 field Goal

Fourth Quarter

Georgia Southern - 14:52 - Gross 22 run (kick failed)

Georgia Southern - 11:25 - Thompson 4 run (Foley kick)

Western Carolina - 2:14 - Jackson 2 run (Roach kick)

Georgia Southern - 1:06 - Gross 20 run (Foley kick)

Team Statistics

GSC		WCU
22	First Downs	18
54	Rush Atts.	40
358	Net Rush Yds.	13
88	Net Pass Yds.	298
5	Pass Atts.	35
4	Pass Compls.	22
59	Total Plays	75
446	Total Yards	311

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Gross 14-115-3; Thompson 11-91-1; Ross 15-76-1; G. Miller 8-63; King 1-5; K. Miller 1-5; Johnson 2-2; Taylor 2-1.

WCU - Terry 9-42; Jackson 18-36-1; Jones 1-3; Johnson 2-3; Nowell 1-(-16); Smith 9-(-55).

Passing

GSC - Gross 5-4-0-0, 88.

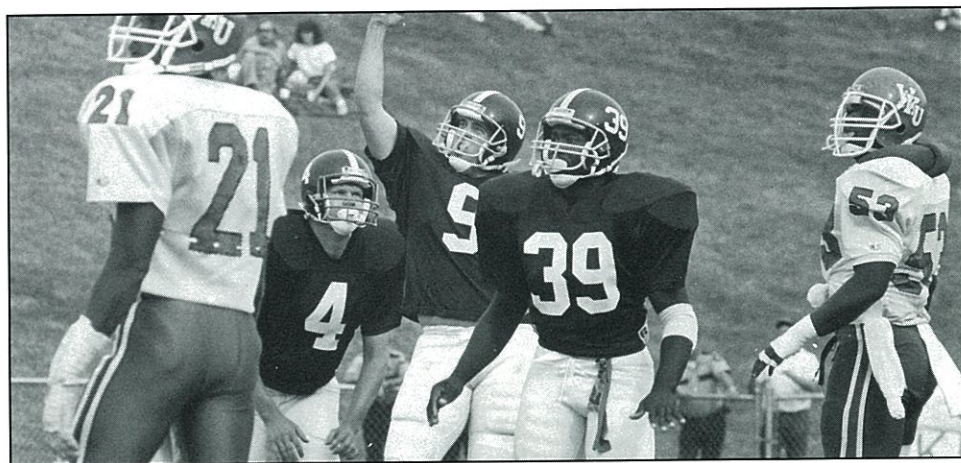
WCU - Smith 34-21-0-0, 264; Nowell 1-1-0-0, 34.

Receiving

GSC - Chandler 2-35; Belser 1-39; Thompson 1-14. WCU - Reed 8-108; Currie 3-68; Johnson 3-39; Jackson 3-32; Nowell 2-32; Foster 1-8; Terry 1-6; Jones 1-5.

GSC NOTES - GSC surrendered a school record 13 yards rushing on 40 attempts...QB Raymond Gross rushed for 115 yards, his first 100 yard game...GSC averaged 7.6 yards per play...GSC sacked the WCU QB seven times for losses of 57 yards...Ernest Thompson rushed for a career high 91 yards...WCU was ranked ninth in the country at the time of the game.

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Game 9

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 23, WESTERN KENTUCKY 20

	1	2	3	4	F
Western Kentucky	10	0	0	10	20
Georgia Southern	7	13	3	0	23

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Western Kentucky - 9:13 - Arnold 15 run (Maher kick)

Western Kentucky - 7:35 - Maher 35 field goal

Georgia Southern - 1:56 Worsham 14 pass from Gross (Foley kick)

Second Quarter

Georgia Southern 9:41 - Gross 7 run (Foley kick)

Georgia Southern - 3:11 - Foley 52 field goal

Georgia Southern - 0:14 - Foley 57 field goal

Third Quarter

Georgia Southern - 7:56 - Foley 31 field goal

Fourth Quarter

Western Kentucky - 12:49 - Maher 46 field goal

Western Kentucky - 4:24 - Darden 12 pass from Cesarone (Maher kick)

Team Statistics

GSC		WKU
25	First Downs	16
72	Rush Atts.	26
272	Net Rush Yds.	98
102	Net Pass Yds.	212
13	Pass Atts.	33
8	Pass Compls.	15
85	Total Plays	59
374	Total Yards	310

GSC NOTES - Tim Foley's field goals of 52 and 57 yards marked the first time that a GSC kicker had made two 50 yarders in the same game...Joe Ross rushed for a career - high 143 yards...Ross Worsham started at WR in place of the injured Darren Chandler and responded with a TD catch in the first quarter, his only catch of the day...GSC held WKU to 1-of-11 on third down conversions...GSC had possession of the ball for 38:50 of the game.

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Ross 21-143; Gross 30-58-1; Thompson 7-33; G. Miller 10-30; Johnson 2-6; Taylor 2-2.

WKU - Arnold 17-64-1; Brown 5-25; Bacon 2-17; Mangold 1-2; Cesarone 1-(-10).

Passing

GSC - Gross 13-8-0-1, 102.

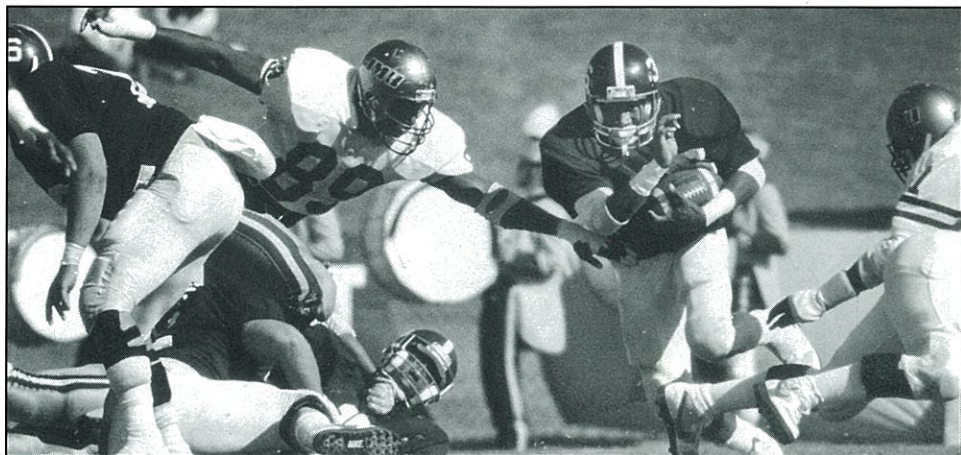
WKU - Cesarone 33-15-2-1, 212.

Receiving

GSC - Johnson 3-25; Belser 2-36; Worsham 1-14; Allen 1-14; G. Miller 1-13.

WKU - Coates 6-95; Darden 5-74; Shakir 2-23; Brown 1-14; Arnold 1-6.

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Game 10

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 26, JAMES MADISON 7

	1	2	3	4	F
James Madison	0	7	0	0	7
Georgia Southern	7	3	3	13	26

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Georgia Southern - 10:52 - Johnson 9 run (Foley kick)

Second Quarter

James Madison - 4:30 - Wilkinson 17 pass from Green (Garritty kick)

Georgia Southern - 0:22 - Foley 37 field goal

Third Quarter

Georgia Southern - 0:46 - Foley 63 field goal

Fourth Quarter

Georgia Southern - 10:59 - Thompson 1 run (pass failed)

Georgia Southern - 3:50 - Thompson 5 run (Foley kick)

Team Statistics

GSC		JMU
20	First Downs	15
57	Rush Atts.	35
274	Net Rush Yds.	147
80	Net Pass Yds.	134
34	Pass Atts.	22
12	Pass Compls.	9
81	Total Plays	57
354	Total Yards	281

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Ross 20-129; Gross 16-57; Thompson 7-38-2; Johnson 9-27-1; G. Miller 3-18; King 2-5.
JMU - Graddy 12-75; Medley 10-37; Stockett 5-18; Green 8-17.

Passing

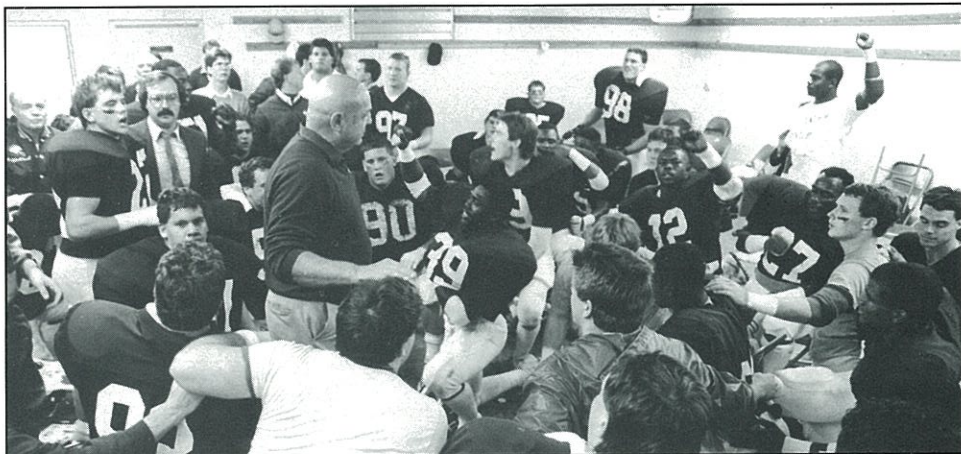
GSC - Gross 24-12-0-0, 80.
JMU - Green 22-9-3-1, 134.

Receiving

GSC - Belser 5-36; Barron 2-22; Worsham 2-18; Johnson 2-8; Thompson 1-(-4).
JMU - Wilkinson 3-53-1; Stockett 3-48; Taylor 1-20; Lanier 2-13.

GSC NOTES - Tim Foley's 63 yard field goal in the third quarter set a new NCAA I-AA record for longest field goal...It was tied about an hour later by Arkansas State's Scott Roper...Joe Ross rushed for 129 yards on 20 carries...Punter Terry Harvin had one of the best days of his career averaging 44.6 yards on five punts...GSC held JMU to 3-of-11 on third down conversions.

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Game 11

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 30, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE 13

	1	2	3	4	F
Georgia Southern	3	6	14	7	30
South Carolina St.	0	0	13	0	13

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Georgia Southern - 6:00 - Foley 27 field goal

Second Quarter

Georgia Southern - 10:52 - Foley 37 field goal

Georgia Southern - 7:07 - Foley 29 field goal

Third Quarter

Georgia Southern - 13:31 - Gross 16 run (Foley kick)

Georgia Southern - 10:32 - Gross 1 run (Foley kick)

South Carolina State - 5:22 Gilmore 2 run (pass failed)

South Carolina State - 0:45 - DuBose 15 pass from Gilmore (Wrighten kick)

Fourth Quarter

Georgia Southern - 14:28 - K. Miller 13 run (Foley kick)

Team Statistics

GSC		SCS
14	First Downs	17
42	Rush Atts.	42
351	Net Rush Yds.	130
14	Net Pass Yds.	178
9	Pass Atts.	36
3	Pass Compls.	18
51	Total Plays	78
365	Total Yards	308

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Gross 15-125-2; Ross 11-98; Johnson 3-75; G. Miller 4-23; Belser 1-14; Thompson 5-9; K. Miller 2-7-1; Bullock 1-0.

SCS - Summers 12-37; Miller 8-31; Gilmore 6-23-1; Whitley 3-12; Norris 2-11; Dubose 5-11; Salters 6-5.

Passing

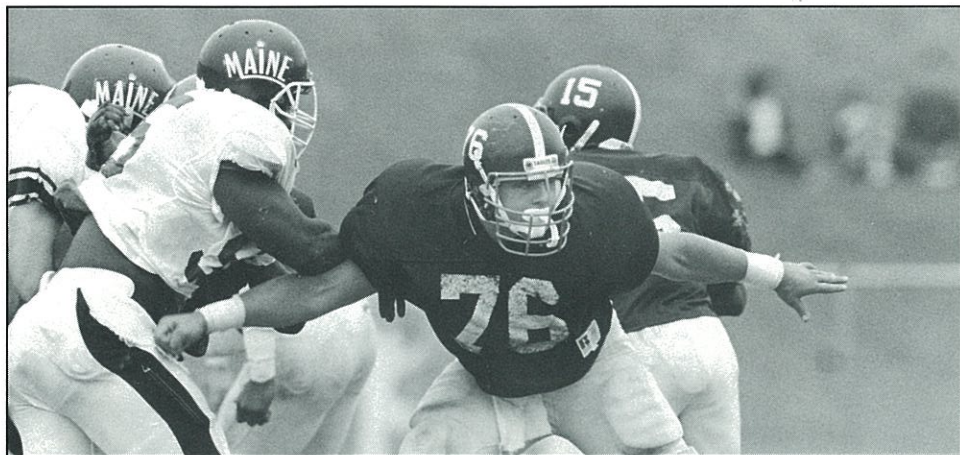
GSC - Gross 8-3-1-0, 14; Thompson 1-0-0-0, 0.
SCS - Gilmore 26-13-0-0, 125; Salters 10-5-1-0, 53.

Receiving

GSC - Worsham 1-7; Belser 1-6; Johnson 1-1.
SCS - Tyler 6-65; Miller 4-24; Montgomery 3-33; McLaughlin 2-25; Smith 1-18, DuBose 1-15-1; Summers 1-(-2).

GSC NOTES - GSC rushed for a season high 351 yards...GSC averaged 7.1 yards per offensive play...All of GSC's first downs came by rushing...The 14 yards passing by GSC were the fewest in a game in 1987...Raymond Gross threw his first interception in more than three games...The win gave the Eagles an 8-3 record marking the fourth straight season in which they had won at least eight game...It vaulted them into the 1987 playoffs..

REVIEWING 1987



1-AA Playoffs - Round 1

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 31, MAINE 28

	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Maine	14	14	0	0	0	28
Georgia Southern	7	3	11	7	3	31

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Maine - 12:03 - Hebra 23 pass from Buck (Berjestedt kick)

Georgia Southern - 9:44 - Gross 13 run (Foley kick)

Maine - 7:42 - Buck 1 run (Berjestedt kick)

Second Quarter

Maine - 10:37 - Fox 2 run (Berjestedt kick)

Georgia Southern - 5:55 - Foley 32 field goal

Maine - 2:37 - Wood 1 run (Berjestedt kick)

Third Quarter

Georgia Southern - 6:34 - Thompson 4 run (Gross run)

Georgia Southern - 0:04 - Foley 32 field goal

Fourth Quarter

Georgia Southern - 7:54 - Ross 12 run (Foley kick)

Team Statistics

GSC		UM
22	First Downs	21
66	Rush Atts.	35
384	Net Rush Yds.	127
66	Net Pass Yds.	229
15	Pass Atts.	32
7	Pass Compls.	18
81	Total Plays	67
450	Total Yards	356

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - Gross 18-173-1; Ross 23-86-1; G. Miller 7-56; Thompson 10-49-1; Johnson 6-17; K. Miller 1-2; Taylor 1-1.

UM - Wood 11-51; Buck 10-30-1; Fox 7-28-1; Dorsey 7-18.

Passing

GSC - Gross 15-7-1-0, 66.

UM - Buck 32-18-2-1, 229.

Receiving

GSC - Belser 3-27; Thompson 1-15; Barron 1-12; K. Miller 1-9; Johnson 1-3.

UM - Hebra 5-113-1; Venditto 5-42; Lanza 2-20; Gordon 1-20; Knox 1-16; Strzelczyk 1-15; Dorsey 1-4; Wood 1-2; Fox 1-(-3).

GSC NOTES - GSC scored 21 straight points after halftime to come from a 28-10 deficit and win the game...Foley's 42 yard field goal came on the second play of overtime...He had missed a 50 yarder on the last play of regulation that could have won it then...Raymond Gross rushed for a career high 173 yards...133 of Gross' rushing yards came in the second half...The win marked GSC's ninth consecutive 1-AA playoff victory over a three year span.

REVIEWING 1987



1-AA Playoffs - Quarterfinal

APPALACHIAN STATE 19, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 0

	1	2	3	4	F
Georgia Southern	0	0	0	0	0
Appalachian State	7	6	6	0	19

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Appalachian State - 5:47 - Melchor 13 run (Nittmo kick)

Second Quarter

Appalachian State - 7:55 - Melchor 4 run (kick failed)

Third Quarter

Appalachian State - 10:07 - Nittmo 44 field goal

Appalachian State - 2:18 - Nittmo 21 field goal

Team Statistics

GSC		ASU
20	First Downs	18
56	Rush Atts.	52
200	Net Rush Yds.	270
61	Net Pass Yds.	58
12	Pass Atts.	10
5	Pass Compls.	5
69	Total Plays	62
261	Total Yards	328

Individual Statistics

Rushing

GSC - G. Miller 14-105; Gross 22-63; Ross 9-21; Thompson 1-5; Johnson 3-3; K. Miller 7-3.

ASU - Melchor 29-156-2; Dawson 3-46; Sanders 9-34; Beaty 8-28; Armstrong 1-4; Fuller 2-2.

Passing

GSC - Gross 12-5-1-0, 61; Burnette 1-0-0-0, 0.
ASU - Fuller 10-5-0-0, 58.

Receiving

GSC - Barron 1-14; Worsham 1-14; Chandler 1-13; Johnson, 1-12; Belser 1-8.

ASU - Beaty 3-50; Wilkes 2-8.

GSC NOTES - This was a game of firsts for GSC...It marked the first playoff loss in 10 games for the Eagles...It marked the first time that GSC had been in the playoffs and had not won a national championship...It marked the first time since the last game of the 1941 season that the Eagles had been shutout...The game was marred by a heavy snow and ice storm that struck Boone, N.C., the night before the game...The field was icy limiting GSC's option attack...Garry Miller rushed for a career high 105 yards to lead the Eagles.

1987 HONORS AND AWARDS

Dennis Franklin, Center

Kodak All-America (First Team)

Associated Press (Second Team)

Walter Camp (First Team)

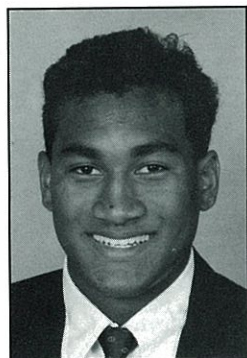
The Sports Network (Second Team)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution College Player-of-the-Year



Joe Ross, Fullback

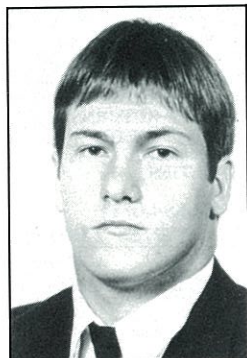
Associated Press All-America (Third Team)



Ronald Warnock, Offensive Tackle

Associated Press All-America (Honorable Mention)

State of Georgia Peach-of-an-Athlete Award



Flint Matthews, Linebacker

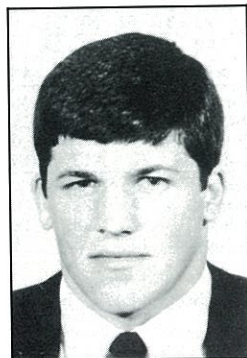
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1987 GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(13 Games)

(Overall 9-4, Home 6-0, Away: 3-3, Neutral 0-1)

TEAM STATISTICS				GSC	OPP	RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG				
TOTAL POINTS				283	220	Ross	197	1134	9	1125	5.7	5	75 CAT				
Points Per Game				21.8	16.9	Gross	170	920	155	765	4.5	9	53 UM				
TD/Run-Pass-Return				26-6-0	14-8-2	G. Miller	85	470	4	466	5.5	0	28 UM				
PAT				27-28	19-21	Thompson	91	426	11	415	4.6	8	36 WC				
PAT Run or Pass				1-4	0-3	Johnson	49	314	27	287	5.9	2	36 SCS				
Field Goals				20-28	17-25	Burnette	49	180	58	122	2.5	1	28 CF				
Safety				1	0	Bullock	34	127	29	98	2.9	0	18 CAT/FAM				
FIRST DOWNS				262	199	King	22	91	0	91	4.1	0	19 CAT				
Rush				181	96	K. Miller	19	78	21	57	3.0	1	13 SCS				
Pass				66	85	Taylor	10	15	0	15	1.5	0	3 MT/EC/CF				
Penalty				15	18	Belser	1	14	0	14	14.0	0	14 SCS				
3rd Down Conv-Att				86-210	53-117	Hopkins	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6 CAT				
3rd Down Pct.				41.0	29.9	Barron	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3 CAT				
TOTAL YARDAGE				4745	3779	Butler	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2 CAT				
Avg. Per Game				365.0	290.7	Team	2	0	9	-9	-4.5	0	0				
Plays				962	850	RECEIVING NO YDS AVG TD LR											
Yards Per Play				4.9	4.5	Belser	39	596	15.3	4	68	EC					
% Plays Rush-Pass				76-24	58-42	Chandler	23	223	9.7	0	20	WC					
% Yards Rush-Pass				73-27	43-57	Johnson	12	105	8.8	0	18	EC					
RUSHING YARDAGE				3457	1632	Worsham	10	132	13.2	2	45	CF					
Yards Per Game				265.9	125.5	Thompson	8	97	12.1	0	28	FAM					
Gained				3780	1998	Barron	7	101	14.4	0	22	EC					
Lost				323	366	Ross	4	-13	-3.3	0	2	EC/FAM					
Rushing Plays				732	492	Allen	2	25	12.5	0	14	WK					
Yards Per Play				4.7	3.3	G. Miller	1	13	13.0	0	13	WK					
PASSING YARDAGE				1288	2147	K. Miller	1	9	9.0	0	9	UM					
Yards Per Game				99.1	165.2	RETURNS KICKOFFS PUNTS INTERCEPTIONS											
Att-Completions				230-107	358-174	N. Young	17-378-0	(45UM)	10-74-0	(46CAT)	2-26-0	(20MT)					
% Complete				46.5	48.6	Chandler	15-253-0	(36 BC)									
Yards Per Attempt				5.6	6.0	Gete	4-30-0	(13BC/SCS)									
Yards Per Comp.				12.0	12.3	G. Miller	2-18-0	(11UM)									
INTERCEPTIONS				16	12	Belser	1-13-0	(13CF)	24-143-0	(41CF)							
Yards Returned/TD				139/0	88/1	Allen	1-6-0	(6UM)									
PUNTS				61	77	Taylor	1-0-0										
Yards Punted				2201	2959	T. Young					5-23-0	(14WK)					
Avg. Per Punt				36.1	38.4	Dixon					4-54-0	(26JM)					
Had Blocked				1	0	Matthews					2-14-0	(11BC)					
PUNT RETURNS				34	17	Boone					1-0-0						
Yards Returned/TD				217/0	132/1	Robinson					1-0-0						
Avg. Per Return				6.4	7.8	Underwood					1-22-0	(22BC)					
KICKOFF RETURNS				41	51	RESULTS GSC OPP ATTD											
Yards Returned/TD				698/0	944/0	Catawba (H)	27	0					9,128				
Avg. Per Return				17.0	18.5	Florida A&M (N)	14	17					17,268				
PENALTIES				83	68	Mid. Tenn. State (H)	17	13					14,527				
Yards				731	537	East Carolina (A)	13	16					27,411				
FUMBLES-LOST				56-28	38-14	Central Florida (H)	34	32					15,540				
AVG. ATTEND				HOME AWAY NEUT		Bethune-Cookman (A)	14	13					5,100				
13,706				13,072 13,747 17,268		Northeast Louisiana (A)	17	26					17,231				
SCORE BY QUARTERS				1 2 3 4 OT		Western Carolina (A)	37	16					13,460				
Opponents				54 75 52 39 0		Western Kentucky (H)	23	20					13,066				
Georgia Southern				87 59 64 70 3		James Madison (H)	26	7					16,734				
FIELD GOALS ATT. (underlined #'s are good) Foley						Southern Carolina St. (A)	30	13					10,048				
19, 34, 47, 44, 50, 25, 32, <u>32</u> , 25, 54, 35,						Maine (H) (OT)*	31	28					9,440				
31 42 32 52 57 31 37 63 27 37 29						Appalachian State (A)*	0	19					9,229				
32 48 32 37 42 28						PUNTING NO YDS AVG LP											
PUNTING						Harvin	38	1453	38.2	66	WC						
Gross				20	116	Parker	22	748	34.0	48	FAM						
Burnette				8	83	Team	1	0	0.0	0							
Bullock				4	28	PASSING G ATT COMP PCT INT TD YDS LP YDS/COMP YDS/GAME TOT OFF/GAME											
Thompson				13	3												
						Gross	20	116	54	46.6	6	2	608	50(NL)	11.3	60.8	137.3
						Burnette	8	83	38	45.8	3	2	458	45(CF)	12.1	57.3	72.5
						Bullock	4	28	14	50.0	3	1	154	28(FAM)	11.0	38.5	63.0
						Thompson	13	3	1	33.3	0	1	68	63(EC)	68.0	5.2	37.2

TD PAT PAT							TD PAT PAT						
SCORING	R-P-RET	FGM-A	KICK	R or P	OTHER	TP	SCORING	R-P-RET	FGM-A	KICK	R or P	OTHER	TP
Foley		20-28	27-28			87	Worsham	0-2-0					12
Gross	9-0-0			1		56	Johnson	2-0-0					12
Thompson	8-0-0					48	Burnette	1-0-0					6
Ross	5-0-0					30	K. Miller	1-0-0					6
Belser	0-4-0					24	Team					1 (saf)	2

1987 GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(11 Games)

(Overall 8-3, Home 5-0, Away: 3-2, Neutral 0-1)

TEAM STATISTICS				GSC	OPP	RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG			
TOTAL POINTS				252	173	Ross	165	1026	8	1018	6.2	4	75 CAT			
Points Per Game				22.9	15.7	Gross	130	651	122	529	4.1	8	42 SCS			
TD/Run-Pass-Return				23-6-0	9-7-2	Thompson	80	370	9	361	4.5	7	36 WC			
PAT				25-26	14-15	G. Miller	64	309	4	305	4.8	0	22 EC			
PAT Run or Pass				0-3	0-3	Johnson	40	286	19	267	6.7	2	36 SCS			
Field Goals				17-22	15-22	Burnette	49	180	58	122	2.5	1	28 CF			
Safety				1	0	Bullock	34	127	29	98	2.9	0	18 CAT/FAM			
FIRST DOWNS				220	160	King	22	91	0	91	4.1	0	19 CAT			
Rush				147	71	K. Miller	11	59	7	52	4.7	1	13 SCS			
Pass				59	73	Belser	1	14	0	14	14.0	0	14 SCS			
Penalty				14	16	Taylor	9	14	0	14	1.6	0	3 MT/EC/CF			
3rd Down Conv-Att				68-176	45-155	Hopkins	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6 CAT			
3rd Down Pct.				38.6	29.0	Barron	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3 CAT			
TOTAL YARDAGE				4034	3095	Butler	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2 CAT			
Avg. Per Game				366.7	281.4	Team	2	0	9	-9	-4.5	0	0			
Plays				812	721											
Yards Per Play				5.0	4.3											
% Plays Rush-Pass				75-25	56-44											
% Yards Rush-Pass				71-29	40-60											
RUSHING YARDAGE				2873	1235											
Yards Per Game				261.2	112.3											
Gained				3138	1569											
Lost				265	334											
Rushing Plays				610	405											
Yards Per Play				4.7	3.0											
PASSING YARDAGE				1161	1860											
Yards Per Game				105.5	169.1											
Att-Completions				202-95	316-151											
% Complete				47.0	47.8											
Yards Per Attempt				5.7	5.9											
Yards Per Comp.				12.2	12.3											
INTERCEPTIONS				14	10											
Yards Returned/TD				127/0	80/1											
PUNTS				55	69											
Yards Punted				1997	2679											
Avg. Per Punt				36.3	38.8											
Had Blocked				1	0											
PUNT RETURNS				32	14											
Yards Returned/TD				222/0	136/0											
Avg. Per Return				6.9	9.7											
KICKOFF RETURNS				35	44											
Yards Returned/TD				572/0	801/0											
Avg. Per Return				16.3	18.2											
PENALTIES				77	62											
Yards				670	492											
FUMBLES-LOST				49-25	36-13											
AVG. ATTEND				HOME	AWAY	NEUT										
14,501				13,799	14,650	17,268										
SCORE BY QUARTERS				1	2	3	4									
Opponents				33	55	46	39									
Georgia Southern				80	56	53	63									
FIELD GOALS ATT. (underlined #'s are good) Foley																
19, 34, 47, 44, 50, 25, 32, 52, 25, 54, 35,																
31 42 32 52 57 31 37 63 27 37 29																
PUNTING				NO	YDS	AVG	LP									
Harvin				32	1249	39.0	66	WC								
Parker				22	748	34.0	48	FAM								
Team				1	0	0.0	0									
PASSING				G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LP	YDS/COMP	YDS/GAME	TOT OFF/GAME		
Gross				8	89	42	47.2	4	2	481	(50NL)	11.4	60.1	126.3		
Burnette				7	82	38	46.3	3	2	458	45(CF)	12.1	65.4	82.9		
Bullock				4	28	14	50.0	3	1	154	28(FAM)	11.0	38.5	63.0		
Thompson				11	3	1	33.3	0	1	68	68(EC)	68.0	6.2	39.2		
TD PAT PAT																
SCORING				R-P-RET	FGM-A	KICK	R or P	OTHER	TP	SCORING	R-P-RET	FGM-A	KICK	R or P	OTHER	TP
Foley					17-22	25-26			76	Worsham	0-2-0					12
Gross				8-0-0					48	Johnson	2-0-0					12
Thompson				7-0-0					42	Burnette	1-0-0					6
Belser				0-4-0					24	K. Miller	1-0-0					6
Ross				4-0-0					24	Team					1 (saf)	2

1987 GEORGIA SOUTHERN DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

13 Games

PLAYER	TOT	UG	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
Matthews, LB	116	78	38	0	1	1	2	0	4
Waller, DG	99	52	47	4	2	0	0	0	2
Carter, DG	79	55	24	7	2	1	0	0	1
Hull, DT	74	37	37	6½	1	1	0	1	1
Dixon, S	73	46	27	0	2	0	4	0	6
Bulter, LB	66	40	26	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hughes, LB	62	36	26	1	0	0	0	0	1
Banks, DE	61	32	29	5	1	2	0	0	3
Hodge, R	53	37	16	2	2	0	0	0	3
Eichler, DT	53	29	24	6	1	0	0	0	1
Sharpe, R	53	28	25	0	0	1	0	1	6
N. Young, CB	48	31	17	0	1	4	2	0	7
Davis, CB	31	24	7	1	0	0	0	0	4
Walker, DG	31	20	11	½	0	0	0	0	0
T. Young, CB	30	19	11	0	0	0	5	1	1
Porter, LB	20	10	10	1	0	0	0	0	1
Underwood, LB	17	12	5	1	0	1	1	0	1
Robinson, S	17	7	10	0	0	0	1	0	3
Hendrix, LB	12	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
G. Smith, DE	10	3	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Boone, R	7	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	6
T. Brown, DG	7	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alford, DE	7	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	1
Brooks, RL	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wright, DG	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holbrook, CB	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Durden, DL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L. Smith, R	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crenshaw, DG	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

1987 GEORGIA SOUTHERN DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Eleven Games

PLAYER	TOT	UG	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
Matthews, LB	95	65	30	0	1	1	1	0	4
Waller, DG	89	47	42	4	2	0	0	0	2
Carter, DG	71	48	23	7	2	1	0	0	1
Hull, DT	67	32	35	5½	1	1	0	1	0
Butler, LB	62	38	24	1	0	0	0	0	1
Dixon, S	53	33	20	0	1	0	4	0	6
Sharpe, R	51	27	24	0	0	1	0	1	6
Banks, DE	50	30	20	5	1	1	0	0	2
Eichler, DT	47	25	22	6	1	0	0	0	1
Hughes, LB	43	26	17	1	0	0	0	0	1
N. Young, CB	41	27	14	0	1	4	2	0	5
Hodge, R	40	29	11	1	2	0	0	0	1
T. Young, CB	23	12	11	0	0	0	4	1	1
Porter, LB	20	10	10	1	0	0	0	0	1
Davis, CB	19	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	3
Walker, DG	19	13	6	½	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson, S	16	6	10	0	0	0	1	0	3
Underwood, LB	15	10	5	1	0	1	1	0	1
G. Smith, DE	9	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hendrix, LB	9	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. Brown, DG	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alford, DE	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
Boone, R	5	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
Brooks, R	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wright, DG	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holbrook, CB	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crenshaw, DG	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
L. Smith, R	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

1987 GEORGIA SOUTHERN HIGHS AND LOWS

OFFENSE - TEAM

FIRST DOWN

Most: 25 vs. Catawba, Western Kentucky

Least: 14 vs. South Carolina State

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Most: 72 vs. Western Kentucky

Least: 42 vs. South Carolina State

NET RUSHING YARDS

Most: 384 vs. Maine

Least: 169 vs. East Carolina

PASS ATTEMPTS

Most: 31 vs. East Carolina

Least: 5 vs. Western Carolina

PASS COMPLETIONS

Most: 17 vs. East Carolina

Least: 3 vs. South Carolina State

INTERCEPTIONS THROWN

Most: 3 vs. Northeast Louisiana

Least: 0 vs. Central Florida, Western Carolina, Western Kentucky, James Madison

NET PASSING YARDS

Most: 228 vs. East Carolina

Least: 14 vs. South Carolina State

TOTAL PLAYS

Most: 93 vs. Central Florida

Least: 51 vs. South Carolina State

TOTAL YARDS

Most: 457 vs. Central Florida

Least: 261 vs. Appalachian State

RETURN YARDS

Most: 113 vs. Central Florida

Least: -5 vs. Appalachian State

PUNT RETURNS

Most: 8 vs. Catawba

Least: 1 vs. Bethune-Cookman, Northeast Louisiana, Appalachian State

PUNT RETURN YARDAGE

Most: 72 vs. Central Florida

Least: -5 vs. Appalachian State

KICK RETURNS

Most: 5 vs. Western Kentucky

Least: 1 vs. Catawba

KICK RETURN YARDAGE

Most: 99 vs. Western Kentucky

Least: 13 vs. James Madison

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE

Most: 33 vs. Bethune-Cookman

Least: 0 vs. Catawba, East Carolina, Central Florida, Western Carolina, S.C. State,
Appalachian State

PUNTS

Most: 9 vs. Central Florida

Least: 2 vs. Maine

PENALTIES

Most: 13 vs. Central Florida, South Carolina State

Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee

PENALTY YARDAGE

Most: 140 vs. Central Florida
Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee

FUMBLES

Most: 8 vs. Bethune-Cookman
Least: 1 vs. South Carolina State

FUMBLES LOST

Most: 4 vs. Florida A&M, Western Kentucky
Least: 0 vs. James Madison

POSSESSION TIME

Most: 38:50 vs. Western Kentucky
Least: 25:03 vs. Northeast Louisiana

DEFENSE - TEAM

FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED

Most: 24 vs. Central Florida
Least: 7 vs. Catawba, Middle Tennessee

RUSHING ATTEMPTS ALLOWED

Most: 52 vs. Appalachian State
Least: 22 vs. Central Florida

NET RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED

Most: 270 vs. Appalachian State
Least: 13 vs. Western Carolina

PASS ATTEMPTS ALLOWED

Most: 58 vs. Central Florida
Least: 10 vs. Appalachian State

PASS COMPLETIONS ALLOWED

Most: 25 vs. Central Florida
Least: 4 vs. Catawba

INTERCEPTIONS

Most: 3 vs. James Madison
Least: 0 vs. Catawba, East Carolina, Western Carolina

NET PASSING YARDS ALLOWED

Most: 350 vs. Central Florida
Least: 35 vs. Catawba

TOTAL PLAYS ALLOWED

Most: 81 vs. Northeast Louisiana
Least: 49 vs. Middle Tennessee

TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED

Most: 402 vs. Central Florida
Least: 135 vs. Catawba

PENALTIES ALLOWED

Most: 8 vs. Northeast Louisiana
Least: 3 vs. Middle Tennessee, Maine, Appalachian State

PENALTY YARDS ALLOWED

Most: 79 vs. James Madison
Least: 15 vs. Middle Tennessee

FUMBLES CAUSED

Most: 6 vs. Central Florida
Least: 0 vs. Western Kentucky, Maine

FUMBLES RECOVERED

Most: 2 vs. Middle Tennessee, East Carolina, Bethune-Cookman, South Carolina state
Least: 0 vs. Catawba, Central Florida, Western Carolina, Western Kentucky, James Madison, Maine

POSSESSION TIME ALLOWED

Most: 34:57 vs. Northeast Louisiana
Least: 21:10 vs. Western Kentucky

TEAM STATISTICS	GSC	CAT	GSC	FAM	GSC	MTSU	GSC	ECU	GSC	UCF	GSC	BCC	GSC	NL	GSC	WC	GSC	WK	GSC	JMU	GSC	SSC	GSC	UM	GSC	ASU
First Downs	25	7	20	11	20	7	24	16	18	24	15	12	17	17	22	18	25	16	20	15	14	17	22	21	20	18
Rush Atts.	64	33	47	42	63	35	44	50	67	22	54	31	46	49	54	40	72	26	57	35	42	42	66	35	56	48
Net Rush Yds.	297	100	231	147	189	113	169	188	279	52	270	115	183	132	358	13	272	98	274	147	351	130	384	127	200	270
Pass A/C/I	18 10 1	20 4 0	18 7 2	20 8 1	23 10 1	14 5 1	31 17 1	13 7 0	26 10 0	58 25 2	13 5 1	33 22 2	22 9 3	32 16 2	5 4 0	35 22 0	13 8 0	33 15 2	24 12 0	22 9 3	22 15 0	9 3 1	36 18 1	15 7 1	32 18 2	13 5 1
Net Pass Yds.	128	35	59	49	117	85	228	74	178	350	51	259	116	186	88	298	102	212	80	134	14	178	66	229	61	58
Total Plays	82	53	65	62	86	49	75	63	93	74	67	64	68	81	59	75	85	59	81	57	51	78	81	67	69	62
Total yds.	425	135	290	196	340	198	397	262	457	402	321	374	299	318	446	311	374	310	354	281	365	308	450	356	261	328
Return Yds.	69	0	19	-3	34	0	6	9	113	74	44	36	19	59	13	0	30	0	53	65	1	4	12	3	-5	2
Punt Returns	8 69	1 0	3 5	1 -3	4 34	0 0	3 6	2 9	6 72	1 18	1 11	2 11	1 5	3 35	2 13	0 0	4 16	0 0	2 21	3 65	2 1	1 1	1 4	2 -5	1 -5	2
Kick Returns	1 26	6 84	3 50	3 73	3 51	4 54	2 28	4 126	3 41	5 56	4 66	3 39	3 67	2 40	2 47	3 85	5 99	4 95	2 13	4 63	3 50	7 89	4 85	6 142	2 41	1
Int. Returns	0 0	1 14	1 0	2 1	1 20	1 28	0 0	1 0	2 0	0 0	2 33	1 25	2 14	3 24	0 0	0 0	2 14	0 0	3 32	0 0	1 0	1 3	2 12	1 8	0 0	1
Punts/Avg.	3 35	10 38	5 37	8 35	5 35	7 44	4 32	6 38	9 25	8 37	7 36	5 42	6 34	5 39	3 53	6 37	4 33	5 43	5 45	4 42	5 39	6 36	2 77	5 172	4 127	3 108
Pens/Yds.	6 51	6 40	8 75	7 53	0 0	3 15	4 48	6 35	13 140	7 62	5 27	4 38	8 50	8 50	6 58	7 45	6 35	5 45	6 60	7 79	6 116	4 40	4 51	3 20	2 10	3 25
Fumbles/Lost	7 3	2 0	5 4	2 1	5 2	5 2	5 3	5 2	3 2	6 0	8 2	3 2	3 1	5 1	4 3	1 0	5 4	0 0	3 0	2 0	2 1	3 2	0 1	4 0	2 2	1
Poss. Time	34:02	25:58	28:28	31:32	37:43	22:17	28:46	31:14	35:23	24:37	N/A	25:03	27:38	34:57	32:22	38:50	21:10	33:46	26:14	27:43	32:17	33:28	26:32	28:49	31:11	

RUSHING

RUSHING	Catawba	Fla. A&M	Mid Tenn	East C.	Cent Fla	B-CC	NE La.	West C.	West Ky	JMU	S.C. State	Maine	APP. St.
Ross	12-117-1	17-86-1	25-110-1	16-70-0	DNP	14-130-0	14-59-0	15-76-1	24-143-0	20-129-0	11-98-0	23-86-1	9-21-0
Gross	DNP	DNP	8-29-0	DNP	16-89-1	18-20-1	13-36-0	14-115-3	30-58-1	16-57-0	15-125-2	18-173-1	22-63-0
Thompson	8-18-1	9-39-1	3-0-1	6-36-0	9-9-0	8-49-1	7-39-0	11-91-1	7-33-0	7-38-2	5-9-0	10-49-1	1-5-0
G. Miller	1-11-0	NC	8-34-0	9-48-0	12-26-0	6-25-0	3-27-0	8-63-0	10-30-0	3-18-0	4-23-0	7-56-0	14-105-0
Johnson	2-11-0	6-60-0	2-1-0	1-7-0	5-46-0	5-37-0	3-(-5)-1	2-2-0	2-6-0	9-27-1	3-75-0	6-17-0	3-3-0
Burnette	4-(-7)-0	2-20-0	15-10-0	11-5-0	15-91-1	2-3-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	NC	DNP	DNP	DNP
Bullock	20-72-0	13-26-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	NC	DNP	DNP	1-0-0	DNP	DNP
King	12-57-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	8-24-0	DNP	DNP	1-5-0	DNP	2-5-0	NC	DNP	DNP
K. Miller	1-7-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-6-0	6-27-0	1-5-0	DNP	DNP	2-7-1	1-2-0	7-3-0
Taylor	DNP	DNP	2-5-0	1-3-0	1-3-0	NC	NC	2-1-0	2-2-0	NC	NC	1-1-0	DNP
Hopkins	1-6-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Barron	1-3-0	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	DNP	DNP
Butler	1-2-0	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	DNP	DNP
Total	64-297-2	47-231-2	63-189-2	44-169-0	67-279-2	54-270-2	46-283-1	54-358-5	72-272-1	57-274-3	42-351-3	66-384-3	56-200-0

RECEIVING	Catawba	Fla. A&M	Mid Tenn	East C.	Cent Fla.	B-CC	NE LA.	West C.	West Ky	JMU	S.C. State	Maine	APP. St.
Belser	5-68-1	NC	4-52-0	8-124-1	4-91-1	2-24-0	3-85-1	1-39-0	2-36-0	5-36-0	1-6-0	3-27-0	1-8-0
Chandler	2-25-0	2-16-0	3-31-0	4-28-0	2-16-0	2-19-0	5-40-0	2-35-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-13-0
Johnson	1-12-0	1-16-0	1-10-0	1-18-0	NC	NC	NC	NC	3-25-0	2-8-0	1-1-0	1-3-0	1-12-0
Worsham	NC	NC	NC	NC	4-71-1	1-8-0	NC	NC	1-14-1	2-18-0	1-7-0	NC	1-14-0
Thompson	NC	2-33-0	1-5-0	2-34-0	NC	NC	NC	1-14-0	NC	1-(4)-0	NC	1-15-0	NC
Barron	1-12-0	NC	1-19-0	1-22-0	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	2-22-0	NC	1-12-0	1-14-0
Ross	NC	2-(6)-0	NC	1-2-0	NC	NC	1-(9)-0	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Allen	1-11-0	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	1-14-0	NC	NC	DNP	DNP
G. Miller	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	1-13-0	NC	NC	NC	NC
PASSING													
Gross	DNP	DNP	3-1-0-0 13	DNP	6-1-0-0 23	8-4-0-0 45	22-9-3-1 116	5-4-0-0 88	13-8-0-1 102	24-12-0-0 80	8-3-1-0 14	15-7-1-0 66	12-5-1-0 61
Burnette	4-2-0-0 23	4-1-0-0 10	20-9-1-0 104	30-16-1-0 160	20-9-0-2 155	4-1-1-0 6	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	NP	DNP	1-0-0-0 0
Bullock	14-8-1-1 105	14-6-2-0 49	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	NP	DNP	DNP	NP	DNP	DNP
Thompson	NP	NP	NP	1-1-0-1 68	NP	1-0-0-0 0	NP	NP	NP	NP	1-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Totals	18-10-1-1 128	18-7-2-0 59	23-10-1-0 117	31-17-1-1 228	26-10-0-2 178	13-5-1-0 51	22-9-3-1 116	5-4-0-0 88	13-8-0-1 102	24-12-0-0 80	9-3-1-0 14	DNP	DNP

LEADING TACKLERS

(Game-by-Game)

OPPONENT

CATAWBA	Tackles Name Other	7 Hull 1 Fumb. Rec.	7 Waller —	5 Brooks —	4 Matthews 1 P.B.	4 Sharpe 1 P.B.
FLORIDA A&M	Tackles Name Other	8 Matthews —	8 Hull —	6 Carter 1 Sack	5 Banks 1 Sack	5 Hughes 2 Sack
MTSU	Tackles Name Other	8 Butler —	7 Carter —	7 Hull —	7 Sharpe 1 Fumb. Rec., 1 P.B.	6 Hodge —
E. CAROLINA	Tackles Name Other	9 Hodge —	8 Dixon —	8 Matthews 1 Fumb. Rec.	8 Waller —	6 N. Young 1 Fumb. Rec., 1 P.B.
CENT. FLORIDA	Tackles Name Other	8 Sharpe 1 P.B.	6 Matthews 1 P.B.	5 Carter 1 P.B., 1 Sack	5 Dixon —	3 T. Young 1 Int.
B-CC	Tackles Name Other	8 Matthews 1 Int.	7 Hull —	7 Sharpe 1 P.B.	6 T. Young 1 P.B.	5 Waller —
NE LOUISIANA	Tackles Name Other	9 Matthews —	9 Sharpe —	7 Davis —	7 Hull —	7 Waller —
W. CAROLINA	Tackles Name Other	11 Sharpe 1 P.B.	9 Dixon —	8 Matthews —	8 N. Young —	7 Carter 1 Sack
W. KENTUCKY	Tackles Name Other	7 Matthews 1 P.B.	6 Dixon 3 P.B.	5 Carter —	5 Hughes —	5 Waller 1 P.B.
JAMES MADISON	Tackles Name Other	8 N. Young 1 P.B.	6 Waller 1 Sack	6 Hodge —	6 Butler —	6 T. Young —
S.C. STATE	Tackles Name Other	13 Matthews 1 P.B.	8 Butler 1 P.B.	7 Hughes —	5 Carter 1 Sack	4 T. Young 1 Int.
MAINE	Tackles Name Other	14 Davis 1 P.B.	9 Hughes —	9 N. Young 2 P.B.	7 Matthews 1 Int.	6 Waller —
APP. STATE	Tackles Name Other	18 Dixon —	8 Matthews —	7 Carter —	7 Waller 1 P.B.	6 T. Young —



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GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL RECORDS

Playoffs Not Included in Season and Career Totals

*Indicates Playoff Game

RUSHING

Single Season

Attempts

1. 207 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. 183 Gerald Harris, 1986
3. 165 Joe Ross, 1987
4. 156 Tracy Ham, 1985
5. 148 Tracy Ham, 1984

Yardage

1. 1,048 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. 1,018 Joe Ross, 1987
3. 954 Gerald Harris, 1986
4. 825 Ricky Harris, 1985
5. 751 Tracy Ham, 1985

Touchdowns

1. 18 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. 17 Gerald Harris, 1986
3. 16 Gerald Harris, 1984
4. 11 Tracy Ham, 1983
5. 10 Gerald Harris, 1983
- 10 Gerald Harris, 1985

Yards-Per-Carry Average (Min. 100 atts.)

1. 7.4 Ricky Harris, 1985 (111-825)
2. 6.2 Joe Ross, 1987 (165-1018)
3. 5.9 Melvin Bell, 1983 (121-712)
4. 5.8 Ricky Harris, 1984 (104-606)
5. 5.4 Tracy Ham, 1983 (131-706)

Longest Run from Scrimmage

1. 75 Joe Ross vs. Catawba, 1987
2. 73 Melvin Bell vs. Central Florida, 1983
3. 72 Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984
4. 57 Frank Johnson vs. Tennessee Tech, 1985
- 57 Ricky Harris vs. James Madison, 1986

Single Game Records

Most Attempts - 33, Gerald Harris vs. Mars Hill, 1983

Most Yards Gained - 199, Tracy Ham vs. East Carolina, 1986

Most Yards Gained By a Freshman - 178, Clint Harper vs. Savannah, State, 1983

Most Yards Gained By a Quarterback - 199, Tracy Ham vs. East Carolina, 1986

Most Touchdowns - 5, Gerald Harris vs. North Carolina A&T, 1986 Playoffs

Career

Attempts

1. 642 Tracy Ham, 1983-86
2. 499 Gerald Harris, 1983-86
3. 320 Ricky Harris, 1983-86
4. 181 Melvin Bell, 1983-84
5. **165 Joe Ross, 1987-**

Yardage

1. 3,212 Tracy Ham, 1983-86
2. 2,419 Gerald Harris, 1983-86
3. 2,161 Ricky Harris, 1983-86
4. 1,277 Melvin Bell, 1983-84
5. **1,018 Joe Ross, 1987-**

Touchdowns

1. 53 Gerald Harris, 1983-86
2. 43 Tracy Ham, 1983-86
3. 13 Ricky Harris, 1983-86
4. **8 Raymond Gross, 1987-**
5. **7 Ernest Thompson, 1985-**

Yards-Per-Carry Avg. (Min. 300 atts.)

1. 6.8 Ricky Harris, 1983-86
2. 5.0 Tracy Ham, 1983-86
3. 4.8 Gerald Harris, 1983-86

RECORDS 1983-87

Miscellaneous Records

Most Consecutive Games Gaining 100 Yards or More - 3, done twice. Last done by Tracy Ham, 1986 (101 vs. Bethune-Cookman, 199 vs. East Carolina, 118 vs. Western Kentucky).

Most 100 Yard Games In a Season - 6, by Tracy Ham in 1986 (regular season only).

Most 100 Yard Games In a Career - 18, Tracy Ham, 1983-86. (13 regular season and five playoff games).

Most Seasons Gaining 1,000 Yards or More - 1 by Tracy Ham, 1986 and Joe Ross, 1987

Most Yards Gained in Opening Game of Season - 130, Melvin Bell vs. Central Florida, 1983 (8 attempts)

PASSING

Single Season

Attempts

1. 220 Tracy Ham, 1984
2. 177 Tracy Ham, 1986
3. 171 Tracy Ham, 1985
4. 105 Tracy Ham, 1983
5. 89 Raymond Gross, 1987

Interceptions

1. 13 Tracy Ham, 1984
2. 10 Tracy Ham, 1986
3. 8 Tracy Ham, 1985
4. 6 Tracy Ham, 1983
5. 4 Raymond Gross, 1987

Completions

1. 109 Tracy Ham, 1984
2. 98 Tracy Ham, 1986
3. 94 Tracy Ham, 1985
4. 51 Tracy Ham, 1983
5. 42 Raymond Gross, 1987

Touchdowns

1. 12 Tracy Ham, 1984
2. 9 Tracy Ham, 1986
3. 8 Tracy Ham, 1985
4. 5 Tracy Ham, 1983
5. 2 Five Players Tied

Yards

1. 1,772 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. 1,694 Tracy Ham, 1984
3. 1,405 Tracy Ham, 1985
4. 886 Tracy Ham, 1983
5. 481 Raymond Gross, 1987

Completion Percentage

1. .554 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. .550 Tracy Ham, 1985
3. .495 Tracy Ham, 1984
4. .472 Raymond Gross, 1987
5. .463 Ken Burnette, 1987

Career Records

Most Attempts - 673, Tracy Ham, 1983-86

Most Completions - 352, Tracy Ham, 1983-86

Most Yards - 5,757, Tracy Ham, 1983-86

Most Interceptions - 37, Tracy Ham, 1983-86

Most Touchdowns - 34, Tracy Ham, 1983-86

Highest Completion Percentage - .523, Tracy Ham, 1983-86

Single Game Records

Most Attempts - 52, Tracy Ham vs. East Carolina, 1984

Most Completions - 26, Tracy Ham vs. East Carolina, 1984

RECORDS 1983-87

Most Yards - 419, Tracy Ham vs. Furman, 1985 1-AA Championship Game

Most Interceptions - 6, Tracy Ham vs. East Tennessee State, 1984

Most Touchdowns - 4, Tracy Ham vs. Furman, 1985 1-AA Championship Game

Miscellaneous Records

Lowest Percentage of Passes Intercepted, Season - 4.7%, Tracy Ham, 1985 (8 in 171)

Lowest Percentage of Passes Intercepted, Career - 5.5%, Tracy Ham, 1983-86 (37 in 673)

Most Games Gaining 200 Yards or More, Season - 4, Tracy Ham, 1984 (402 vs. East Carolina, 222 vs. UT-Chattanooga, 207 vs. Central Florida, 202 vs. Valdosta State)

Most Games Gaining 200 Yards or More, Career - 10, Tracy Ham, 1983-86 (8 regular season, 2 playoff)

Most Consecutive Games Throwing a Touchdown Pass - 4, done twice. Last done by Tracy Ham, 1986 vs. Western Kentucky, Central Florida, James Madison, South Carolina State.

Highest Percentage of Passes for Touchdowns, Season - 5.5%, Tracy Ham, 1984 (12 in 220)

Highest Percentage of Passes for Touchdowns, Career - 5.1%, Tracy Ham, 1983-86 (34 in 673)

Most Yards Per Attempt, Season - 10.0, Tracy Ham, 1986 (177 for 1,772 yards)

Most Yards Per Attempt, Career - 8.5, Tracy Ham, 1983-86 (673 for 5,757 yards)

Most Yards Per Completion, Season - 18.1, Tracy Ham, 1986 (98 for 1,772 yards)

Most Yards Per Completion, Career - 16.4, Tracy Ham, 1983-86 (352 for 5,757 yards)

RECEIVING

Single Season

Receptions

1. 35 Tony Belser, 1987
2. 30 Monty Sharpe, 1984
3. 26 Frank Johnson, 1986
4. 25 Robert Baker, 1984
5. 23 Monty Sharpe, 1983
- 23 Ricky Harris, 1985

Yardage

1. 654 Monty Sharpe, 1984
2. 582 Frank Johnson, 1986
3. 561 Tony Belser, 1987
4. 444 Monty Sharpe, 1983
5. 388 Monty Sharpe, 1986

Career

Receptions

1. 93 Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2. **55 Tony Belser, 1985-**
3. 50 Herman Barron, 1984-1987
4. 46 Delano Little, 1983-86
5. 44 Robert Baker, 1983-84

Yardage

1. 1,854 Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2. **1,064 Tony Belser, 1985-**
3. 828 Herman Barron, 1984-87
4. 785 Delano Little, 1983-86
5. **725 Frank Johnson, 1985-**

RECORDS 1983-87

Touchdowns

1. 5 Monty Sharpe, 1984
- 5 Monty Sharpe, 1985
- 5 Monty Sharpe, 1986
4. 4 Monty Sharpe, 1983
- 5 Tony Belser, 1987

Touchdowns

1. 19 Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2. 7 **Tony Belser, 1985-**
3. 3 Four Players Tied

Yards-Per-Catch (Min. 20 rec.)

1. 22.4 Frank Johnson, 1986
2. 21.8 Monty Sharpe, 1984
3. 19.4 Monty Sharpe, 1986
4. 19.3 Monty Sharpe, 1983
5. 18.4 Monty Sharpe, 1985

Yards-Per-Catch (Min. 40 rec.)

1. 19.9 Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2. **19.3 Tony Belser, 1985-**
3. **17.3 Frank Johnson, 1985-**
4. 17.1 Delano Little, 1983-86
5. 16.6 Herman Barron, 1984-87

Longest Receptions

1. *79 Ricky Harris from Tracy Ham vs. Arkansas State, 1986 Title Game
2. *77 Tony Belser from Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1986
3. *73 Frank Johnson from Tracy Ham vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1986
4. *68 Tony Belser from Ernest Thomspon vs. East Carolina, 1987
5. 67 Herman Barron from Tracy Ham vs. South Carolina State, 1985

*Indicates touchdown

Single Game Records

Most Receptions - 9, Robert Baker, vs. East Carolina, 1984

Most Yards - 148, Frank Johnson vs. Furman, 1985 1-AA Championship Game (7 catches)

Most Touchdowns - 2, on six occasions. Last done by Monty Sharpe vs. James Madison, 1986

Miscellaneous Records

Most Passes Caught by a Running Back, Season - 23, Ricky Harris, 1985

Most Games Gaining 100 Yards or More, Season - 2, Monty Sharpe, 1984 (117 vs. East Carolina, 113 vs. UT-Chattanooga)

Most Games Gaining 100 Yards or More, Career - 3, Monty Sharpe, 1983-86

SCORING

Single Season

Points

1. 110 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. 104 Gerald Harris, 1986
3. 102 Gerald Harris, 1984
4. 81 Tim Foley, 1985
5. 80 Tim Foley, 1986

Career

Points

1. 340 Gerald Harris, 1983-86
2. 296 Tim Foley, 1984-87
3. 262 Tracy Ham, 1983-86
4. 114 Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
5. 49 David Simmons, 1983

Touchdowns

1. 18 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. 17 Gerald Harris, 1984
- 17 Gerald Harris, 1986
4. 11 Tracy Ham, 1983
- 11 Gerald Harris, 1985

RECORDS 1983-87

Field Goals Made

1. 17 Tim Foley, 1987
2. 16 Tim Foley, 1985
3. 10 Tim Foley, 1986
4. 8 David Simmons, 1983
5. 7 Tim Foley, 1984

Extra Points Made

1. 50 Tim Foley, 1986
2. 43 Tim Foley, 1984
3. 33 Tim Foley, 1985
4. 25 David Simmons, 1983
- 25 Tim Foley, 1987

Single Game Records

Most Points - 30, Gerald Harris vs. North Carolina A&T, 1986 Playoffs

Most Points, Kicking - 16, Tim Foley vs. Arkansas State, 1986 1-AA Championship Game

Most Touchdowns - 5, Gerald Harris vs. North Carolina A&T, 1986

Most Field Goals - 4, Tim Foley vs. Arkansas State, 1986 1-AA Championship Game

Most Extra Points - 8, Tim Foley vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986

TOTAL OFFENSE

Single Season

Yardage

1. 2,820 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. 2,401 Tracy Ham, 1984
3. 2,156 Tracy Ham, 1985
4. 1,592 Tracy Ham, 1983
5. 1,018 Joe Ross, 1987

Plays

1. 384 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. 368 Tracy Ham, 1984
3. 327 Tracy Ham, 1985
4. 236 Tracy Ham, 1983
5. 219 Raymond Gross, 1987

Miscellaneous Records

Most Plays, Game - 65, Tracy Ham vs. East Tennessee State, 1984

Most Yards, Career - 8,969, Tracy Ham (1983-86)

Most Yards Per Game, Season - 256.4, Tracy Ham, 1986

Most Yards Per Game, Career - 213.5, Tracy Ham, 1983-86

Most Seasons Gaining 2,000 Yards or More - 3, Tracy Ham, 1984-86

Most Yards Gained by a Freshman - 1,592, Tracy Ham, 1983

Most Games Gaining 300 Yards or More, Season - 5, Tracy Ham, 1986

RECORDS 1983-87

- Most Games Gaining 300 Yards or More, Career** - 12, Tracy Ham, 1983-86 (9 regular season 3 playoff)
- Most Consecutive Games Gaining 300 Yards or More** - 4, Tracy, Ham, 1986 (340 vs. East Carolina, 337 vs. Western Kentucky, 327 vs. Central Florida, 379 vs. James Madison)
- Most Yards Gained Against One Opponent** - 894, Tracy Ham vs. Central Florida (130 in 1983, 251 in 1984, 186 in 1985, 327 in 1986)
- Highest Average Gain Per Play, Season** - 7.3, Tracy Ham, 1986
- Most Touchdowns Responsible For, Season** - 27, Tracy Ham, 1986
- Most Touchdowns Responsible For, Career** - 77, Tracy Ham, 1983-86

RETURNS

Kickoffs

Most Returns

1. 33 Nay Young, 1986
2. 22 Melvin Bell, 1983
3. 17 Melvin Bell, 1984
4. 16 Tony Belser, 1985
5. 15 Darren Chandler, 1987

Most Return Yardage

1. 715 Nay Young, 1986
2. 490 Melvin Bell, 1983
3. 416 Melvin Bell, 1984
4. 353 Tony Belser, 1985
5. 269 Nay Young, 1987

Miscellaneous Records

- Highest Kick Return Average, Season (min. 20 returns)** - 22.3, Melvin Bell, 1983
- Highest Punt Return Average, Season (min. 15 returns)** - 14.0, Melvin Bell, 1984
- Most Punt Returns, Game** - 7, Nay Young vs. Catawba, 1987
- Most Punt Returns, Season** - 22, Tony Belser, 1987
- Most Punt Returns, Career** - 44, Tony Belser, 1985
- Most Punt Return Yardage, Game** - 85, Nay Young vs. Florida A&M, 1985
- Most Punt Return Yardage, Career** - 384, Melvin Bell, 1983-84
- Highest Punt Return Average, Career** - 10.8, Nay Young, 1984-87
- Most Punt Return Touchdowns, Game, Season and Career** - 1, Melvin Bell vs. Presbyterian, 1984 and Nay Young vs. East Tennessee, 1984
- Longest Punt Return** - 76, Melvin Bell vs. Presbyterian, 1984
- Most Kick Returns, Game** - 6, Melvin Bell vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984
- Most Kick Returns, Career** - 39, Melvin Bell, 1983-84
- Most Kick Return Yards, Game** - 154, Melvin Bell vs. Valdosta State, 1983
- Most Kick Return Yards, Career** - 906, Melvin Bell, 1983-84
- Highest Kick Return Average, Game** - 32.6, Melvin Bell vs. Valdosta State, 1983
- Highest Kick Return Average, Career** - 23.2, Melvin Bell, 1983-84
- Most Kick Return Touchdowns, Game, Season, and Career** - 1, Melvin Bell vs. Valdosta State, 1983
- Longest Kick Return** - 96, Melvin Bell vs. Valdosta State, 1983

RECORDS 1983-87

PUNTING

Most Punts

1. 40 Britt Barker, 1983
2. 37 Pat Parker, 1986
3. 32 Terry Harvin, 1987
4. 31 Rob Whitton, 1985
5. 26 David Simmons, 1984

Best Average

1. 39.1 Pat Parker, 1985
2. 39.0 Terry Harvin, 1987
3. 38.6 Pat Parker, 1986
4. 37.6 Britt Barker, 1983
5. 35.6 David Simmons, 1984

Miscellaneous Records

Most Punts, Career - 81, Pat Parker, 1984-87

Most Punts, Game - 8, Tank Stephens vs. Middle Tennessee, 1984

Highest Average Per Kick, Career - 37.6, Pat Parker, 1984-87

Longest Punt - 66, Terry Harvin vs. Western Carolina, 1987

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Passes Intercepted, Game - 2, on ten occasions, last done by Taz Dixon vs. Northeast Louisiana, 1987

Most Passes Intercepted, Season - 5, Kevin Hutchinson, 1983, Chris Aiken, 1985

Most Passes Intercepted, Career - 11, Nay Young, 1984-87

Most Yards on Interception Return, Game - 95, Hugo Rossignol vs. Mars Hill, 1983

Most Yards on Interception Return, Season - 108, Hugo Rossignol, 1983

Most Yards on Interception Return, Career - 108, Hugo Rossignol, 1983-85

Most Touchdowns on Interception Returns, Game, Season and Career - 1, on three occasions, last done by Taz Dixon vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986

Longest Return of an Interception - 95, Hugo Rossignol vs. Mars Hill, 1983

KICKING

Most Field Goals Attempted, Game - *4, Tim Foley vs. Furman, 1985, and vs. Arkansas State, 1986

Most Field Goals Attempted, Season - 22, Tim Foley, 1987

Most Field Goals Attempted, Career - 62, Tim Foley, 1984-87

Most Field Goals Made, Game - *4, Tim Foley vs. Arkansas State, 1986

Most Field Goals Made, Season - 17, Tim Foley, 1987

Most Field Goals Made, Career - 50, Tim Foley, 1984-87

Longest Field Goal - 63, Tim Foley vs. James Madison, 1987 (1-AA record)

Consecutive Field Goals Made, Season - 12, Tim Foley, 1985

Consecutive Field Goals Made, Career - 19, Tim Foley, 1985-86 (Last 12 of 1985 and first seven of 1986)

Highest Percentage of Field Goals Made, Season - 94.1, Tim Foley, 1985 (16-17)

Highest Percentage of Field Goals Made, Career - 80.6, Tim Foley, 1984-87 (50-62)

Most Extra Points Attempted, Game - 8, Tim Foley vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986

Most Extra Points Attempted, Season - 52, Tim Foley, 1986

Most Extra Points Attempted, Career - 156, Tim Foley, 1984-87

RECORDS 1983-87

Most Extra Points Made, Game - 8, Tim Foley vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986

Most Extra Points Made, Season - 50, Tim Foley, 1986

Most Extra Points Made, Career - 151, Tim Foley, 1984-87

Highest Percentage of Extra Points Made, Season - 100.0, Tim Foley, 1985
(33-33)

Highest Percentage of Extra Points Made, Career - 96.8, Tim Foley, 1984-87
(151-156)

TACKLES

Most Tackles

1. 117 Jessie Jenkins, 1985
2. 106 Charles Carper, 1984
3. 102 Charles Carper, 1985
4. 100 Robert Underwood, 1986
5. 95 Flint Matthews, 1987

Most Pass Breakups

1. 11 Chris Aiken, 1985
- 11 Nay Young, 1986
3. 7 Nay Young, 1985
4. 6 by three people

Most Sacks

1. 7.5 James Carter, 1987
2. 6 Rod Eichler, 1987
3. 5.5 Tyrone Hull, 1987
4. 5 by five people

Most Fumble Recoveries

1. 4 Nay Young, 1987
2. 3 Danny Durham, 1985
3. 2 Hugo Rossignol, 1984
- 2 Chris Aiken, 1985

Most Tackles in a Game - 22, Jessie Jenkins vs. Troy State, 1985

TEAM RECORDS

SINGLE GAME OFFENSE

Total Offense

Most Plays - 103 vs. East Carolina, 1984

Most Plays, Both Teams - 170 vs. East Carolina, 1984

Most Yards Gained - 645 vs. East Carolina, 1984

Most Yards Gained - Both Teams - *1,138 vs. Furman, 1985

Most Touchdowns Scored - 8 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986

Rushing

Most Rushing Plays - 72 vs. Western Kentucky, 1987

Most Rushing Plays, Both Teams - 112 vs. East Carolina, 1986

Most Rushing Yards - 505 vs. Valdosta State, 1984

Most Rushing Yards, Both Teams - *640 vs. Arkansas State, 1986

Most Touchdowns Rushing - 7 vs. Liberty Baptist, 1984

Passes

Most Attempts - 52 vs. East Carolina, 1984

Most Attempts, Both Teams - 88 vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984

Most Completions - 26 vs. East Carolina, 1984

RECORDS 1983-87

Most Completions, Both Teams - 51 vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984

Most Interceptions Thrown - 6 vs. East Tennessee State, 1984

Most Passing Yards - *419 vs. Furman, 1985

Most Touchdown Passes - *4 vs. Furman, 1985

Punting

Most Punts - 9 vs. Central Florida, 1987

Punt Returns

Most Returns - 8 vs. Catawba, 1987

Most Return Yards - 107 vs. East Tennessee State, 1984

Most Touchdowns - 1 vs. Presbyterian, 1984 vs. East Tennessee State, 1984

Kickoff Returns

Most Returns - 7, on three occasions, last done vs. James Madison, 1986

Most Yards - 154 vs. Valdosta State, 1983

Most Touchdowns - 1 vs. Valdosta State, 1983

Scoring

Most Points - 59 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986

Most Points, Both Teams - *86 on three occasions, last done vs. Nevada-Reno, 1986

Largest Margin of Victory - 46 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986 (59-13)

Largest Margin of Defeat - 35 vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1984 (7-42)

Most Touchdowns - 8 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams - *11, on five occasions, last done vs. Nevada-Reno, 1986

Most Extra Points Made - 8 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986

Most Extra Points Made, Both Teams - *11 vs. Nicholls State, 1986

Most Field Goals Made - *4 vs. Arkansas State, 1986

Most Field Goals Made, Both Teams - 5 vs. Valdosta State, 1983

First Downs

Most First Downs - 35 vs. East Carolina, 1984

Most First Downs, Both Teams - *57 vs. Nevada-Reno, 1986

Most First Downs, Rushing - 23 vs. Liberty Baptist, 1984

Most First Downs, Rushing, Both Teams - *34 vs. Arkansas State, 1986

Most First Downs, Passing - 20 vs. East Carolina, 1984

Most First Downs, Passing, Both Teams - 31 vs. Central Florida, 1984

Most First Downs, Penalty - 3 vs. East Tennessee State, 1983

Most First Downs, Penalty, Both Teams - 5 on four occasions, last done vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1985

Fumbles

Most Fumbles - 9 vs. Savannah State, 1983

Most Fumbles, Both Teams - 16 vs. Savannah State, 1983

Most Fumbles Lost - 5 vs. Central Florida, 1983

Most Fumbles Lost, Both Teams - 8 vs. East Tennessee State, 1983

RECORDS 1983-87

Penalties

Most Penalties - 15 vs. East Tennessee State, 1983

Most Penalties, Both Teams - 29 vs. East Tennessee State, 1983

Most Yards Penalized - 140 vs. Central Florida, 1987

Most Yards Penalized, Both Teams - 269 vs. East Tennessee State, 1984

SINGLE GAME DEFENSE

Fumbles

Most Fumbles Caused - 7 vs. Savannah State, 1983

Most Fumbles Recovered - 5 vs. Savannah State, 1983

Turnovers

Most Turnovers Caused - 7 vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1986 (seven interceptions)

First downs

Fewest Allowed - 7 vs. Catawba, 1987 and Middle Tennessee, 1987

Fewest Allowed, Rushing - 2 vs. Liberty Baptist, 1984 and vs. Catawba, 1987

Fewest Allowed Passing - 0 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1985

Total Defense

Fewest Plays Allowed - 48 vs. Liberty Baptist, 1984

Fewest Yards Allowed - 135 vs. Catawba, 1987

Most Yards Allowed - 615 vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984

Rushing Defense

Fewest Plays Allowed - 19 vs. Liberty Baptist, 1984

Fewest Yards Allowed - 13 vs. Western Carolina, 1987

Most Yards Allowed - *343 vs. Arkansas State, 1986

Pass Defense

Fewest Attempts Allowed - 10 vs. Valdosta State, 1983

Fewest Completions Allowed - 3 vs. Savannah State, 1983 and Tennessee Tech, 1985

Fewest Yards Allowed - 15 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1985

Most Yards Allowed - 527 vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984

Most Interceptions - 7 vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1986

Most Yards on Interception Returns - 129 vs. Mars Hill, 1983

SINGLE SEASON OFFENSE

Total Offense

Most Yards Per Game - 480.5, 1986

Highest Average Per Play - 7.0, 1986

Most Yards - 5,286, 1986

Most Touchdowns - 55, 1986

RECORDS 1983-87

Rushing

Most Yards - 3,385, 1986

Most Yards Per Game - 307.7, 1986

Most Yards Per Play - 6.0, 1986

Most Touchdowns - 43, 1986

Passing

Most Attempts - 227, 1984

Most Completions - 114, 1985

Most Yards - 1,901, 1986

Most Yards Per Game - 172.8, 1986

Highest Completion Percentage - 55.1, 1986

Most Touchdowns - 12, 1984

Punting

Most Punts - 55, 1985 and 1987

Fewest Punts - 40, 1986

Highest Punting Average - 38.0, 1986

Punt Returns

Most Returns - 32, 1987

Fewest Returns - 20, 1984

Most Yards - 317, 1984

Highest Average - 15.9, 1984

Most Touchdowns - 2, 1984

Kickoff Returns

Most Returns - 49, 1986

Fewest Returns - 21, 1984

Most Yards - 982, 1986

Highest Average - 22.5, 1984

Most Touchdowns - 1, 1983

Scoring

Most Points - 416, 1986

Most Points Per Game - 37.8, 1986

Most Touchdowns - 56, 1986

Most Extra Points Made - 50, 1986

Most Two Point Conversions Made - 5, 1983

Most Field Goals Made - 17, 1987

First Downs

Most First Downs - 257, 1986

Most First Downs, Rushing - 171, 1986

Most First Downs, Passing - 77, 1984

Most First Downs, Penalty - 15, 1984

RECORDS 1983-87

Penalties

Most Penalties - 90, 1985

Most Yards Penalized - 837, 1984

Fewest Penalties - 68, 1983

Fewest Yards Penalized - 609, 1983

Fumbles

Most Fumbles - 49, 1987

Most Fumbles Lost - 25, 1987

Fewest Fumbles - 33, 1985

Fewest Fumbles Lost - 12, 1985 and 1986

SINGLE SEASON DEFENSE

Total Defense

Fewest Yards Allowed - 3,095, 1987

Fewest Yards Allowed Per Game - 281.4, 1987

Lowest Opponent's Average Per Play - 4.3, 1987

Fewest Touchdowns Allowed - 18, 1987

Rushing Defense

Fewest Yards Allowed - 1,235, 1987

Fewest Yards Allowed Per Game - 112.3, 1987

Lowest Opponent's Average Per Rush - 3.0, 1987

Fewest Rushing Touchdowns Allowed - 8, 1984

Passing Defense

Fewest Yards Allowed - 1,532, 1983

Fewest Yards Allowed Per Game - 139.2, 1983

Fewest Yards Allowed Per Completion - 11.6, 1986

Lowest Opponent's Completion Percentage - 43.9, 1983

Fewest Passing Touchdown Allowed - 7, 1987

Most Interceptions - 22, 1984

Most Yards On Interception Returns - 269, 1985

Most Touchdowns On Interception Returns - 1, 1983 and 1985

Punt Returns

Lowest Opponent's Average - 4.8, 1985

Kickoff Returns

Lowest Opponent's Average - 17.2, 1985

Fumbles

Most Fumbles Caused - 36, 1987

Most Fumbles Recovered 15, 1983

RECORDS 1983-87

First Downs

Fewest Allowed - 160, 1987

Fewest Allowed, Rushing - 71, 1987

Fewest Allowed, Passing - 60, 1983

YEAR-BY-YEAR STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING

1987	Joe Ross	1,018
1986	Tracy Ham	1,048
1985	Ricky Harris	825
1984	Tracy Ham	707
1983	Melvin Bell	712
1982	Melvin Bell	688

PASSING

1987	Raymond Gross	481
1986	Tracy Ham	1,772
1985	Tracy Ham	1,405
1984	Tracy Ham	1,694
1983	Tracy Ham	886
1982	Rob Allen	465

RECEIVING

1987	Tony Belser	35-561
1986	Frank Johnson	25-582
1985	Ricky Harris	23-125
1984	Monty Sharpe	30-654
1983	Monty Sharpe	23-444
1982	Scott Conner	16-169

SCORING

1987	Tim Foley	76
1986	Tracy Ham	110
1985	Tim Foley	81
1984	Gerald Harris	102
1983	Gerald Harris	68
1982	Gerald Harris	44

TACKLES

1987	Flint Matthews	95
1986	Robert Underwood	100
1985	Jessie Jenkins	117
1984	Charles Carper	106
1983	Theoria Ward	89
1982	Jessie Jenkins	101

YEAR-BY-YEAR STATISTICS

Offense

Year	Rec.	Pts. Avg.	FD	T.Off.	R. Yds.	P.Yds.
1987	8-3	22.9	220	366.7	261.2	105.5
1986	9-2	37.8	257	480.5	307.7	172.8
1985	9-2	29.2	203	388.7	243.3	145.5
1984	8-3	19.5	226	422.2	264.9	157.3
1983	6-5	18.7	214	371.1	267.1	104.6
1982	7-3-1	17.3	211	358.2	282.9	75.6

RECORDS 1983-87

Defense

Year	Pts. Alld.	FD Alld.	T. Def.	R.Yds.Alld.	P.Yds.Alld.
1987	15.7	160	281.4	112.3	169.1
1986	24.6	220	348.2	169.4	178.8
1985	17.9	200	326.2	142.9	183.3
1984	19.5	210	341.5	128.5	213.1
1983	18.7	169	310.1	170.1	139.2
1982	17.3	211	302.9	98.0	204.9

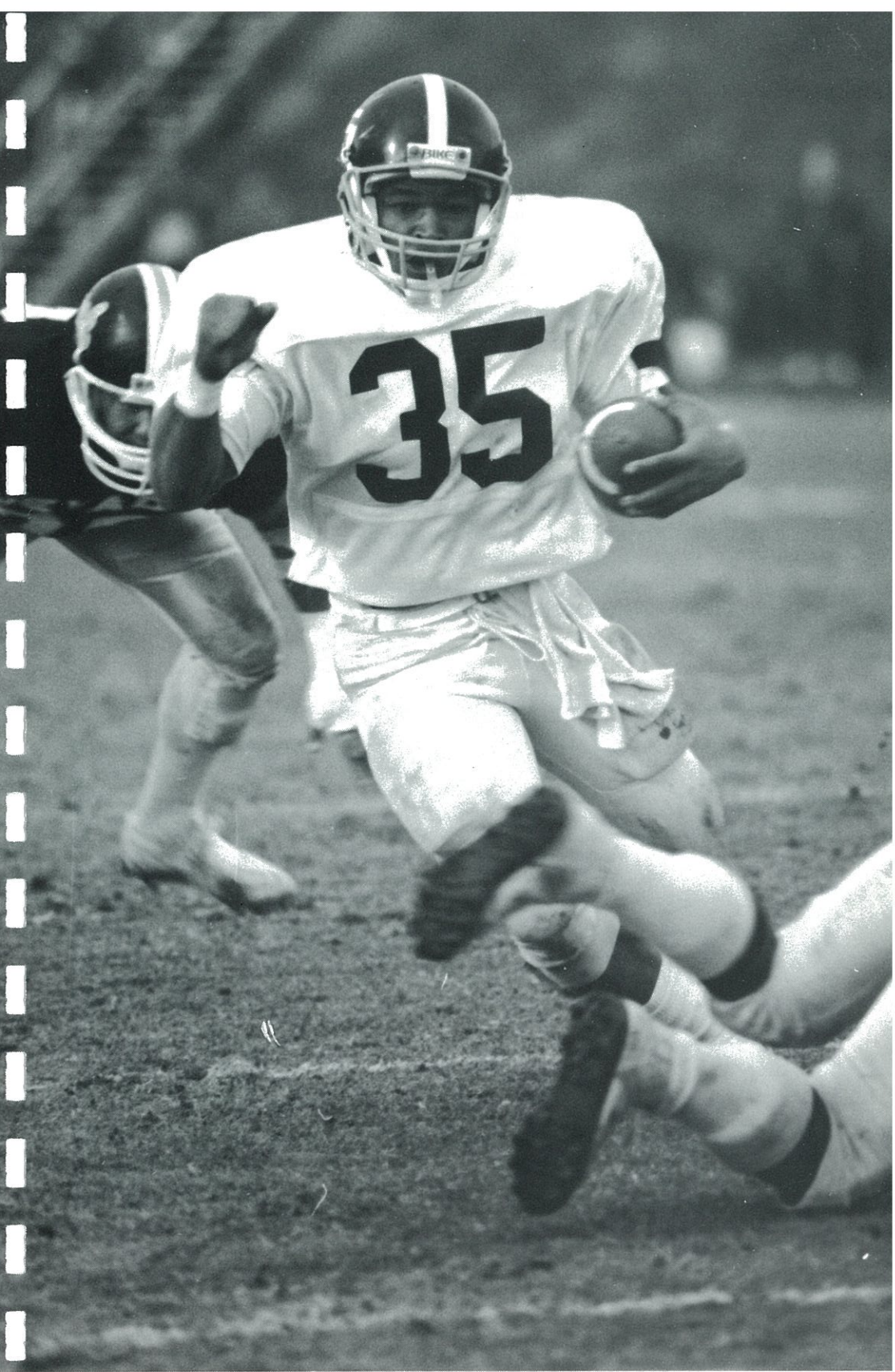
ATTENDANCE

Top Five Home Crowds

1. 16,734 vs. James Madison, 1987
2. 16,135 vs. James Madison, 1986
3. 15,540 vs. Central Florida, 1987
4. 15,234 vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1986
5. 14,527 vs. Middle Tennessee, 1987

Top Five Away Crowds

1. 74,221 vs. Florida, 1986
2. 27,411 vs. East Carolina, 1987
3. 27,121 vs. East Carolina, 1986
4. 25,137 vs. East Carolina, 1984
5. 21,982 vs. Florida A&M, 1986



GEORGIA SOUTHERN ON TELEVISION

National Television

Georgia Southern has been on national television twice in the last three years. Both the 1985 and 1986 national championship games were televised on ESPN. The Eagles have not been on network television.

On ESPN (2-0)

December 20, 1985 - **Georgia Southern 44, Furman 42**

December 19, 1986 - **Georgia Southern 48, Arkansas State 21**

Regional Television (4-2)

Georgia Southern has been on regional television six times since 1983 including twice last season. Four of the six games have been playoff games while the Eagles have been televised in regular season contests twice.

September 17, 1983 - **Georgia Southern 35, Presbyterian 21**

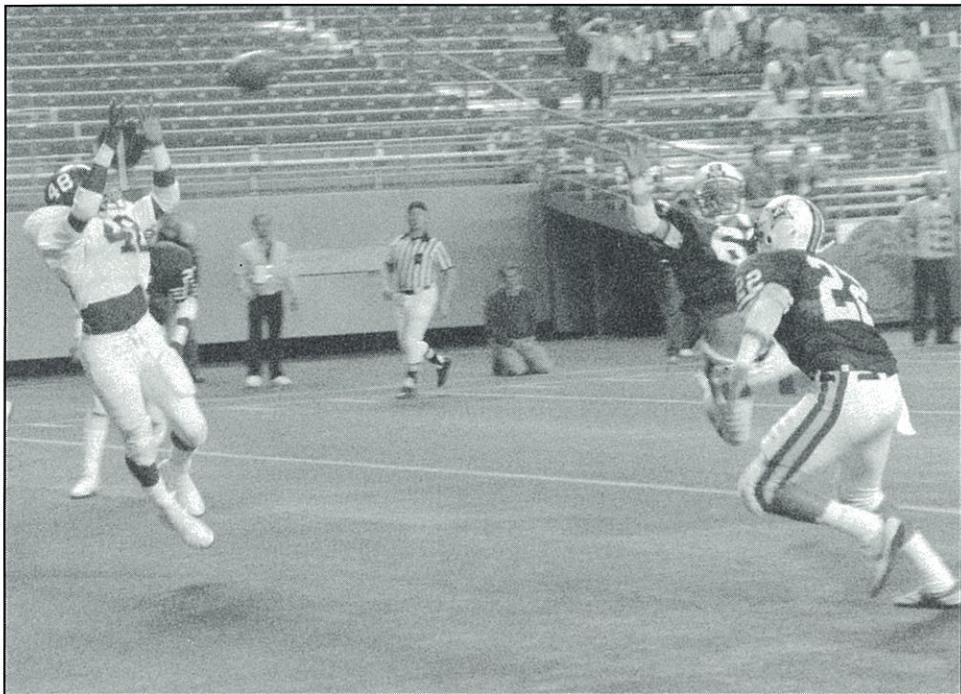
December 13, 1985 - **Georgia Southern 40, Northern Iowa 33**

August 30, 1986 - **Florida 38, Georgia Southern 14**

December 13, 1986 - **Georgia Southern 48, Nevada-Reno 38**

November 28, 1987 - **Georgia Southern 31, Maine 28**

December 5, 1987 - **Appalachian State 19, Georgia Southern 0**



Georgia Southern in the 1-AA Playoffs

Since joining Division 1-AA in 1984, Georgia Southern has made the playoffs three times - 1985, 1986 and 1987. The Eagles won the 1-AA national championships in 1985 and 1986 and made it to the quarterfinals of the 1987 playoffs. In three years, the Eagles are 9-1 in playoff games, 4-0 at home. Here is a review of Georgia Southern's playoff history.

1987

Georgia Southern 31, Maine 28

Tim Foley kicked a 42 yard field goal in the first overtime period and the Georgia Southern defense then held the Black Bears as the Eagles won in Statesboro, 31-28. Trailing 28-10 at halftime, Georgia Southern rallied for 18 unanswered second half points behind freshman quarterback Raymond Gross. Gross rushed for 173 yards, 133 of them in the second half to pace the Eagles' comeback. Fellow freshman Joe Ross rushed for 86 yards including a 12 yard scamper with 7:54 remaining in regulation time to tie the score at 28-28. Foley missed a 37 yarder at the end of regulation that would have won the game for the Eagles.

Appalachian State 19, Georgia Southern 0

On an ice-laden field in Boone, N.C., Georgia Southern suffered its first playoff loss ever, 19-0, to Appalachian State. The Mountaineers' Ritchie Melchor rushed for 156 yards and two touchdowns to pace them to victory. Reserve full back Garry Miller led the Eagles with 105 yards rushing, the highest total of his career. It marked the first time since Georgia Southern revived football in 1982 that the Eagles had been shutout. The icy field rendered the Eagles' option game useless and for the first time ever, Georgia Southern entered the playoffs without winning a national championship.

1986 - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

First Round: Georgia Southern 52, North Carolina A&T 21

Gerald Harris rushed for 181 yards and scored an NCAA 1-AA playoff record five touchdowns leading Georgia Southern to a 52-21 whipping of North Carolina A&T. Harris scored on runs of 117 and seven yards in the first quarter, nine yards in the second quarter, and 29 and one yard runs in the third quarter. The Eagles built a 31-0 halftime lead and expanded that to 38-0 before the Aggies scored midway through the third quarter.

Quarterfinal: Georgia Southern 55, Nicholls State 31

Georgia Southern scored 28 unanswered points in the first 16 minutes of the game and then held off a furious Nicholls State rally to advance to the semifinals. Tracy Ham rushed for 191 yards on just 18 carries and scored two touchdowns while completing 11-of-19 passes for 167 yards and another score. Defensively, the Eagles picked off five Nicholls State passes and held the Colonels to just 109 yards rushing. Georgia Southern accumulated 484 yards in total offense.

Semifinal: Georgia Southern 48, Nevada-Reno 38

Behind the running of Tracy Ham, Gerald Harris and Ricky Harris, Georgia Southern amassed a school playoff record 613 yards in total offense in downing previously-unbeaten Nevada-Reno, 48-38, to advance to the 1-AA championship game. Ham rushed for 162

yards and two touchdowns and completed eight-of-16 passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns. Gerald Harris gained 162 yards and scored two touchdowns while Ricky Harris rushed for 106 yards on just seven carries.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: GEORGIA SOUTHERN 48, ARKANSAS STATE 21

Tracy Ham rushed for 180 yards and three touchdowns and completed 12-of-21 passes for 306 yards and another score to lead Georgia Southern to its second consecutive 1-AA national championship. Against the nation's top rated 1-AA defense, Georgia Southern gained 603 yards in total offense, 297 rushing and 306 passing averaging 7.5 yards per offensive play. Tim Foley set a championship game record with four field goals, all in the first half. With the win, Georgia Southern became the first school to ever win back-to-back national championships in Division 1-AA.

1985 - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

First Round: Georgia Southern 27, Jackson State 0

Tracy Ham and Tony Belser connected on two long touchdown passes to lead Georgia Southern to a 27-0 win over Jackson State. Ham hit Belser on a 48 yard pass early in the first quarter and 45 yards early in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. The defense played one of its best games of the season as it recorded its second shutout of the 1985 campaign.

Quarterfinal: Georgia Southern 28, Middle Tennessee 21

Georgia Southern scored 21 unanswered points and then held off a Middle Tennessee rally to upset the nation's number one ranked team, 28-21. Gerald Harris rushed for 148 yards and Tracy Ham passed for 125 yards to lead the Eagles. Defensively, Nay Young had two key interceptions to stop the Blue Raiders. The win avenged a 35-10 loss to Middle Tennessee earlier in the season.

Semifinal: Georgia Southern 40, Northern Iowa 33

Gerald Harris rushed for 178 yards and Tracy Ham added 157 yards rushing to pace the Eagles to a 40-33 victory in Iowa. The game had eight touchdowns and five field goals. Over 1,000 yards in total offense were amassed by the two teams. Fifty-two first downs were recorded. There were eight lead changes in the game and only four punts in one of Georgia Southern's wildest games ever.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: GEORGIA SOUTHERN 44, FURMAN 42

In one of the greatest comebacks in college football history, Georgia Southern rallied from a 22-point third quarter deficit to defeat Furman, 44-42, and win its first 1-AA national championship. Tracy Ham hit Frank Johnson with a 13 yard scoring strike with 10 seconds left in the game to give the Eagles the victory. Ham finished the game with 419 yards passing and another 90 yards rushing. Frank Johnson caught seven passes for 148 yards, all in the second half. Georgia Southern scored 38 points in the final 21:51 of the game to overcome a 28-6 Furman lead.

THE LAST TIME GEORGIA SOUTHERN...

...BLOCKED A PUNT AND SCORED was against East Tennessee State in 1984. Linebacker Bart Schuchts got a hand on the punt and cornerback Nay Young returned it 56 yards for the score in a 20-17 Georgia Southern loss.

...RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN was in 1983 against Valdosta State. Melvin Bell returned the opening kickoff 96 yards for the score in a 34-29 loss.

...RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN was against Presbyterian in 1984. Melvin Bell returned a punt 76 yards in a 41-6 win.

...RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN was against Tennessee Tech in 1986. Taz Dixon returned an errant pass 55 yards in a 59-13 Georgia Southern win.

...SCORED A SAFETY was against Central Florida in 1987 when James Carter sacked quarterback Darin Slack in a 34-32 Georgia Southern win.

...RECOVERED A FUMBLE IN THE END ZONE FOR A TOUCHDOWN was against Fort Benning in 1982. Defensive guard Donnie Allen recovered a fumble in the first quarter in a 56-6 win.

...SHUTOUT AN OPPONENT was in the opening game of the 1987 season, 27-0, against Catawba.

...RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 500 YARDS was against Valdosta State in 1984. The Eagles rushed for 525 yards on 69 carries in a 38-8 win.

...PASSED FOR MORE THAN 400 YARDS was against Furman in the 1-AA championship game in 1985. Tracy Ham completed 23-of-37 passes for 419 yards in a 44-42 win.

...HAD A RUNNING BACK GAIN MORE THAN 200 YARDS IN A GAME was against the Florida State JV in 1982 when Melvin Bell rushed for 201 yards in a 31-20 win.

...HAD THREE RUNNING BACKS GAIN MORE THAN 100 YARDS IN A GAME was against Nevada-Reno in the semi-finals of the 1986 playoffs. Tracy Ham, Gerald Harris and Ricky Harris each gained at least 100 yards in a 48-38 win.

...HELD AN OPPONENT TO UNDER 100 YARDS RUSHING IN A GAME was against Western Carolina when the Eagles held them to just 13 yards rushing.

...HELD AN OPPONENT TO UNDER 100 YARDS PASSING IN A GAME was against Appalachian State when the Mountaineers passed for only 58 yards in a 19-0 Georgia Southern loss.

THE LAST TIME AN OPPONENT...

...BLOCKED A PUNT AND SCORED was in 1987 by Central Florida. Bernard Ford blocked a punt and Keenan Wimbley returned it 18 yards for the score.

...RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN was in 1982 by Gardner Webb. Dan Davis intercepted a Rob Allen pass and returned it 31 yards in a 44-6 Georgia Southern loss.

...SCORED A SAFETY was in 1986 by Arkansas State. Late in the game, the snap sailed over punter Pat Parker's head and out of the end zone. Georgia Southern won, 48-21.

...RECOVERED A FUMBLE IN THE END ZONE FOR A TOUCHDOWN was against UT-Chattanooga. After a strong goal-line stand by the Eagles, UTC defensive tackle Conrad Stokes recovered a Tracy Ham fumble in a 24-17 Georgia Southern win.

...SHUTOUT GEORGIA SOUTHERN was in 1987 when Appalachian State beat the Eagles, 19-0. It marked the first time in 76 games that the Eagles had failed to score.

...GAINED 300 YARDS RUSHING was in 1982 by Wofford. The Terriers gained 366 yards on 67 carries in a 28-7 Georgia Southern loss.

...PASSED FOR MORE THAN 500 YARDS was in 1984 when Bernard Hawk of Bethune-Cookman completed 40-of-67 passes for 527 yards in a 43-33 Georgia Southern win.

...HAD A RUNNING BACK RUSH FOR MORE THAN 100 YARDS IN A GAME was by Ritchie Melchor of Appalachian State who gained 156 yards in a 19-0 Georgia Southern loss in the 1987 1-AA playoffs.

...HELD GEORGIA SOUTHERN TO LESS THAN 100 YARDS RUSHING was in 1984 by East Tennessee State. The Eagles gained 95 yards on 25 carries in a 20-17 loss.

...HELD GEORGIA SOUTHERN TO LESS THAN 200 YARDS RUSHING was in 1987 by Northeast Louisiana. The Eagles gained 183 yards in a 26-17 loss to the eventual national champion.

...HELD GEORGIA SOUTHERN TO LESS THAN 100 YARDS PASSING was in 1987 by Appalachian State. The Eagles passed for only 61 yards in a 19-0 loss in the 1-AA playoffs.

OUTSTANDING GAMES BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN PLAYERS

100 YARD RUSHING GAMES

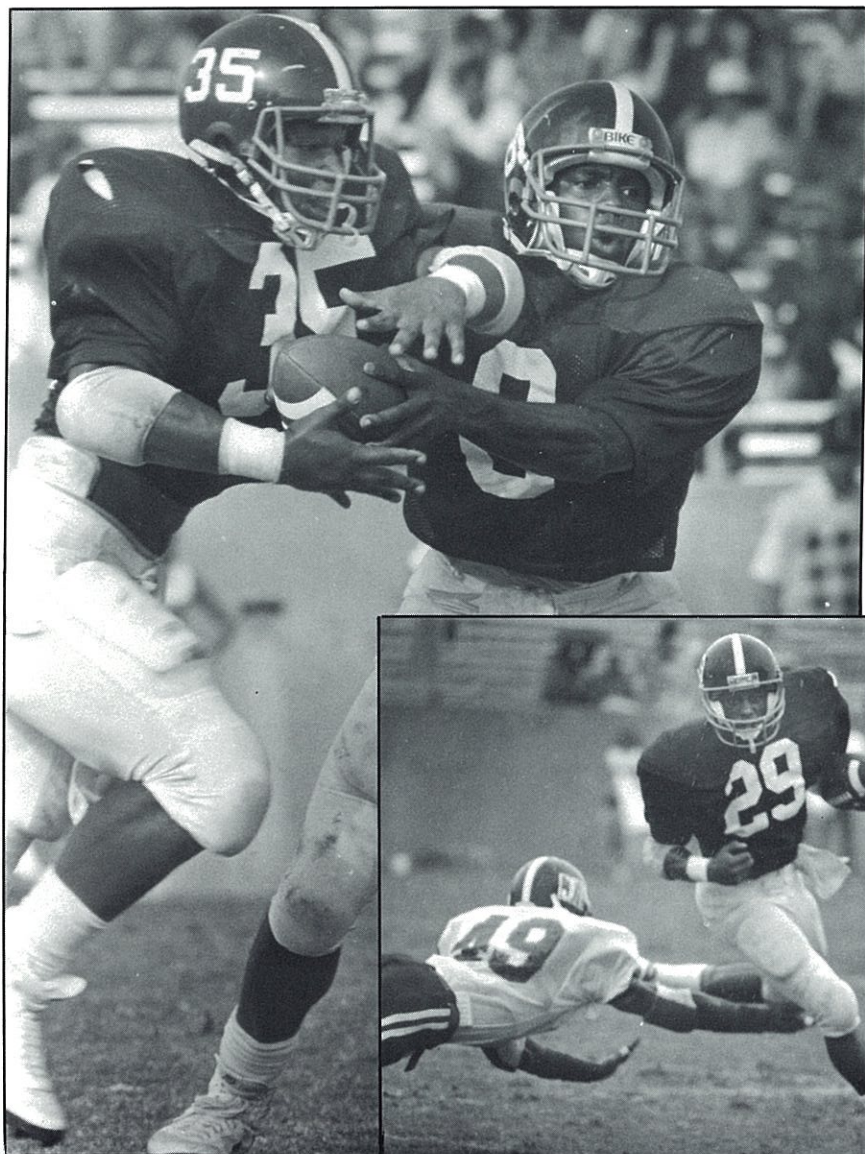
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3. *181 Gerald Harris vs. North Carolina A&T, 1986
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33. 118 Tracy Ham vs. Western Kentucky, 1986
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- 117 Frank Johnson vs. Tennessee Tech, 1985
- 117 Joe Ross vs. Catawba, 1987
37. 115 Gerald Harris vs. Central Florida, 1984
- 115 Raymond Gross vs. Western Carolina, 1987
39. 113 Melvin Bell vs. Central Florida, 1983
40. 112 Clint Harper vs. Catawba, 1983
- 112 Gerald Harris vs. Central Florida, 1986
42. 110 Ricky Harris vs. James Madison, 1985
- 110 Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee, 1987
44. 107 Tracy Ham vs. Florida, 1986
45. *106 Ricky Harris vs. Nevada-Reno, 1986
46. *105 Garry Miller vs. Appalachian State, 1987
47. 104 Melvin Bell vs. Liberty Baptist, 1984
- 104 Tracy Ham vs. South Carolina State, 1985
49. 102 Ricky Harris vs. Central Florida, 1983
50. 101 Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1986
51. 100 Gerald Harris vs. Valdosta State, 1984

*Denotes playoff game

200-YARD PASSING GAMES

1. *419 Tracy Ham vs. Furman, 1985
2. 402 Tracy Ham vs. East Carolina, 1984
3. *306 Tracy Ham vs. Arkansas State, 1986
4. 267 Tracy Ham vs. Central Florida, 1986
5. 258 Tracy Ham vs. James Madison, 1986
6. 256 Tracy Ham vs. South Carolina State, 1985
7. 222 Tracy Ham vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1985
8. 219 Tracy Ham vs. Western Kentucky, 1986
9. 207 Tracy Ham vs. Central Florida, 1984
10. 202 Tracy Ham vs. Valdosta State, 1984

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OUTSTANDING DAYS BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN OPPONENTS

100 YARD RUSHING GAMES

1. 172 Michael Summers, South Carolina State, 1986
2. 168 Vince Hall, Middle Tennessee State, 1984
3. *156 Ritchie Melchor, Appalachian State, 1987
4. *154 Carl Boyd, Northern Iowa, 1985
5. *152 Mike Motley, Newberry, 1983
6. 148 Dwight Stone, Middle Tennessee State, 1986
7. 145 Jim Heywood, Troy State, 1983
8. 143 Warren Marshall, James Madison, 1985
9. 134 Elgin Davis, Central Florida, 1983
- *134 Richard Kimble, Arkansas State, 1986
11. 131 Anthony Simpson, East Carolina, 1986
12. 128 Warren Marshall, James Madison, 1986
13. *118 Gerald Anderson, Middle Tennessee State, 1985
- 118 Artis Edwards, UT-Chattanooga, 1984
15. 112 Anthony Simpson, East Carolina, 1987
16. 110 Marvin Collier, Middle Tennessee State, 1985
17. 108 Henry Latham, East Tennessee State, 1983
- *108 Dwight Stone, Middle Tennessee State, 1985
19. 105 Kent Larry, Presbyterian, 1983
20. 101 Gerald Foggie, South Carolina State, 1985

200 YARD PASSING GAMES

1. 527 Bernard Hawk, Bethune-Cookman, 1984
2. *481 Doug Hudson, Nicholls State, 1986
3. 385 Charles Glaze, South Carolina State, 1985
4. *360 Eric Beavers, Nevada-Reno, 1986
5. 339 Jeff Cesarone, Western Kentucky, 1986
6. *315 Mike Smith, Northern Iowa, 1985
- 315 Darin Slack, Central Florida, 1987
7. 282 Dana Thyshen, Central Florida, 1984
8. 264 Mark Smith, Western Carolina, 1987
9. 262 Jimmy Skipper, Newberry, 1986
10. 259 Greg Ross, Bethune-Cookman, 1987
11. 251 Bernard Hawk, Bethune-Cookman, 1985
12. 248 Tim Couch, UT-Chattanooga, 1986
13. 245 Tony Lanham, Central Florida, 1985
14. 244 Greg Ross, Bethune-Cookman, 1986
15. 238 Sean Bowles, Mars Hill, 1983
16. 236 Mike Kelly, Florida A&M, 1985
17. *234 Shannon Boyd, Jackson State, 1985
18. *229 Mike Buck, Maine, 1987
19. 212 Jeff Cesarone, Western Kentucky, 1987
20. *210 Bobby Lamb, Furman, 1985

*Indicates playoff game

RECORD VS. ALL OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	FIRST MEETING	LAST MEETING	LAST SCORE	W	L	T
Appalachian State	1934	1987	0-19	1	3	1
Arkansas State	1986	1986	48-21	1	0	0
Bethune-Cookman	1984	1987	14-13	4	0	0
Catawba	1982	1987	27-0	2	1	0
Central Florida	1982	1987	34-32	5	1	0
East Carolina	1984	1987	13-16	0	3	0
East Tennessee State	1983	1985	46-7	1	2	0
Florida	1986	1986	14-38	0	1	0
Florida A & M	1984	1987	14-17	3	1	0
Furman	1985	1985	44-42	1	0	0
Gardner-Webb	1982	1983	25-11	1	1	0
Jackson State	1985	1985	27-0	1	0	0
Jacksonville State	1934	1934	13-0	2	0	0
James Madison	1985	1987	26-7	2	1	0
Liberty Baptist	1984	1984	48-11	1	0	0
Maine	1987	1987	31-28	1	0	0
Mars Hill	1982	1983	35-9	2	0	0
Miami (Fla.)	1933	1937	0-40	0	3	0
Nevada-Reno	1986	1986	48-38	1	0	0
Newberry	1930	1985	38-17	3	5	1
Nicholls State	1986	1986	55-31	1	0	0
North Carolina A & T	1986	1986	52-21	1	0	0
Northeast Louisiana	1987	1987	17-26	0	1	0
Northern Iowa	1985	1985	40-33	1	0	0
Presbyterian	1983	1984	41-6	2	0	0
Savannah State	1983	1983	15-0	1	0	0
South Carolina State	1985	1987	30-13	3	0	0
Southern Mississippi	1941	1941	0-67	0	1	0
UT-Chattanooga	1984	1986	34-14	3	0	0
Tennessee Tech	1985	1986	59-13	2	0	0
Troy State	1934	1985	17-10	1	9	0
U.S. Naval Academy	1940	1940	6-46	0	1	0
Valdosta State	1982	1984	38-8	2	1	1
Western Carolina	1941	1987	0-19	0	2	0
Western Kentucky	1986	1987	23-20	2	0	0
Wofford	1982	1983	27-16	1	1	0

INACTIVE PROGRAMS

Abraham Baldwin A.C.	1935	1935	13-0	1	0	0
Armstrong State	1937	1940	43-0	3	1	0
Baptist University	1982	1982	42-0	1	0	0
Benedictine	1925	1928	7-6	3	1	0
Bowdon	1931	1931	7-24	0	1	0
Brewton-Parker	1925	1936	14-7	10	2	1
Camp Croft	1941	1941	0-21	0	1	0
Cochran A&M	1928	1928	6-24	0	1	0
Douglas	1924	1928	7-0	4	0	0
Erskine	1037	1947	0-7	0	3	1
Florida State J.V.	1982	1982	31-20	1	0	0
Fort Benning	1940	1982	56-6	2	0	0
Fort Screven	1926	1927	6-0	2	0	0
Georgia Military	1926	1937	6-7	2	4	0
Georgia State Teachers	1930	1930	13-0	1	0	0
Gordon Military	1932	1937	0-19	2	2	0
Graymont A.C.	1931	1931	47-0	1	0	0
Havana	1939	1939	27-7	2	0	0
Mercer	1928	1941	0-25	1	3	0
Middle Georgia	1929	1941	16-0	7	5	0
Millen Athletic Club	9131	1931	68-0	1	0	0
Norman Park	1928	1933	46-0	2	3	0
Oglethorpe	1941	1941	0-53	0	1	0
Parris Island	9131	1931	0-19	0	1	0
Pensacola Naval	1940	1940	6-46	0	1	0
Piedmont	1926	1932	33-12	2	3	1
Richmond Academy	1925	1929	13-19	0	4	0
Rollins	1932	1936	0-26	0	3	0
Rollon	1932	1932	0-12	0	1	0
Snead	1938	1939	13-7	2	0	0
South Georgia A&M	1927	1929	6-0	1	1	0
South Georgia State	1933	1941	0-7	3	4	1
South Georgia J.C.	1929	1930	0-6	0	1	1
Stetson	1934	1939	0-19	1	5	0
Tampa	1934	1940	14-66	4	3	0
Tifton	1926	1932	27-0	2	2	0
Waynesboro J.C.	1928	1928	26-0	1	0	0
Wingate	1938	1938	6-0	1	0	0

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

GEORGIA NORMAL SCHOOL

1924 - E. G. Cromartie (NA) (1-0)	
Paris Island Marines	NA
Savannah High School	NA
Douglas A&M	6-0

1925 - E. G. Cromartie (1-2)	
Richmond Academy	L
Benedictine	L
Brewton-Parker	W

1926 - E. G. Cromartie (5-3-1)	
Douglas	6-0
Piedmont Institute	0-0
Benedictine	13-0
Georgia Military	0-12
Tifton	0-6
Richmond Academy	6-54
Brewton-Parker	12-0
Fort Screven	14-0
Brewton-Parker	7-6

1927 - H. A. Woodle (6-1-1)	
Douglas	2-0
South Georgia A&M	6-0
Benedictine	25-6
Fort Screven	6-0
Richmond Academy	0-16
Brewton-Parker	25-7
Piedmont Institute	26-13
Brewton-Parker	0-0

1928 - H. A. Woodle (5-5)	
Waynesboro J.C.	26-0
Brewton-Parker	2-6
Cochran A&M	6-24
Benedictine	7-6
Tifton	L
Mercer	7-0
Piedmont	0-12
Norman Park	0-6
Douglas	7-0
Brewton-Parker	NA

SOUTH GEORGIA TEACHERS COLLEGE

1929 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (2-1-2)	
Richmond Academy	13-19
Brewton Parker	62-0
Middle Georgia	7-7
South Georgia A&M	NA
Piedmont	0-0
Norman Park	NA
South Georgia J.C.	NA
Brewton-Parker	NA
Tifton	13-6

1930 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (3-3-2)	
South Georgia J.C.	0-6
Newberry	0-0
Middle Georgia	0-14
Piedmont	7-6
Norman Park	0-7
Brewton-Parker	26-0
Mercer	NA
New Year's Day Benefit	0-0
Georgia State Teachers	13-0

1931 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (3-6)	
Bowdon	7-24
Norman Park	0-7
Middle Georgia	0-7
Parris Island	0-19
Piedmont	0-16
Millen Athletic Club	68-0
Brewton-Parker	7-0
Graymont A.C.	47-0
Newberry	13-19

1932 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (6-3)	
Rollon	0-12
Tifton	27-0
Gordon Military	19-0
Norman Park	8-0
Georgia Military	6-27
Piedmont	33-12
Middle Georgia	26-0
Brewton-Parker	18-6
Rollins	13-20

1933 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (5-4)	
Norman Park	46-0
Gordon Military	39-0
Brewton-Parker	39-13
Middle Georgia	0-6
Rollins	0-13
South Georgia State	25-0
Georgia Military	12-9
Newberry	6-14
Miami	0-20

1934 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (5-5)	
Jacksonville Tech	19-13
Brewton-Parker	0-6
Stetson	0-19
Tampa	21-13
Appalachian Teachers	22-13
Middle Georgia	6-0
South Georgia State	19-0
Georgia Military	0-19
Newberry	20-21
Troy State	12-19

1935 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (3-3-2)	
Abraham Baldwin A.C.	13-0
South Georgia State	14-14
Tampa	0-19
Georgia Military	25-12
Troy Tech	26-28
Appalachian Teachers	0-0
Middle Georgia	14-7
Stetson	6-9

1936 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (2-9)	
Miami	0-44
Mercer	0-40
Troy Tech	0-14
Stetson	0-24
Tampa	62-0
Appalachian Teachers	0-27
Middle Georgia	14-7
Gordon Military	7-13
Brewton-Parker	14-7
Newberry	10-13
Rollins	0-26

1937 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (2-9)	
Mercer	0-77
Miami	0-40
Tampa	0-20
Stetson	0-24
Troy Tech	6-12
Ersine	0-46
Georgia Military	6-7
South Georgia State	26-6
Gordon Military	0-19
Middle Georgia	0-7
Armstrong State	20-14

1938 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (3-5-1)	
Tampa	0-40
Wingate	6-0
Troy Tech	0-7
Stetson	0-28
South Georgia State	6-7
Armstrong State	7-12
Snead	7-0
Middle Georgia	3-0
Ersine	6-6

GEORGIA TEACHERS COLLEGE

1939 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (5-5)	
Stetson	0-19
Troy Tech	6-7
Havana	14-0
Snead	13-7
Armstrong State	7-0
Jacksonville Tech	13-0
South Georgia	6-12
Middle Georgia	7-13
Appalachian Teachers	0-59
Havana	27-7

1940 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (3-5)	
Ersine	0-19
South Georgia	7-19
Fort Benning	17-13
Troy State	0-14
Tampa	14-66
Middle Georgia	14-6
Pensacola	6-46
Armstrong State	43-0

1941 - B. L. 'Crook' Smith (2-8)	
West Carolina Teachers	7-14
Mississippi Southern	0-67
South Georgia State	0-7
Mercer	0-25
Troy State	0-25
Ersine	0-7
Middle Georgia	16-0
Oglethorpe	0-53
South Georgia State	14-7
Camp Croft	0-21

GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

1982 - Erk Russell (7-3-1)

Central Florida	16-9
Baptist College	42-0
Valdosta State	27-27
Fort Benning	56-6
Newberry	36-14
Catawba	7-10
Wofford	7-28
Mars Hill	17-3
Gardner-Webb	6-44
Valdosta State	45-29
Florida State J.V.	31-20

1983 - Erk Russell (6-5)

Central Florida	29-33
Presbyterian	35-21
Troy State	27-28
Gardner-Webb	25-11
East Tennessee State	7-24
Newberry	24-27
Catawba	10-3
Wofford	27-16
Mars Hill	35-9
Valdosta State	29-34
Savannah State	15-0

1984 - Erk Russell (8-3)

Florida A&M	14-0
Presbyterian	41-6
Central Florida	42-28
East Carolina	27-34
Liberty Baptist	48-11
Bethune-Cookman	43-33
UT-Chattanooga	24-17
Newberry	41-16
Valdosta State	38-8
East Tennessee	17-20
Middle Tennessee	7-42

1985 - Erk Russell (13-2)

Florida A&M	27-21
Middle Tennessee	10-35
Troy State	17-10
UT-Chattanooga	
Tennessee Tech	34-0
Bethune-Cookman	46-24
Newberry	38-17
James Madison	6-21
Central Florida	35-18
East Tennessee State	46-7
South Carolina State	43-30
*Jackson State	27-0
*Middle Tennessee	28-21
*Northern Iowa	40-33
*Furman	44-42
*NCAA Playoff Game	

1986 - Erk Russell (13-2)

Florida	14-38
Florida A&M	35-12
Middle Tennessee	34-31
UT-Chattanooga	34-14
Tennessee Tech	59-13
Bethune-Cookman	52-31
East Carolina	33-35
Western Kentucky	49-32
Central Florida	33-23
James Madison	45-35
South Carolina State	28-7
*North Carolina A&T	52-21
*Nicholls State	55-31
*Nevada-Reno	48-38
*Arkansas State	48-21

1987 - Erk Russell (9-4)

Catawba	27-0
Florida A&M	14-17
Middle Tennessee	17-13
East Carolina	13-16
Central Florida	34-32
Bethune-Cookman	14-13
Northeast Louisiana	17-26
Western Carolina	37-16
Western Kentucky	23-20
James Madison	26-7
South Carolina State	30-13
*Maine	31-28
*Appalachian State	0-19
* Indicates 1-AA Playoff Games	



Georgia Southern rallied from a 28-point, third quarter deficit to beat Furman for the 1-AA national championship. The Eagles defeated Arkansas State, 48-21, for the 1986 title.

COACHES AND RESULTS

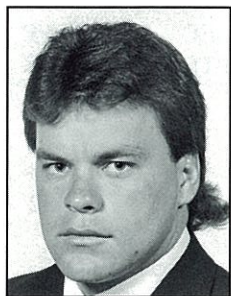
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1924	E. G. Cromartie	1	0	0	6	0
1925	E. G. Cromartie	1	2	0	unavailable	
1926	E. G. Cromarte	5	3	1	58	78
1927	H. A. Woodle	6	1	1	90	42
1928	H. A. Woodle	5	5	0	unavailable	
1929	B. L. "Crook" Smith	2	1	2	unavailable	
1930	B. L. "Crook" Smith	3	3	2	unavailable	
1931	B. L. "Crook" Smith	3	6	0	142	92
1932	B. L. "Crook" Smith	6	3	0	150	77
1933	B. L. "Crook" Smith	5	4	0	167	75
1934	B. L. "Crook" Smith	5	5	0	119	123
1935	B. L. "Crook" Smith	3	3	2	98	89
1936	B. L. "Crook" Smith	2	9	0	58	230
1937	B. L. "Crook" Smith	2	9	0	58	272
1938	B. L. "Crook" Smith	3	5	1	35	100
1939	B. L. "Crook" Smith	5	5	0	93	124
1940	B. L. "Crook" Smith	3	5	0	101	183
1941	B.L. "Crook" Smith	2	8	0	37	226
1982	Erk Russell	7	3	1	290	190
1983	Erk Russell	6	5	0	263	206
1984	Erk Russell	8	3	0	342	215
1985*	Erk Russell	13	2	0	460	293
1986*	Erk Russell	13	2	0	619	382
1987*	Erk Russell	9	4	0	283	220

* Includes NCAA playoff games

COACHES' CUMULATIVE RECORDS

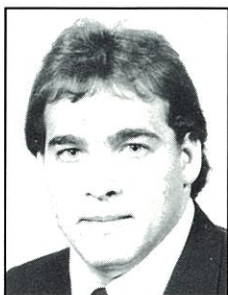
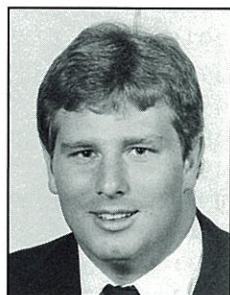
NAME	TENURE	YEARS	W-L-T	PCT
E.G. Cromartie	1924-26	3	7-5-1	.577
H.A. Woodle	1927-28	2	11-6-1	.639
B.L. "Crook" Smith	1929-41	13	44-67-7	.406
Erk Russell	1982-	6	56-19-1	.737

GEORGIA SOUTHERN ALL-AMERICANS



Charles Carper, Linebacker, Ocala, Fla. (Associated Press '85 - Second team) — A stalwart performer for four years, Carper was Georgia Southern's second leading tackler on its first national championship team in 1985. Carper was credited with 130 tackles that season, 80 solos and 50 assists. He had four pass breakups, two caused fumbles, two recovered fumbles and one interception. **Jersey number: 43.**

James Carter, Offensive Guard, Thomaston, Ga. (Football News '86 Team) — One of the greatest technique blockers to ever play at Georgia Southern, Carter was one of the reasons that the Eagles were second in the nation in rushing offense and scoring offense in 1986. His blocking up the middle opened the holes for fullback Gerald Harris who gained 954 yards in the 1986 regular season. **Jersey number: 72.**

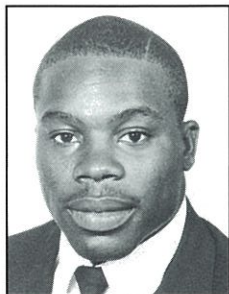


Tim Foley, Placekicker, Miami, Fla. (Associated Press '85 - First Team; Kodak '87 - First Team; the Sports Network '87 - Second Team; Walter Camp '87 - First Team; Associated Press '87 - Third Team) — The most accurate kicker in the history of Division 1-AA, Foley set every Georgia Southern kicking record in his four years of play. In addition, he holds or shares seven NCAA 1-AA kicking records including accuracy in a season (16-of-17 in 1985) and longest field goal (63 yards in 1987 vs. James Madison). He also made more 50+ yard kicks in his career than anyone in 1-AA history. **Jersey number: 9.**

Dennis Franklin, Center, Loganville, Ga. (Kodak '87 - First Team; Walter Camp '87 - First Team; Associated Press '87 - Second Team; The Sports Network '87 - Second Team; **Atlanta Journal Constitution** College Division Player-of-the-Year '87 - With one year left to play, Franklin has established himself as the standard by which all 1-AA centers are judged. In each of his three years as a starter, Georgia Southern has finished in the top ten in the nation in rushing offense and total offense. He is the premier offensive lineman in Division 1-AA. **Jersey number: 76.**

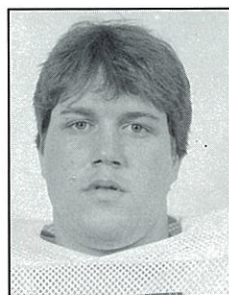
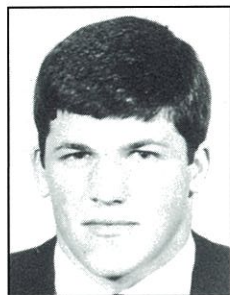


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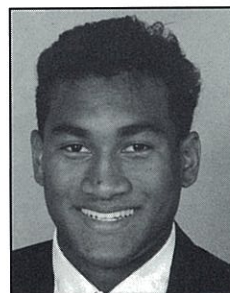
Tracy Ham, Quarterback, High Springs, Fla. (Kodak '86 - First Team; Associated Press '86 - First Team; Football News '86 - First Team; **Football News** Offensive Player-of-the-Year '86; **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** College Division Player-of-the-Year '84, '85, '86) — Perhaps the most versatile player to ever play college football, Ham is the only player in college history (any division) to rush for 3,000 yards and pass for 5,000 yards in a career. He holds virtually every Georgia Southern total offense record and rushing record and claims five NCAA records to his credit. He is the only player in Georgia Southern football history to have his jersey retired. **Jersey number 8.**

Flint Matthews, Linebacker, Lincolnton, Ga. (Associated Press '87 - First Team) — Known throughout his career as a punishing tackler, Matthews led the rejuvenated 1987 Georgia Southern defense with 116 tackles, 78 solos and 38 assists. He was credited with one caused fumble, one recovered fumble, two interceptions and four pass breakups. An outstanding player, he was also a team leader setting the standard for Georgia Southern defensive players for years to come. **Jersey number; 58**



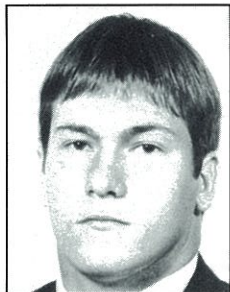
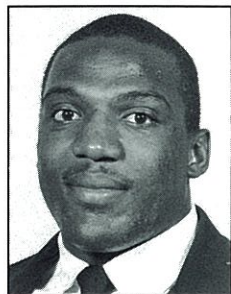
Vance Pike, Offensive Tackle, Warner Robins, Ga. (Kodak '85 - First Team) — An outstanding student as well as a great football player, Pike led Georgia Southern to its first national championship in 1985. His blocking was one of the key reasons that the Eagles averaged more than 400 yards in total offense and 35 points per game in the 1985 playoffs. **Jersey number: 62.**

Joe Ross, Fullback, Augusta, Ga. (Associated Press '87 - Third Team) — Only a freshman, Ross became only the second Georgia Southern player to ever top 1,000 yards rushing in a regular season. He had five 100 yard games in his initial season and showed Division 1-AA that Georgia Southern will continue to be a power within the ranks. **Jersey number: 36.**

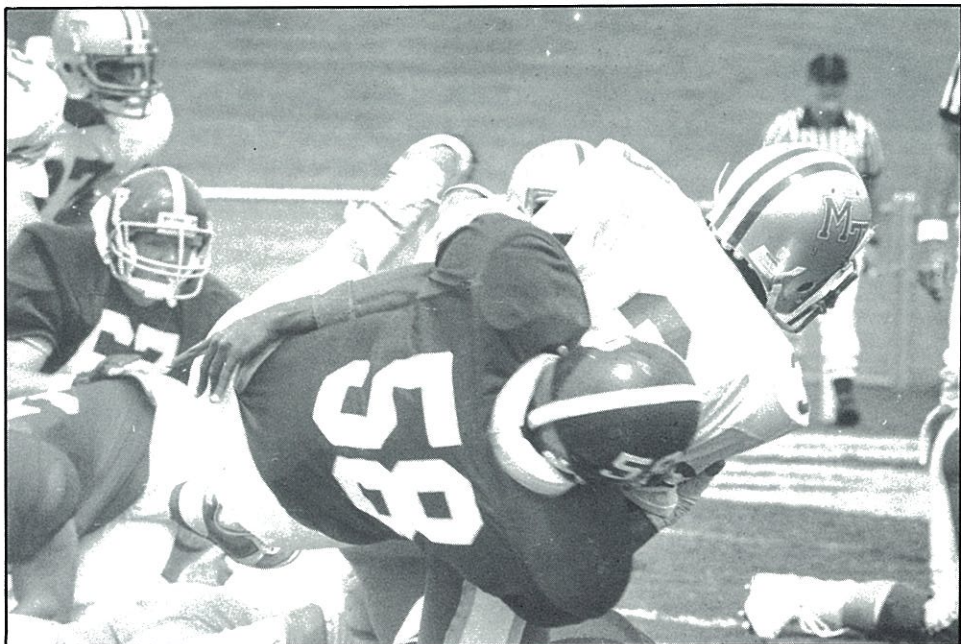


GEORGIA SOUTHERN ALL-AMERICANS

Fred Stokes, Offensive tackle, Vidalia, Ga. (Associated Press '86 - First Team) — One of the greatest pure athletes to play at Georgia Southern, Stokes became one of the top offensive linemen to ever play in Division I-AA after starting his career as a tight end. Stokes, now a defensive end with the Los Angeles Rams, was the key blocker in Georgia Southern's vaunted Hambone option attack on both the 1985 and 1986 national championship teams. **Jersey number: 69.**



Ronald Warnock, Offensive tackle, Eastman, Ga. (Associated Press '87 - Honorable Mention) - What he lacked in size and ability, Warnock made up for in pure heart and guts. Despite being only 5-9 and 215 pounds, Warnock regularly outmanned opponents 40 to 70 pounds heavier than himself. A great leader on the field and a great example of how hard work will pay off, Warnock was Erk Russell's kind of football player - he'd do anything and give everything for the sake of winning. **Jersey number: 57.**



TRACY HAM

The Only Football Player in Georgia Southern History to Have His Jersey Retired

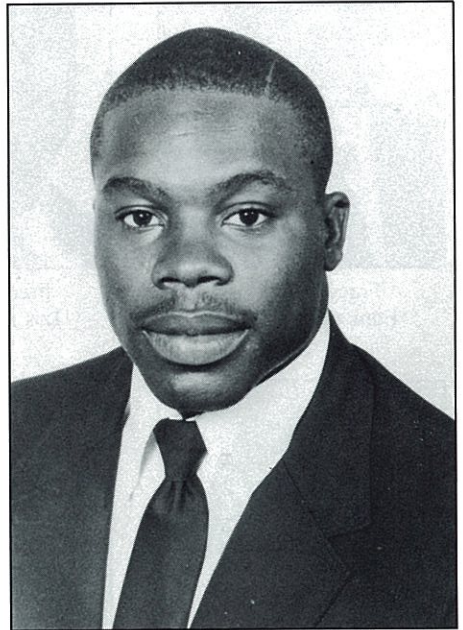
(The following is excerpted from the book, **Just One More Time: The Miracle of Georgia Southern Football** by Mark McClellan and Jim Halley)

Tracy Ham spent five years at Georgia Southern dancing, dodging and baffling opposing defenses and winning virtually every award a 1-AA player can receive. He was named **The Atlanta Journal-Constitution** College Player-of-the-Year three times and its Amateur Athlete-of-the-Year twice. Following his senior season, he was a consensus All-America choice. He was **Football News** Offensive Player-of-the-Year. He was tabbed player-of-the-Year in 1986 by the Atlanta Touchdown Club, Macon Touchdown Club, the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and the Georgia Sportswriters' Association. He was a finalist for the prestigious Davey O'Brien Award (the only 1-AA quarterback among the ten finalists) and he led the East team in rushing in the 1987 East-West Shrine Game in San Francisco.

During his regular season career, he became the first player in college history to rush for more than three thousand yards and pass for more than five thousand yards and became the first player in 1-AA history and only the fourth overall to rush and pass for a thousand yards each in a single season. He holds more than 50 Georgia Southern records and seven NCAA records. He led the Eagles to two 1-AA national championships, accounting for more than ten thousand yards in total offense in his career. And in his final 30 games as Georgia Southern's quarterback, the Eagles were 26-4.

However, there is more to those numbers than just footnotes in a record book. Tracy Ham didn't simply pile up statistics against weaker teams. He always saved his best for the big ones, the games where everything was riding on it.

The two 1-AA championship games are perfect examples. Ham's biggest games at Georgia Southern were not against Wofford or Mars Hill or Catawba, but against Furman,



Arkansas State and East Carolina.

In the 1985 championship game against Furman, Ham compiled a career high 509 yards in total offense, passing for four touchdowns and running for another.

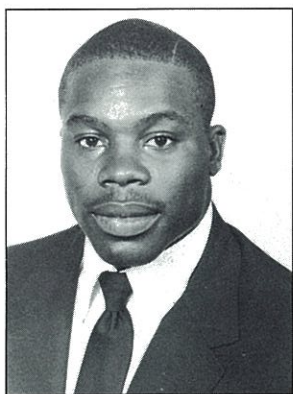
In the 1986 title contest against Arkansas State, he gained 486 yards - 180 rushing and 306 passing - and threw for two touchdowns and ran for three more.

In two games against 1-A East Carolina, Ham gained 742 yards, including a 1-AA record 199 yards rushing in 1986.

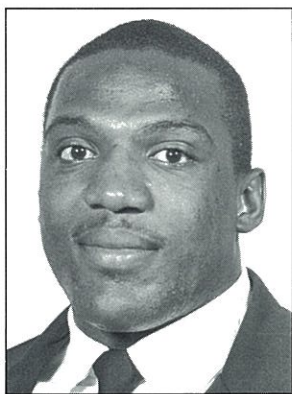
In eight playoff games in two years at Georgia Southern, the Eagles never lost. The last eighteen games that Ham quarterbacked the Eagles against 1-AA opponents, Georgia Southern never lost. The list goes on and on.

To Georgia Southern College, Tracy Ham was more than just a football player. More than just a great football player. He was the foundation of a fast-growing football powerhouse.

EAGLES IN THE PROS



Tracy Ham, QB
Edmonton Eskimos



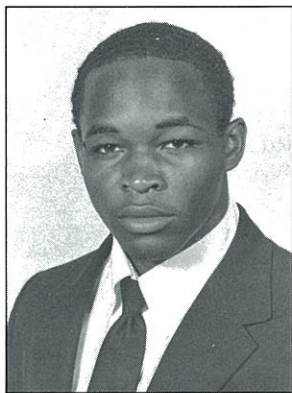
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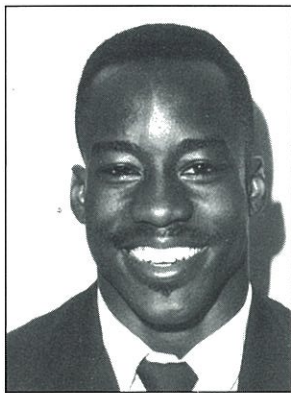
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Atlanta Falcons



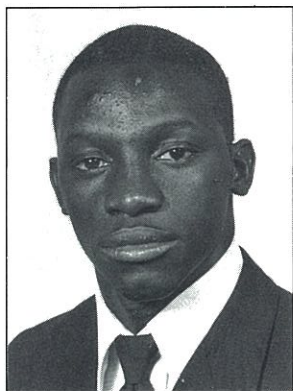
James Carter, OG
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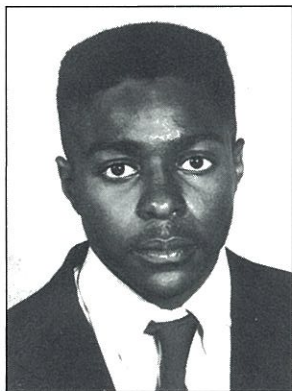
Gerald Harris, RB
Miami Dolphins



Nay Young, DB
New Orleans Saints



Monty Sharpe, WR
Toronto Argonauts



Darren Chandler, WR
Washington Redskins

HONORS AND AWARDS

COACHES

- ERK RUSSELL** —1987 Inductee into Georgia Sports Hall of Fame
1986 Kodak-American Football Coaches Association Coach-of-the-Year
1986 Washington, D.C., Touchdown Club Coach-of-the-Year
1986 **Football News** Coach-of-the-Year
1986 Chevrolet-CBS Sports Coach-of-the-Year
1986 Atlanta Touchdown Club Coach-of-the-Year
1986 Macon Touchdown Club Coach-of-the-Year
1986 100% Wrong Club of Atlanta Coach-of-the-Year
1986 Statesboro Rotary Club Man-of-the-Year
1986 Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year
1985 Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year
1985 **Football News** Coach-of-the-Year
1985 ABC-TV Coach-of-the-Year
1985 Washington, D.C., Touchdown Club Coach-of-the-Year
1984 Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year

PLAYERS

- TRACY HAM** —1986 Associated Press All-America
1986 Kodak All-America
1986 **Football News** All-America
1986 **Football News** Offensive Player-of-the-Year
1986 **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** Player-of-the-Year
1986 **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** Amateur Athlete-of-the-Year
1986 Atlanta Touchdown Club Player-of-the-Year
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1986 East team member, East-West Shrine Game
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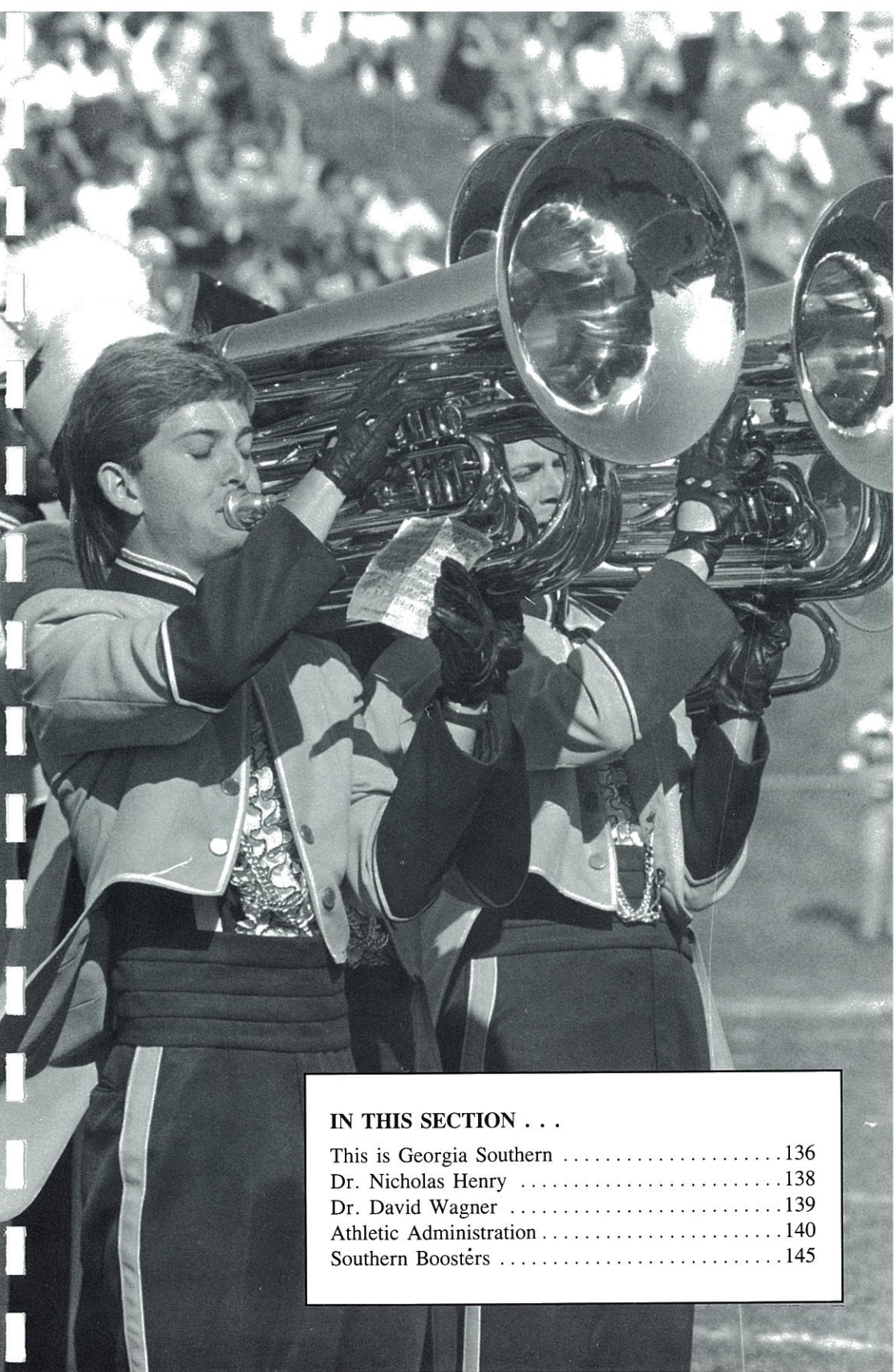
- FRED STOKES** —1986 Associated Press All-America
1986 **Football News** All-America

- JAMES CARTER** —1986 **Football News** All-America (Second Team)

- VANCE PIKE** —1985 Kodak All-America
1985 **Football News** All-America

- TIM FOLEY** — 1987 Kodak All-America
1985 Associated Press All-America
- CHARLES CARPER** — 1985 Associated Press All-America (Second Team)
- DENNIS FRANKLIN** — 1987 Kodak All-America
1987 Walter Camp All-America
1987 Associated Press All-America (Second Team)
1987 The Sports Network All-America (Second Team)
- JOE ROSS** — 1987 Associated Press All-America (Third Team)
- FLINT MATTHEWS** — 1987 Associated Press All-America
1987 Walter Camp All-America
1987 **Football News** All-America (Second Team)
- RONALD WARNOCK** — 1987 Associated Press All-America (Honorable Mention)
1987 State of Georgia Peach-of-an-Athlete Award





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THIS IS GEORGIA SOUTHERN



The University System of Georgia's largest senior college, Georgia Southern is also the state's most comprehensive institution of higher learning south of Atlanta.

The college's 9,800 students represent nearly every county in Georgia as well as approximately 40 states and 35 nations. Georgia Southern offers 156 degree concentrations on the bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral levels through six schools: Arts and Sciences; Business; Education; Technology; Graduate Studies; and Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Nursing.

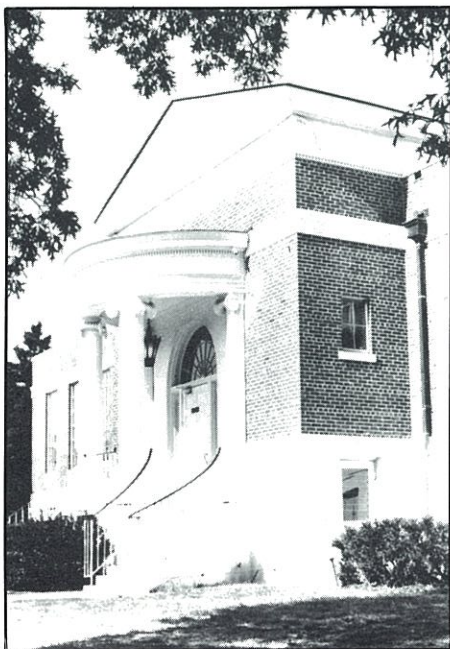
Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Georgia Southern's programs have earned more special individual accreditations from professional and academic associations than any other senior college in the state.

The 457-acre campus encompasses such facilities as a planetarium, an electron microscope lab, student and faculty computer centers, broadcasting studios, halls for theatrical and musical performances, and the state's only existing laboratory school for teacher preparation.

The college's 400-member faculty competes successfully with university counterparts in professional distinctions awarded, papers published, and research

and service projects funded. Public and private grants awarded to such projects bring an additional \$2.5 million in outside funds to the campus annually. Georgia Southern holds two endowed chairs, one in business and one in biology.

The Division of Continuing Education and Public Service annually sponsors more than 350 courses, conferences, workshops and other public programs for professional development and personal enrichment.



More than 11,600 participants take advantage of these opportunities each year. The public also enjoys a variety of cultural activities through the college, including a symphony orchestra, a museum of natural and cultural history, and an art gallery.

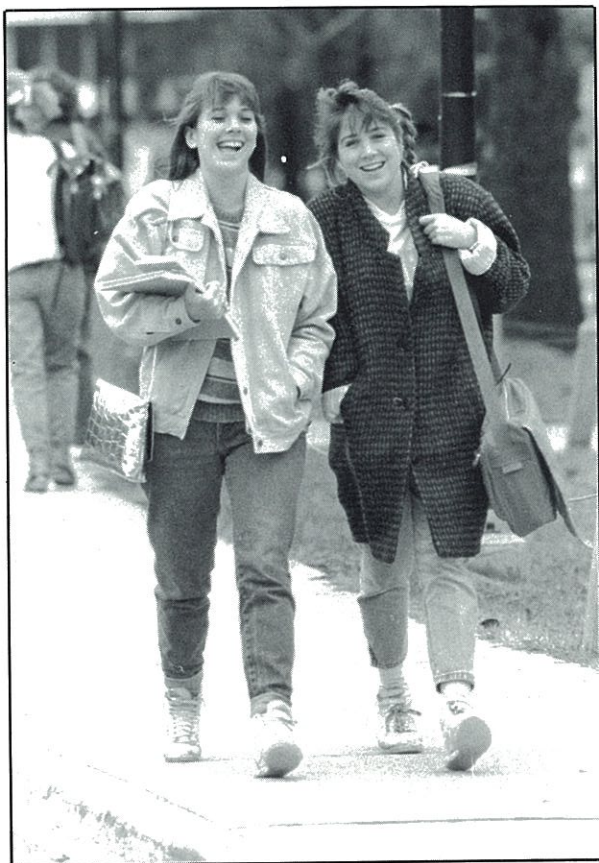
The institution was founded in 1906 by a special legislative act which established an agriculture and mechanical school in each of the state's 10 congressional districts. The first district school in Statesboro opened its doors February 7, 1908, serving on an elementary and secondary level and maintaining a special course for teachers.

In August 1924, the school's role changed. The post-war need for teachers moved the legislature to convert the institution to the Georgia Normal School.

Within four years it expanded into a four-year institution, awarding its first B.S. degrees in June 1929. That same summer the name was changed to Georgia Teachers College to reflect a statewide influence.

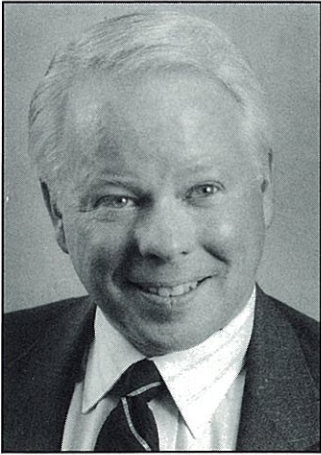
By the late 1950s the college had begun to offer a wide range of degrees beyond education, and a master's degree program was added. This change in structure led to yet another name change, to the current Georgia Southern College.

Throughout its changes, Georgia Southern has never lost its close ties with Statesboro, and the two communities have grown steadily together. When the school first opened with 46 students, there were fewer than 2,000 residents in Statesboro. Today, with more than 8,000 students at the college, the town has grown to 20,000.



DR. NICHOLAS HENRY

President, Georgia Southern College



Dr. Nicholas L. Henry became president of Georgia Southern College on September 1, 1987 and brings with him a history of academic success. Serving as dean of the College of Public Programs at Arizona State University, Henry has more than doubled his college's state budget, expanded its faculty by 60 percent, multiplied research grants, built a \$2.5 million endowment and founded the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Telecommunication among other benchmarks.

No stranger to the state of Georgia, Henry taught political science at the University of Georgia from 1972 to 1975.

His credits include author and editor of a dozen books, some in several volumes, and a long list of articles in major professional journals. His book on Public Administration and Public Affairs is the only American book on public management to be translated and published in Japanese. In frequent demand as a consultant by state and federal agencies, Henry has directed projects sponsored by grants totaling nearly \$350,000. He serves on national boards in the field of public administration and is president-elect of the national public administration honor society.

Cited in *Who's Who in America* and singled out for commendation by the Governor of Arizona, Henry has compiled a list of honors which include Arizona State's Centennial Award of Merit and Author of the Year from the Association of Scientific Journals.

A native of Seattle, Wash., he did his undergraduate work in government and English at Centre College, earned his master's degree in political science at Penn State and the Ph. D. and master's of public administration at Indiana University.

Henry also taught political science and public administration at the University of New Mexico and Indiana University, before joining the Arizona State faculty in 1975 as director of the Center for Public Affairs.

Henry and wife, Muriel, have college-aged twins.

DR. DAVID "BUCKY" WAGNER

Director of Athletics



A championship football team, the construction of an 18,000-seat football stadium, the creation of a strong booster program, and the reorganization of the athletic department staff are only a few of the many accomplishments Bucky Wagner has orchestrated in his seven year tenure as Georgia Southern's Athletic Director. It is partially due to these achievements that the athletic department has been cited "the most ambitious college program in the country" by **The Sporting News**.

Six years ago Wagner joined the Eagle staff after a three-year stint at Vanderbilt University. While serving as Assistant Athletic Director at Vandy, he was responsible for business and ticket office operations. The enlarging and refurbishing of Vanderbilt Stadium was a major project of Dr. Wagner while serving the Commodores.

Wagner's professional career began at Florida State, where he served in both the athletic and administrative fields. He began at FSU as an assistant football coach and academic advisor to athletes. He then moved up into a position in the Division of Community College Affairs, and by 1975 was further elevated to Director of Student Matriculation Affairs. When he left the Seminole administrative staff in 1978, Wagner was serving as Acting Dean of Student Services, a position that carried direct supervision over nine major university offices providing academic support services to students.

Wagner received his doctorate from FSU, but both his master's and bachelor's degrees were earned at Ohio University. A Magnolia, OH, native, Wagner was an All-Mid-American Conference quarterback at OU, guiding the Bobcats to the 1960 National College division championship. While earning his master's degree at Ohio U, he served as an assistant football coach and physical education instructor.

Wagner's professional associations include memberships in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, the College Association of Business Managers of Athletics and the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION

HANK SCHOMBER

Associate Athletic Director

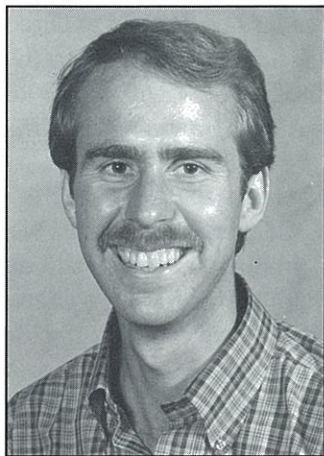
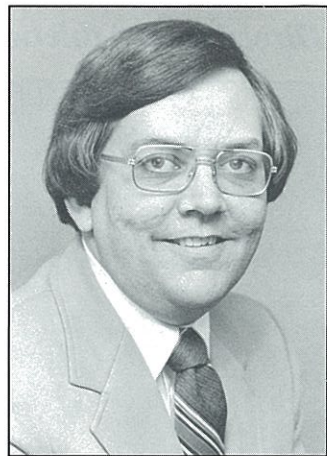
Since arriving at Georgia Southern twelve years ago, Associate Athletic Director Hank Schomber has worn a number of different caps in the GSC athletic department.

Schomber came to Southern in 1976 as assistant to the athletic director. From 1979 to 1982 he served as Sports Information Director and was then appointed Athletic Business Manager. He was designated Assistant Athletic Director for Operations in 1985 before assuming his present position last fall.

A 1967 graduate of Florida State, Schomber served as FSU's Assistant Sports Information Director for nine years. He covered all Seminole sports while serving as editor of FSU athletic publications and manager of press box operations.

He is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers and the United States Basketball Writers Association. He is past president of the NCBWA and received that group's highest honor, the Wilbur Snapp Award, in 1979.

Schomber and his wife Judy have one daughter, Tamara.



JOHN RATLIFF

Associate Athletic Director

Throughout his last six years on the Georgia Southern administrative staff, John Ratliff has been kept very busy.

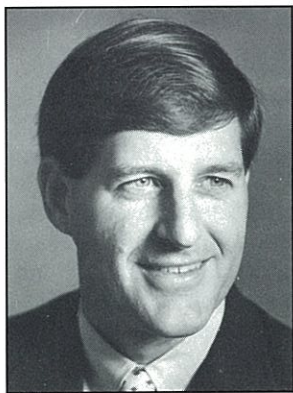
In addition to teaching in the physical education department, Ratliff's duties as Associate Athletic Director have included assisting with day-to-day operation of the athletic office, responsibility over the GSC radio network, and coordination and publication of the football, basketball, and baseball programs.

Ratliff's duties now include certification and eligibility of all Georgia Southern athletes as well as overseeing all of Georgia Southern's non-revenue sports.

Prior to his arrival at Georgia Southern, Ratliff served as Events Coordinator for the National Junior Olympics at Wake Forest University. While at Wake, he also worked with promotions, sports information and the booster group, the Deacon Club, that raised more than \$1.5 million during his stay. He joined the Wake Forest staff following a stint at Southwestern at Memphis as Director of Intramurals and Sports Information Director.

Ratliff earned a bachelor's degree from Davidson College in 1979 while serving as Intramural Director and Sports Director of the campus-operated radio station. He also holds a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University.

Ratliff is a native of Davidson, N.C., and is single.



FRANK HOOK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
SOUTHERN BOOSTERS

Entering his fourth year as head of the Southern Boosters, Frank Hook is one of the GSC athletic staff's busiest members.

He joined Southern Boosters as Director of Capital Gifts in October 1985 and was elevated to Executive Director eight months later. Through his drive and expertise, Hook has commanded a booster organization which has seen incredible growth in both membership and scope of influence. A few of the many goals Hook has set for his

Southern Boosters are the establishment of athletic scholarship endowments, building of office facilities for coaches and staff, and continuation of the support they give to a wide range of additional athletic endeavors.

A 1971 graduate of GSC, Hook has worked extensively with Southern Boosters since the program was established. He and his wife Linda, a recreation professor at Georgia Southern, have two children.

BOB CAMPBELL
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
SOUTHERN BOOSTERS

As he begins his second year with the Southern Boosters staff, Bob Campbell is faced with the task of coordinating the fund-raising efforts of the non-Bulloch county areas.

To succeed in his task, Associate Director Campbell will draw on a wide range of athletic experience. Campbell holds a bachelor's degree from Tennessee Tech and a master's in sports administration from Ohio University.

While at Tennessee Tech, he did both radio play-by-play and color commentary for Tech basketball. He also served as a chapter consultant for Phi Delta Theta, a major international fraternity, and in addition was part of the marketing support for the sports package of a business computer firm. Before his arrival in Statesboro, he had held a position in the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund at the University of Tennessee.

Campbell, who is single, will assist in all phases of Southern Boosters' operation as well as coordinate the outside areas.





TOM SMITH

Head Athletic Trainer

A familiar face behind the scenes for seventeen years, Tom "Doc" Smith is one of the most highly respected Georgia Southern staff members.

Smith's outstanding reputation extends throughout his field. A member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, he has a thorough knowledge of athletic training dynamics—a fact which was recognized when in 1981 the United States Baseball Federation appointed him chairman of its Sports Medicine Committee.

An Indiana native, Smith attended Indiana State where he starred on the basketball court as he earned his undergraduate and master's degrees. He then entered into ten years of coaching at the Indiana high school level,

before enrolling at Indiana University to earn a second degree. While at IU, he worked with the Hoosier swim team that included Olympians Mark Spitz and Gary Hall.

Smith is married to the former Sue Lynch of Sevre, Ky., and they have two daughters.

ROGER INMAN

Equipment Manager

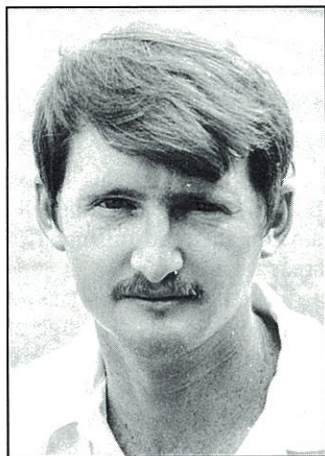
For six years Roger Inman has had the full-time job of keeping up with Eagle athletic equipment. Inman is another of the dedicated, multi-talented GSC athletic staff members.

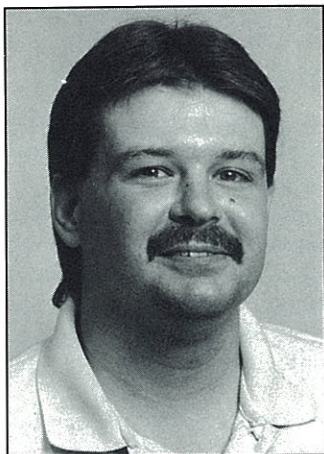
Since his arrival in Statesboro as a student in 1977, Inman has been involved in almost every phase of the Southern athletic operation. He has served as business manager, assistant to the athletic director, physical education instructor, and student trainer. He was assistant director of the Georgia Southern All-Sports Camp from 1979 to 1982 and served as trainer for the Australian Junior National Baseball team during its trips to America in 1981 and 1982.

Currently Inman is responsible for requisition, repair, and inventory of athletic equipment for both the GSC athletic and physical education departments. He is also an official for college baseball and basketball events.

Inman is a member of the Georgia Collegiate Officials Association, the National Association of Sports Officials and the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. The Waycross, GA native received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from GSC.

The former Shirley Strickland became Inman's bride this past May.





JIM RADCLIFFE

Director of Promotions

Entering his third year on the Georgia Southern athletic staff Jim Radcliffe has a demanding but familiar road ahead of him overseeing all Eagle athletic promotions.

As a student at GSC, Radcliffe served more than three years in the GSC athletic department, including a two year stint as a staff assistant for Southern Boosters, the department's fundraising wing. His current responsibilities include handling all phases of promotions.

Radcliffe is responsible for the Georgia Southern radio network and now oversees the publication of all Georgia Southern game programs as well as game-day promotions.

The 1986 graduate of Georgia Southern is a single Statesboro native.

MOLLYE STEWART

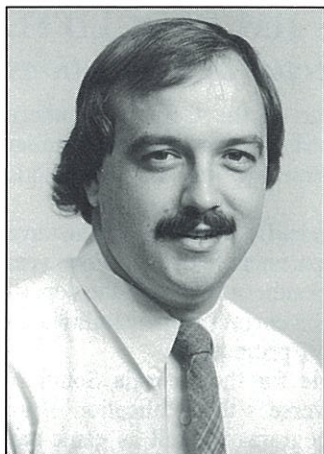
Ticket Manager

Mollye Stewart is in her first year as ticket manager at Georgia Southern. A Bulloch County native, Mrs. Stewart joined the staff in February after working for eight years at Fulton Federal Savings and Loan Association. While at Fulton Federal, Mrs. Stewart served as Savings Officer and Office Administrator.

She and her husband, Lewis, Jr., have two children, Hannah, age six, and Bradford, age two.

Mrs. Stewart handles all Georgia Southern tickets with special emphasis on football.





MARK McCLELLAN

Sports Information Director

The duties of fourth year veteran staff member Mark McClellan involve the dissemination of all information regarding Georgia Southern intercollegiate athletics.

A graduate of Auburn University, McClellan received his bachelor's degree in Journalism in 1983. He served as Assistant Sports Information Director at Auburn prior to coming to Georgia Southern. McClellan joined the Eagle staff in January 1984 as SID. He left the post in August, 1985, but returned after a year's absence in July, 1986.

In 1985, McClellan was named Best Sports Play-by-Play Announcer in Georgia by The Associated Press. He is a member of College Sports Information Directors of

America serving on the Ethics Committee. He is a past editor of the National Collegiate Baseball Record Book, as well as co-author of **Just One More Time: The Miracle of Georgia Southern Football**. The Bremen, Ga., native wed the former Sue Ann Freese this past June.

BARRY NIEMEYER

Assistant Sports Information Director

Barry Niemeyer begins his first year with Georgia Southern after serving as Assistant Sports Information Director at Southeastern Louisiana for the past three years. Niemeyer will assist SID Mark McClellan with the day-to-day operation of the sports information office with special emphasis on men's basketball and golf.

While at SLU, Niemeyer was the play-by-play announcer for men's and women's basketball and in 1986 served as the host, co-producer and writer for the New Orleans Saints radio show. He was a media relations assistant for the 1987 Final Four and has also written for the New Orleans Times-Picayune and the Hammond Daily Star.

Prior to SLU, Niemeyer was a graduate assistant at Ohio State with emphasis on ice hockey and baseball. He received his bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from Miami of Ohio and his master's degree in Sports Management from Ohio State.

SOUTHERN BOOSTERS

One of the main reasons for Georgia Southern's athletic success is the support received through Southern Boosters, Inc., the fundraising branch of the athletic department. Formed in 1981 for the purpose of coordinating all private gifts to Georgia Southern athletics, Southern Boosters has established a firm financial foundation for the continued growth of all athletic programs.

Southern Boosters' membership has increased to more than 1,500 members in the brief existence. While the majority of the members reside in the Statesboro area, the organization maintains active chapters in Augusta, Atlanta, Macon, Savannah and several other cities throughout the state.

Boosters members enjoy a variety of privileges, including priority seating at all athletic events, special parking at home football and basketball games, periodic newsletters, pre- and post-game socials, weekly luncheons with the coaching staff and use of the Lupton Facilities Building at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

For information on joining Southern Boosters, call (912) 681-5520.

Southern Boosters Staff

Executive Director Frank Hook
Associate Director Bob Campbell
Donor Records Kay Shuman
Ticket Manager Mollye Stewart
Secretary Carlene Akins



SOUTHERN BOOSTERS' PROJECTS

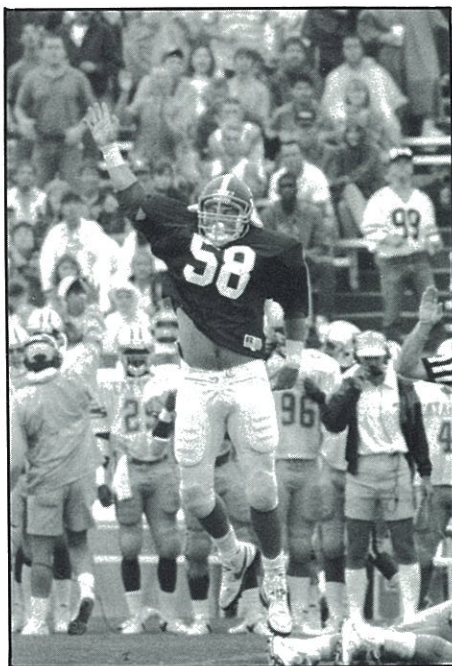
Since its formation in 1981, Southern Boosters has successfully completed several projects that have enhanced Georgia Southern athletics. Here are some of the highlights of Southern Boosters.

*Construction of 18,000 seat Allen E. Paulson Stadium. Called by one publication, "the prettiest little stadium in America", the facility has been the home of Georgia Southern football since 1984. In four years of playing there, Georgia Southern is 22-1 and has won its last 18 home games.

*Construction of the Eagle Creek Football Practice Complex. Completed in 1986, the facility offers two full-length practice fields as well as an on-site training room for treatment of injuries.

*Construction of Eagle Soccer Field. Completed in 1986, Eagle Field, adjacent to the Eagle Creek Football Practice Complex, provides Georgia Southern soccer with a quality playing field.

*Construction of new weight room. Completed in August of this year, this \$250,000 facility provides 5400 square feet of space for use by Georgia Southern

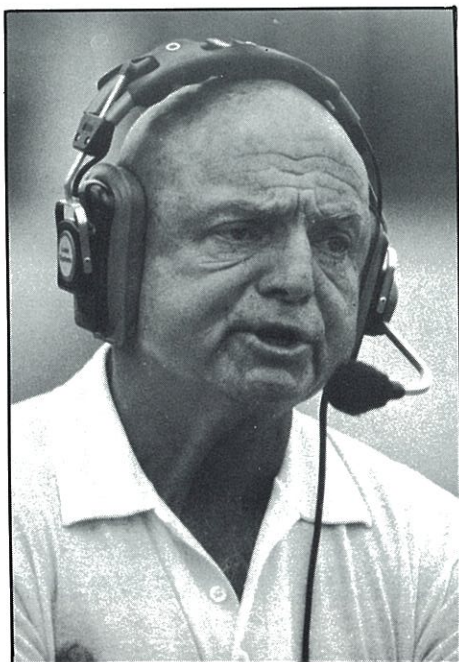


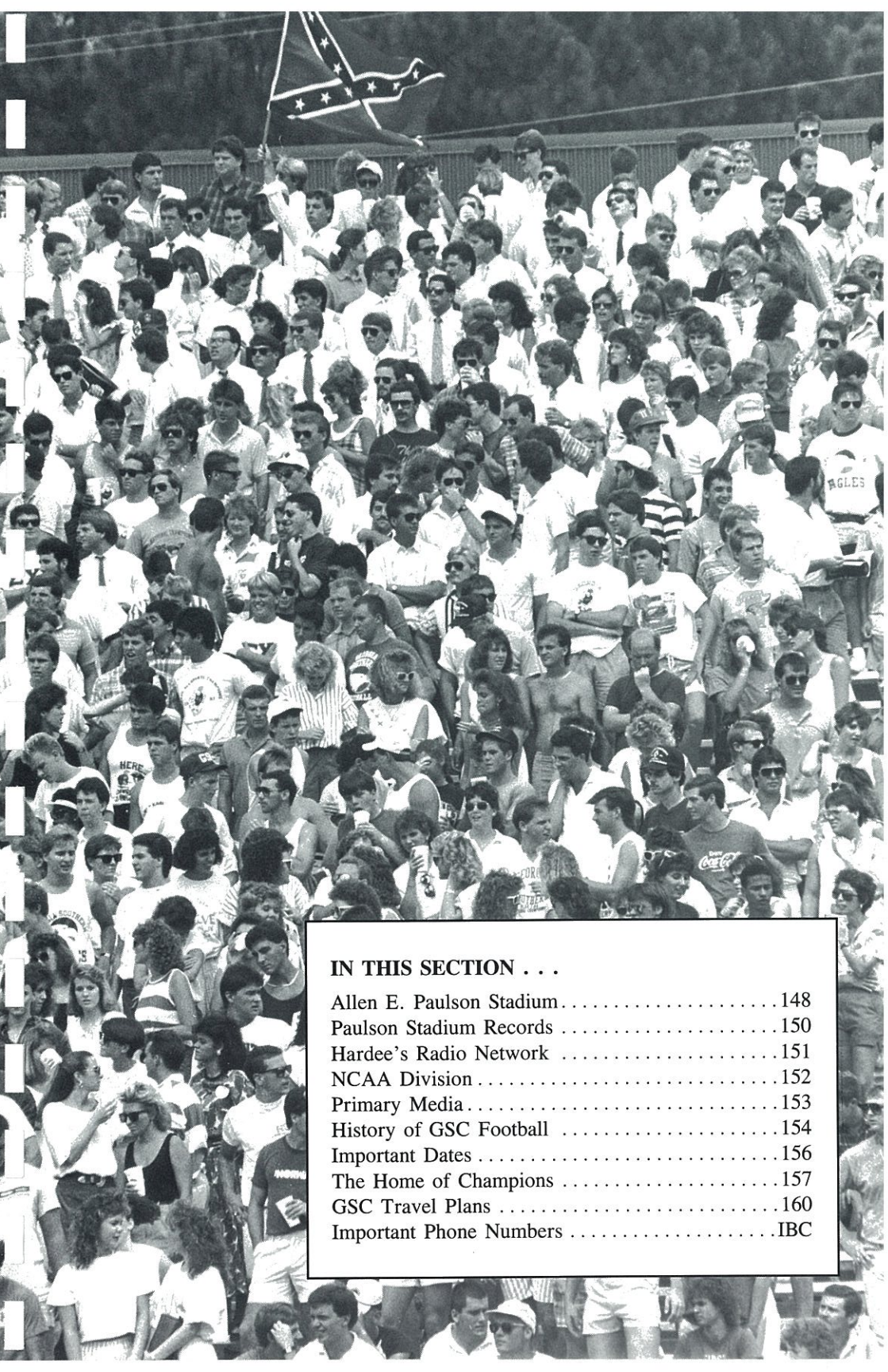
athletes. Modern in design, the new facility enhances Georgia Southern's growing football tradition.

*Rebuilding the infield of J.I. Clements Stadium. Baseball has long been a dominant sport at Georgia Southern and in 1986, Southern Boosters spent nearly \$200,000 refurbishing the infield at the baseball stadium as well as installing a modern, computerized sprinkler system making J.I. Clements Stadium home to one of the nation's finest playing surfaces.

*Scholarships. Southern Boosters has been extremely instrumental in the increase of scholarships offered to Georgia Southern student-athletes. Georgia Southern now offers the full complement of football scholarships thanks to Southern Boosters.

*Future needs. Southern Boosters is constantly involved in future planning for Georgia Southern athletics. Among items that will be considered in the near future are expansion of Allen E. Paulson Stadium, increased scholarships for non-revenue sports and construction of an athletic office complex.

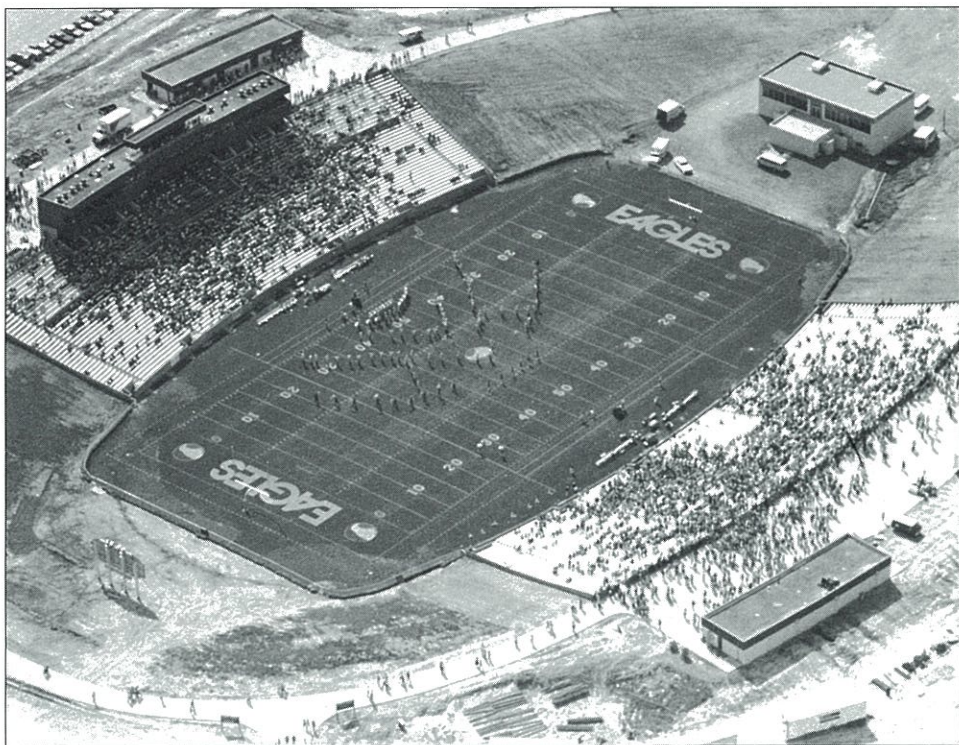




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ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Georgia Southern's Allen E. Paulson Stadium was dedicated on September 19, 1984, with a 48-11 rout of Liberty Baptist. The contest was a fitting end to four years of planning and hard work—four years dreaming of the finest 1-AA football facility in America.

Constructed at a cost of \$4.7 million, Paulson Stadium currently seats 18,000 spectators. The stadium was designed with two expansion phases in mind. The first will increase capacity to approximately 35,000, while the final phase will expand seating to 50,000. Additional plans call for stadium lighting for night football, evening concerts, student functions, and social and civic activities.

The stadium features a natural turf playing field designed to accommodate both soccer and football; special climate-controlled VIP boxes with luxurious interiors, private restrooms, food service areas; and the Morris and Ann Lupton facilities building in the open end of the natural bowl. The field level of the Lupton Building includes team and officials dressing rooms, while the second level houses the Southern Boosters hospitality room with a patio overlooking the field.

Paulson Stadium reflects and enhances the growing importance of Georgia Southern College and Southeast Georgia—an importance symbolized by the area's economic and educational impact on the state and nation.

The stadium is named for Allen E. Paulson, who donated more than \$1 million towards the construction of the facility.

ALLEN E. PAULSON

GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORPORATION



An aviation industry entrepreneur, Allen E. Paulson, 64, is today the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the world's largest privately owned aircraft manufacturing company Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation.

Founder of major modification centers: California Airmotive Corporation in 1951 and American Jet Industries, 1970. In 1978 Paulson acquired Grumman American Aviation Corporation in Savannah, Georgia, from Grumman Corporation and in 1981 acquired Rockwell International's jetprop business aircraft manufacturing division located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Paulson manages an aircraft manufacturing organization encompassing 1.7 million square feet of manufacturing facilities and the talents of over 3,500 employees. Sales for 1983 were more than \$500 million.

Born in Clinton, Iowa, Paulson attended the Iowa State Teacher's College and continued his education in electrical engineering at the West Virginia University. He served in the U.S. Army Corps from 1943 to 1945. Following his Army discharge, Paulson was employed as a Flight Engineer for Trans World Airlines earning initially 30 cents per hour. During this period, recognizing the growing need for engine parts by the airline companies, Paulson founded California Airmotive Corporation and purchased new-surplus engines for parts. Paulson became one of the major airline suppliers for new and reconditioned aircraft engine parts in the United States. California Airmotive also specialized in converting airline passenger aircraft to cargo configurations. A new company, American Jet Industries, was founded by Paulson in 1970 to concentrate on converting general aviation piston-powered aircraft to prop-jet configurations to develop special purpose aircraft.

A commercial and instrument rated jet pilot who has flown a variety of experimental aircraft, Paulson's aeronautical design for in-line, combination power aircraft resulted in his being granted five patents.

As President of American Jet—a company with \$35 million average annual sales—Paulson, in 1978, acquired Grumman American Aviation Corporation. Reorganized as the Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, Paulson's firm currently produces the world's largest twin engine corporate jet, the Gulfstream III. The Savannah facility also produces the 37 passenger Gulfstream I-C modified, propjet-powered commuter aircraft and provides major modification services for corporate owners and operators of earlier-model Gulfstream aircraft, including the Gulfstream II-B.

In February 1981, Paulson's Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation acquired the Commander Jetprop business aircraft manufacturing facilities in Oklahoma from the Rockwell International Corporation. Operating as the Commander Division of Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, the division currently produces three models of twin engine, propjet powered aircraft. The Commanders are marketed through a worldwide network of franchised Regional and District Sales Centers. New jetprop models are being developed for addition, on an annual basis, to the commander Division's line of business aircraft.

In April 1982, Paulson's firm was rated as the world's largest privately owned aircraft manufacturing company. The same month, Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation received its first listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

Paulson's aviation industry-related activities include his active membership in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and the U.S. Air Force Association. Elected to the Board of Directors of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, Paulson currently serves as Chairman of the Association's Airport/Airways Committee.

Paulson is a member of the Board of Trust Company Bank of Georgia, the Savannah Symphony Society, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the National Aeronautic Association. He holds memberships in the Savannah Chatham Club in Savannah, Georgia, the Sea Pines Plantation, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and the Quail Creek Country Club in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM RECORDS

TEAM

MOST POINTS SCORED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN: 55 vs. Nicholls State, Dec. 6, 1986
MOST POINTS SCORED BY AN OPPONENT: 35 by Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 14, 1985
MOST FIRST DOWNS: 33 by Georgia Southern vs. Liberty Baptist, Sept. 29, 1984
MOST YARDS RUSHING: 505 by Georgia Southern vs. Valdosta State, Oct. 27, 1984
MOST OFFENSIVE PLAYS: 91 by UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 27, 1986
MOST TOTAL YARDS: 568 by Georgia Southern twice vs. Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 11, 1986 and James Madison, Nov. 15, 1986
FEWEST POINTS SCORED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN: 10 vs. Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 14, 1985
FEWEST POINTS SCORED BY AN OPPONENT: 0 by Tennessee Tech, Oct. 5, 1985, and Jackson State, Nov. 30, 1985, by Catawba, Sept. 5, 1987.
FEWEST YARDS RUSHING: 38 by Liberty Baptist, Sept. 29, 1984
FEWEST YARDS PASSING: 15 by Tennessee Tech, Oct. 5, 1985
FEWEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS: 48 by Liberty Baptist, Sept. 29, 1984
FEWEST TOTAL YARDS: 135 by Catawba, Sept. 5, 1987

INDIVIDUAL

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 30 by Raymond Gross vs. Western Kentucky, Oct. 31, 1987
MOST RUSHING YARDS: 181 by Gerald Harris, Georgia Southern, vs. North Carolina A&T, Nov. 29, 1986
MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 5 by Gerald Harris, GSC, vs. North Carolina A&T, Nov. 29, 1986
LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE: 75 yards by Joe Ross, GSC, vs. Catawba, Sept. 5, 1987
MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED: 57 by Darin Slack, Central Florida, Oct. 3, 1987
MOST PASSES COMPLETED: 29 by Doug Hudson, Nicholls State, Dec. 6, 1986
MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN: 6 by Tim Couch, UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 27, 1986
MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 3 by Tony Lanham, Central Florida, Nov. 9, 1985
MOST YARDS PASSING: 481 by Doug Hudson, Nicholls State, Dec. 6, 1986
MOST PASS RECEPTIONS: 9 by Darryl Owings, Newberry, Oct. 20, 1984 by James Demeritt, Jackson State, Nov. 30, 1985; by Remi Watson, Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 11, 1986
MOST YARDS RECEIVING: 152 by Arnell Spencer, Central Florida, Oct. 3, 1986
MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS: 4 by Remi Watson, Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 11, 1986
LONGEST PASS COMPLETION: 77 yards by Tony Belser from Tracy Ham, GSC, vs. Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 11, 1986
LONGEST PUNT: 65 yards, Pat Parker, Georgia Southern, vs. Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 11, 1986
LONGEST FIELD GOAL: 63 yards, Tim Foley, vs. James Madison, Nov. 7, 1987
LONGEST PUNT RETURN: 44 yards, Nay Young, Georgia Southern, vs. Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 12, 1985
LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN: 81 yards, by Rodney Stockett, James Madison, Nov. 15, 1986

ATTENDANCE

LARGEST PAULSON STADIUM CROWD: 16,734 vs. James Madison, Nov. 7, 1987
SMALLEST PAULSON STADIUM CROWD: 4,128 vs. Jackson State, Nov. 30, 1985

MISCELLANEOUS

GSC RECORD AT PAULSON STADIUM: 22-1 (.957)
CURRENT WINNING STREAK AT PAULSON STADIUM: 18 (last and only home loss was 35-10 to Middle Tennessee, Sept. 15, 1985)

HARDEE'S®/GEORGIA SOUTHERN SPORTS/NETWORK

Already the largest 1-AA football network in the country, Georgia Southern will break new ground in 1988 with the introduction of the Hardee's-Georgia Southern Sports Network. Through an agreement with Hardee's, Inc., the Georgia Southern Sports Network becomes the first network at the college level to have total corporate sponsorship. The agreement will also encompass the newly formed Hardee's-Georgia Southern basketball and baseball networks.

More than 25 stations will carry a full slate of Georgia Southern football with several other stations carrying a partial schedule. The broadcast will cover the state of Georgia completely and will also cover parts of Tennessee, Florida, Alabama and South Carolina.

In addition, the Hardee's-Georgia Southern Sports Network is the only 1-AA network in the country carried via satellite.

WMCD in Statesboro will again serve as the flagship station for all Georgia Southern athletics.

NATE HIRSCH

The Voice of the Eagles

Nate Hirsch begins his seventh season as the voice of Georgia Southern football. One of the most talented and respected sportscasters in the Southeast, Hirsch has become an important part of the Eagles' football tradition. But the veteran announcer is no stranger to long-time followers of Eagle athletics. He also does play-by-play for Georgia Southern basketball and baseball.

Hirsch began his broadcasting career as an undergraduate at Indiana State University, where he handled play-by-play duties for Sycamore football, basketball and baseball. The New York native moved to Statesboro in 1970 and took over Georgia Southern basketball play-by-play. In 1973, Hirsch began broadcasting Eagle baseball, making WMCD the first radio station in the country to air a complete schedule of college baseball games.

After serving as general manager of WMCD, Hirsch bought the station and its AM sister, WWNS, in 1980.

Hirsch graduated from Indiana State in 1970. He and his wife Pat have four daughters: Shannon, Mandy, Sandy, and Jennifer.

FRANK INMAN

Football Analyst

Frank Inman enters his sixth year as color commentator on the Hardee's-Georgia Southern Sports Network. A veteran of more than 25 years as a high school and college football coach, Inman offers keen insight to the broadcasts.

Inman, an All-State football and basketball player at Presbyterian College, served as athletic director and head football coach at Richmond Academy in his native Augusta, Ga., from 1956 to 1962. He compiled a record of 50-9-7 and was named Region Coach-of-the-Year five times during his six-year tenure. He was Georgia High School Coach-of-the-Year for all classifications in 1956 and Atlanta Touchdown Club Prep Coach-of-the-Year in 1957.

Inman joined the football staff at Georgia in 1962 and served in a variety of capacities ranging from recruiting director to offensive coordinator. He retired last year as Director of Athletics for the Glynn County Board of Education in Brunswick, Ga., where he had served since 1979.

Inman and his wife, Barbara, have two children.

NCAA DIVISION 1-AA FOOTBALL

Below is a listing of all 1-AA teams by conference who are participating in 1988.

Ivy League

Princeton
Harvard
Cornell
Yale
Pennsylvania
Brown
Dartmouth
Columbia

Big Sky

Nevada-Reno
Idaho
Northern Arizona
Boise State
Montana
Weber State
Eastern Washington
Montana State
Idaho State

Colonial

Holy Cross
Lehigh
Colgate
Lafayette
Bucknell
Davidson

Gateway

Northern Iowa
Western Illinois
Indiana State
Eastern Illinois
Southwest Missouri
Illinois State
Southern Illinois

Mid-Eastern

Florida A&M
Howard
Delaware State
South Carolina State
Morgan State
North Carolina A&T
Bethune-Cookman

Ohio Valley

Eastern Kentucky
Murray State
Middle Tennessee
Tennessee Tech
Austin Peay
Morehead State
Tennessee State

Southern

Appalachian State
Marshall
Furman
Ut-Chattanooga
Western Carolina
East Tennessee
The Citadel
Virginia Military

Southland

Northeast Louisiana
North Texas State
Northwestern State
Sam Houston State
Southeast Texas State
Stephen F. Austin
McNeese State

Southwestern Athletic

Jackson State
Alcorn State
Grambling State
Southern
Prairie View
Alabama State
Texas Southern
Mississippi Valley

Yankee

Villanova
New Hampshire
Connecticut
Delaware
Massachusetts
Richmond
Maine
Rhode Island
Boston

Independents

Georgia Southern
Nicholls State
Western Kentucky
Arkansas State
James Madison
William and Mary
Youngstown State
Louisiana Tech
Towson State
Lamar
Northeastern

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Sports Director
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Terry Harvin
George-Ann Sports Editor
Landrum Box 11619
Georgia Southern
Statesboro, GA 30460

Ed Shearer
Associated Press
500 S. Omni International
Atlanta, GA 30335-0701

David Moffitt, UPI
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1819 Peachtree Road, N. E.
Atlanta, GA 30367

Joe Furia, Sports Director
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Savannah, GA 31402

Bill Edwards, Sports Director
WJCL-TV
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120 Shore Rush Rd.
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Rick Snow, Sports Director
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Savannah, GA 31601

Gene Ballard, Sports Dept.
The Augusta Chronicle
P. O. Box 1928
Augusta, GA 30913

Stan Byrde, Sports Director
WJBF-TV
Box 1404
Augusta, GA 30903

Sam Crenshaw, Sports Director
WRDW-TV
1301 Georgia Avenue
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Ernie Reese, Sports Dept.
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
P. O. Box 4689
Atlanta, GA 30302

James Palmer, Sports Dept.
The Macon Telegraph
P. O. Box 4167
Macon, GA 31213

Jim Offner, Sports Dept.
The Jacksonville Journal
P. O. Box 1949-F
Jacksonville, FL 32231

Jeff Aaron, Sports Director
WBLU Radio
P. O. Box 1280
Hinesville, GA 31313

HISTORY OF GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

Ask the locals to describe Statesboro before the arrival of football at Georgia Southern in 1981, and the word most often used is "sleepy." Fall Saturdays were spent doing yard work and the campus at Georgia Southern was empty - the students all went home on the weekends. But that all changed in 1981, and Georgia Southern and Statesboro have not been the same since.

Georgia Southern's football program was carefully planned. It started as an idea in college president Dale Lick's mind in 1978 and blossomed in 1981 with the hiring of Bucky Wagner as Athletic Director.

But the rest of the story just happened. No one planned on hiring Erk Russell, one of the most respected football coaches in America, as head coach. And no one planned on Tracy Ham, cast as a defensive back by most colleges, becoming one of the most prolific quarterbacks to ever play the game. And certainly no one planned on Georgia Southern's winning two NCAA 1-AA national championships.

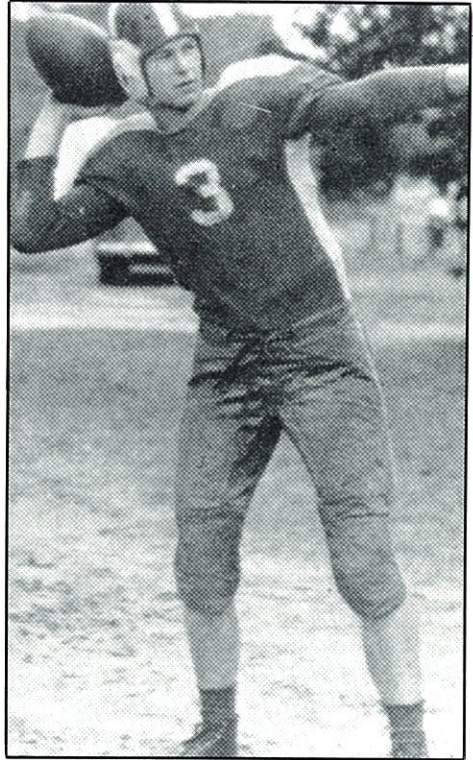
These things just happened, as miracles most often do.

To fully understand the scope of the miracle, one must go back in time, back to December 7, 1941, a day that lives in infamy in the annals of American history.

When the Imperial Army of Japan bombed the U.S. Naval Station at Pearl Harbor and the United States officially entered World War II, the call for able-bodied men was sent throughout the land. Among those that answered were the majority of the 1941 Georgia Teachers College Blue Tide football team.

In a frivolous moment, war might have seemed like a good alternative to many of them, for the team was far from successful. During the fall of 1941, the Blue Tide posted a 2-8 record defeating only Middle Georgia and South Georgia State.

Losing was nothing new to the Blue Tide. They had last experienced a winning season in 1933 when they posted a 5-4 record, and from 1924 to 1941 they had only four winning seasons.



So, in 1946, when World War II ended, basketball returned to Georgia Teachers College as did baseball and a handful of other sports. But not football. The athletic department simply decided to let football die, and no one seemed to mind.

Until 1978. That's when Dale Lick became president of Georgia Southern College. In his travels around the state, Lick was constantly asked about the resurrection of football. He finally decided to form a study committee and 18 months later, he announced that Georgia Southern would begin football in 1982.

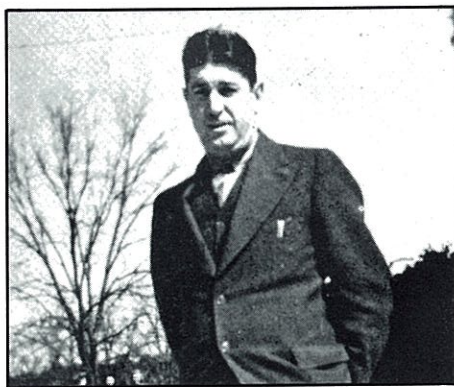
Longtime Georgia defensive coordinator Erk Russell shocked the state of Georgia when he accepted the head coaching position and now, seven years later, the rest, as they say, is history.

In seven seasons, Georgia Southern has won two NCAA 1-AA national championships. The Eagles have made the playoffs three times and have never had a losing

season. They are generally considered one of the top football programs in the country and year-in and year-out are one of 1-AA's top ten teams.

Since the Eagles won their first national championship in 1985, the Eagles have won more games and have won a higher percentage of their games than any other 1-AA team.

Attendance has risen every year at four-year old Allen E. Paulson Stadium and media coverage has increased as well. The 1941 Blue Tide would indeed be proud.



WHY ARE THEY CALLED EAGLES?

Eagles is the third nickname used by Georgia Southern College and has been the official nickname of the school since 1959.

From 1924 to 1941, the school went through three name changes. From 1924 to 1928, it was called the Georgia Normal School. From 1929 to 1938, it was the South Georgia Teachers College and then was changed to the Georgia Teachers College in 1939 remaining that way until 1958.

The nickname from 1924 to 1941 was the Blue Tide. The origin of the nickname is unknown.

After World War II, when all sports except football were revived, the nickname was changed to Professors to coordinate it with the name of the school, Georgia Teachers College.

However, when the school was renamed Georgia Southern College in 1959, Professors no longer fit the school's image. The athletic department decided to let the students vote for a nickname and Eagles were selected in a narrow vote over Colonels. Georgia Southern has been the Eagles ever since.

THE GEORGIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Georgia Southern has three inductees in the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, one football player and two coaches. Induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame is the highest honor a Georgia athlete or coach can receive in his own state.

Jake Hines, a standout football player at Georgia Southern in the 1930's, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1984. He is joined by J.B. Scarce and Erk Russell.

Scarce was head basketball coach at Georgia Southern for 23 years compiling a 396-207 record, a winning percentage of .657. Scarce coached the Professors and the Eagles from 1948-67 and again from 1978-80.

Russell was inducted in 1986 after winning two NCAA 1-AA national championships at Georgia Southern.

IMPORTANT DATES IN

GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

1924 - First football team at Georgia Normal School under the direction of E.G. Cromartie.

1927 - H.A. Woodle becomes head football coach.

1929 - B.L. 'Crook' Smith becomes head football coach.

1941 - Shortly after the final game of the 1941 season, the United States becomes involved in World War II and all Sports are deactivated.

February, 1980 - Georgia Southern president Dale Lick establishes a community-wide committee to report on "Football at Georgia Southern: A Feasibility Study."

January 19, 1981 - Dr. David 'Bucky' Wagner assumes duties as athletic director.

January 21, 1981 - Committee makes final report that football is feasible at Georgia Southern and recommends it be started.

April 9, 1981 - Dr. Dale Lick announces that Georgia Southern will begin an intercollegiate football program in the fall of 1981 with the first game scheduled for the fall of 1982.

May 23, 1981 - Georgia Southern announces the hiring of Erskine Russell as head coach.

July 1, 1981 - Russell assumes his duties as head coach.

September 28, 1981 - Football practice begins at Georgia Southern for the first time in 40 years. 134 players (all walk-ons) report.

October 31, 1981 - Football intrasquad scrimmage is played in Dublin's Shamrock Bowl.

January 30, 1982 - Stadium site on southwest quarter of campus is announced.

September 11, 1982 - **FOOTBALL RETURNS TO GEORGIA SOUTHERN** as Eagles play Central Florida in Jacksonville's Gator Bowl.

September 25, 1982 - First collegiate football game in Statesboro in 41 years vs. Valdosta State

September 1, 1984 - Georgia Southern plays first game as a member of NCAA 1-AA, beating Florida A&M 14-0 in Savannah.

September 19, 1984 - Georgia Southern inaugurates Allen E. Paulson Stadium beating Liberty Baptist, 48-11.

November 24, 1985 - Georgia Southern receives its first-ever NCAA post-season bid.

December 21, 1985 - **GEORGIA SOUTHERN CAPTURES NCAA 1-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DEFEATING FURMAN, 44-42.**

December 19, 1986 - **GEORGIA SOUTHERN CAPTURES ITS SECOND CONSECUTIVE NCAA 1-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DEFEATING ARKANSAS STATE, 48-21.**

GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE...

THE PLACE TO PLAY

Of the nearly 300 schools playing NCAA Division I athletics, why should the prospective student-athlete choose Georgia Southern? The reasons are simple.

THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM

*Since joining the NCAA's Division 1-AA in 1984, Georgia Southern has won **two national football championships** and have been ranked in the top 20 in each of the past four seasons.

*Since 1985, no other 1-AA team has won more games or won a higher percentage of games than Georgia Southern College.

*Georgia Southern has made the 1-AA playoffs in each of the past three seasons.

*Since starting football in 1982, Georgia Southern has never had a losing season.

*Since joining Division 1-AA, Georgia Southern has won at least eight games every season.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

*Georgia Southern's six schools offer 156 degree program concentrations leading to 18 undergraduate degrees in 82 major fields of study.

*At Georgia Southern, student-athletes have the opportunity to work with an academic counselor to assist with difficulties and ensure satisfactory progress.

*Head coach Erk Russell and his staff are committed to the concept that a quality education is an essential part of a first-rate athletic program, and each staff member makes certain that all players receive the necessary academic assistance.

THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

***The Sporting News** has called Georgia Southern athletics, "the most ambitious college program in the country."

*In 1986-87, Georgia Southern was one of only nine schools to place its football, men's basketball and baseball team in NCAA championship play. The others were Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, LSU, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, and UCLA.

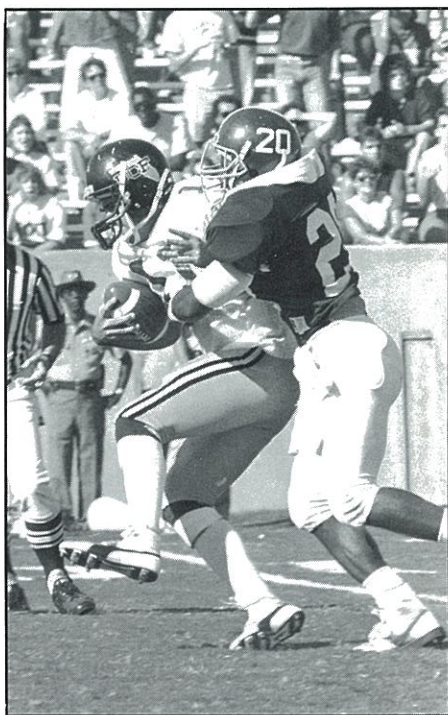
*In the past two seasons, Georgia Southern has claimed seven conference championships in various sports.

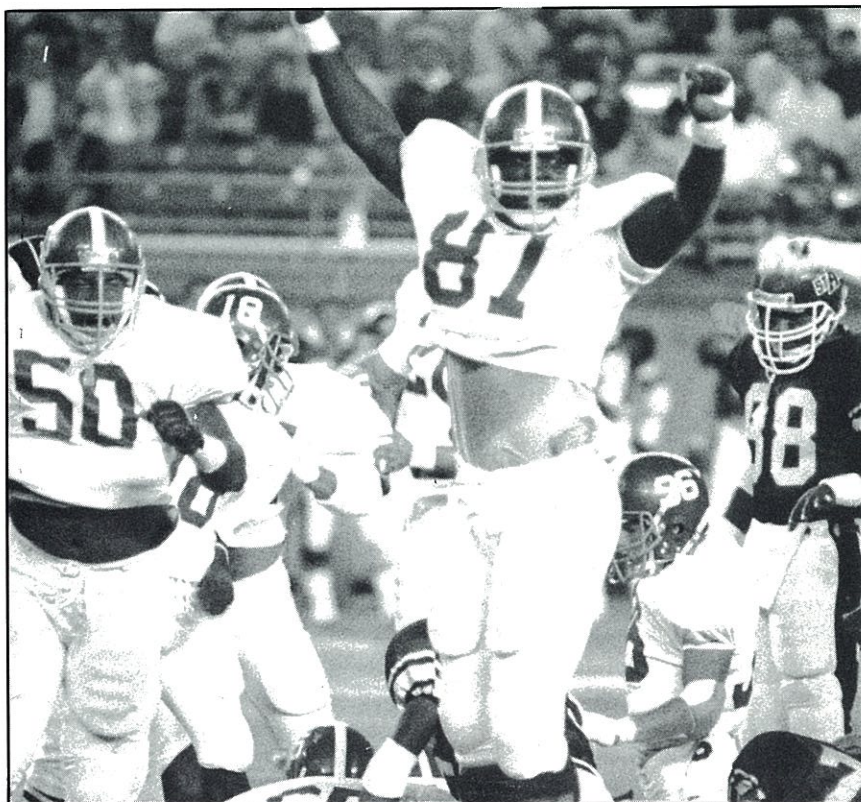
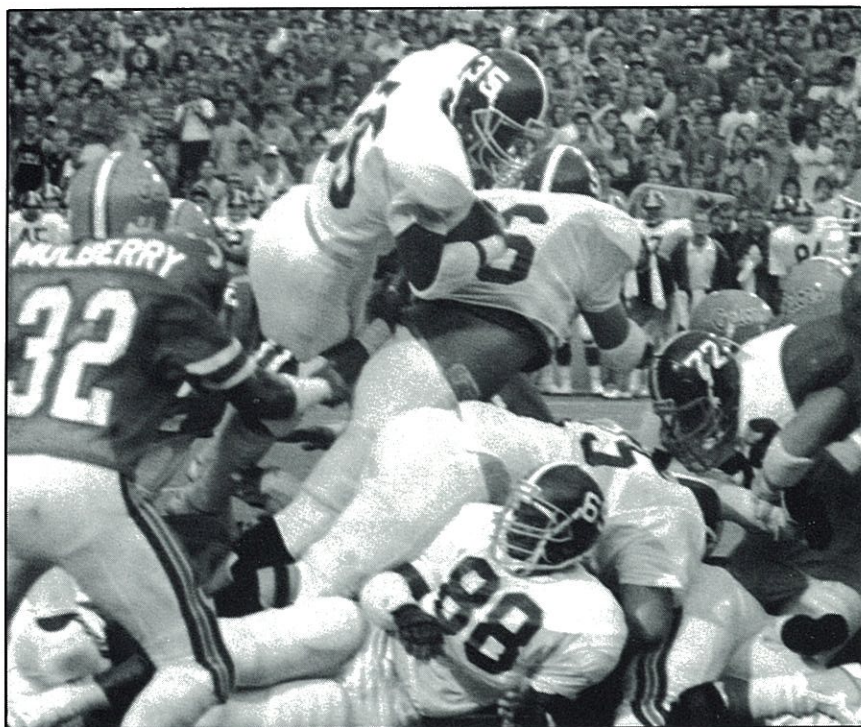
THE COLLEGE

*Georgia Southern is the most comprehensive institution of higher learning in the southern half of the state. The capable and dedicated faculty has maintained high academic standards while enrollment has grown by more than 30 percent in the last two years.

*The college environment is enhanced by more than 80 student organizations, including special interest clubs, professional fraternities, social fraternities and sororities and honor societies.

*Georgia Southern is located in Statesboro, a town of 20,000 in Georgia's Coastal Empire. Historic Savannah is less than a hour's drive, while beautiful Hilton Head Island and other ocean beaches are just minutes further away.





GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE...

THE HOME OF CHAMPIONS

Seven years ago, Georgia Southern College's athletic department was a struggling entity competitive only in golf, baseball and tennis. Football was not even played at the school and the basketball team had suffered through consecutive 5-22 seasons.

In 1988, that has all changed. Georgia Southern has become a dominant force in college athletics. Truly, it is the home of champions.

FOOTBALL

Georgia Southern is the only school in the history of the NCAA to win consecutive 1-AA national football championships accomplishing that feat in 1985 and 1986. The Eagles have been ranked in the top 20 in each of the last four seasons and have been to the playoffs three straight years. Over the past three seasons, no 1-AA school has won more games or a higher percentage of games than Georgia Southern.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Georgia Southern has had seven consecutive winning seasons in basketball and has been to post-season play in each of the past two seasons. The Eagles have been to the NCAA Tournament twice, 1983 and 1987, and participated in the National Invitational Tournament in 1988. Over the past four seasons, Georgia Southern has averaged more than 20 wins per year including two seasons in which it won 24 games, 1985 and 1988.

BASEBALL

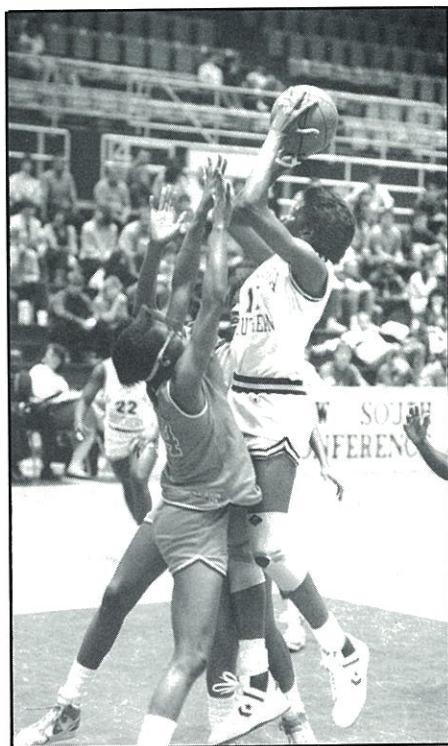
Georgia Southern has long been a dominant force in college baseball. In the past five seasons, Georgia Southern has won the Trans America Athletic Conference title four times and have had only one losing season in the last 18 years. Three former Eagles are currently playing in the major leagues - John Tudor of the St. Louis Cardinals, Jim Morrison of the Atlanta Braves and Scott Fletcher of the Texas Rangers. Nine other former Eagles are currently playing minor league baseball.

GOLF

Another long-standing tradition is golf where the Eagles have been consistently rated as one of the nation's top 20 teams. Georgia Southern finished 14th in the 1988 NCAA Championships and have been to the national tournament 11 times. Three former Eagles are currently enjoying successful careers on the PGA Tour - Jodie Mudd, Gene Sauers and Mike Donald. 1986 U.S. Amateur champion Buddy Alexander is also a Georgia Southern alumnus as is 1987 U.S. Amateur semi-finalist Steve Ford.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Eagles have won two consecutive New South Women's Athletic Conference championships and two straight NSWAC Tournament titles as well. The Lady Eagles have won 42 games in the past two seasons. Two former Lady Eagles are currently playing professional basketball in Australia - Trina Roberts and Regina Days.



1988 TRAVEL PLANS

FLORIDA A&M

DEPART: Saturday afternoon (Sept. 10)

RETURN: Immediately after the game

TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA

DEPART: Friday Morning (Sept. 16)

HEADQUARTERS: Sheraton Inn South

6710 Ringgold Road

Chattanooga, TN 37412

(615) 894-6820

RETURN: Immediately after the game

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

DEPART: Friday Morning (Sept. 23)

HEADQUARTERS: Wayside Inn

I-24 at U.S. 231

Murfreesboro, TN 37120

615-896-2320

RETURN: Immediately after the game

FLORIDA STATE

DEPART: Friday Morning (Oct. 7)

HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn - Parkway

1302 Apalachee

Tallahassee, FL 32301

904-877-3141

RETURN: Immediately after the game

CENTRAL FLORIDA

DEPART: Friday Morning (Oct. 29)

HEADQUARTERS: Days Inn Lakeside

7335 Sand Lake Road

(I-4 & State Road 482

Orlando, FL 32819

305-351-1900

RETURN: Immediately after the game

JAMES MADISON

DEPART: Undecided

HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn Harrisonburg

1 Pleasant Valley Road

Harrisonburg, VA 22801

703-434-9981

RETURN: Immediately after the game

ATHLETIC DIRECTORY

Area Code: 912 Exchange: 681

Carlene Akins (Secretary, Booster)	5520
Mike Backus (Assoc. Coach, Men's Basketball)	5817
Scott Baker (Asst. Coach, Baseball)	5188
Joe Blankenbaker (Head Coach, Tennis)	5925
Larry Bryant (Asst. Coach, Baseball)	5060
Bob Campbell (Assoc. Director, Boosters)	5050
J. B. Claiborne (Head Coach, Volleyball)	5487
Sue Colson (Secretary, Football)	5522
Bill Cook (Athletic Dept. Consultant)	5376
Scott Farmer (Head Coach, Women's Swimming)	5771
Bud Floyd (Head Coach, Swimming)	5740
Doug Gordin (Head Coach, Golf)	5795
Drema Greer (Head Coach, Women's Basketball)	5849
Ray Gregory (Asst. Coach, Football)	5604
Roland Hanson (Asst. Coach, Soccer)	5006
Susy Hanson (Secretary, Sports Information)	5239
Mike Healey (Asst. Head Coach, Football)	5273
Frank Hook (Exec. Director, Boosters)	5520
Linda Hook (Advisor, Cheerleaders)	5462
Roger Inman (Equipment Manager)	5970
Jim Jarrard (Asst. Coach, Football)	5273
Frank Kerns (Head Coach, Men's Basketball)	5327
Robbie Laing (Asst. Coach, Men's Basketball)	5328
Mark McClellan (Director, Sports Information)	5239
Susan Norton (Coach, Cheerleaders)	5561
John Pate (Asst. Coach, Football)	5986
Del Presley (Head Coach, Cross Country)	5444
Jim Radcliffe (Director, Ticket Sales and Promotion)	5376
John Rafter (Head Coach, Soccer)	5376
John Ratliff (Associate Director, Athletics)	5376
George Robson (Clerk, Ticket Sales)	0123
Erk Russell (Head Coach, Football)	5522
Jay Russell (Asst. Coach, Football)	5524
Hank Schomber (Assoc. Director, Athletics)	5376
Kay Shuman (Donor Records, Boosters)	5376
Tom Smith (Head Trainer)	5509
Tommy Spangler (Asst. Coach, Football)	5460
Bill Spieth (Head Coach, Softball)	5266
Pat Spurgeon (Asst. Coach, Football)	5522
Jack Stallings (Head Coach, Baseball)	5187
Mollye Stewart (Director, Ticket Sales)	0123
Tim Stowers (Asst. Coach, Football)	5604
Bob Swint (Physician)	5376
Jay Venuto (Asst. Coach, Football)	5969
David 'Bucky' Wagner (Director, Athletics)	5376
Arnold Wilhoite (Asst. Manager, Equipment)	5882
Debbie Williamson (Asst. Coach, Women's Basketball)	5861



Sophomore quarterback Raymond Gross leads Georgia Southern in its quest for a third 1-AA national championship.