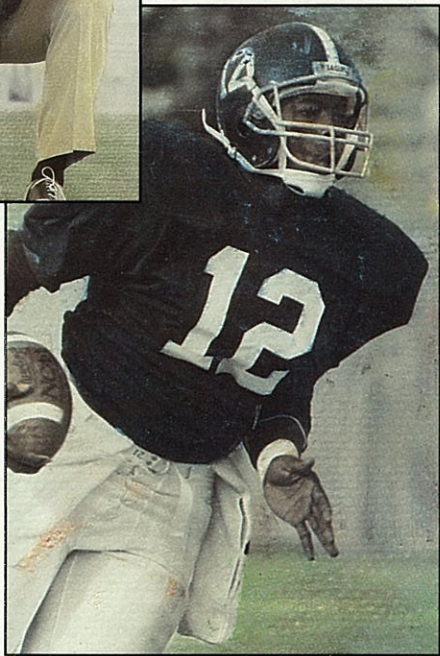
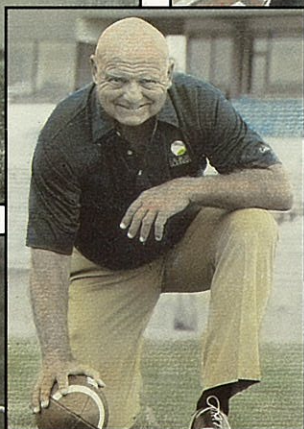
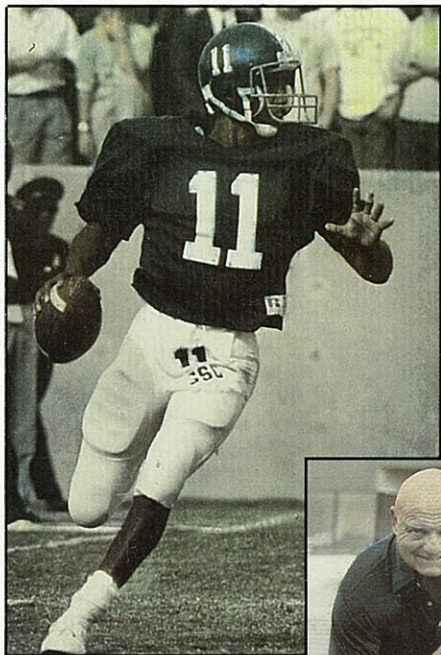


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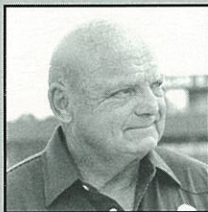
1989 GEORGIA SOUTHERN SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 2	VALDOSTA STATE	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EDT)
Sept. 9	WEST GEORGIA	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EDT)
Sept. 16	Florida A&M	Jacksonville, Florida	7:00 p.m. (EDT)
Sept. 23	MIDDLE TENN. STATE	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EDT)
Oct. 7	SAVANNAH STATE	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EDT)
Oct. 14	at Nichols State	Thibodaux, Louisiana	8:00 p.m. (EDT)
Oct. 21	CENTRAL FLORIDA	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EDT)
Oct. 28	at Samford	Birmingham, Alabama	2:30 p.m. (EDT)
Nov. 4	at James Madison	Harrisonburg, Virginia	1:30 p.m. (EST)
Nov. 11	UT-CHATTANOOGA	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EST)
Nov. 18	MARSHALL	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EST)

1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN RESULTS (12-3)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	NAT'L RANK (TSN/NCAA)
Sept. 3	NEWBERRY	W 55-7	12,084	4th/no poll
Sept. 10	#Florida A&M	W 42-14	18,556	1st/no poll
Sept. 17	at UT-Chattanooga	W 13-3	8,747	1st/6th
Sept. 24	at Middle Tenn. State	L 10-26	6,800	8th/11th
Oct. 8	at Florida State	L 10-28	59,109	8th/10th
Oct. 15	N.E. LOUISIANA	W 43-11	20,228	5th/6th
Oct. 22	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W 38-14	16,592	4th/6th
Oct. 29	at Central Florida	W 31-17	28,682	4th/6th
Nov. 5	at James Madison	W 27-13	10,126	2nd/3rd
Nov. 12	SAMFORD	W 49-21	20,340	2nd/3rd
Nov. 19	S. CAROLINA STATE	W 53-0	17,034	2nd/2nd (FINAL)
Nov. 26	*THE CITADEL	W 38-20	11,011	--
Dec. 3	*STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W 27-6	12,289	--
Dec. 10	*EASTERN KENTUCKY	W 21-17	14,023	--
Dec. 17	**Furman	L 12-17	9,714	--

#at Gator Bowl (Jacksonville, Fla.); *NCAA I-AA Playoff Games; **NCAA I-AA National Championship Game (Pocatello, Idaho).



HEAD COACH ERK RUSSELL

Years at Georgia Southern: Seven

Record at Georgia Southern: 68-22-1

Overall College Record: 68-22-1

Date and Place of Birth: July 23, 1926 in Birmingham, Ala.

Alma Mater: Auburn '49

QUICK FACTS ON THE GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES

Location: Statesboro, Georgia. **Founded:** 1906. **Enrollment:** 9,841. **Nickname:** Eagles.

Colors: Blue and White. **Stadium:** Allen E. Paulson (18,000). **President:** Dr. Nicholas Henry.

Athletic Director: Dr. David "Bucky" Wagner. **Type of Offense:** Flexbone. **Type of**

Defense: Eagle Seven. **Lettermen Returning:** 43 (18 offensive, 21 defensive, 4 specialists).

Lettermen Lost: 12 (9-3-0). **Starters Returning:** 18 (6-9-3). **Starters Lost:** 7 (5-2-0). **Radio**

Network/Flagship Station: Georgia Southern Sports Network/WMCD-FM 100.1 (Nate Hirsch, Frank Inman, Hugh Colson).

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TO THE MEDIA

We hope you will find this publication useful while covering Georgia Southern's 1989 football team. Every effort has been made to include timely and pertinent information.

If you cannot locate information you need in this book, please do not hesitate to call the sports information office at (912) 681-5239.

Additional requests by accredited media representatives for items such as feature materials, photographs, slides and video tapes should be directed to our office. We are always ready to serve you.

We would like to urge all media personnel to take a moment to read the guidelines which will aid you in your coverage of Georgia Southern football.

Please join us for the excitement of Eagle Football and its professional surroundings.



Matt Rogers
Sports Information
Director



Tom McClellan
Assistant SID

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 and use the stairs located in the middle of the writer's area.

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. **Fax** 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 \$75 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 Innan at (912) 681-5970.

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

Sideline - Georgia Southern College follows NCAA rules regarding media representation 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 SID Matt Rogers. 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 will be issued prior to the game in Level 1.

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 network's 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 or check page 143.

PRESS BOX SERVICES

Statistics, pre-game notes, flip-cards, game programs and lineups will be distributed in the press box prior to game time. Play-by-play, complete quarter, halftime and final game statistics, defensive statistics, drive charts and quotes will be available shortly after the conclusion of the game. A light lunch and beverages will be available before the game in Level 1 and can be picked up with proper credentials. Drink service will continue throughout the contest.

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. Rogers or McClellan will assist in gathering requested players for interviews at the Eagle practice facilities on daily basis.

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 Eagles have made three trips to the I-AA National Championship Game, and have come away with two titles (1985 & 1986). This season will be another first for Georgia Southern with the opportunity for the school, Statesboro and Savannah to host the title game at Allen E. Paulson Stadium in mid December.

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 in the beginning and in the present with names such as Tracy Ham, Flint Matthews, Tim Foley and many others. Fourteen Georgia Southern players have achieved All-America status in the last five years and a handful will vie for that honor in 1989. Two members of last season's squad, Terry Young and Tony Belser, gained national attention when they participated in the annual Blue-Gray All-Star Game in Montgomery, Ala.

Among some of the former Eagles now playing professional football are Tracy Ham and Darren Alford (Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League), Fred Stokes (Washington Redskins) and Terry Young (Tampa Bay Buccaneers). Young and Alford enjoyed excellent 1988 seasons.

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 PROGRAMS (1984-88)

By Total Wins

1. **55** **GEORGIA SOUTHERN**
2. 46 Eastern Kentucky
3. 45 Furman
4. 43 Nevada-Reno
- 43 Idaho
6. 42 Northern Iowa
- 42 Arkansas State
8. 41 Middle Tennessee State
9. 40 Holy Cross
- 40 Marshall

By Winning Percentage

1. **.797 (55-14-0)** **GEORGIA SOUTHERN**
2. .742 (45-15-2) Furman
3. .738 (46-16-1) Eastern Kentucky
4. .736 (40-14-1) Holy Cross
5. .717 (43-17-0) Nevada-Reno
- .717 (43-17-0) Idaho
7. .708 (42-17-1) Northern Iowa
8. .695 (41-18-0) Middle Tennessee St.
9. .672 (40-19-2) Marshall
10. .669 (42-20-3) Arkansas State

Courtesy of the NCAA Statistics Service

1985-86 NAT'L CHAMPS

1985 Erk's Eagles have landed!

Georgia Southern defeats Furman 44-42 for national championship

TACOMA, WASH.-- 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.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN FURMAN

0 6 22 16 — 44
7 14 7 14 — 42

FU	- 1 -	2:50	Bagwell 1 run (Esval kick)
GSC	- 2 -	13:33	Foley 44 FG
FU	- 2 -	8:22	Bagwell 9 run (Esval kick)
GSC	- 2 -	3:08	Foley 33 FG
FU	- 2 -	0:56	Lamb 10 run (Esval kick)
FU	- 3 -	10:57	Lamb 33 pass to Grady (Esval kick)
GSC	- 3 -	6:51	Ham 24 pass to Sharpe (Foley kick)
GSC	- 3 -	4:35	Ham 40 pass to Johnson (Foley kick)
GSC	- 3 -	2:28	Harris 52 run (Foley kick)
GSC	- 4 -	12:21	Ham 12 pass to Barron (Foley kick)
FU	- 4 -	7:51	Bagwell 7 run (Esval kick)
GSC	- 4 -	3:37	Foley 39 FG
FU	- 4 -	1:32	Bagwell 4 run (Esval kick)
GSC	- 4 -	0:10	Ham 13 pass to Johnson (kick failed)

1986 Eagles do it again! Ham's 486 yards help Southern win title

TACOMA, WASH.-- 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.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN ARKANSAS STATE

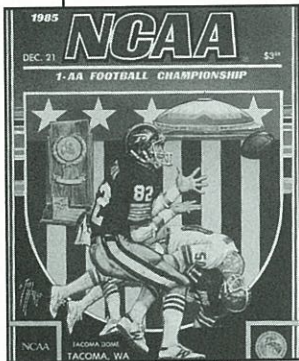
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GSC	- 1 -	11:03	Foley 20 yd FG
GSC	- 1 -	6:08	G. Harris 1 run (Foley kick)
ASU	- 1 -	3:08	Whiteside 15 run (Roper kick)
GSC	- 2 -	13:21	Foley 30 yd. FG
GSC	- 2 -	6:53	Foley 25 yd. FG
GSC	- 2 -	1:33	Ham 25 run (Foley kick)
GSC	- 2 -	0:06	Foley 36 yd. FG
GSC	- 3 -	12:11	Ham 31 run (Foley kick)
ASU	- 3 -	8:55	Safety (ball snapped out of end zone)
GSC	- 3 -	8:17	Ham 11 run (Foley kick)
ASU	- 3 -	5:36	Whiteside 15 run (pass failed)
GSC	- 4 -	10:52	R. Harris 79 pass from Ham (Foley kick)
ASU	- 4 -	5:15	Francis 44 run (pass failed)

EARNING A SHOT AT THE TITLE . . .

NCAA OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY

GEORGIA SOUTHERN vs. FURMAN
 Visitors Home
 Date December 21, 1985 Site Tacoma, Washington, Tacoma Dome Attendance 5,206



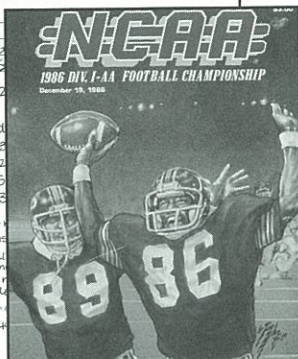
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Score	22	16	44
Yards	7	14	42
Time of Possession	28:00	28:00	56:00
Penalties	7	3	10
Fumbles	14	6	20
Interceptions	21	6	27
Offensive Drives	28	6	34
Defensive Drives	28	14	42
Special Teams	25	21	46
Red Zone	28	18	46
Third Down	28	35	63
Fourth Down	35	38	73
Blocked Kicks	42	38	80
Blocked Punts	42	44	86

Time of Game: Kickoff 12:36 pm End of Game 3:42 pm Total Elapsed Time 3:06
 Officials: Mike Standley (M), Paul Oyster (O), Dennis Peterson (M), Frank Urquhart (M)
 John Maloney (F), Bob Bowling (B)
 Temperature _____ Wind _____ Weather _____ Indoor game
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NCAA OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY

Georgia Southern vs. Arkansas State
 Visitors Home
 Date December 19, 1986 Site Tacoma Dome Attendance 4,419

Score by Quarters
 Georgia Southern
 Arkansas State

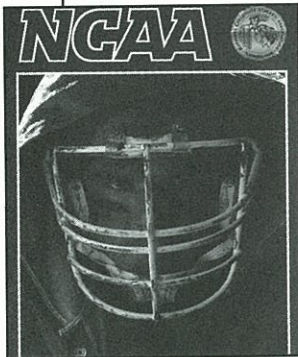


1st GSC - Foley 2
 1st GSC - Harris 3
 1st ASU - Whiteside 4
 2nd GSC - Foley 2
 2nd GSC - Foley 2
 2nd GSC - Ham 25
 2nd GSC - Foley 3
 3rd GSC - Ham 31-
 (Barron pass)
 3rd ASU - Whiteside 20
 3rd GSC - Ham 11-
 3rd ASU - Whiteside 10
 4th GSC - Francis 4
 4th ASU - Francis 4

Time of Game: Kickoff 8:34 pm End of Game _____ Total Elapsed Time _____
 Officials: Referee: Tony Peters Umpire: Paul Dehn Head Linesman: Art Winsten
 Line Judge: Frank Urquhart Field Judge: John Maloney Back Judge: Bob Kaul
 Temperature 72° Wind _____ Weather Indoor
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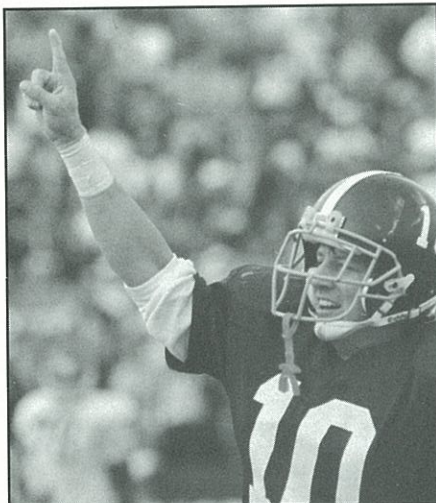
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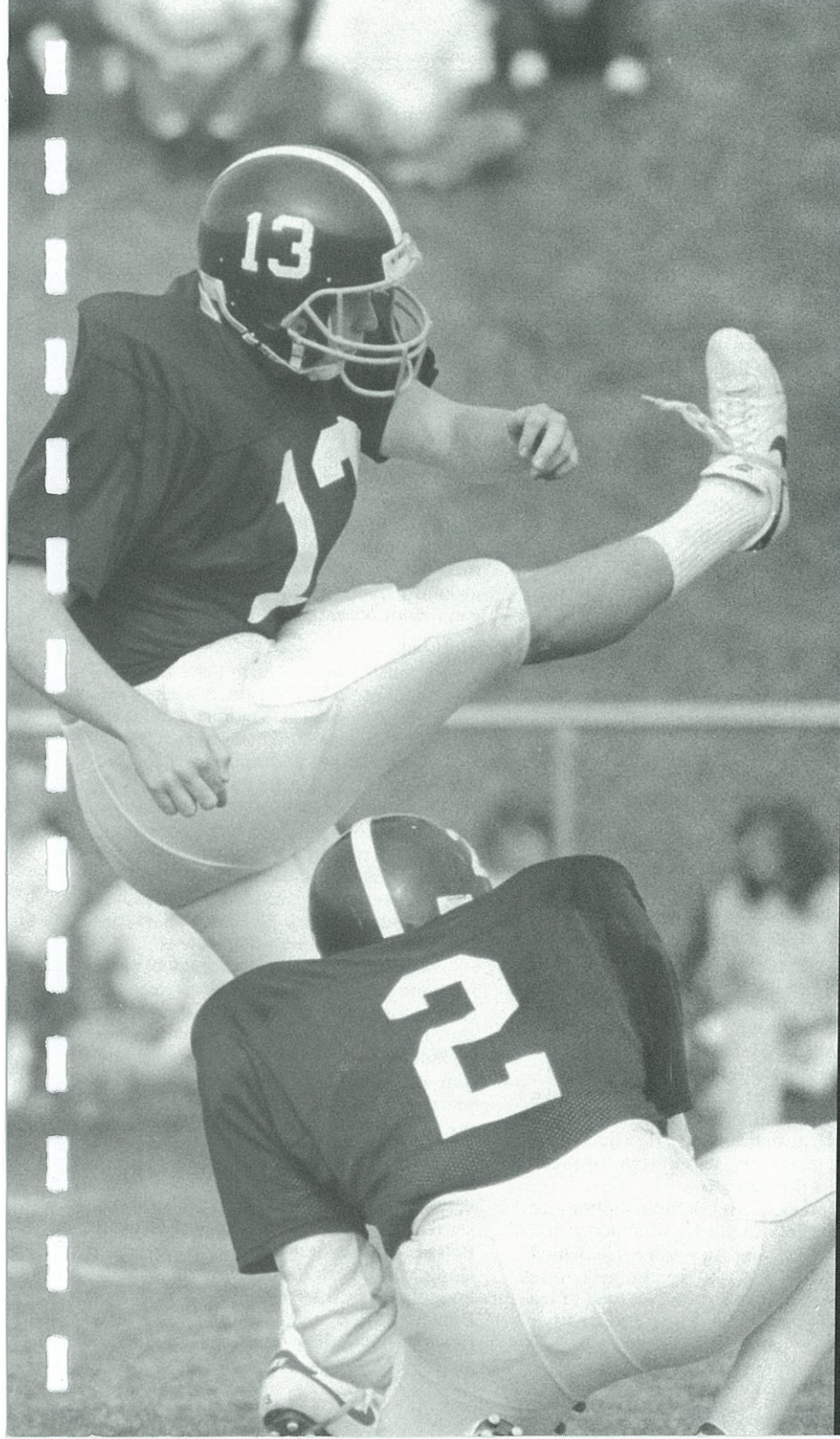
GEORGIA SOUTHERN vs. STANLEY
 Visitors Home
 Date Dec. 17, 1988 Site Salt Lake, Nevada, Salt Lake Attendance 9,714



	4	Final
Score	6	12
Yards	0	17
Time of Possession	36	4:10
Penalties	13	88
Fumbles	50	3:06
Interceptions	15	29
Offensive Drives	7	80
Defensive Drives	---	---
Special Teams	---	12-17

Time of Game: Kickoff 3:15 pm End of Game 11:17 pm Total Elapsed Time 2:17
 Officials: Ref: Larry Farina; Ump: Paul Oyster; L: Frank Urquhart; M: Dennis Peterson; F: Bob Kaul
 Threfelder; R: Bob Bowling; T: Mike Standley
 Temperature _____ Wind _____ Weather Indoor
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OUTLOOK & QUOTES & ROSTERS

1989 OUTLOOK

Georgia Southern's success in NCAA Division I-AA football has certainly gone unmatched in recent years. One pre-season publication even stated, "a dynasty is extremely rare in football at any level -- but there is no better word to describe the success of Georgia Southern in Division I-AA over the last five years."

Last season, the Erk Russell's Eagles came within five points of its third national championship since 1985, falling to Furman 17-12 in the title game at Pocatello, Idaho. Southern returns 43 lettermen from last season's 12-3 squad, including six starters on offense, nine on defense and all the specialists.

Here is a position-by-position breakdown of the '89 Eagles:

OFFENSE

The Eagles return the bulk of the offense that finished second in the nation last season in scoring offense. Last season the Eagles amassed 5,828 yards in total offense. Georgia Southern returns the players who accounted for 4,647 of those yards or 79.7 percent of the offensive production.

Quarterback

The Eagles are strong here with the return of **Raymond Gross**. Gross will be considered for All-America honors this season if he continues the rapid improvement he has shown over the past two seasons. A starter since the seventh game of his freshman season, Georgia Southern is 17-5 with Gross as a starter. Included in those five losses are a 28-10 setback to last season's number three team, Florida State, and 26-10 loss to Middle Tennessee, a game in which Gross left at the end of the first quarter because of a sprained ankle. As a sophomore, Gross led the Eagles to the national championship game. In 15 games, Gross rushed for 1,213 yards and five touchdowns and passed for 1,203 yards and four touchdowns. He had four 100-yard games last season, two of those coming in the playoffs.

Behind Gross is talented sophomore **Albert Huntley**. Huntley saw limited action last season but was impressive. He rushed eight times for 60 yards and one touchdown and completed all four of his pass attempts for 66 yards and another score.

Fullback

Depth is good at fullback where the Eagles return one of the top running backs in the country in **Joe Ross**. Ross suffered through an injury-plagued 1988 season but still finished second on the team rushing for 944 yards in 12 games. He had four 100-yard games including a career-high 157 yards against Middle Tennessee. In two seasons, Ross has topped the 100-yard mark nine times. Backing up Ross will be **Lester Efford**. Efford played behind Ross and the graduated Gary Miller last season, but still rushed for 242 yards on 46 carries including a career-high 70 yards against South Carolina State.

The newcomer to watch is **Richard Whiten**. Used mainly on the scout team last season, Whiten did see action against Florida A&M rushing for 22 yards on just three carries and was one of the leading ground gainers in the Blue-White spring game with 66 yards on 11 carries.

Slotback

Normally when a team loses a player the caliber of Frank Johnson, it is cause for concern. But not at Georgia Southern where the Eagles return five slotbacks from last season. **Ernest Thompson** was a short yardage specialist for the Eagles last season scoring a school record 19 touchdowns and 116 points. In 15 games last season, Thompson rushed for 353 yards and 22 touchdowns on just 91 carries. **Karl Miller** was a part-time starter for the Eagles last season and rushed for 317 yards on 44 carries and scored three touchdowns.

Sophomore **Darryl Hopkins** will push for more playing time this season. Hopkins rushed for 185 yards on just 16 carries last season and scored two touchdowns. **Alonzo McGhee** made the most of his playing time last season. He carried the ball only seven times but gained 46 yards and scored one touchdown and caught two passes, one of them for a score.

Wide Receiver

This position lost both of its 1988 starters, Tony Belser and Ross Worsham. Belser, the second leading receiver in Georgia Southern history, will most likely be replaced by his younger brother, **Deryl Belser**. D. Belser caught three passes as a freshman including one touchdown toss

and averaged 15 yards per catch. Veteran **Donnie Allen** had the best year of his career last season catching 11 passes for 92 yards.

Other players to watch include **Chuck McClurg** who caught one pass in a limited role last season and redshirt freshman **Terrence Sorrell**. Sorrell has blazing speed and could turn out to be the cream of the receiving crop this season.

Offensive Tackle

The Eagles return one starter and two top reserves. **Sammy Twiggs** returns at right tackle while **Brian Broughton** and **George Jones** will battle to replace the graduated Tony Smith. However, line coach Tim Stowers will be experimenting in the spring by moving guard **John Wilson** to left tackle. Twiggs could also be moved (see Center section) should the Wilson experiment be successful.

Also competing for playing time will be **Danny Smith**. The younger brother of Tony Smith, Danny showed great improvement last fall and could become a factor this spring.

Offensive Guard

Two solid veteran performers return to anchor the offensive line this season. **Sean Gainey** is an All-America candidate for the Eagles. One of the top blockers in the country, Gainey will be the main stalwart on the line this season. **Brad Bernard** is a two-year starter and is very steady. He and Gainey compliment each other well.

Center

This spot was hit hardest by graduation as two-time All-America Dennis Franklin and four-year backup Jay Marshall are gone. Franklin was considered the best center in Division I-AA the last two years and replacing him will be no easy task.

Two freshmen and one senior will battle for the starting job. **Sammy Twiggs** started at right tackle last season, but worked some at center in the spring. He was the emergency center on last year's squad. The two freshmen, both redshirts last season, will battle it out. **Rusty Parrish** is considered a leading candidate at the position.

DEFENSE

In 1988, Georgia Southern set virtually every school record defensively - fewest

points allowed, fewest yards allowed, fewest rushing yards allowed, fewest passing yards allowed. In 1989, that defensive unit returns virtually intact. Only two starters are gone and in addition to the nine returning starters, one other player returns to the team that missed the 1988 season because of an injury.

In the fall of 1989, Georgia Southern may have its best defense ever.

Guard

The Eagles are loaded at guard with the return of all but one player who played in 1988. Both starters, **Charlie Waller** and **Tim Brown** are back as is top reserve **Patrick Parr**. Waller missed the first four games of 1988 with a bruised knee, but came back in the final 11 games to record 43 tackles including seven in the championship game. Brown, who started all 15 games for the Eagles, made 71 tackles including three sacks and five tackles for losses. **Curtis Gordon** will be a backup after making seven stops since being moved to the defensive unit after arriving at Georgia Southern as an offensive lineman.

Parr is currently expected to start the season as the starter at the "nose" position due to Brown's spring injury. Parr registered 34 tackles and had four sacks in 1988. **Shawn Haralson** has earned the top reserve slot coming out of spring workouts.

Tackle

Steve Bussolletti, who recorded 21 tackles last season, is projected as the starter after earning the nod during spring drills. Bussolletti can also play at guard or end. **Troy Donahue** is slated to fill in for Bussolletti. Size and quickness could make him a top reserve on the line.

End

Giff Smith returns after a banner sophomore season. Smith had 133 tackles last season for the Eagles, including 12 quarterback sacks, the second highest single-season total in school history. Not big, but extremely quick, Smith led the team in tackles for losses with 16.5.

He'll be backed up again by **Jack Harris** who recorded 10 tackles and one sack in limited action last season.

Linebacker

If there is one position on Georgia Southern's team that is rich in talent, it is

Outlook (Cont.)

the linebacker spot where the top six from last season return along with Bart Hughes who started the first three games of 1988 before breaking his leg. So, in effect, the Eagles are at least seven deep in the linebacking corps.

The top returnee is middle linebacker **Darrell Hendrix**. Hendrix led the team with 148 tackles in 1988, including one sack, four tackles for losses and two interceptions. He'll be spelled by **Trey Smith**, who recorded 27 tackles a year ago.

At the two outside linebacker spots, starters **Everett Sharpe** and **Michael Berry** both return. Sharpe had 103 tackles including 21 against The Citadel in the opening round of the 1988 playoffs. Berry had 117 tackles including 9.5 sacks, the third highest total in school history.

Bart Hughes started the first three games of 1988 instead of Sharpe before breaking his leg in the third game of the season. He had 15 tackles in the first three games. Backups at outside linebacker include **Shane Maxwell** and **Mike West**. Maxwell recorded 29 tackles last season and West had 14 tackles a year ago.

Cornerback

The Eagles must replace Terry Young, the school's second leading career interceptor, but **Rodney Oglesby** returns on the other side to solidify the position. Oglesby, led the team in interceptions with four and returned an intercepted fumble 43 yards for a touchdown against James Madison. Two of his interceptions came against Florida State. **Kevin Whitley** the only freshman to play for the Eagles last season, will probably start at the other corner. Whitley started three games last season when Young was injured and had two interceptions including a touchdown-saving one in the national championship game.

Safety

Both starters from last year return as do the top two reserves, giving the Eagles a lot of depth in the secondary. At strong safety, **Taz Dixon** had 66 tackles last season including four interceptions. **Jim Mutimer** will again backup Boone. Mutimer had 10 tackles last season and started two games.

At free safety, **Randell Boone** is back after making 84 tackles and four intercep-

tions a season ago. Deceptively fast, Boone has been a consistent big play performer for the Eagles for the past two seasons. **Sophomore Mark Giles** will be a quality backup. Converted from wide receiver midway through last season, Giles blocked four kicks on special teams last year including a field goal and a punt in the national championship game. He returned the blocked punt for a touchdown.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter

Terry Harvin is back for his third year at punter and could push for All-America mention. Harvin averaged 37.5 yards per kick last season including two 60-yarders, one of them a 62-yarder in the national championship game.

Kicker

The deadly duo of **Mike Dowis** and **David Cool** return giving the Eagles a solid kicking game. Dowis, the designated short kicker, connected on 11-of-13 field goal tries and 52-of-53 extra points as a freshman.

Cool possesses a powerful leg and last season set an NCAA record (all divisions included) for longest field goal by a freshman when he booted a 60-yarder at James Madison. Cool was seven-of-13 on field goal tries last season and three-of-six from 50 yards or more. He also set a NCAA championship game record with a 55-yarder against Furman last season.

Don Norton is expected to step in and handle kickoffs for the Eagles and might be used in several punting situations in '89.

Long Snapper

Joe Crenshaw returns for his second season as the long snapper.

Punt Returns

The Eagles are solid with the return of **Rodney Oglesby** and **Taz Dixon**. Oglesby will handle the bulk of the duty. He averaged 6.5 yards per return last season. Dixon returned seven punts last season for 8.1 yards per return.

Kick Returns

Karl Miller returns after averaging 20.9 yards per return last season on 31 attempts.

AT-A-GLANCE

BASIC OFFENSE: Flexbone
BASIC DEFENSE: Eagle Seven
LETTERMEN RETURNING: 43

LETTERMEN LOST: 12
STARTERS RETURNING: 18*
STARTERS LOST: 7

*Includes three specialists

STARTERS RETURNING

OFFENSE (6): Brad Bernard, Guard; Sean Gainey, Guard; Sammy Twigg, Tackle; Raymond Gross, Quarterback; Joe Ross, Fullback; Ernest Thompson, Slotback.

DEFENSE (9): Charlie Waller, Guard; Tim Brown, Guard; Giff Smith, End; Michael Berry, Linebacker; Darrell Hendrix, Linebacker; Everett Sharpe, Linebacker; Rodney Oglesby, Cornerback; Taz Dixon, Strong Safety; Randell Boone, Free Safety.

SPECIALISTS (3): Terry Harvin, Punter; Mike Dowis, Kicker (Extra Points and Short Field Goals); David Cool (Kickoffs and Long Field Goals).

STARTERS LOST

OFFENSE (5): Denise Franklin, Center; Tony Smith, Tackle; Tony Belser, Wide Receiver; Ross Worsham, Wide Receiver; Frank Johnson, Slotback.

DEFENSE (2): Darren Alford, Tackle; Terry Young, Cornerback.

SPECIALISTS (0): None.

LETTERMEN RETURNING

OFFENSE (18)

QUARTERBACK (2): Raymond Gross, Albert Huntley.

FULLBACK (2): Joe Ross, Lester Efford.

SLOTBACK (5): Ernest Thompson, Karl Miller, Darryl Hopkins, Robert Terrell, Alonzo McGhee.

WIDE RECEIVER (3): Donnie Allen, Deryl Belser, Chuck McClurg.

TACKLE (3): Sammy Twigg, George Jones and Brian Broughton.

GUARD (3): Sean Gainey, Brad Bernard, John Wilson.

CENTER (0): None.

DEFENSE (21)

GUARD (3): Charlie Waller, Tim Brown, Pat Parr

TACKLE (2): Curtis Gordon, Steve Bussoletti.

END (3): Giff Smith, Jack Harris, Matt Spalding.

LINEBACKER (6): Darrell Hendrix, Everett Sharpe, Michael Berry, Mike West, Shane Maxwell, Trey Smith.

CORNERBACK (3): Rodney Oglesby, Kevin Whitley, Tim Wilkerson.

SAFETIES (4): Taz Dixon, Randell Boone, Mark Giles, Jim Mutimer.

SPECIALISTS (4)

PUNTER (1): Terry Harvin.

KICKER (2): Mike Dowis, David Cool.

SNAPPER (1): Joe Crenshaw.

LETTERMEN LOST

OFFENSE (9)

QUARTERBACK (1): Ken Burnette.

FULLBACK (1): Garry Miller.

SLOTBACK (1): Frank Johnson.

WIDE RECEIVER (2): Tony Belser,
Ross Worsham.

TACKLE (1): Tony Smith.

GUARD (1): Mike Wagner.

CENTER (2): Dennis Franklin,
Jay Marshall.

DEFENSE (3)

GUARD (1): Tim Durden.

TACKLE (1): Darren Alford.

END (0): None.

LINEBACKER (0): None.

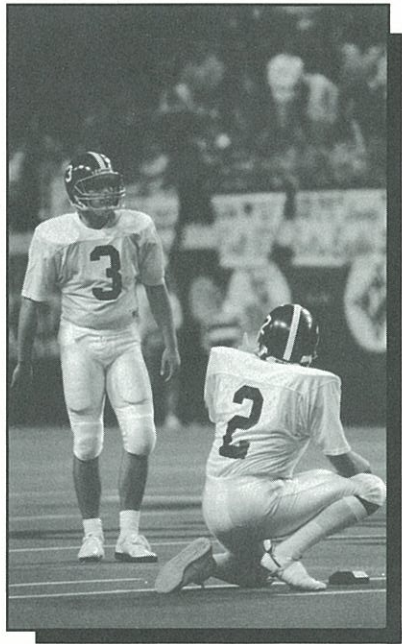
CORNERBACK (1): Terry Young.

SAFETIES (0): None.

SPECIALISTS (0)

RETURNING PLAYERS WHO WERE INJURED LAST SEASON:

Bart Hughes, Linebacker.



UNDERSTANDING GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

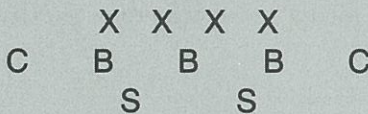
THE OFFENSE: Flexbone

Says Tim Stowers (offensive coordinator): "Georgia Southern's Flexbone offense allows us to stretch and deceive. We can stretch a defense vertically or horizontally with the pass and we can deceive or mislead a defense by running the option."



THE DEFENSE: Eagle Seven

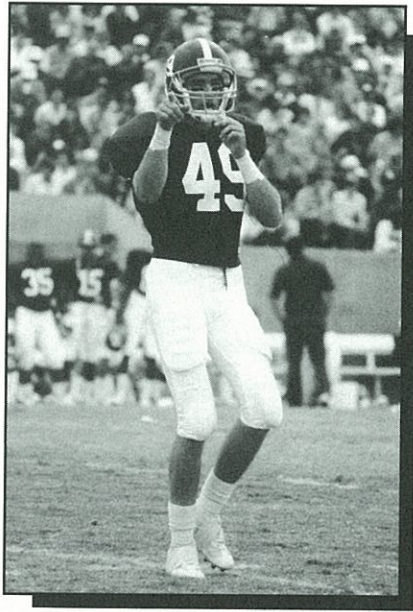
Says Mike Healey (defensive coordinator): "The Eagle Seven is a multiple front 4-3 pressure defense. The defense is easy to learn and adjusts quickly to most offensive formations. It allows our players to be aggressive and pressure the ball."



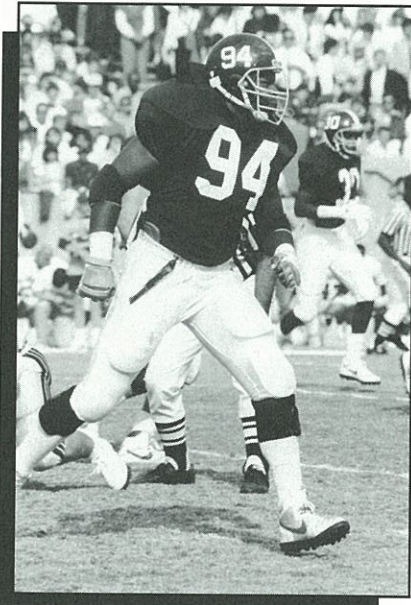
**HEAD COACH ERK RUSSELL
ON THE 1989 EAGLES**

On 1989 Season -- "We have a good nucleus returning, especially on defense where we lost only two starters...I feel we have some people on that side of the ball who can run well and that's a big asset. On offense we have several holes to fill, especially up front - and the thought of going into the season with a center who may have never snapped the ball in competition is a real scary thing...Our assistant coaches return from last year - I believe we have as fine a staff as there is in college football and working together for another year should be good for us."

Reviewing 1988 -- "I thought perhaps we had a better year than we might have had because of a very difficult schedule and the arrangement of the schedule...Fortunately we came out four consecutive road games with a 2-2 record and went on to win the rest of our games...We didn't have those severe injury problems we might have although we lost our quarterback for a game and a half and Frank Johnson, although hurt early, came through for us



down the stretch and gave us a spark when we needed it...When you put it all together, our guys did a great job winning 12 games -- I think most people would settle for that most of the time."



On Defensive Play -- "Our defense generally played very well during the 1988 season... Our pass rush and our pass defense was much better... On occasion, our defense against the run was suspect and we must improve that...Coach Healey and his staff changed our defensive scheme last season and I believe that was a factor in having a good defensive effort...However, I tend to believe that "people" rather than "schemes" bring good results and we have some people who like to play... cutting our defense against scoring from 15.7 in 1987 to 14.0 in 1988 was a significant improvement and a point of pride on which we can build."

On Losing All-American Center Dennis Franklin -- "It may be a long time before a player of Franklin's ability comes along...Then again, we might find one this season."

QUOTING ERK RUSSELL (cont.)

On the 1989 Schedule -- In 1988, Georgia Southern's schedule was rated toughest in the country according to the NCAA News. This is how the 1989 schedule compares with the '88 schedule as seen by Russell.

1. **VALDOSTA STATE** -- "We opened with Newberry in '88...In '89 we open with Valdosta State... Valdosta will be a much better in '89 than Newberry was in '88...They'll have a bad case of the "wants" too... Will we?"
2. **WEST GEORGIA** -- "West Georgia takes the place of Bethune-Cookman...I feel this might switch in our favor since originally we were scheduled to play in Daytona Beach and now play at home...New staff, new life at West Georgia."
3. **FLORIDA A&M** -- "FAMU in Jacksonville is always tough...FAMU will be better in '89."
4. **MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE** -- "Middle Tennessee beat the slop out of us last year 26-10...They were 7-4 last year and MTSU does not experience consecutive years like this...They are always tough, always in contention for the OVC title and a regular playoff participant."
5. **SAVANNAH STATE** -- "We swap Florida State for Savannah State and this should be a good switch for the home team...We caught FSU looking forward to Homecoming Dance and we played out of our minds...Savannah State, under new management (Bill Davis), is improving by leaps and bounds...I can see them coming in here and beating Georgia Southern, can't you?...This one is extremely dangerous."
6. **NICHOLLS STATE** -- "Nicholls was 6-5 last season, losing four games by less than three points...You can't get to Thibodaux from Statesboro and I hope we can find a way to get out alive."
7. **CENTRAL FLORIDA** -- "Central Florida is always tough and is returning most of their key personnel (if this means anything)...We have never had an easy game with UCF...Remember 1985, 6-18 at the half -- Ham to the rescue...1987, 34-32--by the hardest!"
8. **SAMFORD** -- "Samford at Samford will naturally be tougher than freshman Samford at Paulson last year...They scored 21 points on us in the friendly confines last year."
9. **JAMES MADISON** -- "James Madison there again...We barely escaped last year...What can I say...You will have to admit, JMU will be harder to beat again, there, in '89."
10. **TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA** -- "UTC was down last year (4-7) and we beat them 13-3 in a nail-biter...They will be better this year...They are perennial Southern Conference contenders."
11. **MARSHALL** -- "Marshall will replace South Carolina State...Is there need for further comment on this one."

In Summary: "Nine-of-11 1989 opponents will be stronger than our 1988 opponents...The toughest part of the schedule might be the seven teams coming into Paulson with the added incentive to destroy a 30-1 home record. Anybody who thinks seven home games means seven "Ws" just hasn't been there before. **THIS SCHEDULE PLAYS TOUGH!**"

DRIVE FOR FIVE -- Georgia Southern enters the 1989 season in search of its fifth straight appearance in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. In three of their four playoff appearances, the Eagles have made it to the national championship game winning the title in 1985 (44-42 over Furman) and 1986 (48-21 over Arkansas State) and finishing second in 1988 (17-12 to Furman). Georgia Southern is one of only two schools to make the national championship game more than twice in the history of the division. Eastern Kentucky has made it to the final game four times. In playoff games the Eagles are 12-2 (.857).

HOME, SWEET, HOME -- Georgia Southern enters the 1989 season with the longest active home winning streak in Division I (I-A or I-AA). The Eagles have won 26 in a row at Allen E. Paulson Stadium dating back to September 14, 1985, when they lost to Middle Tennessee, 35-10. Since opening Paulson Stadium in 1984, Georgia Southern is 30-1 at home, meaning they have won 96.8 percent of the games played in the facility. The I-AA record for longest home winning streak is 34 by Eastern Kentucky set in the late '70s and early '80s.

THE FLEXBONE -- Georgia Southern's Flexbone offense - a cross between the wishbone and the run-and-shoot offenses - finished second in the nation last year in scoring offense. And the key members of that offense return in 1989. Quarterback Raymond Gross, fullback Joe Ross and slotbacks Ernest Thompson, Karl Miller and Darryl Hopkins are all back giving Georgia Southern fans reason to be optimistic for high-scoring action.

THE EAGLE SEVEN -- Georgia Southern instituted its Eagle Seven defense last year. The defense, designed by coordinator Mike Healey, combines Miami's 4-3 and Georgia Southern's old Split-60. It certainly worked in 1988. The Eagles set virtually every school defensive record including fewest points allowed, fewest total yards allowed, fewest rushing yards allowed and fewest passing yards allowed. Nine of the 11 starters from that unit return along with one player who missed last season because of an injury. The Eagles lose tackle Darren Alford and cornerback Terry Young, but linebacker Bart Hughes returns from the '88 injury list.

RUNNING THE BALL -- Georgia Southern runs the ball 80 percent of the time and it should be no different in 1989. The Eagles return six of their top eight rushers including the top two - quarterback Raymond Gross (1,213 yards) and fullback Joe Ross (944 yards). Also returning is slotback Ernest Thompson who set a school record by scoring 19 touchdowns in the regular season. Including playoffs, Thompson rushed for 353 yards and 22 touchdowns.



Of Georgia Southern's 4,332 yards rushing last season, the players that accounted for 3,378 of those yards return. That is 78 percent of Georgia Southern's rushing offense from 1988 that is returning.

DOUBLE FIGURE SCORING -- Georgia Southern scored in double figures in all 15 games in 1988, meaning they have scored at least 10 points in 56 of their last 58 games. Since restarting football in 1982, Georgia Southern has played 91 games and they have scored in double figures in 84 of them. The Eagles have been shutout only once in those 91 games and have been held without a touchdown only twice.

1989 GEORGIA SOUTHERN ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
85	Donnie Allen	SE	6-0	155	Sr.	Macon
27	Brad Almon	SS	5-9	153	So.	Valdosta
76	Chris Arnault	SN	5-10	212	Fr.	Columbia, S.C.
46	Clinton Avret	CB	6-0	173	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.
80	Deryl Belser	SE	5-11	150	So.	Augusta
52	Brad Bernard	OG	6-1	257	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
56	Michael Berry	LB	6-2	207	So.	Atlanta
49	Randell Boone	FS	6-3	196	Sr.	Uvalda
73	Brian Broughton	OT	6-7	260	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
94	Tim Brown	DT	6-2	228	Jr.	Madison
96	Steve Bussolletti	DT	6-3	240	So.	Gainesville
79	Tony Byers	DT	6-1	212	Fr.	Canton
3	David Cool	PK	5-11	195	So.	Stone Mountain
31	Erick Cooper	FB	5-8	185	So.	Thomson
71	Joe Crenshaw	DT	6-3	259	Sr.	Hephzibah
22	Taz Dixon	SS	5-10	166	Sr.	Dublin
78	Troy Donahue	DE	6-4	226	Fr.	Savannah
13	Michael Dowis	PK	6-1	196	Jr.	Savannah
40	Eric Eberly	LB	5-10	208	Sr.	Stone Mountain
35	Lester Efford	FB	5-8	217	So.	Warner Robins
69	Wilbon Etheridge	LB	5-11	198	So.	Albany
51	Sean Gainey	OG	6-0	258	Sr.	Hinesville
10	Mark Giles	FS	6-1	167	So.	Warner Robins
60	Curtis Gordon	DE	6-3	239	So.	Ellenwood
29	Herman Gray	SB	5-8	178	Fr.	Fairfax, S.C.
11	Raymond Gross	QB	6-0	175	Jr.	Hinesville
58	Shawn Haralson	DT	6-3	222	Fr.	Westminster, Md.
92	Jack Harris	DE	6-1	225	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
2	Terry Harvin	P	5-9	181	Jr.	Keystone Heights, Fla.
38	Eugene Hayes	LB	5-10	190	So.	Statham
43	Darrell Hendrix	LB	6-0	213	Sr.	Nahunta
25	Darryl Hopkins	SB	5-9	189	Jr.	Watkinsville
97	Bart Hughes	LB	5-11	205	Sr.	Duluth
5	Albert Huntley	QB	5-11	200	So.	Atlanta
81	Jeff Jardine	SE	6-0	171	Fr.	Smyrna
45	Kevin Johns	LB	5-11	182	Fr.	Hilliard
66	George Jones	OT	6-1	260	Sr.	Griffin
75	Curtis Kimbrell	OG	6-0	254	So.	Albany
53	Jason Lovett	C	5-10	229	Fr.	Jonesboro
64	John Lovett	OG	6-0	240	So.	Jonesboro
44	Shane Maxwell	LB	6-4	205	So.	Winder
77	Shannon Maxwell	C	6-2	202	So.	Winder
34	Rufus Mazyck	SB	5-9	178	Fr.	Swainsboro
48	Melvin McBride	LB	5-10	200	So.	Lyons
89	Chuck McClurg	SE	5-10	164	So.	Dalton

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
26	Alonzo McGhee	SB	6-0	186	Jr.	Perry
39	Chip McGinley	PK	6-1	160	Sr.	Athens
9	Derrick McGrady	QB	5-9	171	Fr.	Statesboro
61	Chris Meyer	DT	6-0	209	Fr.	Marietta
24	Karl Miller	SB	6-0	169	Jr.	College Park
42	Jim Mutimer	SS	6-1	194	So.	Dunwoody
6	Don Norton	PK	6-0	196	So.	Coral Springs, Fla.
59	Rex Nottage	OT/C	5-11	225	Fr.	Coral Springs, Fla.
19	Rodney Oglesby	CB	5-9	166	So.	Swainsboro
54	David Pack	LB	6-2	199	Fr.	Griffin
98	Joey Parker	DT	6-0	231	So.	Hahira
90	Patrick Parr	DT	6-0	257	So.	West Point
57	Rusty Parrish	C	6-3	231	Fr.	Thomasville
74	Richard Popkin	OT	6-3	235	Jr.	Warner Robins
70	Hal Radford	SN	6-0	207	So.	Lincolnton
17	Brannon Rice	SS	5-10	167	So.	Elberton
36	Joe Ross	FB	6-1	196	Jr.	Augusta
62	Jarrodd Satterfield	C	6-1	256	Fr.	Jonesboro
15	Gene Scott	SS	5-10	178	So.	Gainesville
37	Everett Sharpe	LB	5-11	203	Sr.	Lyons
47	John Shuman	LB	6-0	175	Fr.	Reidsville
30	Paul Sikkelee	LB	6-0	205	So.	Dalton
72	Danny Smith	OT	6-3	238	So.	Waycross
95	Giff Smith	DE	6-1	231	Jr.	Mableton
55	Trey Smith	LB	6-2	201	Sr.	Atlanta
88	Terrance Sorrell	SE	6-1	155	Fr.	Salem, N.J.
93	Matt Spalding	DE	6-2	195	So.	Dunwoody
1	Donnie Suber	CB	5-8	167	So.	Columbia, S.C.
68	Tracy Sykes	OL	6-1	218	Fr.	Gainesville
18	Robert Terrell	SB	5-7	166	So.	Eustis, Fla.
41	Jason Thomas	LB	6-2	200	Fr.	Cyrstal Lake, Ill.
12	Ernest Thompson	SB	6-2	222	Sr.	Louisville
50	Sammy Twiggs	OT/C	6-1	220	Sr.	North Augusta, S.C.
67	Charlie Waller	DT	6-4	239	Sr.	Fairburn
16	Chance Ward	SE	5-8	147	So.	Riverdale
28	Michael West	LB	5-10	200	Jr.	Roswell
86	Jason Whitehead	FS	6-0	181	So.	Marietta
33	Richard Whiten	FB	5-10	213	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
4	Kevin Whitley	CB	5-10	182	So.	Decatur
20	Tim Wilkerson	CB	5-9	171	Jr.	LaGrange
65	Reggie Williams	OG	6-1	259	Fr.	Hephzibah
63	John Wilson	OG	6-2	256	Jr.	Dublin
14	Kenneth Young	CB	6-1	162	Fr.	Savannah

1989 NEWCOMERS

SHAWN AUSTIN, RB/DB, 5-9, 160, Thomasville (Thomasville) -- Lettered in football at Thomasville High School...Earned several honors while leading the Bulldogs to an impressive record senior season, which included a second straight state championship.

MIGUEL AYOUB, OL, 6-3, 260, Jacksonville, Fla. (N.B. Forest) -- An all-county, city and district choice at Forest High School...Third team all-state performer...Named Defensive Player of the Year in the county.

MIKE BALDWIN, DB, 6-0, 185, Canton (Cherokee) -- Recorded 157 tackles senior year...Named MVP of special teams and named top linebacker at Cherokee High School...Also earned school's Iron Man and Headhunter Award...Team captain.

BILL BREDA, OL, 6-2, 238, Snellville (Brookwood) -- Two-year all-county choice at Brookwood High School...Earned All-USA Football (USA Today) mention on the honorable mention squad...Member of the North-South and Georgia-Florida All-Star squads...Named Gwinnett County's Offensive Lineman of the Year.

STEVE CARNES, DL, 6-0, 235, Marietta (Lassiter) -- An All-Cobb County pick in 1987 and 1988...Named Lassiter High School's Most Valuable Player senior season.

SCOTT CHAFIN, OL, 6-3, 220, Norman Park (Colquitt County) -- Top lineman on Colquitt County High School squad.

NICK DERESZYNSKI, DE, 6-2, 210, Cumming (Forsyth County) -- Two-year choice as Offensive Back of the Year at Forsyth County High School...Finished second for the Iron Man Award.

WILLANDO FLICKLIN, FB, 6-2, 205, Atlanta (Redan) -- One of the top backfield prospects in the Metro Atlanta area...Named to the all-county squad senior season.

SCOTT GLASS, LB, 6-2, 225, Greensboro (Greene-Taliaferro) -- All-region performer at Green-Taliaferro County High School...One of the top defensive prospects out of the northeast Georgia area.

LARION GORDON, RB, 5-7, 160, Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley) -- Enjoyed illustrious high school career at Spring Valley...Rushed for 1,200 yards last season...Led squad to post-season play.

TOM GRAMIAK, OL/DL, 5-11, 245, Statesboro (Statesboro) -- Led Blue Devils to regional playoffs last season...Chosen as Statesboro High's Most Valuable Player in '88...Earned the Golden Helmet Award, symbolizing Statesboro's top lineman.

ANTHONY HAYES, WR, 5-11, 175, Thomasville (Thomasville) -- One of South Georgia's top pass receivers...Led Thomasville to solid record senior season, including its second consecutive state title.

STEVE PAYNE, RB, 5-11, 170, Chatsworth (Murray County) -- Three-year choice and best offensive back at Murray County High School...Also garnered top defensive back honors...Two-year pick as all-region and earned All-TriState honors in '87 and '88.

DAVID ROCCO, LB, 6-2, 200, Phoenixville, Pa. (Phoenixville Area) -- Threw 19 touchdown passes and had 1,272 yards through the air as all-area quarterback...Also and all-area pick at safety...Named to first team Chester County as quarterback and safety...Team captain.

BRANDON ROZZELLE, DB, 5-10, 185, Stone Mountain (Clarkston) -- Was top receiver and defensive back at Clarkston High School.

TONY RUCKER, WR, 6-1, 175, Dewyrose (Hart County) -- Hart County's top receiver senior season...Led Hart to post-season play in '88.

SKEET TILLMAN, QB, 5-9, 205, Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. (Boyd Anderson) -- Four-year letterman in football, playing quarterback, running back, wide receiver and defensive back...All-county choice and was regarded as one of the top all-purpose performers in Florida...Two-year Junior Olympic champion in the 100, 200, 120 high hurdles.

Eagles by Class (returning players only)...

Seniors: 15

Juniors: 12

Sophomores: 39

Freshman: 23

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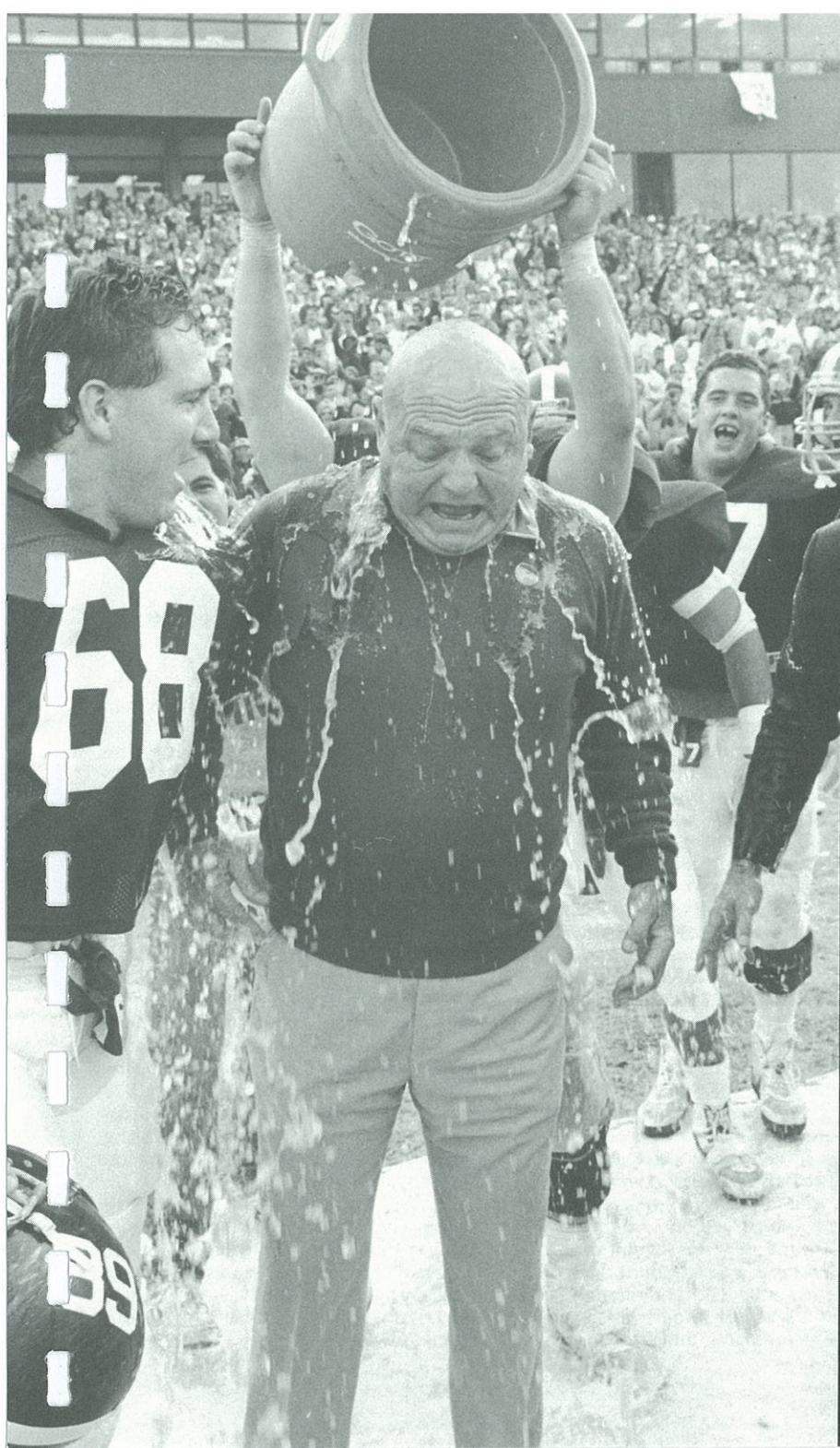
Chris Arnault -- Are-NAULT
Clint Avret -- Ave-rett
Brad Bernard -- Burr-NARD
Steve Bussolotti -- BOO-so-letti
Mike Dowis -- like NOW-iss
Eric Eberly -- EB-er-ly
Lester Efford -- EE-ford
Wilson Etheridge -- WILL-bon

Mark Giles -- JILES
Jeff Jardine -- JAR-deen
Curtis Kimbrell -- KIM-brull
Rufus Mazyck -- MAY-zeek
Chuck McClurg -- G is hard (like burg)
Jim Mutimer -- MEW-ti-mer
Rex Nottage -- NOT-tidge
Paul Sikkelec -- SIK-lee

Terrance Sorrell -- SIR-el
Donnie Suber -- SUE-ber
Robert Terrell -- TURR-el
Richard Whiten -- WHY-ten

Hometowns

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ERK RUSSELL

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

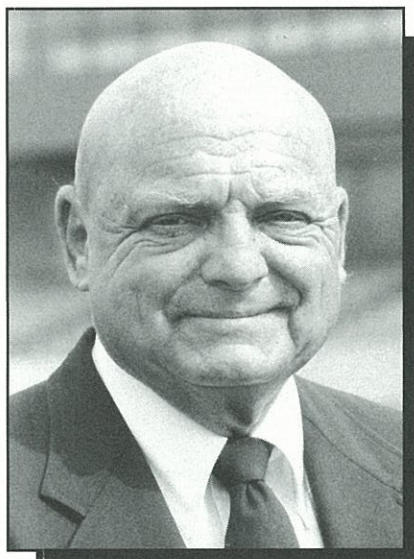
Few coaches in the country have experienced the kind of success and popularity Erk Russell has enjoyed in seven years as head football coach at Georgia Southern. Two national championships, 68 wins, and 14 All-America players—all at a school whose football program had been dormant for the preceding four 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 a 9-4 mark in 1987. In 1988, the Eagles made their third appearance in four years in the national championship game, losing to Furman 17-12.

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 seven years as a collegiate head coach, Russell has registered a career record of 68-22-1, a .733 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.

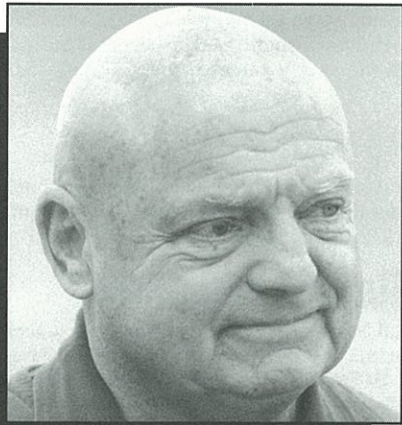
During his 17-year tenure at Georgia, Russell molded some of the nation's finest defensive teams, and his tenacious “Junkyard Dogs” became synonymous with Georgia football. His 1967 Bulldogs led the SEC in total defense and scoring defense. In 1968, Georgia again paced the conference in total defense and led the nation 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 rusing defense, total defense and scoring. His 1978 outfit finished a single point behind national champion Alabama in scoring defense, and his 1979 team led the nation 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 Central Florida, and Jay, the backs coach at Georgia Southern.



ERK RUSSELL'S RECORD THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
1982	Ga. Southern	7	3	1	.636
1983	Ga. Southern	6	3	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
1988	Ga. Southern	12	3	0	.800

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HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1988—**
Ga. Sports Hall of Fame
Coach-Of-The-Year
- 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
Atlanta Athletic Club "Outstanding Achievement in Sports Award"
- 1985—**
Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year
Football News Coach-of-the-Year
ABC-TV Coach-of-the-Year
Washington, D.C., Touchdown Club 1-AA Coach-of-the Year
- 1984—**
Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the Year
- 1980—**
Atlanta Athletic Club "Outstanding Achievement in Sports Award"
- 1976—**
SEC "Working Coach-of-the-Year Award"
- 1957—**
Ga. High School Coach-of-the-Year
- 1953—**
Ga. High School Coach-of-the-Year

HEAD COACH ERK RUSSELL (Con't)

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY ABOUT ERK RUSSELL

Ed Hinton, Southeastern Football: **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) some how 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:

The 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:

Macon Telegraph and News

"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:

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."



MIKE HEALEY
Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator

Mike Healey is a veteran eighth-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.

During Healey's tenure at Georgia Southern, six defensive players have earned All-America honors. Three of Healey's linebackers, a position in which he specializes in, were named to the prestigious squad --

Darrell Hendrix in 1988, Flint Mathews in 1987 and Charles Carper in 1985.

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 was stand-out in football and track at Bishop Kenny.



TIM STOWERS
Offensive Coordinator

Tim Stowers enters his fifth season as Georgia Southern's offensive line coach and is in his second year as offensive coordinator. He served as offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Jacksonville (Ala.) State prior to joining the Eagle staff in 1985.

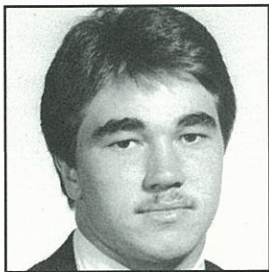
Four of Stowers' offensive linemen have been selected for All-America honors. At least one linemen has earned honors every year since 1985, playing a vital role in the Eagles' quick, run-oriented Flexbone attack. Two-year All-America choice Dennis Franklin heads the picks with outstanding performers Ronald Warnock, James "Peanut" Carter, Vance Pike and Fred

Stokes all enjoying tremendous careers under Stowers.

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 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 Gaye have one son, TJ (2).

ASSISTANT COACHES (cont.)



RUSTY BEASLEY **Defensive Backs**

Russell "Rusty" Beasley joins the Georgia Southern staff this season as graduate assistant and will assist Tommy Spangler with the secondary.

Beasley was a four-year letterman at the University of Georgia under Coach Vince Dooley. He was a two-year starter at safety for the Bulldogs, picking off five passes during the 1989 season. Beasley earned All-Southeastern Conference Academic honors his senior season.

The Killeen, Tex., native earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Georgia last spring. He is a graduate of

Franklin County High School in Carnesville, Ga.

Beasley is currently seeking a graduate degree in business/marketing from Georgia Southern.



JOHN PATE **Defensive Line**

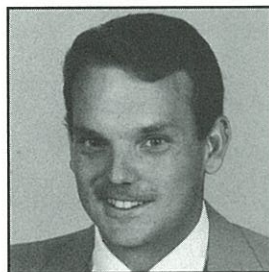
Beginning his fifth season as a member of the Eagle coaching staff, John Pate coaches the Georgia Southern defensive line and serves as football recruiting coordinator.

Under Pate's direction, two members of the "Howling Commandos" were NCAA I-AA All-America choices in 1988. End Giff Smith and tackle Darren Alford earned the honor after making a combined 28.5 sacks.

Pate came to Georgia Southern as a graduate assistant in 1985. Before his arrival he had served the 1984 season as head coach at Union College in Barboursville, Ky. He also

worked as defensive coordinator and head track coach at Georgia Southwestern. Pate was first introduced to the Eagles while he an assistant head coach and defensive coordinator for the Fort Benning Doughboys in 1982.

Pate holds a bachelor's degree from North Georgia College and a master's in sports management from Georgia Southern. He is married to the former Tammie Shepherd and has two daughters, Kelly (9) and Kathleen (1).



JAY RUSSELL **Backs**

Jay Russell enters his fifth year as a Georgia Southern assistant coach and begins his first season responsible for the offensive backs. Before assuming his present position, he also worked as a graduate assistant on the 1982 team.

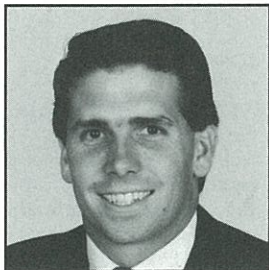
Prior to his move to the backfield, Russell was wide receivers coach for the Eagles. Despite Georgia Southern's run-oriented offensive attack, his corps played an extremely vital role in the past four years with precision blocking assignments and numerous clutch receptions. Three wide

receivers have signed professional contracts -- Monty Sharpe (Toronto Argonauts), Darren Chandler (Washington Redskins) and most recently, Tony Belser (Dallas Cowboys). Belser, a four-year letterman, represented Georgia Southern at the 1988 Blue-Gray All-Star Game in Montgomery, Ala.

Russell, son of Eagle head coach Erk Russell, was three-year letterman for the University of Georgia before an injury cut short his playing career. He earned All-Southeastern Conference Academic honors in 1979 during his stay in Athens. Russell earned both undergraduate and master's degrees from UGA.

Before returning to Statesboro prior to the 1985 season, Russell served as athletic director, head football coach, and baseball coach at Barnesville (Ga.) Academy.

Russell is married to the former Lynn Murphy and they have two children, Mandy and Davis.

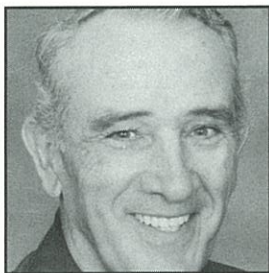


TOMMY SPANGLER **Secondary**

Tommy Spangler is in his third year as defensive secondary coach, arriving at Georgia Southern prior to the 1987 season. He previously served as a graduate assistant at the University of Georgia for two seasons. Last year, Spangler's unit intercepted 19 passes in one of Georgia Southern's strongest defensive teams to date. Since taking over the Eagle secondary, he has had one player drafted by the NFL (corner back Terry Young -- Tampa Bay) and one selected for All-America honors (freshman cornerback Rodney Oglesby).

A native of Stone Mountain, Ga., Spangler was a three-sport standout 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 one year as assistant coach at Shiloh High near Atlanta.

Spangler is married to the former Kim Pierce of Ft. White, Fla. Kim is director of wellness at Bulloch Memorial Hospital.



DR. PAT SPURGEON **Kickers and Scouting**

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

In his seven years at Georgia Southern, Spurgeon has tutored and developed perhaps some of the finest kickers in the nation. Two-year All-America Tim Foley, who holds or shares seven NCAA I-AA records, was the country's top kicker during his time with the Eagles. Last season Spurgeon carefully nurtured two freshmen who became one of the top short/long men in I-AA. Mike Dowis was 40-of-41 in extra points (8-of-10) field goals, and David Cool hit five field goals, including an NCAA record 60-yard boot vs. James Madison.

After putting in all-state performances in high school football and baseball, Spurgeon put in four football seasons playing at Emory and Henry, during which his team compiled a 41-1-1 record. He completed his undergraduate work at Emory and Henry, then received both his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Tennessee. He and his wife Ann have two sons.



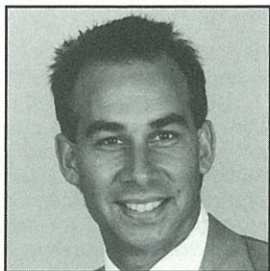
PETER THURMOND **Wide Receivers**

Peter Thurmond is in his first year with the Eagles as graduate assistant helping coach Georgia Southern's wide receivers.

Thurmond was a safety at Vanderbilt in 1982 and 1983, participating in the Hall of Fame Bowl in '82. An injury forced Thurmond out of action in 1984 and the Commodore program used him in a student assistant coaching capacity from 1984 to 1986. Thurmond moved on to Valdosta State in 1987 and worked with the Blazer secondary for a two-year stint.

He earned his bachelor's degree in economics, sociology and math in 1986 from Vanderbilt. He prepped at Atlanta's Westminster School where he was an All-State and Adidas All-America choice as a defensive back his senior season.

ASSISTANT COACHES (cont.)



JAY VENUTO Quarterbacks

Jay Venuto joined the Eagle staff in 1987. He has coached Georgia Southern's quarterbacks the last two seasons.

Although coming in as quarterback coach after the departure of Tracy Ham certainly put Venuto under scrutiny, the personable 31-year-old handled the challenge admirably working with then-freshmen Raymond Gross. Gross started the season's seventh game and helped the Eagles win five of the last six games. As a sophomore under Venuto's tutelage, Gross led the team in rushing with 1,213 yards through 15 games.

A Salem, N.J. 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 honorable-mention All-America honors and was the 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.

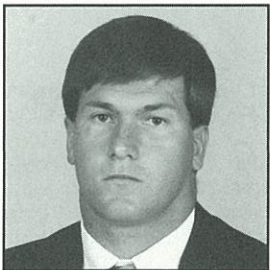


MICKEY VICKERS Fullbacks

Mickey Vickers joins the Georgia Southern staff this season as graduate assistant, helping Jay Russell with Eagle running backs. He previously served as graduate assistant coach at alma mater Jacksonville (Ala.) State University.

Vickers, a native of Cookeville, Tenn., is a 1987 graduate of Jacksonville State University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He played three seasons for the Gamecocks after spending his freshman year playing under the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant at Alabama.

A 1981 graduate of Ft. Payne (Ala.) High School, Vickers was an all-area choice in football, basketball and baseball.



RONALD WARNOCK Offensive Line

Ronald Warnock is in his second season as graduate assistant for the Eagles after a solid four-year career. He will assist Tim Stowers with the offensive linemen.

Warnock was a member of the 1987 **Associated Press** All-America team, helping guide Georgia Southern to a 9-4 record and a third-straight trip to the NCAA I-AA playoffs. He started at guard and tackle during the Eagles' national championship seasons of 1985 and 1986.

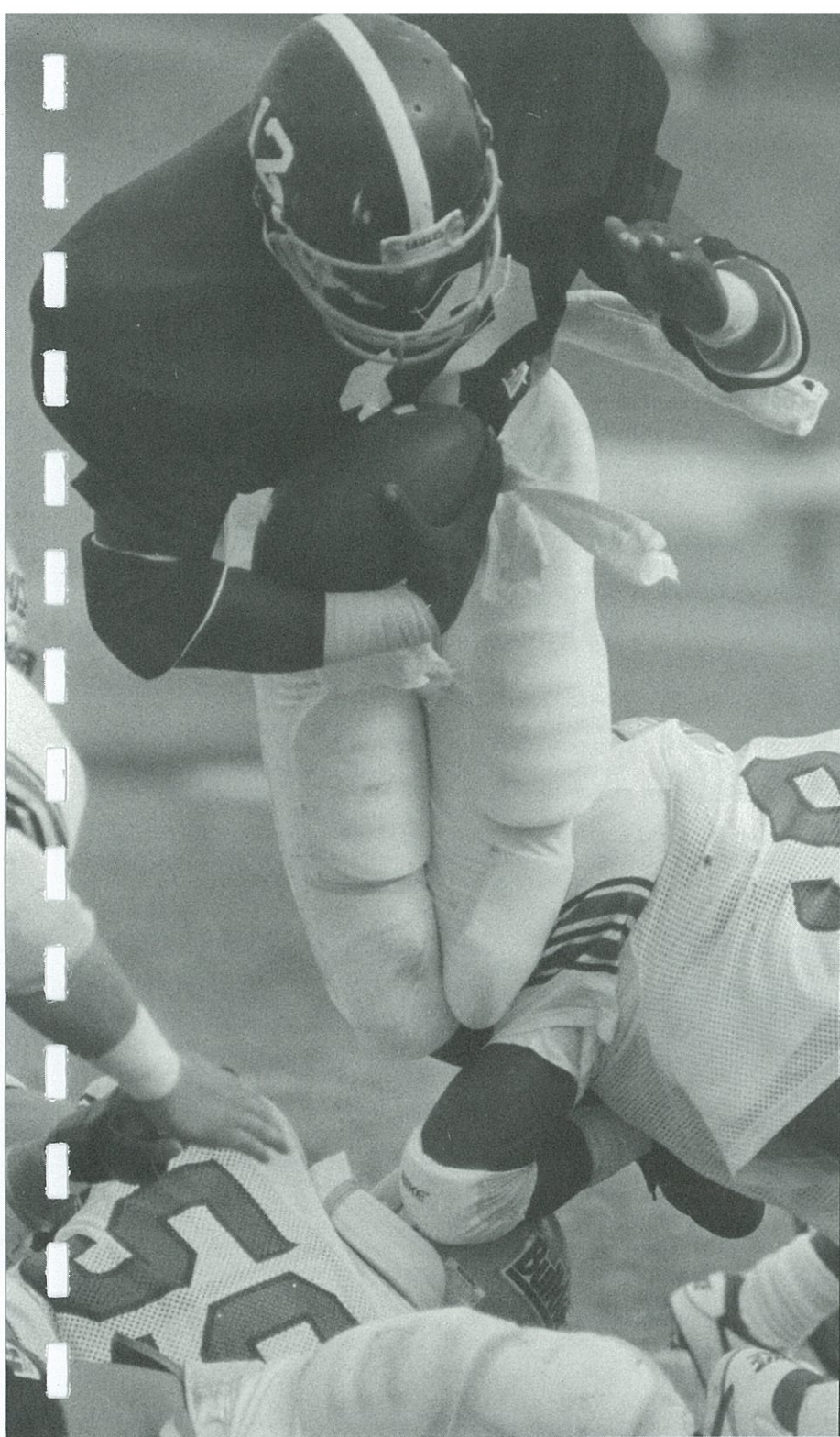
He is a 1988 graduate of Georgia Southern with a bachelor's degree in business. Warnock prepped at Dodge

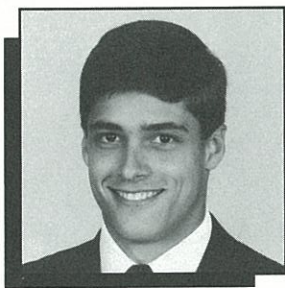
County High School where he earned All-Middle Georgia honors and earned the team's MVP award.

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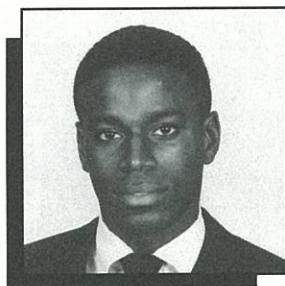


85 DONNIE ALLEN

Split End
6-0, 155, Sr., Macon
(Tattnall Square Academy)

Slated for starting duties in '89. **1988:** Had his best season ever with 11 receptions for 92 yards...Averaged 8.4 yards per catch as a possession receiver...Top receiver in '89 spring game with two receptions for 24 yards...Caught passes in four of the first five games...Had best day in regular season finale against South Carolina State with two catches for 22 yards...Also had two receptions at James Madison

(seven yards). **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.



80 DERYL BELSER

Split End
5-11, 150, Soph., Augusta
(Glenn Hills)

Expected to start at one of the wide receiver slots this fall. **1988:** Made three catches for 45 yards and one touchdown...Suffered pulled hamstring late in the season, hampering him during the playoffs...Touchdown reception came on his first career catch against Newberry...Caught 11-yard pass from Albert Huntley in '89 spring game...Also had catches at Central Florida (10 yds.) and South Carolina

State (13 yds.)...Brother of former Eagle receiver Tony Belser, who starred at Georgia Southern from '85-88. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Player of the Year at Glenn Hills High as a senior...All-city player in basketball and an academic all-county selection.

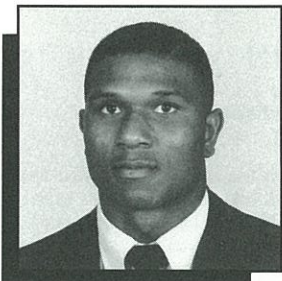


52 BRAD BERNARD

Offensive Guard
6-1, 257, Sr., Jacksonville, Fla.
(Parker)

1988: Started nine of Georgia Southern's 15 games...Did not play against Florida State and South Carolina State...Suffered a bruised shin in the tenth game of the season. **1987:** Became a starter on 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.

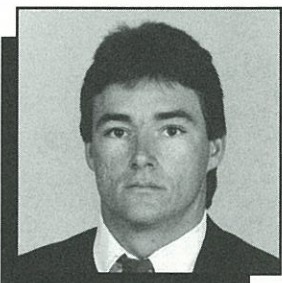


56 MICHAEL BERRY

Linebacker
6-2, 207, Soph., Atlanta
(Harper)

1988: Started all 15 games last season for the Eagles... Credited with 113 tackles, 78 solos and 35 assists... Third on the team in sacks with 9.5... Led the team in recovered fumbles with three... Caused two fumbles and had 4 tackles for loss... Made eight stops vs. Furman in NCAA I-AA title game at Pocatello... Top tackle game came against defending national champs Northeast Louisiana (12 stops, two tackle... for loss, one pass breakup, 1.5 sacks)... Only interception was at UT-Chattanooga (return of four yards)... Enjoyed solid game at Middle Tennessee with 10 tackles... Played key role in first-round win over The Citadel with nine tackles and a sack of Bulldog quarterback Gene Brown... Forced and recovered fumble vs. Samford... Nicknamed "The Test".

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.



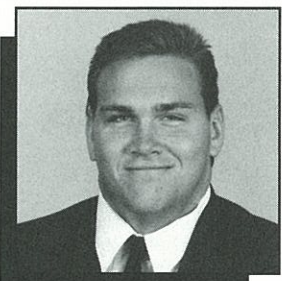
49 RANDELL BOONE

Free Safety
6-3, 196, Sr., Uvalda
(Toombs Academy)

1988: Sat out majority of '89 spring workouts because of fractured left thumb... Led the secondary in tackles with 85, 54 solos and 31 assists... Had two tackles for loss, eight pass breakups, four interceptions and one caused interception... Top two games came in the season's final two games (vs. Eastern Kentucky and vs. Furman in the I-AA title contest)... Made 13 stops vs. Colonels in the semi-finals and had 12 tackles vs. the Paladins in Pocatello... Also picked off pass against Eastern Kentucky... Had 37 tackles in the playoffs (Citadel and Stephen F. Austin included)... Also had interceptions vs. South Carolina State, Bethune-Cookman and UT-Chattanooga... Picked up only sack in season opener vs. Newberry.

1987: Credited with seven tackles, six solos and one assist... Tied 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.

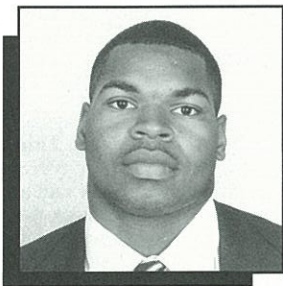
1986: Redshirted. **High School:** Four-sport star at Robert Toombs Academy where he was an all-state selection in football, basketball, track and baseball... Player-of-the-Year in football as a senior... One of the top softball players in the state during the summer months.



73 BRIAN BROUGHTON

Offensive Tackle
6-7, 260, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.
(Sandalwood)

Expected to vie for the starting job this fall after being used in a reserve role his first two years. **1988:** Backup at tackle who played extensively... Tallest player on the team at 6-7. **1987:** Backup to veterans Ronald Warnock and Tony Smith... Used sparingly... Converted from defensive end to offensive tackle in the 1987 season. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Prepped at Jacksonville's Sandalwood High School where he lettered in football (two-year starter at offensive tackle).

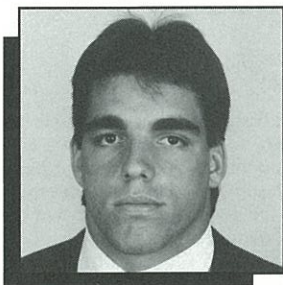


94 TIM BROWN

Defensive Tackle
6-2, 228, Jr., Madison
(Morgan County)

Suffered a fracture of the left fibula and a chip of the tibial malleolus during spring practice and faced rehabilitation work during the summer...Still, expected to start on the line this fall. **1988:** Steadily improved as the season progressed...Recorded 70 tackles, 31 solos and 38 assists...Credited with 2.5 quarterback sacks, five tackles for loss and one pass breakup...Top tackle game was nine vs. The

Citadel...Made six stops and had two tackles for loss in semi-final win against Eastern Kentucky...Made five stops and a sack the previous week vs. Stephen F. Austin...Recovered fumble vs. South Carolina State...Enjoyed solid performance vs. Northeast Louisiana with six tackles, tackle for loss and sack. **1987:** Only true freshman to play on the defensive line...Credited with seven tackles, three solos and four assists. **High School:** Most Valuable Player as a senior at Morgan County High School.

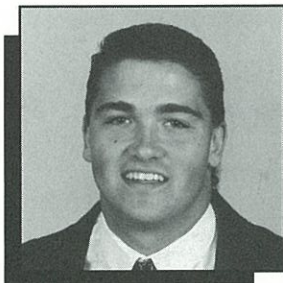


96 STEVE BUSSOLETTI

Defensive Tackle
6-3, 240, Soph., Gainesville
(Johnson)

Enjoyed excellent season and will be expected to play key role in '89 as a returning "Howling Commando"...Top choice on '89 fall depth chart. **1988:** Recorded 21 tackles in a reserve role with seven solos and 14 assists...Had three quarterback sacks, one tackle for a loss and two pass breakups...Top tackler in '89 spring game with eight stops (also had two tackles for loss)...Top tackle game was I-AA

championship contest vs. Furman (four)...Also enjoyed solid game vs. Stephen F. Austin with one tackle, one pass deflection and one sack of Lumberjack quarterback Todd Hamel...Other notable game was a three-tackle day vs. South Carolina State...Opened career with three tackles vs. Newberry. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Most Valuable Player as a senior at Johnson High School...**Gainesville Times** All-Area selection.

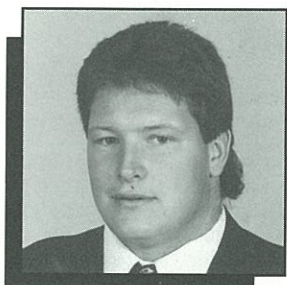


3 DAVID COOL

Placekicker
5-11, 195, Soph., Stone Mountain
(Stone Mountain)

Enjoyed record breaking freshman campaign and is considered one of the top young kickers in I-AA...Will again platoon with Mike Dowis and Don Norton, handling long field goal tries. **1988:** Georgia Southern's long man -- kicked field goals from 40 yards or more and kicked off... Became the first freshman in NCAA history to kick a 60-yard field goal when he booted one against James

Madison last season...Seven-of-13 on field goals with three of his misses coming from more than 50 yards out...Also broke a NCAA I-AA Championship Game record with a 55-yarder vs. Furman...Followed the 55-yard effort with a 40-yarder in the third quarter against the Paladins. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two sport star at Stone Mountain High lettering in football and soccer...All-county selection and special teams MVP.

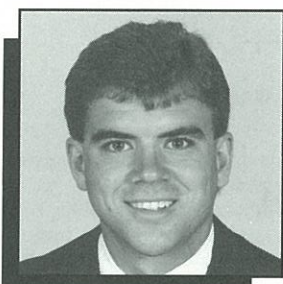


71 JOE CRENSHAW

Defensive Tackle
6-3, 259, Sr., Hephzibah
(Edmund Burke Academy)

1988: Long snapper on all field goals, extra points and punts...Had never been a snapper until last spring...Has been extremely consistent with his snaps...Recorded eight tackles as a reserve defensive lineman, four solos and four assists...Registered four tackles in opener vs. Newberry...Also credited with two quarterback sacks. **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.

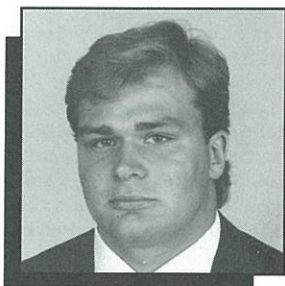


22 TAZ DIXON

Strong Safety
5-10, 166, Sr., Dublin
(Dublin)

Missed NCAA I-AA Championship game with a dislocated shoulder suffered during the Eastern Kentucky contest...Sat out entire '89 spring workouts but has responded well to treatment and will be ready for fall reporting. **1988:** Fastest player in the secondary who had 67 tackles, 39 solos and 28 assists...Recorded four interceptions and five pass breakups...Had nine tackles vs. Colonels before injury...Had

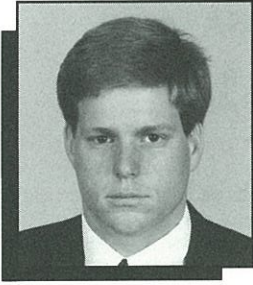
six stops the week before against Stephen F. Austin in the quarter-finals...Also gave Eagles spark with third quarter interception and 44-yard return against Lumberjacks which led to a go-ahead touchdown 10-6...Also picked off passes vs. Samford, Central Florida and Florida A&M...Suffered ankle injury at UT-Chattanooga and missed the Middle Tennessee State contest. **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...Lettered in football, wrestling, track and golf.



78 TROY DONAHUE

Defensive End
6-4, 226, Fr., Savannah
(Calvary Baptist)

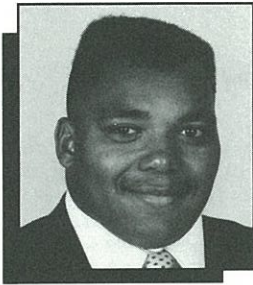
Expected to see considerable action on the line this season. **1988:** Redshirt. **High School:** Led Calvary Baptist in tackles senior and junior season...Made 135 stops senior season (77 solo, 58 assists)...Was an all-state choice in '86 and '87 and an All-Savannah pick in '87...Made All-4AAA GISA squad his sophomore, junior and senior years...Also an all-region choice in basketball.



13 MIKE DOWIS
Placekicker
6-1, 195, Jr., Savannah
(Country Day)

Lethal short-range kicker who will share kicking duties again in '89. **1988:** Walk-on (attended Georgia Tech as freshman) who is Georgia Southern's extra point and short field goal kicker...Had amazing accuracy connecting on 11-of-13 field goal attempts and 52-of-53 extra point attempts...Long field goal was 40 yards at James Madison... Only extra point missed was blocked by the Dukes...Also

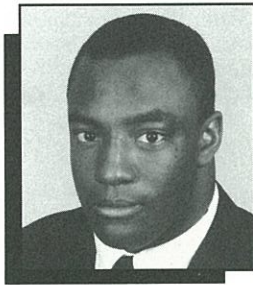
made first eight-of-nine field goal tries. **High School:** Prepped at Savannah's Country Day High School.



35 LESTER EFFORD
Fullback
5-8, 217, Soph., Warner Robins
(Warner Robins)

1988: Saw more playing time as the season progressed...Great short yardage runner who amassed 242 yards rushing...Gained 38 yards on eight carries in the '89 spring game...Averaged 5.3 yards per carry and had three runs of more than 20 yards on the season, including a 44-yard jaunt vs. South Carolina State...Also had best day vs. South Carolina State with 70 yards on nine rushes...Gained 58

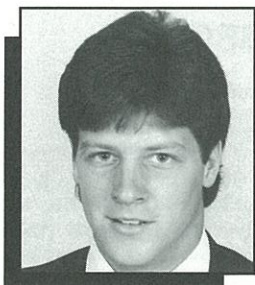
yards on 11 carries at Central Florida...Rushed for 117 yards combined during a three game stretch (Northeast Louisiana, Bethune-Cookman and UCF). **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Voted Best Offensive Back at Warner Robins High School and was recipient of the Golden Helmet Award...Rushed for over 1,000 yards senior season...First cousin of James Brooks of the Cincinnati Bengals.



51 SEAN GAINEY
Offensive Guard
6-0, 258, Sr., Hinesville
(Bradwell Institute)

1988: A team leader in the trenches who has been a part of Georgia Southern's success for the last three years...Strongest player on the team with a bench press of 460 pounds...The Eagles gained 388.5 yards per game in '88 behind Gainey's work...Started all 15 games for the Eagles last season and has now started 32 games in a row, dating back to the semi-final against Nevada-Reno in 1986.

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:** Became 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.

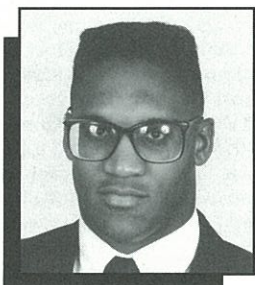


10 MARK GILES
Free Safety
6-1, 167, Soph., Warner Robins
(Northside)

Had strong performances during the '88 playoffs...Might contend for starting duties in the secondary this season. **1988:** Moved to defensive back after starting the season as wide receiver...Georgia Southern's block specialist... Blocked five kicks on the special teams last season...Had three blocked punts, one blocked extra point and a blocked field goal attempt in '88 becoming the first Georgia

Southern player to block five kicks in one season...Shined in the NCAA I-AA Championship Game with two blocks...Knocked down Furman Glenn Connally's 27-yard field goal try in the second quarter, keeping GSC within four (7-3)...In the fourth quarter (12:24 remaining), Giles blocked a Bruce Leicht punt and returned it 30-yards for a touchdown, narrowing the Paladin margin to five (17-12)...Also recovered a fumble vs. Furman...Also blocked punt in semi-finals vs. Eastern Kentucky, which led to Georgia Southern's go-ahead touchdown...Also knocked down punt vs. Newberry and blocked an extra point attempt at James Madison...Made four tackles last season (two solo and two assists). **1987:** Redshirted.

High School: A letterman at Northside High School...Was a wingback on the offensive unit.



60 CURTIS GORDON
Defensive End
6-3, 239, Sr., Ellenwood
(Stockbridge)

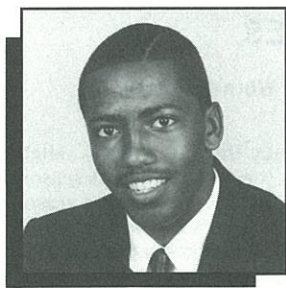
Expected to play as a backup this season at tackle or end.

1988: Moved to defensive guard from offensive tackle in mid-season and responded well...Recorded six tackles last season and had two quarterback sacks in the last regular season game against South Carolina State. **1987:** Walk-on who joined the team and was redshirted. **High School:** Played junior and senior season at Stockbridge as a fullback.



29 HERMAN GRAY
Slotback
5-8, 178, Fr., Fairfax, S.C.
(Allendale-Fairfax)

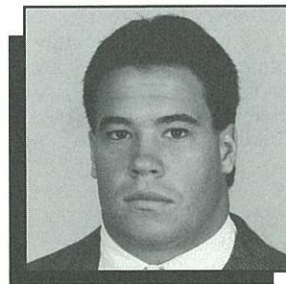
Listed third on the fall depth chart heading into the season...Rushed once for one yard in the fourth quarter of the '89 spring game. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Prepped at Allendale (S.C.) High School...Rushed for 1,364 yards senior season...Has the distinction of rushing for 202 yards in one half of a game (also scored five touchdowns)...All-region choice in '87.



11 RAYMOND GROSS

Quarterback
6-0, 175, Jr., Hinesville
(Bradwell Institute)

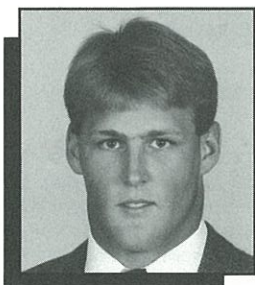
Will start his second consecutive season at quarterback in '89. **1988:** The trigger man in Georgia Southern's flexbone...Scored touchdown and gained 33 yards in the '89 spring game (also was one-of-four for 27 yards passing)...Led the team in rushing, passing and total offense last season...Rushed for 772 yards and four touchdowns and passed for 861 yards and three touchdowns in regular season action...Rushed and passed for over 1,000 yards (1,213 rushing, 1,203 passing) in 15 games...Had four 100-yard rushing games this season, gaining 120 vs. Florida A&M, 125 vs. UT-Chattanooga, 161 vs. Stephen F. Austin and 152 against Eastern Kentucky...Game against SFA Lumberjacks was tops last season (161 yards on 32 carries)...Ranks second in career total offense at Georgia Southern despite having only started 22 games in his career...Passed for over 100 yards five times last season (125 vs. UT-Chattanooga, 166 vs. Northeast Louisiana, 105 vs. South Carolina State, 114 vs. The Citadel and 136 against Stephen F. Austin)...The 166-yard effort against Northeast Louisiana was a career-high...Had his first two-touchdown pass game against South Carolina State...Missed three quarters of play in Georgia Southern's only 1-AA loss last year, a 26-10 setback at Middle Tennessee (sprained ankle)...As Erk Russell says, "as Raymond goes, so go the Eagles"...Has rushed for 1,301 and passed for 1,342 career yards (11 game totals both years)...Top completion game was 10 vs. Central Florida (attempted 18 for 87 yards)...Had two touchdowns rushing vs. Florida A&M. **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.



58 SHAWN HARALSON

Defensive Tackle
6-3, 222, Fr., Westminster, Md.
(Westminster)

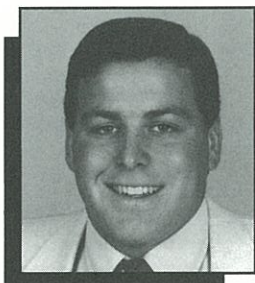
Enjoyed solid spring and emerged as the No. 2 nose guard entering fall workouts...Expected to spell Patrick Parr or see some time at the guard position...Made four stops in the '89 spring game (three solos and one assist). **1988:** Red-shirted...Transferred to Georgia Southern from Fork Union Prep School. **High School:** All-area player at Westminster.



92 JACK HARRIS
Defensive End
6-1, 225, Jr., Miami, Fla.
(Southwest)

Heading into the season as the top reserve behind Eagle sack leader Giff Smith...Made five stops in the '89 spring game...Also registered a sack. **1988:** Had 10 tackles, two solos, eight assists, last season...Started season with four tackles vs. Newberry, three solo...Also had two tackles vs. Florida A&M in the Gator Bowl. **1987:** Transferred to Eagle

program from Bemidji (Minn.) State, where he played inside linebacker. **High school:** Played defensive end and linebacker for the Eagles at Southwest.



2 TERRY HARVIN
Punter
5-9, 181, Jr., Keystone Heights, Fla.
(Keystone Heights)

Becoming a permanent fixture on the Eagle kicking squad...Continues to improve on a yearly basis and will contend for All-America honors in '89. **1988:** Averaged 37.5 yards per kick...Kicked five times for a 43.4 average in the '89 spring game...Set a school record for punts in a regular season with 42...Had long kick of 62 yards vs. Furman in the high altitude of Pocatello, his third career 60-yarder...

Also nailed a 60-yarder at Middle Tennessee in rain-soaked conditions...Averaged 40.0 yards per kick or more five times...Top game was 50.0 average against South Carolina State...Punted 18 times for a 39.6 average in four '88 playoff contests...Had 47.3 average in four kicks vs. Paladins in title game...Other notable performances include 40.4 vs. Eastern Kentucky, 44.6 vs. Northeast Louisiana and 42.0 at Middle Tennessee. **1987:** Earned the starting job midway through the season...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:** Redshirted. **High School:** Earned all-state (first team, AA) punting honors senior season...Averaged 43.0 per kick while also garnering all-district, all-region and all-sectional merits...Also a four-year letterman on the baseball squad, earning team MVP honors his sophomore season...Was a three-year varsity performer at forward on the basketball team.



38 EUGENE HAYES
Linebacker
5-10, 190, Soph., Statham
(Oconee County)

Pushing for the backup duties at linebacker heading into fall workouts...Impressed coaches during spring workouts but suffered injury which limited participation. **1988:** Made four tackles in '89 spring game (two solo, two assists)...Used sparingly. **1987:** Redshirted...Reported to the Eagle program as a walkon. **High School:** Prepped at Oconee County High School...Was a fullback on offensive unit and played linebacker on defense.

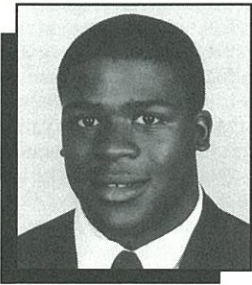


43 DARRELL HENDRIX

Linebacker
6-0, 213, Sr., Nahunta
(Brantley County)

Will enter the '89 season as the starting middle linebacker after leading the Eagles in tackles last season. **1988:** An **Associated Press** All-America (honorable mention) choice in '88...Made 139 tackles, including 98 solos and 41 assists in 15 games last season...Had six pass breakups, four tackles for loss, one quarterback sack, one caused fumble and two interceptions...Had 11 tackles vs. Furman in the I-AA Cham-

pionship Game...Made 12 stops (season-high) the previous week vs. Eastern Kentucky...Enjoyed solid outing against Stephen F. Austin with nine tackles, a tackle for loss, fumble recovery, interception, and pass breakup...Also picked off pass against Bethune-Cookman... Other notable game was at UT-Chattanooga with 10 tackles and three pass breakups...Calls the defensive signals and is a heady player on defense. **1987:** Credited with 12 tackles, eight solos and four assists...Had three tackles each against Western Carolina and South Carolina State. **1986:** Made nine tackles including eight solos and one assist...Had one interception and one pass breakup. **1985:** Redshirted...Originally a walk-on. **High School:** All-state selection at Brantley County High School...Voted team's defensive most valuable player.

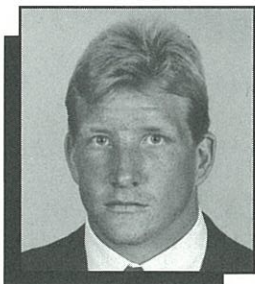


25 DARRYL HOPKINS

Slotback
5-9, 189, Jr., Watkinsville
(Oconee County)

Earned the starting nod at the conclusion of spring workouts, but faces stiff competition heading into fall workouts. **1988:** Had two carries in the '89 spring game for minus-one yard...Gained 161 yards on just 13 carries and scored two touchdowns in regular season play...Average was 12.4 yards per carry...Totalled 185 yards rushing including playoffs...Also had six receptions coming

out of the backfield (52 yards)...Top catch-and-run was a 23-yarder vs. South Carolina State...Top rushing game was 66-yard effort in the season opener against Newberry (had a 60-yard run)...Touchdowns came against Northeast Louisiana and Bethune-Cookman. **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 senior season.



97 BART HUGHES

Linebacker
5-11, 205, Sr., Duluth
(Norcross)

Appears fully recovered from a devastating injury which sidelined him for the last 12 games of the '88 season...Had productive spring in full contact work. **1988:** Suffered a fractured fibula during the UT-Chattanooga game Sept. 17...Started the game off in fine fashion, making four stops in the first quarter of play...Had five tackles at the Gator Bowl against Florida A&M...Opened season with five tackles

and a sack vs. Newberry. **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 vs. Maine in the opening round of the playoffs. **1986:** Credited with 11 stops, five solos and one assist...Used in a reserve role. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-county pick at Norcross High School...Co-MVP as a senior.

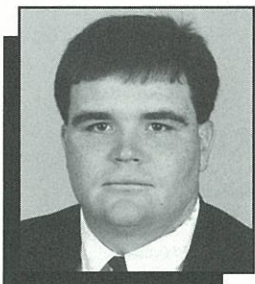


5 ALBERT HUNTLEY

Quarterback
5-11, 200, Soph., Atlanta
(Douglass)

Has proven abilities as a solid quarterback...Expected to fill in for starter Raymond Gross this season. **1988:** Number three quarterback who saw playing time in four games...Rushed for 60 yards and passed for 66 on the season...Did not throw an incomplection in four attempts...Had his first career rushing and passing touchdown in season finale against South Carolina State...Touchdown

run was for 42 yards and pass was for 27 yards. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Four sport star at Douglass High in Atlanta lettering in football, basketball, baseball and golf...All-city selection and voted Offensive Player-of-the-Year as a senior...Led the region in passing for three years.

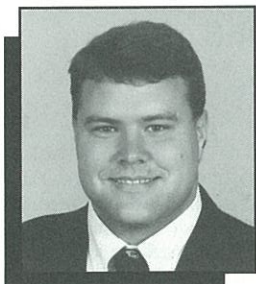


66 GEORGE JONES

Offensive Tackle
6-1, 260, Sr., Griffin
(Griffin)

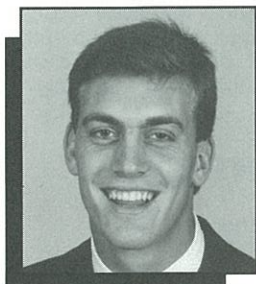
Listed as the starting right tackle at the close of spring drills. **1988:** Backup tackle who saw plenty of playing time last season...Adds veteran experience to the line. **1987:** Saw limited playing time as a backup to Ronald Warnock and Tony Smith. **1986:** Used in a reserve role, but gained valuable experience playing for the national champions. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played in Georgia High

School All-Star game...State discus champion at Griffin High.



75 CURTIS KIMBRELL
Offensive Guard
6-0, 254, Soph., Albany
(Riverview)

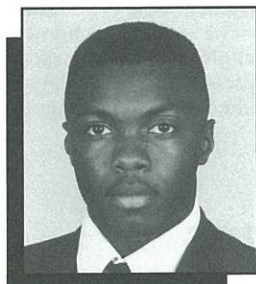
Enjoyed a solid spring and will be listed as backup guard entering the fall...Will play behind mainstay Sean Gainey...A member of the Iron Eagle inaugural class with total lift of 1,205 pounds (bench, power clean and squats). **1988:** Saw limited action in a reserve role. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played on the offensive and defensive line at Riverview.



44 SHANE MAXWELL
Linebacker
6-4, 205, Soph., Winder
(Winder-Barrow)

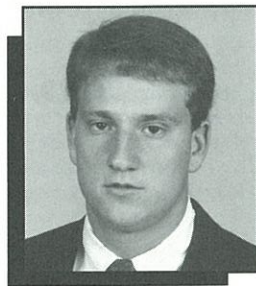
Heading into the '89 season as top backup to Michael Berry at the strong linebacker position. **1988:** Walk-on who made an impact in his first varsity season...Credited with 29 tackles, 18 solos and 11 assists...Also credited with three quarterback sacks and one pass breakup...Top game was at Florida State with six tackles and a knocked down pass...Registered sack at James Madison (-19 yards)...Had

three stops against Furman in national championship game...Twin brother, Shannon, also plays for the Eagles. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Recruited primarily as a basketball player coming out of high school...Was an outside linebacker at Winder-Barrow High School.



34 RUFUS MAZYCK
Slotback
5-9, 178, Fr., Swainsboro
(Swainsboro)

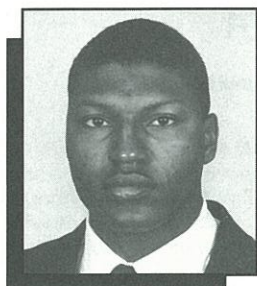
Earned roster spot after solid spring performance...Gained 11 yards on seven carries during '89 spring game. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played fullback and tailback at Swainsboro High School...Played in the same offensive backfield as current Eagle Rodney Oglesby (was tailback).



89 CHUCK McCLURG
Split End
5-10, 164, Soph., Dalton
(Dalton)

Will be a valuable reserve entering the '89 campaign...Performed well during the '89 spring. **1988:** Saw limited duty at the receiver position...Caught one pass during the year...Snagged 13-yarder vs. Newberry in season opener at Paulson Stadium. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three-year starter at Dalton High School...Was a wide receiver his first three seasons before switching to quarterback

senior year...Played in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game senior season.

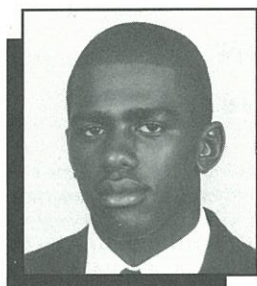


26 ALONZO MCGHEE

Slotback
6-0, 186, Jr., Perry
(Perry)

Listed as top reserve behind Karl Miller at the slotback position...Could battle for starting nod during the season. **1988:** Rushed for 46 yards on seven carries last season...Top rushing day was at the Gator Bowl vs. Florida A&M...Ran for 35 yards on two carries against the Rattlers (had season best 20-yard run included)...Picked up three yards in debut against Newberry...Caught two passes out of the backfield...

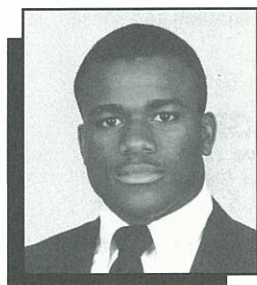
Had 13-yard catch vs. Florida A&M and had a 27-yard touchdown reception vs. South Carolina State...Only rushing touchdown was a one-yard carry in the NCAA I-AA playoffs against The Citadel. **1987:** Saw little action as reserve. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Prepped at Perry High School and played running back.



9 DERRICK McGRADY

Quarterback
5-9, 171, Fr., Statesboro
(Statesboro)

Quick reserve signal-caller who continues to impress coaching staff...Enjoyed successful '89 spring workouts...Did not complete a pass in two attempts in the spring game...Rushed for five yards on eight carries (had long run of nine for the blue squad). **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three-year starter at quarterback and defensive back for the Blue Devils...Was team captain senior season.

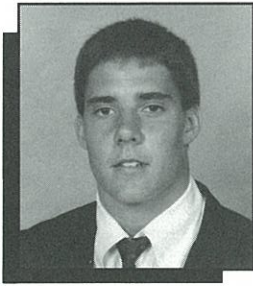


24 KARL MILLER

Slotback
6-0, 169, Jr., College Park
(North Clayton)

Listed as a possible starter at slotback if nagging ankle problems are taken care of...Had strong spring despite being hampered by sprained ankle during action. **1988:** Key player for Georgia Southern on offense and special teams...Rushed for 317 yards and two touchdowns averaging 7.2 yards per carry...Returned 31 kicks for an average of 18.3 yards in 15 games...Caught seven passes for 128

yards, including a 67-yarder for a touchdown against Northeast Louisiana...Top rushing game was 79-yard effort (on three runs) against Florida A&M...Scored two touchdowns on the ground vs. Bethune-Cookman (36 yards on 11 carries)...Caught Georgia Southern's only touchdown at Middle Tennessee State (16-yard) from Ken Burnette...Other rushing score was one-yard plunge vs. The Citadel in playoffs...Top kickoff return was 42-yarder at UT-Chattanooga...Returned three kicks for 55 yards (18.3 avg.) against Furman in the I-AA title game. **1987:** Rushed for 57 yards on 19 carries...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 senior season...Also played basketball and ran track.



42 JIM MUTIMER
Strong Safety
6-1, 194, Soph., Dunwoody
(Dunwoody)

Expected to serve in the same role as last season, backing up Randell Boone in the defensive secondary...Strong enough to start this season and will push for starting honors late in the season or next season. **1988:** Backup to Boone at free safety...Started against James Madison last season...Made 12 tackles on the season, seven solos and five assists...Credited with one pass breakup...Top game

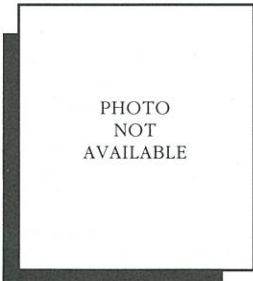
was against Newberry with four stops (three solo)...Also had four tackles vs. Samford and three at James Madison...Knocked down pass against Northeast Louisiana...Had at least one tackle in every playoff contest (tops was two tackle game against Furman). **1987:** Redshirted.
High School: Four sport star at Dunwoody High lettering in football, basketball, baseball and track...Voted Touchdown Club Player-of-the-Week three times as a senior.



6 DON NORTON
Placekicker
6-0, 196, Soph., Coral Springs, Fla.
(Coral Springs)

Still battling for starting kicking duties...Because of the extraordinary situation at Georgia Southern, he could become one of three starters -- handling kickoffs and serving as backup punter...Is solid enough by many standards to be a starter on any other I-AA squad in the nation but will share duties here. **1988:** Did not see much action during the fall season (handled kickoff chores on several occasions)...

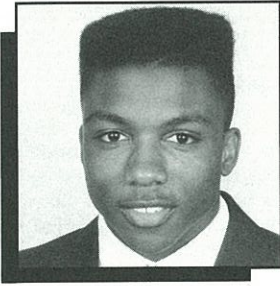
Punted seven times for a 34.1 average in the '89 spring game (239 yards). **1987:** Redshirted.
High School: Lettered in two sports at Coral Springs High School, football and soccer...All-county pick in football while also earning honors in soccer.



59 REX NOTTAGE
Linebacker/Offensive Line
5-11, 225, Fr., Coral Springs, Fla.
(Coral Springs)

Considered a solid prospect by coaching staff...Arrived and played as linebacker but versatility might see move to center...Suffered a fractured fibula during spring workouts, keeping him out of the Blue-White game. **1988:** Redshirted.

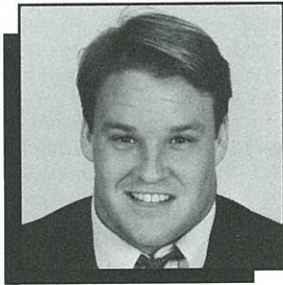
High School: Inside linebacker and offensive guard at Coral Springs High School...All-region performer for the Colts.



19 **RODNEY OGLESBY**
Cornerback
5-9, 166, So., Swainsboro
(Swainsboro)

Listed as the start at left cornerback heading into the season after enjoying a highly successful freshman year. **1988:** Might have been one of the best freshman back in the country...*Associated Press* All-America choice (honorable mention) in his first year of varsity football...Tied for the team lead in interceptions with four and returned an intercepted fumble 43 yards for a touchdown against James Madison...

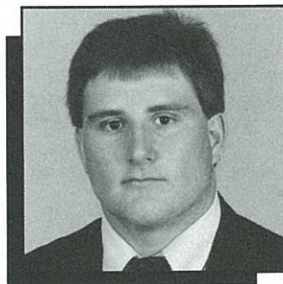
Recorded 59 tackles, 43 solos and 16 assists...Was second on the team with eight pass breakups and had two tackles for losses...Returned 34 punts on the season for an average of 6.5 per return (221 yards, long of 20 vs. Newberry)...Enjoyed top game at Florida State with six tackles (one tackle for loss) and two interceptions (23 yards)...Made eight stops twice (Middle Tennessee and Bethune-Cookman...Also had interception vs. Florida A&M and James Madison...Top punt return day was against Newberry (five for 49 yards)...Ran back seven punts for 61 yards vs. South Carolina State...Made 20 tackles in four post-season games (tops was seven vs. Eastern Kentucky.) **1987:** Redshirted. **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...Started at cornerback for the South in the '87 Georgia North-South All-Star Game.



90 **PATRICK PARR**
Defensive Guard
6-0, 257, So., West Point
(Troup County)

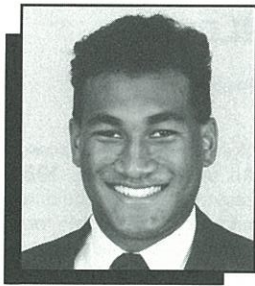
Earned the starting nod at nose guard coming out of spring drills...Had successful spring and with Tim Brown's injury, gave him chance to prove himself. **1988:** Walk-on who started four games for the Eagles last season...Had 34 tackles, 17 solos and 17 assists...Credited with four quarterback sacks and five tackles for losses...Top tackle game was five at UT-Chattanooga...Also had sack against the Mocs...

Made a stop, recovered a fumble and registered a sack at James Madison...Had at least one tackle in 11 of 15 games last season. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-region choice in football at Troup County in senior season...Three-year state champion in wrestling during his freshman, sophomore and junior year.



57 **RUSTY PARRISH**
Offensive Line
6-3, 231, Fr., Thomasville
(Thomasville)

Expecting to see considerable action this fall after learning the system last season. **1988:** Dressed out for several games but did not see action...Officially was redshirted. **High School:** All-region choice at Thomasville.

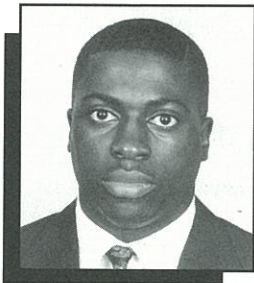


36 JOE ROSS

Fullback
6-1, 195, Jr., Augusta
(Westside)

Hopes to regain freshman form after suffering through an injury-plagued sophomore season...Still produced solid numbers and is on the way to becoming one of Georgia Southern's top running backs of all time. **1988:** Had 48 yards on 15 rushes in the '89 spring game and scored the Blue's only touchdown (a four-yard run in the fourth quarter)...Second on the team in rushing despite missing

the equivalent of three games with various injuries...Had a sprained ankle, a bruised shoulder and a broken hand last season...Rushed for 636 yards and five touchdowns in regular season play...Had 944 yards through 15 games and six touchdowns...Had four 100-yard games on the season rushing for a career-high 157 yards against Middle Tennessee, 139 against James Madison, 149 vs. The Citadel and 111 against Samford...Had his first three touchdown game against Samford last season...Averaged 6.0 yards per carry...Caught one pass last season (vs. South Carolina State for 26 yards)...Had 58 yards on 15 carries against Furman in the NCAA I-AA title game...Had game-breaking play in Southern's first-round game vs. The Citadel... Down 10-0 in the first quarter, he broke off a 75-yard touchdown run which sparked the Eagles to a 38-20 win...If he had stayed healthy, would have been a leading candidate for the Walter Payton Award. **1987:** Only freshman in Division I-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 Emmitt 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.



15 GENE SCOTT

Strong Safety
5-10, 178, Soph., Gainesville
(Gainesville)

Currently penciled in as a reserve safety behind Mark Giles and Taz Dixon...Enjoyed a good spring, working into the Eagle secondary. **1988:** Made one tackle in the '89 spring game...Finished season with three stops, two in the season opener against Newberry...Other tackle was vs. Samford. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Defensive back and a quarterback at Gainesville High School.

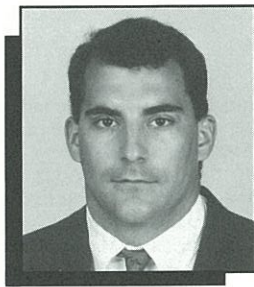


37 EVERETT SHARPE

Linebacker
5-11, 203, Sr., Lyons
(Reidsville)

Expected to start his third consecutive year, his second at the weak linebacker position...Extremely hard hitter who possesses good speed. **1988:** Had three stops during the '89 spring game...Came on strong in mid-season and was a key performer for the Eagles last year...Credited with 96 tackles, 60 solos and 36 assists in 15 games...Tied for second on the team in interceptions with three...Returned

an interception 43 yards for a touchdown against Northeast Louisiana...Had four and a half quarterback sacks, one caused fumble and five pass breakups...Had phenomenal first half against The Citadel (first round of the playoffs)...Made 13 stops in the first half and finished the game with 18 total tackles...In addition to the touchdown return against Northeast Louisiana, had another pickoff against the Indians (for two yards)...Had 42 tackles in four post-season games...In addition to the 18 vs. The Citadel, had seven vs. Stephen F. Austin, seven vs. Eastern Kentucky and 10 vs. Furman...Also had four sacks in four playoff games...Picked off third pass of the year against Bethune-Cookman at Paulson Stadium...Started season off with five stops against Newberry. **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.



30 PAUL SIKKELEE

Linebacker
6-0, 205, Soph., Dalton
(Dalton)

Enters the fall as a reserve weakside linebacker...Is battling young talent for the starting position and could move up during the season. **1988:** Played well in the '89 spring game...Made four tackles (two solo, two assists) for the Blue squad...Had three tackles last season...Had two stops against South Carolina State and made tackle against Northeast Louisiana. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two sport athlete at Dalton High, lettering in football and baseball...

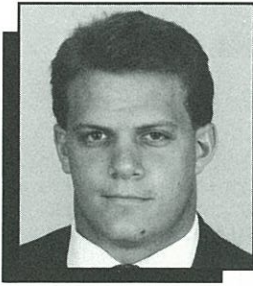
All-state selection senior season...Played in the Georgia High School All-Star game.



72 DANNY SMITH

Offensive Tackle
6-3, 238, Soph., Waycross
(Waycross)

Expected to battle for the starting left tackle position entering fall workouts...Enjoyed good spring and has progressed rapidly in the last two years. **1988:** Showed great improvement, playing in a reserve role...Saw limited action on the line. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Honorable mention all-state performer at Waycross High School...Played in the North-South All-Star Game...Also lettered in baseball.

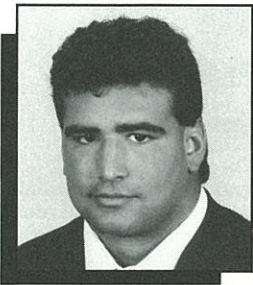


95 GIFF SMITH

Defensive End
6-1, 231, Jr., Mableton
(Pebblebrook)

Starting defensive end after enjoying a spectacular 1988 season. **1988:** Was the surprise of the defense last season...Did not become a starter until projected starter Rodney Curtis suffered a season-ending knee injury in the spring game...Had seven tackles in the '89 spring game...**Associated Press** (honorable mention) and **Football News** (second team) All-America choice at defensive end...Team leader in quarterback sacks with 11,

the second highest single-season total in school history...Team leader in tackles for losses with 16.5...Recorded 131 tackles, 65 solos and 66 assists...Has five pass breakups, one caused fumble and one recovered fumble...Set a school record with five quarterback sacks against UT-Chattanooga...Started the season with six tackles, one sack and a caused fumble vs. Newberry...Top tackle game was 15 in the NCAA I-AA Championship Game vs. Furman (one tackle for loss)...Other notable game was at Middle Tennessee with 11 stops, two behind the line of scrimmage...Made 12 tackles with two tackles for loss, a pass breakup and sack at home against Bethune-Cookman...Had 35 tackles in four playoff games...Other post-season high was nine vs. The Citadel (also had tackle for loss and a sack of elusive Bulldog quarterback Gene Brown). **1987:** Credited with 10 tackles, three solos, and seven assists...Made one quarterback sack...Played behind two seniors. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-Cobb performer at Pebblebrook High School... Played fullback and inside linebacker.

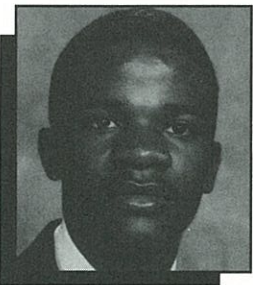


55 TREY SMITH

Linebacker
6-2, 201, Sr., Atlanta
(North Springs)

Counted on to serve as backup at middle linebacker one more season to All-America Darrell Hendrix...Will see extensive playing time this season however. **1988:** Had four stops in the '89 spring game (one solo, three assists)...Recorded 27 tackles, 22 solos and five assists...Had one recovered fumble and one pass breakup...Had five stops in season opener vs. Newberry...Recovered only fumble vs. Florida A&M...Knocked

down pass against Bethune-Cookman...Best tackle day was four vs. Samford in Georgia Southern's 49-21 Homecoming win. **1987:** Redshirted. **1986:** Starter at Wofford (S.C.) College before transferring to Georgia Southern as a sophomore. **High School:** Prepped at North Springs High School.

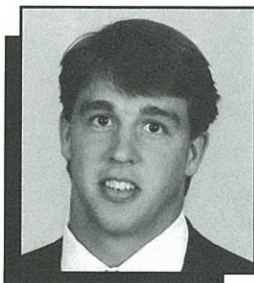


88 TERRANCE SORRELL

Split End
6-1, 155, Fr., Salem, N.J.
(Salem)

Will contribute as a top reserve at wide receiver this fall...Slated to play behind Deryl Belser at the start of fall workouts. **1988:** Did not catch a pass during the '89 spring game...Looked impressive during brief scrimmages at the close of daily spring workouts...Redshirted last fall. **High School:** Led team with 12 receptions for 445 yards senior season...Caught five scoring passes...Made 61 tackles playing in the secondary, while

picking off six passes...Named to the first team of the Salem County All-Star Team and Tri-County All-Star Team...Was an honorable mention South Jersey Offensive Group I choice...Team co-captain.



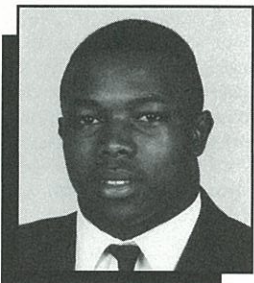
93 MATT SPALDING
Defensive End
6-2, 195, Soph., Dunwoody
(Dunwoody)

Expected to contribute at defensive end this season, serving as a reserve behind All-America Giff Smith. **1988:** Made six tackles (five solo, one assist)...Had two stops against South Carolina State...Had solo tackle in season opener vs. Newberry...Also had stop at Gator Bowl vs. Florida A&M. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Lettered in football and track at Dunwoody High School...Honorably mention All-America choice by Adidas...All-city senior season.



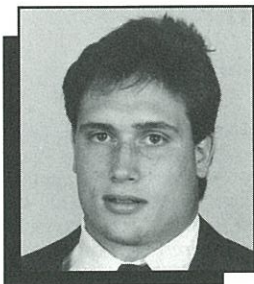
18 ROBERT TERRELL
Slotback
5-7, 166, Jr., Eustis, Fla.
(Fort Walton Beach)

Will battle Alonzo McGhee and Karl Miller at the slotback position. **1988:** Rushed twice for minus-two yards...Had one carry for two yards against Florida A&M...Rushed once for minus-four yards in season opener vs. Newberry. **1987:** Saw limited action on the special teams. **1986:** Prop 48 casualty. **High School:** Lettered in four sports at Eustis High School (football, basketball, baseball and track)...Earned MVP honors senior season.



12 ERNEST THOMPSON
Slotback
6-2, 222, Sr., Louisville
(Louisville)

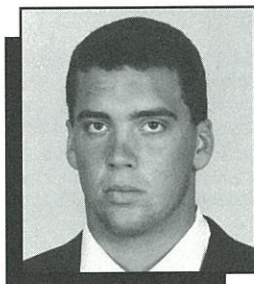
Is Georgia Southern's short yardage runner the last two seasons...Will be counted on again to convert touchdowns from five or less yards out. **1988:** Set a school record for touchdowns and points scored in a season with 19 and 116 respectively...Was second in the nation in scoring, trailing Eastern Kentucky's Elroy Harris...Finished 15-game schedule with 134 points (22 touchdowns)...Scored a touchdown once every 3.7 carries...Had a personal best four touchdowns against Florida A&M...Rushed for 353 yards, averaging 3.9 yards per carry...Caught seven passes for 55 yards...All but two of his touchdown runs were four yards or shorter...Had a 31-yard run for a TD against Northeast Louisiana...Started season off with seven touchdowns after two games (three vs. Newberry, four vs. Florida A&M)...Also scored three times vs. Northeast Louisiana, Central Florida...Followed up with two touchdowns per game against James Madison, Samford and South Carolina State...Scored touchdown in '89 spring game (three-yard run) and caught a 27-yard pass from Raymond Gross. **1987:** Converted to slotback junior season...Rushed for 415 yards and eight touchdowns in Georgia Southern's 13 games...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...Signed with Eagles as quarterback. **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.



50 SAMMY TWIGGS

Offensive Tackle/Center
6-1, 220, Sr., North Augusta, S.C.
(North Augusta)

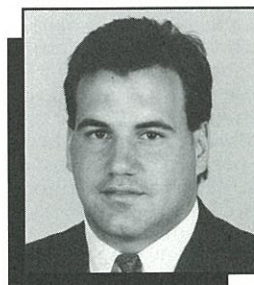
Became starter last season and was one of the linemen responsible for the Eagles' outstanding rushing numbers... Due to spring injuries, is slated for duty at the center position, a spot vacated by All-America Dennis Franklin... Because of versatility, will be leader at any position. **1988:** Started for the Eagles entire season... Quickness and technique make him a possible honor candidate. **1987:** Backup tackle and guard who played in every game... Made move to offense after serving on the defensive line his freshman year. **1986:** Used sparingly in a reserve role on the defensive line. **1985:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-county and All-CSRA at North Augusta High School.



67 CHARLIE WALLER

Defensive Tackle
6-4, 239, Sr., Fairburn
(Fayette County)

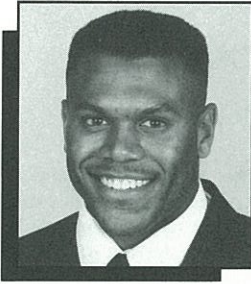
No. 1 guard entering fall workouts... Enjoyed superb second half of the season and had strong spring showing. **1988:** Had one tackle in '89 spring game... Missed the first four games of the season with a knee injury... Started the last 11 games, recording 39 tackles, 22 solos and 17 assists... Had four tackles for losses... Also had one pass breakup... Made return vs. Florida State and made one stop at Tallahassee... Had three stops the following week vs. Northeast Louisiana... Best tackle day was in the NCAA I-AA Championship Game... Made seven tackles vs. Furman at Pocatello... Had two tackles for loss vs. Bethune-Cookman. **1987:** Second on the team in tackles and top tackler among linemen... Made 99 tackles in 13 games including 52 solos and 37 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. **High School:** All-region defensive tackle at Fayette County... Also saw action on the offensive line.



28 MIKE WEST

Linebackers
5-10, 200, Jr., Roswell
(Roswell)

Listed as the top backup to Everett Sharpe at the weak linebacker position heading into fall drills... Very aggressive and is a hard hitter. **1988:** Saw a gradual increase in playing time as the season progressed... Recorded 14 tackles, seven solos and five assists... Had five stops in the season opener vs. Newberry... Top game was at James Madison with five tackles, including one for loss... Had three tackles the following week vs. Samford at Paulson Stadium... Made one tackle during the playoffs (vs. Eastern Kentucky in the semis). **1987:** Used sparingly in a reserve role. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played rover at Roswell High School.

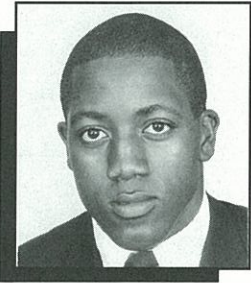


33 RICHARD WHITEN

Fullback
5-10, 213, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.
(William Penn)

Has come on exceptionally strong in the spring and is listed as backup fullback heading into the 1989 season...Is the top Iron Eagle heading into fall practice, earning the honor in the spring through various strength tests...Has a power index of 5.9 (tops on the team), a number comprised of player weights and number of pounds lifted...Benching 375, power cleaned 290, has a vertical jump of 34.5 and squatted

575 pounds -- total lift was 1,240 pounds. **1988:** Top ground gainer in the '89 spring game with 66 yards on 11 carries...Exploded one run for 24 yards for the victorious White squad...Had three carries for 22 yards last fall against Newberry in the season opener (7.3 average per carry). **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Did not play football at the high school level.



4 KEVIN WHITLEY

Cornerback
5-10, 182, Soph., Decatur
(Lakeside)

Penciled in as the starting right cornerback heading into the fall...The only true freshman to play for Georgia Southern in 1988. **1988:** Did not play a snap in the first five games...His first career appearance was a start against defending national champion Northeast Louisiana...Made three stops in the '89 spring game, one tackle for loss...Recorded 27 tackles, 16 solos and 11 assists...Had two

interceptions, one pass breakup and two tackles for loss...Knocked down pass in debut vs. Northeast Louisiana (also had three tackles that afternoon)...Shined the following week with nine stops and an interception vs. Bethune-Cookman...Other notable game was in title game vs. Furman...Had eight tackles and picked off pass against Paladins. **High School:** All-region and All-DeKalb County performer at Lakeside...Team was a semi-finalist senior season...Was point guard on prep basketball team.

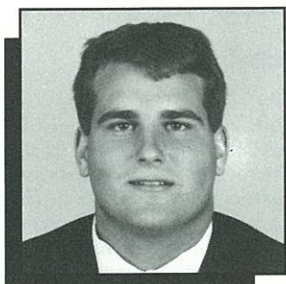


20 TIM WILKERSON

Cornerback
5-9, 171, Jr., LaGrange
(LaGrange)

Expected to see a lot of playing time as a solid backup to Kevin Whitley. **1988:** Made three tackles in the '89 spring game...Finished the '88 season with three tackles (two solo, one assist) and one pass breakup...Had stops at Middle Tennessee, Newberry and Samford...Pass breakup was against South Carolina State. **1987:** Sat out a season after transferring from Marshall University. **1986:** Started career with the

Thundering Herd program. **High School:** Standout athlete at LaGrange High School, where he lettered three years in football.

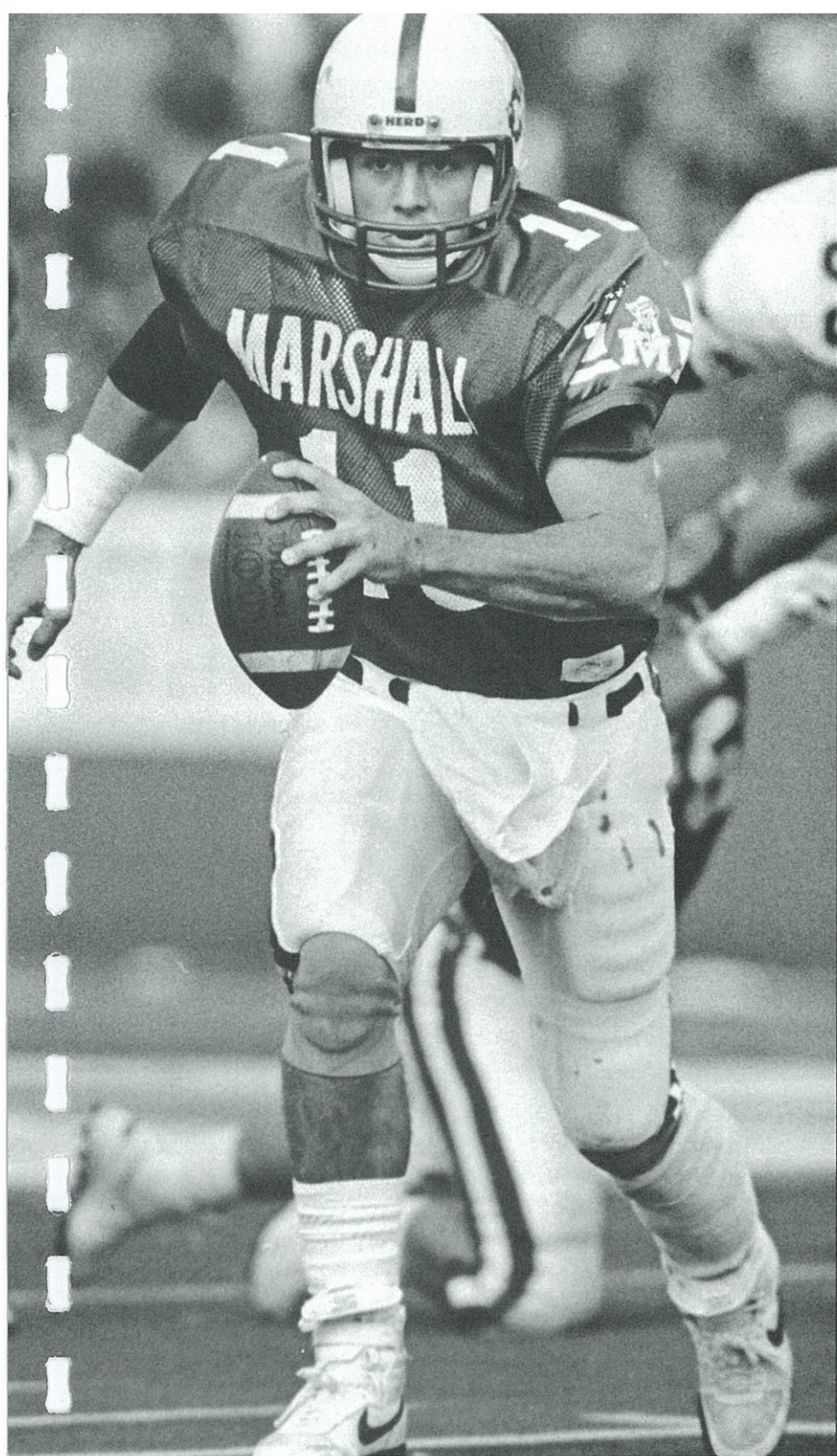


63 **JOHN WILSON**
Offensive Tackle
6-2, 256, Jr., Dublin
(Dublin)

Earned starting place at left tackle at the conclusion of spring drills. **1988:** Started two games for the Eagles during the regular season...Opened up play against Florida State and South Carolina State...When not on starting squad, did see considerable action...Became one of the leaders in the trenches for the Eagles. **1987:** Saw a lot of game action in a reserve role. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Prepped

at Dublin High School, same alma mater as Eagle safety Taz Dixon.



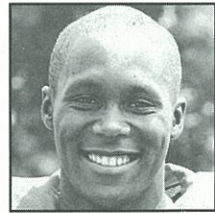


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Game No. 1
VALDOSTA STATE
SEPTEMBER 2 - 1:00 P.M. (EDT)
STATESBORO, GA.
ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Mike Cavan



Randy Fisher

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Valdosta, Ga.
Enrollment: 7,100
Nickname: Blazers
Colors: Red & Black
Stadium: Martin Stadium (12,000/1969)
Surface: Grass
Conference: Gulf South
1988 Record: 6-3-1
1988 Post Season: None
Basic Offense: I
Basic Defense: 4-3
President: Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
Athletic Directors: Mike Cavan & Tommy Thomas
SID: Steve Roberts
Office Phone: (912) 333-5890
Home Phone: (912) 244-6560
Fax Phone: (912) 333-5903
Flagship Radio Station:
 WJEM - 1150 AM (Bill England, play-by-play & Steve Roberts, color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mike Cavan (Georgia, '72)
Overall Record: 21-9-1 (3)
Record at School: Same
Office Phone: (912) 333-5844
Best Time to Reach: Mornings
Assistant Coaches:
 David McKnight (Asst. H.C. & Offensive Coord.)
 Bill Hyde (Defensive Coord.)
 George Collins (Offensive Line)
 David Napert (Defensive Line)
 Greg McMahon (Defensive Backs)
 Marvin McGee (Outside Linebackers)
 David Dean (Wide Receivers)
 David Elsenrath (Tight Ends)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 11 (O), 18 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 7 (O), 5 (D)
Starters Returning: 8 (O), 3 (D)
Starters Lost: 3 (O), 3 (D)

1989 SCHEDULE

9/2 at Georgia Southern
 9/9 at Central Florida
 9/16 TENNESSEE -MARTIN
 9/23 at Jacksonville State
 9/30 TROY STATE
 10/7 at Livingston
 10/14 WEST GEORGIA
 10/28 at Mississippi College
 11/4 DELTA STATE
 11/11 at North Alabama

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GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 2-1-1...A 27-27 tie in 1982 is the only tie in Erk Russell's career record...The Blazers' only win was a 34-29 decision in Valdosta Nov. 19, 1983...The Eagles and Blazers played two games in '82 (27--27 tie and a 45-29 GSC victory) ...Southern rushed for a then school-record 505 yards in a 38-8 win Oct. 27, 1984 in the last meeting between VSC and GSC...Ricky Harris (140), Tracy Ham (130) adn Gerald Harris (100) all rushed over the century mark ...This game will mark the first time in five years the Eagles will have played a team from Georgia since the last GSC-VSC meeting...GSC is 5-10-1 all-time against Gulf South Conference members (3-2-1 in the modern era)...Blazers were ranked in the *The Sporting News* 1989 NCAA II Top Poll...**Valdosta State Travel Plans --** will arrive in Statesboro Friday, Sept. 2...Lodging at the Holiday Inn (912) 764-6121.

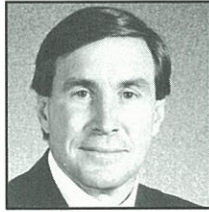
Game No. 2

WEST GEORGIA

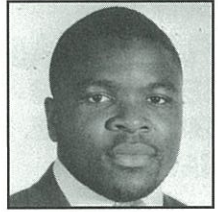
SEPTEMBER 9 - 1:00 P.M. (EDT)

STATESBORO, GA.

ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Mac McWhorter



Brooks Benton

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Carrollton, Ga.

Enrollment: 6,710

Nickname: Braves

Colors: Red & Blue

Stadium: Grisham (6,500/1966)

Surface: Grass

Conference: Gulf South

1988 Record: 4-6

Basic Offense: Multiple

Basic Defense: Multiple

President: Dr. Maurice K. Townsend

Athletic Directors: Dr. Tom Virgets

SID: Warren Miller

Office Phone: (404) 836-6542

Home Phone: (404) 832-1152

Fax Phone: (404) 836-6542

Flagship Radio Station:

WWGC - 90.7 FM (Mitch Gray,
play-by-play & Jimmy Stokes, color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mac McWhorter
(Georgia, '74)

Overall Record: 0-0

Record at School: 0-0

Office Phone: (404) 836-6539

Best Time to Reach: Mornings

Assistant Coaches:

Ted Roof (Linebackers)

Ron Wright (Defensive Line)

Barry Russell (Running Backs)

Gary Otten (Offensive Line)

Cleve Pounds (Linebackers)

Jeff Durden (Wide Receivers)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 15 (O), 15 (D)

Lettermen Lost: 5 (O), 8 (D)

Starters Returning: 10 (O), 4 (D)

Starters Lost: 1 (O), 8 (D)

All American Candidates:

Brooks Benton, Sr., FB

1989 SCHEDULE

9/2	at Wofford
9/9	at Georgia Southern
9/16	JACKSONVILLE STATE
9/23	at Troy State
9/30	LIVINGSTON
10/7	at Samford
10/14	at Valdosta State
10/21	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
10/28	at Delta State
11/4	NORTH ALABAMA
11/11	at Tennessee-Martin

1988 RESULTS (4-6)

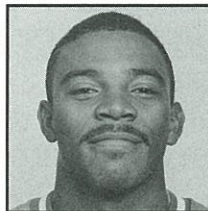
14	at Central Florida	33
0	at Jacksonville State	30
3	TROY STATE	38
13	at Livingston	0
17	SAMFORD	14
14	VALDOSTA STATE	17
8	at Mississippi College	10
33	DELTA STATE	28
16	at North Alabama	0
12	TENNESSEE-MARTIN	38

GAME NOTES: First meeting between the Braves and Eagles... West Georgia had a difficult time last season in first halves of play -- WGC was out-scored 128-37 in the first two quarters of play during its 11-game schedule in '88... Coach Mac McWhorter is in his first year at West Georgia after serving on Bill Curry's staff at Alabama... Finished tied for fifth (with Troy State) last season in Gulf South Conference play... **WEST GEORGIA TRAVEL PLANS --** Will arrive in Statesboro, Friday, Sept. 8... Lodging at the Holiday Inn (912) 764-6121.

Game No. 3
FLORIDA A&M
SEPTEMBER 16 - 7:00 P.M. (EDT)
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
GATOR BOWL



Ken Riley



Howard Huckaby

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Tallahassee, Fla.
Enrollment: 6,250
Nickname: Rattlers
Colors: Green and Orange
Stadium: Gator Bowl (80,000/1926)
Surface: Grass
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
1988 Record: 7-3-1
Basic Offense: Pro-Set, I
Basic Defense: 3-4
President: Dr. Frederick S. Humphries
Athletic Director: Dr. Walter Reed
SID: Alvin Hollins, Jr.
Office Phone: (904) 599-3200
Home Phone: (904) 575-1817
Fax Phone: (904) 599-3206



Office Phone: (904) 599-3723
Best Time to Reach: 10 a.m - 12 p.m.
Assistant Coaches:

Kent Schoolfield (Off. Coord.)
 Rick Kravitz (Defensive Coord.)
 Melvin Jones (Wide Receivers)
 Jerry Riopelle (Offensive Line)
 Johnnie Williams (Linebackers)
 Alonzo Lee (Secondary)
 Algie Hendrieth (Defensive Line)
 Anthony Messina (Kickers)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 27 (O), 20 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 8 (O), 6 (D)
Starters Returning: 5 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Lost: 6 (O), 4 (D)
All America Candidates:

Howard Huckaby, Sr., WR
 James Vertuno, Jr., PK
 Bryan Brewer, Sr., DE

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Kenneth Riley
 (Florida A&M, '68)
Overall Record: 17-14-2 (3)
Record at School: Same

1989 SCHEDULE

9/2 TUSKEGEE
 9/16 *Georgia Southern
 9/23 + Tennessee State
 9/30 ALABAMA STATE
 10/7 at North Carolina A&T
 10/14 DELAWARE STATE
 10/21 at South Carolina State
 10/28 ! Morgan State
 11/4 SOUTHERN
 11/11 at Howard
 11/25 #Bethune-Cookman

*Jacksonville, + Atlanta, !Miami, #Tampa

1988 RESULTS (7-3-1)

35	at Delaware State	31
14	*Georgia Southern	42
23	at Tennessee State	6
10	+ Jackson State	10
58	! North Carolina A&T	7
35	MORGAN STATE	14
23	SOUTH CAROLINA ST.	14
45	at Southern	20
34	HOWARD	17
23	CENTRAL ST. OF OHIO	27
0	#Bethune-Cookman	25

*Jacksonville, + Indianapolis, !Miami, #Tampa

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 4-1...GSC routed the Rattlers last season (Sept. 10) 42-14...Earnest Thompson scored four TDs while Raymond Gross rushed for 120 yards...This will be the fifth straight and final time GSC and FAMU will play in Jacksonville's Gator Bowl...The Rattlers' only win in the series was a 17-14 decision Sept. 12, 1987 despite GSC's 20-11 first down advantage...The two teams are not scheduled to play each other in '90 after five consecutive contests, dating back to 1984...Other GSC wins include 35-12 (1986), 27-21 (1985) and 14-0 (1984 at Savannah).

Game No. 4

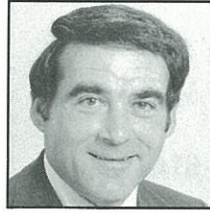
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TENNESSEE STATE

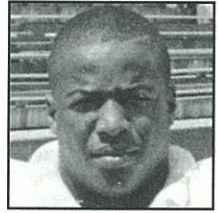
SEPTEMBER 23 - 1:00 P.M. (EDT)

STATESBORO, GA..

ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



"Boots" Donnelly



Anthony Coleman

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Enrollment: 13,165

Nickname: Blue Raiders

Colors: Navy Blue and White

Stadium: Johnny Floyd (15,000/1933)

Surface: AstroTurf

Conference: Ohio Valley

1988 Record: 7-4

Basic Offense: Multiple I

Basic Defense: Wide Tackle Six

President: Dr. Sam Ingram

Athletic Director: John Stanford

SID: Ed Given

Office Phone: (615) 898-2450

Home Phone: (615) 895-0827

Flagship Radio Station:

WMOT - 89.5 FM (Dick Palmer, play-by-play & John Egly, color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: James "Boots" Donnelly (MTSU, '65)

Overall Record: 80-52 (12)

Record at School: 66-45 (10)

Office Phone: (615) 898-2570

Best Time to Reach: Mornings

Assistant Coaches:

Charlie Butler (Offensive Coord.)

Ed Bunio (Defensive Coord.)

Tom Fivash (Tight Ends)

Preston O'Neal (Secondary)

Alex Robins (Quarterbacks, W.R.)

Randy Pippin (Defensive Ends)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 31 (O), 8 (D)

Lettermen Lost: 1 (O), 10 (D)

Starters Returning: 10 (O), 4 (D)

Starters Lost: 1 (O), 7 (D)

All America Candidates:

Joe Campbell, So., RB

Chuck Daniel, Jr., P

Anthony Coleman, Jr., LB

1989 SCHEDULE

9/2	at Tennessee State
9/9	at East Tennessee
9/16	at Western Kentucky
9/23	at Georgia Southern
9/30	TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA
10/7	at North Carolina State
10/14	at Morehead State
10/21	AUSTIN PEAY
11/4	EASTERN KENTUCKY
11/11	MURRAY STATE
11/18	at Tennessee Tech

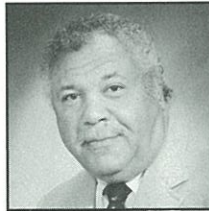
1988 RESULTS (7-4)

14	at Tennessee State	7
10	at Northern Illinois	14
13	WESTERN KENTUCKY	10
26	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	10
19	*Alcorn State	21
40	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	3
36	MOREHEAD STATE	0
36	at Austin Peay	0
14	at Eastern Kentucky	27
22	at Murray State	23
51	TENNESSEE TECH	0

*Jackson, Miss.

GAME NOTES: Series tied at 3-3...The Blue Raiders broke a three-game losing streak to GSC last year with a 26-10 victory in Murfreesboro September 24...GSC is 1-1 against MTSU in games played in Statesboro...In fact, Middle Tennessee handed Georgia Southern its last loss at Allen E. Paulson Stadium (35-10, Sept. 14, 1985)--current home winning streak is at 26 games...Joe Ross' three-yard TD run with 30 seconds remaining lifted the Eagles to a 17-13 win at Paulson Stadium September 19, 1987 (the last time MTSU and GSC met in Statesboro)...Other scores in the series--34-31 GSC (1986), 28-21 GSC (1985 NCAA I-AA Playoffs), 35-10 MTSU (1985 regular season) and 42-7 MTSU (1984)...Georgia Southern is 6-3 all-time against the Ohio Valley Conference (3-3 vs. MTSU, 1-0 vs. Eastern Kentucky and 2-0 vs. Tennessee Tech)...**MIDDLE TENNESSEE TRAVEL PLANS** -- Arrive in Statesboro Friday, September 22...Lodging at the Holiday Inn (912) 764-6121.

Game No. 5
SAVANNAH STATE
OCTOBER 7 - 1:00 P.M. (EDT)
STATESBORO, GA.
ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Bill Davis



Shannon Sharpe

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Savannah, Ga.
Enrollment: 1,850
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Burnt Orange & Royal Blue
Stadium: Theodore Wright (7500/1968)
Surface: Grass
Conference: Southern Intercollegiate
1988 Record: 7-3
Basic Offense: Multiple Wing
Basic Defense: 3-4
President: Dr. Wiley S. Bolden
Athletic Director: John H. Myles
SID: Lee Grant Pearson
Office Phone: (912) 356-2191
Home Phone: (912) 232-5972
Fax Phone: (404) 836-6542

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bill Davis
 (Johnson C. Smith, '65)
Overall Record: 70-38-1 (10)
Record at School: 17-13 (3)
Office Phone: (912) 356-2228
Best Time to Reach: Mornings
Assistant Coaches:
 Joseph Crosby (Def. Coord., DLs)
 Darryl McNeil (Off. C., QBs, WRs)
 Joseph Turner (Offensive Line)
 Stanley Rivers (Wide Receivers)
 Paul Russell (Secondary)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 22 (O), 19 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 6 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Returning: 11 (O), 10 (D)
Starters Lost: 0 (O), 1 (D)
All-America Candidates:
 Shannon Sharp, Sr., WR
 Damon Johnson, Sr., DT
 Richard Basil, Sr., QB

1989 SCHEDULE

9/2 MILES
 9/9 at Elon
 9/23 VIRGINIA UNION
 9/30 MORRIS BROWN
10/7 at Georgia Southern
 10/14 CLARK
 10/21 at Fayetteville State
 10/28 at Knoxville
 11/4 at Fort Valley State
 11/11 ALBANY STATE

1988 RESULTS (7-3)

9 FAYETTEVILLE STATE 6
 31 at Tuskagee 21
 10 ALABAMA A&M 14
 23 at Wofford 24
 7 at Morris Brown 18
 30 JOHNSON C. SMITH 6
 54 at Clark 18
 70 MOREHOUSE 13
 41 FORT VALLEY STATE 14
 28 at Albany State 22

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 1-0...The series' first and only game was marred by game-long downpour and a game-ending brawl...The Eagles used a Steve Lomastro-to-Ricky Harris five-yard scoring pass with 0:32 left in the first half and later got a 43-yard Clint Harper touchdown run at the 6:13 mark of the third quarter to give Southern a 15-0 win at Savannah's Memorial Stadium Nov. 24, 1983...Harper finished the day with 178 yards on 25 carries...The game was called off with 5:46 left in the fourth quarter when a fight erupted on the field between both squads...The only other Savannah area school Georgia Southern competes against (basketball and baseball only) is Armstrong State (NCAA II)...**SAVANNAH STATE TRAVEL PLANS**--Will arrive in Statesboro Saturday, Oct. 7 around 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Game No. 6

NICHOLLS STATE
OCTOBER 14 - 7:00 P.M. (CDT)
THIBODAUX, LA.
JOHN L. GUIDRY STADIUM



Phil Greco



Dee Thomas

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Thibodaux, La.
Enrollment: 7,000
Nickname: Colonels
Colors: Red and Gray
Stadium: John L. Guidry (12,800/1971)
Surface: Grass
Conference: Independent
1988 Record: 7-4
Basic Offense: Multiple Set
Basic Defense: 50
President: Dr. Donald J. Ayo
Athletic Director: Phil Greco
SID: Ron Mears
Office Phone: (504) 448-4282
Home Phone: (504) 446-7753
Flagship Radio Station:
KTIB - 640 AM (Roy Pugh)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Phil Greco (Tulane, '70)
Overall Record: 12-9-1 (2)
Record at School: Same
Office Phone: (504) 448-4806
Best Time to Reach: Mornings
Assistant Coaches:

Don Rodrigue (Asst. Head Coach)
Charles Sabbatini (Def. Coord.)
Tom Gainey (Defensive Backs)
Ron Brown (Quarterbacks & WRs)
Tim Dulaney (Running Backs)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 10 (O), 14 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 6 (O), 5 (D)
Starters Returning: 5 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Lost: 6 (O), 5 (D)
All America Candidates:
Winfred Bryant, Sr., DT
Andre Felder, Sr., CB
Mike Stant, Sr., OG

1989 SCHEDULE

9/2 at Northeast Louisiana
9/16 DELTA STATE
9/23 at Stephen F. Austin State
9/30 at McNeese State
10/7 at Sam Houston State
10/14 GEORGIA SOUTHERN
10/21 SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE
10/28 at Southern
11/4 NORTHWESTRN STATE
11/11 SAMFORD
11/18 ILLINOIS STATE

1988 RESULTS (7-4)

6 NORTHEAST LOUISIANA 22
43 at Samford 17
28 at Weber State 23
10 at Louisiana Tech 31
23 McNEESE STATE 19
24 SOUTHERN 0
12 at Northwestern State 27
13 at Southwest Texas State 10
7 at Stephen F. Austin 30
23 NORTHERN ARIZONA 5
26 TEXAS SOUTHERN 13

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 1-0...The Eagles and NSU met Dec. 6, 1986 in the NCAA I-AA Quarterfinals at Allen E. Paulson Stadium with GSC routing Sonny Jackson's Colonels 55-31...GSC scored 28 unanswered points in the first 16 minutes of the game and then held off a furious NSU rally to post the win...Tracy Ham rushed for 191 yards and threw for 167 more...Colonel quarterback Doug Hudson passed for 481 yards...The 55 points was a Paulson Stadium record for most GSC points in a game (mark was tied last season with the Eagles' 55-7 win over Newberry)...Nicholls State at one time was a Trans America Athletic Conference member (1982-84).

Game No. 7

CENTRAL FLORIDA

OCTOBER 21 - 1:00 P.M. (EDT)
STATESBORO, GA.
ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Gene McDowell



Shane Willis

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Orlando, Fla.
Enrollment: 18,000
Nickname: Knights
Colors: Black & Gold
Stadium: Citrus Bowl (50,000/1946)
Surface: Grass
Conference: Independent
1988 Record: 6-5
Basic Offense: Pro-Set/Multiple
Basic Defense: 50
President: Dr. Steven Altman
Athletic Director: Gene McDowell
SID: Bob Cefalo
Office Phone: (407) 275-2464
Home Phone: (407) 678-3356
Fax Phone: (407) 281-5266
Flagship Radio Station:
WDBO - 580 AM (John Anthony)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Gene McDowell
(Florida State, '63)
Overall Record: 25-22 (4)
Record at School: Same
Office Phone: (407) 275-2342/2994
Best Time to Reach: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Assistant Coaches:
Paul Lounsberry (Asst. HC, OL)
Mike Kruczek (Offensive Coord.)
Rusty Russell (Defensive Coord.)
Randy Romero (Outside Linebackers)
Bob Shackelford (Defensive Line)
Karl Dorrell (Wide Receivers)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 9 (O), 7 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 3 (O), 4 (D)
Starters Returning: 8 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Lost: 3 (O), 4 (D)

1989 SCHEDULE

9/1 BETHUNE-COOKMAN
9/9 VALDOSTA STATE
9/16 at Troy State
9/23 NEWBERRY
9/30 at North Alabama
10/7 EAST TENNESSEE STATE
10/21 at Georgia Southern
10/28 LIBERTY
11/11 EASTERN KENTUCKY
11/18 TEXAS SOUTHERN

1988 RESULTS (7-3-1)

29 at Bethune-Cookman 21
33 WEST GEORGIA 14
26 TROY STATE 18
23 at East Tennessee State 17
35 NORTH ALABAMA 33
23 NEW HAVEN 31
24 S. CONNECTICUT STATE 16
19 at Valdosta State 48
17 GEORGIA SOUTHERN 31
7 at Liberty 24
31 at Eastern Kentucky 35

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 6-1...GSC has won the last five meetings between the two schools, including a 31-17 win in 1988...Southern has won two-of-three games played between the two schools in Statesboro...The Eagles are 2-0 vs. UCF at Paulson Stadium...The lone Knight victory was 33-29 win Sept. 10, 1983 at Statesboro's Womack Field on a humid 95 degree afternoon...UCF exploded for 21 points to break open a 15-9 GSC lead in the third quarter...Central Florida and GSC played the initial game of the series at Jacksonville's Gator Bowl on Sept. 11, 1982 (GSC won 16-9, in incidentally, Georgia Southern's first game in 41 years)...Other Georgia Southern wins include a 42-28 win (1984), 35-18 (1985), 33-23 (1986) and 34-32 (1987)...The last time UCF and GSC played at Paulson Stadium, the Eagles erupted for 25-first quarter points and held on for a 34-32 win (October 3, 1987)...Southern was penalized 13 times for 140 yards...It was also the game in which Terry Harvin became the Eagles' starting punter...Erk Russell's son, Rusty, is the Knight's defensive coordinator this season after moving over from Valdosta State...**CENTRAL FLORIDA TRAVEL PLANS** --Will arrive in Statesboro Friday, Oct. 20...Lodging at the Holiday Inn (912) 764-6121.

Game No. 8

SAMFORD

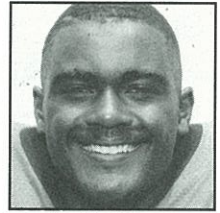
OCTOBER 28 - 1:30 P.M. (CDT)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

SEIBERT STADIUM



Terry Bowden



David Primus

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Birmingham, Ala.

Enrollment: 4,000

Nickname: Bulldogs

Colors: Crimson & Blue

Stadium: Seibert (6000/1959)

Surface: Grass

Conference: Independent

1988 Record: 5-6

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

Fax Phone: (205) 870-2654

Flagship Radio Station:

WYDE - 850 AM (Jeff Lloyd play-by-play & Mickey Tumlin, color)

Record at School: 14-7 (2)

Office Phone: (205) 870-2575

Best Time to Reach: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Assistant Coaches:

Jeff Bowden (Asst. HC, Off. Coord.)

Jack Hines (Def. Coord., DBs)

John Lee Armstrong (Running Backs)

Todd Stroud (Defensive Linemen)

Tony Ierulli (Inside Linebackers)

Bob Stinchcomb (Outside Linebackers)

Jimbo Fisher (Quarterbacks)

Colin Hutto (Tight Ends)

Mike Howard (Outside Linebackers)

Danny Fairbanks (Defensive Backs)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 17 (O), 17 (D)

Lettermen Lost: 20 (O), 16 (D)

Starters Returning: 6 (O), 7 (D)

Starters Lost: 5 (O), 4 (D)

All America Candidates:

David Primus, So., CB

Craig Conner, Jr., LB

Billy Robison, Sr., FS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Terry Bowden

Overall Record: 34-20 (5)

1989 SCHEDULE

9/2	JACKSONVILLE STATE
9/9	at McNeese State
9/16	TENNESSE TECH
9/23	at Livingston
9/30	MOREHEAD STATE
10/7	WEST GEORGIA
10/14	at Tennessee-Martin
10/28	GEORGIA SOUTHERN
11/4	at The Citadel
11/11	at Nicholls State
11/18	MILES

1988 RESULTS (5-6)

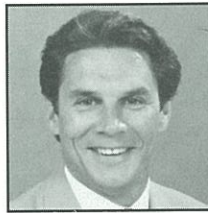
6	at Jacksonville State	34
17	NICHOLLS STATE	43
19	at Tennessee Tech	9
41	LIVINGSTON	20
18	at Morehead State	17
14	at West Georgia	17
13	TENNESSEE-MARTIN	45
30	MARS HILL	13
19	EMORY & HENRY	21
21	at Georgia Southern	49
34	Miles	6

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 1-0...The Eagles posted the only win with a 49-21 Homecoming victory at Paulson Stadium Nov. 12, 1988...GSC rushed for a school-record 515 yards on 64 rushes...The game also attracted 20,340 fans, the largest crowd in Paulson Stadium history...Samford is the only other school in the Trans America Athletic Conference which plays football besides Georgia Southern...The Eagle basketball program holds a 23-13 series advantage over the Bulldogs...GSC is 4-9 all-time against schools from the state of Alabama (1-9 vs. Troy State, 2-0 vs. Jacksonville State) and 1-0 when playing in the state of Alabama (defeated Troy State Sept. 21, 1985)...It will be a homecoming of sorts for Russell, who was born and raised in Birmingham, July 23, 1926.

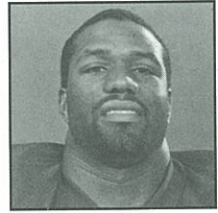
Game No. 9

JAMES MADISON

NOVEMBER 4 - 1:30 P.M. (EST)
HARRISONBURG, VA.
JMU STADIUM



Joe Purzycki



Steve Bates

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Harrisonburg, Va.
Enrollment: 10,500
Nickname: Dukes
Colors: Purple & Gold
Stadium: JMU (15,000/1973)
Surface: OmniTurf
Conference: Independent
1988 Record: 5-6
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
Assistant SID: Curt Dudley
Fax Phone: (703) 434-4645
Flagship Radio Station:
WSVA - 550 AM (Mike Gasteneau, play-
by-play & Jim Britt, color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Joe Purzycki
(Delaware, '71)
Overall Record: 45-41-2 (8)
Record at School: 24-20-1 (4)
Office Phone: (703) 568-6517
Best Time to Reach: 11:00-12 p.m.
Assistant Coaches:
Herky Billings (Offensive Coord.)
Jim Pletcher (Defensive Coord.)
Bill Bachman (Quarterbacks & WRs)
Jeff Cannon (Offensive Line)
Hank Hughes (Inside Linebackers)
Maury Jarmon (Outside Linebackers)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 25 (O), 22 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 10 (O), 6 (D)
Starters Returning: 10 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Lost: 1 (O), 3 (D)
All America Candidates:
Steve Bates, Sr., OLB
Eupton Jackson, Jr., FS

1989 SCHEDULE

9/2 BLOOMSBURG
9/9 at Massachusetts
9/16 RICHMOND
9/23 at Appalachian State
9/30 at Liberty
10/14 TOWSON STATE
10/21 VIRGINIA MILITARY
10/28 at Navy
11/4 GEORGIA SOUTHERN
11/11 at William & Mary
11/18 NORTHEASTERN

1988 RESULTS (5-6)

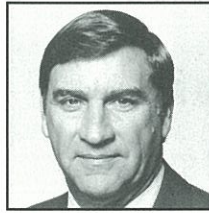
14 at Navy 27
14 APPALACHIAN STATE 17
23 at Boston 13
3 WILLIAM & MARY 10
31 LIBERTY 28
29 at Northeastern 13
37 VIRGINIA MILITARY 0
6 at Towson State 34
13 GEORGIA SOUTHERN 27
25 at Richmond 13
6 at Virginia Tech 27

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 3-1...GSC has won the last three meetings between the two schools after the Dukes pinned a 21-6 victory on the Eagles in Harrisonburg in the series opener Nov. 2, 1985...GSC is 1-1 playing at JMU Stadium (defeated the Dukes 27-13 last season to even the road mark)...The Eagles own 26-7 (1987) and 45-35 (1986) wins over James Madison in games played at Paulson Stadium...Joe Ross rushed for 139 yards in last season's (Nov. 5) game and David Cool set an NCAA record for longest field goal by a freshman with a 60-yarder to help Southern to the win...In JMU's only win, GSC lost Tracy Ham in a first quarter injury and the offensive unit was held to a season-low 234 total yards (present-day slotback Ernest Thompson came of the bench to throw for 69 yards).

Game No. 10

TENNESSEE- CHATTANOOGA

NOVEMBER 11 - 1:00 P.M. (EST)
STATESBORO, GA.
ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Buddy Nix



Junior Jackson

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Buddy Nix (Livingston, '61)

Overall Record: 26-29 (5)

Record at School: Same

Office Phone: (615) 755-4494

Best Time to Reach: 10-12 p.m.

Assistant Coaches:

Greg Ahrens (Running Backs)

Tony Ball (Wide Receivers)

Carter Calwell (Tight Ends)

Joe D'Alessandris (Offensive Line)

Johnny Henderson (Def. Backs)

Bobby Johns (Def. Coord., ILBs)

Steve McGill (Asst. Coord., ILBs)

Horace Moore (Kickers)

Tom Weathers (Outside LBs)

Whit Taylor (Quarterbacks)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Chattanooga, Tenn.

Enrollment: 7,218

Nickname: Moccasins

Colors: Navy Blue & Old Gold

Stadium: Chamberlain (10,500/1908)

Surface: Grass

Conference: Southern

1988 Record: 4-7

Basic Offense: I, Pro-Set

Basic Defense: 5-2 Multiple

President: Dr. Frederick Obear

Athletic Director: Harold Wilkes

SID: Neil Magnussen

Office Phone: (615) 755-4618

Home Phone: (615) 875-6300

Assistant SID: Chris Dinger

Fax Phone: (615) 755-4610

Flagship Radio Station:

WGOW - 1150 AM (Jim Reynolds, play-by-play & Steve Woods, color)



TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 17 (O), 18 (D)

Lettermen Lost: 11 (O), 11 (D)

Starters Returning: 7 (O), 5 (D)

Starters Lost: 4 (O), 6 (D)

All America Candidates:

Junior Jackson, Sr., LB

Troy Boeck, Jr., DL

1989 SCHEDULE

9/9	TENNESSEE TECH
9/16	at Western Carolina
9/23	MARSHALL
9/30	at Middle Tennessee State
10/7	WESTERN KENTUCKY
10/14	at East Tennessee State
10/21	THE CITADEL
10/28	at Appalachian State
11/4	at Furman
11/11	at Georgia Southern
11/18	VIRGINIA MILITARY

1988 RESULTS (4-7)

19	at Tulane	33
10	at Georgia Tech	23
3	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	13
41	at Tennessee Tech	0
33	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	10
19	WESTERN CAROLINA	14
17	at The Citadel	23
7	at Marshall	38
29	at Western Kentucky	31
7	FURMAN	10
28	APPALACHIAN STATE	24

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 4-0...The Eagles hold a 2-0 series advantage in games played at Paulson Stadium...GSC defeated UTC 24-17 Oct. 13, 1984 (second game ever to be played at Paulson Stadium) and beat the Mocs 34-14 Sept. 27, 1986 at home...GSC has given up an average of 12.0 points per game against UTC in the four-game series (lowest was a 13-3 Eagle win last season)...The Mocs generated just 196 total yards last season (Sept. 17)...Giff Smith recorded five sacks in the game played at UTC's Chamberlain Field...**TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA TRAVEL PLANS --** Will arrive in Statesboro Friday, Nov. 10...Lodging at the Savannah Midtown Holiday Inn (912) 352-7100.

Game No. 11

MARSHALL

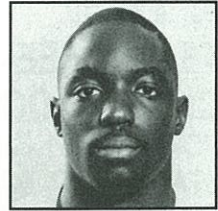
NOVEMBER 18 - 1:00 P.M. (EST)

STATESBORO, GA.

ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



George Chaump



Ronald Darby

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Huntington, W.V.
Enrollment: 12,000
Nickname: Thundering Herd
Colors: Green & White
Stadium: Fairfield (17,312/1928)
Surface: OmniTurf
Conference: Southern
1988 Record: 11-2
1988 Post Season: NCAA Div. I-AA
 Quarter-Finals
Basic Offense: Pro-Set
Basic Defense: 4-3
President: Dr. Dale F. Nitzschke
Athletic Director: William Lee Moon
SID: Gary Richter
Office Phone: (304) 696-5275
Home Phone: (304) 529-1806
Assistant SID: Rodney Lockett
Fax Phone: (304) 696-2325
Flagship Radio Station:

WTCR - 103 FM (Don Cook, play-by-play & Tony Peterson, color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: George Chaump
 (Bloomsburg, '58)
Overall Record: 51-27-1 (7)
Record at School: 27-11-1 (3)
Office Phone: (304) 696-6464
Best Time to Reach: 1:30-2 p.m.
Assistant Coaches:

Dave Ritchie (Defensive Coord.)
 Charlie Donner (Off. Coord., OL)
 Sam Shaffer (Wide Receivers)
 Billy Hardee (Secondary)
 Don Boluszek (Linebackers)
 Jake Gonos (Defensive Line)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 16 (O), 20 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 10 (O), 14 (D)
Starters Returning: 6 (O), 3 (D)
Starters Lost: 5 (O), 8 (D)
All America Candidates:

John Gregory, Sr., QB
 Ron Darby, Sr., TB
 Greg Adkins, Sr., OT

1989 SCHEDULE

9/2 CATAWBA
 9/9 MOREHEAD
 9/16 EAST TENNESSEE STATE
 9/23 at Tennessee-Chattanooga
 10/7 at Furman
 10/14 THE CITADEL
 10/21 at Eastern Kentucky
 10/28 VIRGINIA MILITARY
 11/4 at Appalachian State
 11/11 WESTERN CAROLINA
 11/18 at Georgia Southern

1988 RESULTS (11-2)

30	at Morehead State	17
31	OHIO	14
34	EASTERN KENTUCKY	32
24	at Virginia Military	20
24	FURMAN	10
50	at East Tennessee State	14
38	TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	7
30	APPALACHIAN STATE	27
3	at The Citadel	20
52	at Western Carolina	45
38	at Youngstown State	15
7	NORTH TEXAS	0
9	FURMAN	13

GAME NOTES: First meeting ever for perennial I-AA powers...Marshall advanced to the 1987 NCAA I-AA National Championship game (lost to Northeast Louisiana 43-42), while GSC made it to the '88 title game...GSC is 9-7 all-time against Southern Conference schools (1-2 vs. East Tennessee State, 1-1 vs. Western Carolina, 1-0 vs. The Citadel, 1-1 vs. Furman, 1-3 vs. Appalachian State and 4-0 vs. UT-Chattanooga)...The Thundering Herd has compiled a 4-2 record in two I-AA playoff appearances ('87 and '88)...MU made it to the quarterfinals last season before bowing to Furman 13-9 Dec. 3...In other GSC/MU sports matchups, the Eagle basketball squad played at the Marshall Memorial Tournament (1984-85) and lost a first-round decision to the Thundering Herd 70-69...**MARSHALL TRAVEL PLANS-**
 -Will arrive in Statesboro, Friday, Nov. 17...Lodging at the Holiday Inn, (912) 764-6121.

1989 NCAA I-AA PLAYOFF INFORMATION

- Championship:** December 16, 1989 at Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Georgia
Host Institution: Georgia Southern College
- Semi-Finals:** December 9, 1989 at home sites
- Quarter-Finals:** December 2, 1989 at home sites
- First Round:** November 25, 1989 at home sites

PAST CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AND RESULTS

- 1988 - Furman 17, Georgia Southern 12**
 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
- Pocatello, Idaho**
 Pocatello, Idaho
Tacoma, Wash.
Tacoma, Wash.
 Charleston, S.C.
 Charleston, S.C.
 Wichita Falls, Tex.
 Wichita Falls, Tex.
 Sacramento, Calif.
 Orlando, Fla.
 Wichita Falls, Tex.

A LOOK AT PAST I-AA PLAYOFF PARTICIPANTS

Team (Years Participated)	Record	Teams (Years Participated)	Record
Akron ('85)	0-1	Massachusetts ('78-88)	1-2
Alcorn State ('84)	0-1	Middle Tennessee ('84-85)	2-2
Appalachian State ('86-87)	2-2	Mississippi Valley ('84)	0-1
Arkansas State ('84-85-86-87)	6-4	Montana ('82-88)	0-2
Boise State ('80-81-88)	3-2	Montana State ('84)	3-0
Boston U. ('82-83-84)	1-3	Murray State ('79-86)	0-2
The Citadel ('88)	0-1	Nevada-Reno ('78-79-83-85-86)	5-5
Colgate ('82-83)	1-2	Nicholls State ('86)	1-1
Delaware ('81-82-86-88)	3-4	North Carolina A&T ('86)	0-1
Eastern Illinois ('82-83-86)	2-3	North Texas ('83-87-88)	0-3
Eastern Kentucky		Northeast Louisiana ('87)	4-0
('79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88)	12-7	Northern Iowa ('85-87)	3-2
Eastern Washington ('85)	1-1	Rhode Island ('81-84-85)	2-3
Florida A&M ('78)	2-0	Richmond ('84-87)	1-2
Furman ('82-83-85-86-88)	7-4	Sam Houston State ('86)	0-1
Georgia Southern ('85- 86-87-88)	12-2	South Carolina State ('81-82)	2-2
Grambling ('80-85)	0-2	Southern Illinois ('83)	3-0
Holy Cross ('83)	0-1	Stephen F. Austin ('88)	1-1
Idaho ('82-85-86-87-88)	3-5	Tennessee-Chattanooga ('84)	0-1
Idaho State ('81-83)	3-1	Tennessee State ('86)	1-1
Indiana State ('83-84)	1-2	Weber State ('87)	1-1
Jackson State ('78-81-82-85-86-87-88)	0-7	Western Carolina ('83)	3-1
James Madison ('87)	0-1	Western Illinois ('88)	0-1
Lehigh ('79-80)	1-2	Western Kentucky ('87-88)	1-2
Louisiana Tech ('82-84)	4-2	William & Mary ('86)	0-1
Maine ('87)	0-1	Youngstown State ('87)	0-1
Marshall ('87-88)	4-2		

THE EAGLES

VS. 1989 OPPONENTS

VALDOSTA STATE-- Georgia Southern leads the series 2-1-1

- Tie 27-27 (Sept. 25, 1982 at Womack Field, Statesboro, Ga. - 7,724)
- GSC 45-29 (Nov. 20, 1982 at Cleveland Field, Valdosta, Ga. - 9,000)
- VSC 34-29 (Nov. 19, 1983 at Cleveland Field, Valdosta, Ga. - 8,000)
- GSC 38-8 (Oct. 27, 1984 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 8,658)

Points: GSC 139/34.8 per game, VSC 98/24.5 per game; **First Downs:** GSC 91/22.8 per game, VSC 75/18.8 per game; **Rushing Attempts:** 234/58.5 per game, VSC 149/37.3 per game; **Net Yds. Rushing:** 1,299/324.8 per game; VSC 436/109.0 per game; **Net Yds. Passing:** 509/127.3 per game, VSC 1,031/257.8 per game; **Passes Att/Com/Int:** GSC 66/33/4 (16.5/8.3/1.0 per game), VSC 114/67/7 (28.5/16.8/1.8 per game); **Total Offense:** GSC 1,808/452.0 per game, VSC 1,467/366.8 per game; **Penalties:** GSC 34 for 273/8.5 for 68.3 per game, VSC 25 for 191/6.3 for 47.8 per game.

Top GSC Team Performances -- First Downs (25 in 1982/Nov. meeting), **Rushing Attempts** (68 in 1984), **Net Yds. Rushing** (505 in 1984), **Net Yds. Passing** (202 in 1983), **Pass Attempts** (25 in 1983), **Pass Completions** (13 in 1983), **Most Passes Had Intercepted** (3 in 1983), **Total Offense** (566 in 1984).

WEST GEORGIA -- First Meeting

FLORIDA A&M -- Georgia Southern leads the series 4-1

- GSC 14-0 (Sept. 1, 1984 at Memorial Stadium, Savannah, Ga. - 12,743)
- GSC 27-21 (Sept. 7, 1985 at the Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. - 18,086)
- GSC 35-12 (Sept. 13, 1986 at the Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. - 21,981)
- FAMU 17-14 (Sept. 12, 1987 at the Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. - 17,268)
- GSC 42-12 (Sept. 10, 1988 at the Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. - 18,556)

Points: GSC 132/26.4 per game, FAMU 64/12.8 per game; **First Downs:** GSC 100/20.0 per game, FAMU 69/13.8 per game; **Rushing Attempts:** GSC 248/49.6 per game, FAMU 177/35.4 per game; **Net Yds. Rushing:** GSC 1,348/269.6 per game, FAMU 450/90 per game; **Net Yds. Passing:** GSC 589/117.8 per game, FAMU 788/157.6 per game; **Passes Att/Com/Int:** GSC 78/35/4 (15.6/7.0/0.8 per game), FAMU 137/65/7 (27.4/13.0/1.4 per game); **Total Offense:** GSC 1,937/387.4 per game, FAMU 1,238/247.6 per game; **Penalties:** GSC 40 for 356/8.0 for 71.2 per game, FAMU 46 for 409/9.2 for 81.8 per game.

Top GSC Team Performances -- First Downs (27 in 1986), **Rushing Attempts** (57 in 1988), **Net Yds. Rushing** (401 in 1988), **Net Yds. Passing** (185 in 1986), **Pass Attempts** (57 in 1988), **Net Yds. Rushing** (401 in 1988), **Net Yds. Passing** (185 in 1986), **Pass Attempts** (19 in 1986), **Pass Completions** (10 in 1986), **Most Passes Had Intercepted** (2 in 1987), **Total Offense** (499 in 1988).

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE -- Series tied 3-3

- MTSU 42-7 (Nov. 10, 1984 at Floyd Stadium, Murfreesboro, Tenn. - 6,000)
- MTSU 35-10 (Sept. 14, 1985 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 9,227)
- GSC 28-21 (Dec. 7, 1985, at Floyd Stadium, Murfreesboro, Tenn. - 9,500)
- GSC 34-31 (Sept. 20, 1986 at Floyd Stadium, Murfreesboro, Tenn. - 11,000)
- GSC 17-13 (Sept. 19, 1987 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 14,527)
- MTSU 26-10 (Sept. 24, 1988 at Floyd Stadium, Murfreesboro, Tenn. - 6,800)

Points: GSC 106/17.7 per game, MTSU 168/28.0 per game; **First Downs:** GSC 108/18.0 per game, MTSU 101/16.8 per game; **Rushing Attempts:** GSC 315/52.5, MTSU 287/47.8; **Net Yds. Passing:** GSC 681/113.5, MTSU 629/104.8; **Passes Att/Com/Int:** GSC 121/53/8 (20.2/8.8/1.3 per game), MTSU 101/44/6 (16.8/7.3/1.0 per game); **Total Offense:** GSC 2,010/335.0 per game, MTSU 1,963/327.2 per game; **Penalties:** GSC 39 for 384/6.5 for 64.0 per game, MTSU 31 for 225/5.2 for 37.5 per game.

Top GSC Team Performances -- First Downs (24 in 1986) **Rushing Attempts** (63 in 1987), **Net Yds. Rushing** (345 in 1986), **Net Yds. Passing** (191 in 1986), **Pass Attempts** (31 in 1985/regular season game), **Pass Completions** (14 in 1985/regular season game), **Most Passes Had Intercepted** (5 in 1988), **Total Offense** (536 in 1986).

SAVANNAH STATE -- Georgia Southern leads the series 1-0

- GSC 15-0 (Nov. 24, 1983 at Memorial Stadium, Savannah, Ga. - 1,000)

Points: GSC 15, SSC 0; **First Downs:** GSC 17, SSC 9; **Rushing Attempts:** GSC 63, SSC 36; **Net Yds. Rushing:** GSC 297, SSC 90; **Net Yds. Passing:** GSC 5, SSC 46; **Passes Att/Com/Int:** GSC 3/1/1, SSC 2/1/1; **Total Offense:** GSC 302, SSC 136; **Penalties:** GSC 7 for 59, SSC 5 for 71.

NICHOLLS STATE -- Georgia Southern leads the series 1-0

- GSC 55-31 (Dec. 6, 1986 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 9,121)

Points: GSC 55, NSU 31; **First Downs:** GSC 24, NSU 30; **Rushing Attempts:** GSC 52, NSU 36; **Net Yds. Rushing:** GSC 317, NSU 67; **Net Yds. Passing:** GSC 167, NSU 481; **Passes Att/Com/Int:** GSC 19/11/0, NSU 51/29/5; **Total Offense:** GSC 484, NSU 584; **Penalties:** GSC 14 for 104, NSU 9 for 73.



CENTRAL FLORIDA -- Georgia Southern leads the series 6-1

- GSC 16-9 (Sept. 11, 1982 at the Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. - 7,350)
- UCF 33-29 (Sept. 10, 1983 at Womack Field, Statesboro, Ga. - 5,815)
- GSC 42-28 (Sept. 15, 1984 at the Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla. - 7,124)
- GSC 35-18 (Nov. 9, 1985 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 7,759)
- GSC 33-23 (Nov. 8, 1986 at the Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla. - 11,137)
- GSC 31-17 (Oct. 29, 1988 at the Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla. - 28,682)

Points: GSC 220/31.4 per game, UCF 160/22.9 per game; **First Downs:** GSC 144/20.5 per game, UCF 132/18.8 per game; **Rushing Attempts:** GSC 410/58.5 per game, UCF 231/33.0 per game; **Net Yds. Rushing:** GSC 2026/289.4 per game, UCF 781/111.5 per game; **Net Yds. Passing:** GSC 995/142.1 per game, UCF 1,826/260.9 per game; **Passing Att/Com/Int:** GSC 135/66/3 (19.3/9.4/0.4 per game), UCF 272/136/16 (38.9/19.4/2.3 per game); **Total Offense:** GSC 2999/428.4 per game, UCF 2,572/367.4 per game; **Penalties:** GSC 58 for 570/8.3 for 81.4 per game, UCF 45 for 394/6.4 for 56.3 per game.

Top GSC Team Performances -- First Downs (26 in 1986), **Rushing Attempts** (67 in 1987), **Net Yds. Rushing** (361 in 1983), **Net Yds. Passing** (267 in 1986), **Pass Attempts** (26 in 1987), **Pass Completions** (12 in 1985), **Most Passes Had Intercepted** (1 in 1982, '86, '88), **Total Offense** (547 in 1986).

SAMFORD -- Georgia Southern leads the series 1-0

- GSC 49-21 (Nov. 12, 1988 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 20,340)

Points: GSC 49, SU 21; **First Downs:** GSC 30, SU 12; **Rushing Attempts:** GSC 64, SU 33; **Net Yds. Rushing:** GSC 515, SU 94; **Net Yds. Passing:** GSC 41, SU 187; **Passes Att/Com/Int:** GSC 12/3/1, SU 39/14/1; **Total Offense:** GSC 556, SU 281; **Penalties:** GSC 14 for 125, SU 6 for 50.

JAMES MADISON -- Georgia Southern leads the series 3-1

- JMU 21-6 (Nov. 2, 1985 at JMU Stadium, Harrisonburg, Va. - 5,000)
- GSC 45-35 (Nov. 15, 1986 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 16,135)
- GSC 26-7 (Nov. 7, 1987 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 16,734)
- GSC 27-13 (Nov. 5, 1988 at JMU Stadium, Harrisonburg, Va. - 10,126)

Points: GSC 104/26.0 per game, JMU 76/19.0 per game; **First Downs:** GSC 81/20.3 per game, JMU 69/17.3 per game; **Rushing Attempts:** GSC 216/54.0 per game, JMU 181/45.3 per game; **Net Yds. Rushing:** GSC 989/247.3 per game, JMU 672/168.0 per game; **Net Yds. Passing:** GSC 448/122.0 per game, JMU 544/136.0 per game; **Passes Att/Com/Int:** GSC 80/9/5 (20.0/9.8/1.3 per game), JMU 76/40/4 (19.0/10.0/1.0 per game); **Total Offense:** GSC 1,477/369.3 per game, JMU 1,216/304.0 per game; **Penalties:** 27 for 247/6.8 for 61.8 per game, JMU 19 for 175/4.8 for 43.8 per game.

Top GSC Team Performances -- First Downs (28 in 1986), **Rushing Attempts** (67 in 1988), **Net Yds. Rushing** (310 in 1986), **Net Yds. Passing** (258 in 1986), **Pass Attempts** (24 in 1987), **Pass Completions** (12 in 1986, '87), **Most Passes Had Intercepted** (3 in 1985), **Total Offense** (568 in 1986).

UT-CHATTANOOGA -- Georgia Southern leads the series 4-0

- GSC 24-17 (Oct 13, 1984 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 9,087)
- GSC 19-14 (Sept. 28, 1985 at Chamberlain Field, Chattanooga, Tenn. - 8,892)
- GSC 34-14 (Sept. 27, 1986 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 15,234)
- GSC 13-3 (Sept. 17, 1988 at Chamberlain Field, Chattanooga, Tenn. - 8,747)

Points: GSC 90/22.5 per game, UTC 48/12.0 per game; **First Downs:** GSC 67/16.8 per game, UTC 71/17.8 per game; **Rushing Attempts:** GSC 176/44.0 per game, UTC 176/44.0 per game; **Net Yds. Rushing:** GSC 666/166.5 per game, UTC 542/135.5 per game; **Net Yds. Passing:** GSC 669/167.3 per game, UTC 618/154.5 per game; **Passes Att/Com/Int:** GSC 73/47/2 (18.3/11.8/0.5 per game), UTC 130/61/11 (32.5/15.3/2.8 per game); **Total Offense:** GSC 1,335/333.8 per game, UTC 1,160/290.0 per game; **Penalties:** GSC 30 for 244/7.5 for 61.0 per game, UTC 22 for 201/5.5 for 50.3 per game.

Top GSC Team Performances -- First Downs (19 in 1985), **Rushing Attempts** (51 in 1986, '88), **Net Yds. Rushing** (212 in 1986), **Net Yds. Passing** (222 in 1984), **Pass Attempts** (27 in 1984), **Pass Completions** (16 in 1984), **Most Passes Had Intercepted** (2 in 1985), **Total Offense** (388 in 1986).

MARSHALL -- First Meeting

FLORIDA A&M -- Depart Statesboro Saturday, Sept. 16 on charter bus with meal enroute at Brunswick, Ga. Return to Statesboro following 7:00 p.m. (EDT) contest at Jacksonville's Gator Bowl.

How to get to the Gator Bowl (from Statesboro, Savannah, all points north of Jacksonville):

Take Interstate 95 South into the city limits of Jacksonville...Take 20th Street Expressway Exit and exit right...Exit will hook left and pass under I-95, taking a direct route into the Gator Bowl Complex...Press and VIP parking will be on the pressbox side of the stadium (between the Gator Bowl and the Coliseum).

NICHOLLS STATE -- Depart Statesboro mid-morning Friday, Oct. 13 via bus to Savannah International Airport. Depart Savannah via charter jet and arrive at New Orleans International Airport early afternoon. Bus to Thibodaux. Lodging at the Thibodaux Sheraton Inn (504) 447-9071. Return to Savannah and Statesboro via chartered jet immediately following the 7:00 p.m. (CDT) contest.

How to get to John Guidry Stadium (from New Orleans International Airport):

Turn right on U.S. Highway 61 (Airline Highway)...After reaching River Bend Industrial Park (three miles), turn left on Industrial Park Road, cross railroad tracks and continue until road ends at the Mississippi River levee...Turn right on the river road and follow it until the Luling-Mississippi River Bridge...Turn left (to get on bridge) and cross river on Interstate 310...Exit I-310 (right) and get on Highway 90 and turn right on Louisiana Highway 3199 (Kramer Exit) approximately five miles after crossing Lake Des Allemands...After entering Raceland, cross Bayou Lafourche and enter Louisiana Highway 1...Turn right on Highway 1 and travel 15 miles to Thibodaux...Nicholls State University and Guidry Stadium are located just off Highway 1 (Guidry is behind the school on Audubon Street).

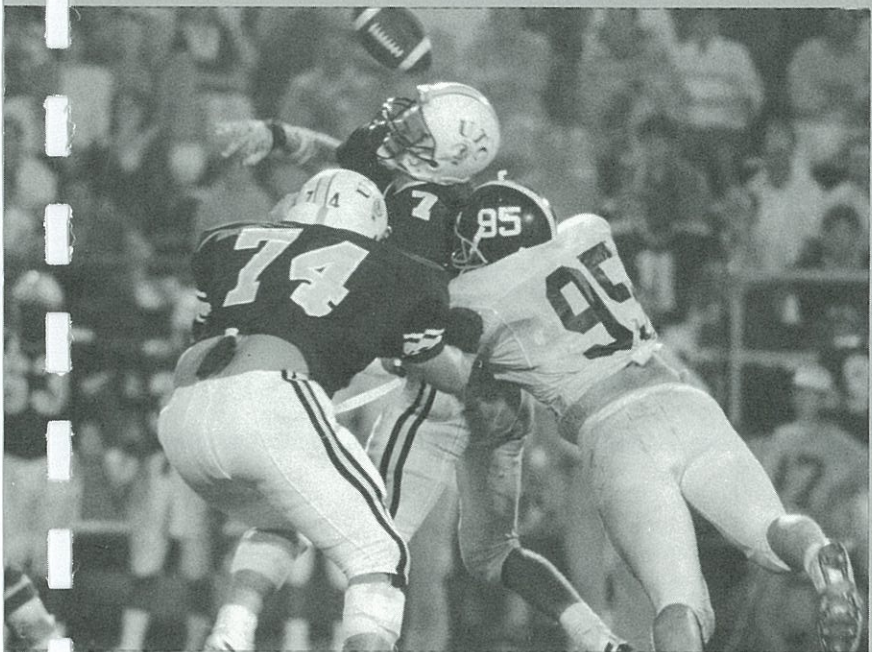
SAMFORD -- Depart Statesboro mid-morning Friday, Oct. 27 via charter bus. Arrive in Birmingham mid-afternoon. Lodging at the the Mountain Brook Inn (205) 870-3100. Return to Statesboro via charter bus following 1:30 p.m. (CDT) contest.

How to get to Seibert Stadium (from Mountain Brook Inn and Montgomery):

Take Highway 280 to Shades Creek Parkway (Brookwood Mall Exit)...Remain west on Shades Creek, which becomes Lakeshore Drive at the Highway 31 interchange, until Samford University appears on the right. **From Montgomery (I-16)**...Exit off at Lakeshore Drive, head east until Samford University gates appear on the left.

JAMES MADISON - Depart Statesboro mid-morning Friday, Nov. 3 via bus to Savannah International Airport. Depart Savannah via charter jet and arrive in Harrisonburg early afternoon. Lodging at the Harrisonburg Holiday Inn (703) 434-9981. Return to Savannah and Statesboro via chartered jet immediately following 1:30 p.m. (EST) contest.

How to get to JMU Stadium (from the Holiday Inn): Enter Interstate 81 and head west one exit...Exit number 63 (Port Republic Road) and cross interstate on overpass and enter the JMU campus...Exit on Bluestone Road (campus road) and this will arrive near parking facilities adjacent to JMU Stadium (also look for Godwin Hall parking).



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SEPT. 3

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Ga.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 55, NEWBERRY 7

Newberry	0	0	7	0	--	7	A--	12,084
Georgia Southern	10	21	17	7	--	55	86°	partly cloudy

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	7:13	Dowis 20 field goal	3-0
1	3:12	Thompson 1 run (Dowis kick)	10-0
2	12:58	Thompson 3 run (Dowis kick)	17-0
2	5:20	Thompson 1 run (Dowis kick)	24-0
2	3:19	Gross 48 run (Dowis kick)	31-0
3	9:59	Cool 27 field goal	34-0
3	8:35	Cummings 49 run (Lingerfelt kick)	34-7
3	6:56	T. Belser 15 pass from Burnett (Cool kick)	41-7
3	1:27	Alford 45 fumble return (Cool kick)	48-7
4	9:21	D. Belser 22 pass from Burnette (Cool kick)	55-7

THE YARDSTICK

TEAM STATS

GSC		NC
26	First Downs	12
45	Rush Attempts	49
312	Net Rush Yds.	119
142	Net Pass Yds.	52
19	Pass Attempts	16
11	Pass Completions	6
64	Total Plays	65
454	Total Yards	171

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC - Gross 10-94-1; Hopkins 2-66; K. Miller 4-47; Johnson 3-32; Thompson 7-22-3;
NC - Cummings 10-79-1; Aker 9-24; Clinkscales 6-14; White 11-7

Passing

GSC - Gross 10-5-0-0, 62; Burnette 8-5-0-2, 67;
NC - White 8-5-0-0, 44; DuPree 4-1-0-0, 8;

Receiving

GSC - T. Belser 3-38-1; Thompson 2-32
D. Belser 1-22-1; Worsham 1-3; McClurg 1-13;
NC - Padgett 3-24; Black 2-21; Moultrie 1-7.

GSC NOTES -- The 55 points equaled a Paulson Stadium record for points scored...14 different players carried the ball for Georgia Southern and three different QB's threw passes...Darren Alford returned an intercepted fumble 45 yards for a TD. The fumble was caused by Giff Smith...GSC scored on seven of its first nine possessions.



Sept. 10

Gator Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 42, FLORIDA A&M 14

Georgia Southern	14	7	14	7	--	42	A--	18,556
Florida A&M	0	0	0	14	--	14	86°	partly cloudy

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	11:19	Gross 37 run (Dowis kick)	7-0
1	4:17	Thompson 1 run (Dowis kick)	14-0
2	14:19	Thompson 3 run (Dowis kick)	21-0
3	10:34	Thompson 1 run (Dowis kick)	28-0
3	2:47	Gross 48 run (Dowis kick)	35-0
4	11:01	Thompson 6 run (Dowis kick)	42-0
4	7:55	Vickers 42 pass from Ezell (Vertuno kick)	42-7
4	0:55	Allen 13 pass from Ezell (Vertuno kick)	42-14

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TEAM STATS		FAM
GSC	First Downs	14
	Rush Attempts	33
401	Net Rush Yds.	60
98	Net Pass Yds.	181
12	Pass Attempts	25
6	Pass Completions	13
69	Total Plays	58
499	Total Yards	241

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC - Gross 16-120-2; K. Miller 3-79; Thompson 8-42-4; Ross 9-41; G. Miller 6-36; McGhee 2-35; Burnette 6-18; FAM - Gainer 11-29; Gilliam 3-18; Ezell 4-10; Vickers 1-16;

Passing

GSC - Gross 8-4-0-0, 46; Burnette 3-1-0-0, 39; Huntley 1-1-0-0, 13. FAM - Williams 12-5-2-0, 50; Ezell 13-8-0-2, 131.

Receiving

GSC - T. Belser 2-11; Johnson 1-39; Allen 1-18; McGhee 1-13; Hopkins 1-7. FAM - Vickers 4-85-1; Huckaby 3-38; Allen 2-26-1; Rasul 2-8; Green 1-13;

GSC NOTES -- Ernest Thompson's four TD's was the most in a regular season game at GSC...Raymond Gross tallied the first 100-yard day of the season with 120 yards rushing... Gross was named the game MVP...GSC scored the first three times it had the ball and led 42-0 at one point in the game...12 different players carried the ball for GSC...The 401 yards rushing by GSC was the highest total to date.

Sept. 17

Chamberlain Field
Chattanooga, Tenn.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 13, UT-CHATTANOOGA 3

Georgia Southern	7	6	0	0	--	13	A--	8,747
UT-Chattanooga	0	0	3	0	--	3	79°	overcast, wet

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	2:27	Gross 43 run (Dowis kick)	7-0
2	4:15	Cool 50 field goal	10-0
2	1:08	Dowis 30 field goal	13-0
3	1:27	Waters 47 field goal	13-3

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TEAM STATS		
GSC		UTC
15	First Downs	15
51	Rush Attempts	45
189	Net Rush Yds.	137
125	Net Pass Yds.	59
13	Pass Attempts	25
9	Pass Completions	8
64	Total Plays	70
314	Total Yards	196

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS	
Rushing	
GSC	Gross 31-125-1; Ross 9-24; G. Miller 4-23; Thompson 3-16; Johnson 1-9.
UTC	Lockhart 14-93; Streeter 12-70; Smith 9-24; McLendon 1-5.
Passing	
GSC	Gross 13-9-0-0, 125.
UTC	Patterson 14-5-1-0, 44; Nix 11-3-1-0, 15.
Receiving	
GSC	T. Belser 4-88; Worsham 3-28; K. Miller 1-6; Allen 1-3.
UTC	McNeal 3-18; Streeter 2-10; Legg 1-20; Philpot 1-6; Lockhart 1-5.

GSC NOTES -- Giff Smith recorded a school record five quarterback sacks in the game...Raymond Gross had his biggest game of the season to date with 125 yards rushing and 125 passing...David Cool became the first kicker in GSC history other than Tim Foley to make a 50-yard field goal...GSC held UTC to just 2.8 yards per play...GSC converted 7-of-15 third down conversions.



Sept. 24

Red Floyd Stadium
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST. 26, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 10

Georgia Southern	3	7	0	0	--	10	A--	6,800
Middle Tennessee St.	14	3	3	6	--	26	71°	rainy

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	10:29	Johnson 1 run (Lisle kick)	0-7
1	6:22	Dowis 34 field goal	3-7
1	4:39	Martin 4 run (Lisle kick)	3-14
2	4:22	Lisle 32 field goal	3-17
2	0:56	K. Miller 24 pass from Burnette (Dowis kick)	10-17
3	4:12	Lisle 24 field goal	10-20
4	9:34	Lisle 20 field goal	10-23
4	2:58	Lisle 40 field goal	10-26

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TEAM STATS		
GSC		MTSU
14	First Downs	17
45	Rush Attempts	54
204	Net Rush Yds.	264
68	Net Pass Yds.	69
19	Pass Attempts	12
6	Pass Completions	4
64	Total Plays	66
272	Total Yards	333

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS	
Rushing	
GSC - Ross 25-157; Burnette 5-27; K. Miller 3-16; G. Miller 1-9; Thompson 1-3.	
MTSU - Campbell 12-84; Martin 14-81; Johnson 15-78; Collier 11-18.	
Passing	
GSC - Burnette 11-2-3-1, 27; Gross 7-4-1-0, 41; Thompson 1-0-1-0, 0.	
MTSU - Collier 12-4-1-0, 69.	
Receiving	
GSC - T. Belser 2-30; Thompson 2-11; K. Miller 1-24-1; Hopkins 1-3.	
MTSU - Gordon 1-35; James 1-18; Dingler 1-11; Johnson 1-5.	

GSC NOTES -- Starting quarterback Raymond Gross left the game in the second quarter unable to continue on an ankle that was sprained a week earlier against UT-Chattanooga...Ken Burnette led the Eagles to a touch-down on his first possession, but the Eagle did not score again after that...Joe Ross rushed for a career-high 157 yards...This was the only game in which GSC did not sack the opposing quarterback at least once...The start of the game was delayed by an hour because of a heavy electrical storm in Murfreesboro.

Oct. 8

Doak Campbell Stadium
Tallahassee, Fla.

FLORIDA STATE 28, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 10

Georgia Southern	0	0	3	7	--	10	A--	59,109
Florida State	7	0	0	21	--	28	75°	clear

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	3:42	Dawsey 9 pass from Ferguson (Andrews kick)	0-7
3	10:09	Dowis 28 field goal	3-7
4	14:52	G. Miller 22 run (Dowis kick)	10-7
4	8:28	Lewis 16 pass from Ferguson (Andrews kick)	10-14
4	5:51	Williams 23 run (Andres kick)	10-21
4	2:55	Parker 1 run (Andrews kick)	10-28

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TEAM STATS		
GSC		FSU
17	First Downs	17
57	Rush Attempts	33
171	Net Rush Yds.	115
100	Net Pass Yds.	247
15	Pass Attempts	24
8	Pass Completions	16
72	Total Plays	57
271	Total Yards	362

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC - G. Miller 15-65-1; Gross 23-59; Ross 11-40; K. Miller 2-7; Efford 2-4.
FSU - Williams 5-47-1; Smith 8-30; Parker 6-22-1; Ross 9-21; Moore 2-9.

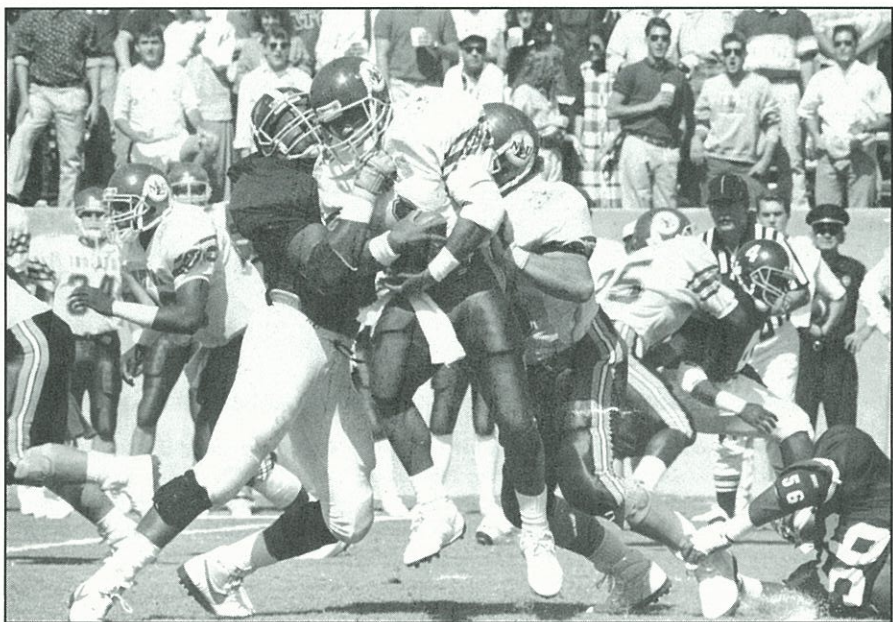
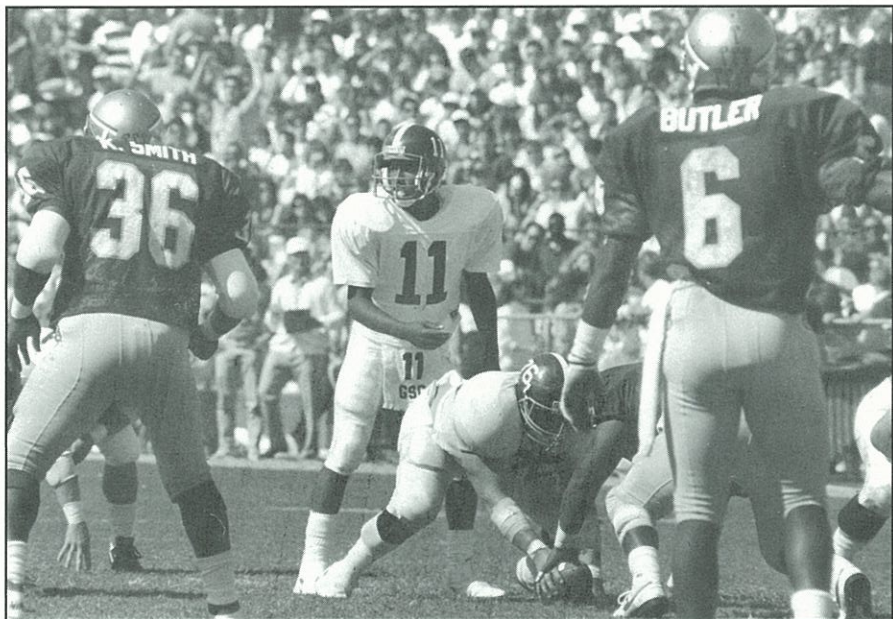
Passing

GSC - Gross 14-7-1-0, 97; Burnette 1-1-0-0, 3.
FSU - Ferguson 24-16-2-2, 247.

Receiving

GSC - Johnson 3-56; T. Belser 2-17; K. Miller 1-13; Worsham 1-11; Thompson 1-3.
FSU - Lewis 7-140-1; Anthony 3-34; Ross 1-17; Johnson 1-16; Williams 1-16; Dawsey 1-9-1; Smith 1-8; O'Malley 1-7.

GSC NOTES -- GSC led the heavily favored Seminoles, 10-7, with nine minutes left in the game...The Eagle defense limited Heisman Trophy candidate Sammie Smith to just 30 yards rushing on eight carries...GSC held FSU to just 115 yards rushing ...More than 5,000 GSC fans were in attendance at the game...Freshman Rodney Oglesby intercepted two Chip Ferguson passes...GSC maintained possession of the ball for 34:05...Said FSU Head Coach Bobby Bowden, "They whipped us in every phase of the game except the score. They beat us on the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball."



Oct. 15

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Ga.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 43, NORTHEAST LOUISIANA 11

Northeast Louisiana	0	8	3	0	--	11	A--	20,228
Georgia Southern	7	8	7	21	--	43	70°	mostly clear

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	10:06	Thompson 31 run (Dowis kick)	7-0
2	10:42	Steele 2 run (Burns pass from Pederson)	7-8
2	1:53	K. Miller 67 pass from Gross (Thompson run)	15-8
3	10:46	White 39 field goal	15-11
3	8:18	Sharpe 45 interception return (Dowis kick)	22-11
4	13:22	Thompson 1 run (Dowis kick)	29-11
4	5:45	Thompson 1 run (Dowis kick)	36-11
4	0:30	Hopkins 7 run (Dowis kick)	43-11

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TEAM STATS

GSC		NLU
16	First Downs	17
56	Rush Attempts	40
186	Net Rush Yds.	58
176	Net Pass Yds.	143
10	Pass Attempts	31
6	Pass Completions	14
66	Total Plays	71
362	Total Yards	201

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC - Thompson 11-82-3; G. Miller 14-44; Eford 8-30; Gross 17-16; Hopkins 2-8-1; Johnson 2-5; K. Miller 1-3.
NLU - Richard 8-42; Minvielle 7-22; Phythian 3-4; Steele 7-4-1; Pederson 15- (-14).

Passing

GSC - Gross 9-5-0-1, 166; Burnette 1-1-0-0, 10.
NLU - Pederson 27-10-2-0, 120; Phythian 4-2-0-0, 23.

Receiving

GSC - K. Miller, 2-75-1; Worsham 2-30; T. Belsler 1-55; Johnson 1-16.
NLU - Burton 5-36; Guerriero 2-27; Minvielle 2-21; Harris 2-7; Richard 1-9; Van Buren 1-8.

GSC NOTES -- This marked the first win for GSC over NLU and evened the series record at 1-1...Raymond Gross passed for a career high 166 yards...The 67-yard TD completion to Karl Miller was the longest pass of Gross' career...The win snapped a two-game losing streak...Everett Sharpe had his first and second career interceptions in this game and his first career TD...Terry Harvin had his best day, averaging 44.6 yards per punt...This was Erk Russell's 60th career win.



Oct. 22

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Ga.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 38, BETHUNE-COOKMAN 14

Bethune-Cookman	14	0	0	0	--	14	A--	16,592
Georgia Southern	7	0	24	7	--	38	68°	clear

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	12:51	Ross 19 run (Dowis kick)	7-0
1	7:05	Thompson 15 run (Manolas kick)	7-7
1	2:02	Baker 1 pass from Thomas (Manolas kick)	7-14
3	8:39	K. Miller 1 run (Dowis kick)	14-14
3	7:09	Hopkins 24 run (Dowis kick)	21-14
3	4:03	Dowis 22 field goal	24-14
3	1:22	K. Miller 4 run (Dowis kick)	31-14
4	1:53	Burnette 14 run (Dowis kick)	38-14

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TEAM STATS		
GSC		BCC
19	First Downs	18
59	Rush Attempts	32
321	Net Rush Yds.	104
15	Net Pass Yds.	205
8	Pass Attempts	42
3	Pass Completions	21
67	Total Plays	74
336	Total Yards	309

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS	
Rushing	
GSC - Gross 15-77; Ross 9-59-1; G. Miller 12-42; Hopkins 2-37-1; K. Miller 11-36-2; Eford 6-29; Johnson 2-24; Burnette 2-17-1.	
BCC - A. Thomas 3-48; Thompson 8-43-1; Hogan 10-15; Butler 3-14.	
Passing	
GSC - Gross 7-2-0-0, 9; Burnette 1-1-0-0, 6.	
BCC - A. Thomas 42-21-4-1, 205.	
Receiving	
GSC - T. Belser 1-6; Allen 1-6; Johnson 1-3.	
BCC - Jackson 6-78; Sumpter 4-55; S. Thomas 4-50; Thompson 3-10; Hogan 2-7; Williams 1-4; Baker 1-1-1.	

GSC NOTES -- The 24 points in the third quarter were the most scored in a quarter by GSC last season...Karl Miller replaced the injured Ernest Thompson in goal line situations and responded with two TDs...Four different players scored TDs for the Eagles...Mike Dowis had a 27 yard field goal blocked in the first half marking the first miss of his career...Everett Sharpe recorded his third interception in the last two games...Darrell Hendrix returned an interception 44 yards to set the stage for GSC's third quarter explosion...The Eagles passed for only 15 yards, their lowest total of the season.

Oct. 29

Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 31, CENTRAL FLORIDA 17

Georgia Southern	14	3	0	14	--	31	A--	28,682
Central Florida	7	0	3	7	--	17	77°	clear

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	10:31	Thompson 1 run (Dowis kick)	7-0
1	7:33	Jefferson 41 pass from Jones (Holton kick)	7-7
1	3:06	Ross 15 run (Dowis kick)	14-7
2	7:57	Cool 46 field goal	17-7
3	1:38	Holton 40 field goal	17-10
4	14:09	Thompson 1 run (Dowis kick)	24-10
4	2:59	Thompson 5 run (Dowis kick)	31-10
4	1:58	Beckton 17 pass from Johnson (Holton kick)	31-17

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TEAM STATS

GSC		UCF
21	First Downs	14
63	Rush Attempts	17
294	Net Rush Yds.	41
93	Net Pass Yds.	307
20	Pass Attempts	41
11	Pass Completions	22
83	Total Plays	58
387	Total Yards	348

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC - Gross 19-90; Efford 11-58; Ross 7-56-1; K. Miller 4-34; Thompson 11-25-3; Hopkins 4-23; G. Miller 3-8.

UCF - Gatlin 8-22; Johnson 1-11; Balasis 2-5; Jones 2-4; Willis 2-3; Barnes 1-0

Passing

GSC - Gross 18-10-1-0, 87; Burnette 1-1-0-0, 6; T. Belser 1-0-0-0, 0.

UCF - Jones 17-10-0-1, 154; Willis 18-10-0-0, 118; Johnson 6-2-1-1, 35.

Receiving

GSC - Worsham 3-42; T. Belser 3-30; D. Belser 1-10; Johnson 1-6; Thompson 1-4. K. Miller 1-2.

UCF - Beckton 7-124-1; Spencer 5-94; Balasis 3-15; Osborne 3-15; Jefferson 1-41-1.

GSC NOTES -- GSC scored on its first two possessions...Ernest Thompson had his third three-touchdown game of the season...GSC limited UCF to just 41 yards rushing on 17 carries...GSC also held UCF to 3-of-12 on third down conversions...UCF was held to a negative-six yards on two punt returns...This win marked the fifth straight over Central Florida...Joe Ross rushed for 56 yards in the first half before bruising his shoulder.



Nov. 5

JMU Stadium
Harrisonburg, Va.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 27, JAMES MADISON 13

Georgia Southern	14	6	7	0	--	27	A--	10,126
James Madison	7	0	6	0	--	13	64°	overcast

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	7:24	Thompson 1 run (kick blocked)	6-0
1	5:19	Thompson 3 run (Gross run)	14-0
1	0:28	Thornton 12 pass from Lancaster (Garritty kick)	14-7
2	10:16	Cool 60 field goal	17-7
2	2:32	Dowis 40 field goal	20-7
3	13:48	Oglesby 43 fumble return (Dowis kick)	27-7
3	9:06	Washington 7 run (kick blocked)	27-13

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TEAM STATS		JMU
GSC		
17	First Downs	10
67	Rush Attempts	41
240	Net Rush Yds.	84
81	Net Pass Yds.	59
15	Pass Attempts	13
10	Pass Completions	6
82	Total Plays	54
321	Total Yards	143

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS	
Rushing	
GSC - Ross 25-139; Thompson 16-50-2; Gross 20-44; G. Miller 3-7; K. Miller 2-3. JMU - Medley 14-83; Taylor 5-28; Lanier 3-19; Regin 5-16; White 2-8; Washington 1-7-1.	
Passing	
GSC - Gross 14-9-1-0, 82; Burnette 1-1-0-0, -1. JMU - Lancaster 9-6-1-1, 59; Waters 4-0-0-0, 0.	
Receiving	
GSC - Worsham 3-44; T. Belser 3-26; Allen 2-7; Thompson 1-5. JMU - Thornton 3-51-1; Washington 1-4; Taylor 1-2; Ragin 1-2.	

GSC NOTES -- David Cool's 60-yard field goal was the longest by a freshman in NCAA history (all divisions included)...It marked the second year in a row that GSC had kicked a 60-yarder against the Dukes, (Tim Foley kicked a 63-yarder in 1987)...The 143 yards surrendered in total offense was the lowest total of the season for the GSC defense...GSC held possession of the ball for 39:07 to the Dukes'20:53...The Eagles forced a season-high five fumbles and recovered a season-high three...GSC sacked the JMU quarterback five times for losses of 47 yards.

Nov. 12

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Ga.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 49, SAMFORD 21

Samford	6	8	7	0	--	21	A--	20,340
Georgia Southern	14	14	7	14	--	49	67°	hazy

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	11:01	Darby 5 pass from Rory (kick failed)	0-6
1	4:22	Thompson 2 run (Dowis kick)	7-6
1	1:31	Ross 14 run (Dowis kick)	14-6
2	8:23	Thompson 2 run (Dowis kick)	21-6
2	3:55	Ross 15 run (Dowis kick)	28-6
2	0:33	Jones 1 run (Richardson pass from Darby)	28-14
3	4:50	Ross 13 run (Dowis kick)	35-14
3	1:43	Richardson 38 pass from Darby (Engel kick)	35-21
4	11:53	Johnson 70 run (Dowis kick)	42-21
4	8:50	Johnson 53 run (Dowis kick)	49-21

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TEAM STATS

GSC		SU
30	First Downs	21
64	Rush Attempts	33
515	Net Rush Yds.	94
41	Net Pass Yds.	187
12	Pass Attempts	39
3	Pass Completions	14
76	Total Plays	72
556	Total Yards	281

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC - Johnson 4-150-2; Ross 13-111-3; Gross 19-95; G. Miller 6-52; Efford 5-30; Thompson 8-28-2; K. Miller 3-24; Burnette 3-11.

SU - Smith 17-105; Jones 7-21-1; James 1-4; Rory 2-1; Darby 6-(-37).

Passing

GSC - Gross 12-3-1-0, 41.
SU - Darby 38-13-1-1, 182; Rory 1-1-0-1, 5.

Receiving

GSC - T. Belser 2-32; Allen 1-9.
SU - Richardson 6-100-1; James 3-28; Smith 2-40; Vest 1-10; Darby 1-5; Jones 1-4.

GSC NOTES -- The 515 yards rushing was a new school record...Frank Johnson gained 150 yards on just four carries...It was the biggest rushing day of his career...Joe Ross rushed for 111 yards for his second 100-yard game in a row...The Eagles averaged 7.3 yards per play...The Eagles were penalized 14 times for 125 yards...GSC converted nine-of-13 third down conversions...20,340 fans watched the game, the largest crowd in Paulson Stadium history.



Nov. 19

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Ga.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 53, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE 0

South Carolina State	0	0	0	0	--	0	A--	17,034
Georgia Southern	7	24	6	16	--	53	67°	overcast

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	0:48	Thompson 5 run (Dowis kick)	7-0
2	13:57	T. Belser 51 pass from Gross (Dowis kick)	14-0
2	9:24	Dowis 38 field goal	17-0
2	8:58	T. Belser 18 pass from Gross (Dowis kick)	24-0
2	0:56	Thompson 2 run (Dowis kick)	31-0
3	12:25	Dowis 23 field goal	34-0
3	7:35	Cool 45 field goal	37-0
4	12:09	McGhee 27 pass from Huntley (Dowis kick)	44-0
4	9:27	Safety (snapped over punter's head in end zone)	46-0
4	8:21	Huntley 42 run (Dowis kick)	53-0

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TEAM STATS		
GSC		SCS
22	First Downs	7
55	Rush Attempts	41
366	Net Rush Yds.	38
206	Net Pass Yds.	17
17	Pass Attempts	12
10	Pass Completions	1
72	Total Plays	53
572	Total Yards	55

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS	
Rushing	
GSC	G. Miller 4-89; Efford 9-70; Gross 15-58; Huntley 6-57-1; Johnson 3-50; Hopkins 2-18; Burnette 5-11; Ross 3-9; Thompson 4-9-2.
SCS	Norris 14-72; Whitley 9-26; Geohaghan 4-16; Gilmore 6-(-22).
Passing	
GSC	Gross 7-4-0-2, 105; Burnette 8-4-0-0, 61; Huntley 2-2-0-1, 40.
SCS	McMullin 6-1-0-0, 17; Gilmore 6-0-1-0, 0.
Receiving	
GSC	T. Belser 2-69-2; Worsham 2-26; Allen 2-22; McGhee 1-27-1; Ross 1-26; Hopkins 1-23; D. Belser 1-13.
SCS	Smith 1-17.

GSC NOTES -- GSC set a school record for fewest yards allowed in a game giving up only 55 total...SCS had negative-three yards rushing after three quarters...GSC's 572 yards of total offense was its highest of the regular season...The Eagles limited SCS to 1.04 yards per play...Ernest Thompson scored two touchdowns to become the all-time single season scoring leader at GSC with 19 TDs and 116 points...SCS was 0-13 in third down conversions.

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NCAA I-AA Playoffs -- First Round

Nov. 26

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Ga.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 38, THE CITADEL 20

The Citadel	10	7	3	0	--	20	A--	1,011
Georgia Southern	7	7	14	10	--	38	76°	overcast

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	10:04	Burriss 41 field goal	0-3
1	4:46	Brown 10 run (Burriss kick)	0-10
1	3:52	Ross 75 run (Dowis kick)	7-10
2	11:34	Thompson 3 run (Dowis kick)	14-10
2	0:50	Brown 5 run (Burriss kick)	14-17
3	7:31	Johnson 28 run (Dowis kick)	21-17
3	4:21	Burriss 23 field goal	21-20
3	0:53	McGhee 1 run (Dowis kick)	28-20
4	11:19	Dowis 31 field goal	31-20
4	1:01	K. Miller 1 run (Dowis kick)	38-20

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TEAM STATS		
GSC		CIT
16	First Downs	14
56	Rush Attempts	48
373	Net Rush Yds.	224
114	Net Pass Yds.	62
6	Pass Attempts	15
3	Pass Completions	4
62	Total Plays	63
487	Total Yards	286

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC - Ross 15-149-1; Johnson 4-103-1; Gross 22-78; Hopkins 2-14; Thompson 5-12-1; K. Miller 4-9-1; G. Miller 2-7; McGhee 2-1-1.

CIT - Jones 9-101; Brown 20-52-2; Mazyck 6-43; Johnson 11-43; Burriss 2-(-7).

Passing

GSC - Gross 6-3-1-0-, 114.

CIT - Brown 9-3-0-0, 56; Burriss 6-1-0-0, 6.

Receiving

GSC - T. Belser 2-53; Johnson 1-61.

CIT - Nash 2-47; Florence 1-9; Jones 1-6.

GSC NOTES -- The win marked the fourth straight year GSC has won its opening playoff game and the fourth straight at home... GSC outscored The Citadel 24-3 in the second half and limited the Bulldogs to 97 yards total offense in the second half...Joe Ross' 149 yards rushing was the second highest total of his career...Frank Johnson rushed four times for 103 yards, his second 100 yard game in the last three...The Eagles averaged 7.9 yards per offensive play...The home winning streak was extended to 24 games.



REVIEWING 1988 (Cont.)

NCAA I-AA Playoffs -- Quarterfinals

Dec. 3

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Ga.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 27, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 6

Stephen F. Austin	3	3	0	0	--	6	A--	12,289
Georgia Southern	0	3	14	10	--	27	63°	clear

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	5:12	Rawlinson 46 field goal	0-3
2	12:58	Rawlinson 20 field goal	0-6
2	5:48	Dowis 24 field goal	3-6
3	10:48	Thompson 1 run (Dowis kick)	10-6
3	4:10	Johnson 3 run (Dowis kick)	17-6
4	9:06	Dowis 41 field goal	20-6
4	2:56	T. Belser 52 pass from Gross (Dowis kick)	27-6

THE YARDSTICK

TEAM STATS

GSC		SFA
17	First Downs	16
56	Rush Attempts	36
281	Net Rush Yds.	158
136	Net Pass Yds.	124
14	Pass Attempts	34
6	Pass Completions	13
70	Total Plays	70
417	Total Yards	282

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC - Gross 32-161; Ross 5-40; Johnson 6-39-1; G. Miller 5-19; Hopkins 1-9; K. Miller 2-7; Thompson 5-6-1.
SFA - Horace 17-140; Centers 13-44; Hammel 6-(-26).

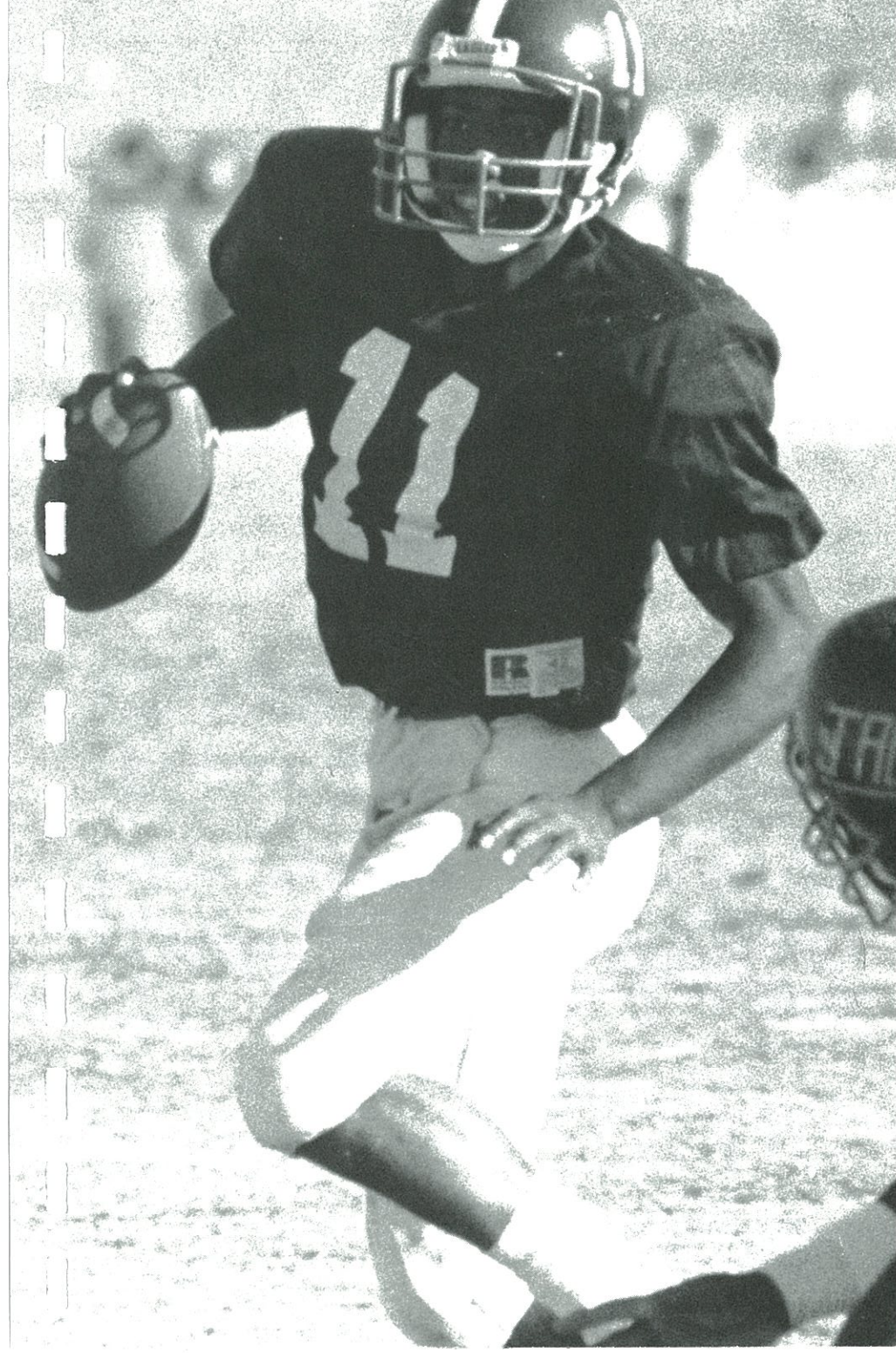
Passing

GSC - Gross 13-6-0-1, 136; Thompson 1-0-0-0, 0.
SFA - Hammel 34-13-2-0, 124.

Receiving

GSC - T. Belser 2-67-1; Johnson 2-45; Worsham 1-13; Hopkins 1-11.
SFA - Bradford 3-39; E. Wright 3-29; Kelley 2-24; Barfield 2-17; Horace 1-13; Centers 1-3; Haynes 1-(-1).

GSC NOTES -- Against the top-rated rush defense in I-AA, the Eagles gained 281 yards on the ground...Raymond Gross' 161 yards rushing was the second highest total of his career...Trailing 6-3, Taz Dixon intercepted a pass and returned it to the one-yard line to set up the go-ahead score...After falling behind 6-0, GSC scored 27 unanswered points...The win was the 25th in a row at Paulson Stadium...It was the eighth win in a row overall...The win moved GSC into the semifinals for the third time in the last four years...Counting regular season and playoff games, Gross passed the 1,000 yard mark running and passing.



REVIEWING 1988 (Cont.)

NCAA I-AA Playoffs -- Semifinals

Dec. 10

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Ga.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 21, EASTERN KENTUCKY 17

Eastern Kentucky	7	3	7	0	--	17	A--	14,023
Georgia Southern	14	0	7	0	--	21	52°	clear

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	8:01	Angulo 15 pass from Fields (Campbell kick)	0-7
1	5:46	Thompson 1 run (Dowis kick)	7-7
1	2:02	Gross 2 run (Dowis kick)	14-7
2	6:55	Campbell 41 field goal	14-10
3	11:53	Harris 5 run (Campbell kick)	14-17
3	7:28	Johnson 6 run (Dowis kick)	21-17

THE YARDSTICK

TEAM STATS

GSC		EKU
20	First Downs	20
58	Rush Attempts	50
340	Net Rush Yds.	318
28	Net Pass Yds.	93
7	Pass Attempts	20
4	Pass Completions	10
65	Total Plays	70
368	Total Yards	411

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC - Gross 29-152-1; Ross 12-61; Thompson 7-49-1; K. Miller 4-42; Johnson 3-20-1; G. Miller 3-16.
EKU - Harris 28-155-1; Fields 7-79; Lester 12-48; Cadore 3-36.

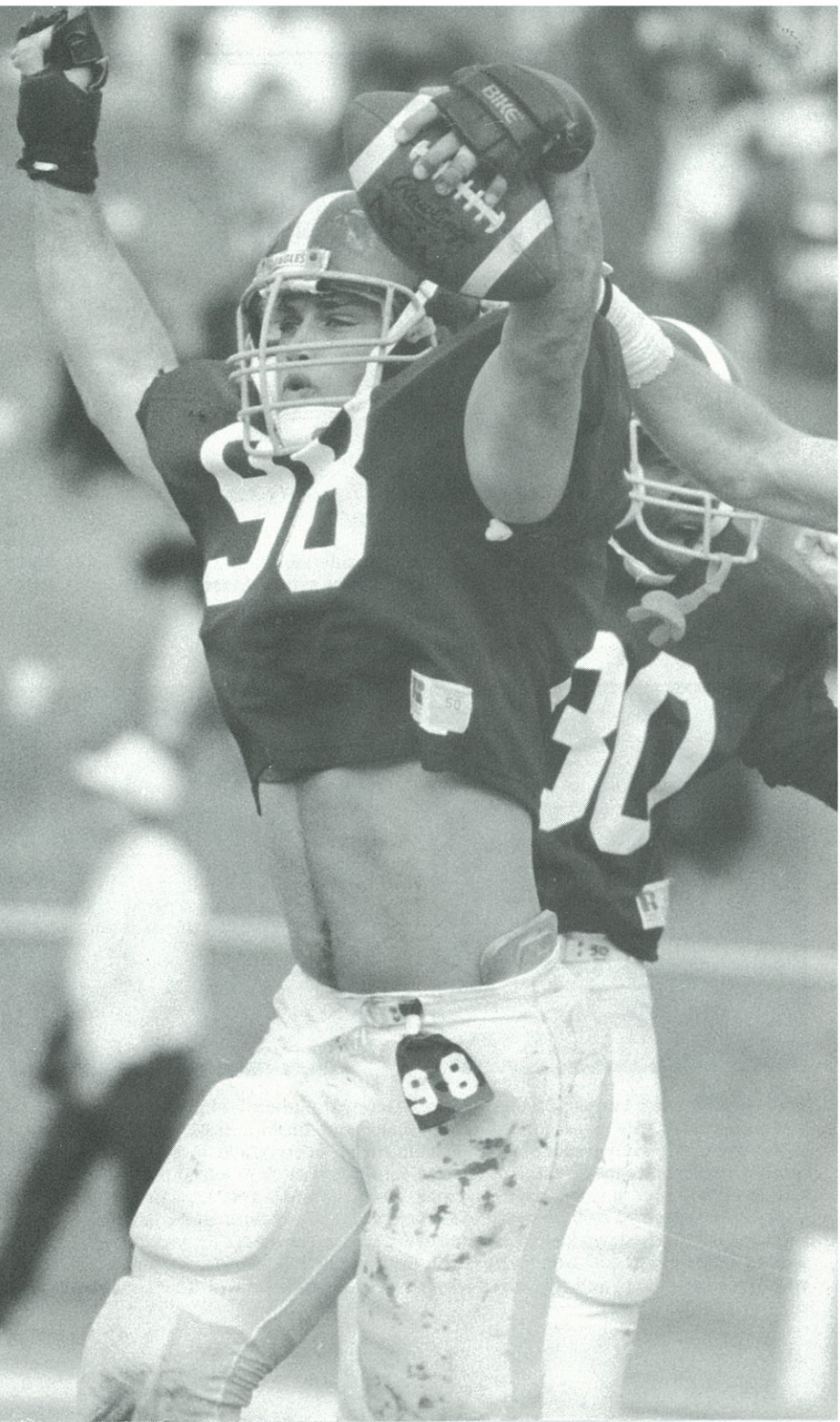
Passing

GSC - Gross 7-4-0-0, 28.
EKU - Fields 20-10-1-1, 93.

Receiving

GSC - Johnson 2-12; Worsham 1-16; Franklin 1-0.
EKU - Bohler 3-43; Angulo 3-25-1; Cadore 3-19; Scott 1-6.

GSC NOTES -- For the third time in four years, GSC advanced to the 1-AA championship game...The win extended GSC's home winning streak to 26 games...A key play in the game came in the fourth quarter on the GSC five yard line when ECU quarterback Lorenzo Fields fumbled and Darren Alford recovered to thwart a Colonel drive...The 411 yards by ECU was the most surrendered by the Eagles in a game last year...Raymond Gross had his second straight 100 yard game with 152 yards rushing...Randell Boone's interception was in the end zone in the third quarter halting an ECU drive...Taz Dixon suffered a shoulder dislocation in the third quarter and missed the remainder of the game and the championship game...Dennis Franklin became the first offensive lineman in GSC history to catch a pass when he hauled in a deflected pass in the first quarter...He did not gain any yards on the play...Freshman Mark Giles blocked his second punt of the season in the first quarter.



REVIEWING 1988 (Cont.)

NCAA I-AA Playoffs -- National Championship Game

Dec. 17

Holt Arena
Pocatello, Idaho

FURMAN 17, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 12

Georgia Southern	3	0	3	6	--	12	A--	9,714
Furman	7	3	7	0	--	17		Indoors

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	7:13	Cool 55 field goal	3-0
1	0:54	Key 19 pass from DeBusk (Connally kick)	3-7
2	1:06	Connally 36 field goal	3-10
3	5:07	Cool 48 field goal	6-10
3	0:38	Sterling 5 run (Connally kick)	6-17
4	12:24	Giles 30 blocked punt return (pass failed)	12-17

THE YARDSTICK

TEAM STATS

GSC		FURMAN
14	First Downs	17
52	Rush Attempts	54
134	Net Rush Yds.	231
64	Net Pass Yds.	124
17	Pass Attempts	11
5	Pass Completions	7
69	Total Plays	65
198	Total Yards	355

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC - Ross 15-58; Gross 27-50; Johnson 4-14; K. Miller 1-10.
FURMAN - Sterling 12-70-1; Bagwell 14-67; Daugherty 8-61; Stockdale 8-44.

Passing

GSC - Gross 17-5-2-0, 64.
FURMAN - DeBusk 11-7-1-1, 124.

Receiving

GSC - T. Belser 2-26; Worsham 2-25; Johnson 1-13.
FURMAN - Lipscomb 3-53; Bagwell 1-14; Quarles 1-12; Swilling 1-26; Key 1-19-1.

GSC NOTES -- The Furman Paladins snapped Georgia Southern's nine-game winning streak and ended the Eagles' quest for a third national championship...GSC had a golden opportunity late in the game trailing 17-12...Paladin strong safety Wade Sexton recovered a Raymond Gross fumble inside the Furman five-yard line with 5:30 left in the contest...Terry Harvin punted four times for a 47.3 average...David Cool set a NCAA I-AA National Championship Game record by booting a 55-yard field goal midway through the first quarter...Safety Mark Giles blocked two kicks (had three in the final two games of the year)...Giles knocked down a 27-yard field goal attempt by Glenn Connally in the second quarter and then blocked a Bruce Leicht punt and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown with 12:24 left in the game.

1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(12-3 Overall: 8-0 Home; 3-2 Away; 1-1 Neutral)

TEAM STATISTICS	GSC	OPP	RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG
TOTAL POINTS	459	214	Gross	304	1528	315	1213	4.0	5	48NC,FAM
Points Per Game	30.6	14.3	Ross	158	959	15	944	6.0	6	75CIT
TD/Run-Pass-Rtn.	47-8-4	14-11-0	Johnson	34	456	6	450	13.2	5	70SAM
PAT	55-56	21-23	G. Miller	85	445	10	435	5.1	1	50SCS
PAT Run or Pass	2-3	2-2	Thompson	91	354	1	353	3.9	22	31NLU
Field Goals	18-27	13-22	K. Miller	44	317	0	317	7.2	3	60FAM
Safety	1	0	Efford	46	242	0	242	5.3	0	44SCS
FIRST DOWNS	286	229	Hopkins	16	188	3	185	11.6	2	60NC
Rush	197	127	Burnette	31	92	27	65	2.1	1	16MT
Pass	65	89	Huntley	8	63	3	60	7.5	1	42SCS
Penalty	24	13	McGhee	7	46	0	46	6.6	1	20FAM
3rd Down Conv-Att.	97-221	60-212	Whiten	3	22	0	22	7.3	0	11NC
3rd Down Pct.	43.9	28.3	T. Belser	3	15	11	4	1.3	0	15NC
TOTAL YARDAGE	5828	3972	Hughes	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4NC
Avg. Per Game	388.5	264.8	Terrell	2	2	4	-2	-1.0	0	2FAM
Plays	1044	966	Leary	8	18	23	-5	-0.8	0	11SCS
Yds. Per Play	5.6	4.1	RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR		
% Plays Rush-Pass	80-20	63-37	T. Belser	31	558	18.0	4	55NLU		
% Yards Rush-Pass	74-26	51-49	Worsham	18	239	13.3	0	20NLU		
RUSHING YARDAGE	4332	2045	Johnson	14	250	17.9	0	61CIT		
Yards Per Game	288.8	136.3	Allen	11	92	8.4	0	18FAM		
Gained	4746	2739	K. Miller	7	128	18.3	2	67NLU		
Lost	418	694	Thompson	7	55	7.9	0	19NC		
Rushing Plays	839	606	Hopkins	6	52	8.7	0	23SCS		
Yards Per Play	5.2	3.4	D. Belser	3	45	15.0	1	22NC		
PASSING YARDAGE	1496	1929	McGhee	2	40	20.0	1	27SCS		
Yards Per Game	99.7	128.6	Ross	1	26	26.0	0	26SCS		
Att-Completions	205-102	360-159	McClurg	1	13	13.0	0	13NC		
% Complete	49.8	44.2	Franklin	1	0	0.0	0	0EUK		
Yards Per Attempt	7.3	5.4	RETURNS	KICKOFFS	PUNTS	INTERCEPTIONS				
Yards Per Comp.	14.7	12.1	Oglesby		34-221(20NC)	5-79-1(43JMU)*				
INTERCEPTIONS BY	23*	12	Dixon		7-57(13NC)	4-54(4SFA)				
Yards Returned/TD	314-3*	51-0	Giles		3-49-1(30FUR)					
PUNTS	62	91	Simms		1-9(FAM)					
Yards Punted	2325	3359	K. Miller	31-648(42UTC)						
Avg. Per Punt	37.5	36.9	Thompson	1-26(26UTC)						
Had Blocked	0	3	Alford							
PUNT RETURNS	45	18	Boone							
Yards Returned/TD	336-0	129-0	Berry							
Avg. Per Return	7.5	7.2	Young							
KICKOFF RETURNS	43	72	Sharpe							
Yards Returned/TD	912-0	1404-0	Whitley							
Avg. Per Return	21.2	19.5	Hendrix							
PENALTIES	96	92	T. Belser	6-149(43SAM)						
Yards	805	846	Efford	1-10(10CIT)						
FUMBLES	53-19	31-13	Huntley	2-33(19MT)						
*includes intercepted fumble return										

AVG. ATTEND.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LP
17,689	15,469	22,692	14,135	Harvin	62	2325	37.5	62FUR

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS: (Bold #'s are good). Cool: 53, 27, 50, 55, 46, 60, 55, 40, 45, 38, 46, 55, 48, 48. Dowis: 20, 30, 34, 28, 27, 22, 40, 38, 23, 42, 31, 24, 42.
Opponents	82	35	49	48	
Georgia Southern	121	106	123	119	

PASSING	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LP	YDS/COMP	YDS/GAME	TOT OFF/GAME
Gross	15	162	80	49.4	8	4	1203	67	15.0	80.2	161.1
Burnette	11	36	18	50.0	3	3	227	39	12.6	20.6	26.5
Huntley	4	4	4	100.00	0	1	66	27	13.0	16.5	31.5
Thompson	12	2	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Belser	13	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.8

SCORING	TD R-P-RET	FGM-A	PAT KICK	PAT R OR P	TP	SCORING	TD R-P-RET	FGM-FGA	PAT KICK	PAT R OR P	TP
Thompson	22-0-0			1-1	134	McGhee	1-1-0				12
Dowis		11-13	52-53		85	Oglesby	0-0-1				6
Ross	6-0-0				36	Burnette	1-0-0				6
Gross	5-0-0			1-1	32	G. Miller	1-0-0				6
K. Miller	3-2-0				30	Sharpe	0-0-1				6
Johnson	5-0-0				30	Alford	0-0-1				6
T. Belser	0-4-0				24	D. Belser	0-1-0				6
Cool		7-13	3-3		24	Huntley	1-0-0				6
Hopkins	2-0-0				12	Team					1(saf) 2
Giles	0-0-1				6						

1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(9-2 Overall; 5-0 Home; 3-2 Away; 1-0 Neutral)

TEAM STATISTICS		GSC	OPP	RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG
TOTAL POINTS	371	154	Gross	194	1008	236	772	4.0	4	48NC,FAM	
Points Per Game	33.7	15.4	Ross	111	641	5	636	5.7	5	39JMU	
TD/Run-Pass-Rtn.	37-7-3	9-10-0	G. Miller	74	398	10	388	5.2	1	50SCS	
PAT	43-44	15-17	Thompson	71	282	0	282	4.0	19	31NLU	
PAT Run or Pass	2-2	2-2	Johnson	17	276	2	274	16.1	2	70SAM	
Field Goals	13-20	7-15	K. Miller	33	249	0	249	7.5	2	60FAM	
Safety	1	0	Efford	46	242	0	242	5.3	0	44SCS	
FIRST DOWNS	219	162	Hopkins	13	164	-3	161	12.4	2	60NC	
Rush	145	83	Burnette	31	92	27	65	2.1	1	16MT	
Pass	53	68	Huntley	8	63	3	60	7.5	1	42SCS	
Penalty	21	11	McGhee	5	45	0	45	9.0	0	20FAM	
3rd Down Conv-Att.	74-162	43-156	Whiten	3	22	0	22	7.3	0	11NC	
3rd Down Pct.	45.7	27.6	T. Belser	2	15	4	11	5.5	0	15NC	
TOTAL YARDAGE	4358	2638	Hughes	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4NC	
Avg. Per Game	396.2	239.8	Terrell	2	2	4	-2	-1.0	0	2FAM	
Plays	778	698	Leary	6	18	23	-5	-0.8	0	11SCS	
Yds. Per Play	5.6	3.8									
% Plays Rush-Pass	79-21	60-40	RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR			
% Yards Rush-Pass	74-26	42-58	T. Belser	25	412	16.5	3	55NLU			
RUSHING YARDAGE	3204	1114	Worsham	14	183	13.1	0	20NLU			
Yards Per Game	291.3	101.3	Allen	11	92	8.4	0	18FAM			
Gained	3521	1683	Johnson	8	119	14.9	0	39FAM			
Lost	317	569	K. Miller	7	128	18.3	2	67NLU			
Rushing Plays	617	418	Thompson	7	55	7.9	0	19NC			
Yards Per Play	5.2	2.7	Hopkins	5	41	8.2	0	23SCS			
PASSING YARDAGE	1154	1526	D. Belser	3	45	15.0	1	22NC			
Yards Per Game	104.9	138.7	McGhee	2	40	20.0	1	27SCS			
Att-Completions	161-84	280-125	Ross	1	26	26.0	0	26SCS			
% Complete	52.2	44.6	McClurg	1	13	13.0	0	13NC			
Yards Per Attempt	7.2	5.5									
Yards Per Comp.	13.7	12.2	RETURNS	KICKOFFS	PUNTS	INTERCEPTIONS					
INTERCEPTIONS BY	19*	9	Oglesby		25-161(20NC)	5-79-1(43JMU)*					
Yards Returned/TD	270-3*	33-0	Dixon		7-57(13NC)	3-10(6UCF)					
PUNTS	43	70	Giles		1-9(9NC)						
Yards Punted	1598	2558	Simms		1-9(9FAM)						
Avg. Per Punt	37.2	36.5	K. Miller	22-495(42UTC)							
Had Blocked	0	1	Thompson	1-26(26UTC)							
PUNT RETURNS	34	13	Alford			1-45-1(45NC)*					
Yards Returned/TD	236-0	95-0	Boone			3-25(14SCS)					
Avg. Per Return	6.9	7.3	Berry			1-4(4UTC)					
KICKOFF RETURNS	29	58	Huntley	2-33(19MT)							
Yards Returned/TD	660-0	1098-0	Young			1-6(6MT)					
Avg. Per Return	22.8	18.9	Sharpe			3-57-1(45NLU)					
PENALTIES	78	66	Whitley			1-0(OBBC)					
Yards	639	624	Hendrix			1-44(44BBC)					
FUMBLES	43-17	25-10	T. Belser	4-106(43SAM)							
*includes intercepted fumble returns											
AVG. ATTEND.	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LP			
19,846	17,286	22,692	18,556	Harvin	43	1598	37.2	60MT			
SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS: (Bold #'s are good). Cool: 53, 27, 50, 55, 46, 60, 55, 40, 45, 38. Dowis: 20, 30, 34, 28, 27, 22, 40, 38, 23, 42.						
Opponents	55	19	32	48							
Georgia Southern	97	96	85	93							
PASSING	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LP	YDS/COMP	YDS/GAME	TOT OFF/GAME
Gross	11	119	62	52.1	5	3	861	67	13.9	78.3	148.5
Burnette	11	36	18	50.0	3	3	227	39	12.6	20.6	26.5
Huntley	4	4	4	100.0	0	1	66	27	13.0	16.5	31.5
Thompson	9	1	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	30.3
Belser	10	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	1.1
SCORING	TD R-P-RET	FGM-A	PAT KICK	PAT R OR P	TP	SCORING	TD R-P-RET	FGM-FGA	PAT KICK	PAT R OR P	TP
Thompson	19-0-0			1-1	116	Sharpe	0-0-1				6
Dowis		8-10	40-41		64	Oglesby	0-0-1				6
Ross	5-0-0				30	Burnette	1-0-0				6
Gross	4-0-0			1-1	26	G. Miller	1-0-0				6
K. Miller	2-2-0				24	McGhee	0-1-0				6
Cool		5-10	3-3		18	Alford	0-0-1				6
T. Belser	0-3-0				18	D. Belser	0-1-0				6
Johnson	2-0-0				12	Huntley	1-0-0				6
Hopkins	2-0-0				12	Team				1(saf)	2

1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

(15 Games)

PLAYER	TOT	UA	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB	TFL
Hendrix, LB	139	98	41	1	1	1	2	-	6	4
G. Smith, DE	131	65	66	11	2	2	-	1	5	16.5
Alford, DT	129	72	57	17.5	3	2	1	-	6	13.5
Berry, LB	113	78	35	9.5	3	3	1	-	-	3.5
Sharpe, LB	96	60	36	4.5	1	-	3	-	5	1
Boone, FS	95	54	31	-	-	-	3	-	5	1
Brown, DG	70	31	38	2.5	-	1	-	-	2	5
Dixon, S	67	39	28	-	-	-	4	-	5	-
Oglesby, CB	59	43	16	-	-	1	4	-	8	2
T. Young, CB	59	43	16	-	-	-	1	-	10	3
Waller, DG	39	22	17	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Parr, DG	34	17	17	3.5	-	1	-	-	1	-
Maxwell, LB	29	18	11	3	-	-	-	-	1	-
T. Smith, LB	27	22	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Whitley, DB	27	16	11	-	-	-	2	-	1	2
Bussoletti, DT	21	7	14	3	-	-	-	-	2	1
Durden, DG	20	8	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Hughes, LB	15	8	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
West, LB	14	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carter, DG	13	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Mutimer, S	12	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Harris, DE	10	2	8	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	1
Simms, CB	8	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Crenshaw, DG	8	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gordon, DT	7	3	4	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	0.5
Spaulding, DE	6	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Etheridge, LB	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Giles, DB	4	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Shelton, DE	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wilkerson, CB	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Eberly, LB	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sikkelee, LB	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L. Smith, CB	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rourk, LB	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott, CB	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1988 GEORGIA SOUTHERN DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

(11 Games)

PLAYER	TOT	UA	A	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB	TFL
Hendrix, LB	97	69	28	1	1	-	1	-	5	3
Alford, DT	95	56	39	15½	2	1	1	-	4	10½
G. Smith, DE	87	49	38	10	1	1	-	-	5	12½
Berry, LB	80	62	18	6	3	3	1	-	-	3½
Sharpe, LB	48	32	16	2	1	-	3	-	2	-
Boone, FS	46	33	13	-	-	-	3	1	4	2
Dixon, S	44	24	20	-	-	-	3	-	5	-
Brown, DG	43	21	22	1½	-	1	-	-	1	5
Oglesby, CB	39	30	9	-	-	1	4	-	7	2
T. Young, CB	31	24	7	-	-	-	1	-	6	2
Parr, DG	29	14	15	2½	-	-	-	-	1	5
T. Smith, LB	26	21	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Maxwell, LB	23	14	9	3	-	-	-	-	1	-
Waller, DG	21	13	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Whitley, DB	18	14	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Durden, DG	17	7	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Hughes, LB	15	8	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bussoletti, DT	13	7	6	1½	-	-	-	-	1	1
Carter, DG	13	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
West, LB	13	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harris, DE	10	2	8	½	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mutimer, S	9	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Crenshaw, DG	8	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Simms, CB	8	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Gordon, DG	6	2	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	½
Spaulding, DE	6	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Etheridge, LB	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shelton, DE	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wilkerson, CB	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sikkelee, LB	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Giles, DB	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Eberly, LB	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L. Smith, CB	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rourk, LB	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott, CB	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1988 TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS

OFFENSE—TEAM

FIRST DOWNS	Most: 30 vs. Samford Least: 14 vs. Middle Tennessee, Furman
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	Most: 67 vs. James Madison Least: 45 vs. Newberry, Middle Tennessee
NET RUSHING YARDS	Most: 515 vs. Samford Least: 134 vs. Furman
PASS ATTEMPTS	Most: 20 vs. Central Florida Least: 6 vs. The Citadel
PASS COMPLETIONS	Most: 11 vs. Newberry, Central Florida Least: 3 vs. Bethune-Cookman, Samford, The Citadel
INTERCEPTIONS THROWN	Most: 5 vs. Middle Tennessee Least: 0 vs. Newberry, Florida A&M, UT-Chattanooga, Northeast Louisiana, Bethune-Cookman, South Carolina State, Stephen F. Austin, Eastern Kentucky
NET PASSING YARDS	Most: 206 vs. South Carolina State Least: 15 vs. Bethune-Cookman
TOTAL PLAYS	Most: 83 vs. Central Florida Least: 62 vs. The Citadel
TOTAL YARDS	Most: 572 vs. South Carolina State Least: 198 vs. Furman
RETURN YARDS	Most: 134 vs. Newberry Least: -2 vs. Florida State
PUNT RETURNS	Most: 9 vs. Newberry, South Carolina State Least: 0 vs. Northeast Louisiana
PUNT RETURN YARDAGE	Most: 89 vs. Newberry Least: -2 vs. Florida State
KICK RETURNS	Most: 6 vs. Middle Tennessee Least: 1 vs. Newberry
KICK RETURN YARDAGE	Most: 153 vs. Middle Tennessee Least: 15 vs. James Madison
INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE ..	Most: 61 vs. Bethune-Cookman Least: 0 vs. The Citadel, Eastern Kentucky, Furman
PUNTS	Most: 7 vs. UT-Chattanooga, Florida State Least: 1 vs. Newberry, South Carolina State
PENALTIES	Most: 14 vs. Samford Least: 3 vs. Bethune-Cookman, The Citadel, Furman
PENALTY YARDAGE	Most: 125 vs. Samford Least: 20 vs. Bethune-Cookman
FUMBLES	Most: 6 vs. Florida State Least: 1 vs. Central Florida, Stephen F. Austin
FUMBLES LOST	Most: 3 vs. Newberry, Florida A&M, Northeast Louisiana Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee, Florida State, The Citadel, Stephen F. Austin
POSSESSION TIME	Most: 39:07 vs. James Madison Least: 26:51 vs. Furman

DEFENSE—TEAM

FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED	Most: 21 vs. Samford Least: 7 vs. South Carolina State
RUSHING ATTEMPTS ALLOWED	Most: 54 vs. Middle Tennessee, Furman Least: 17 vs. Central Florida
NET RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED	Most: 318 vs. Eastern Kentucky Least: 38 vs. South Carolina State
PASS ATTEMPTS ALLOWED	Most: 42 vs. Bethune-Cookman Least: 11 vs. Furman
PASS COMPLETIONS ALLOWED	Most: 22 vs. Central Florida Least: 1 vs. South Carolina State
INTERCEPTIONS	Most: 4 vs. Bethune-Cookman Least: 0 vs. Newberry, The Citadel
NET PASSING YARDS ALLOWED	Most: 307 vs. Central Florida Least: 17 vs. South Carolina State
TOTAL PLAYS ALLOWED	Most: 74 vs. Bethune-Cookman Least: 53 vs. South Carolina State
TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED	Most: 411 vs. Eastern Kentucky Least: 55 vs. South Carolina State
RETURN YARDS ALLOWED	Most: 54 vs. Northeast Louisiana Least: -9 vs. Central Florida
PUNT RETURNS ALLOWED	Most: 3 vs. UT-Chattanooga, The Citadel Least: 0 vs. Newberry, Bethune-Cookman, James Madison, Stephen F. Austin
KICK RETURNS ALLOWED	Most: 10 vs. Newberry Least: 1 vs. Furman
KICK RETURN YARDAGE ALLOWED . .	Most: 191 vs. Newberry Least: 17 vs. Furman
PUNTS ALLOWED	Most: 11 vs. South Carolina State Least: 4 vs. Middle Tennessee, Florida State, James Madison
PENALTIES ALLOWED	Most: 10 vs. Central Florida Least: 2 vs. James Madison
PENALTY YARDS ALLOWED	Most: 103 vs. Central Florida Least: 19 vs. James Madison
FUMBLES CAUSED	Most: 5 vs. James Madison Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee
FUMBLES RECOVERED	Most: 3 vs. James Madison Least: 0 vs. UT-Chattanooga, Middle Tennessee, Florida State, Bethune-Cookman
POSSESSION TIME ALLOWED	Most: 33:09 vs. Furman Least: 20:53 vs. James Madison

OFFENSE—INDIVIDUAL

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS - 32,
Raymond Gross vs. Stephen F. Austin

MOST RUSHING YARDS - 161,
Raymond Gross vs. Stephen F. Austin

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS - 4,
Ernest Thompson vs. Florida A&M

MOST RECEPTIONS - 4,
Tony Belser vs. UT-Chattanooga

MOST RECEIVING YARDS - 88,
Tony Belser vs. UT-Chattanooga

MOST TD RECEPTIONS - 1,
on several occasions

MOST PASS ATTEMPTS - 18,
Raymond Gross vs. Central Florida

MOST PASS COMPLETIONS - 10,
Raymond Gross vs. Central Florida

MOST PASSING YARDS - 166,
Raymond Gross vs. Northeast Louisiana

MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS - 2,
Ken Burnette vs. Newberry; Raymond
Gross vs. S.C. State

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN - 3,
Ken Burnette vs. Middle Tennessee



TOP PERFORMANCES OF 1988

RUSHING YARDAGE

Georgia Southern

1. 161 Raymond Gross
vs. Stephen F. Austin
2. 157 Joe Ross
vs. Middle Tennessee
3. 152 Raymond Gross
vs. Eastern Kentucky
4. 150 Frank Johnson
vs. Samford
5. 149 Joe Ross
vs. The Citadel

Opponents

1. 155 Elroy Harris,
Eastern Kentucky
2. 140 Michael Horace,
Stephen F. Austin
3. 105 Shorty Smith,
Samford
4. 101 Vernon Jones,
The Citadel
5. 93 Andre Lockhart,
UT-Chattanooga

PASSING YARDAGE

Georgia Southern

1. 166 Raymond Gross
vs. Northeast Louisiana
2. 136 Raymond Gross
vs. Stephen F. Austin
3. 125 Raymond Gross
vs. UT-Chattanooga
4. 114 Raymond Gross
vs. The Citadel
5. 105 Raymond Gross
vs. South Carolina State

Opponents

1. 247 Chip Ferguson,
Florida State
2. 205 Anthony Thomas,
Bethune-Cookman
3. 182 Ted Darby,
Samford
4. 154 Rudy Jones,
Central Florida
5. 131 Antoine Ezell,
Florida A&M

'88 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

1988 OFFENSE GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	FD	RUSH ATT	RUSH YDS	PASS ATT-COMP	PASS YDS	TOT OFF
Newberry	26	45	312	19-11	142	454
Florida A&M	22	57	401	12-6	98	499
UT-Chattanooga	15	51	189	13-9	125	314
Middle Tennessee State	14	45	204	19-6	68	272
Florida State	17	57	171	15-8	100	271
Northeast Louisiana	16	56	186	10-6	176	362
Bethune-Cookman	19	59	321	8-3	15	336
Central Florida	21	63	294	20-11	93	387
James Madison	17	67	240	15-10	81	321
Samford	30	64	515	12-3	41	556
South Carolina State	22	55	366	17-10	206	572
Citadel	16	56	373	6-3	114	487
S.F. Austin	17	56	281	14-6	136	417
Eastern Kentucky	20	58	340	7-4	28	368
Furman	14	52	134	17-6	64	198

1988 DEFENSE GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	FD	RUSH ATT	RUSH YDS	PASS ATT-COMP	PASS YDS	TOT OFF
Newberry	12	49	119	16-6	52	171
Florida A&M	14	33	60	25-13	181	241
UT-Chattanooga	15	45	137	25-8	59	196
Middle Tennessee State	17	54	264	12-4	69	333
Florida State	17	33	115	24-16	247	362
Northeast Louisiana	17	40	58	31-14	143	201
Bethune-Cookman	18	32	104	42-21	205	309
Central Florida	14	17	41	41-22	307	348
James Madison	10	41	84	13-6	59	143
Samford	21	33	94	39-14	187	281
South Carolina State	7	41	38	12-1	17	55
The Citadel	14	48	224	15-4	62	286
Stephen F. Austin	16	36	158	34-13	124	282
Eastern Kentucky	20	50	318	20-10	93	411
Furman	17	54	274	11-7	124	355



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INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Playoffs Not Included in Season and Career Totals

* Indicates Playoff Game

— RUSHING —

SINGLE SEASON

Attempts

1. 207 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. 194 Raymond Gross, 1988
3. 183 Gerald Harris, 1986
4. 165 Joe Ross, 1987
5. 156 Tracy Ham, 1985

Yardage

1. 1,048 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. 1,018 Joe Ross, 1987
3. 954 Gerald Harris, 1986
4. 825 Ricky Harris, 1985
5. 772 Raymond Gross, 1988

Touchdowns

1. 19 Ernest Thompson, 1988
2. 18 Tracy Ham, 1986
3. 17 Gerald Harris, 1986
4. 16 Gerald Harris, 1984
5. 11 Tracy Ham, 1983

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. 5.7 Joe Ross, 1988 (111-636)

Longest Run From Scrimmage

1. 75 Joe Ross vs. Catawba, 1987
- 75 Joe Ross vs. The Citadel, 1988
3. 73 Melvin Bell vs. Central Florida, 1983
4. 72 Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984
5. 70 Frank Johnson vs. Samford, 1988

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. **324** Raymond Gross, 1987-
4. 320 Ricky Harris, 1983-86
5. **276** 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. **1,654** Joe Ross, 1987-
5. **1,301** Raymond Gross, 1987-

Touchdowns

1. 53 Gerald Harris, 1983-86
2. 43 Tracy Ham, 1983-86
3. **26** Ernest Thompson, 1985-
4. 13 Ricky Harris, 1983-86
5. **12** Raymond Gross, 1987-

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

1. 6.8 Ricky Harris, 1983-86
2. 5.0 Tracy Ham, 1983-86
3. 4.8 Gerald Harris, 1983-86
4. **4.0** Raymond Gross, 1987-



MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

Most Consecutive Games Gaining 100 Yards or More — 3, done twice. Last 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. 119 Raymond Gross, 1988
5. 105 Tracy Ham, 1983

Interceptions

1. 13 Tracy Ham, 1984
2. 10 Tracy Ham, 1986
3. 8 Tracy Ham, 1985
4. 6 Tracy Ham, 1983
5. 5 Raymond Gross, 1988

Completions

1. 109 Tracy Ham, 1984
2. 98 Tracy Ham, 1986
3. 94 Tracy Ham, 1985
4. 62 Raymond Gross, 1988
5. 51 Tracy Ham, 1983

Touchdowns

1. 12 Tracy Ham, 1984
2. 9 Tracy Ham, 1986
3. 8 Tracy Ham, 1985
4. 5 Tracy Ham, 1983
5. 3 Raymond Gross, 1988
- 3 Ken Burnette, 1988

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. 861 Raymond Gross, 1988

Completion Percentage

1. .554 Tracy Ham, 1986
2. .550 Tracy Ham, 1985
3. .521 Raymond Gross, 1988
4. .495 Tracy Ham, 1984
5. .472 Raymond Gross, 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

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

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

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

RECORDS (Cont.)

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

Lowest Percentage of Passes Intercepted, Season — 4.2%, Raymond Gross, 1988 (5 in 119)

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 by Tracy Ham, 1984 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
- 25 Tony Belser, 1988

Yardage

1. 654 Monty Sharpe, 1984
2. 582 Frank Johnson, 1986
3. 561 Tony Belser, 1987
4. 444 Monty Sharpe, 1983
5. 412 Tony Belser, 1988

Touchdowns

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

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

CAREER

Receptions

1. 93 Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2. 80 Tony Belser, 1985-88
3. 50 Herman Barron, 1984-87
- 50 Frank Johnson, 1985-88
5. 46 Delano Little, 1983-86

Yardage

1. 1,854 Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2. 1,472 Tony Belser, 1985-88
3. 844 Frank Johnson, 1985-88
4. 828 Herman Barron, 1984-87
5. 785 Delano Little, 1983-86

Touchdowns

1. 19 Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2. 11 Tony Belser, 1985-88
3. 3 Four Players Tied

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

1. 19.9 Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2. 18.4 Tony Belser, 1985-88
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 1-AA Championship 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 Thompson vs. East Carolina, 1987
 5. 67 Herman Barron from Tracy Ham vs. South Carolina State, 1985
- *67 Karl Miller from Raymond Gross vs. Northeast Louisiana, 1988
*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 seven occasions. Last by Tony Belser vs. South Carolina State, 1988

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. 116 Ernest Thompson, 1988
2. 110 Tracy Ham, 1986
3. 104 Gerald Harris, 1986
4. 102 Gerald Harris, 1984
5. 81 Tim Foley, 1985

Touchdowns

1. 19 Ernest Thompson, 1988
2. 18 Tracy Ham, 1986
3. 17 Gerald Harris, 1984
4. 17 Gerald Harris, 1986
5. 11 Tracy Ham, 1983
- 11 Gerald Harris, 1985

Field Goals Made

1. 17 Tim Foley, 1987
2. 16 Tim Foley, 1985
3. 10 Tim Foley, 1986
4. 8 Mike Dowis, 1988
- 8 David Simmons, 1983

Extra Points Made

1. 50 Tim Foley, 1986
2. 43 Tim Foley, 1984
3. 40 Mike Dowis, 1988
4. 33 Tim Foley, 1985
5. 25 David Simmons, 1983
- 25 Tim Foley, 1987

CAREER

Points

1. 340 Gerald Harris, 1983-86
2. 296 Tim Foley, 1984-87
3. 262 Tracy Ham, 1983-86
4. **158 Ernest Thompson, 1985-**
5. 114 Monty Sharpe, 1983-86

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 Playoffs

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

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

RECORDS (Cont.)

— TOTAL OFFENSE —

SINGLE SEASON

Yardage		Plays	
1.	2,820 Tracy Ham, 1986	1.	384 Tracy Ham, 1986
2.	2,401 Tracy Ham, 1984	2.	368 Tracy Ham, 1984
3.	2,156 Tracy Ham, 1985	3.	327 Tracy Ham, 1985
4.	1,633 Raymond Gross, 1988	4.	313 Raymond Gross, 1988
5.	1,592 Tracy Ham, 1983	5.	236 Tracy Ham, 1983

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

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	Karl Miller, 1988
	22	Melvin Bell, 1983
4.	17	Melvin Bell, 1984
5.	16	Tony Belser, 1985

Most Return Yardage

1.	715	Nay Young, 1986
2.	495	Karl Miller, 1988
3.	490	Melvin Bell, 1983
4.	416	Melvin Bell, 1984
5.	353	Tony Belser, 1985

PUNTS

Most Returns

1.	25	Rodney Oglesby, 1988
2.	22	Tony Belser, 1987
3.	19	Melvin Bell, 1983
4.	18	Melvin Bell, 1984
	18	Nay Young, 1985
	18	Tony Belser, 1986

Most Return Yardage

1.	252	Melvin Bell, 1984
2.	201	Nay Young, 1985
3.	161	Rodney Oglesby, 1988
4.	148	Tony Belser, 1987
5.	136	Tony Belser, 1986

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, Career — 44, Tony Belser, 1985-88



- 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

— PUNTING —

Most Punts

- 1. 43 Terry Harvin, 1988
- 2. 40 Britt Barker, 1983
- 3. 37 Pat Parker, 1986
- 4. 32 Terry Harvin, 1987
- 5. 31 Rob Whitton, 1985

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. 37.2 Terry Harvin, 1988

— INTERCEPTIONS —

- Most Passes Intercepted, Game** — 2, on 12 occasions, last by Everett Sharpe vs. Northeast Louisiana, 1988
- Most Passes Intercepted, Season** — 5, Kevin Hutchinson, 1983 and 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 by Everett Sharpe vs. Northeast Louisiana, 1988
- Longest Return of an Interception** — 95, Hugo Rossignol vs. Mars Hill, 1983

— MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS —

- Most Punts, Career** — 81, Pat Parker, 1984-87
- Most Punts, Game** — 8, Tank Stephens vs. Middle Tennessee, 1984
- Highest Average Per Kick** — 37.6, Pat Parker, 1984-87
- Longest Punt** — 66, Terry Harvin vs. Western Carolina, 1987

— 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 1-AA Championship Game
- Most Field Goals Made, Season** — 17, Tim Foley, 1987
- Most Field Goals Made, Career** — 50, Tim Foley, 1984-87

RECORDS (Cont.)

- Longest Field Goal** — 63, Tim Foley vs. James Madison, 1987 (1-AA record)
Longest Field Goal by a Freshman — 60, David Cool vs. James Madison, 1988 (1-AA Record)
Consecutive Field Goals Made, Season — 12, Tim Foley, 1985
Consecutive Field Goals Made, Career — 19, Tim Foley, 1984-87 (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
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. 97 Darrell Hendrix, 1988

Most Sacks

1. 15.5 Darren Alford, 1988
2. 10.0 Giff Smith, 1988
3. 7.5 James Carter, 1987
4. 6.0 Rod Eichler, 1987
- 6.0 Michael Berry, 1988

- Most Tackles in a Game** — 22, Jessie Jenkins vs. Troy State, 1985
21, Everett Sharpe vs. The Citadel, 1988

Most Pass Breakups

1. 11 Chris Aiken, 1985
- 11 Nay Young, 1986
3. 7 Nay Young, 1985
- 7 Rodney Oglesby, 1988

Most Fumble Recoveries

1. 4 Nay Young, 1987
2. 3 Danny Durham, 1985
- 3 Michael Berry, 1988
4. 2 Hugo Rossignol, 1984
- 2 Chris Aiken, 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 Plays Rushing** — 72 vs. Western Kentucky, 1987
Most Rushing Plays, Both Teams — 118 vs. James Madison, 1988
Most Rushing Yards — 515 vs. Samford, 1988
Most Rushing Yards, Both Teams — *658 vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1988
Most Touchdowns Rushing — 7 vs. Liberty Baptist, 1984



PASSING

- Most Attempts** — 52 vs. East Carolina, 1984
- Most Attempts, Both Teams** — 88 vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984
- Most Completions** — 26 vs. East Carolina, 1984
- Most Completions, Both Teams** — 51 vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984
- Most Interceptions Thrown** — 6 vs. East Tennessee, 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** — 9 vs. Newberry, 1988 and South Carolina State, 1988
- Most Return Yards** — 134 vs. Newberry, 1988
- Most Touchdowns** — 1 vs. Presbyterian, 1984 and East Tennessee, 1984

KICK 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** — 53 vs. South Carolina State, 1988 (53-0)
- Largest Margin of Defeat** — 35 vs. Middle Tennessee, 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, 1983
- Most First Downs, Penalty, Both Teams** — 5, on four occasions, last done vs. Middle Tennessee, 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, 1983

PENALTIES

- Most Penalties** — 15 vs. East Tennessee, 1983
- Most Penalties, Both Teams** — 29 vs. East Tennessee, 1983
- Most Yards Penalized** — 140 vs. Central Florida, 1987
- Most Yards Penalized, Both Teams** — 269 vs. East Tennessee, 1984

RECORDS (Cont.)

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 vs. Middle Tennessee, 1987 and vs. South Carolina State, 1988

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 — 55 vs. South Carolina State, 1988

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

RUSHING DEFENSE

Fewest Rushes Allowed — 17 vs. Central Florida, 1988

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 — 1 vs. South Carolina State, 1988

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 GAME 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

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 Package — 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 — 34, 1988
Fewest Returns — 20, 1984
Most Yards — 317, 1984
Highest Average — 15.9, 1984
Most Touchdowns — 2, 1984

KICK 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 — 21, 1988

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 — 2,638, 1988
Fewest Yards Allowed Per Game — 239.8, 1988
Lowest Opponent's Average Per Play — 3.8, 1988
Fewest Touchdowns Allowed — 18, 1987

RUSHING DEFENSE

Fewest Yards Allowed — 1,114, 1988
Fewest Yards Allowed Per Game — 101.3, 1988
Lowest Opponent's Average Per Rush — 2.7, 1988
Fewest Rushing Touchdowns Allowed — 8, 1984

PASSING DEFENSE

Fewest Yards Allowed — 1,526, 1988
Fewest Yards Allowed Per Game — 138.7, 1988

RECORDS (Cont.)

Fewest Yards Allowed Per Completion — 11.6, 1986
Lowest Opponent's Completion Percentage — 43.9, 1983
Fewest Passing Touchdowns Allowed — 7, 1987
Most Interceptions — 22, 1984
Most Yards On Interception Returns — 270, 1988
Most Touchdowns on Interception Returns — 2, 1988

PUNT RETURNS

Lowest Opponent's Average — 4.8, 1985

KICK RETURNS

Lowest Opponent's Average — 17.2, 1985

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles Caused — 36, 1987
Most Fumbles Recovered — 15, 1983

FIRST DOWNS

Fewest Allowed — 160, 1987
Fewest Allowed, Rushing — 71, 1987
Fewest Allowed, Passing — 60, 1983

YEAR-BY-YEAR STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING

1988	Raymond Gross	772
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

1988	Raymond Gross	861
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

1988	Tony Belser	25-412
1987	Tony Belser	35-561
1986	Frank Johnson	26-582
1985	Ricky Harris	23-125
1984	Monty Sharpe	30-654
1983	Monty Sharpe	23-444
1982	Scott Conner	16-169

SCORING

1988	Ernest Thompson	116
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

1988	Darrell Hendrix	97
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 TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

Year	Rec.	Pts. Avg.	FD	T. Off.	R. Yds.	P. Yds.
1988	9-2	33.7	219	396.2	291.3	104.9
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

DEFENSE

Year	Pts. Alld.	FD Alld.	T. Def.	R.Yds.Alld.	P.Yds.Alld.
1988	15.4	162	239.8	101.3	138.7
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. 20,340 vs. Samford, 1988
2. 20,228 vs. Northeast Louisiana, 1988
3. 17,034 vs. South Carolina State, 1988
4. 16,734 vs. James Madison, 1987
5. 16,592 vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1988

Top Five Away Games

1. 74,221 vs. Florida, 1986
2. 59,109 vs. Florida State, 1988
3. 28,682 vs. Central Florida, 1988
4. 27,411 vs. East Carolina, 1987
5. 27,121 vs. East Carolina, 1986

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

ON TELEVISION

NATIONAL (2-1)

Georgia Southern has been on national television three times in the last four years. The 1985, 1986 and 1988 national championship games were televised live on ESPN. The Eagles have yet to make an appearance on network television.



December 21, 1985 -- **Georgia Southern 44, Furman 42**
December 19, 1986 -- **Georgia Southern 48, Arkansas State 21**
December 17, 1988 -- **Furman 17, Georgia Southern 12**

REGIONAL (5-3)

Georgia Southern has been on regional television eight times since 1983, including four times in the last two seasons. Four of the eight have been playoff games while the Eagles have been televised in regular season contests the other four times.



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**
September 17, 1988 -- **Georgia Southern 13, Tennessee-Chattanooga 3**

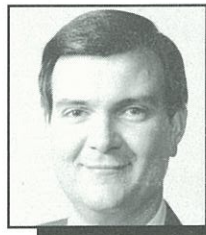


October 8, 1988 -- **Florida State 28, Georgia Southern 10**

THE ERK RUSSELL SHOW

Savannah's WJCL-TV will once again be carrying The Erk Russell Show in 1989. Seen on Channel 22, WJCL offers area fans with the latest look at Georgia Southern football with its Sunday evening show.

Sports Director Bill Edwards hosts the half hour program which features full game highlights, player interviews and an analysis from Head Coach Erk Russell.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN IN THE 1-AA PLAYOFFS

Since joining NCAA Division 1-AA in 1984, Georgia Southern has made the playoffs four times - 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988. The Eagles won the 1-AA title in 1985 and '86 and were runners-up last season. In 1987, GSC advanced to the quarterfinals before getting knocked out by Appalachian State. In four years, the Eagles are 12-2 in playoff games, 7-0 at friendly Paulson Stadium. Here is a review of Georgia Southern's post-season history.

1988 NATIONAL RUNNER UP

The Citadel 20	NOVEMBER 26	Allen E. Paulson Stadium Statesboro, Georgia
Georgia Southern 38		

The Eagles outscored The Citadel 24-3 in the second half and limited the Bulldogs to 97 yards total offense in the third and fourth quarters to post a 38-20 first round victory at Paulson Stadium in Statesboro.

The win marked the fourth straight year that Georgia Southern had won its opening playoff game and was the fourth straight home playoff victory.

Fullback Joe Ross gained 149 yards rushing, his second highest career total. Slotback Frank Johnson continued his torrid play down the stretch with 103 yards on just four carries, while quarterback Raymond Gross ended the afternoon with 78 yards on the ground.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead before the game momentum switched to the Eagles after Ross' 75-yard scoring jaunt with 3:52 left in the first quarter.

Stephen F. Austin 6	DECEMBER 2	Allen E. Paulson Stadium Statesboro, Georgia
Georgia Southern 27		

Against the top-rated rush defense in I-AA, Georgia Southern penetrated the Lumberjack defense for 281 ground yards on the way to a 27-6 quarter-final victory over Stephen F. Austin at Paulson Stadium in Statesboro.

Quarterback Raymond Gross cut and weaved his way to 161 yards on a stadium-record 32 carries. The 161 yards was Gross' second best career standard to date.

After falling behind 6-0, Georgia Southern erupted for 27 unanswered points, including 24 in the second half of play. Down 6-3 in the third quarter, safety Taz Dixon intercepted a Todd Hammell pass and returned it to the one-yard line to set up the go-ahead score.

The Eagles outgained Stephen F. Austin 417 to 282 in total offense to run their winning streak to eight games.

Eastern Kentucky 17	DECEMBER 10	Allen E. Paulson Stadium Statesboro, Georgia
Georgia Southern 21		

Darren Alford recovered Colonel quarterback Lorenzo Fields' fumble at the Georgia Southern five-yard line, preventing a go-ahead Eastern Kentucky touchdown, as Georgia Southern held on for a thrilling 21-17 victory at Paulson Stadium in Statesboro.

The Colonels however, gained 411 total yards, most by an Eagle opponent all season. The Eagles were led once again by quarterback Raymond Gross who rushed for 152 yards and a score.

Down 17-14 in the third quarter, slotback Frank Johnson scored from six yards out to give the Eagles a shot at their third NCAA I-AA championship. In addition to Alford's late heroics, safety Randell Boon picked off a Fields pass in the endzone to thwart another Colonel drive.

The win raised Georgia Southern's home winning streak to 26 games.

Georgia Southern 12	DECEMBER 17	Holt Minidome Pocatello, Idaho
Furman 17		

The Furman defense rose to the occasion, limiting Georgia Southern to its lowest offensive output of the season with 198 total yards as the Paladins posted a 17-12 win and were crowned NCAA I-AA National Champions at the Holt Minidome in Pocatello, Idaho.

A pair of David Cool field goals (55 and 48-yarders) and a blocked punt return for a score by freshman Mark Giles accounted for all the Eagle scoring.

Fullback Joe Ross led Georgia Southern ground gainers with 58 yards on 15 carries, while the passing game was held to just 64 yards on five completions. The Eagles had a golden opportunity to pull ahead with the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter when Gross rallied Southern to the Furman 11-yard line with less than six minutes remaining. However, on a first-and-ten play, Gross had the ball knocked away on a keeper at the five-yard line with 5:30 showing.

The loss was only the second for Georgia Southern in post-season play through four years.

1-AA PLAYOFFS (Cont.)

1987

Maine 28
Georgia Southern 31 OT

NOVEMBER 28

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Georgia

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.

Georgia Southern 0
Appalachian State 19

DECEMBER 5

Conrad Stadium
Boone, N.C.

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 fullback 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

North Carolina A&T 21
Georgia Southern 52

DECEMBER 5

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Georgia

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 17 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.

Nicholls State 31
Georgia Southern 55

DECEMBER 6

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Georgia

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.

Georgia Southern 48
Nevada-Reno 38

DECEMBER 13

Mackay Stadium
Reno, Nevada

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.

Georgia Southern 48
Arkansas State 21

DECEMBER 19

Tacoma Dome
Tacoma, Washington

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

Jackson State 0
Georgia Southern 27

NOVEMBER 30

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Georgia

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.

Georgia Southern 28
Middle Tennessee State . . . 21

DECEMBER 7

Johnny Floyd Stadium
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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.

Georgia Southern 40
Northern Iowa 33

DECEMBER 14

UNI Dome
Cedar Falls, Iowa

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.

Georgia Southern 44
Furman 42

DECEMBER 21

Tacoma Dome
Tacoma, Washington

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 Furman Dec. 17, 1988 in the NCAA I-AA National Championship Game. Safety Mark Giles blocked a Bruce Leight punt, picked it up and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown in a 17-12 Georgia Southern loss.

...RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN was Nov. 19, 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 Sept. 8, 1984. Melvin Bell returned a punt 76 yards in a 41-6 win.

...RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN was Oct. 15, 1988 against Northeast Louisiana. Linebacker Everett Sharpe picked off a Doug Pederson pass and returned it 45 yards for a score in Georgia Southern's 43-11 victory.

...RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN was when Rodney Oglesby picked up a lose football and ran it in from 43 yards out in a 27-13 Georgia Southern win at James Madison Nov. 5, 1988.

...SCORED A SAFETY was Nov. 19, 1988 when South Carolina State snapped the ball out of the endzone during Georgia Southern's 53-0 rout.

...RECOVERED A FUMBLE IN THE END ZONE FOR A TOUCHDOWN was against Fort Benning Oct. 9, 1982. Defensive guard Donnie Allen recovered a fumble in the first quarter in a 56-6 win.

...SHUTOUT AN OPPONENT was a 53-0 white-washing against South Carolina State Nov. 19, 1988.

...RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 500 YARDS was against Samford Nov. 12, 1988 when the Eagles ran for 515 yards in a 49-21 victory.

...PASSED FOR MORE THAN 400 YARDS was against Furman in the 1-AA Championship Game Dec. 21, 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 Nov. 27, 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 Dec. 13. 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 South Carolina State Nov. 19, 1988. The Bulldogs gained just 38 yards on 41 attempts in Georgia Southern's 53-0 win.

...HELD AN OPPONENT TO UNDER 100 YARDS PASSING IN A GAME was Dec. 10, 1988 against Eastern Kentucky in the NCAA I-AA semi-finals. Colonel quarterback Lorenzo Fields was 10-of-20 for 93 yards in Georgia Southern's 21-17 win.

THE LAST TIME AN OPPONENT...

...**BLOCKED A PUNT AND SCORED** was Oct. 3, 1987 by Central Florida. Bernard Ford blocked a punt and Keenan Wimbley returned it 18 yards for the score in the Knight's 34-32 loss.

...**RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN** was Oct. 2, 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 Dec. 19, 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 Oct. 14, 1984. 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 Dec. 5, 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 Dec. 10, 1988 by Eastern Kentucky in the I-AA semi-finals. The Colonels gained 318 yards on 50 carries but fell to Georgia Southern 21-17.

...**PASSED FOR MORE THAN 500 YARDS** was Oct. 6, 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 Eastern Kentucky's Elroy Harris, who gained 155 yards on 28 rushes during Georgia Southern's 21-17 NCAA I-AA semi-final win Dec. 10, 1988.

...**HELD GEORGIA SOUTHERN TO LESS THAN 100 YARDS RUSHING** was Nov. 3, 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 Dec. 17, 1988 against Furman in the I-AA Championship Game. The Paladins held the Eagles to 134 yards on 52 attempts during Furman's 17-12 victory.

...**HELD GEORGIA SOUTHERN TO LESS THAN 100 YARDS PASSING** was Dec. 17, 1988 in the I-AA title game against Furman. The Eagles were five-of-17 for 64 yards in a 17-12 loss.

OUTSTANDING GAMES

BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN PLAYERS

100 YARD RUSHING GAMES

1. 199 Tracy Ham vs. East Carolina, 1986
2. *191 Tracy Ham vs. Nicholls State, 1986
3. *181 Gerald Harris vs. North Carolina A&T, 1986
4. *180 Tracy Ham vs. Arkansas State, 1986
5. *178 Gerald Harris vs. Northern Iowa, 1985
- 178 Clint Harper vs. Savannah State, 1983
7. *173 Raymond Gross vs. Maine, 1987
8. 170 Gerald Harris vs. Middle Tenn. State, 1986
9. 169 Gerald Harris vs. South Carolina State, 1986
10. *162 Tracy Ham vs. Nevada-Reno, 1986
- *162 Gerald Harris vs. Nevada-Reno, 1986
12. *161 Raymond Gross vs. Stephen F. Austin, 1988
13. *157 Tracy Ham vs. Northern Iowa, 1985
- 157 Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1988
15. 156 Gerald Harris vs. South Carolina State, 1988
16. 154 Ricky Harris vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1985
17. *152 Raymond Gross vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1988
18. 150 Frank Johnson vs. Samford, 1988
19. *149 Joe Ross vs. The Citadel, 1988
20. 148 Tracy Ham vs. Newberry, 1985
- *148 Gerald Harris vs. Middle Tenn. State, 1985
22. 144 Melvin Bell vs. Newberry, 1983
23. 143 Joe Ross vs. Western Kentucky, 1987
24. 141 Tracy Ham vs. Middle Tenn. State, 1986
25. 140 Ricky Harris vs. Valdosta State, 1984
26. 139 Joe Ross vs. James Madison, 1988
27. 135 Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984
28. 132 Tracy Ham vs. Wofford, 1983
29. 130 Melvin Bell vs. Central Florida, 1983
- 130 Tracy Ham vs. Valdosta State, 1984
- 130 Joe Ross vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1987
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- 125 Raymond Gross vs. South Carolina State, 1987
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40. 120 Raymond Gross vs. Florida A&M, 1988
41. 118 Tracy Ham vs. Western Kentucky, 1986
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- 117 Frank Johnson vs. Tennessee Tech, 1985
- 117 Joe Ross vs. Catawba, 1987
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- 115 Raymond Gross vs. Western Carolina, 1987
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- 112 Gerald Harris vs. Central Florida, 1986
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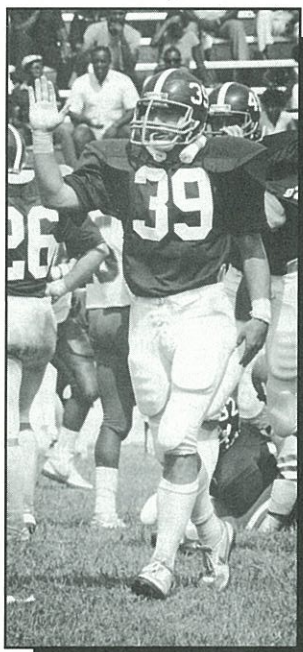
- 51. 110 Ricky Harris vs. James Madison, 1985
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- 58. *103 Frank Johnson vs. The Citadel, 1988
- 59. 102 Ricky Harris vs. Central Florida, 1983
- 60. 101 Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1986
- 61. 100 Gerald Harris vs. Valdosta State, 1984

*Denotes Playoff Games

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

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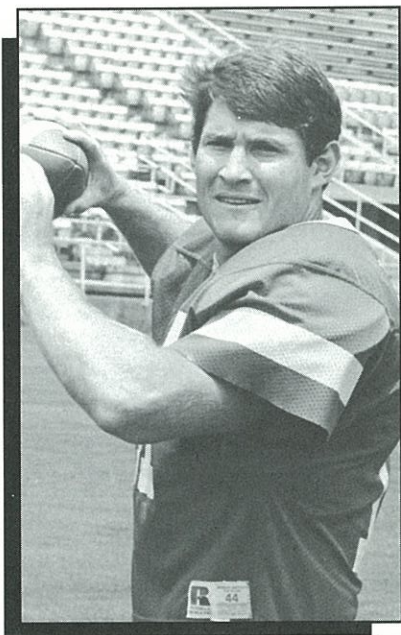
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1. 172 Michael Summers, South Carolina State, 1986
2. 168 Vince Hall, Middle Tennessee State, 1984
3. *156 Ritchie Melchor, Appalachian State, 1987
4. *155 Elroy Harris, Eastern Kentucky, 1988
5. *154 Carl Boyd, Northern Iowa, 1985
6. 152 Mike Motley, Newberry, 1983
7. 148 Dwight Stone, Middle Tennessee State, 1986
8. 145 Jim Heywood, Troy State, 1983
9. 143 Warren Marshall, James Madison, 1985
10. *140 Michael Horace, Stephen F. Austin, 1988
11. 134 Elgin Davis, Central Florida, 1983
- *134 Richard Kimble, Arkansas State, 1986
13. 131 Anthony Simpson, East Carolina, 1986
14. 128 Warren Marshall, James Madison, 1986
15. *118 Gerald Anderson, Middle Tennessee State, 1985
- 118 Artis Edwards, UT-Chattanooga, 1984
17. 112 Anthony Simpson, East Carolina, 1987
18. 110 Marvin Collier, Middle Tennessee State, 1985
19. 108 Henry Latham, East Tennessee State, 1983
- *108 Dwight Stone, Middle Tennessee State, 1985
21. 105 Kent Larry, Presbyterian, 1983
- 105 Shorty Smith, Samford, 1988
23. 101 Gerald Foggie, South Carolina State, 1985
- *101 Vernon Jones, The Citadel, 1988

*Indicates 1-AA playoff game

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
8. 282 Dana Thyshen, Central Florida, 1984
9. 264 Mark Smith, Western Carolina, 1987
10. 262 Jimmy Skipper, Newberry, 1986
11. 259 Greg Ross, Bethune-Cookman, 1987
12. 251 Bernard Hawk, Bethune-Cookman, 1985
13. 248 Tim Couch, UT-Chattanooga, 1986
14. 247 Chip Ferguson, Florida State, 1988
15. 245 Tony Lanham, Central Florida, 1985
16. 244 Greg Ross, Bethune-Cookman, 1986
17. 238 Sean Bowles, Mars Hill, 1983
18. 236 Mike Kelly, Florida A&M, 1985
19. *234 Shannon Boyd, Jackson State, 1985
20. *229 Mike Buck, Maine, 1987
21. 212 Jeff Cesarone, Western Kentucky, 1987
22. *210 Bobby Lamb, Furman, 1985
23. 205 Anthony Thomas, Bethune-Cookman, 1988



Doug Hudson — Nicholls State

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	1988	38-14	5	0	0
Catawba	1982	1987	27-0	2	1	0
Central Florida	1982	1988	31-17	6	1	0
Citadel, The	1988	1988	38-20	1	0	0
East Carolina	1984	1987	15-16	0	3	0
East Tennessee State	1983	1985	46-7	1	2	0
Eastern Kentucky	1988	1988	21-17	1	0	0
Florida	1986	1986	14-38	0	1	0
Florida A&M	1984	1988	42-14	4	1	0
Florida State	1988	1988	10-28	0	1	0
Furman	1985	1988	12-17	1	1	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	1988	27-13	3	1	0
Liberty Baptist	1984	1984	48-11	1	0	0
Maine	1987	1987	31-28	1	0	0
Marshall	1st Meeting					
Mars Hill	1982	1983	35-9	2	0	0
Miami (Fla.)	1933	1937	0-40	0	3	0
Middle Tennessee State	1984	1988	10-26	3	3	0
Nevada-Reno	1986	1986	48-38	1	0	0
Newberry	1930	1988	55-7	4	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	1988	43-11	1	1	0
Northern Iowa	1985	1985	40-33	1	0	0
Presbyterian	1983	1984	41-6	2	0	0
Samford	1988	1988	49-21	1	0	0
Savannah State	1983	1983	15-0	1	0	0
South Carolina State	1985	1988	53-0	4	0	0
Southern Mississippi	1941	1941	0-67	0	1	0
Stephen F. Austin	1988	1988	27-6	1	0	0
UT-Chattanooga	1984	1988	13-3	4	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
West Georgia	1st Meeting					
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

VS. 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)

Parris 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	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 (3-6)

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
Erskine	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
Erskine	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)

Erskine	0-19
South Georgia	7-19
Fort Benning	17-13
Troy State	0-14

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
Erskine	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
at Gardner Webb	6-44
Fort Benning	56-6
Newberry	36-14
Catawba	7-10
Wofford	7-28
at Mars Hill	17-3
at Valdosta State	45-29
\$Florida State J.V.	31-20
#at Jacksonville, %at Savannah,	
\$at Warner Robins	

1983 — Erk Russell (6-5)

Central Florida	29-33
%Presbyterian	35-21
Troy State	27-28
Gardner-Webb	25-11
at East Tennessee State	7-24
Newberry	24-27
at Catawba	10-3
at Wofford	27-16
Mars Hill	35-9
at Valdosta State	29-34
at Savannah State	15-0
%at Savannah	

1984 — Erk Russell (8-3)

%Florida A&M	14-0
at Presbyterian	41-6
at Central Florida	42-28

at East Carolina	27-34
Liberty Baptist	48-11
#Bethune-Cookman	43-33
UT-Chattanooga	24-17
Newberry	41-16
Valdosta State	38-8
at East Tennessee	17-20
at Middle Tennessee	7-42
%at Savannah, #at Jacksonville	

1985 — Erk Russell (13-2)

#Florida A&M	27-21
Middle Tennessee	10-35
at Troy State	17-10
at UT-Chattanooga	19-14
Tennessee Tech	34-0
Bethune-Cookman	46-24
Newberry	38-17
at James Madison	6-21
Central Florida	35-18
East Tennessee State	46-7
at South Carolina State	43-30
*Jackson State	27-0
*at Middle Tennessee	28-21
*at Northern Iowa	40-33
**Furman	44-42

#at Jacksonville, *NCAA I-AA	
Playoff Game, **I-AA National	
Championship Game at	
Tacoma, Wash.	

1987 — Erk Russell (9-4)

Catawba	27-0
#Florida A&M	14-17
Middle Tennessee	17-13
at East Carolina	13-16

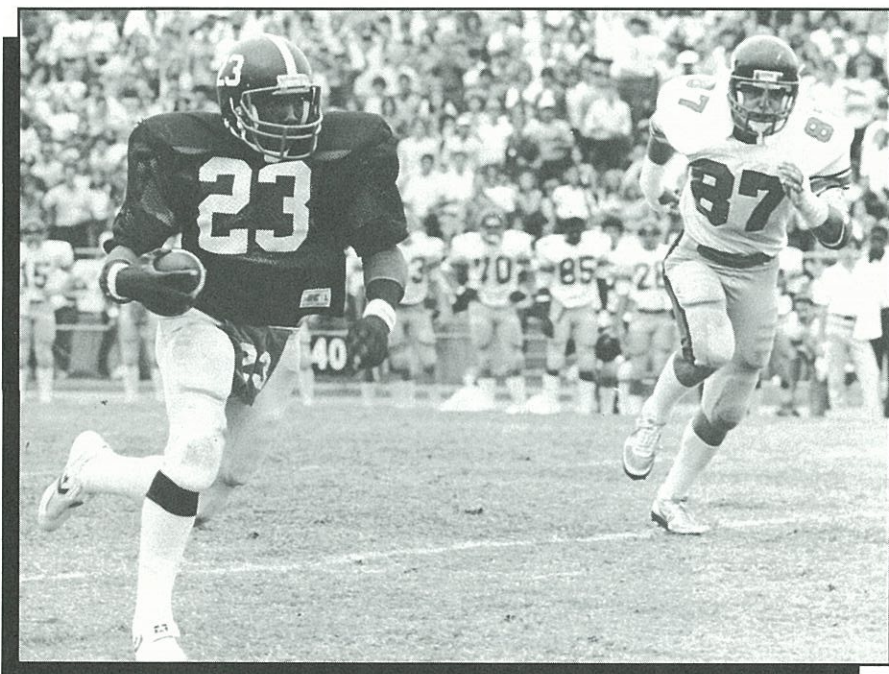
Central Florida	34-32
at Bethune-Cookman	14-13
at Northeast Louisiana	17-26
at Western Kentucky	37-16
Western Kentucky	23-20
James Madison	26-7
at South Carolina State	30-13
*Maine	31-28
*at Appalachian State	0-19

#at Jacksonville, *NCAA I-AA	
Playoff Game	

1988 — Erk Russell (12-3)

Newberry	55-7
#Florida A&M	42-14
at UT-Chattanooga	13-3
at Middle Tennessee	10-26
at Florida State	10-28
Northeast Louisiana	43-11
Bethune-Cookman	38-14
at Central Florida	31-17
at James Madison	27-13
Samford	49-21
South Carolina State	53-0
*The Citadel	38-20
*Stephen F. Austin	27-6
*Eastern Kentucky	21-17
**Furman	12-17

#at Jacksonville, *NCAA I-AA	
Playoff Game, **NCAA I-AA	
National Championship Game	
at Pocatello, Idaho	



ALL-TIME COACHES RECORDS

YEAR	COACH	W	L	T	GSC PTS	OPP PTS
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
1988*	Erk Russell	12	3	0	459	214

* 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-	7	68-22-1	.753



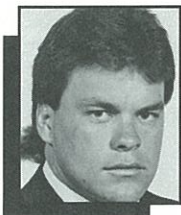
B.L. "Crook" Smith and Erk Russell

GEORGIA SOUTHERN ALL AMERICANS



Darren Alford, Defensive Tackle, Eatonton, Ga.

(Associated Press '88 - First Team; Walter Camp '88 - First Team; Kodak '88 - First Team; Football News '88 - First Team) - One of the top pass rushers in Division I-AA during the 1988 season. He recorded a school record 17.5 sacks. He recorded 129 tackles, 72 solos and 57 assists. Alford also returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown (1988 vs. Newberry). **Jersey number: 98**



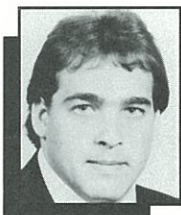
Charles Carper, Linebacker, Ocala, Fla.

(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 First Team) — One of the greatest technique blockers to ever play at Georgia Southern, Carter was one of the reasons 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 I-AA, Foley set every Georgia Southern kicking record in his four years of play. In addition, he holds or shares seven NCAA I-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 I-AA history. **Jersey number: 9.**



Dennis Franklin, Center, Loganville, Ga.

(Associated Press '87, '88 - First Team; Kodak '87, '88 - First Team; Walter Camp '87 - First Team, Second Team '88; The Sports Network '87 - Second Team; The Football News '88 - Second Team; Atlanta Journal Constitution College Division Player-Of-The-Year '87)—Franklin was a four year starter for the Eagles. In all four years Georgia Southern finished in the top ten in the nation in rushing offense. **Jersey Number: 76.**

ALL-AMERICANS (Cont.)

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 many Georgia Southern offensive records 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.**



Darrell Hendrix, Linebacker, Nahunta, Ga.

(**Associated Press** '88 - Honorable Mention)—With one year left to play, Hendrix has become one of the top 1-AA linebackers in the country. He led the Eagles with 139 tackles, 98 solos and 41 assists. Will be stalwart of the Eagle defense during the upcoming season. **Jersey number: 43.**



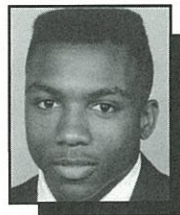
Flint Matthews, Linebacker, Lincolnton, Ga.

(**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.**



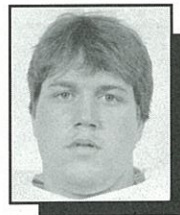
Rodney Oglesby, Cornerback, Swainsboro, Ga.

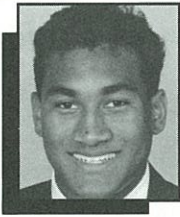
(**Associated Press** '88 - Honorable Mention)—Only a freshman, Oglesby shared the team lead in interceptions with four. Recorded 59 tackles from his cornerback position. Although only a sophomore this season, Oglesby is considered one of the premier cornerbacks in Division 1-AA. **Jersey number: 19.**



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 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) — As a freshman, Ross became only the second Georgia Southern player ever to top 1,000 yards rushing in a regular season. He rushed for a career high 157 yards against Middle Tennessee in '88. With two seasons remaining, Ross will continue to anchor Georgia Southern's powerful running game. **Jersey Number: 36.**



Giff Smith, Defensive End, Mableton, Ga.

(**Associated Press** '88 - Honorable Mention; **Football News** '88 - Second Team) — With two years left to play, Smith has established himself as a dominant defensive player in 1-AA. He finished second on the team with 11 sacks including a school-record five against UT-Chattanooga. He also led the Eagles with 16.5 tackles for loss. **Jersey Number: 95.**



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 1-AA after starting his career as a tight end. Stokes, now a defensive end with the Washington Redskins, 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.**

#8 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.

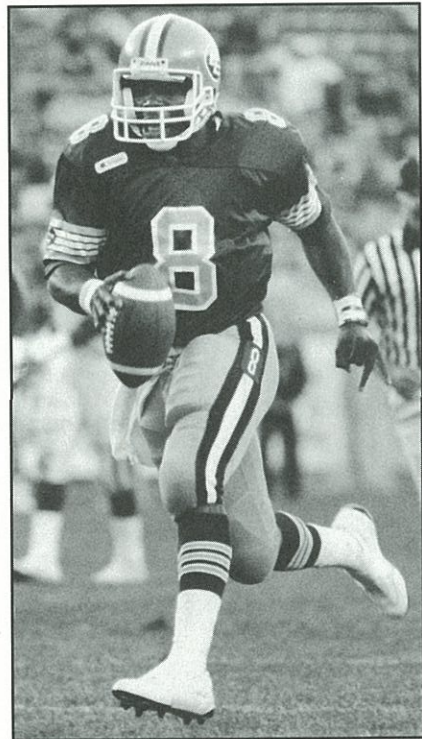
In the 1985 championship game against Furman, Ham compiled a career high 509 yards in total offense, passing for four touchdowns and running for another.

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.



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THIS IS GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Georgia Southern College, founded 83-years ago as a high school for rural children, has evolved into the most comprehensive senior college in the state of Georgia and the largest institution of higher education in the southern half of the state.

Southern's 10,700 students represent some 40 states and 35 nations, and can choose from 150-plus bachelor's, master's, and specialist programs. The six schools of Arts and Science, Technology, Business, Education, Graduate Studies, and Health and Professional Studies are fully accredited by the Southern association of Colleges and Schools.

A campus of 457 acres encompasses advanced teaching and research facilities including a planetarium, an electron microscope lab, student and faculty computer centers, broadcasting studios, halls for theatrical and musical performances, a museum, and the state's only laboratory school for teacher preparation.

Georgia Southern's student enrollment has boomed by 50 percent since the early 1980's, and construction projects either

completed or underway to keep pace with the record growth include a new 16,000 square-foot college store, a 111,000 square-foot college union, a second food service facility, and a 130,000 square-foot addition to the continuing education complex. Other projects - a new residence hall and a major academic classroom-office building - are expected to be funded and ongoing in the next two years.

The College's 500-member faculty regularly garners professional distinctions and research and service grants. Public and private awards to faculty projects total about \$2.5 million a year. There are two endowed chairs on campus, one in biology and one in business.

Georgia Southern offers cultural and learning opportunities to south Georgians through more than 350 annual continuing education programs, conferences, and workshops. The Georgia Southern Museum, a hands-on teaching facility, hosts about 15,000 visitors per year, many of them elementary school-aged children who have never before had the opportunity to visit a



museum. The Statesboro-Georgia Southern Symphony holds a full season of concerts, including special free performances for children. Gallery 303 regularly features exhibits of regional and national artwork at no charge to the public, and the annual Youth Arts Festival draws participants from hundreds of miles distant.

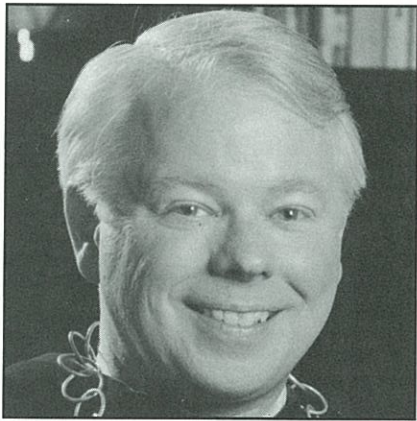
Name changes are nothing new to Georgia Southern, having begun her service in 1906 as First District Agricultural and Mechanical School, becoming Georgia Normal School in 1924, South Georgia Teachers College in 1929, Georgia Teachers College in 1939, and Georgia Southern College in 1959.

At the school's founding, Statesboro was a 2,000-resident agriculturally-based town. It has grown to more than 20,000 in population with a diverse agricultural-retail economic base, in a county that has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state.



DR. NICHOLAS HENRY

President, Georgia Southern College



Dr. Nicholas L. Henry became president of Georgia Southern College on September 1, 1987 and brought 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 being author and editor of a dozen books, 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 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.

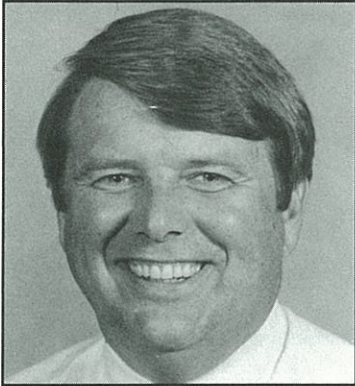
A native of Seattle, he completed his undergraduate work in government and English at Centre College, earned his master's degree in political science at Penn State University and the Ph. D. and master's of public administration at Indiana University.

Henry also taught political science and public administration at the University of New Mexico 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, spearheading the successful effort to bring the NCAA I-AA National Championship Game to Statesboro and Savannah, and the reorganization of the athletic department staff are just a few of the many accomplishments Bucky Wagner has orchestrated in his eight 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**.

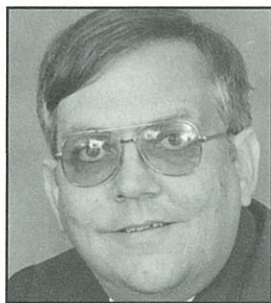
Eight years ago, Wagner joined the Eagle staff after a three-year stint at Vanderbilt University. While serving as Assistant Athletic Director at Vandy, he

was responsible for business and ticket office operations. The enlarging and refurbishing of Vanderbilt Stadium was a major project of 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, Ohio 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 University, 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.



HANK SCHOMBER **Associate Athletic Director**

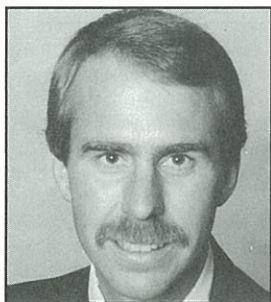
Ever since Hank Schomber's arrival at Georgia Southern, he has handled a variety of tasks and responsibilities.

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, which includes game-day management.

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.

Schomber and his wife Judy, an associate Spanish professor at Georgia Southern, have one daughter, Tamara.



JOHN RATLIFF **Associate Athletic Director**

Throughout his last seven years on the Georgia Southern administrative staff, John Ratliff has been involved in a variety of duties.

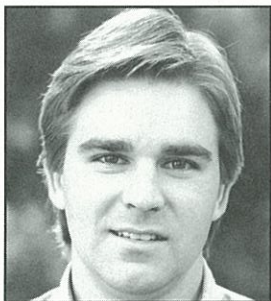
In addition to teaching in the physical education department, Ratliff's duties as Associate Athletic Director have included assisting with day-to-day operation of the athletic office, responsibility over the GSC radio network, and coordination and publication of the football, basketball, and baseball programs.

Currently, Ratliff serves as chief compliance officer and is in charge of overseeing all of the non-revenue sports.

Prior to his arrival at Georgia Southern, Ratliff served as Events Coordinator for the National Junior Olympics at Wake Forest University.

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.



STAN WILLIAMSON **Assistant Athletic Director**

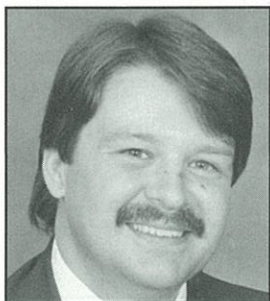
One of the newest members of the athletic staff, Stan Williamson is the department accountant. Since starting his duties July of 1988, Williamson is in charge of all financial matters relating to the Georgia Southern Eagle and Lady Eagle programs.

Prior to his appointment at Southern, Williamson was a controller for Franklin Equities, Inc. in Statesboro. He served as auditor at Hibernia National Bank in New Orleans, La., from 1976 to 1987.

A Ruston, La., native, Williamson earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Louisiana Tech University. He

earned his B.S. in Accounting in 1985 before getting his M.B.A. in 1986.

He is married to former Louisiana Tech Lady Techster standout Debbie Primeaux.



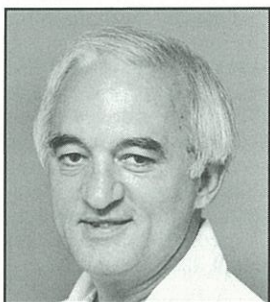
JIM RADCLIFFE **Director of Marketing and Promotions**

Jim Radcliffe is in his fourth year on the Georgia Southern staff in charge of all marketing and promotional activities. Known as one of the top promotionalists in the Division I ranks, Radcliffe also oversees the largest radio network on the I-AA level.

He is also in charge of handling all of Georgia Southern's game-day publications, which has earned the distinction of being one of the best in the country.

Radcliffe is responsible for all of Georgia Southern's advertising needs. His hard work and negotiations have brought several major corporate sponsors into the Eagle and Lady Eagle athletic scene.

As a student at GSC, Radcliffe served more than three years in the athletic department, including a two year stint as a staff assistant for Southern Boosters, the department's fundraising wing. He is a 1986 graduate of Georgia Southern.



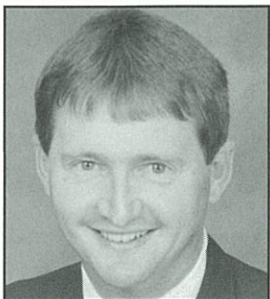
TOM SMITH **Head Athletic Trainer**

A familiar face behind the scenes for 18 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 while earning his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He then entered into 15 years of coaching at the Indiana high school levels.

Smith is married to the former Sue Lynch of Sevree, Ky., and they have two daughters, Julie (Watkins) and Cindy (Waters)



ROGER INMAN **Equipment and Facilities Director**

For seven years Roger Inman has had the full-time job of keeping up with Eagle athletic equipment and facilities.

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.

Currently, Inman is responsible for requisition, repair, and inventory of athletic equipment for both the GSC athletic and physical education departments.

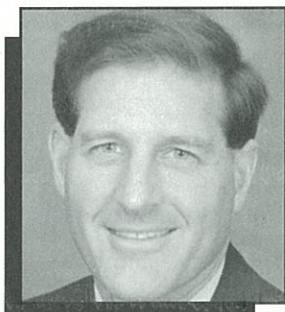
The Waycross, Ga. native received both bachelor's and master's degrees from GSC. He is married to the former Shirley Strickland.

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 1,900 members in its brief existence. While the majority of the members reside in the Statesboro area, the organization maintains active chapters in Augusta, Atlanta, Macon, Savannah and over 30 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.

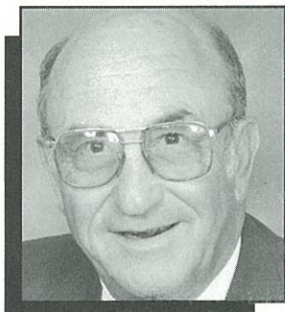


FRANK HOOK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Entering his fifth year as head of the Southern Boosters, Frank Hook is one of the GSC athletic staff's busiest and most dedicated 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 and office facilities for coaches and staff, and continuation of the support they give to a wide range of additional athletic endeavors.



SANDY HERSHEY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Sandy Hershey started his duties with Southern Boosters February 20, 1989, exactly one week after retiring from the Screven County High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach position.

Hershey's retirement finished a coaching career which spanned 30 years, both on the high school and college level. He has earned coach-of-the-year awards in Georgia while working with various football, basketball and baseball squads. He is a past president of the Georgia Coaches Association and a honorary life member.

From 1966 to 1982, he was employed by Random House Publishing Company as Director of Marketing and Sales.

Hershey earned his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Florida. He and wife Mary have four children.

SOUTHERN BOOSTERS INC.

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 30-1 and has won its last 26 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.

Some 1988-89 projects: **Kicking Field** (a kicking field, adjacent to the football practice area, is complete with a sprinkler system and fencing), **Women's Softball Batting Cages, Paulson Stadium** (golf range behind stadium, parking lot expansion, paving and fencing to include walkways, dumpster pads, food service cooking areas, relocation of gates, courtyard landscaping, locker room tile, 5,000 square feet of new sod layered on the stadium turf), **Women's Swimming** (record board and locker room carpeting), **Eagle Creek** (two monuments which will serve as permanent markers for legendary Eagle Creek will be placed on Highway 301 and Fair Road), **Hanner Fieldhouse** (Boosters is raising \$40,000 to underwrite the installation of a new hardwood floor in Hanner Fieldhouse), **Depth Chart** (Southern Boosters is constructing a depth chart for Eagle football coaches).

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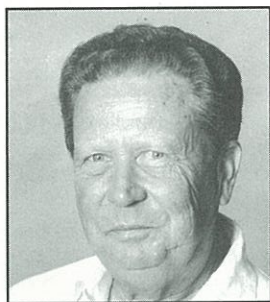
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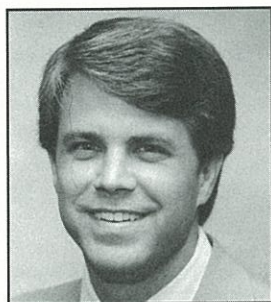
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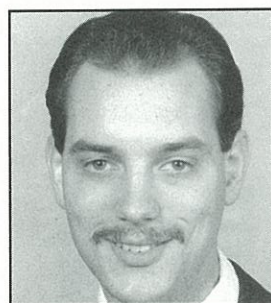
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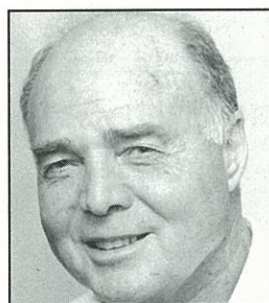
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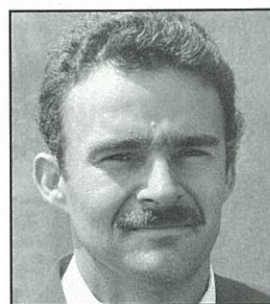
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ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM

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 of dreaming of the finest I-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 official 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.

Paulson Stadium Facts:

Runs East-West

Capacity: 18,000.

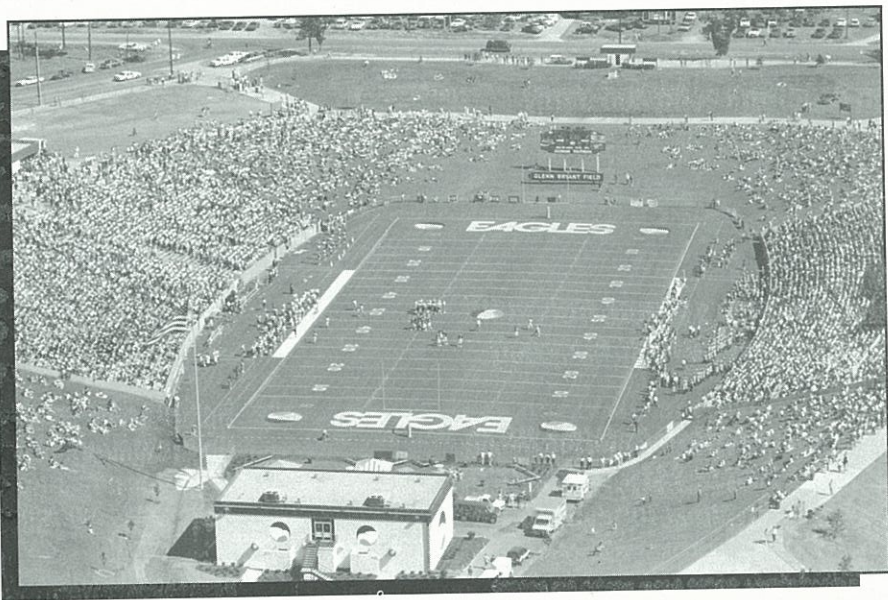
Initial start date:

First shovel, 1983, opening Sept. 19, 1984.

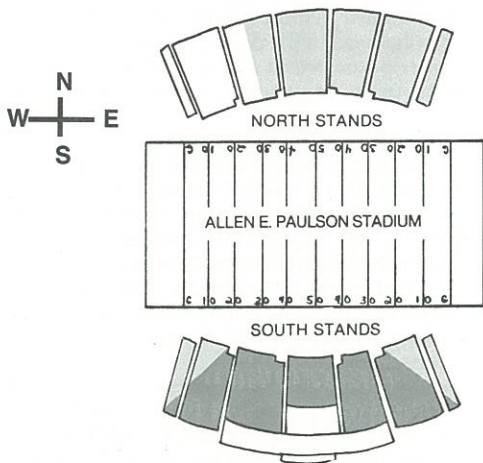
Surface:




Prescription Athletic turf with special Tift Bermuda on a clay-sand and gravel base over an elaborate drainage system.

Misc... 14 private booster boxes, film deck and a 75-seat working press area.



GUIDE TO PAULSON STADIUM



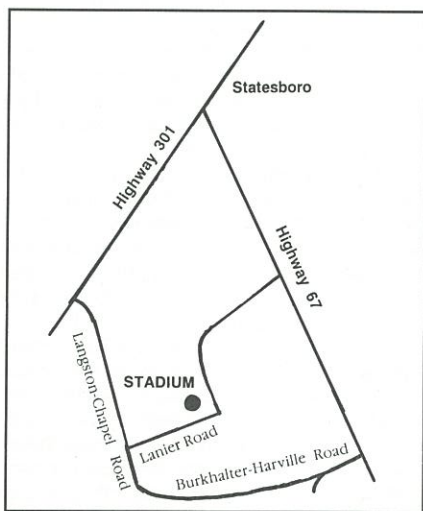
-  General Admission
-  Priority Seating (Boosters)
-  Reserved

Media parking with proper credentials -- Row D behind Stadium on pressbox side.

FINDING PAULSON STADIUM

From I-16 on Highway 67: On I-16, take Statesboro/Highway 67 exit...Travel 10.1 miles and turn left at flashing yellow light (Burkhalter-Harville Road)...Veer off to the right (becomes Langston-Chapel Road) after a few hundred yards...Once on Langston-Chapel Road, continue for 1.6 miles and look for Lanier Road...Lanier Road will be on the right...Head on Lanier Road, and stadium entrance will be on the left after 1.1 miles.

From I-16 on Highway 301: On I-16, take Highway 301 exit...Exit ramp will be to right, then turn left and head north to Statesboro... Look for Langston-Chapel Road (Phillips 66/Eagle's Nest Store) and turn right...Continue on Langston-Chapel Road, pass stop sign and look for Lanier Road (2.0 miles from 301) coming up on left...Head on Lanier Road, and stadium entrance will be on the left after 1.1 miles.



Hotels, Airlines, Cars: Statesboro -- Aldred's Trellis Garden (912) 498-8781, Bryant's Master Host Inn (912) 764-5666, Holiday Inn (912) 764-6121, Jameson Inn (912) 681-7900, Pine Trace Inn (912) 764-5631, Statesboro Inn (Bed & Breakfast) (912) 489-8628. **Savannah** -- Delta Air Lines (912) 234-1221, American Air Lines (912) 233-9988, Eastern Air Lines (912) 236-4411, Piedmont (912) 236-5617 -- Avis (912) 964-1781, Hertz (912) 964-9595, National (912) 964-1771, Budget (912) 234-7368.

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 organ-

ization 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 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.

PAULSON STADIUM RECORDS

TEAM

Most Points Scored By Georgia Southern:

55 vs. Nicholls State, December 6, 1986 and vs. Newberry, Sept. 3, 1988

Most Points Scored By An Opponent:

35 by Middle Tennessee, Sept. 14, 1985

Most First Downs:

33 by Georgia Southern vs. Liberty Baptist, Sept. 29, 1984

Most Yards Rushing:

515 by Georgia Southern vs. Samford, Nov. 12, 1988

Most Offensive Plays:

91 by UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 27, 1986

Most Total Yards:

572 by Georgia Southern vs. South Carolina State, Nov. 19, 1988

Fewest Points Scored By GSC:

10 vs. Middle Tennessee, Sept. 14, 1985

Fewest Points Scored By An Opponent:

0 by Tennessee Tech, Oct. 5, 1985, by Jackson State, Nov. 30, 1985, by Catawba, Sept. 5, 1987, by South Carolina State, Nov. 19, 1988

Fewest Yards Rushing:

38 by Liberty Baptist, Sept. 29, 1984, by South Carolina State, Nov. 19, 1988

Fewest Yards Passing:

15 by Tennessee Tech, Oct. 5, 1985, by Georgia Southern, Oct. 22, 1988

Fewest Offensive Plays:

48 by Liberty Baptist, Sept. 29, 1984

ATTENDANCE

Largest Paulson Stadium Crowd:

20,340 vs. Samford, Nov. 12, 1988

Smallest Paulson Stadium Crowd:

4,128 vs. Jackson State, Nov. 30, 1985

MISCELLANEOUS

GSC Record At Paulson Stadium:

30-1 (.968)

Current Winning Streak

At Paulson Stadium:

26 (last and only home loss was 35-10 to Middle Tennessee, Sept. 14, 1985.

INDIVIDUAL

Most Rushing Attempts:

32 by Raymond Gross vs. Stephen F. Austin, Dec. 3, 1988

Most Rushing Yards:

181 by Gerald Harris, GSC, 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 by Joe Ross, GSC, vs. Catawba, Sept. 5, 1987, by Joe Ross, GSC, vs. The Citadel, Nov. 26, 1988

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, 1984s; 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 by Tony Belser from Tracy Ham, GSC, vs. Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 11, 1986

Longest Punt:

65 by Pat Parker, GSC, vs. Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 11, 1986

Longest Punt Return:

52 by Jeff Steele, Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 15, 1988

Longest Kick Return:

81 by Rodney Stockett, James Madison, Nov. 15, 1986



FACTS: Dimensions -- 5000 square feet
Equipment -- Universal
Cost of Equipment -- \$100,000.00
Misc... Fully carpeted; Dead-lift platforms; Stationary, computerized bicycles, full restroom facilities

AN ADDED INGREDIENT "IRON EAGLES"

By George Smith

When you enter the door of **Eagle Iron Works**, you will enter a facility that measures up to any training facility in the country. Our new building is just an added ingredient to a successful program that has already established itself.

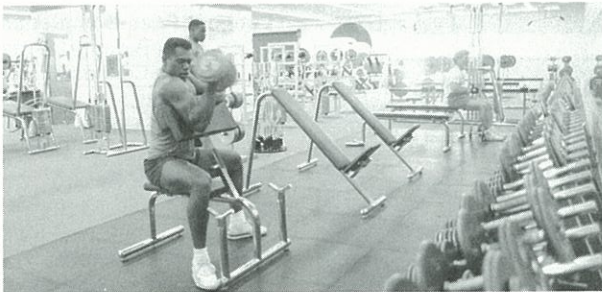
By this time, you probably have seen some of the Georgia Southern Eagle football players wearing their funny looking t-shirts with a muscular eagle on it, labeled "Iron Eagle". These are the athletes that are involved in our prestigious weightlifting club or fraternity.

There are two basic standards involved with becoming an "Iron Eagle". The athlete must either lift a total of 1,000 pounds in our three basic lifts -- bench press, squat and power clean -- or have a power index of 4.5 (which means he has to lift 4.5 times his bodyweight). The smaller athlete must have a 5.0 power index to qualify. Our first "Iron Eagle" test had 32 athletes make it -- our goal is 40.

Our primary goal with our strength training program at Georgia Southern is to enhance that God-given ability the athletes have to be the best they can be.

TOP 10 IRON EAGLES FOR 1989

Name	Bench	Power	Vert. Jump	Squat	Total	Power Index
R. Whiten (FB)	375	290	34.5	575	1240	5.9
B. Rice (S)	305	260	33.5	455	1020	5.8
J. Ross (FB)	305	270	32.0	545	1120	5.5
D. Hopkins (SB)	305	265	31.0	470	1040	5.5
D. Allen (WR)	235	235	34.0	415	885	5.5
S. Gainey (OL)	460	275	28.0	600	1335	5.4
E. Hayes (LB)	385	270	28.0	505	1160	5.4
D. McGrady (QB)	255	235	28.0	455	945	5.4
K. Young (CB)	290	215	inj.	375	880	5.3
P. Sikkelee (LB)	360	250	26.0	425	1035	5.2





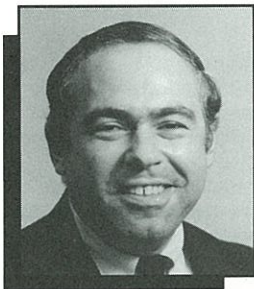
The Georgia Southern Network will again, for the fifth consecutive year, be the largest football radio network in Division I-AA. More than 25 stations will carry a full slate of Eagle football games with several other stations carrying a partial schedule. With the signal transmitted over the Westar Four satellite, the network guarantees listeners the most clean and clear signal obtainable.

Georgia Southern holds the Division I-AA record for single game coverage of a game. Last season's Oct. 8 contest against Florida State was carried by 87 stations in the South and was heard from Key West to Chattanooga and from Biloxi to Charleston. The Eagles' 1986 game vs. Florida was carried by over 60 stations.

The network, which started from a handful of stations in southeast Georgia seven years ago, has grown into the third largest collegiate football network in the state. Approximately 80 percent of Georgia's 6.25 million residents can tune their radios to the Georgia Southern Sports Network on Saturday afternoons to listen in on Eagle football. Additionally, the signal can be picked up in parts of Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee.

1989 AFFILIATES

WBKZ --	Athens, Ga.	WPEH --	Louisville, Ga.
WFTD --	Atlanta/Marietta, Ga.	WLYU --	Lyons, Ga.
WKUB --	Blackshear, Ga.	WLOP --	Jesup, Ga.
WBBK --	Blakely, Ga.	WKBX --	Kingsland/Brunswick, Ga.
WMLT --	Dublin, Ga.	WHCG --	Metter, Ga.
WUFF --	Eastman, Ga.	WMNZ --	Montezuma, Ga.
WWRK --	Elberton, Ga.	WTNL --	Reidsville, Ga.
WBHB --	Fitzgerald, Ga.	WZAT --	Savannah, Ga.
WDUN --	Gainesville, Ga.	WMCD --	Statesboro, Ga.
WKIG --	Glennville, Ga.	WJAT --	Swainsboro, Ga.
WHIE --	Griffin, Ga.	WSYL --	Sylvania, Ga.
WCEH --	Hawkinsville, Ga.		



NATE HIRSCH

Voice of the Eagles

Nate Hirsch begins his eighth 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 Eagle 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 is a 1970 graduate of Indiana State. He and wife Pat have four daughters -- Shannon, Mandy, Sandi and Jennifer.

FRANK INMAN

Color Analyst

Frank Inman enters his seventh year as color commentator on the Georgia Southern Sports Network. A veteran of more than 25 years as a high school and college football coach, Inman offers a knowledgeable 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 50-9-7 record 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 in 1987 as Athletic Director for Glynn County Board of Education in Brunswick, Ga., where he had served since 1979.

Inman and his wife Barbara have two children.

HUGH COLSON

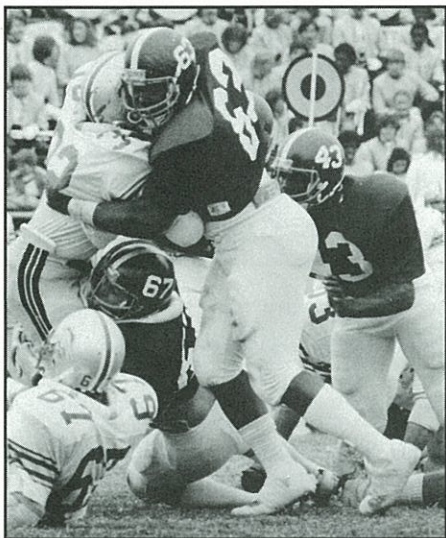
Statistician

One of the most dedicated Georgia Southern support personnel, Hugh Colson is the accurate on-air numbers man during Eagle football broadcasts.

Colson has served as statistician since football's rebirth at Georgia Southern in 1982. He also works as color commentator for WMCD for the Statesboro Blue Devils and has handled their stats since 1969.

A 1971 Finance graduate of Georgia Southern, Colson is Accounting Supervisor at Grinnell Corporation. He has been employed in the accounting office at Grinnell since graduation. He is married to GSC football secretary Sue Colson. They are the parents of son Greg, 17.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL HISTORY



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.

Those 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.

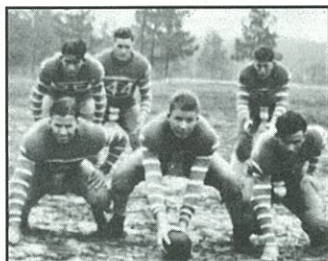
Longtime Georgia defensive coordinator Erk Russell shocked the state of Georgia when he accepted the head coaching position and now, seven years later, the rest, as they say, is history.

In seven seasons, Georgia Southern has won two NCAA 1-AA national championships. The Eagles have made the playoffs four 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 was then 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 game, 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. He has also earned two Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year awards (1986 and 1988).

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 I-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.**
- December 17, 1988** - Georgia Southern makes its third NCAA I-AA National Championship Game appearance, losing to Furman 17-12.
- February 23, 1989** - The NCAA awards Georgia Southern, Statesboro, and Savannah the rights to host the NCAA I-AA National Championship game for a three-year period (through 1991) at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

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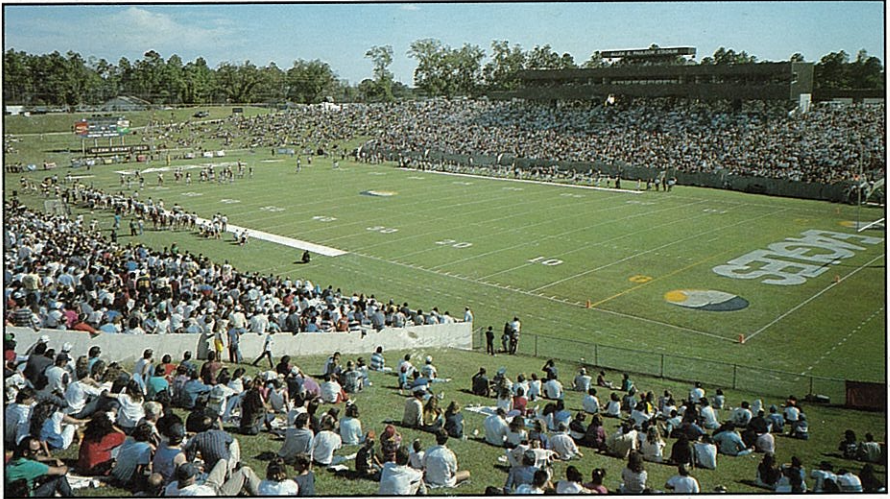
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Hanson, Susan (Sports Information Secretary)	681-5239
Hershey, Sandy (Boosters Assoc. Director)	681-5520
Hook, Frank (Boosters Executive Director)	681-5520
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Breen, Pat (Women's Tennis Coach)	681-5925
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Healey, Mike (Asst. Football Coach)	681-5273
Hook, Linda (Cheerleader Advisor)	681-5462
Kerns, Frank (Head Basketball Coach)	681-5327
Laing, Robbie (Asst. Basketball Coach)	681-5328
Pate, John (Asst. Football Coach)	681-5986
Presley, Del (Cross Country Coach)	681-5444
Rafter, John (Soccer Coach)	681-5298
Russell, Erk (Head Football Coach)	681-5522
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Spieth, Bill (Women's Softball Coach)	681-5603
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Stallings, Jack (Head Baseball Coach)	681-5187
Stowers, Tim (Asst. Football Coach)	681-5604
Thurmond, Peter (Asst. Football Coach)	681-5604
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Venuto, Jay (Asst. Football Coach)	681-5969
Vickers, Micky (Asst. Football Coach)	681-5524
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