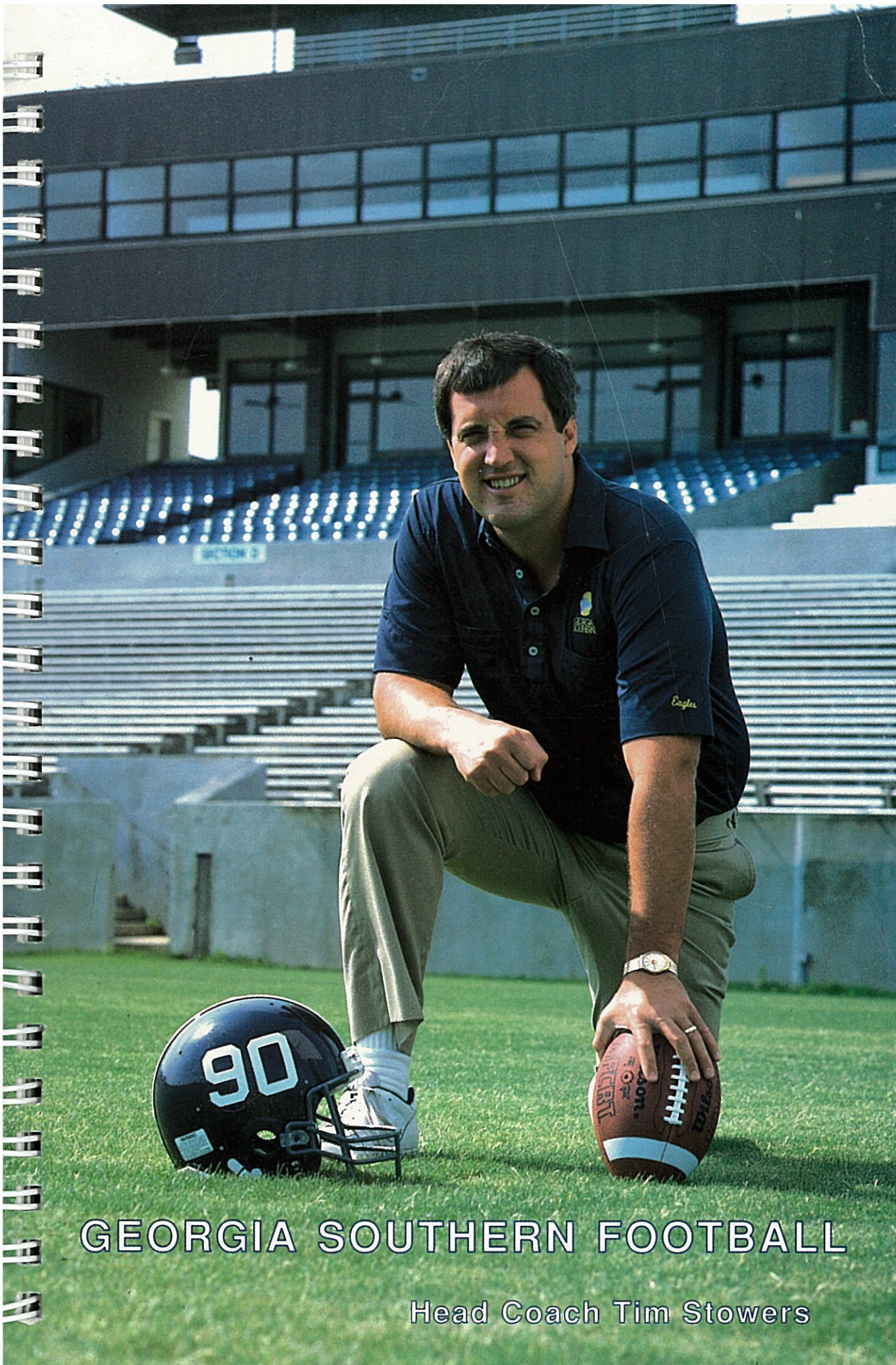

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Head Coach Tim Stowers

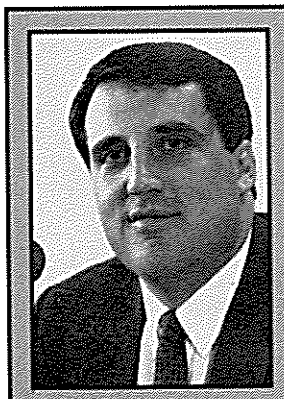
1990 GEORGIA SOUTHERN SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 1	VALDOSTA STATE	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EDT)
Sept. 8	at Middle Tennessee State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	8:00 p.m. (EDT)
Sept. 15	at Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.	7:00 p.m. (EDT)
Sept. 22	EASTERN KENTUCKY	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EDT)
Sept. 29	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EDT)
Oct. 6	at Marshall	Huntington, W.V.	7:00 p.m. (EDT)
Oct. 20	at Central Florida	Orlando, Fla.	7:00 p.m. (EDT)
Oct. 27	SAVANNAH STATE	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EDT)
Nov. 3	JAMES MADISON (Homecoming)	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EST)
Nov. 10	at Tennessee-Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	3:00 p.m. (EST)
Nov. 17	SAMFORD	ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m. (EST)

1989 GEORGIA SOUTHERN RESULTS (15-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	NAT'L RANK (TSN/NCAA)
Sept. 2	VALDOSTA STATE	W 31-10	16,007	1st/2nd
Sept. 9	WEST GEORGIA	W 48-7	11,939	1st/no poll
Sept. 16	#Florida A&M	W 28-0	13,481	1st/no poll
Sept. 21	MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	W 26-0	16,449	1st/3rd
Oct. 7	SAVANNAH STATE	W 35-14	20,507	1st/2nd
Oct. 14	at Nicholls State	W 21-13	5,286	1st/2nd
Oct. 21	CENTRAL FLORIDA	W 31-17	19,640	1st/2nd
Oct. 28	at Samford	W 52-7	6,042	2nd/2nd
Nov. 4	at James Madison	W 36-21	11,685	1st/2nd
Nov. 11	TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	W 34-13	24,078	1st/1st
Nov. 18	MARSHALL	W 63-31	16,323	1st/1st
Nov. 25	*VILLANOVA	W 52-36	10,161	——
Dec. 2	*MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	W 45-3	11,272	——
Dec. 9	*MONTANA	W 45-15	10,421	——
Dec. 16	**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W 37-34	25,725	——

#Bold City Classic at Jacksonville, Fla. (Gator Bowl); *NCAA I-AA Playoff Game; **NCAA I-AA National Championship Game



HEAD COACH TIM STOWERS

Years at Georgia Southern: Six (first as head coach)

Record at Georgia Southern: 0-0

Overall College Record: 0-0

Date and Place of Birth: February 5, 1958 in Union Springs, Alabama

Alma Mater: Auburn '80

QUICK FACTS ON THE GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES

Location: Statesboro, Georgia. **Founded:** 1906. **Enrollment:** 11,238. **Nickname:** Eagles. **Colors:** Blue & White. **Stadium:** Allen E. Paulson (18,000-1984/Bermuda Tift). **President:** Dr. Nicholas Henry. **Athletic Director:** Dr. David "Bucky" Wagner. **Offense:** Flexbone. **Defense:** 4-3. **Lettermen Returning:** 45 (19 offensive, 23 defensive, 3 specialty). **Lettermen Lost:** 16 (6-8-2). **Starters Returning:** 15 (5-7-3). **Radio network/Flagship station:** Georgia Southern Sports Network/WMCD-FM 100.1 (Nate Hirsch, Frank Inman, Hugh Colson).

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MEDIA INFORMATION

TO THE MEDIA

We hope you will find this publication useful while covering Georgia Southern's 1990 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.

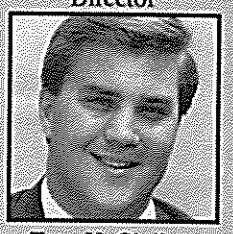
Additional requests by accredited media representatives for items such as feature materials, photographs, slides and video tapes should be directed to our office. We are always ready to serve you.

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.



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 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 $100 per line per game is charged.

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

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

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

Sideline - Georgia Southern University 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. Non-workers, spouses and dates will not be granted press credentials.

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 Gate 5 of 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 Sweetheart Circle near the main entrance of Georgia Southern University.

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 151.

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

Tim Stowers will conduct a post-game press conference in the courtyard of the Lupton Building located beyond the West end zone approximately 15 minutes after the game. Television interviews and one-on-ones with Coach Stowers are to be conducted at this time. The visiting coach will be available outside 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 TIM STOWERS

The best time to reach Coach Stowers is between 10 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 Stowers will meet with interested media immediately following practice. A member of the Eagle SID staff will assist in gathering requested players for interviews at the Eagle practice facilities on a 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 was one of the most amazing success stories during the decade of the 80's. 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. Since joining NCAA Division I-AA in 1984, no school has won a higher percentage of its games than Georgia Southern.

The Eagles have made four trips to the I-AA National Championship Game, and have come away with three titles (1985, 1986 and 1989). The '89 squad became the first team this century to finish with a 15-0 mark.

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, gone from no football scholarships to the I-AA limit of 70, built a quality practice facility and a new state-of-the-art weight room.

There has been some luck, too. As former coach Erk Russell often said, "I'd rather be lucky than good." The Eagles have been blessed with an abundance of football talent in the beginning and the present with names such as Tracy Ham, Flint Matthews, Joe Ross, Raymond Gross and many others. Seventeen Georgia Southern players have achieved All-America status and a handful will vie for that honor in 1990. One member of last season's squad was selected in the National Football League draft — slotback Ernest Thompson (11th round by the Kansas City Chiefs).

Among some of the more well-known Eagles playing professional football are Ham (Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League) and Fred Stokes (Washington Redskins). Ham was named the CFL's Most Valuable Player in 1989.

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

THE DECADE'S WINNINGEST I-AA PROGRAMS (1980-1989)

By Winning Percentage

1.	***Georgia Southern**	**.788 (83-22-1)**
2.	Furman	.782 (95-25-4)
3.	Eastern Kentucky	.778 (97-27-2)
4.	Jackson State	.715 (79-30-5)
5.	Holy Cross	.712 (78-31-2)
6.	Tennessee State	.700 (74-30-6)
7.	Grambling	.695 (77-33-3)
8.	Nevada-Reno	.665 (78-39-1)
9.	Eastern Illinois	.663 (79-40-1)
10.	Idaho	.661 (78-40-0)

By Total Wins

1.	Eastern Kentucky	97
2.	Furman	95
3.	***Georgia Southern**	**83**
4.	Eastern Illinois	79
	Jackson State	79
6.	Holy Cross	78
	Idaho	78
	Nevada-Reno	78
9.	Grambling	77
	Delaware	77

***I-AA status since 1984**

Courtesy of NCAA Statistics Service

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 I-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. 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			**0**	**6**	**22**	**16-44**
FURMAN			**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 I-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 I-AA.

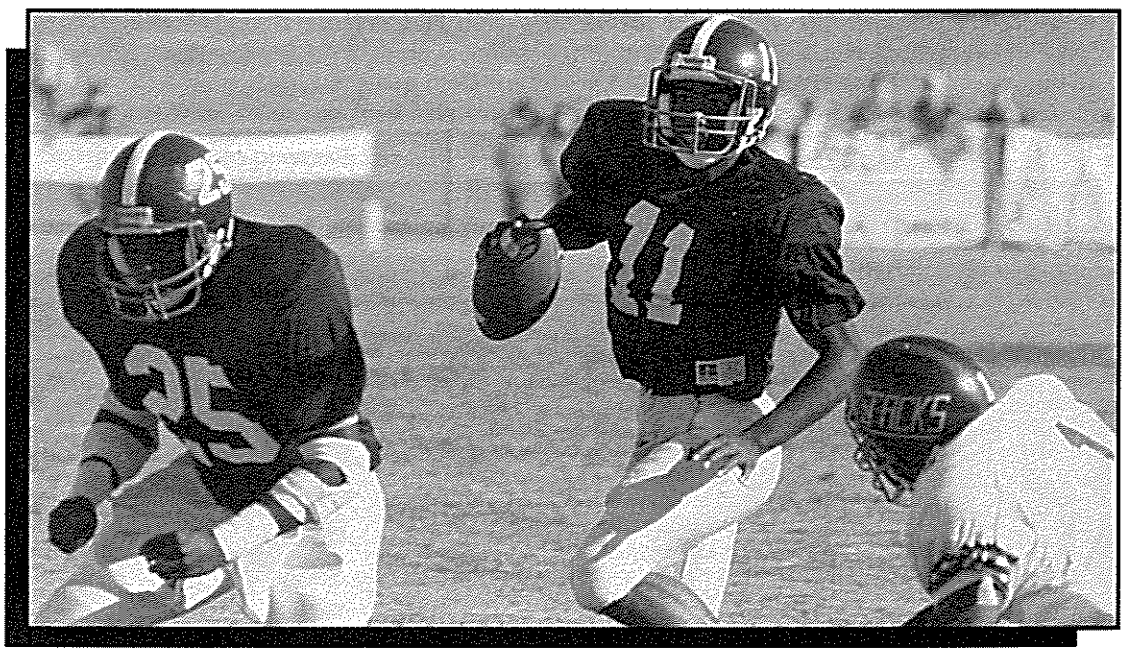
GEORGIA SOUTHERN			**10**	**16**	**15**	**7-48**
ARKANSAS STATE			**7**	**0**	**8**	**6-21**
GSC	- 1 -	11:03	Foley 20 FG			
GSC	- 1 -	6:08	G. Harris 1 run (Foley kick)			
ASU	- 1 -	3:08	Whiteside 15 run (Roper kick)			
GSC	- 2 -	13:21	Foley 30 FG			
GSC	- 2 -	6:53	Foley 25 FG			
GSC	- 2 -	1:33	Ham 25 run (Foley kick)			
GSC	- 2 -	0:06	Foley 36 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)			

1989 Eagles Pack 'Jacks with Statesboro Blues

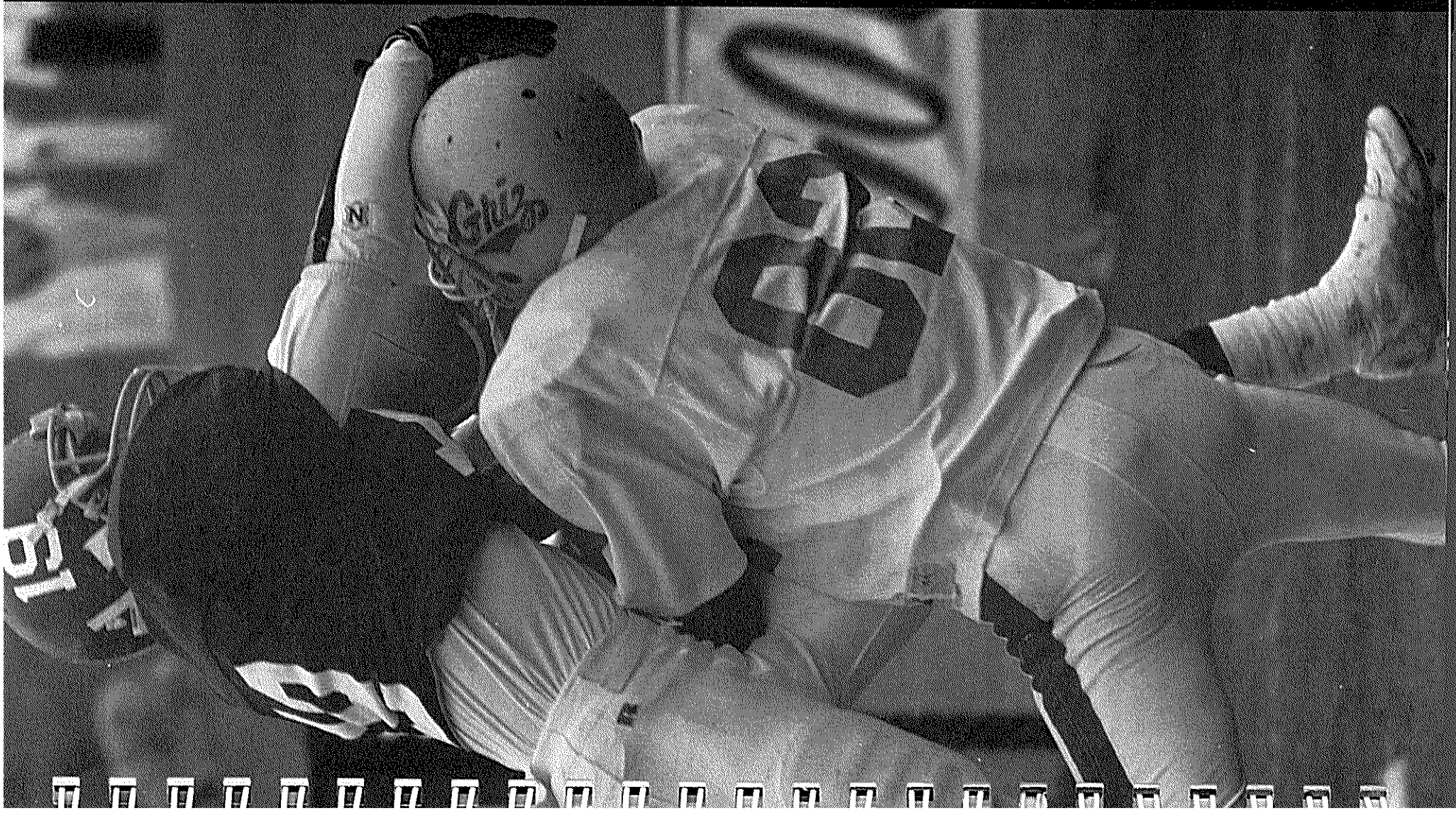
Dowis' 20-yard field goal nips SFA

STATESBORO—Savannah junior Mike Dowis booted a 20-yard field goal with 1:41 remaining to cap Georgia Southern's 15-0 season, the first by a college team in modern football history. The Eagles, before a record crowd of 25, 725 in the friendly confines of Paulson Stadium, rallied to defeat Southland Conference champion Stephen F. Austin and capture their third Division I-AA championship in five years. Junior quarterback Raymond Gross brought Southern back from two seven-point deficits in the final 15 minutes. Junior fullback Joe Ross of Augusta carried 31 times for 152 yards and scored once. Gross rushed for 103 yards and passed for 113. Lumberjack quarterback Todd Hammel threw five interceptions, the fourth to free safety Taz Dixon at the SFA 30. Nine plays later Dowis provided the margin of victory. Sophomore Kevin Whitley made 10 tackles for the Eagles, while junior Giff Smith and senior Darrell Hendrix contributed eight.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN			**7**	**10**	**10**	**0**	**7-34**
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN			**14**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**17-37**
GSC	- 1 -	10:41	Raymond Gross 34 run (Mike Dowis PAT)				
GSC	- 1 -	7:58	Terrance Sorrell fumble recovery in endzone (Dowis PAT)				
SFA	- 1 -	0:19	Todd Hammel 1 run (Chuck Rawlinson PAT)				
SFA	- 2 -	8:50	Larry Centers 12 pass from Hammel (Rawlinson PAT)				
GSC	- 2 -	4:27	Dowis 30 FG				
GSC	- 2 -	0:21	Dowis 37 FG				
SFA	- 2 -	0:00	Rawlinson 53 FG				
SFA	- 3 -	11:19	Rawlinson 53 FG				
SFA	- 3 -	5:27	Joe Bradford 7 pass from Hammel (Rawlinson PAT)				
GSC	- 4 -	14:57	Joe Ross 2 run (Dowis PAT)				
SFA	- 4 -	12:32	Centers 46 pass from Hammel (Rawlinson PAT)				
GS	- 4 -	5:58	Ernest Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)				
GS	- 4 -	1:41	Dowis 20 FG				



OUTLOOK & QUOTES & ROSTERS



1990 OUTLOOK

OFFENSE - AN OVERVIEW

Simply stated, the Eagles are loaded with quality backfield experience. Senior fullback **Joe Ross** was fourth nationally in rushing as a junior and three-year starter **Raymond Gross** is arguably the nation's best option quarterback. Add gifted slotbacks **Karl Miller** and **Darryl Hopkins** to the recipe and a typically potent Georgia Southern ground game may be the result—if a completely rebuilt offensive line can give Gross & company operating room.

Since Tracy Ham's graduation in 1986, the Eagles have never been accused of passing anybody silly. Still, Gross' passing skills continue to improve on a consistent basis. He threw effectively last season in a year when Southern passed the ball just 16 percent of the time. Acrobatic sophomore **Terrance Sorrell** returns as the Eagles' top long-ball threat.

Offensive Line

Though Head Coach Tim Stowers and Offensive Line Coach Mike Hodges didn't exactly begin from scratch in spring ball, 80 percent of last year's starting offensive line was lost to graduation. All-America right guard Sean Gainey, left guard Brad Bernard, center Sammy Twiggs and right tackle George Jones made up four-fifths of an assault wave chiefly responsible for the nation's top-ranked rushing team (329.2 yards per game). Remaining regular **John Wilson** shifted from left tackle to right guard. Sophomores **Rusty Parrish** and **Rex Nottage** apprenticed with Twiggs and Jones, respectively, in 1989 and moved into spots manned by their former mentors. While things went pretty much as expected on the line's right side, junior tackle **Danny Smith** and redshirt freshman guard **Miguel Ayoub** played their way into starting jobs on the left. Smith was a third-team lineman last season and Ayoub played defensive tackle.

Senior **Brian Broughton** (left tackle), sophomore **Bill Breda** (left guard), freshman redshirt **Scott Chafin** (center), junior **Curtis Kimbrell** (right guard) and freshman redshirt **Tom Gramiak** (right tackle) will form the second-unit line when fall practice opens. Stowers feels Breda and Chafin could warrant another look before the season opener with Valdosta State. Breda missed spring training after undergoing off-season knee surgery. He lettered in '89 as Bernard's backup.

Quarterbacks

Gross (1,086 yards, 7 TDs rushing/80-159, 1,469 yards, 10 TDs passing) capped off a perfect season by having his best spring yet. An elusive runner and always improving passer, the most important statistic about Raymond Gross is this one: 32-5—his record as starting signal-caller at Georgia Southern.

Junior **Albert Huntley** again emerged from spring drills as Gross' solid backup. Statesboro sophomore **Derrick McGrady** enjoyed a productive spring and may challenge Huntley for No. 2 status.

Running Backs

Southern's strength on offense is obviously in the backfield. Ross was the only underclassman under consideration for last year's Walter Payton Award and finished fourth. After setting a single-season school rushing record (1,354 yards) and advancing to second on the all-time Eagle career rushing list, Ross underwent right knee surgery the day Stowers succeeded Erk Russell and missed spring training. His successful rehabilitation and complete recovery are musts for GSU to approach the level of success it reached in the "Drive To Dixie". Reliable junior **Lester Efford** and spring surprise **Tim Townsend** are capable reserves, as is sophomore **Willando Ficklin,** who worked some at slotback in April.

The Eagles' top four slotbacks saw extensive playing time a year ago and all but Ernest Thompson, an 11th-round draft choice by the Kansas City Chiefs, return. Senior Karl Miller is a slashing runner who averaged 11 yards per carry in '89 but was often overlooked because of Ross, Gross and Thompson. Junior Darryl Hopkins is a complete player who should thrive as a regular. Senior **Alonzo McGhee** is back to provide depth at Miller's position and sophomore **Herman Gray** has moved into the two-deep behind Hopkins.

Split Ends

Speedy and sure-handed Donnie Allen was Southern's top receiver last season. He's now running routes for the New York Jets. Sorrell grabbed 19 passes for 425 yards as a freshman and Stowers admits he is the Eagles' lone deep threat. Junior **Chuck McClurg** played behind Sorrell in 1989 and will probably fill the same role this year. Allen's backup was **Jason Whitehead,** who will have to hold off a furious challenge from redshirt freshman **Anthony Hayes.**

DEFENSE - AN OVERVIEW

Good baseball teams realize the importance of being solid up the middle. Great defensive football teams are built this way, too. The graduation of tackle Charlie Waller, All-America middle linebacker Darrell Hendrix, free safety Taz Dixon and strong safety Randell Boone significantly weakened the nation's No. 3-ranked total defense (255.9 yards per game) and No. 2 scoring defense (12.1 points). Co-Coordinators Tommy Spangler and Jeff IcInerney aren't void of weapons as the 1990 campaign approaches. They have a great defensive end tandem, two proven cornerbacks and a generally overachieving group of linebackers.

Defensive Line

Georgia Southern features what must be the best pair of defensive ends in I-AA football. Senior All-America **Giff Smith** and junior **Steve Bussoletti** are terrific pass rushers. Smith holds the school record for career sacks (24) and has a chance—along with Ross—to be the program's first three-time All-America selection. Senior **Jack Harris** and sophomore **Troy Donahue** are tested backups.

There were no surprises in Southern's defensive interior during the spring. Senior **Tim Brown** and junior **Pat Parr** are expected to man the left tackle and noseguard positions, rexpectively. Sophomore **Shawn Haralson** will open the fall behind Brown, while sophomore **Tony Byers** relieves Parr.

Linebackers

Talented junior **Michael Berry** (weakside), senior **Mike West** (middle) and junior **Shane Maxwell** (strongside) comprise the Eagle linebacking corps. They'll be spelled by junior **Paul Sikkelee,** junior **Eugene Hayes.** West started at the weakside position in '89 and did a commendable job in his springtime transition to the middle, a position vacated by Hendrix. Berry and Maxwell shared the strongside duties a year ago.

Secondary

Special teams standouts **Mark Giles** and **Jim Mutimer** are penciled in as replacements for All-America safeties Dixon and Boone. **Brad Almon** is slated to play behind Giles at free safety, converted cornerback **Clint Avret** behind Mutimer at strong. All four are juniors.

Juniors **Kevin Whitley** and **Rodney Oglesby** are two-year regulars at strongside and weakside cornerback. Whitley is a fierce hitter, Oglesby a proficient cover man who earned All-America mention as a freshman. Whitley could play strong safety in a pinch. Junior **Gene Scott** and promising redshirt freshman **Shawn Austin** provide improved depth.

Specialists

The most pressing need— and at the same time a barometer of how pretty Southern sits in this area—is to find a deep snapper to replace Joe Crenshaw. Senior **Hal Radford** and sophomore **Chris Arnault** will compete for a spot on the Eagles' travel roster. Chafin can also fill in if needed.

Senior three-year starter **Terry Harvin** returns to handle the punting chores. Championship game hero **Mike Dowis,** now a senior, will take care of conversions and short field goals, as he did in '89. Junior **David Cool** is the long-distance specialist and favorite to kick off.

1990 GSU FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART

(Between Spring and Fall Practices)

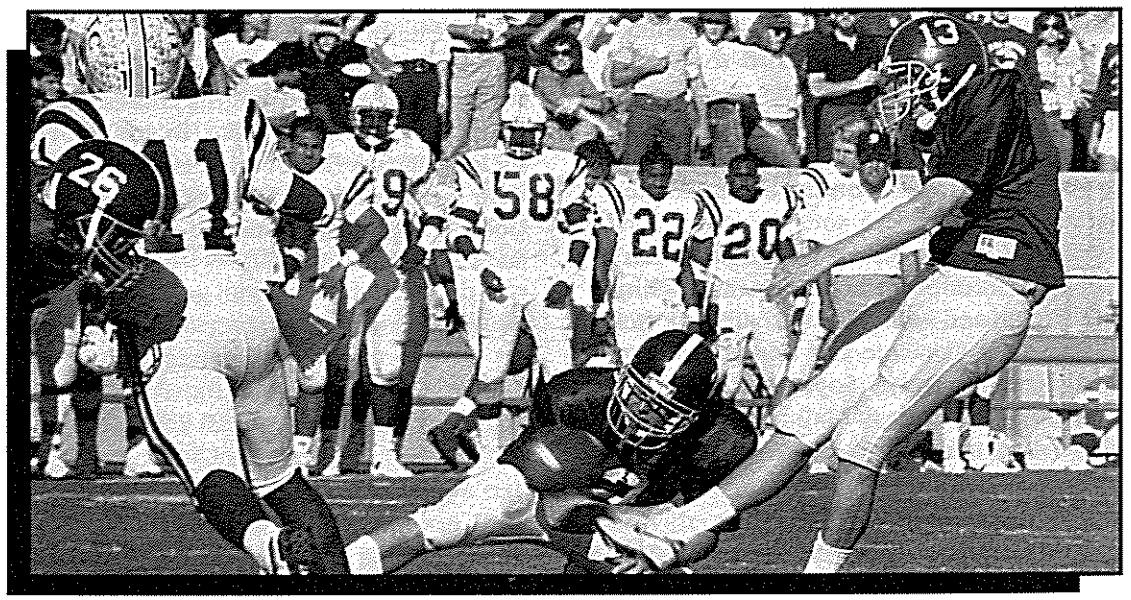
Offense

SE -	21	JASON WHITEHEAD (6-0, 177, JR-1L)
	82	Anthony Hayes (5-11, 174, FR-RS)
LT -	72	DANNY SMITH (6-4, 239, JR-SQ)
	73	Brian Broughton (6-7, 278, SR-2L)
LG -	69	MIGUEL AYOUB(6-3, 260, FR-RS)
	53	Bill Breda (6-0, 237, SO-1L)
C -	57	RUSTY PARRISH (6-3, 236, SO-1L)
	53	Scott Chafin (6-2, 231, FR-RS)
RG -	63	JOHN WILSON (6-2, 262, SR-3L)
	75	Curtis Kimbrell (6-0, 270, JR-2L)
RT -	59	REX NOTTAGE (5-11, 242, SO-1L)
	57	Tom Gramiak (5-11, 245, FR-RS)
SE -	88	TERRANCE SORRELL (6-2, 166, SO-1L)
	89	Chuck McClurg (5-10, 162, JR-2L)
QB -	11	RAYMOND GROSS (6-0, 188, SR-3L)
	5	Albert Huntley (5-11, 198, JR-2L)
FB -	36	JOE ROSS (6-1, 206, SR-3L)
	35	Lester Efford (5-8, 231, JR-2L)
SB -	25	DARRYL HOPKINS (5-9, 189, JR-2L)
	29	Herman Gray (5-8, 175, SO-1L)
SB -	24	KARL MILLER (6-0, 182, SR-3L)
	26	Alonzo McGhee (6-0, 192, SR-2L)

Defense

LE -	95	GIFF SMITH (6-1, 226, SR-3L)
	92	Jack Harris (6-1, 217, SR-2L)
LT -	94	TIM BROWN (6-3, 258, SR-3L)
	98	Shawn Haralson (6-3, 221, SO-1L)
NG -	90	PAT PARR (6-0, 268, JR-2L)
	79	Tony Byers (6-2, 227, SO-1L)
RE -	96	STEVE BUSSOLETTI (6-4, 237, JR-2L)
	99	Troy Donahue (6-5, 234, SO-1L)
WLB -	56	MICHAEL BERRY (6-2, 212, JR-2L)
	30	Paul Sikkelee (6-0, 189, JR-1L)
MLB -	28	MICHAEL WEST (5-10, 205, SR-2L)
	38	Eugene Hayes (5-10, 208, JR-1L)
SLB -	44	SHANE MAXWELL (6-5, 201, JR-2L)
	30	Paul Sikkelee (6-0, 189, JR-1L)
WC -	19	RODNEY OGLESBY (5-10, 165, JR-2L)
	15	Gene Scott (5-11, 184, JR-1L)
SS -	42	JIM MUTIMER (6-1, 185, JR-2L)
	46	Clint Avret (6-0, 175, JR-1L)
FS -	10	MARK GILES (6-1, 167, JR-2L)
	27	Brad Almon (5-10, 161, JR-1L)
SC -	4	KEVIN WHITLEY (5-10, 186, JR-2L)
	13	Shawn Austin (5-9, 174, FR-RS)

Specialists: Punter - 2 Terry Harvin, 6 Don Norton; Conversions - 13 Mike Dowis; Field Goals - 13 Mike Dowis, 3 David Cool; Kickoffs - 3 David Cool, 6 Don Norton; Punt Returns - 9 Rodney Oglesby; Kickoff Returns - 24 Karl Miller, 26 Alonzo McGhee; Snapper - 70 Hal Radford, 76 Chris Arnault.



AT-A-GLANCE

The Starters . . . Who's Back and Who's Not

Offense

Pos.	Returning	Lost
SE	. . . . .	Donnie Allen (3L)
LT	John Wilson (3L)	. . . . .
LG	. . . . .	Brad Bernard (4L)
C	. . . . .	Sammy Twiggs (3L)
RG	. . . . .	Sean Gainey (4L)
RT	. . . . .	George Jones (2L)
SE	Terrance Sorrell (1L)	. . . . .
QB	Raymond Gross (3L)	. . . . .
FB	Joe Ross (3L)	. . . . .
SB	Karl Miller (3L)	. . . . .
SB	. . . . .	Ernest Thompson (4L)

Defense

Pos.	Returning	Lost
LE	Giff Smith (3L)	. . . . .
LT	. . . . .	Charlie Waller (4L)
RT	Tim Brown (3L)	. . . . .
RE	Steve Bussoletti (2L)	. . . . .
WLB	Mike West (2L)	. . . . .
MLB	. . . . .	Darrell Hendrix (4L)
SLB	Michael Berry (2L)	. . . . .
WC	Rodney Oglesby (2L)	. . . . .
SS	. . . . .	Randell Boone (2L)
FS	. . . . .	Taz Dixon (4L)
SC	Kevin Whitley (2L)	. . . . .

Specialists returning (3): PK David Cool, PK Mike Dowis, P Terry Harvin.

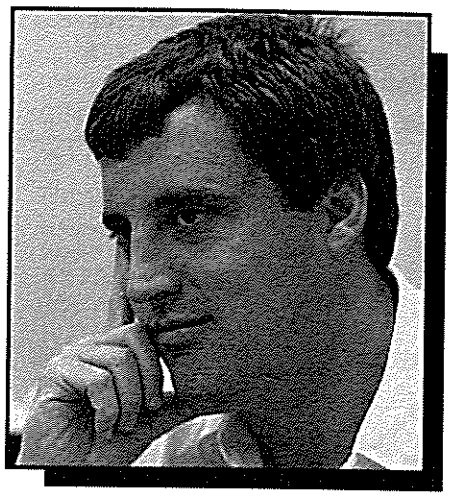
Other offensive lettermen returning (14): SE Deryl Belser, OG Bill Breda, OT Brian Broughton, FB Lester Efford, FB Willando Ficklin, SB Darryl Hopkins, QB Albert Huntley, OG Curtis Kimbrell, SE Chuck McClurg, SB Alonzo McGhee, OT Rex Nottage, C Rusty Parrish, SE Chance Ward, SE Jason Whitehead.

Other defensive lettermen returning (16): FS Brad Almon, SS Clint Avret, DT Tony Byers, DE Troy Donahue, FS Mark Giles, DT Curtis Gordon, DT Shawn Haralson, DE Jack Harris, LB Eugene Hayes, LB Shane Maxwell, SS Jim Mutimer, DT Patrick Parr, FS Brannon Rice, CB Gene Scott, LB Paul Sikkelee, SS Donnie Suber.

Other lettermen lost (5): SN Joe Crenshaw, LB Eric Eberly, LB Bart Hughes, PK Chip McGinley, LB Everett Sharpe.

Position changes: CB Brannon Rice to FS, CB Clint Avret to SS, OT John Wilson to OG, OG James Baker to OT, DT Miguel Ayoub to OG.

QUOTING TIM STOWERS



About GSU spring training

"We worked on basic fundamentals and taught hard-nosed football. Our top goal going in was to find an offensive line. We found a few surprises, but that is still our weak spot. Obviously, that is not good."

About senior quarterback Raymond Gross

"Raymond had a good spring, He's gaining maturity all the time and understands the offense even better than before. He's throwing the football better. Raymond possesses great confidence and is a coach on the field for us. He makes us go."

About Eagle receivers

"Terrance Sorrell is the only deep threat we have. We just didn't find another in spring practice. There is pretty good competition on the other side between Whitehead (Jason) and Hayes (Anthony)."

About GSU specialists

"Terry Harvin has done a nice job punting for us in the past. He gets the ball off well. Mike Dowis can certainly kick under pressure, I'd say last year's championship game is proof positive. David Cool has a great leg and will handle our kickoffs and long field goals."

About senior middle linebacker Mike West

"He did a good job in the spring after moving to the middle. He is a typical Georgia Southern player, perhaps our Sammy Twiggs of 1990. Mike really shouldn't be playing middle linebacker for us — he probably shouldn't be playing college football at all. He just has a bad case of the wants."

About the schedule

"Well, I feel it's the toughest schedule in I-AA football — it has to be the hardest ever at Georgia Southern. We're exchanging West Georgia, Nicholls State and Florida A&M for Florida State, Northeast Louisiana and Eastern Kentucky. Florida State has been picked by some pre-season publications as the top team in college football. We have all those road night games, but that's primarily a mental obstacle. There are eight teams on the schedule we beat last year. Revenge is the greatest motivator."

About Southern's keys to success

"Our offensive line has to have some success early on. Joe Ross has to be healthy. We need to avoid major injuries. Hopefully, we'll be hungry when the whistle blows. You sort of worry about a team being hungry after going 15-0. We have enough talent to get the job done. Desire is the key."

About his job

"We're lucky to live in football country. The support at Southern is tremendous. I was very fortunate to get to work for a legend like Coach Russell. I still don't quite know how I got this job — but since I have it, I might as well run with it."

1990 EAGLE NOTES...

SHOOTING FOR SIX — Georgia Southern enters the 1990 season in search of its sixth straight appearance in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. In four of their five playoff appearances, the Eagles have advanced to the national championship game, winning the title in 1985 (44-42 over Furman), 1986 (48-21 over Arkansas State), 1989 (37-34 over Stephen F. Austin) and finishing second in 1988 (12-17 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 reached the finals four times. In playoff games the Eagles are 16-2 (.889).

PAULSON MAGIC — Georgia Southern enters the 1990 season with the longest active home winning streak in college football (all divisions). The Eagles have won 37 in a row at Allen E. Paulson Stadium since falling to Middle Tennessee State 35-10 on Sept. 14, 1985. GSU is 41-1 (.976) in Statesboro since Paulson's dedication. Alabama is the all-time home win streak leader. The Crimson Tide won 57 consecutive games in Tuscaloosa from 1963-82.

AMERICA'S WINNINGEST TEAM — Since 1985, Georgia Southern has won more games than any team in the country in any division and has won a higher percentage of its games than any other I-AA school. Over the last five years, the Eagles stand 62-11, an average of 12.4 wins per season. That total includes 16 playoff victories. Southern's winning percentage over the last five years is .849.

WALK-ONS MAKE IMPACT — Eight of Georgia Southern's 22 starters at the end of last season originally joined the Eagle program as walk-ons. There are five former walk-ons among projected starters this year. They are split end Jason Whitehead, middle linebacker Mike West, defensive tackle Pat Parr, outside linebacker Shane Maxwell and free safety Mark Giles. Of the 86 players on Southern's pre-fall roster, 41 (47.7 percent) initially walked on, including every kicking specialist.

THIRD-QUARTER DOMINANCE — Georgia Southern outscored the opposition 143-10 in third-quarter action during the 1989 season. The Eagles did not allow a third-quarter point until the national championship game vs. Stephen F. Austin.

THIS AND THAT — The 1989 Eagles averaged 38.9 points over 15 games . . . In four playoff games, Georgia Southern's scoring average was 44.8 . . . The Eagles have at least one pass interception in 28 of the past 29 games, including the last 20 straight . . . Southern has won 24 of its last 25 games . . . Eagles are 11-0 in I-AA playoff games at Paulson Stadium . . . Southern played 60 quarters of football in 1989, and the opposition failed to score in 32 (53.3 percent) . . . The Eagles surrendered a school-record low 133 points in 11 regular season games last year . . . At 16-2, GSU is the winningest team in I-AA playoff history . . . 12 players who accounted for 90.8 percent of Southern's offensive production last season return to the Eagle camp . . . Those holdovers were responsible for 5,987 of 6,592 yards total offense.

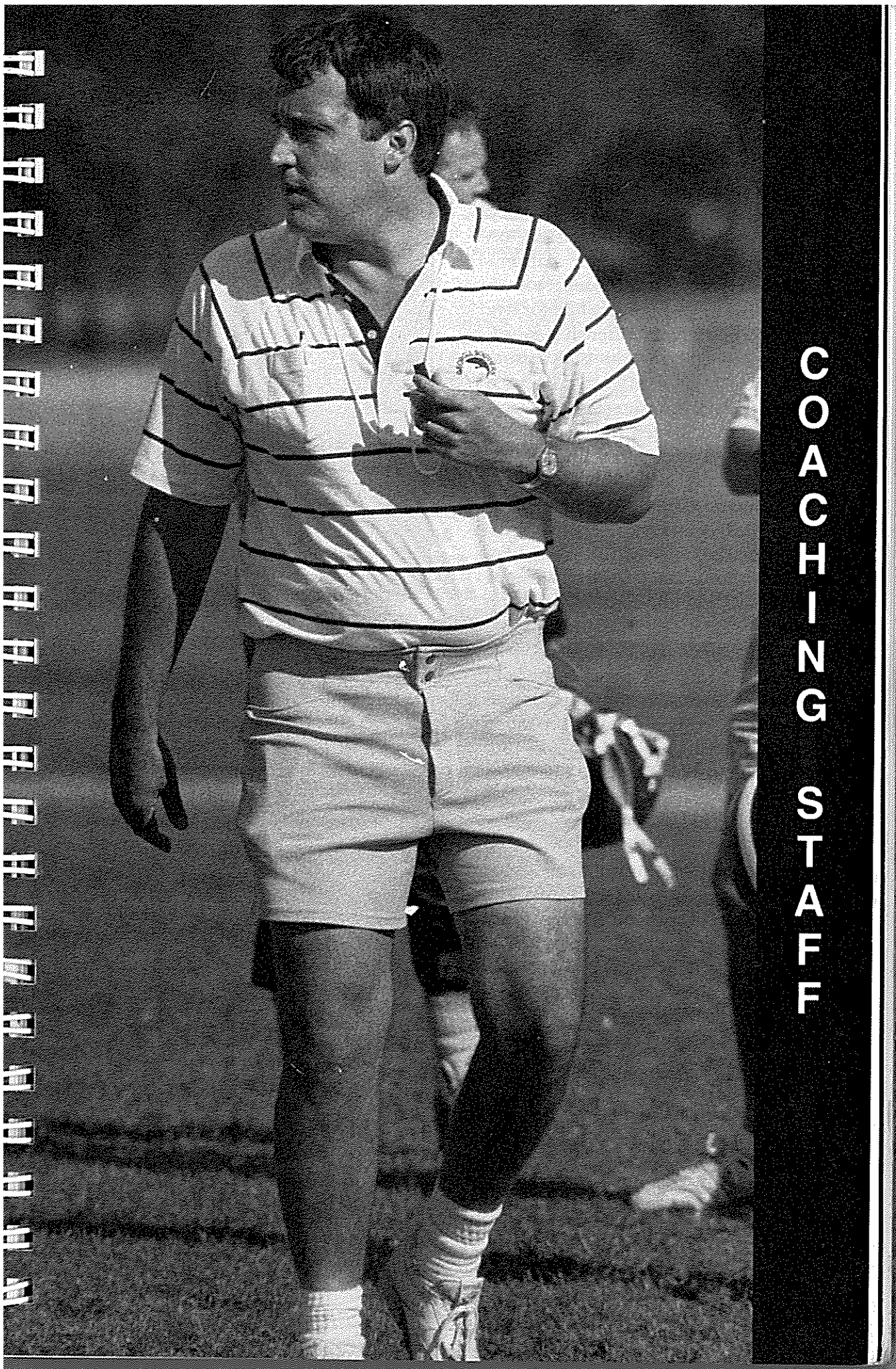
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27	Brad Almon	FS	5-10	161	JR-1L	Sylvania (Lowndes County)
76	Chris Arnault	SN	5-10	228	SO-SQ	Irmo, S.C. (High)
18	Shawn Austin	CB	5-9	174	FR-RS	Thomasville (High)
14	Clint Avret	SS	6-0	175	JR-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Bolles)
69	Miguel Ayoub	OG	6-3	260	FR-RS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Forrest)
64	James Baker	OT	6-0	230	SO-SQ	Decatur (Lakeside)
12	McLeonard Baul	QB	5-11	173	FR-RS	Savannah (Tompkins)
67	Matt Beasley	OG	6-1	238	FR-RS	Bellville (Pinewood)
80	Deryl Belser	SE	6-0	156	JR-2L	Augusta (Glenn Hills)
56	Michael Berry	OLB	6-2	212	JR-2L	Atlanta (Harper)
52	Bill Breda	OG	6-0	237	SO-1L	Snellville (Brookwood)
73	Brian Broughton	OT	6-7	278	SR-2L	Jacksonville, Fla. (White)
94	Tim Brown	DT	6-3	258	SR-3L	Madison (Morgan County)
96	Steve Bussoletti	DE	6-4	237	JR-2L	Gainesille (Johnson)
79	Tony Byers	NG	6-2	227	SO-1L	Canton (Cherokee County)
51	Scott Chafin	C	6-2	231	FR-RS	Norman Park (Colquitt County)
93	Corey Clark	DT	6-1	237	FR-RS	Fernandina Beach, Fla. (High)
3	David Cool	PK	5-11	200	JR-2L	Stone Mountain (High)
97	Nick Dereszynski	NG	6-2	221	FR-RS	Cumming (Forsyth County)
99	Troy Donahue	DE	6-5	234	SO-1L	Savannah (Calvary Baptist)
13	Mike Dowis	PK	6-1	199	SR-2L	Savannah (Country Day)
62	Pat Dye	OG	5-10	225	FR-RS	Waynesboro (High)
35	Lester Efford	FB	5-8	231	JR-2L	Warner Robins (High)
23	Willando Ficklin	FB	6-0	214	SO-1L	Atlanta (Redan)
55	Dave Geros	LB	6-3	220	SO-SQ	Kennesaw (North Cobb)
10	Mark Giles	FS	6-1	167	JR-2L	Warner Robins (Northside)
40	Scott Glass	MLB	6-2	224	FR-RS	Union Point (Greene-Taliaferro)
60	Curtis Gordon	DT	6-3	241	JR-2L	Ellenwood (Stockbridge)
33	LaRon Gordon	RB	5-7	167	FR-RS	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
57	Tom Gramiak	OT	5-11	245	FR-RS	Statesboro (High)
29	Herman Gray	SB	5-8	175	SO-1L	Fairfax, S.C. (Allendale-Fairfax)
11	Raymond Gross	QB	6-0	188	SR-3L	Midway (Bradwell Institute)
98	Shawn Haralson	DT	6-3	221	SO-1L	Westminster, Md. (High)
92	Jack Harris	DE	6-1	219	SR-2L	Miami, Fla. (Southwest)
2	Terry Harvin	P	5-10	188	SR-3L	Keystone Heights, Fla. (High)
	Dave Hatfield	QB	6-0	211	FR-RS	Newark, Ohio (High)
82	Anthony Hayes	SE	5-11	174	FR-RS	Thomasville (High)
38	Eugene Hayes	MLB	5-10	208	JR-1L	Statham (Oconee County)
91	Pat Hayes	DE	6-4	240	FR-RS	Covington (Piedmont Academy)
25	Darryl Hopkins	SB	5-9	189	JR-2L	Bishop (Oconee County)
41	Don Hudson	DB	5-10	177	SO-HS	Warner Robins (Northside)
5	Albert Huntley	QB	5-11	198	JR-2L	Atlanta (Douglass)
49	Ronald Johnson	FS	6-1	185	SO-HS	Hinesville (Bradwell Institute)
75	Curtis Kimbrell	OG	6-0	270	JR-2L	Albany (Riverview Academy)
32	Scott Mason	FB	6-0	198	FR-RS	Powder Springs (McEachern)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL-EXP	HOMETOWN (H.S.)
44	Shane Maxwell	OLB	6-5	201	JR-2L	Winder (Winder-Barrow)
34	Rufus Mazyck	SB	5-10	182	SO-1L	Swainsboro (High)
48	Melvin McBride	MLB	5-11	212	JR-SQ	Lyons (Toombs Academy)
78	Mike McClure	OG	6-0	230	FR-RS	Conyers (Heritage)
89	Chuck McClurg	SE	5-10	162	JR-2L	Dalton (High)
26	Alonzo McGhee	SB	6-0	192	SR-2L	Perry (High)
9	Derrick McGrady	QB	5-11	182	SO-1L	Statesboro (High)
24	Karl Miller	SB	6-0	182	SR-3L	College Park (North Clayton)
86	Doug Morgan	SE	6-0	171	JR-SQ	Springfield (Effingham County)
42	Jim Mutimer	SS	6-1	185	JR-2L	Dunwoody (High)
6	Don Norton	P	6-0	199	JR-1L	Coral Springs, Fla. (High)
59	Rex Nottage	OT	5-11	242	SO-1L	Coral Springs, Fla. (High)
19	Rodney Oglesby	CB	5-10	165	JR-2L	Garfield (Swainsboro)
54	David Pack	OLB	6-3	206	SO-SQ	Griffin (High)
90	Patrick Parr	NG	6-0	268	JR-2L	West Point (Troup County)
50	Rusty Parrish	C	6-3	236	SO-1L	Thomasville (High)
22	Steve Payne	SB	5-11	177	FR-RS	Chatsworth (Murray County)
70	Hal Radford	SN	6-0	200	SR-SQ	Lincolnton (Lincoln County)
45	Keith Ray	OLB	5-11	190	FR-RS	Hinesville (Bradwell Institute)
17	Brannon Rice	FS	5-10	173	JR-1L	Elberton (Elbert County)
58	David Rocco	OLB	6-2	200	FR-RS	Phoenixville, Pa. (High)
36	Joe Ross	FB	6-1	206	SR-3L	Augusta (Westside)
20	Brandon Rozelle	CB	5-10	187	FR-RS	Stone Mountain (Clarkston)
15	Gene Scott	CB	5-11	184	JR-1L	Gainesville, Fla. (High)
39	Rick Seaman	FB	5-9	198	FR-RS	Orange Park, Fla. (High)
47	John Shuman	OLB	6-2	204	SO-SQ	Reidsville (High)
30	Paul Sikkelee	OLB	6-0	189	JR-1L	Dalton (High)
72	Danny Smith	OT	6-4	239	JR-SQ	Waycross (High)
95	Giff Smith	DE	6-1	226	SR-3L	Mableton (Pebblebrook)
88	Terrance Sorrell	SE	6-2	166	SO-1L	Salem, N.J. (High)
37	Billy Steih	SS	6-0	200	FR-RS	Snellville (Brookwood)
1	Donnie Suber	SS	5-8	172	JR-1L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
68	Tracy Sykes	OT	6-2	235	SO-SQ	Gainesville, Fla. (High)
43	Bill Thatcher	P	6-1	172	FR-RS	Statesboro (High)
31	Tim Townsend	FB	5-10	198	SO-SQ	Springfield (Effingham County)
16	Chance Ward	SE	5-8	154	JR-1L	Riverdale (High)
28	Mike West	MLB	5-10	205	SR-2L	Roswell (High)
53	Donald Wheeler	P	5-11	180	SO-SQ	Greensboro (Greene-Taliaferro)
21	Jason Whitehead	SE	6-0	177	JR-1L	Marietta (Lassiter)
4	Kevin Whitley	CB	5-10	186	JR-2L	Decatur (Lakeside)
63	John Wilson	OG	6-2	262	SR-3L	Dublin (High)

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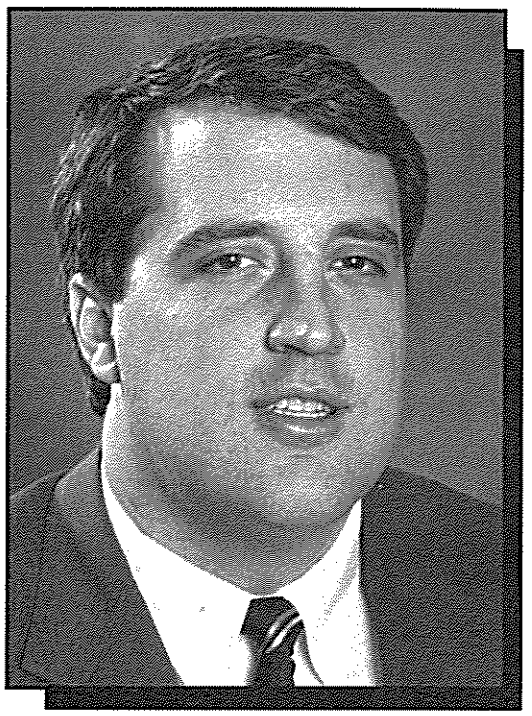
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97	Nick Dereszynski	NG
98	Shawn Haralson	DT
99	Troy Donahue	DE



COACHING STAFF

TIM STOWERS

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



Tim Stowers, 32, has served on the Georgia Southern coaching staff since 1985. He replaced Erk Russell on December 20 and is the nation's youngest Division I head coach. Stowers coached the Eagle offensive line for five years and was named offensive coordinator by Russell before the 1988 season.

Six of Stowers' offensive linemen have earned All-America status. At least one lineman has been selected for national honors each year since 1985. Center Dennis Franklin (1987-88), guards James Carter (1986) and Sean Gainey (1989) and tackles Vance Pike (1985) and Fred Stokes (1986) were first-team selections. Tackle Ronald Warnock (1987) was an honorable mention choice.

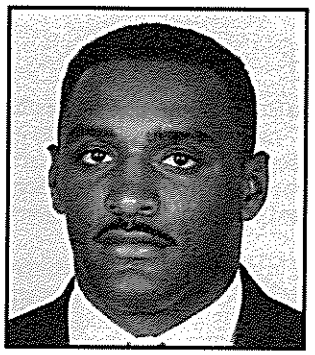
Under Stowers' leadership, the 1989 I-AA championship offensive unit was ranked first nationally in rushing offense (329.2 yards per game), second in scoring offense (36.8 points) and 12th in total offense (424.6 yards). The Eagles gained 400+ yards in 10 of 15 games, 500+ on three occasions. Junior fullback Joe Ross finished fourth in balloting for the Walter Payton Award after rushing for 1,730 yards and scoring 16 touchdowns. Ross was also named first-team All-America by Kodak and The Sports Network.

Stowers was offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Jacksonville (Ala.) State before moving to Statesboro. A three-year letterman at Auburn, he was the last Tiger to play both offense (guard and tackle) and defense (linebacker and noseguard) in the same game in 1977. After completing his eligibility, Stowers joined the Auburn staff as student coach. He received a bachelor's degree in 1980.

Stowers later worked as graduate assistant and head junior varsity coach under Pat Dye. He earned a master's degree at Auburn in 1982.

Stowers is married to the former Gaye Laing. They are the parents of a son, three-year-old T.J., who was born Dec. 16, 1986.

ASSISTANT COACHES



MILTON GORE (Georgia Southern '88)
A-Backs

Milton Gore, 25, returns to Georgia Southern as member of the coaching staff after two years as an assistant coach in the high school ranks.

Head Coach Tim Stowers selected Gore March 12 as the final addition to the 1990 staff. His responsibility will be working with the Eagle slot or A-backs.

Gore returns to Statesboro after one season as defensive back and running back coach at alma mater North Myrtle Beach (S.C.) High School. He also served on the Statesboro High School football staff for one season after graduation from Southern in 1988.

As a player, Gore played an integral part in the Georgia Southern national championship years of 1985 and 1986. A part-time starter at safety in '85, he made 67 tackles, recorded one pass breakup and picked off three passes. In 1986, Gore made 47 stops, had two pass breakups and two interceptions — one vs. Arkansas State in the title game at Tacoma.

Prior to his playing career at Georgia Southern, Gore was a standout at Chowan (N.C.) Junior College where he earned honors as top defensive back. During his senior season (1982) at North Myrtle Beach High School, Gore earned all-area and Player-of-the-Year accolades.



MIKE HODGES (Emory '71)
Offensive Line

A long-time winner at the Georgia high school level, Mike Hodges, 40, is in his initial season at GSU. Named Georgia Southern's offensive line coach Feb. 20, Hodges leaves behind 12 years of successful head coaching experience at three different programs.

Hodges, previously head football coach and athletic director at Thomasville High School, will fill the void left by the promotion of Tim Stowers.

A 1971 graduate of Emory University, Hodges started his coaching career that fall as offensive line coach at Commerce (Ga.) High School. During his seven-year stay, Commerce won two area championships and two North Georgia titles. In 1978, he was appointed head coach at Miller County High School, where he led the Pirates to a 10-2 mark and another area crown.

Hodges was named head coach at West Rome High School the following year and responded with a five-year record 53-8-1. In 1982 and 1983, he led West Rome to Class AA State championships with consecutive 15-0 records.

In 1984 he was selected to be Thomasville High School's new head coach and athletic director. His 1985 and 1988 Bulldog squads won Region 1-AAA titles with the '88 team earning a state championship. That squad is considered by many Georgia prep writers to be one of the state's finest. The Bulldogs rolled to a 15-0 record. Hodges wrapped up his high school career with a 9-3 finish last season. Mike and his wife, Deloris, have a son, Clay (3).



JEFF McINERNEY (Slippery Rock '82)
Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

When Tim Stowers assumed his new duties as head football coach last December, one of his first acts at the top spot was hiring of Jeff McInerney.

McInerney, previously inside linebackers coach at Texas-El Paso, joined the Georgia Southern staff Jan. 3 as co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.

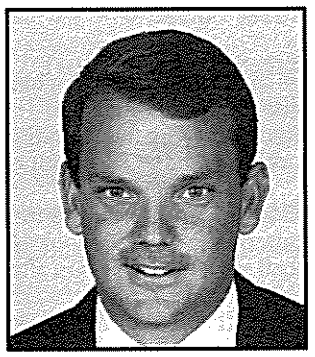
A 1982 graduate of Slippery Rock (Pa.) University, McInerney played linebacker for the Rockets in 1978 and 1979 before a knee injury forced him into the coaching profession. After starting his coaching career as a student coach (1980-81), "Mac" served as graduate assistant in 1982 in charge of linebackers.

He earned his first full-time opportunity in 1983 when he joined the staff at perennial NCAA II power Troy (Ala.) State. In his five seasons with the Trojans, Troy State won two national championships (defeated North Dakota State 18-17 in 1984 and defeated Portland State 31-17 in 1987).

In 1988, McInerney moved to Southern Illinois and spent the season handling the Saluki linebacking corps. In 1989 he joined newly-appointed Miner head coach David Lee in El Paso and was appointed inside linebacker coach and recruiting coordinator.

McInerney, 30, is married (Leslie) and the father of two children—Ryan (4) and Amy (born May 29, 1990).

ASSISTANT COACHES (cont.)



JAY RUSSELL (Georgia '81)
Quarterbacks/Fullbacks

Jay Russell, 31, is in his sixth season on the Georgia Southern staff. He is responsible for fullbacks, quarterbacks and all of the Eagles' play-calling duties.

After handling wide receivers for four seasons following his full-time appointment in 1984, Russell was named running backs coach prior to the 1989 campaign. He assumed the added responsibilities of quarterback coaching and play calling when Tim Stowers was named head coach.

As fullback and slotback coach last season, Russell helped mold Georgia Southern's explosive flexbone offense into one of the nation's top units. The Eagles led the country in rushing offense (329.2 yards per game) and finished second in scoring offense (36.8 points per game).

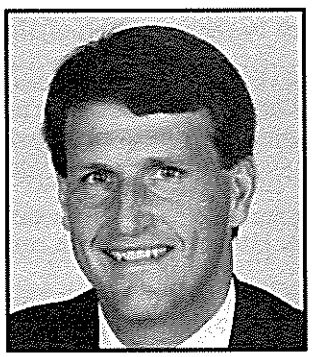
Fullback Joe Ross received All-America honors while averaging 135.4 yards per game (fourth nationally) and slotback Ernest Thompson was fifth in scoring (9.8 per game). Thompson was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs in the "90 draft (11th round)."

Before his move to the backfield, Russell was wide receiver coach for the Eagles. Despite Georgia Southern's run-oriented offensive attack, his corps played a vital role during the championships seasons (1985 and 1986) with precision blocking and numerous clutch recepptions. Three of his wide receivers have signed professional contracts—Monty Sharpe (Edmonton Eskimos), Darren Chandler (Washington Redskins) and Tony Belser (Dallas Cowboys).

Russell, son of former Southern Head Coach Erk Russell, was a three-year letterman for the Georgia Bulldogs before an injury cut short his playing career. He earned All-Southeastern Confernece Academic honors in 1979 before graduating in 1981.

After a one-year stint as graduate assistant coach at Georgia Southern (1982), Russell served as athletic director, head football and head baseball coach at Barnesville (Ga.) Academy.

Russell is married to the former Lynn Murphy and they are the parents of three children—Mandy (7), Davis (5), and Murphy (born March 15, 1990).



DAVID SAUNDERS (Auburn '81)
Defensive Line

David Saunders, 32, is in his first season at Georgia Southern after six years as assistant coach at NCAA II power Jacksonville (Ala.) State University.

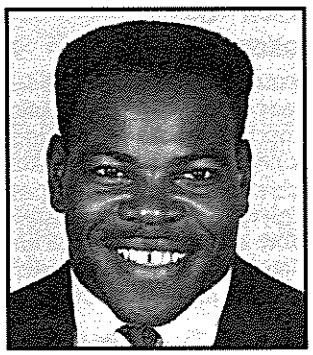
Saunders is in charge of the Eagle defensive line and monitors all academic progress within the football program.

After spending three seasons at Jacksonville State coaching on both sides of the football, Saunders spent 1987, 1988 and 1989 as defensive secondary coach and recruiting coordinator. Last season the Gamecocks captured the Gulf South Conference title and earned an appearance in the NCAA Division II National Championship game. A loss to Mississippi College in the finals spoiled JSU's perfect season (13-1).

Prior to his appointment at Jacksonville State, Saunders spent two seasons at Andalusia (Ala.) High School.

A 1981 Auburn graduate, he served one season as a Tiger graduate assistant coach.

Saunders is married to wife Jan and they are the parents of a son — Riley, born last spring.



GEORGE SMITH (South Carolina '84)
Strength and Conditioning

George Smith, 31, heads one of the nation's most progressive and effective strength training programs on the college level.

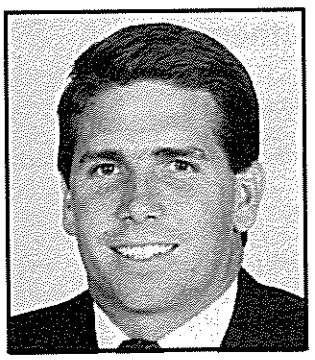
Smith is in his second season at Georgia Southern. He joined the Eagle staff after serving as assistant football and head strength and conditioning coach at Fairfield Central High School (Winnsboro, S.C.) for two seasons.

For three seasons (1984-86), Smith was South Carolina's assistant strength and conditioning coach after closing a successful playing career at USC. Smith was a full-scholarship offensive lineman for Gamecocks.

Eagle athletes have the privilege of instruction by Smith, a bodybuilding champion. The initiation of Georgia Southern's Iron Eagle program has allowed athletes to reach and pass their maximum potential in respective sports programs. In addition, Smith works closely with Athletic Trainer Tom "Doc" Smith in the rehabilition of Southern players.

Smith has been powerlifting for 17 years and has a pair of (1977 and 1979) teenage powerlifting championships to his credit in the 242-pound weight class. In '79, he set the national teenage record in the deadlift at 745 pounds. His record remained until 1987. Smith also has a pair of bodybuilding titles—Mr. Junior South Carolina Championship and the Mr. University of South Carolina title.

Smith is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).



TOMMY SPANGLER (Georgia '83)
Co-Defensive Coordinator/Secondary

Tommy Spangler is in his fourth year as defensive secondary coach, arriving at Georgia Southern prior to the 1987 season. He was elevated to his current co-coordinator's position by Head Coach Tim Stowers last December. Spangler will also handle recruiting coordinator's duties in 1990.

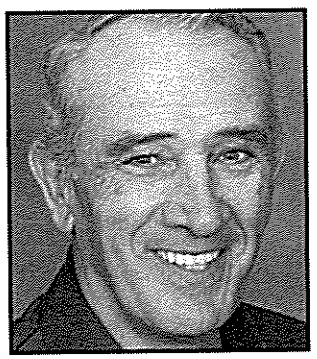
Spangler, 29, played a major role in the rebirth of the Eagle defense, now considered one of finest in NCAA I-AA football. The 1989 squad finished second nationally in scoring defense (12.1 points per game) and third nationally in total defense (255.9 yards per game). In addition, Spangler's unit set a 15-game school record with 31 interceptions, while finishing the regular season with 21.

In the last two seasons, the Eagle secondary has picked off a pass in 28 of the last 29 games, including at least one in the last 20 consecutive games.

Since his appointment, Spangler has produced three All-America selections and has had one player drafted by the National Football League. Cornerback Rodney Oglesby (1988), free safety Taz Dixon (1989) and strong safety Randell Boone (1989) earned All-America status while cornerback Terry Young was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (12th round) in the 1989 draft.

A native of Stone Mountain, Spangler was a three-sport standout at Stone Mountain High School. He moved on to play defensive back at Georgia, where he was a member of the 1980 Bulldog national championship squad. After earning his undergraduate degree from UGA in 1983, he served as defensive backs coach at Shiloh (Ga.) High School. Prior to his move to Georgia Southern, Spangler returned to Athens as Georgia's defensive graduate assistant (1985-86).

Spangler is married to the former Kim Pierce of Ft. White, Fla.



DR. PAT SPURGEON (Emory and Henry '52)
Kickers/Scouting

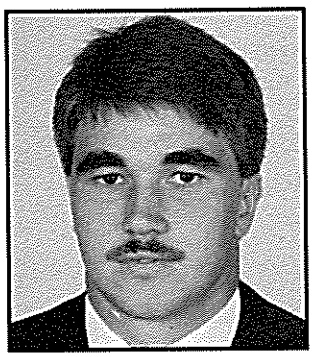
Pat Spurgeon, one of the first coaches to join Georgia Southern's football staff when the Eagles' program was reactivated in 1981, has perhaps the most diverse background of any college coach in America.

Not only does the articulate and colorful Spurgeon coach the kickers and handle all of Southern's scouting duties, he also gave many years of sevice as an English professor on the Georgia Southern faculty until his retirement two years ago.

In his eight years at Georgia Southern, Spurgeon has tutored and developed some of the finest kickers in the nation. Two-year All-America choice Tim Foley, who still holds several NCAA I-AA records, was the country's top kicker during his stint with the Eagles. Two seasons ago, Spurgeon carefully nurtured two underclassmen who became the top short/long tandem in I-AA. Mike Dowis is 120 of 122 in extra points since his arrival in 1988 and David Cool has hit 13 long-range field goals since joining the team two years ago.

After putting in all-state performances in high school football and baseball, Spurgeon played four years of football at Emory and Henry, during which his team compiled a 41-1-1 record. After completing his undergraduate degree at Emory and Henry, Spurgeon earned both a master's and doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

He and wife Ann have two sons.



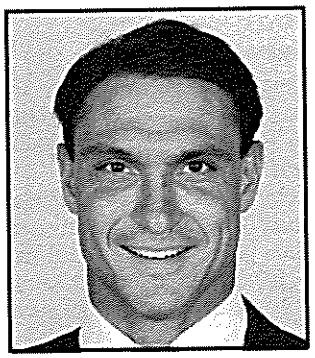
RUSTY BEASLEY (Georgia '89)
Defensive Backs

Russell "Rusty" Beasley is in his second season on the Georgia Southern staff as graduate assistant and will assist Tommy Spangler with the secondary.

Beasley was a four-year letterman at the University of Georgia under Vince Dooley. He was a two-year starter at safety for the Bulldogs, picking off five passes during the 1988 season. Beasley earned All-Southeastern Conference Academic honors his senior year.

The Killeen, Tex., native earned a bachelor's degree from UGA during the spring of 1988. He is a graduate of Franklin County High School in Carnesville.

ASSISTANT COACHES (cont.)

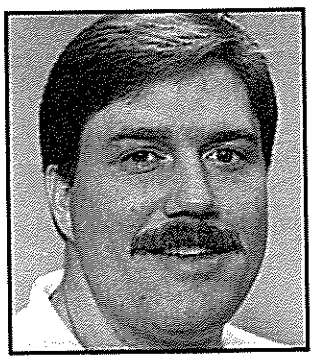


DANNY DURHAM (Georgia Southern '86)
Defensive Line

Former Georgia Southern defensive standout Danny Durham returns for his second season as a graduate assistant coach on the Eagle staff. His responsibility will be helping David Saunders with Georgia Southern's defensive line.

Durham was a four-year lettermen at Southern (1983-86) and played a key role in the Eagles' consecutive national championships in 1985 and '86. He made 62 stops and pulled down two interceptions from the rover position his senior season— one halting a Nevada-Reno scoring drive in the semifinals. Durham finished his career with 147 tackles, two sacks, eight pass breakups and five interceptions.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Southern in 1986.



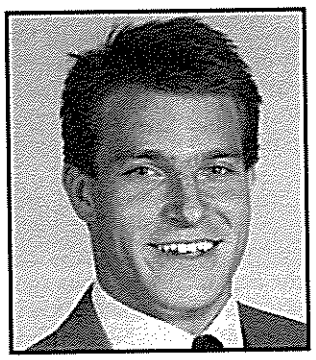
VANCE PIKE (Georgia Southern '86)
Offensive Line

Former offensive line great Vance Pike returns to Georgia Southern as a member of the Eagle coaching staff. Pike will assist Mike Hodges with the offensive line.

Pike joins Southern after serving a two-year stint as graduate assistant coach at Southwest Conference member Texas Christian.

An outstanding student as well, 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 '85 playoffs. Georgia Southern finished the season averaging 410 yards per game total offense and 251 yards per game on the ground.

Pike earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Georgia Southern in 1986.



JIM VANATSKY (Cincinnati '88)
Wide Receivers

Jim Vanatsky joins the Georgia Southern staff this fall as graduate assistant coach in charge of Eagle wide receivers.

Vanatsky previously served Cornell (N.Y.) as graduate assistant coach and freshman squad offensive coordinator. After being appointed to the position (July, 1989), Vanatsky worked with varsity scout teams and assisted with opponent film breakdown. Prior to his appointment with the Big Red, he was at alma mater Cincinnati as administrative assistant.

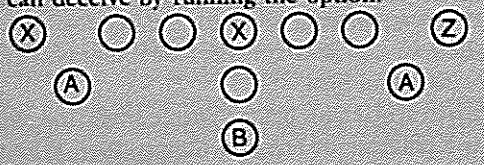
His stint with the Bearcat staff followed four seasons as a UC wide receiver and member of the special teams. Vanatsky played from 1985-88 and pulled in six receptions for 62 yards after making squad as a walk-on in 1984. Off the field, Vanatsky was founder and president of Alpha Beta Chi Honorary (athletes for the betterment of Cincinnati) and participant in the Athletes in Action and Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Vanatsky earned a bachelor's degree in Education from Cincinnati in '88.

UNDERSTANDING GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

THE OFFENSE: Flexbone

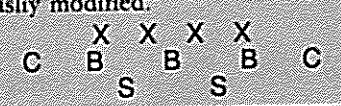
Says Tim Stowers (head coach): "Georgia Southern's Flexbone offense allows us to stretch and deceive. We can stretch a defense vertically or horizontally with the pass and we can deceive by running the option."

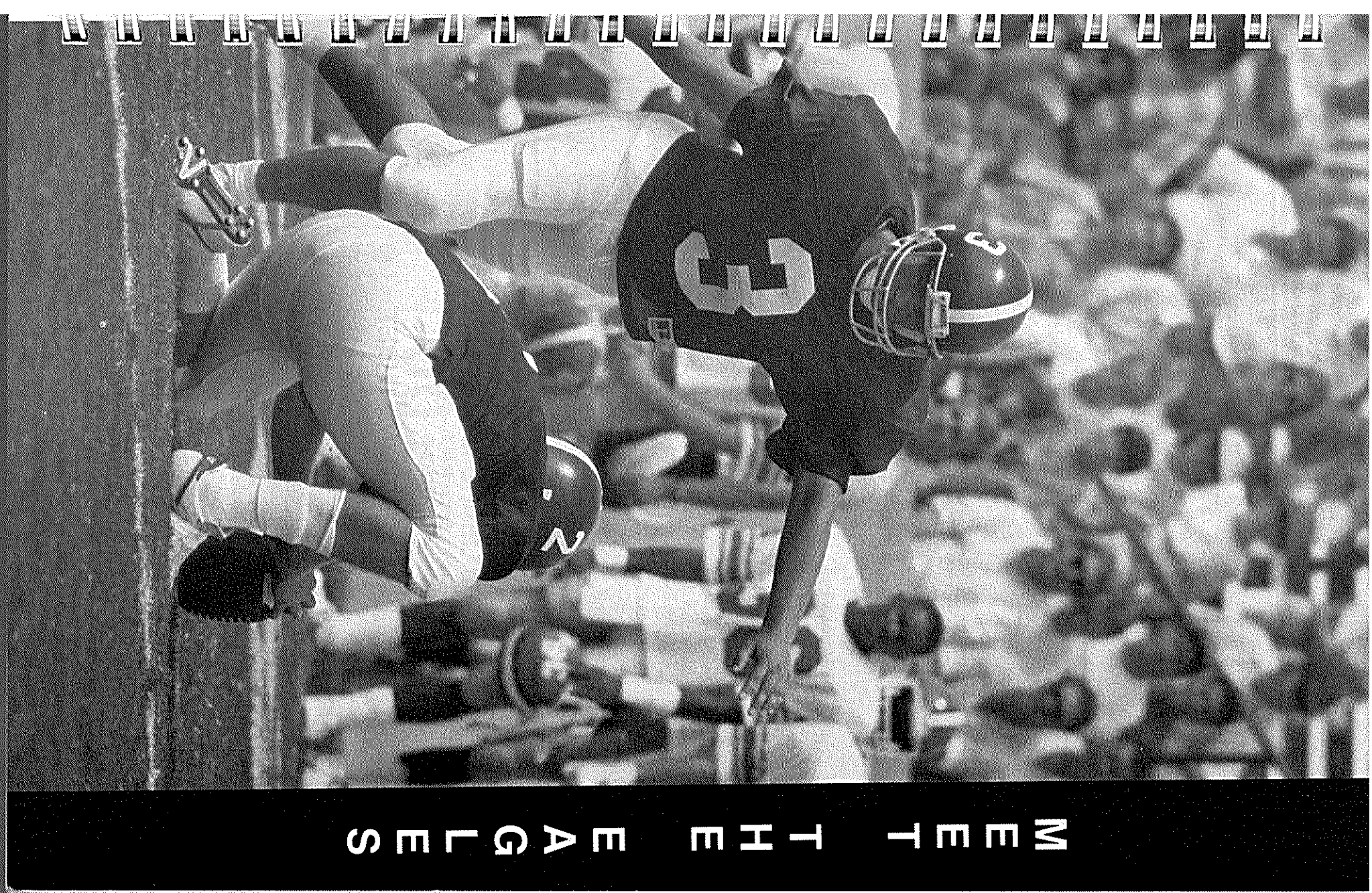


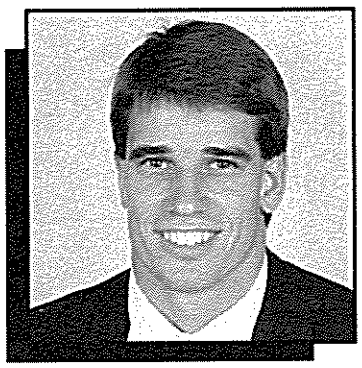
THE DEFENSE: 4-3

Says Jeff McInerney (co-defensive coordinator/linebackers coach): "The 4-3 defense gives us flexibility against multiple formations. It puts the front seven players in advantageous positions to make tackles."

Says Tommy Spangler (co-defensive coordinator/secondary coach): "Our defense enables us to adjust to many sets week-to-week. It is easliy modified."




MEET THE TEAM



27 BRAD ALMON

Free Safety
5-10, 161, JR-1L, Sylvania (Lowndes County)

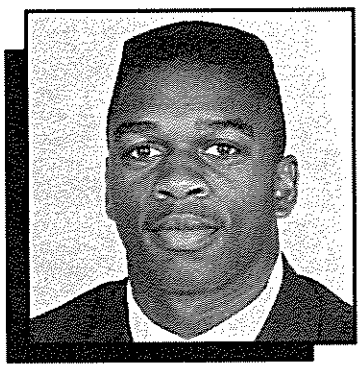
Reserve free safety who will play behind Mark Giles when fall practice starts. **1989:** Lettered as special teams performer . . . Only tackle of season came vs. West Georgia. **1988:** Scout team and special teams member. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played safety and wide receiver at Lowndes County . . . Selected for North-South All-Star game.



76 CHRIS ARNAULT

Snapper
5-10, 228, SO-SQ, Irmo, S.C. (High)

Competing for long-snapping duties on special teams . . . Listed at No. 2 entering fall practice . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Squadman who did not see any action. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two-year starter at Irmo High . . . Played center and on special teams.



18 SHAWN AUSTIN

Cornerback
5-9, 174, FR-RS, Thomasville (High)

Penciled in behind two-year starter Kevin Whitley at strongside cornerback . . . A promising prospect. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Member of two state championship teams at Thomasville, where he played for Eagle offensive line coach Mike Hodges . . . Played running back on offense and rushed for 545 yards senior season.



14 CLINT AVRET

Cornerback
6-0, 175, JR-1L, Jacksonville, Fla. (Bolles)

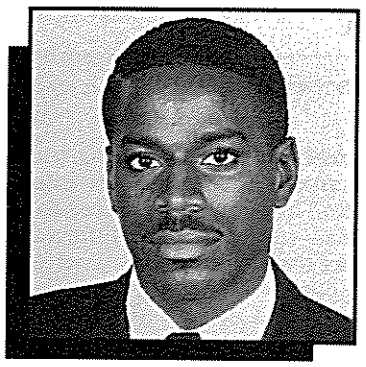
Moved from conerback to safety in spring training and is expected to back up Jim Mutimer. **1989:** Played behind Kevin Whitley at strong corner . . . Moved into two-deep when Tim Wilkerson suffered knee problems . . . Only tackle came vs. Villanova in first round of I-AA playoffs . . . Returned a punt for no yards in season opener with Valdosta State. **1988:** Scout team and special teams member. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** An all-state performer in football and baseball at Bolles . . . Member of 1986 state championship football team . . . Also played on three Final Four baseball squads . . . Caught 38 passes for 644 yards over last two seasons from wide receiver position . . . Intercepted 11 passes senior year . . . Hit .462 in 1987.



69 MIGUEL AYOUB

Guard
6-3, 260, FR-RS, Jacksonville, Fla.
(Forrest)

Enters two-a-day workouts as No. 1 offensive left guard after promising spring . . . Younger brother Andre, signed with Eagles in February and will join the squad as a linebacker. **1989:** Redshirted . . . Enrolled at Southern as a defensive lineman. **High School:** All-county and all-city selection . . . Third team all-state . . . Recorded 106 tackles senior year . . . Named county's top defender . . . Also lettered in track (weights) and wrestling.

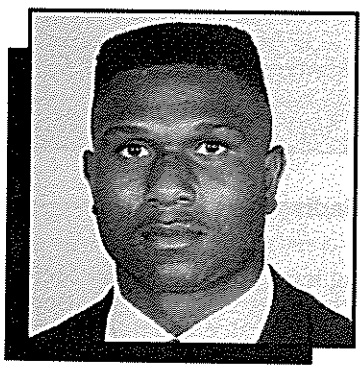


80 DERYL BELSER

Split End
6-0, 156, JR-2L, Augusta
(Glenn Hills)

Must work way back into two-deep after stress fracture in right leg kept him out of action much of 1989. **1989:** Appeared in first eight games as backup split end . . . Hauled in three passes for 42 yards . . . Long reception was 17 yards against Florida A&M in Bold City Classic. **1988:** Made three catches for 45 yards and one touchdown . . . Suffered pulled hamstring late in the season, which hampered him during the playoffs . . . Touchdown reception came on first career catch against Newberry . . . Also had catches at Central Florida (10 yards) and South Carolina State (13 yards) . . . 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.

RECEIVING STATS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
1988	3	45	15.0	1	22	(NC)
1989	3	42	14.0	0	17	(FAM)
CAREER	6	87	14.5	1	22	(NC)



56 MICHAEL BERRY

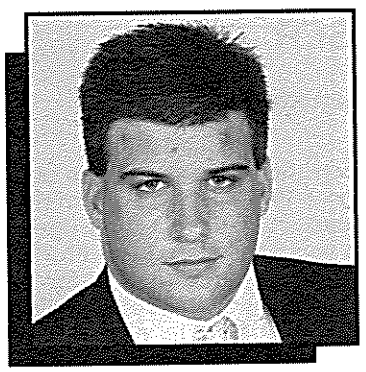
Linebacker
6-2, 212, JR-2L, Atlanta
(Harper)

Moved into starting spot on weakside during spring drills . . . Originally slated for backup duties at both outside positions . . . Nicknamed "The Test". **1989:** Appeared in every game, starting 10 . . . Earned starting nod for Nicholls State game and never relinquished it . . . Played weakside linebacker against Colonels, remainder of starts came on strong side . . . Credited with 74 tackles, of which 56 were unassisted . . . Also totalled two sacks, two tackles for loss and one pass breakup . . . Caused two fumbles and recovered one . . . Season-high 11 tackles at Nicholls State . . . Seven were unassisted . . . Posted nine- and eight-tackle performances in back-to-back weeks (James Madison and Tennessee-Chattanooga) . . . Playoff-high seven tackles vs. Villanova. **1988:** Started all 15 games . . . Credited with 113 tackles, 78 solos and 35 assists . . . Third on the team in sacks with 9 1/2 . . . Led team in recovered fumbles with three . . . Caused two fumbles and had four tackles for loss . . . Made eight stops vs. Furman in NCAA I-AA title game at Pocatello . . . Top tackle game came against defending national champion Northeast Louisiana (12 stops, two tackles for loss, one pass breakup, 1 ½ sacks) . . . Only interception was at UT-Chattanooga (return of four yards) . . . Enjoyed solid

1990 EAGLES (Cont.)

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. **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 and team MVP in football . . . Golden Helmet Award winner.

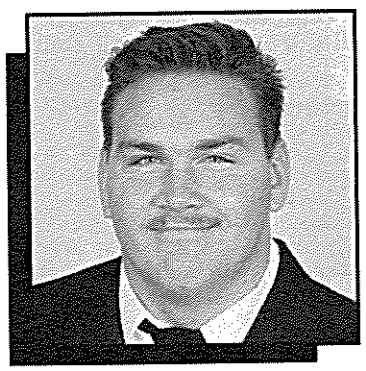
DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	62	18	80	6.0	3.5	3	3	1	0	0
1989	40	14	54	1.0	1.0	2	1	0	0	1
CAREER	102	32	134	7.0	4.5	5	4	1	0	1



52 BILL BREDA

Offensive Guard
6-0, 237, SO-1L, Snellville
(Brookwood)

Listed as No. 2 offensive left guard, but missed spring training after undergoing reconstructive knee surgery for injury suffered in Montana game. **1989:** The only true freshman in Georgia Southern's top two units—offensively or defensively . . . Served apprenticeship under three-year starter Brad Bernard. **High School:** Two-year all-county choice at Brookwood High . . . Earned All-USA Football (USA Today) mention . . . Member of North-South and Georgia-Florida All-Star squads . . . Named Gwinnett County's Offensive Lineman-of-the-Year.



73 BRIAN BROUGHTON

Offensive Tackle
6-7, 278, SR-2L, Jacksonville, Fla.
(White)

Came out of spring as No. 2 left tackle behind Danny Smith, a spot he held behind John Wilson all of last season . . . The tallest Eagle. **1989:** Gained valuable experience while playing in reserve role for national champion. **1988:** Backup at tackle who played extensively. **1987:** Relief for veterans Ronald Warnock and Tony Smith . . . Converted from defensive end to offensive tackle. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Prepped at Jacksonville's Ed White High School where he lettered in football (two-year starter at offensive tackle).



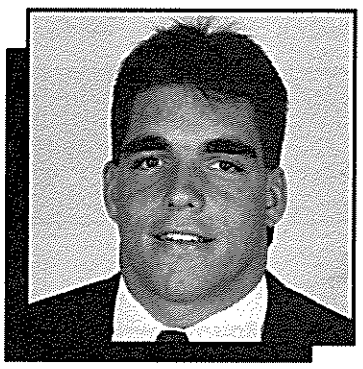
94 TIM BROWN

Defensive Tackle
6-3, 258, SR-3L, Madison
(Morgan County)

Enters fall practice at the starting left tackle spot after seeing majority of action last year on the right side. **1989:** Suffered a fractured left fibula during spring practice and initially was not expected back until early October . . . Started at right tackle in seven games . . . Saw action in every contest . . . Credited with 50 tackles (32 unassisted) and 7 ½ sacks . . . Eight of his 10 playoff tackles were solos . . . Recorded season-high eight tackles, seven unassisted, against Tennessee-Chattanooga . . . Best performance was at Samford when he totaled four solo tackles, three sacks, one tackle for loss and one fumble recovery. **1988:** Steadily improved as season progressed . . . Recorded 70 tackles, 31 solo . . . Credited with 2 ½ quarterback sacks, five tackles for loss and one pass breakup . . . Top tackle game was nine vs. The Citadel . . . Made six stops with two tackles for loss in semifinal win against Eastern Kentucky . . . Tallied

five stops and a sack the previous week vs. Stephen F. Austin . . . Recovered fumble vs. South Carolina State . . . Enjoyed solid performanc vs. Northeast Louisiana with six tackles, one tackle for loss and one sack. **1987:** Only true freshman to play on the defensive line . . . Credited with seven tackles, three unassisted. **High School:** Played defensive line and threw the discus for Morgan County High . . . Best Defensive Lineman two years and team MVP senior season . . . All-Northeast Georgia.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	2	4	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
1988	21	22	43	1.5	5.0	0	1	0	0	1
1989	24	15	39	6.5	2.0	1	0	0	0	0
CAREER	47	41	88	8.0	7.0	1	1	0	0	1



96 STEVE BUSSOLETTI

Defensive End
6-4, 237, JR-2L, Gainesville (Johnson)

One-half of the best defensive end tandem in I-AA football. **1989:** Starter in every game at right end . . . Finished third among Southern defenders with 89 tackles overall, including 45 unassisted . . . Tied for team lead in sacks with 12 . . . Led team in fumble recoveries (four) . . . Caused one interception, broke up two passes and recorded two tackles for lost yardage . . . 13 tackles vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga was season high . . . Also met double figures with 10-tackle performance against James Madison . . . Season-high two sacks came in season opener with Valdosta State . . . Credited with 1 ½ sacks on two occasions—vs. Middle Tennessee State #1 and Central Florida . . . Tallied at least one-half sack 10 times (8 regular season, 2 playoff). **1988:** Recorded 21 tackles, seven solo in reserve role . . . Had three quarterback sacks, one tackle for a loss and two pass breakups . . . 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 Hammel . . . Other notable game was a three-tackle day vs. South Carolina State . . . Opened career with three tackles vs. Newberry. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** MVP as a senior at Johnson High . . . Gainesville Times All-Area selection.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	7	6	13	1.5	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
1989	31	35	66	10.0	1.0	0	3	0	1	1
CAREER	38	41	79	11.5	2.0	0	3	0	1	2



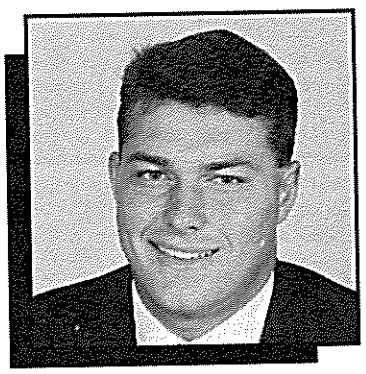
79 TONY BYERS

Nose Guard
6-2, 227, SO-1L, Canton (Cherokee County)

Listed as backup nose guard tackle before fall practice despite dislocating right elbow during spring drills. **1989:** Appeared in all but two games, missing only action vs. Nicholls State and Central Florida . . . Made 14 tackles, four unassisted, from his right tackle position . . . Also recovered one fumble and broke up one pass . . . Recorded three tackles twice—vs. West Georgia and Villanova. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-region choice at Cherokee County . . . Three-year letterman in football, also lettered in baseball and track . . . Team captain and MVP senior season . . . Recorded 132 tackles final year.

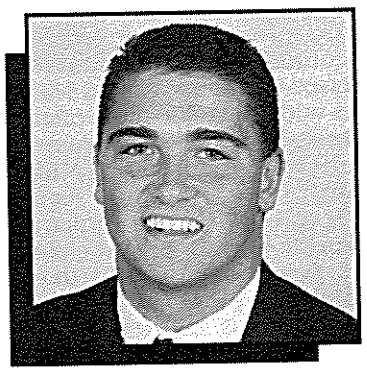
1990 EAGLES (Cont.)

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1989	3	7	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
CAREER	3	7	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1



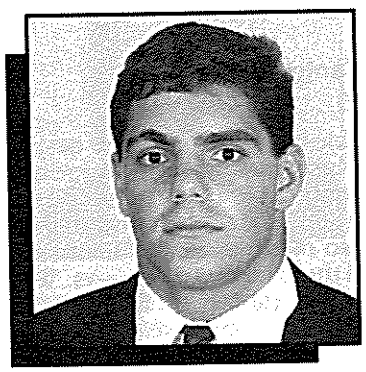
53 SCOTT CHAFIN
Center
6-2, 231, FR-RS, Norman Park (Colquitt County)

No. 2 center behind Rusty Parrish at start of season. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** All region-selection for coach Jim Hughes.



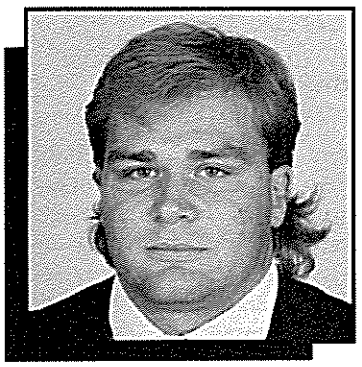
3 DAVID COOL
Placekicker
5-11, 200, JR-2L, Stone Mountain (High)

Originally a walk-on . . . Georgia Southern's long-distance (40+ yards) field goal and kickoff specialist for second consecutive year. **1989:** Hit five of seven three-pointers, the shortest from 46 yards, during regular season . . . Added a 44-yarder in only playoff attempt . . . Connected on 54-yarder against James Madison . . . Hit first three attempts of season before missing 49-yarder against Middle Tennessee State . . . After another miss (48 yards vs. Savannah State), connected on final three. **1988:** Enjoyed record-breaking freshman campaign . . . Became the first freshman in NCAA history to kick a 60-yard field goal when he booted one against James Madison . . . Seven of 13 on field goals with three of his misses from over 50 yards . . . Also broke an NCAA I-AA Championship game record with 55-yarder vs. Furman . . . Followed the 55-yard effort with a 48-yarder in the third quarter against the Paladins. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two-sport star at Stone Mountain, lettering in football and soccer . . . All-county selection and special teams MVP.



97 NICK DERESZYNSKI
Nose Guard
6-2, 221, FR-RS. Cumming (Forsyth County)

Slated for reserve duties in the defensive line. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Running back and defensive lineman at Forsyth County High . . . Rushed for 700 yards, 13 touchdowns and made 50 tackles, eight sacks senior year . . . Also lettered in baseball, wrestling and track . . . Region 8-AAAA discuss champion.



99 TROY DONAHUE

Defensive End
6-5, 234, SO-1L, Savannah
(Callvary Baptist)

Will see action as backup right end for second straight year. **1989:** Reserve right end who played in all games . . . 17 of his 27 tackles were unassisted, and four were for minus yardage . . . Registered three quarterback sacks and one pass breakup . . . Turned in top performance at Samford with five solo and two assisted tackles, one tackle for loss and 1½ sacks . . . Credited with five solo tackles and two tackles for lost yardage. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Led Calvary Baptist in tackles senior and junior seasons . . . Made 135 stops as a senior (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 . . . An all-region choice in basketball.

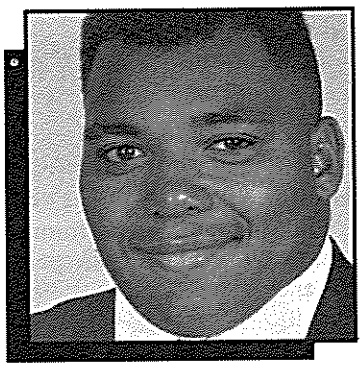
DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1989	15	9	24	2.0	4.0	0	0	0	0	1
CAREER	15	9	24	2.0	4.0	0	0	0	0	1



13 MIKE DOWIS

Placekicker
6-1, 199, SR-2L, Savannah
(Savannah Country Day)

Handles short field goal and extra-point duties . . . Has not failed in last 44 extra-point attempts. **1989:** Connected on game-winning 20-yard field goal in 37-34 NCAA I-AA Championship Game win over Stephen F. Austin . . . Tied for 21st among national scoring leaders . . . Hit 16 of 19 field goal attempts, nine of 11 during regular season . . . Tied school record with four three-pointers in first meeting with Middle Tennessee State . . . Hit five straight at close of regular season and one in the playoffs before missing 41-yarder in 45-3 win over Montana . . . Booted 68 of 69 extra point attempts overall, 47 of 48 during the regular season . . . Only a blocked kick by Central Florida prevented a perfect year . . . That also ended a streak of 49 straight . . . Though he has suffered two blocked PAT's at Southern, has not missed a conversion kick since high school . . . Tied a school record with eight extra points in 63-31 win over Marshall. **1988:** Walked on after attending Georgia Tech as freshman . . . Had amazing accuracy, connecting on 11 of 13 field goal attempts and 52 of 53 extra point tries . . . Longest field goal was 40 yards at James Madison . . . Only extra point missed was blocked by the Dukes . . . Made first eight of nine field goal tries. **High School:** Prepped at Savannah Country Day School, where his father is head football coach . . . In addition to kicking duties, played center and linebacker . . . **Savannah News-Press** all-city selection junior and senior seasons . . . Threw the shotput for one season, earning a letter in track.

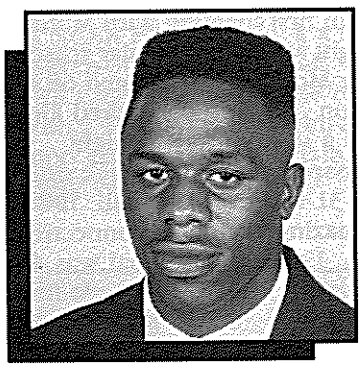


35 LESTER EFFORD

Fullback
5-8, 231, JR-2L Warner Robins
(High)

Slated for duty behind All-America Joe Ross . . . A reliable, durable back who is favorite of fans and teammates because of unselfish attitude. **1989:** Perhaps Southern's most valuable second-unit player . . . Made two starts when Joe Ross was unavailable . . . Eagle fullback in short-yardage situations . . . Rushed for 285 yards on 57 carries and scored four times in regular-season action . . . Added 173 yards on 36 attempts during playoffs . . . 21 carries for career-best 123 yards vs. Middle Tennessee State in second round of playoffs after Joe Ross fell with knee injury . . . Gained 60 yards on 11 rushes in start against West Georgia . . . Scored two TDs and rushed for 82 yards on 12 carries against Central Florida after Ross was sidelined with a sprained ankle in the fourth quarter . . . Did not play in first meeting with Middle Tennessee State after suffering sprained left ankle vs. Florida A&M in Bold City Classic. **1988:** Saw more playing time as season progressed . . . Great short-yardage runner who picked up 242 yards . . . 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 . . . Best day came vs. South Carolina State (70 yards on nine rushes) . . . Gained 58 yards on 11 carries at Central Florida . . . Rushed for 117 combined yards during a three-game stretch (Northeast Louisiana, Bethune-Cookman and UCF). **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Voted Best Offensive Back at Warner Robins High and was recipient of the Golden Helmet Award . . . Rushed for over 1,000 yards senior season . . . First cousin of Cincinnati Bengal James Brooks.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG	
1988	46	242	0	242	5.3	0	44	(SCSt)
1989	57	293	8	285	5.0	4	26	(MU)
CAREER	103	535	8	527	5.1	4	44	(SCSt)

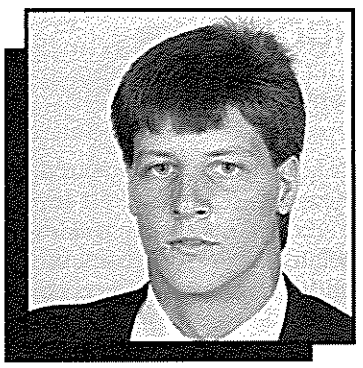


23 WILLANDO FICKLIN

Fullback
6-0, 214, SO-1L, Atlanta
(Redan)

Eagles' No. 3 fullback . . . Saw limited action during spring at the slotback position. **1989:** 30 carries for 133 yards and one touchdown in first collegiate season . . . 99 yards on 23 carries during regular season . . . Scored final TD for Southern in West Georgia game . . . Had nine carries for 37 yards against the Braves . . . Long gainer was 12 yards vs. Florida A&M in Gator Bowl . . . Appeared in 12 games, including three playoff. **High School:** Four-year letterman in baseball, three letters in football at Redan . . . Team MVP in both sports . . . All-state in baseball . . . Batted .500 with nine home runs and 41 RBI.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG	
1989	23	99	0	99	4.3	1	12	(FAM)
CAREER	23	99	0	99	4.3	1	12	(FAM)

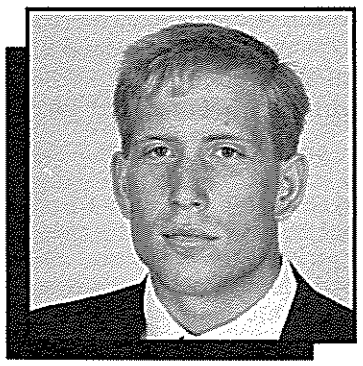


10 MARK GILES

Free Safety
6-1, 167, JR-2L, Warner Robins (Northside)

Special teams standout who gets a crack at starting this season . . . Favorite to open at free safety . . . Will step into spot vacated by 1989 **AP** All-America choice Taz Dixon . . . Can also play cornerback . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Credited with 10 tackles, seven of which were unassisted . . . Made four stops, three unassisted in opener vs. Valdosta State for single-game high . . . Matched performance at Samford. **1988:** Moved to defensive back after starting the season as wide receiver . . . Georgia Southern's block specialist . . . Blocked five kicks on special teams . . . Had three blocked punts, one blocked extra point and a blocked field goal attempt, becoming the first Georgia Southern player to block five kicks in one season . . . Shined in the NCAA I-AA Championship Game against Furman with two blocks . . . Knocked down 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 . . . Blocked punt in semifinals vs. Eastern Kentucky, which led to Georgia Southern's go-ahead touchdown . . . Knocked down punt vs. Newberry and blocked an extra-point attempt at James Madison . . . Made four tackles (two solo and two assists). **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Helped Northside to 29-8 record in three varsity seasons. Earned 10 letters in football, baseball, basketball and track . . . Played wingback.

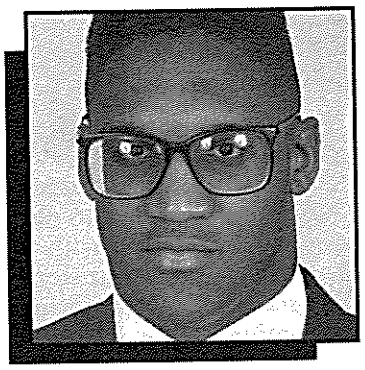
DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	1	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
1989	7	3	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	8	4	12	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1



40 SCOTT GLASS

Linebacker
6-2, 224, FR-RS, Union Point (Greene-Taliaferro)

Will see duty as reserve linebacker, specifically in the middle. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Lettered in football, baseball, basketball and golf at Greene-Taliaferro . . . Named Most Valuable Linebacker . . . Team's leading tackler, also had four interceptions . . . One of top pitchers in school history, set career and season records for strikeouts . . . Also holds season record for home runs . . . Has a handicap of eight on the golf course.

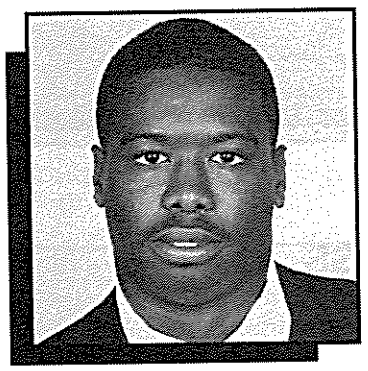


60 CURTIS GORDON

Defensive Tackle
6-3, 241, JR-2L, Ellenwood (Stockbridge)

Expected to play reserve role this season. **1989:** Appeared in eight games, all during regular season . . . Registered seven tackles, four unassisted . . . Twice credited with three tackles—Samford and Valdosta State . . . Totaled 1½ quarterback sacks in those two games . . . Sacked Bulldog quarterback once, combined for sack against Blazers. **1988:** Moved from offensive tackle in mid-season and responded well . . . Recorded six tackles and had two quarterback sacks in the last regular-season game against South Carolina State. **1987:** Walk-on who was redshirted. **High School:** Played junior and senior seasons at Stockbridge as a fullback and defensive lineman . . . Named Best Defensive Lineman senior year . . . Also lettered in baseball and track.

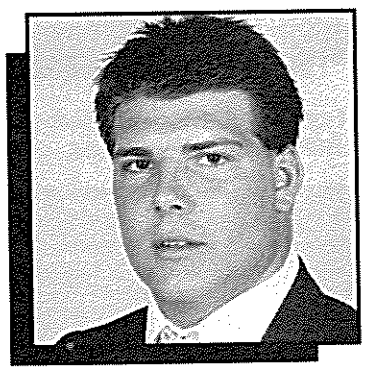
DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	2	4	6	2.0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
1989	4	3	7	1.5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	6	7	13	3.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0



33 LaRON GORDON

Running Back
5-7, 167, FR-RS, Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)

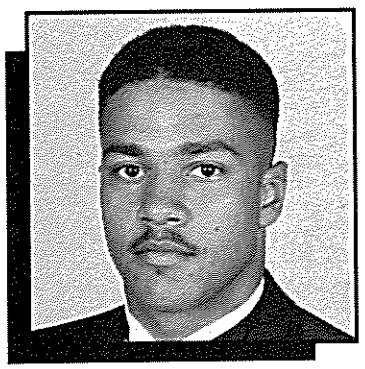
Slated for reserve backfield and special teams duties. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** On state championship football and track teams at Spring Valley High . . . Set school records as senior for rushing yardage in a season (1,760) and game (254) . . . Also scored 16 touchdowns . . . Yardage total placed him second in state . . . All-region, all-area and all-state . . . Area Player-of-the-Year . . . Team captain and student-athlete award winner.



57 TOM GRAMIAK

Offensive Tackle
5-11, 245, FR-RS, Statesboro (High)

Slated for reserve duty at right tackle behind Rex Nottage on summer depth chart. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Led Blue Devils to region playoffs in 1988 . . . Team MVP senior year . . . Voted Statesboro's top lineman . . . Credited with 90 tackles and eight sacks two years ago . . . Lettered twice in track.

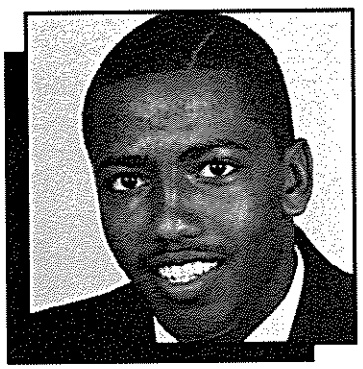


29 HERMAN GRAY

Slotback
5-8, 175, SO-1L, Fairfax, S.C.
(Allendale-Fairfax)

Emerged from spring practice as second-team slotback behind Darryl Hopkins. **1989:** Third-unit performer who appeared in seven games overall, five during the regular season . . . Carried three times for 10 yards with a long of eight at Samford . . . Listed third on the fall depth chart heading into the season. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Rushed for 1,364 yards senior season . . . Gained 202 yards in one half of a game (also scored five touchdowns) . . . All-region choice in '87.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1989	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	8 (SU)
CAREER	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	8 (SU)



11 RAYMOND GROSS

Quarterback
6-0, 188, SR-3L, Midway
(Bradwell Institute)

Enters senior campaign as the nation's premier option quarterback . . . All-America candidate who had outstanding spring. **1989:** Led Georgia Southern to its first-ever undefeated season . . . Has 32-5 record as starting quarterback . . . No. 2 rusher on team with 184 carries for 773 yards and five touchdowns during regular season . . . Carried 249 times for 1,086 yards and seven TDs overall . . . Longest dash of season went 59 yards in 45-15 win over Montana in semifinals . . . Rushed for over 70 yards in nine games . . . Cracked 100 yards four times . . . Among Eagle career leaders in rushing attempts (2nd-508), net yardage (5th-2,074) and rushing TDs (5th-17) . . . Gross' 184 rushing atempts in '89 are good for third position on all-time single-season list . . . Completed 53 of 110 passes for 930 yards and five touchdowns in regular season . . . 80 of 159 for 1,469 yards and 10 scores in 15 games . . . Completed 27 of 49 (55.1 percent) pass attempts in playoff action . . . Suffered only two interceptions (a school-record 1.3 percent of attempts) . . . Long completion of the season was 64 yards to Darryl Hopkins vs. Villanova . . . Threw for over 100 yards nine times, including all four playoff games . . . 180-yard effort against Montana is career high . . . 151 yards vs. UTC was third-best passing performance of career . . . Second on the all-time Southern total offense list with 4,346 yards. **1988:** Led team in rushing, passing and total offense . . . Rushed for 772 yards and four touchdowns and passed for 861 yards, three touchdowns in regular season . . . Rushed and passed for over 1,000 yards (1,213 rushing, 1,203 passing) in 15 games . . . Had four 100-yard rushing games . . . Passed for over 100 yards five times . . . His 166-yard effort against Northeast Louisiana was then a career-high . . . Had first two-touchdown pass game against South Carolina State . . . Missed three quarters of play in Georgia Southern's 26-10 setback at Middle Tennessee State (sprained ankle). **1987:** Started seven games for Georgia Southern and six of them were against Top 20 opposition . . . 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 (nine) . . . Completed 54 of 116 passes for 608 yards and two touchdowns . . . Averaged 137.3 yards per game total offense . . . Rushed for at least 100 yards three times including a career-high 173 yards against Maine in opening round of the playoffs . . . Top passing game was against Western Kentucky (eight of 13 passes for 102 yards). **High School:** Led Bradwell Institute to a 13-1 record as a senior and a berth in the state AAAA semifinals . . . Coastal Empire Offensive Player-of-the-Year . . . Versatile athlete who was voted Most Valuable Player at Bradwell in football, basketball and baseball . . . Quarterback in Georgia High School All-Star Game.

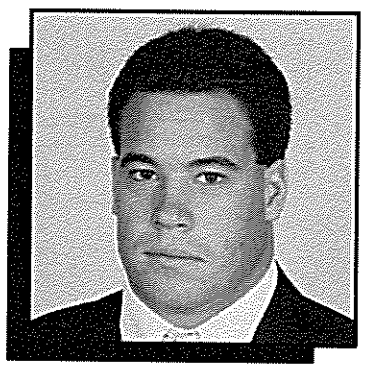
1990 EAGLES (Cont.)

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1987	170	920	155	765	4.5	9	53 (UM)
1988	194	1008	236	772	4.0	4	48 (NL, FAM)
1989	184	949	176	773	4.2	5	45 (SS)
CAREER	548	2877	567	2310	4.2	18	53 (UM)

PASSING STATS	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LP	YDS/COMP	YDS/GM
1987	8	89	42	47.2	4	2	481	50	11.4	60.1
1988	11	119	62	52.1	5	3	861	67	13.9	78.3
1989	11	110	53	48.2	2	5	930	51	17.5	84.5
CAREER	30	318	157	49.4	11	10	2272	67	14.5	75.7

OPPONENT	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1987							
Catawba	DID NOT PLAY						
Florida A&M	DID NOT PLAY						
Middle Tennessee State	8	32	3	29	3.6	0	9
East Carolina	DID NOT PLAY						
Central Florida	16	97	8	89	5.6	1	29
Bethune-Cookman	18	41	21	20	1.1	1	7
Northeast Louisiana	13	60	24	36	2.8	0	17
Western Carolina	14	129	14	115	8.2	3	37
Western Kentucky	30	104	46	58	1.9	1	19
James Madison	16	59	2	57	3.6	0	13
South Carolina State	15	129	4	125	8.3	2	42
Maine	18	175	2	173	9.6	1	53
Appalachian State	22	94	31	63	2.9	0	14
1988							
Newberry	10	104	10	94	9.4	1	48
Florida A&M	16	154	34	120	7.5	2	48
Tennessee-Chattanooga	31	163	38	125	4.0	1	43
Middle Tennessee State	9	14	20	-6	-0.7	0	7
Florida State	23	81	22	59	2.6	0	15
Northeast Louisiana	17	51	35	16	0.9	0	11
Bethune-Cookman	15	81	4	77	5.1	0	13
Central Florida	19	116	26	90	4.7	0	28
James Madison	20	67	23	44	2.2	0	13
Samford	19	100	5	95	5.0	0	17
South Carolina State	15	77	19	58	3.9	0	28
Citadel	22	101	23	78	3.5	0	41
Stephen F. Austin	32	164	3	161	5.0	0	37
Eastern Kentucky	29	173	21	152	5.2	1	45
Furman	27	82	32	50	1.9	0	19
1989							
Valdosta State	12	37	13	24	2.0	0	16
West Georgia	15	82	11	71	4.7	0	12
Florida A&M	9	52	6	46	5.1	1	33
Middle Tennessee State	24	128	17	111	4.7	0	22
Savannah State	19	107	25	82	4.3	1	45
Nicholls State	21	99	12	87	4.1	1	13
Central Florida	23	136	28	108	4.7	0	21
Samford	12	46	26	20	1.7	0	15
James Madison	17	95	9	86	5.1	1	20
Tennessee-Chattanooga	20	114	18	96	4.8	0	17
Marshall	12	53	11	42	3.5	1	15
Villanova	11	55	2	53	4.8	0	28
Middle Tennessee State	19	117	17	100	5.3	1	30
Montana	9	75	18	57	6.3	0	59
Stephen F. Austin	26	151	48	103	4.0	1	34

OPPONENT	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LONG
1987							
Catawba				DID NOT PLAY			
Florida A&M				DID NOT PLAY			
Middle Tennessee State	3	1	33.3	0	0	13	13
East Carolina				DID NOT PLAY			
Central Florida	6	1	16.7	0	0	23	23
Bethune-Cookman	8	4	50.0	0	0	45	15
Northeast Louisiana	22	9	40.9	3	1	116	50
Western Carolina	5	4	80.0	0	0	88	39
Western Kentucky	13	8	61.5	0	1	102	23
James Madison	24	12	50.0	0	0	80	12
South Carolina State	9	3	33.3	1	0	14	7
Maine	15	7	46.7	0	0	66	15
Appalachian State	12	5	41.7	1	0	61	14
1988							
Newberry	10	5	50.0	0	0	62	19
Florida A&M	8	4	50.0	0	0	46	18
Tennessee-Chattanooga	13	9	69.2	0	0	125	36
Middle Tennessee State	7	4	57.1	1	0	41	19
Florida State	14	7	50.0	1	0	97	22
Northeast Louisiana	9	5	55.6	0	1	166	67
Bethune-Cookman	7	2	28.6	0	0	9	6
Central Florida	18	10	55.6	1	0	87	16
James Madison	14	9	64.3	1	0	82	7
Stamford	12	3	25.0	1	0	41	17
South Carolina State	7	4	57.1	0	2	105	51
Citadel	6	3	50.0	1	0	114	61
Stephen F. Austin	13	6	46.2	0	1	136	52
Eastern Kentucky	7	4	57.1	0	0	28	16
Furman	17	5	29.4	2	0	64	14
1989							
Valdosta State	10	5	50.0	0	1	96	51
West Georgia	14	8	57.1	0	0	105	19
Florida A&M	7	4	57.1	0	0	86	42
Middle Tennessee	7	3	42.9	0	0	25	12
Savannah State	10	5	50.0	0	1	102	34
Nicholls State	15	7	46.7	1	1	106	27
Central Florida	2	0	00.0	0	0	0	—
Samford	11	5	45.5	1	0	52	18
James Madison	11	5	45.5	0	0	118	38
Tennessee-Chattanooga	13	7	53.8	0	1	151	41
Marshall	10	4	40.0	0	1	89	40
Villanova	10	5	50.0	0	1	129	64
Middle Tennessee State	14	8	57.1	0	2	117	25
Montana	10	7	70.0	0	2	180	41
Stephen F. Austin	15	7	46.7	0	0	113	28

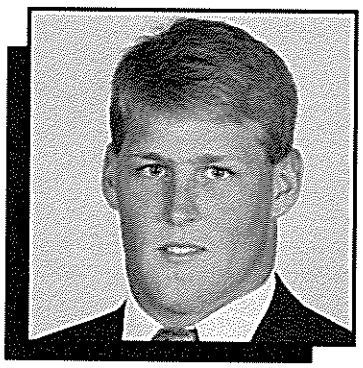


98 SHAWN HARALSON

Defensive Tackle
6-3, 221, SO-1L, Westminster, Md.
(High)

Listed as backup left tackle after another solid spring. **1989:** Saw action in every game . . . Started on right side at James Madison . . . Totaled 10 tackles, six unassisted . . . Also tallied 1½ sacks . . . Montana (three) and Valdosta State (two) were only multiple-tackle games . . . Recovered fumble in regular-season finale vs. Marshall. **1988:** Redshirted after transferring to Georgia Southern from Fork Union Prep School. **High School:** Four-year football letterman at Westminster High . . . All-area and Best Defensive Player senior season . . . Three-year letterman in lacrosse.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1989	4	3	7	1.5	1.0	0	1	0	0	0
CAREER	4	3	7	1.5	1.0	0	1	0	0	0



92 JACK HARRIS

Defensive End
6-1, 219, SR-2L, Miami, Fla.
(Southwest)

Penciled in for relief of Giff Smith on the left side . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Played in every game, earning start vs. Savannah State . . . Completed regular season with 20 tackles (15 unassisted) . . . Added five tackles, one unassisted, during playoffs . . . Top tackle game was season opener vs. Valdosta State (four) . . . Also recorded ½ sack vs. Blazers . . . Recovered fumble in regular-season contest with Middle Tennessee State. **1988:** Recorded 10 tackles (two solos, eight assists) in limited action . . . Started season with four tackles vs. Newberry (three solo) . . . Also had two tackles vs. Florida A&M in 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.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	2	8	10	0.5	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
1989	15	6	21	0.5	0.0	0	1	0	0	0
CAREER	17	14	31	1.0	1.0	0	1	0	0	0



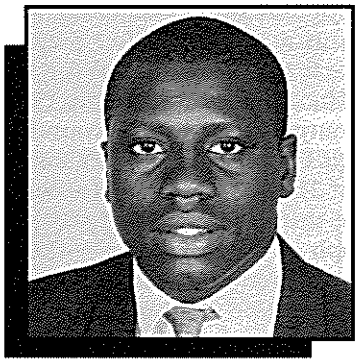
2 TERRY HARVIN

Punter
5-10, 188, SR-3L, Keystone Heights, Fla.
(High)

Beginning fourth season as Eagles' regular punter . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Kicked 41 times for 1,492 yards (36.4 average) during regular season...Punted 58 times for 2,138 (36.9) overall . . . 24 of Harvin's punts (41.4 percent) set opponents inside their own 20, including a remarkable nine of 17 in playoffs . . . Had two 51-yard efforts, one vs. Florida A&M in the Gator Bowl, the other against Villanova in first-round playoff action . . . Averaged 40+ yards per punt on five

occasions (Valdosta State, West Georgia, Florida A&M, Villanova, Montana) . . . Best game came vs. Wildcats in first round of I-AA playoffs . . . Harvin kicked four times for 177 yards (44.3 average) . . . Punted seven times vs. Nicholls State, six against Stephen F. Austin in I-AA Championship Game . . . Was roughed four times (Nicholls State, James Madison, Middle Tennessee State #2, Montana) and on each occasion the Eagles went on to score. **1988:** Averaged 37.5 yards . . . Set school record for punts in a regular season with 42 . . . 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+ yards per kick five times . . . 50.0 average against South Carolina State was top performance . . . Punted 18 times for a 39.6 average in four playoff contests . . . Had 47.3 average on four kicks vs. Paladins in title game . . . Other notable performances include 40.4 Eastern Kentucky, 44.6 vs. Northeast Louisiana and 42.0 at Middle Tennessee. **1987:** Earned the starting job midway through season . . . Averaged 38.2 yards per punt . . . Kicked school-record 66-yarder against Western Carolina . . . Had one punt blocked against Central Florida . . . 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 garnering all-district, all-region and all-sectional honors . . . Four-year letterman on the baseball squad, earning team MVP honors sophomore season . . . Three-year varsity performer at forward on basketball team.

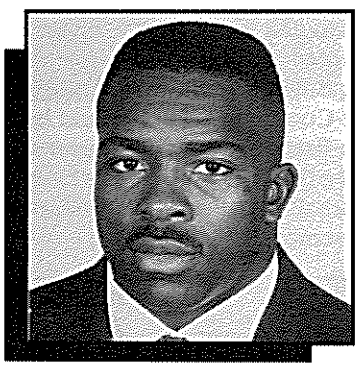
PUNTING STATS	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG
1987	32	1249	39.0	66 (WC)
1988	43	1598	37.2	60 (MT)
1989	41	1492	36.4	51 (FAM)
CAREER	116	4339	37.4	66 (WC)



82 ANTHONY HAYES

Split End
5-11, 174, FR-RS, Thomasville (High)

Emerged from spring practice as second-unit split end behind Jason Whitehead. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two-year letterman for Mike Hodges at Thomasville . . . Helped team to 1988 AAA state championship.

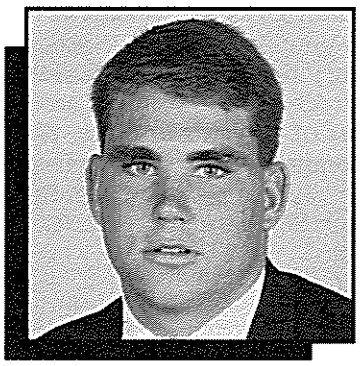


38 EUGENE HAYES

Linebacker
5-10, 208, JR-1L, Statham (Oconee County)

Strong candidate for playing time with injury-free season . . . Listed as No. 2 middle linebacker despite missing much of spring. **1989:** Injured left knee vs. Middle Tennessee State and underwent arthroscopic surgery . . . Returned to action against Tennessee-Chattanooga after missing six games . . . Recorded 10 tackles in just six games overall, including five against West Georgia . . . Nine of his stops were unassisted . . . Intercepted first career pass vs. Middle Tennessee State in playoffs and returned it two yards. **1988:** Used sparingly. **1987:** Redshirted . . . Reported to the Eagle program as a walk-on. **High School:** Prepped at Oconee County High School, which captured region championship junior year . . . Played fullback and linebacker . . . Named team MVP in 1986 and Best Defensive Back in 1987 . . . Co-captain senior season.

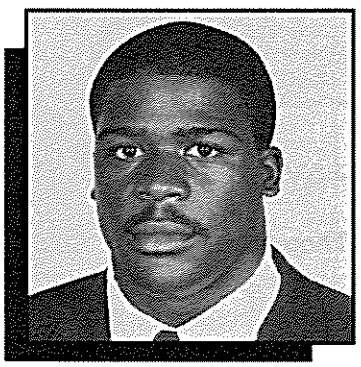
DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1989	7	1	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	7	1	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0



91 PAT HAYES

Defensive End
6-4, 240, FR-RS, Covington
(Piedmont Academy)

Slated for reserve duties on the defensive line . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Prepped at Piedmont Academy.

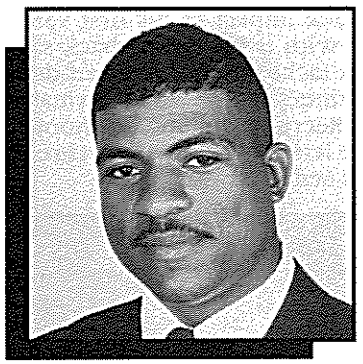


25 DARRYL HOPKINS

Slotback
5-9, 189, JR-2L, Bishop
(Oconee County)

The favorite to start at slotback opposite honors candidate Karl Miller . . . Ready to assume status as a regular after playing behind Ernest Thompson last season. **1989:** Rushed for 171 yards on 26 attempts overall after picking up 83 on 15 in regular-season action . . . Top output came in first round of playoffs vs. Villanova . . . Hopkins rushed eight times for 58 yards vs. Wildcats with a long of 21 . . . Also grabbed a swing pass from Raymond Gross on the third quarter's final play and went 64 yards to score . . . 24-yard scoring run in 45-15 triumph over Montana in national semifinals was longest of year . . . Scored Eagles' final touchdown vs. Savannah State on 18-yard pass from Gross . . . Had team's lone second-quarter score in 52-7 romp at Samford on run from six yards out . . . 36-yard aerial gain in win at James Madison was longest of regular season . . . Team's No.5 receiver overall with eight catches for 161 yards. **1988:** Gained 161 yards on just 13 carries and scored two touchdowns in regular-season play . . . Average was 12.4 yards per carry . . . Including playoffs, totalled 185 yards rushing . . . Also had six receptions coming out of backfield for 52 yards . . . Top catch-and-run was 23-yarder vs. South Carolina State . . . Top rushing game was 66-yard effort in the season opener against Newberry (had 60-yard run) . . . Scored touchdowns vs. Northeast Louisiana and Bethune-Cookman. **1987:** Would have seen extensive 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 MVP in football, basketball and track . . . All-state in football and honorable mention all-state in basketball . . . Northeast Georgia Player-of-the-Year senior season.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG	
1987	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	(CAT)
1988	13	164	3	161	12.4	2	60	(NL)
1989	15	92	9	83	5.5	1	14	(WG)
CAREER	29	262	12	250	8.6	3	60	(NL)



5 ALBERT HUNTLEY

Quarterback
5-11, 198, JR-2L, Atlanta
(Douglass)

Begins 1990 campaign as No.2 signal-caller for second straight year. **1989:** Appeared in 10 games as sophomore, three during the playoffs . . . Did not take a snap vs. Nicholls State and Stephen F. Austin . . . Gained 142 yards on 26 carries during the regular season, 180 on 37 overall . . . Rushed for two touchdowns (11 and 28 yards) in Samford contest . . . Picked up 73 yards on five attempts against the Bulldogs, all in fourth quarter . . . 66-yard TD pass to Terrance Sorrell vs. West Georgia was Eagles' longest aerial strike of '89 . . . Completed eight of 20 passes for 138 yards and one TD overall. **1988:** No. 3 quarterback who saw playing time in four games . . . Rushed for 60 yards and passed for 66 on the season . . . Had first career rushing and passing touchdowns in season finale against South Carolina State . . . Touchdown run went 42 yards and pass covered 27 yards. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Four-sport star at Douglass High in Atlanta . . . Lettered in football, basketball, baseball and golf . . . All-city selection and voted Offensive Player-of-the-Year as senior . . . Led region in passing three times.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG	
1988	8	63	3	60	7.5	1	42	(SCSt)
1989	26	183	41	142	5.5	2	28	(SU)
CAREER	34	246	44	202	5.9	3	42	(SCSt)

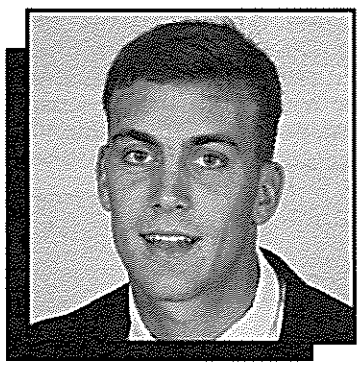
PASSING STATS	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LP	YDS/COMP	YDS/GM
1988	4	4	4	100.0	0	1	66	27	13.0	16.5
1989	10	14	6	42.9	0	1	120	66	20.0	12.0
CAREER	14	18	10	55.5	0	2	186	66	18.6	13.3



75 CURTIS KIMBRELL

Offensive Guard
6-0, 270, JR-2L, Albany
(Riverview Academy)

Second-team right guard behind John Wilson as fall drills get underway. **1989:** Spent year as All-America Sean Gainey's relief at right guard . . . Like Gainey, Kimbrell has worked hard to maximize potential through weight work . . . Member of the Iron Eagle inaugural class with total lift of 1,205 pounds (bench, power clean and squats). **1988:** Saw limited action in reserve role. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played on the offensive and defensive line at Riverview . . . Twice all-state.



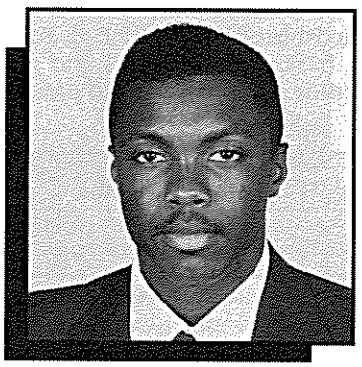
44 SHANE MAXWELL

Linebacker
6-5, 201, JR-2L, Winder
(Winder-Barrow)

Returning to No.1 slot at strongside linebacker after holding same position at start of last season . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Appeared in all 15 games, starting first six at strongside linebacker . . . Made 44 tackles (25 unassisted) . . . 12 tackles came during postseason . . . Registered two sacks, three pass breakups and two tackles for loss . . . Recovered fumble in first quarter of Nicholls State game . . . Season-high seven tackles vs. Colonels . . . Six tackles (one for loss) against

Savannah State and five in contest with Florida A&M. **1988:** Made impact in his first varsity season . . . Credited with 29 tackles, 18 solo . . . 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. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Recruited by most schools as a basketball player out of Winder-Barrow High . . . Earned four letters in basketball, three in football . . . All-area selection at outside linebacker junior and senior seasons.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	14	9	23	3.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
1989	19	13	32	2.0	2.0	0	1	0	0	3
CAREER	33	22	55	5.0	2.0	0	1	0	0	4



34 RUFUS MAZYCK

Slotback
5-10, 182, SO-1L, Swainsboro (High)

Reserve slotback who should see extensive action in 1990 . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Earned roster spot after solid performance during spring . . . Saw action in seven games . . . Carried four times for 19 yards overall, once for two yards during playoffs . . . 10-yard carry vs. Samford was season long. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Fullback and tailback at Swainsboro High . . . Played in the same offensive backfield as current Eagle Rodney Oglesby (was tailback) . . . MVP in football and track . . . Also lettered in basketball . . . Rushed for 1,332 yards and seven touchdowns senior year.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1989	3	17	0	17	5.7	0	10 (SU)
CAREER	3	17	0	17	5.7	0	10 (SU)

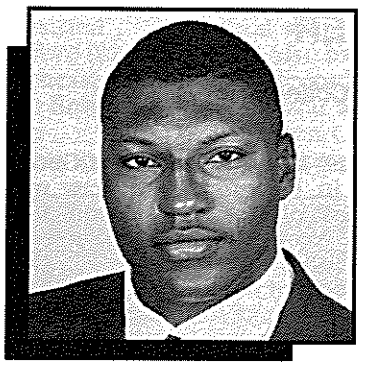


89 CHUCK McCLURG

Split End
5-10, 162, JR-2L, Dalton (High)

Listed behind Terrance Sorrell at close of spring drills . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Only catch of 1989 regular season was for 22 yards during romp over West Georgia . . . Caught one pass for 11 yards in national semifinal victory over Montana . . . Spent a good part of the season fighting a pulled hamstring . . . Saw extensive action on special teams. **1988:** Saw limited duty, catching one pass for 13 yards in opener vs. Newberry. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three-year starter at Dalton . . . Was wide receiver first three seasons before switching to quarterback . . . Played in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game.

RECEIVING STATS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
1988	1	13	13.0	0	13 (NC)
1989	1	22	22.0	0	22 (WG)
CAREER	2	35	17.5	0	22 (WG)

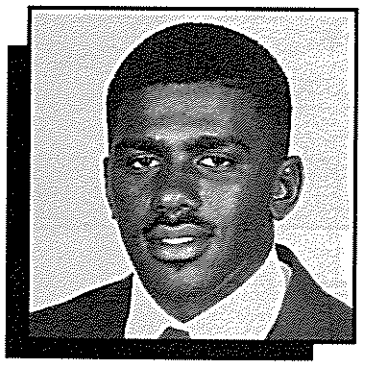


26 ALONZO McGHEE

Slotback
6-0, 192, SR-2L, Perry (High)

Valuable performer who is expected to relieve Karl Miller at slotback for second straight year . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Rushed 12 times for 57 yards (4.8 average) in 11 regular-season games . . . Greatest gain of season (14 yards) came in opening-day victory over Valdosta State . . . Season-high seven carries for 34 yards against Montana . . . Credited with 22 yards on three catches with a long of 16 vs. Savannah State . . . More than doubled activity and production in I-AA playoffs . . . Rushed 13 times for 66 yards (5.1 average) during second season . . . Scored final Eagle TD vs. Middle Tennessee State in playoff meeting on one-yard dive . . . Gained 32 yards on six attempts vs. Blue Raiders. **1988:** Rushed for 46 yards on seven carries . . . Top rushing day was at Gator Bowl vs. Florida A&M . . . Ran for 35 yards on two carries against the Rattlers, including season-best 20-yard run . . . Picked up three yards in debut against Newberry . . . Caught two passes out of backfield . . . Made 13-yard catch vs. Florida A&M and 27-yard touchdown reception vs. South Carolina State . . . Only rushing touchdown was one-yard carry in NCAA I-AA playoffs against The Citadel. **1987:** Saw little action as reserve. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Four-year letterman in football, basketball, baseball and track . . . Academic All-America . . . Rushed for 1,026 yards and 15 TDs senior season . . . Caught seven passes for 300 yards, made 120 tackles and intercepted eight passes.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1988	5	45	0	45	9.0	0	20 (FAM)
1989	12	57	0	57	4.8	0	14 (VS)
CAREER	17	102	0	102	6.0	0	20 (FAM)

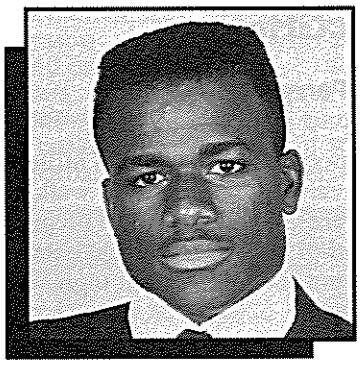


9 DERRICK McGRADY

Quarterback
5-11, 182, SO-1L, Statesboro (High)

Returns for 1990 as third-string quarterback behind Raymond Gross and Albert Huntley after holding same spot last season. **1989:** Saw action in eight games, including three playoff contests . . . Played slotback in playoff game vs. Montana . . . Rushed for 33 yards on seven carries during regular season, 32 yards on nine carries overall . . . Season long was 14-yarder against Marshall . . . Also completed only pass of season (0 yards) against the Thundering Herd. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three-year starter at quarterback and defensive back for the Blue Devils . . . Was team captain senior season . . . Three-year letterman in track.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1989	7	34	1	33	4.7	0	14 (MU)
CAREER	7	34	1	33	4.7	0	14 (MU)



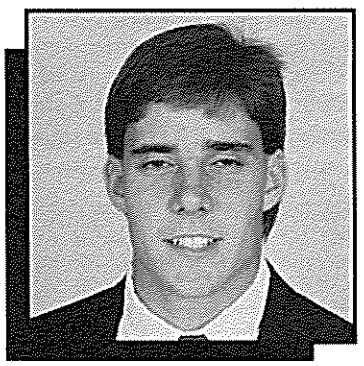
24 KARL MILLER

Slotback
6-0, 182, SR-3L, College Park (North Clayton)

Honors candidate who was least-known member of Georgia Southern's vaunted backfield in 1989 . . . Will draw more attention this season with the loss of Ernest Thompson. **1989:** Started all 15 games . . . Eagles' No.4 rusher in regular season with 27 carries for 336 yards and one touchdown . . . Gained 435 yards on 40 carries and scored twice overall . . . Scored on 8-yard run in opener vs. Valdosta State . . . Picked up career-high 86 yards on just seven carries in win at James Madison . . . Far and away Southern's leader in average per carry during regular season (12.4) and overall (10.9) . . . 61-yard dash down left sideline at Samford is career best . . . 17 of Miller's 40 rushing attempts went for 10 or more yards . . . Five covered 20 or more . . . Had four receptions for 52 yards and one touchdown (19 yards) in playoff clash with Middle Tennessee State . . . With Joe Ross out of semifinal game vs. Montana, Miller rolled for 71 yards and one TD on just seven attempts . . . Grabbed two passes for 53 yards against Stephen F. Austin in championship game, the second of which went 28 yards to the SFA 12 and set up Southern's tying touchdown . . . Eagles' primary kickoff returner (17-321 in regular season, 20-374 overall) . . . Returned ball 41 yards vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga. **1988:** Key player for Georgia Southern on offense and special teams . . . Rushed for 317 yards and two touchdowns overall, averaged 7.2 yards per carry . . . Returned 31 kicks in 15 games for an average of 18.3 yards . . . Caught seven passes for 128 yards, including a 67-yarder to paydirt 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 yards) from Ken Burnette . . . Other rushing score was one-yard plunge vs. The Citadel in playoffs . . . Top kickoff return went 42 yards at UT-Chattanooga . . . Returned three kicks for 55 yards (18.3 avg.) against Furman in I-AA title game. **1987:** Rushed for 57 yards on 19 carries overall . . . Averaged three yards per carry and scored one touchdown, that coming against eventual national champion Northeast Louisiana . . . Backup to Ernest Thompson and Frank Johnson . . . Played in 11 of Georgia Southern's 13 games. **High School:** North Clayton High School Player-of-the-Year . . . Team finished 10th in final state rankings senior season . . . Also played basketball and ran track.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG	
1987	33	249	0	249	7.5	2	60	(FAM)
1988	19	78	21	57	3.0	1	13	(SCSt)
1989	27	340	4	336	12.4	1	61	(SU)
CAREER	79	667	25	642	8.1	4	61	(SU)

KICKOFF RETURN STATS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
1988	22	495	22.5	0	42	(TC)
1989	17	321	18.9	0	41	(TC)
CAREER	39	816	20.9	0	42	(TC)



42 JIM MUTIMER

Strong Safety
6-1, 185, JR-2L, Dunwoody (High)

Will start at strong safety this fall after distinguishing himself on special teams. **1989:** Credited with 18 tackles, 14 unassisted as the backup to All-America selection Randell Boone . . . intercepted two passes, one each vs. Villanova and Stephen F. Austin in the I-AA national playoffs . . . Made 10 tackles during playoff action, including six in semifinal wins over Montana . . . Stopped two runners behind the line of scrimmage. **1988:** Backup to Randell Boone at safety . . . Started against James Madison . . . Made 12 tackles on the season, seven

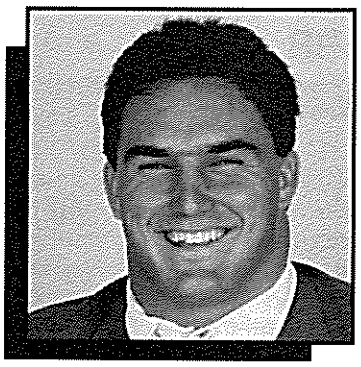
unassisted . . . Credited with one pass breakup . . . Top games were against Newberry and Samford (four stops) . . . Also had three tackles at James Madison . . . Knocked down pass against Northeast Louisiana . . . Recorded at least one tackle n every playoff contest. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** 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 . . . All-DeKalb County performer . . . Intercepted 12 passes in 1986.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	7	2	9	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
1989	7	2	9	0.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	14	4	18	0.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	1



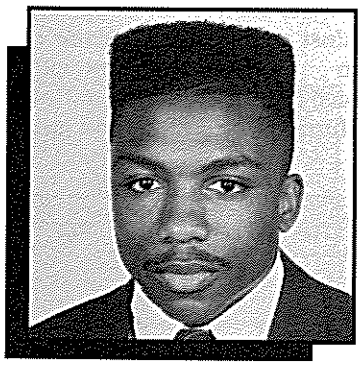
6 DON NORTON
Punter
6-0, 199, JR-1L, Coral Springs, Fla. (High)

Opens as backup at punter and kickoff specialist . . . Because of the unique situation at Georgia Southern, he could become one of three regular kickers . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Handled kickoff duties through first five contests . . . Never attempted a punt. **1988:** Kickoff specialist on several occasions. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Lettered in two sports at Coral Springs High, football and soccer . . . All-county pick in football while also earning honors in soccer.



59 REX NOTTAGE
Offensive Tackle
5-11, 242, SO-1L, Coral Springs, Fla. (High)

The favorite to start at right tackle as fall practice begins . . . Southern's best base blocker in the offensive line. **1989:** Made a valuable contribution in first college season . . . In addition to spelling George Jones at right tackle, Nottage played tight end in Georgia Southern's short-yardage offense . . . Great competitor . . . Hard-nosed player with bright future . . . Suffered a fractured fibula during spring workouts. **1988:** Enrolled at Southern as linebacker . . . Redshirted. **High School:** Inside linebacker and offensive guard at Coral Springs High School . . . All-region performer for Colts.



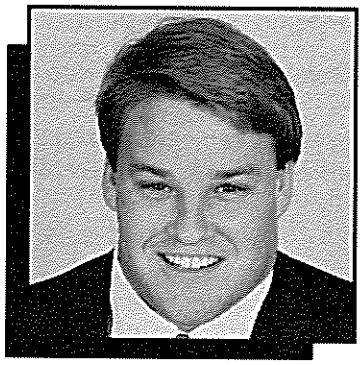
19 RODNEY OGLESBY
Cornerback
5-10, 165, JR-2L, Garfield (Swainsboro)

All-America candidate who enters third season as regular in Eagle secondary . . . One of the nation's top defensive backs. **1989:** Started every game at weakside cornerback . . . Only Eagle in double figures in pass breakups with 10 (through regular season) . . . Added six more in playoffs . . . Recorded 51 total tackles all year, 36 unassisted . . . Season high for tackles was seven against Marshall . . . Made six stops vs. Nicholls State and Tennessee-Chattanooga . . . Intercepted five enemy passes (West Georgia, Central Florida, Marshall, Villanova, Stephen F. Austin), second most on team . . . Returned interception against Central Florida 43 yards . . . His 32-yard runback of pass theft to paydirt in first-round playoff win over Villanova provided Eagles' final points . . . Primary punt returner for the Eagles . . . Finished 12th nationally in return average . . . Took back 38 kicks for 381 yards and one score . . . His

return of 69 yards for a touchdown at James Madison was first for Southern since 1984. **1988: AP** honorable mention All-America selection . . . Tied for team in interceptions with four . . . Returned an intercepted fumble 43 yards for a touchdown against James Madison . . . Recorded 59 tackles overall, 43 of the solo variety . . . Second on the team with eight pass breakups and had two tackles for loss . . . Returned 34 punts for 221 yards, an average of 6.5 yards per return . . . Enjoyed top game at Florida State with six tackles (one for loss) and two interceptions (23 return yards) . . . Notched eight tackles twice (vs. Middle Tennessee State and Bethune-Cookman) . . . Also had interception vs. Florida A&M and James Madison . . . Made 20 tackles in four postseason games (tops of seven vs. Eastern Kentucky). **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three-sport star at Swainsboro High lettering in football, basketball and track . . . Voted MVP in all three sports as a senior . . . All-State and all-area selection in football . . . Started at cornerback for South in the '87 Georgia North-South All-Star Game.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	30	9	39	0.0	2.0	0	1	4	0	7
1989	27	12	39	0.0	0.0	0	1	3	0	10
CAREER	57	21	78	0.0	2.0	0	2	7	0	17

PUNT RETURN STATS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
1988	25	161	6.4	0	20 (NC)
1989	34	347	10.2	1	69t (JM)
CAREER	59	508	8.6	1	69t (JM)



90 PATRICK PARR

Nose Guard
6-0, 268, JR-2L, West Point (Troup County)

Slated for starting nose guard duties . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Split time between left and right tackle spots . . . Opened on the left side in three of the first four games and on the right side in the last eight . . . Saw action in every contest . . . In on 55 tackles during entire season, 25 unassisted . . . Tallied 2½ sacks and seven tackles for loss . . . Seven tackles vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga was season best . . . Also had one tackle for loss vs. Moccasins . . . Twice recorded six tackles during the playoffs—vs. Villanova and Montana. **1988:** Started four games . . . Credited with 34 tackles, 17 solo . . . Tallied four quarterback sacks and five tackles for loss . . . Top tackle game was five at Tennessee-Chattanooga . . . Also had sack against the Mocs . . . Made one stop, recovered a fumble and registered a sack at James Madison . . . Had at least one tackle in 11 of 15 games. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-region choice in football at Troup County senior season . . . Three-year state champion in wrestling (freshman, sophomore and junior years).

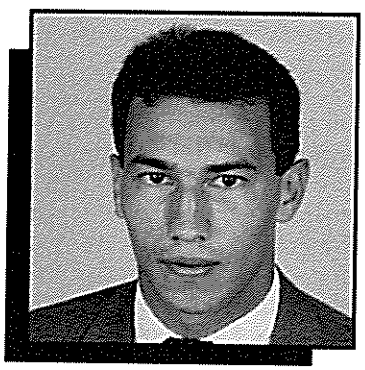
DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	14	15	29	2.5	5.0	0	0	0	0	1
1989	13	24	37	1.5	3.0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	27	39	66	4.0	8.0	0	0	0	0	1



50 RUSTY PARRISH

Center
6-3, 236, SO-1L, Thomasville (High)

Ascended to the top spot at center in spring ball after playing behind highly-regarded Sammy Twiggs all last year. **1989:** One of just four freshman in Southern's offensive two deep . . . Saw limited action. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-region choice at Thomasville.



22 STEVE PAYNE

Slotback
5-11, 177, FR-RS, Chatsworth (Murray County)

Slated for reserve duties in the backfield . . . Could also see special teams action. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Football and track letterman at Murray County High . . . Played defensive back and tailback . . . Voted team's top defensive back . . . Over 2,000 career rushing yards . . . Team MVP in track.



70 HAL RADFORD

Snapper
6-0, 200, SR-SQ, Lincolnton (Lincoln County)

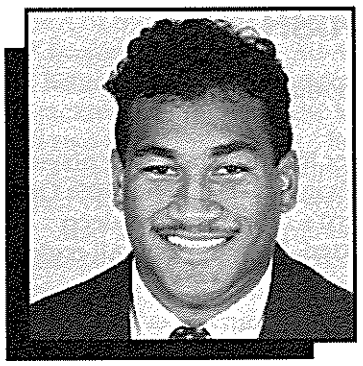
Enters fall practice as top snapper on special teams, a position he won in spring . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Squadman who did not see any action. **1988:** Did not see any action. **1987:** Did not see any action. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Football, baseball, tennis and golf letterman . . . Team captain senior season . . . Teams finished 12-2-1 (state runner-up) and 15-0 (state champion) in 1984 and 1985.



17 BRANNON RICE

Free Safety
5-10, 173, JR-1L, Elberton (Elbert County)

Reserve defensive back who should see action on special teams . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Saw defensive action against West Georgia and Marshall . . . Recorded two special-team tackles against West Georgia and Nicholls State. **1988:** Squadman who did not see any action. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Earned three letters in football, two in baseball and one each in track and golf at Elbert County High . . . All-region selection . . . Named Best Defensive Back . . . Recorded 104 tackles senior season . . . 17-handicap player in golf.

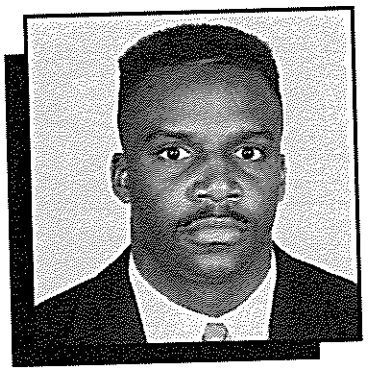


36 JOE ROSS

Fullback
6-1, 206, SR-3L, Augusta (Westside)

The top running back in Division I-AA football . . . Favorite to capture Walter Payton Award, symbolic of the nation's best I-AA player, after finishing fourth in 1989 as only junior candidate . . . Did not participate in spring practice after postseason knee surgery (December 20) . . . Needs 205 yards to break Tracy Ham's career rushing standard. **1989:** First-team All-America by **Associated Press, Kodak/AFCA** (American Football Coaches Association) and **The Sports Network** . . . Second-team selection by **The Football News** . . . Suffered right knee injury (anterior cruciate ligament) late in the first quarter of Southern's 45-3 victory over Middle Tennessee in second round of playoffs . . . Missed Eagles' semifinal win over Montana the next week after arthroscopic surgery, but returned to starting backfield for championship game and rushed for 152 yards on 31 carries . . . Thrashed Villanova defense for 190 yards and two touchdowns on 25 attempts in first round of playoffs . . . Became top Eagle single-season ground gainer with 1,354 yards on 212 attempts . . . Finished fourth in rushing, 11th in scoring and 15th in all-purpose yardage in I-AA . . . Only player in GSU history with two career 1,000-yard seasons (1,018 in '87) . . . 280 yards in season finale vs. Marshall is Georgia Southern single-game rushing record . . . Ross' three rushing touchdowns vs. Thundering Herd tied personal best . . . 19 100-yard games in career; Eagles are 18-1 . . . The first Eagle back to rush for 100 of more yards in six straight games . . . Topped the century mark on eight occasions during regular season, a school record . . . Carried the ball 32 times in two games (Middle Tennessee State #1, James Madison), one try off school record . . . Ross' 212 attempts rank first on the Eagle single-season list . . . Fourth in career attempts (488) . . . Stands fourth among Eagle career rushing touchdown leaders (22) . . . Caught two passes for 47 yards at James Madison to lead team . . . MVP of Bold City Classic after Southern's 28-0 win over Florida A&M . . . 62-yard dash against Marshall in regular-season finale was longest by an Eagle. **1988:** Second on the team in rushing despite missing the equivalent of three games with various injuries . . . Had sprained ankle, bruised shoulder and broken hand . . . Rushed for 636 yards and five touchdowns in regular-season play . . . 944 yards through 15 games and six touchdowns . . . Four 100-yard games on the season . . . Rushed for a then career-high 157 yards against Middle Tennessee . . . First three-touchdown game came against Samford . . . Averaged 6.0 yards per carry . . . Caught one pass (vs. South Carolina State for 26 yards) . . . Provided 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 38-20 win. **1987:** Only freshman in Division I-AA to rush for more than 1,000 yards in regular season . . . Became first Georgia Southern running back to do that and only the second Eagle, joining Ham . . . **Associated Press** third-team All-America selection . . . Rushed for 1,125 yards overall 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 75-yard scamper against Catawba . . . Rushed for more than 100 yards five times in the regular season including then career-high 143 yards against Western Kentucky . . . Georgia Southern was 5-0 in games in which he rushed for more than 100 yards . . . No. 2 freshman rusher in all divisions, 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 in Augusta . . . Two-time Westside Most Valuable Player . . . Also played basketball and ran track.

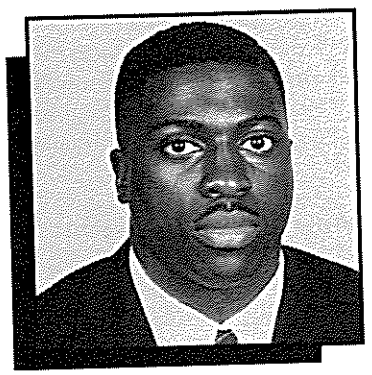
RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG	
1987								
1987	165	1026	8	1018	6.2	4	75	(Cat)
1988	111	641	5	636	5.7	5	39	(JMU)
1989	212	1370	16	1354	6.4	13	62	(MU)
CAREER	488	3037	29	3008	6.2	22	75	(Cat)
OPPONENT	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG	
1987								
Catawba	12	118	1	117	9.8	1	75	
Florida A&M	17	87	1	86	5.1	1	14	
Middle Tennessee State	25	110	0	110	4.4	1	16	
East Carolina	16	72	2	70	4.4	0	12	
Central Florida	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	—	
Bethune-Cookman	14	130	0	130	9.3	0	47	
Northeast Louisiana	14	59	0	59	4.2	0	11	
Western Carolina	15	78	2	76	5.1	1	33	
Western Kentucky	21	143	0	143	6.8	0	24	
James Madison	20	131	2	129	6.4	0	46	
South Carolina State	11	98	0	98	8.9	0	47	
Maine	23	86	0	86	3.7	1	12	
Appalachian State	9	22	1	21	2.3	0	5	
1988								
Newberry	DID NOT PLAY							
Florida A&M	9	41	0	41	4.6	0	13	
Tennessee-Chattanooga	9	24	0	24	2.7	0	7	
Middle Tennessee State	25	157	0	157	6.3	0	25	
Florida State	11	44	4	40	3.6	0	13	
Northeast Louisiana	DID NOT PLAY							
Bethune-Cookman	9	59	0	59	6.6	1	19	
Central Florida	7	56	0	56	8.0	1	15	
James Madison	25	140	1	139	5.6	0	38	
Samford	13	111	0	111	8.5	3	15	
South Carolina State	3	9	0	9	3.0	0	5	
Citadel	15	156	7	149	9.9	1	75	
Stephen F. Austin	5	40	0	40	8.0	0	25	
Eastern Kentucky	12	61	0	61	5.1	0	14	
Furman	15	61	3	58	3.9	0	15	
1989								
Valdosta State	11	77	0	77	7.0	1	47	
West Georgia	DID NOT PLAY							
Florida A&M	24	162	2	160	6.7	2	46	
Middle Tennessee State	32	182	0	182	5.7	0	19	
Savannah State	14	119	1	118	8.4	0	34	
Nicholls State	20	80	2	78	3.9	1	22	
Central Florida	21	104	0	104	5.0	1	11	
Samford	16	129	0	129	8.1	2	58	
James Madison	32	116	10	106	3.3	2	12	
Tennessee-Chattanooga	18	121	1	120	6.7	1	27	
Marshall	24	280	0	280	11.7	3	62	
Villanova	25	192	2	190	7.6	2	39	
Middle Tennessee State	10	34	0	34	3.4	0	9	
Montana	DID NOT PLAY							
Stephen F. Austin	31	152	0	152	4.9	1	26	



20 BRANDON ROZELLE

Cornerback
5-10, 187, FR-RS, Stone Mountain (Clarkston)

Reserve defensive back who may see action on special teams. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Lettered in both football and track . . . All-county senior season . . . Voted top defensive back . . . Took two punt returns and two interception returns for touchdowns . . . Picked off four passes.



15 GENE SCOTT

Cornerback
5-11, 184, JR-1L, Gainesville, Fla. (High)

Slated to play weakside cornerback behind honors candidate Rodney Oglesby this fall, a role he filled last season. **1989:** Recorded six tackles, five unassisted in seven games (five regular-season, two playoff) . . . Saw action with special teams units . . . Began year as reserve strong safety. **1988:** Finished season with two stops, one in season opener against Newberry . . . Other tackle was vs. Samford. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Defensive back and quarterback at Gainesville High School . . . Played on district and regional championship team . . . All-state choice in football . . . Intercepted eight passes senior year and averaged 15 points per game as basketball standout . . . Three-year letterman in football and basketball.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	1	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
1989	4	1	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	5	2	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0



30 PAUL SIKKELEE

Linebacker
6-0, 189, JR-1L, Dalton (High)

Penciled in at reserve weakside linebacker. **1989:** Saw action at outside linebacker in six games . . . Recorded nine tackles overall, seven unassisted . . . Credited with season-high three tackles in West Georgia game . . . Season's only sack was against Montana . . . Also recovered blocked punt in endzone vs. Grizzlies. **1988:** Made three tackles, including two stops against South Carolina State . . . Other tackle came 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.

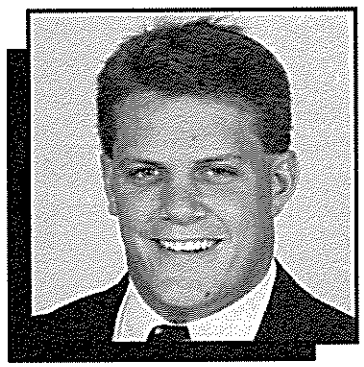
DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	1	2	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
1989	6	2	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	7	4	11	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0



72 DANNY SMITH

Offensive Tackle
6-4, 239, JR-SQ, Waycross (High)

Beat out favorite Brian Broughton for starting honors at left tackle in spring practice . . . Older brother, Tony, is former Eagle offensive lineman. **1989:** Third-team tackle who saw limited action after dropping in the depth chart. **1988:** Reserve tackle who showed continued improvement. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-state player at Waycross, played in North-South All-Star Game . . . Also lettered in baseball.



95 GIFF SMITH

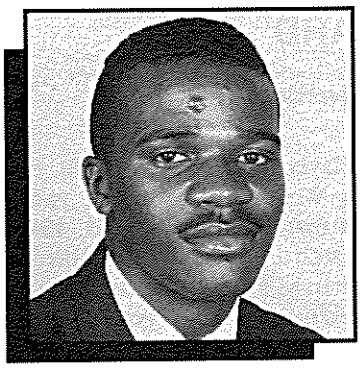
Defensive End
6-1, 226, SR-3L, Mableton (Pebblebrook)

Along with Joe Ross, can become the first three-time All America selection in Georgia Southern history . . . One-half of the best defensive end tandem in I-AA football . . . Team leader who knows only one speed. **1989:** First-team All America by **Associated Press,** second-team by **The Football News** . . . Opened at left end in 14 games, missing an opening nod against Savannah State . . . Second-leading tackler with 112 stops, 67 unassisted . . . 15 tackles went for lost yardage . . . Tied for overall team lead in sacks with 12 . . . Recorded 7½ during regular season . . . Totaled 30 tackles, 20 solo during playoffs . . . 4½ sacks during postseason, including three vs. Montana . . . Topped the Eagles in tackles five times (West Georgia, Florida A&M, Nicholls State, Central Florida, Montana) . . . Season-high 12 tackles in back-to-back contests (Nicholls State, Central Florida) . . . **1988:** Was the surprise of the defense . . . Moved into the starting lineup when 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 **The Football News** (second-team) All-America choice . . . Team leader in quarterback sacks with 11, the second-highest single-season total in school history . . . Team leader in tackles for loss with 16 1/2 . . . Recorded 131 tackles, 65 solo . . . Had 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 games were at Middle Tennessee (11 stops, two behind the line of scrimmage) and at home against Bethune-Cookman (12 tackles, two for losses, one pass breakup, one sack) . . . 35 tackles in four playoff games . . . Postseason high was nine vs. The Citadel (one tackle for loss, one sack). **1987:** Credited with 10 tackles (three solos, seven assists) . . . Made one quarterback sack . . . Played behind two seniors. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-Cobb County performer at Pebblebrook High School . . . Played fullback and inside linebacker.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1987	3	6	9	1.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
1988	49	38	87	10.0	12.5	1	1	0	0	5
1989	47	35	82	7.5	12.0	0	1	0	1	1
CAREER	99	79	178	18.5	24.5	1	2	0	1	6

1990 EAGLES (Cont.)

OPPONENT	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	OTHER
1987					
Catawba	1	0	0	0	
Florida A&M	0	1	1	0	
Middle Tennessee State	0	0	0	0	
East Carolina	0	0	0	0	
Central Florida	0	0	0	0	
Bethune-Cookman	0	0	0	0	
Northeast Louisiana	0	2	2	0	
Western Carolina	2	0	2	1	
Western Kentucky	0	2	2	0	
James Madison	0	0	0	0	
South Carolina State	0	1	1	0	
Maine	0	1	1	0	
Appalachian State	0	2	2	0	1 tackle for loss
1988					
Newberry	4	5	9	0	1 caused fumble
Florida A&M	2	4	6	1	1 fumble recovery
Tennessee-Chattanooga	8	4	12	5	1 tackle for loss
Middle Tennessee State	9	4	13	0	2 tackles for loss
Florida State	2	4	6	0	1 tackle for loss
Northeast Louisiana	4	0	4	1	1 breakup
Bethune-Cookman	8	4	12	1/2	2 tackles for loss, 2 breakups
Central Florida	4	1	5	0	2 tackles for loss
James Madison	0	7	7	0	1 tackle for loss
Samford	1	3	4	1/2	
South Carolina State	7	2	9	2	2 tackles for loss
Citadel	8	7	15	1	2 tackles for loss
Stephen F. Austin	5	3	8	0	1 tackle for loss
Eastern Kentucky	5	3	8	0	
Furman	5	8	13	1	1 caused interception
1989					
Valdosta State	3	0	3	2	1 breakup
West Georgia	3	4	7	0	3 tackles for loss
Florida A&M	4	5	9	0	2 tackles for loss
Middle Tennessee State	7	3	10	0	4 tackles for loss
Savannah State	3	3	6	2	1 fumble recovery
Nicholls State	8	4	12	0	1 tackle for loss
Central Florida	7	5	12	3	
Samford	1	0	1	0	1 tackle for loss
James Madison	2	5	7	1/2	
Tennessee-Chattanooga	4	4	8	0	
Marshall	5	2	7	1/2	1 tackle for loss
Villanova	2	4	6	0	
Middle Tennessee State	6	2	8	1	1 tackle for loss, 1 breakup
Montana	6	2	8	3	2 tackles for loss, 1 caused fumble
Stephen F. Austin	6	2	8	1/2	1 caused interception

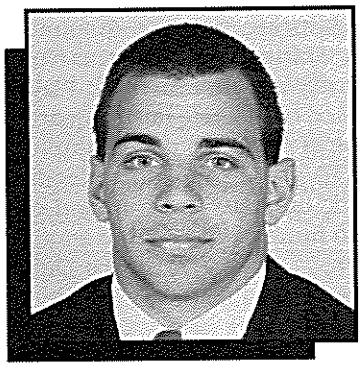


88 TERRANCE SORRELL

Split End
6-2, 166, SO-1L, Salem, N.J.
(High)

An outstanding athlete who is the Eagles' primary deep threat . . . Beat out Deryl Belser for starting job opposite Donnie Allen in preseason practice a year ago. **1989:** Started 14 of 15 games . . . Had 13 receptions for 280 yards and one touchdown during regular season, 19 for 425 and one score overall . . . His 21.5 average per catch topped the team . . . 66-yard TD catch-and-run from Albert Huntley vs. West Georgia is the seventh-longest in school history . . . Grabbed three balls for 103 yards against Braves . . . 104 yards vs. Villanova in first round of I-AA playoffs was Eagle single-game high . . . Caught at least one pass in all but four games. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Led team with 12 receptions for 445 yards senior season . . . Caught five scoring passes . . . Made 61 tackles and six interceptions while playing in the secondary . . . Named first-team All-Salem County . . . Honorable mention South Jersey Offense Group I choice . . . Team co-captain.

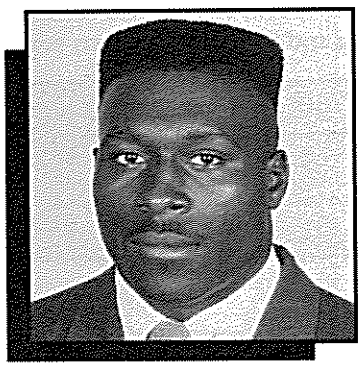
RECEIVING STATS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
1989	13	280	21.5	1	66 (WG)
CAREER	13	280	21.5	1	66 (WG)



1 DONNIE SUBER

Strong Safety
5-8, 172, JR-1L, Columbia, S.C.
(Spring Valley)

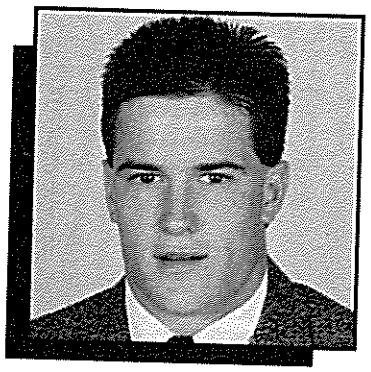
Will play reserve role in secondary and see special teams action during 1990 . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Appeared in three games as special teams player . . . Made four tackles overall, two each against Tennessee-Chattanooga and Marshall. **1988:** Was not eligible to play. **1987:** Squadman who did not see any action. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three letters in football, two in track and one in wrestling at Spring Valley High . . . All-area choice on the gridiron . . . MVP in 1985 and 1986.



31 TIM TOWNSEND

Fullback
5-10, 198, SO-SQ, Springfield
(Effingham County)

Most impressive offensive newcomer during spring practice . . . Leading rusher in two of three scrimmages . . . Top rusher for Blue team in spring game with 48 yards on 15 carries . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Proposition 48 candidate. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-region and All-Coastal Empire for Effingham County High . . . **Savannah News-Press** Region 3-AAAA Player-of-the-Year . . . Amassed 2,690 yards on 386 rushes during career . . . Also caught 16 passes for 237 yards . . . MVP senior season with 1,701 yards and 27 TDs on 227 carries . . . Played in North-South All-Star Game . . . Member of track team.



16 CHANCE WARD

Split End
5-8, 154, JR-1L, Riverdale (High)

Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Played sparingly at split end . . . Caught only pass against West Georgia (eight yards) . . . Earned first letter as Eagle making travel squad. **1988:** Reserve wide receiver, did not catch a pass. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three-year letterman in football (wide receiver) and baseball (outfield) at Riverdale . . . All-region and all-county performer who caught 24 passes for 580 yards and six TDs . . . Hit .300 on the diamond and was teams's top base stealer.

RECEIVING STATS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
1989	1	8	8.0	0	8	(WG)
CAREER	1	8	8.0	0	8	(WG)

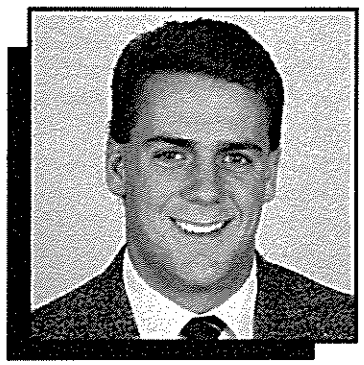


28 MIKE WEST

Linebacker
5-10, 205, SR-2L, Roswell (High)

Moved into the middle during spring practice to replace graduated Darrell Hendrix . . . Started spring as the No. 1 weakside linebacker . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Played 13 games, starting nine . . . Sprained right ankle during quarter-final playoff action kept him out of semifinal and champion-ship games . . . 80 stops overall made him fourth-leading tackler . . . Registered two sacks, one pass breakup and one tackle for loss . . . Recovered two fumbles and caused another . . . 18 tackles at James Madison was season high for any defender . . . 14 tackles vs. the Dukes were unassisted . . . Also paced Eagles against Valdosta State (eight) and Samford (nine) . . . Nine tackles against Tennessee-Chattanooga. **1988:** Saw a gradual increase in playing time as the season progressed . . . Recorded 14 tackles, 11 solo . . . 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 semifinals). **1987:** Used sparingly in a reserve role. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three-year letterman in both football and wrestling at Roswell High School . . . Named all-area in both sports twice . . . Wrestling and football MVP two years.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	10	3	13	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
1989	53	19	72	2.0	1.0	1	2	0	0	1
CAREER	63	22	85	2.0	1.0	1	2	0	0	1



21 JASON WHITEHEAD

Split End
6-0, 177, JR-1L, Marietta (Lassiter)

Starting split end at conclusion of spring practice . . . Originally a walk-on. **1989:** Began season as reserve strong safety, but moved to split end early in year . . . Earned start at James Madison . . . Participant on special teams . . . Caught one pass for seven yards vs. Montana in 45-15 national semifinal romp. **1988:** Squad member. **1987:** Redshirted. **High School:** Football and baseball letterman at Lassiter and Waubonsie Valley in Naperville, Ill., . . . Played quarterback, running back and shortstop . . . Member of Chicago All-Suburban team.

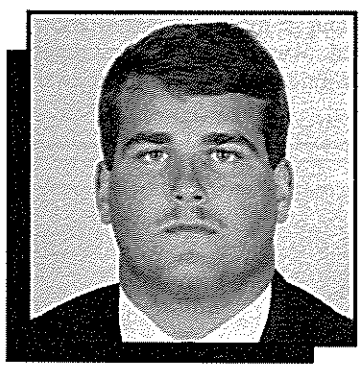


4 KEVIN WHITLEY

Cornerback
5-10, 186, JR-2L, Decatur (Lakeside)

Returns for third season as regular in Eagle secondary . . . Top returning tackler among defensive backs . . . Punishing hitter who may contend for postseason honors. **1989:** Southern's No.7 tackler . . . Recorded 69 stops overall, 51 of which were unassisted . . . Credited with four tackles for loss and three quarterbacks sacks . . . Tied for second position among team interception leaders with five pass thefts (Florida A&M, Middle Tennessee State #1, James Madison, Nicholls State, Stephen F. Austin) . . . Starter in all games . . . Made 10 tackles (seven unassisted) in national championship victory over Stephen F. Austin . . . Had eight tackles vs. Tennessee Chattanooga (all unassisted) and Montana . . . Six tackles, including five unassisted, vs. Savannah State, Central Florida and Middle Tennessee State in second meeting with the Blue Raiders. **1988:** The only true freshman to play for Georgia Southern . . . Did not play a snap in the first five games . . . First career appearance was a start against defending national champion Northeast Louisiana . . . Recorded 27 tackles, 16 solos and 11 assists . . . Had two interceptions, one pass breakup and two tackles for loss . . . Made eight tackles and picked off pass against Furman. **High School:** All-region, All-DeKalb County and all-state performer at Lakeside . . . Team was state semifinalist senior season . . . Point guard on prep basketball team.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UA	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1988	14	4	18	0.0	2.0	0	0	1	0	1
1989	32	10	42	2.0	1.0	0	0	4	0	1
CAREER	46	14	60	2.0	3.0	0	0	5	0	2



63 JOHN WILSON

Offensive Guard
6-2, 262, SR-3L, Dublin (High)

Moved from starting left tackle slot to top status at right guard in the spring . . . Lone offensive line starter returning from 15-0 national championship team. **1989:** Regular at left tackle in first full year as a starter . . . Was only junior among Georgia Southern's starting offensive linemen . . . Sidelined by sprained right ankle during preseason drills, but bounced back and was a consistent performer all season . . . Opened in every game. **1988:** Started two games for the Eagles during the regular season . . . Opened against Florida State and South Carolina State. **1987:** Saw extensive game action in a reserve role. **1986:** Redshirted. **High School:** Prepped at Dublin High, school of former Eagle All-America Taz Dixon.

1990 NEWCOMERS

Charles Bostick, QB, 5-10, 180, Thomasville (High)—Considered by many to be one of the top option quarterbacks in Georgia...Also played defensive back...Led the Yellow Jackets to a 9-3 season in 1989 after a 15-0 state championship year in 1988...Hampered by injuries but still rushed for over 600 yards and eight touchdowns and threw for 750 yards and five touchdowns...Was a 1989 preseason pick for the **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** Super 11...Was selected all-state at both quarterback and defensive back junior and senior seasons.

Nick Davis, LB, 5-10, 210, Griffin (High)—A four-year letterman, he has been starting since the middle of his freshman year...Served as team captain during senior season...Earned first team all-state honors...Named team MVP and Defensive Player-of-the-Year.

Scott Davis, DL, 6-2, 197, Powder Springs (McEachern)—Team captain his senior campaign...All-county during that year...Named team's Defensive Lineman of the Year and Coaches Award winner this past season.

Darius Dawson, LB, 6-1, 200, Moultrie (Colquitt County)—All-Region 1-AAAA at Colquitt County...Recorded 86 tackles, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions senior season...Was team MVP in 1989 and Spirit Award winner in 1988...Participated for South squad in North-South All-Star Game.

Isaac Ferrell, OL, 6-1, 250, Warner Robins (Northside)—Played tight end for Northside...Most Valuable Lineman for two years...All-Middle Georgia his senior year...A member of *Who's Who in American Football.*

Terance Findley, WR, 5-11, 180, Warner Robins (NE Oklahoma JC)—This season's only junior college signee...Is expected to step right in and contribute...Played his high school ball at Warner Robins...Was a quarterback in high school...Runs a 4.6 40-yard dash.

Shafton Fraley, RB, 5-11, 170, Milledgeville (Baldwin)—Team's Most Valuable Offensive Player...Played quarterback for Baldwin but will most likely be moved to slotback...Ran the option last season, running for 12 TDs and throwing for nine...Runs a 4.49 40-yard dash.

Cail Glaze, WR-DB, 6-3, 180, Elberton (Elbert County)—First-team All-Athens Area selection...Participated in Georgia North-South All-Star Game...Caught six touchdown passes senior season...Intercepted eight passes.

Alex Mash, DL, 6-0, 230, Thomasville (High)—One of three signees from Thomasville High...Will join former head coach Mike Hodges at Georgia Southern...Voted first-team All-Region 1-AAA on two occasions...Also named to All-South Georgia team.

Michael Morris, DL, 6-3, 190, Adel (Cook County)—Named WCTV-McDonald's Player-of-the-Week; also Valdosta area Player-of-the-Week...A member of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*...Winner of the United States Achievement Award and the National History Award.

Kevin Morse, OL, 6-1, 255, Athens (Clarke Central)—Lettered all four years at Clarke Central...Member of two state runner-up teams...Recipient of two Best Offensive Lineman Awards, two off-season awards and the Golden Helmet Award for most dedicated player...Was listed among **Street and Smith's** Top 100 Players and was All-America in several other publications...Played in the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game.

Brock Scott, OL, 6-3, 240, Reidsville (High)—Another North-South All-Star Game participant...Named all-area his junior year and all-area and all-state his senior season...Voted the team's Most Valuable Offensive Lineman twice...Holds the state record for shotput and discus throw...Class A state champion in both as a junior.

Donny Simmons, OL, 6-3, 245, Snellville (South Gwinnett)—Helped his team to an 8-2 record and an average 230 yards rushing per game...A member of the 1989 Atlanta Touchdown Club all-metro team...Was selected to participate for the North squad at the North-South Georgia All-Star Game...Named all-county two consecutive years and was Lineman-of-the-Year after junior and senior campaigns.

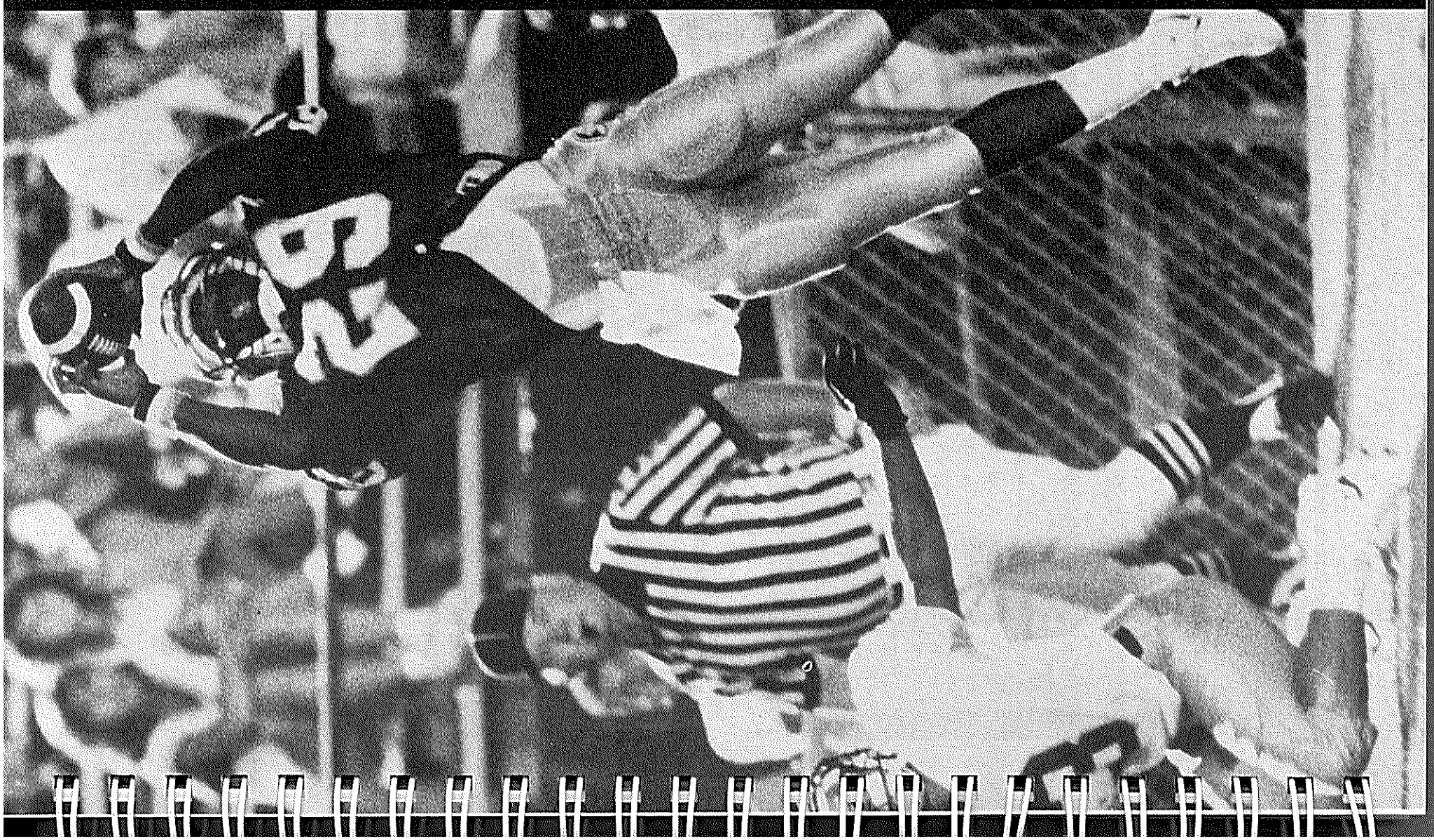
Jeff Yawn, LB, 5-11, 190, Statesboro (High)—The only local product signed by Georgia Southern...Was a member of the All-Region 2-AAA team...Was honorable mention All-Coastal Empire by the **Savannah Morning News—Evening Press**...Made 99 tackles his senior season, 60 unassisted...Voted the team's best defensive end three years...A Marine Scholar-Athlete Award winner and team's winner of the off-season award for dedication and hard work.

How to Say:

Brad Almon—ALL-mon
Chris Arnault—Are-nault
Clint Avret—Ave-rit
Miguel Ayoub—EYE-bob
McLeonard Baul—Ball
Bill Breda—BRAY-da
Steve Bussoletti—BOO-sa-letty
Scott Chafin—CHA-fin
Nick Dereszynski—DARE-uh-SHIN-ski
Mike Dowis—DOW-iss
Lester Efford—EE-ferd
Dave Geros—Jerros
Tom Gramiak—GRAM-ee-ak
Rufus Mazyck—Muh-zeek
Chuck McClurg—G is hard
Jim Mutimer—MEW-ti-mer
Rex Nottage—NOT-tidge
Paul Sikkelee—Sickly
Terrance Sorrell—SIR-ell
Billy Steih—Sty
Donnie Suber—SOO-ber

Moultrie—MOLE-tree
Fernandina Beach—FER-nin-DEEN-a
Kennesaw—KEN-a-saw
Statham—STAT-um
Winder—Whine-der

'90 OPPONENTS



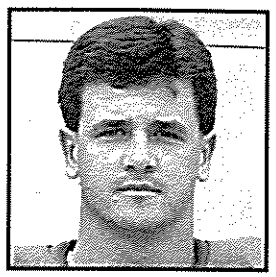
Game No. 1

VALDOSTA STATE

SEPTEMBER 1 — 1:00 P.M. (EDT)
STATESBORO, GA.
ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Mike Cavan



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Valdosta, Ga.
Enrollment: 7,500
Nickname: Blazers
Colors: Red and Black
Stadium: Martin (12,000/1964)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Gulf South
1989 Record: 5-5
1989 Postseason: None
Basic Offense: Pro Set, I
Basic Defense: 4-3
President: Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
Athletic Director: Mike Cavan, Tommy Thomas
SID: Steve Roberts
Office Phone: (912) 333-5890
Fax Phone: (912) 333-5972
Home Phone: (912) 244-6560
Flagship Radio Station: WJEM—1150 AM
Bill England (play-by-play)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mike Cavan (Georgia '72)
Overall Record: 26-14-1 (4)
Record at VSC: 26-14-1 (4)
Office Phone: (912) 333-5844
Best Time to Reach: Mornings
Assistant Coaches:
David McKnight (offensive coordinator)
Bill Hyde (defensive coordinator)
Eric Schumann (secondary)
David Elsenrath (offensive line)
David Napert (defensive line)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 16 (O), 19 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 5 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Returning: 7 (O), 6 (D)
Starters Lost: 4 (O), 5 (D)
All-America Candidates:
TB Ramon Allen
CB Deon Searcy

1990 SCHEDULE

9/1	**at Georgia Southern**
9/15	at Tennessee-Martin
9/22	JACKSONVILLE STATE
9/29	at Troy State
10/6	LIVINGSTON
10/13	at West Georgia
10/20	at East Tennessee State
10/27	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
11/3	at Delta State
11/10	NORTH ALABAMA

1989 RESULTS (5-5)

10	**at Georgia Southern**	**31**
14	at Central Florida	35
35	TENNESSEE-MARTIN	14
15	at Jacksonville State	17
20	TROY STATE	14
17	at Livingston	6
34	WEST GEORGIA	16
3	at Mississippi College	32
16	DELTA STATE	24
24	at North Alabama	21

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 3-1-1... A 27-27 tie Sept. 25, 1982 at Statesboro's Womack Field is the only tie the Eagles have recorded since the return of the football program...Southern has won the last two meetings, including a season-opening 31-10 victory last season...The Blazers' only win was a 34-29 decision in Valdosta Nov. 19, 1983...The Eagles and Blazers played two games in 1982 (27-27 tie and a 45-29 Southern win)...Georgia Southern rushed for a then school-record 505 yards in a 38-8 win Oct. 27, 1984...Ricky Harris (140), Tracy Ham (130) and Gerald Harris (100) all topped the century mark...During the course of the series, the Eagles have used the ground game (294.0 yards per game) to their advantage, while the Blazers have had success through the air (235.6 yards per game) ...Georgia Southern is 7-10-1 against Gulf South Conference members (5-2-1 in the modern era)...**Valdosta State travel plans** — will arrive in Statesboro Friday, August 31...Lodging at the Holiday Inn (912) 764-6121.

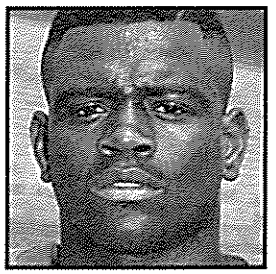
Game No. 2

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

SEPTEMBER 8 — 8:00 P.M. (EDT)
MURFREESBORO, TENN.
JOHNNY FLOYD STADIUM



James Donnelly



Jimmy McCamey

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Enrollment: 14,136
Nickname: Blue Raiders
Colors: Blue and White
Stadium: Floyd (15,000/1937)
Surface: Astroturf
Conference: Ohio Valley
1989 Record: 9-4
1989 Postseason: NCAA I-AA quarterfinals
Basic Offense: Multiple I
Basic Defense: Wide-Tackle Six
President: Dr. Wallace Prescott
Athletic Director: John Stanford
SID: Ed Given
Office Phone: (615) 898-2450
Fax Phone: (615) 898-5626
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: 89-56 (13)
Record at MTSU: 75-49 (11)
Office Phone: (615) 898-2570
Best Time to Reach: Mornings
Assistant Coaches:
Ed Bunio (defensive coordinator)
Charlie Butler (offensive coordinator)
Tom Fiveash (defensive line)
Eric Roark (receivers)
Preston O'Neal (secondary)
Alex Robins (quarterbacks)
Randy Pippin (defensive ends)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 26,(O), 22 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 3 (O), 2 (D)
Starters Returning: 10 (O), 11 (D)
Starters Lost: 2 (O) 1 (D)
All-America Candidates:
LB Anthony Coleman CB Jimmy McCamey
TB Joe Campbell P Chuck Daniel

1990 SCHEDULE

9/1	at Tennessee State
9/8	**GEORGIA SOUTHERN**
9/15	EAST TENNESSEE STATE
9/22	WESTERN KENTUCKY
9/29	at Tennessee-Chattanooga
10/6	at Eastern Kentucky
10/13	TENNESSEE-MARTIN
10/20	at Austin Peay
10/27	MOREHEAD STATE
11/10	at Murray State
11/17	TENNESSEE TECH

1989 RESULTS (9-4)

36	*Tennessee State	7
41	at East Tennessee State	6
16	at Western Kentucky	31
0	**at Georgia Southern**	**26**
24	TENN-CHATTANOOGA	7
14	at North Carolina State	35
34	at Morehead State	3
46	AUSTIN PEAY	7
24	EASTERN KENTUCKY	19
32	MURRAY STATE	15
24	at Tennessee Tech	3
24	#Appalachian State	21
3	**#at Georgia Southern**	**45**

*Nashville, Tenn.;
#NCAA I-AA playoffs

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 5-3...The Eagles took a two-game lead with a pair of victories last season (26-0 Sept. 21 and 45-3 Dec. 2 during the NCAA I-AA quarterfinals)...GSU is 2-2 against Middle Tennessee State in games played at Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium...The Blue Raiders defeated the Eagles 26-10 (Sept. 24, 1988) in the last game played in Murfreesboro between the two schools (game was delayed for an hour due to a severe electrical storm in the central Tennessee area)...Fullback Joe Ross has had a successful career vs. MTSU — in four games Ross has rushed for 483 yards on 97 carries (120.8 yards per game/5.0 yards per carry) vs. the Blue Raiders...Although Southern beat MTSU twice in Statesboro in 1989, the Blue Raiders are the only team in history to beat the Eagles at Paulson Stadium (GSU has won 37 straight games at home)...GSU is 2-0 vs. MTSU in NCAA I-AA play off meetings (other was a 28-21 win Dec. 7, 1985)...Georgia Southern is 8-3 all-time vs. Ohio Valley Conference members (5-3 vs. MTSU, 1-0 vs Eastern Kentucky and 2-0 vs. Tennessee Tech).

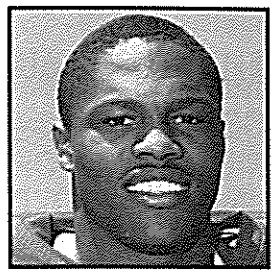
Game No. 3

FLORIDA STATE

SEPTEMBER 15 — 7:00 P.M. (EDT)
TALLAHASSEE, FLA.
DOAK CAMPBELL STADIUM



Bobby Bowden



Lawrence Dawsey

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Tallahassee, Fla.
Enrollment: 28,000
Nickname: Seminoles
Colors: Garnet and Gold
Stadium: Doak Campbell (60,519/1950)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Independent
1989 Record: 10-2
1989 Postseason: Fiesta Bowl
Florida State 41, Nebraska 17
Basic Offense: Multiple Pro-Style
Basic Defense: 5-2
President: Dr. Bernard F. Sliger
Athletic Director: Bob Goin
SID: Wayne Hogan
Office Phone: (904) 644-1403
Fax Phone: (904) 644-3820
Home Phone: (904) 562-4827
Assistant SID: Donna Turner
Home Phone: (904) 386-9486
Flagship Radio Station: WTNT—94.9 FM
Gene Deckerhoff (play-by-play)
Vic Prinzi (color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bobby Bowden (Samford '53)
Overall Record: 195-72-3 (24)
Record at FSU: 122-40-3 (14)
Office Phone: (904) 644-1465
Best Time to Reach: Mornings/thru SID
Assistant Coaches:
Chuck Amato (defensive line)
Mickey Andrews (defensive coordinator)
Brad Scott (offensive coordinator)
Wally Burnham (linebackers)
Dr. John Eason (receivers)
Jim Gladden (outside linebackers)
Jimmy Heggins (tight ends)
Billy Sexton (running backs)
Mark Richt (quarterbacks)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 23 (O), 26 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 9(O), 6 (D)
Starters Returning: 4 (O), 4 (D)
Starters Lost: 7 (O), 7 (D)
All-America Candidates:
WR Lawrence Dawsey LB Kirk Carruthers
OG Hayward Haynes

1990 SCHEDULE

9/8	EAST CAROLINA
9/15	**GEORGIA SOUTHERN**
9/22	at Tulane
9/29	VIRGINIA TECH
10/6	at Miami
10/20	at Auburn
10/27	LOUISIANA STATE
11/3	at South Carolina
11/10	CINCINNATI
11/17	*Memphis State
12/1	FLORIDA

*Orlando, Fla.

1989 RESULTS (10-2)

26	*Southern Mississippi	30
23	CLEMSON	34
31	at Louisiana State	21
59	TULANE	9
41	at Syracuse	10
41	at Virginia Tech	7
22	AUBURN	14
24	MIAMI	10
35	SOUTH CAROLINA	10
57	MEMPHIS STATE	20
24	at Florida	17
41	#Nebraska	17

*Jacksonville, Fla.;#Fiesta Bowl (Tempe, Ariz.)

GAME NOTES: Florida State leads the series 1-0...Georgia Southern returns to Doak Campbell Stadium hoping to attract as much national media attention as the last visit produced...The Eagles led the heavily favored Seminoles, 10-7, with nine minutes left in the game (Oct. 8, 1988)...The Southern defense limited Heisman Trophy candidate Sammie Smith to just 30 yards on eight carries but succumbed to quarterback Chip Ferguson's air tactics late in the contest...Ferguson led FSU on three successive scoring drives in the game's final 8:28 to give Florida State a 28-10 win before 59,109 fans...Despite the absence of All-America cornerback Deion Sanders, the Seminoles allowed 271 yards total offense...Although surrendering 247 passing yards, the Eagle defense held the FSU ground game to 115 yards... Freshman Rodney Oglesby recorded two interceptions...Said Seminole 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."

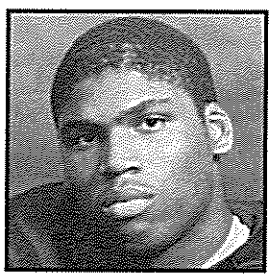
Game No. 4

EASTERN KENTUCKY

SEPTEMBER 22 — 1:00 P.M. (EDT)
STATESBORO, GA.
ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Roy Kidd



Markus Thomas

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Richmond, Ky.
Enrollment: 14,268
Nickname: Colonels
Colors: Maroon and White
Stadium: Hanger Field (20,000/1969)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Ohio Valley
1989 Record: 9-3
1989 Postseason: NCAA I-AA first round
Basic Offense: I Pro-Set
Basic Defense: 5-2
President: Dr. Hanly Funderburk
Athletic Director: Donald Combs
SID: Karl Park
Office Phone: (606) 622-1253
Fax Phone: (606) 622-1230
Home Phone: (606) 624-1291
Assistant SID: Jack Frost
Home Phone: (606) 299-5542
Flagship Radio Station: WEKY—1340 AM
Greg Stotelmyer (play-by-play)
Webber Hamilton (color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Roy Kidd (Eastern Kentucky '55)
Overall Record: 208-77-8 (26)
Record at EKU: 208-77-8 (26)
Office Phone: (606) 622-2146
Best Time to Reach: Mon.-Thur.
Assistant Coaches:
Jack Ison (defensive coordinator)
Joe Blankenship (offensive coordinator)
Jim Tanara (defensive line)
Doug Carter (offensive line)
Larry McDonald (linebackers)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 19 (O), 23 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 4 (O), 4 (D)
Starters Returning: 7 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Lost: 4 (O), 4 (D)
All-America Candidates:
TB Markus Thomas
FB Tim Lester
QB Lorenzo Fields
NG Ernest Thompson
OT Al Jacevicius

1990 SCHEDULE

9/8	CENTRAL FLORIDA
9/15	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
9/22	**at Georgia Southern**
9/29	at Western Kentucky
10/6	MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
10/13	at Murray State
10/20	TENNESSEE STATE
10/27	TENNESSEE TECH
11/3	at Austin Peay
11/10	at Marshall
11/17	MOREHEAD STATE

1989 RESULTS (9-3)

31	WESTERN CAROLINA	13
48	at Delaware State	13
24	WESTERN KENTUCKY	3
21	at Tennessee State	9
45	AUSTIN PEAY	20
21	at Tennessee Tech	20
38	MARSHALL	23
38	MURRAY STATE	36
19	at Middle Tennessee State	24
19	at Central Florida	20
38	at Morehead State	31
24	#YOUNGSTOWN STATE	28

#NCAA I-AA playoffs

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 1-0...The only meeting between the Eagles and Colonels occurred during the 1988 NCAA I-AA semifinals at Paulson Stadium (Dec. 10)...Defensive end Darren Alford recovered quarterback Lorenzo Fields' fumble at the Georgia Southern five-yard line preventing a go-ahead EKU touchdown, as Georgia Southern held on for a thrilling 21-17 win...The Colonels gained an opponent-high 411 total yards, while Raymond Gross paced Southern with 152 rushing yards...Trailing 17-14 in the third quarter, slotback Frank Johnson scored from six yards out to give the Eagles the win and a shot to win their third I-AA national championship...In addition to Alford's heroics, safety Randell Boone picked off a Fields pass in the endzone to thwart another EKU drive...GSU is 8-3 vs. Ohio Valley Conference members...**Eastern Kentucky travel plans** — will arrive in Savannah Friday, Sept. 21...Lodging at the Quality Inn-Airport (912) 964-1421.

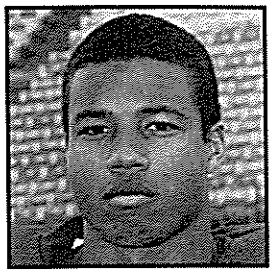
Game No. 5

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

SEPTEMBER 29 — 1:00 P.M. (EDT)
STATESBORO, GA.
ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Dave Roberts



Cisco Richard

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Monroe, La.
Enrollment: 10,560
Nickname: Indians
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Stadium: Malone (23,277/1978)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Southland
1989 Record: 4-6-1
1989 Postseason: none
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 50
President: Dr. Dwight D. Vines
Athletic Director: Benny Hollis
SID: Bob Anderson
Office Phone: (318) 342-5460
Fax Phone: (318) 342-5464
Home Phone: (318) 343-2343
Assistant SID: Robby Edwards
Home Phone: (318) 361-0809
Flagship Radio Station: KJLO—104 FM
Frank Hoffman (play-by play)
Lou St. Amant (color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Dave Roberts (Western Carolina '68)
Overall Record: 30-36-2 (6)
Record at NLU: 4-6-1 (1)
Office Phone: (318) 342-5371
Best Time to Reach: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Assistant Coaches:
Jim Holland (defensive coordinator)
Norman Joseph (offensive coordinator)
Tag Rome (receivers)
Lonnie Hansen (offensive line)
Lee Fobbs (defensive line)
Steve Ryan (defensive backs)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 22 (O), 23 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 7 (O), 5 (D)
Starters Returning: 9 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Lost: 2 (O), 2 (D)
All-America Candidates:
OT Reggie Lawson
QB Doug Pederson
TB Cisco Richard

1990 SCHEDULE

9/8	at Arkansas State
9/15	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
9/22	SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE
9/29	**at Georgia Southern**
10/6	at McNeese State
10/13	SAM HOUSTON STATE
10/20	at Nicholls State
10/27	NORTHWESTERN STATE
11/3	LOUISIANA TECH
11/10	Stephen F. Autsin
11/17	at North Texas

1989 RESULTS (4-6-1)

29	NICHOLLS STATE	13
17	MCNEESE STATE	14
7	at Southwest Texas State	26
10	SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	24
14	at Mississippi State	28
21	at Sam Houston State	13
14	Northwestern State	14
13	ARKANSAS STATE	7
6	at Louisiana Tech	24
45	at Stephen F. Austin	66
25	NORTH TEXAS	29

*Shreveport, La.

GAME NOTES: Series tied 1-1...Was billed as the "national championship" series in 1988 because of NLU's title in '87 and Georgia Southern 's championships in 1985 and 1986... The Indians used a 16-point second quarter to defeat Southern 26-17 at Malone Stadium in Monroe Oct. 17, 1987...Quarterback Raymond Gross made his first collegiate start that night...In the rematch, the Eagles outscored the Indians 28-3 in the second half to coast to a 43-11 win at Paulson Stadium Oct. 15, 1988...Gross passed for a then career-high 166 yards, while linebacker Everett Sharpe picked off two passes, returning one 45 yards for a score and sparking a run of 28 unanswered points..The win was Erk Russell's 60th career win...Georgia Southern is 4-1 vs. the Southland Conference (2-0 vs. Stephen F. Austin, 1-0 vs. Arkansas State in 1986 when the Indians were members of the SLC and 1-1 against NLU...**Northeast Louisiana travel plans** — will arrive in Statesboro Friday, Sept. 28...Lodging at the Holiday Inn (912) 764-6121.

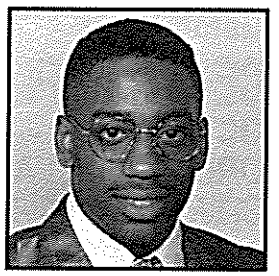
Game No. 6

MARSHALL

OCTOBER 6 — 7:00 P.M. (EDT)
HUNTINGTON, W.V.
FAIRFIELD STADIUM



Jim Donnan



Andre Motley

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Huntington, W.V.
Enrollment: 12,500
Nickname: Thundering Herd
Colors: Green and White
Stadium: Fairfield (17,312/1928)
Surface: OmniTurf
Conference: Southern
1989 Record: 6-5
1989 Postseason: none
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
Fax Phone: (304) 696-2325
Home Phone: (304) 529-1806
Flagship Radio Station: WTCR—103.3 FM
WTCR—1420 AM

Don Cook (play-by-play)
Mike Carey (color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Jim Donnan (N.C. State '67)
Overall Record: 0-0 (first year)
Record at MU: 0-0 (first year)
Office Phone: (304) 696-6464
Best Time to Reach: Mornings
Assistant Coaches:
Joe Pickinson (offensive coordinator)
Mickey Matthews (defensive coordinator)
Chris Scelfo (offensive line)
Mark Gale (tight ends & receivers)
Fred Manuel (secondary)
Tim Billings (defensive line)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 23 (O), 18 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 8 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Returning: 7 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Lost: 4 (O), 4 (D)
All-America Candidates:
TE Eric Ihnat
WR Andre Motley
PK Dewey Klein

1990 SCHEDULE

9/1	MOREHEAD STATE
9/8	WEST VIRGINIA TECH
9/22	at The Citadel
9/29	FURMAN
10/6	**GEORGIA SOUTHERN**
10/13	at East Tennessee State
10/20	TENN-CHATTANOOGA
10/27	at Virginia Military
11/3	APPALACHIAN STATE
11/10	EASTERN KENTUCKY
11/17	at Western Carolina

1989 RESULTS (6-5)

48	CATAWBA	0
30	MOREHEAD STATE	7
31	EAST TENN. STATE	21
0	at Tenn-Chattanooga	14
13	at Furman	34
40	THE CITADEL	17
23	at Eastern Kentucky	38
40	VIRGINIA MILITARY	10
7	at Appalachian State	28
35	WESTERN CAROLINA	22
31	**at Georgia Southern**	**63**

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 1-0...Joe Ross ran for a school-record 280 yards and the Eagles broke open a tight game (28-24 at the half) with 35 second-half points to record a 63-31 victory at Paulson Stadium...The Eagles generated a season-high 482 ground yards...First-year head coach Jim Donnan replaces George Chaump, who resigned Jan. 9 to accept the head coaching position at Navy...Donnan previously served as offensive coordinator at Oklahoma (1985-89) and was a part of the Sooner national championship team of 1985 which went 11-1...Georgia Southern is 11-7 all-time against Southern Conference members (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, 5-0 vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga and 1-0 vs. Marshall)...The Thundering Herd has made one title game appearance (1987, lost 43-42 to Northeast Louisiana in Pocatello, Idaho).

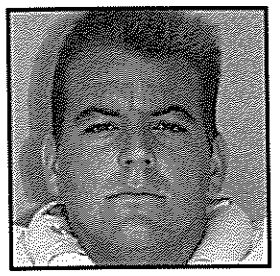
Game No. 7

CENTRAL FLORIDA

OCTOBER 20 — 7:00 P.M. (EDT)
ORLANDO, FLA.
CITRUS BOWL



Gene McDowell



Craig Marsden

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Orlando, Fla.
Enrollment: 20,000
Nickname: Knights
Colors: Black and Gold
Stadium: Citrus Bowl (70,000/1936)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Independent
1989 Record: 7-3
1989 Postseason: none
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: Multiple
President: Dr. Steven Altman
Athletic Director: Gene McDowell
SID: Bob Cefalo
Office Phone: (407) 275-2464
Fax Phone: (407) 281-5266
Home Phone: (407) 678-3356
Assistant SID: John Marini
Home Phone: (407) 282-1118
Flagship Radio Station: WDBO—580 AM
John Anthony (play-by-play)
Don Jonas, Manny Messeguer (color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Gene McDowell (Florida State '63)
Overall Record: 32-24 (5)
Record at UCF: 32-24 (5)
Office Phone: (407) 275-2342
Best Time to Reach: 10 a.m.—noon
Assistant Coaches:
Deck Pollard (defensive coordinator)
Mike Kruczek (offensive coordinator, QBs)
Paul Lounsberry (offensive line)
Bob Shackelford (defensive line)
Randy Romero (defensive backs)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 32 (O), 19 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 2 (O), 6 (D)
Starters Returning: 11 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Lost: 0 (O), 4 (D)
All-America Candidates:
C Craig Marsden
WR Sean Beckton

1990 SCHEDULE

9/1	TROY STATE
9/8	at Eastern Kentucky
9/15	at Bethune-Cookman
9/22	at Memphis State
9/29	KENTUCKY STATE
10/6	at Samford
10/20	**GEORGIA SOUTHERN**
10/27	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
11/3	LIBERTY
11/10	SLIPPERY ROCK
11/17	TEXAS SOUTHERN

1989 RESULTS (7-3)

15	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	23
35	VALDOSTA STATE	14
6	at Troy State	20
30	NEWBERRY	3
17	at North Alabama	16
34	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	0
17	**at Georgia Southern**	**31**
33	LIBERTY	30
20	EASTERN KENTUCKY	19
49	TEXAS SOUTHERN	12

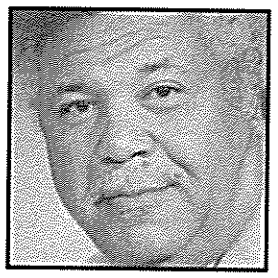
GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 7-1...The Eagles have won the last six meetings between the two schools, including a 31-17 win in 1989...Southern has never lost a game to the Knights at the Florida Citrus Bowl (3-0)...The lone UCF win was a 33-29 decision Sept. 10, 1983 at Statesboro's Womack Field during a humid 95-degree afternoon...The Knights exploded for 21 points in the third quarter to overcome a 15-9 Georgia Southern lead...UCF and Southern played the initial game at Jacksonville's Gator Bowl Sept. 11, 1982 (the Eagles won 16-9, in Georgia Southern's first game in 41 years)...The last time Southern visited Orlando, slotback Ernest Thompson scored three touchdowns and the Eagle defense limited UCF to 41 ground yards on the way to a 31-17 win...The series usually produces some high-scoring contests — in the series' eight-game history, Georgia Southern has averaged 31.4 points per game, while Central Florida has averaged 22.1 points per game...Four-year Georgia Southern letterman Mike Wagner currently serves as a Knight graduate assistant coach (offensive line).

UCF SPORTS

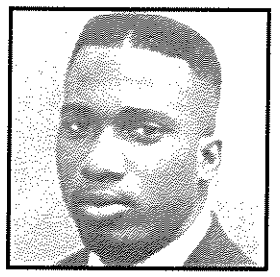
Game No. 8

SAVANNAH STATE

OCTOBER 27 — 1:00 P.M. (EDT)
STATESBORO, GA.
ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Bill Davis



Clifford Cooper

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Savannah, Ga.
Enrollment: 2,169
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Orange and Blue
Stadium: Theodore Wright (7,500/1967)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Southern Intercollegiate
1989 Record: 8-1
1989 Postseason: None
Basic Offense: Multiple Wing
Basic Defense: 3-4
President: Dr. William E. Gardner
Athletic Director: Bill Davis
SID: Lee Grant Pearson
Office Phone: (912) 356-2191
Fax Phone: (912) 356-2874
Home Phone: (912) 232-5972
Flagship Radio Station: WEAS—93.1 FM
Don Wilson (play-by-play)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bill Davis (Johnson C. Smith '65)
Overall Record: 77-37-1 (11)
Record at SSC: 27-12-0 (4)
Office Phone: (912) 356-2228
Best Time to Reach: Mornings
Assistant Coaches:
Joseph Crosby (linebackers)
Daryl McNeill (QBs and running backs)
Ken McWhorter (defensive line)
James Mitchell (offensive line)
Mike Wallace (defensive backs)
Richard Basil (quarterbacks)
Stanley Rivers (receivers)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 25, (O), 23 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 10 (O), 14 (D)
Starters Returning: 7 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Lost: 4 (O), 4 (D)
All-America Candidates:
TE Kenneth Brown FB Daniel Robinson
RB Lucious Cole

1990 SCHEDULE

9/1	*Bethune-Cookman
9/8	TUSKEGEE
9/15	MOREHOUSE
9/22	at Alabama A&M
9/29	at Morris Brown
10/6	at Johnson C. Smith
10/13	CLARK-ATLANTA
10/20	FAYETTEVILLE STATE
10/27	**at Georgia Southern**
11/3	FORT VALLEY STATE
11/10	at Albany State

*Jacksonville, Fla.

1989 RESULTS (8-1)

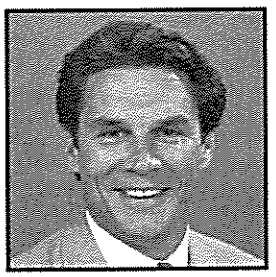
50	MILES	6
34	at Elon	10
57	MORRIS BROWN	13
14	**at Georgia Southern**	**35**
55	CLARK-ATLANTA	12
21	at Fayetteville State	20
29	at Knoxville	5
45	at Fort Valley State	37
29	ALBANY STATE	17

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 2-0...Joe Ross' 118 yards paved the way for Southern's 35-14 win last season (Oct. 7) at Paulson Stadium, while Clint Harper gained 178 yards in a 15-0 Eagle win Nov. 24, 1983 at Savannah's Memorial Stadium...Denver Broncos' draft choice Shannon Sharpe blistered the Eagle pass defense with nine catches for 202 yards in 1989...The first game of the series was marred by a game-long downpour and a game-ending brawl...Southern used a Steve Lomastro to Rickey Harris five-yard scoring pass and a Harper 43-yard scoring run to shut out the Tigers...The game was called off with 5:46 left in the fourth quarter after a fight erupted on the field between both squads...Head Coach Bill Davis previously faced Georgia Southern as head coach at South Carolina State...**Savannah State travel plans** — will arrive in Statesboro Saturday, Oct. 27 between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m.

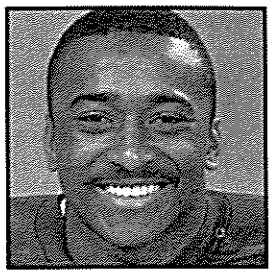
Game No. 9

JAMES MADISON

NOVEMBER 3 — 1:00 P.M. (EST)
STATESBORO, GA.
ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Joe Purzycki



Willie Lanier

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Harrisonburg, Va.
Enrollment: 10,700
Nickname: Dukes
Colors: Purple and Gold
Stadium: JMU (15,000/1974)
Surface: OmniTurf
Conference: Independent
1989 Record: 5-4-1
1989 Postseason: None
Basic Offense: Multi-Bone
Basic Defense: Multiple 30
President: Dr. Ronald E. Carrier
Athletic Director: Dean Ehlers
SID: Gary Michael
Office Phone: (703) 568-6154
Fax Phone: (703) 568-3703
Home Phone: (703) 337-7310
Assistant SID: Curt Dudley
Home Phone: (703) 434-4645
Flagship Radio Station: WSVA—550 AM
Mike Gastineau (play-by-play)
Jim Britt (color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Joe Purzycki (Delaware '71)
Overall Record: 50-45-3 (9)
Record at JMU: 29-24-2 (5)
Office Phone: (703) 568-6517
Best Time to Reach: 11 a.m.—noon
Assistant Coaches:
Jim Pletcher (defensive coordinator)
Tony DeMeo (offensive coordinator, QBs)
Bill Bachman (receivers, offensive backs)
Jeff Cannon (offensive line)
Hank Hughes (inside linebackers)
Maury Jarmon (outside linebackers)
Nick Polk (defensive line)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 27 (O), 19 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 5 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Returning: 7 (O), 4 (D)
Starters Lost: 4 (O), 7 (D)
All-America Candidates:
FS Eupton Jackson — P Scott Todd
DT Jermel Harris — C Chris Schellhammer

1990 SCHEDULE

9/8	LIBERTY
9/15	at Virginia Military
9/22	at Richmond
9/29	NEWBERRY
10/6	NORTHEASTERN
10/13	at Towson State
10/20	YOUNGSTOWN STATE
10/27	at Navy
11/3	**at Georgia Southern**
11/10	WILLIAM and MARY
11/17	APPALACHIAN STATE

1989 RESULTS (5-4-1)

48	BLOOMSBURG (Pa.)	3
28	at Massachusetts	28
31	RICHMOND	0
14	at Appalachian State	23
14	at Liberty	19
41	TOWSON STATE	6
25	VIRGINIA MILITARY	0
24	at Navy	20
21	**GEORGIA SOUTHERN**	**36**
21	at William and Mary	24
—	NORTHEASTERN (cancelled)	

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 4-1...The Eagles have won the last four meetings between the two schools since James Madison pinned a 21-6 loss on Southern at Harrisonburg in the series opener Nov. 2, 1985...Georgia Southern owns 45-35 (Nov. 15, 1986) and 26-7 (Nov. 1987) wins against the Dukes in games played at Paulson Stadium...Joe Ross rushed for 106 yards in last year's 36-21 victory at JMU...The Eagles rallied from a 15-point second-quarter deficit...In the last Eagle-Duke matchup at Paulson Stadium in 1987, freshman Ross rushed 20 times for 129 yards and Tim Foley kicked a school-record 63-yard field goal for a 26-7 win...During his career (three games) against James Madison, Ross has rushed for 374 yards on 77 carries (124.7 yards per game/4.9 yards per carry)...In JMU's only win, the Eagles lost quarterback Tracy Ham to a first-quarter injury and the offensive unit was held to a season-low 234 yards...**James Madison travel plans** — will arrive in Statesboro Friday, Nov. 2... Lodging at the Holiday Inn (912) 764-6121.

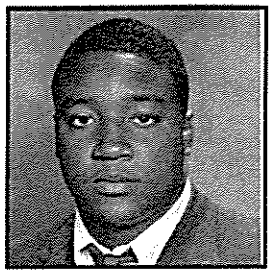
Game No. 10

TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA

NOVEMBER 10 — 3:00 P.M. (EST)
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
CHAMBERLAIN FIELD



Buddy Nix



Cedric Smith

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Chattanooga, Tennessee
Enrollment: 7,564
Nickname: Moccasins
Colors: Navy Blue and Old Gold
Stadium: Chamberlain (10, 501/1908)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Southern
1989 Record: 3-7-1
1989 Postseason: None
Basic Offense: Veer
Basic Defense: 5-2 Multiple
Chancellor: Dr. Frederick Obear
Athletic Director: Ed Farrell
SID: Neil Magnussen
Office Phone: (615 755-4618
Fax Phone: (615) 755-4610
Home Phone: (615) 875-6300
Assistant SID: Chris Dinger
Home Phone: (615) 870-2358
Flagship Radio Station: WGOW—1150 AM
Jim Reynolds (play-by-play)
Steve Woods (color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Buddy Nix (Livingston '61)
Overall Record: 29-36-1 (6)
Record at UTC: 29-36-1 (6)
Office Phone: (615) 755-4558
Best Time to Reach: 10 a.m.—11 a.m.
Assistant Coaches:
Tony Ball (wide receivers)
George Collins (offensive line)
Johnny Henderson (defensive backs)
Bobby Johns (linebackers)
Steve McGill (defensive line)
Frank Sadler (offensive backs)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 22 (O), 23 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 7 (O), 5 (D)
Starters Returning: 7 (O), 11 (D)
Starters Lost: 5 (O), 1 (D)
All-America Candidates:
P Pumpy Tudors
RB James Roberts
DT Troy Boeck
FS Derrick Willis

1990 SCHEDULE

9/8	at Tennessee Tech
9/15	FURMAN
9/22	at Georgia Tech
9/29	MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
10/6	EAST TENNESSEE STATE
10/13	at The Citadel
10/20	at Marshall
10/27	APPALACHIAN STATE
11/3	WESTERN CAROLINA
11/10	**GEORGIA SOUTHERN**
11/17	at Western Kentucky

1989 RESULTS (3-7-1)

10	TENNESSEE TECH	28
20	at Western Carolina	26
14	MARSHALL	0
7	at Middle Tennessee State	24
19	WESTERN KENTUCKY	7
23	at East Tennessee State	24
17	THE CITADEL	9
7	at Appalachian State	41
17	at Furman	27
13	**at Georgia Southern**	**34**
14	VIRGINIA MILITARY	14

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads the series 5-0...The Eagles hold a 2-0 advantage in games played at Tennessee-Chattanooga's Chamberlain Field...Southern victories in Chattanooga include a 19-14 win Sept. 28, 1985 and a 13-3 defensive edge Sept. 17, 1988...Georgia Southern broke open a tight 17-13 game with 17 fourth-quarter points at Paulson Stadium last season (Nov. 11)...A strong defensive series, the two teams have averaged a combined 37 points per game (Eagles 24.8 points per game, Moccasins held to just 12.2 points a contest)...In the last game at Chamberlain Field, defensive end Giff Smith recorded a school-record five sacks as the Eagle defense held UTC to 196 total yards...Quarterback Raymond Gross accounted for 250 yards total offense (125 passing, 125 rushing)...During his career (two games vs. UTC), Gross has averaged 138.0 yards passing and 110.5 yards rushing per game vs. the Mocs.

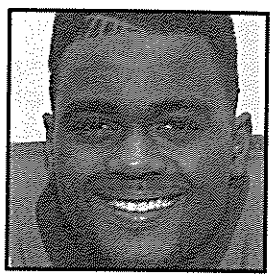
Game No. 11

SAMFORD

NOVEMBER 17 — 1:00 P.M. (EDT)
STATESBORO, GA.
ALLEN E. PAULSON STADIUM



Terry Bowden



David Primus

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Birmingham, Ala.
Enrollment: 4,000
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Red and Blue
Stadium: Seibert (6,000/1959)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Independent
1989 Record: 4-7
1989 Postseason: None
Basic Offense: Multiple I
Basic Defense: 50
President: Dr. Thomas E. Corts
Athletic Director: Steve Allgood
SID: Riley Adair
Office Phone: (205) 870-2799
Fax Phone: (205) 870-2654
Home Phone: (205) 871-0239
Flagship Radio Station: WYDE—850 AM
Jeff Lloyd (play-by-play)
Mickey Tumlin (color)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Terry Bowden (West Virginia '78)
Overall Record: 38-27 (6)
Record at SU: 18-14 (3)
Office Phone: (205) 870-2575
Best Time to Reach: 9 a.m.—11 a.m.
Assistant Coaches:
Jeff Bowden (offensive coordinator)
Jack Hines (defensive coordinator)
John Lee Armstrong (running backs)
Tony Ierulli (inside linebackers)
Todd Stroud (defensive line)
Bob Stinchcomb (outside linebackers)
Mike Howard (offensive line)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 19 (O), 18 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 4 (O), 4 (D)
Starters Returning: 8 (O), 9 (D)
Starters Lost: 3 (O), 2 (D)
All-America Candidates:
CB/KR David Primus

1990 SCHEDULE

9/1	*Alabama State
9/8	at East Tennessee State
9/15	at Tennessee Tech
9/29	AUSTIN PEAY
10/6	CENTRAL FLORIDA
10/13	FAYETTEVILLE STATE
10/20	at Morehead State
10/27	at Liberty
11/3	CATAWBA
11/10	CONCORD COLLEGE
11/17	**at Georgia Southern**
	*Legion Field

1989 RESULTS (4-7)

9	JACKSONVILLE STATE	19
14	at McNeese State	49
27	TENNESSEE TECH	23
28	at Livingston	35
28	MOREHEAD STATE	35
28	WEST GEORGIA	3
37	at Tennessee-Martin	33
7	**GEORGIA SOUTHERN**	**52**
16	at The Citadel	35
17	at Nicholls State	23
38	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	23

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern leads 2-0...Samford is only other Trans America Athletic Conference member which fields a football squad...The Eagles are 1-0 at Paulson Stadium and 1-0 at Birmingham's Seibert Field...Fullback Joe Ross rushed for 129 of Georgia Southern's 399 ground yards and the Eagles defense limited the Bulldogs to just 133 total yards (five rushing) as Southern posted a 52-7 win last season (Oct. 28) at Samford...In the series opener at Paulson Stadium (Nov. 12, 1988), the Eagles rushed for a school-record 515 yards on the way to a 49-21 Homecoming win in front of 20,340 fans...Frank Johnson ran for a personal-best 150 yards on just four carries, while Joe Ross gained 111 yards...The Eagles have averaged 50.5 points, 24.5 first downs, 457 rushing yards and 503.5 yards total offense per game vs. the Bulldogs...Samford's 21 points at Paulson were the most given up at home during 1988 and the most allowed in a 15-game period extending into the 1989 season (Marshall scored 31 Nov. 18)...**Samford travel plans** — will arrive in Statesboro Friday, Nov. 16...Lodging at the Holiday Inn (912) 764-6121.

1990 NCAA I-AA PLAYOFF INFORMATION

Championship: December 15, 1990 at Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.
Host Institution: Georgia Southern University

Semifinals: December 8, 1990 at home sites

Quarterfinals: December 1, 1990 at home sites

First Round: November 24, 1990 at home sites

PAST CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AND RESULTS

1989—Georgia Southern 37, Stephen F. Austin 34	**Statesboro, Ga.**
1988—Furman 17, Georgia Southern 12	**Pocatello, Idaho**
1987—Northeast Louisiana 43, Marshall 42	Pocatello, Idaho
1986—Georgia Southern 48, Arkansas State 21	**Tacoma, Wash.**
1985—Georgia Southern 44, Furman 42	**Tacoma, Wash.**
1984—Montana State 19, Louisiana Tech 6	Charleston, S.C.
1983—Southern Illinois 43, Western Carolina 7	Charleston, S.C.
1982—Eastern Kentucky 17, Delaware 14	Wichita Falls, Tex.
1981—Idaho State 34, Eastern Kentucky 23	Wichita Falls, Tex.
1980—Boise State 31, Eastern Kentucky 29	Sacramento, Calif.
1979—Eastern Kentucky 30, Lehigh 7	Orlando, Fla.
1978—Florida A&M 35, Massachusetts 28	Wichita Falls, Tex.

A LOOK AT PAST I-AA PLAYOFF PARTICIPANTS

Team (Years Participated)	Record	Team (Years Participated)	Record
Akron ('85)	0-1	Massachusetts ('78,'88)	1-2
Alcorn State ('84)	0-1	Middle Tennessee State ('84-85,'89)	3-3
Appalachian State ('86-87, '89	2-3	Mississippi Valley State ('84)	0-1
Arkansas State ('84-85-86-87)	6-4	Montana ('82,'88-89)	2-3
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 ('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 Kentucky ('79-80-81-82-83 -84-85-86-87-88-89)	12-8	North Texas ('83,'87-88)	0-3
Eastern Washington ('85)	1-1	Northeast Louisiana ('87)	4-0
Florida A&M ('78)	2-0	Northern Iowa ('85,'87)	3-2
Furman ('82-83,'85-86,'88-89)	9-5	Rhode Island ('81,'84-85)	2-3
Georgia Southern ('85-86-87-88-89)	**16-2**	Richmond ('84,'87)	1-2
		Sam Houston State ('86)	0-1
Grambling ('80,'85,'89)	0-3	South Carolina State ('81-82)	2-2
Holy Cross ('83)	0-1	Southern Illinois ('83)	3-0
Idaho ('82,'85-86-87-88-89)	3-6	Southwest Missouri State ('89)	1-1
Idaho State ('81,'83)	3-1	Stephen F. Austin ('88-89)	4-2
Indiana State ('83-84)	1-2	Tennessee-Chatanooga ('84)	0-1
Jackson State ('78,'81-82,'85-86-87-88-89)	0-8	Tennessee State ('86)	1-1
		Villanova ('89)	0-1
James Madison ('87)	0-1	Weber State ('87)	1-1
Lehigh ('79-80)	1-2	Western Carolina ('83)	3-1
Louisiana Tech ('82,'84)	4-2	Western Illinois ('88)	0-1
Maine ('87,'89)	0-2	Western Kentucky ('87-88)	1-2
Marshall ('87-88)	4-2	William and Mary ('86,'89)	0-2
		Youngstown State ('87,'89)	1-2

THE EAGLES

VS. 1990 OPPONENTS

VALDOSTA STATE — Georgia Southern leads the series 3-1-1
- 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)
- GSC 31-10 (Sept. 2, 1989 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—16,007)

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE —Georgia Southern leads the series 5-3
- 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)
- GSC 26-0 (Sept. 21, 1989 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—16,449)
* - GSC 45-3 (Dec. 2, 1989 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—11,272)

\# 1985 NCAA I-AA Quarterfinals; *1989 NCAA I-AA Quarterfinals

FLORIDA STATE — Florida State leads the series 1-0
- FSU 28-10 (Oct. 8, 1988 at Doak Campbell Stadium, Tallahassee, Fla.—59,109)

EASTERN KENTUCKY—Georgia Southern leads the series 1-0
\# - GSC 21-17 (Dec. 10, 1988 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—14,023)

\# 1988 NCAA I-AA Semifinals

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA—Series tied 1-1
- NLU 26-17 (Oct. 17, 1987 at Malone Stadium, Monroe, La.—17,231)
- GSC 43-11 (Oct. 15, 1988 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—20,228)

MARSHALL — Georgia Southern leads the series 1-0
- GSC 63-31 (Nov. 18, 1989 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—16,323)

CENTRAL FLORIDA—Georgia Southern leads the series 7-1
- GSC 16-9 (Sept. 11, 1982 at 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 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 Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.—11,137)
- GSC 34-32 (Oct. 3, 1987 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—15,540)
- GSC 31-17 (Oct. 29, 1988 at Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.—28,682)
- GSC 31-17 (Oct 21, 1989 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—19,640)

SAVANNAH STATE—Georgia Southern leads the series 2-0
- GSC 15-0 (Nov. 24, 1983 at Memorial Stadium, Savannah, Ga.—1,000)
- GSC 35-14 (Oct. 7, 1989 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—20,507)

JAMES MADISON—Georgia Southern leads the series 4-1
- 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
- GSC 36-21 (Nov. 4, 1989 at JMU Stadium, Harrisonburg, Va.—11,685)

TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA—Georgia Southern leads the series 5-0
- 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)
- GSC 34-13 (Nov. 11, 1989 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—24,078)

SAMFORD—Georgia Southern leads the series 2-0
- GSC 49-21 (Nov. 12, 1988 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga.—20,340)
- GSC 52-7 (Oct. 28, 1989 at Seibert Stadium, Birmingham, Ala.—6,042)

THE STREAK

Georgia Southern has now won 37 consecutive games at Paulson Stadium, a national I-AA record. Here is a look at Southern's home success:

Date	Opponent	Score	Highlights
10/05/85	Tennessee Tech	34-0	Frank Johnson 8 carries, 117 yards
10/12/85	Bethune-Cookman	46-24	Ricky Harris 154 yards rushing
10/26/85	Newberry	38-17	Tracy Ham 307 yards total offense
11/09/85	Central Florida	35-18	Eagles outscore Knights 29-0 after half
11/16/85	E. Tennessee St.	46-7	Eagles score 22 in 4-minute span of 1st quarter
11/30/85*	Jackson St.	27-0	Tracy Ham to Tony Belser for 2 TDs (48, 45 yards)
09/27/86	Tennessee-Chattanooga	34-14	7 Eagle interceptions is school record
10/11/86	Bethune-Cookman	52-31	Eagles score 31 in last 10 minutes of 1st half
11/15/86	James Madison	45-35	Tracy Ham rushes for 3 TDs, throws for 2, no punts
11/22/86	S. Carolina St.	28-7	Gerald Harris 169 yards rushing
11/29/86*	N. Carolina A&T	52-21	Gerald Harris 181 yards, playoff record 5 TDs
12/06/86	Nicholls St.	55-31	Tracy Ham rushes for 191, passes for 167
09/05/87	Catawba	27-0	Joe Ross debuts with 117 yards, 1 TD
09/19/87	Middle Tennessee St.	17-13	Joe Ross 1-yard TD wins with :30 left
10/03/87	Central Florida	34-32	Eagles penalized school-record 140 yards; Knight 2-point try fails with 5:00 left
10/31/87	Western Kentucky	23-20	Tim Foley 52, 57 FGs; Eagles have ball 38:50
11/07/87	James Madison	26-7	Tim Foley NCAA-record 63-yard FG
11/28/87*	Maine	31-28	Eagles rally from 28-10 to win in OT on Foley FG
09/03/88	Newberry	55-7	Eagles score on 7 of first 9 possessions
10/15/88	Northeast Louisiana	43-11	Everett Sharpe 2 interceptions; Ernest Thompson 3 TDs
10/22/88	Bethune-Cookman	38-14	Eagles score 24 in 3rd; Karl Miller 2 TDs
11/12/88	Samford	49-21	515 rushing yards is school record; Frank Johnson 4 carries, 150 yards
11/19/88	S. Carolina St.	53-0	Total offense: GSC 572, SCS 55 (school record)
11/26/88*	The Citadel	38-20	Joe Ross 15 carries, 149 yards, 1TD
12/03/88*	Stephen F. Austin	27-6	Raymond Gross 297 total offense, 161 rushing
12/10/88*	Eastern Kentucky	21-17	Raymond Gross 29 carries, 152 yards; Darren Alford recovers Colonel fumble at 5 with 12:26 to play
09/02/89	Valdosta St.	31-10	Everett Sharpe 7 tackles, 2 interceptions
09/09/89	West Georgia	48-7	Eagles set 4 single-game defensive records, crank 551 yards, score on 8 of 11 possessions; E.T. 4 TDs
09/21/89	Middle Tennessee St.	26-0	Played 180 miles from eye of Hugo; Mike Dowis ties school record with 4 FGs; Joe Ross 32 for 182; Eagles allow 5 first downs; ESPN night game
10/07/89	Savannah St.	35-14	Ernest Thompson 3 TDs
10/21/89	Central Florida	31-17	Lester Efford 2 4th-quarter TDs; 17 points off TOs
11/11/89	Tennessee-Chattanooga	34-13	17 4th quarter points; Darrell Hendrix 15 tackles
11/18/89	Marshall	63-31	Joe Ross school-record 280 yards. 3 TDs
11/25/89*	Villanova	52-36	Joe Ross 190 yards; Eagles score 25 unanswered points in 3rd quarter
12/02/89*	Middle Tennessee St.	45-3	Lester Efford 123 yards; Raymond Gross 2 TD passes
12/09/89*	Montana	45-15	Raymond Gross career-best 180 yards passing, 2 TDs
12/16/89*	Stephen F. Austin	37-34	Mike Dowis 20-yard FG with 1:41 left; Joe Ross 152 yards rushing; 5 interceptions by Eagles

* playoff game

1990 TRAVEL PLANS

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE—Depart Statesboro at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7 via charter bus. Lunch in Atlanta. Arrive in Murfreesboro mid-afternoon. Headquarters at Best Western Wayside Inn (615) 896-2330. Return following the 7:00 p.m. (CDT) game via Midway Airlines charter into Savannah.

How to get to Johnny Floyd Stadium: Go towards Murfreesboro on I-24. Exit at the Shelbyville-Murfreesboro exit. Turn right towards Murfreesboro. At the first traffic light, turn right on Sanbyrn Drive (it turns into S. Tennessee Blvd. and then becomes N. Tennessee Blvd.). At the third traffic light turn right onto Greenland (there are tennis courts on the right where you turn). It is approximately 5-6 miles from the I-24 exit.

FLORIDA STATE—Leave Statesboro via charter bus at 9:00 a.m. Friday September 14. Lunch in Waycross. Arrive in Tallahassee mid-afternoon. Headquarters at Holiday Inn Parkway (904) 877-3141. Return to Statesboro following the 7:00 p.m. contest.

How to get to Doak Campbell Stadium: From I-10, exit on U.S. 27 South. This becomes Monroe Street in Tallahassee. Go approximately five miles to the first major intersection and turn right on Jefferson. Proceed toward to the Capitol (approximately ½ mile). The street turns into Pensacola and goes through campus. The stadium will be on the left.

MARSHALL—Depart Statesboro by bus for Savannah Airport at noon Friday, October 5. Depart via Eastern charter at 1:30 p.m. Arrive in Huntington at 3:00 p.m. Headquarters at Holiday Inn Gateway (304) 736-8974. Return following the 7:00 p.m. game on Eastern charter.

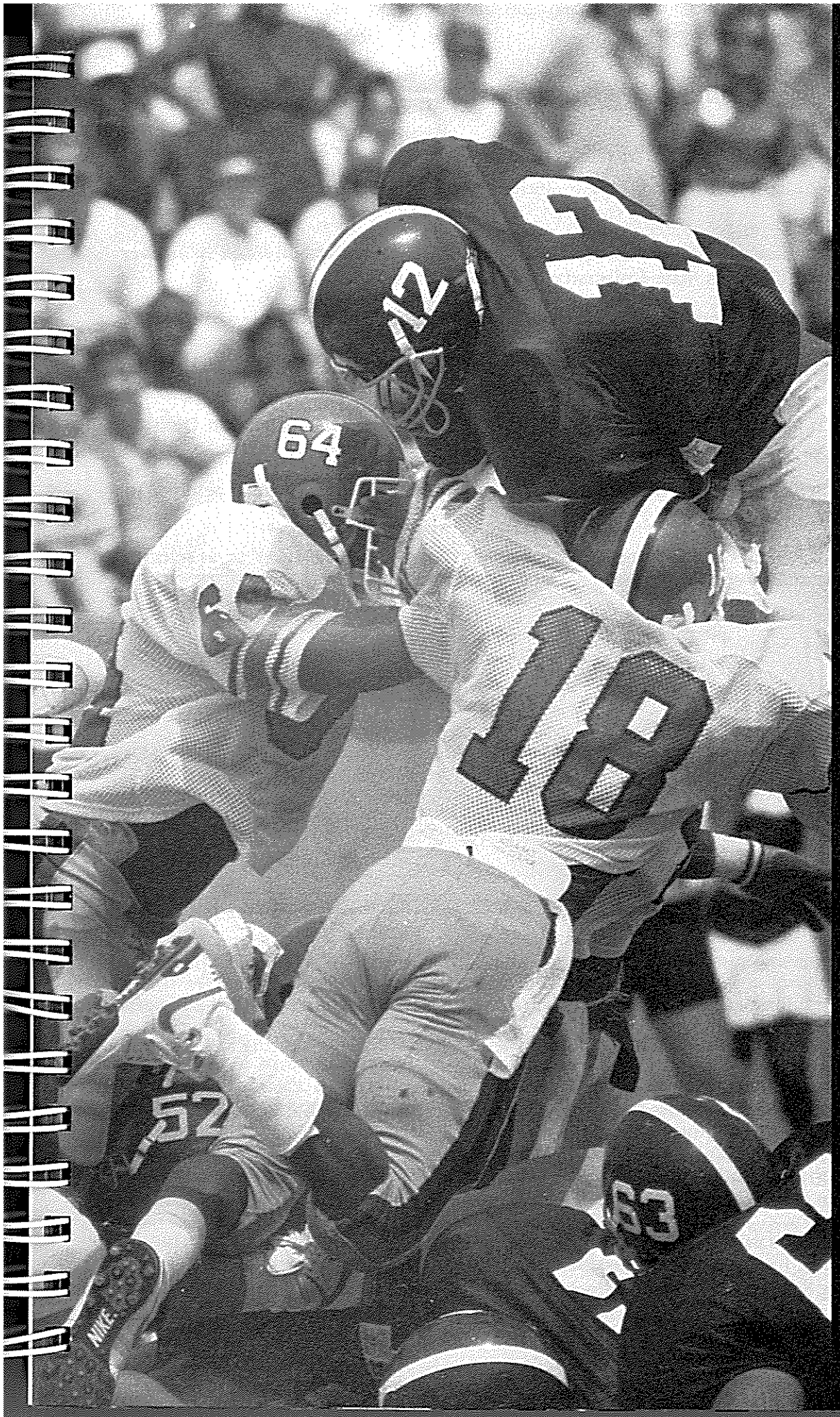
How to get to Fairfield Stadium: From the airport procede down the mountian to I-64. Go east to Hal Greer Blvd. (16th Street), exit on I-24 and procede towards Huntington. After approximately 3-4 miles, turn left on Charleston. The stadium is two blocks farther on the left.

CENTRAL FLORIDA—Leave on charter bus at 9:00 a.m. Friday, October 19. Lunch in Brunswick. Arrive in Orlando late afternoon. Headquarters at Ramada Orlando Central (407) 295-5270. Return to Statesboro by bus immediately following the 7:00 p.m. game.

How to get to Citrus Bowl: Exit I-4 on Highway 50 West. Go approximately one mile and turn south on Orange Blossom Trail. The stadium is approximately two miles away on Orange Blossom Trail.

TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA—Depart Statesboro via charter bus at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 9. Lunch in Atlanta. Arrive in Chattanooga mid-afternoon. Headquarters at Best Western Motor Inn South (615) 894-6820. Return to Statesboro immediately following the 3:00 p.m. game.

How to get to Chamberlain Stadium: From I-24 West exit on Highway 27 North (4th Street). Turn right on Mabel, right on Douglas, then left on Vine. The stadium is at the intersection of Vine and Douglas. It is approximately 2-3 miles from the exit off I-24.


'89 IN REVIEW

1989 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Only undefeated team in college football (NCAA, NAIA—all divisions)
* Only college team to go 15-0 in 20th century
* Captured unprecedented third I-AA national championship before 25,725 fans and a national television audience at Statesboro's Paulson Stadium Dec. 16 (37-34 over Stephen F. Austin State University of Nacogdoches, Tex.)
* Extended Division I's longest home win streak to 37 games
* Head Coach Erk Russell won the Eddie Robinson Award, symbolic of Division I-AA's top coach
* Coach Russell won the Kodak/American Football Coaches Association Division I-AA Coach-of-the-Year Award
* Coach Russell earned designation as Division I's Coach-of-the-Year, as selected by Georgia Sports Hall of Fame
* Coach Russell earned designation as Division I-AA's Coach-of-the-Year, as selected by Football News Magazine
* Coach Russell earned designation as Georgia's Coach-of-the-Decade, as selected by USA Today
* Georgia Southern earned designation as Georgia's Team-of-the-Decade, as selected by USA Today
* Georgia Southern went 14 games without allowing a third-quarter point
* Georgia Southern's rushing offense finished first nationally at 329.2 yards per game
* Georgia Southern's scoring offense finished second nationally at 36.8 points per game
* Georgia Southern's scoring defense finished second nationally at 12.1 points per game
* Georgia Southern's total defense finished third nationally at 255.9 yards per game
* Junior fullback Joe Ross finished fourth nationally in rushing at 135.4 yards per game
* Senior slotback Ernest Thompson finished fifth nationally in scoring at 9.8 points per game
* Junior fullback Joe Ross finished fourth in balloting for the Walter Payton Award, symbolic of Divison I-AA's top player
* Junior fullback Joe Ross earned designation as Division I Co-Athlete-of-the-Year (with Tech's Jerry Mays), as selected by Georgia Sports Hall of Fame
* One-fourth of Georgia Southern's starting lineup earned All-America status: Junior fullback Joe Ross (consensus), senior offensive guard Sean Gainey, senior strong safety Randell Boone, senior linebacker Darrell Hendrix, senior free safety Taz Dixon, junior defensive end Giff Smith

Sept. 2.....Paulson Stadium.....Statesboro, Ga.
A: 16,007.....94°, partly cloudy

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 31, VALDOSTA STATE 10

Valdosta State	3	0	0	7	— 10
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	14	7	7	3	— 31

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	9:56	Jack McIyre 29 FG	0-3
1	**7:59**	**Joe Ross 47 run (Mike Dowis PAT)**	**7-3**
1	**3:34**	**Karl Miller 8 run (Dowis PAT)**	**14-3**
2	**11:34**	**Ernest Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)**	**21-3**
3	**4:35**	**Thompson 51 pass from Raymond Gross (Dowis PAT)**	**28-3**
4	**8:57**	**David Cool 46 FG**	**31-3**
4	0:05	Willie Osborn 35 pass from Tye Cottle (McIyre PAT)	31-10

THE YARDSTICK

Blazers	TEAM STATS	Eagles
16	First Downs	16
38/100	Rush Att./Yds.	40/171
147	Yds. Passing	124
29	Passes Att.	17
16	Passes Comp.	7
3	Intercepted	0
247	Total Yds	295
1/0	Fumbles/Lost	5/3
6/52	Penalties/Yds.	6/55
7/30.7	Punts/Avg.	3/40.0
33:44	Poss. Time	26:16

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Ross 11-77-1; Thompson 7-25-1; Gross 12-24-0.

VSC—Allen 15-97-0; Davis 13-32-0.

Passing

GSC—Gross 10-5-0, 96, 1TD; Huntley 7-2-0,28, 0TD

VSC—Cottle 29-16-3, 147, 1TD.

Receiving

GSC—Allen 3-35-0; Sorrell 2-25-0

VSC—Fisher 8-69-0; Copeland 3-18-0

Defensive leaders: Mike West—8 tackles; Everett Sharpe—7 tackles, 2 interceptions; Darrell Hendrix—6 tackles; Charlie Waller—5 tackles, 1 sack; Troy Donahue—5 tackles; Rodney Oglesby—5 tackles, 3 breakups; Giff Smith—2 sacks; Steve Bussoletti—2 sacks.

GSC NOTES — Georgia Southern improved its opening day record to 6-2. Jack McIyre's 29-yard field goal capped Valdosta State's initial possession and gave the Blazers a short-lived advantage with 5:04 off the clock. GSC answered less than 2 minutes later with Joe Ross' 47-yard dash. Mike Dowis kicked the first of four PATs for a 7-3 Eagle lead.

Just 16 seconds later, GSC had the ball back at Valdosta's 5. Senior linebacker Everett Sharpe intercepted Tye Cottle's first down pass at the Blazer 24 and almost rambled to paydirt. VSC avoided a quicker death when Eagle slotback Ernest Thompson fumbled into the endzone on third down from the 1.

Valdosta took over at its 20, but Sharpe struck again - for the second time in less than two minutes. Theft No. 2 resulted in a first down for GSC at the Blazer 15. Karl Miller's 8-yard run topped a 4-play trip and with the conversion Southern led 14-3.

The Eagles led 21-3 at halftime. VSC closed to 31-10 on a 35-yard TD pass with five seconds remaining after recovering a fumble at midfield.

Sept. 9.....Paulson Stadium.....Statesboro, Ga.
A: 11,939.....86°, partly cloudy

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 48, WEST GEORGIA 7

West Georgia	0	0	0	7	—	7
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	17	10	14	7	—	48

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	10:01	Ernest Thompson 41 run (Mike Dowis PAT)	7-0
1	5:06	David Cool 49 FG	10-0
	2:21	Thompson 2 run (Dowis PAT)	17-0
2	6:34	Cool 46 FG	20-0
2	1:01	Thompson 10 run (Dowis PAT)	27-0
3	10:01	Thompson 2 run (Dowis PAT)	34-0
3	6:32	Terrance Sorrell 66 pass from A. Huntley (Dowis PAT)	41-0
4	10:56	Brooks Benton 58 run (Brad Donahue PAT)	41-7
4	7:07	Willando Ficklin 1 run (Chip McGinley PAT)	48-7

THE YARDSTICK

Braves	TEAM STATS	Eagles
6	First Downs	28
32/151	Rush Att./Yds.	61/360
8	Yds. Passing	191
12	Passes Att.	17
2	Passes Comp.	11
1	Intercepted	0
159	Total Yds	551
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	3/1
3/14	Penalties/Yds.	6/65
8/37.6	Punts/Avg.	2/43.0
21:04	Poss. Time	38:56

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Thompson 9-87-4; Gross 17-71-0; Efford 11-60-0; Huntley 5-47-0.
WGC—Benton 7-84-1; Mendenhall 3-34-0.

Passing

GSC—Gross 14-8-0, 105, 0TD; Huntley 3-3-0, 36, 1TD.
WGC—Ayers 8-2-1, 8, 0TD.

Receiving

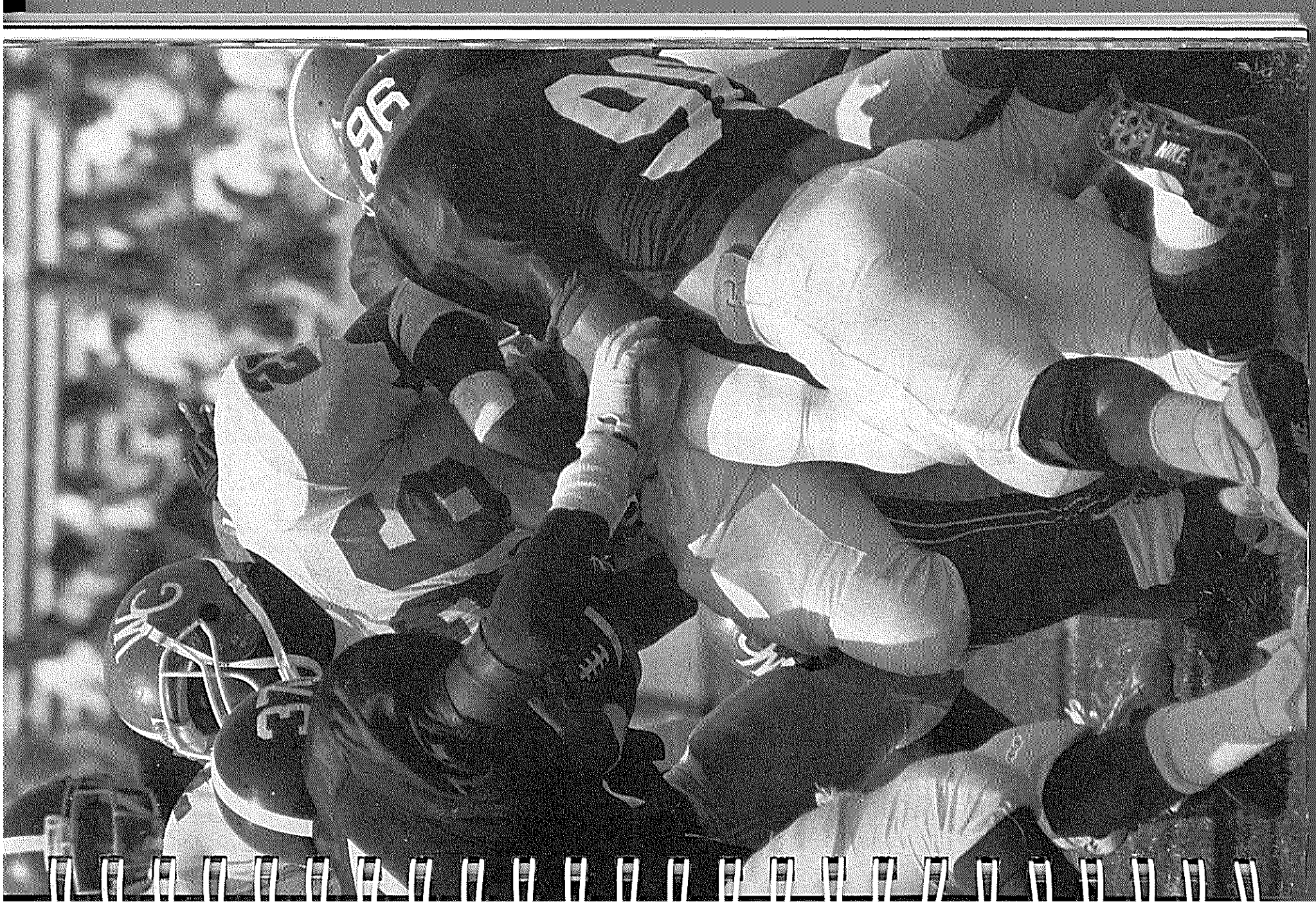
GSC—Allen 5-52-0; Sorrell 3-103-1.
WGC—Childs 1-7-0.

Defensive leaders: Giff Smith—7 tackles; Eugene Hayes—5 tackles; Steve Bussoletti—4 tackles, 1 fumble recovery; Taz Dixon—4 tackles; Randell Boone—4 tackles; Darrell Hendrix—4 tackles; Rodney Oglesby—1 interception.

GSC NOTES — Georgia Southern scored on five of its first six possessions and eight of 11 overall to roll past West Georgia.

Senior slotback Ernest Thompson scored four TDs for the second time in his career. The Eagle offense produced 551 yards and controlled the football for almost 39 minutes.

Georgia Southern's defense all but completely thwarted West Georgia's attack. The reward? GSC established four single-game school standards: fewest first downs (6), passing first downs (tie-0), passing yards (8), and total plays (44).



Sept. 16 ..... **Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla.**
A: 13,481 ..... **78°, rain**

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 28, FLORIDA A&M 0

GEORGIA SOUTHERN	0	14	14	0	—	28
Florida A&M	0	0	0	0	—	0

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
2	12:21	Ernest Thompson 2 run (Mike Dowis PAT)	7-0
2	7:49	Joe Ross 5 run (Dowis PAT)	14-0
3	10:01	Raymond Gross 33 run (Dowis PAT)	21-0
3	4:06	Ross 22 run (Dowis PAT)	28-0

THE YARDSTICK

Eagles	TEAM STATS	Rattlers
20	First Downs	12
58/281	Rush Att./Yds.	27/50
82	Yds. Passing	150
10	Passes Att.	26
5	Passes Comp.	13
0	Intercepted	3
363	Total Yds	200
1/0	Fumbles/Lost	2/0
7/101	Penalties/Yds.	9/102
5/40.8	Punts/Avg.	5/35.4
25:47	Poss. Time	34:13

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Ross 24-160-2; Gross 9-46-1; Ficklin 9-40-0.

FAMU—Rasul 9-27-0; Ezell 5-11-0.

Passing

GSC—Gross 7-4-0, 86, 0TD; Huntley 3-1-0, -4, 0TD.

FAMU—Jackson 13-6-2, 94, 0TD; Ezell 13-7-1, 56, 0TD.

Receiving

GSC—Sorrell 1-42-0; Belser 1-17-0; Allen 1-14-0.

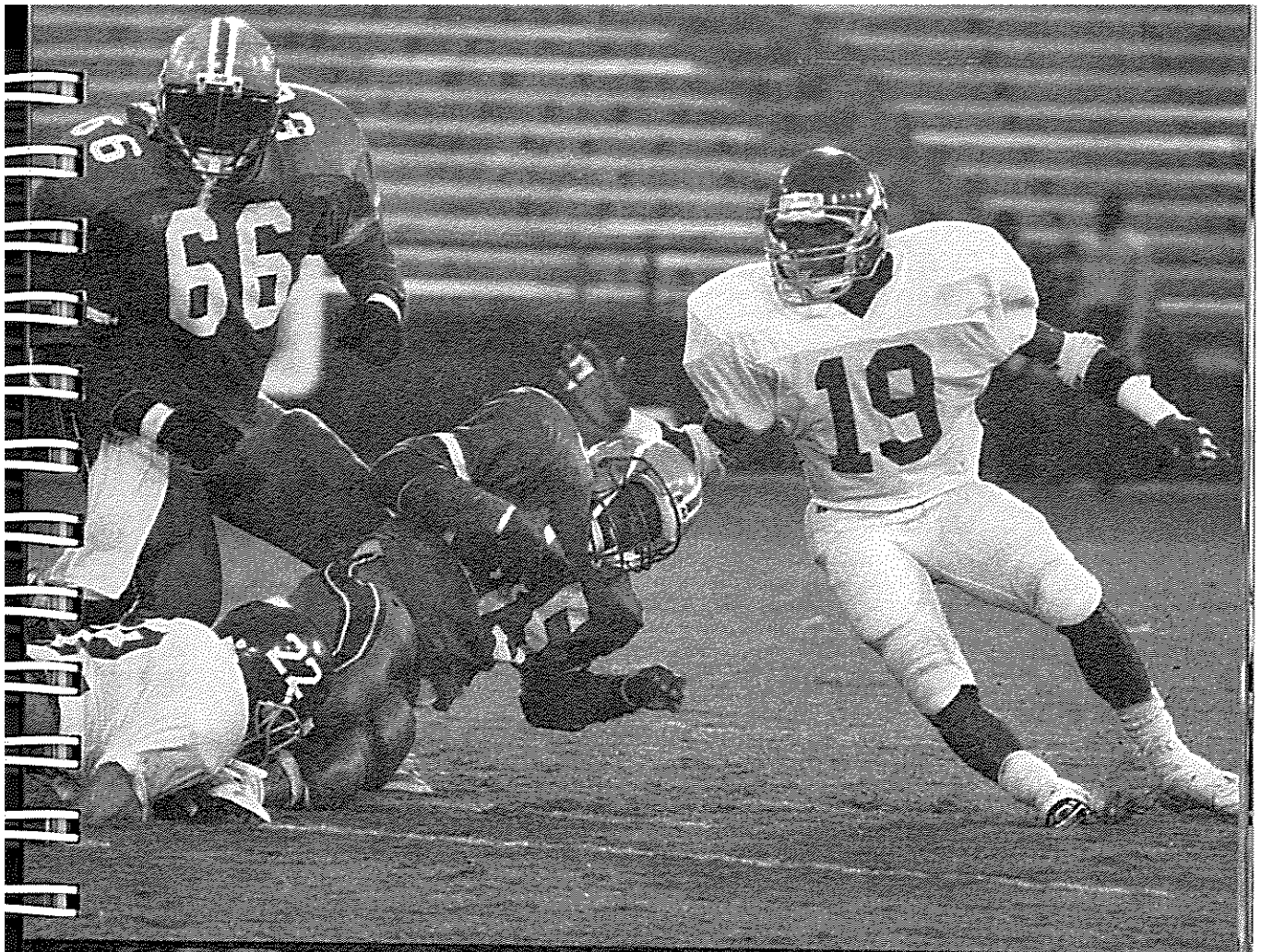
FAMU—Rasul 4-53-0; Huckaby 3-37-0; Allen 3-16-0.

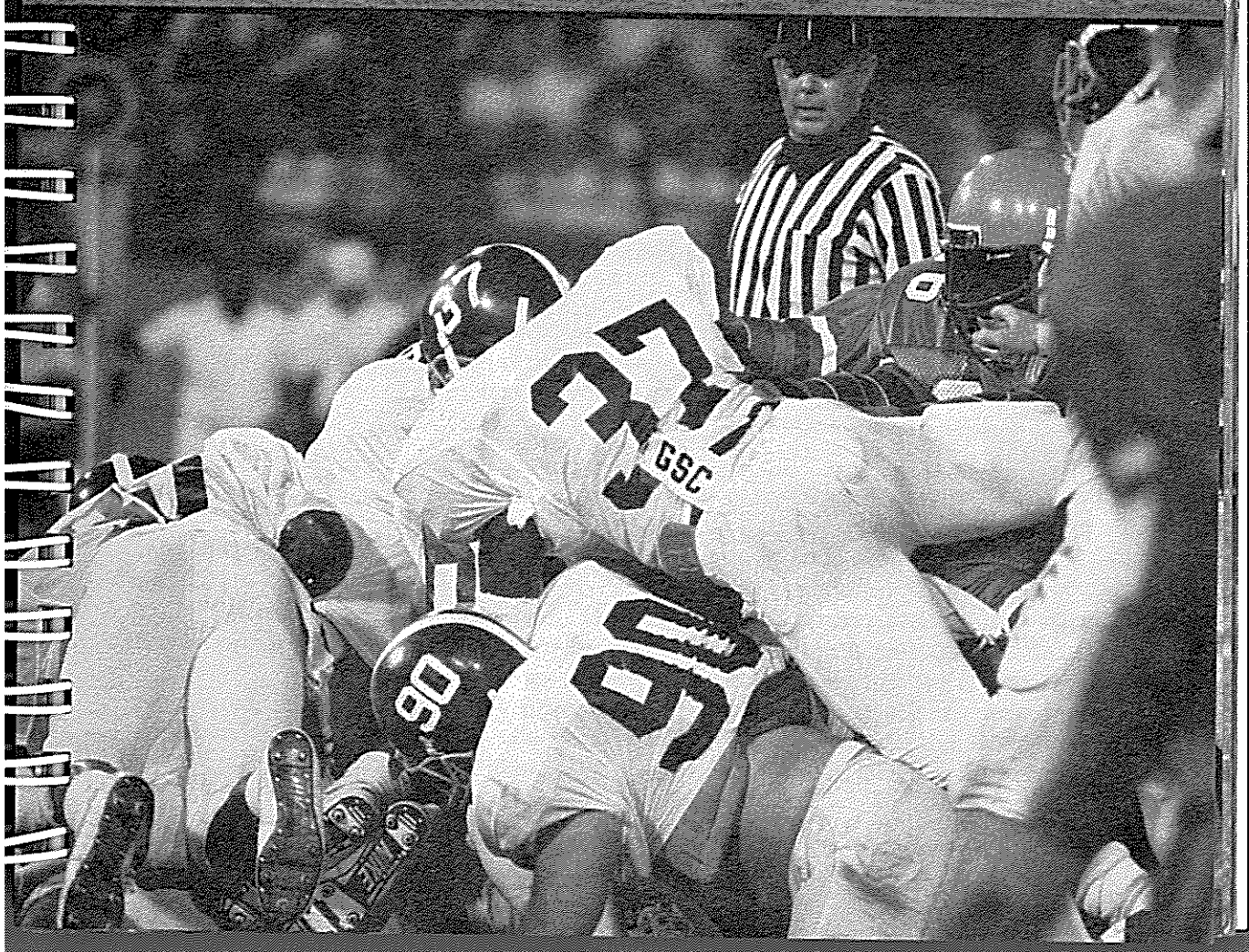
Defensive leaders: Giff Smith—9 tackles; Everett Sharpe—8 tackles; Darrell Hendrix—8 tackles; Steve Bussoletti—5 tackles, 1 sack; Tim Brown—4 tackles, 1 sack; Randell Boone—3 tackles, 2 interceptions; Kevin Whitley—2 tackles, 1 interception; Taz Dixon—2 tackles, 2 breakups.

GSC NOTES — Junior fullback Joe Ross rolled for a career-best 160 yards on 24 carries and scored two touchdowns as Georgia Southern blanked 15th-ranked Florida A&M.

The Eagle defense allowed just 200 yards enroute to its second shutout in eight games. Florida A&M's average field position was its own 21. Rattler quarterbacks combined for three interceptions—two by senior strong safety Randell Boone and by one sophomore cornerback Kevin Whitley.

It rained steadily for two hours before kickoff. On a saturated field, Eagles and Rattlers combined for 156 penalties yards the first 30 minutes.


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Sept. 21.....Paulson Stadium.....Statesboro, Ga.
A: 16,449.....71°, 180 miles from eye of Hurricane Hugo

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 26, MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 0

Middle Tennessee State	0	0	0	0	—	0
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	10	6	10	0	—	26

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	11:28	Mike Dowis 23 FG	3-0
1	3:27	Ernest Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)	10-0
2	13:00	Dowis 26 FG	13-0
2	0:01	Dowis 31 FG	16-0
3	5:59	Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)	23-0
3	2:59	Dowis 24 FG	26-0

THE YARDSTICK

Blue Raiders	TEAM STATS	Eagles
5	First Downs	19
31/34	Rush Att./Yds.	73/322
33	Yds. Passing	25
16	Passes Att.	7
5	Passes Comp.	3
2	Intercepted	0
67	Total Yds	347
6/5	Fumbles/Lost	4/3
5/35	Penalties/Yds.	8/52
7/30.9	Punts/Avg.	3/30.0
20:00	Poss. Time	40:00

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Ross 32-182-0; Gross 24-111-0.
MTSU—Martin 8-54-0.

Passing

GSC—Gross 7-3-0, 25, 0TD.
MTSU—Ironside 12-5-1, 33, 0TD.

Receiving

GSC—Belser 1-12-0; Sorrell 1-11-0.
MTSU—Campbell 2-5-0; Brewer 1-12-0.

Defensive leaders: Darrell Hendrix—12 tackles, 1 sack; Giff Smith—10 tackles; Bart Hughes—5 tackles; Mike West—4 tackles, 1 fumble recovery; Charlie Waller—3 tackles, 1 sack; Kevin Whitley—3 tackles, 1 interception; Rodney Oglesby—3 tackles, 1 fumble recovery; Randall Boone—2 tackles, 1 interception.

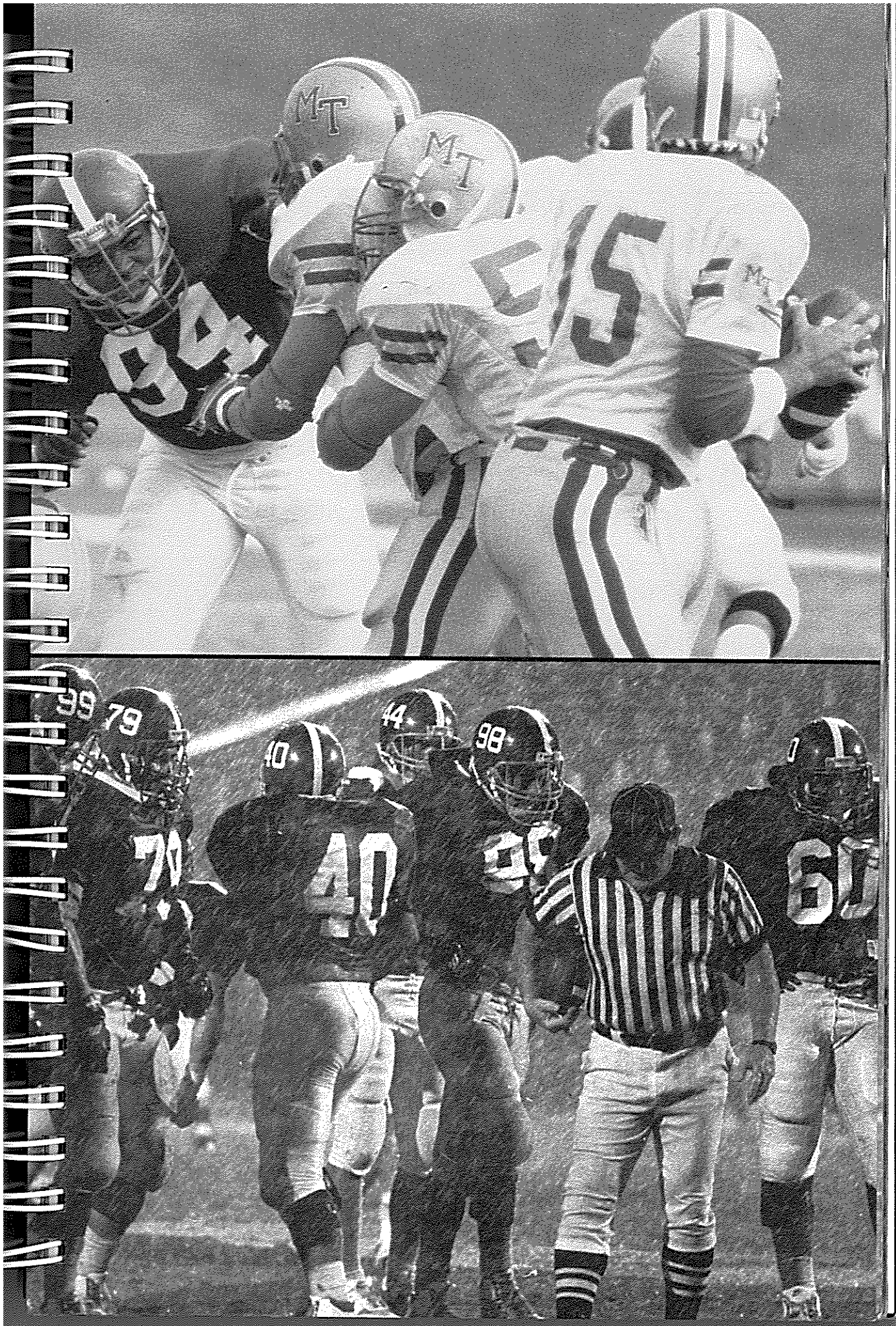
GSC NOTES — Joe Ross, Raymond Gross, Mike Dowis and a dominant, tenacious Eagle defense combined for a 26-0 win over Middle Tennessee State on national television (ESPN).

For the second straight week, Ross recorded a career-best—182 yards on 32 carries. Gross went over the century mark by 11 yards on 24 attempts. Senior slotback Ernest Thompson scored twice on a pair of 1-yard plunges.

The remaining GSC points came off the foot of Dowis, who hit field goal attempts of 23, 26, 31 and 24 yards. His effort tied the school record of Tim Foley, who knocked through four three-pointers in the 1986 national championship game vs. Arkansas State.

Middle Tennessee generated just 67 yards total offense (1.43 yards per snap). The Blue Raiders crossed into Georgia Southern territory once. Of the Eagles' 26 points, 16 came off turnovers.

High winds and driving rain from Hurricane Hugo pounded Paulson Stadium throughout the contest.



Oct. 7.....Paulson Stadium.....Statesboro, Ga.
A: 20,507.....87°, scattered clouds

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 35, SAVANNAH STATE 14

Savannah State	7	7	0	0	—	14
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	14	7	14	0	—	35

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	**13:57**	**Ernest Thompson 41 run (Mike Dowis PAT)**	**7-0**
1	8:06	Edwin Ford 2 run (Randy Pitts PAT)	7-7
1	**1:38**	**Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)**	**14-7**
2	11:43	Shannon Sharpe 91 pass from Richard Basil (Pitts PAT)	14-14
2	**1:08**	**Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)**	**21-14**
3	**10:14**	**Raymond Gross 3 run (Dowis PAT)**	**28-14**
3	**8:28**	**Darryl Hopkins 18 pass from Gross (Dowis PAT)**	**35-14**

THE YARDSTICK

Tigers	TEAM STATS	Eagles
13	First Downs	22
34/115	Rush Att./Yds.	57/365
261	Yds. Passing	102
33	Passes Att.	10
16	Passes Comp.	5
1	Intercepted	0
376	Total Yds	467
5/1	Fumbles/Lost	4/3
13/96	Penalties/Yds.	2/21
8/48.3	Punts/Avg.	5/36.6
30:48	Poss. Time	29:12

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Ross 14-118-0; Thompson 11-86-3; Gross 19-82-1; Miller 5-61-0.

SSC—Basil 15-40-0; Coles 4-25-0.

Passing

GSC—Gross 10-5-0, 102, 1TD.

SSC—Basil 32-16-1, 261, 1TD.

Receiving

GSC—Thompson 1-34-0; Miller 1-19-0; Hopkins 1-18-1.

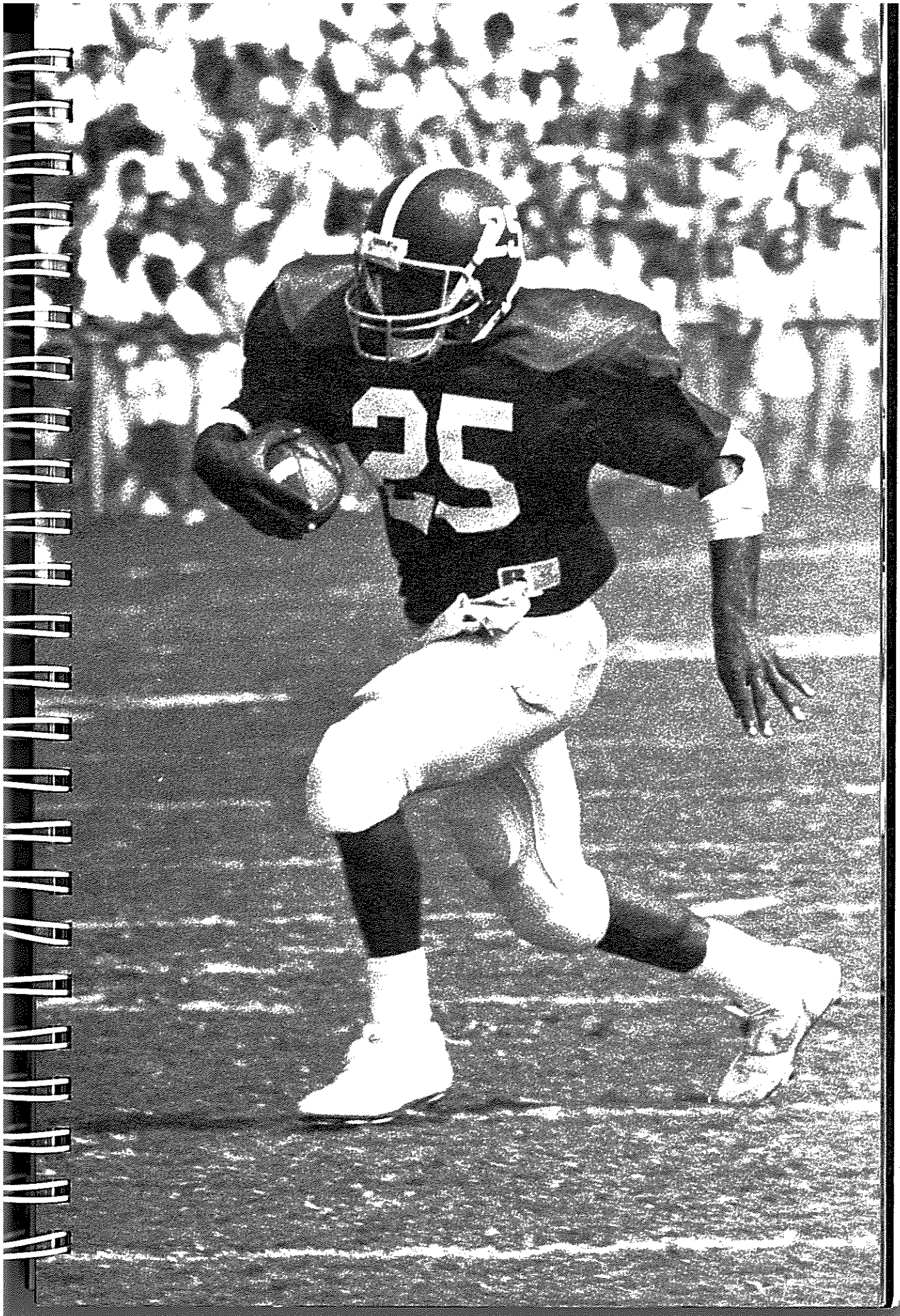
SSC—Sharpe 9-202-1; Bryant 3-28-0.

Defensive leaders: Taz Dixon—9 tackles, 1 fumble recovery, 1 breakup; Charlie Waller—8 tackles, 1 sack; Darrell Hendrix—7 tackles, 1 interception; Giff Smith—6 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 fumble recovery; Mike West—6 tackles; Shane Maxwell—6 tackles; Kevin Whitley—6 tackles; Steve Bussoletti—4 tackles, 1 sack.

GSC NOTES — Joe Ross topped 100 yards rushing a third straight week and Ernest Thompson scored three TDs as Southern beat the Tigers before a record-setting crowd. With the victory, GSC moved to 5-0—its best start ever.

The Eagles survived an outstanding effort by flanker Shannon Sharpe, who caught nine Richard Basil passes for 202 yards. Sharpe's 91-yard catch and run for a score in the second quarter is the longest ever at Paulson Stadium.

Ross, Thompson, Raymond Gross and Karl Miller keyed an Eagle ground attack responsible for 365 yards. They rushed for 118, 86, 82 and 61 yards, respectively. GSC overcame three lost fumbles, the first of which occured at the Tiger 15 after Gross picked up 16 yards on a roll-out. Both teams ran 67 offensive plays.



Oct. 14.....Guidry Stadium.....Thibodaux, La.
A: 5,286 ..... 78°, overcast

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 21, NICHOLLS STATE 13

GEORGIA SOUTHERN	0	7	7	7	— 21
Nicholls State	10	3	0	0	— 13

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	7:29	Jose Bran 26 FG	0-3
1	4:34	Aaron Ruffin 1 run (Bran PAT)	0-10
2	**2:46**	**Ernest Thompson 7 pass from Raymond Gross (Mike Dowis PAT)**	**7-10**
2	0:52	Bran 43 FG	7-13
3	**8:46**	**Joe Ross 2 run (Dowis PAT)**	**14-13**
4	**14:36**	**Gross 5 run (Dowis PAT)**	**21-13**

THE YARDSTICK

Eagles	TEAM STATS	Colonels	INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS
14	First Downs	17	**Rushing**
55/214	Rush Att./Yds.	442/150	GSC—Gross 21-87-1; Ross 20-78-1.
106	Yds. Passing	163	NSU—Ruffin 8-50-1; Valentine 16-47-0.
15	Passes Att.	25	**Passing**
7	Passes Comp.	14	GSC—Gross 15-7-1, 106, 1TD.
1	Intercepted	2	NSU—Valentine 23-12-2, 147, 0TD.
320	Total Yds	313	**Receiving**
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	3/2	GSC—Thompson 4-55-1; Sorrell 2-36-0.
11/83	Penalties/Yds.	7/72	NSU—Brown 7-111-0.
7/37.9	Punts/Avg.	6/41.7	
28:41	Poss. Time	31:19	

Defensive leaders: Giff Smith—12 tackles; Michael Berry—11 tackles, 1 sack; Darrell Hendrix—10 tackles; Taz Dixon—9 tackles, 1 breakup; Charlie Waller—8 tackles; Shane Maxwell—7 tackles, 1 sack; Rodney Oglesby—6 tackles, 1 breakup; Bart Hughes—6 tackles, 1 breakup; Steve Bussoletti—5 tackles, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery; Randell Boone—5 tackles, 1 interception; Kevin Whitley—4 tackles, 1 interception.

GSC NOTES — Truimph wasn't certain until strong safety Randell Boone intercepted Leonard Valentine at the Eagle 16 with 13 ticks remaining.

Southern emerged victorious from a contest marred by penalties and missed opportunities on both sides. On the Eagles' fifth play from scrimmage, Raymond Gross hit freshman split end Terrance Sorrell with a 51-yard TD pass. It was nullified by a holding call. One play later, Gross suffered his first interception of 1989 after 49 attempts.

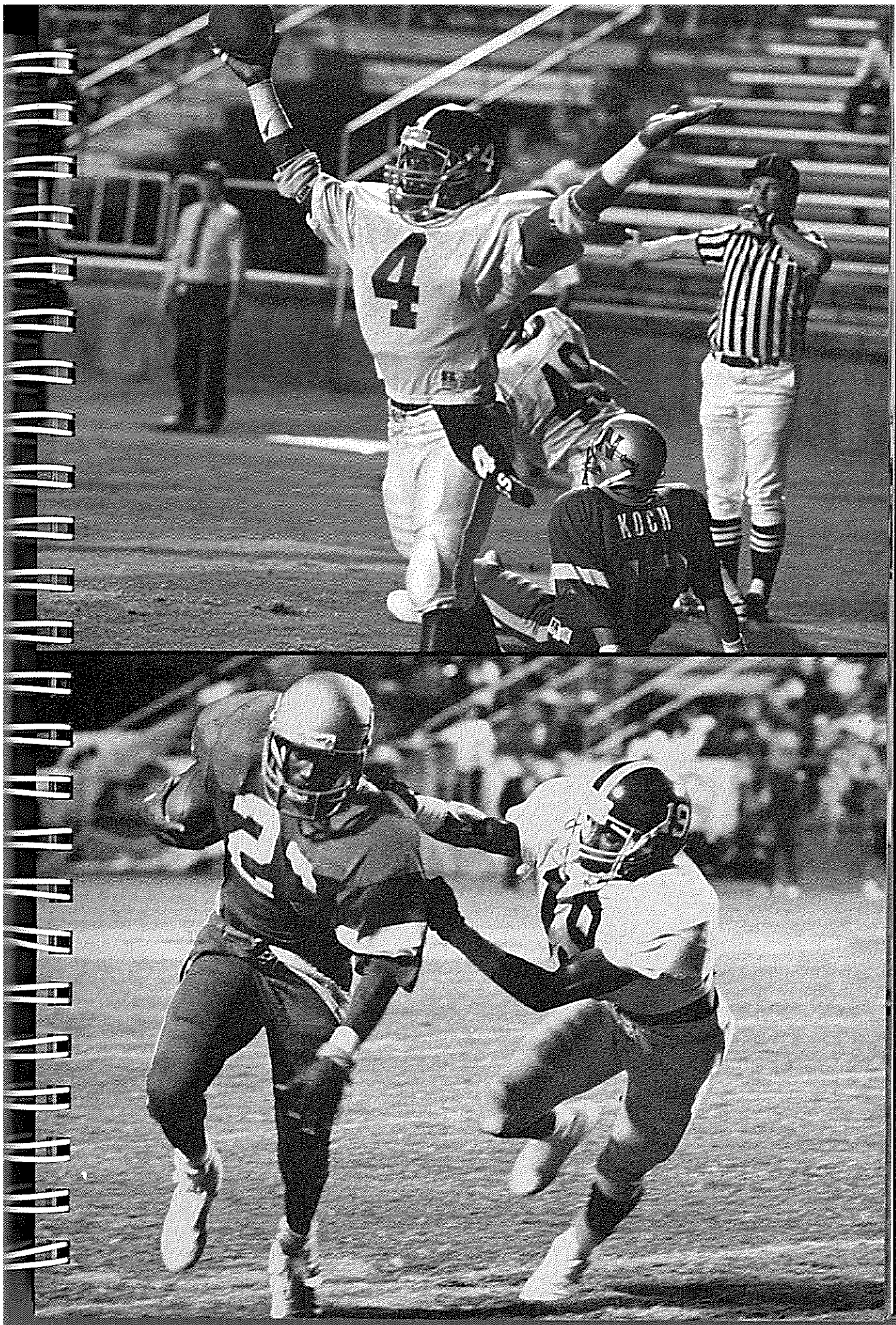
The Colonels converted two GSC turnovers into a 10-0 first-quarter lead. They marched 49 yards in 10 plays for a 26-yard Jose Bran field goal after the pass theft. Three plays after kicking off, it was Nicholls' ball again when Andre Felder pounced on an Ernest Thompson fumble. Aaron Ruffin's 1-yard run six plays and 29 yards later and Bran's subsequent PAT gave NSU a 10-0 cushion.

Gross cut NSU's edge to three when he hit Thompson with a 7-yard scoring pass 2:46 before intermission. The Eagles had to travel only 35 yards in nine plays after Colonel punter Brian Wilcox' 20-yard effort.

Nicholls answered with a fluttering 43-yard field goal by Bran 56 seconds before halftime. Southern went to the dressing room down 13-7, the first time it had trailed at the half since last year's national final.

Then the takeaways took over. After Terry Harvin's 46-yard punt pinned Nicholls at its 8, the Colonels moved nine yards before Valentine put a pitch on the ground and Steve Bussoletti recovered. Joe Ross' 2-yard run topped a 3-play, 8-yard trip. Mike Dowis' PAT put Southern ahead to stay.

Then came the sequence that broke Nicholls' back. Valentine sparked his team 76 yards on 14 snaps. With third and five at the Eagle nine, he fired for the endzone and found cornerback Kevin Whitley. Over the next 3:48, Gross and Ross took turns covering 80 yards in 10 plays in a drive kept alive at one point by a roughing-the-punter call. Gross' 5-yard dash 24 seconds into the fourth quarter and Dowis' third PAT provided the final margin.


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Oct. 21.....Paulson Stadium.....Statesboro, Ga.
A: 19,640 ..... 62°, clear and breezy

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 31, CENTRAL FLORIDA 17

Central Florida	7	7	0	3	—	17
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	13	0	0	18	—	31

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	**12:28**	**Ernest Thompson 29 run (Mike Dowis PAT)**	**7-0**
1	3:59	Mike Dickinson 64 pass from Ron Johnson (Franco Grilla PAT)	7-7
1	**0:00**	**Joe Ross 10 run (PAT blocked)**	**13-7**
2	7:02	Ted Coltrain 10 pass from Johnson (Grilla PAT)	13-14
4	**14:00**	**Lester Efford 11 run (Raymond Gross run)**	**21-14**
4	**12:13**	**Efford 7 run (Dowis PAT)**	**28-14**
4	**6:41**	**Dowis 37 FG**	**31-14**
4	0:59	Grilla 32 FG	31-17

THE YARDSTICK

Knights	TEAM STATS	Eagles
18	First Downs	23
41/155	Rush Att./Yds.	68/420
150	Yds. Passing	0
31	Passes Att.	2
13	Passes Comp.	0
2	Intercepted	0
305	Total Yds.	420
3/1	Fumbles/Lost	3/3
10/79	Penalties/Yds.	7/56
6/36.7	Punts/Avg.	4/34.5
29:14	Poss. Time	30:46

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Gross 23-108-0; Ross 21-104-1; Efford 12-82-2; Thompson 7-82-1.

UCF—Jones 6-67-0; Giacone 11-54-0.

Passing

GSC—Gross 2-0-0, 0, 0TD.

UCF—Johnson 16-7-0, 107, 2TDs; Jones 9-4-0, 26, 0TD.

Receiving

UCF—Dickinson 5-85-1; Beckton 3-28-0; Coltrain 3-26-1.

Defensive leaders: Giff Smith— 12 tackles, 3 sacks; Darrell Hendrix—10 tackles, 3 pass breakups; Bart Hughes—9 tackles; Mike West—7 tackles, 1 recovered fumble; Steve Bussoletti—7 tackles, 1½ sacks; Charlie Waller—7 tackles; Taz Dixon—6 tackles, 1 interception, 1 pass breakup.

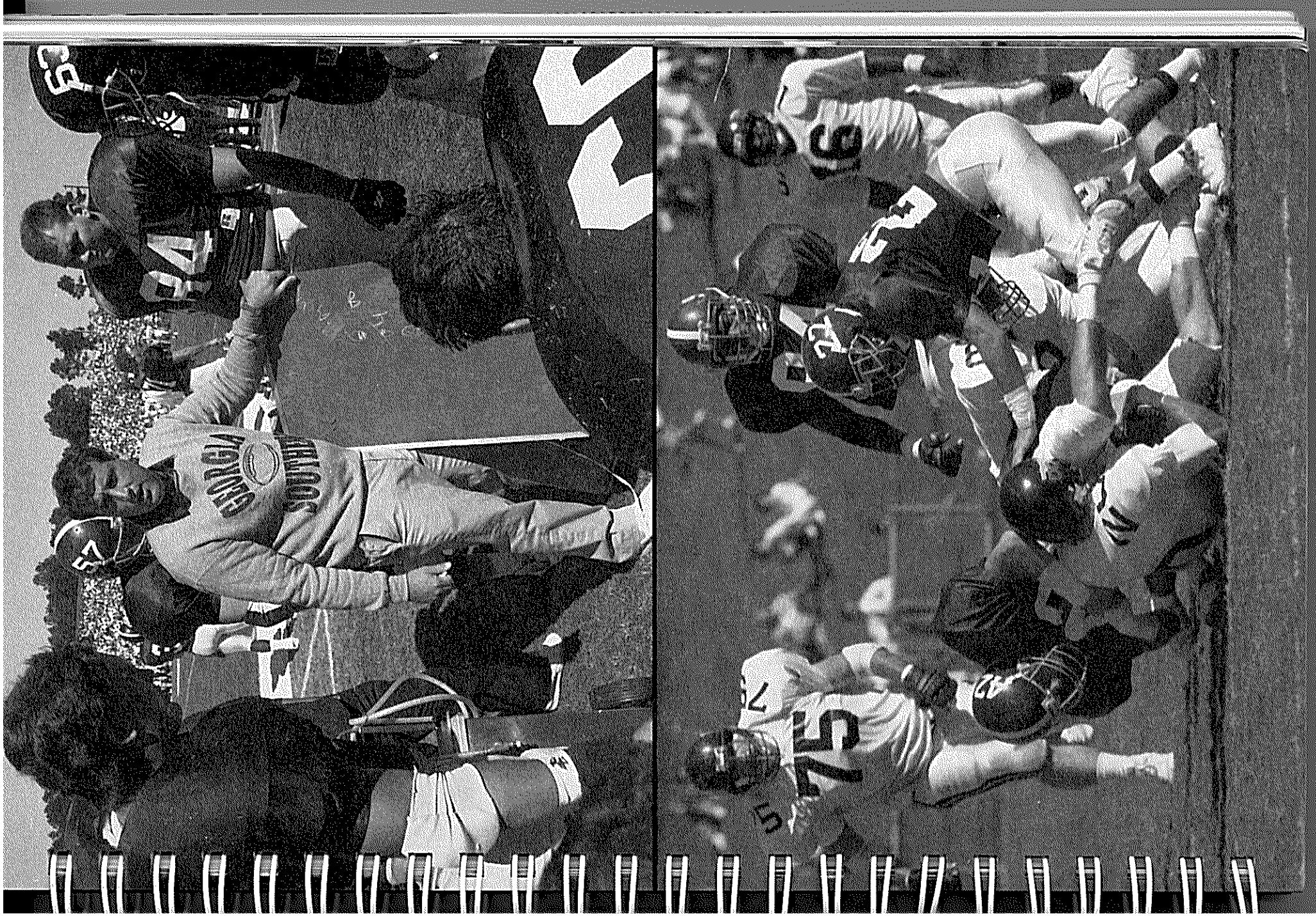
GSC NOTES — Second-team fullback Lester Efford scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns as Georgia Southern pulled away from Central Florida, 31-17 at Paulson Stadium.

Efford rushed for a career-high 82 yards on 12 carries while subbing for Joe Ross, who was sidelined by a sprained ankle in the third quarter. Efford's second touchdown topped a 4-play, 43-yard drive set up when cornerback Rodney Oglesby intercepted Knight quarterback Shane Willis.

GSC rushed for a season-high 420 yards on 68 attempts (6.2 yard average). Junior quarterback Raymond Gross thru only twice for no yards, but paced the Eagle ground attack with 108 yards on 23 tries. Ross gained 104 yards before applying the ice. Senior slotback Ernest Thompson matched Efford's production on seven carries (11.7 average) and scored once.

As had been the case in several other games, Southern benefitted greatly from its ability to turn opponents' mistakes into points. Efford's second score (Oglesby interception), Thompson's 29-yard first quarter dash (Mike West fumble recovery at UCF 30) and Mike Dowis' 37-yard field goal (Taz Dixon interception at GSC 42) helped provide the difference in the Eagles' 31st consecutive home win.

Central Florida held a 14-13 halftime advantage, but failed to pick up a first down in its first four second half possessions. Backup safety Mark Giles pulled off a momentum changer for the Eagles by dropping UCF holder Ron Johnson for an 11-yard loss on a fake field goal as the first half expired.



Oct. 28 . . . . . Seibert Stadium . . . . . Birmingham, Ala.
A: 6,042 . . . . . 72°, clear

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 52, SAMFORD 7

GEORGIA SOUTHERN	21	7	10	14	— 52
Samford	7	0	0	0	— 7

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	**7:14**	**Ernest Thompson 2 run (Mike Dowis PAT)**	**7-0**
1	7:01	David Primus 99 yard kickoff return (Mike O'Neal PAT)	7-7
1	**5:37**	**Joe Ross 8 run (Dowis PAT)**	**14-7**
1	**3:42**	**Ross 16 run (Dowis PAT)**	**21-7**
2	**10:14**	**Darryl Hopkins 6 run (Dowis PAT)**	**28-7**
3	**9:26**	**David Cool 46 FG**	**31-7**
3	**5:51**	**Lester Efford 7 run (Dowis PAT)**	**38-7**
4	**12:53**	**Albert Huntley 11 run (Dowis PAT)**	**45-7**
4	**4:57**	**Huntley 28 run (Dowis PAT)**	**52-7**

THE YARDSTICK

Eagles	TEAM STATS	Bulldogs
19	First Downs	10
54/399	Rush Att./Yds.	37/5
52	Yds. Passing	128
12	Passes Att.	22
5	Passes Comp.	12
1	Intercepted	1
451	Total Yds.	133
3/2	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
4/18	Penalties/Yds.	4/35
3/34.3	Punts/Avg.	10/32.1
27:25	Poss. Time	32:35

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Ross 16-129-2; Huntley 5-73-2; Miller 3-69-0; Efford 8-41-1.
SU—Owens 8-34-0.

Passing

GSC—Gross 11-5-1, 52, 0TD.
SU—Darby 17-9-1, 99 0TD; Drenning 5-3-0, 29, 0TD.

Receiving

GSC—Allen 1-18-0; Sorrell 1-13-0; Thompson 1-12-0.
SU—Rory 5-40-0; James 3-38-0.

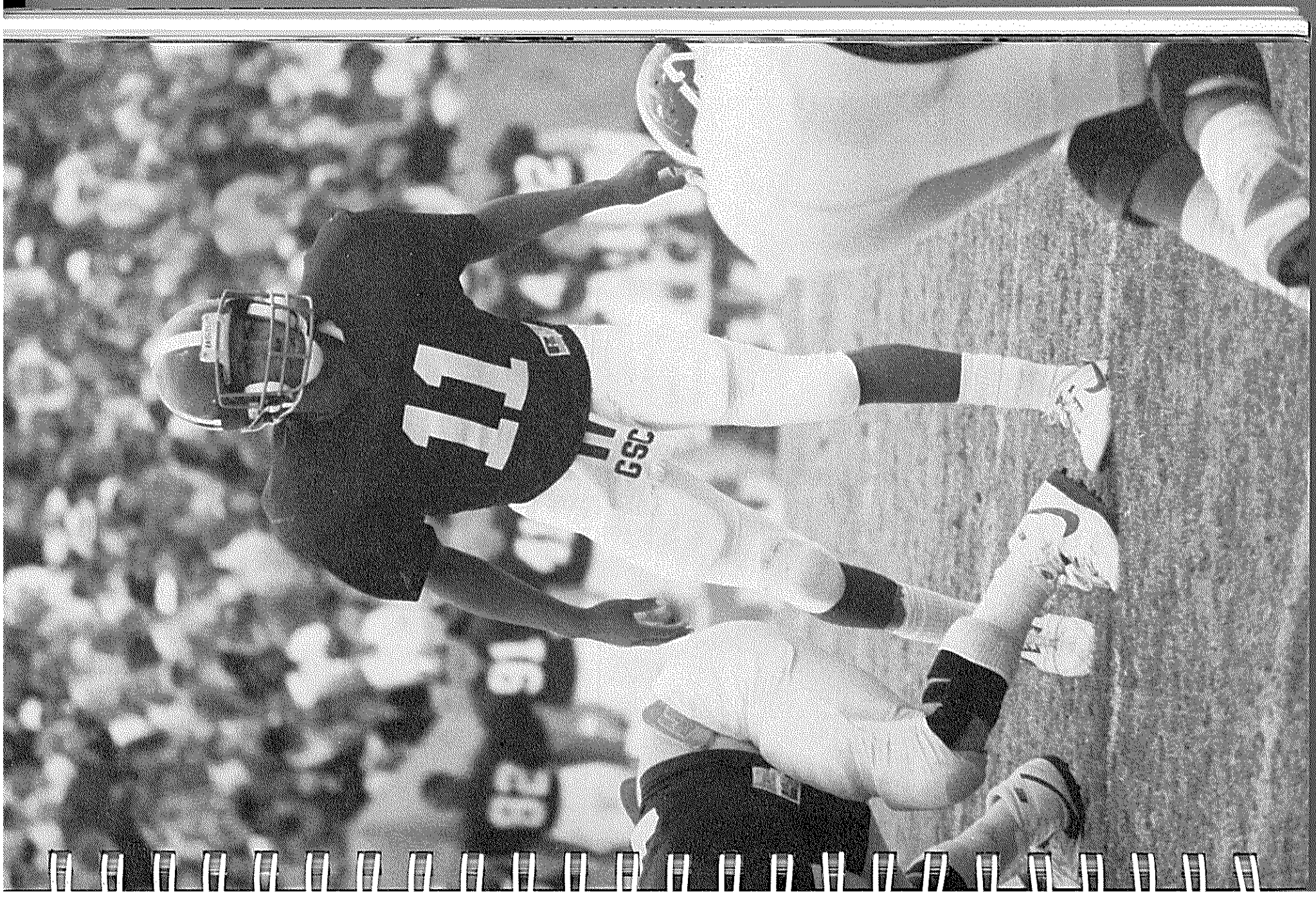
Defensive leaders: Mike West—9 tackles, 2 sacks; Troy Donahue—7 tackles, 1½ sacks; Bart Hughes—6 tackles; Steve Bussoletti—5 tackles, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery; Darrell Hendrix—5 tackles; Randell Boone—5 tackles; Michael Berry—5 tackles; Tim Brown—4 tackles, 3 sacks, 1 caused fumble.

GSC NOTES — Junior fullback Joe Ross rushed for 129 of Georgia Southern's 399 ground yards and the Eagle defense limited Samford to 133 total yards (five rushing) in a 52-7 Eagle blitz.

In the Eagles' most dominant performance since a 26-0 victory over Middle Tennessee State, GSC established season bests for point production, fewest rushing yards allowed, and lowest penalty yards (18). Ross and reserve quarterback Albert Huntley scored two TDs each.

Southern scored on three of its first four possessions in building a 21-7 lead in the first 11:18—a high for quarter point production in 1989. Only a 99-yard kickoff return for a TD by Bulldog David Primus kept the Eagles from their third shutout of the season. No other opponent had ever returned a kickoff the full distance.

Field position was a huge factor: on the average, GSC set up at its own 44, Samford at its own 24. The Eagles tied a school record for rushing touchdowns in a game. The Eagles had seven ground TDs against Liberty Baptist Sept. 29, 1984 in a 48-11 win.


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Nov. 4.....JMU Stadium.....Harrisonburg, Va.
A: 11,685 ..... 49°, sunny

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 36, JAMES MADISON 21

GEORGIA SOUTHERN	6	13	0	17	—	36
James Madison	14	7	0	0	—	21

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	13:56	Eriq Williams 34 run (Johnny Perez PAT)	0-7
1	**10:53**	**Mike Dowis 40 FG**	**3-7**
1	3:12	Willie Lanier 12 run (Perez PAT)	3-14
1	**0:00**	**David Cool 54 FG**	**6-14**
2	12:12	Willie Lanier 14 run (Perez PAT)	6-21
2	**4:00**	**Joe Ross 8 run (run failed)**	**12-21**
2	**1:01**	**Ross 1 run (Dowis PAT)**	**19-21**
4	**14:28**	**Dowis 18 FG**	**22-21**
4	**9:30**	**Raymond Gross 6 run (Dowis PAT)**	**29-21**
4	**7:58**	**Rodney Oglesby 69 punt return (Dowis PAT)**	**36-21**

THE YARDSTICK

Eagles	TEAM STATS	Dukes
26	First Downs	16
75/355	Rush Att./Yds.	49/272
118	Yds. Passing	61
11	Passes Att.	9
5	Passes Comp.	3
1	Intercepted	1
473	Total Yds.	333
3/1	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
3/39	Penalties	5/35
3/29.7	Punts/Avg.	6/37.7
34:57	Poss. Time	25:03

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Ross 32-106-2; Gross 17-86-1; Miller 7-86-0; Thompson 13-52-0.

JMU—Lanier 17-116-2; Williams 21-104-1.

Passing

GSC—Gross 11-5-0, 118, 0TD.

JMU—Williams 9-3-1, 61, 0TD.

Receiving

GSC—Ross 2-47-0; Allen 2-35-0; Hopkins 1-36-0.

JMU—Hayes 2-47-0; Frye 1-14-0.

Defensive leaders: Mike West—18 tackles, 1 caused fumble; Steve Bussoletti—10 tackles; Taz Dixon—10 tackles; Darrell Hendrix—9 tackles, 1 fumble recovery; Michael Berry—9 tackles; Tim Brown—7 tackles, 1 sack; Giff Smith—7 tackles, ½ sack.

GSC NOTES — Georgia Southern recovered from a 21-6 second-quarter deficit with 30 unanswered points to spoil James Madison's Homecoming 36-21 in Erk Russell's 100th game. The win was Southern's ninth straight, tying a school record.

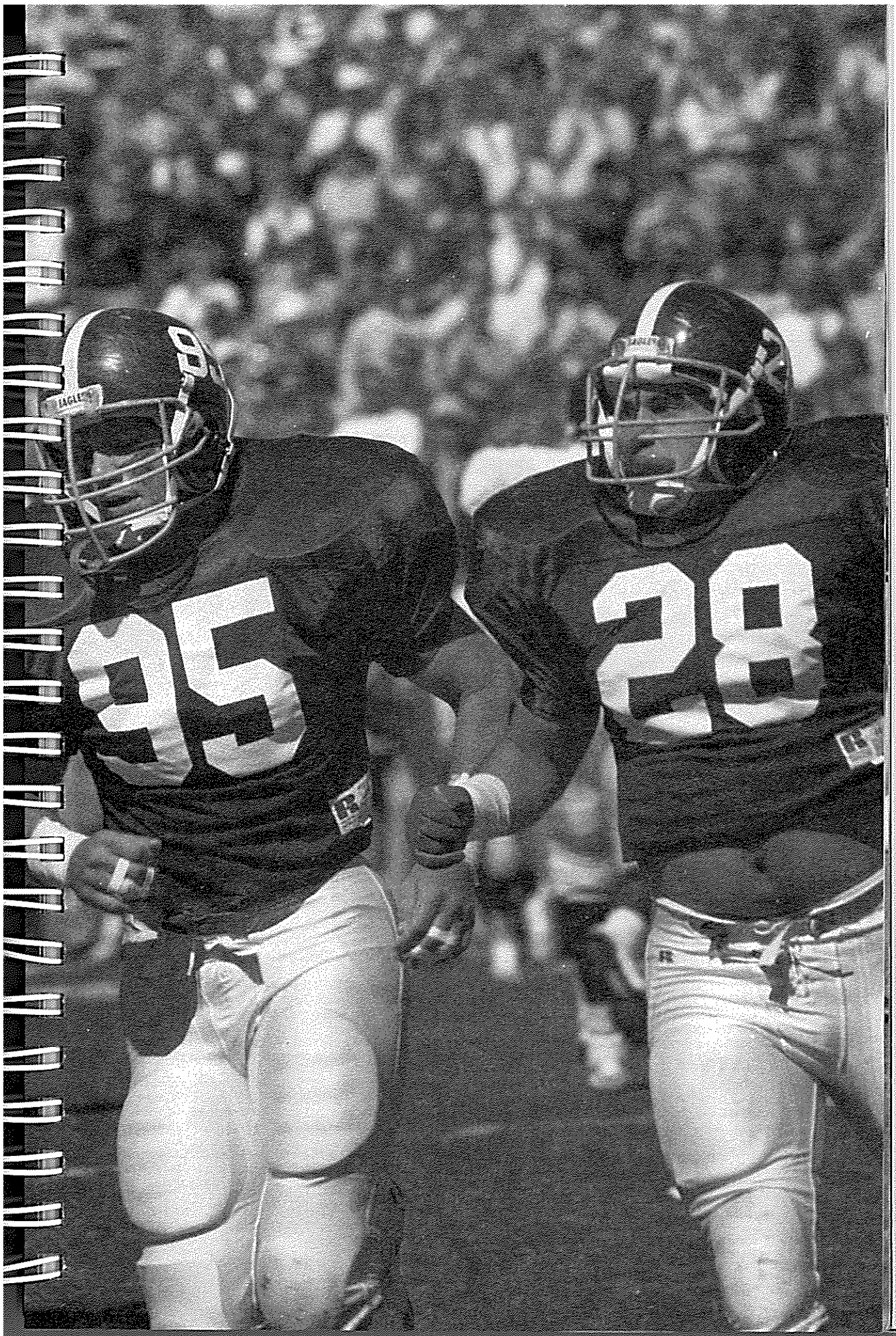
The Dukes broke out to a 15-point lead 12:12 before intermission when Willie Lanier scored on a 14-yard run. Down 21-6, the Eagles rallied for 13 points to trail by two at the half, then characteristically exploded for 17 in the final 15 minutes.

A pair of Joe Ross scoring runs 2:59 apart late in the second quarter gave Russell optimism after JMU found the endzone on three of its first four possessions. GSC countered with field goals by Mike Dowis (40 yards) and David Cool (54).

After a scoreless third period, GSC took its first lead 32 seconds in to the fourth quarter on an 18-yard field goal by Dowis, his seventh of the season. Dowis' kick set off an avalanche of Eagle points over a 6:30 span. Quarterback Raymond Gross' 6-yard run capped a 5-play, 64-yard drive after linebacker Darrell Hendrix recovered a fumble by Eriq Williams. Three plays later, Rodney Oglesby iced the victory with a 69-yard punt return to paydirt, the first for an Eagle since 1984.

Ross topped GSC in rushing (32 carries, 106 yards) and receiving (two catches, 47 yards) His 38-yard reception from Gross on second down at the Madison 44 was a key play in Southern's last scoring drive. For the second time in 1989, a punter roughing call kept a crucial Eagle drive alive. Terry Harvin was laid out on fourth- and-seven at the Southern 42 late in the third quarter—13 plays later Dowis hit the go-ahead kick.

GSC allowed a season-high 272 rushing yards, but limited the Dukes to 118 total yards the second half.


EAGLES
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Nov. 11.....Paulson Stadium.....Statesboro, Ga.
A: 24,078 ..... 76°, clear

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 34, TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA 13

Tennessee-Chattanooga	10	0	0	3	—	13
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	0	10	7	17	—	34

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	8:57	Rodney Allen 29 FG	0-3
1	2:55	Sam Hadley 13 pass from Stan Nix (Allen PAT)	0-10
2	**3:54**	**Donnie Allen 41 pass from Raymond Gross (Mike Dowis PAT)**	**7-10**
2	**0:50**	**Dowis 30 FG**	**10-10**
3	**4:10**	**Ernest Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)**	**17-10**
4	13:00	Allen 24 FG	17-13
4	**10:05**	**Dowis 27 FG**	**20-13**
4	**9:16**	**Taz Dixon 22 interception return (Dowis PAT)**	**27-13**
4	**6:27**	**Joe Ross 7 run (Dowis PAT)**	**34-13**

THE YARDSTICK

Mocs	TEAM STATS	Eagles
17	First Downs	20
41/107	Rush Att./Yds.	51/252
122	Yds. Passing	151
31	Passes Att.	13
14	Passes Comp.	7
1	Intercepted	0
229	Total Yds.	403
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	3/1
3/34	Penalties/Yds.	7/61
6/42.0	Punts/Avg.	4/37.5
30:38	Poss. Time	29:22

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Ross 18-120-1; Gross 20-96-0.
UTC—Smith 10-4-0; Roberts 9-33-0.

Passing

GSC—Gross 13-7-0, 151 1TD.
UTC—Nix 31-14-1, 122 1TD.

Receiving

GSC—Allen 2-57-1; Sorrell 2-31-0; Miller 1-37-0; Hopkins 1-28-0
UTC—Drake 3-29-0; Hadley 2-26-1; Habersham 2-21-0.

Defensive leaders: Darrell Hendrix—15 tackles, 1 caused fumble; Steve Bussoletti—13 tackles, 1 breakup; Taz Dixon—11 tackles, 1 interception, 1 breakup; Mike West—9 tackles; Michael Berry—8 tackles; Kevin Whitley—8 tackles; Giff Smith—8 tackles; Tim Brown—8 tackles.

GSC NOTES — Georgia Southern erupted for 17 fourth-quarter points to defeat Tennessee-Chattanooga on a record-setting Homecoming afternoon.

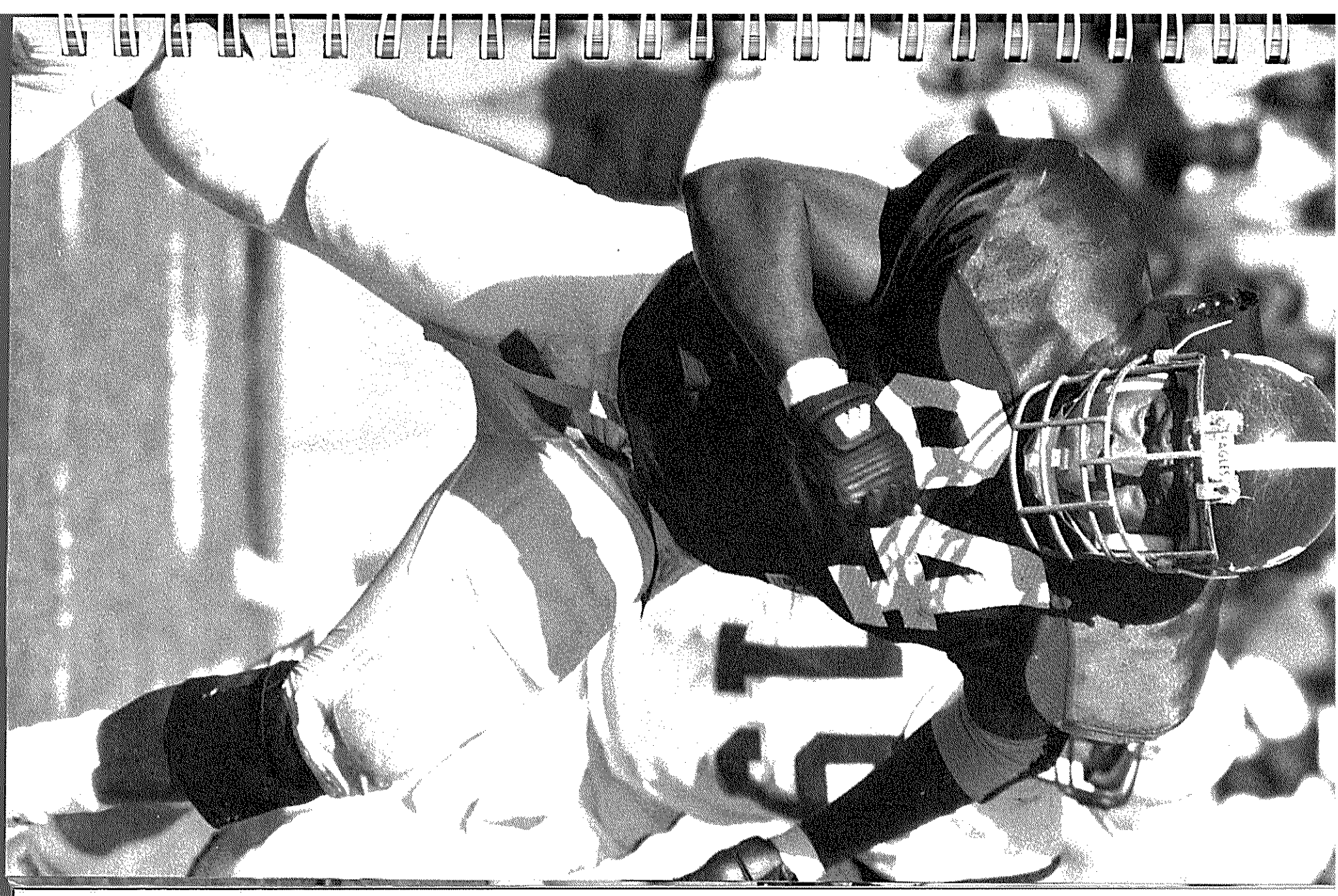
The Moccasins took just six minutes in building a 10-0 lead on Rodney Allen's 29-yard field goal and Stan Nix' 13-yard rainbow to Sammy Hadley near the back of Georgia Southern's endzone. Raymond Gross found split end Donnie Allen—via Moc cornerback Derrick Willis' tip—for a 41 yard scoring strike 3:54 before intermission. Allen's first career TD reception culminated a 7-play, 80-drive.

Three plays and a punt later, it was Southern's football again. This time Gross and friends moved from their 32 into Mike Dowis' field goal range. The junior connected on his eighth three-pointer of the year, a 30-yard attempt only 50 seconds before the bands played.

The Eagles moved ahead for good late in the third quarter after staging one of their most impressive drives in 1989—80 yards in 14 plays over 5:46. Gross hit Darryl Hopkins for a 26-yard gain on the trip's third play, then personally converted Southern's last third-down situation with nine yards on a roll-out. In between he hit Allen for 16 on third and eight from the Moc 30. Ernest Thompson's two-yard pickup on third and one from the Chattanooga 48 was a huge play. The journey ended in typical Thompson fashion.

Nix and the Chattanoogans responded with a drive of their own. They travelled 73 yards on 15 snaps and swallowed up 6:10 in cutting Southern's lead to 4 on a 24-yard field goal by Allen. The Eagles increased their tenuous lead to seven when Dowis buried a 37-yard field goal after a 6-play, 51-yard run stalled. Gross' 37-yard rope to slotback Karl Miller was a key play.

Just 49 seconds later, it was 27-13 Georgia Southern. On third and 10 from his own 20, Nix passed. Steve Bussoletti tipped the ball and it was stolen in mid-air by Taz Dixon, who raced 22 yards to the endzone. Moc tailback Willie Davis fumbled on the first play from scrimmage after the ensuing kickoff. The Eagles had to go only 34 yards in seven plays before Ross completed the scoring with a 7-yard dash.



Nov. 18.....Paulson Stadium.....Statesboro, Ga.
A: 16,323 ..... 57°, mostly cloudy

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 63, MARSHALL 31

Marshall	9	15	0	7	—	31
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	14	14	21	14	—	63

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	11:46	Ron Darby 3 run (kick failed)	0-6
1	**9:45**	**Joe Ross 18 run (Mike Dowis PAT)**	**7-6**
1	4:35	Dewey Klein 39 FG	7-9
1	**1:35**	**Raymond Gross 9 run (Dowis PAT)**	**14-9**
2	13:14	Eric Ihnat 22 pass from John Gregory (Andre Motley pass from Gregory)	14-17
2	**7:02**	**Taz Dixon 41 interception return (Dowis PAT)**	**21-17**
2	2:44	Darby 8 run (Klein PAT)	21-24
2	**0:34**	**Ross 13 run (Dowis PAT)**	**28-24**
3	**14:26**	**Ross 62 run (Dowis PAT)**	**35-24**
3	**4:10**	**Ernest Thompson 4 run (Dowis PAT)**	**42-24**
3	**2:52**	**Donnie Allen 40 pass from Gross (Dowis PAT)**	**49-24**
4	**10:44**	**Thompson 2 run (Dowis PAT)**	**56-24**
4	**8:12**	**Lester Efford 3 run (Chip McGinley PAT)**	**63-24**
4	4:10	Darby 1 run (Klein PAT)	63-31

THE YARDSTICK

Herd	TEAM STATS	Eagles
27	First Downs	34
38/166	Rush Att./Yds.	65/482
311	Yds. Passing	89
42	Passes Att.	11
20	Passes Comp.	5
4	Intercepted	0
453	Total Yds.	571
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	3/1
7/69	Penalties/Yds.	9/82
3/44.0	Punts/Avg.	2/32.0
32:30	Poss. Time	27:30

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Ross 24-280-3; Efford 8-51-1; Gross 12-42-1; Miller 3-35-0; Thompson 9-29-2.

MU—Darby 23-84-3; Bryant 5-25-0.

Passing

GSC-Gross 10-4-0, 89, 1TD.

MU—Gregory 42-20-4, 311, 1TD.

Receiving

GSC—Allen 2-59-1; Sorrell 1-19-0.

MU—Motley 6-65-0; Ihnat 5-106-1; Darby 4-93-0.

Defensive leaders: Randell Boone—9 tackles, 2 breakups, 1 interception; Steve Bussoletti—7 tackles, 1½ sacks; Rodney Oglesby—7 tackles, 1 interception; Darrell Hendrix—6 tackles, 1 interception; Taz Dixon—6 tackles, 1 interception; Giff Smith— 5 tackles, ½ sack.

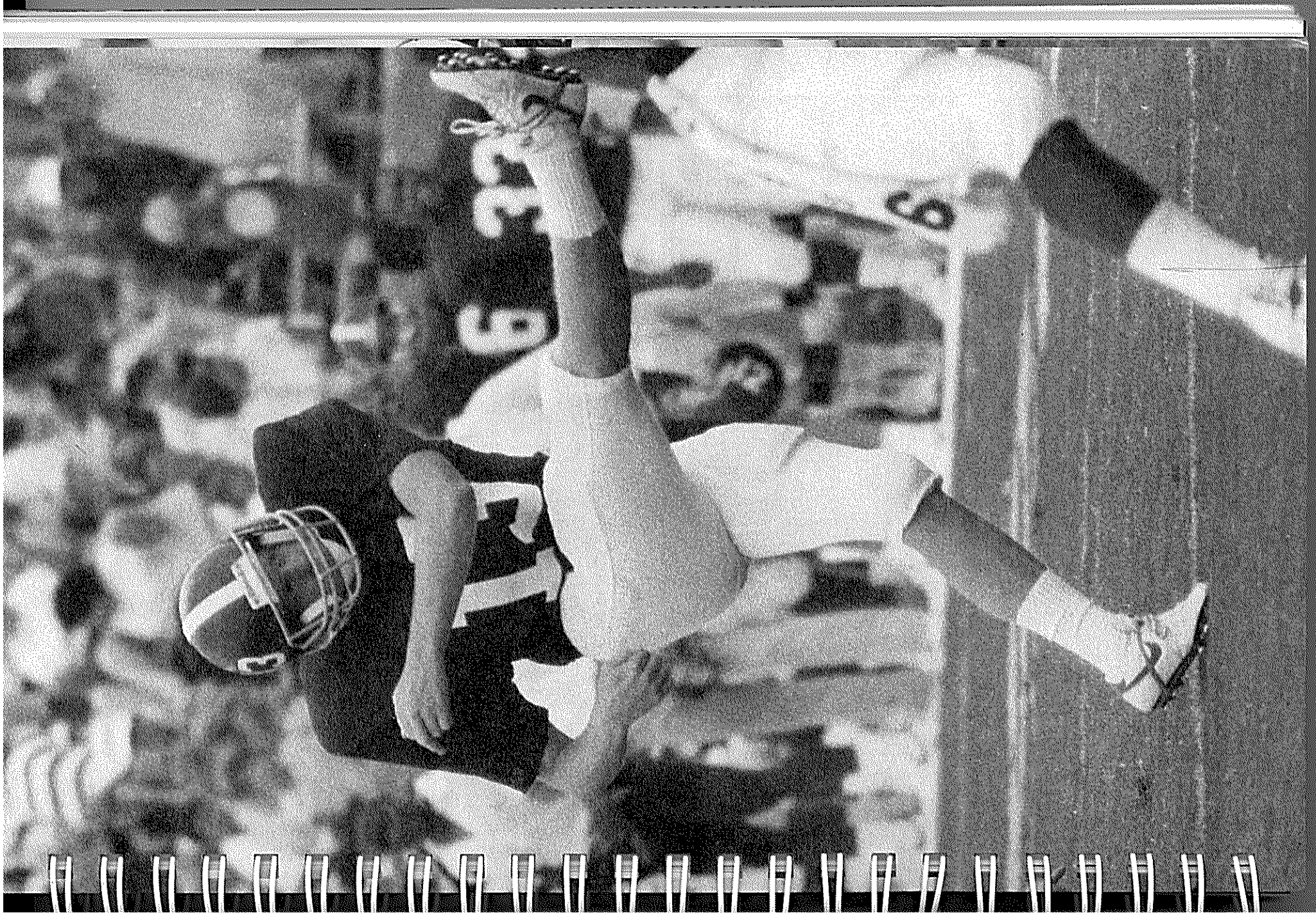
GSC NOTES: — Junior fullback Joe Ross busted loose for a school-record 280 yards and personal-best three touchdowns as Georgia Southern buzzed Marshall 63-31 in the regular-season finale.

With the victory, Southern extended its Paulson Stadium win streak to 33 games and put a perfect 11-0 campaign in the books. Nine teams have gone unscathed through regular-season action since the advent of I-AA football in 1978.

Led by Ross, the Eagles generated a season-high 482 ground yards, 571 total yards and 34 first downs. They scored seven rushing TDs, tying a single-game school record.

Clinging to a 28-24 halftime lead, the Eagles exploded for touchdowns on their first five second half possessions. Three of the scores were set up by interceptions as Darrell Hendrix, Randell Boone and Rodney Oglesby brought Southern's season theft total to 21. Taz Dixon scored Georgia Southern's third TD of the game on a 41-yard interception return during the second quarter.

The Eagles and Thundering Herd staged a track meet the first 30 minutes, combining to score on eight of 12 possessions and cranking out 578 total yards. Ross had 164 yards at intermission, the 11th best all-time performance in school history. He vaulted to first on a punishing 62-yard roll to the endzone 34 seconds into the third quarter. Herd quarterback John Gregory had the No. 8 all-time passing performance by an opponent. He completed 20 of 42 passes for 311 yards.



Nov. 25 . . . . . Paulson Stadium . . . . . Statesboro, Ga.
A: 10,161 . . . . . 68°, mostly sunny

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 52, VILLANOVA 36

Villanova	7	14	0	15	—	36
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	7	6	25	14	—	52

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	**13:13**	**Ernest Thompson 1 run (Mike Dowis PAT)**	**7-0**
1	0:19	Harold Hart 64 pass from Kirk Schulz (Thomas Withka PAT)	7-7
2	**10:04**	**Dowis 34 FG**	**10-7**
2	8:33	Jeff Johnson 15 pass from Schulz (Withka PAT)	10-14
2	5:21	Schulz 1 run (Withka PAT)	10-21
2	**0:30**	**Dowis 27 FG**	**13-21**
3	**10:07**	**Dowis 30 FG**	**16-21**
3	**2:57**	**Thompson 1 run (Joe Ross run)**	**24-21**
3	**1:25**	**Ross 11 run (Dowis PAT)**	**31-21**
3	**0:00**	**Daryl Hopkins 64 pass from Raymond Gross (Dowis PAT)**	**38-21**
4	10:34	Scott Thompson 5 pass from Schulz (Withka PAT)	38-28
4	**7:13**	**Ross 39 run (Dowis PAT)**	**45-28**
4	**6:29**	**Rodney Oglesby 32 interception return (Dowis PAT)**	**52-28**
4	2:41	Scott Donald pass from Schulz (Pat Kennedy pass from Mike Reilly)	52-36

THE YARDSTICK

Wildcats	TEAM STATS	Eagles
20	First Downs	23
31/79	Rush Att./ Yds.	68/402
398	Yds. Passing	190
41	Passes Att.	11
22	Passes Comp	6
4	Intercepted	0
477	Total Yds	592
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
5/51	Penalties/Yds.	10/85
3/32.7	Punts/Avg.	4/44.3
28:10	Poss. Time	31:50

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Ross 25-190-2; Thompson 18-84-2; Hopkins 8-58-0; Gross 11-53-0.
VU—Kennedy 9-37-0; Karoly 8-27-0.

Passing

GSC—Gross 10-5-0, 129, 1TD; Thompson 1-1-0, 61, 0TD.
VU—Schulz 33-19-3, 371, 4TDs; Reilly 7-3-1, 27, 0TD.

Receiving

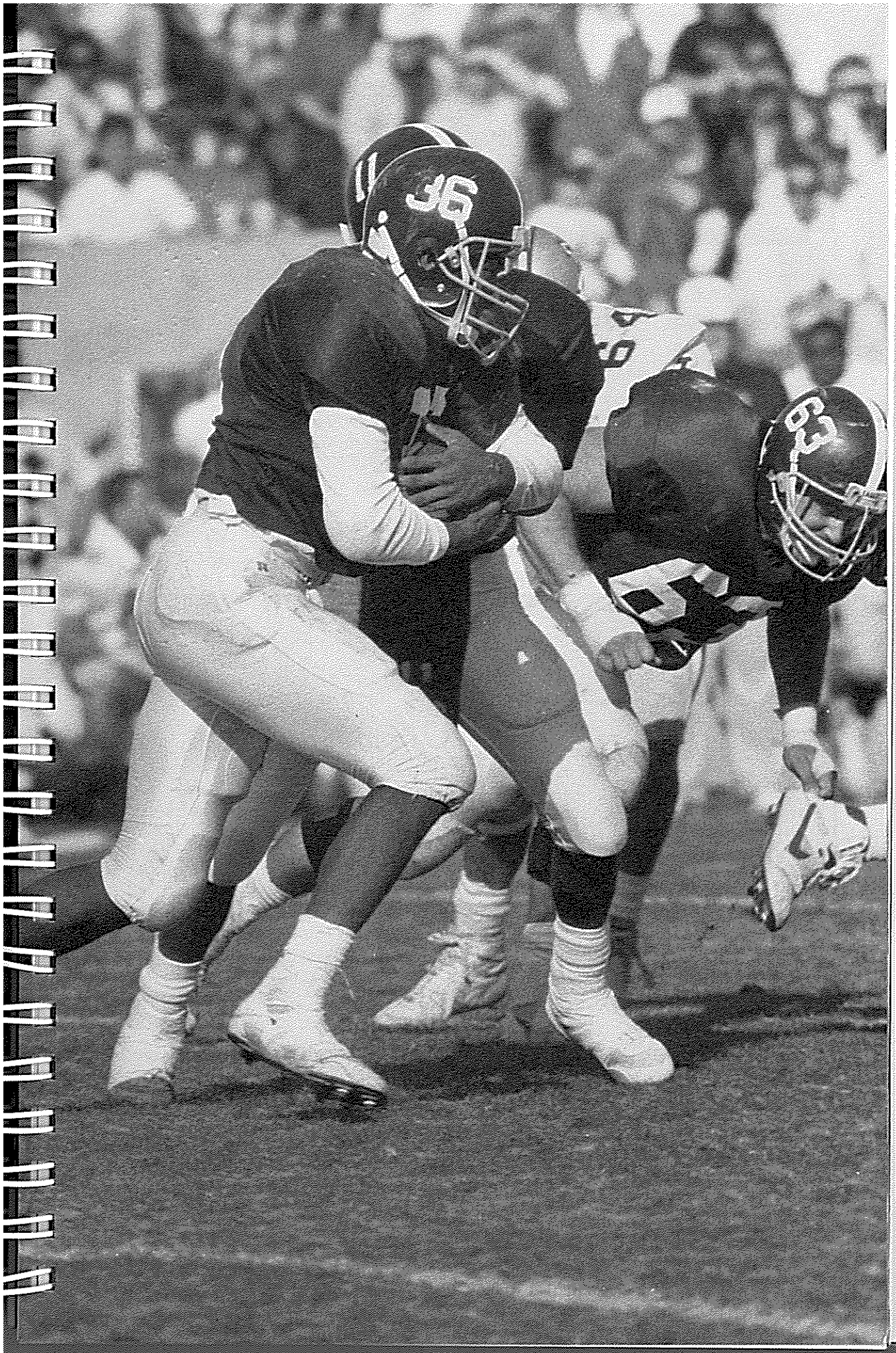
GSC—Sorrell 3-104-0; Hopkins 1-64-1; Allen 1-17-0.
VU—Brady 7-176-0; Thompson 6-78-1; Johnson 4-61-1; Hart 3-76-1.

Defensive leaders: Darrell Hendrix—10 tackles; Mike West—8 tackles; Steve Bussoletti—8 tackles; Michael Berry—7 tackles, 1 interception; Giff Smith—6 tackles; Pat Parr—6 tackles; Rodney Oglesby—3 tackles, 2 break-ups, 1 interception.

GSC NOTES — Junior fullback Joe Ross of Augusta rushed for 190 yards, the fourth-best single-game performance in Georgia Southern history, as the Eagles defeated Villanova 52-36 in first-round playoff action at Paulson Stadium.

Ross scored on runs of 11 and 39 in the second half as Southern typically pulled away from the Yankee Conference co-champions — after typically trailing at intermission. Wildcat quarterback Kirk Schulz passed for 232 yards and two TDs the first 30 minutes as Villanova built a 21-13 halftime lead.

Then came quarter No. 3 and the Eagles ripped off 25 unanswered points. Georgia Southern scored on its first four second-half possessions to grab a 38-21 advantage with 15:00 remaining. The barrage was capped by Raymond Gross' nifty swing pass to Darryl Hopkins, who went 64 yards. Southern added 14 points in the fourth quarter. Its final score came on Rodney Oglesby's 32-yard interception return, marking the third time in three weeks an Eagle defensive back had returned a pass theft to paydirt.


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Dec. 2.....Paulson Stadium.....Statesboro, Ga.
A: 11,272 ..... 62°, partly cloudy

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 45, MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 3

Middle Tennessee State	0	3	0	0	—	3
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	10	21	0	14	—	45

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	7:56	Bart Hughes 20 return of blocked punt (Mike Dowis PAT)	7-0
1	4:22	David Cool 44FG	10-0
2	14:46	Karl Miller 19 pass from Raymond Gross (Dowis PAT)	17-0
2	9:51	Ernest Thompson 25 pass from Raymond Gross (Dowis PAT)	24-0
2	4:23	Joe Lisle 39 FG	24-3
2	0:41	Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)	31-3
4	6:31	Gross 3 run (Dowis PAT)	38-3
4	1:08	Alonzo McGhee 1 run (Dowis PAT)	45-3

THE YARDSTICK

Blue Raiders	TEAM STATS	Eagles
12	First Downs	26
34/60	Rush Att./ Yds.	65/323
133	Yds. Passing	117
37	Passes Att.	16
11	Passes Comp.	8
2	Intercepted	0
193	Total Yds.	440
0/0	Fumbles/Lost	1/1
7/82	Penalties/Yds.	8/81
6/41.3	Punts/Avg.	5/28.8
27:08	Poss. time	32:52

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Efford 21-123-0; Gross 19-100-0; Ross 10-34-0; McGhee 6-32-1.
MTSU—Campbell 17-64-0.

Passing

GSC—Gross 14-8-0, 117, 2TDs.
MTSU—Ironside 30-10-2, 120, 0TD.

Receiving

GSC—Miller 4-52-1; Thompson 1-25-1; Allen 1-18-0; Sorrell 1-12-0; Efford 1-10-0.
MTSU—G. James 3-47-0; Dingler 2-30-0; M. James 2-28-0.

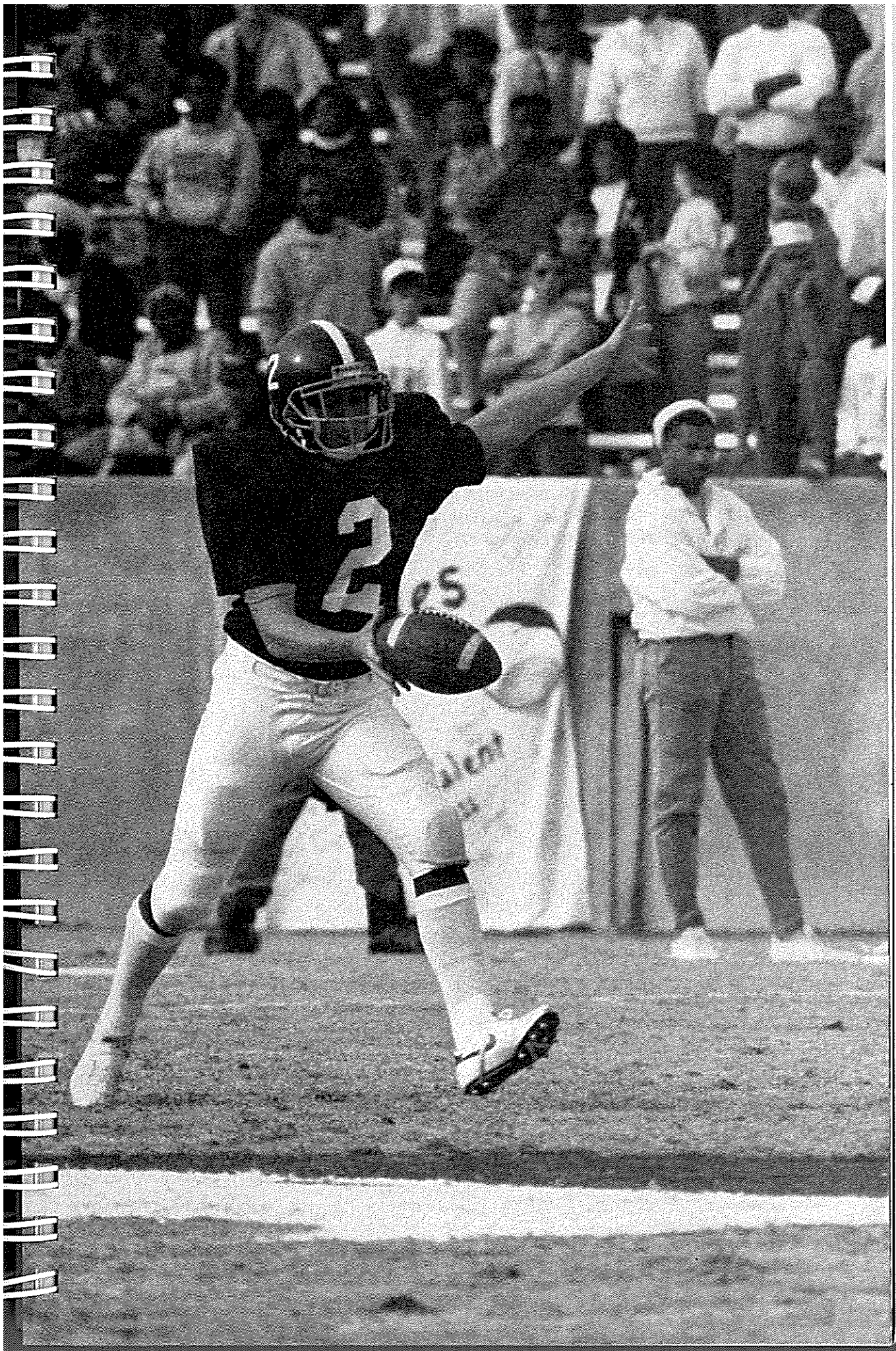
Defensive leaders: Darrell Hendrix—10 tackles, 1 interception, 1 breakup; Giff Smith—8 tackles, 1 sack, 1 breakup; Kevin Whtley—6 tackles; Charlie Waller—5 tackles, 2 sacks; Randell Boone—4 tackles, 1 breakup.

GSC NOTES — Junior quarterback Raymond Gross passed for two touchdowns and ran for another and senior linebacker Bart Hughes scored on a 20-yard blocked punt return as Georgia Southern socked Middle Tennessee State 45-3 at Paulson Stadium.

The victory was Southern's 35th straight at home, a national I-AA record.

Second-team fullback Lester Efford gained a career-best 123 yards on 21 carries. He replaced starter Joe Ross late in the first quarter. Ross picked up 34 yards on 10 attempts before a right knee injury forced him to the sidelines.

Chuck McClurg's block of a Chuck Daniel punt and Hughes' subsequent ramble to the end-zone put Southern ahead to stay with 7:56 left in the first quarter.



Dec. 9.....Paulson Stadium.....Statesboro, Ga.
A: 10,421 ..... 38°, overcast, drizzle

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 45, MONTANA 15

Montana	0	7	0	8	—	15
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	14	17	14	0	—	45

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	12:49	Paul Sikkelee recovers blocked punt in endzone (Mike Dowis PAT	7-0
1	6:25	Darryl Hopkins 24 run (Dowis PAT)	14-0
2	11:34	Ernest Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)	21-0
2	7:01	Dowis 27 FG	24-0
2	1:23	Jody Farmer 3 run (Kirk Duce PAT)	24-7
2	0:00	Donnie Allen 41 pass from Raymond Gross (Dowis PAT)	31-7
3	14:09	Thompson 35 pass from Gross (Dowis PAT)	38-7
3	10:12	Karl Miller 12 run (Dowis PAT)	45-7
4	10:12	Farmer 2 pass from Grady Bennett (Jim Kostecki pass from Bennett)	45-15

THE YARDSTICK

Grizzlies	TEAM STATS	Eagles
17	First Downs	25
31/53	Rush Att./ Yds.	57/301
217	Yds. Passing	198
41	Passes Att.	14
21	Passes Comp.	9
1	Intercepted	1
270	Total Yds.	499
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	1/1
5/50	Penalties/Yds.	7/75
3/42.7	Punts/Avg.	5/29.0
28:48	Poss. time	31:12

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSC—Miller 7-71-1; Gross 9-57-0; Efford 11-36-0; McGhee 7-34-0; Ficklin 7-34-0; Hopkins 3-30-1.
UM—Farmer 14-66-1.

Passing

GSC—Gross 10-7-0, 180, 2TDs.
UM—Bennett 37-19-1, 176, 1TD.

Receiving

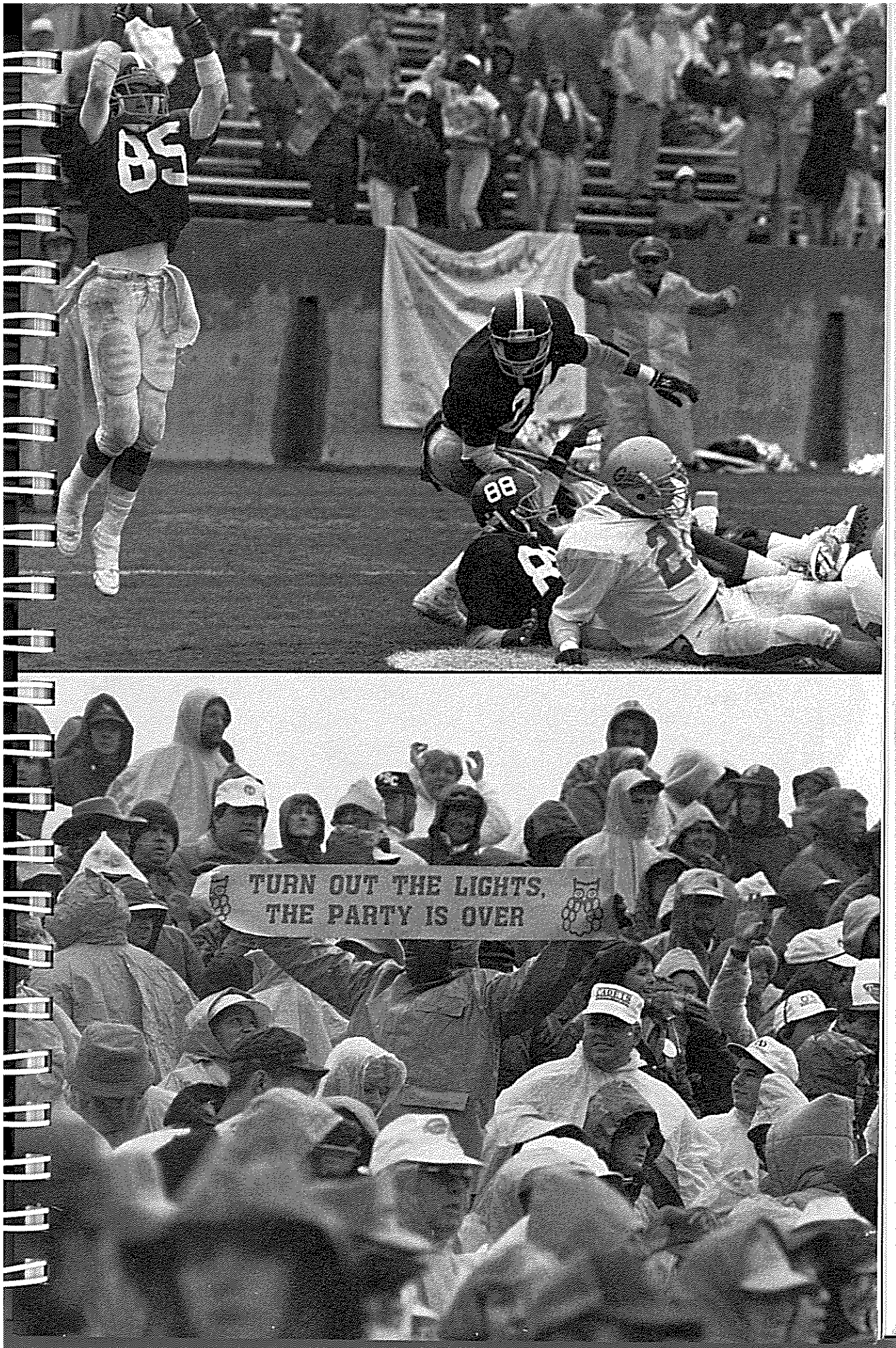
GSC—Allen 4-100-0; Thompson 2-67-1.
UM—Glenn 9-118-0; Trevathan 4-41-0; Rice 3-28-0.

Defensive leaders: Giff Smith—8 tackles, 3 sacks; Kevin Whitley—8 tackles, 1 breakup; Michael Berry—6 tackles; Pat Parr—6 tackles, 1 sack; Jim Mutimer—6 tackles.

GSC NOTES — Junior quarterback Raymond Gross completed seven of 10 passes for a career-best 180 yards and two touchdowns and slotbacks Ernest Thompson, Karl Miller and Darryl Hopkins rushed for one score each as Georgia Southern blitzed Montana, 45-15 in I-AA semifinal action at Paulson Stadium.

With the victory, Georgia Southern established a school record for wins in a season (14) and ran its I-AA home win streak record to 36 games.

For the second straight week, Southern struck for a season-high 31 first-half points.


TURN OUT THE LIGHTS,
THE PARTY IS OVER

Dec. 16.....Paulson Stadium.....Statesboro, Ga.
A: 25,725 ..... 41°, clear

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 37, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 34

Stephen F. Austin	7	10	10	7	—	34
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	14	6	0	17	—	37

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	**10:41**	**Raymond Gross 34 run (Mike Dowis PAT)**	**7-0**
1	**7:58**	**Terrance Sorrell fumble recovery in endzone (Dowis PAT)**	**14-0**
1	0:19	Todd Hammel 1 run (Chuck Rawlinson PAT)	14-7
2	8:50	Larry Centers 12 pass from Hammel (Rawlinson PAT)	14-14
2	**4:27**	**Dowis 30 FG**	**17-14**
2	**0:21**	**Dowis 37 FG**	**20-14**
2	0:00	Rawlinson 53 FG	20-17
3	11:19	Rawlinson 53 FG	20-20
3	5:27	Joe Bradford 7 pass from Hammel (Rawlinson PAT)	20-27
4	**14:57**	**Joe Ross 2 run (Dowis PAT)**	**27-27**
4	12:32	Centers 46 pass from Hammel (Rawlinson PAT)	27-34
4	**5:58**	**Ernest Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)**	**34-34**
4	**1:41**	**Dowis 20 FG**	**37-34**

THE YARDSTICK

Lumberjacks	TEAM STATS	Eagles
18	First Downs	21
32/74	Rush Att./ Yds.	66/274
303	Yds. Passing	113
41	Passes Att.	15
15	Passes Comp.	7
5	Intercepted	0
377	Total Yds.	387
0/0	Fumbles/Lost	4/1
6/56	Penalties/Yds.	2/20
4/26.0	Punts/Avg.	6/39.2
26:50	Poss. time	33:10

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing
GSC—Ross 31-152-1; Gross 26-103-1.
SFA—Centers 22-63-0.

Passing
GSC—Gross 15-7-0, 113, 0TD.
SFA—Hammel 40-15-5, 303, 3TDs.

Receiving
GSC—Miller 2-53-0; Sorrell 2-29-0; Allen 2-28-0.
SFA—Bradford 4-102-1; Kelly 4-66-0; Centers 2-58-2.

Defensive leaders: Kevin Whitley—10 tackles, 1 interception; Darrell Hendrix—8 tackles; Giff Smith—8 tackles; Steve Bussoletti—6 tackles, 1 sack; Tim Brown—5 tackles; Taz Dixon—4 tackles, 1 interception; Randell Boone—3 tackles, 1 interception; Rodney Oglesby—3 tackles, 1 interception; Jim Mutimer—3 tackles, 1 interception.

GSC NOTES — Savannah junior Mike Dowis booted a 20-yard field goal with 1:41 remaining to cap Georgia Southern's 15-0 season, the first by a college team in modern football history. The Eagles, before a record crowd of 25,725 in the friendly confines of Paulson Stadium, rallied to defeat Southland Conference champion Stephen F. Austin and capture their third Division I-AA championship in five years. Junior quarterback Raymond Gross brought Southern back from two seven-point deficits in the final 15 minutes. Junior fullback Joe Ross of Augusta carried 31 times for 152 yards and scored once. Gross rushed for 103 yards and passed for 113. Lumberjack quarterback Todd Hammel threw five interceptions, the fourth to free safety Taz Dixon at the SFA 30. Nine plays later Dowis provided the margin of victory. Sophomore Kevin Whitley made 10 tackles for the Eagles, while junior Giff Smith and senior Darrell Hendrix contributed eight.

Georgia Southern Wins Third National Championship 37-34

Eagles Send 'Jacks Home With Statesboro Blues

By DONALD HEATH
Staff Writer

STATESBORO – Where the heart travels, the body follows. Saturday, heart took the Georgia Southern Eagles to the top of Division I-AA.

The Eagles, before a record crowd of 25,725 in Paulson Stadium, rallied to defeat Stephen F. Austin 37-34 in a thriller to capture their third I-AA championship in the last five years.

Savannah-native Mike Dowis' 20-yard field goal with 1:41 left provided the perfect ending to the Eagles' 15-0 season.

"Fifteen down and none to go, that's as good as you can get," said GSC coach Erk Russell, who gave no indication of considering retirement at this time. "Right now, I don't feel like sitting down."

Georgia Southern fans couldn't be restrained either. They tore down the goal posts in the north end zone as the final buzzer sounded.

Stephen F. Austin, the Southland Conference champion, ended its season at 12-2-1.

"I had no idea that (the winning) field goal would be the game winner," Dowis said. "The way (Stephen F. Austin) throws the ball and comes back, I we would have a few more score changes. It's kind of funny, I talked to my father (Savannah Country Day football coach Max Dowis) this morning to prepare myself in case I would be called on for a winning kick."

Dowis, a junior, booted three field goals on the day and finished the season converting 16 of 19.

"His name should be cool," said Russell, in reference to other fine place kicker David Cool, who attempts kicks from 40 yards and further. "That's the way he acts out there. It's appropriate. I'd just as soon see him in that position as anybody."

Dowis' field goal was set up by senior safety Taz Dixon's interception of a Todd Hammel ill-advised toss. Under the pressure of blitzing linebacker Darrell Hendrix, Hammel's errant throw was taken by Dixon who stepped out of bounds at the Lumberjacks 30.

Dixon sported a cigar at the press conference – a vintage gift from Russell.

"Since Coach Russell gave this to me, I think I should start (smoking)," Dixon said. "He gave one of these to all the seniors. If he's going to smoke one, I'm going to smoke one."

Another gutty performer was running back Joe Ross, who had missed the semifinal game against Montana because of a partially torn right knee ligament. Ross, who expected to see only limited action, finished with 152 yards and a touchdown on 31 carries.

And redemption was complete for quarterback Raymond Gross, who fumbled inside the 10-yard line with five minutes left in last season's championship game loss to Furman. This time Gross ran for 103 yards and a touchdown.

But more importantly, Gross was the catalyst in rallying the squad from two seven-point deficits in the final 15 minutes.

"They called my number and I had to do what I had to do," Gross said.

It was the Eagles' first championship led by Gross who became the starting quarterback as a true freshman in 1987. Southern won titles in 1985 and 1986 under the direction of All-American quarterback Tracy Ham.

Under the passing siege of Hammel, the Eagles were playing a losing game of catchup. Hammel's touchdown pass to Joe Bradford gave the Lumberjacks a 27-20 advantage. And after Ross' 2-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter, Hammel connected on a 46-yard bomb to Larry Centers for a 34-27 lead.

Hammel finished with three touchdown passes and scored once on a 1-yard run. He completed 15-of-40 passes for 303 yards.

"There were times when I didn't think we were going to win this football game, but our guys kept

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coming back and coming back and you know the story," Russell said.

It is a story that's been told on several occasions this season. When a game appeared its bleakest, Georgia Southern found the miracle.

SFA's appeared on its way to extending its last lead when Southern's aggressive defense turned the contest around. After taking over at the SFA 47, Hammel threw three incomplete passes and the Jacks were forced to give the ball back to Southern. Hammel completed only 2-of-11 passes the rest of the way.

The Eagles got the better of another exchange of punts and started their game-tying possession at the 49. Ross gained 11 on a pitch to the outside. Then Gross hit fullback Karl Miller streaking down the middle for a gain of 28 to the 12.

Two plays later, Gross, on a keeper, broke tackles and dove to the Lumberjack 1-yard line. And Ernest Thompson knotted the game at 34-34 on his patented 1-yard dive.

"We got there last year and last year we felt we had the better team, but Furman just made the plays," said Southern senior strong safety Randell Boone. "We knew we had to make the plays this time."

Hammel, who broke the I-AA record for yardage in A playoff series, shredded the GSC secondary for most of the afternoon. But Southern struck back with five interceptions and clinched the victory when Kevin Whitley hauled in an overthrown pass in the final minute.

One might have never figured a struggle would take place for the Eagles who jumped to a 14-0 lead after their first two possessions.

Gross marched Southern 66 yards in six plays and capped the drive with a 34-yard TD run on the keeper.

Gross set up the next Eagles' next score on a 31-yard run off the same play. Four plays later, the Eagles received a little luck when Gross fumbled and wideout Terrance Sorrell made the recovery in the end zone.

Hammel cut the lead in half on a 1-yard TD run with 19 seconds left in the first quarter. He then tied the contest on a 12-yard scoring pass to Centers at 8:50 of the second quarter.

Dowis kicked field goals of 30 and 37 yards to put Southern back ahead, 20-14.

But his counterpart, Chuck Hawkinson connected from 44 yards out on the last play of the half to make it 20-17 and again from 53 on the Lumberjacks' first possession of the third quarter to tie the game at 20-20. Hawkinson's third-quarter field goal marked the first time this season that the Eagles had been scored on in the period.

1989 GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL STATISTICS
(15-0 Overall: 11-0 Home; 3-0 Away; 1-0 Neutral)

TEAM STATISTICS	GSC	OPP
TOTAL POINTS	584	221
Points Per Game	38.9	14.7
TD/Run-Pass-Rtn.	57-11-6	12-14-1
PAT	70-71	23-24
PAT Run or Pass	2-3	3-3
Field Goals	22-27	10-11
Safety	0	0
FIRST DOWNS	336	224
Rush	245	97
Pass	68	110
Penalty	23	17
3rd Down Conv-Att.	103-221	80-225
3rd Down Pct.	46.6	35.5
TOTAL YARDAGE	6592	4132
Avg. Per Game	439.5	278.5
Plays	1094	975
Yds. Per Play	6.0	4.2
%Plays Rush-Pass	83-17	55-45
%Yards Rush-Pass	75-25	37-63
RUSHING YARDAGE	4924	1547
Yards Per Game	328.3	103.1
Gained	5299	2131
Lost	375	584
Rushing Plays	913	539
Yards Per Play	5.4	2.9
PASSING YARDAGE	1668	2585
Yards Per Game	111.2	172.3
Att-Completions	181-90	436-197
%Complete	49.7	45.1
Yards Per Attempt	9.2	5.9
Yards Per Comp.	18.5	13.1
INTERCEPTIONS BY	33	3
Yards Returned/TD	405/3	28/0
PUNTS	58	91
Yards Punted	2138	3329
Avg. Per Punt	36.9	36.6
Had Blocked	0	3
PUNT RETURNS	44	18
Yards Returned/TD	448/3	130/0
Avg. Per Return	10.2	7.2
KICKOFF RETURNS	40	86
Yards Returned/TD	721/0	1570/1
Avg. Per Return	18.0	18.3
PENALTIES	97	95
Yards	894	862
FUMBLES	42-23	33-17
SACKS BY	46	16
Yards Lost	324	112

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4
Opponents	81	72	10	57
Georgia Southern	154	145	143	142

AVG ATTEND	HOME	AWAY	NEUT
14,601	16,593	7,671	13,481

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	APG	TD	LG
Ross	278	1748	18	1730	6.2	132.8	16	62MU
Gross	249	1347	261	1086	4.4	72.4	7	59UM
Thompson	118	563	19	544	4.6	36.2	21	41(2)
Efford	93	467	9	458	4.9	32.7	4	26MU
Miller	40	439	4	435	10.9	28.9	2	61SU
Huntley	37	228	48	180	4.9	15.0	2	28SU
Hopkins	26	182	11	171	6.6	12.2	2	24UM
Ficklin	30	133	0	133	4.4	11.1	1	12FAM
McGhee	25	123	0	123	4.9	8.8	1	14VS
McGrady	9	37	5	32	3.6	4.0	0	14MU
Mazyck	4	19	0	19	4.8	2.7	0	10SU
Gray	3	10	0	10	3.3	1.4	0	8SU
Sorrell	1	3	0	3	3.0	0.2	1	3SFA

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Allen	26	463	17.8	3	41(2)
Sorrell	19	425	22.4	1	66WG
Thompson	12	257	21.4	4	51VS
Miller	9	164	18.2	1	37TC
Hopkins	8	161	20.1	2	64VU
Ross	3	58	19.3	0	38JM
Belser	3	42	14.0	0	17FAM
McGhee	3	22	7.3	0	16SS
McClurg	2	33	16.5	0	22WG
Efford	2	23	11.5	0	13UM
Ward	1	8	8.0	0	8WG
Whitehead	1	7	7.0	0	7UM
Gainey	1	5	5.0	0	5VU

RETURNS	KICKOFFS	PUNTS	INTERCEPTIONS
Miller	20-374 (41TC)		
Thompson	13-228 (44SS)		
Allen	4-97 (32WG)		
Ficklin	1-22 (22MU)		
Huntley	1-0 (OCF)		
Whitehead	1-0 (OVU)		
Oglesby		38-383-1 (69tJM)	5-96-1 (43CF)
Dixon		2-11 (8SU)	5-70-2 (41tMU)
Hughes		1-20-1 (20tMT#2)	
Sikkelee		1-15-1 (15tUM)	
Avret		1-0 (OVS)	
Boone		1-19 (19SFA)	8-108 (43MU)
Whitley			5-34 (22SFA)
Hendrix			4-39 (22SU)
Sharpe			2-36 (19VS)
Mutimer			2-2 (2VU)
Berry			1-18 (18VU)
Hayes			1-2 (2MT#2)

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	IN20	LONG
Harvin	58	2138	36.9	24	51(2)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS: (Underlined #s are good)
Cool 46, 49, 46, 30, 49, 46, 54, 44
Dowis 30, 23, 26, 31, 24, 36, 37, 40, 18, 30, 27, 34, 27, 30, 27, 41, 30, 37, 20

PASSING	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LP	YDS/COMP	YDS/GAME	TOT OFF/GAME
Gross	15	159	80	50.3	2	10	1469	64	18.4	97.9	170.3
Huntley	12	20	8	40.0	1	1	138	66	17.3	11.5	26.5
Thompson	15	1	1	100.0	0	0	61	61	61.0	4.1	40.3
McGrady	7	1	1	100.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	4.0

SCORING	R-P-RET	FGM-A	PAT KICK	PAT R OR P	TP
Thompson	21-4-0				150
Dowis		16-19	68-69		116
Ross	16-0-0			1-2	98
Gross	7-0-0			1-1	44
Efford	4-0-0				24
Hopkins	2-2-0				24
Allen	0-3-0				18
Cool		6-8			18
Miller	2-1-0				18

SCORING	R-P-RET	FGM-A	PAT KICK	PAT R OR P	TP
Dixon	0-0-2				12
Huntley	2-0-0				12
Oglesby	0-0-2				12
Sorrell	1-1-0				12
Ficklin	1-0-0				6
Hughes	0-0-1				6
McGhee	1-0-0				6
Sikkelee	0-0-1				6
McGinley			2-2		2

1989 GEORGIA SOUTHERN
DEFENSIVE STATISTICS
(15 GAMES)

PLAYER	TOT	UT	AT	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB	TFL
Hendrix, LB	126	94	32	4.5	1	1	4	1	5	6
Smith, DE	112	67	45	12.0	1	1	-	2	2	15
Bussoletti, DE	89	45	44	12.0	-	4	-	1	2	2
West, LB	80	59	21	2.0	1	2	-	-	1	1
Dixon, FS	79	49	30	-	-	1	4	1	10	-
Berry, LB	74	56	18	2.0	2	1	-	-	1	2
Whitley, CB	69	51	18	3.0	-	-	5	-	2	4
Boone, SS	58	45	13	-	1	1	8	-	8	-
Parr, DT	55	25	30	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	7
Hughes, LB	54	41	13	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Waller, DT	54	31	23	7.0	-	-	-	-	-	4
Oglesby, CB	51	36	15	-	-	1	5	-	16	-
Brown, DT	50	32	18	7.5	2	-	-	-	-	3
Maxwell, LB	44	25	19	2.0	-	1	-	-	3	2
Donahue, DE	27	17	10	3.0	-	-	-	-	1	4
Sharpe, LB	26	18	8	-	1	-	2	1	-	-
Harris, DE	25	16	9	0.5	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mutimer, SS	18	14	4	-	-	-	2	-	1	2
Byers, DT	14	4	10	-	-	1	-	-	2	-
E. Hayes, LB	10	9	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Giles, FS	10	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haralson, DT	10	6	4	1.5	-	1	-	-	-	1
Sikkelee, LB	9	7	2	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eberly, LB	7	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gordon, DT	7	4	3	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott, CB	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pack, LB	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Meyer, DT	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Johns, LB	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Almon, FS	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Avret, CB	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
P. Hayes, ST	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1989 GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL STATISTICS
(11-0 Overall: 7-0 Home; 3-0 Away; 1-0 Neutral)

TEAM STATISTICS	GSC	OPP
TOTAL POINTS	405	133
Points Per Game	36.8	12.1
TD/Run-Pass-Rtn.	43-6-3	9-6-1
PAT	49-50	14-15
PAT Run or Pass	1-2	0-0
Field Goals	14-18	7-7
Safety	0	0
FIRST DOWNS	241	157
Rush	183	75
Pass	43	68
Penalty	15	14
3rd Down Conv-Att.	68-153	57-163
3rd Down Pct.	44.4	35.0
TOTAL YARDAGE	4671	2815
Avg. Per Game	424.6	255.9
Plays	782	687
Yds. Per Play	6.0	4.1
% Plays Rush-Pass	84-16	60-40
% Yards Rush-Pass	78-22	46-54
RUSHING YARDAGE	3621	1281
Yards Per Game	329.2	116.5
Gained	3892	1681
Lost	271	400
Rushing Plays	657	411
Yards Per Play	5.5	3.1
PASSING YARDAGE	1050	1534
Yards Per Game	95.5	139.5
Att-Completions	125-60	276-128
% Complete	48.0	46.4
Yards Per Attempt	8.4	5.6
Yards Per Comp.	17.5	12.0
INTERCEPTIONS BY	21	2
Yards Returned/TD	286/2	0/0
PUNTS	41	72
Yards Punted	1492	2696
Avg. Per Punt	36.4	37.4
Had Blocked	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	37	15
Yards Returned/TD	358/1	94/0
Avg. Per Return	9.7	6.3
KICKOFF RETURNS	27	60
Yards Returned/TD	532/0	1031/1
Avg. Per Return	19.7	17.2
PENALTIES	70	72
Yards	633	623
FUMBLES	34-19	30-15
SACKS BY	32	13
Yards Lost	211	85

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4
Opponents	67	39	0	27
Georgia Southern	109	95	104	97

AVG ATTEND	HOME	AWAY	NEUT
14,676	17,849	7,671	13,481

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	APG	TD	LG
Ross	212	1370	16	1354	6.4	135.4	13	62MU
Gross	184	949	176	773	4.2	70.3	5	45SS
Thompson	88	448	16	432	4.9	39.3	16	41(2)
Miller	27	340	4	336	12.4	30.5	1	61SU
Efford	57	293	8	285	5.0	28.5	4	26MU
Huntley	26	183	41	142	5.5	14.2	2	28SU
Ficklin	23	99	0	99	4.3	11.0	1	12FAM
Hopkins	15	92	9	83	5.5	7.5	1	14WG
McGrady	7	34	1	33	4.7	6.6	0	14MU
McGhee	12	57	0	57	4.8	5.2	0	14VS
Mazyck	3	17	0	17	5.7	2.8	0	10SU
Gray	3	10	0	10	3.3	2.0	0	8SU

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Allen	18	300	16.7	2	41TC
Sorrell	13	280	21.5	1	66WG
Thompson	9	165	18.3	2	51VS
Hopkins	6	94	15.7	1	36JM
Miller	3	59	19.7	0	37TC
Ross	3	58	19.3	0	38JM
Belser	3	42	14.0	0	17FAM
McGhee	3	22	7.3	0	16SS
McClurg	1	22	22.0	0	22WG
Ward	1	8	8.0	0	8 WG

RETURNS	KICKOFFS	PUNTS	INTERCEPTIONS
Miller	17-321 (41TC)		
Thompson	7-157 (44SS)		
Allen	1-32 (32WG)		
Huntley	1-0 (0CF)		
Ficklin	1-22 (22MU)		
Oglesby		34-347-1 (69tJM)	3-64 (43CF)
Dixon		2-11 (8SU)	3-63-2 (41tMU)
Avret		1-0 (0VS)	
Boone			6-80 (43MU)
Whitley			4-12 (12FAM)
Sharpe			2-36 (19VS)
Hendrix			3-31 (22SU)

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	IN20	LONG
Harvin	41	1492	36.4	15	51 (FAMU)

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS: (Underlined #s are good)
Cool 46, 49, 46, 30, 49, 46, 54
Dowis 30, 23, 26, 31, 24, 36, 37, 40, 18, 30, 27

PASSING	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LP	YDS/COMP	YDS/GAME	TOT OFF/GAME
Gross	11	110	53	48.2	2	5	930	51	17.5	84.5	154.8
Huntley	10	14	6	42.9	0	1	120	66	20.0	12.0	26.2
McGrady	5	1	1	100.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	6.6

SCORING	R-P-RET	FGM-A	PAT KICK	PAT R OR P	TP
Thompson	16-2-0				108
Ross	13-0-0			0-1	78
Dowis		9-11	47-48		74
Gross	5-0-0			1-1	32
Efford	4-0-0				24
Cool		5-7			15
Allen	0-2-0				12
Dixon	0-0-2				12

SCORING	R-P-RET	FGM-A	PAT KICK	PAT R OR P	TP
Hopkins	1-1-0				12
Huntley	2-0-0				12
Ficklin	1-0-0				6
Miller	1-0-0				6
Oglesby	0-0-1				6
Sorrell	0-1-0				6
McGinley			2-2		2

1989 GEORGIA SOUTHERN
DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

(FINAL REGULAR SEASON—11 GAMES)

PLAYER	TOT	UT	AT	SKS	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB	TFL
Hendrix, LB	93	70	23	2.0	1	1	3	-	4	3
Smith, DE	82	47	35	7.5	-	1	-	1	1	12
West, LB	72	53	19	2.0	1	2	-	-	1	1
Dixon, FS	67	43	24	-	-	1	3	1	6	-
Bussoletti, DE	66	31	35	10.0	-	3	-	1	1	1
Berry, LB	54	40	14	1.0	2	1	-	-	1	1
Boone, SS	46	33	13	-	1	1	6	-	4	-
Whitley, CB	42	32	10	2.0	-	-	4	-	1	1
Waller, DT	40	23	17	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	3
Hughes, LB	39	27	12	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Oglesby, CB	39	27	12	-	-	1	3	-	10	-
Brown, DT	39	24	15	6.5	1	-	-	-	-	2
Parr, DT	37	13	24	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	3
Maxwell, LB	32	19	13	2.0	-	1	-	-	3	2
Sharpe, LB	24	16	8	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Donahue, DE	24	15	9	2.0	-	-	-	-	1	4
Harris, DE	21	15	6	0.5	-	1	-	-	-	-
Giles, FS	10	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Byers, DT	10	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mutimer, SS	9	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
E. Hayes, LB	8	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sikkelee, LB	8	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eberly, LB	7	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gordon, DT	7	4	3	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haralson, DT	7	4	3	1.5	-	1	-	-	-	1
Scott, CB	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pack, LB	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Meyer, DT	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Johns, LB	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Almon, FS	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P. Hayes, ST	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1989 TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS

OFFENSE—TEAM

FIRST DOWNS	Most: 34 vs. Marshall Least: 14 vs. Nicholls State
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	Most: 75 vs. James Madison Least: 40 vs. Valdosta State
NET RUSHING YARDS	Most: 482 vs. Marshall Least: 171 vs. Valdosta State
PASS ATTEMPTS	Most: 17 vs. West Georgia, Valdosta State Least: 2 vs. Central Florida
PASS COMPLETIONS	Most: 11 vs. West Georgia Least: 0 vs. Central Florida
INTERCEPTIONS THROWN	Most: 1 vs. Nicholls State, Samford, Montana Least: 0 on twelve occasions
NET PASSING YARDS	Most: 198 vs. Montana Least: 0 vs. Central Florida
TOTAL PLAYS	Most: 86 vs. James Madison Least: 57 vs. Valdosta State
TOTAL YARDS	Most: 592 vs. Villanova Least: 295 vs. Valdosta State
RETURN YARDS	Most: 150 vs. Marshall Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee State #1
PUNT RETURNS	Most: 6 vs. Samford, James Madison Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee State #1
PUNT RETURN YARDAGE	Most: 92 vs. James Madison Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee State #1
KICK RETURNS	Most: 6 vs. Villanova Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee State #1
KICK RETURN YARDAGE	Most: 79 vs. Marshall Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee State #1
INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE	Most: 136 vs. Marshall Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee State #1
PUNTS	Most: 7 vs. Nicholls State Least: 2 vs. West Georgia, Marshall
PENALTIES	Most: 11 vs. Nicholls State Least: 2 vs. Savannah State, Stephen F. Austin
PENALTY YARDAGE	Most: 101 vs. Florida A&M Least: 18 vs. Samford
FUMBLES	Most: 5 vs. Valdosta State Least: 1 vs. Florida A&M, Middle Tennessee State #2, Montana
FUMBLES LOST	Most: 3 vs. Valdosta State, Middle Tennessee State #1, Savannah State, Central Florida Least: 0 vs. Florida A&M
POSSESSION TIME	Most: 40:00 (approximate due to clock failure) vs. Middle Tennessee State #1 Least: 25:46 vs. Valdosta State

DEFENSE—TEAM

FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED	Most: 27 vs. Marshall Least: 6 vs. West Georgia
RUSHING ATTEMPTS ALLOWED	Most: 49 vs. James Madison Least: 27 vs. Florida A&M
NET RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED	Most: 272 vs. James Madison Least: 5 vs. Samford
PASS ATTEMPTS ALLOWED	Most: 42 vs. Marshall Least: 9 vs. James Madison
PASS COMPLETIONS ALLOWED	Most: 22 vs. Villanova Least: 2 vs. West Georgia
INTERCEPTIONS	Most: 5 vs. Stephen F. Austin Least: 1 vs. West Georgia, Savannah State, Central Florida, James Madison, Montana
NET PASSING YARDS ALLOWED	Most: 398 vs. Villanova Least: 8 vs. West Georgia
TOTAL PLAYS ALLOWED	Most: 80 vs. Marshall Least: 44 vs. West Georgia
TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED	Most: 477 vs. Villanova Least: 67 vs. Middle Tennessee State #1
RETURN YARDS ALLOWED	Most: 47 vs. West Georgia Least: -5 vs. Florida A&M
PUNT RETURNS ALLOWED	Most: 3 vs. Central Florida Least: 0 vs. Marshall, Middle Tennessee State #2
KICK RETURNS ALLOWED	Most: 9 vs. Marshall Least: 1 vs. Central Florida
KICK RETURN YARDAGE ALLOWED	Most: 175 vs. Villanova Least: 11 vs. Central Florida
PUNTS FORCED	Most: 10 vs. Samford Least: 3 vs. Marshall, Villanova
PENALTIES ALLOWED	Most: 13 vs. Savannah State Least: 3 vs. West Georgia, Tennessee-Chattanooga
PENALTY YARDS ALLOWED	Most: 102 vs. Florida A&M Least: 14 vs. West Georgia
FUMBLES CAUSED	Most: 6 vs. Middle Tennessee State #1 Least: 0 vs. Middle Tennessee State #2
FUMBLES RECOVERED	Most: 5 vs. Middle Tennessee State #1 Least: 0 vs. Valdosta State, Middle Tennessee State #2, Stephen F. Austin
POSSESSION TIME ALLOWED	Most: 34:14 vs Valdosta State Least: 20:00 (approximate due to clock failure) vs. Middle Tennessee State #1

OFFENSE—INDIVIDUAL

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS - 32,
Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee State #1

MOST RUSHING YARDS - 280,
Ross vs. Marshall

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS - 4,
Ernest Thompson vs. West Georgia

MOST RECEPTIONS - 5,
Donnie Allen vs. West Georgia

MOST RECEIVING YARDS - 104,
Terrance Sorrell vs. Villanova

MOST TD RECEPTIONS - 1,
On 11 occasions by five players

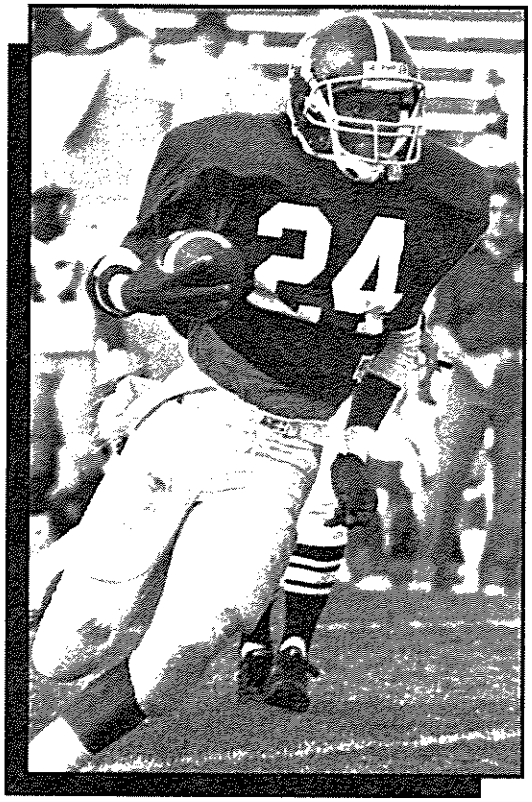
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Gross vs. Nicholls State,
Stephen F. Austin

MOST PASS COMPLETIONS - 8,
Gross vs. West Georgia

MOST PASSING YARDS - 180,
Gross vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga

MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS - 2,
Gross vs. Middle Tennessee State #2,
Montana

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN - 1,
Gross vs. Nicholls State, Samford,
Montana



TOP PERFORMANCES OF 1989

RUSHING YARDAGE

Georgia Southern

1. 280 Joe Ross vs. Marshall
2. 190 Joe Ross vs. Villanova
3. 182 Joe Ross vs. Mid. Tenn. St. #1
4. 160 Joe Ross vs. Florida A&M
5. 152 Joe Ross vs. Stephen F. Austin

Opponents

1. 116 Willie Lanier, James Madison
2. 104 Eriq Williams, James Madison
3. 97 Ramon Allen, Valdosta State
4. 84 Brooks Benton, West Georgia
   Ron Darby, Marshall

PASSING YARDAGE

Georgia Southern

1. 180 Raymond Gross vs. Montana
2. 151 Raymond Gross vs.
   UT-Chattanooga
3. 129 Raymond Gross vs. Villanova
4. 118 Raymond Gross vs. James
   Madison
5. 117 Raymond Gross vs. Mid.
   Tenn. St. #2

Opponents

1. 371 Kirk Schulz, Villanova
2. 311 John Gregory, Marshall
3. 303 Todd Hammel, Stephen F. Austin
4. 261 Richard Basil, Savannah State
5. 176 Grady Bennett, Montana

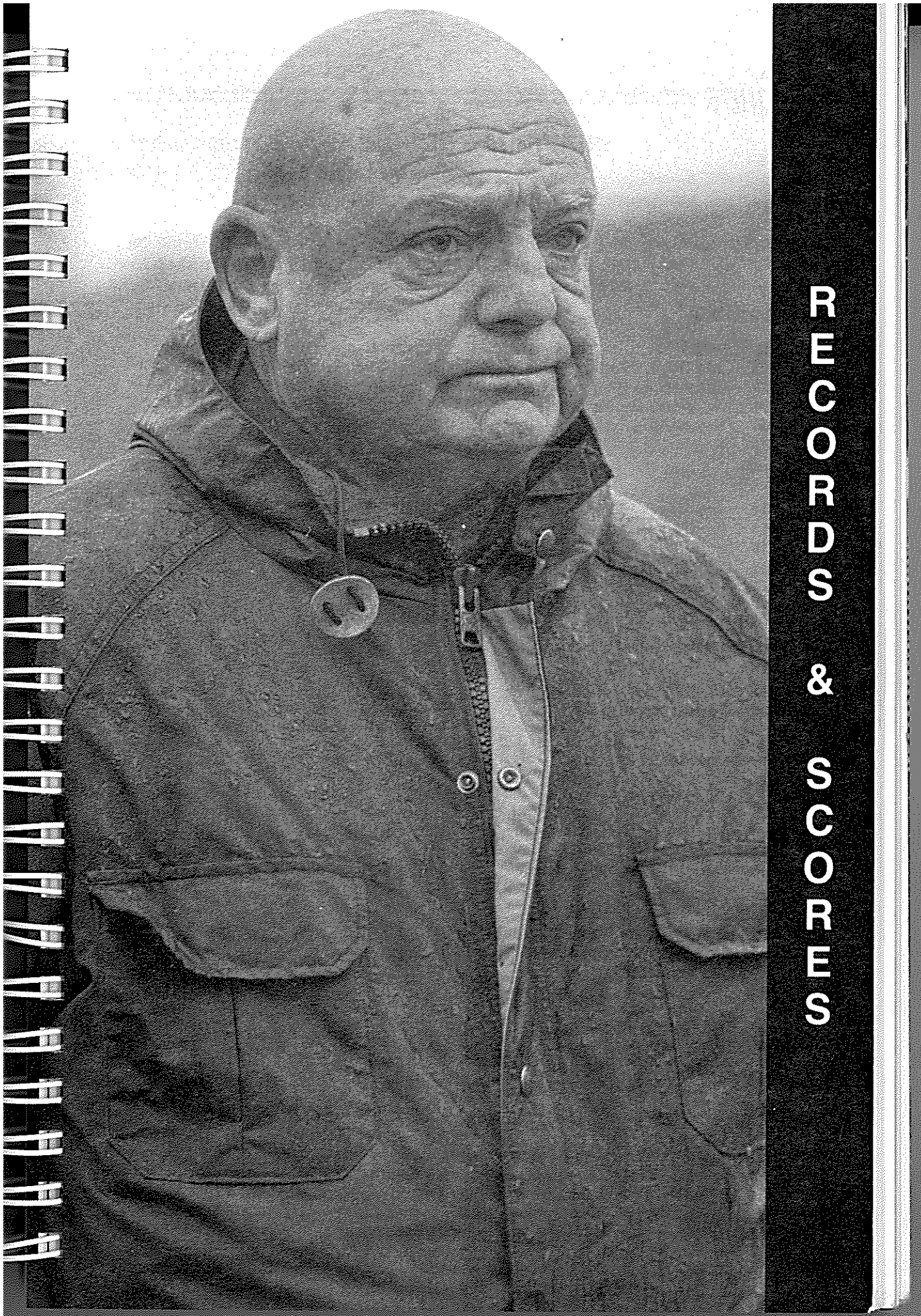
RECEIVING YARDAGE

Georgia Southern

1. 104 Terrance Sorrell vs. Villanova
2. 103 Terrance Sorrell vs. West Georgia
3. 100 Donnie Allen vs. Montana
4. 67 Ernest Thompson vs. Montana
5. 64 Darryl Hopkins vs. Villanova

Opponents

1. 202 Shannon Sharpe, Savannah State
2. 176 Robert Brady, Villanova
3. 118 Lorenzo Glenn, Montana
4. 111 John Brown, Nicholls State
5. 106 Eric Ihnat, Marshall



RECORDS & SCORES

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Playoffs Not Included in Season and Career Totals

—RUSHING—

SINGLE SEASON

Attempts

1.	**212**	**Joe Ross, 1989**
2.	207	Tracy Ham, 1986
3.	**194**	**Raymond Gross, 1988**
4.	**184**	**Raymond Gross, 1989**
5.	183	Gerald Harris, 1986

Yardage

1.	**1,354**	**Joe Ross, 1989**
2.	1,048	Tracy Ham, 1986
3.	**1,018**	**Joe Ross, 1987**
4.	954	Gerald Harris, 1986
5.	825	Ricky Harris, 1985

Touchdowns

1.	19	Ernest Thompson, 1988
2.	18	Tracy Ham, 1986
3.	17	Gerald Harris, 1986
4.	16	Gerald Harris, 1984
		Ernest Thompson, 1989

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

1.	7.4	Ricky Harris, 1985 (111-825)
2.	**6.4**	**Joe Ross, 1989 (212-1354)**
3.	**6.2**	**Joe Ross, 1987 (165-1018)**
4.	5.9	Melvin Bell, 1983 (121-712)
5.	5.8	Ricky Harris, 1984 (104-606)

Longest Run From Scrimmage

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

CAREER

Attempts

1.	642	Tracy Ham, 1983-86
2.	**508**	**Raymond Gross, 1987-**
3.	499	Gerald Harris, 1983-86
4.	**488**	**Joe Ross, 1987-**
5.	320	Ricky Harris, 1983-86

Yardage

1.	3,212	Tracy Ham, 1983-86
2.	**3,008**	**Joe Ross, 1987-**
3.	2,419	Gerald Harris, 1983-86
4.	2,161	Ricky Harris, 1983-86
5.	**2,074**	**Raymond Gross, 1987-**

Touchdowns

1.	53	Gerald Harris, 1983-86
2.	**44**	**Ernest Thompson, 1985-89**
3.	43	Tracy Ham, 1983-86
4.	**22**	**Joe Ross, 1987-**
5.	**17**	**Raymond Gross, 1987-**

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

1.	6.8	Ricky Harris, 1983-86
2.	**6.1**	**Joe Ross, 1987-**
3.	5.0	Tracy Ham, 1983-86
4.	4.8	Gerald Harris, 1983-86
5.	**4.1**	**Raymond Gross, 1987-**

SINGLE GAME

Most Attempts—33, Gerald Harris vs. Mars Hill, 1983
Most Yards Gained—280, Joe Ross vs. Marshall, 1989
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

MISCELLANEOUS

Most Consecutive Games Gaining 100 Yards or More (includes playoffs)—6, Joe Ross, 1989
Most 100-Yard Games In a Season (includes playoffs)—10, Joe Ross, 1989 and Tracy Ham, 1986
Most 100-Yard Games In a Career—19, Joe Ross, 1987 (16 regular season and 3 playoffs)
Most Seasons Gaining 1,000 Yards or More—2, Joe Ross, (1987, 1989)
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.	**110**	**Raymond Gross, 1989**

Completions

1.	109	Tracy Ham, 1984
2.	98	Tracy Ham, 1986
3.	94	Tracy Ham, 1985
4.	**62**	**Raymond Gross, 1988**
5.	**53**	**Raymond Gross, 1989**

Yardage

1.	1,772	Tracy Ham, 1986
2.	1,694	Tracy Ham, 1984
3.	1,405	Tracy Ham, 1985
4.	**930**	**Raymond Gross, 1989**
5.	886	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**

Touchdowns

1.	12	Tracy Ham, 1984
2.	9	Tracy Ham, 1986
3.	8	Tracy Ham, 1985
4.	5	Tracy Ham, 1983
		Raymond Gross, 1989

Completion Percentage

1.	.554	Tracy Ham, 1986
2.	.550	Tracy Ham, 1985
3.	**.521**	**Raymond Gross, 1988**
4.	.495	Tracy Ham, 1984
5.	**.482**	**Raymond Gross, 1989**

CAREER

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

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

Lowest Percentage of Passes Intercepted, Season—1.8%, Raymond Gross, 1989 (2 in 110)

Lowest Percentage of Passes Intercepted, Career—3.5%, Raymond Gross, 1987- (11 in 318)

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 Valdosta State)

Most Games Gaining 200 Yards of 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
		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
		Monty Sharpe, 1985
		Monty Sharpe, 1986
4.	4	Monty Sharpe, 1983
		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
		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, 1985-88
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 I-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

Most Receptions—9, Robert Baker vs. East Carolina, 1984
Most Yards—148, Frank Johnson vs. Furman, 1985 I-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.	108	Ernest Thompson, 1989
4.	104	Gerald Harris, 1986
5.	102	Gerald Harris, 1984

Touchdowns

1.	19	Ernest Thompson, 1988
2.	18	Tracy Ham, 1986
		Ernest Thompson, 1989
4.	17	Gerald Harris, 1984
		Gerald Harris, 1986

Field Goals Made

1.	17	Tim Foley, 1987
2.	16	Tim Foley, 1985
3.	10	Tim Foley, 1986
4.	**9**	**Mike Dowis, 1989**
5.	**8**	**Mike Dowis, 1988**

Extra Points Made

1.	50	Tim Foley, 1986
2.	**47**	**Mike Dowis, 1989**
3.	43	Tim Foley, 1984
4.	**40**	**Mike Dowis, 1988**
5.	33	Tim Foley, 1985

CAREER

Points

1.	340	Gerald Harris, 1983-86
2.	296	Tim Foley, 1984-87
3.	266	Ernest Thompson, 1985-89
4.	262	Tracy Ham, 1983-86
5.	**138**	**Mike Dowis, 1988**

SINGLE GAME

Most Points—30, Gerald Harris vs. North Carolina A&T, 1986 Playoffs
Most Points, Kicking—16, Tim Foley vs. Arkansas State, 1986 I-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 I-AA Championship Game and **Mike Dowis, vs Middle Tennessee State #1, 1989**
Most Extra Points—8, Tim Foley vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986 and **Mike Dowis vs. Marshall, 1989**

RECORDS (Cont.)

—TOTAL OFFENSE—

SINGLE SEASON

Yardage

1.	2,820	Tracy Ham, 1986
2.	2,401	Tracy Ham, 1984
3.	2,156	Tracy Ham, 1985
4.	**1,703**	**Raymond Gross, 1989**
5.	**1,633**	**Raymond Gross, 1988**

Plays

1.	384	Tracy Ham, 1986
2.	368	Tracy Ham, 1984
3.	327	Tracy Ham, 1985
4.	**313**	**Raymond Gross, 1988**
5.	**294**	**Raymond Gross, 1989**

MISCELLANEOUS

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—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
		Melvin Bell, 1983
4.	17	Melvin Bell, 1984
		Karl Miller, 1989

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.	**34**	**Rodney Oglesby, 1989**
2.	**25**	**Rodney Oglesby, 1988**
3.	22	Tony Belser, 1987
4.	19	Melvin Bell, 1983
5.	18	Melvin Bell, 1984
		Nay Young, 1985
		Tony Belser, 1986

Most Return Yardage

1.	**347**	**Rodney Oglesby, 1989**
2.	252	Melvin Bell, 1984
3.	201	Nay Young, 1985
4.	**161**	**Rodney Oglesby, 1988**
5.	148	Tony Belser, 1987

MISCELLANEOUS

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—69, Rodney Oglesby, 1988-

Most Punt Return Yardage, Game—92, Rodney Oglesby vs. James Madison, 1989
Most Punt Return Yardage, Career—508, Rodney Oglesby, 1988-
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; Nay Young vs. East Tennessee State, 1984; and **Rodney Oglesby vs. James Madison, 1989**
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 and **Karl Miller, 1987-**
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—44, Ernest Thompson vs. Savannah State, 1989
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—

SINGLE SEASON

Most Punts

1.	**43**	**Terry Harvin, 1988**
2.	**41**	**Terry Harvin, 1989**
3.	40	Britt Barker, 1983
4.	37	Pat Parker, 1986
5.	**32**	**Terry Harvin, 1987**

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**

MISCELLANEOUS

Most Punts, Career—116, Terry Harvin 1987-
Most Punts, Game—8, Tank Stephens vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1984
Highest Average Per Kick, Career—37.6, Pat Parker, 1984-87
Longest Punt—66, Terry Harvin vs. Western Carolina, 1987

—INTERCEPTIONS—

Most Passes Intercepted, Game—2, on 13 occasions. Last by Everett Sharpe vs. Valdosta State, 1989
Most Passes Intercepted, Season—6, Randell Boone, 1989
Most Passes Intercepted, Career—12, Taz Dixon, 1986-89
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—182, Taz Dixon, 1986-89
Most Touchdowns on Interception Returns, Game—1, on five occasions. Last by Taz Dixon vs. Marshall, 1989
Most Touchdowns on Interception Returns, Season—2, Taz Dixon, 1989
Most Touchdowns on Interception Returns, Career—3, Taz Dixon, 1986-89
Longest Return of an Interception—95, Hugo Rossignol vs. Mars Hill, 1983

—KICKING—

Most Field Goals Attempted, Game—4, Tim Foley vs. Furman, 1985 I-AA Championship Game and vs. Arkansas State, 1986 I-AA Championship Game and **Mike Dowis vs. Middle Tennessee State** #1, 1989
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 I-AA Championship Game and **Mike Dowis vs. Middle Tennessee State** #1, 1989
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 (I-AA record)
Longest Field Goal by a Freshman—60, David Cool vs. James Madison, 1988 (I-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 and **Mike Dowis vs. Marshall, 1989**
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 and **Mike Dowis, vs. Marshall, 1989**
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—97.8, Mike Dowis, 1988- (87-89)

—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.	**9.5**	**Steve Bussoletti, 1989**
4.	7.5	James Carter, 1987
		Giff Smith, 1989

Most Pass Breakups

1.	11	Chris Aiken, 1985
		Nay Young, 1986
3.	**10**	**Rodney Oglesby, 1989**
4.	7	Nay Young, 1985
		Rodney Oglesby, 1988

Most Fumble Recoveries

1.	4	Nay Young, 1987
2.	3	Danny Durham, 1985
		Michael Berry, 1988
		Steve Bussoletti, 1989
5.	2	Hugo Rossignol, 1984
	2	Chris Aiken, 1985

Most Tackles In a Game—22, Jesse Jenkins vs. Troy State, 1985
21, Everett Sharpe vs. The Citadel, 1988 playoffs

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 I-AA Championship Game
Most Touchdowns Scored—9 vs. Marshall, 1989

RUSHING

Most Plays Rushing—75 vs. James Madison, 1989
Most Rushing Plays, Both Teams—124 vs. James Madison, 1989
Most Rushing Yards—515 vs. Samford, 1988
Most Rushing Yards, Both Teams—658 vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1988 playoffs
Most Touchdowns Rushing—7 on three occasions. Last done vs. Marshall, 1989

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 State, 1984
Most Passing Yards—419 vs. Furman, 1985 I-AA Championship Game
Most Touchdown Passes—4 vs. Furman, 1985 I-AA Championship Game

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 on three occasions. Last done vs. James Madison, 1989

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—63 vs. Marshall, 1989
Most Points, Both Teams—94 vs. Marshall, 1989
Largest Margin of Victory—53 vs. South Carolina State, 1988 (53-0)
Largest Margin of Defeat—38 vs. Gardner-Webb, 1982 (6-44)
Most Touchdowns—9 vs. Marshall, 1989
Most Touchdowns, Both Teams—13 vs. Marshall, 1989
Most Extra Points Made—9 vs Marshall, 1989
Most Extra Points Made, Both Teams—12 vs. Marshall, 1989
Most Field Goals Made—4 vs. Arkansas State, 1986 I-AA Championship Game and vs. Middle Tennessee State #1, 1989
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—61 vs. Marshall, 1989
Most First Downs, Rushing—27 vs. Marshall, 1989
Most First Downs, Rushing, Both Teams—34 on three occasions. Last done vs. James Madison, 1989
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 on three occasions. Last done vs. Middle Tennessee State #2, 1989
Most First Downs, Penalty, Both Teams—6 vs. Florida A&M, 1989 and Marshall, 1989

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles—9 vs. Savannah State, 1983
Most Fumbles, Both Teams—16 vs. Savannah State, 1983
Most Fumbles Lost—5 vs. Central Florida, 1983
Most Fumbles Lost, Both Teams—8 vs. East Tennessee State, 1983 and vs. Middle Tennessee State #1, 1989

PENALTIES

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

RECORDS (Cont.)

SINGLE GAME DEFENSE

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles Caused—7 vs. Savannah State, 1983
Most Fumbles Recovered—5 vs. Savannah State, 1983 and vs. Middle Tennessee State #1, 1989

TURNOVERS

Most Turnovers Caused—7 vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1986 (seven interceptions) and vs. Marshall, 1989 (two interceptions, five fumbles)

FIRST DOWNS

Fewest Allowed—6, vs. West Georgia, 1989
Fewest Allowed, Rushing—2 on three occasions. Last done vs. MTSU #1, 1989
Fewest Allowed, Passing—0 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1985 and vs. Marshall, 1989

TOTAL DEFENSE

Fewest Plays Allowed—44 vs. West Georgia, 1989
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—5 vs. Samford, 1989
Most Yards Allowed—343 vs. Arkansas State, 1986 I-AA Championship Game

PASS DEFENSE

Fewest Attempts Allowed—9 vs. James Madison, 1989
Fewest Completions Allowed—1 vs. South Carolina State, 1988
Fewest Yards Allowed—8 vs. West Georgia, 1989
Most Yards Allowed—527 vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984
Most Interceptions—7 vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1986
Most Yards on Interception Returns—129 vs. Mars Hill, 1983

SINGLE SEASON OFFENSE

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Yards Per Game—480.5, 1986
Highest Average Per Play—7.0, 1986
Most Yards—5,286, 1986
Most Touchdowns—55, 1986

RUSHING

Most Yards—3,621, 1989
Most Yards Per Game—329.2, 1989
Most Yards Per Play—6.0, 1986
Most Touchdowns—43, 1986 and 1989

PASSING

Most Attempts—227, 1984
Most Completions—114, 1985
Most Yards—1,901, 1986
Most Yards Per Game—172.8, 1986
Highest Completion Percentage—55.1, 1986
Most Touchdowns—12, 1984

PUNTING

Most Punts—55, 1985 and 1987
Fewest Punts—40, 1986
Highest Punting Average—38.0, 1986

PUNT RETURNS

Most Returns—37, 1989
Fewest Returns—20, 1984
Most Yards—358, 1989
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—183, 1989
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

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

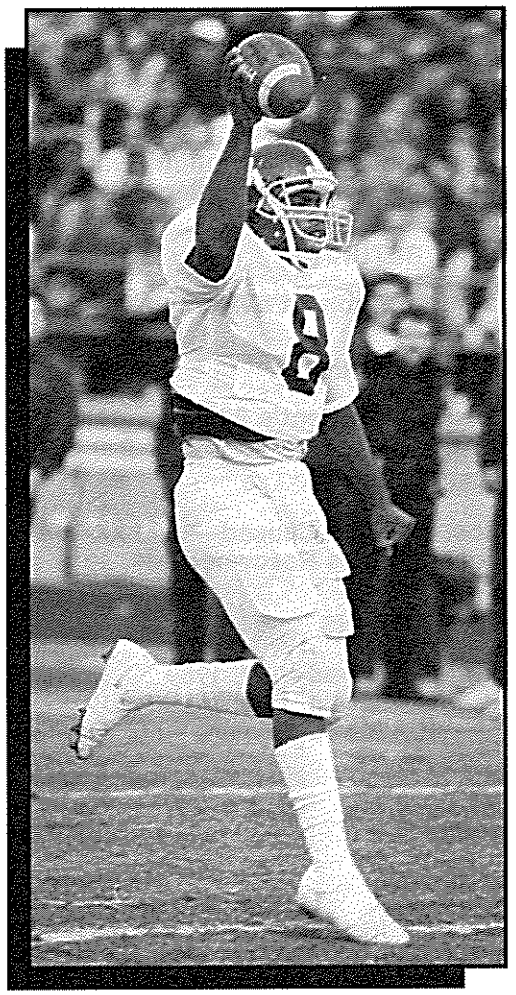
Fewest Yards Allowed—2,638, 1988
Fewest Yards Allowed Per Game—239.8, 1988
Lowest Opponents's Average Per Play—3.8, 1988
Fewest Touchdowns Allowed—15, 1989

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



Tracy Ham

RECORDS (Cont.)

Fewest Yards Allowed Per Completion—11.6, 1986
Lowest Opponent's Completion Percentage—43.9, 1983
Fewest Passing Touchdowns Allowed—6, 1989
Most Interceptions—22, 1984
Most Yards On Interception Returns—286, 1989
Most Touchdowns on Interception Returns—2, 1988 and 1989

PUNT RETURNS

Lowest Opponent's Average—4.8, 1985

KICK RETURNS

Lowest Opponent's Average—17.2, 1985 and 1989

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles Caused—36, 1987
Most Fumbles Recovered—15, 1983 and 1989

FIRST DOWNS

Fewest Allowed—157, 1989
Fewest Allowed, Rushing—71, 1987
Fewest Allowed, Passing—60, 1983

YEAR-BY-YEAR STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING

1989	Joe Ross	1,354
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

RECEIVING

1989	Donnie Allen	18-300
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

TACKLES

1989	Darrell Hendrix	92
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

PASSING

1989	Raymond Gross	930
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

SCORING

1989	Ernest Thompson	108
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

YEAR-BY-YEAR TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

Year	Rec.	Pts. Avg.	FD	T. Off.	R. Yds.	P. Yds.
1989	**15-0**	36.8	241	424.6	**329.2**	95.5
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.
1989	**12.1**	**157**	255.9	116.5	139.5
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. 25,725 vs. Stephen F. Austin, 1989
2. 24,078 vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1989
3. 20,507 vs. Savannah State, 1989
4. 20,340 vs. Samford, 1988
5. 20,228 vs. Northeast Louisiana, 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 (4-1)

Georgia Southern has been on national television five times in the last five years. The 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1989 national championship games were televised live on ESPN. The Eagles have yet to make an appearance on network television.

ESPN™
THE TOTAL SPORTS NETWORK

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**
September 21, 1989 — **Georgia Southern 26, Middle Tennessee State 0**
December 16, 1989 — **Georgia Southern 37, Stephen F. Austin 34**

REGIONAL (7-3)

Georgia Southern has been on regional television 10 times since 1983, including four times in the last two seasons.

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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**

SUNSHINE NETWORK

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

GEORGIA SOUTHERN SPORTS NETWORK

November 4, 1989 — **Georgia Southern 36, James Madison 21**
November 18, 1989 — **Georgia Southern 63, Marshall 31**

GEORGIA SOUTHERN
IN THE I-AA PLAYOFFS

Since joining NCAA Division I-AA in 1984, Georgia Southern has made the playoffs five times—1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989. The Eagles won the I-AA title in 1985 and 1986 and were runners-up in 1988. Last year Southern captured it third championship in five years. In 1987, GSC advanced to the quarterfinals before getting knocked out by Appalachian State. In five years, the Eagles are 16-2 in playoff games, 11-0 at friendly Paulson Stadium. Here is a review of Georgia Southern's post-season history.

1989 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Villanova 36
Georgia Southern . . . . . 52 — **November 25** — **Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Georgia**

Junior fullback Joe Ross of Augusta rushed for 190 yards, the fourth-best single-game performance in Georgia Southern history, as the Eagles defeated Villanova 52-36 in first-round playoff action at Paulson Stadium.

Ross scored on runs of 11 and 39 yards in the second half as Southern typically pulled away from the Yankee Conference co-champions — after typically trailing at intermission. Wildcat quarterback Kirk Schulz passed for 232 yards and two TD's the first 30 minutes as Villanova built a 21-13 halftime lead.

Then came quarter No.3 and the Eagles ripped off 25 unanswered points. Georgia Southern scored on its first four second-half possessions to grab a 38-21 advantage with 15:00 remaining. The barrage was capped by Raymond Gross' nifty swing pass to Darryl Hopkins, who went 64 yards. Southern added 14 points in the fourth quarter. Its final score came on Rodney Oglesby's 32-yard interception return, marking the third time in three weeks an Eagle defensive back had returned a pass theft to paydirt.

Middle Tennessee State . . 3
Georgia Southern . . . . . 45 — **December 2** — **Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Georgia**

Junior quarterback Raymond Gross passed for two touchdowns and ran for another and senior linebacker Bart Hughes scored on a 20-yard blocked punt return as Georgia Southern socked Middle Tennessee State 45-3 at Paulson Stadium

The victory was Southern's 35th straight at home, a national I-AA record.

Second-team fullback Lester Efford gained a career-best 123 yards on 21 carries. He replaced starter Joe Ross late in the first quarter. Ross picked up 34 yards on 10 attempts before a right knee injury forced him to the sidelines.

Chuck McClurg's block of a Chuck Daniel punt and Hughes' subsequent ramble to the endzone put Southern ahead to stay with 7:56 left in the first quarter.

Montana 15
Georgia Southern . . . . . 45 — **December 9** — **Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Georgia**

Junior quarterback Raymond Gross completed seven of 10 passes for a career-best 180 yards and two touchdowns and slotbacks Ernest Thompson, Karl Miller and Darryl Hopkins rushed for one score each as Georgia Southern blitzed Montana, 45-15 in I-AA semifinal action at Paulson Stadium

With the victory, Georgia Southern established a school record for wins in a season (14) and ran its I-AA home win streak record to 36 games.

For the second straight week, Southern struck for a season-high 31 first-half points.

Stephen F. Austin 34
Georgia Southern . . . . . 37 — **December 16** — **Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Georgia**

Savannah junior Mike Dowis booted a 20-yard field goal with 1:41 remaining to cap Georgia Southern's 15-0 season, the first by a college team in modern football history. The Eagles, before a record crowd of 25, 725 in the friendly confines of Paulson Stadium rallied to defeat Southland Conference champion Stephen F. Austin and capture their third Division I-AA championship in five years. Junior quarterback Raymond Gross brought Southern back from two seven-point deficits in the final 15 minutes. Junior fullback Joe Ross of Augusta carried 31 times for 152 yards and scored once. Gross rushed for 103 yards and passed for 113. Lumberjack quarterback Todd Hammel threw five interceptions, the fourth to free safety Taz Dixon at the SFA 30. Nine plays later Dowis provided the margin of victory. Sophomore Kevin Whitley made 10 tackles for the Eagles, while junior Giff Smith and senior Darrell Hendrix contributed eight.

1988 NATIONAL RUNNER UP

The Citadel 20
Georgia Southern . . . . . 38 — **November 26** — **Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Georgia**

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
Georgia Southern . . . . . 27 — **December 2** — **Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Georgia**

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 Hammel 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
Georgia Southern . . . . . 21 — **December 10** — **Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Georgia**

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 heriocs, safety Randell Boone 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
Furman . . . . . 17 — **December 17** — **Holt Minidome, Pocatello, Idaho**

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 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.

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 — **November 29** — **Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Georgia**

Gerald Harris rushed for 181 yards and scored an NCAA I-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 I-AA championship game. Ham rushed for 162 yards and two touchdowns and completed eight of 16 passes for 147 yards and two more scores. 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 I-AA national championship. Against the nation's top rated I-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 I-AA.

1985 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Jackson State 0	**November 30**	**Allen E. Paulson Stadium**
Georgia Southern 27		**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 a 45-yarder 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	**December 7**	**Johnny Floyd Stadium**
Middle Tennessee State . 21		**Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

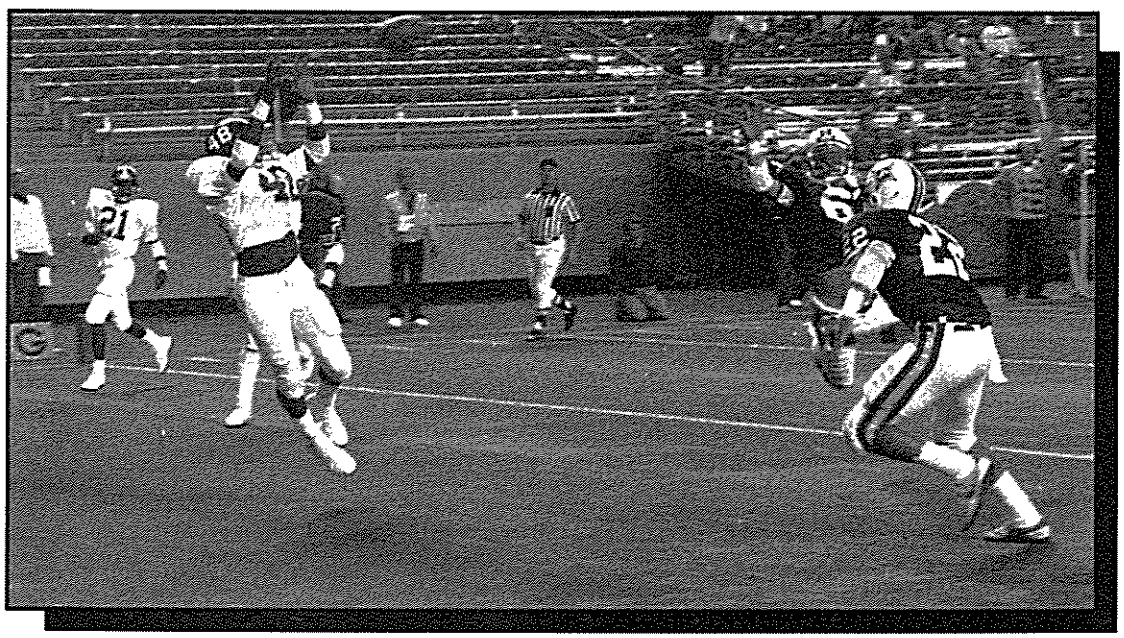
Georgia Southern scored 21 unanswered points and then held off a Middle Tennessee rally to upset the nation's number one ranked team, 28-21. Gerald Harris rushed for 148 yards and Tracy Ham passed for 125 yards to lead the Eagles. Defensively, Nay Young had two key interceptions to stop the Blue Raiders.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

Georgia Southern 40	**December 14**	**UNI Dome**
Northern Iowa 33		**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	**December 21**	**Tacoma Dome**
Furman 42		**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 I-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 Montana December 9, 1989 in the NCAA Division I-AA semifinals. Jason Whitehead blocked a Jody Farmer punt and Paul Sikkelee fell on the ball for the opening score in a 45-15 win.

...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 James Madison Nov. 4, 1989. Rodney Oglesby returned a punt 69 yards in a 36-21 come-from-behind win.

...RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN was Nov. 25, 1989 against Villanova. Rodney Oglesby picked off a Kirk Schulz pass and returned it 32 yards for a score in Georgia Southern's 52-36 victory.

...RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN was when Rodney Oglesby picked up a loose 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 December, 16 1989 in the NCAA Division I-AA Championship Game vs. Stephen F. Austin. Terrance Sorrell fell on a Raymond Gross fumble in the opening quarter of the 37-34 triumph.

...SHUTOUT AN OPPONENT was a 26-0 white-washing against Middle Tennessee State, September 21, 1989 during the now-famed "Hugo Bowl".

...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 I-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 Marshall Nov. 18, 1989 when Joe Ross rushed for a school-record 280 yards in a 63-31 win.

...HAD THREE RUNNING BACKS GAIN MORE THAN 100 YARDS IN A GAME was against Nevada-Reno in the semifinals 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 Stephen F. Austin in the championship game Dec. 16, 1989. The Lumberjacks gained just 74 yards on 32 carries in Georgia Southern's 37-34 win.

...HELD AN OPPONENT TO UNDER 100 YARDS PASSING IN A GAME was Nov. 4, 1989 against James Madison. Duke quarterback Eriq Williams completed 3 of 9 for 61 yards in a 36-21 Eagle triumph.

THE LAST TIME AN OPPONENT...

...BLOCKED A PUNT AND SCORED was on Oct. 3, 1987 by Central Florida. Bernard Ford blocked a punt and Keenan Wimbley returned it 18 yards for the score in the Knights' 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 the Eagles failed to score.

...GAINED 300 YARDS RUSHING was December. 10, 1988 by Eastern Kentucky in the I-AA semifinals. The Colonels gained 318 yards on 50 carries but fell to Georgia Southern 21-17.

...PASSES 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 when GSC defeated James Madison 36-21 on Nov. 4, 1989. Willie Lanier carried 17 times for 116 yards and Eriq Williams tallied 104 yards on 21 carries.

...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 the opening game of the 1989 season, September 2, 1989 against Valdosta State. The Eagles tallied a season-low 171 yards on 40 rushes.

...HELD GEORGIA SOUTHERN TO LESS THAN 100 YARDS PASSING was November 18, 1989 against Marshall. The Eagles were five-of-11 for 89 yards in a 63-31 triumph.

OUTSTANDING GAMES

BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN PLAYERS

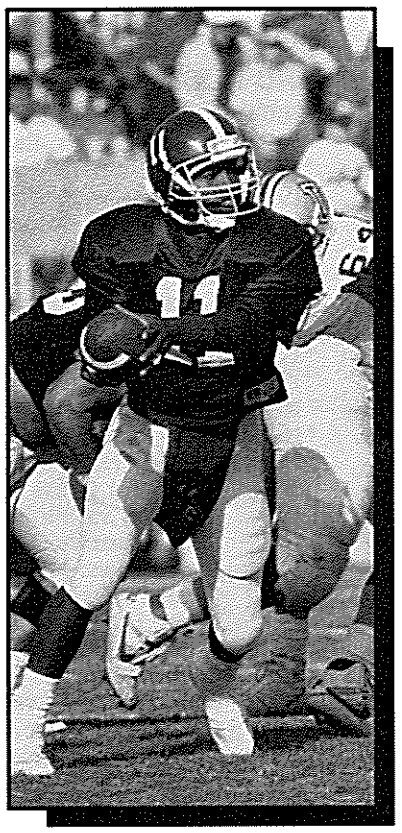
100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

1.	280	Joe Ross vs. Marshall, 1989
2.	199	Tracy Ham vs. East Carolina, 1986
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15.	*161	Raymond Gross vs. Stephen F. Austin, 1988
16.	160	Joe Ross vs. Florida A&M, 1989
17.	*157	Tracy Ham vs. Northern Iowa, 1985
	157	Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1988
19.	156	Gerald Harris vs. South Carolina State, 1985
20.	154	Ricky Harris vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1985
21.	*152	Joe Ross vs. Stephen F. Austin, 1989
	*152	Raymond Gross vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1988
23.	150	Frank Johnson vs. Samford, 1988
24.	*149	Joe Ross vs. The Citadel, 1988
25.	148	Tracy Ham vs. Newberry, 1985
	*148	Gerald Harris vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1985
27.	144	Melvin Bell vs. Newberry, 1983
28.	143	Joe Ross vs. Western Kentucky, 1987
29.	141	Tracy Ham vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1986
30.	140	Ricky Harris vs. Valdosta State, 1984
31.	139	Joe Ross vs. James Madison, 1988
32.	135	Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984
33.	132	Tracy Ham vs. Wofford, 1983
34.	130	Melvin Bell vs. Central Florida, 1983
	130	Tracy Ham vs. Valdosta State, 1984
	130	Joe Ross vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1987
37.	129	Tracy Ham vs. Troy State, 1983
	129	Tracy Ham vs. Troy State, 1985
	129	Gerald Harris vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986
	129	Joe Ross vs. James Madison, 1987
	129	Joe Ross vs. Samford, 1989
42.	*128	Tracy Ham vs. North Carolina A&T, 1986
43.	125	Raymond Gross vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1988
	125	Raymond Gross vs. South Carolina State, 1987
45.	*123	Lester Efford vs. Middle Tennessee State #2, 1989
46.	121	Tracy Ham vs. James Madison, 1986
47.	120	Joe Ross vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1989
	120	Raymond Gross vs. Florida A&M, 1988
49.	118	Tracy Ham vs. Western Kentucky, 1986
	118	Joe Ross vs. Savannah State, 1989
51.	117	Ricky Harris vs. Florida A&M, 1985
	117	Frank Johnson vs. Tennessee Tech, 1985
	117	Joe Ross vs. Catawba, 1987
54.	115	Gerald Harris vs. Central Florida, 1984
	115	Raymond Gross vs. Western Carolina, 1987
56.	113	Melvin Bell vs. Central Florida, 1983
57.	112	Clint Harper vs. Catawba, 1983
	112	Gerald Harris vs. Central Florida, 1986
59.	111	Joe Ross vs. Samford, 1988
	111	Raymond Gross vs. Middle Tennessee State #1, 1989

OUTSTANDING GAMES

61.	110	Ricky Harris vs. James Madison, 1985
	110	Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1987
63.	108	Raymond Gross vs. Central Florida, 1989
64.	107	Tracy Ham vs. Florida, 1986
65.	*106	Ricky Harris vs. Nevada-Reno, 1986
	106	Joe Ross vs. James Madison, 1989
67.	*105	Garry Miller vs. Appalachian State, 1987
68.	104	Melvin Bell vs. Liberty Baptist, 1984
	104	Tracy Ham vs. South Carolina State, 1985
	104	Joe Ross vs. Central Florida, 1989
71.	*103	Frank Johnson vs. The Citadel, 1988
	*103	Raymond Gross vs. Stephen F. Austin, 1989
73.	102	Ricky Harris vs. Central Florida, 1983
74.	101	Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1986
75.	100	Gerald Harris vs. Valdosta State, 1984
	*100	Raymond Gross vs. Middle Tennessee State #2, 1989

*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

*Denotes Playoff Game



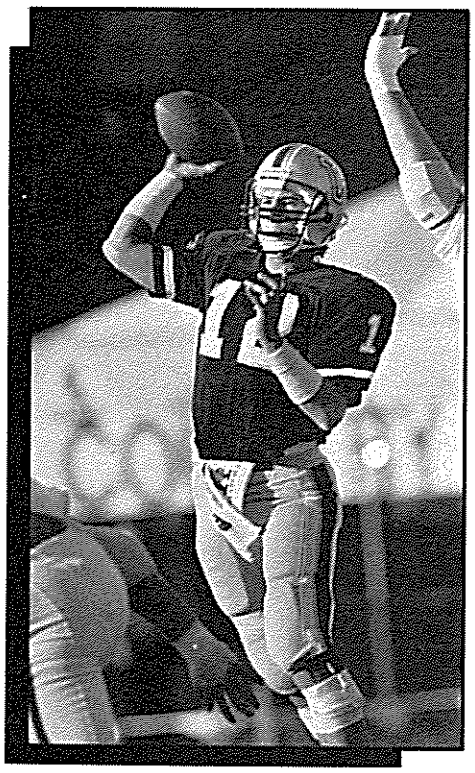
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100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

1.	172	Michael Summers, South Carolina State, 1986
2.	168	Vince Hall, Middle Tennessee State, 1984
3.	*156	Ritchie Melchor, Appalachian State, 1987
4.	*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.	116	Willie Lanier, James Madison, 1989
18.	112	Anthony Simpson, East Carolina, 1987
19.	110	Marvin Collier, Middle Tennessee State, 1985
20.	108	Henry Latham, East Tennessee State, 1983
	*108	Dwight Stone, Middle Tennessee State, 1985
22.	105	Kent Larry, Presbyterian, 1983
	105	Shorty Smith, Samford, 1988
24.	104	Eriq Williams, James Madison, 1989
25.	101	Gerald Foggie, South Carolina State, 1985
	*101	Vernon Jones, The Citadel, 1988

*Denotes Playoff Game



Kirk Schulz

200-YARD PASSING GAMES

1.	527	Bernard Hawk, Bethune-Cookman, 1984
2.	385	Charles Glaze, South Carolina State, 1985
3.	*371	Kirk Schulz, Villanova, 1989
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.	311	John Gregory, Marshall, 1989
9.	*303	Todd Hammel, Stephen F. Austin, 1989
10.	282	Dana Thyshen, Central Florida, 1984
11.	264	Mark Smith, Western Carolina, 1987
12.	262	Jimmy Skipper, Newberry, 1986
13.	261	Richard Basil, Savannah State, 1989
14.	259	Greg Ross, Bethune-Cookman
15.	251	Bernard Hawk, Bethune-Cookman, 1985
16.	248	Tim Couch, UT-Chattanooga, 1986
17.	247	Chip Ferguson, Florida State, 1988
18.	245	Tony Lanham, Central Florida, 1985
19.	244	Greg Ross, Bethune-Cookman, 1986
20.	238	Sean Bowles, Mars Hill, 1983
21.	236	Mike Kelly, Florida A&M, 1985
22.	*234	Shannon Boyd, Jackson State, 1985
23.	*229	Mike Buck, Maine, 1987
24.	212	Jeff Cesarone, Western Kentucky, 1987
25.	*210	Bobby Lamb, Furman, 1985
26.	205	Anthony Thomas, Bethune-Cookman, 1988

*Denotes I-AA Playoff Game

RECORD VS. ALL OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	FIRST MEETING	LAST MEETING	LAST SCORE	W	L	T
Appalachian State	1934	1987	0-19	1	3	1
Arkansas State	1986	1986	48-21	1	0	0
Bethune-Cookman	1984	1988	38-14	5	0	0
Catawba	1982	1987	27-0	2	1	0
Central Florida	**1982**	**1989**	**31-17**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Citadel, The	1988	1988	38-20	1	0	0
East Carolina	1984	1987	13-16	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	1989	28-0	5	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**	**1989**	**36-21**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Liberty Baptist	1984	1984	48-11	1	0	0
Maine	1987	1987	31-28	1	0	0
Marshall	**1989**	**1989**	**63-31**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Mars Hill	1982	1983	35-9	2	0	0
Miami (Fla.)	1933	1937	0-40	0	3	0
Middle Tennessee State	**1984**	**1989**	**45-3**	**5**	**3**	**0**
Montana	1989	1989	45-15	1	0	0
Nevada-Reno	1986	1986	48-38	1	0	0
Newberry	1930	1988	55-7	4	5	1
Nicholls State	1986	1989	21-13	2	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**	**1989**	**52-7**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Savannah State	**1983**	**1989**	**35-14**	**2**	**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	1989	37-34	2	0	0
UT-Chattanooga	**1984**	**1989**	**34-13**	**5**	**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**	**1989**	**31-10**	**3**	**1**	**1**
Villanova	1989	1989	52-36	1	0	0
West Georgia	1989	1989	48-7	3	0	0
Western Carolina	1941	1987	37-16	1	1	0
Western Kentucky	1986	1987	37-16	1	1	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	0	0
Baptist College	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	1937	1947	0-7	0	3	0
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	1931	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	1931	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	2	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

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 (3-1)

Douglas	6-0
Piedmont Institute	0-0
Benedictine	13-0
Georgia Military	0-12
Tifton	0-6
Richmond Academy	6-54
Brewton-Parker	12-0
Fort Screven	14-0
Brewton-Parker	7-6

1927 —
H.A. Woodle (6-1-1)

Douglas	2-0
South Georgia A&M	6-0
Benedictine	25-6
Fort Screven	6-0
Richmond Academy	0-16
Brewton-Parker	25-7
Piedmont Institute	26-13
Brewton-Parker	0-0

1928 —
H.A. Woodle (5-5)

Waynesboro J.C.	26-0
Brewton-Parker	2-6
Cochran A&M	6-24
Benedictine	7-6
Tifton	L
Mercer	7-0
Piedmont	0-12
Norman Park	0-6
Douglas	7-0
Brewton-Parker	W

SOUTH GEORGIA TEACHERS COLLEGE

1929 —
B.L. "Crook" Smith (2-1-2)

Richmond Academy	13-19
Brewton-Parker	62-0
Middle Georgia	7-7
South Georgia A&M	NA
Piedmont	0-0
Norman Park	NA
South Georgia J.C.	NA
Brewton Parker	NA
Tifton	13-6

1930 —
B.L. "Crook" Smith (3-3-2)

South Georgia J.C.	0-6
Newberry	0-0
Middle Georgia	0-14
Piedmont	7-6
Norman Park	0-7
Brewton-Parker	26-0
Mercer	NA
New Year's Day Benefit	0-0
Georgia State Teachers	13-0

1931 —
B.L. "Crook" Smith (3-6)

Bowdon	7-24
Norman Park	0-7
Middle Georgia	0-7
Parris Island	0-19
Piedmont	0-16
Millen Athletic Club	68-0
Brewton-Parker	7-0
Graymont A.C.	47-0
Newberry	13-19

1932 —
B.L. "Crook" Smith (6-3)

Rollon	0-12
Tifton	27-0
Gordon Military	19-0
Norman Park	8-0
Georgia Military	6-27
Piedmont	33-12
Middle Georgia	26-0
Brewton-Parker	18-6
Rollins	13-20

1933 —
B.L. "Crook" Smith (5-4)

Norman Park	46-0
Gordon Military	39-0
Brewton-Parker	39-13
Middle Georgia	0-6
Rollins	0-13
South Georgia State	25-0
Georgia Military	12-9
Newberry	6-14
Miami	0-20

1934 —
B.L. "Crook" Smith (5-5)

Jacksonville Tech	19-13
Brewton-Parker	0-6
Stetson	0-19
Tampa	21-13
Appalachian Teachers	22-13
Middle Georgia	6-0
South Georgia State	19-0
Georgia Military	0-19
Newberry	20-21
Troy State	12-19

1935 —
B.L. "Crook" Smith (3-3-2)

Abraham Baldwin A.C.	13-0
South Georgia State	14-14
Tampa	0-19
Georgia Military	25-12
Troy Tech	26-28
Appalachian Teachers	0-0
Middle Georgia	14-7
Stetson	6-9

1936 —
B.L. "Crook" Smith (2-9)

Miami	0-44
Mercer	0-40
Troy Tech	0-14
Stetson	0-24
Tampa	62-0
Appalachian Teachers	0-27
Middle Georgia	7-14
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
Tampa	14-66
Middle Georgia	14-6
Pensacola	6-46
Armstrong State	43-0

1941 —
B.L. "Crook" Smith (2-8)

West Carolina Teachers	7-14
Mississippi Southern	0-67
South Georgia State	0-7
Mercer	0-25
Troy State	0-25
Erskine	0-7
Middle Georgia	16-0
Oglethorpe	0-53
South Georgia State	14-7
Camp Croft	0-21

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

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 State	17-20
at Middle Tennessee State	7-42

%at Savannah, #at Jacksonville

1985 —
Erk Russell (13-2)

#Florida A&M	27-21
Middle Tennessee State	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 St.	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.

1986—
Erk Russell (13-2)

at Florida	14-38
#Florida A&M	35-12
at Middle Tennessee State	34-31
UT-Chattanooga	34-14
at Tennessee Tech	59-13
Bethune-Cookman	52-31
at East Carolina	33-35
at Western Kentucky	49-32
at Central Florida	33-23
James Madison	45-35
South Carolina State	28-7
*North Carolina A&T	52-21
*Nicholls State	55-31
*at Nevada-Reno	48-38
**Arkansas State	48-21

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

1987—
Erk Russell (9-4)

Catawba	27-0
#Florida A&M	14-17
Middle Tennessee State	17-13
at East Carolina	13-16
Central Florida	34-32
at Bethune-Cookman	14-13
at Northeast Louisiana	17-26
at Western Carolina	37-16
Western Kentucky	23-20
James Madison	26-7
at South Carolina State	30-13
*Maine (OT)	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 St.	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

1989 —
Erk Russell (15-0)

Valdosta State	31-10
West Georgia	48-7
#Florida A&M	28-0
Middle Tennessee State	26-0
Savannah State	35-14
at Nicholls State	21-13
Central Florida	31-17
at Samford	52-7
at James Madison	36-21
UT-Chattanooga	34-13
Marshall	63-31
*Villanova	52-36
*Middle Tennessee State	45-3
*Montana	45-15
**Stephen F. Austin	37-34

#at Jacksonville, *NCAA Playoff Game, **NCAA I-AA National Championship Game at Statesboro, Ga.

ALL-TIME COACHES RECORDS

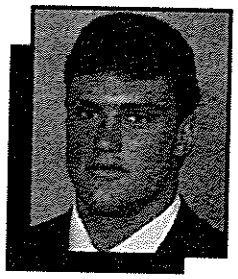
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1924	E.G. Cromartie	1	0	0	6	0
1925	E.G. Cromartie	1	2	0	unavailable	
1926	E.G. Cromartie	5	3	1	58	78
1927	H.A. Woodle	6	1	1	90	42
1928	H.A. Woodle	5	5	0	unavailable	
1929	B.L. "Crook" Smith	2	1	2	unavailable	
1930	B.L. "Crook" Smith	3	3	2	unavailable	
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
1989*	Erk Russell	15	0	0	584	221

*Includes NCAA I-AA playoff games

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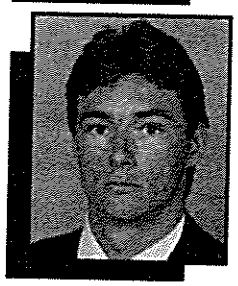
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E.G. Cromartie	1924-26	3	7-5-1	.577
H.A. Woodle	1927-28	2	11-6-1	.639
B.L. "Crook" Smith	1929-41	13	44-67-7	.406
Erk Russell	1982-89	8	83-22-1	.788

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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 also had 129 tackles, 72 solos and 57 assists. Alford returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown (1988 vs. Newberry). **Jersey number: 98.**



Randell Boone, Strong Safety, Uvalda, Ga.

(**Associated Press** '89 - Second Team; **Football News** '89 - Third Team; **The Sports Network** '89 - Second Team) - Finished career with 12 interceptions and 160 tackles. Emerged as one of the top defensive backs in I-AA senior season with 58 stops, eight interceptions and eight pass breakups. **Jersey number: 49.**



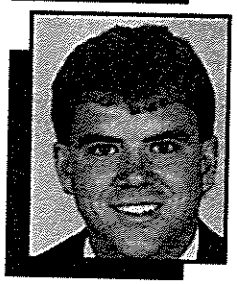
Charles Carper, Linebacker, Ocala, Fla.

(**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.**



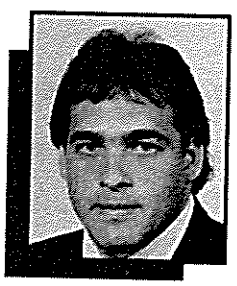
James Carter, Offensive Guard, Thomaston, Ga.

(**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.**



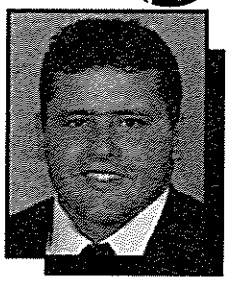
Taz Dixon, Free Safety, Dublin, Ga.

(**Associated Press** '89 - Third Team) - One of the emotional leaders of the Eagle defensive unit sophomore, junior and senior seasons. Made 79 stops, picked off four passes and had 10 breakups as a senior, leading Georgia Southern to a national championship 15-0 season. Finished career with 233 tackles, 15 interceptions (school-record 12 regular season thefts). Interception of Stephen F. Austin pass set up game-winning field goal in '89 title game. **Jersey number: 22.**

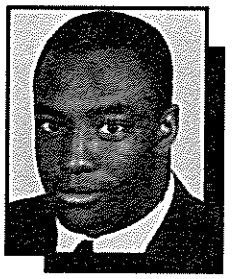


Tim Foley, Placekicker, Miami, Fla.

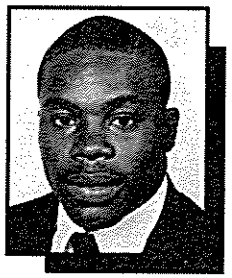
(**Associated Press** '85 - First Team, '87 - Third Team; **Kodak** '87 - First Team; **The Sports Network** '87 - Second Team; **Walter Camp** '87 - First Team) - The most accurate kicker in the history of Division I-AA, Foley set every Georgia Southern kicking record in his four years of play. In addition, 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, '88 - Second Team; **The Sports Network** '87 - Second Team; **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.**



Sean Gainey, Offensive Guard, Columbia, S.C.
(**Associated Press** '89 - Third Team; **Football News** '89 - First Team; **The Sports Network** '89 - First Team) - Started 47 consecutive games on the offensive line. Anchored line which helped Eagles lead nation in rushing offense (329.2 yards per game) and finish second nationally in scoring offense (36.8 points per game) in 1989. One of the strongest and most consistent lineman ever to play at Georgia Southern. **Jersey number: 51.**



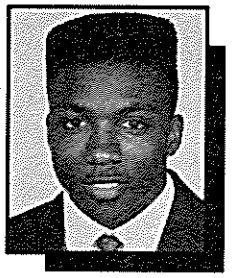
Tracy Ham, Quarterback, High Springs, Fla.
(**Kodak** '86 - First Team; **Associated Press** '86 - First Team; **Football News** '86 - First Team; **Football News** Offensive Player-of-the-Year '86; **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** College Division Player-of-the-Year '84, '85, '86) - Perhaps the most versatile player to ever play college football, Ham is the only player in college history (any division) to rush for 3,000 yards and pass for 5,000 yards in a career. He holds virtually every Georgia Southern total offense record and rushing record and claims five NCAA records to his credit. He is the only player in Georgia Southern football history to have his jersey retired. **Jersey number: 8.**



Darrell Hendrix, Linebacker, Nahunta, Ga.
(**Associated Press** '88 - Honorable Mention; **Football News** '89 - Third Team) - The heart and soul of the Eagle defense during the '88 and '89 seasons. Anchored '89 defensive unit which finished second nationally in scoring defense (12.1 ppg) and third nationally in total defense (255.9 ypg). Led squad in tackles junior (139) and senior (126) seasons. Started Georgia Southern career as a walkon. **Jersey number: 43.**

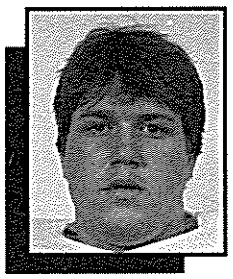


Flint Matthews, Linebacker, Lincolnton, Ga.
(**Associated Press** '87 - First Team) - Known throughout his career as a punishing tackler, Matthews led the rejuvenated 1987 Georgia Southern defense with 116 tackles, 78 solos and 38 assists. He was credited with one caused fumble, one recovered fumble, 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.**

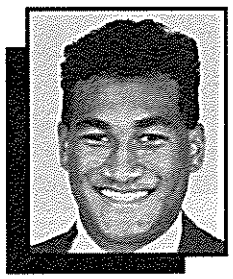


Rodney Oglesby, Cornerback, Swainsboro, Ga.
(**Associated Press** '88 - Honorable Mention) - Earning the honor as a freshman, Oglesby shared the team lead in interceptions with four. Recorded 59 tackles from his cornerback position. Although only entering his junior season, Oglesby is considered one of the premier cornerbacks in NCAA I-AA. **Jersey number: 19.**

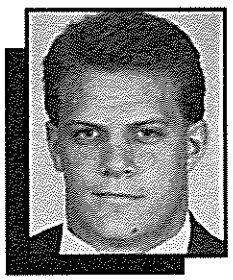
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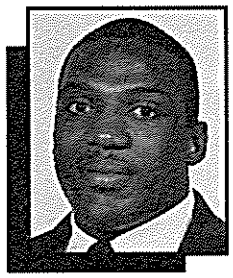
Vance Pike, Offensive Tackle, Warner Robins, Ga.
(**Kodak** '85 - First Team) - An outstanding student as well as a great football player, Pike led Georgia Southern to its first national championship in 1985. His blocking was one of the key reasons the Eagles averaged more than 400 yards in total offense and 35 points per game in the 1985 playoffs. **Jersey number: 62.**



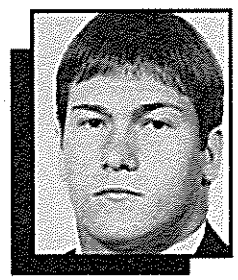
Joe Ross, Fullback, Augusta, Ga.
(**Associated Press** '87 - Third Team, '89 - First Team; **The Sports Network** '89 - First Team: **Kodak** '89 - First Team; **Football News** '89 - Second Team; **Walter Payton Award** '89-Fourth in Balloting) - Became top Eagle single-season ground gainer with 1,354 yards on 212 carries during 1989. Also broke single-game rushing record with 280 yards against Marshall in '89 regular-season finale. Only player in Georgia Southern history to post two 1,000-yard seasons (1987 and 1989). Has 19 100-yard games in career. Enters senior season with 3,008 rushing yards (official regular season games only). **Jersey number: 36.**



(Giff Smith, Defensive End, Mableton, Ga.
(Associated Press '88 - Honorable Mention, '89 - First Team; **Football News** '88 - Second Team, '89 -Second Team) - With one season left to play, Smith has established himself as a dominant defensive player in I-AA. Second-leading tackler in '88 (131) and '89 (112). Also one of the top pass rushers in the nation, recording 11 sacks sophomore season and 12 junior year. Owner of school single-game sack record (five at UT-Chattanooga, 1988). **Jersey number: 95**

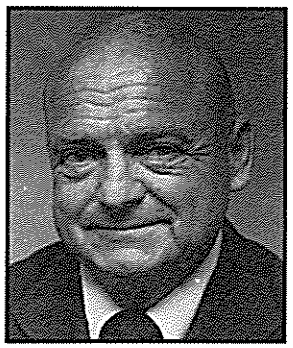


Fred Stokes, Offensive tackle, Vidalia, Ga.
(**Associated Press** '86 - First Team) - One of the greatest pure athletes to play at Georgia Southern, Stokes became one of the top offensive linemen to ever play in Division I-AA after starting his career as a tight end. Stokes, now a defensive end with 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.**

ERK RUSSELL



The legend of Erk Russell just kept growing in 1989.

Georgia Southern's associate athletic director for football operations entered the 1989 season as America's winningest coach, orchestrator of two national championships, 68 wins and 14 All-America selections - during a seven-year period.

In the ensuing 105 days, Southern ascended to the top spot in the NCAA I-AA football poll and Russell smoked 15 victory cigars. Erk's Eagles won their third I-AA football championship and extended Division I's longest home win streak from 26 to 37 games. Strong safety Randell Boone, free safety Taz Dixon and offensive guard Sean Gainey raised Russell's All-America count to 17. Georgia Southern gained distinction as the only 15-0 college team of this century.

Russell's final record at Georgia Southern is a remarkable 83-22-1 (.788). After the Eagles moved to Division I-AA in 1984, he fashioned a 70-14 (.825) mark. Russell averaged 10.4 wins per season.

When Georgia Southern brought football back in 1981 it looked to Russell, long-time defensive coordinator at Georgia. Russell's first Eagle team, comprised entirely of walk-on players, fashioned a 7-3-1 record in 1982. The next year Southern went 6-5, with four of the losses by five points or less. In 1984 the Eagles entered Division I-AA and went 8-3, narrowly missing a national playoff berth. Then came consecutive 13-2 seasons and back-to-back national championships, a I-AA first. With true freshman Raymond Gross at quarterback, the Eagles advanced to the national quarterfinals in 1987 before finishing 9-4. In 1988 Southern made its third championship game appearance in four seasons, falling to Furman 17-12 in Pocatello, Idaho.

Russell, who developed a reputation as one of college football's great defensive coordinators at Georgia, put together an extraordinary offense for the Eagles. His 1986 squad led the nation in scoring (41.3 points per game), total offense (501.8 yards per game), and rushing offense (327.1). Georgia Southern was unstoppable in the playoffs four years ago, averaging 50.7 points. Last year's Eagle team won the national rushing championship (329.2 yards per game). Southern was among the top five teams nationally in both scoring (12.1 points) and total defense (255.9 yards) while allowing only 133 points, a school-record, and holding two opponents scoreless.

During his 17 years at Georgia, Russell molded some of the country's finest defensive and his Junkyard Dogs became synonymous with Bulldog football. In 1967 Georgia led the Southeastern Conference in total defense and scoring defense. The next year Georgia topped the SEC in total defense and led the country in scoring defense, yielding just 9.8 points per contest. In 1971, Russell's group paced the country in shutouts and finished among the nation's Top 10 in rushing defense, total defense and scoring defense. The '78 Bulldogs finished a point behind national champion Alabama in scoring defense. UGA's '79 defense forced 49 takeaways, the national high.

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

Born July 23, 1926, Russell is married to the former Jean Farmer of Birmingham. They have two sons — Rusty, a defensive coach at Southern Methodist University and Jay, the quarterback coach at Georgia Southern.

HONORS AND AWARDS

1989
Eddie Robinson Award (symbolic of top Division I-AA coach)
Football Gazette Coach-of-the-Year
USA Todays Georgia Coach-of-the-Year
USA Todays Georgia Coach-of-the-Decade
Kodak-American Football Coaches Association I-AA Coach-of-the-Year
Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year

1988
Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year

1987
Inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

1986
Kodak-American Football Coaches Association I-AA Coach-of-the-Year
Washington, D.C., Touchdown Club I-AA Coach-of-the-Year
Football News Coach-of-the-Year
Chevrolet-CBS Sports I-AA Coach-of-the-Year
Atlanta Touchdown Club Coach-of-the-Year
Macon Touchdown Club Coach-of-the-Year
100% Wrong Club of Atlanta Coach-of-the-Year
Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year
Statesboro Rotary Club Man-of-the-Year

1985
Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year
Football News Coach-of-the-Year
ABC-TV Coach-of-the-Year
Washington, D.C., Touchdown Club I-AA Coach-of-the-Year

1984
Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Coach-of-the-Year

#8 TRACY HAM

The Only Football Player in Georgia Southern History to Have His Jersey Retired

(The following is excerpted, in part, 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 I-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 I-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 I-AA history and only the fourth overall to rush and pass for a thousand yards each in a single season. He holds 40 Georgia Southern records and five NCAA records. He led the Eagles to two I-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.

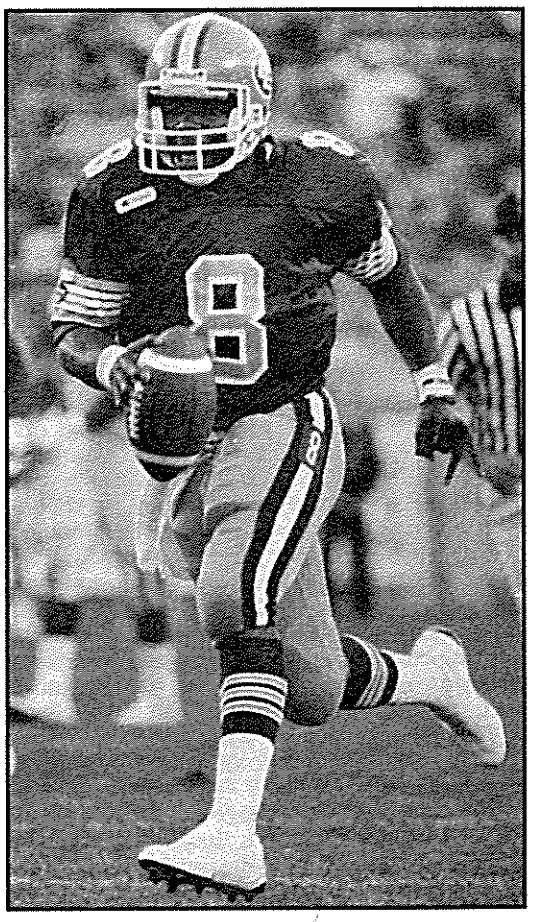
The two I-AA championship games are perfect examples. Ham's biggest games at Georgia Southern were not against Wofford or Mars Hill or Catawba, but against Furman, Arkansas State and East Carolina. In the 1985 championship game against Furman, Ham compiled a career high 509 yards in total offense, passing 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.

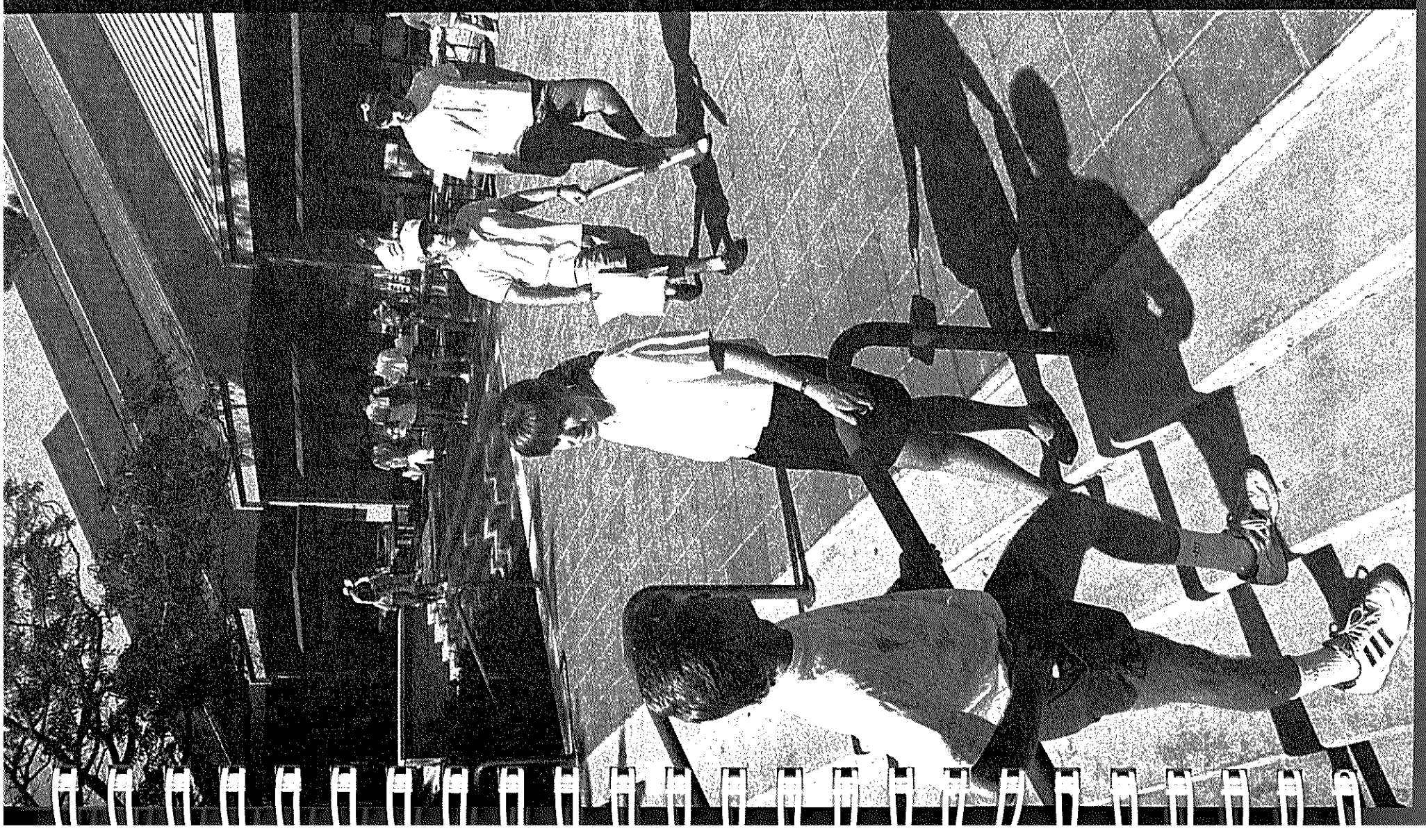
In two games against I-A East Carolina, Ham gained 742 yards, including a I-AA record 199 yards rushing in 1986.

In eight playoff games in two years at Georgia Southern, the Eagles never lost. The last eighteen games that Ham quarterbacked the Eagles against I-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.



GEORG-A SOUTHERN & STAFE



THIS IS GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Georgia Southern University is the pre-eminent institution of higher education in the southern half of the state. Since its founding in 1906 as a district agricultural school, Southern has moved up through the ranks to become the state's fifth-largest university.

One of the fastest-growing colleges or universities in the nation, Southern's enrollment has nearly doubled in five years. The student population of more than 12,000 represents 44 states and 45 nations.

Georgia Southern is one of five schools in the Southern U.S. which made **U.S. News and World Report's** 1989-90 list of the nation's up-and-coming regional universities.

Georgia Southern has set academic excellence as the standard for its offerings of accredited undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 150 majors. Approximately 1,500 degrees are awarded annually through the schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Health and Professional Studies, Technology and Graduate Studies.

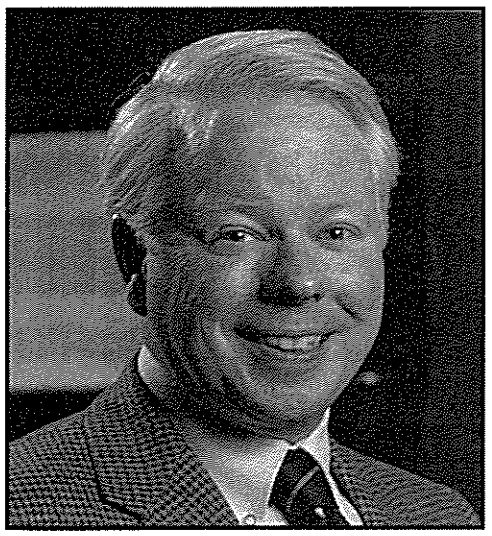
Georgia Southern's missions of research and public service promote the educational, economic, cultural and social progress of Southeast Georgia. Research varies from investigating ticks as carriers of Lyme Arthritis and other diseases, to assessing the economic development potential of the region. Public service programs address regional -- often rural -- needs in education, healthcare and business which affect quality of life and potential for economic development in the southern half of the state.

To support its commitment to problem-solving research and service, Southern aggressively competes for grants from public agencies and private foundations, bringing to campus more than $5 million a year in funds from outside sources. Meanwhile, private giving to the Georgia Southern Foundation has built assets of nearly $3 million, sponsoring more than $200,000 in scholarship awards annually as well as an excellence fund for academic enrichment.



DR. NICHOLAS HENRY

President, Georgia Southern University



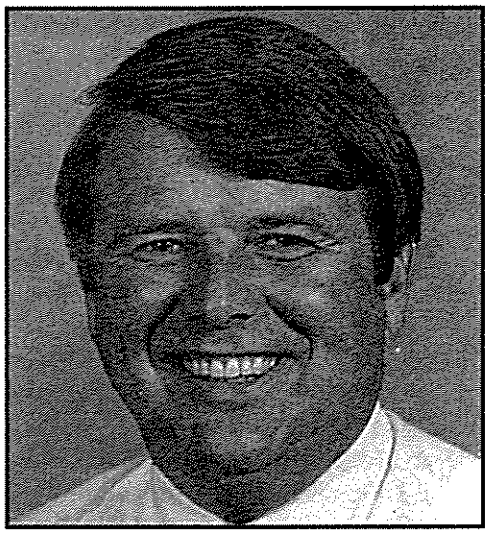
Dr. Nicholas L. Henry assumed the presidency of Georgia Southern on September 1, 1987. Prior to appointment Dr. Henry was Dean of the College of Public Programs and Professor of Public Affairs at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. During his career, he has held the following academic appointments: Director, Center for Public Affairs, and Associate Professor/Professor of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, 1975-80; Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Georgia, 1972-75; Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Administration, University of New Mexico, 1971-72; Assistant to the Dean, College of Arts and Science, and Instructor of Political Science, Indiana State University, 1967-69.

Dr. Henry earned a B.A. in 1965 from Centre College and a M.A. from Pennsylvania State University in 1967. He received an M.P.A. in 1970 and an Ph.D. in Political Science and Public Administration in 1971 from Indiana University.

During his tenure at Arizona State University as academic architect of the College of Public Programs, he more than doubled his college's state budget, expanded its faculty by sixty percent, built a $2.5 million endowment, and founded the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Telecommunication. Author or editor of a dozen books, he received the Author-of-the-Year Award from the Association for Scientific Journals. His volume on public administration and public affairs is the only American book on public management to be translated and published in Japanese. As a consultant to state and federal agencies, Dr. Henry has directed projects sponsored by grants totaling nearly $350,000. He serves on national boards in the field of public administration and is a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Committee on Agricultural and Rural Development. Dr. Henry is currently president of the National Public Administration Honor Society and is chairman of the Canoochee District of the Coastal Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America.

He and the former Muriel Bunney are parents of college-aged twins, Adrienne and Miles.

DR. DAVID "BUCKY" WAGNER
Director of Athletics



A three-time national championship football team, athletic dominance in the Trans America Athletic Conference, construction of an 18,000-seat football stadium, the creation of a strong boosters 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 nine-year tenure as Georgia Southern's athletic director.

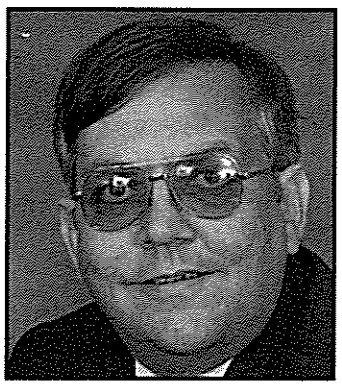
It is partially due to these achievements tht the athletic department has been cited "the most ambitious college program in the country" by **The Sporting News.**

Nine years ago Wagner joined the Eagles staff after a three-year stint at Vanderbilt University. While serving as assistant athletic director at Vandy, he was responsible for business and ticket office operations. The enlarging and refurbishing of Vanderbilt Stadium was a major project of Dr. Wagner while serving the Commodores.

Wagner's professional career began at Florida State, where he served in both 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-America Conference quarterback at OU, guiding the Bobcats to the 1960 National College division championship. While earning his master's 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. He is the father of a daughter, Michelle, and two sons — Mike and Robbie. Mike is a former Eagle football player who now works as a graduate assistant in the Central Florida program.



HANK SCHOMBER
Associate Athletic Director

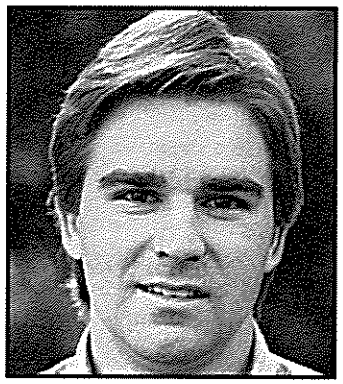
Since Hank Schomber arrived at Georgia Southern in 1976, he has handled a variety of tasks and responsiblities.

Schomber came to Southern 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.

He is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers. He is past president of the NCBWA and received that group's highest honor, the Wilbur Snypp Award, in 1979.

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



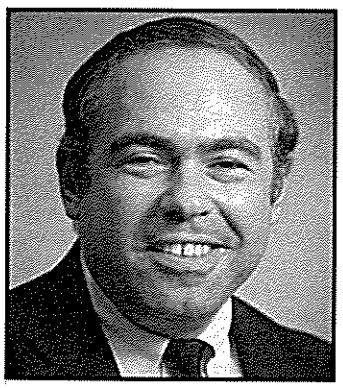
STAN WILLIAMSON
Assistant Athletic Director

Since joining the Georgia Southern athletic staff two years ago, Stan Williamson has taken charge of all financial matters relating to the 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 1986 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 Lousisana Tech Lady Techster standout Debbie Primeaux. They are parents of an infant daughter, Courtney.



NATE HIRSCH
Coordinator of Electronic Media

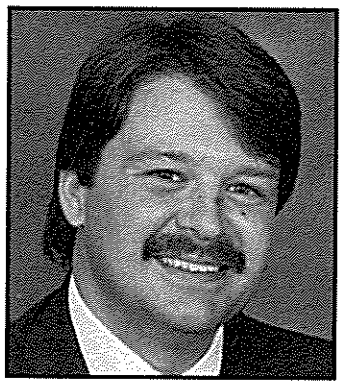
Nate Hirsch, Georgia Southern's radio play-by-play voice since 1970, was named coordinator of electronic media, promotions and advertising sales for Eagle athletics on June 22.

Hirsch, 42, has called Eagle football on the Georgia Southern network since the program's revival in 1982. He first became involved with GSU athletics, as play-by-play man for Eagle basketball during the 1970-71 season. Hirsch began broadcasting Southern baseball games in 1973.

Hirsch's primary responsibility is the supervision and expansion of GSU's radio network. He oversees all television, promotions and advertising sales functions, both electronic and print.

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.

Nate is married to the former Pat Martin and they have four children: Shannon, Mandy, Sandi and Jennifer.



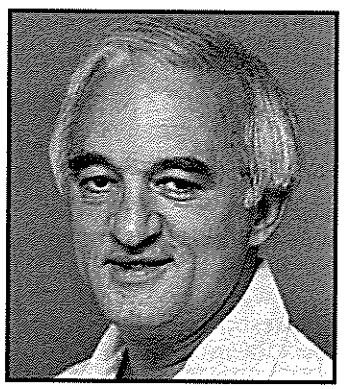
JIM RADCLIFFE
Director of Marketing and Promotions

Jim Radcliff is in his fifth year on the Georgia Southern staff in charge of all marketing and promotional activities.

He is responsible for handling all of Georgia Southern's game-day publications, regarded among 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 Georgia Southern, Radcliffe served more than three years in the athletic department, including a two-year stint as staff assistant for Southern Boosters, the department's fund-raising wing. Radcliffe is a 1986 graduate of Georgia Southern.



TOM "Doc" SMITH
Head Athletic Trainer

A familiar face behind the scenes for 19 years, Tom "Doc" Smith is one of the most highly respected Georgia Southern staff members.

Smith's fine 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 recoginized in 1981 when the United States Baseball Federation appointed him chariman of its Sports Medicine Committee.

An Indiana native, Smith attended Indiana State where he starred on the basketball court as he earned his undergraduate and master's degrees. He then spent 15 years of coaching at the Indiana high school level, before enrolling at Indiana University to earn a second master's degree (athletic training).

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



ROGER INMAN
Equipment and Facilities Director

For eight years Roger Inman has had the full-time job of keeping up with Eagle and Lady 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. He was assistant director of the Georgia Southern All Sports Camp from 1979 to 1982 and served as trainer for the Australian Junior National Baseball team during its trips to the United States in 1981 and 1982.

Inman currently is responsible for requistion, repair and inventory of athletic equipment for both the GSU athletic and physical education departments. He is also an official for college baseball and basketball events.

Inman is a member of the Georgia Collegiate Official Association, the National Association of Sports Officials and the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. The Waycross, Ga., native received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Georgia Southern.

He is married to the former Shirley Strickland.

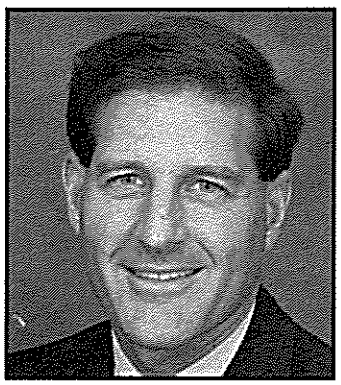
SOUTHERN BOOSTERS

SOUTHERN BOOSTERS, INC.—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 2,000 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 several other cities throughout the state.

Boosters members enjoy a variety of privileges, including priority seating at all athletic events, special parking at home football and basketball games, periodic newsletters, pre- and post-game socials, weekly luncheons with the coaching staff and use of the Lupton Facilities Building at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

For information on joining Southern Boosters, call (912) 681-5520.

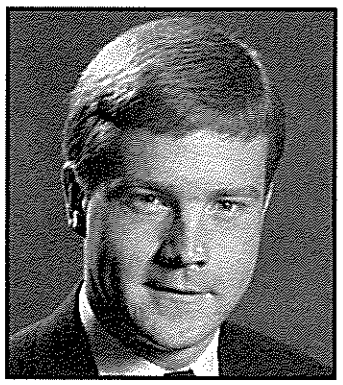


FRANK HOOK
Executive Director

Entering his sixth year as head of the Southern Boosters, Frank Hook is one of the GSU 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 of office facilities for coaches and staff and continuation of the support they give to a wide range of additional athletic endeavors.

A 1971 graduate of Georgia Southern, Hook has worked extensively with Southern Boosters since the program was established.



WENDELL TOMPKINS
Associate Director

Wendell Tompkins is one of the newest people in the Southern Boosters organization, having just completed his first year. However, that doesn't mean he's completely new to Georgia Southern - he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration/finance from GSU in 1987.

Tompkins' primary function in Southern Boosters is fund raising, including the Spring Caravan series and the Annual Gift Campaign. Those two important projects keep him busy throughout the year. Prior to his return to Georgia Southern, Tompkins worked as a field representative for ISO Commercial Risk Services in Atlanta.

The 26-year-old Tompkins is a native of Sandersville, Georgia and is single.

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 five years of playing there, Georgia Southern is 41-1 and has won its last 37 home games.

***Construction of the Eagle Creek Football Practice Complex.** Completed in 1986, the facility offers two full-length practice fields, a "kicking" field and an on-site training room for treatment of injuries.

***Construction of New Weight Room.** Completed in August of 1989, this $250,000 facility provides 5400 square feet of space for use by Georgia Southern athletics. Modern in design, the new facility enhances Georgia Southern's growing football tradition.

***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.

***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.

***Construction of Eagle Golf Center.** Completed in 1989, the center provides practice facilities for the Georgia Southern golf team, faculty, students and the general public. The parking lot at Paulson Stadium serves as the driving range, while future expansion calls for a putting green and sand trap practice areas.

***Improvements to Hanner Fieldhouse.** The 1989-90 Georgia Southern basketball teams were treated to major renovations prior to their seasons. New scoreboards, a new lighting system and a new hardwood maple playing surface cost Southern Boosters nearly $250,000 but was well worth it in upgrading Hanner Fieldhouse.

***Some 1990-91 projects:** Paulson Stadium parking (extension of preferred parking, lane resurfacing, handicapped lot improvements); Athletic Complex (sprinkler system update, new filming tower, kicking field goal posts); Paulson Stadium (wheelchair ramps, locker room improvements, VIP Suites update, Lupton storage area); offices (renovations, Southern Boosters conference room); Clements Stadium (improved batting cages).

PAULSON STAD-UM & M-SC . . .



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.

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

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.

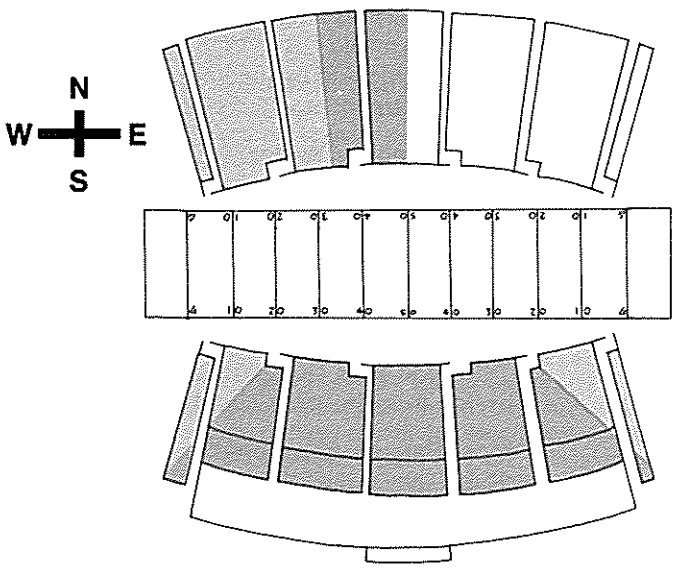
The stadium features a natural turf playing field designed to accommodate both soccer and football; special climate-controlled VIP boxes with luxurious interiors, private restrooms, food service areas; and the Morris and Ann Lupton Facilities Building in the open end of the natural bowl. The field level 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 University 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 toward the construction of the facility.



GUIDE TO PAULSON STADIUM



Students

Reserved

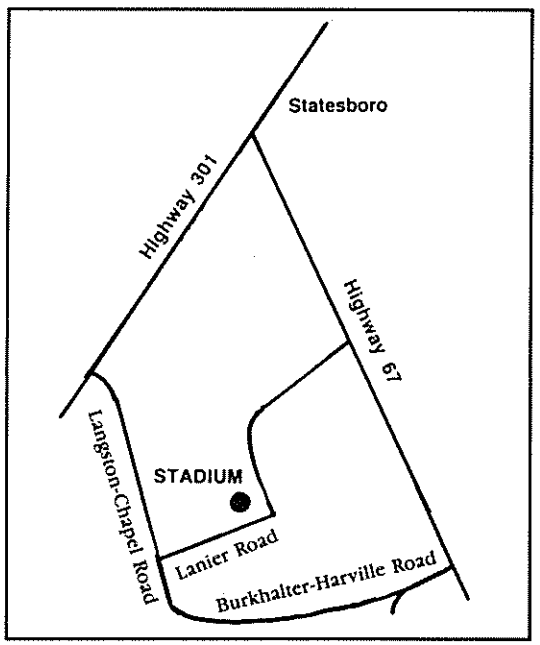
Priority Seating (Boosters)

General Admission in grass seating area.

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) 489-8781, 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 800-443-7300, Eastern Air Lines (912) 236-4411, US Air 800-428-4322. Avis (912) 964-0234, Hertz (912) 964-9595, National (912) 964-1771, Budget (912) 234-7368.

PAULSON STADIUM RECORDS

TEAM

Most Points Scored By Georgia Southern:
63 vs. Marshall, Nov. 18, 1989

Most Points Scored By An Opponent:
36 by Villanova, Nov. 25, 1989

Most First Downs:
34 by Georgia Southern vs. Marshall, Nov. 18, 1989

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:
592 by Georgia Southern vs Villanova, Nov. 25, 1989

Fewest Points Scored By GSC:
10 vs. Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 14, 1985

Fewest Points Scored By An Opponent:
0 on five occasions. Last by Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 21, 1989

Fewest Yards Rushing:
34 by Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 21, 1989

Fewest Yards Passing:
0 by Georgia Southern vs. Central Florida, Oct. 21, 1989

Fewest Offensive Plays:
44 by West Georgia, Sept. 9, 1989

ATTENDANCE

Largest Paulson Stadium Crowd:
25,725 vs. Stephen F. Austin, Dec. 16, 1989

Smallest Paulson Stadium Crowd:
4,128 vs. Jackson State, Nov. 30, 1985

MISCELLANEOUS

GSC Record At Paulson Stadium:
41-1 (.976)

Current Winning Streak At Paulson Stadium: 37 (last and only home loss was 35-10 to Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 14, 1985)

INDIVIDUAL

Most Rushing Attempts:
32 by Raymond Gross vs. Stephen F. Austin, Dec. 3, 1988 and by Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 21, 1989

Most Rushing Yards:
280 Joe Ross vs. Marshall, Nov. 18, 1989

Most Rushing Touchdowns:
5 by Gerald Harris vs. North Carolina A&T, Nov. 29, 1986

Longest Run From Scrimmage:
75 by Joe Ross vs. Catawba, Sept. 5, 1987; by Joe Ross 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 Touchdowns Passes:
4 by Kirk Schulz, Villanova, Nov. 25, 1989

Most Yards Passing:
371 by Kirk Schulz, Villanova, Nov. 25, 1989

Most Pass Receptions:
9 on six occasions. Lost by Lorenzo Glenn, Montana, Dec. 9, 1989

Most Yards Receiving:
202 by Shannon Sharpe, Savannah State, Oct. 7, 1989

Most Touchdown Receptions:
4 by Remi Watson, Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 11, 1986

Longest Pass Completion:
91 by Shannon Sharpe from Richard Basil, Savannah State, Oct. 7, 1989

Longest Punt:
70 by Earl Bryant, Savannah State, Oct. 7, 1989

Longest Punt Return:
52 by Jeff Steele, Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 15, 1988

Longest Kick Return:
81 by Rodney Stockett, James Madison, Nov. 15, 1986

ALLEN E. PAULSON
GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORPORATION

The Gulfstream Aerospace Cooperation, headquartered in Savannah, GA, was created by Allen E. Paulson in 1978 through the acquistion of aircraft assembly facilities originally built by Grumman Aerospace. Under Paulson's leadership the corporation has since become the world's leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of large corporate jets.

Since 1978, Gulfstream Aerospace has developed and introduced new and highly successful jets; it has instituted modification programs for current and older models; and created aircraft completions and customer service support programs that have earned the respect of corporate jet owners and operators.

Gulfstream Aerospace became a subsidiary of the Chrysler Corporation in 1985, with Paulson serving as Chairman and CEO. In March 1990, he arranged to repurchase Gulfstream—returning it to private ownership-with Paulson as Chairman and CEO.

Paulson's lifelong involvement in aviation began over 40 years ago, when, as a teenager, he obtained his first flight with a stunt pilot in California. By 1941, he was working as a mechanic for Trans World Airlines (TWA). After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps where he received his initial flight training, he returned to TWA and was promoted to flight engineer.

Recognizing a need for aircraft engine spare parts, Paulson began selling such parts, modified for better performance, to airline companies. In 1951, he created the first of a series of successful aviation companies devoted to modification, maintenance and eventually aircraft design and production.

One of Paulson's California companies, in the 1960s, became the leading sales distributor for the popular Learjet. Sales of his own cargo-carrying aircraft and modified prop-jet powered planes continued to increase.

Today a commercial and instrument rated jet and helicopter pilot, Paulson holds five U.S. patents as a result of his aeronautical designs. He remains actively associated with his company's engineering development and test flight work.

Paulson's aviation-related activities include an active membership in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. The association awarded him the James H. Doolittle Award for outstanding accomplishment in the field of aerospace management. He is an active member of the United States Air Force Association. Paulson is a member of the Board of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association and has served as the association's chairman. He was named Pilot of the Year in 1987 by Professional Pilot Magazine.

In an eight month period, Paulson and a Gulfstream crew flew Gulfstream IV's on two around-the-world record flights establishing 35 international records:

On June 12, 1987, with a crew of three co-captains, Paulson flew a standard production model Gulfstream IV from Le Bourget Airport, Paris, France, around the world, westbound. The flight became the first in history to set world speed records flying. When the aircraft landed 45 hours, 25 minutes and 10 seconds later (on June 14) it had set two world records for circumnavigation of the earth and 22 records for speed between cities. Only four enroute stops were made on the 22,886.451 statute mile journey. Average speed, including time on the ground, was 503.91 mph.

A Gulfstream IV, eastbound world speed record, eclipsing one set by a Boeing 747-SP, was flown in February 1988. A four person crew, with Paulson as captain, flew from Houston, Texas, on a 23,048.71 mile journey around the world. With four refueling stops, the aircraft set an international record of 637.71 mph for the overall distance. The elapsed time was 36 hours, 08 minutes, 34 seconds which topped the 747-SP by 45:41 minutes. Records for this flight included unlimited weight and in-class weight categories and speed-between-cities for a total of 11 world speed records. The Gulfstream IV was certified by the NAA and FAI as the fastest civil jet in the world.

At the U.K. Farnborough Air Show in Sept. 1988, Paulson announced his company's engineering study program dealing with the feasibility of producing and marketing of the world's first supersonic business jet. This program was accelerated following a meeting during the Paris Air Show in 1989, with the General Designer of the Sukhoi Design Bureau of Moscow. The two companies, with Rolls-Royce, plc, are currently collaborating on the feasibility studies which are expected to lead to the development of a Mach 2.0 business jet, available for the market in the mid-to-late 1990's. The prestigious Horatio Alger Association's Award for Distinguished Americans and the American Academy of Achievement's Golden Plate Award were both conferred on Paulson in 1984.

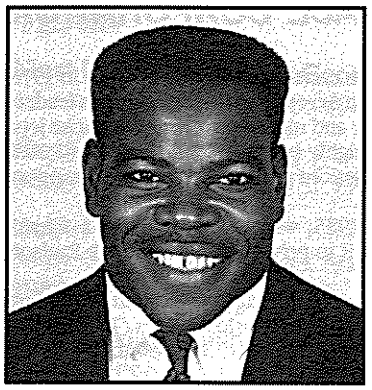
On December 11, 1987, Paulson became the 40th recipient of the prestigious Wright Brothers Trophy. The trophy is awarded by the National Aeronautic Association and the Aero Club of Washington, D.C., for significant achievements and enduring service to aviation. In 1988 and 1989 he was awarded the Howard Hughes Memorial award, from the Aero Club of California, and the Godfrey L. Cabot award, for his distinguished, lifelong services to aviation. Paulson is also the recipient of the Harmon Trophy from the National Aeronautic Association, honoring his world flight achievements. The Harmon is maintained on permanent display in the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Paulson has also received awards from the Industrial Management Council as its Industrialist of the Year; the National Society of Fund Raising Executives as its Philanthropist of the Year; the Distinguished Service Award from the General Aviation Manufacturers Association; the Spirit of Georgia Award as Entrepreneur of the Year; and the Georgia Governor's Award for his stewardship of the state's recreational and park sites.

Five honorary doctorates have been awarded to Paulson. In recent years, he has received a Doctor of Laws Degree from Lynchburg College, Virginia; a Doctor of Humanities Degree from Winthrop College, South Carolina; a Doctor of Aviation Management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona, Florida; a Doctor of Business Administration from the University of Charleston, West Virginia; and a Doctor of Business Arts from Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia. The University of Georgia's College of Business Administration awarded Paulson its Management Excellence and Achievement Award in 1984.

Paulson serves on the boards of the Greyhound-Dial Corporation, the Trust Company Bank of Georgia, the Eisenhower Medical Center of California, and the U.S. Air Force Academy Association. Other board memberships include: the Savannah Symphony Society; Savannah Memorial Medical Center; the Society of Automotive Engineers; the National Aeronautic Association; the Advisory board of the American University, Washington, D.C.; and the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He also serves on the Advisory Council of Georgia Technical University.

EAGLE IRON WORKS



FACTS: **Dimensions** — 5400 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.

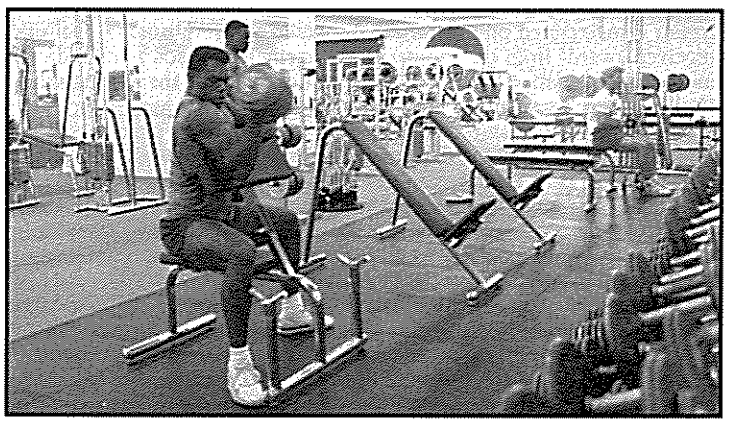
By this time, you probably have seen some of the Georgia Southern Eagle football players wearing their funny looking t-shirts with a muscular eagle on it, labeled Iron Eagle. These are the athletes that are involved in our prestigious weightlifting club or fraternity.

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 body weight). 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	JUMP	SQUAT	TOTAL	INDEX
B. Rice	315	260	36.0	475	1050	6.1
K. Miller	315	270	31.0	505	1090	6.0
D. Hopkins	340	285	33.5	505	1130	6.0
T. Townsend	345	315	33.0	505	1165	5.8
E. Hayes	400	285	28.5	505	1190	5.7
C. Ward	265	225	28.5	375	865	5.6
R. Mazyck	285	255	37.0	505	1045	5.6
S. Austin	255	265	34.0	465	985	5.6
R. Nottage	450	255	26.0	625	1330	5.5
D. Suber	265	215	31.5	465	945	5.4
H. Gray	260	245	36.0	440	945	5.4
N. Dereszynski	345	250	25.5	600	1195	5.4



The Georgia Southern Network will again, for the sixth 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. The Oct. 8, 1988 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 radio network, which started from a handful of stations in southeast Georgia eight years ago, has grown into the third-largest collegiate football network in the state. Approximately 80 percent of Georgia's 6.5 million residents can tune in to Eagle football. Additionally, the signal can be picked up in parts of Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The 1990 season will mark the second year the Georgia Southern Sports Network has ventured into television. Last season the network televisied two games on a network of nine stations throughout the southeastern U.S. This year the network will televise four games live (Oct. 6 vs. Marshall, Oct. 20 vs. Central Florida, Nov. 3 vs. James Madison and Nov. 10 vs. UT-Chattanooga). An added bonus for the Georgia Southern Sports Network's television coverage is the addition of **SportSouth**, a regional cable network covering Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina. **SportSouth** will carry all four of the Eagles' contests plus the weekly highlight show.

1990 RADIO AFFILIATES

WBKZ - 880 AM Athens
WPBE - 1050 AM Atlanta
WZAL - 1410 AM Atlanta
WFAM - 1050 AM Augusta
WKUB - 104.1 FM Blackshear
WBBK - 93.5 FM Blakely
WMOG- 1490 AM Brunswick
WLSQ - 1430 AM Dalton
WMLT - 1330 AM Dublin
WWRK- 92.1 FM Elberton
WBHB - 1240 AM Fitzgerald
WKXK - 97.9 FM Ft. Valley
WDUN - 550 AM Gainesville
WKIG - 106.3 FM Glennville
WHIE - 1320 AM Griffin
WCEH - 104.1 FM Hawkinsville
WBTY - 105.5 FM Homerville
WLOP - 105.5 FM Jesup
WPEH - 1420 AM Louisville
WLYU - 92.5 FM Lyons
WMGA - 580 AM Moultrie
WPGA - 100.9 FM Perry
WCHY - 94.1 FM Savannah
WMCD- 100.1 FM Statesboro
WGKS - 98.1 FM Swainsboro
WSYL - 1490 AM Sylvania
WTIF - 1340 AM Tifton

1990 TELEVISION AFFILIATES

Athens - WNGM-34
Atlanta - WVEU-69
Augusta - WBE-67
Brunswick - WBGA-21
Cordele - WSST-55
Dalton - WAT-43
Hazlehurst - WVOH-63
LaGrange - WGBN-33
Macon - WMGT-41
Savannah - WJCL-22
Toccoa - WNEG-32
Washington, D.C. - WNVC-56

GEORGIA SOUTHERN SPORTS NETWORK

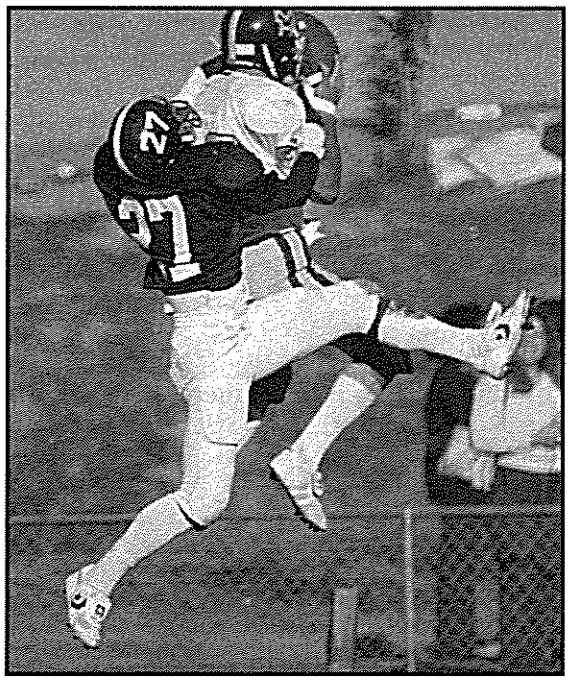
THE TALENT

Joining Georgia Southern play-by-play voice **Nate Hirsch** in the booth will be color analyst/**Frank Inman** and statistician **Hugh Colson.**

Inman is in his eighth season as color commentator for 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 all broadcasts.

Colson has served as statistician since football's rebirth at Georgia Southern in 1982. A 1971 Georgia Southern graduate, Colson has worked alongside Hirsch for 20 seasons, starting as color analyst for the Statesboro High School Blue Devils on WMCD-FM.

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 Georgia Southern campus 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 three NCAA I-AA national championships in five years.

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 Navy 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 answering 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. The Teachers 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.

When World War II ended in 1945, 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.

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, eight years later, the rest, as they say, is history.

In eight seasons, Georgia Southern has won three NCAA I-AA national championships. The Eagles have made five playoff appearances and have never suffered a losing season. Southern is considered one of the top football programs in the country and year-in and year-out is one of I-AA's top ten teams.

Since the Eagles won their first national championship in 1985, Georgia Southern has won more games and a higher percentage of its games than any other I-AA team.

Attendance has risen every year at six-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 University 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 was selected in a narrow vote over Colonels. Georgia Southern teams have carried the name ever since.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN HALL OF FAME

The Georgia Southern Athletic Hall of Fame was re-established in 1989 after a 30-year absence to honor those participants who have made a major contribution, individually, in at least one or more sports while attending Georgia Southern.

The initial induction class was honored in a May 4 banquet with 18 former athletes, coaches and administrators earning Georgia Southern's top athletic distinction.

Members of the '90 class include **Buddy Alexander** (golf), **Joe Axelson** (publicist), **J.I. Clements** (baseball), **Mickey Cobb** (trainer), **Fran Florian** (basketball), **George C. Hagins, Sr.** (multi-sport), **Dale Lick** (president), **Clyde Miller** (baseball), **Jodie Mudd** (golf), **Ron Polk** (baseball), **Jimmy Rose** (basketball), **J.B. Scearce** (basketball), **Yoshi Takei** (gymnastics), **Pat Yeager** (gymnastics), **Don Wallen** (basketball, baseball), **Bill Winn** (multi-sport), **Allen E. Paulson** (major contributor), and **Erk Russell** (football).

With the first phase of the re-establishment in place, Hall of Fame Chairman and Georgia Southern Director of Athletics **Dr. David Bucky Wagner** announced formats for future classes. Wagner indicated the 1991 class will have 15 inductees and 12 will enter the Hall in 1992. After 1993, there will be no more than six inductees per year.

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. 126 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 postseason bid.

December 21, 1985 - GEORGIA SOUTHERN CAPTURES NCAA I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, DEFEATING FURMAN, 44-42

December 19, 1986 - GEORGIA SOUTHERN CAPTURES ITS SECOND CONSECUTIVE NCAA I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, DEFEATING ARKANSAS STATE, 48-21.

December 17, 1988 - Georgia Southern makes its third NCAA 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.

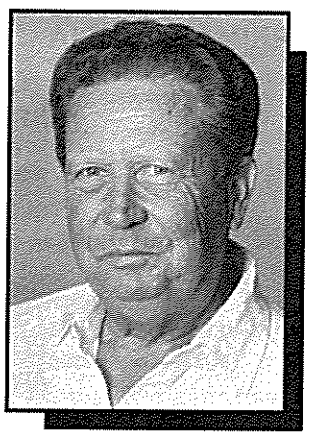
December 16, 1989 - GEORGIA SOUTHERN CAPTURES ITS THIRD I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN FIVE YEARS, DEFEATING STEPHEN F. AUSTIN, 37-34.

December 20, 1989 - Georgia Southern announces the elevation of offensive coordinator Tim Stowers to the head coaching position. Russell accepts promotion to position of associate athletic director for football operations.

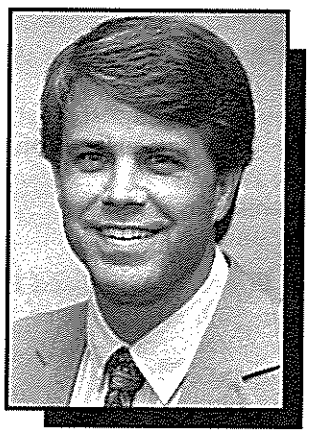
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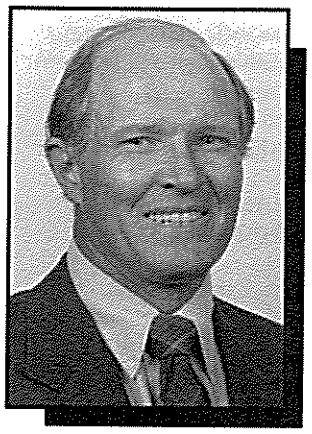
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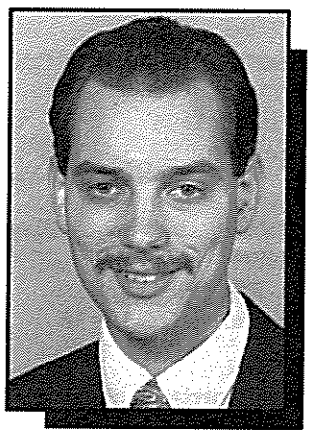
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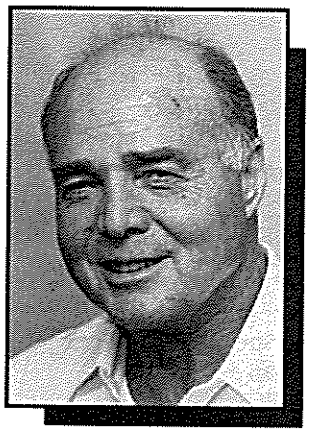
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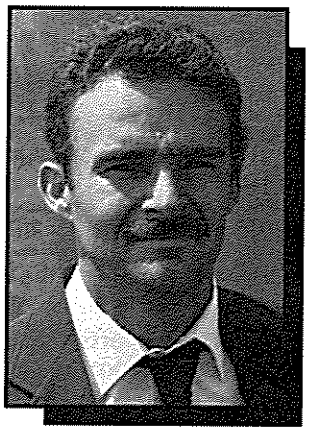
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