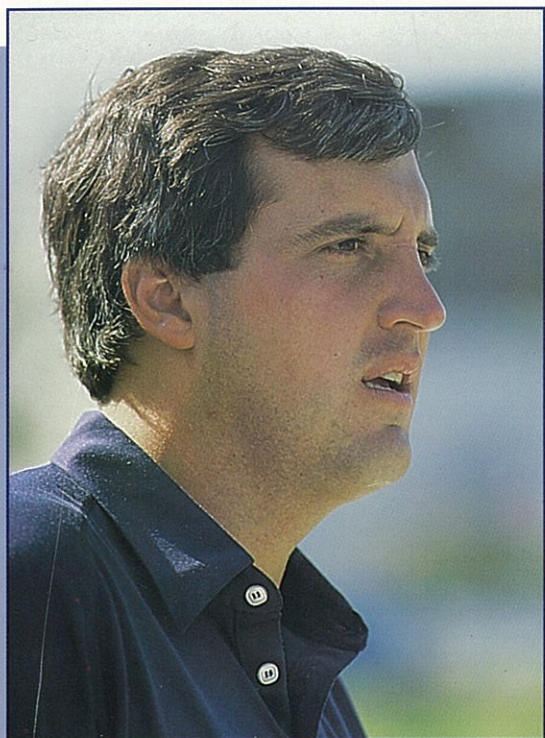
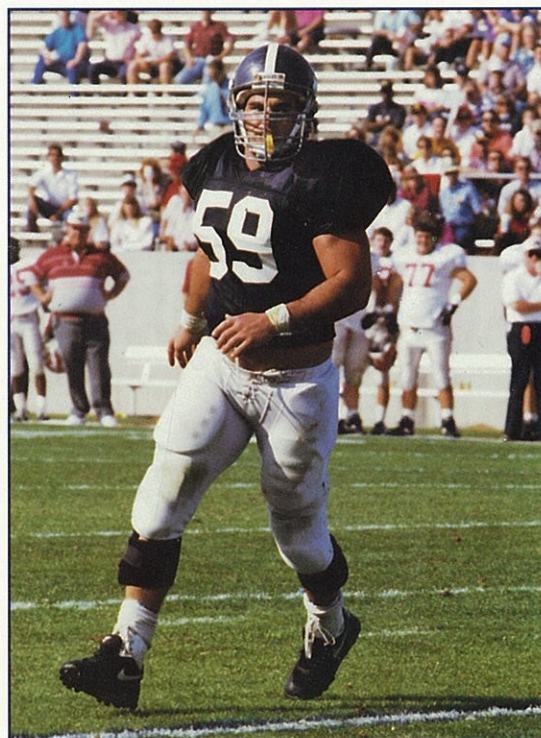


GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL



Head Coach Tim Stowers



Offensive Tackle Rex Nottage

1992 Media Guide

MEDIA INFORMATION

TO THE MEDIA

We hope you will find this publication useful while covering Georgia Southern's 1992 football team. Every effort has been made to include timely and pertinent information.

If you cannot find information you need in this book, please do not hesitate to call the athletic media relations 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.

PRESS BOX

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

Levels - The Georgia Southern press box is a two-tier facility. The first level is for print media, radio networks, television, coaches and public address. The second level is for television cameras and team video. To reach the second level, you must enter the first level and use the stairs located in the middle of the writers' 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 athletic media relations 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 will be charged.

Television - Should there be television coverage of a game, a broadcast booth will be provided to the originating network. Contact the athletic media relations 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) 681-7275.

Level 2 - This is the photo deck level and serves as the filming area for all television and coaches video 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 representatives on the sidelines. Photographers are not permitted to shoot between the 25-yard lines and they must display their credentials at all times. Photographers are not allowed in the team areas for any reason. Assistant media relations director Jim Stephan is responsible for sideline control.

CREDENTIALS

Press Box - All members of the media covering the game must request credentials from 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.**

Sidelines - 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 no longer issues press box passes to radio stations not involved in the origination of broadcasts. Radio stations wishing

to cover the Eagles will be issued a postgame pass that will allow reporters to do interviews after the game. However, seating in the press box is not 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. Complimentary tickets that have been requested by the media may be picked up at the same gate. If you are covering the Eagles, need parking and your credentials aren't mailed, you must pick up them up at the GSU police station, which is located on Forest Drive off U.S. Highway 301.

PARKING

Press 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 behind the press box. Press cars which are parked in rows A, B, C or D 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 athletic media relations office for a list of quality hotels available in the Statesboro area or check page 75.

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 the proper credentials. Drink service will continue throughout the contest.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Tim Stowers will conduct a postgame press conference in the courtyard of the Lupton Building located beyond the West endzone 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 athletic media relations staff will escort you to the field with approximately three minutes remaining in the game.

INTERVIEWING TIM STOWERS

The best time to reach Coach Stowers (912-681-5522) 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.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS

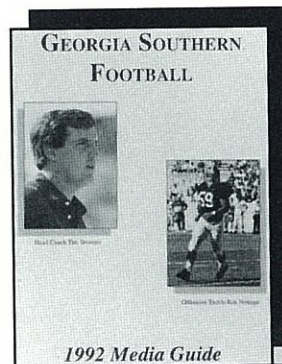
All player interviews must be coordinated through the athletic media relations office at least one day in advance. We strongly urge you to interview players Monday through Thursday after practice. No player interviews are allowed on Friday and all player interviews must be conducted after practice. No 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 AMR 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 athletic media relations office for further details.



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1992 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sept. 5	FLORIDA A&M	PAULSON STADIUM	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	VALDOSTA STATE	PAULSON STADIUM	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	SAVANNAH STATE	PAULSON STADIUM	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Furman	Greenville, S.C.	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Georgia	Athens	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	JAMES MADISON	PAULSON STADIUM	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	JACKSONVILLE STATE	PAULSON STADIUM	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	PAULSON STADIUM	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	PAULSON STADIUM	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	TROY STATE	PAULSON STADIUM	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Youngstown State	Youngstown, Ohio	1:30 p.m.

1991 RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATTEND</u>	<u>(TSN/NCAA)</u>
Aug. 31	at Auburn	L	32-17	79,124	1st/1st
Sept. 7	SAVANNAH STATE	W	29-6	14,312	no poll/no poll
Sept. 14	at Northeast Louisiana	L	21-13	16,281	no poll/1st
Sept. 21	at Florida A&M	W	28-21	12,525	7th/9th
Oct. 5	at Eastern Kentucky	L	10-6	16,200	7th/6th
Oct. 12	WESTERN CAROLINA	W	44-6	19,190	15th/NR
Oct. 19	at James Madison	W	24-21	12,119	15th/NR
Oct. 26	CENTRAL FLORIDA	W	20-6	19,063	15th/NR
Nov. 2	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	L	19-17	16,461	14th/t20th
Nov. 16	TROY STATE	W	19-12	18,590	NR/NR
Nov. 23	NICHOLLS STATE	W	40-6	14,493	NR/NR

FACTS, NOTES AND DATES

QUICKFACTS

Location: Statesboro, Georgia 30460
Enrollment: 13,411
Conference: Independent (Southern effective fall '93)
Nickname: Eagles
Colors: Blue and White
Home Stadium: Allen E. Paulson Stadium (18,000-1984)
Surface: Bermuda Tift
President: Dr. Nicholas L. Henry
Founded: 1906

1991 Record: 7-4
1991 Postseason: None
Offense: Flexbone
Defense: 4-3
Offensive Starters Returning: 8
Defensive Starters Returning: 2
Specialists Returning: 1
Lettermen Returning: 34
Lettermen Lost: 23
Players to Watch: DE Alex Mash, OT Rex Nottage

FOOTBALLSTAFF

Head Coach: Tim Stowers (Auburn '80)
Record at Georgia Southern: 19-7, third year
Overall Coaching Record: 19-7, third year
Secretary: Sue Colson

Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line: Mike Hodges (Emory '71)
Defensive Coordinator/Secondary: Tommy Spangler (Georgia '83)
Linebackers: Eddie Garfinkle (Jacksonville State '81)
Defensive Line: Cliff Lewis (Southern Mississippi '81)
Slotbacks: David Saunders (Auburn '81)
Quarterbacks/Fullbacks: Peter Thurmond (Vanderbilt '81)

Graduate Assistants: Taz Dixon (Georgia Southern '90)
Harold Nichols (Presbyterian '89)
Vance Pike (Georgia Southern '86)
Jim Vanatsky (Cincinnati '88)

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NOTES

Looking for Lucky Seven -- Georgia Southern enters the 1992 season in search of its seventh trip to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. In five of their six playoff appearances, the Eagles have advanced to the national finals, winning the title in 1985 (44-42 over Furman), 1986 (48-21 over Arkansas State), 1989 (37-34 over Stephen F. Austin), 1990 (36-13 over Nevada) and finishing second in 1988 (12-17 to Furman). GSU's four national championships and five national title appearances are unprecedented in I-AA history. Eastern Kentucky is the only other team to have reached the finals more than twice. In playoff contests, the Eagles are 20-2 (.909). Last season, Southern was excluded from postseason play for the first time since 1984.

Paulson Magic -- Georgia Southern's all-time record at Paulson Stadium is 55-3 (.948). From 1985 to 1990, the Eagles won 38 consecutive home games -- the longest such streak in Division I-AA history. GSU will play host to a record eight opponents this season. In 1989, the Eagles played 11 home games (seven regular-season). From 1989-91, Paulson was the site of the NCAA I-AA championship game.

Stowers Still Youngest -- At 34 years of age and in his third season as head coach, Tim Stowers is still the youngest head man in NCAA Division I football, according to the association's statistics service. In 1990, Stowers became the third head coach to win a national championship in his first year and the only one to do so in Division I-AA. His birthdate is Feb. 8, 1958.

Walk-Ons Still Prominent -- Of the 76 players on Georgia Southern's roster, 38 (50 percent) joined the program as walk-ons, including every kicking specialist and six projected starters. They are junior split end Darren Willis, junior fullback James Williams, senior defensive end Ronald Johnson, sophomore linebacker Paul Carroll, senior free safety Don Hudson and freshman field cornerback Marco Bradham.

Fewer Seniors -- There are 12 seniors on GSU's 1992 roster, compared to an all-time high of 24 last year. Here is a look at the progression of senior classes throughout the modern era of Eagle football:

1982	1	1988	13
1983	0	1989*	16
1984	8	1990*	14
1985*	7	1991	24
1986*	17	1992	12
1987	16		

*national champion

For trivia buffs, the first senior was defensive back Pat Douglas of Augusta, who later became the Eagles' secondary coach.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	Aug. 7	Freshmen report (evening meal and physicals)
Thursday	Aug. 12	First day of practice for freshmen
Friday	Aug. 13	Varsity reports (evening meal and physicals)
Saturday	Aug. 15	Media Day
Monday	Aug. 17	Two-a-day practices begin
Saturday	Aug. 22	Scrimmage at Paulson Stadium
Wednesday	Aug. 26	Scrimmage at Paulson Stadium
Thursday	Aug. 27	One-a-day practice schedule begins
Saturday	Aug. 29	Scrimmage at Paulson Stadium
Monday	Aug. 31	Normal in-season practice schedule begins
Saturday	Sept 5	Season opener vs. Florida A&M, 1:30 p.m. Paulson Stadium
Wednesday	Sept. 16	Classes begin

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1985

Erk's Eagles have landed!

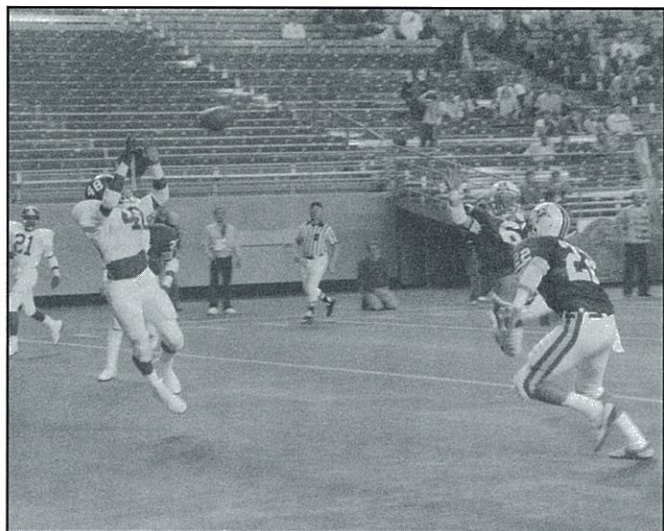
Georgia Southern defeats Furman 44-42 for national championship

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	John Bagwell 1 run (Keven Esval PAT)
GSC	2	13:33	Tim Foley 44 field goal
FU	2	8:22	Bagwell 9 run (Esval PAT)
GSC	2	3:08	Foley 33 field goal
FU	2	0:56	Bobby Lamb 10 run (Esval PAT)
FU	3	10:57	Larry Grady 33 pass from Lamb (Esval PAT)
GSC	3	6:51	Monty Sharpe 24 pass from Tracy Ham (Ham run)
GSC	3	4:35	Frank Johnson 40 pass from Ham (Foley PAT)
GSC	3	2:28	Gerald Harris 52 run (Foley PAT)
GSC	4	12:51	Herman Barron 12 pass from Ham (Foley PAT)
FU	4	7:51	Bagwell 7 run (Esval PAT)
GSC	4	3:37	Foley 39 field goal
FU	4	1:32	Bagwell 4 run (Esval PAT)
GSC	4	0:10	Johnson 13 pass from Ham (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 I-AA defense, Georgia Southern gained 603 yards in total offense, 297 rushing and 306 passing (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	Tim Foley 20 field goal
GSC	1	6:08	Gerald Harris 1 run (Foley PAT)
ASU	1	3:08	Boris Whiteside 15 run (Scott Roper PAT)
GSC	2	13:21	Foley 30 field goal
GSC	2	6:53	Foley 25 field goal
GSC	2	1:33	Tracy Ham 25 run (Foley PAT)
GSC	2	0:06	Foley 36 field goal
GSC	3	12:11	Ham 31 run (Herman Barron pass from Ham)
ASU	3	8:55	Safety (ball snapped out of endzone)
GSC	3	8:17	Ham 11 run (Foley PAT)
ASU	3	5:36	Whiteside 15 run (pass failed)
GSC	4	10:52	Ricky Harris 79 pass from Ham (Foley PAT)
ASU	4	5:15	Cazzy Francis 44 run (pass failed)



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1989

Eagles Pack 'Jacks

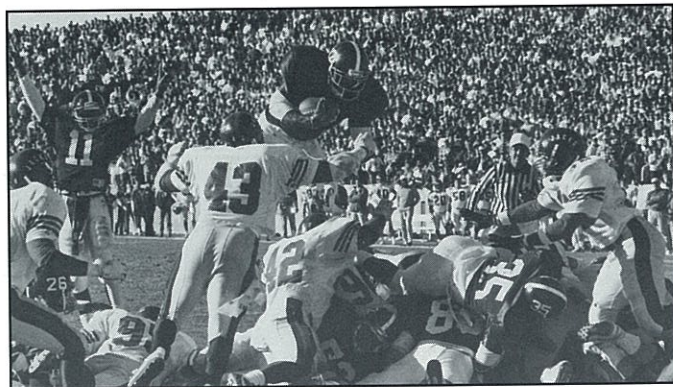
Dowis' 20-yard field goal nips SFA

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. Lumerjack 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 each.



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	7	10	10	7	--	34
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	14	6	0	17	--	37

GSC 1	10:41	Raymond Gross 34 run (Mike Dowis PAT)
GSC 1	7:58	Terrence 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 field goal
GSC 2	0:21	Dowis 37 field goal
SFA 2	0:00	Rawlinson 53 field goal
SFA 3	11:19	Rawlinson 53 field goal
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)
GSC 4	5:58	Ernest Thompson 1 run (Dowis PAT)
GSC 4	1:41	Dowis 20 field goal



1990

GSU: Champion Again

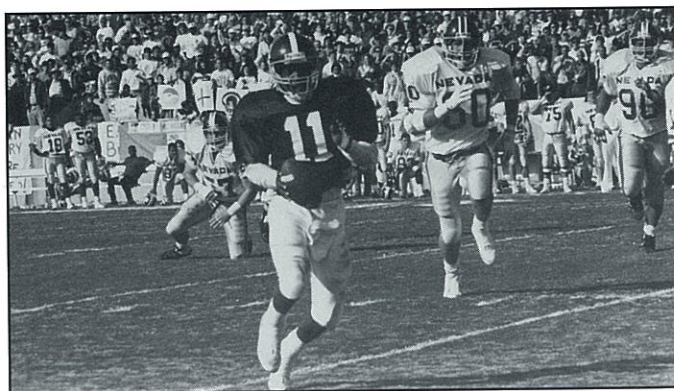
Eagles Capture Fourth I-AA Title

STATESBORO - Quarterback Raymond Gross rushed for a game-high 145 yards and the Georgia Southern defense responded with a crucial goal line stand early in the third quarter as the Eagles captured their fourth national championship in six years with a 36-13 triumph over Nevada. Trailing 14-6 to open the second half, Nevada drove 74 yards in 14 plays to the Eagle 1-yard line. The Wolfpack was stuffed on four consecutive plays before Kevin McKelvie missed a 24-yard field goal. GSU answered with a pair of Darryl Hopkins' touchdown runs to give the Eagles a comfortable 27-6 lead midway through the final period. After Hopkins' contributions, the Eagles added a 41-yard Mike Dowis field goal and closed the contest when true freshman defensive end Alex Mash returned a Chris Vargas pass 15 yards for a touchdown.



NEVADA	3	3	0	7	--	13
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	7	7	6	16	--	36

GSU 1	11:34	Joe Ross 14 run (Mike Dowis PAT)
UN 1	5:05	Kevin McKelvie 37 field goal
GSU 2	2:38	Raymond Gross 8 run (Dowis PAT)
UN 2	0:03	McKelvie 44 field goal
GSU 3	2:23	Darryl Hopkins 3 run (PAT failed)
GSU 4	14:52	Hopkins 18 run (Dowis PAT)
UN 4	6:22	Ross Ortega 3 pass from Chris Vargas (McKelvie PAT)
GSU 4	1:06	Dowis 41 field goal
GSU 4	0:44	Alex Mash 15 interception return (PAT failed)



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What is seven and four?

- a) three games over .500
- b) good enough, most of the time, to capture a bowl bid in Division I
- c) Georgia Southern's 1991 won-loss record
- d) all of the above

The correct answer is d), but for coaches, players and fans associated with Eagle football, this isn't a multiple-choice question.

It's short-answer. Mediocre.

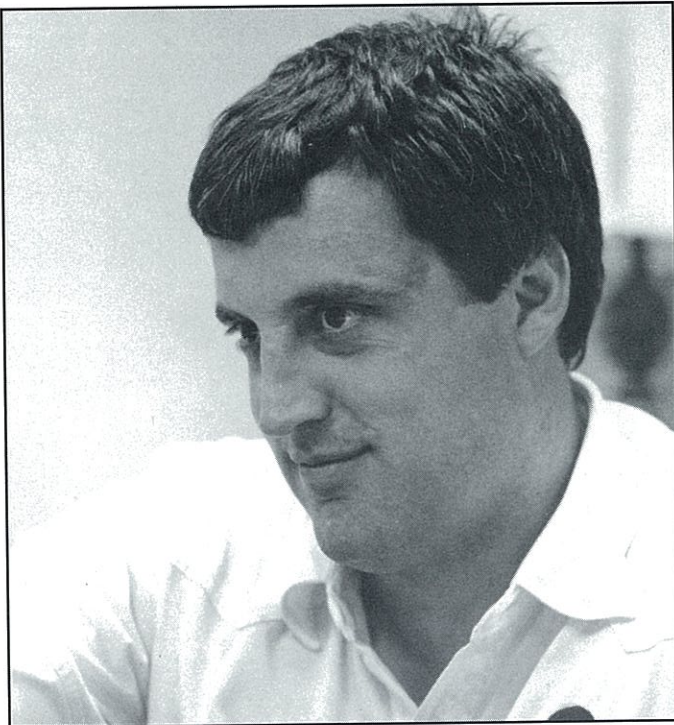
"Lots of teams would love to go 7-4, but by Georgia Southern standards, 7-4 is mediocrity," third-year head coach Tim Stowers explained. "We ended the 1991 season with no playoff opportunity for the first time since 1984. Maybe we were complacent. Complacency is a part of human nature for everyone. We were attempting to reach and win the national championship game for a third straight time. Perhaps the prevalent feeling was, 'it's just going to happen.' It doesn't work that way. The higher you climb, the harder the wind blows."

Though the Eagles were unceremoniously blown from the I-AA mountaintop a year ago, Stowers is heartily encouraged by two things. His 1991 club won five of its last six games, peaking in the season finale against Nicholls State.

"I felt at the end of the season we could compete with anybody," Stowers said.

A productive spring also perked up the nation's youngest Division I coach.

"I really like the way our players responded in the spring," Stowers said. "We held a scrimmage on the final Wednesday and there was a lot of competitiveness and enthusiasm. The players were having fun and I want that



attitude to carry over into the fall."

Offense

One issue that won't carry over into fall practice is a quarterback controversy. Sophomore Charles Bostick grabbed the starting job back from Derrick McGrady during spring workouts. Highly-touted Georgia transfer Joe Dupree is No. 3 after running the scout team in 1991.

"Though we settled on Charles as the starter after the spring game, this will, once again, be a close race," Stowers noted. "Charles, Derrick and Joe certainly possess great ability, but you're always looking for those intangible qualities. In the spring, Charles took off his knee brace and seemed to be a step quicker. But, anything can happen in preseason drills. McGrady did a fine job late last season and had us in position for a playoff run. Dupree showed vast improvement in the spring. He never had to read the first phase of the triple option before, but made good progress."

Once again, there is good news at split end, where Terrence Sorrell returns for his fourth year as a starter. Lining up opposite "Grip" is speedy junior Darren Willis, a high school teammate of Dupree.

"Terrence had a really good sophomore year, but fell off somewhat last season and he'd be the first to admit it," Stowers said. "But, he had a good spring and is certainly a proven deep threat. Terrence needs to work on the little things like intermediate routes, blocking and playing without the ball."

"Willis gives us another deep threat, but Deryl Belser, the man he played behind last year, made some outstanding catches in the clutch. Who will we go to now? We must find out."

Junior Anthony Hayes and sophomore John Stynchula (6-4, 209) will be GSU's first wideouts off the bench.

"We're going to run the same offense, but there are some new wrinkles in the passing game," Stowers added. "In the spring, we coached the passing game like the running game. Instead of putting it in, we've been working it in. In order to have a successful running game, we must have a passing game people respect."

Senior All-America candidate Rex Nottage (right tackle), senior center Rusty Parrish (center) and junior Miguel Ayoub (left guard) enter the 1992 campaign with two years of starting experience in the offensive line. The other projected starters, sophomores Joey Cushing (left tackle) and Franklin Stephens (right guard), lettered last year as true freshmen and Stephens beat out returning starter Isaac Ferrell in the spring. Senior James Baker, sophomore Donny Simmons, junior Scott Chafin, Ferrell and redshirt freshman Drew Lovell will line up left to right with the second unit.

"We have more quality depth in the offensive line than ever before, but injuries concern me," Stowers admitted. "This area will be a strength, barring injuries. Four of our top 10 have undergone surgery in the last year."

Even so, the GSU offensive line wasn't the group hardest hit by injuries in 1991. That distinction went to the Eagle running back corps, where Stowers was forced to use

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five different goal-line tailbacks. Junior James Williams is the favorite to replace Lester Efford at fullback with redshirt freshman Chad Holmes and sophomore Tyrone Stephens providing support. Sophomore lettermen Shafton Fraley and Chris Wright are the frontrunners at slotback, but senior transfer Henry Parrish and juniors Steve Payne, Carlos Parker and Willando Ficklin are likely to enter the picture. Ficklin played baseball for the first time in three years last spring (designated hitter) and won the Southern Conference batting title at .401.

"James Williams came out of spring practice as our top fullback because he does all the little things correctly," Stowers said. "Holmes did a nice job and Stephens, who weighs about 230, is a different kind of fullback than we're used to."

"Fraley had a fine spring after recovering from a dislocated ankle. Chris Wright looks more comfortable at A-Back now, plus he returned kickoffs for us last year and that's a good spot to put a young, promising skill player. Both Payne and Parrish really came on at the end."

Defense

While the Eagle offense sputtered until reaching the back stretch in 1991, Southern's defense played on a championship level most of the season. Defensive coordinator Tommy Spangler and staff have to find replacements for nine starters and three All-Americans -- defensive end Steve Bussoletti and cornerbacks Rodney Oglesby and Kevin Whitley. The trio led GSU to national statistical rankings in pass efficiency defense (4th, 84.98 yards), scoring defense (9th, 14.55 points) and total defense (10th, 282.91 yards).

At left end, cat-quick senior Ronald Johnson will be backed up by sophomore Michael Morris. Stowers is concerned about Johnson's low weight, but fondly remembers him taking out the dive, quarterback and pitch man on one play during a spring scrimmage. Morris may become a dominant player - in a hurry.

On the other side, former defensive tackle Alex Mash and sophomore Casey Johnson emerged as the top hopefuls to replace Bussoletti. An All-America candidate, Mash can be as good as he wants to be, according to Stowers.

On the inside, left tackles Shawn Haralson and Terrance Odoms will be joined by noseguards Stacy Moses and Brian Pressnall.

"Haralson had a fine spring because he pushed himself and played hard," Stowers said. "He's like a coach on the field. If Odoms comes back in good shape, he can really make a contribution. Moses has good quickness."

As is tradition, an even mix of the very talented and the overachieving form GSU's linebacking crew. Junior college transfer Dexter Perkins (weak side), sophomore Paul Carroll (middle) and junior Nick Davis (strong side) will try to make things easy for new coach Eddie Garfinkle. Junior David Rocco, redshirt freshman Hughie Hunt and sophomore Scott Davis, a former defensive end, are the top reserves.

"Dexter Perkins is a former Statesboro player who transferred in from North Greenville Junior College and won



the job at weakside linebacker," Stowers said. "Paul Carroll knows how to play the game at full speed and has incredible intensity. If Paul was 6-3 and 225 pounds, we couldn't let him practice. He'd kill somebody. Rocco has a chance to help because of improved strength and Hughie Hunt doesn't look as big as he is, but weighs 240. He just needs to work on endurance."

Spangler's secondary was rocked hard by graduation. Seven of GSU's top eight defensive backs exhausted their eligibility in 1991. Only junior Shawn Austin, a second-team boundary corner, returns. Junior Brandon Rozzelle will start at that position across from freshman redshirt field corner Marco Bradham, who beat out junior Jermaine Jackson.

Redshirt Rob Stockton and sophomore letterman Danny Britt will battle for starting honors at strong safety. At free safety, it boils down to converted slotback Don Hudson, the group's only senior and redshirt Alton Hitson.

"I feel good about the secondary overall," Stowers explained. "I don't know that there's a player with the natural ability of an Oglesby or Whitley, but experience counts the most. We tried to give them as many looks as possible in the spring. Hudson has to run the show back there. He's a super individual, a team player who does what he's asked. I was concerned about Hitson's willingness to punish people, because he's a former quarterback. As it turned out, he probably applied more good licks than anyone."

Specialists

For the first time since 1988, the Eagles enter a season without an established placekicker. Sophomores Reed Haley and Brian Labella will battle for the job of graduated All-America David Cool. Statesboro junior Bill Thatcher and senior Donald Wheeler are candidates for the punting job. Senior Chris Arnault returns as deep snapper.

1992 ROSTERS

NO	NAME	POS	NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL-EXP	HOMETOWN (High School)
1	Darren Willis	SE	76	Chris Arnoult	SN	5-10	222	SR-1L	Irmo, S.C. (High)
2	Brancis Williams	CB	18	Shawn Austin	CB	5-9	174	JR-2L	Thomasville (High)
3	Brian Labella	PK	69	Miguel Ayoub	OG	6-2	272	JR-2L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Forrest)
4	Joe Dupree	QB	64	James Baker	OT	6-0	230	SR-1L	Decatur (Lakeside)
5	Darius Dawson	OLB	7	Charles Bostick	QB	6-0	189	SO-1L	Thomasville (High)
6	Henry Parrish	SB	19	Marco Bradham	CB	5-8	164	FR-RS	Savannah (High)
7	Charles Bostick	QB	11	Danny Britt	SS	5-11	184	SO-1L	Baconton (Westwood)
9	Derrick McGrady	QB	65	Eric Carlyle	OT	6-3	230	SO-SQ	Twin City (Emanuel County)
10	Clinton Gregory	CB	43	Paul Carroll	MLB	6-0	217	SO-1L	Columbus (Hardaway)
11	Danny Britt	SS	51	Scott Chafin	C	6-2	239	JR-2L	Moultrie (Colquitt County)
12	Shafton Fraley	SB	25	Eric Chaplain	SB	5-9	178	SO-SQ	St. Helena, S.C. (Beaufort)
13	Donald Wheeler	P	45	Leonard Christian	MLB	5-9	211	SO-SQ	Thomasville (High)
14	Rob Stockton	SS	44	David Council	SB	5-10	199	FR-RS	Tallahassee, Fla. (Godby)
15	Alton Hitson	FS	52	Joey Cushing	OT	6-1	242	SO-1L	Blakely (Early County)
16	Vernon Loree	PK	42	Nick Davis	OLB	5-10	208	JR-2L	Griffin (High)
17	Jermaine Jackson	CB	55	Scott Davis	OLB	6-1	208	SO-SQ	Powder Springs (McEachern)
18	Shawn Austin	CB	5	Darius Dawson	OLB	6-1	223	JR-2L	Moultrie (Colquitt County)
19	Marco Bradham	CB	4	Joe Dupree	QB	6-2	188	SO-SQ	Macon (Southwest)
20	Brandon Rozzelle	CB	70	Isaac Ferrell	OG	6-1	269	SO-1L	Warner Robins (Northside)
21	Chris Wright	SB	23	Willando Ficklin	SB	6-2	222	JR-2L	Atlanta (Redan)
22	Steve Payne	SB	12	Shafton Fraley	SB	5-10	175	SO-1L	Milledgeville (Baldwin)
23	Willando Ficklin	SB	10	Clinton Gregory	CB	5-11	154	JR-SQ	Savannah (Benedictine)
24	Carlos Parker	SB	60	Robert Hadley	OG	6-3	267	FR-RS	Savannah (Benedictine)
25	Eric Chaplain	SB	33	Reed Haley	PK	5-11	171	SO-SQ	Clearwater, Fla. (High)
26	Lloyd Rowland	FB	98	Shawn Haralson	DT	6-3	218	SR-3L	Westminster, Md. (High)
28	Maurice Reid	FS	82	Anthony Hayes	SE	5-11	181	JR-SQ	Thomasville (High)
31	Chad Holmes	FB	94	Jerry Hill	NG	6-0	242	FR-RS	Douglas (Coffee County)
32	Reggie Sullivan	CB	15	Alton Hitson	FS	5-10	177	FR-RS	Valdosta (High)
33	Reed Haley	PK	31	Chad Holmes	FB	5-10	198	FR-RS	Griffin (High)
34	George Malvestuto	SS	41	Don Hudson	FS	5-10	179	SR-2L	Warner Robins (Northside)
35	Tyrone Stephens	FB	37	Hughie Hunt	MLB	6-0	237	FR-RS	Hinesville (Bradwell Institute)
36	James Williams	FB	17	Jermaine Jackson	CB	6-1	176	JR-SQ	Lithonia (Towers)
37	Hughie Hunt	MLB	80	Steve Jaramillo	SE	5-9	181	FR-RS	Valdosta (High)
41	Don Hudson	FS	89	Casey Johnson	DE	6-1	223	JR-SQ	Glennville (High)
42	Nick Davis	OLB	49	Ronald Johnson	DE	5-11	197	SR-2L	Hinesville (Bradwell Institute)
43	Paul Carroll	MLB	3	Brian Labella	PK	5-9	173	SO-SQ	Dublin (High)
44	David Council	SB	16	Vernon Loree	PK	5-6	187	SO-SQ	Fort Benning (Bradwell)
45	Leonard Christian	MLB							
46	Dexter Perkins	OLB							
47	Kobi Reynolds	OLB							
49	Ronald Johnson	DE							
50	Rusty Parrish	C							
51	Scott Chafin	C							
52	Joey Cushing	OT							
54	Kevin Morse	OG							
55	Scott Davis	OLB							
56	Franklin Stephens	OG							
58	David Rocco	OLB							

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71	Drew Lovell	OT	6-3	245	FR-RS	Clarksville (Habersham Central)
34	George Malvestuto	SS	5-9	177	SO-SQ	Miami, Fla. (Sunset)
74	Mark Margiotta	DE	6-2	228	JR-SQ	Wethersfield, Conn. (High)
99	Alex Mash	DE	6-2	243	JR-2L	Thomasville (High)
9	Derrick McGrady	QB	5-10	184	SR-3L	Statesboro (High)
62	Jeff McPhail	SN	6-1	195	JR-SQ	Seneca, S.C. (West Oak)
91	Michael Morris	DE	6-3	216	SO-1L	Adel (Cook County)
54	Kevin Morse	OG	6-1	263	JR-2L	Athens (Clarke Central)
90	Stacy Moses	NG	5-11	233	FR-RS	Blakely (Early County)
92	Jay Murchison	DE	6-5	219	SO-SQ	Snellville (South Gwinnett)
59	Rex Nottage	OT	6-0	230	SR-3L	Coral Springs, Fla. (High)
95	Terrance Odoms	DT	6-0	278	SO-1L	Fitzgerald (High)
24	Carlos Parker	SB	5-9	199	JR-SQ	Valdosta (High)
6	Henry Parrish	SB	5-9	165	SR-SQ	Brunswick (Glynn Academy)
50	Rusty Parrish	C	6-3	250	SR-3L	Thomasville (High)
22	Steve Payne	SB	5-10	175	JR-1L	Chatsworth (Murray County)
46	Dexster Perkins	OLB	6-0	205	JR-TR	Statesboro (High/N. Greenville JC)
93	Randy Pitts	DE	6-4	215	SO-SQ	Brunswick (Peach County)
96	Brian Pressnall	NG	5-10	222	JR-SQ	Dunwoody (High)
28	Maurice Reid	FS	5-9	173	SO-1L	Albany (Dougherty)
47	Kobi Reynolds	OLB	6-0	216	FR-RS	Atlanta (Douglass)
83	Kregg Richardson	SE	5-10	180	SR-HS	Brunswick (Glynn Academy)
58	David Rocco	OLB	6-0	210	JR-1L	Phoenixville, Pa. (High)
26	Lloyd Rowland	FB	6-0	214	JR-SQ	Savannah (Savannah Christian)
20	Brandon Rozzelle	CB	5-9	189	JR-2L	Stone Mountain (Clarkston)
73	Donny Simmons	OG	6-3	236	SO-SQ	Grayson (South Gwinnett)
88	Terrence Sorrell	SE	6-2	158	SR-3L	Salem, N.J. (High)
56	Franklin Stephens	OG	6-0	256	SO-1L	Keysville (Burke County)
35	Tyrone Stephens	FB	6-0	223	SO-SQ	Jesup (Wayne County)
14	Rob Stockton	SS	5-11	172	FR-RS	Clayton (Rabun County)
87	John Stynchula	SE	6-4	209	SO-SQ	Fairfax, Va. (Robinson)
32	Reggie Sullivan	CB	5-9	168	SO-1L	Gray (Jones)
78	Blake Swicord	OT	6-3	228	JR-SQ	McIntyre (Gilead)
84	Bill Thatcher	P	6-1	180	JR-SQ	Statesboro (High)
13	Donald Wheeler	P	5-11	187	SR-SQ	Greensboro (Greene-Taliaferro)
2	Brancis Williams	CB	5-8	159	FR-RS	Baxley (Appling County)
36	James Williams	FB	5-9	194	JR-1L	Thomasville (High)
1	Darren Willis	SE	6-0	179	JR-1L	Macon (Southwest)
21	Chris Wright	SB	5-8	173	SO-1L	Valdosta (Lowndes County)

59	Rex Nottage	OT
60	Robert Hadley	OG
62	Jeff McPhail	SN
64	James Baker	OT
65	Eric Carlyle	OT
69	Miguel Ayoub	OG
70	Isaac Ferrell	OG
71	Drew Lovell	OT
73	Donny Simmons	OG
74	Mark Margiotta	DE
76	Chris Arnoult	SN
78	Blake Swicord	OT
80	Steve Jaramillo	SE
82	Anthony Hayes	SE
83	Kregg Richardson	SE
84	Bill Thatcher	P
87	John Stynchula	SE
88	Terrence Sorrell	SE
89	Casey Johnson	DE
90	Stacy Moses	NG
91	Michael Morris	DE
92	Jay Murchison	DE
93	Randy Pitts	DE
94	Jerry Hill	NG
95	Terrance Odoms	DT
96	Brian Pressnall	NG
98	Shawn Haralson	DT
99	Alex Mash	DE

Pronunciation Guide

Names

Chris Arnoult-- ARE-nault
Miguel Ayoub-- MEE-gel (hard G)
A-yoob
Scott Chafin-- CHAY-fin
Isaac Ferrell-- Farell
Willando Ficklin-- WILL-on-dough
Shafton Fraley-- FRAY-lee
Steve Jaramillo-- Har-ME-yo
Vernon Loree-- Lory
George Malvestuto-- MAL-vuh-
STEW-toe
Mark Margiotta-- Margie-OT-uh
Rex Nottage-- NOT-tidge
Terrence Sorrell-- SIR-ell
John Stynchula-- Stin-CHEW-luh
Blake Swicord-- SWI-kurd

Hometowns

Adel-- AY-del
Lithonia-- luh-THONE-ya
Moultrie-- MOLE-tree

1992 DEPTH CHART

Offense

SE -	1	DARREN WILLIS (6-0, 179, JR-1L)
	87	John Stynchula (6-4, 209, SO-SQ)
LT -	52	JOEY CUSHING (6-1, 242, SO-1L)
	64	James Baker (6-0, 230, SR-1L)
LG -	69	MIGUEL AYOUB (6-2, 272, JR-2L)
	73	Donny Simmons (6-3, 236, SO-SQ)
C -	50	RUSTY PARRISH (6-3, 250, SR-3L)
	51	Scott Chafin (6-2, 239, JR-2L)
RG -	56	FRANKLIN STEPHENS (6-0, 256, SO-1L)
	70	Isaac Ferrell (6-1, 269, SO-1L)
RT -	59	REX NOTTAGE (6-0, 230, SR-3L)
	71	Drew Lovell (6-3, 245, FR-RS)
SE -	88	TERRENCE SORRELL (6-2, 158, SR-3L)
	82	Anthony Hayes (5-11, 181, JR-SQ)
QB -	7	CHARLES BOSTICK (6-0, 189, SO-1L)
	9	Derrick McGrady (5-10, 184, SR-3L)
	4	Joe Dupree (6-2, 188, SO-SQ)
FB -	36	JAMES WILLIAMS (5-9, 194, JR-1L)
	31	Chad Holmes (5-10, 198, FR-RS)
	35	Tyrone Stephens (6-0, 223, SO-SQ)
SB -	12	SHAFTON FRALEY (5-10, 175, SO-1L)
	6	Henry Parrish (5-9, 165, SR-SQ)
	23	Willando Ficklin (6-2, 222, JR-2L)
SB -	21	CHRIS WRIGHT (5-8, 173, SO-1L)
	22	Steve Payne (5-10, 175, JR-1L)
	24	Carlos Parker (5-9, 199, JR-SQ)

Defense

LE -	49	RONALD JOHNSON (5-11, 197, SR-2L)
	91	Michael Morris (6-3, 216, SO-1L)
LT -	98	SHAWN HARALSON (6-3, 232, SR-3L)
	95	Terrance Odoms (6-0, 278, SO-1L)
NG -	90	STACY MOSES (5-11, 233, FR-RS)
	96	Brian Pressnall (5-10, 222, JR-SQ)
RE -	99	ALEX MASH (6-2, 243, JR-2L)
	89	Casey Johnson (6-1, 223, JR-SQ)
WLB -	46	DEXSTER PERKINS (6-0, 205, JR-TR)
	58	David Rocco (6-0, 210, JR-1L)
MLB -	43	PAUL CARROLL (6-0, 217, SO-1L)
	37	Hughie Hunt (6-0, 237, FR-RS)
SLB -	42	NICK DAVIS (5-10, 208, JR-2L)
	55	Scott Davis (6-1, 208, SO-SQ)
BC -	20	BRANDON ROZZELLE (5-9, 189, JR-2L)
	18	Shawn Austin (5-9, 174, JR-2L)
SS -	14	ROB STOCKTON (5-11, 172, FR-RS)
	11	Danny Britt (5-11, 184, SO-1L)
FS -	41	DON HUDSON (5-10, 179, SR-2L)
	15	Alton Hitson (5-10, 177, FR-RS)
FC -	24	MARCO BRADHAM (5-8, 164, FR-RS)
	17	Jermaine Jackson (6-1, 176, JR-SQ)

Specialists: Punter - 84 Bill Thatcher, 13 Donald Wheeler;
Placements - 33 Reed Haley, 3 Brian Labella; Kickoffs - 33 Reed Haley, 3 Brian Labella; Punt Returns - 41 Don Hudson, 21 Chris Wright; Kickoff Returns - 21 Chris Wright; Snapper - 76 Chris Arnault; Holder - 84 Bill Thatcher, 13 Donald Wheeler.

THE STARTERS... WHO'S BACK AND WHO'S NOT

Offense

Pos.	Returning	Lost
SE	.....	Deryl Belser (3L)
LT	Joey Cushing (1L)	.....
LG	Miguel Ayoub (2L)	.....
C	Rusty Parrish (2L)	.....
RG	Isaac Ferrell (1L)	.....
RT	Rex Nottage (3L)	.....
SE	Terrence Sorrell (3L)	.....
QB	Derrick McGrady (2L)	.....
FB	.....	Lester Efford (4L)
SB	Don Hudson (2L)*	.....
SB	.....	Darryl Hopkins (3L)

**Hudson was moved to safety during spring*

Defense

Pos.	Returning	Lost
LE	Michael Berry (4L)
LT	Alex Mash (2L)	.....
NG	Curtis Gordon (4L)
RE	Steve Bussoletti (3L)
WLB	Paul Sikkelee (3L)
MLB	Nick Davis (2L)	.....
SLB	Shane Maxwell (3L)
WC	Rodney Oglesby (3L)
SS	Jim Mutimer (3L)
FS	Mark Giles (3L)
SC	Kevin Whitley (3L)

Specialists returning (1): SN Chris Arnault

Other offensive lettermen returning (12): T James Baker, QB Charles Bostick, C Scott Chafin, FB Willando Ficklin, S Shafton Fraley, G Kevin Morse, SB Steve Payne, OG Franklin Stephens, SB Reggie Sullivan, FB James Williams, SE Darren Willis, SB Chris Wright.

Other defensive lettermen returning (11): CB Shawn Austin, FS Danny Britt, OLB Paul Carroll, OLB Darius Dawson, LT Shawn Haralson, DE Ronald Johnson, DE Michael Morris, NG Terrance Odoms, CB Maurice Reid, OLB Dave Rocco, CB Brandon Rozzelle.

Other lettermen lost (11): FS Brad Almon, SS Clint Avret, K David Cool, SB Herman Gray, OLB Eugene Hayes, OLB Mel McBride, SE Chuck McClurg, P Don Norton, CB Brannon Rice, CB Gene Scott, SE Chance Ward.

Position changes: SB Don Hudson to FS, CB Maurice Reid to FS, FB Willando Ficklin to SB, SB Reggie Sullivan to CB, SE Jermaine Jackson to CB, DE Blake Swicord to OT.

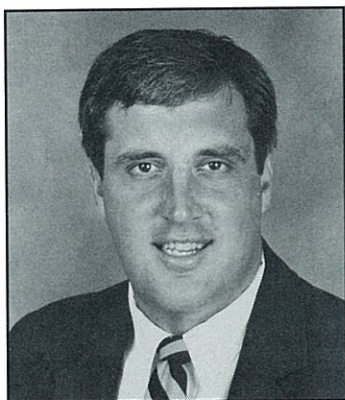
GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

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HEAD COACH TIM STOWERS



TIM STOWERS

Tim Stowers, 34, made quite an impact two years ago in his first season as head coach of the Georgia Southern football team.

After replacing the legendary Erk Russell on December 20, 1989,

Stowers became the first I-AA coach, the third in Division I, to win a national championship in his first season. After a 1-3 start, the Eagles won 11 straight to end the year at 12-3 (.800). Stowers guided GSU to its sixth consecutive NCAA I-AA playoff appearance in 1990, despite having the division's toughest schedule. His efforts earned I-AA coach-of-the-year honors by Kodak, Chevrolet and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.

Not bad for the nation's youngest Division I coach.

While his second season was less eventful - the Eagles barely missed the playoffs with a 7-4 record - Stowers still proved that Georgia Southern has one of the top programs in Division I-AA. Losses to I-A Auburn and three nationally-ranked I-AA foes kept the Eagles from the playoffs for the first time since 1984.

Following the 1991 season, cornerback Rodney Oglesby, defensive end Steve Bussoletti and kicker David Cool earned various All-America honors. Stowers had four players named to All-America teams after his rookie season (Giff Smith, Joe Ross, Bussoletti and Oglesby).

Stowers is in his eighth season overall at Georgia Southern, having coached the offensive line for five

seasons. He also served as offensive coordinator for the 1988 and 1989 seasons.

As offensive line coach, Stowers worked with six All-Americans. At least one lineman was selected for national honors each year between 1985 and 1989. 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. As a junior, 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. He earned two letters at Auburn (1977-78) as an offensive and defensive lineman and linebacker. After completing his eligibility, Stowers joined the Auburn staff as student coach. He received a bachelor's degree in 1979. 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 was born on February 8, 1958 at Union Springs, Alabama. He is married to the former Gaye Laing. They have two children, five-year-old son T.J., and Kathryn Lee, 1.

Full Name: Timothy Stowers
Born: February 8, 1958 in Union Springs, Alabama
Married: To the former Gaye Laing of Eufaula, Alabama
Children: Two, T. J. (five) and Kathryn Lee (one)
High School: Graduated from Grissom High School in Huntsville, Alabama in 1976
College: Graduated with a B.S. Degree in physical education from Auburn in 1980; Received Master's Degree in exercise physiology from Auburn in 1982
Playing Career: Lettered three years in football and one year in baseball at Grissom; Lettered two years in football at Auburn

TIM STOWERS' COACHING RECORD

Year	School	---Overall---			---Postseason---		
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
1991	Georgia Southern	7	4	.636	0	0	----
1990	Georgia Southern	12	3	.800	4	0	1.000
	Two Years	19	7	.731	4	0	1.000



Stowers and Auburn coach Pat Dye meet after last year's game.

ASSISTANT COACHES



MIKE HODGES

(Emory '71)

Assistant Head Coach/
Offensive Line

A long-time winner at the Georgia high-school level, Mike Hodges, 42, is in his third season at Georgia Southern.

Named GSU assistant head coach March 22, 1991, Hodges was directly responsible for the revitalization of the offensive line two

seasons ago. Considered to be a weakness heading into the 1990 season, the revamped line enabled the Eagles to average 360.1 yards per game and 5.0 yards per snap.

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 in history, rolling to a 15-0 record. Hodges wrapped up his high school career with a 9-3 finish in 1989.

Mike and wife Deloris have a son, Clay (5).



TOMMY SPANGLER

(Georgia '83)

Defensive Coordinator/
Secondary

Tommy Spangler is in his sixth year as defensive secondary coach, arriving at Georgia Southern prior to the 1987 season. He was promoted to the recruiting coordinator's position in 1989 and was named defensive coordinator in January,

1990.

Spangler, 31, has played a major role in the rebirth of the Eagle defense, now considered one of the finest in NCAA I-AA football. In 1990, Spangler's unit finished the year with 23 interceptions. His 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 secondary set a 15-game school record with 31 interceptions, while finishing the regular season with 21.

Last season, the Eagles were second nationally in passing yards allowed (121.9) and were again one interception (21) shy of tying a school mark.

Since his appointment, Spangler has produced three All-America selections and has had one player drafted and one player signed by a National Football League team. Three-time All-America choice Rodney Oglesby (1988, 1990 and 1991) heads the list while free safety Taz Dixon (1989) and strong safety Randall Boone (1989) also earned college football's top individual honor.

Cornerback Terry Young was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (12th round) in the 1989 draft while Kevin Whitley signed a free agent contract with the New England Patriots during the spring of 1992.

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 former Kim Pierce of Ft. White, Fla.



EDDIE GARFINKLE

(Jacksonville State '81)
Linebackers

Eddie Garfinkle, 34, is in his first year handling Eagle linebackers after serving six seasons as defensive coordinator at Jacksonville State (Ala.) University.

Garfinkle spent 10 seasons at JSU as a full-time assistant coach. Prior to taking over the defensive coordinator duties in 1986, Garfinkle handled the Gamecock

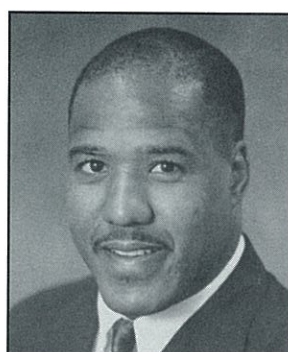
outside linebackers (1982-84) and defensive tackles (1985-86). He spent the last five seasons heading inside linebackers in addition to his coordinator duties.

Jacksonville State rolled to a 12-1 mark in 1991 and reached the NCAA Division II national finals before bowing out with a 23-6 loss to Pittsburg (Kan.) State. The Gamecocks have made four consecutive NCAA II playoff appearances and captured the Gulf South Conference championship three times in the last four years. JSU also qualified for the 1989 title game, dropping a 3-0 decision to Mississippi College.

Garfinkle's 1989 defensive unit finished first nationally in scoring defense, allowing just 7.0 points per game. His 1990 squad gave up 12.2 points a contest (second nationally), while the 1991 Gamecock defense led the Gulf South Conference with an 11.7 average.

A three-year starter at linebacker for Jacksonville State (1977-79), Garfinkle was part of the outstanding 1977 Gamecock squad which earned national runner-up status after an appearance in the Grantland Rice Bowl. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1981 and master's degree in 1982.

Born in Courtland, N.Y., and raised in Miami, Garfinkle is married to the former Jan Johnson and they are the parents of two daughters -- Katie (5) and Elyssa (1).



CLIFF LEWIS

(Southern Mississippi '81)
Defensive Line

Cliff Lewis, 35, was named assistant coach in March of 1991 after serving briefly as assistant head coach at Newberry (S.C.) College.

After spending one season as Eagle slotbacks coach, Lewis made the switch to more familiar surroundings as defensive line coach prior to the start of spring practice.

Despite several devastating injuries, Lewis' slotback corps helped Southern's offensive unit to 188.0 rushing yards and 304.6 total yards per game.

Following five years in private business, Lewis returned to the coaching field in 1990 as linebackers coach at the University of North Carolina. In mid-December, he moved into the position at Newberry.

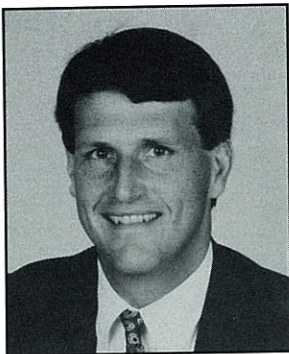
A 1981 graduate of Southern Mississippi with a degree in Communications, Lewis earned three letters as a member of the Golden Eagles' linebacker corps. He played as a freshman at Georgia Tech.

After his collegiate career, Lewis appeared in 57 games during a four-year (1981-84) stint with the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League.

The Fort Walton Beach, Fla., native was named professional athlete-of-the-year for northwest Florida in 1981.

Lewis is single.

ASSISTANT COACHES



DAVID SAUNDERS

(Auburn '81)
Slotbacks

David Saunders, 34, is in his third season at Georgia Southern after six years as assistant coach at NCAA Division II power Jacksonville (Ala.) State University.

After two seasons as GSU's defensive line coach, Saunders moved to the other side of the ball at the start of spring drills and will

direct slotbacks during the 1992 season. Saunders also serves as the program's academic advisor, monitoring all progress in the classroom.

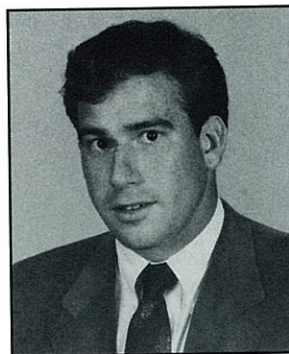
While in charge of the Eagle defensive line, his 1990 unit combined for 53.5 sacks and 23 tackles for lost yardage over the course of the national championship season. In 1991, the Eagles finished ninth nationally in scoring defense (14.6 ppg), recording 27 sacks and 40 tackles for loss.

Saunders helped guide two of his linemen to postseason honors. Giff Smith and Steve Bussolletti earned All-America mention by numerous publications and organizations. Smith was honored as defensive player-of-the-year by *Football Gazette* in 1990.

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.

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 and wife Jan are the parents of son Riley (2).



PETER THURMOND

(Vanderbilt '86)
Quarterbacks/Fullbacks

Peter Thurmond, 28, returns to the Georgia Southern football staff as quarterbacks and fullbacks coach after two productive seasons at Southwest Texas State University.

After spending 1989 as GSU's graduate assistant wide receivers coach, Thurmond moved on to Southwest Texas State where helped turn around a Bobcat program with two winning seasons after five consecutive losing campaigns. Installing the Eagles' potent flexbone attack, Thurmond coached the quarterbacks and fullbacks in 1990, helping SWT turn in a 6-5 mark and finish third nationally in rushing offense (278. ypg).

Last season, Thurmond was elevated to the offensive coordinator's position and played a key role in the Bobcats' 7-4 record -- best since 1984. Additionally, Southwest Texas State earned national rankings in rushing offense (4th/287.8 ypg), total offense (31st/381.4 ypg) and scoring offense (24th/27.9 ppg). The 'Cats also topped the Southland Conference in all three categories.

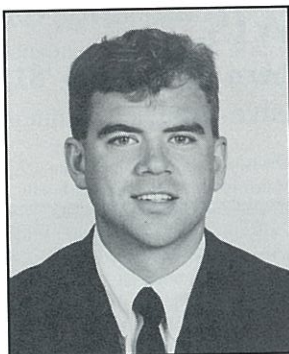
Thurmond played defensive back at Vanderbilt in 1982 and 1983, participating in the Hall of Fame Bowl in 1982. An injury forced him out of action in 1984, but the Commodore program used him as a student assistant coach from 1984 to 1986.

Thurmond joined the Valdosta State staff in 1987 and worked with the Blazers secondary for a two-year stint.

A triple major at Vanderbilt (economics, sociology and math), Thurmond earned his bachelor's degree in 1986. He prepped at Atlanta's Westminster School where he was an all-state and Adidas All-America choice at defensive back his senior season.

He is married to the former Tracie Zukowski of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS



TAZ DIXON

(Georgia Southern '90)
Secondary

Robert Taz Dixon is in his second year as a member of the Georgia Southern coaching staff after an illustrious four-year career with the Eagles.

Dixon will assist his former position coach, Tommy Spangler, with Georgia Southern defensive backs.

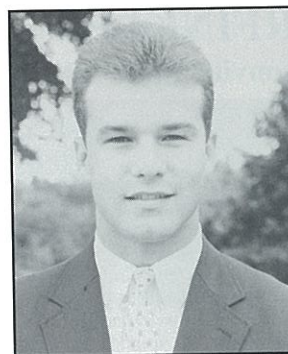
During his four-year playing career, Dixon recorded 233 tackles - 141 solo. He is the former GSU record-holder for career

interceptions with 12 (picked off 15 overall including playoff contests).

A three-year starter in the Southern secondary, Dixon's top single game performance was a 19-tackle effort during the 1987 quarterfinal loss at Appalachian State.

Dixon helped the Eagles earn two national titles -- one as a freshman in 1986 and one as a senior in 1989.

Dixon earned a bachelor's degree in Commercial Recreation from Georgia Southern in 1990.



HAROLD NICHOLS

(Presbyterian '89)
Defensive Line

Harold Nichols, 24, joined the Eagle coaching staff in early July after two seasons as running backs coach at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C.

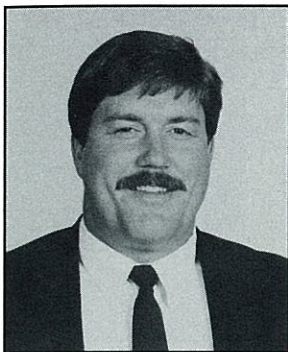
Nichols, a former Blue Hose quarterback, established the PC single-season passing record with 1,898 yards in 1989, also completed 23 passes against Wingate

establishing a single-game school standard.

Born on Nov. 26, 1967 at New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Nichols graduated from New Smyrna Beach High School in 1986. He still holds the team's single-season passing yardage record (1,395) and was squad MVP as a senior.

Nichols will assist Cliff Lewis with the Eagle defensive linemen this season.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS



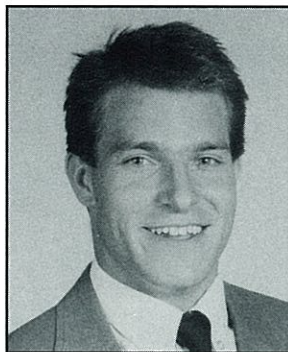
VANCE PIKE (Georgia Southern '86) Offensive Line

Former offensive line great Vance Pike returns for his third season at Georgia Southern as a member of the Eagle coaching staff. Pike will again assist Mike Hodges with the offensive line.

Prior to returning to Statesboro, Pike served one season as graduate assistant coach at Southwest Conference member Texas Christian University.

An outstanding student, 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 playoffs. Georgia Southern finished the season averaging 410 yards per game total offense and 251 yards rushing.

Pike, inducted into the GSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991, earned a bachelor's degree in Marketing from Georgia Southern in 1986.



JIM VANATSKY (Cincinnati '88) Split Ends

Jim Vanatsky, in his third season on the Georgia Southern staff, is a graduate assistant coach in charge of Eagle wide receivers.

Vanatsky previously served Cornell (N.Y.) as graduate assistant coach and freshman squad offensive coordinator. Prior to his appointment with the Big Red, he was at alma mater Cincinnati as graduate 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 the 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 participated in the Athletes in Action and Big Brothers/Big Sisters programs.

Vanatsky earned a bachelor's degree in Education from Cincinnati in 1988. He is married to the former Meg Keane of Cincinnati.

SUPPORT STAFF



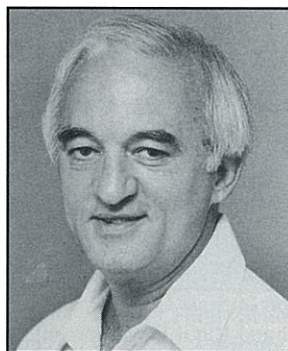
ROGER INMAN (Georgia Southern '79) Facilities and Equipment

Roger Inman has served the Georgia Southern athletic department for 15 years in a variety of positions. He currently maintains Paulson Stadium and heads up the equipment room as director of facilities and equipment.

Since his arrival in Statesboro as a student in 1977, Inman has held the positions of 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 is a member of the Georgia Collegiate Officials Association, the National Association of Sports Officials and the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. He is also an approved Southern Conference baseball umpire.

The Waycross, Ga., native received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Georgia Southern and is married to the former Shirley Strickland. They have three sons - Michael, David and Brian.



TOM "DOC" SMITH (Indiana State '53) Sports Medicine

A familiar face behind the scenes for 21 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 recognized when he served as the chairman of the United States Baseball Federation's sports medicine committee in 1981.

An Indiana native, Smith attended Indiana State University, where he starred on the basketball court. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from ISU, then spent 15 years coaching basketball at the high school level in his home state. Smith earned a second master's degree in athletic training from Indiana University.

Smith has two grown daughters - Julie (Watkins) and Cindy (Waters).



**DR. NICHOLAS
HENRY**
University President

Dr. Nicholas L. Henry assumed the presidency of Georgia Southern University September 1, 1987.

Prior to his appointment, Dr. Henry was the dean of the College of Public Programs at Arizona State University. During his career he has held the following academic appointments: director, Center for Public Affairs and Associate Professor/Professor of Public Affairs, Arizona State, 1974-80; 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 Sciences and Instructor of Political Science, Indiana State University, 1967-69.

He earned a B.A. in 1965 from Centre College and an M.A. from Pennsylvania State University in 1967. He received an M.P.A. in 1970 and a Ph.D. in Political Science and Public Administration in 1971 from Indiana State.

During his tenure at Arizona State as academic architect of the College of Public Programs, he more than doubled the college's state budget, expanded his faculty by 60 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. He 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.

Dr. Henry engineered and oversaw the transition of Georgia Southern from a four-year senior college to a university in July 1990.

He and his wife, Muriel, are the parents of grown twins, Adrienne and Miles.



**DR. DAVID B.
WAGNER**
Athletics Director

A four-time national championship football team, construction of an 18,000-seat football stadium, the creation of a strong boosters program and spearheading the successful effort to bring the NCAA Division I-AA National Championship Game to Statesboro and Savannah are just a few of the many accomplishments Bucky Wagner has orchestrated in his 11-year tenure as Georgia Southern's Director of Athletics.

Wagner has also demonstrated a solid vision for the future with Georgia Southern's admission to the 70-year-old Southern Conference. The spring sports have already begun competition, basketball joins this season while football plays a full slate start in 1993.

The move to the Southern Conference closed an outstanding 10-year commitment to the Trans America Athletic Conference. Under Wagner's guidance, the Eagle squads controlled the league winning the Jesse C. Fletcher All-Sports Trophy seven times.

Eleven years ago Wagner joined the Georgia Southern staff after a three-year stint at Vanderbilt University. While serving as assistant athletic director at Vandy, he was responsible for the 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 capacities. He began at FSU as an assistant football coach and academic advisor to Seminole athletes. He then moved up to 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 Florida State 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. He guided the Bobcats to the 1961 national college division championship. While earning his master's at Ohio University, Wagner served as assistant football coach and physical education instructor.

Wagner's professional associations include membership 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.

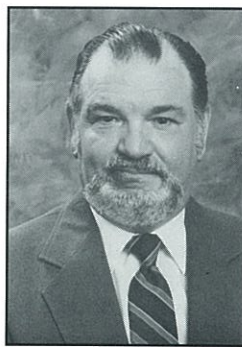
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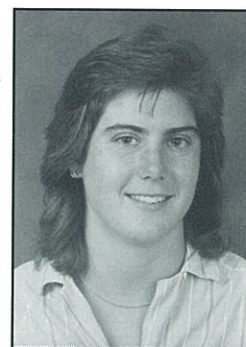
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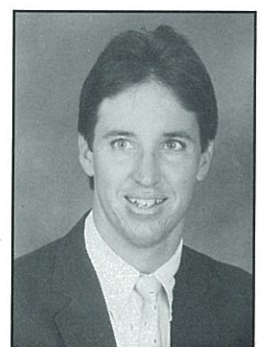
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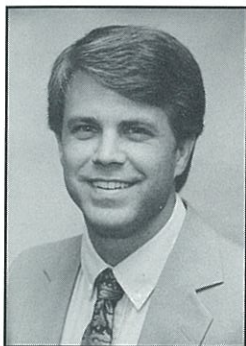
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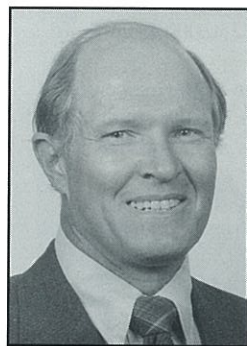
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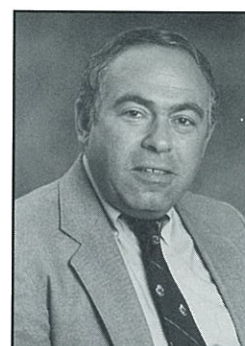
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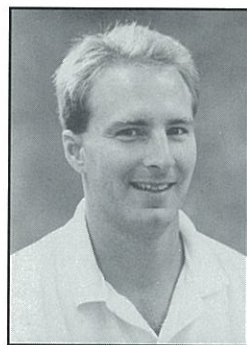
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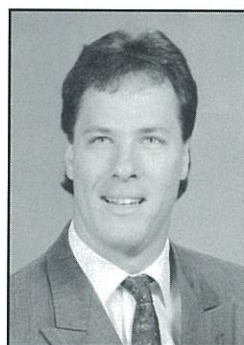
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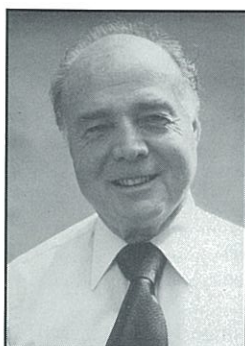
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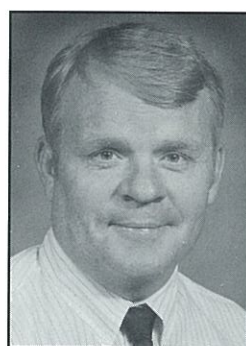
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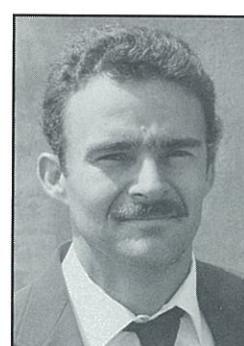
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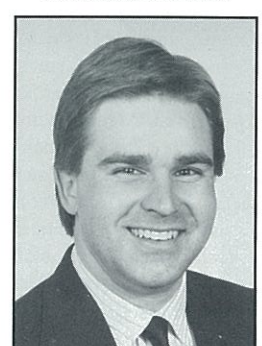
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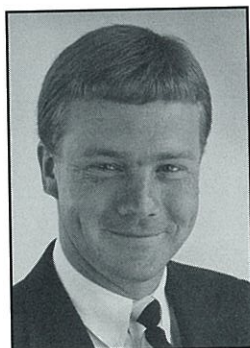


Stan Williamson
Assistant AD

SOUTHERN BOOSTERS



Frank Hook
Director



Wendell Tompkins
Associate Director

Since its formation in 1981, Southern Boosters has successfully completed several projects that have enhanced Georgia Southern athletics. The organization passed the million-dollar mark for the fourth straight year in 1991 and is likely to do so this year. Some of its accomplishments are:

Construction of Allen E. Paulson Stadium -- Built in 1984, "the prettiest little stadium in America" stands on the southwest corner of campus. Southern Boosters continues to upgrade and improve the facilities at Paulson Stadium each year. The Eagles are 55-3 at Paulson.

Construction of the Weight Room -- Completed in August 1989, this \$250,000 project provides 5,400 square feet of space for use by Georgia Southern athletes.

Improvements to J.I. Clements Stadium -- In recent years, Southern Boosters has rebuilt the infield and added an elaborate sprinkler system to Clements, making it one of the nation's finest college diamonds. This year ground will be broken on a locker room/office building for Eagle baseball coaches and players.

Improvements to Hanner Fieldhouse -- GSU's basketball arena has also undergone improvements over the past few years. In 1989, new scoreboards, new lights, and a new hardwood floor were added to Hanner for \$250,000 from Southern Boosters.

Construction of the 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, complete with putting green and a sand trap.

Scholarships -- Southern Boosters has been extremely instrumental in an increase of scholarships to Georgia Southern student-athletes. GSU now offers the full complement of football scholarships, thanks to Southern Boosters.

Athletic Training Complex -- Constructed in 1987, Southern Boosters Athletic Training Complex features two football practice fields (offense and defense) a football kicking field, Eagle Soccer field (complete with scoreboard and spectator seating) and an auxiliary training room/storage building. Total cost of the project: \$450,000.



Kay Shuman
Associate Director



Carlene Akins
Admin. Assistant

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Claiborne, Dr. J.B. (Volleyball Coach)	5496
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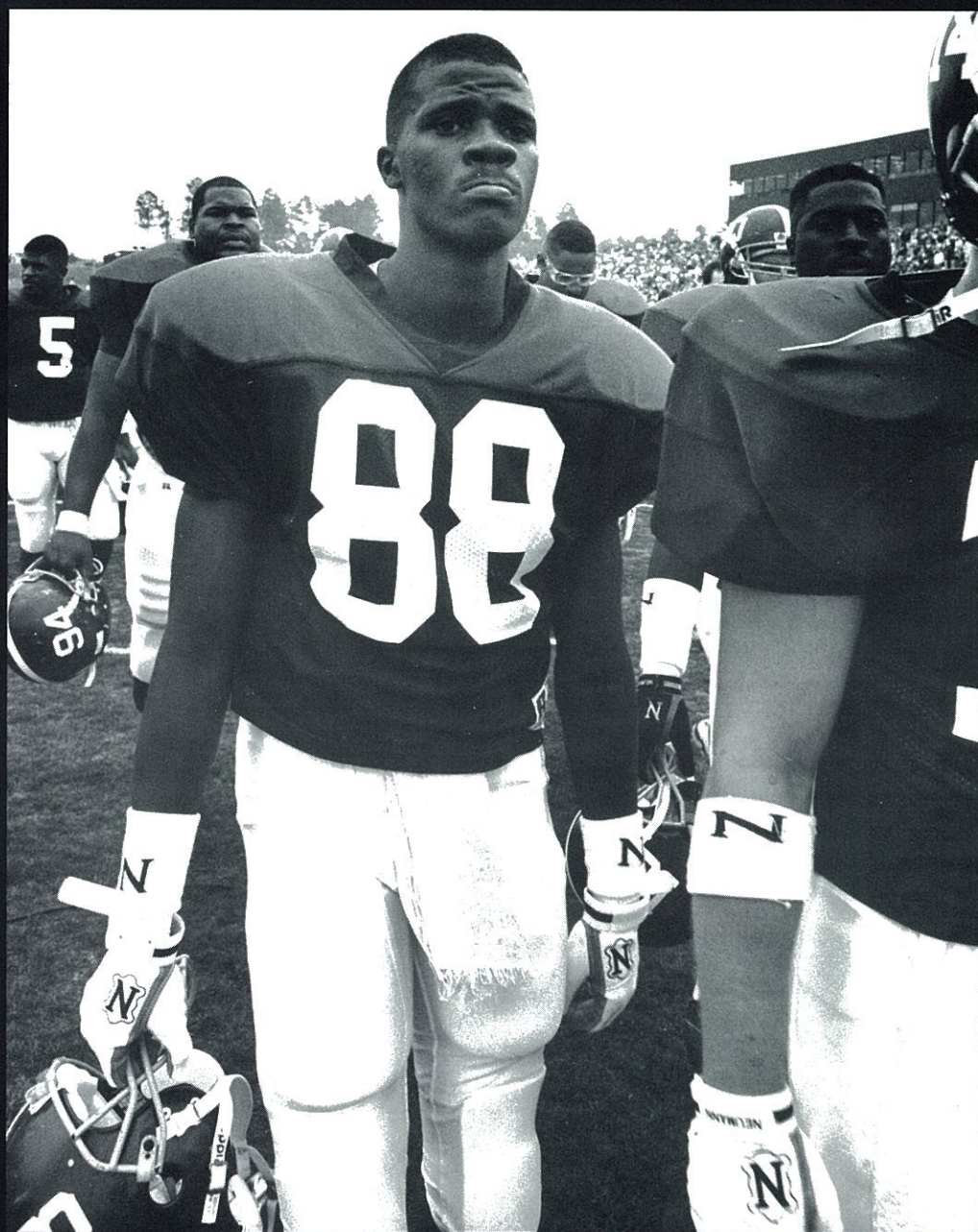
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33 Spring Awards

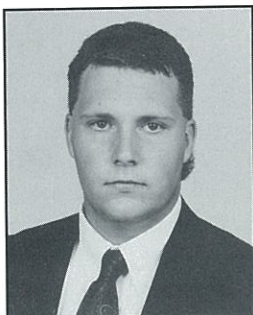
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GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

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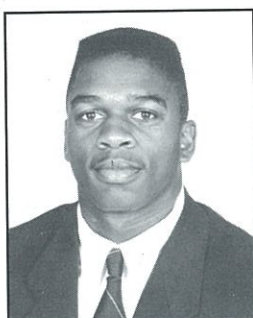
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76 CHRIS ARNOULT
Snapper
5-10, 222, SR-1L, Irmo, S.C.
(High)

Will handle deep-snapping chores for the Eagles this season... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Played in every game as GSU's deep snapper. **1990:** Worked behind Hal Radford, but did not see any playing time. **1989:**

Squadman who did not see any action. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two-year starter at Irmo High... Earned two letters in football and one in track... Played center and on special teams.

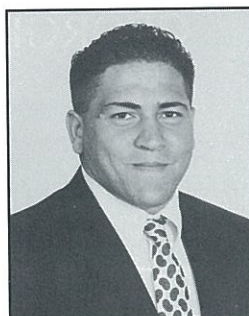


18 SHAWN AUSTIN
Cornerback
5-9, 174, JR-2L,
Thomasville (High)

Second-team boundary cornerback after two years as backup to Kevin Whitley... Will contend for a starting role... Missed the majority of spring practice due to disciplinary reasons. **1991:** Played in all

11 games... Credited with 19 tackles (nine unassisted) and one sack... Top performance - four tackles - came at James Madison... Recorded sack at Northeast Louisiana. **1990:** Saw action in all 15 games as a special teams member... Also enjoyed extensive playing time in Southern's nickel package... Credited with 36 tackles (25 unassisted) and one pass breakup overall... Made 22 stops (14 solo) during the regular season... Tackle high was eight in the quarterfinal playoff victory over Idaho... Dropped Savannah State punter Gregg Leverett in the Tiger endzone for a second-quarter safety... Set up Eagles' final TD vs. SSC by blocking a punt. **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.

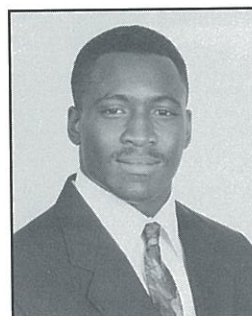
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1990	14	8	22	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991	9	10	19	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	23	18	41	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0



69 MIGUEL AYOUB
Offensive Guard
6-2, 272, JR-2L, Jacksonville
Fla. (Forrest)

Georgia Southern's regular left guard... Has opened in the last 26 games... Extremely strong and an excellent base blocker... A very coachable player who is counted on for leadership in the offensive line.

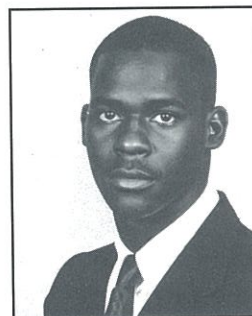
A favorite of the coaching staff because of his loyalty and dedication. **1991:** One of three offensive linemen (C Rusty Parrish and RT Rex Nottage are the others) to start in every game. **1990:** Starter in all 15 contests. **1989:** Redshirted... Enrolled at Southern as a defensive lineman. **High 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.



64 JAMES BAKER
Offensive Tackle
6-0, 230, SR-1L, Decatur
(Lakeside)

Will back up Joey Cushing at left tackle... A hard worker who became a regular in the Eagle offensive line last season. **1991:** Began the year behind Nottage but was pressed into service at left tackle when Danny

Smith gave up football because of recurring headaches... Started in seven games (Auburn, Savannah State, Eastern Kentucky, Western Carolina, James Madison, Central Florida, Youngstown State). **1990:** Played behind Nottage at right tackle... Worked his way up to the travel squad for second half of the season. **1989:** Did not see any action. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Played on regional and all-championship teams at Lakeside... All-county pick.



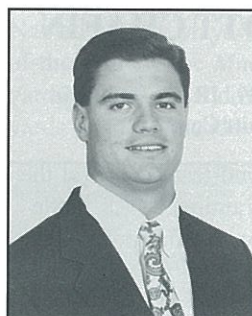
7 CHARLES BOSTICK
Quarterback
6-0, 189, SO-1L,
Thomasville (High)

Came out of spring practice as the Eagles' starting quarterback... Offensive co-MVP (along with Ch Wright) of spring drills... Carried 11 times for a game-high 72 yards

and completed three of six passes for 35 more while leading the Blue to a 24-13 victory in the spring game. **1991:** Appeared in nine contests... Beat out then-senior Albert Huntley and Derrick McGrady for the quarterback job in fall camp... opened in the first seven games... Record as starting signal-

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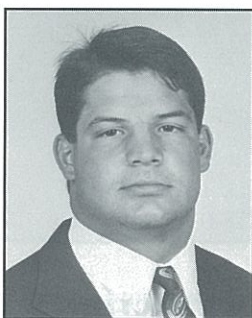
caller is 4-3... GSU's second-leading rusher, passer and scorer a year ago... Rushed 132 times for 348 yards and a team-best eight touchdowns... Successful on 35 of 63 pass attempts for 460 yards, two TDs and two interceptions... Established career highs in rushing and passing during Southern's 44-6 win over Western Carolina... Rushed for 104 yards and threw for 135 vs. the Catamounts... Scored three times against WCU (27, 1 and 4 yards) and hit Lester Efford with a 31-yard TD pass for the game's first points... Ran for four touchdowns (5, 9, 2 and 3 yards), including the game-winner with 6:25 to play, as Southern defeated Florida A&M 28-21... Other scoring run (1 yard) capped a 12-play, 59-yard drive on the opening series at Auburn... Also found Terrence Sorrell for a 44-yard TD pass in the third quarter of GSU's win over Savannah State... Completed eight of 14 passes for 102 yards in the 1991 Blue-White Game. **1990:** Redshirted... Sat out after undergoing reconstructive right knee surgery in March... Was recruited by Auburn, Georgia, Clemson, Notre Dame and Arkansas. **High School:** Led the Yellow Jackets to a 9-3 record in 1989... Member of 15-0 state championship team as a junior... All-state quarterback and defensive back his junior and senior seasons... 24-3 as starting signal-caller... Rushed for over 600 yards and eight touchdowns three years ago... Threw for 750 yards and five TDs... Varsity was 35-6 in Bostick's career and Region 1-AAA runnerup in 1987 and 1989... Coached by current Eagle offensive line coach Mike Hodges... Lettered once in track and basketball.



11 DANNY BRITT
Strong Safety
5-11, 184, SO-1L, Baconton
(Westwood)

Came out of spring practice as the second-string strong safety... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Appeared in nine contests as a reserve free safety and special teams player... Credited with three tackles... Recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff in GSU's 10-6 loss to Eastern Kentucky... The recovery set up the Eagles' only score. **1990:** Redshirted. **High School:** A four-year starter in the offensive backfield who was named best back in 1988 and 1989... An all-state performer as a junior and senior... Accumulated 1,300 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns during senior campaign... Also an all-state performer and four-year letter winner in baseball.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RE	INT	CI	PB
1991	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
CAREER	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0



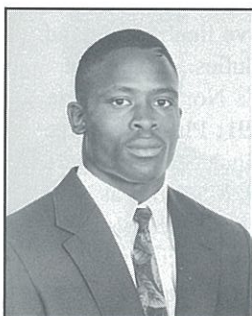
43 PAUL CARROLL
Linebacker
6-0, 217, SO-1L, Columbus
(Hardaway)

Starting middle linebacker as fall practice begins, the same spot he occupied last year... Should see action on special teams... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Appeared in all 11 games... Recorded 39 tackles (18 unassisted) and three tackles for loss... First and only career interception came against Savannah State... Had best outing at Auburn (six tackles)... Also caused a fumble against the Tigers... Twice recorded five tackles (Eastern Kentucky and Western Carolina)... Three TFLs also came against the Colonels. **1990:** Redshirted... Suited up for Valdosta State game as a true freshman due to injuries, but did not see action. **High School:** Earned three letters each in football, baseball and wrestling at Hardaway High School in Columbus... Two-time All-Bi-City selection by the *Columbus Enquirer*... Team leader in tackles as a junior and senior.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RE	INT	CI	PB
1991	18	21	39	0.0	3	1	0	1	0	0
CAREER	18	21	39	0.0	3	1	0	1	0	0

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1991	132	477	129	348	2.6	8	27 (WC)
CAREER	132	477	129	348	2.6	8	27 (WC)

PASSING STATS	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LP	COMP	GM
1991	9	63	35	55.6	2	2	460	44	13.1	51.1
CAREER	9	63	35	55.6	2	2	460	44	13.1	51.1

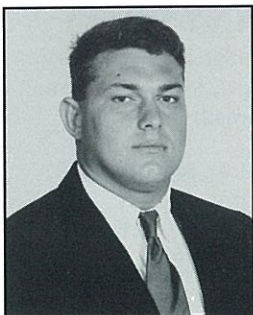


19 MARCO BRADHAM
Cornerback
5-8, 164, FR-RS, Savannah
(High)

A high school running back turned defensive back... Moved all the way up the depth chart to fight for the starting job at field cornerback... Originally a walk-on. **1991:**

Redshirted. **High School:** Named the *Savannah News-Press* offensive back-of-the-year... Two time most valuable player... Honorable mention all-city and all-state as a junior and senior... Made 60 tackles (34 solo) and four interceptions as a sophomore... Ran for 1,109 yards and 10 touchdowns in 1989... Gained 1,026 yards and scored eight touchdowns in 1990... Also starred in track and basketball.

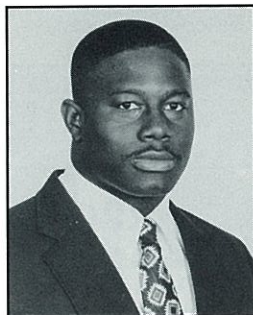
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51 SCOTT CHAFIN
Center
6-2, 239, JR-2L, Moultrie
(Colquitt County)

Southern's second-team center at the end of spring training... Will battle Rusty Parrish for starting honors this fall... A versatile performer who can also play guard or tackle. **1991:** Missed the first four games with a

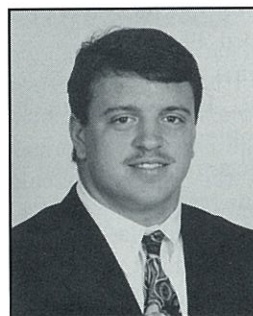
left ankle injury (stress fracture)... Returned for the Eastern Kentucky contest and appeared in each of the last seven games. **1990:** GSU's No. 2 center behind Parrish... Also played tight end in some short-yardage situations. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-region selection for coach Jim Hughes.



45 LEONARD CHRISTIAN
Linebacker
5-9, 211, SO-SQ, Thomasville
(High)

Will add depth at an already competitive position... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Saw action vs. Savannah State and Western Carolina... Credited

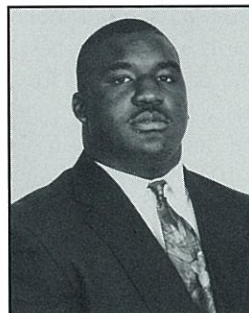
with two tackles. **1990:** Redshirted. **High School:** An all-region and all-area performer as a senior... Team won the 1989 state championship with a perfect 15-0 record... Led team in tackles.



52 JOEY CUSHING
Offensive Tackle
6-1, 242, SO-1L, Blakely
(Early County)

Will begin fall workouts as the starter at left tackle. **1991:** Lettered as a true freshman after starting four games (Northeast Louisiana, Florida A&M, Troy State, Nicholls State)... Shared the left tackle position with

James Baker and was a second-teamer at right tackle behind Rex Nottage... Played in every game. **High School:** Tight end and defensive lineman... Four-year letterman in football and baseball... Also earned multiple letters in track and basketball... All-region and all-state as a senior after catching 26 passes for 352 yards and three touchdowns... Participant in state all-star game.

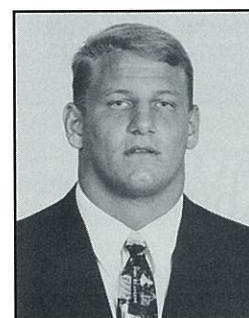


42 NICK DAVIS
Linebacker
5-10, 208, JR-2L, Griffin
(High)

The top returning tackler from 1991... Slated to start at strongside linebacker after playing in the middle last year... Was hampered by injuries during the offseason, but was cleared to participate in spring

drills. **1991:** Played in 10 games, starting eight... Missed Savannah State contest because of ankle injury... Recorded tackles (45 unassisted) and five tackles for loss... Cracked double figures in tackles four times - Central Florida (15), Youngstown State (15), Eastern Kentucky (14) and James Madison (13). **1990:** Mike West's backup as a true freshman... Played in all 15 games and was credited with 56 tackles (32 unassisted), one pass breakup and a tackle for loss... Tied for third on team with three pass interceptions (Northeast Louisiana, Central Florida #1, Savannah State) Made 44 stops (24 solo), one breakup and two pass thefts in the first 11 games... Tackle high was eight in the semifinal win over Central Florida... Recorded seven stops at Marshall and in the first meeting with UCF. **High School:** Team captain and MVP at Griffin... Four-year letterman who earned first-team All-Georgia honors... Also played baseball.

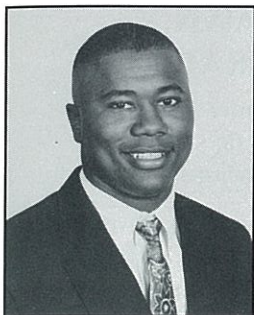
DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RE	INT	CI
1990	24	20	44	1.0	1	0	0	2	0
1991	45	42	87	0.0	5	0	0	0	0
CAREER	69	62	131	1.0	6	0	0	2	0



55 SCOTT DAVIS
Linebacker
6-1, 208, SO-SQ, Powder Springs
(McEachern)

Slated for reserve linebacking and special teams duties... Spent the spring as GSU's No. 1 strongside linebacker. **1991:** Played in three contests (Savannah State, Western Carolina, James Madison) as a reserve defensive end... Made four tackles, three solo, in eight plays against WCU... Also caused and recovered a fumble. **1990:** Redshirted. **High School:** Won three letters each for football and soccer at McEachern High School... Voted team co-captain in both sports... All-county linebacker selection by *Atlanta Journal-Cobb Extra* and *Marietta Daily Journal*... Received coach's award as top defensive lineman.

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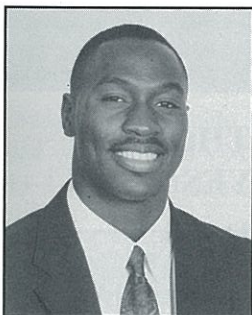
5 DARIUS DAWSON

Linebacker
6-1, 223, JR-2L, Moultrie
(Colquitt County)

Missed entire spring practice due to evulsion fracture in right ankle... If healthy, will contend for a starting linebacker spot after two seasons with the second unit. **1991:** Appeared in eight games, starting the

first three... Missed Eastern Kentucky, James Madison and Central Florida contests because of sprained neck... Tallied 55 tackles (34 unassisted)... Also broke up a pass against Troy State... Top performance came vs. Savannah State... Registered career-high 14 stops against the Tigers... Credited with 11 stops at Northeast Louisiana. **1990:** Appeared in all 15 games and recorded 58 tackles (31 unassisted), three quarterback sacks, three pass breakups, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and an interception (Nevada)... Made 45 stops (23 solo), three breakups, two sacks and a fumble recovery during the regular season... Tackle high was eight vs. James Madison... Credited with seven stops and two sacks at Marshall. **High School:** All-Region 1-AAAA at Colquitt County... Picked off two passes, recovered two fumbles and made 84 tackles senior season... Team MVP... Made 114 tackles as a junior... Honorable mention all-state by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*... Lettered in basketball (forward).

DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1990	23	22	45	2.0	0	1	1	0	0	3
1991	34	21	55	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CAREER	57	43	100	2.0	0	1	1	0	0	4



4 JOE DUPREE

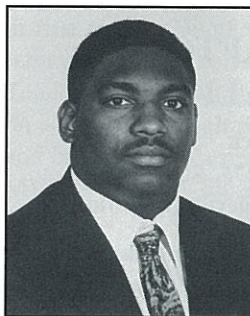
Quarterback
6-2, 188, SO-SQ, Macon
(Southwest)

Listed behind Charles Bostick and Derrick McGrady on the preseason depth chart... Rushed 13 times for 53 yards and one touchdown in the spring game while directing the White squad... Also completed

three of seven passes for 45 yards. **1991:** Ran the scout team offense while redshirting... Transferred to GSU from the University of Georgia. **1990:** Played in five games and made one start as a true freshman at Georgia... Completed 10 of 41 pass attempts for 202 yards, one interception and one touchdown, a 68-yard strike to Andre Hastings against Vanderbilt... Gained 186 yards on 51 carries... Scored one rushing TD... Had a game-high 119 yards on 18 carries at Auburn... Ripped off a 43-yard gain against the Tigers.

High School: Lettered in football, basketball and baseball... Class AAAA all-state by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*...

Named all-city player-of-the-year and Middle Georgia player-of-the-year by the *Macon Telegraph-News*... Passed for 3,340 yards and 23 touchdowns in three seasons... Totalled 1,809 yards and 22 touchdowns on the ground.

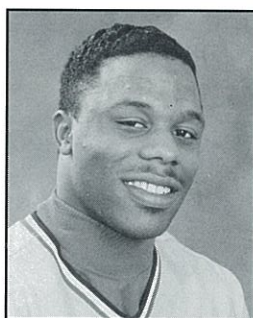


70 ISAAC FERRELL

Offensive Guard
6-1, 269, SO-1L, Warner
Robins (Northside)

Second-team right guard as spring drills ended... Will compete with Franklin Stephens for starting honors when practice resumes... Has great speed and athletic ability for a big man. **1991:** Began season as a

reserve left tackle, became a starter at right guard after Kevin Morse was sidelined by a neck injury... Moved into the lineup on a permanent basis at Northeast Louisiana. **1990:** Redshirted. **High School:** Lettered in football, baseball and wrestling... Twice team's MVP in the offensive line.



23 WILLANDO FICKLIN

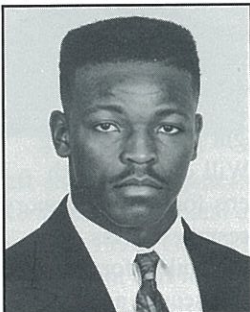
Slotback
6-2, 222, JR-2L, Atlanta
(Redan)

Will step into the picture at slotback when fall workouts begin... Missed spring practice while playing baseball. **1991:** The Eagles' No. 2 fullback... Played in eight games and

carried 22 times for 119 yards and one touchdown... Produced the team's longest run from scrimmage, a 52-yard scoring dash vs. Nicholls State... 60 yards (on 2 carries) against the Colonels is a career high... Worked at both fullback and slotback late in the season after injuries decimated the Eagle A-Back corps... Leading rusher in the spring game with 86 yards and one TD on 15 carries. **1990:** Redshirted. **1989:** 30 carries for 133 yards and one touchdown as a true freshman... 99 yards on 23 carries during the 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. **GSU Baseball:** Played for the first time since his senior year in high school and won the Southern Conference batting title at .401... Had 55 hits in 137 at-bats with seven doubles, five triples, two home runs and 30 runs batted in... Appeared in 48 games (34 starts)... First-team All-Southern Conference designated hitter... Batted .473 in league play... Hit .368 in the month of March, .433 in April... Longest hitting streak of the season was 10 games between March 23 and April 7 (.581). **High School:** Four-year letterman in baseball, three letters in football at Redan High... Team MVP for both sports... All-state in baseball... Batted .500 with nine home runs and 41 RBI in 1989.

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RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1989	23	99	0	99	4.3	1	12 (FAM)
1990	Redshirted						
1991	22	122	3	119	5.4	1	52 (NS)
CAREER	45	221	3	218	4.8	2	52 (NS)



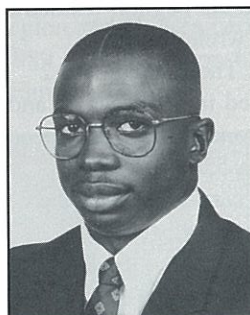
12 SHAFTON FRALEY

Slotback
5-10, 175, SO-1L,
Milledgeville (Baldwin)

Penciled in as a starting slotback when GSU opens fall practice. **1991:** Carried six times for 15 yards and caught two passes for 18 more in the

first four games before a dislocated left ankle sidelined him for the year... Suffered the injury at practice on Sept. 25... Returned two kickoffs for 11 yards in the first two weeks. **1990:** Redshirted... Played quarterback on the scout team. **High School:** Football and track letterman at Baldwin High... Team MVP on offense... Rushed for 824 yards and 12 touchdowns senior season... Threw for 463 yards and nine TDs... Ran the 330 hurdles and 4X100 relay.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1991	6	17	2	15	2.5	0	6 (NL)
CAREER	6	17	2	15	2.5	0	6 (NL)

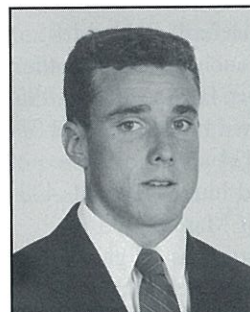


10 CLINTON GREGORY

Cornerback
5-10, 154, JR-SQ,
Savannah (Benedictine)

Should see action as a reserve in the defensive backfield... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Did not see any playing time. **1990:** Did not appear

in any games. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Named all-city as a junior and senior... Honorable mention all-region... Team captain... Totalled 81 tackles and six interceptions... Earned three letters in baseball, track and football.



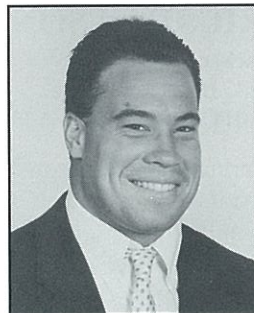
33 REED HALEY

Placekicker
5-11, 171, SO-SQ,
Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)

Will challenge for top placekicking duties... Originally recruited to play soccer. **1991:** Did not see action.

1990: Redshirted. **High School:** All-state performer... Averaged

39.0 yards per punt and hit a school-record 51-yard field goal... All-county selection and team MVP in soccer.



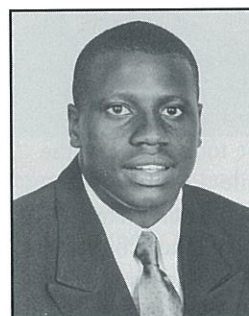
98 SHAWN HARALSON

Defensive Tackle
6-3, 218, SR-3L,
Westminster, Md. (High)

Listed as the No.1 defensive tack entering fall practice... Can also nose guard. **1991:** Appeared in 11 games and started twice (Auburn

Youngstown State)... Recorded 10 tackles (seven solo) and one tackle for loss... Season high was three tackles against Western Carolina... TFL came in season finale vs. Nicholls State. **1990:** Spent sophomore season No. 2 at the position behind Miami Dolphin free agent signee Tim Brown... Played in every game, saw extensive action on special teams... Credited with 11 tackles (seven unassisted), three tackles for lost yardage and two quarterback sacks overall... Made nine stops (six solo), three tackles for lost yardage and one sack the first 11 games... Tackle high was four in season opener vs. Valdosta State... Recorded sacks vs. Valdosta State and Central Florida (playoff meeting). **1989:** Saw action in every game... Started on right side at James Madison... Totalled six tackles, six unassisted... Also tallied 1 1/2 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 team's defensive MVP senior season... Three-year letterman in lacrosse.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RE	INT	CI
1989	4	3	7	1.5	1	0	1	0	0
1990	6	3	9	1.0	3	0	0	0	0
1991	7	3	10	0.0	1	0	0	0	0
CAREER	17	9	26	2.5	5	0	1	0	0



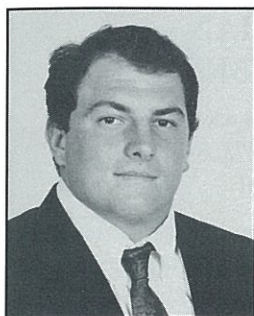
82 ANTHONY HAYES

Split End
5-11, 181, JR-SQ,
Thomasville (High)

Second-team split end who is listed behind Terrence Sorrell on the preseason depth chart... Caught three passes for 28 yards in the spring

game. **1991:** Saw limited action as a special teams member. **1990:** Did not see any playing time. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two-year letterman for Mike Hodges at Thomasville... Helped team to 1988 AAA state champion

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94 JERRY HILL

Nose Guard

6-0, 242, FR-RS, Douglas
(Coffee County)

Could see action on the defensive line... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Redshirted. **High School:** All-Region 1-AAAA performer in 1990... Team's co-captain and

MVP... Won three letters in both football and track... Track team's most valuable player.



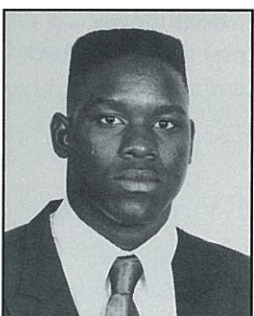
15 ALTON HITSON

Free Safety

5-10, 177, FR-RS, Valdosta
(High)

Listed on the two-deep as backup to Don Hudson after spring workouts... Recruited as a defensive back after quarterbacking Valdosta High. **1991:** Redshirted. **High School:**

Quarterbacked Valdosta to consecutive state AAAA championships... Team MVP junior year... Selected to play in North-South All-Star Game.



31 CHAD HOLMES

Fullback

5-10, 198, FR-RS, Griffin
(High)

Second-team fullback at the end of spring workouts. **1991:** Redshirted. **High School:** Earned two letters in football and one in track at Griffin... Rushed for 1,370 yards senior

season... Also caught four passes... Scored 11 touchdowns and was the team's MVP... Voted permanent team captain for 11-2 state semifinalist.



41 DON HUDSON

Free Safety

5-10, 179, SR-2L,
Warner Robins (Northside)

Former slotback who came out of spring training listed first at the free safety position... Will probably be GSU's primary punt returner this year... Originally a walk-on. **1991:**

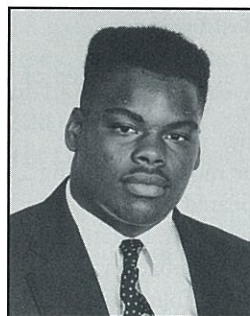
Opened in all 11 games at slotback... Carried 35 times for 194 yards, including a long of 19 yards against Youngstown State... Also caught 10 passes for 131 yards, with a long of 32 at Florida A&M... Completed lone pass attempt to Terrence

Sorrell for a four-yard score in the 40-6 victory over Nicholls State. **1990:** Played extensively on Eagle special teams... Credited with 20 tackles (15 unassisted) and a fumble recovery overall, 12 stops (eight solo) in the first 11 games... Tackle high was five vs. Savannah State... Made four tackles in first-round playoff victory over The Citadel... Also returned three kickoffs for 60 yards, with a long of 23 at Tennessee-Chattanooga. **1989:** Sat out season to concentrate on academics. **High School:** Two-year letterman in football and baseball at Warner Robins Northside... Team captain and MVP of football squad... All-Region 4-AAAA selection... Passed for 1,100 yards and six touchdowns senior season... Also rushed for 433 yards and six TDs... Father, Matthew, was a football letterman at Jackson State.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RE	INT	CI	PB
1990	8	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	8	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1991	35	194	7	187	5.3	0	19 (YS)
CAREER	35	194	7	187	5.3	0	19 (YS)

RECEIVING STATS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
1991	10	131	13.1	0	32 (FAM)
CAREER	10	131	13.1	0	32 (FAM)



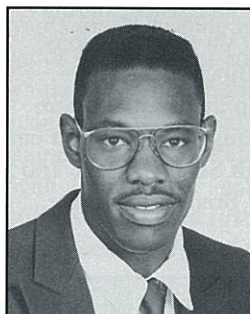
37 HUGHIE HUNT

Linebacker

6-0, 237, FR-RS, Hinesville
(Bradwell Institute)

Listed as the second-team middle linebacker at the conclusion of spring workouts. **1991:** Redshirted. **High School:** Three-year starter at line-

backer... Voted team's best at that position for the 1989 and 1990 seasons... Defensive MVP senior year... Selected first-team all-region and All-Coastal Empire in 1990.



17 JERMAINE JACKSON

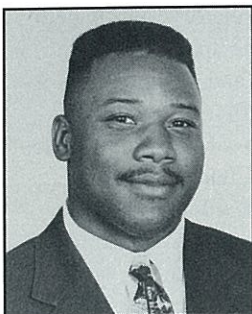
Cornerback

6-1, 176, JR-SQ, Lithonia
(Towers)

Another Eagle who has switched to the other side of the ball... Worked his way up the depth chart to second-team cornerback during spring

practice... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** A reserve split end who saw action in just two games. **1990:** Did not see action. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Voted team's MVP... Intercepted four passes in his first game as a sophomore... Earned three letters in football, two in track and baseball... Also selected baseball MVP.

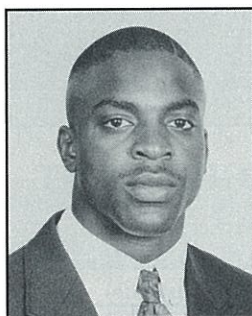
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89 CASEY JOHNSON

Defensive End
6-1, 223, JR-SQ, Glennville
(High)

Reserve defensive end who sat out the 1991 season after transferring from Valdosta State... Originally a walk-on. **1990:** Played tailback and linebacker at VSC... Caught eight passes for 29 yards and one touchdown... Saw limited action on defense (six tackles). **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Rushed for 3,124 yards in a four-year varsity career... Also recorded 217 tackles and punted for a 38.6-yard average... Scored 37 touchdowns... Averaged 21.7 points, 15 rebounds and six assists senior season... Turned down several small-college basketball offers to play football.

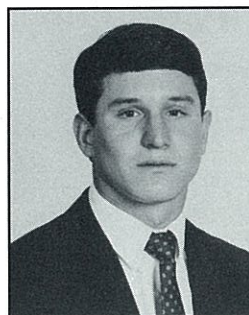


49 RONALD JOHNSON

Defensive End
5-11, 197, SR-2L, Hinesville
(Bradwell Institute)

Starting left end at the conclusion of spring workouts... Originally a walk-on... Winner of "Make the Play Award" for most outstanding defensive spring performance. **1991:** Appeared in every contest last season after moving from linebacker... Started three games at right end and one at outside linebacker... Totalled 37 tackles (22 solo)... Credited with four quarterback sacks for a loss of 20 yards... Season high of six tackles and lone pass breakup came in the 32-17 loss at Auburn. **1990:** Appeared in every game as a special teams performer and reserve linebacker after moving from strong safety... Credited with 22 stops (11 solo) overall, 15 (eight unassisted) during the regular season... Tackle best was four on two occasions (Savannah State, Central Florida #2)... Blocked punt on Central Florida's first possession to set up the opening score in I-AA semifinal playoff win over the Knights. **1989:** Sat out season to concentrate on academics. **High School:** Made 160 tackles and an interception as a senior at Bradwell Institute... Played in state all-star contest.

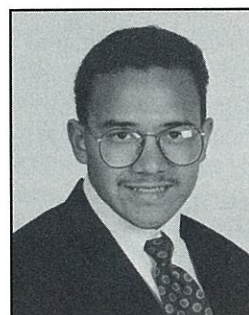
DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1990	8	7	15	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1991	22	15	37	4.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CAREER	30	22	52	4.0	0	0	0	1	1	



3 BRIAN LABELLA

Placekicker
5-9, 173, SO-SQ, Dublin
(High)

One of three candidates for the Eagle placekicking job (Vernon Loree and Reed Haley are the others)... Kicked two PATs in the spring game. **1991:** Did not see any action. **1990:** Redshirted. **High School:** Earned two letters in football (placekicker), basketball (point guard) and baseball (second base) at Dublin... Had four game-winning kicks as a senior... Hit 22 of 22 PATs, 11 of 17 field goals... Associated Press all-state... Played in high school all-star contest.



16 VERNON LOREE

Placekicker
5-6, 187, SO-SQ, Fort
Benning (Bradwell Institute)

Will compete for placekicking duties. **1991:** Did not see action. **1990:** Redshirted. **High School:** Two-time All-Coastal Empire performer... Booted school-record 47-yarder along with two other field goals in a 16-14 upset of Valdosta... Connected on 14 of 22 field goals and 53 of 59 PATs... Also earned letters in baseball and soccer.

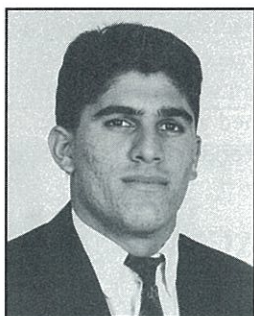


71 DREW LOVELL

Offensive Tackle
6-3, 245, FR-RS, Clarkesville
(Habersham Central)

Listed as backup right tackle entering fall practice... Will be counted on as backup in offensive line. **1991:** Saw action against Savannah State, but was later redshirted due to hardship. **High School:** Three-year starter at Habersham Central... Be Defensive Lineman junior and senior seasons... All-area by *Gainesville Times* and *Anderson Independent*... Honorable mention all-state by *Atlanta Constitution*... Recorded 87 tackles, two fumble recoveries and an interception... Played North-South All-Star Game.

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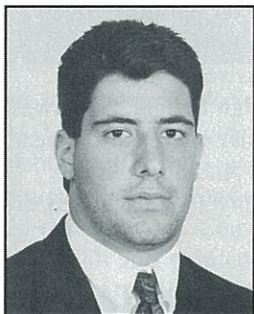


34 GEORGE MALVESTUTO

Strong Safety
5-9, 177, SO-SQ,
Miami, Fla. (Sunset Senior)

A high school wide receiver turned defensive back. **1991:** Redshirted. **High School:** Caught 22 passes for 224 yards and one touchdown...

Lone score was a 74-yarder... Honor roll student.

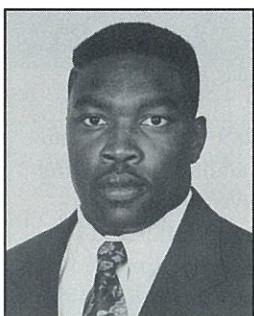


74 MARK MARGIOTTA

Defensive End
6-2, 228, JR-SQ,
Wethersfield, Conn. (High)

Came out of spring workouts as a reserve defensive end... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Redshirted. **High School:** Made Central Connecticut

all-conference team as a senior... Also earned all-state honors... Led team in tackles and quarterback sacks... Rushed for 825 yards and caught 20 passes from his fullback position... Earned three letters in basketball and two in baseball... All-conference baseball selection (15 homers and 35 runs batted in) as a junior.



99 ALEX MASH

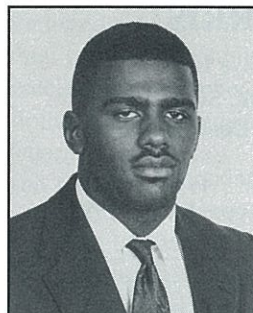
Defensive End
6-2, 243, JR-2L, Thomasville
(High)

Preseason All-America choice by *Street and Smith's* and *Sporting News*... Came out of spring practice as GSU's first-team left tackle.

1991: Played in every game a year ago, starting nine... Fourth on the squad with 60 tackles, 34 unassisted... Led team with seven sacks and 18 tackles for loss... Credited with two caused fumbles, two fumble recoveries and one pass breakup... Tallied season high of eight stops in a 19-12 victory over Troy State... Also made seven stops against Northeast Louisiana, Eastern Kentucky and Youngstown State. **1990:** Steve Bussoletti's backup at right end as a first-year player... One of three true freshmen (Nick Davis and Darius Dawson were the others) who played prominent roles on the Eagle defense in 1990... Appeared in all 15 games and was credited with 34 tackles (20 unassisted), six quarterback sacks, two pass breakups, two tackles for lost yardage and a fumble recovery... Made 21 stops (14 solo), four sacks, one breakup, one tackle for lost yardage and a fumble recovery during the regular season... Scored Southern's final points in the I-AA championship on a 15-yard interception return to

paydirt... Tackle high was six in the semifinal playoff victory over Central Florida... Had five tackles, all unassisted, in the Eastern Kentucky loss. **High School:** Three-year letterman at defensive end... Played for Eagle offensive line coach Mike Hodges... Member of 1988 state championship team (15-0)... All-region and all-area choice... Second-place finisher at state meet in both the discus and shot put two years ago.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RE	INT	CI	PB
1990	14	7	21	4.0	1	0	1	0	0	1
1991	34	26	60	7.0	18	2	2	0	0	1
CAREER	48	33	81	11.0	19	2	3	0	0	2



9 DERRICK McGRADY

Quarterback
5-10, 184, SR-3L,
Statesboro (High)

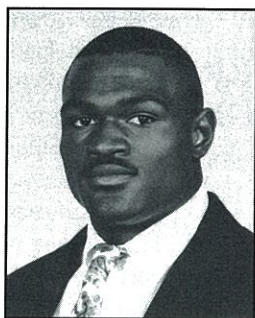
Enters two-a-day workouts as the second-team quarterback. **1991:** Played in nine games with starts in the final four... Record as starting

signal-caller is 3-1... Eagles' third-leading rusher with 256 yards and two touchdowns on 97 carries... Completed 49 of 98 pass attempts for 743 yards, four TDs and three interceptions... Came off the bench at James Madison to complete 10 of 18 passes for a career-best 217 yards and two scores as GSU rallied from a 21-0 first-quarter deficit to win 24-21... Hit Deryl Belser with TD passes of 34 and a season team-best 77 yards vs. the Dukes... McGrady's passing total against JMU is the 11th-highest in school history and the most since Raymond Gross threw for 226 yards in the Northeast Louisiana game on Sept. 29, 1990... Other passing TDs came vs. Western Carolina (15 yards to Terrence Sorrell) and Nicholls State (72 yards to Darren Willis)... Rushed for scores against Youngstown State and Nicholls State... Finished the season with consecutive 100-yard passing performances (162 vs. Troy State, 164 vs. Nicholls State)... Gained a career-high 74 yards on 18 rushing attempts vs. Troy State... Rushed for 55 yards on 18 carries and completed four of nine passes for 66 yards in the spring game. **1990:** Played on the kickoff return team and saw limited action at quarterback... Appeared in 12 games (10 regular-season)... Carried six times for 13 yards with a long of 12 against Savannah State... Rushed once for three yards in the first-round playoff victory over The Citadel... Returned a kickoff 17 yards at Middle Tennessee State... Did not attempt a pass. **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 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.

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RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1989	7	34	1	33	4.7	0	14 (MU)
1990	5	17	7	10	2.0	0	12 (SS)
1991	97	324	68	256	2.6	2	34 (TS)
CAREER	109	375	76	299	3.1	2	34 (TS)

PASSING STATS	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LP	COMP	YDS/GM
1989	5	1	1	100.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
1990	4	0	0	----	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
1991	9	98	49	50.0	3	4	743	77	15.2	82.6
CAREER	18	99	50	50.5	3	4	743	77	14.8	41.3



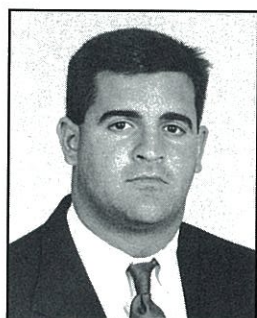
91 MICHAEL MORRIS

Defensive End
6-3, 216, SO-1L, Adel
(Cook County)

Listed as the backup left end as spring practice concluded. **1991:** Saw action in 11 games and started twice (Central Florida, Youngstown

State)... Made 31 tackles, 14 solo... Credited with four quarterback sacks... Had a season high of nine stops against arch-rival Central Florida... Also tallied two sacks in the 20-6 victory over UCF... Sacked Troy State's Brad Stevens twice in the Eagles' 19-12 win. **1990:** Redshirted. **High School:** Led Cook County to an 8-2 record and the Region 2-AA playoffs senior season... Lettered in football (end, line-backer), basketball and wrestling... Made 48 tackles, eight quarterback sacks and two pass interceptions in 1989.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RE	INT	CI	PE
1991	14	17	31	4.0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CAREER	14	17	31	4.0	0	0	1	0	0	1



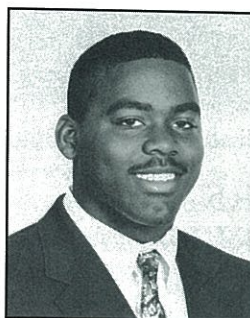
54 KEVIN MORSE

Offensive Guard
6-0, 263, JR-2L, Athens
(Clarke Central)

Missed spring training after undergoing left knee surgery last November. **1991:** Suffered damage to his anterior cruciate ligament in the Central Florida game... A starter vs.

Auburn and Savannah State, Morse missed the next four games with a neck injury... He returned at James Madison but went down vs. UCF the very next week in a start. **1990:** Saw action in 12 games... Was the only true freshman in GSU's offensive two-deep... Played behind John Wilson at right guard... Cartilage damage in his left knee (suffered vs. Northeast Louisiana on September 29 and arthroscopically repaired on October 8) and a sinus infection during his recovery kept him out of the Marshall, Central Florida and Savannah State games... Played tight end in GSU's short-yardage offense. **High School:** Lettered four years in football

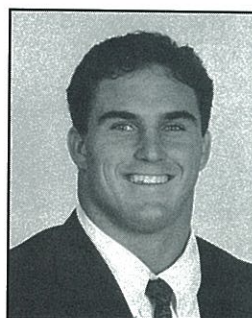
and track at Clarke Central... Led the Gladiators to two AAAA state championship game appearances... Two-time MVP in the offensive line... Team captain who was named squad's most dedicated player... Was listed among Street & Smith's Top 100 players... Played in Georgia-Florida All-Star Game.



90 STACY MOSES

Nose Guard
5-11, 233, FR-RS, Blakely
(Early County)

Lone freshman on starting defensive line... Named starting nose guard after an impressive spring. **1991:** Redshirted. **High School:** Southwest Georgia defensive player-of-the-year for classes A and AA... All-state by *The Atlanta Constitution*... A three-year starter at Early County... Also lettered in track (weights)... An honor roll student.



59 REX NOTTAGE

Offensive Tackle
6-0, 230, SR-3L,
Coral Springs, Fla. (High)

All-America candidate... Georgia Southern's starting right tackle and top offensive lineman... Has made 26 straight starts... The strongest member of GSU's front wall and perhaps its best athlete... Is also a fine pass blocker with excellent quickness. **1991:** Started in all 11 games. **1990:** Opened at right tackle in every game. **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... 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.



95 TERRANCE ODOMS

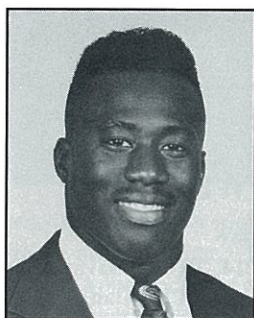
Defensive Tackle
6-0, 278, SO-1L, Fitzgerald
(High)

Expected to see action as the No. 2 defensive tackle. **1991:** Saw action in seven games as a true freshman... Recorded 14 stops from his reserve tackle position. **High School:** Defensive Leadership Award winner... Defensive MVP.

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DEFENSIVE STATS

	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RF	INT	CI	PB
1991	6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



24 CARLOS PARKER

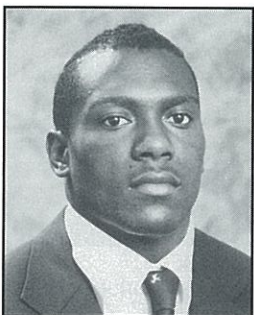
Slotback

5-9, 199, JR-SQ, Valdosta (High)

Reserve at slotback when spring practice ended... Originally a walk-on **1991**: Did not see any action.

1990: Sat out season to concentrate

on academics. **High School**: Earned five letters and played on 14-1 AAAA state championship team at Valdosta... An all-state selection who was voted the top offensive player in his region... Rushed for over 1,500 yards as a senior and scored 25 touchdowns... Cousin, Charles Stewart, earned two letters (1989-90) as a tight end at South Carolina.



6 HENRY PARRISH

Slotback

5-9, 165, SR-SQ, Brunswick (Glynn Academy)

Second-team slotback behind Shafton Fraley at conclusion of spring practice... Originally a walk-on.

1991: Did not play after transferring from Sam Houston State. **1990**: Did

not see action. **1989**: Transferred from Lenoir-Rhyne College to Sam Houston. **1988**: Did not see any action at Lenoir-Rhyne. **High School**: Earned three letters in track and two in football at Glynn Academy... Member of region champion 400-meter relay team.



50 RUSTY PARRISH

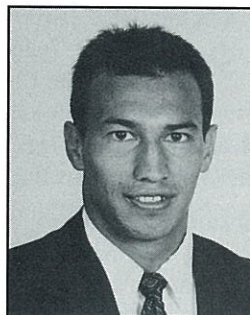
Center

6-3, 250, SR-3L, Thomasville (High)

A two-year regular at center... Parrish, right tackle Rex Nottage and left guard Miguel Ayoub have started in 26 consecutive games... Not a spectacular athlete, but a hard worker

who has good football savvy. **1991**: Opened in every contest.

1990: Started for the Eagles in all 15 games. **1989**: One of four freshmen in Southern's offensive two deep... Saw limited action behind Sammy Twiggs. **1988**: Redshirted. **High School**: All-region choice at Thomasville.



22 STEVE PAYNE

Slotback

5-10, 175, JR-1L, Chatsworth (Murray County)

Second-unit slotback following spring drills... Listed behind Chris Wright on the preseason depth chart.

1991: Picked up 47 yards on 12

rushing attempts and scored one touchdown (2 yards vs. Youngstown State)... Also caught three passes for 21 yards... Returned six kickoffs for 95 yards... Started in the Eagles' final game vs. Nicholls State... Appeared in every contest as a special teams member. **1990**: Saw limited action as a reserve slotback. **1989**: Redshirted. **High School**: Football and track letterman at Murray County High... Played defensive back and tailback... Voted team's top defensive back... Rushed for over 2,000 yards... Team MVP in track.

RUSHING STATS

	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1990	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1991	12	56	9	47	3.9	1	16 (TS)
CAREER	12	56	9	47	3.9	1	16 (TS)



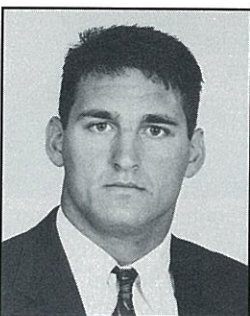
46 DEXSTER PERKINS

Linebacker

6-0, 205, JR-TR, Statesboro (High)

Transferred from North Greenville Junior College in Tigerville, South Carolina... Moved into the starting weakside linebacker position at the

end of spring practice. **1991**: Played a major role in NGJC's 8-0 season as a starting outside linebacker... Recorded 59 tackles, one pass breakup and one fumble recovery. **1990**: Part-time player at linebacker... Saw majority of playing time on special teams. **High School**: Voted most valuable linebacker... An all-region selection as a senior... Golden Helmet Award winner... Earned three letters in track, two in football.



93 RANDY PITTS

Defensive End

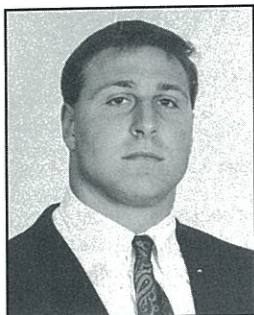
6-4, 215, SQ-SQ, Byron (Peach County)

Is competing for a spot on the defensive line... Originally a walk-on. **1991**: Saw action in just one game - Savannah State. **1990**:

Redshirted. **High School**: Recorded

76 tackles and 12 quarterback sacks... Also recovered two fumbles... Team's defensive captain and most valuable player... Lettered three years in both football and baseball.

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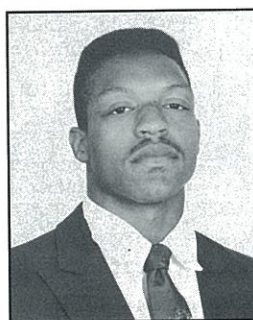


96 BRIAN PRESSNALL

Nose Guard
5-10, 222, JR-SQ,
Dunwoody (High)

Listed as the backup nose guard as fall practice begins... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Spent season sitting out after transferring. **1990:** Sat out

while attending junior college near home. **1989:** Redshirted at Furman University. **High School:** Played both fullback and linebacker... An all-state selection... Also lettered in baseball as a third baseman.

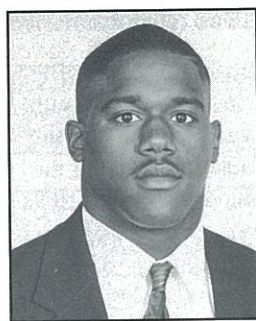


28 MAURICE REID

Free Safety
5-9, 173, SO-1L, Albany
(Dougherty)

Adds depth to a competitive defensive backfield... Brother of Atlanta Falcons' linebacker Michael Reid... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Saw very limited action, appearing in five

games as a reserve cornerback. **1990:** Redshirted. **High School:** Key defensive back in leading team to the city championship... Earned letters in football and wrestling.



47 KOBI REYNOLDS

Linebacker
6-0, 216, FR-RS, Atlanta
(Douglass)

Should see action at outside linebacker in 1992... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Redshirted. **High School:** Named all-city at middle linebacker

position... Team captain... Earned three letters in football and one in track.



58 DAVID ROCCO

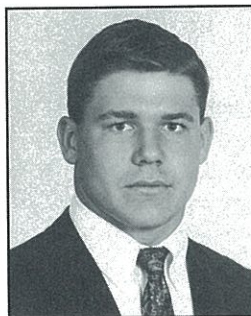
Linebacker
6-0, 210, JR-1L,
Phoenixville, Pa. (High)

Second-team weakside linebacker after spring practice. **1991:** Saw action in every contest as linebacker and special teams player... Credited with 12 tackles... Season high of

five stops came against Savannah State... Also made three tackles in the Eagles' 44-6 win over Western Carolina. **High School:** Named all-league, all-area and all-suburban as a

senior... Quarterbacked team to league championship... Also played defensive back... Lettered in basketball as a point guard and power forward.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RE	INT	CI	PB
1991	6	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	6	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



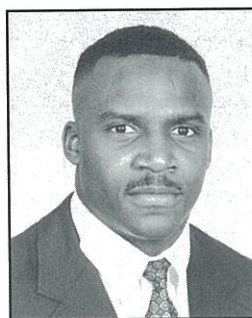
26 LLOYD ROWLAND

Fullback
6-0, 214, JR-SQ, Savannah
(Savannah Christian)

Expected to play a reserve role at fullback... Originally a walk-on.

1991: Did not play after transferring to GSU from the Air Force Acad-

emy. **1990:** Did not play at the AFA. **High School:** A four-year letterman at running back... Earned four baseball letters (catcher) and two basketball letters (forward)... Won the Ashley Dearing Award as Savannah's outstanding three-sport athlete... *Savannah News-Press* offensive player-of-the-year... Scored 132 points as a senior (20 touchdowns)... Rushed for 2,904 yards in final two seasons (1,297-1,607).



20 BRANDON ROZZELLE

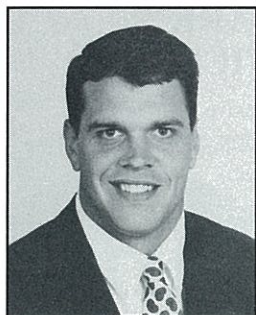
Cornerback
5-9, 189, JR-2L,
Stone Mountain (Clarkston)

Expected to move into starting cornerback position after two seasons in a backup role. **1991:** Saw action in 10 games, primarily on

special teams... Missed the Savannah State game due to a family emergency... Recorded 10 tackles (four unassisted)... Top performance was three-tackle day at Auburn... Only other multiple-tackle game came at James Madison (two). **1990:** Special teams performer who worked with the third unit... Credited with two tackles (Northeast Louisiana, Savannah State). **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Lettered in both football and track... All-county senior season... Voted top defensive back... Returned two punts and two interceptions for touchdowns... Picked off four passes.

DEFENSIVE STATS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	CF	RE	INT	CI	PB
1990	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991	4	6	10	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	5	7	12	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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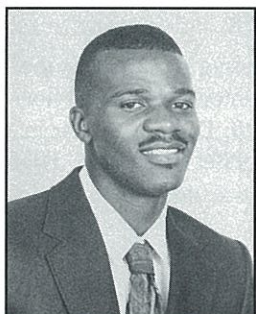
73 DONNY SIMMONS

Offensive Guard
6-3, 236, SO-SQ, Grayson
(South Gwinnett)

Underwent arthroscopic shoulder surgery on May 19... Did not participate in the spring game... May contend for playing time this

season... Needs to improve his strength, but is very coachable and a quick learner... Has also played tackle in his career.

1991: Appeared in seven games while playing a reserve role.
1990: Redshirted. **High School:** Lettered in football (guard), wrestling and track at South Gwinnett... Helped team to 8-2 record senior season... Twice all-county... Member of the 1989 **Atlanta Touchdown Club** All-Metro Team... Played in state all-star game.



88 TERRENCE SORRELL

Split End
6-2, 158, SR-3L, Salem, N.J.
(High)

An outstanding athlete and proven deep threat who begins his fourth season as a starter at split end...

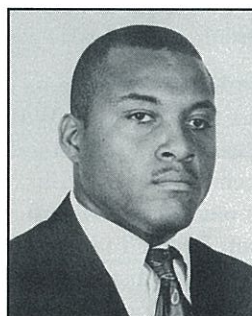
Sorrell's 57 catches, 1,134 yards and

seven touchdowns are good for third place in each category on the all-time GSU receiving list... Tony Belser (1985-88) is in second place across the board with 80 receptions for 1,472 yards and 11 scores. **1991:** Team's second-leading receiver with 24 catches for 409 yards and three TDs... Topped club in average per catch (17.3 yards) for the third straight time... Scored vs. Savannah State (44 yards from Charles Bostick, his longest reception of the year), Western Carolina (15 yards from Derrick McGrady) and Nicholls State (4 yards from Don Hudson)... Established personal single-game high with five catches (for 48 yards) at Northeast Louisiana... Has at least one catch in 26 of the last 27 games, including six straight.

1990: Opened in all 15 games... Second among Eagle receivers with 29 catches for a team-best 673 yards... Also tied Karl Miller for the club lead in touchdown receptions (five)... Topped Southern in average per catch (23.4)... No. 4 GSU receiver during regular-season action with 20 catches for a team-high 445 yards... His three TD grabs in the first 11 games matched Miller for the team lead... Caught at least one pass in every game... Had 12 catches of 19 or more yards... Longest play went 64 yards vs. Eastern Kentucky... Grabbed four balls on three occasions (Tennessee-Chattanooga, The Citadel, Idaho) for single-game high... Top yardage total was 99 in the quarterfinal victory over Idaho... Recorded scoring receptions vs. James Madison (54 and 30 yards), Tennessee-Chattanooga (19 yards), The Citadel (35 yards) and Idaho (46

yards)... 54-yard TD against JMU came on the Eagles' first play from scrimmage. **1989:** Started 14 of 15 games... Had 13 receptions for 280 yards and one touchdown during the regular season, 19 for 425 and one score overall... His 21.5-yard average per catch topped the team... 66-yard TD catch and run from Albert Huntley vs. West Georgia is the ninth-longest in school history... Grabbed three balls for 103 yards against the Braves... 104 yards vs. Villanova in first round of the I-AA playoffs was an 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)
1990	20	445	22.3	3	64 (EK)
1991	24	409	17.3	3	44 (SS)
CAREER	57	1134	19.9	7	66 (WG)

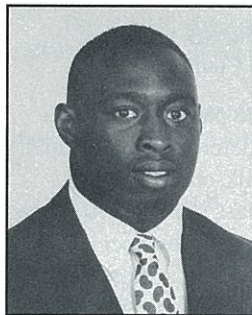


56 FRANKLIN STEPHENS

Offensive Guard
6-0, 256, SO-1L, Keysville
(Burke County)

The favorite to start at right guard... Selected by coaches as the most improved offensive player during spring drills... Beat out returning

starter Isaac Ferrell in spring practice. **1991:** Played in six games as a true freshman... Backup at both guard positions. **High School:** Four-year letterman on the offensive and defensive lines... Four-year participant for track team as shot put and discus thrower... Best offensive lineman in 1988, 1989 and 1990... All-state and all-area in 1990... Selected for state all-star game.



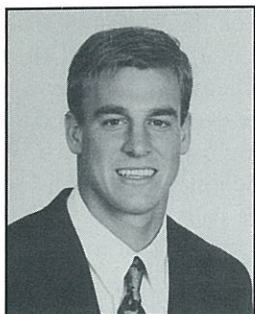
35 TYRONE STEPHENS

Fullback
6-0, 223, SO-SQ, Jesup
(Wayne County)

Reserve fullback who should see action with the special teams this season. **1991:** Did not appear in any games. **1990:** Redshirted. **High**

School: Two-time 1,000-yard rusher and all-region selection... Scored 29 touchdowns (15, 14) over last two years... Played fullback and tailback... Wayne County went 28-8 and won a region championship in Stephens' varsity career... Also picked up multiple letters in track as a sprinter and shot putter.

1992 PLAYERS

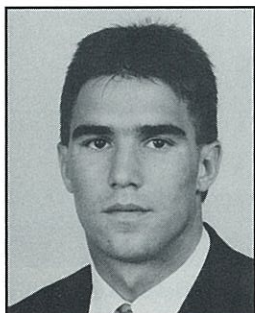


14 ROB STOCKTON

Strong Safety
5-11, 172, FR-RS, Clayton
(Rabun County)

Had an impressive spring practice and is penciled in as the starting strong safety... Chosen by the Eagle coaching staff as GSU's most improved defender of the spring

1991: Redshirted. **High School:** Four-year letterman in football, basketball and baseball... Also earned one letter in both tennis and golf... Best defensive back and MVP as a senior... All-area selection... Made 120 tackles and four interceptions... Passed for 1,008 yards and nine touchdowns, while rushing for four scores.

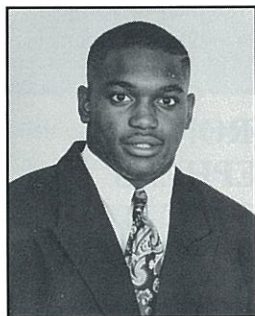


87 JOHN STYNCHULA

Split End
6-4, 209, SO-SQ, Fairfax, Va.
(Robinson)

Leading receiver in the spring game with two catches for 46 yards... Will enter the 1992 season as a second-team wideout behind Darren Willis...

Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Appeared in one game (Western Carolina). **1990:** Redshirted. **High School:** Lettered in football, basketball and baseball... First-team all-district and third-team all-region choice... Caught 37 passes for 726 yards and six touchdowns as a senior... Father, Andy, was a defensive lineman at Penn State (1957-59) and played professionally for 10 seasons with Washington, New York (NFL), Baltimore and Dallas.

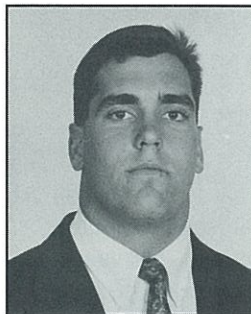


32 REGGIE SULLIVAN

Cornerback
5-9, 168, SO-1L, Gray
(Jones County)

Should get some playing time as a reserve in the defensive backfield... Originally a walk-on. **1991:** Saw limited action last season... Appeared

in all but one of GSU's 11 contests, primarily on special teams. **1990:** Redshirted. **High School:** Team's most valuable player... Voted most improved player and best running back as a senior... Rushed for 600 yards and five touchdowns... Also recorded 62 tackles and made one interception from his linebacker position.



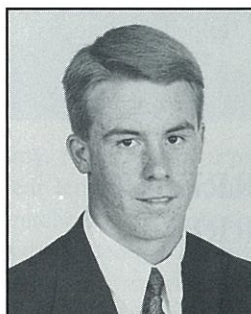
78 BLAKE SWICORD

Offensive Tackle
6-3, 228, JR-SQ, McIntyre
(Gilead)

A former defensive end who moved to offensive tackle during spring training... Originally a walk-on.

1991: Did not see any playing time.

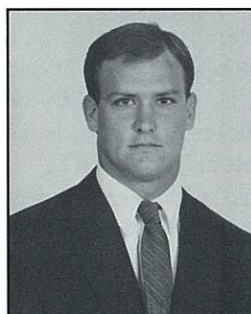
1990: Did not appear in any games. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track... Played on state championship team junior year.



84 BILL THATCHER

Punter
6-1, 180, JR-SQ, Statesboro
(High)

Came out of spring workouts as the number one punter. **1991:** Did not see action. **1990:** Did not appear in any games. **1989:** Redshirted. **High School:** Averaged 40 yards per kick as a senior... Lettered in both football and baseball.

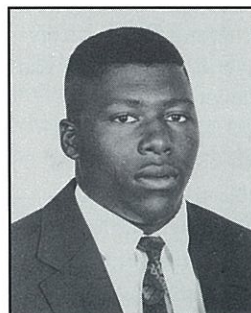


13 DONALD WHEELER

Punter
5-11, 187, SR-SQ,
Greensboro
(Greene-Taliaferro)

Could challenge for punting duties. **1991:** Suited up for home games, but did not see action. **1990:** Did not

appear in any games. **1989:** Did not see action. **1988:** Redshirted. **High School:** Punted and also played quarterback... Earned letters in football, baseball and golf.



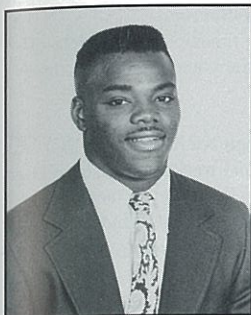
2 BRANCIS WILLIAMS

Cornerback
5-9, 165, FR-RS, Baxley
(Appling County)

Could see plenty of action as a reserve defensive back. **1991:** Redshirted. **High School:** Defensive player-of-the-year in Region 2-

AAA... Averaged six solo tackles per contest as a senior... Also had four interceptions... Led the team to state playoffs... Earned two letters each in track and basketball.

1992 PLAYERS



36 JAMES WILLIAMS

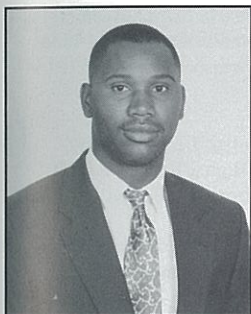
Fullback

5-9, 194, Junior-1L,
Thomasville (High)

Emerged from spring practice as the Eagles' No. 1 fullback... Ran for two touchdowns in the spring game (19 carries, 30 yards)... Originally a

walk-on. **1991:** Appeared in all 11 games as a special teams performer... Gained 19 yards on nine carries while running from the fullback position, where he spent most of the season playing behind Lester Efford and Willando Ficklin. **High School:** Coached by Eagle offensive line boss Mike Hodges... Member of state championship team and all-region in 1988... Rushed for over 1,200 yards and 16 touchdowns... Earned two football and two track letters (as a quarter-miler).

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1991	9	20	1	19	3.9	1	16 (TS)
CAREER	9	20	1	19	3.9	1	16 (TS)



1 DARREN WILLIS

Split End

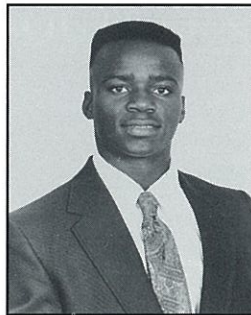
6-0, 179, JR-1L, Macon
(Southwest)

Will start at the split end position opposite Terrence Sorrell after playing behind Deryl Belser last season... Originally a walk-on.

1991: Appeared in every game as a sophomore and was the team's No. 3 receiver with 10 catches for 161 yards and one touchdown (72 yards from Derrick McGrady vs. Nicholls State)... Caught a career-best three passes for 43 yards against Troy State... Was top pass receiver in the 1991 spring game with three catches for 59 yards.

1990: Sat out after transferring from East Carolina. **1989:** Redshirted at ECU. **High School:** Earned eight letters at Southwest Macon (three football, two basketball, two baseball, one track)... Nephew of J.T. Thomas, who played for Florida State and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

RECEIVING STATS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
1991	10	161	16.1	1	72 (NS)
CAREER	10	161	16.1	1	72 (NS)



21 CHRIS WRIGHT

Slotback

5-8, 173, SO-1L, Valdosta
(Lowndes County)

Offensive co-MVP (along with Charles Bostick) of spring drills... One of two new starters at slotback as GSU prepares for the 1991 season... With the graduation of

Darryl Hopkins and Don Hudson's move to defense, Wright and Shafton Fraley are expected to open at A-Back. **1991:** Saw action in every game... The Eagles' primary kickoff return man... Ran back 18 kicks for 343 yards (19.1-yard average)... Longest return went 37 yards vs. Youngstown State... Carried eight times for 22 yards and caught five passes for 34 more in a reserve role. **High School:** Lowndes County MVP two years ago... An all-region selection who rushed for 703 yards and 11 touchdowns.

RUSHING STATS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
1991	8	23	1	22	2.8	0	12 (TS)
CAREER	8	23	1	22	2.8	0	12 (TS)

KICKOFF RETURN STATS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
1991	18	343	19.1	0	37 (YS)
CAREER	18	343	19.1	0	37 (YS)

SPRING AWARDS

The Team/Me Award (presented to the player who accepts his assigned role and places the team first in all instances): **Don Hudson.**

The "Just One More Time" Award (reserved for the player who gives extra effort and can go all day): **Rusty Parrish.**

Mr. Consistency (awarded to the special teams player who has maintained the highest level of play throughout spring practice): **Chris Arnoult.**

The Big Hit Award (goes to the player who initiated the best collision during full contact drills): **Alex Mash.**

The GATA Award (symbolizes the player who "goes after them aggressively" at all times): **Paul Carroll.**

The Eagle Creek Award (presented to a walk-on for outstanding performance during spring practice): **Danny Britt.**

The Biggest Surprise Awards (go to the most improved players during spring practice). Offensive winner: **Franklin Stephens;** Defensive winner: **Rob Stockton.**

Make the Play Awards (given for the best offensive and defensive performances this spring). Offensive winners (tie): **Chris Wright** and **Charles Bostick;** Defensive winner: **Ronald Johnson.**

1992 SIGNEES

Derick Austin, DB, 5-10, 183, Milledgeville (Baldwin County)

Recruited as a defensive back after playing quarterback at Baldwin County High... Was named All-Oconee Offensive player-of-the-year at quarterback for junior and senior seasons... Team offensive MVP in 1990 and 1991... Also team captain for junior and senior seasons... Accounted for 1,276 yards rushing, 813 yards passing and 26 touchdowns during senior campaign... Lettered four years in football and baseball.

Anthony Battle, LB, 6-0, 207, Warwick (Worth County)

Honored as all-county and all-state after senior season... Named to Albany's Dynamic Dozen and All-Tift Area teams... Totaled 238 tackles and five interceptions... Also punted senior season for a 35.7 average... Played on state runner-up teams in 1989 and 1990... Lettered in track and basketball.

Bill Boyd, DB, 6-0, 190, Miami, Fla. (Christopher Columbus)

Played in only five games his senior season due a thumb injury... Still recorded 37 tackles and caused two fumbles at the free safety spot... Played outside linebacker as a sophomore and junior... Totaled 120 tackles, two interceptions and led his team in sacks in 1990... Won outstanding linebacker award as a sophomore and junior... Honorable-mention all-county as a junior... Earned three letters in football and two in track.

Brian Breda, OL, 6-1, 245, Snellville (Brookwood)

Named All-Gwinnett County performer after senior season... Honored as Gwinnett County lineman-of-the-year in 1991... Selected to play in the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game... His 405-pound bench press is a record at Brookwood High... Brother of former Eagle player Bill Breda.

Lee Brooks, LB, 6-2, 220, Moultrie (Colquitt County)

Earned three letters in football and two in track at Colquitt County High School... Named all-region and honorable mention all-state senior season... Member of 1991 state AAAA runner-up... Recorded 118 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery... Scored two touchdowns.

Naymon Culbreth, DL, 6-5, 220, Twin City (Emanuel County Institute)

Earned three football letters, playing both offensive and defensive lineman... Also lettered in track (shotput)... Named to All-Coastal Empire team by the *Savannah News-Press*... Selected to play in Georgia North-South All-Star game.

Dexter Dawson, RB/SE, 5-10, 170, Camilla (Mitchell-Baker)

Named team's MVP as a senior... Honored as all-region and all-state in 1991... Played on 1989 state championship club... Accumulated 1,194 yards receiving and 21 touchdowns during his senior season... Lettered in football (three), basketball (two), tennis (two) and baseball (one).

Jesse Dixon, DL, 6-4, 250, Sandersville (Washington County)

Named all-region and all-state as a senior... Was team's MVP in 1991... Played both fullback and defensive back... Rushed for 3,946 yards and 34 touchdowns... Intercepted 12 passes and had 318 tackles... Also lettered in track and basketball.

Jamie Glover, DL, 6-2, 240, Soperton (Truetlen County)

Defensive captain of 1990 and 1991 Region 3-A championship teams... Named to Heart of Georgia team three consecutive years... Led team in tackles as a junior and senior... Set team record in bench press and squat as a freshman and broke the record each year after... Voted most valuable senior athlete... Lettered in football (four), wrestling (four), baseball (three) and track (two).

Tony Grant, RB, 5-10, 190, Statesboro (High/Northeastern Oklahoma JC)

Earned three football letters at Statesboro High... Named All-America by *Parade Magazine* and all-state by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* senior season... Finished sophomore season as NEO's second-leading rusher (444 yards on 69 carries)... Scored six touchdowns and caught one pass for 45 yards.

Alfonza Harris, RB, 5-9, 170, Statham (Winder-Barrow)

Selected honorable mention all-region three times... Voted athlete-of-the-year by senior class... Lettered four times in track and basketball, three years in football.

Virgil Herrington, DL, 6-1, 240, Statesboro (High/NE Oklahoma JC)

Four-year letterman in football, basketball and track at Statesboro High School... Played stand-up defensive end at NEO... Led team in tackles as a freshman with 57 tackles (31 solo)... Also recorded four sacks initial season... Ended sophomore season sixth in tackles with 65 (33 solos)... Tallied eight sacks, two caused fumbles, two fumble recoveries and three pass breakups.

John Higginbotham, LB, 6-4, 225, Hilliard, Fla. (High)

Hilliard High's all-time tackle leader... Totalled 177 tackles as a senior... A first-team all-area and all-state performer in 1991... Nassau County player-of-the-year... Played center on offense and gained 70 yards on center sneaks... Also lettered in track.

Kris Joyner, SE, 5-10, 170, Niceville, Fla. (High)

Named team's MVP... Honored as an all-state performer... Named player-of-the-week on six occasions... Caught 53 passes for 608 yards and seven touchdowns during career... Also lettered in track and wrestling.

Michael LeBlanc, 6-1, 228, Marietta (McEachern)

First-team All-Cobb County performer junior and senior seasons... Named defensive player-of-the-year by *Marietta Daily Journal*.

Terry Lester, RB, 5-11, 183, Lithonia (Shiloh)

Named offensive player-of-the-year by *Gwinnett Extra*... Team's MVP... Voted best offensive back in DeKalb County... Carried 222 times for 1,572 yards and 20 touchdowns during senior season... Also lettered in track.

Dean Lott, DB, 6-0, 175, Tifton (Tift County)

Team captain senior season at Tift County High... Rushed for 860 yards and eight touchdowns from running back position... Helped lead Blue Devils to Region 4-AAAA playoff berth.

Robert Moore, DL, 6-2, 240, Lawrenceville (South Gwinnett)

Two-year all-county performer... Defensive lineman-of-the-year as a junior... Had 300 career tackles... As a senior tallied 105 tackles, 10 sacks, 12 hurries and 18 tackles for loss... Led team in tackles all three seasons... An outstanding wrestler... Individual heavyweight state AAAA champion in 1991.

Dexter Perkins, LB, 6-0, 205, Statesboro (High/N.Greenville (S.C.) JC)

Biography included in returning players section. See page 29.

Eric Thigpen, DB, 6-1, 175, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (High)

All-district and All-Northwest Florida selection as a senior... Third-team all-state... Played on 14-0 AAAA state championship club... Team also ranked fifth in the nation by *USA Today*.

Marlow Warthen, SE, 5-10, 172, Warrenton (Warren County)

All-region and all-state performer a year ago... Had 1,050 career receiving yards and 10 touchdowns... A standout in both track and basketball... Four year most valuable track performer... Won the state championship in both the 100 and 200 meter dash... Named basketball MVP as a junior and senior... Averaged 20.5 points and 7 assists per game in 1991.

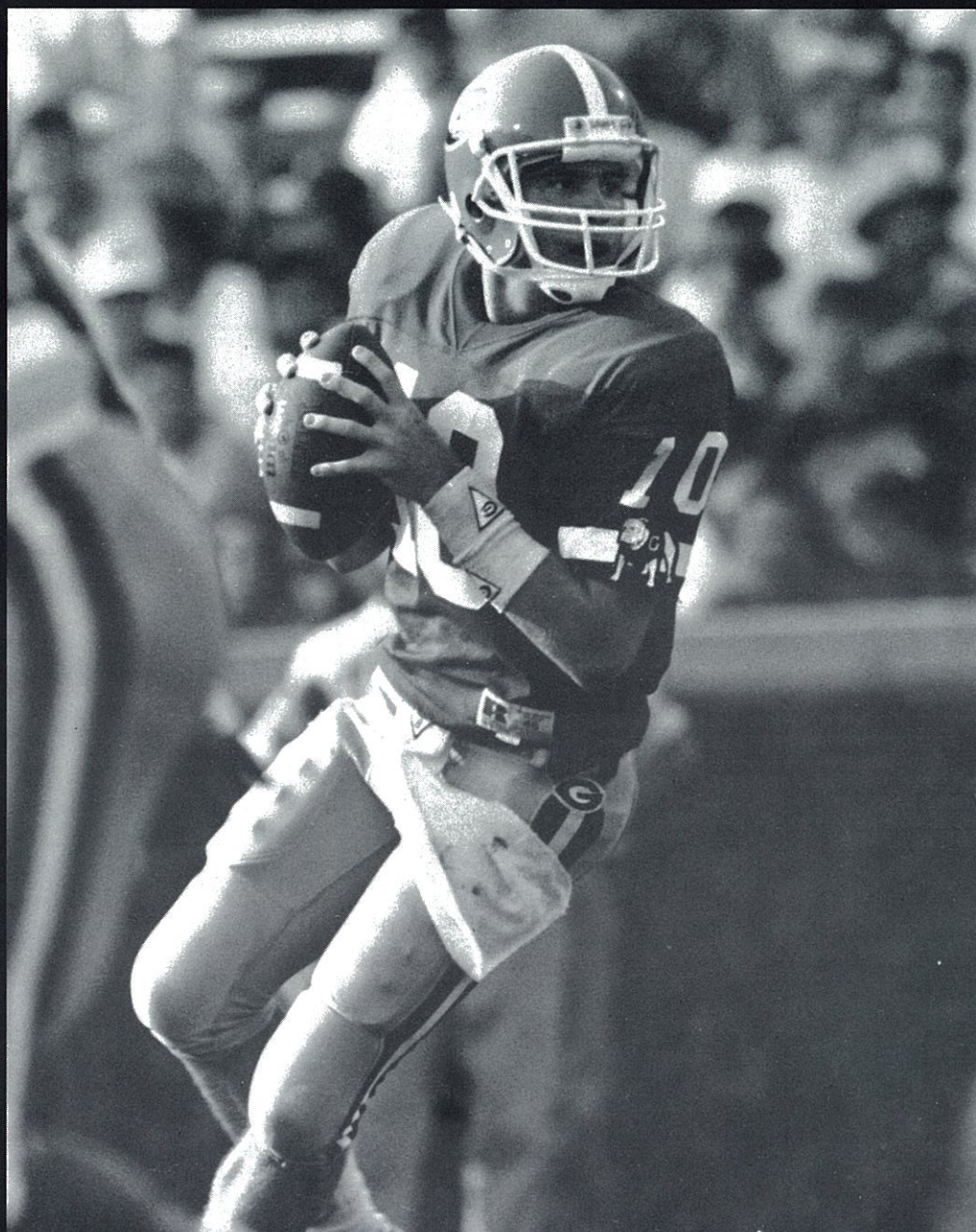
Anthony Williams, DL, 6-2, 245, Valdosta (High/Itawamba (Miss.) JC)

A four-year starter at Valdosta High School... Member of 1989 state AAAA championship team... Two-year starter at Itawamba... Named all-state and all-region sophomore season... Also earned MVP honors at the Mississippi Junior College All-Star Game... Recorded 166 tackles (94 unassisted) in 1991.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

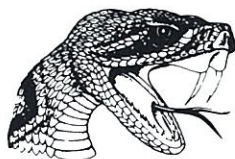
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- 36 Valdosta State
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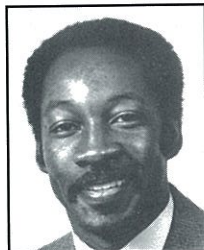
1992 OPPONENTS

Game No. 1
FLORIDA A&M
 September 5 -- 1:30 P.M (EDT)
 Statesboro, Ga.
 Allen E. Paulson Stadium

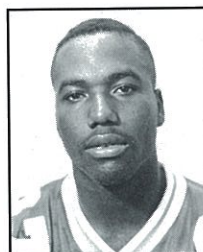


GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Tallahassee, Fla.
Enrollment: 9,265
Nickname: Rattlers
Colors: Orange and Green
Stadium: Bragg Memorial (25,500/1957)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic
1991 Record: 6-5
1991 MEAC Record/Finish: 3-3/4th
Basic Offense: Pro-Set
Basic Defense: 3-4
President: Dr. Frederick S. Humphries
Athletic Director: Dr. Walter Reed
SID: Alvin Hollins
Office Phone: (904) 599-3200
Home Phone: (904) 942-4300
Fax Phone: (904) 599-3206
Pressbox Phone: (904) 599-3628/3631
Flagship Radio Station: WHBX-FM 96.1
 Keith Miles (play-by-play)
 Mike Thomas (analyst)



Ken Riley



William Carroll

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Ken Riley (Florida A&M '69)
Overall Record: 36-28-2 (6 years)
Record at FAMU: 6-28-2 (6 years)
Office Phone: (904) 599-3723
Best Time To Reach: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact Head Coach Through: SID Hollins
Assistant Coaches: Kent Schoofield (Off. Coordinator)
 Rick Kravitz (Def. Coordinator)
 Al Bogan (Def. Secondary)
 Joe Crosby (Def. Line)
 Melvin Jones (Receivers)
 Alonzo Lee (Linebackers)
 Jerry Riopelle (Off. Line)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 29 (O), 18 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 5 (O), 4 (D)
Starters Returning: 8 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Lost: 3 (O), 3 (D)
All-America Candidates: FS William Carroll
 OC Wally Williams

GAME NOTES - Georgia Southern leads the series 6-1 ... Although the Rattlers and Eagles have met seven times, this year's contest is a first at Paulson Stadium ... After the initial game of the series was played in Savannah, five straight appearances followed at the Jacksonville Gator Bowl before the Eagles traveled to Bragg Stadium in Tallahassee last September ... Quarterback Charles Bostick rushed for four touchdowns, including the game-winner with 6:25 left, to give GSU a 28-21 victory in the most recent meeting last season ... Florida A&M's only win of the series was a 17-14 decision Sept. 12, 1987 despite Southern's 20-11 first down advantage ... The 1984 contest in Savannah's Memorial Stadium, originally scheduled as the Paulson Stadium Grand Opening, was the Eagles' first NCAA Division I-AA game. **An Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know** -- Florida A&M was the winner of the first-ever NCAA I-AA national title (1978) ... Former tennis great Althea Gibson (Class of '53) and 1964 Olympic Gold Medal Winner Bob Hayes ('65) are graduates, as is current major league baseball star Andre Dawson ('75).

1991 RESULTS (6-5)

47	Tuskegee	24
21	at Howard	28
21	Georgia Southern	28
43	*Tennessee State	7
19	at North Carolina A&T	41
20	Delaware State	10
7	+South Carolina State	21
55	Morgan State	7
24	#Southern	20
22	at Grambling	25
46	& Bethune-Cookman	28
	*Atlanta, Ga.	
	+Columbia, S.C.	
	#Miami, Fla.	
	& Tampa, Fla.	

1992 SCHEDULE

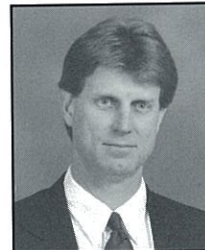
9/5	at Georgia Southern
9/12	*South Carolina State
9/19	at Miami
9/26	+Tennessee State
10/3	Howard
10/10	#North Carolina A&T
10/17	at Delaware State
10/31	Morgan State
11/7	at Southern
11/14	Grambling State
11/21	& Bethune-Cookman
	*Jacksonville, Fla.
	+Atlanta, Ga.
	#Orlando, Fla.
	& Tampa, Fla.

Game No. 2
VALDOSTA STATE
 September 12 -- 1:30 P.M (EDT)
 Statesboro, Ga.
 Allen E. Paulson Stadium

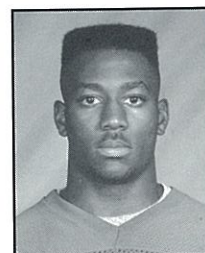


GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Valdosta, Ga.
Enrollment: 7,450
Nickname: Blazers
Colors: Red and Black
Stadium: Cleveland (11,798/1922)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Gulf South
1991 Record: 6-3-1
1991 GSC Record/Finish: 4-1-1/T2nd
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 4-3
President: Dr. Hugh C. Bailey
Athletic Director: Herb Reinhard
SID: Steve Roberts
Office Phone: (912) 333-5890
Home Phone: (912) 244-6560
Fax Phone: (912) 333-5972
Pressbox Phone: (912) 247-7256
Associate/Assistant SID (home phone):
 Jody Mitchem (912) 245-7323
Flagship Radio Station: WSTI-FM 105.3
 Mike Chason (play-by-play)
 John Lastinger (analyst)



Hal Mumme



Erasmus Harvey

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Hal Mumme (Tarleton State '75)
Overall Record: 24-11 (3 years)
Record at VSC: 0-0 (first year)
Office Phone: (912) 333-5970
Best Time To Reach: 9 a.m. - 12 noon
Contact Head Coach Through: Secretary Marilou Butler
Assistant Coaches: Mike Leach (Off. Coordinator)
 Mike Major (Asst. Head Coach/Def. Coordinator)
 Guy Morris (Off. Line)
 David Dean (Receivers)
 Emmett Watkins (Running Backs)
 John Wiley (Def. Secondary)
 Bill Cosper (Def. Line)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 18 (O), 19 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 7 (O), 3 (D)
Starters Returning: 5 (O), 9 (D)
Starters Lost: 6 (O), 3 (D)
All-America Candidates: DL Antonio Edwards

GAME NOTES - Georgia Southern leads the series 4-1-1 ... 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 program ... GSU has won the last three meetings, including a pair of season-opening wins in 1989 and 1990 ... The Blazers almost pulled a stunning upset in '90 but fell 17-10 after cornerback Rodney Oglesby's interception stopped a game-tying VSC drive at the Eagle two-yard line with 1:55 to play ... Oglesby, who also scored with a 97-yard fumble return, became the first person to take advantage of a new NCAA rule which allows a loose ball on the ground to be advanced ... His return was CNN's choice for its "Play-of-the-Day" ... Georgia Southern is 8-10-1 against Gulf South Conference members (6-2-1 in the modern era) ... VSC's only win was a 34-29 decision in Valdosta Nov. 19, 1983. **An Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know** -- VSC opened its doors in 1913 as the South Georgia State Normal College for Young Ladies, then changed to Georgia State Women's College in 1922 -- it wasn't until 1950 that the college went coeducational and changed to its current name.

1991 RESULTS (6-3-1)

0	Central Florida	12
7	Fort Valley State	0
3	Jacksonville State	24
14	Troy State	20
20	at Livingston	7
38	West Georgia	37
59	Lees-McRae	13
10	at Mississippi College	10
34	Delta State	27
34	at North Alabama	17

1992 SCHEDULE

9/12	at Georgia Southern
9/19	*Fort Valley State
9/26	at Jacksonville State
10/3	at Troy State
10/10	Livingston
10/17	at West Georgia
10/24	American International
10/31	Mississippi College
11/7	at Delta State
11/14	North Alabama
	*Macon, Ga.

1992 OPPONENTS

Game No. 3

SAVANNAH STATE

September 19 -- 1:30 P.M (EDT)

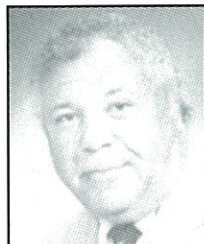
Statesboro, Ga.

Allen E. Paulson Stadium



GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Savannah, Ga.
Enrollment: 2,150
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Orange and Blue
Stadium: Theodore Wright (7,500/1967)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Southern Intercollegiate Athletic
1991 Record: 7-4
1991 SIAC Record/Finish: 4-3/2nd
Basic Offense: Multiple Wing
Basic Defense: Multiple 4-3
President: Dr. Annette K. Brock
Athletic Director: William "Bill" Davis
SID: Lee Grant Pearson
Office Phone: (912) 356-2191/2228
Home Phone: (912) 232-5972
Fax Phone: (912) 356-2996
Pressbox Phone: (912) 355-7768
Flagship Radio Station: WEAS-FM 93.1
 Don Wilson (play-by-play)



Bill Davis



Orlando Dean

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bill Davis (Johnson C. Smith '65)
Overall Record: 94-45-1 (13 years)
Record at SSC: 41-20-0 (6 years)
Office Phone: (912) 356-2228
Best Time To Reach: 9 a.m. - 12 noon
Contact Head Coach Through: Secretary
 Selena Davis

Assistant Coaches: Daryl McNeill (Off. Coordinator/
 Quarterbacks/Receivers)
 Wesley McGriff (Linebackers)
 James Mitchell (Off. Line)
 Ken McWhorter (Def. Line)
 Mike Wallace (Def. Secondary)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 21 (O), 24 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 4 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Returning: 9 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Lost: 2 (O), 3 (D)
All-America Candidates: DE Orlando Dean
 RB Lucius Cole

GAME NOTES - Georgia Southern leads the series 4-0...The Eagles won 29-6 last Sept. 7 in a sloppily-played game featuring seven fumbles and seven interceptions...The game drew an unusually low crowd of 14,312 as fall classes were a week away... Previous GSU-SSC games have drawn two of the 10 largest crowds ever to see a game in Paulson Stadium, 20,507 on Oct. 7, 1989 (5th) and 19,331 on Oct. 27, 1990 (9th)...The first game of the series was marred by a game-long downpour and a game-ending brawl...The game was called off with 5:46 left in the fourth quarter after a fight erupted on the field between both squads...SSC Head Coach Bill Davis formerly faced Georgia Southern as head coach at South Carolina State. **An Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know** -- Two former Savannah State players still hold Allen E. Paulson Stadium records - On Oct. 7, 1989 current Denver Broncos wide receiver Shannon Sharpe hauled in 91-yard touchdown pass from Richard Basil for the stadium's longest pass completion and punter Earl Bryant boomed a 70-yard punt for the longest kick in Paulson history.

1991 RESULTS (7-4)

35	*Bethune-Cookman	20
6	at Georgia Southern	29
43	at Tuskegee	38
62	+Cheyney	3
25	Alabama A&M	27
51	Albany State	16
56	Morris Brown	0
34	at Morehouse	42
33	at Central Florida	31
30	at Fort Valley State	34
50	Miles	13
	*Jacksonville, Fla.	
	+ Philadelphia, Pa.	

1992 SCHEDULE

9/5	*Bethune Cookman	
9/12	+Tuskegee	
9/19	at Georgia Southern	
9/26	at Alabama A&M	
10/3	at Central Florida	
10/10	at Albany State	
10/17	at Morris Brown	
10/24	Livingstone	
10/31	Morehouse	
11/7	Fort Valley State	
11/14	at Miles	
	*Jacksonville, Fla.	
	+Pontiac, Mich.	

Game No. 4

FURMAN

September 26 -- 1:30 P.M (EDT)

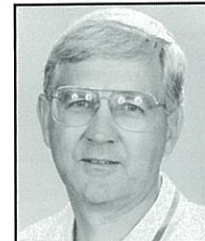
Greenville, S.C.

Paladin Stadium

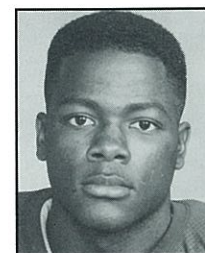


GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Greenville, S.C.
Enrollment: 2,500
Nickname: Paladins
Colors: Purple and White
Stadium: Paladin (16,000/1981)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Southern
1991 Record: 7-4
1991 SC Record/Finish: 4-3/4th
1991 Postseason: T20th NCAA
Basic Offense: I
Basic Defense: 50
President: Dr. John E. Johns
Athletic Director: Ray Parlier
SID: Hunter Reid
Office Phone: (803) 294-2061
Home Phone: (803) 322-6550
Fax Phone: (803) 294-3061
Pressbox Phone: (803) 294-3066
Associate/Assistant SID (home phone):
 Teri Smith (803) 321-9121
Flagship Radio Station: WFBC-AM 1330
 Chris Allen (play-by-play)



Jimmy Satterfield



Carl Tremble

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Jimmy Satterfield (South Carolina '62)
Overall Record: 55-19-2 (6 years)
Record at FU: 55-19-2 (6 years)
Office Phone: (803) 294-2120
Best Time To Reach: 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Contact Head Coach Through: Secretary Margaret Seymour
Assistant Coaches: Bobby Johnson (Asst. Head Coach/Def. Coordinator)
 Steve Wilson (Linebackers)
 Tommy Marshall (Def. Ends/Specialists)
 Jimmy Neal (Def. Line)
 Clay Hendrix (Off. Line)
 Bruce Fowler (Tight Ends/Receivers)
 Tim Sorrells (Off. Backs)
 Bobby Lamb (Quarterbacks)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 20 (O), 19 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 11 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Returning: 4 (O), 6 (D)
Starters Lost: 7 (O), 5 (D)
All-America Candidates: TB Carl Tremble
 LB Kota Suttle

GAME NOTES - Series tied 1-1 ... The previous two meetings were for high stakes - the NCAA I-AA national championship ... Georgia Southern opened with the 1985 title (44-42) in Tacoma, Wash., while Furman took the 1988 title (17-12) in Pocatello, Idaho ...Southern's win could be considered one of the greatest comebacks in college football history, as it scored 38 points in the final 21:51 to rally from a 22-point deficit ... Southern was on its way to a possible game-winning touchdown and third national championship in the '88 contest when Raymond Gross fumbled inside the Paladin five-yard line with 5:30 remaining in the game... GSU is 15-7 vs. the Southern Conference - a league the Eagles will officially compete in next fall ... **An Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know** -- Victoria Jackson of Saturday Night Live fame and Amy Grant, a popular female vocalist, both attended Furman, while NFL head coach Sam Wyche and LPGA star Betsy King are two of the school's most renowned graduates.

1991 RESULTS (7-4)

35	at Connecticut	24
31	Liberty	7
52	Presbyterian	7
42	at Western Carolina	14
46	at Virginia Military	28
35	Marshall	38
23	Appalachian State (3ot)	26
52	East Tennessee State	23
17	at Georgia Tech	19
24	Tennessee-Chattanooga	21
6	at The Citadel	10

1992 SCHEDULE

9/5	Liberty	
9/12	at North Carolina	
9/19	Presbyterian	
9/26	Georgia Southern	
10/3	Virginia Military	
10/10	at Marshall	
10/24	at Appalachian State	
10/31	at East Tennessee State	
11/7	Western Carolina	
11/14	at Tennessee-Chattanooga	
11/21	The Citadel	

1992 OPPONENTS

Game No. 5 GEORGIA

October 10 -- 1:00 P.M. (EDT)

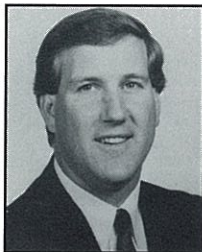
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Sanford Stadium

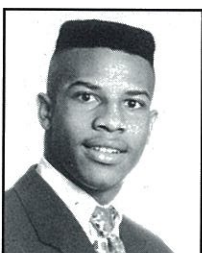


GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Athens, Ga.
Enrollment: 28,691
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Red and Black
Stadium: Sanford (85,434/1929)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Southeastern
1991 Record: 9-3
1991 SEC Record/Finish: 4-3/T4th
1991 Postseason: Independence Bowl (def. Arkansas 24-15), 17th AP, 19th CNN/USA Today
Basic Offense: I
Basic Defense: Multiple
President: Dr. Charles Knapp
Athletic Director: Vince Dooley
SID: Claude Felton
Office Phone: (706) 542-1621
Home Phone: (706) 543-3910
Fax Phone: (706) 542-9339
Pressbox Phone: (706) 542-7780
Associate/Assistant SIDs (home phone):
 Tim Hix (706) 354-8562
Flagship Radio Station: WSB-AM 750
 Larry Munson (play-by-play)
 Dave O'Brien (analyst)



Ray Goff



Andre Hastings

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Ray Goff (Georgia '78)
Overall Record: 19-16 (3 years)
Record at UGA: 19-16 (3 years)
Office Phone: (706) 542-1515
Best Time To Reach: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact Head Coach Through: SID Felton
Assistant Coaches: Wayne McDuffie (Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coordinator)
 Richard Bell (Def. Coordinator)
 Steve Ensminger (Quarterbacks)
 Dicky Clark (Outside Linebackers)
 Frank Orgel (Inside Linebackers)
 Mac McWhorter (Offensive Line/Tight Ends)
 Steve Greer (Defensive Line)
 Willie McClendon (Running Backs)
 Darryl Drake (Receivers)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 24 (O), 18 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 8 (O), 10 (D)
Starters Returning: 8 (O), 5 (D)
Starters Lost: 3 (O), 7 (D)
All-America Candidates: QB Eric Zeier
 FL Andre Hastings

GAME NOTES - GSU is 0-2 against Southeastern Conference members (lost 38-14 at Florida and 32-17 at Auburn)...This will be the first meeting between these two schools...Former head coach Erk Russell served as defensive coordinator for the "Junkyard Dogs" for 17 years before building the Eagle football program in 1981...The Eagles are 0-7 all time vs. I-A institutions (three losses at East Carolina, two at Florida State, one at Florida and one at Auburn)... The Eagles are 9-1-1 against intra-state rivals (4-0 vs. Savannah State, 4-1-1 vs. Valdosta State and 1-0 vs. West Georgia).
An Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know -- Georgia has played in 15 different bowl games (30 overall), the greatest bowl game variety in college football.

1991 RESULTS (9-3)

48	Western Carolina	0
31	Louisiana State	10
0	at Alabama	10
27	Cal State-Fullerton	14
27	Clemson	12
37	at Mississippi	17
25	at Vanderbilt	27
49	Kentucky	27
13	*Florida	45
37	Auburn	27
18	at Georgia Tech	15
24	+Arkansas	15
	*Jacksonville, Fla.	
	+Shreveport, La.	

1992 SCHEDULE

9/5	at South Carolina
9/12	Tennessee
9/19	Cal State-Fullerton
9/26	Mississippi
10/3	at Arkansas
10/10	Georgia Southern
10/17	Vanderbilt
10/24	at Kentucky
10/31	*Florida
11/14	at Auburn
11/28	Georgia Tech
	*Jacksonville, Fla.

Game No. 6 JAMES MADISON

October 17 -- 1:30 P.M. (EDT)

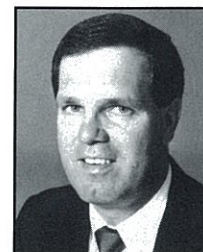
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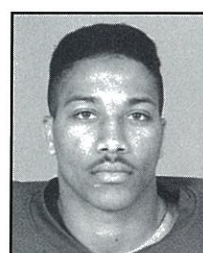


GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Harrisonburg, Va.
Enrollment: 11,000
Nickname: Dukes
Colors: Purple and Gold
Stadium: Bridgeforth (15,000/1974)
Surface: OmniTurf
Conference: Independent
1991 Record: 9-4
1991 Postseason: I-AA Quarterfinals (lost to Samford 24-21), 17th NCAA
Basic Offense: I
Basic Defense: Multiple 30
President: Dr. Ronald E. Carrier
Athletic Director: Dean Ehlers
SID: Gary Michael
Office Phone: (703) 568-6154
Home Phone: (703) 337-7310
Fax Phone: (703) 568-3703
Pressbox Phone: (703) 568-6521
Associate/Assistant SID (home phone):
 Curt Dudley (703) 434-4645
Flagship Radio Station: WSVB-AM 550
 Jim Britt (play-by-play)
 Mike Schikman (analyst)



William "Rip" Scherer



Eriq Williams

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Rip Scherer (William & Mary '74)
Overall Record: 9-4 (1 year)
Record at JMU: 9-4 (1 year)
Office Phone: (703) 568-6517
Best Time To Reach: 11 a.m. - 12 noon
Contact Head Coach Through: SID Michael
Assistant Coaches: Bob Colbert (Off. Coordinator)
 Jim Pletcher (Def. Coordinator)
 Rick Clark (Def. Line)
 Don Eck (Off. Line)
 Darrell Gast (Receivers)
 David Turner (Outside Linebackers)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 18 (O), 19 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 11 (O), 10 (D)
Starters Returning: 6 (O), 4 (D)
Starters Lost: 5 (O), 7 (D)
All-America Candidates: QB Eriq Williams

GAME NOTES - Georgia Southern leads the series 6-1...The Eagles have won the last six meetings between the two schools since James Madison pinned a 21-6 loss on Southern in the series opener Nov. 2, 1985...In last season's matchup (Oct. 19), backup quarterback Derrick McGrady brought the Eagles back from a 21-0 deficit in a 24-21 win...Kevin Whitley saved the day for the Eagles with a tackle for a five-yard loss on fourth-and-1 with 1:34 remaining as JMU had drove to the Southern 14-yard line...The last time the Dukes visited Statesboro (Nov. 3, 1990), a homecoming crowd of 21,067 (4th largest) saw the Eagles hand JMU a 31-13 loss...Former kicker David Cool set an NCAA record for longest field goal by a freshman with a 60-yarder at JMU stadium Nov. 5, 1988. **An Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know** -- Three former Dukes have been All-Pro in recent seasons -- Gary Clark (Washington Redskins), Charles Haley (San Francisco 49ers) and Scott Norwood (Buffalo Bills).

1991 RESULTS (9-4)

12	at Virginia Tech	41
49	Central Florida	31
31	at Appalachian State	8
29	at William & Mary	28
24	Massachusetts	7
55	Towson State	31
21	Georgia Southern	24
47	Richmond	42
35	at Liberty	34
21	at Youngstown State	28
27	at Northeastern	10
42	*at Delaware (2OT)	35
21	*Samford	24
	*NCAA I-AA Playoffs	

1992 SCHEDULE

9/5	at Virginia Tech
9/12	at Richmond
9/19	Hofstra
9/26	at Youngstown State
10/3	Northeastern
10/10	Appalachian State
10/17	at Georgia Southern
10/24	at Towson State
10/31	William & Mary
11/7	Liberty
11/14	at Central Florida

1992 OPPONENTS

Game No. 7

JACKSONVILLE STATE

October 24 -- 1:30 P.M (EDT)

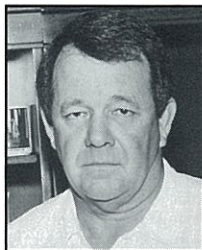
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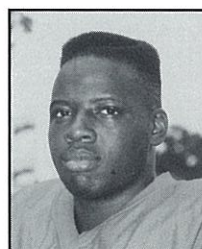


GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Jacksonville, Ala.
Enrollment: 8,200
Nickname: Gamecocks
Colors: Red and White
Stadium: Snow Memorial (15,000/1947)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Gulf South
1991 Record: 12-1
1991 GSC Record/Finish: 6-0/1st
1991 Postseason: II National Runner-Up, 2nd NCAA
Basic Offense: Wishbone
Basic Defense: Eight-Man Front
President: Dr. Harold J. McGee
Athletic Director: Jerry N. Cole
SID: Mike Galloway
Office Phone: (205) 782-5377
Home Phone: (205) 435-1143
Fax Phone: (205) 782-5958
Pressbox Phone: (205) 782-5585/5586
Associate/Assistant SID (home phone):
 Allan Mauldin (205) 435-1385
Flagship Radio Station: WLJS-FM 91.9
 Mike Parris (play-by-play)
 Rick Burgess (analyst)



Bill Burgess



Danny Lee

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bill Burgess (Auburn '63)
Overall Record: 57-21-3 (7 years)
Record at JSU: 57-21-3 (7 years)
Office Phone: (205) 782-5376
Best Time To Reach: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Contact Head Coach Through: Secretary
 Debby Bishop (205) 782-5366
Assistant Coaches: Charlie Maniscalco (Off. Coordinator)
 Roland Houston (Off. Line)
 Jay Brown (Def. Tackles)
 David Sikes (Running Backs)
 Greg Stewart (Linebackers)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 18 (O), 16 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 8 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Returning: 6 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Lost: 5 (O), 4 (D)
All-America Candidates: HB/KR Danny Lee

GAME NOTES - This will be the first-ever meeting between the two schools...

Jacksonville State is coming off a 12-1 season... The Gamecocks advanced all the way to the Division II national championship game before bowing to Pittsburg (Kan.) State 23-6...Eagle head coach Tim Stowers served as offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for Jacksonville State before moving to Statesboro...New GSU linebacker coach Eddie Garfinkle will be facing his alma mater for the first time as well ... Garfinkle served as linebacker coach for the Gamecocks from 1982-1991. **An**

Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know -- JSU has reached the NCAA II playoffs four years straight, finishing second twice. The Gamecocks have also won three Gulf South titles in the last four years.

1991 RESULTS (12-1)

44	Alabama A&M	18
50	West Georgia	24
24	at Valdosta State	3
17	Mississippi College	6
9	at Delta State	0
48	North Alabama	13
51	Wofford	7
31	at Livingston	0
42	at Kentucky State	7
49	*at Winston-Salem	24
35	*Mississippi College	7
27	*Indiana-Pennsylvania	20
6	*+Pittsburgh State	23
	*NCAA II Playoffs	
	+Florence, Ala	

1992 SCHEDULE

9/5	at Alabama A&M
9/19	at West Georgia
9/26	Valdosta State
10/3	at Mississippi College
10/10	Delta State
10/17	at North Alabama
10/24	at Georgia Southern
10/31	Alcorn State
11/7	Livingston
11/14	Kentucky State

Game No. 8

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

October 31 -- 1:30 P.M (EST)

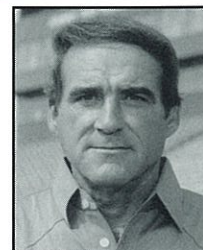
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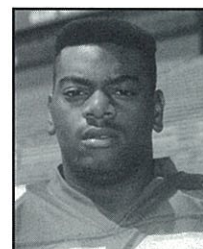


GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Enrollment: 15,763
Nickname: Blue Raiders
Colors: Navy and White
Stadium: Floyd (15,000/1933)
Surface: AstroTurf
Conference: Ohio Valley
1991 Record: 9-4
1991 OVC Record/Finish: 6-1/2nd
1991 Postseason: I-AA Quarterfinals (lost to Eastern Kentucky 23-13), 9th NCAA
Basic Offense: Multiple I
Basic Defense: Wide-Tackle Six
President: Dr. James E. Walker
Athletic Director: John Stanford
SID: Ed Given
Office Phone: (615) 898-2450
Home Phone: (615) 895-0827
Fax Phone: (615) 898-5626
Pressbox Phone: (615) 898-2312
Flagship Radio Station: WWTN-FM 99.7
 Dick Palmer (play-by-play)



Boots Donnelly



Steve McAdoo

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Boots Donnelly (MT SU '65)
Overall Record: 109-62 (15 years)
Record at MTSU: 95-55 (13 years)
Office Phone: (615) 898-2570
Best Time To Reach: 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Contact Head Coach Through: Secretary Jan Worley
Assistant Coaches: Ed Bunio (Def. Coordinator)
 Charlie Butler (Off. Coordinator)
 Ray Barnes (Def. Line)
 Floyd Walker (Def. Ends)
 Preston O'Neal (Def. Secondary)
 Eric Roark (Receivers)
 Alex Robins (Quarterbacks)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 18 (O), 17 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 12 (O), 6 (D)
Starters Returning: 6 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Lost: 6 (O), 4 (D)
All-America Candidates: QB Kelly Holcomb
 OT Steve McAdoo

GAME NOTES - Georgia Southern leads the series 5-4...The Blue Raiders took the last meeting 16-13 in Murfreesboro (Sept. 8, 1990), snapping GSU's 16-game winning streak - longest in NCAA Division I-AA...In 1989, GSU defeated MTSU twice on its way to a perfect 15-0 record and third I-AA national championship...MTSU is probably best remembered as the opponent in the "Hugo Bowl," a game played 180 miles from the eye of Hurricane Hugo and broadcast on ESPN three years ago...In the game, Eagle placekicker Mike Dowis tied a school record with four field goals...

Southern also defeated Blue Raiders 45-3 in the quarterfinals...MTSU was the first team to beat the Eagles in Paulson Stadium (35-10 in September of 1985) ...The Eagles got revenge with a 28-21 playoff win later that season in Floyd Stadium ...GSU is 8-6 vs. Ohio Valley Conference members, but has lost three straight. **An**

Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know -- The Blue Raiders are the only team in I-AA football to win at least one playoff game in each of the last three seasons.

1991 RESULTS (9-4)

42	*Tennessee State	6
7	at Eastern Kentucky	17
35	Murray State	3
23	at Western Kentucky	21
23	at Austin Peay State	8
10	at Florida State	39
52	Southeast Missouri	0
51	Tennessee-Martin	14
10	at Cincinnati	30
31	at Morehead State	3
28	at Tennessee Tech	10
20	+Sam Houston State	19
13	+at Eastern Kentucky	23
	*Nashville, Tenn.	
	+NCAA I-AA Playoffs	

1992 SCHEDULE

9/5	at Tennessee State
9/12	at Nebraska
9/26	at Murray State
10/3	at Northern Illinois
10/10	Austin Peay State
10/17	Eastern Kentucky
10/24	at Southeast Missouri
10/31	at Georgia Southern
11/7	at Tennessee-Martin
11/14	Morehead State
11/21	Tennessee Tech

1992 OPPONENTS

Game No. 9 MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

November 7 -- 1:30 P.M (EST)

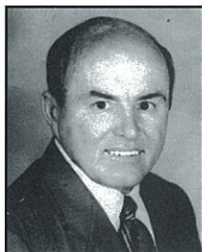
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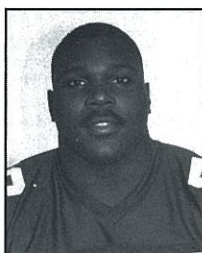


GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Clinton, Miss.
Enrollment: 4,000
Nickname: Choctaws
Colors: Navy and Gold
Stadium: Robinson-Hale (8,500/1985)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Gulf South
1991 Record: 7-4-1
1991 GSC Record/Finish: 4-1-1/T2nd
1991 Postseason: II Quarterfinals (lost to Jacksonville State 35-7), 11th NCAA
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: Multiple
President: Dr. Lewis Nobles
Athletic Director: Terry McMillan
SID: Norman Gough
Office Phone: (601) 925-3255
Home Phone: (601) 924-5115
Fax Phone: (601) 925-3818
Pressbox Phone: (601) 925-3347
Associate/Assistant SID (home phone):
 Susan Tyler (601) 924-2229
Flagship Radio Station: WHJT-FM 93.5
 Russ Robinson (play-by-play)
 George Broadstreet (analyst)



Terry McMillan



Johnny Poole

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Terry McMillan (Southern Miss. '69)
Overall Record: 7-4-1 (1 year)
Record at MC: 7-4-1 (1 year)
Office Phone: (601) 925-3342
Best Time To Reach: 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Contact Head Coach Through: SID Gough
Assistant Coaches: Laurin Collins (Off. Coordinator/Receivers)
 Charlie Coles (Def. Coordinator/Linebackers)
 Joel "Hap" Hudson (Def. Line)
 Bill Gray (Off. Backs)
 Cooper Pope (Off. Line)
 Johnny Mills (Def. Backs)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 17 (O), 16 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 9 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Returning: 5 (O), 8 (D)
Starters Lost: 6 (O), 3 (D)
All-America Candidates: WR Miguel Callier
 DE Terrance James

GAME NOTES - First-ever meeting between the two schools...Georgia Southern is 1-1 vs. schools from the state of Mississippi, losing in 1941 to Mississippi Southern, now known as Southern Mississippi...The Eagles defeated Jackson State in the I-AA playoffs in 1985, 27-0...The Choctaws finished 1991 ranked 11th in Division II...They lost to eventual runner-up Jacksonville State in the quarterfinals...MC won the Division II national championship in 1989, downing Jacksonville State 3-0...One of three Division II schools that the Eagles will face this year...Georgia Southern is 6-2-1 vs. Gulf South Conference members in the modern era. **An Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know** -- The 1992 graduating class posted a 38-12-1 record, won two GSC titles and one NCAA II championship (1989) in its four playing years.

1991 RESULTS (7-4-1)

34	Central Arkansas	9
31	North Alabama	3
42	at Henderson State	17
7	at Northeast Louisiana	17
6	at Jacksonville State	17
25	Livingston	14
49	at West Georgia	21
10	Valdosta State	10
23	at Appalachian State	31
27	at Delta State	10
28	*at Wofford	15
7	*at Jacksonville State	35
*NCAA II Playoffs		

1992 SCHEDULE

9/5	at Northwestern (La.) State
9/12	at North Alabama
9/26	Henderson State
10/3	Jacksonville State
10/10	West Georgia
10/17	at Livingston
10/24	Texas A&I
10/31	at Valdosta State
11/7	at Georgia Southern
11/14	Delta State

Game No. 10 TROY STATE

November 14 -- 1:30 P.M (EST)

Statesboro, Ga.

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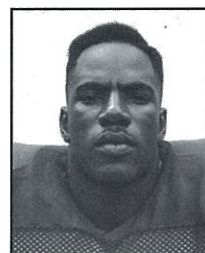


GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Troy, Ala.
Enrollment: 4,000
Nickname: Trojans
Colors: Cardinal, Black and Gray
Stadium: Memorial (12,000/1950)
Surface: Natural Grass
Conference: Independent
1991 Record: 5-6
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 4-3
Chancellor: Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr.
Athletic Director: Dr. Kenneth Blankenship
SID: Tom Ensey
Office Phone: (205) 670-3480
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Flagship Radio Station: WTBF-AM 970
 Ralph Black (play-by-play)



Larry Blakeney



Randolph Lovejoy

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Larry Blakeney (Auburn '70)
Overall Record: 5-6 (1 year)
Record at TSU: 5-6 (1 year)
Office Phone: (205) 670-3682
Best Time To Reach: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Contact Head Coach Through: Secretary Ann Queen
Assistant Coaches: Don Jacobs (Off. Coordinator)
 Johnny Williams (Def. Coordinator)
 Wayne Bolt (Off. Line)
 Mike Turk (Running Backs)
 Duke Donaldson (Receivers)
 David Mims (Tight Ends)
 Richard Kent (Linebackers)
 Mark Fleetwood (Def. Secondary)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 25 (O), 28 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 8 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Returning: 5 (O), 6 (D)
Starters Lost: 6 (O), 5 (D)
All-America Candidates: LB Charles Bush
 DL Antjuan Marsh

GAME NOTES - Troy State leads the series 9-2...The Trojans were a perfect 8-0 against Georgia Southern in the early days (1934-41)...The Eagles are 2-1 vs. Troy State since the revival of Georgia Southern football...GSU outlasted the Trojans 19-12 last November 16 at Allen E. Paulson Stadium...The Eagles also won a 1985 meeting (17-10), while TSU took a 28-27 decision in 1983...Last year, Troy State's Eddie Coleman broke loose for a 63-yard scoring run, the longest by an opponent in Paulson Stadium history...GSU's victory over the Trojans in 1991 was its first-ever in Statesboro...GSU is 7-10 vs. schools from the state of Alabama. **An Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know** -- Troy State is currently in its second year of a reclassification compliance period that will allow the Trojans to compete on the NCAA Division I-AA level in 1993.

1991 RESULTS (5-6)

10	at Central Florida	21
13	West Georgia	10
17	Nicholls State	25
19	at Alabama State	22
20	at Valdosta State	14
30	Southern Illinois	13
39	at Western Kentucky	23
31	North Alabama	9
22	at Samford	24
17	at Arkansas State	20
12	at Georgia Southern	19

1992 SCHEDULE

9/5	at Southern Illinois
9/12	Northwestern (La.) State
9/19	at Central Florida
9/26	Alabama State
10/3	Valdosta State
10/10	at Arkansas State
10/24	at North Alabama
11/7	Samford
11/14	at Georgia Southern
11/21	at Nicholls State

1992 OPPONENTS & PLAYOFFS

Game No. 11 YOUNGSTOWN STATE

November 21 -- 1:30 P.M (EST)

Youngstown, Ohio

Stambaugh Stadium



GENERAL INFORMATION

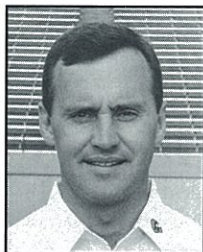
Location: Youngstown, Ohio
Enrollment: 15,000
Nickname: Penguins
Colors: Scarlet and White
Stadium: Stambaugh (16,000/1982)
Surface: AstroTurf
Conference: Independent
1991 Record: 12-3
1991 Postseason: I-AA National Champions, 13th NCAA

Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 50
President: Dr. Leslie Cochran
Athletic Director: Joseph F. Malmisur
SID: Greg Gulas

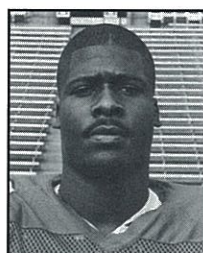
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Flagship Radio Station: WHOT-AM 1390
 Bob Hannon (play-by-play)
 Mike McGlone (analyst)



Jim Tressel



Marcus Evans

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Jim Tressel (Baldwin Wallace '75)
Overall Record: 46-28 (6 years)
Record at YSU: 46-28 (6 years)
Office Phone: (216) 742-2478
Best Time To Reach: 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Contact Head Coach Through: Secretary
 Lynn Cadle
Assistant Coaches: Ken Conatser (Def. Coordinator)
 Brian Moore (Off. Coordinator)
 Mark Asher (Off. Line)
 Jon Heacock (Def. Secondary)
 Mark Snyder (Outside Linebackers)

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning: 19 (O), 24 (D)
Lettermen Lost: 8 (O), 9 (D)
Starters Returning: 7 (O), 7 (D)
Starters Lost: 4 (O), 4 (D)
All-America Candidates: RB Tamron Smith

GAME NOTES - Youngstown State leads the series 1-0...The Penguins are the defending Division I-AA national champions...The Penguins visited GSU last November and stunned a crowd of 16,461 with a 19-17 upset ... It was only the third loss GSU has suffered at Allen E. Paulson Stadium...YSU had two running backs to rush for over 100 yards -Tamron Smith (115) and Leo Hawkins (108)...The loss snapped an 11-game Eagle home winning streak...This year's meeting at Stambaugh Stadium in Youngstown will be the Eagles' lone game on artificial turf...This is only the second time Southern will play a team from the state of Ohio...GSU is 21-9 vs. other NCAA I-AA independents. **An Interesting Fact Many People Don't Know --** First YSU head coach Dike Beede introduced the penalty flag during a 48-7 drubbing of Oklahoma City College in 1941.

1991 RESULTS (12-3)

24	Edinboro	0
29	at Delaware State	33
57	Morgan State	22
59	Northeastern	7
16	at Stephen F. Austin	9
24	at Akron	38
8	Liberty	10
19	at Georgia Southern	17
28	James Madison	21
40	Slippery Rock	21
27	at Towson State	17
17	*Villanova	16
30	*at Nevada	28
10	*Samford	0
25	*+Marshall	17

*NCAA I-AA Playoffs
 +Statesboro, Ga.

1992 SCHEDULE

9/5	Clarion
9/12	Delaware State
9/19	at Southwest Texas State
9/26	James Madison
10/3	at Indiana State
10/10	Illinois State
10/17	at Northeastern
10/31	Eastern Illinois
11/7	at Ohio
11/14	at Akron
11/21	Georgia Southern

1992 NCAA I-AA PLAYOFF INFORMATION

Championship: December 19, 1992
 at Marshall University
 Football Stadium,
 Huntington, West Virginia

Host Institution: Marshall University
Semifinals: December 12, 1992 at
 home sites

Quarterfinals: December 5, 1992 at
 home sites

First Round: November 28, 1992 at home sites



PAST CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AND RESULTS

1991 - Youngstown State 25, Marshall 17	Statesboro, Ga.
1990 - Georgia Southern 36, Nevada 13	Statesboro, Ga.
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, Texas
1981 - Idaho State 34, Eastern Kentucky 23	Wichita Falls, Texas
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	Middle Tennessee State	5-5
Alcorn State ('84)	0-1	('84-85, '89-90-91)	
Appalachian State ('86-87, '89, '91)	2-4	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, '90)	5-3	Montana State ('84)	3-0
Boston Univ. ('82-83-84)	1-3	Murray State ('79, '86)	0-2
Central Florida ('90)	2-1	Nevada ('78-79, '83, '85-86, '90-91)	9-7
The Citadel ('88, '90)	0-2	New Hampshire ('91)	0-1
Colgate ('82-83)	1-2	Nicholls State ('86)	1-1
Delaware ('81-82, '86, '88, '91)	3-5	North Carolina A&T ('86)	0-1
Eastern Illinois ('82-83, '86, '89)	3-4	North Texas ('83, '87-88)	0-3
Eastern Kentucky ('79-80-81-82-83-84, '86-87-88-89-90-91)	15-10	Northeast Louisiana ('87, '90)	4-1
		Northern Iowa ('85, '87, '90-91)	4-4
Eastern Washington ('85)	1-1	Northwestern State ('88)	1-1
Florida A&M ('78)	2-0	Rhode Island ('81, '84-85)	2-3
Furman ('82-83, '85-86, '88-89-90)	10-6	Richmond ('84, '87)	1-2
		Samford ('91)	2-1
Georgia Southern ('85-86-87-88-89-90)	20-2	Sam Houston State ('86, '91)	0-2
		South Carolina State ('81-82)	2-2
Grambling ('80, '85, '89)	0-3	Southern Illinois ('83)	3-0
Holy Cross ('83)	0-1	Southwest Missouri State ('89-90)	1-2
Idaho ('82, '85-86-87-88-89-90)	4-7	Stephen F. Austin ('88-89)	4-2
Idaho State ('81, '83)	3-1	Tennessee-Chattanooga ('84)	0-1
Indiana State ('83-84)	1-2	Tennessee State ('86)	1-1
Jackson State ('78, '81-82, '85-86-87-88-89-90)	0-9	Villanova ('89, '91)	0-2
		Weber State ('87, '91)	1-2
James Madison ('87, '91)	1-2	Western Carolina ('83)	3-1
Lehigh ('79-80)	1-1	Western Illinois ('88, '91)	0-2
Louisiana Tech ('82, '84)	4-2	Western Kentucky ('87-88)	1-2
Maine ('87, '89)	0-2	William and Mary ('86, '89-90)	1-3
Marshall ('87-88, '91)	7-3	Youngstown State ('87, '89-90-91)	5-3
Massachusetts ('78, '88, '90)	1-3		
McNeese St. ('91)	0-1		

SERIES HISTORY & TRAVEL

FLORIDA A&M - Georgia Southern leads the series 6-1

- GSU 14-0 (Sept. 1, 1984 at Memorial Stadium, Savannah, Ga. - 12,743)
- GSU 27-21 (Sept. 7, 1985 at Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. - 18,086)
- GSU 35-12 (Sept. 13, 1986 at Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. - 21,981)
- FAMU 17-14 (Sept. 12, 1987 at Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. - 17,268)
- GSU 42-14 (Sept. 10, 1988 at Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. - 18,556)
- GSU 28-0 (Sept. 16, 1989 at Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. - 13,481)
- GSU 28-21 (Sept. 21, 1991 at Bragg Stadium, Tallahassee, Fla. - 12,525)

VALDOSTA STATE - Georgia Southern leads the series 4-1-1

- 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)
- GSU 17-10 (Sept. 1, 1990 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 15,180)

SAVANNAH STATE - Georgia Southern leads series 4-0

- GSU 15-0 (Nov. 24, 1983 at Memorial Stadium, Savannah, Ga. - 1,000)
- GSU 35-14 (Oct. 7, 1989 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 20,507)
- GSU 54-7 (Oct. 27, 1990 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 19,331)
- GSU 29-6 (Sept. 7, 1991 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 14,312)

FURMAN - Series Tied 1-1

- #- GSU 44-42 (Dec. 21, 1985 at Tacoma Dome, Tacoma, Wash. - 5,306)
- *- FU 17-12 (Dec. 17, 1988 at Holt Minidome, Pocatello, Idaho - 9,714)
- #1985 NCAA I-AA Championship; *1988 NCAA I-AA Championship

GEORGIA - First Meeting

JAMES MADISON - Georgia Southern leads the series 6-1

- JMU 21-6 (Nov. 2, 1985 at JMU Stadium, Harrisonburg, Va. - 5,000)
- GSU 45-35 (Nov. 15, 1986 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 16,135)
- GSU 26-7 (Nov. 7, 1987 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 16,734)
- GSU 27-13 (Nov. 5, 1988 at JMU Stadium, Harrisonburg, Va. - 10,126)
- GSU 36-21 (Nov. 4, 1989 at JMU Stadium, Harrisonburg, Va. - 11,685)
- GSU 31-13 (Nov. 3, 1990 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 21,067)
- GSU 24-21 (Oct. 19, 1991 at JMU Stadium, Harrisonburg, Va. - 12,119)

JACKSONVILLE STATE - First Meeting

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE - Georgia Southern leads the series 5-4

- 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)
- MTSU 16-13 (Sept. 8, 1990 at Floyd Stadium, Murfreesboro, Tenn. - 15,000)
- #1985 NCAA I-AA Quarterfinals; *1989 NCAA I-AA Quarterfinals

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE - First Meeting

TROY STATE - Troy State leads the series 9-2

- TSU 19-12 (1934 season)
- TSU 28-26 (1935 season)
- TSU 14-0 (1936 season)
- TSU 12-6 (1937 season)
- TSU 7-0 (1938 season)
- TSU 7-6 (1939 season)
- TSU 14-0 (1940 season)
- TSU 25-0 (1941 season)
- TSU 28-27 (Sept. 24, 1983 at Womack Field, Statesboro, Ga. - 7,378)
- GSU 17-10 (Sept. 21, 1985 at Memorial Stadium, Troy, Ala. - 6,400)
- GSU 19-12 (Nov. 16, 1991 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 18,590)

YOUNGSTOWN STATE - Youngstown State leads the series 1-0

- YSU 19-17 (Nov. 2, 1991 at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro, Ga. - 16,461)

FURMAN

Departure: 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 25

Ground Transportation: Charter bus -- Eagle Tours, Inc.

Arrival in Greenville: Early afternoon

Lodging: Ramada Inn, 1314 South Pleasantburg Drive

Contact: Susie Holt (803) 277-3734

Return: Immediately following 1:30 p.m. (EDT) contest

How to get to Paladin Stadium: From Columbia and all points southeast, take I-26 to I-385. Take exit at North Pleasantburg Drive (Route 291). Follow 291 six miles north to U.S. 25 Business and U.S. 276. Turn right and proceed three miles to Furman exit. Follow signs to Furman main gates and travel half-way around entrance circle. Continue straight and follow signs and/or people directing traffic. **Parking/Access** - Follow traffic directors to press parking area next to pressbox/media parking pass issued by Furman SID Hunter Reid.

GEORGIA

Departure: 12 noon Friday, October 9

Ground Transportation: Charter bus -- Eagle Tours, Inc.

Arrival in Athens: Mid afternoon

Lodging: Ramada Inn, 513 West Broad Street

Contact: Edie Chandler (706) 546-8122

Return: Immediately following 1:00 p.m. (EDT) contest

How to get to Sanford Stadium: Heading north on Highway 78 will take you directly to downtown Athens at which point you will be on Broad Street. The Holiday Inn and Ramada Inn will be on your left. Turn left on South Lumpkin just before the Holiday Inn. **Press Parking/Access -- 1) Clark Howell** - Continue down Lumpkin Street and turn left, at the 4th traffic light from Broad Street, into the Clark Howell lot. After parking, take the concrete stairs in the back corner of the lot. These will take you to Field Street which is where the press gate is located (Gate 8)/media parking pass issued by Georgia SID Claude Felton; **2) Field Street** - Continue down Lumpkin Street and take a left on Cedar Street. Take your first left at security check point. Once through check point, park anywhere along side of street/media parking pass issued by Georgia SID Claude Felton; **3) Coliseum Parking Lot and Press Shuttle** - Park at the Coliseum lot and take the press shuttle to Sanford Stadium. It picks up in front of the Athletic Office entrance at the Coliseum. The shuttle makes continuous loops between the Coliseum and the press gate at Sanford Stadium. The shuttle starts two hours before kickoff and resumes 45 minutes after the game/no media parking pass necessary to park at the Coliseum but game credential or press identification needed for shuttle service.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Departure: 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 20

Ground Transportation (Statesboro): Charter bus -- Eagle Tours, Inc.

Air Transportation: Boeing 727 -- Key Air, Inc.

Ground Transportation (Youngstown): Charter bus -- Columbiana Coach Lines, Inc.

Arrival in Youngstown: Around noon

Lodging: Wick-Pollock Inn, 603 Wick Avenue

Contact: Pam Ferguson (216) 746-1200

Return: Immediately following 1:30 p.m. (EST) contest

How to get to Stambaugh Stadium: From Youngstown Municipal Airport, take Route 193 south into city (approximately 15 miles). At the intersection of Belmont Avenue (Rt. 193) and Gypsy Lane, turn left. Go past North Side Hospital (located on the left) to the second traffic light, turn right and enter Fifth Avenue (there is a golf course just beyond light on left side). Continue south on Fifth Avenue until you see Stambaugh Stadium on the left side. **Press Parking/Access** -- Corner of Spring & Fifth Street/media parking pass issued by Youngstown State SID Greg Gulas.

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

REVIEWING 1991



1991 IN REVIEW

AUBURN 32, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 17

Aug. 31 Jordan-Hare Stadium Auburn, Ala.
A: 79,124 86, scattered clouds

GEORGIA SOUTHERN	7	10	0	0	--	17
AUBURN	0	3	13	16	--	32

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	8:05	Charles Bostick 1 run (David Cool PAT)	7-0
2	13:45	Cool 19 FG	10-0
2	6:31	Darryl Hopkins 2 run (Cool PAT)	17-0
2	4:18	Jim Von Wyl 31 FG	17-3
3	10:53	Herbert Casey 23 pass from Stan White (Von Wyl kick)	17-10
3	1:03	Joe Frazier 2 run (kick failed)	17-16
4	12:26	Fred Baxter 10 pass from White (Casey pass from White)	17-23
4	4:28	Reid McMillon 32 run (Hall pass from White)	17-32

Georgia Southern stormed out to a 17-0 lead in the first half, but Auburn responded with 32 unanswered points, including 29 in the second half, to defeat the Eagles 32-17 at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

After holding the Tigers to three plays and a punt, the Eagles drove 59 yards in 12 plays to open a 7-0 advantage. Redshirt freshman quarterback Charles Bostick, making his first collegiate appearance, capped the drive with a one-yard scramble around right end.

The Eagles capitalized on an Auburn fumble for their second score. Paul Carroll made the recovery and six plays later a 19-yard field goal by David Cool made the score 10-0. Another fumble set up Southern's final points of the evening. Four plays and 22 yards after a muffed punt, Darryl Hopkins scored on a 2-yard run to put GSU ahead 17-0.

Auburn cut the margin to 17-3 before halftime, then turned things up a notch in the second. Southern managed just 13 total yards in the third quarter, just 58 after intermission. The Tigers still trailed 17-16 at the end of the third quarter, but grabbed their first lead with 12:26 to play. Auburn rolled up 465 total yards to GSU's 183.

The crowd of 79,124 was the largest ever to see a Georgia Southern football game.

THE YARDSTICK

Eagles	TEAM STATS	Tigers
14	First Downs	26
52/143	Rush Att./Yds.	41/220
40	Yds. Passing	245
23	Passes Att.	29
6	Passes Comp.	15
0	Intercepted	1
183	Total Yds.	465
1/0	Fumbles/Lost	4/2
8/69	Penalties/Yds.	8/88
9/41.6	Punts/Avg.	3/40.6
32:19	Poss. Time	27:41

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

	Rushing
GSU --	Efford 20-58-0; Bostick 18-56-1; Hopkins 5-18-1.
AU --	McMillon 7-87-0; Frazier 16-86-0.
	Passing
GSU --	Bostick 8-5-0, 33, 0TD; McGrady 5-1-0, 9, 0TD.
AU --	White 27-14-1, 236, 2TD.
	Receiving
GSU --	Hudson 2-29-0.
AU --	Casey 4-60-1; Cherry 3-65-0; Overton 2-43-0; McMillon 2-42-0.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Shane Maxwell - 12 tackles, 1 interception, 1 fumble recovery; Jim Mutimer - 12 tackles; Paul Sikkelee - 10 tackles, 1 breakup; Darius Dawson - 9 tackles; Rodney Oglesby - 8 tackles, 1 breakup; Ronald Johnson - 6 tackles, 1 breakup.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 29, SAVANNAH STATE 6

Sept. 7 Paulson Stadium Statesboro
A: 14,312 94, partly cloudy

SAVANNAH STATE	0	0	0	6	--	6
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	12	0	10	7	--	29

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	10:46	David Cool 52 FG	3-0
1	4:51	Gregg Leverett tackled in endzone by Darius Dawson	5-0
1	2:03	Mark Giles 5 blocked punt return (Cool PAT)	12-0
3	2:17	Cool 42 FG	15-0
3	1:18	Terrence Sorrell 44 pass from Charles Bostick (Cool PAT)	22-0
4	5:25	Leverett 4 run (pass failed)	22-6
4	1:06	Rodney Oglesby 42 pass from Don Norton (Cool PAT)	29-6

Senior cornerback Rodney Oglesby intercepted three passes and caught a 42-yard scoring strike from punter Don Norton to lead top-ranked Georgia Southern past Savannah State 29-6.

The Eagle defense and special teams helped overcome the lowest GSU offensive production in Paulson Stadium history. Southern gained 258 total yards, 28 fewer than the previous low of 286 (vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1985).

Savannah State quarterbacks Gregg Leverett and Chad Alexander combined to throw seven interceptions, which tied a GSU single-game record. Oglesby picked off his 12th, 13th and 14th passes to establish a new career standard. Taz Dixon (12, 1986-89) previously held the mark.

SSC's first seven possessions ended with 3 blocked punts, 2 interceptions, a safety and a lost fumble. Mark Giles and Chuck McClurg deflected the first boot just two minutes into the game, setting up David Cool's 52-yard field goal. With 4:51 remaining in the first quarter, sophomore linebacker Darius Dawson downed Leverett in the endzone for a safety after a bad exchange from center. Reserve cornerback Shawn Austin was the next Eagle to make life miserable for Tiger punter Riely Jones. His block produced a five-yard return to paydirt for Giles late in the first quarter. Cool's PAT made it 12-0.

GSU opened the lead to 15-0 late in the third period on Cool's 42-yard field goal. Oglesby's second pick of the quarter set up Charles Bostick's first TD pass as an Eagle, 44 yards to junior split end Terrence Sorrell. Cool's PAT put the Eagles up 22-0. Savannah State mustered an 11-play, 71-yard drive to score its only points with 5:25 left.

THE YARDSTICK

Tigers	TEAM STATS	Eagles
14	First Downs	10
35/119	Rush Att./Yds.	51/121
130	Yds. Passing	137
37	Passes Att.	14
18	Passes Comp.	8
7	Intercepted	0
249	Total Yds.	258
3/1	Fumbles/Lost	4/3
4/34	Penalties/Yds.	6/50
7/25.1	Punts/Avg.	8/44.5
38:54	Poss. Time	31:06

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

	Rushing
GSU --	Efford 23-83-0; Bostick 8-25-0.
SSC --	Leverett 12-40-1; Coleman 5-33-0; Cole 13-28-0.
	Passing
GSU --	Bostick 10-6-0, 82, 1TD; McGrady 3-1-0, 13, 0TD.
SSC --	Leverett 5-1-2, 8, 0TD; Alexander 32-17-5, 122, 0TD.
	Receiving
GSU --	Sorrell 2-57-1; Oglesby 1-42-1; Wright 1-17-0.
SSC --	D. Smith 7-57-0; Grant 6-45-0; Phillips 2-23-0.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Darius Dawson - 14 tackles; Paul Sikkelee - 10 tackles, 1 interception, 1 fumble recovery; Shane Maxwell - 9 tackles, 1 breakup; Rodney Oglesby - 7 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 3 interceptions, 1 breakup, 1 caused fumble; Brad Almon - 6 tackles, 1 breakup; Paul Carroll - 6 tackles, 1 interception.

NE LOUISIANA 21, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 13

Sept. 14 Malone Stadium Monroe, La.
A: 16,281 88, sunny

GEORGIA SOUTHERN	3	7	3	0	--	13
NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	0	7	7	7	--	21

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	1:47	David Cool 41 FG	3-0
2	N/A	Clint Avret recovered blocked punt in endzone (Cool PAT)	10-0
2	5:42	Vincent Brisby 33 pass from Ches Liles (Rob Tallent PAT)	10-7
3	12:31	Roosevelt Potts 17 run (Tallent PAT)	10-14
3	7:53	Cool 21 FG	13-14
4	11:36	Greg Robinson 4 run (Tallent PAT)	13-21

Junior tailback Roosevelt Potts carried 24 times for 131 yards and one touchdown to lead unranked Northeast Louisiana to an upset of No. 1 Georgia Southern, 21-13, at Malone Stadium in Monroe, La.

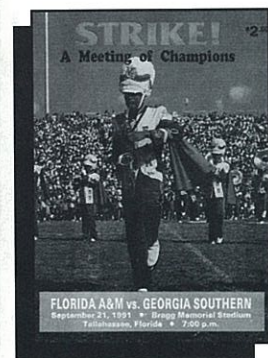
The loss was GSU's first to Division I-AA opposition in 11 games.

Southern built a 10-0 lead in the first half on David Cool's 41-yard field goal and a blocked punt by Chance Ward, which was recovered in the NLU endzone by Clint Avret. The Indians answered with 5:42 remaining in the second quarter on Ches Liles' 33-yard scoring strike to split end Vincent Brisby, which was set up when Michael Young intercepted Charles Bostick at the Eagle 43.

After Eagle slotback Shafton Fraley fumbled at his 17 early in the third quarter, Potts swept right to paydirt on the next play and Northeast was ahead to stay. The Eagles then marched 67 yards in 14 plays to the NLU 4 before stalling and Cool's 21-yard three-pointer trimmed the margin to one.

Potts accounted for 36 of 72 yards covered on Northeast's final scoring drive, which was capped by Greg Robinson's 4-yard run with 11:36 to play.

Liles completed 15 of 26 pass attempts for 200 yards.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN 28, FLORIDA A&M 21

Sept. 21 Bragg Memorial Stadium Tallahassee, Fla.
A: 12,525 81, overcast

GEORGIA SOUTHERN	7	7	7	7	--	28
FLORIDA A&M	0	7	7	7	--	21

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	3:59	Charles Bostick 5 run (David Cool PAT)	7-0
2	11:18	Bostick 9 run (Cool PAT)	14-0
2	5:03	Chuck Duffey 3 run (Tim Camron PAT)	14-7
3	11:42	Duffey 71 pass from Tony Ezell (Camron PAT)	14-14
3	1:54	Bostick 2 run (Cool PAT)	21-14
4	13:37	Chad Fann 2 pass from Ezell (Camron PAT)	21-21
4	6:25	Bostick 3 run (Cool PAT)	28-21

Redshirt freshman quarterback Charles Bostick rushed for four touchdowns, including the game-winner with 6:25 remaining, to lead Georgia Southern past Florida A&M 28-21 before 12,525 at Bragg Memorial Stadium.

Bostick scored on runs of 5, 9, 2 and 3 yards. His final scoring run topped a 6-play, 58-yard march. Bostick completed a 32-yard pass to slotback Don Hudson on the drive's second play.

Though the Eagle defense gave up several big plays to FAMU's explosive attack, it rose to the occasion by allowing only 32 yards in the fourth quarter. The Rattlers failed to pick up a first down on their final three possessions.

GSU and FAMU combined to turn the ball over seven times in the first half. The Eagles took advantage of Kevin Whitley's first-quarter interception to go 31 yards in seven plays for a 7-0 lead. Bostick's second TD run capped a 5-play, 64-yard drive in the second quarter, which was fueled by his 43-yard pass to split end Terrence Sorrell.

FAMU took the ensuing kickoff and gobbled up 52 yards in five plays before quarterback Tony Ezell fumbled. Bostick was intercepted by Keino Taylor five plays later at the Rattler 21. Ezell engineered a 6-play, 79-yard drive for FAMU's first TD, a 3-yard run by Chuck Duffey. The possession was highlighted by a 65-yard pass from Ezell to Tim Daniel and Duffey's 12-yard pass reception to the GSU 3 on fourth down.

After intermission, the Rattlers wasted no time in tying the game. Ezell found Duffey for a 71-yard catch-and-run 3:18 into the third quarter. GSU responded with a 12-play, 52-yard scoring drive which culminated with Bostick's 2-yard run. FAMU tied the contest again with an 8-play, 77-yard drive before Bostick's final heroics.

THE YARDSTICK

Eagles	TEAM STATS	Indians
15	First Downs	19
58/194	Rush Att./Yds.	41/156
85	Yds. Passing	200
19	Passes Att.	26
9	Passes Comp.	15
2	Intercepted	1
279	Total Yds.	356
3/3	Fumbles/Lost	4/2
7/58	Penalties/Yds.	6/56
7/38.6	Punts/Avg.	9/35.2
32:48	Poss. Time	27:12

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSU -- Efford 23-95-0; Bostick 19-54-0.
NLU -- Potts 24-131-1; Williams 5-35-0.

Passing

GSU -- Bostick 10-5-1, 51, OTD; Huntley 9-4-1, 34, OTD.
NLU -- Liles 26-15-1, 200, 1TD.

Receiving

GSU -- Sorrell 5-48-0; Belser 2-23-0.
NLU -- Potts 4-42-0; Perkins 4-39-2; Cox 2-28-0; Brisby 1-33-1.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Shane Maxwell - 13 tackles; Darius Dawson - 11 tackles; Paul Sikkelee - 8 tackles, 1 caused fumble; Alex Mash - 7 tackles, 3 sacks, 2 tackles for loss; Michael Berry - 7 tackles, 1 caused fumble; Clint Avret - 6 tackles; Rodney Oglesby - 6 tackles; Nick Davis - 6 tackles.

THE YARDSTICK

Eagles	TEAM STATS	Rattlers
14	First Downs	9
59/182	Rush Att./Yds.	36/97
84	Yds. Passing	269
11	Passes Att.	22
5	Passes Comp.	14
0	Intercepted	1
266	Total Yds.	366
2/2	Fumbles/Lost	4/3
2/10	Penalties/Yds.	5/30
7/38.6	Punts/Avg.	7/29.9
35:19	Poss. Time	24:41

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSU -- Efford 26-104-0; Bostick 25-34-4; Hudson 2-25-0.
FAM -- Duffey 11-48-1; Ashwood 3-40-0; Reddick 8-29-0.

Passing

GSU -- Bostick 11-5-1, 84, OTD.
FAM -- Ezell 22-14-1, 269, 2TD.

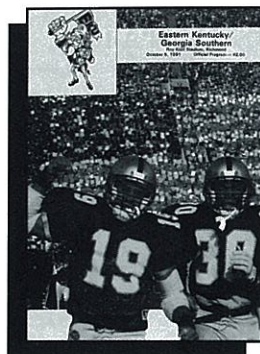
Receiving

GSU -- Hudson 2-30-0; Sorrell 1-43-0.
FAM -- Duffey 6-127-1; Daniel 2-72-0; Mickens 2-36-0.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Nick Davis - 8 tackles, 1 tackle for loss; Paul Sikkelee - 7 tackles; Shane Maxwell - 6 tackles; Darius Dawson - 6 tackles; Steve Bussolotti - 6 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 tackle for loss, 1 caused fumble, 1 recovered fumble; Mark Giles - 6 tackles.

1991 IN REVIEW



EASTERN KENTUCKY 10, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 6

Oct. 5 Roy Kidd Stadium Richmond, Ky.
A: 16,200 55, cloudy, cool

GEORGIA SOUTHERN	6	0	0	0	--	6
EASTERN KENTUCKY	7	3	0	0	--	10

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	12:23	Albert Huntley 1 run (PAT blocked)	6-0
1	5:43	Tim Lester 5 run (Todd Duffy PAT)	6-7
2	7:04	Duffy 23 field goal	6-10

Eastern Kentucky used stellar defensive play and capitalized on Georgia Southern mistakes to take a hard-fought decision at Roy Kidd Stadium before 16,200.

Eagle redshirt freshman quarterback Charles Bostick fumbled four times. His first drop put the Colonels in business at the GSU 4 and two plays later Tim Lester tied the contest 6-6 on a 5-yard run with 5:43 left in the first quarter. Todd Duffy's PAT put EKU ahead to stay.

Bostick's last fumble came at the Colonel 46 with less than a minute to play. Quarterback Joey Crenshaw took a knee to preserve EKU's second victory in three battles between the premier programs in Division I-AA.

The Eagles jumped to a 6-0 lead, moving 31 yards in five plays to score on Albert Huntley's 1-yard dive after freshman Danny Britt recovered a Leon Brown fumble on the opening kickoff. David Cool's conversion attempt was blocked.

EKU marched 59 yards in 14 plays before settling for Duffy's 23-yard field goal and a 10-6 edge seven minutes before intermission.

Free safety Mark Giles, strong safety Jim Mutimer and defensive end Michael Berry intercepted passes in the second half, but the offense was unable to take advantage. GSU was penalized a season-high nine times for 67 yards. The teams combined for only 385 yards total offense (GSU 194, EKU 191).

THE YARDSTICK

Eagles	TEAM STATS	Colonels
9	First Downs	10
55/190	Rush Att./Yds.	48/127
4	Yds. Passing	64
6	Passes Att.	16
1	Passes Comp.	8
0	Intercepted	3
194	Total Yds.	191
5/4	Fumbles/Lost	1/1
9/67	Penalties/Yds.	4/50
10/39.1	Punts/Avg.	8/38.4
27:56	Poss. Time	32:04

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSU -- Efford 14-111-0; Bostick 34-63-0; Hudson 2-11-0.

EKU -- Lester 23-68-1; Thomas 11-42-0; Burkhead 9-21-0.

Passing

GSU -- Bostick 5-1-0, 4, OTD; McGrady 1-0-0, 0, OTD.

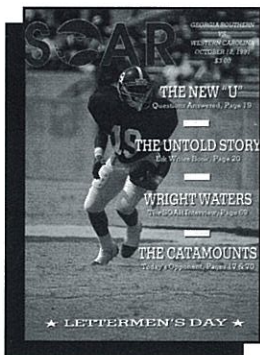
EKU -- Crenshaw 16-8-3, 64, OTD.

Receiving

GSU -- Wright 1-4-0.
EKU -- Ware 3-39-0; Lester 2-1-0; Thomas 1-14-0.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Shane Maxwell - 17 tackles, 1 sack, 1 tackle for loss; Nick Davis - 14 tackles, 1 tackle for loss; Paul Sikkelee - 13 tackles; Alex Mash - 7 tackles, 2 tackles for loss; Jim Mutimer - 7 tackles, 1 interception; Michael Berry - 6 tackles, 1 interception; Steve Bussoletti - 6 tackles, 1 tackle for loss.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN 44, WESTERN CAROLINA 6

Oct. 12 Paulson Stadium Statesboro
A: 19,190 79, clear, breezy

WESTERN CAROLINA	3	3	0	0	--	6
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	14	14	7	9	--	44

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	12:45	Lester Efford 31 pass from Charles Bostick (David Cool PAT)	7-0
1	9:16	Phil Shirley 36 FG	7-3
1	2:12	Efford 16 run (Cool PAT)	14-3
2	11:21	Bostick 27 run (Cool PAT)	21-3
2	6:40	Bostick 1 run (Cool PAT)	28-3
2	1:09	Shirley 34 FG	28-6
3	10:14	Bostick 4 run (Cool PAT)	35-6
4	13:10	Terrence Sorrell 15 pass from Derrick McGrady (PAT blocked)	41-6
4	8:34	Cool 53 FG	44-6

Redshirt freshman quarterback Charles Bostick rushed for three touchdowns and threw for another as Georgia Southern rocked Western Carolina 44-6 at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

Bostick, who entered the contest averaging less than 100 yards total offense per game, accounted for 239 yards while establishing career highs in passing (135 yards) and rushing (104).

The Eagles scored on three of their first four possessions and led 28-6 at halftime. GSU's average TD drive covered 69 yards in 7.5 plays. Bostick took Southern on scoring trips of 61 yards (four plays), 77 yards (five plays), 82 yards (six plays) and 62 yards (11 plays). Backup Derrick McGrady added an 80-yard march on 12 snaps. The Eagles were turnover-free and gobbled up a season-high 413 yards.

Defensively, GSU limited the Catamounts to 58 second-half yards. Western could manage just two first-half field goals despite an eight-minute advantage in possession time.

Eagle fullback Lester Efford gained 74 yards on nine carries. Kevin Thigpen led the Catamount attack with 75 yards on 14 attempts. WCU starting quarterback Lonnie Galloway suffered a separated shoulder in the second quarter.

THE YARDSTICK

Cats	TEAM STATS	Eagles
11	First Downs	23
42/131	Rush Att./Yds.	49/230
76	Yds. Passing	183
12	Passes Att.	15
6	Passes Comp.	12
0	Intercepted	0
207	Total Yds.	413
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	1/0
5/39	Penalties/Yds.	8/50
7/36.9	Punts/Avg.	3/41.7
32:24	Poss. Time	27:36

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSU -- Bostick 16-104-3; Efford 9-74-1; WCU -- Thigpen 14-75-0; Galloway 7-58-0.

Passing

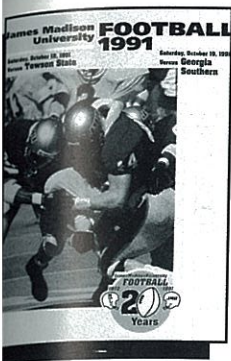
GSU -- Bostick 9-7-0, 135, 1TD; McGrady 6-5-0, 48, 1TD.
WCU -- Galloway 10-5-0, 66, OTD; Greene 2-1-0, 10, OTD.

Receiving

GSU -- Belser 3-48-0; Sorrell 3-46-1; Huntley 2-41-0.
WCU -- Hayes 2-11-0; Henderson 1-33-0; Aiken 1-20-0.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Shane Maxwell - 9 tackles; Paul Sikkelee - 7 tackles, 1 tackle for loss; Terrance Odoms - 7 tackles; Alex Mash - 6 tackles, 3 tackle for loss, 1 sack; Nick Davis - 5 tackles, 1 tackle for loss; Mark Giles - 5 tackles, 1 sack, 1 tackle for loss, 1 breakup; Paul Carroll - 5 tackles.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN 24, JAMES MADISON 21

Oct. 19 Bridgeforth Stadium Harrisonburg, Va.
A: 12,119 81, partly cloudy

GEORGIA SOUTHERN	0	7	17	0	--	24
CENTRAL FLORIDA	21	0	0	0	--	21

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	10:46	Eriq Williams 5 run (Trey Weis PAT)	0-7
1	3:11	David McLeod 13 pass from Williams (Weis PAT)	0-14
1	1:04	Anthony Archer 80 punt return (Weis PAT)	0-21
2	9:19	Deryl Belser 34 pass from Derrick McGrady (David Cool PAT)	7-21
3	4:43	Lester Efford 1 run (Cool PAT)	14-21
3	2:16	Belser 77 pass from McGrady (Cool PAT)	21-21
3	0:00	Cool 25 FG	24-21

Reserve quarterback Derrick McGrady completed 10 of 18 passes for 217 yards and two touchdowns in rallying the JMU scored on three of its first four possessions to build a 21-0 lead with 1:04 left in the first quarter. McGrady, who faced starter Charles Bostick late in the first quarter, capped an 8-play, 73-yard drive by hitting split end Deryl Belser on a 34-yard scoring pass 9:19 before intermission. The first of three David Cool PATs cut Madison's margin to 14 points. McGrady's magical masterpiece continued to unfold in the third quarter. He masterfully marched GSU 79 yards in 14 plays (completing a 41-yard pass to Terrence Sorrell on third-and-12 from the Eagle 31) over 7:17 before giving to fullback Lester Efford for a 1-yard plunge to paydirt. A kickoff and punt later, Southern struck in different fashion. One play, six plays, McGrady found Belser for a 77-yard catch-and-run to knot the score. A fumble on JMU's subsequent series turned the winning points. Cool drilled a 25-yard field goal on the final play of the third quarter. GSU's defense allowed only 149 yards after the first quarter. James Madison drove to the GSU 14 with 1:34 remaining, cornerback Kevin Whitley stopped tailback Kenny Sims for a 5-yard loss on fourth-and-1. Belser caught a career-high seven passes for a school-record 170 yards. Sims led all rushers with 85 yards on 23 carries.

THE YARDSTICK

Eagles	TEAM STATS	Dukes
14	First Downs	17
50/131	Rush Att./Yds.	52/188
232	Yds. Passing	77
19	Passes Att.	16
11	Passes Comp.	6
0	Intercepted	0
363	Total Yds.	265
2/2	Fumbles/Lost	2/2
6/55	Penalties/Yds.	6/66
6/40.3	Punts/Avg.	4/39.5
29:53	Poss. Time	30:07

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing	
GSU --	Efford 22-61-1; McGrady 16-32-0; Hudson 5-27-0.
JMU --	Sims 23-85-0; Williams 20-46-1; Sparksman 5-33-0.
Passing	
GSU --	McGrady 18-10-0, 217, 2TD; Bostick 1-1-0, 15, 0TD.
JMU --	Williams 16-6-1, 77, 0TD.
Receiving	
GSU --	Belser 7-170-2; Sorrell 1-41-0.
JMU --	McLeod 5-68-1; Sims 1-9-0.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Shane Maxwell - 11 tackles, 1 tackle for loss; Paul Sikkelee - 10 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 sack; Steve Bussolenti - 9 tackles; Nick Davis - 9 tackles; Mark Giles - 7 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 breakup; Alex Mash - 6 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 caused fumble, 1 fumble recovery; Curtis Gordon - 6 tackles; Michael Berry - 5 tackles, 2 tackles for loss, 1 sack.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN 20, CENTRAL FLORIDA 6

Oct. 26 Paulson Stadium Statesboro
A: 19,063 82, mostly cloudy, humid

CENTRAL FLORIDA	6	0	0	0	--	6
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	0	3	0	17	--	20

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	9:33	Franco Grilla 18 FG	0-3
1	4:46	Grilla 25 FG	0-6
2	10:13	David Cool 35 FG	3-6
4	9:53	Lester Efford 20 run (Cool PAT)	10-6
4	7:02	Cool 25 FG	13-6
4	5:53	Rodney Oglesby 51 punt return (Cool PAT)	20-6

Fullback Lester Efford rushed for a career-high 142 yards on 24 carries, Rodney Oglesby returned a punt 51 yards to set and David Cool kicked field goals of 35 and 25 yards to lead Georgia Southern past Central Florida 20-6. GSU exploded for 17 points in the final 9:53 after trailing the entire game. The Eagles overcame school records for ties (15) and penalty yardage (144) with valiant defensive play and a four-minute scoring flurry in the fourth quarter. Efford's 20-yard run finished a 10-play, 84-yard drive and put Southern ahead to stay. An interception by Eagle strong Jim Mutimer, his second of the day, set up the 25-yarder by Cool 2:51 later. When Oglesby scored his sixth career TD, GSU's ninth straight win over UCF in the series finale. UCF drove to the Eagle 1 and 9 on its first two possessions, but had to settle for a pair of Franco Grilla field goals. The Knights went the final three quarters without a point and finished with 213 total yards, 180 below their season average. GSU covered 159 of its 308 yards in the final period. The Eagles produced 111 ground yards in the quarter, including 67.

THE YARDSTICK

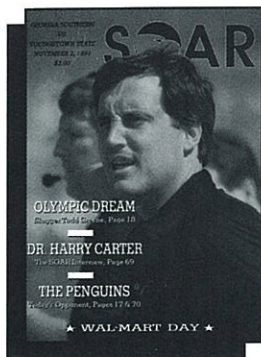
Knights	TEAM STATS	Eagles
14	First Downs	14
43/124	Rush Att./Yds.	52/237
89	Yds. Passing	71
26	Passes Att.	15
7	Passes Comp.	5
2	Intercepted	2
213	Total Yds.	308
0/0	Fumbles/Lost	1/0
6/40	Penalties/Yds.	15/144
7/32.1	Punts/Avg.	7/41.1
29:20	Poss. Time	30:40

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing	
GSU --	Efford 24-142-1; McGrady 15-45-0; Hudson 6-35-0.
UCF --	English 30-128-0; Anderson 3-7-0.
Passing	
GSU --	McGrady 15-5-2, 71, 0TD.
UCF --	Hinshaw 21-6-2, 86, 0TD; Johnson 5-1-0, 3, 0TD.
Receiving	
GSU --	Sorrell 2-32-0; McClurg 1-22-0; Hudson 1-11-0.
UCF --	Cooper 3-53-0; English 2-19-0; Rhodes 1-14-0.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Paul Sikkelee - 13 tackles, 2 breakups; Nick Davis - 13 tackles; Curtis Gordon - 9 tackles, 2 tackles for loss; Michael Morris - 9 tackles, 2 sacks; Jim Mutimer - 8 tackles, 2 interceptions, 1 breakup; Mark Giles - 8 tackles, 2 breakups; Rodney Oglesby - 8 tackles, 2 breakups.



YOUNGSTOWN STATE 19, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 17

Nov. 2 Paulson Stadium Statesboro
A: 16,461 68, sunny, breezy

YOUNGSTOWN STATE	3	9	7	0	--	19
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	0	3	0	14	--	17

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	9:10	Jeff Wilkins 22 FG	0-3
2	9:54	Reginald Brown 48 intercepted fumble return (PAT failed)	0-9
2	4:12	Wilkins 48 FG	0-12
2	0:03	David Cool 37 FG	3-12
3	12:06	Ray Isaac 33 run (Wilkins PAT)	3-19
4	11:21	Steve Payne 2 run (Derrick McGrady run)	10-19
4	5:40	McGrady 3 run (run failed)	17-19

Youngstown State rolled up 310 rushing yards, tops against GSU during the season, enroute to a 19-17 upst of the Eagles. The Penguins snapped an 11-game Eagle home winning streak.

YSU cashed in two Eagle fumbles for nine points. Another Eagle fumble thwarted a drive which reached the Penguin 11-yard line. Worst of the takeaways was quarterback Derrick McGrady's errant pitch in the second quarter, which was intercepted by cornerback Reginald Brown and returned 48 yards to paydirt for a 9-0 Penguin advantage. Lester Efford's fumble at the Eagle 39 turned into Jeff Wilkins' second field goal, a career-best 48-yarder 4:12 before halftime.

Southern took the ensuing kickoff and marched to the YSU 11, but Efford and reserve quarterback Charles Bostick botched a handoff and Penguin defensive end Brett Greer recovered. By blocking a punt four plays later, Maurice Reid set up GSU's only first-half points, a 37-yard David Cool field goal.

Quarterback Ray Isaac's 33-yard TD scamper on YSU's initial second-half possession gave the Penguins a 19-3 lead and proved to be the game-winner.

McGrady returned to action in the fourth quarter and led the Eagles on consecutive scoring drives. After Clint Avret blocked a field goal try on the second play of the period, the Eagles took a 10-play, 68-yard trip capped by Steve Payne's 2-yard dash. McGrady closed the margin to 19-11 by keeping around left end for two points.

McGrady's 3-yard run completed a 10-play, 55-yard drive on GSU's next possession and put the Eagles within two, but Darryl Hopkins was stopped short of the endzone on his conversion attempt.

YSU ate up the final 5:40 by picking up three first downs (fourth-and-1, third-and-11, fourth-and-1).

THE YARDSTICK

Penguins	TEAM STATS	Eagles
19	First Downs	13
68/310	Rush Att./Yds.	35/108
35	Yds. Passing	117
8	Passes Att.	20
2	Passes Comp.	11
1	Intercepted	0
345	Total Yds.	225
0/0	Fumbles/Lost	3/3
7/63	Penalties/Yds.	1/5
6/30.3	Punts/Avg.	7/39.8
36:36	Poss. Time	23:24

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing	
GSU --	McGrady 10-34-1; Efford 11-29-0; Hudson 3-21-0.
YSU --	T. Smith 23-115-0; Hawkins 25-108-0; Isaac 17-83-1.
Passing	
GSU --	McGrady 11-6-0; 61, OTD; Bostick 9-5-0, 56, OTD.
YSU --	Issac 8-2-1, 35, OTD.
Receiving	
GSU --	Belser 4-32-0; Sorrell 3-32-0; Hudson 1-24-0; Willis 1-20-0.
YSU --	Strolla 1-28-0; T. Smith 1-7-0.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Nick Davis - 15 tackles, 1 tackle for loss; Paul Sikkelee - 14 tackles, 1 tackle for loss; Mark Giles - 13 tackles, 1 interception; Shane Maxwell - 11 tackles, 1 breakup; Curtis Gordon - 10 tackles; Michael Berry - 8 tackles, 2 tackles for loss; Steve Bussolletti - 8 tackles; Jim Mutimer - 8 tackles.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN 19, TROY STATE 12

Nov. 16 Paulson Stadium Statesboro
A: 18,590 79, light cloud cover

TROY STATE	6	6	0	0	--	12
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	7	3	6	3	--	19

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	4:50	Reggie Dwight 1 run (PAT failed)	0-6
1	2:07	Lester Efford 2 run (David Cool PAT)	7-6
2	2:19	Eddie Coleman 63 run (pass failed)	7-12
2	0:00	Cool 35 field goal	10-12
3	3:41	Efford 12 run (run failed)	17-12
4	11:36	Cool 36 field goal	19-12

Senior fullback Lester Efford rushed for two touchdowns and the Georgia Southern defense limited Troy State to just 79 second-half yards as the Eagles defeated TSU 19-12 at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

Efford finished the day with 67 yards on 16 carries. His 12-yards scoring run with 3:41 left in the third quarter proved to be the game-winner, giving GSU the lead for good at 16-12.

The swarming Eagle defense recorded nine sacks of Trojan quarterback Brad Stevens, one shy of the school record. After allowing 104 first-half rushing yards, GSU surrendered 20 ground yards over the final two quarters. Troy State crossed midfield only once in the second half, only to miss a 52-yard field goal with 14:54 remaining.

TSU opened the scoring, taking its second possession 80 yards on 10 plays for a 6-0 lead. Fullback Reggie Dwight capped the drive with a 1-yard touchdown plunge, but Matt Stone's conversion attempt sailed wide right.

Southern answered on its next series, a 7-play, 67-yard journey topped by Efford's 2-yard run. David Cool drilled the PAT to make it GSU 7-6 after one period.

On their next possession, the Eagles drove to the 19-yard line before a fumble by quarterback Derrick McGrady set up Eddie Coleman's 63-yard scoring run, the longest by an opponent in Paulson Stadium history. The Trojans' two-point pass attempt fell incomplete. GSU then travelled 55 yards in 11 plays for Cool's 35-yard field goal as the first half ended final.

McGrady contributed a career-best 34-yard gain on the decisive drive, a 6-play, 84-yard march culminated by Efford's second score of the day. The try for two points and GSU led 16-12 after three quarters.

Cool's 36-yard field goal provided the final margin.

THE YARDSTICK

Trojans	TEAM STATS	Eagles
14	First Downs	22
46/124	Rush Att./Yds.	54/243
88	Yds. Passing	162
18	Passes Att.	23
7	Passes Comp.	12
2	Intercepted	0
212	Total Yds.	405
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	3/3
5/25	Penalties/Yds.	8/63
7/40.0	Punts/Avg.	6/41.7
30:54	Poss. Time	29:06

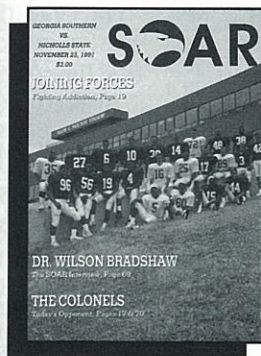
INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing	
GSU --	McGrady 18-74-0; Efford 16-67-2; Hudson 8-49-0.
TSU --	Coleman 16-111-1; McComb 10-63-0.
Passing	
GSU --	McGrady 23-12-0, 162, OTD.
TSU --	Stevens 18-7-2, 88, OTD.
Receiving	
GSU --	Sorrell 4-60-0; Willis 3-43-0; Belser 3-36-0.
TSU --	Dwight 4-63-0; Coleman 2-16-0; Covington 1-9-0.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Curtis Gordon - 9 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 caused interception; Alex Mash - 8 tackles, 2 tackles for loss, 1 sack; Steve Bussolletti - 8 tackles, 3 sacks; Nick Davis - 7 tackles, 1 tackle for loss; Paul Sikkelee - 7 tackles, 1 breakup; Michael Berry - 6 tackles, 2 sacks; Darius Dawson - 6 tackles, 1 breakup; Kevin Whitley - 6 tackles, 1 breakup.

1991 IN REVIEW



GEORGIA SOUTHERN 40, NICHOLLS STATE 6

Nov. 23 Paulson Stadium Statesboro, Ga.
A: 14,493 72, light overcast

NICHOLLS STATE	3	3	0	0	--	6
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	3	13	0	24	--	40

Quarter	Time	Play	Score
1	5:18	David Cool 46 field goal	3-0
1	1:00	Skip Shelton 42 field goal	3-3
2	12:54	Shelton 27 field goal	3-6
2	7:50	Terrence Sorrell 4 pass from Don Hudson (kick failed)	9-6
2	5:55	Willando Ficklin 52 run (Cool PAT)	16-6
4	12:25	Cool 33 field goal	19-6
4	9:38	Darren Willis 72 pass from Derrick McGrady (Cool PAT)	26-6
4	6:54	McGrady 1 run (Cool PAT)	33-6
4	5:52	Shane Maxwell 26 interception return (Cool PAT)	40-6

Georgia Southern rolled up a season-high 457 yards total offense, including 289 rushing, in blasting Nicholls State 40-6 at Paulson Stadium.

Clinging to a 16-6 advantage after three periods, GSU used a lightning-quick attack and opportunistic defense to score four times in the fourth quarter. David Cool's second field goal of the day, a 33-yarder, capped a 7-play, 39-yard drive and extended the Eagle advantage to 19-6 with 12:25 to play. Less than three minutes later, quarterback Derrick McGrady found NSU's jugular by lofting a 72-yard scoring pass to split end Darren Willis. Cool's PAT made it 26-6.

Jim Mutimer's school-record tying sixth interception of the season five plays later put the Eagles in business at the Colonel 43. McGrady immediately hummed a 39-yard strike to Terrence Sorrell and Lester Efford picked up three to Nicholls 1. From there, McGrady swept right for Southern's final offensive touchdown.

Linebacker Shane Maxwell provided the final points by returning an interception 26 yards to paydirt with 5:52 to play. Cool's first field goal and two three-pointers by Skip Shelton produced a 6-3 NSU lead early in the second quarter. GSU moved ahead to stay at the 7:50 mark when slotback Don Hudson pulled up and lobbed a 4-yard option pass to Sorrell. Then the Eagles kicked off, went three and out on defense, gained 10 on a pass from McGrady to Deryl Belser and widened the margin to 10 points on Willando Ficklin's 52-yard weaving scamper.

McGrady completed nine of 16 passes for 164 yards. Efford netted 128 yards on 20 carries.

THE YARDSTICK

Colonels	TEAM STATS	Eagles
14	First Downs	18
50/175	Rush Att./Yds.	44/289
68	Yds. Passing	168
20	Passes Att.	17
7	Passes Comp.	10
3	Intercepted	1
243	Total Yds.	457
2/0	Fumbles/Lost	3/1
4/51	Penalties/Yds.	11/101
7/29.9	Punts/Avg.	3/44.7
31:43	Poss. Time	28:17

INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

Rushing

GSU -- Efford 20-128-0; McGrady 16-73-1; Ficklin 2-60-1.
NSU -- Chaney 9-27-0; Primus 8-26-0; Disher 11-22-0.

Passing

GSU -- McGrady 16-9-1, 164, 1TD.
NSU -- Disher 13-6-3, Primus 6-1-0, 6, 0TD.

Receiving

GSU -- Belser 4-34-0; Sorrell 2-43-1; Willis 1-72-1.
NSU -- D. Johnson 3-48-0; Dandridge 2-15-0.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Paul Sikkelee - 9 tackles, 1 interception;
Nick Davis - 8 tackles; Shane Maxwell - 8 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 breakup, 1 interception; Kevin Whitley - 7 tackles, 2 tackles for loss; Michael Berry - 7 tackles, 2 tackles for loss; Steve Bussoletti - 7 tackles, 1 tackle for loss.

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

GAME	SE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	SE	QB	FB	SB	SB
AUBURN	Belser	Baker	Ayoub	Parrish	Morse	Nottage	Sorrell	Bostick	Efford	Hopkins	Hudson
SAVANNAH STATE	Belser	Baker	Ayoub	Parrish	Morse	Nottage	Sorrell	Bostick	Efford	Hopkins	Hudson
NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	Belser	Cushing	Ayoub	Parrish	Ferrell	Nottage	Sorrell	Bostick	Efford	Hopkins	Hudson
FLORIDA A&M	Belser	Cushing	Ayoub	Parrish	Ferrell	Nottage	Sorrell	Bostick	Efford	Hopkins	Hudson
EASTERN KENTUCKY	Belser	Baker	Ayoub	Parrish	Ferrell	Nottage	Sorrell	Bostick	Efford	Huntley	Hudson
WESTERN CAROLINA	Belser	Baker	Ayoub	Parrish	Ferrell	Nottage	Sorrell	Bostick	Efford	Huntley	Hudson
JAMES MADISON	Belser	Baker	Ayoub	Parrish	Ferrell	Nottage	Sorrell	Bostick	Efford	Hopkins	Hudson
CENTRAL FLORIDA	Belser	Baker	Ayoub	Parrish	Ferrell	Nottage	Morse*	McGrady	Efford	Hopkins	Hudson
YOUNGSTOWN STATE	Belser	Baker	Ayoub	Parrish	Ferrell	Nottage	Sorrell	McGrady	Efford	Hopkins	Hudson
TROY STATE	Belser	Cushing	Ayoub	Parrish	Ferrell	Nottage	Sorrell	McGrady	Efford	Hopkins	Hudson
NICHOLLS STATE	Belser	Cushing	Ayoub	Parrish	Ferrell	Nottage	Sorrell	McGrady	Efford	Payne	Hudson

*Morse started at tight end against Central Florida.

GAME	LE	DT	NG	RE	WLB	MLB	SLB	SC	SS	FS	WC
AUBURN	Berry	Haralson	E. Hayes	R. Johnson	Sikkelee	Dawson	Maxwell	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby
SAVANNAH STATE	Berry	Mash	Gordon	R. Johnson	Sikkelee	Dawson	Maxwell	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby
NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	Berry	Mash	Gordon	R. Johnson	Sikkelee	Dawson	Maxwell	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby
FLORIDA A&M	Berry	Mash	Gordon	Bussoletti	Sikkelee	Davis	Maxwell	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby
EASTERN KENTUCKY	Berry	Mash	Gordon	Bussoletti	Sikkelee	Davis	Maxwell	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby
WESTERN CAROLINA	Berry	Mash	Gordon	Bussoletti	Sikkelee	Davis	Maxwell	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby
JAMES MADISON	Berry	Mash	Gordon	Bussoletti	Sikkelee	Davis	R. Johnson	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby
CENTRAL FLORIDA	Morris	Mash	Gordon	Bussoletti	Sikkelee	Davis	Maxwell	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby
YOUNGSTOWN STATE	Morris	Haralson	Gordon	Bussoletti	Sikkelee	Davis	Maxwell	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby
TROY STATE	Berry	Mash	Gordon	Bussoletti	Sikkelee	Davis	Maxwell	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby
NICHOLLS STATE	Berry	Mash	Gordon	Bussoletti	Sikkelee	Davis	Maxwell	Whitley	Mutimer	Giles	Oglesby

1991 STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS	GSU	OPP
TOTAL POINTS	257	160
Points Per Game	23.4	14.5
TD/Run-Pass-Rtn.	19-8-4	11-6-2
PAT	25-28	12-14
PAT Run or Pass	1-3	2-5
Field Goals	14-17	10-18
Safety	1	0
FIRST DOWNS	164	167
Rush	105	102
Pass	47	55
Penalty	14	10
3rd Down Conv-Att.	60-163	39-153
3rd Down Pct.	36.8	25.5
TOTAL YARDAGE	3351	3112
Yards Per Game	304.6	282.9
Plays	731	732
Yds. Per Play	4.6	4.3
% Plays Rush-Pass	76-24	68-32
% Yards Rush-Pass	62-38	56-44
RUSHING YARDAGE	2068	1771
Yards Per Game	188.0	161.0
Gained	2297	2163
Lost	229	392
Rushing Plays	559	502
Yards Per Play	3.7	3.5
PASSING YARDAGE	1283	1341
Yards Per Game	116.6	121.9
Att-Completions	172-90	217-101
% Complete	52.3	46.5
Yards Per Attempt	7.5	6.2
Yards Per Comp.	14.3	13.3
INTERCEPTIONS BY	21	7*
Yards Returned/TD	133/1	62/1
PUNTS	73	72
Yards Punted	2980	2443
Avg. Per Punt	40.8	33.9
Had Blocked	0	8
PUNT RETURNS	25	31
Yards Returned/TD	227/3	310/1
Avg. Per Return	9.1	10.0
KICKOFF RETURNS	27	37
Yards Returned/TD	453/0	620/0
Avg. Per Return	16.8	16.8
PENALTIES	81	60
Yards	672	551
FUMBLES	28-21	23-13

* includes intercepted fumble

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4
Opponents	49	41	34	36
Georgia Southern	59	67	50	81

AVG. ATTEND.	HOME	AWAY
21,669	17,018	27,250

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	IN20	LONG
Norton	73	2980	40.8	17	63CF

FG ATTEMPTS: (Underlined #s good)

Cool - 19, 36, 52, 44, 42, 41, 21, 53, 25, 35, 25, 37, 26, 35, 36, 46, 33

PASSING	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	TD	YDS	LP	YDS/COMP	YDS/GAME	TOT OFF/GAME
Bostick	9	63	35	55.6	2	2	460	44	13.1	51.1	99.9
McGrady	9	98	49	50.0	3	4	743	77	15.2	82.6	95.3
Huntley	1	9	4	44.4	1	0	34	10	8.5	34.0	22.5
Norton	1	1	1	100.0	0	1	42	42	42.0	42.0	42.0
Hudson	1	1	1	100.0	0	1	4	4	4.0	4.0	4.0

SCORING	R-P-RET	FGM-A	PAT KICK	PAT R OR P	TP
Cool		14-17	25-28		67
Bostick	8-0-0				48
Efford	5-1-0				36
Sorrell	0-3-0				18
McGrady	2-0-0			1-1	14
Belser	0-2-0				12
Oglesby	0-1-1				12
Avret	0-0-1				6
Ficklin	1-0-0				6

RUSHING	G	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	APG	TD	LONG
Efford	11	208	961	9	952	4.6	86.5	5	34EK
Bostick	9	132	477	129	348	2.6	38.7	8	27WC
McGrady	9	97	324	68	256	2.6	28.4	2	34TS
Hudson	11	35	194	7	187	5.3	17.0	0	19YS
Ficklin	8	22	122	3	119	5.4	14.9	1	52NS
Hopkins	11	20	84	0	84	4.2	7.6	1	14JM
Huntley	3	10	19	0	19	1.9	6.3	1	6NL
Payne	11	12	56	9	47	3.9	4.3	1	16TS
Fraley	4	6	17	2	15	2.5	3.8	0	6NL
Wright	11	8	23	1	22	2.8	2.0	0	12TS
Williams	11	9	20	1	19	2.1	1.7	0	4(3)

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Belser	25	347	13.9	2	77JM
Sorrell	24	409	17.3	3	44SS
Willis	10	161	16.1	1	72NS
Hudson	10	131	13.1	0	32FAM
Wright	5	34	6.8	0	17SS
Payne	3	21	7.0	0	9YS
Ficklin	3	18	6.0	0	7NS
Hopkins	3	8	2.7	0	8WC
Huntley	2	41	20.5	0	23WC
Fraley	2	18	9.0	0	9(2)
Oglesby	1	42	42.0	1	42SS
Efford	1	31	31.0	1	31WC
McClurg	1	22	22.0	0	22CF

RETURNS	KICKOFFS	PUNTS	INTERCEPTIONS
Wright	18-343 (37YS)		
Payne	6-95 (20WC)		
Fraley	2-11 (6AU)		
Oglesby	1-4 (4SS)	20-155-1 (51tCF)	3-39 (19SS)
Austin		2-35 (27SS)	
Reid		1-11 (11YS)	
Ward		1-11 (11NL)	
Hudson		1-10 (10EK)	
Giles		0-5-1 (5SS)	4-0 (0[4])
Avret		0-0-1 (0NL)	
Mutimer			6-38 (28CF)
Maxwell			2-26-1 (26NS)
Sikkelee			2-12 (12NS)
Whitley			2-0 (0[2])
Carroll			1-18 (18SS)
Berry			1-0 (0EK)

RESULTS	GSU	OPP	ATTEND
Auburn (A)	17	32	79,124
Savannah State (H)	29	6	14,312
Northeast Louisiana (A)	13	21	16,281
Florida A&M (A)	28	21	12,525
Eastern Kentucky (A)	6	10	16,200
Western Carolina (H)	44	6	19,190
James Madison (A)	24	21	12,119
Central Florida (H)	20	6	19,063
Youngstown State (H)	17	19	16,461
Troy State (H)	19	12	18,590
Nicholls State (H)	40	6	14,493

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PLAYER	TOT	UA	A	SKS	CF	RE	INT	CI	PB	TFL	TD	
Sikkelee, LB	108	61	47	1.0	2	1	2	-	5	3	-	
Maxwell, LB	107	56	51	1.0	-	1	1	-	4	3	1	(interception)
N. Davis, LB	87	45	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	
Mash, DT	60	34	26	7.0	2	2	-	-	1	18	-	
Giles, FS	59	33	26	1.0	-	-	4	-	5	2	1	(blocked punt)
Berry, DE	59	24	35	5.0	3	2	1	-	-	11	-	
Gordon, NG	58	31	27	2.0	-	-	-	1	2	5	-	
Mutimer, SS	57	34	23	-	-	-	6	-	3	-	-	
Bussoletti, DE	56	23	33	5.0	1	2	-	1	-	5	-	
Dawson, LB	55	34	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Whitley, CB	48	34	14	-	-	1	2	-	6	3	-	
Oglesby, CB	47	35	12	-	1	-	3	-	5	2	1	(punt return)
Carroll, LB	39	18	21	-	1	-	1	-	-	3	-	
Johnson, DE	37	22	15	4.0	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Morris, DE	31	14	17	4.0	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	
Almon, FS	21	18	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Austin, CB	19	9	10	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Avret, SS	17	11	6	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	(blocked punt)
Odums, DT	14	6	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
McBride, LB	12	7	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rocco, LB	12	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Haralson, DT	10	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Hayes, NG	10	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rozzelle, CB	10	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rice, CB	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wright, ST	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
McClurg, ST	5	3	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Scott, CB	5	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
S. Davis, DE	4	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Sullivan, ST	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Britt, FS	3	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Arnault, ST	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Christian, LB	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cool, ST	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Payne, ST	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fraley, ST	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Murchison, DE	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Strickland, LB	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ward, ST	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

TACKLES FOR LOSS BY	NO	YDS
Mash, DT	18	-42
Berry, DE	11	-22
Bussoletti, DE	5	-15
N. Davis, LB	5	-11
Gordon, NG	5	-9
Whitley, CB	3	-10
Sikkelee, LB	3	-8
Carroll, LB	3	-7
Maxwell, LB	3	-7
Giles, FS	2	-8
Oglesby, CB	2	-3
Haralson, DT	1	-1

SACKS BY	NO	YDS
Mash, DT	7	-42
Bussoletti, DE	5	-40
Berry, DE	5	-24
Morris, DE	4	-23
Johnson, DE	4	-20
Gordon, NG	2	-11
Almon, FS	1	-9
Austin, CB	1	-6
Maxwell, LB	1	-4
Sikkelee, LB	1	-3
Giles, FS	1	-2

1991 HIGHS AND LOWS

OFFENSE - TEAM

FIRST DOWNS

Most: 23 vs. Western Carolina
Least: 9 vs. Eastern Kentucky

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Most: 59 vs. Florida A&M
Least: 35 vs. Youngstown State

NET RUSHING YARDS

Most: 289 vs. Nicholls State
Least: 108 vs. Youngstown State

PASS ATTEMPTS

Most: 23 vs. Troy State
Least: 6 vs. Eastern Kentucky

PASS COMPLETIONS

Most: 12 vs. Western Carolina,
Troy State
Least: 1 vs. Eastern Kentucky

INTERCEPTIONS THROWN

Most: 2 vs. Northeast Louisiana,
Central Florida
Least: 0 on six occasions

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE ALLOWED

Most: 48 vs. Youngstown State
(intercepted fumble)
Least: -4 vs. Northeast Louisiana

NET PASSING YARDS

Most: 232 vs. James Madison
Least: 4 vs. Eastern Kentucky

TOTAL PLAYS

Most: 77 vs. Northeast Louisiana,
Troy State
Least: 55 vs. Youngstown State

TOTAL YARDS

Most: 457 vs. Nicholls State
Least: 183 vs. Auburn

RETURN YARDS

Most: 106 vs. Savannah State
Least: -1 vs. Western Carolina

PUNT RETURNS

Most: 4 vs. Eastern Kentucky,
Youngstown State
Least: 1 on four occasions

PUNT RETURN YARDAGE

Most: 65 vs. Savannah State
Least: -1 vs. Western Carolina

KICK RETURNS

Most: 4 vs. Auburn, Florida A&M
Least: 1 vs. Western Carolina,
Central Florida

KICK RETURN YARDAGE

Most: 101 vs. Florida A&M
Least: 6 vs. James Madison

PUNTS

Most: 10 vs. Eastern Kentucky
(** school record)
Least: 3 vs. Western Carolina,
Nicholls State

PENALTIES

Most: 15 vs. Central Florida
(** ties school record)
Least: 1 vs. Youngstown State

PENALTY YARDAGE

Most: 144 vs. Central Florida
(** school record)
Least: 5 vs. Youngstown State

FUMBLES

Most: 5 vs. Eastern Kentucky
Least: 1 on three occasions

FUMBLES LOST

Most: 4 vs. Eastern Kentucky
Least: 0 on three occasions

POSSESSION TIME

Most: 35:19 vs. Florida A&M
Least: 23:24 vs. Western Carolina

DEFENSE - TEAM

FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED

Most: 26 vs. Auburn
Least: 9 vs. Florida A&M

RUSHING ATTEMPTS ALLOWED

Most: 68 vs. Youngstown State
Least: 35 vs. Savannah State

NET RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED

Most: 310 vs. Youngstown State
Least: 97 vs. Florida A&M

PASS ATTEMPTS ALLOWED

Most: 37 vs. Savannah State
Least: 8 vs. Youngstown State

PASS COMPLETIONS ALLOWED

Most: 18 vs. Savannah State
Least: 2 vs. Youngstown State

INTERCEPTIONS

Most: 7 vs. Savannah State
(** ties school record)
Least: 0 vs. Western Carolina,
James Madison

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

Most: 54 vs. Nicholls State
Least: -5 vs. Northeast Louisiana

NET PASSING YARDS ALLOWED

Most: 269 vs. Florida A&M
Least: 35 vs. Youngstown State

TOTAL PLAYS ALLOWED

Most: 76 vs. Youngstown State
Least: 54 vs. Western Carolina

TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED

Most: 465 vs. Auburn
Least: 191 vs. Eastern Kentucky

RETURN YARDS ALLOWED

Most: 126 vs. Nicholls State
Least: 2 vs. Northeast Louisiana

PUNT RETURNS ALLOWED

Most: 8 vs. Auburn
Least: 1 on three occasions

PUNT RETURN YARDAGE ALLOWED

Most: 103 vs. James Madison
Least: 4 vs. Youngstown State

KICK RETURNS ALLOWED

Most: 6 vs. Nicholls State
Least: 1 vs. Youngstown State

KICK RETURN YARDAGE ALLOWED

Most: 115 vs. Nicholls State
Least: 23 vs. Youngstown State

PUNTS FORCED

Most: 9 vs. Northeast Louisiana
Least: 3 vs. Auburn

PENALTIES ALLOWED

Most: 8 vs. Auburn
Least: 4 on three occasions

PENALTY YARDS ALLOWED

Most: 88 vs. Auburn
Least: 25 vs. Troy State

FUMBLES CAUSED

Most: 4 on three occasions
Least: 0 vs. Central Florida,
Youngstown State

FUMBLES RECOVERED

Most: 3 vs. Florida A&M
Least: 0 on three occasions

POSSESSION TIME ALLOWED

Most: 36:36 vs. Western Carolina
Least: 24:41 vs. Florida A&M

OFFENSE - INDIVIDUAL

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS - 34, Charles Bostick vs Eastern Kentucky
(** school record)

MOST RUSHING YARDS - 142, Lester Efford vs. Central Florida

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

MOST RECEPTIONS - 7, Deryl Belser vs. James Madison

MOST RECEIVING YARDS - 170, Belser vs. James Madison
(** school record)

MOST TD RECEPTIONS - 2, Belser vs. James Madison

MOST PASS ATTEMPTS - 23, Derrick McGrady vs. Troy State

MOST PASS COMPLETIONS - 12, McGrady vs. Troy State

MOST PASSING YARDS - 217, McGrady vs. James Madison

MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS - 2, McGrady vs. James Madison

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN - 2, McGrady vs. Central Florida

TOP PERFORMANCES

RUSHING YARDAGE

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

1. 142 Lester Efford vs. Central Florida
2. 128 Lester Efford vs. Nicholls State
3. 111 Lester Efford vs. Eastern Kentucky
4. 104 Lester Efford vs. Florida A&M
5. 95 Lester Efford vs. Northeast Louisiana

OPPONENTS

1. 131 Roosevelt Potts, Northeast Louisiana
2. 115 Tamron Smith, Youngstown State
3. 111 Eddie Coleman, Troy State
4. 108 Leo Hawkins, Youngstown State
5. 87 Reid McMillon, Auburn

PASSING

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

1. 217 Derrick McGrady vs. James Madison
2. 164 Derrick McGrady vs. Nicholls State
3. 162 Derrick McGrady vs. Troy State
4. 135 Charles Bostick vs. Western Carolina
5. 82 Charles Bostick vs. Savannah State

OPPONENTS

1. 269 Tony Ezell, Florida A&M
2. 236 Stan White, Auburn
3. 200 Ches Liles, Northeast Louisiana
4. 156 Tony Ezell, Florida A&M
5. 122 Chad Alexander, Savannah State

RECEIVING

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

1. 170 Deryl Belser vs. James Madison
2. 72 Darren Willis vs. Nicholls State
3. 60 Terrence Sorrell vs. Troy State
4. 57 Terrence Sorrell vs. Savannah State
5. 48 Deryl Belser vs. Western Carolina

OPPONENTS

1. 127 Chuck Duffey, Florida A&M
2. 72 Tim Daniel, Florida A&M
3. 68 David McLeod, James Madison
4. 65 Pedro Cherry, Auburn
5. 63 Reggie Dwight, Troy State

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

RECORDS & SCORES



RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Playoffs Not Included in Season and Career Totals

RUSHING

Single Season

Attempts

1.	212	Joe Ross, 1988
2.	208	Lester Efford, 1991
3.	207	Tracy Ham, 1986
4.	199	Joe Ross, 1990
5.	194	Raymond Gross, 1988

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.	952	Lester Efford, 1991

Touchdowns

1.	19	Ernest Thompson, 1988
2.	18	Tracy Ham, 1986
3.	17	Gerald Harris, 1986
4.	16	Gerald Harris, 1984
5.	16	Ernest Thompson, 1989

Yards-Per-Carry Average (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
2.	75	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

Single Game

Most Attempts - 34, Charles Bostick vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1991

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

Career

Attempts

1.	695	Raymond Gross, 1987-90
2.	687	Joe Ross, 1987-90
3.	642	Tracy Ham, 1983-86
4.	499	Gerald Harris, 1983-86
5.	413	Lester Efford, 1988-91

Yardage

1.	3,876	Joe Ross, 1987-90
2.	3,212	Tracy Ham, 1983-86
3.	2,419	Gerald Harris, 1983-86
4.	2,290	Raymond Gross, 1987-90
5.	2,161	Ricky Harris, 1983-86

Touchdowns

1.	53	Gerald Harris, 1983-86
2.	44	Ernest Thompson, 1985-89
3.	43	Tracy Ham, 1983-86
4.	36	Joe Ross, 1987-90
5.	20	Raymond Gross, 1987-90

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

1.	6.8	Ricky Harris, 1983-86
2.	5.6	Joe Ross, 1987-90
3.	5.0	Tracy Ham, 1983-86
4.	4.8	Gerald Harris, 1983-86
5.	4.7	Lester Efford, 1988-91

Miscellaneous

Consecutive Games Gaining 100+ Yards (includes playoffs) - 6, Joe Ross, 1989

Most 100 Yard Games In a Season - 10, by Joe Ross, 1989 and Tracy Ham, 1986

Most 100 Yard Games In a Career - 21, Joe Ross, 1987-90 (18 regular season)

Most Seasons Gaining 1,000 Yards or More - 2, Joe Ross, 1987 and 1989

Most Yards Gained, Season Opener - 130, Melvin Bell vs. Central Florida, 1983

PASSING

Single Season

Attempts

1.	220	Tracy Ham, 1984
2.	189	Raymond Gross, 1990
3.	177	Tracy Ham, 1986
4.	171	Tracy Ham, 1985
5.	119	Raymond Gross, 1988

Completions

1.	109	Tracy Ham, 1984
2.	108	Raymond Gross, 1990
3.	98	Tracy Ham, 1986
4.	94	Tracy Ham, 1985
5.	62	Raymond Gross, 1988

Yards

1.	1,772	Tracy Ham, 1986
2.	1,694	Tracy Ham, 1984
3.	1,534	Raymond Gross, 1990
4.	1,405	Tracy Ham, 1985
5.	930	Raymond Gross, 1989

Interceptions

1.	13	Tracy Ham, 1984
2.	10	Tracy Ham, 1986
3.	8	Tracy Ham, 1985
4.	6	Tracy Ham, 1983
5.	6	Raymond Gross, 1990

Touchdowns

1.	12	Tracy Ham, 1984
2.	9	Tracy Ham, 1986
3.	8	Tracy Ham, 1985
4.	8	Raymond Gross, 1990
5.	5	Tracy Ham, 1983
6.	5	Raymond Gross, 1989

Completion Percentage

1.	.571	Raymond Gross, 1990
2.	.556	Charles Bostick, 1991
3.	.554	Tracy Ham, 1986
4.	.550	Tracy Ham, 1985
5.	.521	Raymond Gross, 1988

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

Miscellaneous

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

Lowest Percentage of Passes Intercepted, Career - 3.3%, Raymond Gross, 1987-90 (17 in 507)

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

Most Games Gaining 200+ Yards, Career - 10, Tracy Ham, 1983-86 (8 regular season)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECORDS

RECEIVING

Single Season

Receptions

1.	37	Karl Miller, 1990
2.	35	Tony Belser, 1987
3.	30	Monty Sharpe, 1984
4.	26	Frank Johnson, 1986
5.	25	Robert Baker, 1984
	25	Tony Belser, 1988
	25	Deryl Belser, 1991

Yardage

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

Touchdowns

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

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

1.	22.4	Frank Johnson, 1986
2.	22.3	Terrence Sorrell, 1990
3.	21.8	Monty Sharpe, 1984
4.	19.4	Monty Sharpe, 1986
5.	19.3	Monty Sharpe, 1983

Career

Receptions

1.	93	Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2.	80	Tony Belser, 1985-88
3.	57	Terrence Sorrell, 1989-
4.	52	Deryl Belser, 1988-91
5.	50	Herman Barron, 1984-87
	50	Frank Johnson, 1985-88

Yardage

1.	1,854	Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2.	1,472	Tony Belser, 1985-88
3.	1,134	Terrence Sorrell, 1989-
	844	Frank Johnson, 1985-88
4.	831	Deryl Belser, 1988-91

Touchdowns

1.	19	Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2.	11	Tony Belser, 1985-88
3.	7	Terrence Sorrell, 1989-
4.	5	Karl Miller, 1987-90
5.	4	Deryl Belser, 1988-91

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

1.	19.93	Monty Sharpe, 1983-86
2.	19.89	Terrence Sorrell, 1989-
3.	18.4	Tony Belser, 1985-88
4.	17.3	Frank Johnson, 1985-88
5.	17.1	Delano Little, 1983-86

Longest Receptions

1.	79t	Ricky Harris from Tracy Ham vs. Arkansas State, 1986 I-AA Championship Game
2.	77t	Tony Belser from Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1986
	77t	Deryl Belser from Derrick McGrady vs. James Madison, 1991
4.	73t	Frank Johnson from Tracy Ham vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1986
5.	72t	Darren Willis from Derrick McGrady vs. Nicholls State, 1991

Single Game

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

Most Yards - 170, Deryl Belser vs. James Madison, 1991

Most Touchdowns - 2, on nine occasions. Last by Terrence Sorrell vs. James Madison, 1990

Miscellaneous

Most Passes Caught by a Running Back, Season - 37, Karl Miller, 1990

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

Most Games Gaining 100+ Yards, 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

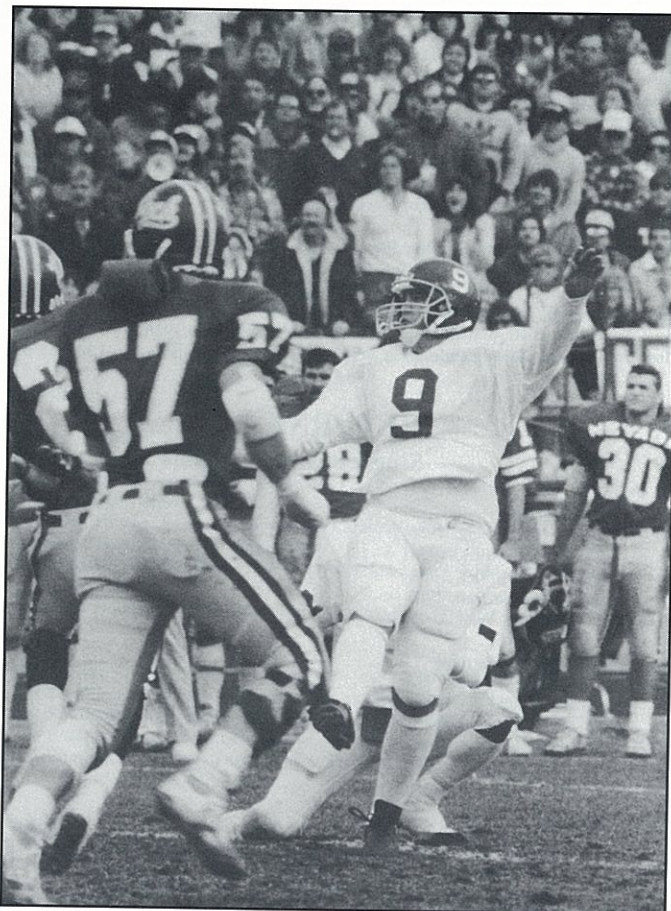
1.	19	Ernest Thompson, 1988
2.	18	Tracy Ham, 1986
	18	Ernest Thompson, 1989
4.	17	Gerald Harris, 1984
	17	Gerald Harris, 1986

Field Goals Made

1.	17	Tim Foley, 1987
2.	16	Tim Foley, 1985
3.	14	David Cool, 1991
4.	10	Tim Foley, 1986
	10	Mike Dowis, 1990

Extra Points Made

1.	50	Tim Foley, 1986
2.	47	Mike Dowis, 1989
3.	43	Tim Foley, 1984
4.	40	Mike Dowis, 1988
5.	34	Mike Dowis, 1990



Tim Foley

RECORDS

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.	216	Joe Ross, 1987-90

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

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

TOTAL OFFENSE

Single Season

Yardage

1.	2,820	Tracy Ham, 1986
2.	2,401	Tracy Ham, 1984
3.	2,156	Tracy Ham, 1985
4.	1,750	Raymond Gross, 1990
4.	1,703	Raymond Gross, 1989

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, 1990

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 - 3, Tracy Ham, 1984-86

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

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

Most Games Gaining 300+ Yards, Career - 12, Tracy Ham, 1983-86 (9 regular season)

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)

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

Single Season

Most Kickoff Returns

1.	33	Nay Young, 1986
2.	25	Karl Miller, 1990
3.	22	Karl Miller, 1988
	22	Melvin Bell, 1983
5.	18	Chris Wright, 1991

Most Kickoff Return Yardage

1.	715	Nay Young, 1986
2.	570	Karl Miller, 1990
3.	495	Karl Miller, 1988
4.	490	Melvin Bell, 1983
5.	416	Melvin Bell, 1984

Most Punt Returns

1.	34	Rodney Oglesby, 1989
2.	25	Rodney Oglesby, 1988
3.	22	Tony Belser, 1987
4.	20	Rodney Oglesby, 1991
5.	19	Melvin Bell, 1983

Most Punt Return Yardage

1.	347	Rodney Oglesby, 1989
2.	252	Melvin Bell, 1984
3.	201	Nay Young, 1985
4.	161	Rodney Oglesby, 1988
5.	155	Rodney Oglesby, 1991

Miscellaneous

Highest Kick Return Average, Season (min. 20 returns) - 22.8, Karl Miller, 1990

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 - 107, Rodney Oglesby, 1988-1991

Most Punt Return Yardage, Game - 92, Rodney Oglesby vs. James Madison, 1989

Most Punt Return Yardage, Career - 767, Rodney Oglesby, 1988-1991

Highest Punt Return Average, Career - 10.8, Nay Young, 1984-87

Most Punt Return Touchdowns, Game, Season - 1, Melvin Bell vs. Presbyterian, 1984, Nay Young vs. East Tennessee State, 1984, and Rodney Oglesby vs. James Madison, 1989 and vs. Central Florida, 1991

Most Punt Return Touchdowns, Career - 2, Rodney Oglesby, 1988-91

Longest Punt Return - 76, Melvin Bell vs. Presbyterian, 1984

Most Kick Returns, Game - 6, Melvin Bell vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984

Most Kick Returns, Career - 64, Karl Miller, 1987-90

Most Kick Return Yards, Game - 154, Melvin Bell vs. Valdosta State, 1983

Most Kick Return Yards, Career - 1,386, Karl Miller, 1987-90

Highest Kick Return Average, Game - 32.6, Melvin Bell vs. Valdosta State, 1983

Highest Kick Return Average, Career - 23.2, Melvin Bell, 1983-84

Most Kick Return Touchdowns, Game, Season and Career - 1, Melvin Bell vs. Valdosta State, 1983

Longest Kick Return - 96t, Melvin Bell vs. Valdosta State, 1983

PUNTING

Single Season

Most Punts

1.	73	Don Norton, 1991
1.	62	Terry Harvin, 1990
2.	43	Terry Harvin, 1988
3.	41	Terry Harvin, 1989
4.	40	Britt Barker, 1983

Highest Average

1.	40.8	Don Norton, 1991
2.	39.1	Pat Parker, 1985
3.	39.0	Terry Harvin, 1987
4.	38.7	Terry Harvin, 1990
5.	38.6	Pat Parker, 1986

Miscellaneous

Most Punts, Career - 178, Terry Harvin, 1987-90

Most Punts, Game - 10, Don Norton vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1991

Highest Average Per Kick, Career - 37.8, Terry Harvin, 1987-90

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

INTERCEPTIONS

Single Season

Most Passes Intercepted, Game - 3, Rodney Oglesby vs. Savannah State, 1991

Most Passes Intercepted, Season - 6, Randell Boone, 1989 and Jim Mutimer, 1991

Most Passes Intercepted, Career - 14, Rodney Oglesby, 1988-91

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, Hugo Rossignol, 1983-85

Most Touchdowns on Interception Returns, Game - 1, on six occasions, last by Shane Maxwell vs. Nicholls State, 1991

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 - 95t, 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

RECORDS

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
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, 1985-86 (Last 12 of 1985 and first seven of 1986)
Highest Percentage of Field Goals Made, Season - 94.1, Tim Foley, 1985 (16-17)
Highest Percentage of Field Goals Made, Career - 81.8, Mike Dowis, 1988-90 (27-33)
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 - 96.8, Mike Dowis, 1988-90 (121-125)

DEFENSE Single Season

Most Tackles

1. 133 Mike West, 1990
2. 117 Jessie Jenkins, 1985
3. 108 Paul Sikkelee, 1991
4. 107 Shane Maxwell, 1991
5. 106 Charles Carper, 1984

Most Sacks

1. 15.5 Darren Alford, 1988
2. 10 Giff Smith, 1988
3. 9.5 Steve Bussioletti, 1989
4. 8 Steve Bussioletti, 1990
5. 7.5 James Carter, 1987

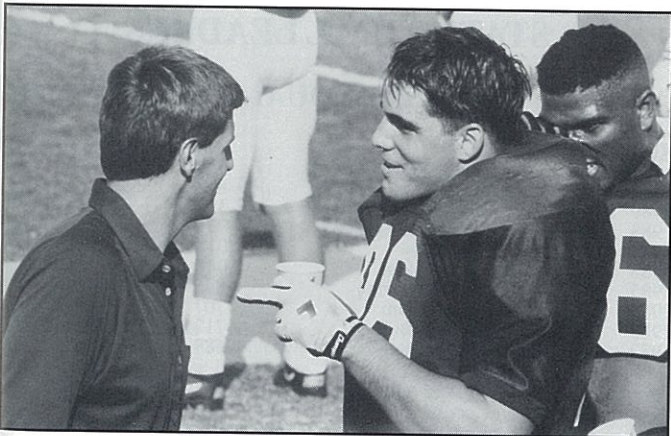
Most Pass Breakups

1. 18 Mark Giles, 1990
2. 13 Rodney Oglesby, 1990
3. 11 Chris Aiken, 1985
4. 11 Nay Young, 1986
5. 10 Jim Mutimer, 1990

Most Fumble Recoveries

1. 4 Nay Young, 1987
2. 3 Danny Durham, 1985
3. 3 Michael Berry, 1988
4. 2 Six players tied

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



Steve Bussioletti confers with David Saunders

TEAM RECORDS

Playoffs not included in season totals

OFFENSE SINGLE GAME

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

Rushing

Most Plays - 75 vs. James Madison, 1989
Most Plays, Both Teams - 124 vs. James Madison, 1989
Most Yards - 515 vs. Samford, 1988
Most Yards, Both Teams - 658 vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1988 playoffs
Most Touchdowns - 7 on three occasions. Last 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 - 10, vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1991

Punt Returns

Most Returns - 9 vs. Newberry, 1988 and South Carolina State, 1988
Most Return Yards - 134 vs. Newberry, 1988
Most Touchdowns - 1 on four occasions. Last vs. Central Florida, 1991

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 - 42 vs. Florida State, 1990 (48-6)
Most Touchdowns - 9 vs. Marshall, 1989
Most Touchdowns, Both Teams - 13 vs. Marshall, 1989
Most Extra Points Made - 9 vs. Marshall, 1990
Most Extra Points Made, Both Teams - 12 vs. Marshall, 1990
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, 1990
Most First Downs, Rushing, Both Teams - 34 on three occasions. Last 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 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 on three occasions. Last vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1990
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 and Central Florida, 1991
Most Penalties, Both Teams - 29 vs. East Tennessee State, 1983
Most Yards Penalized - 144 vs. Central Florida, 1991
Most Yards Penalized, Both Teams - 269 vs. East Tennessee State, 1984

RECORDS

SINGLE SEASON

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 - 57.4, 1990
Most Touchdowns - 12, 1984

Punting

Most Punts - 73, 1991
Fewest Punts - 40, 1986
Highest Punting Average - 40.8, 1991

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 - 171, 1986
Most First Downs, Passing - 77, 1984
Most First Downs, Penalty - 21, 1988

Penalties

Most Penalties - 90, 1985
Most Yards Penalized - 837, 1984
Fewest Penalties - 68, 1983
Fewest Yards Penalized - 593, 1990

Fumbles

Most Fumbles - 49, 1987
Most Fumbles Lost - 25, 1987
Fewest Fumbles - 28, 1991
Fewest Fumbles Lost - 12, 1985 and 1986

DEFENSE SINGLE GAME

Fumbles

Most Fumbles Caused - 7 vs. Savannah State, 1983
Most Fumbles Recovered - 5 vs. Savannah State, 1983

Turnovers

Most Turnovers Caused - 8 vs. Savannah State, 1991 (seven interceptions and one fumble)

First Downs

Fewest Allowed - 6 vs. West Georgia, 1989
Fewest Allowed, Rushing - 2 on three occasions. Last vs. Middle Tennessee State #1, 1989
Fewest Allowed, Passing - 0 vs. Tennessee Tech, 1985 and 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 - 8 vs. Youngstown State, 1991
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 and Savannah State, 1991
Most Yards on Interception Returns - 129 vs. Mars Hill, 1983

SINGLE SEASON

Total Defense

Fewest Yards Allowed - 2,638, 1988
Fewest Yards Allowed Per Game - 239.8, 1988
Lowest Opponent's Average Per Play - 3.8, 1988
Fewest Touchdowns Allowed - 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 - 6, 1991

Passing Defense

Fewest Yards Allowed - 1,341, 1991
Fewest Yards Allowed Per Game - 121.9, 1991
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 - 14.3, 1990

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 - 55, 1991

YEAR-BY-YEAR STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL

RUSHING

1991	Lester Efford	952
1990	Joe Ross	868
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

RECORDS

PASSING

1991	Derrick McGrady	743
1990	Raymond Gross	1,534
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

RECEIVING

1991	Deryl Belser	25-409
1990	Karl Miller	37-396
1988	Tony Belser	25-412
1987	Tony Belser	35-561
1986	Frank Johnson	26-582
1985	Ricky Harris	23-125
1984	Monty Sharpe	30-654
1983	Monty Sharpe	23-444
1982	Scott Conner	16-169

SCORING

1991	David Cool	67
1990	Joe Ross	84
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

TACKLES

1991	Paul Sikkelee	108
1990	Mike West	133
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

TEAM

Offense

Year	Rec.	Pts.Avg.	FD	T.Off.	R. Yds.	P.Yds.
1991	7-4	23.4	164	304.6	188.0	116.6
1990	8-3	27.0	211	356.5	207.5	149.1
1989	11-0	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	371.7	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.
1991	14.5	167	282.9	161.0	121.9
1990	20.5	205	321.1	143.5	177.6
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. 23,204 vs. Nevada, 1990
4. 21,067 vs. James Madison, 1990
5. 20,507 vs. Savannah State, 1989

Top Five Away Crowds

1. 79,124 vs. Auburn, 1991
2. 74,221 vs. Florida, 1986
3. 62,111 vs. Florida State, 1990
4. 59,109 vs. Florida State, 1988
5. 28,682 vs. Central Florida, 1988

GEORGIA SOUTHERN ON TELEVISION

NATIONAL (5-1)

Georgia Southern has been on national television six times in the last seven years. The 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1989 national championship games were televised live on ESPN. The Eagles made their first network television appearance when CBS broadcast the 1990 title game.



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



December 15, 1990 - Georgia Southern 36, Nevada 19

REGIONAL (12-7)

Georgia Southern has been on regional television 19 times since 1983, including four last season.



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 38
 November 28, 1987 - Georgia Southern 31, Maine 28 (OT)
 December 5, 1987 - Appalachian State 19, Georgia Southern 0
 September 17, 1988 - Georgia Southern 13, Tennessee-Chattanooga 3



November 4, 1989 - Georgia Southern 36, James Madison 21
 November 18, 1989 - Georgia Southern 63, Marshall 31
 *October 6, 1990 - Georgia Southern 17, Marshall 14
 *October 20, 1990 - Georgia Southern 38, Central Florida 17
 *November 3, 1990 - Georgia Southern 31, James Madison 13
 *November 10, 1990 - Georgia Southern 23, Tennessee-Chattanooga 20
 *September 14, 1991 - Northeast Louisiana 21, Georgia Southern 13
 *October 26, 1991 - Georgia Southern 20, Central Florida 6
 *November 2, 1991 - Youngstown State 19, Georgia Southern 17

*Games also carried by The SportSouth Network, Home Sports Entertainment, FamilyNet and Prime Network



October 5, 1991 - Eastern Kentucky 10, Georgia Southern 6



October 8, 1988 - Florida State 28, Georgia Southern 10
 September 15, 1990 - Florida State 48, Georgia Southern 6

I-AA PLAYOFF HISTORY

Since joining NCAA Division I-AA in 1984, Georgia Southern has made the playoffs six times - 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990. The Eagles became the only team to win back-to-back titles in 1985 and 1986. In 1990, GSU accomplished that feat again by successfully defending its 1989 title. In six years, the Eagles are 20-2 in playoff games, 15-0 at Paulson Stadium. Here is a review of Georgia Southern's postseason history.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

1990

The Citadel 0
Georgia Southern 31

November 24

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Georgia

The Eagles limited The Citadel to eight second-half yards in a 31-0 first-round rout of the Bulldogs. As The Citadel's potent wishbone attack came to a screeching halt, GSU broke open a 10-0 halftime advantage with a 35-yard scoring pass from Raymond Gross to Terrance Sorrell and TD runs by Karl Miller and Lester Efford. Gross completed 10 of 13 passes for 173 yards. Joe Ross led all rushers with 84 yards on 23 carries and scored Southern's first TD.

The shutout was Georgia Southern's first in 23 games, the last coming Sept. 21, 1989 when the Eagles blanked Middle Tennessee State (26-0).

After the Gross-to-Sorrell pass capped Southern's initial series of the second half, Kevin Whitley intercepted a Jack Douglas pass at the GSU 48. Miller highlighted a 52-yard, eight-play drive with a 20-yard scoring run. Efford seven-yard effort put an end to an eight-play, 72-yard scoring drive.

Idaho 27
Georgia Southern 28

December 1

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Georgia

Middle linebacker Eugene Hayes' recovery of a fumble at the Eagle 23-yard line with 2:27 remaining halted a possible game-winning Idaho drive and Georgia Southern escaped with a 28-27 NCAA I-AA quarterfinal win over the Vandals.

After the Eagles took a seemingly commanding 21-7 lead with 53 seconds left in the first half on a 3-yard TD run by Raymond Gross, Idaho countered with 17 unanswered points for a 24-21 advantage. Gross connected with Karl Miller from nine yards out late in the third quarter for what proved to be the deciding points.

GSU surrendered a season-high 528 yards total offense. Vandal quarterback Steve Nolan riddled the Eagle secondary with 372 yards on a stadium record 32 completions (43 attempts), while running back Roman Carter led all rushers with 124 yards on 23 carries. Idaho passed the Eagle 30-yard line on three of its first four possessions but came away empty.

Central Florida 7
Georgia Southern 44

December 8

Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Georgia

A swarming Eagle defense slammed the door on Central Florida in the second half while the offensive unit responded with 35 unanswered points as Georgia Southern coasted to a 44-7 NCAA I-AA semifinal win at Paulson Stadium.

The Knights got a dose of Southern's defensive linemen, whose pressure forced 10 sacks. Nose guard Curtis Gordon, ends Jack Harris and Giff Smith recorded two sacks each. UCF also got quarterback Raymond Gross, who threw for two touchdowns in the decisive second half. Gross was perfect in the third and fourth quarters, completing 3-of-3 aeriels for 72 yards.

Georgia Southern limited Central Florida to 81 yards total offense in the second half. The Knights mustered just six rushing yards and 75 passing yards in the game's final 30 minutes. Fullback Joe Ross led all rushers with 72 yards while slotback Karl Miller hauled in a career-high 111 yards on five catches.

Nevada 13
Georgia Southern 36

December 15

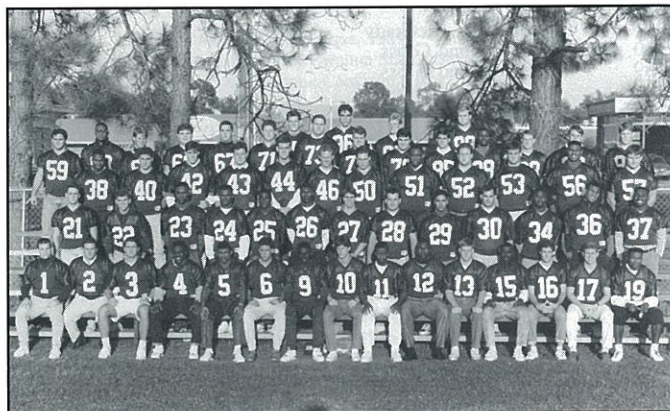
Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Georgia

Quarterback Raymond Gross rushed for a game-high 145 yards and the Georgia Southern defense responded with a crucial goal line stand early in the third quarter as the Eagles captured their fourth national championship in the last six years with a 36-13 triumph over Nevada.

Trailing 14-6 to open the second half, Nevada drove 74 yards in 14 plays to the Eagle 1-yard line. The Wolfpack were stuffed on four consecutive plays before Kevin McKelvie missed a 24-yard field goal. GSU answered with a pair of Darryl Hopkins touchdown runs to give the Eagles a comfortable 27-6 lead midway through the final period.

Karl Miller's 51-yard opening kickoff return set up Southern's first score -- a 14-yard Joe Ross 14-yard run. A 49-yard pass from Gross to Terrance Sorrell highlighted GSU's second touchdown, a Gross eight-yard run. After Hopkins' contributions, the Eagles added a 41-yard Mike Dowis field goal and closed the contest when true freshman defensive end Alex Mash returned a Chris Vargas pass 15 yards for a touchdown.

Gross' 31 carries tied a NCAA I-AA Championship Game record and closed his starting quarterback record to 44-8, tops in the history of Georgia Southern football.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

1989

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 action at Paulson Stadium. Ross scored on runs of 11 and 39 in the second half as Southern traditionally 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 lead.

Then came quarter No. 3 and the Eagles ripped off 25 unanswered points. Georgia Southern scored on its first four possessions to grab a 38-21 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 that 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 later 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-high 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 a 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 20. 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 each.

I-AA PLAYOFF HISTORY

NATIONAL RUNNER UP

1988

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.

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's 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 3
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 quarterfinal 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 417-282 in total offense.

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 touchdowns 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 national championship. In addition to Alford's late heroics, safety Randell Boone picked off a Fields' pass in the endzone to thwart another Colonel drive.

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 to be crowned NCAA I-AA national champions at the Holt Minidome in Pocatello, Idaho.

A pair of David Cool field goals (55 and 48 yards) 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.

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. 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 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 had missed a 37 yarder at the end of regulation that would have won the game.

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. The Mountaineers' Ritchie Melchor rushed for 156 yards and two touchdowns to pace ASU. 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.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

1986

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. A 29-yard scamper and a one-yard plunge, both in the third quarter, capped the record-setting afternoon. 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 touchdowns. Gerald Harris gained 162 yards and scored two touchdowns while Ricky Harris rushed for 106 yards on just seven carries.

Georgia Southern 48
Arkansas State 21
December 19
Tacoma Dome
Tacoma, Washington

Tracy Ham rushed for 180 yards and three touchdowns and completed 12 of 21 passes for 306 yards and another score to lead Georgia Southern to its second consecutive 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.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

1985

Jackson State 0
Georgia Southern 27
November 30
Allen E. Paulson Stadium
Statesboro, Georgia

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

Georgia Southern 28
Middle Tennessee State 21
December 7
Johnny Floyd Stadium
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Georgia Southern scored 21 unanswered points and then held off a Middle Tennessee rally to upset the nation's No. 1-ranked team. 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 earlier in the season.

Georgia Southern 40
Northern Iowa 33
December 14
UNI Dome
Cedar Falls, Iowa

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

Georgia Southern 44
Furman 42
December 21
Tacoma Dome
Tacoma, Washington

In one of the greatest comebacks in college football history, Georgia Southern rallied from a 22-point third quarter deficit to defeat Furman 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. 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. The Eagles scored 38 points in the final 21:51 of the game to overcome a 28-6 Furman lead.

THE LAST TIME...

THE LAST TIME GEORGIA SOUTHERN...

...BLOCKED A PUNT AND SCORED was in the second quarter at Northeast Louisiana Sept. 14, 1991. Chance Ward blocked a Chad McCarty punt and Clint Avret fell on the ball in the endzone. The Eagles lost 21-13.

...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 Central Florida October 26, 1991. Rodney Oglesby returned a punt 51 yards in a 20-6 victory.

...RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN was November 23, 1991, against Nicholls State. Shane Maxwell picked off a Carl Disher pass and returned it 26 yards in the 40-6 win.

...RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN was when Mark Giles grabbed a loose ball on December 1, 1990 against Idaho and returned it 76 yards for the first score of a 28-27 triumph.

...SCORED A SAFETY was September 7, 1991 when Savannah State punter Gregg Leverett bobbled a snap in his own endzone and was tackled by Darius Dawson in a 29-6 GSU win.

...RECOVERED A FUMBLE IN THE ENDZONE FOR A TOUCHDOWN was December 16, 1989 in the NCAA I-AA Championship Game vs. Stephen F. Austin. Terrence Sorrell fell on a Raymond Gross fumble in the opening quarter of the 37-34 triumph.

...SHUT OUT AN OPPONENT was a 31-0 white-washing against The Citadel in the opening round of the 1990 I-AA playoffs November 24.

...RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 500 YARDS was against Samford November 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 on December 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 on November 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 on December 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 Florida A&M on September 21, 1991. The Rattlers gained just 97 yards in Georgia Southern's 28-21 victory.

...HELD AN OPPONENT TO UNDER 100 YARDS PASSING IN A GAME was November 2, 1991 against Youngstown State. Penguin quarterback Ray Isaac was two of eight for 35 yards in Georgia Southern's 19-17 loss.

THE LAST TIME AN OPPONENT...

...BLOCKED A PUNT AND SCORED was on October 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 A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN was on October 19, 1991, by James Madison. Anthony Archer took an Eagle punt and returned it 80 yards in a 24-21 Eagle victory.

...RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN was on October 2, 1982 by Gardner Webb. Dan Davis intercepted a Rob Allen pass and returned it 31 yards in a 44-6 Georgia Southern loss.

...RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN was November 2, 1991 by Youngstown State. Reginald Brown grabbed a Derrick McGrady pitch in mid-air and race 48 yards for a score in the Penguins' 19-17 victory.

...SCORED A SAFETY was December 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 ENDZONE FOR A TOUCHDOWN was against Tennessee-Chattanooga October 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.

...SHUT OUT GEORGIA SOUTHERN was December 5, 1987 when Appalachian State beat the Eagles, 19-0. It marked the first time in 76 games that the Eagles had failed to score.

...GAINED 300 YARDS RUSHING was November 2, 1991 against Youngstown State. The Penguins gained 310 yards on 68 carries in their 19-17 win.

...PASSED FOR MORE THAN 500 YARDS was October 6, 1984 when Bernard Hawk of Bethune-Cookman completed 40 of 67 passes for 527 yards in a 43-33 Georgia Southern win.

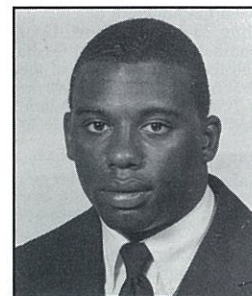
...HAD A RUNNING BACK RUSH FOR MORE THAN 100 YARDS IN A GAME was by Youngstown State's Tamron Smith, who gained 115 yards on 23 rushes in YSU's 19-17 victory on November 2, 1991. YSU's Leo Hawkins rushed for 108 the same afternoon.

...HELD GEORGIA SOUTHERN TO LESS THAN 100 YARDS RUSHING was November 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 100 YARDS PASSING was October 5, 1991 against Eastern Kentucky. The Eagles were one-of-six for four yards in a 10-6 defeat.



Clint Avret



Ricky Harris

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
3.	191	Tracy Ham vs. Nicholls State, 1986 playoffs
4.	190	Joe Ross vs. Villanova, 1989 playoffs
5.	182	Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee State #1, 1989
6.	181	Gerald Harris vs. North Carolina A&T, 1986 playoffs
7.	180	Tracy Ham vs. Arkansas State, 1986 playoffs
8.	178	Gerald Harris vs. Northern Iowa, 1985 playoffs
	178	Clint Harper vs. Savannah State, 1983
10.	173	Raymond Gross vs. Maine, 1987 playoffs
11.	170	Gerald Harris vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1986
12.	169	Gerald Harris vs. South Carolina State, 1986
13.	162	Tracy Ham vs. Nevada-Reno, 1986 playoffs
	162	Gerald Harris vs. Nevada-Reno, 1986 playoffs
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 playoffs
	157	Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1988
18.	156	Gerald Harris vs. South Carolina State, 1985
19.	154	Ricky Harris vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1985
20.	152	Joe Ross vs. Stephen F. Austin, 1989
	152	Raymond Gross vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1988
22.	150	Frank Johnson vs. Samford, 1988
23.	149	Joe Ross vs. The Citadel, 1988
24.	148	Tracy Ham vs. Newberry, 1985
	148	Gerald Harris vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1985 playoffs
26.	145	Raymond Gross vs. Nevada, 1990 playoffs
27.	144	Melvin Bell vs. Newberry, 1983
28.	143	Joe Ross vs. Western Kentucky, 1987
29.	142	Lester Efford vs. Central Florida, 1991
30.	141	Tracy Ham vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1986
31.	140	Ricky Harris vs. Valdosta State, 1984
32.	139	Joe Ross vs. James Madison, 1988
33.	135	Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1984
34.	132	Tracy Ham vs. Wofford, 1983
35.	130	Melvin Bell vs. Central Florida, 1983
	130	Tracy Ham vs. Valdosta State, 1984
	130	Joe Ross vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1987
38.	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
43.	128	Tracy Ham vs. North Carolina A&T, 1986 playoffs
	128	Lester Efford vs. Nicholls State, 1991
45.	125	Raymond Gross vs. South Carolina State, 1987
	125	Raymond Gross vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1988
47.	123	Lester Efford vs. Middle Tennessee State #2, 1989
48.	121	Tracy Ham vs. James Madison, 1986
49.	120	Joe Ross vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1989
	120	Raymond Gross vs. Florida A&M, 1988
51.	119	Lester Efford vs. Samford, 1990
52.	118	Tracy Ham vs. Western Kentucky, 1986
	118	Joe Ross vs. Savannah State, 1989
54.	117	Ricky Harris vs. Florida A&M, 1985
	117	Frank Johnson vs. Tennessee Tech, 1985
	117	Joe Ross vs. Catawba, 1987
57.	115	Gerald Harris vs. Central Florida, 1984
	115	Raymond Gross vs. Western Carolina, 1987
59.	113	Joe Ross vs. Central Florida, 1990
	113	Melvin Bell vs. Central Florida, 1983
61.	112	Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee State, 1990
	112	Clint Harper vs. Catawba, 1983
	112	Gerald Harris vs. Central Florida, 1986
64.	111	Joe Ross vs. Samford, 1988
	111	Raymond Gross vs. Middle Tennessee State #1, 1989
	111	Lester Efford vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1991
67.	110	Ricky Harris vs. James Madison, 1985
	110	Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee, 1987
69.	108	Raymond Gross vs. Central Florida, 1989
70.	107	Tracy Ham vs. Florida, 1986
71.	106	Ricky Harris vs. Nevada-Reno, 1986 playoffs
	106	Joe Ross vs. James Madison, 1989
73.	105	Garry Miller vs. Appalachian State, 1987 playoffs
74.	104	Melvin Bell vs. Liberty Baptist, 1984
	104	Tracy Ham vs. South Carolina State, 1985
	104	Joe Ross vs. Central Florida, 1989
	104	Lester Efford vs. Florida A&M, 1991
78.	103	Frank Johnson vs. The Citadel, 1988 playoffs
	103	Raymond Gross vs. Stephen F. Austin, 1989 playoffs
80.	102	Ricky Harris vs. Central Florida, 1983
81.	101	Tracy Ham vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1986
82.	100	Gerald Harris vs. Valdosta State, 1984
	100	Raymond Gross vs. Middle Tennessee State #2, 1989 playoffs

200-Yard Passing Games

1.	419	Tracy Ham vs. Furman, 1985 playoffs
2.	402	Tracy Ham vs. East Carolina, 1984
3.	306	Tracy Ham vs. Arkansas State, 1986 playoffs
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.	246	Raymond Gross vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1990
8.	226	Raymond Gross vs. Northeast Louisiana, 1990
9.	222	Tracy Ham vs. UT-Chattanooga, 1985
10.	219	Tracy Ham vs. Western Kentucky, 1986
11.	217	Derrick McGrady vs. James Madison, 1991
12.	210	Raymond Gross vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1990
13.	207	Tracy Ham vs. Central Florida, 1984
14.	202	Tracy Ham vs. Valdosta State, 1984

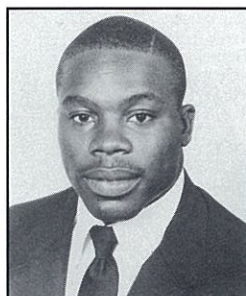
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100-Yard Rushing Games

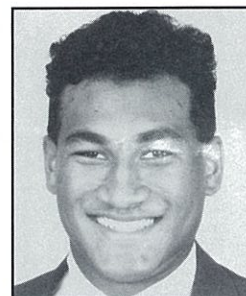
1.	172	Michael Summers, South Carolina State, 1986
2.	168	Vince Hall, Middle Tennessee State, 1984
3.	156	Ritchie Melchor, Appalachian State, 1987 playoffs
4.	154	Carl Boyd, Northern Iowa, 1985 playoffs
5.	152	Mike Motley, Newberry, 1983
6.	148	Muhammad Shamsid-Deen, Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1990
	148	Dwight Stone, Middle Tennessee, 1986
8.	145	Jim Heywood, Troy State, 1983
9.	143	Warren Marshall, James Madison, 1985
10.	140	Michael Horace, Stephen F. Austin, 1988 playoffs
11.	134	Elgin Davis, Central Florida, 1983
	134	Richard Kimble, Arkansas State, 1986 playoffs
13.	131	Anthony Simpson, East Carolina, 1986
	131	Roosevelt Potts, Northeast Louisiana, 1991
15.	128	Warren Marshall, James Madison, 1986
16.	124	Roman Carter, Idaho, 1990 playoffs
17.	123	Mark Giaccone, Central Florida, 1990
18.	120	Willie English, Central Florida, 1991
19.	118	Gerald Anderson, Middle Tennessee, 1985 playoffs
	118	Artis Edwards, UT-Chattanooga, 1984
21.	115	Tamron Smith, Youngstown State, 1991
22.	112	Sean Jackson, Florida State, 1990
	112	Anthony Simpson, East Carolina, 1987
24.	111	Marcus Thomas, Eastern Kentucky, 1990
	111	Eddie Coleman, Troy State, 1991
26.	110	Marvin Collier, Middle Tennessee, 1985
27.	109	Erik Williams, James Madison, 1990
28.	108	Henry Latham, East Tennessee State, 1983
	108	Dwight Stone, Middle Tennessee, 1985 playoffs
	108	Leo Hawkins, Youngstown State, 1991
31.	105	Kent Larry, Presbyterian, 1983
	105	Shorty Smith, Samford, 1988
33.	101	Gerald Foggie, South Carolina State, 1985
	101	Vernon Jones, The Citadel, 1988 playoffs

200-Yard Passing Games

1.	527	Bernard Hawk, Bethune-Cookman, 1984
2.	481	Doug Hudson, Nicholls State, 1986 playoffs
3.	385	Charles Glaze, South Carolina State, 1985
4.	372	Steve Nolan, Idaho, 1990 playoffs
5.	371	Kirk Schultz, Villanova, 1989 playoffs
6.	360	Eric Beavers, Nevada-Reno, 1986 playoffs
7.	339	Jeff Cesarone, Western Kentucky, 1986
8.	315	Mike Smith, Northern Iowa, 1985 playoffs
	315	Darin Slack, Central Florida, 1987
10.	311	John Gregory, Marshall, 1989
11.	303	Todd Hammel, Stephen F. Austin, 1989 playoffs
12.	282	Dana Thyshen, Central Florida, 1984
13.	278	Johny Jeffery, Savannah State, 1990
14.	269	Tony Ezell, Florida A&M, 1991
15.	264	Mark Smith, Western Carolina, 1987
16.	262	Jimmy Skipper, Newberry, 1986
17.	261	Richard Basil, Savannah State, 1989
18.	259	Greg Ross, Bethune-Cookman, 1987
19.	251	Bernard Hawk, Bethune-Cookman, 1985
20.	248	Tim Couch, UT-Chattanooga, 1986
21.	247	Chip Ferguson, Florida State, 1988
22.	245	Tony Lanham, Central Florida, 1985
23.	244	Greg Ross, Bethune-Cookman, 1986
24.	238	Sean Bowles, Mars Hill, 1983
25.	236	Mike Kelly, Florida A&M, 1985
	236	Stan White, Auburn, 1991
27.	234	Shannon Boyd, Jackson State, 1985 playoffs
28.	229	Mike Buck, Maine, 1987 playoffs
29.	212	Jeff Cesarone, Western Kentucky, 1987
30.	210	Bobby Lamb, Furman, 1985 playoffs
31.	206	Anthony Thomas, Bethune-Cookman, 1988
32.	200	Ches Liles, Northeast Louisiana, 1991



Tracy Ham



Joe Ross

YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

Georgia Normal School

1924 - E.G. Cromartie (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 W
Brewton-Parker

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

1927 - H.A. Woodlee (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. Woodlee (5-5)
Waynesboro J.C. 26-0
Brewton-Parker 2-6
Cochran A&M 6-24
Benedictine 7-6
Tifton L
Mercer 7-0
Piedmont 0-12
Norman Park 0-6
Douglas 7-0
Brewton-Parker NA

South Georgia Teachers College

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1937 - B.L. "Crook" Smith (2-9)
Mercer 0-77
Miami 0-40
Tampa 0-20
Stetson 0-24
Troy Tech 6-12
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

Georgia Southern College

1982 - Erk Russell (7-3-1)
#Central Florida 16-9
%Baptist College 42-0
Valdosta State 27-27
at Gardner Webb 6-44
Fort Benning 56-6
Newberry 36-14
Catawba 7-10
Wofford 7-28
at Mars Hill 17-3
at Valdosta State 45-29
\$Florida State J.V. 31-20
#at Jacksonville, %at Savannah, \$at Warner Robins

1983 - Erk Russell (6-5)
Central Florida 29-33
%Presbyterian 35-21
Troy State 27-28
Gardner-Webb 25-11
at East Tennessee State 7-24
Newberry 24-27
at Catawba 10-3
at Wofford 27-16
Mars Hill 35-9
at Valdosta State 29-34
at Savannah State 15-0
%at Savannah

1984 - Erk Russell (8-3)
%Florida A&M 14-0
at Presbyterian 41-6
at Central Florida 42-28
at East Carolina 27-34
Liberty Baptist 48-11
#Bethune-Cookman 43-33
UT-Chattanooga 24-17
Newberry 41-16
Valdosta State 38-8
at East Tennessee 17-20
at Middle Tennessee 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 State 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 I-AA Playoff

Game, **I-AA National Championship Game at Tacoma, Wash.

1987 - Erk Russell (9-4)
Catawba 27-0
#Florida A&M 14-17
Middle Tennessee 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 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 State 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
at Nicholls State 21-13
Central Florida 31-17
at Samford 52-7
at James Madison 36-21
Tennessee-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 I-AA Playoff Game, **NCAA I-AA National Championship Game

Georgia Southern University

1990 - Tim Stowers (12-3)
Valdosta State 17-10
at Middle Tennessee State 13-16
at Florida State 6-48
Eastern Kentucky 34-42
Northeast Louisiana 33-14
at Marshall 17-14
at Central Florida 38-17
Savannah State 54-7
James Madison 31-13
at Tenn.-Chattanooga 23-20
Samford 31-24
*The Citadel 31-0
*Idaho 28-27
*Central Florida 44-7
**Nevada 36-13
*NCAA I-AA Playoff Game, **NCAA I-AA National Championship Game

1991 - Tim Stowers (7-4)
at Auburn 17-32
Savannah State 29-6
at Northeast Louisiana 13-21
at Florida A&M 28-21
at Eastern Kentucky 6-10
Western Carolina 44-6
at James Madison 24-21
Central Florida 20-6
Youngstown State 17-19
Troy State 19-12
Nicholls State 40-6

SERIES HISTORY & COACHES

OPPONENT	FIRST MEETING	LAST MEETING	SCORE	W	L	T
Appalachian State	1934	1987	0-19	1	3	1
Arkansas State	1986	1986	48-21	1	0	0
Auburn	1991	1991	17-32	0	1	0
Bethune-Cookman	1984	1988	38-14	5	0	0
Catawba	1982	1987	27-0	2	1	0
Charleston Southern	1982	1982	42-0	1	0	0
Central Florida	1982	1991	20-6	10	1	0
The Citadel	1988	1990	31-0	2	0	0
East Carolina	1984	1987	13-16	0	3	0
East Tennessee State	1983	1985	46-7	1	2	0
Eastern Kentucky	1988	1991	6-10	1	2	0
Florida	1986	1986	14-38	0	1	0
Florida A&M	1984	1991	28-21	6	1	0
Florida State	1988	1990	6-48	0	2	0
Furman	1985	1988	12-17	1	1	0
Gardner-Webb	1982	1983	25-11	1	1	0
Idaho	1990	1990	28-27	1	0	0
Jackson State	1985	1985	27-0	1	0	0
James Madison	1985	1991	24-21	6	1	0
Liberty	1984	1984	48-11	1	0	0
Maine	1987	1987	31-28	1	0	0
Marshall	1989	1990	17-14	2	0	0
Mars Hill	1982	1983	35-9	2	0	0
Miami (Fla.)	1933	1937	0-40	0	3	0
Middle Tennessee State	1984	1990	13-16	5	4	0
Montana	1989	1989	45-15	1	0	0
Nevada	1986	1990	36-13	2	0	0
Newberry	1930	1988	55-7	4	5	1
Nicholls State	1986	1991	40-6	3	0	0
North Carolina A&T	1986	1986	52-21	1	0	0
Northeast Louisiana	1987	1991	13-21	2	2	0
Northern Iowa	1985	1985	40-33	1	0	0
Presbyterian	1983	1984	41-6	2	0	0
Samford	1988	1990	31-24	3	0	0
Savannah State	1983	1991	29-6	4	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	1990	23-20	6	0	0
Tennessee Tech	1985	1986	59-13	2	0	0
Froy State	1934	1991	19-12	2	9	0
J.S. Naval Academy	1940	1940	6-46	0	1	0
Valdosta State	1982	1990	17-13	4	1	1
Villanova	1989	1989	52-36	1	0	0
West Georgia	1989	1989	48-7	1	0	0
Western Carolina	1941	1991	44-6	2	1	0
Western Kentucky	1986	1987	23-20	2	0	0
Wofford	1982	1983	27-16	1	1	0
Youngstown State	1991	1991	17-19	0	1	0

INACTIVE PROGRAMS

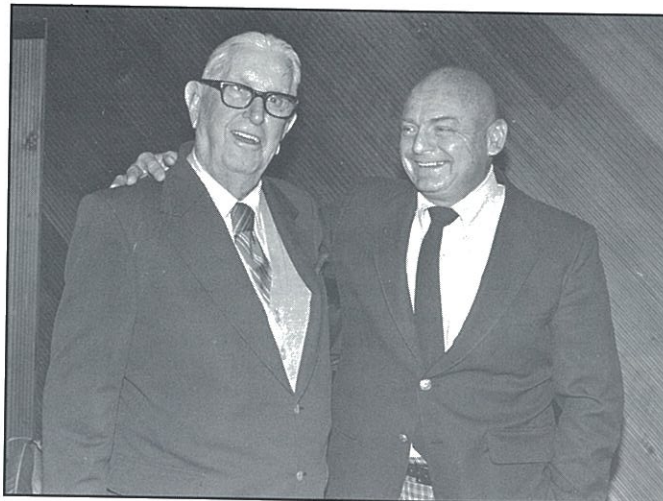
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Armstrong State	1937	1940	43-0	3	1	0
Benedictine	1925	1928	7-6	3	1	0
Bowdon	1931	1931	7-24	0	1	0
Brewton-Parker	1925	1936	14-7	10	2	1
Camp Croft	1941	1941	0-21	0	1	0
Cochran A&M	1928	1928	6-24	0	1	0
Douglas	1924	1928	7-0	4	0	0
Erskine	1937	1947	0-7	0	3	1
Florida State J.V.	1982	1982	31-20	1	0	0
Fort Benning	1940	1982	56-6	2	0	0
Fort Screven	1926	1927	6-0	2	0	0
Georgia Military	1926	1937	6-7	2	4	0
Georgia State Teachers	1930	1930	13-0	1	0	0
Gordon Military	1932	1937	0-19	2	2	0
Graymont A.C.	1931	1931	47-0	1	0	0
Havana	1939	1939	27-7	2	0	0
Jacksonville Tech	1934	1934	13-0	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	0	4	0
Rollins	1932	1936	0-26	0	3	0
Rollon	1932	1932	0-12	0	1	0
Seiad	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
Vingate	1938	1938	6-0	1	0	0

YEAR	COACH	W	L	T	GSU PTS	OPP PTS
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	30
1937	B.L. "Crook" Smith	2	9	0	58	72
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
1990*	Tim Stowers	12	3	0	436	272
1991	Tim Stowers	7	4	0	257	160

*includes NCAA playoff games

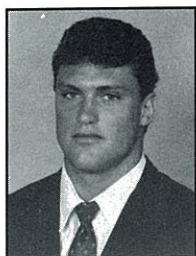
CUMULATIVE RECORDS

NAME	TENURE	YEARS	W-L-T	PCT
E.G. Cromartie	1924-26	3	7-5-1	.577
H.A. Woodle	1927-28	2	11-6-1	.639
B.L. "Crook" Smith	1929-41	13	44-67-7	.406
Erk Russell	1982-89	7	68-22-1	.753
Tim Stowers	1990-	2	19-7-0	.731



B.L. "Crook" Smith and Erk Russell

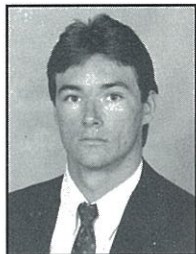
ALL-AMERICAS



Darren Alford, Defensive Tackle, Eatonton, Ga.

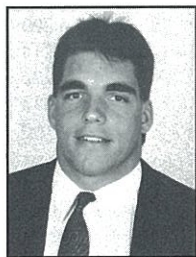
(Associated Press '88 - First Team; **Walter Camp** '88 - First Team; **Kodak** '88 - First Team; **Football News** '88 - First Team) -- One of the top pass rushers in Division I-AA during the 1988 season. He recorded a school-record 17.5 sacks. He also had 129 tackles, 72 solos and 57 assists. Alford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

Newberry). **Jersey number: 98.**



Randell Boone, Strong Safety, Uvalda, Ga.

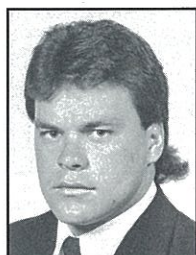
(Associated Press '89 - Second Team; **Football News** '89 - Third Team; **The Sports Network** '89 - Second Team) -- Finished career with 12 interceptions and 160 tackles. Emerged as one of the top defensive backs in I-AA senior season with 58 stops, eight interceptions and eight pass breakups. **Jersey number: 49.**



Steve Bussoletti, Defensive End, Gainesville, Ga.

(Associated Press '90, '91 - Third Team; **The Sports Network** '90 - Honorable Mention, '91 - First Team; **Football Gazette** '90 - Third Team, '91 - Second Team) -- Bussoletti completed his career as the Eagles' all-time sack leader (regular season games only) with 25. As a junior, he teamed with Giff Smith to form the best defensive end combination in

Division I-AA. Bussoletti recorded 19 sacks over his final two seasons, including a team-best 14 in 1990. **Jersey number: 96.**



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 that the Eagles were second in the nation in rushing offense and scoring offense in 1986. His blocking up the middle opened the holes for fullback Gerald Harris who gained 954 yards during the 1986 regular

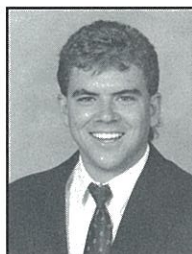
season. **Jersey number: 72.**



David Cool, Placekicker, Stone Mountain, Ga.

(Associated Press '91 - Second Team; **Football Gazette** '91 - Third Team; **The Sports Network** '91 - Honorable Mention) -- Cool led the 1991 Eagles in scoring with 67 points. He was 14 of 17 on field goal attempts, 25 of 28 on PATs. Cool hit eight consecutive field goal tries as a senior and connected on attempts of 52 and 53 yards. He

became the first freshman in NCAA history to kick a 60-yard field goal (vs. James Madison, 1988). Cool also booted a record-setting 55-yard three pointer in the 1988 I-AA finals. **Jersey Number: 3**



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 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) -- One of 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 held or shared 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 unit which helped Eagles lead nation in rushing offense (329.2 yds. per game) and finish second nationally in scoring offense (36.8 pts. per game) in 1989. One of the strongest and

most consistent lineman ever to play at GSU. **Jersey number: 51.**

ALL-AMERICAS



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 was the first 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 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.

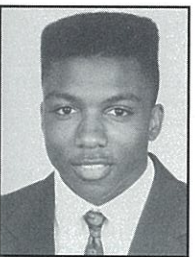
Associated Press '88 - Honorable Mention; **Football News** '89 - Third Team) -- The heart and soul of the Eagle defense during 1988 and 1989 seasons. Anchored '89 defensive unit which finished second nationally in scoring defense (12.1 ppg) and third nationally in total defense (255.9 ypg). Led squad in tackles junior (139) and senior (126) seasons. Started Georgia Southern career as a walk-on. **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

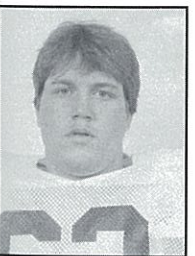
defensive players for years to come. **Jersey number: 58.**



Rodney Oglesby, Cornerback, Swainsboro, Ga.

(**Associated Press** '88 - Honorable Mention, '90 - Third Team, '91 - First Team; **Football Gazette** '90 - Second Team, '91 - Honorable Mention; **Kodak** '91 - First Team; **Walter Camp** '91 - First Team; **The Sports Network** '91 - First Team) -- Graduated from GSU as the school's all-time interception leader (regular-season games only) with 14. Made 47

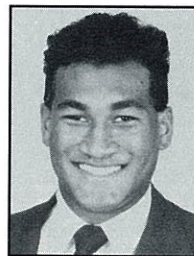
stops as a senior, 35 unassisted. Oglesby shared the team lead in interceptions (four) as a freshman and was credited with 59 tackles. Recorded 35 tackles and a team-leading four pass thefts in 1990. Oglesby was the Eagles' punt returner for four seasons and made 56 straight starts in the secondary. **Jersey number: 19.**



Vance Pike, Offensive Tackle, Warner Robins, Ga.

(**Kodak** '85 - First Team) -- Pike led Georgia Southern to its first national championship in 1985. His blocking was one of the key reasons that the Eagles averaged more than 400 yards in total offense and 35 points per game in the 1985 playoffs. Pike became the first modern day football player to inducted into the Georgia Southern Athletic Hall of

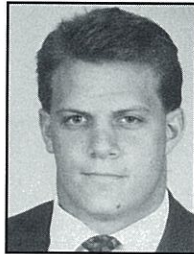
Fame in 1991. **Jersey number: 62.**



Joe Ross, Fullback, Augusta, Ga.

(**Associated Press** '87 - Third Team, '89 - First Team; **The Sports Network** '89 - First Team, '90 - Honorable Mention; **Kodak** '89 - First Team; **Football News** '89 - Second Team; **Walter Payton Award** '89 - Fourth in Balloting; **Football Gazette** '90 - Third Team) -- Became top Georgia Southern career rusher during senior season, finishing with 3,876 yards. Also holds school records for single

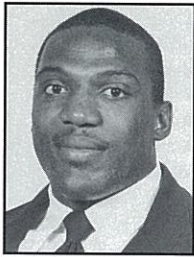
season (1,354 yards on 212 carries, 1989) and single game (280 yards against Marshall in '89 regular-season finale). Only player in Georgia Southern history to post two 1,000-yard seasons (1987 and 1989). Had 21 100-yard games in career. **Jersey number: 36.**



Giff Smith, Defensive End, Mableton, Ga.

(**Associated Press** '88 - Honorable Mention, '89 - First Team, '90 - First Team; **Football News** '88 - Second Team, '89 - Second Team, **Football Gazette** '90 - Defensive Player-of-the-Year, '90 - First Team, **Walter Camp** - '90 First Team) -- Smith established himself as a dominant defensive player in Division I-AA. Second-leading tackler in '88 (131) and '89 (112), fifth-leading tackler in '90 (89). Also one of the top pass rushers in the nation,

recording 11, 12 and 10 sacks in his final three seasons. 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.**



Kevin Whitley, Cornerback, Decatur, Ga.

(**Football Gazette** '91 - Honorable Mention) -- A four-year starter and ferocious hitter in the defensive backfield. Whitley teamed with Rodney Oglesby to give GSU the top cornerback tandem in I-AA. Made 48 stops, 34 unassisted as a senior and led the Eagles with six pass breakups. He also picked off two passes. **Jersey number: 4**

GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL

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THE UNIVERSITY

Georgia Southern University is the only public university in the southern half of the state, founded in 1906 as a district agricultural and mechanical school. Today it is the fastest-growing college or university in the United States.

Southern's enrollment has mushroomed 73 percent since 1985, to an estimated 14,000 this fall. Students at Georgia Southern come from nearly all U.S. states and 67 nations.

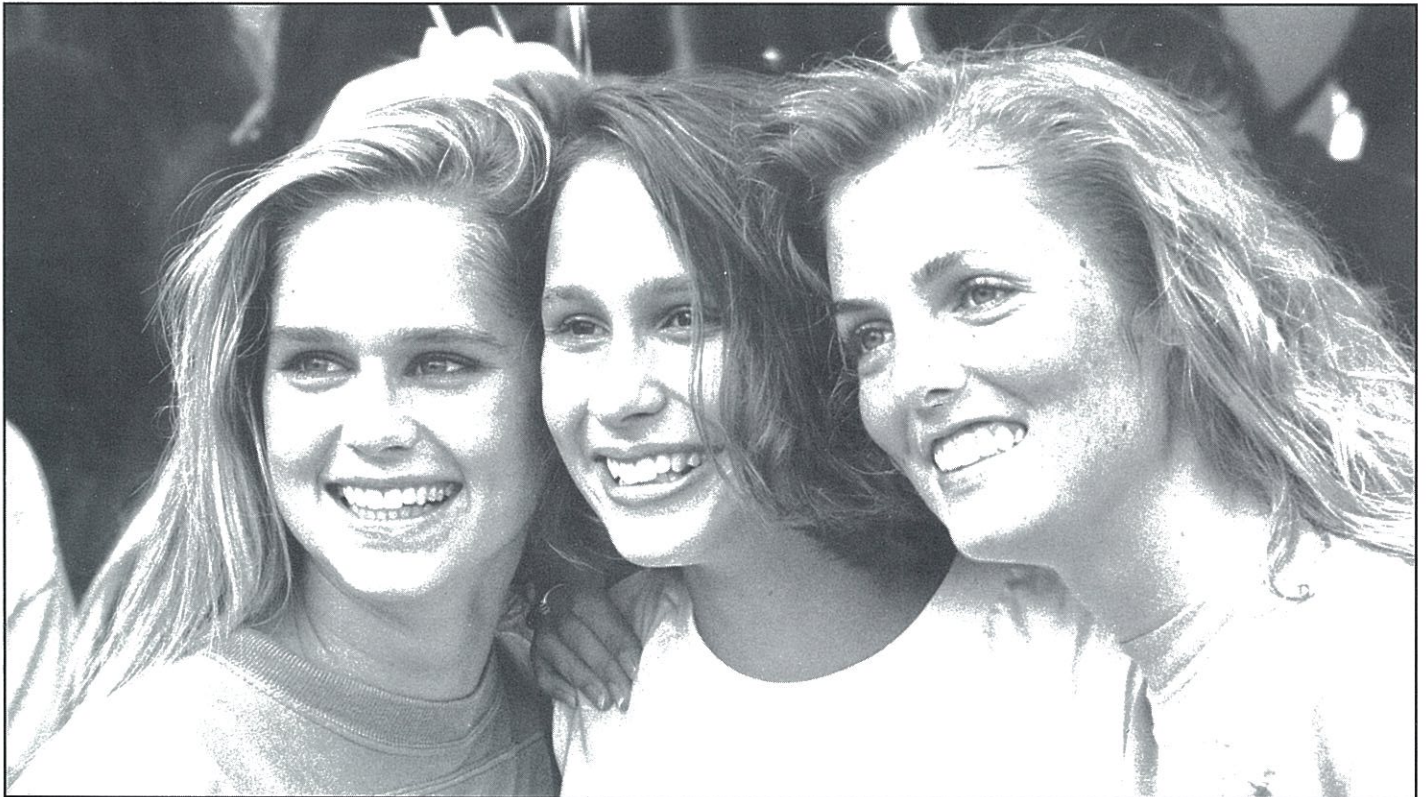
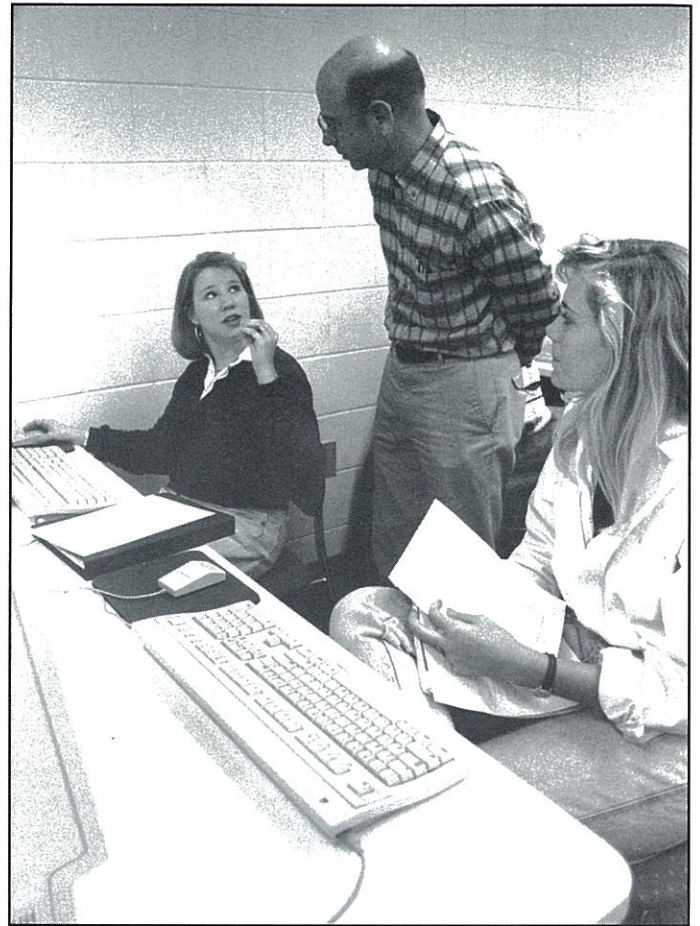
The University's five colleges - Arts and Sciences, Education, Technology, Health and Professional Studies and Business - offer more than 150 degree programs. About 1,500 graduate and undergraduate degrees are awarded annually.

Beyond the teaching realm, Georgia Southern has the additional missions of research and public service that promote the educational, economic, cultural, and social progress of the state. Research ranges from investigating ticks as carriers of human diseases to boosting the potential for economic development of the region. Public service programs seek to enhance the well-being of residents through improvements in education, health care, and business.

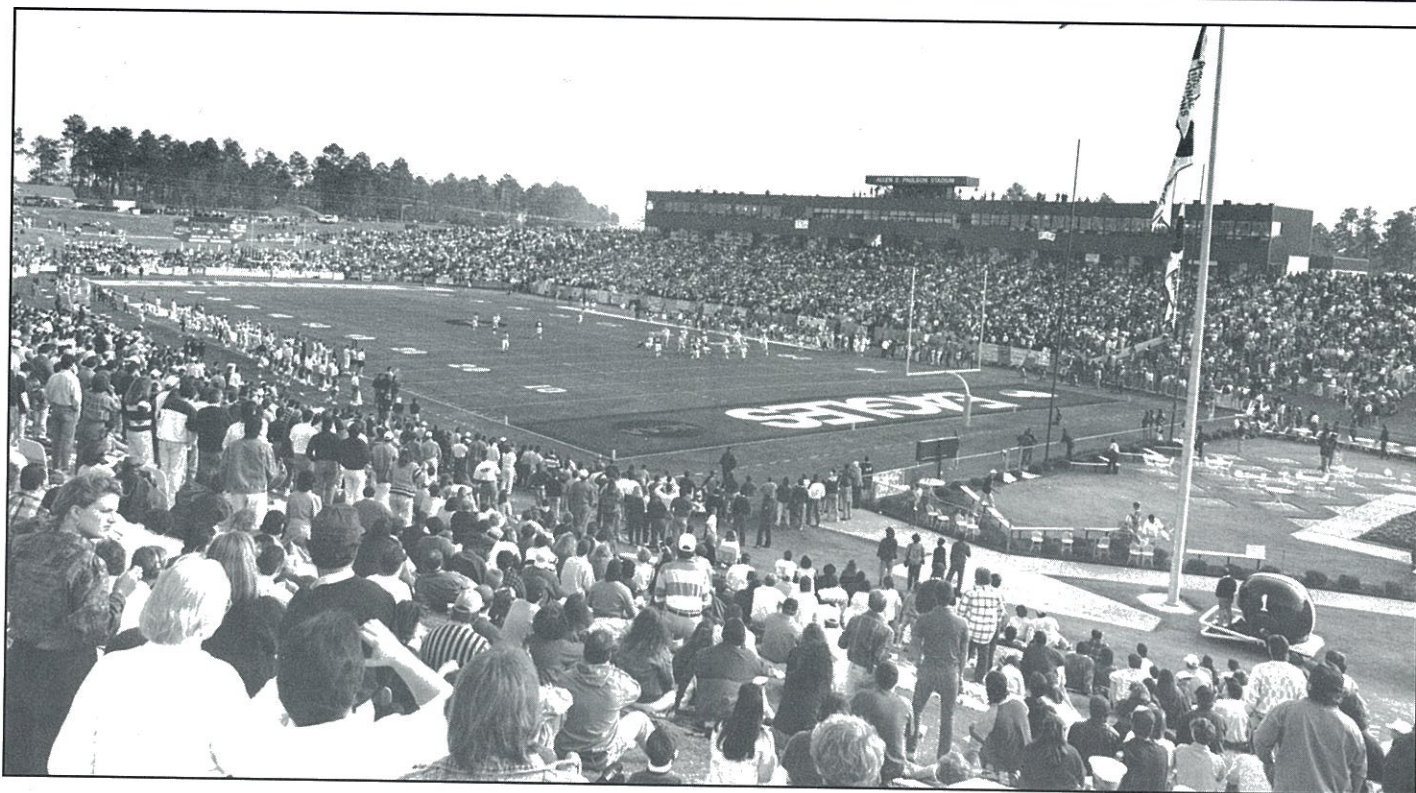
The University's 600-acre campus is home to centers for business development, international studies, rural health and research, arthropodology and parasitology, and continuing education.

To support its commitment to problem-solving research and service, Southern aggressively competes for grants from public agencies and private foundations, bringing more than \$5 million a year from outside sources.

Georgia Southern has been named one of **U.S. News and World Report's** "up and coming" regional universities.



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 facility in America.

Constructed at a cost of \$4.7 million, Paulson Stadium currently seats 18,000 spectators. The stadium was designed with two expansion phases in mind. The first will increase the 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 and food service areas, plus the Morris and Ann Lupton Building in an open end of the natural bowl. The field level of the Lupton Building includes team and officials dressing rooms, while the second level houses the Southern Boosters hospitality room with a patio overlooking the field.

Paulson Stadium reflects and enhances the growing importance of Georgia Southern 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 construction of the facility.

PAULSON STADIUM FACTS

Layout: East-West

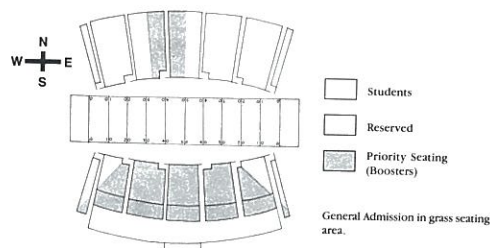
Capacity: 18,000

Initial start date: First shovel - 1983; Opening Game - September 19, 1984

Surface: Prescription Athletic Turf with special Tift Bermuda on a clay, sand and gravel base over an elaborate drainage system.

Miscellaneous: 26 private booster boxes, film deck and a 60-seat working press area.

GUIDE TO PAULSON STADIUM

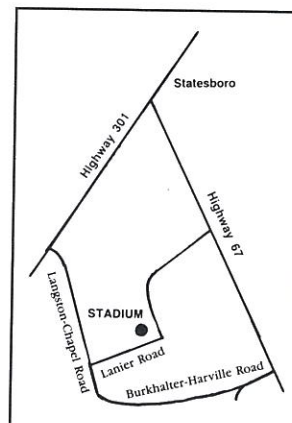


From I-16 on Highway 67 (from Savannah):

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 right (becomes Langston Chapel Road) after a few hundred yards... Once on Langston Chapel Road, continue for 1.6 miles, turning right on Lanier Road... The stadium entrance will be on the left after 1.1 miles.

From I-16 on Highway 301 (from Macon):

On I-16, take Highway 301 exit... Exit ramp will be to right, then turn left and head north to Statesboro... Turn right on Langston Chapel Road (at Phillips 66/Eagle's Nest Store)... Continue on Langston Chapel Road 2.0 miles (past stop sign)... Turn left on Lanier Road... The stadium entrance will be on the left after 1.1 miles.



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PAULSON STADIUM RECORDS

TEAM

MOST POINTS SCORED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN:

63 vs. Marshall, November 18, 1989

MOST POINTS SCORED BY AN OPPONENT:

42 by Eastern Kentucky, September 22, 1990

MOST FIRST DOWNS:

34 by Georgia Southern vs. Marshall, November 18, 1989

MOST YARDS RUSHING:

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

MOST OFFENSIVE PLAYS:

96 by Georgia Southern vs. Samford, November 17, 1990

MOST TOTAL YARDS:

592 by Georgia Southern vs. Villanova, November 25, 1989

FEWEST POINTS SCORED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN:

10 vs. Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 14, 1985

FEWEST POINTS SCORED BY AN OPPONENT:

0 on five occasions. Last by Middle Tennessee State, September 21, 1989

FEWEST YARDS RUSHING:

34 by Middle Tennessee, September 21, 1989

FEWEST YARDS PASSING:

0 by Georgia Southern vs Central Florida, October 21, 1989

FEWEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS:

44 by West Georgia, September 9, 1989

FEWEST TOTAL YARDS:

55 by South Carolina State, November 19, 1988

INDIVIDUAL

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS:

32 by Raymond Gross vs. Stephen F. Austin, December 3, 1988 and by Joe Ross vs. Middle Tennessee State, September 21, 1989

MOST RUSHING YARDS:

280 by Joe Ross vs. Marshall, November 18, 1989

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS:

5 by Gerald Harris, Georgia Southern vs. North Carolina A&T, Nov. 29, 1986

LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE:

75 yards by Joe Ross vs. Catawba, September 5, 1987 and vs. The Citadel, November 26, 1988

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED:

57 by Darin Slack, Central Florida, October 3, 1987

MOST PASSES COMPLETED:

32 by Steve Nolan, Idaho, December 1, 1990

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN:

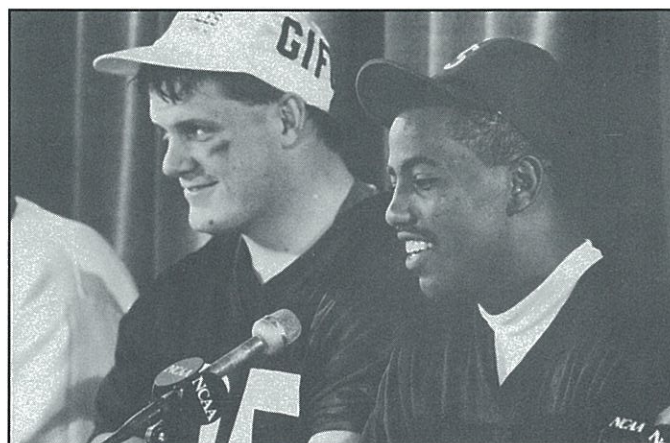
6 by Tim Couch, Tennessee-Chattanooga, September 27, 1986

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES:

4 by Kirk Schultz, Villanova, November 25, 1989

MOST YARDS PASSING:

372 by Steve Nolan, Idaho, December 1, 1990



Raymond Gross and Giff Smith

MOST PASS RECEPTIONS:

15 by Scott Dahlquist, Idaho, December 1, 1990

MOST YARDS RECEIVING:

202 by Shannon Sharpe, Savannah State, October 7, 1989 and by Scott Dahlquist, Idaho, December 1, 1990

MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS:

4 by Remi Watson, Bethune-Cookman, October 11, 1986

LONGEST PASS COMPLETION:

91 by Shannon Sharpe from Richard Basil, Savannah State, October 7, 1989

LONGEST PUNT:

70 by Earl Bryant, Savannah State, October 7, 1989

LONGEST PUNT RETURN:

52 by Jeff Steele, Northeast Louisiana, October 15, 1988

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:

81 by Rodney Stockett, James Madison, November 15, 1986

LONGEST FIELD GOAL (also NCAA I-AA record):

63 by Tim Foley vs. James Madison, November 7, 1987

ATTENDANCE

LARGEST PAULSON STADIUM CROWD:

25,725 vs. Stephen F. Austin, December 16, 1989

SMALLEST PAULSON STADIUM CROWD:

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

MISCELLANEOUS

OVERALL RECORD:

55-3 (.948)

LONGEST WINNING STREAK (also NCAA I-AA record):

38 (October 5, 1985 to September 22, 1990)

PAULSON STADIUM TOP 10 CROWDS

Game	Attendance	Date	Opponent	Score
1.	25,725	December 16, 1989	Stephen F. Austin	37-34
2.	24,078	November 11, 1989	Tennessee-Chattanooga	34-13
3.	23,204	December 15, 1990	Nevada	36-13
4.	21,067	November 3, 1990	James Madison	31-13
5.	20,507	October 7, 1989	Savannah State	35-14
6.	20,340	November 12, 1989	Samford	49-21
7.	20,228	October 15, 1988	Northeast Louisiana	43-11
8.	19,640	October 21, 1989	Central Florida	31-17
9.	19,331	October 27, 1990	Savannah State	54-7
10.	19,190	October 12, 1991	Western Carolina	44-6

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE



Established in 1921, the 10-member Southern Conference is in its 71st year of athletic competition, making it the fifth oldest major college conference in the United States. Only the Big Ten (founded in 1906), Big Eight, Missouri Valley and Southwest conferences are older in terms of origination.

The roots of the Southern Conference can be traced to 1894 when several football-playing institutions formed a confederation known as the Southeastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association. By 1920, the SIAA had grown to 30 members.

In February of 1921, officials from 14 colleges - Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi State, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Washington & Lee - met in Atlanta, Georgia to establish the Southern Intercollegiate Conference. Athletic competition began that fall. Tulane was represented at that meeting, but delayed a commitment to the league until February of 1922, when at another meeting in Atlanta, the Green Wave and five other schools - Florida, Louisiana State, Mississippi, South Carolina, Vanderbilt and Tulane - joined the conference.

Later that year in a December meeting at Washington, D.C., the league's name was changed to the Southern Conference and S.V. Sanford of Georgia was selected the conference's first president. Since then, membership has changed drastically with a total of 38 schools having been affiliated with the league, including 10 Southeastern Conference members and eight Atlantic Coast Conference members.

Current Southern Conference members are Appalachian State, The Citadel, Davidson, East Tennessee State, Furman, Georgia Southern, Marshall, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Virginia Military Institute and Western Carolina.

VMI was admitted into the league in December of 1924, while The Citadel and Furman were voted into the league in February of 1936. Appalachian State came into the conference in May of 1971 and Marshall, Tennessee-Chattanooga and Western Carolina became members in July of 1976. East Tennessee State was admitted to the conference in March of 1978.

Georgia Southern became the league's ninth member in January while Davidson was readmitted in May after withdrawing from the league following the 1987-88 academic year. The Wildcats were previously members of the Southern Conference from 1963-1988.

The Southern Conference presently declares champions in 10 men's sports - football, soccer, cross country, basketball, indoor track, wrestling, baseball, outdoor track, tennis and golf - and six women's sports - volleyball, cross country, basketball, indoor track, outdoor track and tennis.

The league receives an automatic bid to the NCAA I-AA football playoffs, to the NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball tournaments and the NCAA Division I baseball tournament.

Southern Conference schools compete athletically on the NCAA Division I level in all sports.

Since July of 1986 league offices have been located in Asheville, N.C. Since 1984 Asheville has served as the host city for the conference's men's basketball tournament.

Some athletic highlights for the conference include Rose Bowl victories by Alabama in 1926 and 1931 and by Georgia Tech in 1929 and Sugar Bowl victories by Duke in 1945 and by Maryland in 1952. When it was a conference member, Clemson won three bowl games (Cotton 1940, Gator 1949 and Orange 1951). Southern Conference member Wake Forest

triumphed in the 1946 Gator Bowl, as did Maryland in the 1950 Gator Bowl and George Washington in the 1957 Sun Bowl.

Three Southern Conference schools - The Citadel (1960), East Carolina (1964 and 1965) and Richmond (1968) posted wins in the Tangerine Bowl, which is now known as the Florida Citrus Bowl.

Current members Western Carolina, Furman and Marshall have advanced to the championship game of the I-AA playoffs with the Paladins capturing the 1989 title.

In men's basketball, Southern Conference member West Virginia dropped a 71-70 decision to California in the championship game of the 1959 NCAA Tournament. Davidson was the Eastern Regional runner-up in 1968 and 1969, while VMI earned the same distinction in 1976. In 1946 Wake Forest advanced to the championship game of the College World Series. The Citadel finished tied for fifth in the 1990 CWS.

The league offices have been located in four cities - Durham, N.C., Richmond, Va., Charlotte, N.C. and Asheville. The league has had five commissioners - Wallace Wade, Lloyd Jordan, Ken Germann, Dave Hart and Wright Waters. Wade, a highly successful football coach at Duke, was selected the league's first commissioner in December of 1950 and assumed those duties in January of 1951, when the first league offices were located in Durham.

Prior to being moved to Asheville, the Southern Conference men's basketball tournament had been hosted by several cities, including Richmond and Charlotte. In Asheville, the tournament has become a significant money-maker for the league.

The Southern Conference's automatic representative in the I-AA football playoffs is the league's round-robin champion, while the conference tournament winners automatically qualify for the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments. A postseason tournament determines the automatic qualifier in baseball, as well.

The Commissioner's Cup is presented annually to the school fielding the league's best all-around men's sports program, while the Germann Cup is given to the school with the best women's program. Furman captured the 1990-91 Commissioner's Cup and Appalachian State took the Germann Cup. The McAlister Cup, awarded to the institution that exhibits the highest degree of sportsmanship, was won for the fourth straight time by VMI. Paul Watson of Tennessee-Chattanooga is current conference president and the 26th in league history. Alan Hauser of Appalachian State is the vice-president and Jim Jones of Appalachian State is secretary-treasurer.

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HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

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 four NCAA I-AA national championships in six 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 players on 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 1981.

Longtime Georgia defensive coordinator Erk Russell shocked the state of Georgia when he accepted the head coaching position. Now, 11 years later, the rest, as they say, is history.

Georgia Southern has won four NCAA I-AA national championships. The Eagles have made six playoff appearances and have never suffered a losing season. Southern is considered one of the top football programs in the country and consistently is one of I-AA's top ten teams.

Since the Eagles won their first national championship in 1985, GSU has won more games and a higher percentage of their games than any other I-AA team.

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. Originally, it was called Georgia Normal School. From 1929 to 1938, it was South Georgia Teachers College. The name was changed to Georgia Teachers College in 1939, remaining that way until 1958.

The nickname from 1924 to 1941 was Blue Tide, the origin of which is unknown.

After World War II, when all sports except football were revived, the nickname was changed to Professors.

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.

"OUR HOUSE"

"Our House" was developed as a rallying cry by fans during the 1989 season. Georgia Southern is 55-3 in Statesboro since the opening of Allen E. Paulson Stadium in 1984. The Eagles' first victory was a 48-11 rout of Liberty Baptist. GSU went on to establish an NCAA I-AA record by winning 38 consecutive home games. Southern also won its third and fourth national titles at Paulson.

"PLAYING FOR ALL THE MARBLES"

"Playing for all the Marbles" was the theme of the 1990 team. On Thursday before the championship game, head coach Tim Stowers gave each squad member a marble and told the team that when one plays marbles, he usually play for just one, but on Saturday they would be "playing for all the marbles." So each player carried his marble during the game.

HUGO BOWL

In a game that was played just 180 miles from the eye of Hurricane Hugo and televised nationally by ESPN on Sept. 21, 1989, Georgia Southern defeated arch-rival Middle Tennessee 26-0. The contest was played despite torrential rain and high winds.

THE GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLE

The players have dubbed a hawk who lives near the practice fields as the Georgia Southern Eagle. The bird nests in the top of a pine tree and flies by a few times a week. When the players see the "eagle" they interpret it as a good sign about the upcoming game.

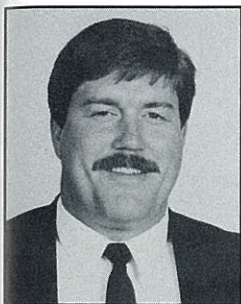
BEAUTIFUL EAGLE CREEK

Some say Eagle Creek is nothing more than an old drainage ditch, but to Eagle fans and players it is a beautiful body of water. Former head coach Erk Russell made Eagle Creek a symbol of making the best of everything you have. He turned a ditch into something to be proud of. Water from the creek is bottled up and taken on the road whenever deemed appropriate. A special ceremony is held on Friday before the game in which the players and coaches start at one end of the endzone and sprinkle a little water all the way down. It was taken on the road for the first time to Northern Iowa - a 1985 semifinal playoff game that GSU won 40-33. Some players even jump in the water for good luck.

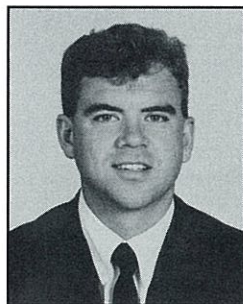


Erk Russell founded Eagle Creek

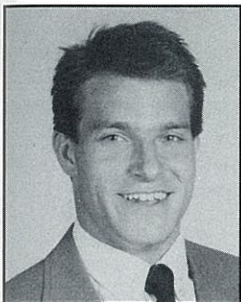
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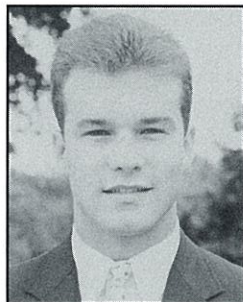
Vance Pike



Taz Dixon



Jim Vanatsky



Harold Nichols

Georgia Southern University will field a junior varsity team this season for the first time in history. The move was prompted by NCAA legislation that allows two additional restricted-earnings coaches (a total of four) at schools with junior varsity programs.

Head coach Tim Stowers has appointed Vance Pike, Taz Dixon, Jim Vanatsky and Harold Nichols to work with the JV team in 1992. The "Junior Eagles" face The Citadel JV in Savannah, play host to North Greenville Junior College and Fort Union Military Academy and travel to Georgia Military College in Milledgeville.

1992 Junior Varsity schedule tentative

Fri.	9/18	The Citadel	Savannah	1:30 p.m.
Mon.	9/28	North Greenville JC	Statesboro	1:30 p.m.
Sun.	10/11	Georgia Military	Milledgeville	2:00 p.m.
Fri.	11/13	Ft. Union Military	Statesboro	1:30 p.m.

Georgia Southern football was one of the most amazing success stories during the decade of the 1980's and that prosperity continued into the 1990's without missing a beat. Nowhere in America has a team reached the pinnacle of athletic success in such a short period of time.

Consider that in 1980, Georgia Southern did not field a football team and from 1981-83, the Eagles played football as a club sport.

The Eagles have made five trips to the I-AA National Championship Game and have come away with four titles (1985, 1986, 1989, 1990). 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 the surrounding communities. Since 1984, Georgia Southern has built a \$7 million stadium, gone from no football scholarships to the I-AA limit, 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 with names such as Tracy Ham, Vance Pike, Raymond Gross, Rodney Oglesby and many others. A total of 19

Georgia Southern players have achieved All-America status. Following the 1992 National Football League draft, three seniors signed free-agent contracts - David Cool (New York Giants), Don Norton (Buffalo Bills) and Kevin Whitley (New England Patriots).

Those already playing professional football are Ham (Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League), Fred Stokes (Washington Redskins). Ham was named the CFL's MVP in 1989.

THE NATION'S WINNINGEST I-AA PROGRAMS (1980-1991)

By Winning Percentage

1.	Eastern Kentucky	.789 (119-31-2)
2.	*Georgia Southern	.777 (102-29-1)
3.	Furman	.764 (111-33-4)
4.	Holy Cross	.748 (98-32-3)
5.	Nevada	.708 (103-42-1)

By Total Wins

1.	Eastern Kentucky	119
2.	Furman	111
3.	*Georgia Southern	102
4.	Nevada	103
5.	Holy Cross	98

*I-AA status since 1984

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The Georgia Southern Sports Network enters its eighth season as the largest football radio network in the Division I-AA ranks, with more than 30 stations carrying either full or partial slates for the 1992 season.

The network, which started from a handful of stations in southeast Georgia 10 years ago, has grown into the third-largest collegiate football network in the state, as approximately 80 percent of Georgia's residents can tune in to Eagle football. Additionally, the satellite signal can be picked up in parts of Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The 1992 season marks the fourth year the Georgia Southern Sports Network has ventured into television. In cooperation with **SportSouth**, 10 Eagle games will be broadcast throughout the Southeast. Four games - Furman, Troy State, James Madison and Youngstown State - will be seen live, while six others - Savannah State, Florida A&M, Jacksonville State, Mississippi College, Middle Tennessee State and Valdosta State - can be seen Sunday afternoons. The Furman, Troy State and James Madison games will be shown exclusively on SportSouth, a regional cable network in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama and Mississippi.

1992 RADIO AFFILIATES

WKXH	104.3 FM	Alma	WIFO	106.5 FM	Jesup
WBKZ	880 AM	Athens	WTRP	620 AM	Lagrange
WBYZ	94.5 FM	Baxley	WPLO	610 AM	Lawrenceville
WBBK	1260 AM	Blakely	WPEH	92.1 FM	Louisville
WMOG	1490 AM	Brunswick	WLYU	100.9 FM	Lyons
WPBE	1050 AM	Atlanta/Conyers	WNEX	1400 AM	Macon
WGFS	1430 AM	Covington	WMVG	1450 AM	Milledgeville
WLSQ	1430 AM	Dalton	WKUN	1580 AM	Monroe
WDMG	99.5 FM	Douglas	WMGA	580 AM	Moultrie
WMLT	1330 AM	Dublin	WPGA	100.9 FM	Perry
WKVQ	1520 AM	Eatonton	WTNL	1390 AM	Reidsville
WWRK	92.1 FM	Elberton	WCHY	94.1 FM	Savannah
WBHB	1240 AM	Fitzgerald	WMCD	100.1 FM	Statesboro
WDUN	550 AM	Gainesville	WJAT	98.1 FM	Swainsboro
WKIG	106.3 FM	Glennville	WZBX	106.5 FM	Sylvania
WDDK	103.9 FM	Greensboro	WSLE	102.7 FM	Thomasville
WHIE	1320 AM	Griffin	WTWA	1240 AM	Thomson
WCEH	103.9 FM	Hawkinsville	WLOV	1320 AM	Washington
WVOH	93.5 FM	Hazlehurst	WACL	520 AM	Waycross



The GSSN announce team remains intact for the 10th season. **Nate Hirsch** calls the action while **Frank Inman** adds color commentary. **Hugh Colson** serves as statistician for the network.

Hirsch became "Voice of the Eagles" in 1970, when he began calling basketball games. Two years later, he added a full slate of baseball games to his radio duties and naturally assumed the football assignment in 1982. Hirsch serves as Georgia Southern's coordinator of electronic media, overseeing the radio and television networks and advertising sales.

Inman is in his 10th season as color commentator. A veteran of more than 25 years as a football coach, Inman offers a knowledgeable insight to all broadcasts.

Colson has served as statistician since the birth of the network in 1982. A 1971 Southern graduate, he has worked alongside Hirsch for 21 seasons.

FOOTBALL CHRONOLOGY

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 discontinued.

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 with 126 players (all walk-ons).

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 Division I-AA, beating Florida A&M 14-0 in Savannah.

September 19, 1984 - Georgia Southern inaugurates Allen E. Paulson Stadium by beating Liberty Baptist 48-11.

October 5, 1985 - Georgia Southern rebounds from a Paulson Stadium loss to Middle Tennessee State three weeks earlier with a 34-0 drubbing of Tennessee Tech. The win begins a streak of 38 straight home triumphs.

November 24, 1985 - Georgia Southern receives its first-ever NCAA postseason bid.

December 21, 1985 - **GEORGIA SOUTHERN CAPTURES NCAA I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BY DEFEATING FURMAN 44-42.**

December 19, 1986 - **GEORGIA SOUTHERN CAPTURES ITS SECOND CONSECUTIVE NCAA I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BY DEFEATING ARKANSAS STATE 48-21.**

December 17, 1988 - Georgia Southern makes its third NCAA Division I-AA National Championship Game appearance, losing to Furman 17-12.

February 23, 1989 - The NCAA awards Georgia Southern, Statesboro and Savannah the rights to host the NCAA Division I-AA National Championship Game for a three-year period (through 1991) at Paulson Stadium.

December 16, 1989 - **GEORGIA SOUTHERN CAPTURES ITS THIRD NCAA DIVISION I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN FIVE YEARS BY 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 assistant athletic director for football operations.

September 22, 1990 - Georgia Southern's NCAA Division I-AA record 38-game home winning streak comes to an end as Eastern Kentucky drops the Eagles 42-34 in Paulson Stadium. The loss is GSU's second in "the friendly confines."

December 15, 1990 - **GEORGIA SOUTHERN CAPTURES ITS FOURTH OVERALL AND SECOND CONSECUTIVE NCAA DIVISION I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BY DEFEATING NEVADA 36-13.**

November 24, 1991 - Despite finishing 7-4 against the toughest schedule in Division I-AA, Georgia Southern is not invited to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs after six straight appearances. The Eagles had made postseason play each year since 1985.

1992 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 5	FLORIDA A&M	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	VALDOSTA STATE	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	SAVANNAH STATE	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Furman	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Georgia	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	JAMES MADISON	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	JACKSONVILLE STATE	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE.....	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	TROY STATE	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Youngstown State	1:30 p.m.

