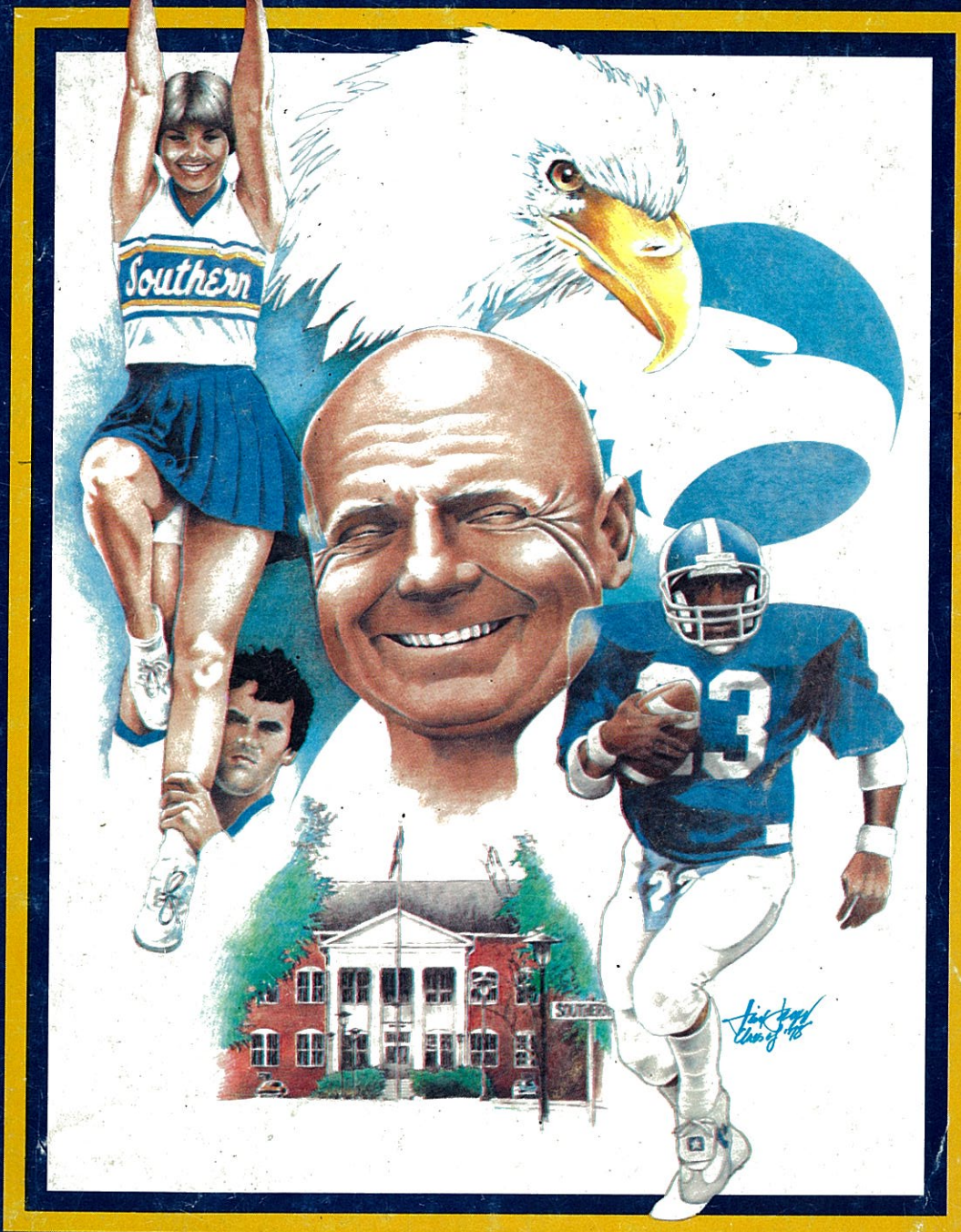


1983 GEORGIA SOUTHERN FOOTBALL



Media Guide

1983 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponents	Series	Site	Time
Sept. 10	CENTRAL FLORIDA	(1-0-0)	STATESBORO, GA.	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	Presbyterian	(0-0-0)	Savannah, GA.	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	TROY STATE	(0-0-0)	STATESBORO, GA.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	GARDNER WEBB	(0-1-0)	STATESBORO, GA.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	East Tennessee State	(0-0-0)	Johnson City, TENN.	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	Newberry	(1-4-1)	Augusta, GA.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 29	Catawba	(0-1-0)	Salisbury, N.C.	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	Wofford	(0-1-0)	Spartanburg, S.C.	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 12	MARS HILL (HC)	(1-0-0)	STATESBORO, GA.	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	Valdosta State	(1-0-1)	Valdosta, GA.	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	Savannah State	(0-0-0)	Savannah, GA	7:00 p.m.

Quick Facts About Georgia Southern

President: Dr. Dale W. Lick

Location: Statesboro, Ga.

Founded: 1906

Enrollment: 7,000

Athletic Director:

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Nickname: Eagles

Colors: Blue and White

Conference: Independent

Stadium: Womack Stadium (7,000)



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On The Cover: Artist Jim Harper depicts the 1983 Georgia Southern Football season.

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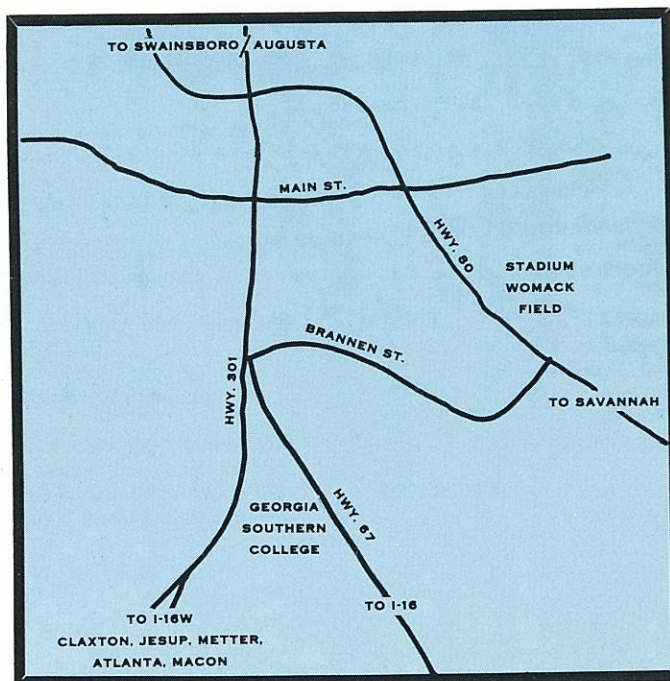
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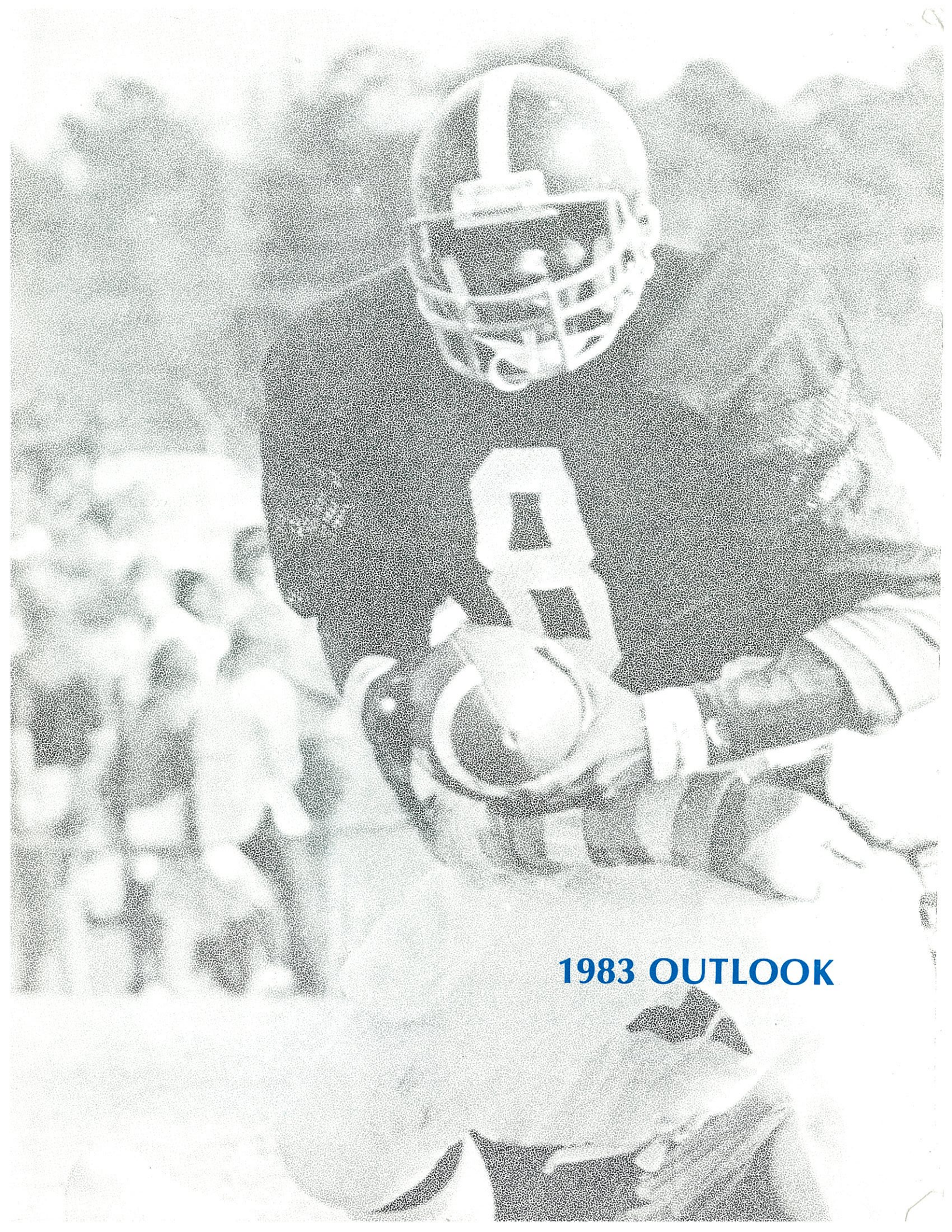
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1983 OUTLOOK

THE FIRST SEASON ... AGAIN

"The Fort Benning, Baptists and Junior Varsity games are gone. I know that's good, but I sure hope I'm not wishing they were back in the fall."

So describes the 1983 season by Georgia Southern head coach Erk Russell. The second fall of football, or maybe the first one again. After Southern posted a remarkable 7-3-1 record in its initial campaign last season, hostile observers pointed to the weak links in the schedule. Hadn't GSC outscored Fort Benning, Baptist College and Florida State JV 129-26? There will be no fingers pointed this year.

If last season was the first year, then the 1983 season could be an exciting and possibly troublesome first birthday.

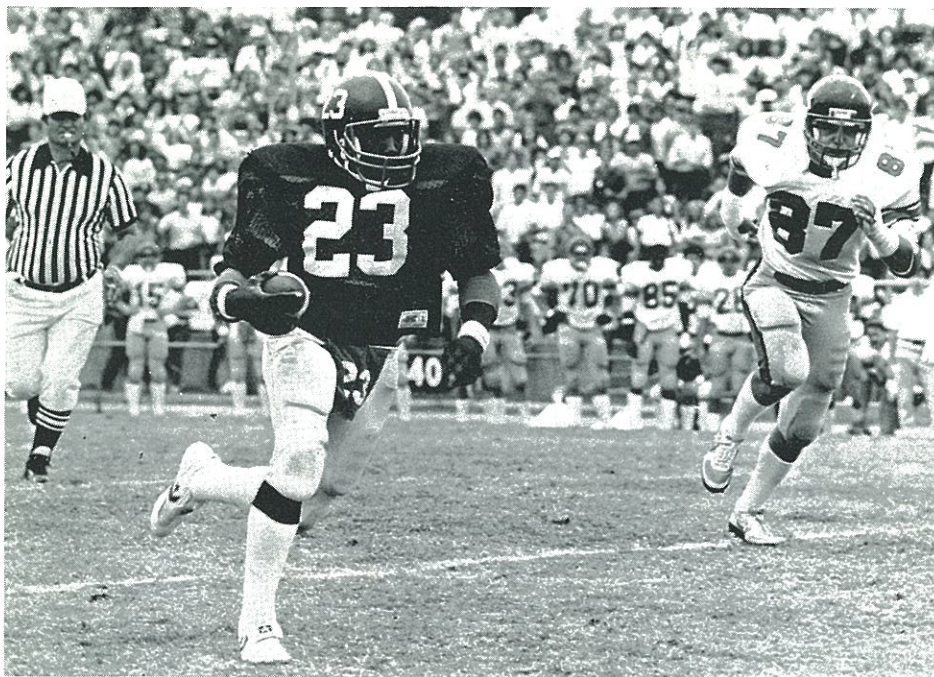
Two of the first three games are against NCAA Division II schools. NCAA Division 1-AA school East Tennessee State follows on the road at Johnson City and interstate rival Valdosta State is also waiting. Toss in traditional powers Presbyterian, Gardner-Webb and Wofford, and Southern's schedule is a challenge.

"I feel like we've reached the point in our program where we can be somewhat competitive against every opponent," Russell said. "Now what 'somewhat competitive' means we'll have to see."

Tossing fuel on the fire are seven new head coaches among the 11 upcoming opponents.

If the schools Georgia Southern will face are new, at least the Eagles that will line up are not. Playing with almost entirely underclassmen in 1982, GSC lost one senior to graduation. The majority of the players are back, but at best this will be their second season playing together as a unit. It will be a while before anyone can call a Georgia Southern team 'experienced'.





"Experience in games, and playing as a team will still be a problem for this group," echoed Russell. "Like everywhere else in the country, it will have to be our veterans carrying us until the freshmen and transfers have a chance to catch up."

In the first recruiting class, the Eagles added size on the line, talented athletes in the defensive backfield, and backups at quarterback. The deficiencies may be there, but they are not glaring.

"Hopefully, our incoming freshmen and new players will be vying for playing time — at least by midseason," Russell said. "We've added some talented players to our roster, but the grades are still out until we play our first game."

If anyone saw the first edition of GSC football, they knew the team had guts. Like Russell describes in his fiery orations across the state, "...We might be outsized, but we will never be out prepared, out hit or out hustled. We expect to work for everything we can get." The group of predominantly walk-ons, showed desire could go a long way.

"The real asset of our football team based on last year's experience is the intangible quality to pay the price for success," Russell said. "This quality could enable us to close the gap caused by inexperience and size mismatches."

ITS MORE THAN JUST A GAME

by Steve Elkins
Sports Editor, Statesboro Herald

Football and the city of Statesboro have a very special relationship, and when the Georgia Southern College football program officially resumed last year after a 41-year absence, football became an even bigger factor in the Statesboro community.

The city and Southeast Georgia fell in love with Eagle football in a big way, and GSC responded by putting together an exciting 7-3-1 season. Fans poured into Statesboro on game weekends to cheer for the Eagles, feel a sense of unity with other GSC supporters, have a good time and spend their money in area businesses.

"Local businesses have reported a noticeable upturn in trade and traffic on football weekends," said George Hanson, executive director of the Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce. "The spirit of community unity and pride has picked up as a result of Georgia Southern football. There is a feeling that Statesboro has much more to offer."

Hanson said GSC football makes it easier to bring new industry and business into the Statesboro area. "It gives us another selling point, because we can point to another athletic endeavor the college is involved in," he said.

"People have become more conscious of the college and its role in the community. They are more willing to support not only GSC's athletic program, but other programs at the college as well." Hanson said the Downtown Merchants Committee, to show its support for the Eagles, is planning another "GSC football fever" pep rally for the downtown area.

Statesboro Mayor Thurman Lanier agrees with Hanson that the city is already benefiting from Georgia Southern football. "It's been very good for the city. The community as a



whole has gotten behind the football program, especially the young people," Lanier said.

Lanier said the football program's influence on the city will be even greater in the future. "Motels, restaurants and fast food places will all benefit," he said. "The program has all kinds of possibilities once the stadium is built." Lanier pointed out that students will be more likely to stay in Statesboro over the weekends as the football program grows.

One of the prime movers behind the rebirth of Georgia Southern football was GSC President Dale Lick, and his enthusiasm for the program and what it can bring Statesboro is still very much alive. "Everybody sees a lot of progress at the college and in the community, and a lot of that is coming from football. The beginning of work for the stadium is further evidence of the progress being made," Lick said.

Lick said much of the credit for the growth of the football program should go to head coach Erk Russell. "Once coach Russell was hired, the issue became one of positive movement for-

ward. The one who has made the extra difference is Erk Russell," Lick said. "People have a high personal regard for him. Some who don't even know him speak of him as if he is a close personal friend."

Lick said he has already seen the positive effects of the program on Statesboro. "People are now wanting to be involved in the college. There is a high level of excitement, enthusiasm and pride. Many people refer to it as 'their' football program," he said. Lick added that the program has been a catalyst for new investment in Statesboro. "People are now willing to put money into the community, whereas before they were hesitant," he said.

In addition to increasing community involvement and spirit and making Statesboro more attractive to potential investors, GSC officials hope the program will have a specific impact on the city's economy during the weekends of home football games. The GSC Athletic Department, using figures compiled in a study at the University of Arkansas, has projected

how much money will be brought into the community during game weekends. According to Athletic Director Bucky Wagner, the economic impact of home football games on Bulloch County once the stadium is ready for use has been projected to be approximately \$1.5 million annually. Wagner said the figure includes ticket prices, food services and motel income.

The study also indicates that the additional student enrollment brought about by the football program will result in about \$5 million in additional annual revenue for the college. Add to that the revenue for area construction companies which is expected for the completion of phase one of the stadium - an estimated \$3 million to \$4.5 million - and you can see that the economic impact will be substantial.

Georgia Southern football has already helped the city in a number of ways, and in the future Statesboro's love affair with the Eagles should be a happy one.





"Any change in the offense would be to take some pressure off the ground game by throwing more. We need to help our defense out by reducing turnovers and developing consistency. We are not strong enough for either offense or defense to carry a game."

—Ben Griffith
Offensive Coordinator

The Offense . . .

WIDE RECEIVERS—Last year's starters in this area (flanker and split end) appear ready to return and regain their first team spot. Dependable and sure handed Delano Little is back as last season's leading receiver gaining 207 yards last fall. He will be backed up at flanker by John Cuminski and David Shields. At split end, big play man Monte Sharpe combines athletic ability and good hands. Sharpe also serves as the holder on all placements. In 1982, he boasted the top receiving average of any Southern pass catcher, gaining 18.1 yards every time he touched the ball. Third leading receiver (13 catches) Robert Baker will also serve at split end. Incoming freshmen receivers are Steve Caldwell and Steve Williamson.

TIGHT ENDS—Fred Stokes enters 1983 as the number one tight end for fall. Stokes caught few passes last season, but should see extensive action this year. Two new players will serve as Stokes' backup. Newcomer David Hodge impressed coaches in spring drills with his ability to catch the ball, and incoming freshman recruit Bart Schuchts has the physical tools (6-5, 220) to become a dominant force on the football field. The combination of the three players gives GSC ability at the position.

INTERIOR LINE—Recruits and steady improvement from last year's starters will be important elements if Southern is to be successful on the offensive line. At tackle, GSC boasts its top line player Vance Pike. Strong, quick and possessing a tremendous attitude, Pike is the prototype of all GSC linemen. At 6-4, 255, Pike has the size and ability to be the mainstay of the unit. At the other tackle spot is returnee Jeff Lee. At the guard spot, Scott LaSalle is listed as a starter in one spot and Larry West at the other. A returning starter at the position, West showed marked improvement during the 1982 campaign. Reserves in this area are Lee and Mike Olden. Recruits that must come in and vie for playing time are Cliff Van Doren, Chris Chandler, John Hardy, Tom Ciarletta, Henry Haynes, and Cy Johnson. At center, Jim Dye possessing good size and athletic ability could be a pleasant surprise at this spot.

QUARTERBACK—Gaining his first start in the eighth game of the season last year, starter Tracy Ham proved to be the man to run the Eagle offense. Ham's quick reactions and speed blended perfectly with the GSC option offense. In 1982, he was the third leading rusher on the team with 396 yards on 82 carries. In the air, he completed 26 passes

for 316 yards and three touchdowns. Listed behind Ham is former quarterback-linebacker Steve Lomastro who has returned to the signal caller spot. In the spring Blue-White contest, Lomastro served notice he was back at quarterback completing 10 of 22 passes for 180 yards. Freshmen looking for playing time are Brant West and Doug Miolen.

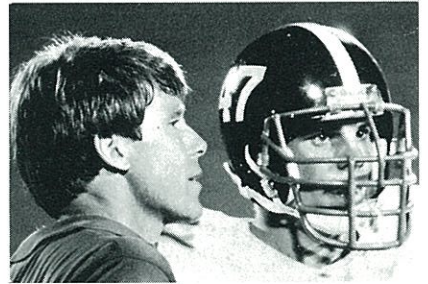
RUNNINGBACK—If GSC has an abundance of talent at one position, it is in the offensive back field. In 1982, GSC gained 3112 yards rushing for an average of 283 yards per game. The tailback spot is occupied by three of Southern's most talented players. Last year's leading rusher Melvin Bell returns after gaining 688 in 1982 including a 201 yard performance against Florida State. Joining Bell at tailback are the Harris', Gerald and Ricky. Probably the toughest runner on the team, Gerald Harris was fourth last year in rushing gaining 352 yards on 74 attempts. He led the team in touchdowns scored with seven. The second leading back behind Bell is Ricky Harris. In 1982, he gained 620 yards while scoring five touchdowns. He had an amazing yards per carry average of 8.5 per attempt. At fullback, starter Ben Holt returns. Last year he gained 286 yards and scored three touchdowns. Listed with Holt is fellow returnee Mike Seamens who followed Holt in rushing with 194 yards and a 5.0 yards per attempt average. First year player Glenn Segars impressed coaches in the spring with an aggressive running style and could vie for playing time. Gerald Harris may also see time at fullback. The recruit signed for the offensive backfield is Patrick Stewart, a player that can play both offense and defense.



The ... Defense

"The defense should be able to handle the run as well as it did in 1982. The key to our success will be our ability to stop the forward pass."

-Mike Healey
Defensive Coordinator



LINE—Returning at defensive tackle is last year's starter and third leading tackler Jeff Evans. In 1982, Evans accounted for 57 total tackles including 41 unassisted. Behind Evans is Sammy Williams who switched from defensive end to tackle in spring. Also an able reserve at tackle is Terry Woodard. Woodard is 6-3, 220 and saw action last fall. At defensive end, the Eagles lack depth, but have one of their top players in that spot. Back is starter John Richardson who registered 30 tackles—21 unassisted—in 1982. One of the team's most consistent players, Richardson showed ability stopping the run, but must still work on controlling the pass. Behind Richardson is Maurice Barron. At the '60-Guard' position is the spring's most improved player Eddie Johns. Another Southern player to switch position, Johns moved from defensive tackle and found a home at guard. Behind Johns is last year's starter Theoriea Ward who was second on the team in tackles last season with 76. He also caused four fumbles and recovered two. Ward will need to catch up after missing spring practice due to academic difficulties. At 'Split-Guard', GSC has its top player Jessie Jenkins. In 1982, Jenkins led the team in tackles with 101—61 unassisted—and recovered two fumbles and caused one. Jenkins led the team in tackles in five games, including four straight in mid-season. Spot starter Donnie Allen lines behind Jenkins. Allen had an exceptional spring and will be vying for playing time in the fall. Recruits who may see playing time in the fall are Greg Williams, Allen Greer and Paul Roberti.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS—Two players new to their position will anchor the Southern defense at outside linebacker. Starting at the 'Sam' linebacker spot is former



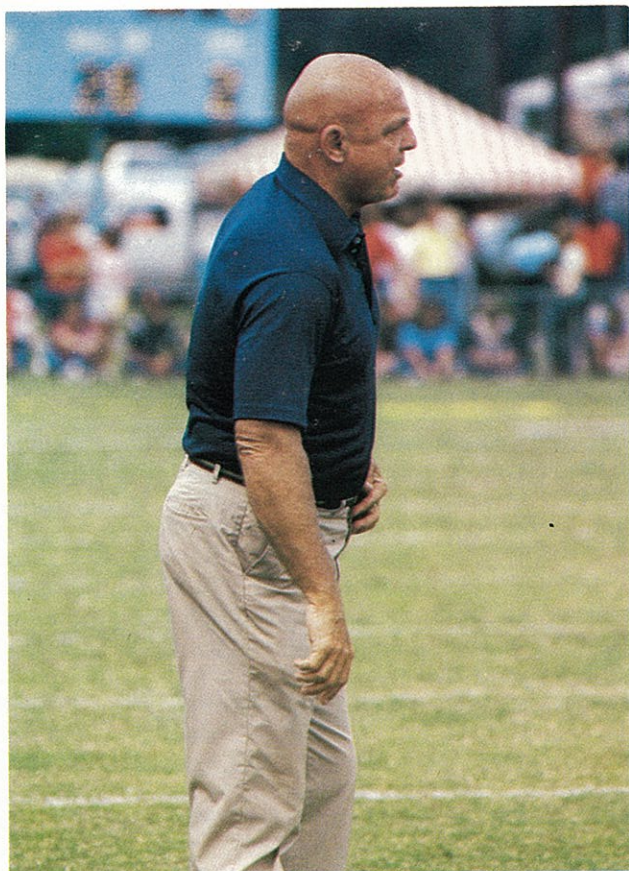
'Rover' Danny Durham. With 38 tackles and one interception in 1982, Durham moved to the 'Sam' position and made tremendous strides in the spring. He may be called on to return to his old position and play both sides in the fall. Behind Durham is top reserve Jimmy Kerfoot who serves as snapper on all kicks. At 'Rover' is former cornerback Hugo Rossignol. A hard hitter with 44 tackles to his credit last year, Rossignol's strength and ball awareness will be utilized at the outside linebacker spot. Behind Rossignol are two inexperienced but potentially talented players Warnell Anthony and Truman Anderson.

INSIDE LINEBACKERS—At 'Mike' linebacker is returnee Robby Bortles who was credited with 28 tackles last fall. In the opening game against Central Florida, Bortles intercepted two passes to help lead the defensive charge. Listed with Bortles is transfer Beau Brown. A former player at Auburn, Brown could be challenging for a starting role early in the year. Back at 'Will' linebacker is returning starter Pat McDevitt. Last season McDevitt showed continued improvement throughout the season and ended the year with 35 tackles. Listed behind him is Mark Wesley who made tremendous strides in the spring. Recruits that will be able to play outside and inside linebacker are Rodney Renfro and Todd Barry.

DEFENSIVE BACKS—One of the weak spots last season, experience and incoming help will sure up the secondary positions. At left cornerback is returnee Rick Perry who saw extensive playing time in 1982. Small but aggressive, Perry makes up for lack of physical size with a competitive attitude. At the right corner, is converted quarterback Mark Davis. Switched to the secondary in midseason, Davis came on late on 1982 to become one of Southern's better defenders. At safety, is returning player Scott Lokey. Lokey moved into a starting role after the graduation of Pat Douglas. Lokey has the physical tools to cover the position and has good speed and ball awareness. Listed second is Davidson transfer Kevin Hutchinson. Showing steady improvement in spring learning the Southern defense, Hutchinson went down with a knee injury in practice and is a question mark for fall. New players that could be an immediate help are Patrick Stewart, Kenny Moore and Jim Wyke.

ERK RUSSELL

Head Football Coach



"There's just no question that Erskine Russell - 'Erk' to his public - has been the biggest thing to happen to Statesboro, Ga. since Sherman burned the courthouse."

**Brooks Clark
Sports Illustrated**

"This is the story of a man and of a place. The man is Erskine (No Middle Name) Russell, a great and honorable man who was so real, so steadfast for God and country and school and team for the seventeen years he was assistant coach of football at the University of Georgia, it is routinely assumed he is the most loved sporting figure in our state. He has loomed, bald and bound with muscle, year after year on the Georgia sidelines, a man of emotion, a man who could charge his team with that emotion, and given half the chance, would have gone onto the field himself and given his body and his soul for the cause."

**Lewis Grizzard
Atlanta Weekly**

Few people anticipated the impact that Russell would make on the Georgia Southern Football program when he was named the Eagles' head coach in May 1981. Even GSC's most ardent supporters have been surprised by the enthusiasm generated by the Eagles' new coach who led them back onto the football field after a 40-year lapse.

The qualities that earned him the reputation as a "player's coach," have made him an instant favorite among alumni, fans and students at Georgia Southern. The Eagles' mentor is enthusiastic, energetic, knowledgeable and above all, personable - he seems to have time for everyone.

Although he built an outstanding reputation as a master of defense during the last 17 years as an assistant coach, Erk Russell decided "it is time to pick up the ball and run with it." He has set such a pace that Georgia Southern College partisans, inspite of their own unbounded enthusiasm for the program, are finding it difficult to keep up. "The people here have a dream and I want to be a part of it," says the Eagles' football coach. He is not only a part of it, but also he is a focal point of it. He has rallied Georgia Southern supporters across the state like no one in recent memory. He has proven to be a tireless worker, and an adept speaker with an infectious enthusiasm generating support at every turn.

As an assistant to Vince Dooley at Georgia, Russell had the reputation of a "player's coach" and molded some of the best defensive teams in the school's history. Time and again his defensive teams ranked among the best in the country and became a Georgia trademark.

In 1967, the Bulldogs were the SEC leader in total defense and scoring defense. In 1968, the Bulldogs once again led the SEC in total defense. In addition, the Dogs led the nation in scoring defense, giving up only 9.8 points per game in a season when scoring was the name of the game.

The 1969 Bulldogs ranked No. 6 nationally in scoring defense and led the SEC in pass defense. In the five years of 1967-72, Georgia's scoring defense ranked second nationally (11.2 avg.).

In 1971 Russell's defensive troops embellished their record by leading the nation in shutouts ranking 6th in rushing defense, 9th in the total defense and eighth in scoring defense.

Russell was awarded the Birmingham Touchdown Club "Working Coach of the Year" award following the 1976 season for his efforts in helping direct Georgia to the SEC championship.

In 1978, Russell's "Underdogs" amazed observers by giving up only 162 points and finishing second in the SEC to national champion Alabama in scoring defense by a single point.

In 1979, Russell's defense led the nation in "take-overs" with a total of 49 (21 pass interceptions and 28 fumble recoveries), a mark they tied in 1980.

A native of Brimingham, Russell's great competitiveness spurred him to earn 10 varsity letters during his collegiate career at Auburn in football, basketball, tennis and baseball. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Auburn.

The multiple sport background continued into his early coaching days. He coached at Grady High School in Atlanta where he was twice named AAA Coach of the Year and directed his team to the State Championship one season.

He returned to Auburn in 1958 to coach the freshmen football team and also served as baseball coach. He became a varsity assistant coach in 1961 and was named head defensive coach at Vanderbilt in 1963. A year later Vince Dooley asked him to come to Georgia with him.

The 55-year old native of Birmingham is married to the former Jean Farmer, also of Birmingham. They have two sons, both of whom played football at Georgia.

Early in the summer there was talk—and that's all it was—that Erk Russell was a candidate to coach the new Jacksonville franchise in the USFL.

Though Russell's name was put on a published list through no other source than sheer speculation, there was somewhat of a mild panic among followers of Georgia Southern football.

They knew.

They knew that if Russell left, things would not be the same. They knew that if Russell left, much of the widespread interest and support for the Eagles would dwindle.

There would be no more Erk's Eagles, Bald Eagles, Work for Erk or other such catchy slogans.

But, then again, they didn't know.

They didn't know Russell, though an Eagle for a relatively short time, has sprouted feathers and intends to fly with his program. And it is his program.

"If you lead a good life, go to church, go to Sunday school, when you die you'll go to Statesboro. That's the way I feel about it," said Russell. "I feel like the responsibility for this program is mine; this is what I was brought here to do. That's not saying the assistant coaches don't have some responsibility but, ultimately, on any level the responsibility lies with the head coach."

But it's not just a sense of duty that has Russell bound to Statesboro and vicinity.

"I started getting attached to this place July 1, 1981 (when he started his new job). That's the way I feel about it—and it didn't take me two years to develop that," Russell said. "This is mine; my responsibility, my job."

As Russell has grasped his new duties, so has the community responded to the enigmatic leader. His face adorns billboards, posters, TV commercials and other promotional vehicles.

He is the most celebrated resident Statesboro has had.

"Things like that don't particularly bother me," Russell said, "But they come closer to bothering me than they do to thrilling me."

"I could care less about that stuff."

"I'm into those things on such a limited basis, I don't consider myself a commercial-maker or a billboard per-

son. I just want to be a football coach."

Few will argue that Russell is very good at what he wants to do. That makes him a lucky person.

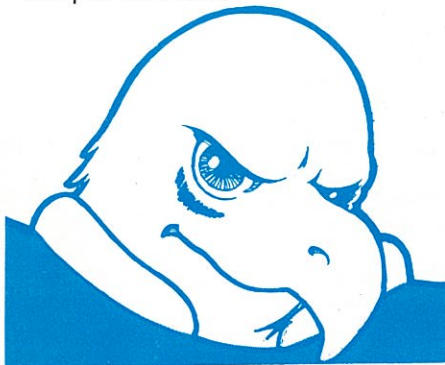
"I've always believed the harder I work, the luckier I get," Russell said.

Though he came to the mid-sized college from a major university and a high status job—that of defensive coordinator on a national championship team, Russell did not see this as a chance to relax.

Statesboro was not going to be his retirement home, at least not for a few years, anyway.

There's far too much work to do. A stadium must be completed, the amount of scholarships and scholarship-quality athletes increased, and the budget enlarged if Georgia Southern is to succeed on the Division I-AA level.

"Regardless of our level, we have to have a place to play," he said. "Now that the stadium's underway, well, it's kind of like getting baby his first pair of shoes."



With one stumbling block apparently crumbling with each bulldozed pine tree, others come into clear view.

"We're committed to making application for I-AA status in the spring of 1984," he said. "The first prerequisite is to have six I-AA games on the 1984 schedule, and we will. That's cut-and-dried."

"We've got to have the maximum number of scholarships allowable, our coaching staff has to be on par with other schools in terms of numbers and quality and we need more money in the budget."

The most desirable end attainable with the above means is membership in the age-old Southern Conference. At least it's desirable for the fans and the athletic director, who must fill the schedule each year. For the football coach, it's rather troubling.

"The thing that bothers me is taking a program that will be two years

old and playing a I-AA schedule and trying to be successful enough to keep interest of the players and the fans," he said.

Obviously, the Eagles will be nurturing the underdog spirit for a while.

"We hope to establish that type of tradition. In the next few years we will be the underdogs against just about everybody," Russell said. "I think we can grow past some of our NAIA opponents, but we're not at that point yet."

Though previous talk of I-AA has been in a futuristic sense, Russell is thinking like George Allen: The future is now.

"How long will it take us to get into I-AA? We're here. We're in it," he said. "In 1984 we're gonna be playing a I-AA schedule, whether we're in the Southern Conference or not."

Which brings Russell to another problem: his players.

Not that the players are problems. They are the heart and soul of the gritty team that went 7-3-1 in its inaugural campaign last year.

That's the problem. How do you transplant a team's heart and soul?

It must be done.

"I have the utmost respect for those guys who came here when we first started and are still here," said Russell, "but..."

What Russell couldn't finish saying was that the survivors of the original cast of hundreds may be forced to watch from the wings while understudies take the lead roles.

That's just one of the many wrestling matches Russell must fight in his gut. As the man in charge, all problems end up on his desk. He spends a lot of time on those and a lot less time doing what he loves.

"One of the toughest adjustments I've had to make is not coaching," he said. "I really miss having a group of guys to work with. I really miss coaching that down in the dirt get to know each kid type of coaching."

But Russell knew that before he took the job. Good coaches anticipate everything.

He is Georgia Southern's, and Georgia Southern is his. It is a love-love relationship.

What does he want to leave etched in stone? What is the philosophy Erk Russell wants to leave with those who have worked with, for and even against him?

"Mainly," he said, "do right, and don't beat yourself."



PAUL CATES

Offensive Backs

In his first collegiate coaching assignment, offensive back coach Paul Cates joined the Georgia Southern football staff last season.

Prior to joining GSC, Cates served one year at Bulloch Academy where he tutored the offensive and defensive backs at the varsity and junior varsity level. Under his guidance, the team finished in the runner-up slot in the SEAIS State Championship.

Cates attended college at Georgia Southern where he earned his B.A. in Health and Physical Education. He is currently in graduate school working on his master's degree.

Cates attended high school at Bradwell Institute where he lettered in football and baseball.



DANNY DANIEL

Tackles, Tightends

Former defensive back coach at Madison County High School, Danny Daniel joined the Georgia Southern staff last year with coaching responsibilities at tackle and tight-end.

Daniel served at Madison County from 1976-81. Prior to that, he held a similar position at Oglethorpe HS in 1975.

He graduated from Oglethorpe HS in 1970 where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He attended Tennessee Military Institute in 1971.

He is a 1975 graduate of Georgia Southern where he earned a bachelor's degree in social studies. Daniel is married to wife Cindy.



PAT DOUGLAS Defensive Backs

Entering his first season on the Georgia Southern coaching staff, former Eagle defender Pat Douglas adds playing experience to the Southern defensive back corps.

The lone senior to graduate from the 1982 GSC football squad, Douglas performed one year in the Blue and White leading the secondary in total tackles and interceptions. In 11 games, Douglas accounted for 45 total stops and nabbed six interceptions. Prior to joining GSC, he was at Georgia for three seasons and appeared with the national championship team in New Orleans.

Douglas went to the Bulldogs from Aquinas High School in Augusta where he starred in football at safety and quarterback. He received his bachelor's degree from Southern in 1983 and is currently working on a master's in Health and Physical Education.



BEN GRIFFITH Offensive Assistant

A former coach at Hart County and Elbert County High Schools in Georgia, Griffith serves in a full-time capacity as offensive assistant.

In his first year as the Eagles' offensive coordinator, GSC averaged over 26 points and 360 yards per game.

The Copperhill, Tennessee native works with the quarterbacks and heads the offensive staff meetings.

He came to the Eagles from Elbert County. Before that he was at Hart County for two years. He started his high school coaching career at Wheeler County in Marietta where he was offensive coordinator from 1973-76 and served as an assistant coach on the North All-Star team in 1975.

Griffith, 36, was a quarterback at Tennessee Tech where he received his BS degree in 1972 and an MA in 1973. He served as a graduate assistant at Tech while working on his masters. As an undergraduate he was a guard on the Eagles' basketball squad.

He was an all-star quarterback and basketball guard at Cooperhill.

Ben and his wife Sharon have two sons.



MIKE HEALEY

Defensive Assistant

Healey coordinates the defensive staff for Eagle head coach Erk Russell. His field assignment is working with the linebackers.

Last season under Healey's direction, Southern limited the opposition to 17 points per game and allowed the opposing team 98 yards rushing a contest.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, he attended Bishop Kenny High School and returned there to coach after earning his degree from the University of Florida. He was an assistant at Kenny from 1971-75 when he was named head coach. He earned "Coach of the Year" honors his first two seasons.

At Florida, he was a starting defensive tackle in 1967 and 1968. He received his BA degree in 1970 and an MA in 1973.

Healey, 36, starred in football and track at Bishop Kenny.



PAUL JOHNSON

Defensive Line

In his initial season on the Georgia Southern staff, Paul Johnson joins the team in a full time capacity as defensive line coach.

Defense is a new assignment to the talented Johnson who came to Southern from Lees-McRae Junior College where he served as offensive coordinator. Under his guidance, the team finished the 1982 season seventh in the nation in total offense. At the prep level, Johnson was offensive coordinator from 1979-80 at Avery County High School in Newland, N.C. His two year record at the school was 19-2.

Johnson received his B.S. in 1979 at Western Carolina and later received his M.S. at Appalachian State in 1981. The Newland, N.C. native is married to wife Susan.

Johnson was a three sport letterman at Avery County High School.



HUGH NALL

Offensive Line

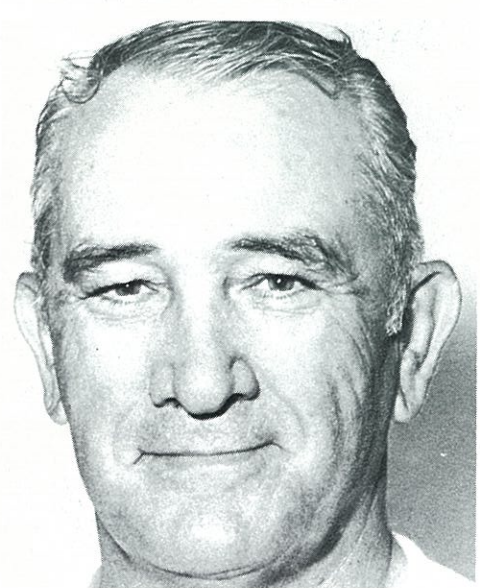
A member of the 1980 Georgia National Championship team, Nall brings his expertise to the offensive line of the Eagles.

This will mark Nall's third season at GSC, his second in a full-time capacity. Last season he tutored the offensive line.

Nall played his collegiate ball for the Bulldogs from 1977-80, earning a starting spot his junior and senior seasons. In his stint with Georgia, he played in the Blue Bonnett Bowl, and the 1980 Sugar Bowl that decided the National Championship. Following graduation, he remained on the Athens campus and had full responsibility of the Bulldog centers.

A highly honored athlete, Nall was the Most Improved Player, the Best Conditioned Athlete and the Hugh Henricks award winner in 1979. In 1980, he was the Coffee County Hustle award recipient.

Nall, 25, played his high school ball at Robert E. Lee HS in Thomaston, Georgia.



PAT SPURGEON

Kickers

There may not be a college football coach in the nation with a background more varied than kicking coach Pat Spurgeon.

Certainly one of the only coaches in the country with a doctorate degree, Spurgeon has served as professor of English at GSC for 18 years. An all state performer in high school in football and baseball, he received a football scholarship to Emory and Henry helping the team mount a 41-1-1 record in four seasons. Spurgeon continued his post graduate work at Tennessee earning a master's and doctorate degree.

Recently, he has assisted Georgia high school football teams in coaching, and serving as an advisor to the programs. His youngest son played last season on the GSC team and his other son is offensive line coach at Westminster HS.

Spurgeon is married to wife Ann.

PHIL KELLY Athletic Trainer



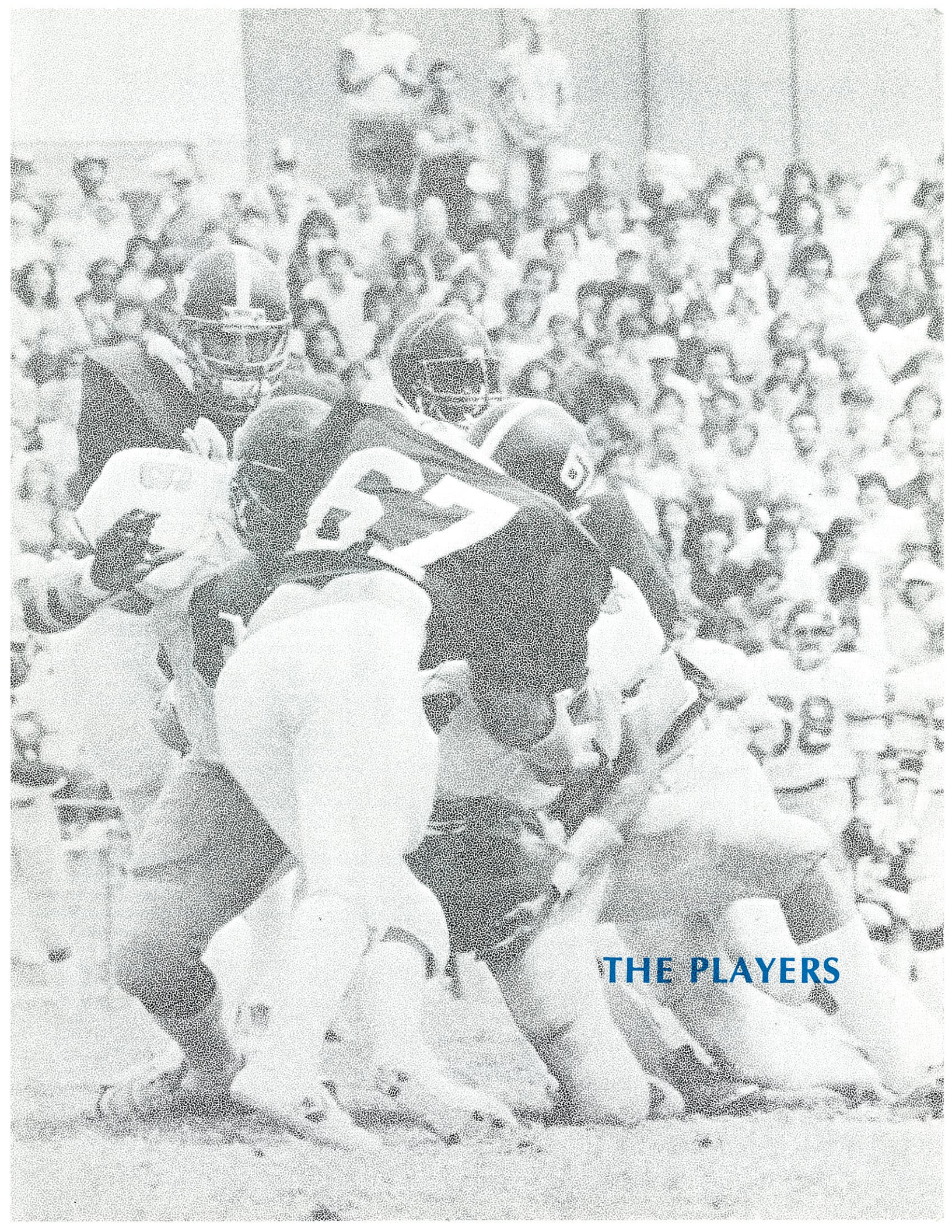
Assisting the 1983 football team will be athletic trainer Phil Kelly.

A Georgia graduate, Kelly served on the Bulldog staff from 1976-80 before earning his degree in business education. He worked as an assistant trainer on Georgia's 1980 National Championship team, along with being charged with all basketball and tennis training needs. With the Eagles, he is the head football trainer along with assisting Tom "Doc" Smith with any other Southern training activities.

He is currently working towards an M.B.A. at Southern.

Kelly is a native of Augusta, Georgia.





THE PLAYERS

Pre-Fall Depth Chart

Defense



CORNERBACK
Rick Perry
Pat Bowen



SAFETY
Scott Lokey
Kevin Hutchinson



CORNER BACK
Mark Davis
Jim Wyke
Steve Armstrong



WILL LINEBACKER
Pat McDevitt
Mark Wesley



ROVER LINEBACKER
Hugo Rossignol
Warnell Anthony



MIKE LINEBACKER
Robby Bortles
Beau Brown

SAM LINEBACKER
Danny Durham
Jimmy Kerfoot
Truman Anderson



TACKLE
Sammy Williams
Terry Woodard
Jeff Evans



60-GUARD
Eddie Johns
Theoria Ward



SPLIT GUARD
Jessie Jenkins
Donnie Allen
Allen Greer



END
John Richardson
Maurice Barron

CENTER
Jim Dye



Flanker
Delano Little
John Cuminski
Eric Dove



TACKLE
Jeff Lee
John Hardy



GUARD
Larry West
Cliff Van Doren



GUARD
Scott LaSalle
Mike Olden



TACKLE
Vance Pike
Charles Cochran



TIGHT END
Fred Stokes
David Hodge
dart Schuchts



SPLIT END
Monte Sharpe
David Shields

QUARTERBACK
Tracy Ham
Steve Lomastro



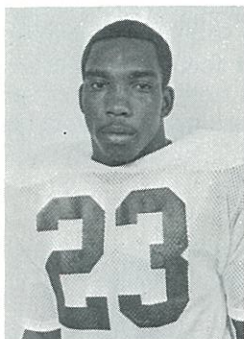
FULL BACK
Mike Seamens
Glenn Segars
Ben Holt



HALFBACK
Melvin Bell
Gerald Harris
Ricky Harris

Offense

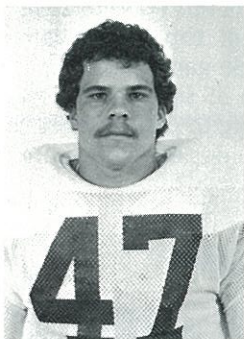
PLAYER PROFILES



Melvin Bell —Runningback, 5-9, 195, So., Elberton, Ga.—team's leading rusher last season, gaining 688 yards...topped the team in carries with 122 attempts...second on the team in touchdowns with six...Eagles' leading kickoff return specialist returning 13 kickoffs for 227 yards...second on the team in scoring with 38 points...Southern single game rushing leader with 201 yards against Florida State JV...boasted three games with 100 or more yards gained...scored two touchdowns against Valdosta State on the road for a GSC win...accounted for the longest run of the season without scoring, galloping 74 yards against FSU...strongest GSC runningback and the best outside runner on the team...excellent rusher in the open field with the ability to make the big play.

Year	Rushes-Yards	TD	Catches-Yards	TD	Pts
1982	122-688	6	4-27	0	38

BROWN, BEAU —Linebacker, 6-0, 205, So., Jacksonville, Fla.—joins the Eagles after transferring from Auburn...accounted for 16 total tackles, five solo and 11 assists for the Tigers...has one spring practice under his belt for Southern, but still must master the GSC defense...a heavy hitter who has great explosion on contact...smart player who could become a leader on defense..played his prep ball under GSC assistant coach Mike Healey at Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville)...opportunity to start in 1983.

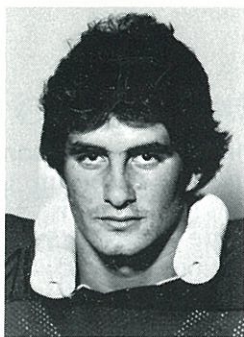


BORTLES, ROB —Linebacker, 5-10, 212, So., Phoenix, N.Y.—finished the 1982 season with 28 total tackles, 14 solo and 14 assists...top game of the season was against Newberry where he accounted for six total tackles and caused a fumble...picked off two passes against Central Florida to help GSC gain its first win in 41 years...one of several original Eagles on the team...great aggressive attitude and a real competitor...addition of weight during winter workouts makes him a contender for a starting linebacker spot.

DAVIS, MARK —Cornerback, 6-2, 195 So., Brooklet, Ga.—originally listed as a quarterback, he has settled on cornerback after several position changes...made transition this spring from safety to cornerback...good athletic ability and physical size to play the position...has the opportunity to earn a starting spot...good speed and ball awareness...with improvement on tackling and game experience he could be a mainstay in the Southern secondary...top games were against Wofford and FSU.

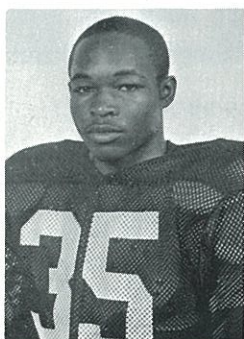
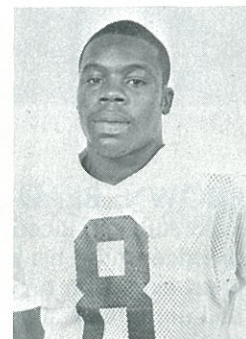


DURHAM, DANNY —Linebacker, 5-11, 190, Fr., Albany, Ga.—switched to Sam linebacker from Rover position in spring workouts...versatile player able to play at several linebacker spots...hard worker with a conscientious attitude...aggressive athlete with the physical ability to be a top linebacker...still inexperienced at his new position...top games were eight total tackles against Wofford and FSU...responsible for seven solo tackles in the Wofford contest...grabbed an interception against Valdosta State at Womack Field.



EVANS, JEFF—Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 250, So., Jacksonville, Fla.—third leading tackler on the team in 1982 registering 57 total tackles, 41 solo, 16 assists...had one fumble recovery against Fort Benning...top game of the year was 11 tackles against Catawba...boasted nine solo tackles against Wofford and eight against FSU...has all the physical tools to be a dominant force at defensive tackle...a good pass rusher who can still improve his rush at the quarterback...unlimited potential demonstrated by his fine year last season...must make up for lost time after missing spring practice due to academic reasons...largest player on either side of the ball for GSC.

HAM, TRACY—Quarterback, 5-11, 180, So., High Springs, Fla.—The Eagles' No. 1 quarterback in 1983...earned his first start last year against Wofford in the eighth game of the season...Southern's third leading rusher last year with 396 yards on 82 carries for a 4.8 average...played in all 11 games in 1982 completing 26 of 66 passes for 316 yards and three touchdowns...returned 12 kickoffs for 199 yards and three punts for 18 yards...saw limited action at runningback during midseason...very quick player with good speed...a natural athlete with great potential...top attribute is his ability to run the Eagles' option offense...strong arm, but needs to improve passing...top game of the season was against Valdosta State accounting for 120 yards rushing and one touchdown, and 86 yards in the air and one score...completed nine of 17 passes against FSU for 114 yards and a touchdown.

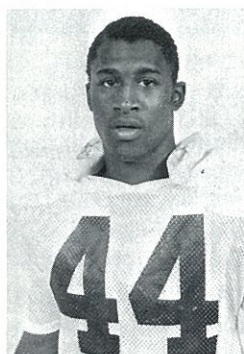
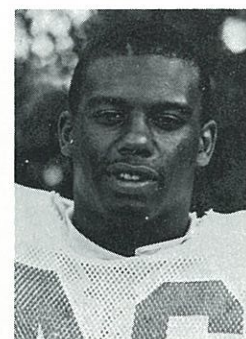


HARRIS, GERALD—Runningback, 5-10, 195, So., Swainsboro, Ga.—fourth leading rusher on the team last year gaining 352 yards on 74 carries...topped the team in touchdowns scored with seven and in points scored with 44...boasted three games with 75 yards or more rushing...top ground game was against Mars Hill gaining 95 yards on 33 carries...33 carries was a GSC single game mark for attempts...earned Southern a tie against Valdosta State scoring a touchdown with 35 seconds remaining in the game and then running in the two point conversion...versatile back able to play tailback or fullback...toughest runner on the team and possibly the best all purpose back...dependable runner who rarely makes mistakes.

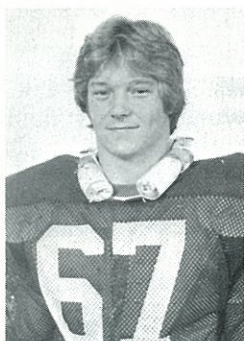
Year	Rushes-Yards	TD	Catches-Yards	TD	Pts
1982	74-352	7	0-0	0	44

HARRIS, RICKY Runningback, 6-0, 195, So., Harlem, Ga.—second leading ball carrier on the team with 620 yards on 73 attempts...third on the squad in TDs scored with five...third on GSC in points scored with 32...tied Melvin Bell for most 100 yard plus games with three...top outing was 147 yards on 18 carries against Wofford...had an amazing game against Fort Benning rushing for 114 yards on three carries including two touchdowns...one of those TDs was for 78 yards...best rushing average on the team gaining 8.5 yards every time he touched the ball...ran for 120 yards on 11 carries against Mars Hill including a 50 yard TD burst...explosive speed, making him the most likely Eagle to execute a long run...possesses all the talent, size and speed to be a great runner...combines Melvin Bell's open field running with Gerald Harris' inside quickness.

Year	Rushes-Yards	TD	Catches-Yards	TD	Pts
1982	73-620	5	2-17	0	32



HUTCHINSON, KEVIN—Cornerback, 6-3, 180, So., Savannah, Ga.—joins Southern after transferring from Davidson...grabbed one interception for the Wildcats in his freshman year...made good progress for GSC in spring until he was felled by a knee injury late in practice...physical size and ability should give him the opportunity for a starting role...aggressive and intelligent ball player...good tackler and quickly learning the Southern defense.



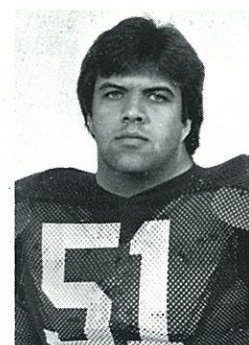
JENKINS, JESSIE—Defensive Guard, 6-1, 210, So., Bonaire, Ga.—top defensive player for the Eagles last season...had 25 more total tackles than the nearest Southern defender...boasted 101 tackles, 61 solo and 40 assists...led the team in tackling five games, including four consecutive in mid season...top games were 15 total tackles against Valdosta State (home) and Wofford...11 solo tackles against Wofford was a GSC high in 1982...boasted 10 or more total tackles five times...big plays included two fumble recoveries and one caused fumble...size would make him appear not big enough to play, but he gets the job done...great ball awareness and good physical strength...1982 statistics show him near the ball 20 percent more times than the nearest player...expected to be a leader on defense this season.

JOHNS, EDDIE—Defensive Guard, 6-3, 260, So., Jacksonville, Fla.—had one of the most outstanding spring practices enjoyed by any Southern player...adequate size to be a top defensive guard...an aggressive player who could become an excellent pass rusher...intelligent, physical athlete...made the transition this spring from defensive tackle to guard...needs to gain additional experience at new position to become a key factor...joins Jessie Jenkins to give GSC two top players at the defensive guard spot.



KERFOOT, JIMMY—Linebacker, 6-1, 200, So., Leesburg, Ga.—finished 1982 with nine total tackles and two caused fumbles...one of the older players on the squad, having served a stint in the Marine Corps...serves as the snapper on all Southern placements...competing for a starting job at the linebacker spot...reliable, making few mistakes...good attitude and competitive spirit...scored GSC's lone touchdown on a 19 yard interception return against Gardner-Webb.

LA SALLE, SCOTT—Offensive Guard, 5-10, 240, Jr., Stone Mountain, Ga.—versatile offensive lineman able to play tackle or guard...starter for Southern last year at several line positions...a leader on the squad guiding the team by example...one of the top students on the Eagles, maintaining a B+ average...limited by his size, but makes up for it with effort...performed at Georgia before joining the Southern squad...aggressive player with good release off the ball.



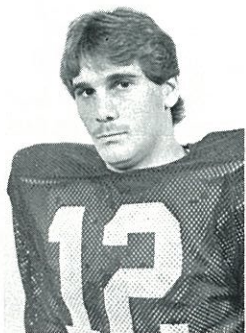
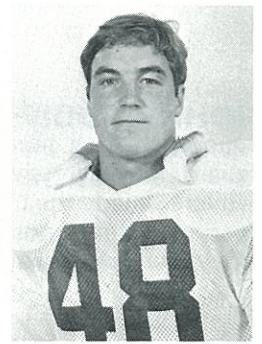
LITTLE, DELANO—Wide Receiver, 5-10, 155, So., Hinesville, Ga.—led the team in reception yardage in 1982 with 207 yards...second on the team in catches with 13...second on the team in average per reception with a 15.9 mark...scored lone touchdown on a 24 yard pass against Valdosta State (home)...good speed combined with sure hands...showed great improvement in spring after having fine first campaign...Pre-Med student with exceptional grades...dependable player rarely making mistakes.

Year	Catches-Yards	TD
1982	13-207	1



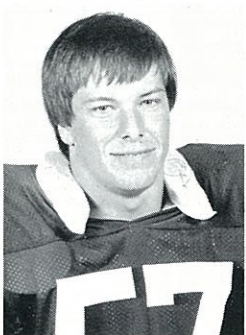
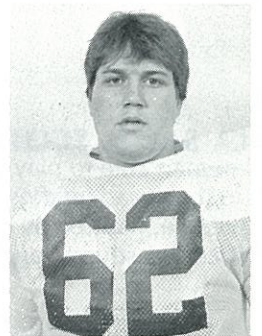
LOKEY, SCOTT—Safety, 5-11, 160, Fr., Demorest, Ga.—saw playing time last year in the GSC secondary...has the physical tools to become a fine safety...had a good spring workout and should see much playing time in the fall...good ball awareness...size is a hinderance, but makes up for his stature with exceptional vertical jump and capable athletic ability...better than average speed on defense...needs to improve hitting and aggressiveness.

MC DEVITT, PAT—Linebacker, 5-10, 185, So., Atlanta, Ga.—accounted for 35 total tackles last season, 23 solo, 12 assists...big plays included one fumble recovery and one interception...grabbed interception against VSC on the road...led Southern in total tackles against Central Florida in the first game of the season...top outing was eight total tackles, six solo, against Wofford...one of several original Eagles...overcomes lack of size with dedication and desire...solid inside linebacker who has demonstrated a steady improvement...good tackler in contention for a starting spot...needs to improve on pass coverage responsibility...spot starter last season.



PERRY, RICK—Cornerback, 5-10, 170, Fr., Miramar, Fla.—accounted for 23 total tackles in 1982, 17 solo, six assists...worked his way into the starting lineup late in the season...top game of the year was eight total tackles against Catawba including seven solo stops...steady performer with an aggressive attitude...lacks physical dimensions, but compensates with good attitude and competitive spirit...good speed and ball awareness...will have the opportunity to return to the starting lineup this fall.

PIKE, VANCE—Offensive Tackle, 6-4, 250, So., Warner Robins, Ga.—best offensive lineman on the GSC team...joined the squad last year after transferring from Auburn...starter last year and will be in the starting lineup again in 1983...dedicated competitor willing to work hard...quiet but aggressive player...has the size, attitude and ability to be role model for future Southern linemen...top student maintaining a B+ average...largest player on the offensive side of the ball.



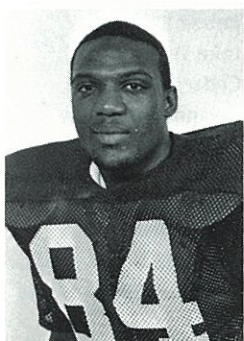
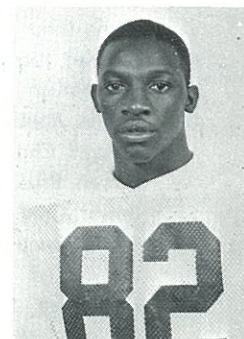
RICHARDSON, JOHN—Defensive End, 6-1, 215, Fr., Jacksonville, Fla.—credited with 30 total tackles last season, 21 solo, nine assists...top outings were seven total tackles against Catawba and Mars Hill...very dependable player making few mistakes...proved to be the best defensive end at the conclusion of spring practice...smart player with potential to become a defensive mainstay...excellent defender against the run, and showed improvement against the pass in the spring.



ROSSIGNOL, HUGO—Linebacker, 5-11, 190, So., Jacksonville, Fla.—moved this spring from cornerback to linebacker...top defender among the defensive backs last fall, registering 44 total tackles, 32 solo and 12 assists...claimed one fumble recovery against Newberry...best game in 1982 was 11 total tackles, 10 solo, against Wofford...experience at DB should help him in pass responsibility at rover...one of the best tacklers on the team last season...aggressive, intense player who earned a spot on the starting defense...played for assistant coach Mike Healey at Bishop Kenny HS...will be counted on heavily in the fall.

SHARPE, MONTE—Wide Receiver, 5-11, 160, So., Lyons, Ga.—grabbed eight receptions for 145 yards and one touchdown last season...hauled in his lone score in the final game of the year against Florida State...had the best receiving average on the team with an 18.1 yards per reception mark...starter last season and should return to the first team again this year...good athlete with the ability to make the big plays...sure hands and good speed...holds for Southern on all extra points and field goals...top game of the year was against FSU, hauling in four catches for 62 yards.

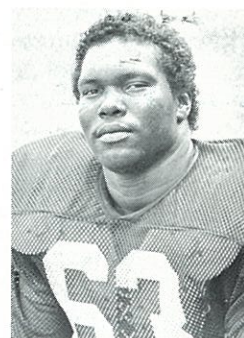
Year	Catches-Yards	TD
1982	8-145	1



STOKES, FRED Tight End, 6-4, 230, So., Vidalia, Ga.—versatile athlete who could also see playing time on the offensive line...grabbed only one reception last season, but will be counted on in 1983...physical dimensions give him great potential at either tight end or the offensive line...hard worker who excels during practice and in games.

Year	Catches-Yards	TD
1982	1-2	0

WARD, THEORIEA—Defensive Guard, 6-2, 260, Jr., Eastman, Ga.—starter for the Eagles at defensive guard last fall...second on the team in total tackles with 76, 45 solo, 31 assists...big plays included two fumble recoveries and four caused fumbles...had the best game by any Eagle defender registering 16 total tackles against Mars Hill...boasted games of 11 and 10 total tackles during the season...will need to make up for lost time in fall after missing spring practice due to academic reasons...has the knack for making the big play...possesses the ball awareness and physical size to be a quality player...recovered a fumble in the end zone against Fort Benning in a GSC 56-6 rout.



WILLIAMS, SAMMY—Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 235, Fr., Baxley, Ga.—still learning the defensive tackle spot after serving time last season at defensive end...may still see action this fall at the end slot...aggressive player in practice and during games...excellent pass rusher who is improving against the run...needs to add weight and strength to become a key element in the GSC defense.

Georgia Southern Football Roster

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
	Adams, Tim	OG	5-10	235	FR	08/21/65	Lithia Springs, GA	Lithia Springs
61	Allen, Donnie	DG	5-11	230	FR	05/25/64	Live Oak, FL	Suwannee County
	Anderson, Steve	RB	6-2	195	SO	09/09/62	Simpsonville, SC	Hillcrest
	Anderson, Truman	LB	6-2	195	JR	02/25/62	Glennville, GA	Glennville
19	Anthony, Warnell	LB	5-10	175	FR	10/05/64	Reidsville, GA	Reidsville
	Armstrong, Steve	DB	5-11	175	FR	11/11/63	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	St. Thomas Aquinas
18	Baker, Robert	WR	6-0	180	FR	07/25/64	Jacksonville, FL	Bolles
	Banks, Jefferson	RB	6-4	205	FR	03/27/64	Covington, GA	Piedmont Academy
3	Barker, Brit	P	6-3	205	SO	10/17/63	Hilton Head, SC	May River Academy
	Barron, Maurice	DE	5-11	220	SO	04/23/63	Baxley, GA	Appling County
	Barry, Todd	LB	5-11	206	FR	08/27/65	Brunswick, GA	Glynn Academy
20	Beaman, Patrick	LB	5-9	180	JR	01/31/62	Augusta, GA	Windsor Forest
25	Bell, Melvin	RB	5-9	195	SO	01/29/62	Elberton, GA	Elbert County
47	Bortles, Robby	LB	5-10	212	SO	05/04/62	Phoenix, NY	Birdlebaugh
	Boswell, Chris	LB	6-0	185	FR	03/28/62	Albany, GA	Lee County
	Bowen, Brad	DB	6-0	175	FR	06/07/64	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	St. Thomas Aquinas
	Bower, Greg	LB	5-11	185	FR	03/30/65	Norcross, GA	Norcross
	Brown, Brien (Beau)	LB	6-0	205	SO	09/06/61	Jacksonville, FL	Bishop Kenny
	Brown, Ted	OL	6-2	220	FR	09/24/64	Ft. Pierce, FL	Ft. Pierce County
	Burke, Ben	LB	5-10	190	FR	03/30/65	Titusville, FL	Astronaut
	Caldwell, Steve	WR	6-1	175	FR	07/12/65	Savannah, GA	Savannah Calvary
	Carter, James	OL	6-3	225	FR	10/21/63	Thomaston, GA	Robert E. Lee
	Casper, Charles	LB	5-11	195	SO	01/12/63	Ocala, FL	Lake Weir
	Chandler, Chris	OL	5-11	237	FR	11/05/64	Athens, GA	Cedar Shoals
	Ciarletta, Tom	OL	6-0	221	FR	07/11/65	Savannah, GA	Savannah Christian
	Cochran, Charles	OL	6-1	220	FR	10/14/65	Douglasville, GA	Lithia Springs
	Coleman, Randal	OL	5-10	195	FR	04/25/65	Crossville, TN	Crossville
	Cumiskey, John	WR	5-10	155	FR	06/11/63	Columbus, GA	Brookstone
	Davis, Mark	DB	6-2	195	SO	03/08/63	Brooklet, GA	S.E. Bulloch
	Davis, Oliver	DB	5-10	190	FR	04/07/65	Folkston, GA	Charlton County
	DeFoor, Mark	DE	6-2	195	FR	05/04/65	Gainesville, GA	Gainesville
	Dove, Eric	WR	6-4	190	FR	08/18/65	Jacksonville, FL	Forest
26	Durham, Danny	LB	5-11	190	FR	01/12/64	Albany, GA	Dougherty
	Dye, Jim	C	6-4	230	JR	07/24/61	Blythe, GA	Hephzibah
	Eschman, Dave	DE	6-1	195	FR	08/18/65	Riverdale, GA	Riverdale
95	Evans, Jeff	DT	6-5	250	SO	05/09/62	Jacksonville, FL	Jacksonville
	Foley, Tim	K	5-10	205	FR	02/22/65	Ocala, FL	Ocala Forest
	Greer, Allen	DG	6-1	220	FR	02/23/65	Stockbridge, GA	Stockbridge
4	Griffin, Randy	P	5-11	177	SO	11/01/63	Macon, GA	Southwest Macon
	Hagan, Darrell	WR	5-7	155	FR	02/23/65	Statesboro, GA	Bulloch Academy
8	Ham, Tracy	QB	5-11	180	SO	01/05/64	High Springs, FL	Sante Fe
	Haraszti, Leland	DG	6-2	265	SE	01/14/61	Stockbridge, GA	Westminster
	Hardy, John	OT	6-2	237	FR	06/06/64	Dallas, GA	Paulding County
	Hargrove, Ricky	OT	6-0	195	FR	07/30/65	Eastman, GA	Dodge County
	Harper, Clint	FB	5-11	210	FR	09/10/64	Royston, GA	Franklin County
35	Harris, Gerald	RB	5-10	195	SO	04/11/64	Swainsboro, GA	Swainsboro
29	Harris, Ricky	RB	6-0	195	SO	11/15/62	Harlem, GA	Harlem
41	Hayes, Nathaniel	DB	6-1	165	JR	09/08/62	Baxley, GA	Appling County
	Haynes, Henry	OL	6-0	241	FR	11/08/64	Athens, GA	Clarke Central
	Hodge, David	TE	6-1	220	FR	02/08/64	Vidalia, GA	Vidalia
44	Holt, Ben	FB	6-2	200	SO	02/04/63	Ocala, FL	Ocala Vanguard
	Hutchinson, Eric	DB	5-10	165	SO	02/28/61	Savannah, GA	Savannah
	Hutchinson, Kevin	DB	6-3	180	SO	09/16/64	Savannah, GA	Savannah
67	Jenkins, Jessie	DG	6-1	210	SO	10/10/62	Bonaire, GA	Warner Robins
79	Johns, Eddie	DG	6-3	260	SO	01/15/63	Jacksonville, FL	Bolles
	Johnson, Cy	OL	6-2	225	FR	05/18/65	Atlanta, GA	Woodward Academy
55	Kerfoot, Jimmy	LB	6-1	200	SO	06/13/58	Leesburg, GA	Lee County

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
	Krause, Peter	K	6-2	180	FR~	08/20/63	Atlanta, GA	Lakeside
	Krohn Todd	LB	6-0	210	SO	05/11/64	Pembroke Pines, FL	Cooper City
51	LaSalle, Scott	OG	5-10	240	JR	06/28/62	Stone Mountain, GA	Stone Mountain
66	Lee, Jeff	OT	6-2	220	JR	06/29/62	Eastman, GA	Dodge County
	Lee, Robert	LB	6-1	215	SO		Atlanta, GA	Avondale
80	Little, Delano	WR	5-10	155	SO	07/16/64	Hinesville, GA	Bradwell Institute
45	Lokey, Scott	DB	5-11	160	FR~	03/24/64	Demorest, GA	Habersham Central
10	Lomastro, Steve	QB	5-11	200	FR~	01/01/61	N. Miami Beach, FL	Miami
	Mackey, George	OL	6-1	235	FO	03/23/64	Fayetteville, GA	Fayette
	Martin, Matt	LB	6-1	190	FR~	11/22/63	Savannah, GA	Benedict
	McBride, Jason	LB	6-0	195	FR~	05/10/65	Vidalia, GA	Vidalia
48	McDevitt, Patrick	LB	5-10	185	SO	07/22/63	Atlanta, GA	St. Pius X
	McFarlin, Roger	LB	5-11	187	FR~	12/30/62	Atlanta, GA	Woodward Academy
	Mear, Mike	TE	6-2	225	JR	02/13/61	Columbia, SC	Heath Wood Academy
	Miolen, Doug	QB	6-0	186	FR~	04/08/65	Atlanta, GA	Riverdale
	Mitchell, John	K	6-0	175	FR~	08/24/65	Springfield, GA	Effingham County
	Moore, Dwayne	DB	5-11	170	FR~	08/24/63	Jacksonville, FL	Edward White
	Moore, Kenny	LB	6-3	206	FR~	09/29/64	Macon, GA	Southeast Macon
	Morris, Brad	OL	6-2	210	FR~	06/29/65	Waycross, GA	Bristol
74	Olden, Mike	OG	6-4	240	SO	05/03/64	Orange Park, FL	Orange Park
	Painschab, Richard	OL	6-2	245	SO	05/29/63	Jacksonville, FL	Bishop Kenny
	Parker, Pat	K	6-1	180	FR~	06/17/65	Savannah, GA	Savannah
	Parsons, Shane	LB	5-10	205	FR~	01/10/65	Leesburg, GA	Lee County
62	Pike, Vance	OT	6-4	250	SO	01/07/63	Warner Robins, GA	Warner Robins
	Renfroe, Rodney	LB	6-1	206	FR~	02/03/65	Albany, GA	Albany
77	Richardson, John	DE	6-1	215	FR~	09/30/63	Jacksonville, FL	Wolfson
	Roberti, Paul	DT	6-3	220	FR~	01/04/65	Sarasota, FL	Cardinal Mooney
	Roberts, Eddie	QB	5-10	185	FR~	04/07/64	Elberton, GA	Elbert County
	Robinson, Leonard	DB	5-9	165	JR	08/07/63	Savannah, GA	Groves
28	Rossignol, Hugo	LB	5-11	190	SO	07/08/62	Jacksonville, FL	Bishop Kenny
	Sanders, Steve	LB	5-11	215	FR~	06/24/64	Athens, GA	Athens Academy
	Schuchts, Bart	TE	6-5	220	FR~	04/23/63	Jacksonville, FL	Bishop Kenny
32	Seamens, Mike	RB	5-11	195	JR	12/24/62	Dublin, GA	Bulloch Academy
82	Sharpe, Monty	WR	5-11	160	SO	05/17/64	Lyons, GA	Reidsville
16	Shields, David	WR	6-0	190	JR	06/22/62	Waycross, GA	Ware County
	Simmons, David	K	5-10	160	FR~	02/25/64	Marietta, GA	Sprayberry
	Stewart, Patrick	RB	5-7	179	FR~	03/01/65	Dallas, GA	Paulding County
84	Stokes, Fred	TE	6-4	230	SO	03/14/64	Vidalia, GA	Vidalia
	Taylor, Mike	OL	6-1	210	FR~	02/26/65	Eastman, GA	Dodge County
	Underwood, Robert	LB	6-0	200	FR~	10/06/64	Statesboro, GA	Statesboro
	Vakoc, Mike	WR	5-11	150	FR~	07/16/65	Augusta, GA	T.W. Josey
	Van Dorn, Cliff	OL	6-1	212	FR~	11/12/64	Crossville, TN	Cumberland County
63	Ward, Theoria	DG	6-2	260	JR	07/06/61	Eastman, GA	Dodge County
	Wesley, Mark	LB	6-0	210	FR~	09/24/64	Hinesville, GA	Bradwell Institute
	West, Brant	QB	6-3	189	FR~	02/22/65	Atlanta, GA	M.D. Collins
60	West, Larry	OG	6-2	230	SO	12/04/62	Warner Robins, GA	Warner Robins
	Whitton, Rob	WR	6-4	170	FR~	01/08/65	Stone Mountain, GA	Redan
	Williams, Greg	DT	6-2	233	FR~	11/04/64	Athens, GA	Clarke Central
99	Williams, Sammy	DT	6-3	235	FR~	11/18/64	Baxley, GA	Appling County
	Williamson, Steve	WR	5-11	170	FR~	05/27/65	Madison, GA	Madison County
	Wintons, Milton	DB	6-2	195	FR~		Lake City, FL	Columbia
91	Woodard, Terrence	DT	6-3	230	SO	02/06/63	Tampa, FL	Pasco
	Woolten, Alfred	DB	6-0	165	FR~	04/09/64	Jonesboro, GA	Jonesboro
	Wright, Alvin	RB	5-8	155	SO	01/29/64	Thomson, GA	Thomson
	Wyke, Jimmy	DB	5-9	175	FR~	04/02/64	Doraville, GA	Henderson
	Young, Nathaniel	DB	5-11	180	FR~	02/10/65	Savannah, GA	Savannah

1983 NATIONAL FOOTBALL SIGNEES

TODD BARRY—5-11, 206, LB, Brunswick, Ga. (Glynn Academy)...earned spot on Florida Times-Union "Super 24" including players from South Georgia and North Florida...good hitter utilizing tremendous strength...former prep weight lifting star...good speed...joins the Eagles from a quality program.

STEVE CALDWELL—6-1, 175, WR, Savannah, Ga. (Calvary)...good hands combined with good speed...uses physical dimensions to his best ability...accounted for 1,000 yards receiving in junior year and over 700 senior season...lettered in baseball and track and field.

CHRIS CHANDLER—5-11, 237, OL, Athens, Ga. (Cedar Shoals)...played in a good program at the high school level...one of the outstanding linemen in the area...team leader in the preps.

TOM CIARLETTA—6-0, 221, OL, Savannah, Ga. (Savannah Christian)...one of the most outstanding linemen in Savannah...earned a spot on the Georgia All-Star team...size will be a benefit...solid performer.

ALLEN GREER—6-1, 220, DL, Stockbridge, Ga. (Stockbridge)...one of the few defensive linemen inked by the Eagles...a perfect 4.0 student in high school...good prospect to receive playing time.

JOHN HARDY—6-2, 237, OL, Dallas, Ga. (Pauling County)...fast for a big man...quick feet and the ability to move well on the line...big and strong...learned football at a top high school program.

HENRY HAYNES—6-0, 241, OL, Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central)...possibly the best offensive linemen prospect signed...excellent size and good speed...explosive power off the line...played high school ball at a strong football program.

CY JOHNSON—6-2, 225, OL, Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy)...selected to perform on the Georgia All-Star team...a fast and strong big man...good size could make him a factor...should compete for playing time.

DOUG MIOLEN—6-0, 186, QB, Atlanta, Ga. (Riverdale)...possesses the qualities to quarterback at GSC...good ball carrier who can throw on the run...proven leader who took high school team to the Georgia 4A playoffs...one of two signal callers signed by Southern.

KENNY MOORE—6-3, 206, DB, Macon, Ga. (Southwest)...the most versatile player signed...played defensive tackle, linebacker, safety and defensive end in high school switching positions each year...team's leading rusher in senior season...solid player who could be an immediate help.

RODNEY RENFROE—6-1, 206, LB, Albany, Ga. (Albany)...solid player who can perform at several positions...good speed makes him a threat on offense and defense...able to be used in several places on defense and fullback on offense.

PAUL ROBERTI—6-3, 220, DE, Sarasota, Fla. (Cardinal Mooney)...possesses all the physical qualities to contend for a starting role...great range and good speed...a powerful hitter...excellent pass rusher...playing time may depend on how fast he can learn GSC defensive system.

BART SCHUCHTS—6-5, 220, TE, Jacksonville, Fla. (Bishop Kenny)...has the ability, size, speed and strength to be a top collegiate tight end...combines physical size and abilities...good hands...played prep ball under GSC assistant coach Mike Healey...could play a key role in initial season.

DAVID SIMMONS—5-10, 160, K, Marietta, Ga. (Sprayberry)...one of the outstanding kickers in Georgia...consistent performer...strong leg...expected to kick extra points and field goals for Southern.

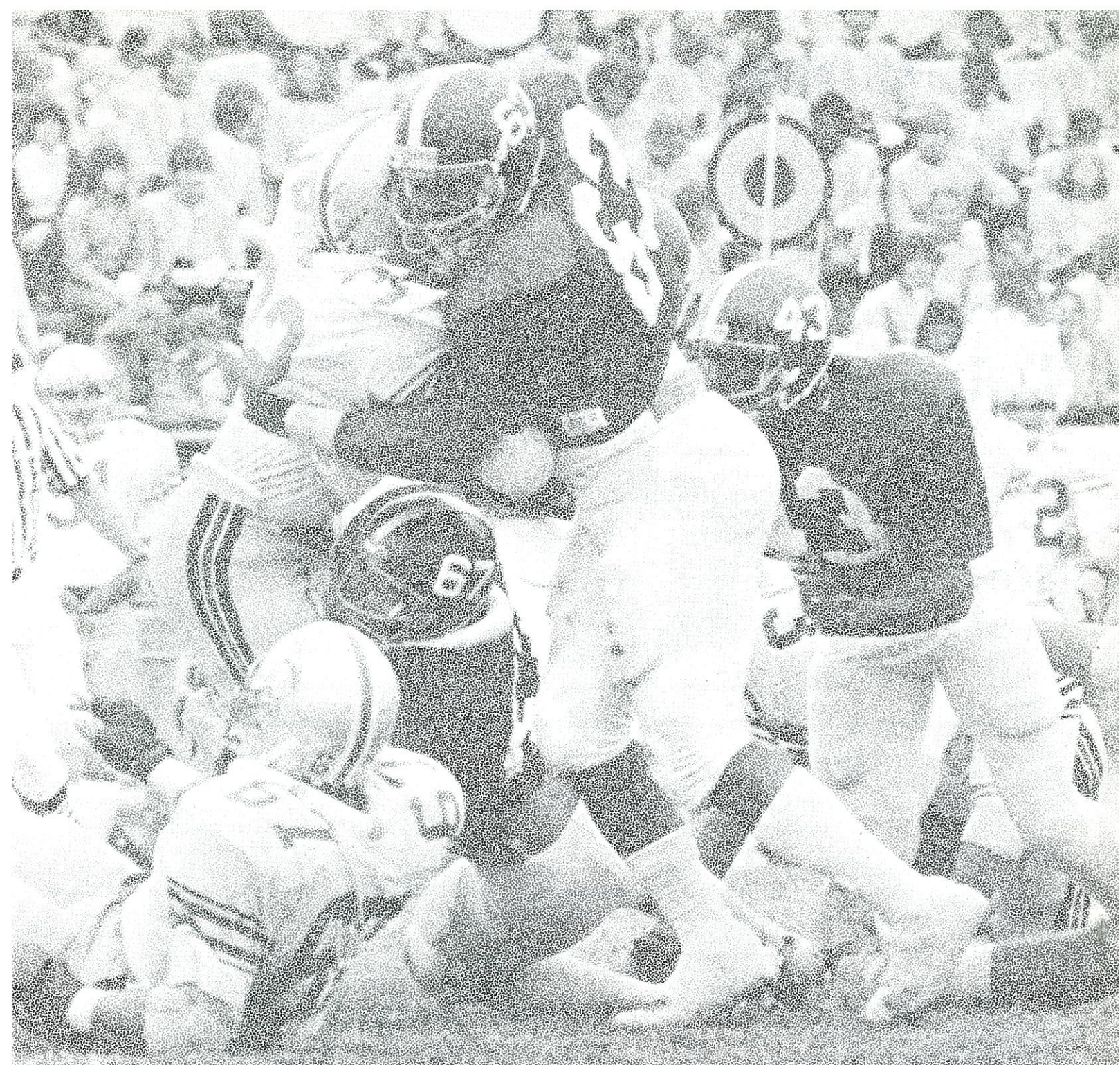
PATRICK STEWART—5-7, 192, RB, Dallas, Ga. (Pauling County)...the most intense and hard hitting player among the recruits...played both offense and defense in high school...led squad in tackles at the free safety spot...played fullback on offense gaining over 1,300 yards...good blocker.

CLIFF VAN DOREN—6-1, 212, OL, Crossville, Tenn. (Cumberland County)...good speed on the offensive line...quick athlete...performed on Tennessee high school playoff team...learned skills at a good program...strong and solid.

BRANT WEST—6-3, 189, QB, Atlanta, Ga. (M.D. Collins)...size and ability to play quarterback...versatile athlete able to play on both sides of the line...led team to Georgia playoffs as the starting signal caller...starting guard on basketball team that advanced to the "Final Four"...could help Southern at several positions.

GREG WILLIAMS—6-2, 233, DL, Athens, Ga. (Clarke Central)...has the size to make an immediate contribution...a top defensive tackle in high school...has the physical dimensions to play several defensive positions...played prep ball at a top program.

STEVE WILLIAMSON—5-11, 170, WR, Madison, Fla. (Madison County)...All-Area and All-State at the prep level...performed in the College-High School All-Star game...versatile athlete playing defensive back and punter...keeps busy returning punts and holding on extra points...caught 39 passes and intercepted 11 in senior season.



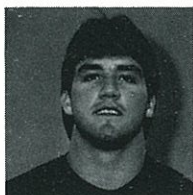
THE OPPONENTS

CENTRAL FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 10 7:00 P.M. STATESBORO, GA



Head Coach: Lou Saban (Baldwin-Wallace 1948); First Year
Assistant Coaches: Jerry Anderson, Bill Cubit, Jeremiah Davis, Tod Goodyear, Ken Jaworski, Al Seagraves, Pete Stewart



Location: Orlando, Florida
Stadium: Tangerine Bowl (50,000)
Surface: Natural Grass
Enrollment: 14,000
Colors: Black and Gold
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 50
Nickname: Fighting Knights
Conference: Division II Independent



Athletic Director: Bill Peterson
Sports Publicist: Vince Cotroneo
Office Phone: (305) 275-2729
Home Phone: (305) 862-6252
National Affiliation: NCAA Division II
President: Dr. Trevor Colbourn
Lettermen Returning: 27
Starters Returning: 15
Starters Lost: 7



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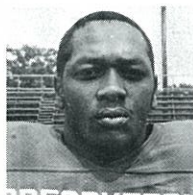
1983 Schedule		1982 Results: 0-10	
Sept.	3—ELIZABETH CITY STATE	9	Georgia Southern 16
	10—Georgia Southern	14	Southeastern Louisiana 24
	17—Southeastern Louisiana	0	Virginia Military Inst. 69
	24—NORTH ALABAMA	7	Valdosta State 13
Oct.	1—VALDOSTA STATE	21	Bethune-Cookman 40
	8—BETHUNE-COOKMAN	10	Alabama A & M 31
	15—Livingston	10	Nicholls State 60
	29—Austin-Peay State	7	West Georgia 41
Nov.	5—Carson-Newman	17	Carson-Newman 36
	12—NICHOLLS STATE	14	Eastern Kentucky 26
	19—FORT LEWIS COLLEGE		

PRESBYTERIAN

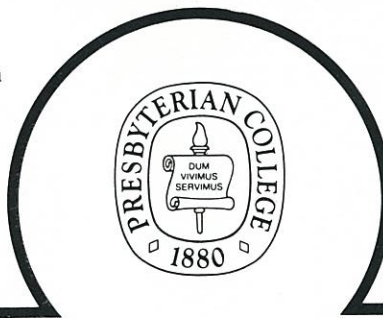
SEPTEMBER 17 7:00 P.M. SAVANNAH, GA



Head Coach: Cally Gault (Presbyterian 1948); 21 yrs. (115-92-7)
Assistant Coaches: Chuck Jordan-Offensive Backs and Receivers; Gary Nelson-Offensive Line; Elliott Poss-Defensive Line and Linebackers; Bob Strock-Defensive Backs



Location: Clinton, South Carolina
Stadium: Bailey Memorial (5,000)
Surface: Natural Grass
Enrollment: 950
Colors: Garnet and Blue
Basic Offense: Option I
Basic Defense: 50
Nickname: Blue Hose
Conference: South Atlantic



Athletic Director: Cally Gault
Sports Publicist: Hunter Reid
Office Phone: (803) 833-2820 Ext. 252
Home Phone: (803) 833-5398
National Affiliation: NAIA District 6
President: Dr. Kenneth Orr
Lettermen Returning: 28
Starters Returning: 11
Starters Lost: 11



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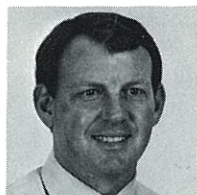
1983 Schedule		1982 Results: 5-5-1	
Sept.	10—The Citadel	16	The Citadel 21
	17—Georgia Southern	17	Mississippi College 16
	24—Lenoir-Rhyne	15	Lenoir-Rhyne 15
Oct.	1—WOFFORD COLLEGE	16	Wofford College 24
	8—Catawba College	23	Catawba College 21
	15—ELON COLLEGE	31	Elon 16
	22—MARS HILL COLLEGE	30	Mars Hill College 0
	29—Liberty Baptist	12	Liberty Baptist 24
Nov.	5—Gardner-Webb	21	Gardner-Webb 28
	12—CARSON-NEWMAN	14	Carson-Newman 45
	24—Newberry College	21	Newberry 7

TROY STATE

SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 P.M.

STATESBORO, GA



Head Coach: Chan Gailey (FSU, 1974); First Year

Assistant Coaches: Jay Jefcoat, (Off. Coord.); Willie Slater (Off. backs & ends); Rick Phoades (Def. Coord.); Robert Maddox (Secondary)



Location: Troy, AL
Stadium: Memorial (8,600)
Surface: Natural Grass
Enrollment: 4,000
Colors: Cardinal, Black, Gray, White
Basic Offense: Wishbone
Basic Defense: 50
Nickname: Trojans
Conference: Gulf South



Athletic Director: Robert E. Stewart
Sports Publicist: Tom Ensey
Office Phone: (205) 566-300, X482
Home Phone: (205) 566-2038
National Affiliation: NCAA II
President: Dr. Ralph Adams
Lettermen Returning: 45
Starters Returning: 15
Starters Lost:



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1983 Schedule

Sept.	3—Tuskegee Institute
	10—NICHOLLS STATE
	17—VALDOSTA STATE
	24—Georgia Southern
Oct.	1—Mississippi State
	8—SOUTHEASTERN LA
	15—Delta State
	22—NORTH ALABAMA
	29—UT-Martin
Nov.	5—Livingston
	12—JACKSONVILLE STATE

1982 Results: 2-8

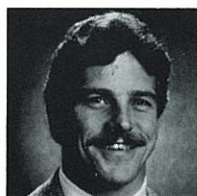
10	UT-Chattanooga	24
21	Valdosta State	24
3	Nicholls State	10
7	Mississippi College	31
7	Southeastern Louisiana	21
10	Delta State	13
6	North Alabama	38
54	UT-Martin	10
45	Livingston	0
14	Jacksonville State	49

GARDNER-WEBB

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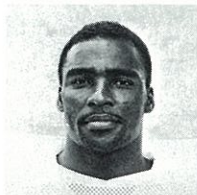
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STATESBORO, GA



Head Coach: Ellis Johnson (The Citadel); First Year

Assistant Coaches: Jackie Queen, Woody Fish, Randall Owens, Tim Addis, Bobby Cothran, Stan Kearney, Chris Norman, Rick Scott, Bobby Humphries



Location: Boiling Springs, NC
Stadium: Spangler (5,000)
Surface: Natural Grass
Enrollment: 1,750
Colors: Scarlet/Black/White
Basic Offense: Pro I
Basic Defense: Multiple 8 Front
Nickname: Bulldogs
Conference: SAC-8



Athletic Director: Dan Moore
Sports Publicist: Randy Alexander
Office Phone: (705) 434-2361
Home Phone: (705) 487-1202
National Affiliation: NAIA
President: Dr. Craven E. Williams
Lettermen Returning: 24
Starters Returning: 15
Starters Lost: 7



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1983 Schedule

Sept.	10—West Georgia
	17—NEWBERRY COLLEGE
	24—Mars Hill College
Oct.	1—Georgia Southern
	8—LENOIR-RHYNE
	15—Appalachian State
	22—CARSON-NEWMAN
	29—Elon College
Nov.	5—PRESBYTERIAN
	12—Western Carolina
	19—WOFFORD COLLEGE

1982 Results: 7-3

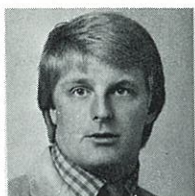
29	Wofford College	31
43	W. Virginia Wesleyan	0
29	Newberry College	0
38	Mars Hill College	24
43	Georgia Southern	6
24	Lenoir-Rhyne	21
38	Catawba College	31
21	Carson-Newman	36
17	Elon College	19
28	Presbyterian	21

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

OCTOBER 15 2:00 P.M. JOHNSON CITY, TENN.



Head Coach: Buddy Sasser (North Carolina 1958); First Year
Assistant Coaches: Jack Huss, Walt Bragg, Paul Hamilton, Mike Ayers, Mike Taylor, Sam Betz



Location: Johnston City, Tenn.
Stadium: Memorial Center (12,000)
Surface: Tartan
Enrollment: 9,500
Colors: Blue and Gold
Basic Offense: Wingbone
Basic Defense: 50 Shade
Nickname: Buccaneers
Conference: Southern



Athletic Director: Barry Dowd
Sports Publicist: John Cathey
Office Phone: (615) 929-4220
Home Phone: (615) 926-5302
National Affiliation: NCAA Division IAA
President: Dr. Ronald E. Beller
Lettermen Returning: 53
Starters Returning: 18
Starters Lost: 4



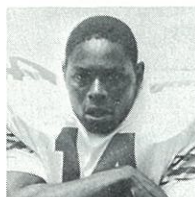
1983 Schedule		1982 Results: 2-9	
Sept.	3—Eastern Kentucky	0	Tennessee Tech 14
	10—TENNESSEE TECH	3	Virginia Military Inst. 21
	24—Western Carolina	0	East Carolina 30
Oct.	1—APPLACHIAN STATE	10	James Madison 15
	8—Marshall	25	Western Carolina 27
	15—GEORGIA SOUTHERN	6	UT.-Chattanooga 27
	22—Virginia Military Inst.	3	The Citadel 0
	29—East Carolina	15	Furman 20
Nov.	5—Furman	13	Appalachian State 29
	12—THE CITADEL	20	Wofford 34
	19—UT-CHATTANOOGA	28	Marshall 0

NEWBERRY

OCTOBER 22 7:00 P.M. AUGUSTA, GA



Head Coach: Clayton Johnson (Elon 1965); 1 Year (5-6-0)
Assistant Coaches: Phil Wilks, John Eder



Location: Newberry, SC
Stadium: Setzler Field (4,000)
Surface: Grass
Enrollment: 675
Colors: Scarlet & Gray
Basic Offense: Multiple Veer & I
Basic Defense: 5-2
Nickname: The Indians
Conference: South Atlantic



Athletic Director: Steve Watt
Sports Publicist: Steve Watt
Office Phone: (803) 276-5010
National Affiliation: NAIA Division I
President: Dr. Glenn E. Whitesides
Lettermen Returning: 47
Starters Returning: 24
Starters Lost: 7



1983 Schedule		1982 Results: 5-6	
Sept.	10—CATAWBA COLLEGE	22	Catawba College 14
	17—Gardner-Webb	7	Georgia Southern 36
	24—DAVIDSON	7	Gardner-Webb 29
Oct.	1—Mars Hill	57	Savannah State 43
	8—CARSON-NEWMAN	8	Davidson College 7
	15—Wofford College	16	Elon College 33
	22—Georgia Southern	2	Mars Hill College 0
	29—West Georgia	48	Lenoir-Rhyne 22
Nov.	5—ELON COLLEGE	7	Carson-Newman 28
	12—Lenoir-Rhyne	7	Presbyterian 21
	24—PRESBYTERIAN	6	Wofford 28

CATAWBA

OCTOBER 29

1:30 P.M.

SALISBURY, NC



Head Coach: Pete Stout (Catawba 1958); First year

Assistant Coaches: Charles Little (Defensive Line), Dan Henderson (Linebackers), Len Martin (Defensive Backs), Ron Raper (Offensive Line)



Location: Salisbury, North Carolina

Stadium: Shuford Stadium (5,000)

Surface: Natural

Enrollment: 950

Colors: Blue and White

Basic Offense: Wishbone-T

Basic Defense: Wide Tackle Six

Nickname: Indians

Conference: South Atlantic (SAC-8)



Athletic Director: Dr. Alan Patterson

Sports Publicist: Brian Morrison

Office Phone: (704) 637-4454

Home Phone: (704) 637-3781

National Affiliation: NAIA District I

President: Dr. Stephen Wurster

Lettermen Returning: 42

Starters Returning: 14

Starters Lost: 8



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1983 Schedule

Sept.	10—Newberry College
	17—MARS HILL COLLEGE
	24—Wofford College
Oct.	1—Carson-Newman
	8—PRESBYTERIAN
	22—Elon College
	29—GEORGIA SOUTHERN
Nov.	5—GUILFORD COLLEGE
	12—Davidson College
	19—Lenoir-Rhyne

1982 Results: 2-8

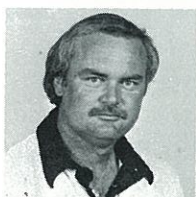
17	Mars Hill College	21
14	Newberry College	22
13	Slippery Rock	17
10	Carson-Newman	14
21	Presbyterian	23
31	Gardner-Webb	38
22	Elon College	29
10	Georgia Southern	7
11	Guilford College	10
28	Lenoir-Rhyne	32

WOFFORD

NOVEMBER 5

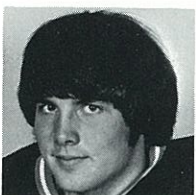
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SPARTANBURG, SC



Head Coach: Bill Parker (South Carolina 1971); First Year

Assistant Coaches: Ladson Cubbage, Jim Wallace, Jim Holland, Ralph Voyles, Bubba Attwood, Steve Parker, James Talley



Location: Spartanburg, SC

Stadium: Snyder Field (6,500)

Surface: Grass

Enrollment: 1,025

Colors: Old Gold, Black

Basic Offense: Wishbone and Variations

Basic Defense: Five-two

Nickname: Terriers

Conference: NAIA Independent



Athletic Director: Bill Parker

Sports Publicist: Jeff Steele

Office Phone: (803) 585-4821

Home Phone: (803) 573-7718

National Affiliation: NAIA

President: Dr. Joe Lesesne

Lettermen Returning: 32

Starters Returning: 10

Starters Lost: 12



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1983 Schedule

Sept.	10—DAVIDSON
	17—Lenoir-Rhyne
	24—CATAWBA
Oct.	1—Presbyterian
	8—Elon College
	15—NEWBERRY COLLEGE
	22—Western Carolina
	29—Mars Hill College
Nov.	5—GEORGIA SOUTHERN
	12—LIBERTY BAPTIST
	19—Gardner-Webb

1982 Results: 8-3

31	Gardner-Webb	29
54	Davidson	0
3	Lenoir-Rhyne	7
14	The Citadel	21
24	Presbyterian	16
38	Elon College	7
28	Newberry College	6
17	Western Carolina	36
46	Mars Hill College	0
28	Georgia Southern	7
34	Eastern Tennessee	20

MARS HILL

NOVEMBER 12

1:30 P.M.

STATESBORO, GA



Head Coach: Rick Gilstrap (Clemson 1972); First Year

Assistant Coaches: Steve Patton, Defensive Backs; Mike Prior, Offensive Line; Steve Wilson, Linebackers



Location: Mars Hill, NC 28804

Stadium: Meares (4,500)

Surface: Natural Grass

Enrollment: 1,350

Colors: Blue and Gold

Basic Offense: Multiple

Basic Defense: Multiple 50

Nickname: Lions

Conference: South Atlantic



Athletic Director: Dr. Bill Walker

Sports Publicist: David Derrough

Office Phone: (704) 689-1219 or 1223

National Affiliation: NAIA

President: Dr. Fred Bentley

Lettermen Returning: 55

Starters Returning: 15

Starters Lost: 7



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1983 Schedule

Sept.	10—Concord College
	17—Catawba College
	24—GARDNER-WEBB
Oct.	1—NEWBERRY COLLEGE
	8—SAVANNAH STATE
	15—Carson-Newman
	22—Presbyterian College
	29—WOFFORD COLLEGE
Nov.	5—LENOIR-RHYNE
	12—Georgia Southern
	19—Elon College

1982 Results: 1-10

21	Catawba College	17
0	Elon College	31
3	Western Carolina	38
24	Gardner-Webb	38
0	Newberry College	2
0	Savannah State	20
0	Carson-Newman	12
0	Presbyterian	30
0	Wofford College	46
3	Lenior-Rhyne	26
3	Georgia Southern	17

VALDOSTA STATE

NOVEMBER 19

7:00 P.M.

VALDOSTA, GA



Head Coach: Jim Goodman (Florida 1973) 1 Year (5-5-1)

Assistant Coaches: Jim Berryman, Larry Nesler, Kenneth Hand, Eric Schumann, Tommy Macon, Cliff Fussell



Location: Valdosta, GA

Stadium: Cleveland Field(11,738)

Surface: Natural Turf

Enrollment: 5,700

Colors: Red and Black

Basic Offense: Pro Set

Basic Defense: 50s

Nickname: Blazers

Conference: Gulf South



Athletic Director: Bill Grant

Sports Publicist: Steve Roberts

Office Phone: (912) 247-3317

Home Phone: (912) 244-6560

National Affiliation: NCAA Division II

President: Dr. Hugh C. Bailey

Lettermen Returning: 35

Starters Returning: 11

Starters Lost: 12

1983 Schedule

Sept.	10—MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
	17—Troy State
	24—SAVANNAH STATE
Oct.	1—Central Florida
	8—DELTA STATE
	15—JACKSONVILLE STATE
	22—West Georgia
	29—North Alabama
Nov.	5—KENTUCKY STATE
	12—Livingston
	19—GEORGIA SOUTHERN

1982 Results: 6-4-1

13	Mississippi	28
24	Troy State	21
27	Georgia Southern	27
13	Central Florida	7
0	Delta State	27
11	Jacksonville State	43
36	Albany State	13
7	North Alabama	53
48	Kentucky State	13
22	Livingston	21
29	Georgia Southern	45



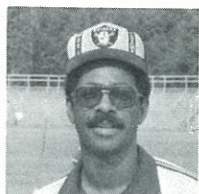
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SAVANNAH STATE

NOVEMBER 24

7:00 P.M.

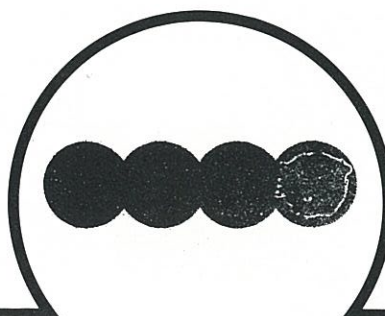
SAVANNAH, GA



Head Coach: Frank Ellis, Jr. (Savannah State 1966) 6 Years (29-29-1)

Assistant Coaches: John Mason, Defensive Coord.; Joseph Tuner, Off. Coord.; Frankie Harper, Def. Back Coord.; Tim Jordan, Receivers; Tim Walker, Linebackers; Greg Wilson, Running Backs

Location: Savannah
Stadium: Tiger (7,500)
Surface: Natural Grass
Enrollment: 2,100
Colors: Blue and Orange
Basic Offense: Pro I
Basic Defense: 4-3
Nickname: Tigers
Conference: SIAC



Athletic Director: Russell Ellington
Sports Publicist: Lee Grant Pearson
Office Phone: (912) 356-2199
Home Phone: (912) 232-5972
National Affiliation: NCAA II
President: Dr. Wendell G. Rayburn
Lettermen Returning: 49
Starters Returning: 12
Starters Lost: 10



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1983 Schedule

Sept.	3—Middle Tennessee State
	10—TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
	24—Valdosta State
Oct.	1—MORRIS BROWN
	8—Mars Hill College
	15—CLARK COLLEGE
	22—Morehouse College
Nov.	5—Fort Valley State
	12—ALBANY STATE
	19—ALABAMA A & M
	24—GEORGIA SOUTHERN

1982 Results: 4-6

3	Middle Tennessee	12
8	Tuskegee Institute	13
17	Millersville State	14
17	Morehouse College	0
7	Morris Brown College	9
20	Mars Hill College	0
16	Clark College	12
43	Newberry College	57
3	Fort Valley State	48
19	Albany State	22

LOCATION

Albany
 Alma
 Augusta
 Brunswick
 Buford
 Douglas
 Dublin
 Elberton
 Glennville
 Hinesville
 Jesup
 Louisville
 Lyons
 Macon
 McDonough
 McRae
 Metter
 Milledgeville
 Savannah
 Statesboro
 Swainsboro
 Sylvania
 Thomaston
 Thomasville
 Washington
 Waycross
 Waynesboro

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Calling the Georgia Southern Football games for his second season is play-by-play announcer Nate Hirsch.

A familiar voice to Georgia Southern fans, Hirsch adds football to his GSC baseball and basketball announcing duties. Owner of Statesboro radio stations WWNS/WMCD, Hirsch arrived at Georgia Southern shortly after his graduation from Indiana University. His involvement with sports began immediately and largely through his insistence the station begin carrying more play-by-play coverage of first Eagle basketball and baseball.

SEASON IN REVIEW

Georgia Southern 16, Central Florida 9

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., SEPT. 11—Georgia Southern inaugurated its first football season in 41 years in winning style defeating Division II school Central Florida 16-9 at Jacksonville's Gator Bowl.

The game marked the return of head coach Erk Russell to the Gator Bowl, this time leading the first year Georgia Southern squad.

Central Florida jumped on top first on a 31 yard field goal by Scott Ryerson in the first quarter. Southern made the score 7-3 when Scott Conner grabbed a Rob Allen 13 yard touchdown strike to record the Eagles' first touchdown of its new football era. Ryerson converted a second field goal in the final second of the first half making it 7-6 at intermission.

GSC scored its second TD of the game, its first on the ground, when Gerald Harris rushed over from 29 yards out making it 13-6. Ryerson and Southern place kicker Kevin Spurgeon exchanged field goals for a 16-9 GSC advantage. UCF rallied late in the game marching the ball from their own 17 yard line to the GSC seven, but three passes fell incomplete as the gun sounded giving the Eagles their first football win in 41 years.

Georgia Southern	0	7	6	3-16
Central Florida	3	3	3	0-9

CF—FG Ryerson, 31
 GS—Conner 13 pass from Allen (Spurgeon kick)
 CF—FG Ryerson, 42
 GS—G. Harris 29 run (Kick failed)
 CF—FG Ryerson, 37
 GS—FG Spurgeon, 27

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—GS: Allen 10-69; G. Harris 4-36; CF: Thompson 6-21, Carlson 3-13.

Passing—GS: Allen 3-10-22; CF: Lugo 7-20-85, Tayson 5-16-77.

Receiving—GS: Little 2-16; CF: Froehlich 5-80, Collier 3-73.

Georgia Southern 42, Baptist 0

SAVANNAH, GA., SEPT. 18—Completely dominating its opponent, Georgia Southern recorded its first shutout of the season and ran its winning streak to two games with a 42-0 victory over Baptist at Savannah.

The game was the second consecutive contest played at a neutral site by the Southern troops. The game was never in doubt with GSC scoring 14 points in the first half and 21 more in the second stanza for a 42-0 half time lead. Southern called off the dogs and concentrated on defense limiting the opposition to only 140 net yards—53 on the ground.

The GSC offense was one dimensional that night gaining every yard on the ground. The final total was 417 yards rushing, a season's mark that remained the entire year. For the Eagles, Mike Seamens and Gerald Harris each scored

two touchdowns, while Ricky Harris and Melvin Bell added one each. Bell became Southern's first 100 yard rusher, gaining 107 yards on 15 carries. GSC only attempted one pass the entire game.

Baptist	0	0	0	0-0
Georgia Southern	14	21	0	0-42

GS—Seamens 6 run (Foskey kick)
 GS—Seamens 17 run (Foskey kick)
 GS—G. Harris 24 run (Foskey kick)
 GS—R. Harris 1 run (Foskey kick)
 GS—G. Harris 15 run (Foskey)
 GS—Bell 3 run (Griffith kick)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—GS: Bell 15-107, G. Harris 7-76; BC: Claxton 7-29.

Passing—BC: Overstreet 10-25-1-5.

Receiving—BC: Rickenbaker 5-61.

Georgia Southern 27, Valdosta State 27

STATESBORO, GA., SEPT. 25—Playing its first home football game in 41 years, GSC did not disappoint a home crowd of 7,724 fans and rallied late in the game to tie Valdosta State 27-27.

The contest signified the return of collegiate football to Statesboro and displayed Southern's blend of rushing and passing. The tie made GSC undefeated in its first three contests.

In a see-saw battle that witnessed no team lead by more than eight points, GSC drew first blood scoring the only points in the first half on a six yard run by Melvin Bell. In the third quarter, VSC tied the game on a James Owens to Carl Armstrong nine yard TD strike. Southern regained the lead five minutes later when Rob Allen hit Delano Little for a 24 yard score, but the kick failed, making it 13-7. VSC completed the scoring in the third stanza when Curt Garrett ran five yards into the end zone for a 14-13 Blazer advantage.

The two squads exchanged touchdowns in the air to open the final period, and when Owens found David Williams for a nine yard TD score, VSC led by eight points 27-19 with 3:04 remaining in the game. Facing third down and 18 from the GSC 22 yard line, Allen brought his team into scoring range, first on a 31 yard run, and then on a 32 yard pass. On third down and goal from the Blazer one yard line, Gerald Harris dove over making it 27-25 VSC with 35 seconds left. Harris' number was called again, this time for the two point conversion, completing the 27-27 tie.

Valdosta State	0	0	14	13-27
Georgia Southern	0	7	6	14-27

GS—Bell 6 run (Foskey kick)
 VS—Armstrong 9 pass from Owens (Bauer kick)
 GS—Little 24 pass from Allen (Kick failed)
 VS—Garrett 5 run (Bauer kick)
 VS—Armstrong 32 pass from Owens (Kick failed)
 GS—Conner 4 pass from Allen (Kick failed)
 VS—Williams 9 pass from Owens (Bauer kick)
 GS—G. Harris 1 run (G. Harris run)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—GS: G. Harris 16-86, Allen 15-56; VS: Chubb 13-48, C. Garrett 17-34.

Passing—GS: Allen 8-14-160; VS: Owens 22-32-309.

Receiving—GS: Little 3-74; VS: Armstrong 11-191, Williams 3-43.

Gardner Webb 44, Georgia Southern 6

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C., OCT. 2—A senior offense and an experienced defense dominated Georgia Southern early and handed GSC its first loss of the season when the Eagles fell 44-6 at Gardner Webb.

GWC quarterback Chip Stuart and receivers Duane Foster and Cameron Brooks put on an air show for Southern and led 34-0 at the half. On the evening, Stuart completed 32 of 57 passes for 391 yards. Foster caught 13 passes for 169 yards and Brooks hauled in 12 aerials for 156 yards.

In the second thirty minutes, GSC regained its composure and were outscored 10-6 the remainder of the game. The Eagles' lone score was credited to the defense when linebacker Jimmy Kerfoot intercepted a pass and raced 18 yards for a touchdown. Southern's offense was limited to 62 yards rushing and 195 total net yards.

Georgia Southern	0	0	0	6—6
Gardener Webb	6	28	0	10—44

GW—FG Koonts, 43

GW—FG Koonts, 38

GW—Foster 16 pass from Stuart (Koonts kick)

GW—Davis 36 interception return (Koonts kick)

GW—Brooks 29 pass from Stuart (Koonts kick)

GW—Roberts 26 pass from Stuart (Koonts kick)

GW—FG Koonts, 22

GS—Kerfoot 18 interception return (conversion failed)

GW—Bridges 9 pass from Bianco (Koonts kick)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—GW: Bonner 9-51; GS: Rogers 6-20.

Passing—GW: Stuart 32-57-391; GS: Ham 2-6-55, Allen 4-11-48.

Receiving—GW: Foster 13-169, Brooks 12-156; GS: Baker 4-45.

Georgia Southern 56, Fort Benning 6

STATESBORO, GA., OCT. 9—Georgia Southern scored 21 points in the first and second quarters and coasted to a 56-6 win over Fort Benning to remain unbeaten at home.

Southern completely dominated the yard stick out gaining the visitors 417 to 124 in net yards. Again it was the Eagles' ground attack that did the damage. Southern rushers carried the ball 48 times for 405 yards. The 56 points was the most the team scored all season.

In a game with many Southern stars, running back Ricky Harris shined the brightest, rushing 114 yards on only three carries and scoring two touchdowns. Harris' 78 yard burst in the second quarter was the longest rushing touchdown of any Eagle all season. Also recording touchdowns for GSC were Melvin Bell, Steve Rogers, Ben Holt, and Pat Beaman. The Southern defense limited Fort Benning to 77 yards on the ground and 47 yards in the air. The defense also added

two touchdowns, one on a 48 yard interception return and another on a fumble recovery in the end zone. The game was highlighted by a visit by CBS-TV featuring Georgia Southern on its College Football Today Show.

Fort Benning	0	0	0	6—6
Georgia Southern	21	21	14	0—56

GS—Bell 7 run (Foskey kick)

GS—Rogers 2 run (Foskey kick)

GS—D. Allen fumble recovery in end zone (Foskey kick)

GS—Holt 48 run (Foskey kick)

GS—R. Harris 11 run (Foskey kick)

GS—Hayes 48 interception return (Foskey kick)

GS—R. Harris 78 run (Foskey kick)

GS—Beaman 49 run (Foskey kick)

FB—Hagan 13 pass from Chapman (Conversion failed)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—GS: R. Harris 3-114, Bell 12-61, Carter 8-57; FB: Wright 5-27.

Passing—GS: Allen 1-2-12; FB: Chapman 5-21-25.

Receiving—GS: Conners 1-12; FB: Ward 1-22.

Georgia Southern 36, Newberry 14

STATESBORO, GA., OCT. 23—Relying on the rushing of Ben Holt and Melvin Bell, and utilizing a stubborn defense, Georgia Southern defeated Newberry 36-14.

The win marked Southern's first victory over an established football program. The victory also continued Southern's unbeaten streak at home.

In the contest, Holt emerged as a new GSC rushing star. He gained 121 yards on 19 carries and scored two touchdowns. He was complimented by Bell with 27 carries for 92 yards.

The defense equalled the offensive performance limiting Newberry to only 18 yards rushing and 180 total net yards. The defenders recovered five of six Newberry fumbles.

Southern led 14-8 at the half and increased its margin to 28-8 after three quarters on TD runs by Ricky Harris and Holt and a safety. The lead increased to 36-8 on Holt's second score before Newberry added a meaningless touchdown in the final eight minutes.

Newberry	0	8	0	6—14
Georgia Southern	0	14	14	8—36

GS—Conner 14 pass from Allen (Foskey kick)

GS—G. Harris 1 run (Foskey kick)

NC—Johnson 27 pass from Floyd (Ottoway run)

GS—R. Harris 14 run (Kick failed)

GS—Ward safety

GS—Holt 22 run (Kick failed)

GS—Holt 33 run (R. Harris from Allen)

NC—Floyd 3 run (Conversion failed)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—GS: Holt 19-121, Bell 27-92, Allen 16-55; NC: Ottoway 7-26.

Passing—GS: Allen 5-9-55; NC: Floyd 13-21-162

Receiving—GS: Little 2-31; NC: D.A. Johnson 5-66, D.J. Johnson 5-51.

Catawba 10, Georgia Southern 7

STATESBORO, GA., OCT. 30—Catawba spoiled Georgia Southern's first fall Homecoming in 41 years and handed GSC its first home defeat of the season, topping the Eagles 10-7 before a record crowd of 8,219 fans.

Georgia Southern outgained the visitors in total yardage 330 to 305, but could not put the ball in the end zone until the final three minutes of the game.

Catawba opened the scoring the first quarter on a Glen Kallinich 36 yard field goal. The score remained 3-0 until the fourth quarter when Jeff Taylor caught a nine yard scoring pass from John Coatta to make it 10-0 with 4:54 left in the game. Southern accounted for its only score one minute later when Rob Allen connected with Robert Baker for a 41 yard touchdown, the longest TD pass of the year. GSC regained possession of the ball with just over three minutes left, but was unable to score.

Catawba	3	0	0	7-10
Georgia Southern	0	0	0	7-7

CC—FG Kallinich, 36

CC—Taylor 9 pass from Coatta (Kallinich kick)

GS—Baker 41 pass from Allen (Spurgeon kick)

Rushing—GS: R. Harris 5-79, Ham 9-54; CC: Holt 15-47.

Passing—GS: Allen 9-20-127; CC: Arant 10-23-117.

Receiving—GS: Baker 2-55; CC: Lynch 6-64, Taylor 3-32.

Wofford 28, Georgia Southern 7

STATESBORO, GA., NOV. 6—Facing an experienced NAIA powerhouse and turning the ball over seven times, Georgia Southern fell to Wofford 28-7 for its second consecutive home loss.

A steady Wofford offense and stingy defense limited the Eagles for the second week to only one score. Southern was more a thorn in its own side fumbling the ball eight times, losing four, and throwing three interceptions.

The Wofford Terriers were led by the assault of Tim May who scored two touchdowns and assisted on a third. After Southern opened the scoring in the second quarter on a Tracy Ham to Scott Conner touchdown pass, May accounted for the next two scores on a nine yard TD reception and a 48 yard touchdown catch. May assisted on the third Terrier score running 21 yards before lateraling to Wade Lang who carried the ball the final eight yards for the score. Wofford added a final seven points in the last three minutes.

Offensively for Southern Ricky Harris galloped 147 yards on 18 carries to top all runners. The game was the first start for quarterback Ham.

Wofford	0	6	8	14-28
Georgia Southern	0	7	0	0-7

GS—Conner 7 pass from Ham (Spurgeon kick)

WC—May 19 pass from Bradshaw (Kick failed)

WC—May 48 pass from Bradshaw (Wilson from Bradshaw)

WC—May 21 run, Lang 8 run (Hairston kick)

WC—Maddox 2 run (Hairston kick)

Rushing—GS: R. Harris 18-147; WC: May 17-118, Wilson 23-113.

Passing—GS: Ham 5-11-41; WC: Bradshaw 5-11-71.

Receiving—GS: Baker 3-16, Little 2-22; WC: May 3-65.

Georgia Southern 17, Mars Hill 3

MARS HILL, N.C., NOV. 13—Snapping its two game losing streak, Georgia Southern returned to the win column with a 17-3 victory over Mars Hill on the road.

The Eagles narrowly missed their second shutout of the season, allowing the home team a field goal early in the third quarter. The Southern defense limited Mars Hill to 230 yards total offense and recovered three fumbles and intercepted a pass.

The GSC offense was led by the Harris'—Ricky and Gerald—who combined for 215 of Georgia Southern's 251 yards rushing. Each player scored one touchdown.

Southern took a 10-0 lead in the first half on a Pat Spurgeon field goal and a 50 yard TD run by Ricky Harris. The turning point of the game came in the final second of the half when GSC held Mars Hill on first and goal from the one as time expired.

The home team drew within seven after a 33 yard field goal, but Southern's Gerald Harris accounted for the only score in the fourth quarter on a one yard run to insure the win.

Georgia Southern	10	0	0	7-17
Mars Hill	0	0	3	0-3

GS—FG Spurgeon, 33

GS—R. Harris 50 run (Spurgeon kick)

MH—FG Lilly, 33

GS—G. Harris 1 run (Spurgeon kick)

Rushing—MH: Moss 20-100; GS: R. Harris 11-120, G. Harris 33-95.

Passing—MH: Gearrin 12-36-120; GS: Allen 1-4-11.

Receiving—MH: Brow 4-59.

Georgia Southern 45, Valdosta State 29

VALDOSTA, GA., NOV. 20—Playing before the largest crowd of the season, Georgia Southern avenged an early season 27-27 tie, routing Valdosta State 45-29.

In front of 9,000 fans at Valdosta, Southern captured the unofficial 'Southeast Georgia Championship' led by a determined rushing defense and the offensive play of quarterback Tracy Ham and running back Melvin Bell.

The Southern defenders allowed VSC 71 yards net rushing after recording 84 yards in rushing losses. Ham was an unstoppable force passing for one score, rushing for another and gaining 120 yards on the ground. His backfield mate Bell carried 15 times for 130 yards and two touchdowns.

GSC led 28-14 after the first half on two Bell TD runs, a Gerald Harris one yard dive and a Ham to Mike Seamens scoring pass that covered eight yards. In the second half, VSC closed the gap to 31-21 after three quarters, but it was Ham again, this time rushing into the end zone. Reserve signal caller David Barras added the final Southern tally running it over from the two yard line after Ham had carried the ball 45 yards, making it first and goal.

Georgia Southern	14	14	3	14-45
Valdosta State	7	7	7	8-29

GS—Bell 32 run (Spurgeon kick)
 GS—G. Harris 1 run (Spurgeon kick)
 VS—Armstrong 14 pass from Owens (Bauer kick)
 GS—Seamens 8 pass from Ham (Kick failed)
 GS—Bell 3 run (Bell run)
 VS—Soles 45 pass from Owens (Bauer kick)
 GS—FG Spurgeon, 24
 VS—Armstrong 5 pass from Owens
 GS—Ham 3 run (Spurgeon kick)
 VS—Armstrong 11 pass from Owens (Sheppard pass from Owens)
 GS—Barras 2 run (Spurgeon kick)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—VS: Chubb 11-129; GS: Bell 15-130, Ham 14-120, Seamans 17-74.

Passing—VS: Owens 27-48-406; GS: Ham 8-16-86.

Receiving—VS: Armstrong 8-109, Soles 5-118; GS: Natson 2-24.

Georgia Southern 31, Florida State JV 20

WARNER ROBINS, GA., NOV. 27—Led by the rushing of Melvin Bell who galloped 201 yards to establish a school record, Georgia Southern defeated Florida State JV 31-20 at Warner Robins International Stadium.

The win marked Southern's third victory of the season on a neutral site and avenged its only loss from its 1981 exhibition season. The scalping of the Seminoles enabled GSC to finish its first year 7-3-1.

Again it was Bell and quarterback Tracy Ham that provided the spark. Bell rushed for 201 yards on 20 carries and scored one touchdown. Included in the figure was a 74 yard run from scrimmage, the second longest all season by an Eagle back. Ham accounted for 190 yards in total offense rushing for 76 yards and passing for 114 more. He scored one touchdown in the air and another on the ground.

Facing a larger and stronger team, Southern fell behind early, trailing 12-0 after the first quarter. FSU made it 20-17 at the half with the Eagles scoring on a 40 yard punt return by Pat Douglas, a 35 yard field goal and a Ham to Monte Sharpe touchdown strike.

In the second half, GSC registered every point, scoring two touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Ham was credited with the first on a 16 yard run, and Bell added the second on a one yard dive.

With Ham and Bell doing the majority of the damage, Southern amassed 488 yards total offense, its highest mark of the year.

Florida State JV	12	8	0	0-20
Georgia Southern	0	17	0	14-31

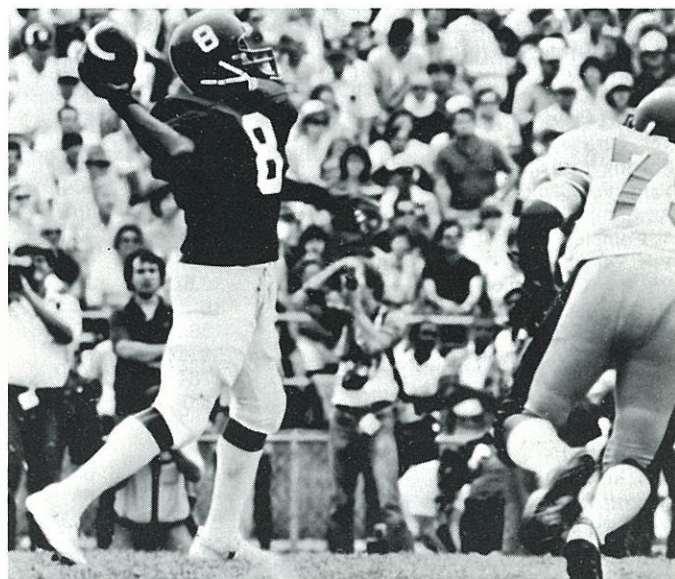
FS—Jackson 22 pass from Taylor (Kick failed)
 FS—Paige 20 run (Conversion failed)
 GS—Douglas 40 punt return (Spurgeon kick)
 FS—Griffis 14 pass from Taylor (Wilmont run)
 GS—FG Spurgeon, 35
 GS—Sharpe 19 pass from Ham (Spurgeon kick)
 GS—Ham 16 run (Spurgeon kick)
 GS—Bell 1 run (Spurgeon kick)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—GS: Bell 20-210, R. Harris 16-77, Ham 17-76; FS: Holiday 14-61.

Passing—GS: Ham 9-17-114; FS: Taylor 8-16-142, Davis 9-28-112.

Receiving—GS: Sharpe 4-62, Conner 2-24; FS: Jackson 3-73, Griffis 5-70, Feagin 3-53.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

1982 Football Final Statistics
(7-3-1), Home 2-2-1, Away 2-1, Neutral 3-0)

Team Statistics

Total Points	290	190
Points Per Game	26.7	17.3
TD/Run-Pass-Rtn	28-8-4	5-18-1
PAT	30-36	14-17
PAT Run or Pass	3-4	4-7
Field Goals	4-10	8-13
Safety	1	0
First Downs	211	190
Rushing	152	65
Passing	45	110
Penalty	14	15
3rd Down Consistency	32.0	30.9
3rd Dn Att-Conv.	135/43	136/42

Total Yardage

Yards Per Game	358.2	302.9
Ball Control Plays	746	762
Yards Per Play	5.3	4.4
% Plays Rush-Pass	85/15	52/48
% Yds. Rush-Pass	79/21	32/68
Rushing Yardage	3112	1078
Yards Per Game	282.9	98.0
Gained	3420	1498
Lost	309	420
Rushing Plays	637	394
Yds. Per Play	4.9	2.7

Passing Yardage

Yards Per Game	75.6	204.9
Att-Completions	153/66	368/174
% Completed	43.1	47.2
Yds. Per Attempt	5.1	6.1
Yds. Per Completion	12.6	12.9

Intercepted by

Yards. Rnd/TD	16	12
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Punts

Yds. Punted	1784	2436
Yds Per Punt	35.0	36.9
Blocked	0	0

Punt Returns

Yds. Rnd/TD	226/1	6/0
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Kickoff Returns

Yds Returned/TD	34	63
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Penalty

Yards	74	62
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Fumbles-Lost

Yards	627	514
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Results and Schedule

Central Florida (N)	16	9	7,350
Baptist University (N)	42	0	7,823
Valdosta State (H)	27	27	7,724
Gardner Webb (A)	6	44	2,051
Fort Benning (H)	36	14	5,341
Newberry (H)~	56	6	6,050
Catawba (H)	7	10	8,219
Wofford (H)	7	28	5,127
Mars Hill (A)	17	3	1,000
Valdosta Sate (A)	45	29	9,000
Florida State JV (N)	31	20	5,000

Average Attendance

Georgia Southern	Home	Away	Neutral
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GSC	FOE	ATTD.
6,492	4,017	6,724

Score By Quarters

Georgia Southern	1	2	3	4	TP
Foe	59	108	50	73	290

Rushing	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.	TD	LG
Bell	122	748	60	688	5.6	6	74
R. Harris	73	625	5	620	8.5	5	78
Ham	82	471	75	396	4.8	2	56
G. Harris	74	358	6	352	4.8	7	24
Holt	64	287	1	286	4.5	3	48
Seamens	39	195	1	194	5.0	2	24
R. Allen	81	292	112	180	2.2	0	31
Rogers	31	140	0	140	4.5	1	17
Carter	20	116	0	116	5.8	0	17
Beamen	11	80	0	80	7.3	1	49
Edwards	7	28	0	28	4.3	0	7
Barras	25	52	31	21	0.8	1	7
Wright	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8
Tippett	5	10	4	6	1.2	0	6
Little	1	10	8	2	2.0	0	10
Natson	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0

Receiving

D. Little	13	207	15.9	1	32
Conner	16	169	10.6	4	25
Baker	13	150	11.5	1	41
Sharpe	8	145	18.1	1	42
Natson	4	61	15.2	0	35
Shields	2	28	14.0	0	15
R. Harris	2	17	8.5	0	13
Bell	4	27	6.7	0	11
Seamens	2	12	6.0	1	8
Johnson	1	11	11.0	0	11
Stokes	1	2	2.0	0	2

Returns

Douglas	1-0-0	Kickoffs	Punts	Interc.
Hayes	0-0-0	20-177-1	6-64-0	
Bell	13-227-0	0-0-0	1-48-1	
Whitfield	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Durham	0-0-0	2-17-0	0-0-0	
Ham	12-199-0	0-0-0	1-13-0	
Spurgeon	0-0-0	3-18-0	0-0-0	
Bortles	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-8-0	
Gilstrap	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-5-0	
Cravey	0-0-0	3-14-0	1-7-0	
McDevitt	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-12-0	
Kerfoot	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-13-0	
G. Harris	2-12-0	0-0-0	1-18-1	
Little	4-80-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
R. Harris	2-25-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	

Punting

Baker	50	1750	35.0	55
Griffin	1	34	34.0	34

Scoring

G. Harris	7-0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	44
Bell	6-0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	38
R. Harris	5-0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	32
Spurgeon	0-0-0	4-5	13-15	0-0	25
Conner	0-4-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	24
Holt	3-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	18
Seamens	2-1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	18
Foskey	0-0-0	0-0	16-19	0-0	16
Ham	2-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Douglas	0-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Kerfoot	0-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Little	0-1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Rogers	1-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
D. Allen	0-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Sharpe	0-1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Hayes	0-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Beamen	1-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Barras	1-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Baker	0-1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Team	0-0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2
Wickham	0-0-0	0-5	1-2	0-0	1

Passing	G	ATT	COMP	PCT.	INT	YDS	TD	LG	YDS/COMP.	YDS/GAME	TOT. OFF/AVG.
Allen	10	77	35	.454	9	465	5	41	13.3	46.5	644/64.4
Ham	11	66	26	.393	2	316	3	42	12.1	28.7	712/64.7
Barras	9	10	5	.500	1	48	0	14	9.6	6.0	69/7.7

Field Goals	MADE-ATT	AVG.	LONG	BLKD	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 +
Spurgeon	4-5	.800	35	0	0-0	2-2	2-2	0-1
Wickham	0-5	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-4
Foskey	0-1	.000	0	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0

SEASON HIGHS (Eleven Games)

INDIVIDUAL

Longest run from scrimmage for TD — 78, R. Harris vs. Ft. Benning
Longest run, no score — 56, Ham vs. Florida State
Longest Pass for TD — 41, Baker from Allen vs. Catawba
Longest pass, no score — 42, Sharpe from Allen vs. Gardner Webb
Longest punt return for TD — 40, Douglas vs. Florida State
Longest punt return, no score — 29, Douglas vs. Ft. Benning
Longest pass interception for TD — 48, Hayes vs. Ft. Benning
Longest pass interception, no score — 39, Douglas vs. Mars Hill
Most pass interceptions — 2, Bortles vs. Central Fla.; 2, Carvey vs. Baptist
Longest punt — 55, Barker vs. Mars Hill
Most TDS — 2, G. Harris & Seamens vs. Baptist; R. Harris vs. Ft. Benning; Holt vs. Newberry; Bell vs. VSC (A)
Most passes attempted — 20, Allen vs. Catawba
Most passes completed — 9, Allen vs. Catawba; Ham vs. Florida State
Most passes caught — 4, Sharpe vs. Florida State
Most yards passing — 160, Allen vs. VSC (H)
Most TD passes caught — 1, by six players
Most pass yardage gained — 74, Little vs. VSC (H)

Most rushing attempts — 33, G. Harris vs. Mars Hill
Most yards rushing — 201, Bell vs. Florida State
Most total offensive attempts — 37, Allen vs. Catawba
Most total offensive yards — 216, Allen vs. VSC (H)
Most FGs attempted — 2, Wickham vs. Catawba and Spurgeon vs. VSC (A)
Most FGs made — 1, Spurgeon vs. Central Fla. and Mars Hill and VSC (A) and Florida State

TEAM

Most rushing plays — 83, vs. Newberry
Most yards passing — 160, vs. VSC (H)
Most passes attempted — 24, vs. Catawba
Most passes completed — 10, vs. Wofford
Most passes intercepted — 4, vs. Gardner Webb
Most yards rushing — 417, vs. Baptist
Most yards total offense — 488, vs. Florida State
Most first downs — 29, vs. Newberry
Most fumbles — 8, vs. Wofford; Florida State
Most fumbles lost — 6, vs. Florida State
Longest TD play — 78, R. Harris run vs. Ft. Benning
Most Plays, rush and pass — 93, vs. Newberry

FINAL 1982 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	Tackles	Assists	Totals	Big Plays
Jessie Jenkins, DG	61	40	101	CF-1, FR-2
Theoriea Ward, DG	45	31	76	CF-4, FR-2
Jeff Evans, DT	41	16	57	FR-1
Pat Douglas, S	29	16	46	INT-6
Hugo Rossignol, DB	32	12	44	FR-1
John Coen, LB	23	17	40	FR-1, CF-2
Danny Durham, LB	24	14	38	INT-1
Pat McDevitt, LB	23	12	35	FR-1, INT-1
Kevin Spurgeon, LB	18	13	31	CF-2, INT-2
John Richardson, LB	21	9	30	
Robby Bortles, LB	14	14	28	CF-1, INT-2
Michael Tate, LB	16	12	28	CF-1
Rick Perry, DB	17	6	23	
Jim Whitfield, DB	16	2	18	
Jeff Gorsuch, DG	10	7	17	
Donnie Allen, DG	7	5	12	FR-1
Steve Lomastro, LB	5	7	12	FR-1
Tom Gilstrap, DB	10	0	10	INT-1
Mark Wesley, DG	4	6	10	
Jimmy Kerfoot, LB	6	3	9	CF-2, INT-1
Terry Woodard, DT	2	0	2	

Top Defensive Tacklers:	Central Florida	McDevitt 7, Evans 7, Rossignol 7
	Baptist	Gorsuch 4, Wesley 4
	Valdosta State	Jenkins 15, Ward 10
	Gardner Webb	Tate 9, Jenkins 8
	Fort Benning	Jenkins 6, Coen 6
	Newberry	Jenkins 7, Bortles 6
	Catawba	Jenkins 12, Evans 11
	Wofford	Jenkins 15, Rossignol 11
	Mars Hill	Ward 16, Jenkins 13
	Valdosta State	Douglas 9, Jenkins 7
	Florida State	Ward 11, Coen 10, Jenkins 10

KEY: CF- Caused Fumble; FR-Fumble Recovery; INT - Interception



DR. DALE W. LICK

President

Georgia Southern College's ninth president, appointed in January 1978, is a long way from his native Michigan, but in South Georgia is again close to the rural environment of his beginnings.

From a farming background in Marlette, Michigan, Lick's interests turned to math and science in college, and he earned his bachelor of science, master of science and doctoral degrees in mathematics with minor in engineering and biology at Michigan State University and the University of California at Riverside.

Lick was tapped for the GSC presidency while he was dean of the School of Sciences and Health Processions at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., a post he held since 1974.

His career has also included teaching and administrative positions at Port Huron Junior College, the University of Redlands, the University of Tennessee, Drexel University and Russell Sage College, as well as consulting and post-doctoral positions at Oak Ridge and Brookhaven National Laboratories and a management post at Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

A member of many professional organizations and societies, Georgia Southern's President is a notable in such listings as Who's Who in the East American Men and Women in Science, and Leaders in Education. He is also the author of books and numerous articles on science and engineering, mathematics, inter-institutional cooperation, hunger and malnutrition health and innovations in education.

Lick married his childhood sweetheart from Marlette, the former Marilyn Foster, and the president's family now includes Lynette, Kitty, Diana, and Ron.

Since he came to Georgia Southern, President Lick has looked for and found what he believes is "the hallmark" of the institution he has come to lead. That hallmark, he senses is "the positive, caring attitude of the college," and it has become his own theme and the mark by which he intends others to know Georgia Southern College.

"Our future will be built on two foundations," Lick has promised. "The first is that all people have worth, and the second is that as a public institution we are here to serve the needs of the people of Georgia, particularly South Georgia. Their best interests are our best interests."

DAVID "BUCKY" WAGNER

Director of Athletics



Although only in his second year as Georgia Southern's Director of Athletics, David "Bucky" Wagner has brought the Eagle program to new heights. Since he began as Southern's head man, the Eagle program has added a football team, hired on the most highly regarded football coaches in the Southeast; begun a strong new Booster Program; seen the basketball program under the direction of a new head coach become "the most improved in the country"; added a long awaited total electric scoreboard and other improvements to the baseball complex; begun a 20,000-plus seat football stadium; reorganized and enlarged the athletic staff.

Personable and energetic, Wagner has been "a man on the go" almost from his first day on campus. Faced with the task of helping Southern rekindle a football program that has been dormant for 40 years, he has been a tireless worker since he arrived at Statesboro. His interest in building a strong total program at Southern can be seen in the many improvements across the board in the GSC program.

Wagner came to Southern from Vanderbilt where he had served as Assistant Athletic Director and was specifically charged with the Business and Ticket Office operations and with the Fiscal Affairs of the Department. Among his first steps at Southern has been to put the Eagle program on a sound fiscal basis and to install a strong business management area to aid the coaches in budget control.

Also at Vandy, Wagner was very instrumental in the enlarging and refurbishing of the Commodores football stadium, a project which was completed in the fall, 1981. His experience in that project will be a great boost to Southern as the Eagles build a new stadium for their fledgling football program.

Prior to taking the position at Vanderbilt in 1978, Wagner spent several years at Florida State University, serving in both the athletic department and the administrative sector of the institution. His duties for the athletic department included assistant football coach and academic advisor to all athletes. He received his doctorate in 1972 and accepted a position in the Division of Community College Affairs. By 1975 he had been elevated to Director of Student Matriculation Affairs with responsibility for supervising the offices of Articulation Affairs, Admissions and Orientation through which he planned, coordinated and implemented the University's programs for prospective students.

In 1977 Wagner was named Acting Dean of Student Services at FSU with direct supervision over nine major university offices providing academic support services to students.

A native of Ohio, Wagner attended Sandy Valley High School in Magnolia. He lettered in football, basketball and track. He completed his undergraduate work at Ohio University where he quarterbacked the Bobcats' football team to the 1960 NCAA College Division National Championship. He remained at Ohio as an instructor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and coached the Bobcats' freshman football and baseball team in 1961-66. For the next three years he served as an assistant football coach with the varsity. The 1967-68 OU squads were Mid-American Conference Champions.

His professional association include membership in the National Association of College Directors of Athletics, College Association of Business Managers of Athletics, and the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

JOHN RATLIFF

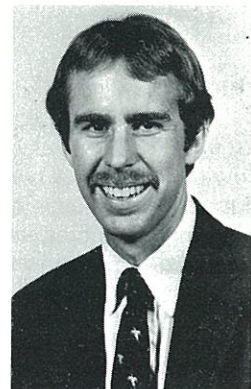
Assistant Athletic Director / Promotions Director

One of the newest members on the Georgia Southern Athletic Staff, John Ratliff serves the dual role as Assistant Athletic Director and Promotions Director.

In his second year at GSC, Ratliff has already signed over 30 stations on the Southern Football Network, and has sold the advertisements for the Football program. He will also assist Athletic Director David "Bucky" Wagner with the everyday operation of the Athletic Department.

Prior to coming to Statesboro, Ratliff worked as Events Coordinator at Wake Forest University for the National Junior Olympics. He also worked in promotions, sports information and with the Wake Booster group, the Deacon Club, that raised over 1.5 million dollars. He joined the Wake staff after working at Southwestern at Memphis as intramural director and sports information director.

Ratliff earned his B.A. at Davidson in 1979 while serving as Intramural Director and Sport Director of the campus operated radio station WDAV. He earned his master's degree from Ohio University in Sports Administration in 1981.



KEN WINSTEAD

Assistant Athletic Director / Executive Director Southern Boosters

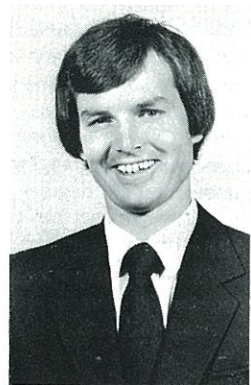
In his second year on the Georgia Southern athletic staff, Booster Director Kenny Winstead has made a lasting impression.

Winstead, who is charged with overseeing all GSC booster operations, has formed fund raising groups throughout the state and has organized Southern Booster drives which has raised over 900,000 dollars.

A 1980 graduate from Ohio University, he remained on campus and earned a master's degree in Sports Administration in 1981.

Following graduation from college, Winstead served as an intern with the baseball Houston Astros working in the public relations and ticket offices. His next stop was as assistant director of Houston University's nationally known Cougar Club that raised funds for the University topping the two million dollar mark. While at Houston he assisted in the promotion of the Cougar Club continuing his career in public relations and athletics.

Winstead is a native of Springfield, Ohio.



HANK SCHOMBER

Athletic Business Manager

While he may be in a new role, those familiar with Georgia Southern College are also familiar with the work of Hank Schomber.

The former Sports Information Director from 1979-1982, Schomber now manages the GSC Athletic Business Office, and oversees the sales of all athletic tickets. Schomber had also served as the assistant to the Athletic Director at Southern from 1976-79.

A 1967 graduate of Florida State, Hank served the FSU athletic department nine years as assistant SID. His responsibilities covered all sports. He served as editor of all FSU athletic publications and managed press box operations.

He is a member of the College Sports Information Directors Association, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, and the United States Basketball Writers Association. He is past president of NCBWA and received that group's highest honor, The Wilbur Snypp Award, in 1979.

Schomber is a native of New York and attended high school in Pompano Beach, Fla. He came to Southern in the fall of 1976 with his wife, Judy, who is an Assistant Professor of Spanish. Among his duties with the Athletic Department are game management, ticket management and overseeing the operation of the business office.

Hank and his wife have one daughter, Tamara.



TOM SMITH

Head Trainer

A ten year veteran of the Georgia Southern Athletic Program, Tom Smith is one of the most respected Athletic Trainers in the Southeast. But "Doc's" value to the GSC program goes well beyond the training room. He has also served the department as an Assistant to the Athletic Director and as interim Athletic Director, while the program awaited the arrival of "Bucky" Wagner.

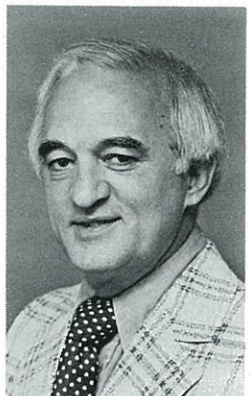
Doc's first love, however, is in working with the athletes and being in close contact with them. Although his leadership during his six months in the Athletic Director's office was superb, he was anxious to return to the training room and the field.

Now Doc has a new challenge ahead — setting up a training facility to accommodate the Eagles new football squad which will double the number of athletes at Southern.

A member of the National Trainers Association, he has a thorough knowledge of Sports Medicine that was recognized in 1981 when the United States Baseball Federation tapped Doc to head its Sports Medicine Committee.

Smith came to Southern in 1971 after 15 years of coaching at the high school level in Indiana. The Hoosier Native graduated from Indiana State in 1953. He was a standout basketball player at ISU and returned to his alma mater in 1959 to earn a graduate degree in counseling. After another 10 years of coaching, he entered Indiana University to work on his Masters in Health and Athletic Training. While at IU he worked with the Hoosier swimming teams that included Olympians Mark Spitz and Gary Hall.

Tom and his wife, the former Sue Lynch of Sebree, KY, have two daughters.



This is Georgia Southern

Georgia Southern College is the third-ranking residential institution in the University System of Georgia and the leading college in the Southern half of the state, with a student body over 7,000 strong and still growing as the college approaches its 78th year.

Southern's 457 acre campus in the county seat of Statesboro is set in a rolling landscape among towering pines and majestic oaks, its horizon blending the grace of traditional Southern architecture with the sleekness of its modern complexes. The campus prides such facilities as its new science complex, including a 69-seat planetarium, a modern educational center, a new library with shelves holding more than a quarter of a million volumes, a fine arts recital hall and gallery, and indoor and outdoor athletic arenas.

The Georgia Southern student may choose from 35 degree program concentrations, ranging from two-year to six-year levels. Eighteen undergraduate degrees are offered in 63 major fields of study, while graduate students may pursue an education specialist degree in 18 major areas or choose from eight masters degree programs. The college is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, with several of its divisions earning special individual accreditation from professional and academic associations which set the educational standards in their fields.

Georgia Southern combines the advantages of a "small college" atmosphere of friendliness and individuality with most of the assets offered at "big college" campuses. The college's 80 student organizations include special interest clubs, professional fraternities, social fraternities and sororities, student government and activities offices, and honor societies. Georgia Southern draws its richly mixed and diverse student body from all over the state and many parts of the nation and the world, each adding to and sharing in the college experience.

Talented students will find creative company in other young people who devote their leisure time to athletics, the concert band, philharmonic choir, drama and student publications.

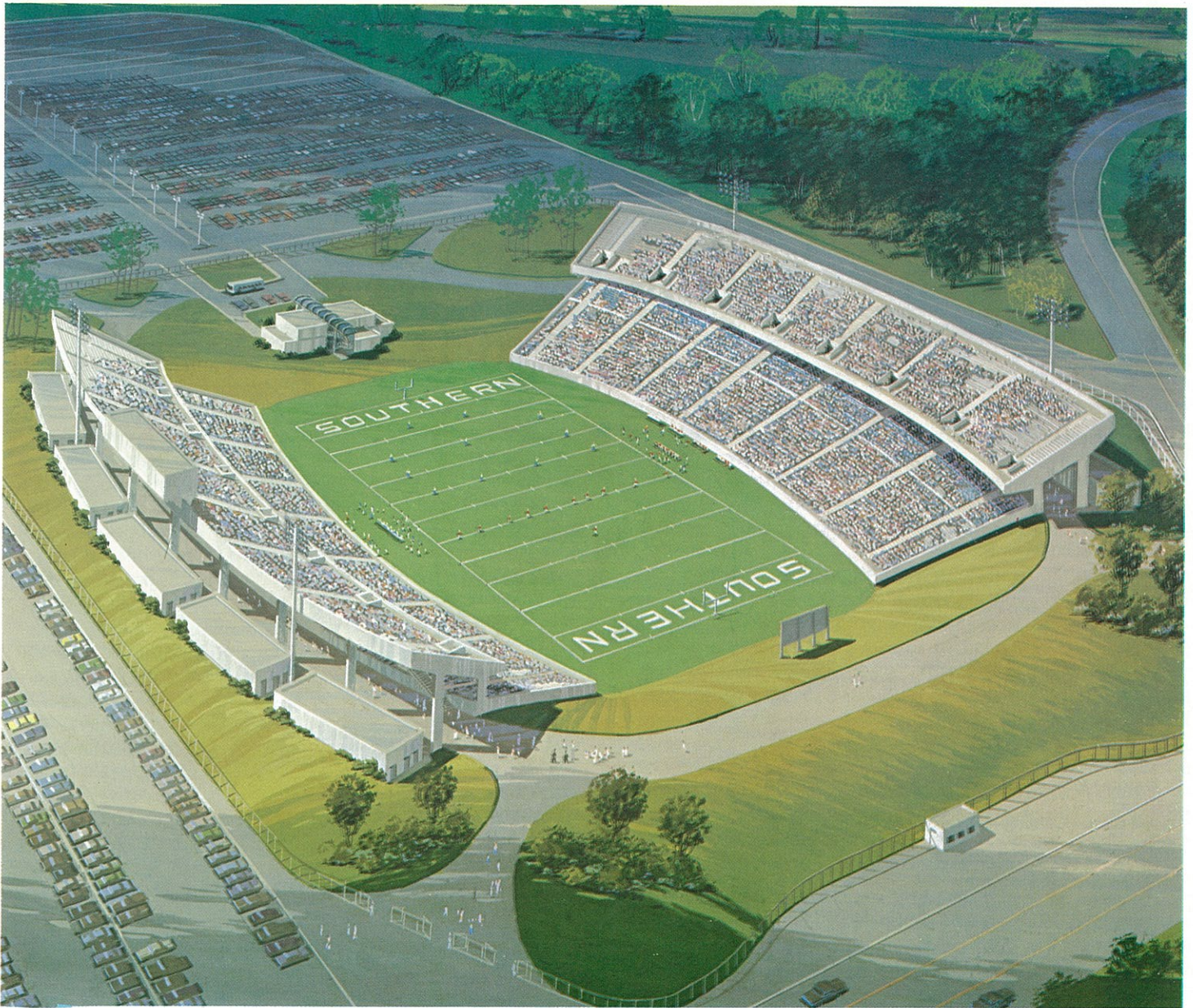
Students also enjoy opportunities to hear speakers of national renown, to take in traveling exhibits and to attend outstanding cultural performances which make Georgia Southern a stop on their national and international tours.

The institution was established in 1906 by a special legislative act as one of ten district agricultural and mechanical schools. To secure the location of the first district school, the people of Statesboro and Bulloch County gave 300 acres of land installed and furnished lights free for 10 years and contributed \$25,000 cash.

The school opened its doors February 7, 1908 serving on an elementary and secondary level and maintaining a special course for teachers. In August 1924, the first district school's role changed. The post World War I need for teachers moved the legislature to convert the Institution to the Georgia Normal School. In four years' time it expanded to a four year institution, awarding its first B.S. degrees in June 1929. That same summer the name was again changed to South Georgia Teachers College. Ten years later the name was changed to Georgia Teachers College to reflect a statewide influence.

By the late 1950's the college had begun to offer a wide range of degrees beyond education, and a Masters degree program was added. This change in structure led to yet another name change, to the current Georgia Southern College. Throughout these changes, Southern never lost its close ties with Statesboro and the two communities grew steadily together. When the doors first opened in 1908, the institution had just 46 students and there were fewer than 2,000 people in Statesboro. Today with 7,000 students, the community has grown to 20,000.





With completion slated for September, 1984, Georgia Southern and the entire southeast Georgia community will soon be enjoying one of the most modern and luxurious football stadiums anywhere in the country.

Meeting the needs of a growing football community, Georgia Southern has contracted Heery-Fabrap from Atlanta, Georgia. The architects' list of achievements include Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium, Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium and Syracuse's ultra-modern Carrier Dome.

In Heery-Fabrap's initial design concept, the on campus facility will have 20,000 seats in phase I, with expansion possible to accommodate 60,000 patrons. The "on brim" structure will rest on 55 acres next to the campus. Adjacent to the field will be parking with a capacity to serve 5,000 cars. Included in the stadium plans are 14 private boxes, a 300 seat club level section, and a two tier press box complete with television and radio facilities, dark room, work area and storage space.

Overlooking the south end zone, the two story Eagle Fieldhouse will feature locker rooms, training areas, food service facilities and a veranda.

The stadium's design will resemble the facilities of Iowa State, West Virginia and Rich Stadium, home of the Buffalo Bills. All three structures are Heery-Fabrap designs.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Plays

Game—33, Gerald Harris vs. Mars Hill, 11-13-82
Season—163, Tracy Ham, 1982
Career

Most Yards Gained

Game—303, Melvin Bell vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Season—942, Melvin Bell, 1982
Career

Most Touchdowns Responsible For

Game—2, Five Tied
Season—7, Gerald Harris, 1982
Career

Highest Completion Percentage

Game—(Min. 15 atts.)—52.9(9-17), Tracy Ham vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Season—(Min. 100 atts.)
Career

Most Passes Intercepted

Game—3, Rob Allen vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-2-82
Season—9, Rob Allen, 1982
Career

Lowest Interception Percentage

Season—(Min. 100 atts.)—
Career

Most Yards Gained

Game—160, Rob Allen vs. Valdosta State, 9-25-82
Season—465, Rob Allen, 1982
Career

Most 200 Yard Games

Season
Career

Consecutive 200 Yard Games

Career

Most 300 Yard Games

Season
Career

Consecutive 300 Yard Games

Career

Most Yards Per Attempt

Game—(Min. 15 atts.)—6.7 (114-17)—Tracy Ham vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Season—(Min. 100 atts.)
Career

Most Yards Per Completion

Game—(Min. 15 atts.)—14.1 (127-9) Rob Allen vs. Catawba, 10-30-82
Season—(Min. 100 atts.)
Career

Most TD Passes

Game—2, Rob Allen vs. Valdosta State, 9-25-82
Season—5, Rob Allen, 1982
Career

Consecutive Games with TD Pass

Career

Longest Pass

Game—42, Monte Sharpe from Tracy Ham vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-9-82

RUSHING

Most Rushes

Game—33, Gerald Harris vs. Mars Hill, 11-13-82
Season—122, Melvin Bell, 1982
Career

Most Yards Gained

Game—201, Melvin Bell vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Season—688, Melvin Bell, 1982
Career

Most Games Gaining 100 Yards

Season—2, Ricky Harris & Melvin Bell, 1982
Career

Consecutive 100 Yard Games

Career

Most Games Gaining 200 Yards

Season—1, Melvin Bell, 1982
Career

Most Games Gaining 300 Yards

Season
Career

Highest Average Per Rush

Game—(Min. 10 atts.)—10.9(11-120), Ricky Harris vs. Mars Hill, 11-13-82
Season—(Min. 100 atts.)—5.6(122-688), Melvin Bell, 1982
Career

Most TDs Rushing

Game—2, Five Tied
Season—7, Gerald Harris, 1982
Career

Longest Rush

Game—78, R. Harris vs. Fort Benning, 10-9-82

Most All Purpose Yardage

Game—303, Melvin Bell vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Season—942, Melvin Bell, 1982
Career

RECEIVING

Most Passes Caught

Game—4, Monte Sharpe vs. Florida State, 11-27-82; Robert Baker vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-9-82
Season—16, Scott Conner, 1982
Career

Consecutive Games Catching a Pass

Career

Most Yards Gained

Game—74, Delano Little vs. Valdosta State, 9-25-82
Season—207, Delano Little, 1982
Career

Highest Average Per Reception

Game—(Min. 5 rec.)
Season—(Min. 20 rec.)
Career

Most TD Passes Caught

Game—1, by six players
Season—4, Scott Conner, 1982
Career

PASSING

Highest Passing Efficiency Rating

Season—(Min. 10 atts./game)
Career

Most Passes Attempted

Game—20, Rob Allen vs. Catawba, 10-30-82
Season—77, Rob Allen, 1982
Career

Most Passes Completed

Game—9, Rob Allen vs. Catawba, 10-30-83; Tracy Ham vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Season—35, Rob Allen, 1982
Career

PUNTING

Most Punts

Game—9, Brit Barker vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-2-82
Season—50, Brit Barker, 1982
Career

Highest Average

Game—39.6, Brit Barker vs. Mars Hill, 11-13-82
Season—35.0, Brit Barker, 1982
Career

Most Yards on Punts

Game—306, Brit Barker vs. Central Florida, 9-11-82
Season—1750, Brit Barker, 1982
Career

Longest Punt

Game—55, Brit Barker vs. Mars Hill, 11-13-82

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Passes Intercepted

Game—2, Robby Bortles vs. Central Florida, 9-11-82; Jay Cravey vs. Baptist, 9-18-82
Season—6, Pat Douglas, 1982
Career

Most Yards on Interceptions

Game—48, Nathaniel Hayes vs. Fort Benning, 10-9-82
Season—64, Pat Douglas, 1982
Career

Most TDs on Interceptions

Game—1, Nathaniel Hayes vs. Fort Benning 10-9-82; Jimmy Kerfoot vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-2-82
Season—1, Two Tied
Career

Longest Interception Return

Game—48, Nathaniel Hayes vs. Fort Benning, 10-9-82

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns

Game—4, Pat Douglas vs. Central Florida, 9-11-82
Season—20, Pat Douglas, 1982
Career

Most Yards on Punt Returns

Game—51, Pat Douglas vs. Central Florida, 9-11-82
Season—177, Pat Douglas, 1982
Career

Highest Average per Punt Return

Game—12.7, Pat Douglas vs. Central Florida, 9-11-82
Season—(Min. 10)—8.5(177-20), Pat Douglas, 1982
Career

Most TDs on Punt Returns

Game—1, Pat Douglas vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Season—1, Pat Douglas, 1982
Career

Longest Punt Return

Game—40, Pat Douglas vs. Florida State, 11-27-82

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns

Game—4, Tracy Ham vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-2-82, Melvin Bell vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Season—13, Melvin Bell, 1982
Career

Most Yards on Kickoff Returns

Game—81, Melvin Bell vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Season—227, Melvin Bell, 1982
Career

Highest Average per Kickoff Return

Game—20.2 (81-4), Melvin Bell vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Season—17.5 (227-13), Melvin Bell, 1982
Career

Most TDs on Kickoff Returns

Game
Season
Career

Longest Kickoff Return

Game—35, Melvin Bell vs. Baptist, 9-18-82

SCORING

Most Points

Game—14, Melvin Bell vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82
Season—44, Gerald Harris, 1982
Career

Most Touchdowns

Game—2, Five Tied
Season—7, Gerald Harris, 1982
Career

Most PAT Attempted

Game—8, Wendell Foskey vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82
Season—19, Wendell Foskey, 1982
Career

Most PAT Made

Game—8, Wendell Foskey vs. Fort Benning, 10-9-82
Season—16, Wendell Foskey, 1982
Career

Highest Percentage of PAT Made

Season—86.7 (13-15), Kevin Spurgeon, 1982
Career

Consecutive PAT

Career

Most Points Kicking

Game—8, Wendell Foskey vs. Fort Benning, 10-9-82
Season—25, Kevin Spurgeon, 1982
Career

FIELD GOALS

Most Field Goals Attempted

Game—2, Damon Wickham vs. Catawba, 10-30-82; Kevin Spurgeon vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82
Season—5, Kevin Spurgeon & Damon Wickham, 1982
Career

Most Field Goals Made

Game—1, Kevin Spurgeon on four occasions
Season—4, Kevin Spurgeon, 1982
Career

Highest Percentage of Field Goals Made

Season—(Min. 10 atts.)
Career

Longest Field Goal Made

Game—35, Kevin Spurgeon vs. Florida State, 11-27-82

TEAM RECORDS

TEAM-SINGLE GAME OFFENSE

Total Offense

Most Plays - 93, vs. Newberry 10-23-82
Most Plays, Both Teams - 155, vs. Wofford, 11-6-82
Most Yards Gained - 488, vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Most Yards Gained, Both Team - 944, vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82
Most Touchdowns 8, vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82

Rushing

Most Rushes - 83, vs. Newberry, 10-23-82
Most Rushes, Both Teams - 121, vs. Wofford, 11-6-82
Most Yards - 417, vs. Baptist, 9-18-82
Most Yards, Both Teams - 591, vs. Wofford, 11-6-82
Most Touchdowns - 6, vs. Baptist, 9-18-82; Ft. Benning, 10-9-82

Passing

Most Passes Attempted - 24, vs. Catawba, 10-30-82
Most Passes Attempted, Both Teams - 79, vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-2-82
Most Passes Complete - 10, vs. Wofford, 11-6-82
Most Passes Complete, Both Teams - 42, vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-2-82
Highest Percentage Completed (Min. 20 att) - 45.5 (10-22), vs. Wofford, 11-6-82
Most Passes Intercepted - 2, on four occasions
Most Yards Gained - 160, vs. Valdosta State, 9-25-82
Most Yards Gained, Both Teams - 533, vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-2-82

Punting

Most Punts - 9, vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-2-82
Highest Average (min. 5) 39.6 (278-7) vs. Mars Hill, 11-13-82

Punt Returns

Most Punt Returns - 7, vs. Central Florida, 9-11-82
Most Yards Gained - 82, vs. Central Florida, 9-11-82
Most Touchdowns - 1, vs. Florida State, 11-27-82

Kickoff Returns

Most Kickoff Returns - 5, on three occasions
Most Yards Gained - 81, vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Most Touchdowns

Scoring

Most Points - 56, vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82
Most Points, Both Teams - 74, vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82
Greatest Margin of Victory - 50, vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82
Greatest Margin of Defeat - 38, vs. Gardner-Webb, 10-2-82
Most Touchdowns - 8, vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82
Most Touchdowns, Both Teams - 10, vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82
Most PAT Made - 8, vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82
Most PAT Made, Both Team - 8, vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82
Most Field Goals Made - 1, on four occasions
Most Field Goals Made, Both Teams - 4, vs. Central Florida, 9-11-82

First Downs

Most First Downs - 29, vs. Newberry, 10-23-82
Most First Downs, Both Teams - 50, vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82
Most Rushing First Downs - 22, vs. Newberry, 10-23-82
Most Rushing First Downs, Both Teams - 30, vs. Wofford, 11-6-82
Most Passing First Downs - 9, vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82
Most Passing First Downs, Both Teams - 28, vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82
Most Penalty First Downs - 3, vs. Central Florida, 9-11-82; Newberry, 10-23-82
Most Penalty First Downs, Both Teams - 5, Newberry, 10-23-82

Fumbles

Most Fumbles - 8, vs. Wofford, 11-6-82; Florida State 11-27-82
Most Fumbles, Both Teams 12, vs. Newberry, 10-23-82
Most Fumbles Lost - 6, vs. Florida State, 11-27-82
Most Fumbles Lost, Both Teams - 9, vs. Newberry, 10-23-82

Penalties

Most Penalties - 10, vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82; Baptist, 9-18-82
Most Penalties, Both Teams 19, vs. Valdosta State, 9-25-82
Most Yards Penalized - 95, Baptist, 9-18-82
Most Yards Penalized, Both Teams - 147, Valdosta Sate, 9-25-82

TEAM-SINGLE GAME DEFENSE

Fumbles

Most Fumbles Caused - 6, vs. Newberry, 10-23-82
Most Fumbles Recovered - 5, vs. Newberry, 10-23-82

Turnovers

Most Turnovers - 6, on three occasions

First Downs

Fewest First Downs - 6, vs. Baptist, 9-18-82
Fewest Rushing First Downs - 2, vs. Baptist, 9-18-82
Fewest Passing First Downs - 3, vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82, Wofford 11-6-82

Total Defense

Fewest Plays - 48, vs. Newberry, 10-23-82
Fewest Yards -124, vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82
Most Yards - 477, vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82

Rushing Defense

Fewest Rushes - 22, vs. Baptist, 9-18-82
Fewest Yards 18, vs. Newberry, 10-23-82
Most Yards - 355, vs. Wofford, 11-6-82

Pass Defense

Fewest Passes Attempted - 12, vs. Wofford, 11-6-82
Fewest Passes Completed - 6 vs. Wofford, 11-6-82; Ft. Benning, 10-9-82
Lowest Percentage Completed (Min. 10 atts) - 26.0 (6-23), vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82
Fewest Yards - 47, vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82
Most Yards - 406, vs. Valdosta State, 11-20-82
Most Passes Intercepted - 4, vs. Central Florida, 9-11-82
Most Yards on Interceptions - 65, vs. Ft. Benning, 10-9-82

TEAM-SINGLE SEASON OFFENSE

Total Offense

Most Yards Per Game - 358.2, 1982
Highest Average Per Play - 5.3, 1982
Most Yards - 3941, 1982
Most Touchdowns - 40, 1982

Rushing

Most Yards - 3112, 1982
Most Yards Per Game - 282.9, 1982
Most Yards Per Play - 4.9, 1982
Most Touchdowns - 28, 1982

Passing

Most Passes Attempted - 153, 1982
Most Passes Completed - 66, 1982
Highest Average Per Attempt - 5.1, 1982
Highest Average Per Completion - 12.6, 1982
Most Yards - 829, 1982
Most Yards Per Game - 75.6, 1982
Highest Completion Percentage - 43.1, 1982
Most TD Passes - 8, 1982
Highest Passing Efficiency Rating Points

Punting

Most Punts - 51, 1982
Fewest Punts - 51, 1982
Highest Average Per Punt - 35.0, 1982

Punt Returns

Most Punt Returns - 28, 1982
Fewest Punt Returns - 28, 1982
Most Yards - 226, 1982
Highest Average Per Punt Return - 8.1, 1982
Most Touchdowns - 1, 1982

Kickoff Returns

Most Kickoff Returns - 34, 1982
Fewest Kickoff Returns - 34, 1982
Most Yards - 543, 1982

Highest Average Per Kickoff Return - 16.0, 1982
Most Touchdowns

Scoring

Most Points - 290, 1982
Most Points Per Game - 26.7, 1982
Most Touchdowns - 40, 1982
Most PAT Made - 30, 1982
Most Field Goals Made - 4, 1982

First Downs

Most First Downs - 211, 1982
Most Rushing First Downs - 152, 1982
Most Passing First Downs - 45, 1982
Most Penalty First Downs - 14, 1982

Fumbles

Most Fumbles - 52, 1982
Most Fumbles Lost - 30, 1982
Fewest Fumbles - 52, 1982
Fewest Fumbles Lost - 30, 1982

Penalties

Most Penalties - 74, 1982
Most Yards Penalized - 627, 1982
Fewest Penalties - 74, 1982
Fewest Yards Penalized - 627, 1982

Rushing Defense

Fewest Yards - 1078, 1982
Fewest Yards Per Game - 98.0, 1982
Lowest Average Per Play - 2.7, 1982
Fewest Touchdowns - 5, 1982

Pass Defense

Fewest Yards - 2254, 1982
Fewest Yards Per Game - 204.9, 1982
Fewest Yards Per Attempt - 6.1, 1982
Fewest Yards Per Completion - 12.9, 1982
Lowest Completion Percentage - 47.2, 1982
Fewest Touchdowns - 18, 1982
Most Interceptions - 16, 1982
Most Yards on Interceptions - 188, 1982
Most TDs on Interceptions - 2, 1982

Punt Returns

Lowest Average Per Punt Return - 0.3, 1982
Most Punts Returned for Touchdown - 0, 1982

Kickoff Returns

Lowest Average Per Kickoff Return - 8.1 1982

Scoring

Fewest Points - 190, 1982
Fewest Points Per Game - 17.3, 1982

Fumbles

Most Fumbles Causes - 32, 1982
Most Fumbles Recovered - 20, 1982

First Downs

Fewest First Downs - 190, 1982
Fewest Rushing First Downs - 65, 1982
Fewest Passing First Downs - 110, 1982
Fewest Penalty First Downs - 15, 1982

TEAM SINGLE SEASON DEFENSE

Total Defense

Fewest Yards - 3332, 1982
Fewest Yards Per Game - 302.9, 1982
Lowest Average Per Play - 4.4, 1982
Fewest Touchdowns - 14, 1982

YEAR-BY-YEAR LEADERS

Total Offense

Year	Name	Plays	Yards	TD
1982	Melvin Bell	139	942	6

Passing

Year	Name	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yards	TD
1982	Rob Allen	77	35	9	465	5

Rushing

Year	Name	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1982	Melvin Bell	122	688	5.6	6

Scoring

Year	Name	TD	PAT	CV	FG	PTS
1982	Gerald Harris	7	0	1	0	44

Pass Receiving

Year	Name	No.	Yards	TD
1982	Scott Conner	16	169	4

Season Leaders

Rushing Yardage

Year	Name	Car.	Yds.
1982	Melvin Bell	122	688
1982	Ricky Harris	73	620

Rushing Touchdowns

Year	Name	TD
1982	Gerald Harris	7
1982	Melvin Bell	6

Passes Completed

Year	Name	Att.	Comp.
1982	Rob Allen	77	35

Total Offense

Year	Name	Plays	Yds
1982	Melvin Bell	139	942

Passing Yardage

Year	Name	Yds
1982	Rob Allen	465

Touchdown Passes

Year	Name	TD
1982	Rob Allen	5

Receiving Yardage

Year	Name	Yds
1982	Delano Little	207

Touchdown Catches

Year	Name	TD
1982	Scott Conner	4

Receptions

Year	Name	Catches
1982	Scott Conner	16

Scoring

Year	Name	TD	PAT	CB	FG	PTS.
1982	Gerald Harris	7	0	1	0	44

CAREER LEADERS

Rushing Yardage

Years Name Car. Yds.

Passing Yardage

Years Name Car. Yds.

Touchdown Passes

Years Name Car. Yds.

Rushing Touchdowns

Years Name Car. Yds.

Receptions

Years Name Car. Yds.

Receiving Yardage

Years Name Car. Yds.

Passes Completed

Years Name Car. Yds.

Total Offense

Years Name Car. Yds.

Touchdown Catches

Years Name Car. Yds.

Scoring

Years Name Car. Yds.

BEST SINGLE GAME PERFORMANCES

Single Game Total Offense Leaders

Player	Opponent	Year	Yards
Melvin Bell	Florida State	1982	303

Single Game Yards Rushing Leaders

Player	Opponent	Year	Yards
Melvin Bell	Florida State	1982	201

Single Game Yards Receiving Leaders

Player	Opponent	Year	Yards
Delano Little	Valdosta State	1982	74

Single Game Pass Reception Leaders

Player	Opponent	Year	Passes
Monte Sharpe	Florida State	1982	4
Robert Baker	Gardner-Webb	1982	4

Single Game Pass Attempt Leaders

Player	Opponent	Year	Passes
Rob Allen	Catawba	1982	20

Single Game Yards Passing Leaders

Player	Opponent	Year	Yards
Rob Allen	Valdosta State	1982	160

Single Game Pass Completion Leaders

Player	Opponent	Year	Passes
Rob Allen	Catawba	1982	9
Tracy Ham	Florida State	1982	9

LONGEST PLAYS

Longest Touchdown Runs From Scrimmage

78 yards by Ricky Harris vs. Ft. Benning, 1982

Longest Touchdown Plays

48 yards by Nathaniel Hayes vs. Ft. Benning, 1982 (pass interception return)
40 yards by Pat Douglas vs. Florida State, 1982 (punt return)

Longest Punt Returns

40 yards by Pat Douglas vs. Florida State, 1982

Longest Interception Returns

48 yards by Nathaniel Hayes vs. Ft. Benning, 1982

Longest Runs from Scrimmage without scoring

56 yards by Tracy Ham vs. Florida State, 1982

Longest Touchdown Passes

41 yards from Rob Allen to Robert Baker vs. Catawba, 1982

Longest Kickoff Returns

35 yards by Melvin Bell vs. Baptist, 1982

TEAM SEASON RECORDS

Points Scored

290 in 1982

Most Touchdowns Scored

40 in 1982

Most Touchdowns Rushing

28 in 1982

Most First Downs Made

211 in 1982

Most Yards Rushing

3112 in 1982

Most Touchdowns Passing

8 in 1982

XP Run-Pass Made

3 in 1982 (of 4)

XP Run-Pass Attempted

4 in 1982

XP Kicks Attempted

36 in 1982

Most Yards Rush Per Game

282.9 in 1982

Most Field Goals Made

4 in 1982

Most Field Goals Attempted

10 in 1982

XP Kicks Made

30 in 1982

Total Plays

746 in 1982

First Downs Rushing

152 in 1982

First Downs Passing

45 in 1982

Total Offense Per Game

358.2 in 1982

Most Times Intercepted

12 in 1982

Most Yards Passing

829 in 1982

Highest Punt Average

35.0 in 1982

First Down Penalty

14 in 1982

Most Pass Completions

66 in 1982

Most Rush Plays

637 in 1982

Most Yards Pass Per Game

75.6 in 1982

Most Punts

51 in 1982

Total Offense

3941 in 1982

Highest Completion Percent

43.1 in 1982

Rush Yards Per Play

4.9 in 1982

Most Pass Attempts

153 in 1982

Most Passes Interc. By

16 in 1982

HOMECOMING GAMES

1982—Catawba

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BEST PERFORMANCES BY OPPONENTS

Individual

Most Yards Rushing - 129, Henry Chubb, Valdosta State, 1982
Most Times Carried - 23, Bernard Wilson, Wofford, 1982
Most Yards Passing - 406, James Owens, Valdosta State, 1982
Most Passes Attempted - 57, Chip Staurt, Gardner-Webb, 1982
Most Passes Completed - 32, Chip Stuart, Gardner-Webb, 1982
Most Passes Caught - 13, Duane Foster and Cameron Brooks, Gardner-Webb, 1982
Most Yards Pass Receiving - 191, Carl Armstrong, Valdosta State, 1982
Most Total Offense - 406, James Owens, Valdosta State, 1982
Longest Touchdown Run from Scrimmage - 30; Tim May 21 run lateral to Wade Lang 8 run, Wofford, 1982
Longest Punt Return - 12, Curt Garret, Valdosta State, 1982
Longest Interception Return - 36 Darivs Davis, Gardner-Webb, 1982
Longest Kickoff Return - 36, Kelvin Sheppard, Valdosta State, 1982

Longest Pass Play - 48, from Ray Agree to Mike Collier, Central Florida, 1982

Longest Punt - 55, Brad Bauer, Valdosta State, 1982

Longest Field Goal - 43, Carlisle Koonts, Gardner-Webb, 1982

Team

Passes Attempted - 59, Gardner-Webb, 1982

Passes Complete - 33, Gardner-Webb, 1982

Pass Yardage - 406, Valdosta State, 1982

Total Offense - 477, Valdosta Sate, 1982

Rushing Attempts - 67, Wofford, 1982

Points Scored - 44, Gardner-Webb, 1982

Most Fumbles - 6, Newberry, 1982

Most Fumbles Lost - 5, Newberry, 1982

Penalties - 11, Gardner-Webb and Valdosta State, 1982

COACHES AND RESULTS

Year	Coach	W	L	T	GSC PTS	OPP PTS
1924	E. G. Cromartie	1	0	0	6	0
1925	E. G. Cromartie	1	2	0	Unavailable	
1926	E. G. Cromartie	5	3	1	58	28
1927	H. A. Woodle	6	1	1	90	40
1928	H. A. Woodle	5	5	0	55	54
1929	B. L. "Crook" Smith	2	1	2	95	32
1930	B. L. "Crook" Smith	3	3	1	46	25
1931	B. L. "Crook" Smith	3	6	0	133	92
1932	B. L. "Crook" Smith	6	3	0	150	65
1933	B. L. "Crook" Smith	5	3	0	167	55
1934	B. L. "Crook" Smith	7	3	0	145	97
1935	B. L. "Crook" Smith	4	3	2	117	88
1936	B. L. "Crook" Smith	2	9	0	45	209
1937	B. L. "Crook" Smith	2	9	0	58	272
1938	B. L. "Crook" Smith	4	4	1	74	60
1939	B. L. "Crook" Smith	6	4	0	100	117
1940	B. L. "Crook" Smith	3	5	0	101	183
1941	B. L. "Crook" Smith	2	8	0	37	229
1982	Erk Russell	7	3	1	290	190

COACHES' CUMULATIVE RECORDS

Name	Tenure	Years	W-L-T	Pct.	GSC Pts.	OPP Pts.
E. G. Cromartie	1924-26	3	7-5-1	.583	64	28
H. A. Woodle	1927-28	2	11-6-1	.647	145	94
B. L. "Crook" Smith	1929-41	13	49-61-6	.445	1268	1524
Erk Russell	1982-	1	7-3-1	.700	290	190

RECORD AGAINST ALL OPPONENTS

1983 OPPONENTS IN BOLD TYPE

	FIRST Meeting	Date	Last Meeting Site	Score	W	L	T
Abraham Baldwin	1935	1935		13-0	1	0	0
Alabama State Teachers	1934	1941		0-25	2	6	0
Appalachian Teachers	1934	1936		0-27	1	1	1
Armstrong	1937	1940		43-0	3	1	0
Baptist	1982	1982	N	42-0	1	0	0
Benedictine	1925	1928		7-6	3	1	0
Bowden	1931	1931		0-24	0	1	0
Brewton-Parker	1925	1936		14-7	10	2	1
Camp Croft	1941	1941		0-21	0	1	0
Catawba	1982	1982	H	7-10	0	1	0
Central Florida	1982	1982	N	16-9	1	0	0
Cochran A & M	1928	1928		6-24	0	1	0
Douglas	1926	1928		7-0	3	0	0
Douglas A & M	1924	1924		6-0	1	0	0
Erskine	1935	1941		0-7	0	4	1
Florida State JV	1982	1982	N	31-20	1	0	0
Ft. Benning	1940	1982	H	56-6	2	0	0
Ft. Screven	1926	1927		6-0	2	0	0
Gardner-Webb	1982	1982	A	6-44	0	1	0
Georgia Military	1926	1937		6-7	2	4	0
Georgia State	1930	1930		13-0	1	0	0
Gordon Military	1932	1937		0-19	2	2	0
Graymont	1931	1931		47-0	1	0	0
Havana	1939	1939		27-7	1	0	0
Jacksonville State	1934	1939		13-0	1	1	0
Mars Hill	1982	1982	A	17-3	1	0	0
Mercer	1930	1941		0-25	0	3	0
Mercer Freshmen	1928	1928		7-0	1	0	0
Miami	1936	1937		0-40	0	2	0
Middle Georgia	1930	1941		14-6	7	5	0
Middle Georgia JC	1929	1929		7-7	0	0	1
Millen Athletic Club	1931	1931		67-0	1	0	0
Mississippi Teachers	1941	1941		0-70	0	1	0
Newberry	1930	1982	H	36-14	1	4	1
Norman Park	1928	1933		46-0	2	5	0
Oglethorpe	1941	1941		0-53	0	1	0
Parris Island Marines	1924	1931		0-19	0	1	0
Piedmont Institute	1926	1932		33-12	3	2	2
Richmond Academy	1925	1929		13-19	0	4	0
Rollins	1932	1936		0-26	0	3	0
Rollon	1932	1932		0-12	0	1	0
Snead	1938	1939		13-7	2	0	0
South Georgia A & M	1927	1929		6-0	1	1	0
South Georgia State	1933	1941		0-7	3	4	1
South Georgia JC	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
US Naval Academy	1940	1940		6-46	0	1	0
Waynesboro JC	1928	1928		26-0	1	0	0
Valdosta State	1982	1982	A	45-29	1	0	1
West Carolina Teachers	1941	1941		7-14	0	1	0
Wingate	1938	1938		6-0	1	0	0
Wofford	1982	1982	H	7-28	0	1	0

RECORDS

Georgia Normal School

1924 — E. G. Cromartie

Parris Island Marines	NA
Savannah High School	NA
Douglas A&M School	6-0

1925 — E. G. Cromartie

Richmond Academy	Lost
Benedictine	Lost
Brewton-Parker	Won

1926 — E. G. Cromartie

Douglas	6-0
Piedmont Institute	0-0
Benedictine	13-0
GA Military LCollege	0-12
Tifton	0-6
Richmond Acad.	6-54
Brewton-Parker	12-0
Fort Screven (Army)	14-0
Brewton-Parker	7-6

1927 — H. A. Woodle

Douglas	2-0
South GA A&M	6-0
Benedictine	25-6
Fort Screven	6-0
Richmond Acad.	0-16(R)/0-14(G)
Brewton-Parker	25-7
Piedmont Institute	26-13
Brewton-Parkert	0-0

1928 — H. A. Woodle

Waynesboro Jr. Col.	26-0
Brewton-Parker	2-6
Cochran A&M	6-24
Benedictine	7-6
Tifton	Lost
Mercer (freshmen)	7-0
Piedmont	0-12
Norman Park	0-6
Douglas	7-0
Brewton-Parker	NA

SOUTH GEORGIA TEACHERS COLLEGE

1929 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

Waynesboro Jr. Col.	NO GAME
Richmond Acad.	13-19
Brewton-Parker	61-0 (B)/62-0 (G)
Middle GA Jr. Co.	7-7
South GA A & M	NA
Piedmont	0-0
Norman Park	NA
South GA Jr. Col.	NA
Brewton-Parker	NA
Tifton	13-6

1930 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

South Ga. Jr. Col.	0-6
Newberry	0-0
Middle GA Col.	0-7(R)/0-14(G)
Tifton	NO GAME
Piedmont	7-6
Norman Park	0-6(R)/0-14(G)
Brewton-Parker	26-0
Mercer	NA
New Year's Day Benefit	0-0
GA. State Col.	13-0

1931 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

Bowdon	0-24
Norman Park	0-7
Middle GA Col.	0-7
Paris Island Marines	0-19
Piedmont	0-16
Millen Athletic Club	67-0/68-0(P)
Brewton-Parker	6-0/7-0(P)
Graymont AC	47-0

1932* — B. L. "Crook" Smith

Rollon	0-12
Tifton	27-0
Gordon Military Inst.	19-0
Norman Park	8-0
GA Military Col.	6-27
Piedmont	31-12(R)/33-12(G)
Middle GA Col.	26-0
Brewton-Parker	18-6
Rollins	13-20

*Conference Champs

1933 — B. L. "Brook" Smith

Norman Park	46-0(R)/45-0(G)
Gordon Military Inst.	39-0
Brewton-Parker	39-13/38-13(P)
Middle GA Col.	0-6
Rollins	0-13
South GA St. Col.	25-0
GA Military Col.	12-9
Newberry	6-14

1934 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

AL ST Teachers	19-12(R)/12-19(G)
Brewton-Parker	6-0/0-6(P)
Tampa Univ.	21-13
Stetson	19-0(R)/0-19(G)
Appalachian Teachers	22-13
Middle GA Col.	6-0
South GA St. Col.	19-0
GA Military Col.	0-19
Newberry	20-21
Jacksonville St.	13-19

1935 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

Abraham Baldwin Col.	13-0
South GA St. Col.	14-14
Tampa Univ.	0-19(R)/19-0(G)
GA Military Col.	25-12
Alabama Teachers Col.	26-28
Appalachian Teachers	0-0
Middle GA Col.	6-9
Stetson	6-9
Erskine	0-18

1936 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

Univ. of Miami	0-44
Mercer	0-40
Alabama Teachers	0-14
Stetson	0-20(R)/0-12(G)
Tampa Univ.	0-27
Appalachian Teachers	0-27
Middle GA Col.	14-7
Gordon Military Inst.	7-12/7-13(P)
Brewton-Parker	14-7(R)/12-7(G)
Newberry	10-13
Rollins	0-26

1937 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

Mercer	0-77
Miami	0-40
Tampa	0-20
Stetson	0-24
Alabama Teachers	6-12
Erskine	0-46
GA Military Col.	6-7
South GA St. Col.	25-6/26-6(P)
Gordon Military Inst.	0-19
Middle GA Coll.	0-7
Armstrong	20-14

1938 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

Tampa	40-0/0-40(P)
Wingate College	6-0
Alabama Teachers Col.	0-7
Stetson	0-28
South GA St. Col.	6-7
Armstrong	7-12
Snead Col.	6-0/7-0(P)
Middle GA Col.	3-0
Erskine	6-6

GEORGIA TEACHERS COLLEGE

1939 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

Stetson	0-19
Alabama Teachers Col.	13-0/6-7(P)
Univ. of Tampa	14-0
Snead Col.	13-7
Armstrong	7-0
Jacksonville St.	13-0
South GA	6-12
Middle GA	7-13
Appalachian	0-59
Havana	27-7

1940 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

Erskine	0-19
South GA St. Col.	7-19
Fort Benning (Army)	17-13
Alabama Teachers	0-14
Tampa Univ.	14-66
Middle GA	14-6
U.S. Navy	6-46
Armstrong	43-0

1941 — B. L. "Crook" Smith

West Carolina Teachers	7-14
Mississippi Teacher	0-70
South GA St. Col.	0-7
Mercer	0-25
Alabama Teachers	0-25
Erskine	0-7
Middle GA	14-6/16-0(P)
Oglethorpe	0-53
South GA St. Col.	14-7
Camp Croft	0-21

1982 — Erk Russell

Central Florida (N)	16-9
Baptist (N)	42-0
Valdosta State (H)	6-44
Ft. Benning (H)	56-6
Newberry (H)	36-14
Catawba (H)	7-10
Wofford (H)	7-28
Mars Hill (A)	17-3
Valdosta State (A)	45-29
Florida State JV (N)	31-20

Football Chronology At Georgia Southern College

- 1924 — First Football Team at "Georgia Normal School" Under Direction of E. G. Cromartie
- 1927 — H. A. Woodle takes over the coaching duties.
- 1929 — B. L. "Crook" Smith assumes football coaching position
- 1930-41 — Football survives the depression at Statesboro. The Blue Tide is reported to play the first game on the site of what would later become Miami's "Orange Bowl." Shortly after the final game of the 1941 season, the U.S. became involved in World War II and all sports were deactivated.
- 1946-47 — Many Sports restarted at "Georgia Teacher College," including the baseball and basketball programs, however, football remained dormant.
- July 1978 — Dr. Dale W. Lick assumed his duties as Georgia Southern College President. And for the next year and a half one of the questions most frequently asked of him is "What about football?"
- Feb. 1980 — Dr. Lick seeks to answer the question. He establishes a community wide committee to report on "Football at GSC: A Feasibility Study"
- Aug. 1980 — Committee makes first report and resumes its work in areas of Finance, Marketing/Audience, Facilities, Equipment/Inventory, Personnel and Scheduling.
- Dec. 1980 — Committee reports back with favorable response in most areas, suggests a determination be made of fundraising potential for "start-up" costs.
- Jan. 19, 1981 — Dr. David "Bucky" Wagner assumes his duties as Athletic Director.
- Jan. 21, 1981 — Committee makes "Final Report" that football is feasible at Georgia Southern and recommends it be started if five basic conditions can be met:
 1. It be financially viable; at least \$250,000 be raised in start up costs
 2. It not have a negative impact on other athletic or academic programs at GSC
 3. It begin on the highest divisional level practical
 4. Appropriate outside consultants are secured to develop and implement the program
 5. It be developed consistent with rules and regulations of the NCAA.

Dr. Lick took the report under advisement.
- Apr. 9, 1981 — Dr. Lick announces that Georgia Southern will begin an intercollegiate football program in the Fall, 1981 with the first games scheduled for Fall, 1982. Also that the search for a football coach would begin immediately.
- May 23, 1981 — Georgia Southern announces that Erskine "Erk" Russell veteran assistant coach to Vince Dooley at Georgia will be the new Head Coach.
- July 1, 1981 — Erk Russell begins his duties as Georgia Southern's new Head Coach and begins touring Southeast Georgia helping raise funds and supporters for the program.
- Aug. 9, 1981 — Russell announces the formulation of his football staff, which will have two fulltime assistants and nine parttime assistants.
- Sept. 28, 1981 — Football practice begins at Georgia Southern for the first time in 40 years. About 135 players (all walk-ons) report.
- Oct. 31, 1981 — First intrasquad scrimmage is played at Dublin, GA's Shamrock Bowl.
- Nov. 9, 1981 — Coverdate for SPORTS ILLUSTRATED story on Georgia Southern football and Erk Russell.
- Nov. 16, 1981 — First of three scrimmages against outside competition is played. Eagles lead Florida State Jayvees until closing minutes of game in Tallahassee before losing. 30-20.
- Nov. 22, 1981 — Second scrimmage is played at Ft. Benning. Eagles win, 33-26.
- Dec. 5, 1981 — Final scrimmage is played before 4,288 fans at Statesboro's Womack Field. Eagles defeat Jacksonville Magnum Force, 49-27.
- Jan. 30, 1982 — Stadium Site on Southwest quarter of campus is announced.
- Feb. 25, 1982 — 1982 Schedule of 11 games, first full schedule in 41 years is announced.
- Feb. 21, 1982 — List of 1982 signees is announced.
- Apr. 1, 1982 — Spring football practice begins.
- Apr. 14, 1982 — Season football ticket sales for 1982 are begun.
- May 7, 1982 — First Annual Blue-White Spring Game brings spring practice to a close.
- Aug., 1982 — Players report back to Statesboro for preseason practice.
- SEPTEMBER 11, 1982 — FOOTBALL RETURNS TO GEORGIA SOUTHERN as Eagles play Central Florida in Jacksonville's Gator Bowl.
- Sept. 18, 1982 — Southern Plays first game in Georgia, facing Baptist University in Savannah.
- Sept. 25, 1982 — First collegiate game in Statesboro in 41 years vs. Valdosta State.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN ATHLETIC DIRECTORY

Terese Allen (assistant women's basketball coach)
 Mike Backus (associate men's basketball coach)
 Joe Blankenbaker (men's tennis coach)
 Bill Brown (assistant baseball coach)
 Larry Bryant (assistant baseball coach)
 Paul Cates (assistant football coach)
 Sue Colson (football secretary)
 Danny Daniels (assistant football coach)
 Pat Douglas (assistant football coach)
 Buddy Floyd (men's swimming coach)
 John Gompert (women's tennis coach)
 Doug Gordin (golf coach)
 Glenn Greenspan (sports information director)
 Ben Griffith (assistant football coach)
 Susy Hanson (sports information secretary)
 Mike Healey (assistant football coach)
 Conrad Helms (women's swimming coach)
 Dave Howard (assistant baseball coach)
 Roger Inman (administrative assistant)
 Mike Jeffers (assistant men's basketball coach)
 Paul Johnson (assistant football coach)
 Phil Kelly (assistant trainer)
 Frank Kerns (men's basketball coach)

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Karen Melancon (assistant softball coach)
 Rose Mikell (accountant)
 Dan Nagelberg (cross country coach)
 Hugh Nall (assistant football coach)
 Wanda Parrish (booster secretary)
 John Ratliff (assistant athletic director/promotions)
 Erskine Russell (football coach)
 SFC William Sanders (assistant rifle coach)
 Joe Savary (assistant football coach)
 Hank Schomber (business manager)
 Tom Smith (athletic trainer)
 Steve Sotir (assistant baseball coach)
 Bill Spieth (softball coach)
 Pat Spurgeon (assistant football coach)
 Jack Stallings (baseball coach)
 Dr. David "Bucky" Wagner (athletic director)
 Ray Wells (soccer coach)
 Capt. Roger Weber (rifle coach)
 Larry Weiss (strength coach)
 Frances White (administrative secretary)
 Ken Winstead (assistant athletic director/boosters)

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1983 Composite Schedule, Georgia Southern and Opponents

*Homecoming	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	Oct. 29	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 24
Georgia Southern	Open	Central Florida Home	Presbyterian Neutral 1	Troy State Home	Gardner-Webb Home	Open	E. Tenn. State Away	Newberry Neutral 2	Catawba Away	Wofford Away	*Mars Hill Home	Valdosta State Away	Savannah State Away
Central Florida	Eliz. City State Home	Georgia Southern Away	Southeast Louisiana Away	North Alabama Home	Valdosta State Home	Bethune Cookman Home	Livingston Away	Open	Austin-Peay St. Away	Carson-Newman Away	Nicholls State Home	Fort Lewis Col. Home	Open
Presbyterian	Open	The Citadel Away	Georgia Southern Away	Lenoir-Rhyne Away	Wofford Home	Catawba Away	Eion Home	Mars Hill Home	Liberty Away	Gardner-Webb Away	Carson-Newman Home	Open	Newberry Away
Troy State	Tuskegee Inst. Away	Nicholls Home	Valdosta State Home	Georgia Southern Away	Mississippi College Away	Southeastern Louisiana Home	Delta State Away	North Alabama Home	UT-Marion Away	Livingston Away	Jacksonville St. Home	Open	Open
Gardner-Webb	Open	West Georgia Away	Newberry Home	Mars Hill Away	Georgia Southern Away	Lenoir-Rhyne Home	Appalach State Away	Carson-Newman Home	Eion Away	Presbyterian Home	Western Carolina Away	Wofford Home	Open
E. Tenn. State	Eastern Kentucky Away	Tennessee Tech Home	Open	Western Carolina Away	Appalach State Home	Marshall Away	Georgia Southern Home	VMI Away	East Carolina Away	Furman Away	The Citadel Home	UT-Chatt. Home	Open
Newberry	Open	Catawba Home	Gardner-Webb Away	Davidson Home	Mars Hill Away	Carson-Newman Home	Wofford Away	Georgia Southern Away	West Georgia Away	Eion Home	Lenoir-Rhyne Away	Open	Presbyterian Home
Catawba	Open	Newberry Away	Mars Hill Home	Wofford Away	Carson-Newman Away	Presbyterian Home	Open	Eion Away	Georgia Southern Home	Guilford Home	Davidson Away	Lenoir-Rhyne Away	Open
Wofford	Open	Davidson Away	Lenoir-Rhyne Home	Catawba Away	Presbyterian Home	Eion Away	Newberry Home	Western Carolina Away	Mars Hill Away	Georgia Southern Home	Liberty Baptist Home	Gardner-Webb Away	Open
Mars Hill	Open	Concord Away	Catawba Away	Gardner-Webb Home	Newberry Home	Savannah State Home	Carson-Newman Away	Presbyterian Away	Wofford Home	Lenoir-Rhyne Home	Georgia Southern Away	Eion Away	Open
Valdosta State	Open	Mississippi College Home	Troy State Away	Savannah State Home	Central Florida Away	Delta State Home	Jacksonville St. Home	West Georgia Away	North Alabama Away	Kentucky State Home	Livingston Away	Georgia Southern Home	Open
Savannah State	Middle Tenn. St. Away	Tuskegee Inst. Home	Open	Valdosta State Away	Morris Brown Home	Mars Hill Away	Clark Home	Morehouse Away	Open	Fort Valley St. Away	Albany State Home	Alabama A&M Home	Georgia Southern Home

Neutral 1: War Memorial Stadium, Savannah, GA
Neutral 2: Butler Stadium, Augusta, GA