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2008 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE FOOTBALL RELEASE

GSC SEEKS TO DEFEND NCAA DIVISION II FOOTBALL TITLE

Birmingham, AL—Gulf South Conference Football turned in another banner season in 2007 as **Valdosta State** won the league's 10th NCAA Championship.

The Conference did not stop there, advancing two other teams to the post-season, making 2007 a tough act to follow. The league seems up to the task with former NCAA Champions **North Alabama** and **Delta State** poised to return to the final game.

For the fourth year in a row, fans will enjoy watching the nation's toughest Division II Conference battle it out each week, as the league brings back its GSC-TV Live Game of the Week regional television package. The 10-game schedule features eight Thursday night contests and two on Saturday evening. The GSC will also be featured in a pair of NCAA Production telecasts on CBS College Sports Network when Valdosta State hosts in-state, in-region rival Fort Valley State on August 23rd and UNA travels to in-region foe Carson-Newman.

2008 GSC FOOTBALL PRE-SEASON COACHES' POLL

As usual, GSC fans can expect an exciting battle for the 2008 Gulf South Conference Football Title. Just one point separates first and second place with **defending NCAA Champion Valdosta State** earning the GSC Pre-Season Favorite designation for the first time since 2005. VSU clipped rival **North Alabama**, 95-94, with the Blazers collecting six overall first-place votes, compared to four for UNA.

Defending league champion Delta State earned the final first-place nod en route to a third-place finish (84 points). **Henderson State** came in fourth for the second year in a row (68 points), while **Harding** repeated its fifth-place spot, clipping **Arkansas Tech**, 61-58. **West Alabama** finished seventh (36) followed by **West Georgia** (32). Completing the poll was **Southern Arkansas** (30 points), **Ouachita Baptist** (24) and **Arkansas-Monticello** (23).

SCHOOL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	Total
Valdosta State	6	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95
North Alabama	4	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94
Delta State	1	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84
Henderson State	—	—	2	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	68
Harding	—	—	1	2	4	3	—	—	—	—	61
Arkansas Tech	—	—	—	3	4	2	—	1	—	—	58
West Alabama	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	2	—	1	36
West Georgia	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	1	3	32
Southern Arkansas	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	4	3	1	30
Ouachita Baptist	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	3	3	24
Arkansas-Monticello	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	4	3	23

NOTE: The Head Coaches voted in this poll. Teams received 10 points for a first place vote, 9 for a second place vote, etc. The Head Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own squads.

2008 PRE-SEASON ALL-GSC TEAM

The 2008 Pre-Season All-GSC Football Team includes 12 players named to last year's All-Conference First Team and 10 from the Second Team.

Henderson State led the way on the Pre-Season list, landing five honorees, while **Delta State**, **North Alabama** and **Valdosta State** each placed four. **Arkansas Tech** and **Ouachita Baptist** added three apiece, while **Harding** and **Southern Arkansas** (2) rounded out the schools with multiple honorees. **West Alabama** and **West Georgia** completed the contingent, placing one player, respectively.

The Pre-Season Team is dominated by senior leadership with 25 of the 29 players taking the field for their final season. Four junior standouts wrapped up the squad, led by junior **UNA** linebacker **Michael Johnson** who was the lone unanimous selection.

OFFENSE

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
QB	*David Knighton	Harding	6-1	225	SR	Seminole, OK
RB	*Bernard Palmer	Henderson State	5-10	205	SR	College Station, TX
RB	David McCants	North Alabama	5-10	190	SR	Tuscaloosa, AL
WR	#Tracey Stiger	Arkansas Tech	5-9	180	SR	Russellville, AR
WR	#Julius Pruitt	Ouachita Baptist	6-3	211	SR	Newport, AR
WR	*Cedric Jones	Valdosta State	6-0	180	JR	Waycross, GA
TE	Bob Ruffing	Ouachita Baptist	6-5	250	SR	Chico, CA
G	*Ross Conn	Harding	6-2	265	SR	Ann Arbor, MI
G	#Louis West	Henderson State	3-8	375	SR	Baton Rouge, LA
T	#Jeremy Ashcraft	Arkansas Tech	6-7	335	SR	Marshall, TX
T	#Mark Ellis	Delta State	6-5	345	SR	New York, NY
T	Davis Nall	Valdosta State	6-3	270	SR	Duluth, GA
C	#Sam Hathorn	North Alabama	6-3	275	SR	Corinth, MS

DEFENSE

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
DL	Nick Finley	Henderson State	6-3	275	SR	Malvern, AR
DL	Derrick Chatman	North Alabama	5-11	245	SR	Florence, AL
DL	#Ryan Terry	Southern Arkansas	5-11	234	JR	Houston, TX
DL	Jermel Daniels	Valdosta State	6-3	310	SR	Thomasville, GA
LB	*Anthony King	Delta State	6-3	225	SR	Schertz, TX
LB	*Lardester Hicks-Green	Delta State	6-1	235	JR	Chicago, IL
LB	*Michael Johnson	North Alabama	6-4	250	JR	Panama City, FL
LB	#Tariq Ali	West Alabama	6-1	210	SR	Birmingham, AL
DB	*Devon Hughes	Henderson State	5-10	175	SR	Marlin, TX
DB	#Antwon Thompson	Ouachita Baptist	5-11	192	SR	Tallahassee, FL
DB	#Roland Perkins	Southern Arkansas	5-11	175	SR	Baton Rouge, LA
DB	*Sherard Reynolds	Valdosta State	5-11	184	SR	Moultrie, GA

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
PK	*Jared Guberman	West Georgia	5-10	190	SR	Boca Raton, FL
P	*Michael Podobnik	Arkansas Tech	6-0	244	SR	Frankfort, IL
RS (PR/KR)	*Gred Godfrey	Henderson State	5-10	175	SR	Houston, TX
LS	Derek Freeman	Delta State	6-4	225	SR	Milton, FL

*—2007 First Team All-GSC

#—2007 Second Team All-GSC

LS—Long Snapper

NOTE: The 2008 GSC Pre-Season Football Team was selected by the Head Coaches. Balloting that ended in a tie was not broken. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players.

2008 TOP NEWCOMERS

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR	LAST SCHOOL/HOMETOWN
K	Derek Jambon	Arkansas-Monticello	5-10	180	FR	John Ehret HS/Marrero, LA
DB	Augustus Ashley	Arkansas-Monticello	6-0	185	JR	Univ. of Central Florida/Jacksonville, FL
DL	Stephen Harris	Arkansas-Monticello	6-4	235	JR	Solano CC/Cleveland, OH
DB	Marcus Van Buren	Arkansas-Monticello	6-0	180	JR	Highland CC/West Monroe, LA
WR	Christian Graham	Delta State	6-2	195	JR	Joliet JC/Indianapolis, IN
QB	Blake Barnes	Delta State	6-3	225	SR	Univ. of Georgia/Baldwyn, MS
LB	Hollan Fiu	Delta State	6-1	215	JR	New Mexico Military/America Samoa
DL	Jessie Pedyfoot	Delta State	6-2	255	JR	Hinds CC/Yazoo City, MS
OL	Caleb Simmons	Harding	6-3	310	SO	Southeastern Louisiana Univ./Winfield, AL
OL	Ethan Thies	Harding	6-6	305	SO	Army/Washington Township, NJ
RB	Jeremy Holt	Harding	5-9	185	FR	David Lipscomb HS/Nashville, TN
DL	Travis Davis	Harding	5-11	260	FR	Greenwood HS/Greenwood, AR
OT	Kadeem Ray	Henderson State	6-4	320	SO	University of Central Arkansas/Nashville, AR
DE	Marquis Harvey	Henderson State	6-6	260	JR	Riverside JC/San Bernadino, CA
CB	Jermaine Strong	Henderson State	6-0	195	JR	Univ. of North Carolina/Shelby, NC
WR	Bobby Williams	North Alabama	6-3	196	SR	Middle Tennessee State Univ./Jacksonville, FL
LB	Kerry Orr	North Alabama	5-11	215	JR	Itawamba CC/Shannon, MS
DL	Chris Johnson	North Alabama	6-3	275	JR	Univ. of Virginia/Charlottesville, VA
OL	Rodney Ewing	North Alabama	6-3	295	JR	Independance CC/Independance, KS
WR	Jeremy Young	Ouachita Baptist	5-10	195	JR	Grossmont CC/San Diego, CA
RB	John Johnson	Ouachita Baptist	6-1	240	SR	Univ. of Oklahoma State/EI Dorado, AR
ILB	Clayton Goree	Ouachita Baptist	6-1	230	JR	Diablo Valley CC/Martinez, CA
DE	Tim Erwin	Ouachita Baptist	6-2	240	JR	Hutchinson CC/Hoxie, KS
QB	Ryan McCombie	Southern Arkansas	6-2	185	FR	Westminster Christian Academy/Youngsville, LA
DB	Alex Bowman	Southern Arkansas	6-2	190	FR	Lone Oak HS/Lone Oak, TX
DL	Chase Richardson	Southern Arkansas	6-2	265	SR	Univ. of Central Oklahoma/Poplarville, MS
DL	Chandler Richardson	Southern Arkansas	6-1	255	SR	Univ. of Central Oklahoma/Poplarville, MS
RB	Markus Manson	Valdosta State	6-1	215	SR	Univ. of Florida/Tuscaloosa, AL
WR	Albert Dukes	Valdosta State	6-1	194	SR	Ohio State Univ./Belle Glade, FL
OL	Lance Helton	Valdosta State	6-5	294	SO	Ball State Univ./Wrightsville, GA
QB	Chris Hart	Valdosta State	6-2	199	FR	Southeast Bradenton HS/Bradenton, FL
LB	Gary Pack	West Alabama	6-1	230	SR	Ole Miss/Hattiesburg, MS
WR	Terry Levy	West Alabama	6-3	225	JR	Butler CC/Koscisko, MS
DL	Curtis Dawson	West Alabama	6-2	270	SO	Troy Univ./Hoover, AL
QB	Deon Williams	West Alabama	5-11	200	JR	East Central CC/Birmingham, AL
DL	Juan Pickett	West Georgia	6-1	270	FR	Shaw HS/Columbus, GA
WR	Brandon Clark	West Georgia	6-2	185	FR	Newnan HS/Newnan, GA
WR	Calvin Dennis	West Georgia	5-10	175	FR	Florida HS/Tallahassee, FL
LB	John Weatherford	West Georgia	6-1	213	FR	Land O'Lakes HS/Land O'Lakes, FL

NOTE: A maximum of four Top Newcomers are submitted by the Head Coaches during the Pre-Season All-GSC nomination process.

CONFERENCE QUICK HITS

WELCOME TO THE GSC

The Gulf South Conference welcomes just one new head coach to the ranks this season when **West Georgia** named **Darryl Dickey** its 16th all-time head coach.

Dickey brings an impressive level of experience and football pedigree to UWG, coming to Carrollton, GA after a five-year stint as quarterbacks coach at Florida State University. The former University of Tennessee standout is no stranger to Division II, leading Presbyterian College's program from 1997-2000. Dickey has also roamed the sidelines as an assistant at Tennessee, the University of Kentucky and Georgia Southern University.

GSC NON-CONFERENCE BATTLES

Because of the lack of Division II in-region playing opportunities, six GSC schools have decided to take matters into their own hands and face fellow Conference foes in three non-conference contests.

Southern Arkansas and **North Alabama** play the first such game in Florence, AL on Thursday, August 26th. **West Alabama** travels to **Harding** on the final non-conference weekend of the 2008 season on Saturday, September 6th. Rivals **Arkansas-Monticello** and **Delta State** put the start of their respective league schedules on hold, meeting in Cleveland, MS on Saturday, September 13th.

GSC IN THE NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

LINDY'S PRE-SEASON PREDICTIONS

Top 25

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Valdosta State | 14. Southern Conn. State |
| 2. Northwest Missouri St. | 15. Catawba |
| 3. Grand Valley State | 16. Tuskegee |
| 4. North Dakota | 17. Indiana (PA) |
| 5. Central Washington | 18. Shepherd |
| 6. California (PA) | 19. West Chester |
| 7. North Alabama | 20. Newberry |
| 8. Nebraska-Omaha | 21. Ashland |
| 9. Delta State | 22. Mesa State |
| 10. West Texas A&M | 23. Wasburn |
| 11. Chadron State | 24. Pittsburg State |
| 12. Abilene Christian | 25. Winona State |
| 13. Carson-Newman | |

All-Division II Team

FIRST TEAM

DB-Sherard Reynolds, Valdosta State
P-Michael Podobnik, Arkansas Tech

SECOND TEAM

WR-Cedric Jones, Valdosta State
OL-Mark Ellis, Delta State
OL-Ross Conn, Harding
AP-Zac Ross, Harding
K-Jared Gubermann, West Georgia
LB-Anthony King, Delta State
DB-Rodney Anthony, Southern Arkansas

Newcomer of the Year

QB-Blake Barnes, Delta State

The Big Ones

Oct. 2, Delta State @ Valdosta State
Oct. 25, Valdosta State @ North Alabama

Other Key Games

Oct. 18, North Alabama @ Delta State

SPORTING NEWS PREDICTIONS

Top 25

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Grand Valley State | 14. Delta State |
| 2. California (PA) | 15. Winona State |
| 3. Valdosta State | 16. Ashland |
| 4. Northwest Missouri St. | 17. Chadron State |
| 5. Abilene Christian | 18. Pittsburg State |
| 6. Tuskegee | 19. Catawba |
| 7. North Alabama | 20. Shepherd |
| 8. Central Washington | 21. Southern Conn. |
| 9. Nebraska-Omaha | 22. Harding |
| 10. Mesa State | 23. Hillsdale |
| 11. West Texas A&M | 24. Virginia Union |
| 12. Carson-Newman | 25. Tarleton State |
| 13. Indiana (PA) | |

All-Americans

QB-David Knighton, Harding
OL-Mark Ellis, Delta State
WR-Cedric Jones, Valdosta State
PK-Jared Guberman, West Georgia
LB-Michael Johnson, North Alabama
DB-Sherard Reynolds, Valdosta State
P-Michael Podobnik, Arkansas Tech

2008 GSC-TV LIVE FOOTBALL GAME OF THE WEEK SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Thur., Sept. 11	West Alabama @ Arkansas Tech	7:00 pm
Thur., Sept. 18	Southern Arkansas @ West Alabama	7:00 pm
Thur., Sept. 25	Harding @ North Alabama	7:00 pm
Thur., Oct. 02	Delta State @ Valdosta State	7:00 pm
Sat., Oct. 04	Arkansas-Monticello @ Ouachita Baptist	7:00 pm
Thur., Oct. 09	West Georgia @ Arkansas-Monticello	7:00 pm
Thur., Oct. 16	North Alabama @ Delta State	7:00 pm
Sat., Oct. 25	Henderson State @ Arkansas Tech	7:00 pm
Thur., Oct. 30	West Georgia @ Valdosta State	7:00 pm
Thur., Nov. 06	Ouachita Baptist @ Henderson State	7:00 pm

All times are Central

2008 GSC TEAM PREVIEWS



ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO BOLL WEEVILS

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 8/5
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 7/4
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 2/0

Arkansas-Monticello took a step in the right direction last season, thanks to the league's No. 3 ranked offense. **Quarterback Scott Buisson** took the GSC by storm, earning Freshman of the Year accolades. Buisson leads an experienced offense which returns eight players from 2007. **Jywin Ceaser** and **Tim Harris** ranked fifth (5.45) and sixth (5.22), respectively, in the GSC in receptions, while Harris also placed third in receiving yards (71.3). UAM expects to implement a "tailback by committee" led by **running back Johnny Polite**. With the offense in good shape, **head coach Gwayne Mathews** is counting on a huge improvement on defense. The foundation should be solid thanks to the return of **linebacker Larry White** who led the GSC in tackles (102) a year ago. Other returnees are defensive back **Scooter White** and **Solomon Edwards**. Edwards is moving from free safety to linebacker thanks to the acquisition of talented transfer **Augustus Ashley**. Anchoring the 3-4 defense is **nose tackle Wendell Clark**.



ARKANSAS TECH WONDER BOYS

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 8/6
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 7/5
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0

Last year was a roller-coaster season with more downs than ups for **Arkansas Tech**. The Wonder Boys began the year with three straight wins until the injury bug hit the squad resulting in ATU's first losing season since 2004. Eight starters return on offense led by **quarterback Cole Barthel** who put up impressive numbers before suffering a season-ending injury. **Justin Ray** is his top target. Ray replaced Barthel behind center a year ago, ranking 10th in the GSC in rushing (47.6), while **wide receiver Tracey Stiger** ranked second in receptions (6.10) and fourth in all purpose yards (144.1). If ATU wants to post its fourth winning season in five years, then the defense must improve. The unit returns seven starters led by **linebacker Matt Kitchens** and **defensive end Cedric Cursh**. The duo are the top returning tacklers after racking up 68 and 59 stops, respectively. **Michael Podobnik** headlines the special teams as a unanimous Pre-Season All-American after leading the NCAA in punting a year ago (45.2).



DELTA STATE STATESMEN

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 8/5
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 7/4
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 3/0

Delta State Head Coach **Ron Roberts** made an immediate impact for the Statesmen in his first season, leading DSU to its first-ever outright GSC Title. Unfortunately for Delta State, the season ended on a sour note, falling to North Alabama in the NCAA Playoffs. DSU's road to redemption in 2008 should once again be paved by a stout defense. The Statesmen return nine starters from last year's unit which led the GSC in all major defensive categories. Gone is Harlon Hill Finalist, linebacker Michael Eubanks, but plenty of talent remains led by **Pre-Season All-GSC linebackers Anthony King** and **Lardester Green-Hicks**. The offense is led by eight returning starters, but a potential shake up at quarterback has the Green-and-White faithful buzzing. **Dedrick Wilson** and **Garrett Dewitt** split time at quarterback a year ago, but the addition of University of Georgia transfer **Blake Barnes** will add another talented player to the mix. Pre-Season All-GSC tackle **Mark Ellis** anchors the offensive line, while **Chad Schroeder** heads the receiving corps after leading the team in receptions in 2007.



HARDING BISONS

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 9/2
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 9/2
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 3/0

Harding fields one of its most experienced teams on record in 2008, boasting 21 returning starters including nine on offense and defense. Directing the offense is 2007 GSC Offensive Player of the Year, **quarterback David Knighton**. The Pre-Season All-GSC, All-American led the Conference in passing (319.8), passing TDs (32) and total offense (331.0). Protecting Knighton are five returning offensive lineman: **tackles Wheeler Parsons** and **Jeff Walker**; **guards Ross Conn** and **Jacob Greer**; **center Hayden Cruce**. **Running back Alan Webster** placed sixth in rushing (59.6) as a freshman, while **wide receiver Zac Ross** ranked eighth in receptions (4.90) and third in all purpose yards (152.0). A trio of experienced linebacker headline the defense. **Kyle Young** posted a team-high 69 tackles and a GSC-best three fumble recoveries (tied), while **Braden Brinkley** notched 62 stops and **Michael Solano** added seven tackles for loss. **Defensive back Tracy Brown** racked up 63 tackles, while **defensive lineman Keenan Kitchen** collected 38 tackles and 2.0 sacks. **Placekicker Ryan Ferrell** and **punter Micah Canterbury** lead the special teams.



HENDERSON STATE REDDIES

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 8/3
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 6/5
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 3/1

Henderson State came within five points of claiming its first-ever GSC title in 2007, losing 9-7 to eventual champion Delta State and 21-20 to in-state rival Arkansas Tech. HSU's bid for the 2008 crown hinges on the ability to blend returning talent with incoming recruits. Eight starters return, led by **Pre-Season All-GSC running back Bernard Palmer** who finished second in the league in rushing (95.8). Clearing the way for Palmer are returning lineman **Louis West**, **Marc Keppner**, **Jon Hendrix** and **Montreal Daniel**. **Greg Godfrey** and **Nathan Espinosa** return at wide receiver, but 2007 **quarterback Garrett Manning** may switch to receiver if the Reddies can find a competent replacement. Leading the defense is **Pre-Season All-GSC defensive end Nick Finely** and **defensive back Devon Hughes**. Hughes led the nation in passes defended (2.30) and placed sixth in the league in interceptions (tied, four). Godfrey is a Pre-Season All-GSC return specialist after leading the GSC in punt returns (19.4) a year ago.



NORTH ALABAMA LIONS

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 7/4
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 5/7
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 1/2

North Alabama continues to set its sights at returning to the NCAA Title Game after reaching the Semi-Finals two of the last four seasons. The Lions' hopes rest on a veteran offense that will once again be led by Harlon Hill Finalist **quarterback A.J. Milwee**, the GSC leader in pass efficiency last year (148.6). Taking pressure off Milwee is an impressive ground game that features the top six rushers from a year ago. Leading the pack is **Pre-Season All-GSC running back David McCants** and **Brandenn Pickett**. **Joemel Campbell** leads the receiving corps after hauling in 56 catches in 2007. Injuries forced a shake up on the offensive line, which includes moving **All-GSC tight end Covington Wright** to tackle. **Pre-Season All-GSC selection Sam Hathorn** returns at center. Spearheading the defense is Pre-Season All-GSC **junior linebacker Michael Johnson**. **Derrick Chatman** (Pre-Season All-GSC) and **Montrell Craft** are dominate defensive lineman. **Punter Will Batson** is back, while **Kenny Spencer** leads the competition for placekicker.

2008 GSC TEAM PREVIEWS (cont.)



OUACHITA BAPTIST TIGERS

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 7/4
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 6/5
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 2/1

Ouachita Baptist started 2007 on a roll, going 3-0 before dropping six of its last seven games. Fourteen starters return this year, led by **quarterback Lance Parker** and **wide receiver Julius Pruitt**. Pruitt is a Pre-Season All-GSC selection after ranking second in receiving yards (81.8) and third in receptions (5.78), while Parker ranked fifth in total offense (194.1) and passing (193.5). The duo will be called upon for more offense this season as 2007 GSC rushing leader Willie Hopson graduated last year. There will be an open competition for running duties, but the offensive line returns three starters: **Eric Butler**, **Tyler Butler** and **Kyle Barnyard**. Leading the defense is **Pre-Season All-GSC defensive back Antwon Thompson** who ranked fifth in the league passes defended. **Defensive tackle Bryan Church** posted a solid freshman season, ranking sixth in tackles for loss (13.5). **Defensive lineman Jerry McNeil** placed eighth in sacks (6.0). **Placekicker Zach Wright** comes back after nailing 8-of-13 field goal attempts.



SOUTHERN ARKANSAS MULERIDERS

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 3/8
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 9/3
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 3/4

New faces will dominate the offensive side of the ball for **Southern Arkansas** in 2008. Only three starters return, but all three are offensive lineman which should provide a solid foundation to build upon. **Tackle Joshua Bradley** and **guards William Kitchen** and **Johnathan Moore** return to lead the Muleriders' option attack. The defense will be the strength of the team, thanks to nine returning starters. **Defensive end Ryan Terry** and **defensive back Roland Perkins** are Pre-Season All-GSC selections. Terry placed seventh in the GSC in sacks (6.0), while Perkins was tied for second in interceptions (five). Also returning is **linebacker Steven Dauenhauer** who led the team in tackles (60) and **linebacker Simeon Oston** who tied for second in the GSC with two fumble recoveries in 10 games. Special teams is in the capable hands of **punter Zach Massingill** and **kicker Jordan Dubois**. Massingill was sixth in the league in punting (38.2) as a freshman.



VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 4/7
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 6/5
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 2/1

First-year head coach **David Dean** guided Valdosta State to a memorable season in 2007, culminating in the Blazers' second NCAA Title in four years. Dean will be challenged even more in his second campaign with only four starters returning on offense. **Pre-Season All-GSC** and **All-American wide receiver Cedric Jones** returns after leading the league in receptions (7.29) and receiving yards (83.6). **Running back Michael Terry** is also back after finishing first in rushing TDs (tied, 12) and fourth in rushing yards (79.1). **Offensive tackle Davis Nall** anchors the line as a Pre-Season All-GSC selection. The defense returns six starters led by Pre-Season All-GSC standouts, **defensive lineman Jermel Daniels** and **defensive back Sherard Reynolds**. Reynolds tied for first in interceptions (seven) and placed third in passes defended (12). **Placekicker Zac Williams** led the GSC in scoring in 2007 (7.4) and placed second in field goals (13) and field goal percentage (65.0).



WEST ALABAMA TIGERS

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 7/4
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 5/7
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 3/0

West Alabama seeks to rebound from a disappointing 2007 season in which the Tigers went winless in GSC action after posting a winning overall record in 2006. Five offensive line starters headline the seven total returning players on offense. Seniors **Randall Hunt**, **Sam Mosley**, **Wes Pinto** and **Wil Vickery** will pave the way for returning **running backs Cole Mason** and **Josh Jones**. Mason ranked third in the GSC in rushing (85.8) and added eight touchdowns. **Wide receiver Terry Allen** returns after ranking second in all purpose yards (161.4) and eighth in kick return yards (24.1; two TDs). **Deon Williams** is one of the leading candidates at quarterback after transferring from East Central Community College. Leading the five returning starters on defense is **Pre-Season All-GSC** **linebacker Tariq Ali** who placed fifth (tied, 83) in the league in tackles in 2007. **Linebacker Greg Smith** ranked eight in tackles (76). Rounding out the defensive returnees are defensive backs **Antoine Bullock**, **Howard Cameron** and **Mike Mitchell**. **Placekicker Mitch Warfield** was 4-for-11 from field goal range last year, while **J.D. Wu** ranked 10th in punting (33.8).



WEST GEORGIA WOLVES

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 4/8
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 4/6
Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost: 2/1

New **West Georgia** Head Coach **Darryl Dickey** has a knack for rebuilding football programs. His talents are much needed at UWG as the Wolves return just 10 starters from last year's 2-9 team. **Guard Matt Bailey** and **tight end Adam White** return from the offensive front while **wide outs James Crowley** and **Rod Dickson** combined for 90 receptions and 864 yards last year. **Sophomore Sean Gray** is the leading quarterback candidate after seeing limited duty last season. A trio of starting linebackers lead the defense. **Ray Mitchell** finished in the Top 10 in the league in tackles with a team-best 83. **Michael Reardon** added 56 stops, while **Joshua Mitchell** collected 30. UWG most decorated returnee is punter/placekicker **Jared Guberman**. Guberman is a Pre-Season All-GSC and All-American who led the league in field goals made (15) and field goal percentage (88.2), and placed fifth in punting (38.5).



2008 GSC TEAM SCHEDULES/RESULTS

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

GSC Games in **BOLD**

\$--GSC TV Game of the Week

*--Homecoming



ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO BOLL-WEEVILS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 30	@ Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6:00 pm
Sept. 06	Missouri A&T	6:00 pm
Sept. 13	@ Delta State	6:00 pm
Sept. 20	@ Henderson State	6:00 pm
Sept. 27	Arkansas Tech	6:00 pm
Oct. 04	\$@ Ouachita Baptist	7:00 pm
Oct. 09	\$West Georgia	7:00 pm
Oct. 18	* West Alabama	3:00 pm
Oct. 25	@ Harding	2:00 pm
Nov. 01	@ North Alabama	6:00 pm
Nov. 08	Southern Arkansas	6:00 pm



ARKANSAS TECH WONDER BOYS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 28	Northeastern State	7:00 pm
Sept. 04	@ Central Missouri	7:00 pm
Sept. 11	\$West Alabama	7:00 pm
Sept. 27	@ Arkansas-Monticello	6:00 pm
Oct. 04	North Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 11	@ Southern Arkansas	2:30 pm
Oct. 18	@ West Georgia	1:00 pm
Oct. 25	\$Henderson State	7:00 pm
Nov. 01	@ Delta State	3:00 pm
Nov. 08	* Harding	3:00 pm



DELTA STATE STATESMEN (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 06	@ McNeese State	7:00 pm
Sept. 13	Arkansas-Monticello	6:00 pm
Sept. 20	@ Harding	6:00 pm
Sept. 27	Ouachita Baptist	3:00 pm
Oct. 02	\$@ Valdosta State	7:00 pm
Oct. 11	West Alabama	3:00 pm
Oct. 16	\$North Alabama	7:00 pm
Oct. 25	@ Southern Arkansas	2:00 pm
Nov. 01	* Arkansas Tech	3:00 pm
Nov. 08	@ West Georgia	6:00 pm



HARDING BISONS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 30	@ Missouri Southern	6:00 pm
Sept. 06	West Alabama	6:00 pm
Sept. 13	@ Southwest Baptist	6:00 pm
Sept. 20	Delta State	6:00 pm
Sept. 25	\$@ North Alabama	7:00 pm
Oct. 04	Southern Arkansas	6:00 pm
Oct. 11	Ouachita Baptist	6:00 pm
Oct. 18	@ Valdosta State	12:00 pm
Oct. 25	* Arkansas-Monticello	2:00 pm
Nov. 01	@ Henderson State	3:00 pm
Nov. 08	@ Arkansas Tech	3:00 pm



HENDERSON STATE REDDIES (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 28	@ Central Arkansas	7:00 pm
Sept. 06	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6:00 pm
Sept. 13	@ North Alabama	6:00 pm
Sept. 20	Arkansas-Monticello	6:00 pm
Sept. 27	@ Southern Arkansas	7:00 pm
Oct. 04	@ West Georgia	6:00 pm
Oct. 11	Valdosta State	3:00 pm
Oct. 25	\$@ Arkansas Tech	7:00 pm
Nov. 01	* Harding	3:00 pm
Nov. 06	\$Ouachita Baptist	7:00 pm



NORTH ALABAMA LIONS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 28	Southern Arkansas	7:00 pm
Sept. 04	!@ Carson-Newman	7:00 pm
Sept. 13	Henderson State	6:00 pm
Sept. 20	@ West Georgia	6:00 pm
Sept. 25	\$Harding	7:00 pm
Oct. 04	@ Arkansas Tech	6:00 pm
Oct. 09	@ North Greenville	6:00 pm
Oct. 16	\$@ Delta State	7:00 pm
Oct. 25	* Valdosta State	6:00 pm
Nov. 01	Arkansas-Monticello	6:00 pm
Nov. 08	@ West Alabama	6:00 pm

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OUACHITA BAPTIST TIGERS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 06	Fort Lewis	12:00 pm
Sept. 13	West Georgia	7:00 pm
Sept. 20	@ Valdosta State	6:00 pm
Sept. 27	@ Delta State	3:00 pm
Oct. 04	\$Arkansas-Monticello	7:00 pm
Oct. 11	@ Harding	6:00 pm
Oct. 18	* Southern Arkansas	1:30 pm
Oct. 25	@ Southwest Baptist	1:30 pm
Nov. 01	West Alabama	1:30 pm
Nov. 06	\$@ Henderson State	7:00 pm



SOUTHERN ARKANSAS MULERIDERS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 28	@ North Alabama	7:00 pm
Sept. 06	@ Truman State	12:00 pm
Sept. 13	Valdosta State	7:00 pm
Sept. 18	\$@ West Alabama	7:00 pm
Sept. 27	Henderson State	7:00 pm
Oct. 04	@ Harding	6:00 pm
Oct. 11	* Arkansas Tech	2:30 pm
Oct. 18	@ Ouachita Baptist	1:30 pm
Oct. 25	Delta State	2:00 pm
Nov. 08	@ Arkansas-Monticello	6:00 pm



VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 23	!Fort Valley State	7:00 pm
Aug. 30	@ Newberry	12:30 pm
Sept. 13	@ Southern Arkansas	7:00 pm
Sept. 20	Ouachita Baptist	6:00 pm
Sept. 27	@ West Alabama	7:00 pm
Oct. 02	\$Delta State	7:00 pm
Oct. 11	@ Henderson State	3:00 pm
Oct. 18	* Harding	12:00 pm
Oct. 25	@ North Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 30	\$@ West Georgia	7:00 pm

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WEST ALABAMA TIGERS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 30	Belhaven	7:00 pm
Sept. 06	@ Harding	6:00 pm
Sept. 11	\$@ Arkansas Tech	7:00 pm
Sept. 18	\$Southern Arkansas	7:00 pm
Sept. 27	Valdosta State	7:00 pm
Oct. 04	Concordia (AL)	7:00 pm
Oct. 11	@ Delta State	3:00 pm
Oct. 18	@ Arkansas-Monticello	3:00 pm
Oct. 25	* West Georgia	5:00 pm
Nov. 01	@ Ouachita Baptist	1:30 pm
Nov. 08	North Alabama	6:00 pm



WEST GEORGIA WOLVES (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 28	@ Samford	7:00 pm
Sept. 06	!Clark-Atlanta	6:00 pm
Sept. 13	Ouachita Baptist	7:00 pm
Sept. 20	North Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 04	Henderson State	6:00 pm
Oct. 09	\$@ Ark.-Monticello	7:00 pm
Oct. 18	* Arkansas Tech	1:00 pm
Oct. 25	@ West Alabama	5:00 pm
Oct. 30	\$Valdosta State	7:00 pm
Nov. 08	Delta State	6:00 pm



2008 GSC-TV LIVE FOOTBALL GAME OF THE WEEK SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 11	UWA @ ATU	7:00 pm
Sept. 18	SAU @ UWA	7:00 pm
Sept. 25	HU @ UNA	7:00 pm
Oct. 02	DSU @ VSU	7:00 pm
Oct. 04	*UAM @ OBU	7:00 pm
Oct. 09	UWG @ UAM	7:00 pm
Oct. 16	UNA @ DSU	7:00 pm
Oct. 25	HSU @ ATU	7:00 pm
Oct. 30	UWG @ VSU	7:00 pm
Nov. 06	OBU @ HSU	7:00 pm

!--@ Richards Stadium (Central H.S.)

All games are played on Thursday nights except for the 10/04 and 10/25 contests; All times are Central