

Early County News

October 31, 2007

"HERE COME
THE CATS"



**Reflections
of
Bobcat History
1921 - 2007**

— 50th Anniversary —
**Band of Blue
Marching Band**



Blakely High enters the football arena

The Early County News
September 22, 1921

The Blakely High School, with an enrollment of over four hundred, will enter the football arena this fall.

Through the efforts of Superintendent Langston and Professor Smith, a football team is being organized at the Blakely 'Hi'. Considerable interest is being manifested by both the student body and by the citizens of Blakely.

The initial equipment for a football team, including padded jerseys and pants, helmets, cleated shoes, footballs and sweaters will cost about \$300.00, and nearly all of this has been subscribed by the citizens of Blakely and will be money well spent. Interscholastic games generate clean, manly sport, engenders a good healthy school spirit and holds the boys in

school.

This year there are more members in the senior class of the high school than ever before, and more than this, there is a much larger percentage of boys than the Blakely 'Hi' has ever known.

Most of the boys are entirely new to the work, many of them having never seen a football game. They are, however, progressing nicely. Already they have a working basis and run signals quite well. The team and coach are now working to develop a good pointer and a man to do the drop-kicking for field goals. The boys are working hard and are going to do their part towards giving Blakely some good football games this fall.

An athletic association will be formed and this association will rule that no one but bonafide students can play on the team, that no player can

retain his place on the first team, either football, basketball or baseball unless he makes passing marks in his studies. Further, that while any student of the high school can wear the school colors of blue and gold, and the letters B.H.S. on their caps or hats, none but members of the representative teams, football, basketball or baseball, can wear the single large letter B. The squad reporting for practice every afternoon has not quite been as large as needed. In order to have a first team there must be a scrub team.

The following boys have been reporting for practice: Homer Bush, Hoyle Fleming, Bill Boyett, Louis DuBose, Bill Brown, Ralph Hutchins, Jack Brown, Robert Jackson, Tom Grier, Clyde Rich, Vivian Calhoun, Tom Howell, Harvey Middleton, Florizelle Houston, Bill Brooks and Aulman Brooks.

The News bespeaks the hearty support of the citizens of Blakely in this movement. Other schools with an enrollment no larger and in some instances not as large are supporting good football teams, so can the Blakely 'Hi'.



This leather helmet was worn by members of the 1921 team. Initially, the team only had one helmet which was passed around to whoever ran the ball each play.

Blakely loses to Dothan in first game

The Early County News
October 13, 1921

The Blakely High School football team lost the first game of the season to the heavy team of Dothan High School last Friday, 47-0. The game was played in Dothan.

The red and black machine representing Dothan 'Hi' was too heavy and, with football experience of four years, they simply outplayed the lighter and less-experienced Blakely 11. The Dothan eleven were extra heavy for a high school team, averaging 8 to 10 pounds to the man heavier than the Blakely squad. Not only was the Dothan team heavier, but they showed the advantage of experience and training, and particularly the advantage of a second or scrub team. The Dothan schools have a total enrollment of 1126 against Blakely's 440 and the high school department alone has an enrollment of 356 against Blakely's 135.

The score of 47 to 0 does not really tell the true story of the fight put up by the blue and gold team from

Blakely. Lacking in experience, all but two members of the local team having never seen a football game before, without previous active training, the squad reporting for practice not being large enough to afford a scrub team, the Blakely 11 did remarkably well. A bad kick-off allowed Dothan to gain considerable advantage and before Blakely got over a case of nerves, Dothan had scored the first touchdown. Dothan failed to kick the goal and the score was Dothan 6, Blakely 0.

Later the Blakely team pulled themselves together and gained ground consistently and but for the fact that one of Blakely's men became excited and tackled Fleming, who was carrying the ball, Blakely would have scored. Fleming only had 15 yards to go with a clear field. This was unfortunate, but vividly portrays the inexperience of the blue and gold team. The only successful forward pass made in the game was that made by the Blakely 'Hi' - Jack Brown to Bill Brown - who made 45 yards on the play. Despite no experience in real games,

the punting of Bill Brown was very good, the line holding well. Only once in the game did Blakely's line fail to hold. In fact, Blakely's team showed up stronger on offensive than on defensive work. This shows the need of a scrub team. The blue and gold 11 simply had to pay the price of a game to gain needed scrimmage and experience.

One real feature of the game was the excellent spirit in which the Blakely 11 stood the gaff and the sting of

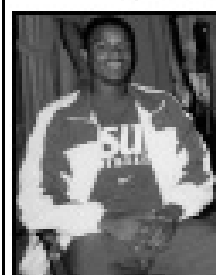
See FIRST GAME on page 19

LOUI LEGRONE



BAND
OF BLUE
1979 - 1984

TAY CODY



DEFENSIVE
BACK
1991-1995

From your proud family,
Mother Linette Cody
& the Cody Family

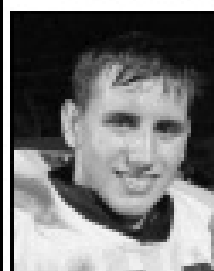
STEPHEN HOUSTON



BAND OF
BLUE

We are your biggest and
loudest fans and are
so proud of you!
Go Frogs on!
Love, Daddy, Momma & Ashley

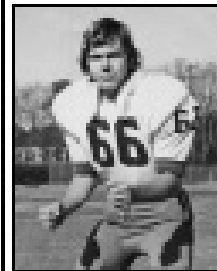
WALT LIGHTSEY



DEFENSIVE
LINEMAN
2004-2007

We're proud of you!
Aunt Jo, Uncle Jackey,
Uncle Sharlyn

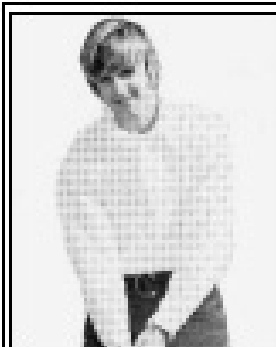
TIM ROBERTS



EARLY COUNTY
BOBCAT #66
1973-1975

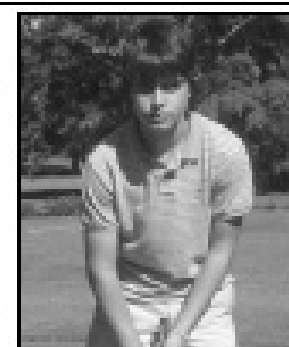
A GAWD BLESS FIRST
TEAM DEFENSIVE END

To My Favorite
Bobcat Golfers



BOB &
RHODES
COLLIER

Love, Ashley



17 years of broadcasting the Bobcats

When I was asked to write something for this special section, I was at first honored and then humbled by this daunting task. What do you say about the Early County football program that has not already been said?

There are very few programs that have the tradition that ours has. And I say ours because I do think that the community as a whole is a part of the Early County football program. It sustains us and we sustain it. I read something everyday about how other programs are on the downside. How they want to run off their coaches. But we just don't have that here in Early County.

And it's not just by fate that it's that way here. We have good coaches, good players, a good feeder program and good fans.

The last time our football team went consecutive years without making the playoffs was 1985-1987. Stop and think about that for a second. In the last 20 years we have gone to the playoffs 15 times.

Most AA schools can't begin to fathom a run like that. But here in Early County we expect to make the playoffs. And that is a good thing. Some places would love to go 6-4 or 7-3 and make the playoffs every now and then. We expect to win at least 8 games and make the playoffs every year. That's how you build what has been built here in Early County.

It has been my great pleasure to cover the Bobcats for most of the last 17 seasons, either on the radio, Blakely Cable Television or in the Early County News. And a lot of weeks all three. I have so many fond

My Two Cents

Jay Palmer
Sportswriter



memories of games and players that if I were to list them all Billy would have to do another special section just for my remembrances alone! But there are a few that jump to the forefront when I think about them.

The 1990 team was the first one I got to cover on the radio with my friend and tag-team partner Ric Hall. They are still the best Bobcat team I have seen.

They did not have a weakness. They could beat you in all facets of the game. Their loss to Pepperell in the semi-finals is still my most painful memory as a fan and a broadcaster. They were the best team in Class AA that year and probably one of the five

best teams in the state that year in any classification. I hope I am around when the next bunch of Bobcats with that kind of talent rolls through.

Even though the 1998 squad made it to the finals, the 1998 team is one of my favorites. Nobody really expected them to be very good. But they won their first seven games that year and came about a yard short on a Josh Parrish field goal of beating Americus in their eighth game. They were a gritty team that accomplished way more than their talent should have. They were young and just didn't know they weren't supposed to win. I love teams like that.

The 2001 and 2006 teams are also two that kind of came out of nowhere and went a long way in the playoffs. They were a lot more talented than the 1998 squad, but neither team was expected to make it to the Georgia Dome. The '01 team made it to the finals and gave Americus all they wanted before falling 35-21. Last year's team came within a quarter of

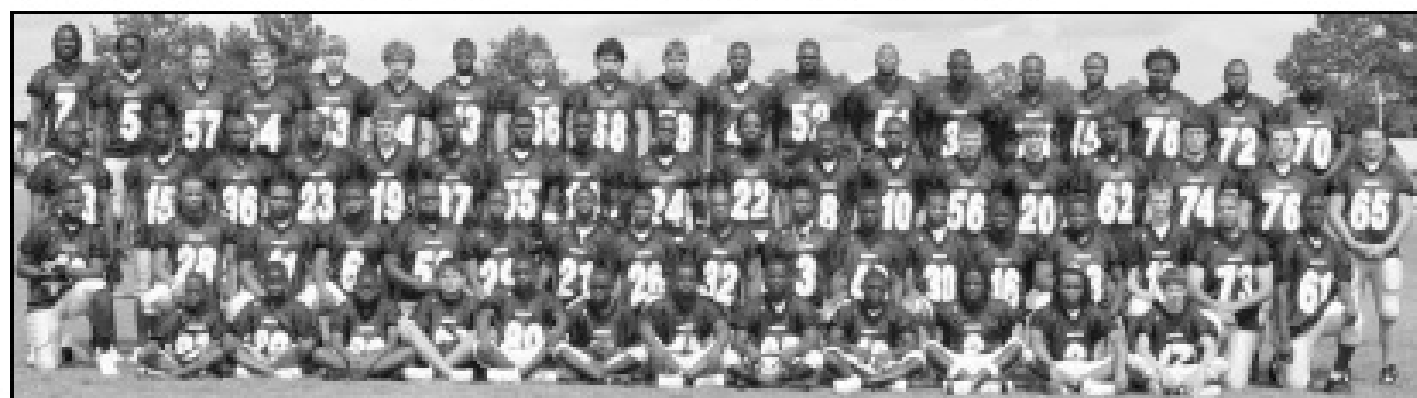
reaching the finals and is probably my favorite of all, because I was closer with the players. But I never met a Bobcat team that I did not grow to love and enjoy watching play.

We have had so many great players that it's hard to single out a handful. Ted Yarbrough is still the best player I've seen personally to wear the blue and gold.

Ricardo Wimbush, Tay Cody and Bob Hall were also standouts. But Early County football is really not about great players who go on to be college standouts. I think in the end, what makes this program so special is that just average kids with average ability give so much of themselves when they put on that Early County uniform on Friday nights in the fall and something magical happens. They become great players.

That kind of magic is fun to watch and is great to be a part of.

To all the teams of the last 17 seasons, thanks for the memories. And Go Cats!



2007 Early County High School Bobcat Football Team

By The Numbers			
Blakely Union Bobcats			
Overall Record	119-63-6	0.649	
State Titles	1		
Conference Titles	0		
Region Titles	3		
All-State Players (1st team/All)	10/13		
NFL Players	0		
Total Weeks Ranked #1	15		
Different Opponents	45		
Home Record	62-24-3	0.713	
Road Record	53-32-3	0.619	
Neutral Site Record	3-2-0	0.600	
Longest Win Streak	12 (9/8/61 - 11/23/61)		
Longest Losing Streak	9 (9/21/51 - 11/16/51)		

By The Numbers			
Early County Bobcats			
Overall Record	301-158-6	0.654	
State Titles	0		
Conference Titles	0		
Region Titles	12		
All-State Players (1st team/All)	30/50		
NFL Players	2		
Total Weeks Ranked #1	10		
Different Opponents	88		
Home Record	157-71-6	0.684	
Road Record	142-84-0	0.628	
Neutral Site Record	2-3-0	0.400	
Longest Win Streak	15 (10/29/76 - 12/2/77)		
Longest Losing Streak	8 (9/7/79 - 10/26/79)		

Blakely takes lead in six-man football league

Compiled by Lance Owen
Article by Early County News
Early County Football Through 85 Years

In 1927, no football was played at Blakely High. In the following year, a new kind of football was introduced. Six-man football, as it was known, was played with only six men instead of the previous eleven.

The following article, "Blakely Opens Football Season With Cuthbert Here Friday Night," appeared in the September 8, 1938, issue of the Early County News and describes the new form of football.

Six-man football will make its debut here Friday night, when the Blakely High Bobcats meet the Randolph County boys from Cuthbert. Officials announce the game will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

This game will be significant from several points of view. It is the first time six-man football has been tried in the entire state. It's the first team Blakely has had in several years. It's the first game of the season, and it's the first night game of football Blakely has ever witnessed.

This type of football was inaugurated for the benefit of small schools

which don't have the material to cope with the larger towns which play the regulation 11-man football. It has been played with success in the north-western states for a number of years. While only six men make up a team, the same roughness that makes the game an attraction is maintained, and it has almost twice the speed.

Three men are on the line and the same number is in the backfield. A backfield man cannot take a snap direct from the center and run with the ball, but must pass or lateral the ball to another man, who in turn can run or pass the ball, whichever he

chooses to do.

Once the ball is snapped by the center, any man is permitted to receive a pass or run with the ball.

The playing field is considerably decreased, being 80 yards by 40 yards. Fifteen yards constitute a first down, with the same number of tries as in regular football.

A touchdown counts six points and the try for extra point counts one if the ball is bucked or passed over, and counts two points if the ball, is drop-kicked or place-kicked over the crossbar. A field goal counts four points.

Blakely has a new coaching set-up this year, with all athletics being under the direction of Athletic Director J.A. Hammack, and the football team being in charge of Coach C.H. Stewart, assisted by Coach Morgan.

The coaches have been putting the boys through several weeks of hard practice and the team promises to put up a real fight when the Cuthbert team makes its appearance Friday night.

FROM OUR FILES 1939

WITH THE opening of school this week a large squad turned out to greet Coaches Hammack and Morgan to begin practice for the 1939 football season.

IN A LISTLESS game, about as exciting as two Confederate soldiers playing checkers, Blakely's fighting Bobcats walked over an aggressive but inexperienced little Fort Gaines team in Fort Gaines last Friday afternoon to open the six man Southwest Georgia football league. The final score, Blakely 39, Fort Gaines 0. The day was all too hot for football.

PLAYING UNDER floodlights in their own backyard here Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, the Blakely Bobcats take on the slightly favored Terrell County boys from Dawson in what is expected to be the outstanding game of the six-man football association this week.

BLAKELY'S football team invaded West Bainbridge last Thursday to win their third straight game of the season by a score of 58 to 7.

THE BLAKELY Bobcats took over undisputed leadership in the Southwest Georgia Six Man Football Conference before six hundred yelling fans here last Friday night, when they uncorked a brilliant razzledazzle passing attack to completely rout the scrapping Terrell County boys from Dawson by a score of 17 to 34. This was Dawson's first defeat of the season and the Bobcats' fourth victory.

AFTER SCORING two first-quarter touchdowns, Coach Hammack sent in his second stringers here last Friday night to coast to an easy 33 to 6 victory over a fast but injured Baker Hill, Ala., sextet, non-conference foe, to remain the only undefeated team in the Sowaga six-man football associa-

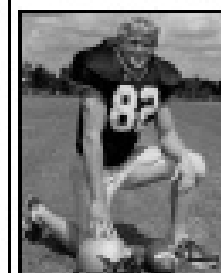
tion.

A CAPACITY crowd of between 800 and 1000 wildly excited fans saw the Blakely Bobcats demonstrate the great team they were here last Thursday.

THOSE FIGHTING Bobcats from Blakely High are sitting on top of the world today, wearing the first conference championship crown ever to adorn the head of local football. It all came about last Friday night when they staged an exciting second half rally to rout the Cuthbert lads 12 to 6 in the final game of the SW Georgia Six Man Football Association play-off.

EVEN THOUGH Bristol did "take us to the cleaners" by a 31 to 60 score, you fighting Bobcats are still the champions of the Southwest Georgia conference and the whole state and all of Blakely is "right smart proud of you, sub."

KEVIN NARAMORE



EARLY COUNTY
BOBCAT #82
1998-2002

JENNY NOLAN



BAND OF BLUE
1993-1996

KIM ROGERS FOLSON



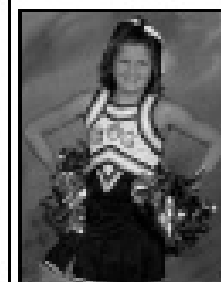
BOBCAT
CHEERLEADER
1980-1984

JAY ROGERS



BOBCAT
END
1974-1978
GEORGIA ALL STAR
1978

LEXY WELCH



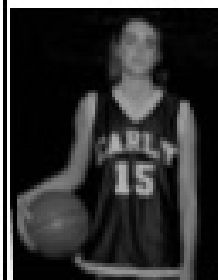
LITTLE BOBCAT
CHEERLEADER
2004-2007

GABRIEL HOWARD



EARLY COUNTY
BOBCAT #45
1987-1991

KERRIE HALL

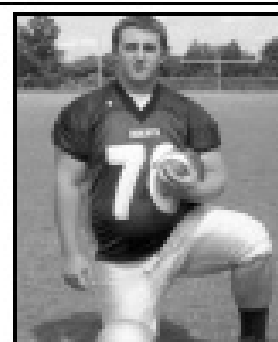
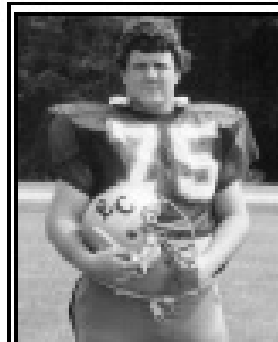


TENNIS
SOFTBALL
BASKETBALL
1992-1996

My Favorite Bobcats

CRAIG STOREY
1980 - 1993
OFFENSE/DEFENSE LINE

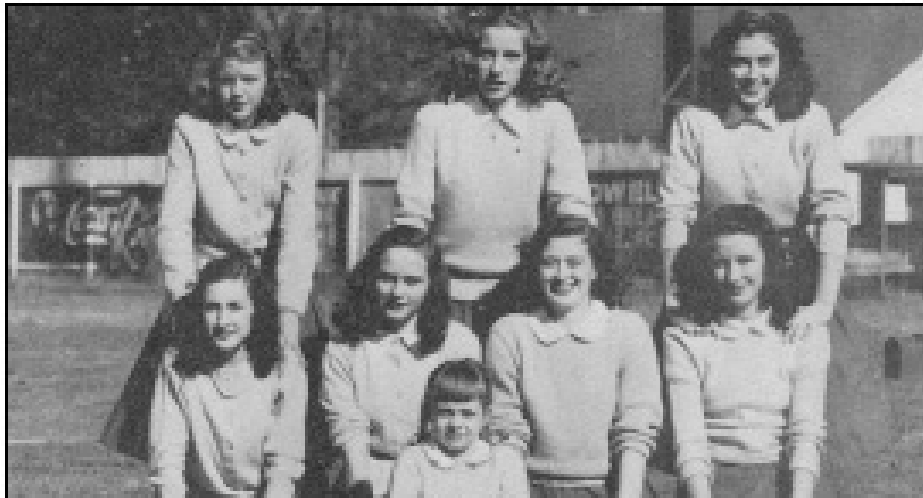
JOSH STOREY
2004 - PRESENT
CENTER, OFFENSE LINE





Hooray for Bobcats

— CHEERLEADERS THROUGH THE YEARS —



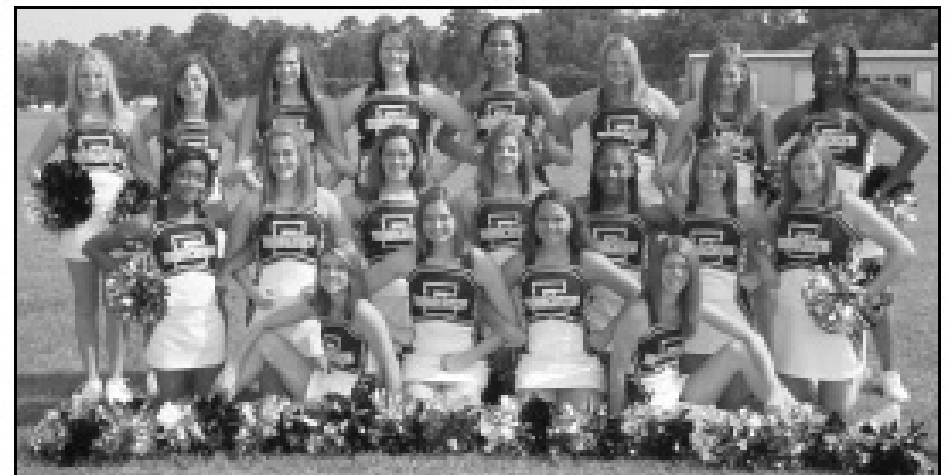
1948 Cheerleading Squad



1974 Cheerleading Squad



1997 Cheerleading Squad



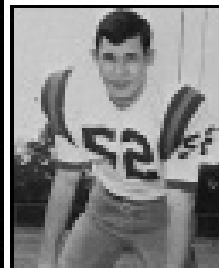
2007 Cheerleading Squad

KEM COLLINS



EARLY COUNTY
BOBCAT #72
CLASS OF 1990

DANNY WESTBROOK



CENTER
CO-CAPTAIN
1968
COLUMBIA, S.C.
ATTORNEY

JIMMY RAY LOYLES



FOOTBALL TRAINER
1968-1972
EXERCISE TRAINER
1968-1972
EMERALD
1969-1970
CO-OP
1971-1972
SITE BORN PRESIDENT
1971-1972

THE LUMPKIN GIRLS

GAIL LUMPKIN GARLAND CLASS OF 1976	TALLY LUMPKIN EDWARDS CLASS OF 1979
LENA LUMPKIN SHIVERS CLASS OF 1977	WENDY LUMPKIN POWELL CLASS OF 1983

Daughters of Gerald & Mary

J.C. ROGERS



BOBCAT
QUARTERBACK
1947-1951

LINA FRANCES ROGERS



BOBCAT
CHEERLEADER
1953-1956



Our tastes are as different as day and night until on Friday night when we both love to see our CATS fight with all their might.

LYNSEY DREW CLASS OF 2005	ANGIE DREW CLASS OF 2008
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Football reflections: What if ... and why?

A digital video with highlights and features of the Bobcats' 1964 championship season went on sale this week. And, those Bobcats will be honored during this week's homecoming activities.

Those players and coaches played and lived a season of football that only becomes more magical with time.

Several other Bobcat teams have come close to accomplishing a similar magical season, but only have memories to look back on, asking the question, "What if?"

What if... the referees get it right in the 1966 championship game? The Bobcats have a state championship instead of Morgan County? They were still the champions in most folks' hearts across the state!

What if... a Fort Valley football player doesn't get killed in a hunting accident that Thanksgiving Day a couple of weeks before the Bobcats go to Fort Valley in 1961 to play for the state title again? Maybe Fort Valley doesn't play "inspired" football the final two games of the season and the Bobcats bring home another state championship trophy. Very probable in most folks' minds!

What if... one of the Bobcats' most prolific running backs ever (even to this day) — Ward Holman — doesn't blow his knee out just before the play-offs the very next year? The Bobcats would've beaten Hawkinsville in the 1962 semi-finals handily instead of losing 14-7 and advance to the title game against — guess who... Morgan County! Think the Bobcats and fans would've been up for that one?

What if... the following year the Bobcats are not cooped up in motel rooms all day overwhelmed by President Kennedy's assassination before their playoff game with Camden County? I only know that we weren't ready to play football that night in Woodbine.

What if... East Rome had not been one of the best football teams ever — to this day — to step on a football field in Georgia when the Bobcats travel to Rome for the title game in 1978? East

Mumbles

Billy Fleming
Publisher



Rome was good, real good that year!

And, it took Carrollton wide receiver Reggie Brown and Americus tight end Leonard Pope, both UGA standouts and now NFL starters to stand between the Bobcats and two other state titles in 1998 and 2001.

And, last year's season ended with the Bobcats losing a close game to Charlton County in the semifinals and going home asking "what if the refs had seen the knee on the ground like everyone else in the Dome?"

The Bobcats have come closer than we care to recall on several other occasions, too. It all just makes that 1964 championship season a little more magical, doesn't it?

Sometimes there is a reason.

The questions will always linger around those "what if" seasons.

More often than we will ever know, those games and other twists in our lives turn out the way they do for a reason.

Bobcat fans had a long ride home from Fort Valley after losing the 1961 state championship game 6-0. A game we should have won. I, like most, was stung by that loss for a long time. *Until...*

Fast forward approximately 20 years to the early 1980s. (Or, back 25

years at this point.) I am at a meeting of city officials from across the state at the papermill's guest house in Cedar Springs.

One of the people I meet is from Fort Valley, a Mr. Hardeman. He works with the city. As we introduce ourselves, I mention the 1961 title game. A few seconds later he wells up, tears almost running from his eyes, and suddenly walks off without saying another word.

I am wondering what I could have said to offend him. Heck, they won the ballgame!

Later he walks up to me and apologizes. "I had two sons on that team," he says. "My oldest son, Dave, was the quarterback. My youngest son, Jodie, was a running back. He scored the touchdown."

At that point his eyes again begin to swell with tears. This time he doesn't try to hide them.

"Dave went to Vietnam out of high school," he said. "He's a paraplegic now, at home in a wheelchair."

His words are becoming more diffi-

cult to come by, and the tears are now streaming down his cheeks. I'm fighting back my own tears.

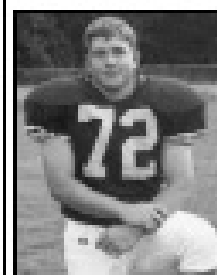
"Jodie," he says, having difficulty getting another word out. Finally, he says, "Jodie committed suicide, shot himself two years ago."

Tears are now running down both my cheeks. And, I too, am having a hard time getting a word out.

I put my hand on his shoulder, but before I can say anything, he turns and walks off. We never speak again.

Standing here wiping tears from my cheeks, I am suddenly glad they won that game. His memories of his sons on that football field, winning the state championship that night are far more valuable, far outweigh any glory we would have gotten from bringing the trophy home that night in 1961.

MICHAEL WILLIAMS



DEFENSIVE
LINEMAN
#72
1994-1997

LEA ROBERTS WILLIAMS



CLASS OF
1973
...
FORMER BOBCAT
PROUD BOBCAT MAMA
& GRANDMAMA

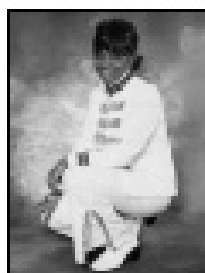
MATTHEW PULLEN



EARLY COUNTY
BOBCAT #57
HUNTER WHITT
MATTHEW'S #1 FAN

We love you both!
Mom, Dad, Joey, Michelle, Dana,
Justin, Maci, Mam-ma & Granddaddy

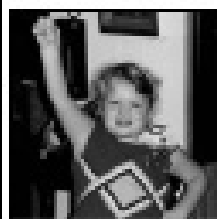
DEMETRIA WIMBERLY



BAND OF BLUE
DRUM MAJOR
2003 - 2006

Sending the marching
Bobcats best wishes on the
season & congratulating
all of "us" on
50 years of success!

LANE MOSELEY



CLASS
OF
2006

YOU CAN'T OUTGROW
BLUE AND GOLD!

STEPHANIE HARRELL



VARSITY
CHEERLEADER
2007 - 2008

Love,
Your parents — Jeff & Angie Cleveland
& Steven Harrell and all your grandparents!

HANNAH NOLEN



VOLLEYBALL
CLASS OF
2008

Carrying on the Bobcat
tradition!
...
Love, Mom, Dad, Victoria
& Nancy

Bobcat Pride is in their blood...
and that's no Storey!

CRAIG STOREY
JOSH STOREY
COLLIN WILSON

Love, Nana & Granddaddy



1964 state championship season remembered in '84

By Mitch Clark
Nov. 8, 1984 News

Tradition is a word which can accurately be used to describe Early County's high school football past.

Memorable teams have played here — many winning sub-region and region titles. Some even played for the state championship.

But just one team walked away with it all. With a 12-0-1 record, Blakely High School's 1964 team won the first and only state football championship.

Last Friday night, coaches, players and cheerleaders from the 1964 team were honored in a short ceremony prior to Early County's homecoming contest with Seminole County.

After finishing the regular season with a 9-0-1 record, the Bobcats of 1964 finished the first round of the playoffs with a 27-14 upset of previously unbeaten Irwin County.

Next, Blakely defeated powerful Bradwell Institute of Hinesville, Ga., 6-0. Sportswriters hailed it "the biggest upset in Georgia high school football history."

The championship game was played in Atlanta against Lovett High School. The Bobcats won 12-0.

A sports columnist for the Atlanta Constitution wrote a couple of days after the championship game, "The only thing harder than beating Blakely is trying to pick two guys to give the credit to."

"We really didn't have very many individual stars," school superintendent Ray Knight remembers now. Knight was head coach of the 1964 team. "We played well together. They all enjoyed football and worked hard at it."

During pre-season practices before the '64 season, Blakely was given little chance of winning a championship despite the fact that the team had won the region title the year before.

"We weren't highly regarded," said Ric Hall, a senior on the championship squad. "We fought and scraped for everything we got."

"I don't think we realized how good we were," said Knight. "We never really talked a lot about a championship.

We wanted to win this game and then worry about the next."

Blakely opened the season with a 19-0 win over Seminole, the first of nine shutouts the defense would post during the year. The next week, the Bobcats fought to a scoreless tie with Pelham.

"I think that was the turning point of the year for us," Hall said. "Nobody was giving us much of a chance, but we started believing in ourselves. We didn't think anyone was better than we were."

Both Knight and Hall remember that as the year progressed, the team became superstitious.

"I wore an outfit one Friday and we won, so next Friday, it was the same outfit," Knight said.

"You know," Hall said, laughing, "I think we were superstitious. And you know what else? I still am."

Knight recalled that once the team started winning, they refused to alter their Thursday afternoon workouts. "If the coaches tried to do something else," he said, "those guys wouldn't let us. They knew the routine, and wanted us to follow it."

The Bobcats advanced through the rest of the regular season playing strong, physical defense and less than explosive offense.

"We seldom scored a lot of points," admitted Knight.

As the Cats entered post-season play, still no one had emerged as stars of the team. Jeff Cotton, Butch Moore and Ronnie Still were captains and standouts of the team. But a look at the news dippings from that year will show many names making big plays.

Names like Jerry McLain, Jerry Gleanon, Jerry Mercer, Allan Smith, Garland Evans, Espy Smith, Sonny McGahee, Lodge Holman, Charles Hobbs, Richard Crowdis, Hoyle McLendon, Charles Middleton and others.

"Things just fell into place for us," said Knight.

Early County entered the playoffs against unbeaten Irwin County. The Cats scored 27 unanswered points before the Indians fought back to score 14 fourth quarter points.

Says Hall, "If that game had lasted six more minutes, things might have been different."

A week later, the Bobcats were to play Bradwell Institute, but a hurricane blew in the Georgia coast, postponing the game until the following Monday.

Statistics show that Bradwell dominated the game, but where it counted, Blakely won 6-0. Butch Moore blocked a punt and Garland Evans fell on the ball in the end zone. The win left Blakely with but one game left — the one for everything.

Since the storm had postponed the Bradwell game until Monday, Blakely was left with just a couple of days before the showdown with Lovett.

"We played Monday night," said Hall, "spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the whirlpool, and then prepared for Friday."

The weather forecast in Atlanta was for cold, maybe even snow. But it turned out warm. "I had a lot of clothes on," said Hall, "and all I wanted was half time so I could get some of that stuff off."

"We didn't care much about the weather though," said Knight.

Jerry Gleanon and Jeff Cotton scored touchdowns as the Bobcats defeated Lovett 12-0.

According to the December 17, 1964, Early County News, "a loud and long celebration was triggered" here as the final score was announced on WEB radio in Atlanta.

The article went on to say that after the team arrived home around 4 a.m. "horns honked, fireworks exploded people hollered and happy 'bedlam and pandemonium' reigned until almost daylight."

The Bobcats were the champions of Class B and the honors came in.

• Knight was honored as Georgia Coach of the year by the Atlanta Touchdown Club.











• The Journal-Constitution named Jeff Cotton and Ronnie Still to the All-State team with Butch Moore, Jerry McLain and Garland Evans receiving honorable mention.


• Four were named to the Albany Herald's "All Area Team" — Jeff Cotton, Butch Moore, Ronnie Still and Jerry McLain. Ric Hall, Jerry Mercer, and Jerry Gleanon received honorable mention.

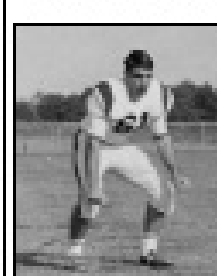
Also, Jeff Cotton, who went on to set numerous rushing records at Troy State, was named "Area Back of the Year" by the Herald.

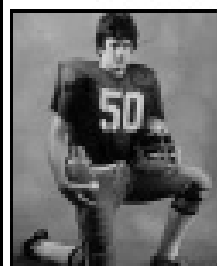
What coaches and players alike find hard to believe is that it has been 20 years since the big season. The memories certainly have not faded.


It was a fitting remembrance on the night another Bobcat club clinched a chance to reach the same goal.

	RICHARD CULPEPPER FOOTBALL 1958-1959	
	STEVE CULPEPPER BAND OF BLUE 1964-1967	
	SUZANN CULPEPPER BASKETBALL 1970-1971	
	LAUREN CULPEPPER BAND OF BLUE 2003-2006	
	MARK CULPEPPER BAND OF BLUE 2003-2005 FOOTBALL 2006-2008	

MARGARET ARNOLD JACKSON	
	MAJORETTE 1964-1965 HEAD MAJORETTE 1965-1966

ESPY S. SMITH SR.	
	HALE BACK FULL BACK GUARD 1963-1967

GREG FLOYD	
	EARLY COUNTY BOBCAT #50 1978-1981

JIMMY RAY LOYLESS	
	OUR FAVORITE ATHLETIC TRAINER Love, Bob, Ash & Rhonda Collier

KAYLON HARRELL #74 CLASS OF 2010	
TRACY K. HARRELL #66 CLASS OF 1985	
	

FROM OUR FILES 1964

AN OVERFLOW crowd was on hand at Standifer Field last Friday night to see the Blakely Bobcats open the 1964 gridiron season by defeating the Seminole Indians of Donaldsonville 19 to 0. Fullback Butch Moore, converted from guard on last year's sub-region championship team, was a sort of one-man demolition squad as he scored all of Blakely's points, caught three passes, punted 4 times for an average of 42 yards and played a masterful defensive game.

THE PELHAM Hornets displayed a rock-like defense the past Friday night and fought the favored Blakely Bobcats to a scoreless tie. Twice the Bobcats threatened to score, one drive ending on the Pelham two yard line and the other actually going across the double stripes, but a 18-yard penalty nullified the score. Halfback Jeff Cotton was Blakely's main offensive power, gaining 73 yards, but none of it quite good enough to turn the tide against the fired up Hornets.

THE UNBEATEN, but once tied Blakely Bobcats meet with the unbeaten Terrell County Green Wave in Dawson Friday night in a game out-

come of which could determine the region 1-B West championship.

COACH RAY Knight's Blakely Bobcats pushed over a second quarter touchdown and made it stand up for the third victory against no losses and a tie. The victim this time was the undefeated Terrell County Green Wave and the game was played on Dawson's fine football field the past Friday night. A near capacity crowd was on hand to see Blakely emerge to the top of the standings in 1-B West, along with the Pelham Hornets who defeated Turner County the same night. If Blakely and Pelham continue their victory matches, it will necessitate a playoff game between these two teams at the season's end. The Bobcats and the Hornets fought to a scoreless tie three weeks ago. The Bobcats return to Standifer Field tomorrow night when they take on the Vienna Cubs.

EARLY COUNTY is a land of peanuts but out at Standifer Field, the home of the football Bobcats, last Friday night it was all Cotton - Jeff Cotton, that is, the left halfback. Jeff Cotton caught fire from the moment

the opening whistle sounded and the highly touted and strong Randolph County Vikings were never able to extinguish the blaze. When the game ended the scoreboard read Blakely 32, Randolph County 7.

THE BLAKELY Bobcats, improving offensively and defensively each week, knocked off the Turner County Rebels the past Friday night, 32-7 and took a giant step forward towards succeeding themselves as region 1-B West Champions.

THOSE FIGHTING, snarling Bobcats from Blakely upped all the gridiron prophets here in Blakely at Standifer Field on Thanksgiving Eve, massacring the much heralded Irwin County Indians 27-14 and won the region championship for the 5th time in 11 years. The Cats have won eight subregion crowns in the same period of time.

TOMORROW NIGHT Coach Ray Knight takes his Bobcats all the way to Hinesville, Ga., where they will play big No. 1 rated Bradwell Institute for the South Georgia championship.

THE MYTHICAL Blakely Bobcats, undaunted by the reputation of the

mighty Bradwell Institute, entered the Lion's den here Monday night and pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Georgia high school football history by defeating Bradwell 6-0. The Blakely defense, which was instrumental in the Bobcats' upset victory over Irwin County two weeks ago, ripped through the touted Bradwell line midway through the final quarter to block an attempted punt and recovered the ball in the end zone for the winning touchdown and the South Georgia Class B Championship.

THOSE FEROCIOUS Blakely Bobcats who for 10 years have been knocking for entrance to the throne room of the Class B State High School football championship, took the door down here in Atlanta's Grady Stadium Friday night and walked right in and took possession.

The Bobcats defeated Atlanta's Lovett High School 12-0 to win their first state crown after a decade of heartbreak and frustration.

1964 CLASS 1-B
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM
Blakely 13 - Lovett 0

Head Coach

Ray Knight

Assistant Coaches

Wayne Proffitt, Bobby Davis,
John Reid Stovall

The Team

Cliff Bush, Don Cleveland, Sam Clinkscales, Jeff Cotton, Richard Crowdie, Garland Evans, Lee George, Jerry Gleason, Seaborn Grist, Ric Hall, Tony Hammond, Charles Hobbs, Lodge Holman, Wayne Knighton, Sonny Magaha, Jerry McLain, Hoyle McLendon, Jerry Mercer, Butch Moore, Robert Morton, Hal Newberry, Howard Nix, Richard Shoemaker, Allen Smith, Eddy Smith, Paul Smith, Ronnie Still, David Swann, Andy White, Darryl White, Mike White.

The Statistics
Score by quarters:

Blakely	Lovett
0	0
7	0
6	0
0	0
13	0

Blakely		Lovett
16	First Downs	5
235	Yards Rushing	53
10	Yards Passing	23
3	Passes Attempted	9
1	Passes Completed	2
32	Yards Penalties	10
2	Fumbles Lost	2



1964 State Championship Blakely Bobcat Team

DANNY VICKERS

CLASS OF 1974

TOTAL YARDS GAINED: 1,117



Lee - 157
Mitchell - 91
Westover - 81
Quincy - 155
Brooks - 148
Worth - 67
Americus - 81
Tville - 22
Columbia - 48
Cairo - 66



HARVEY WOOLF

1950-1954

TREY WOOLF

QUARTERBACK

1978-1981

JOSH STOREY & COLLIN WILSON

G IS FOR THE GAMES ON

FRIDAY NIGHTS

O IS FOR HOW OUTSTANDING

WE ARE!

C IS FOR THE COURAGE NOW

WE SHOW

A IS FOR HOW WONDERFUL

ATTACK

T IS FOR THE TACKS NOW

WE TAKE ON

S IS FOR HOW SURE

WE ARE!



Josh - I think you are the "Best Bobcat" ever! Save your cleats, I hope to wear them someday. Love, Collin

A collection of 'firsts'

Compiled by Lance Owen
Early County Football Through 85 Years

FIRST GAME

1921 vs. DOTHAN HIGH

FIRST TOUCHDOWN

1921 - HOYLE FLEMING

FIRST EXTRA POINT

1921 - TOM GRIER

FIRST WIN

1921 vs. DONALSONVILLE

FIRST WINNING SEASON

1922 (4-1)

FIRST ALL SOUTHERN SQUAD MEMBER

1930 - ARTHUR WILLIAMS

FIRST 6-MAN GAME IN STATE OF GEORGIA

1938

BLAKELY vs.
FORT GAINES

FIRST GAME UNDER LIGHTS

1938 - vs. CUTHBERT

FIRST PLAY OFF BERTH

1939 vs. CUTHBERT

FIRST ALL-STATE ATHLETE

1955 BEN COOPER

FIRST STATE LINEMEN OF THE YEAR 1959 JOE OWEN

FIRST COLLEGE SIGNED 1930 ARTHUR WILLIAMS, VANDERBILT

FIRST ALL STAR ATHLETE 1961 FRANK PICKLE

FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 1964 vs. LOVETT

FIRST GAME ON NEW STANDIFER FIELD 1965 vs. BROOKS

FIRST 2-POINT CONVERSION 1969 vs. MILLER JOHN NEWBERRY TO LUVON FOWLER

FIRST FIELD GOAL 1970 vs. BROOKS ANDY BUSH, 23 YARDS

FIRST BLACK COACH 1970 BRADFORD HOWARD

FIRST BLACK PLAYERS FLECHER BAILEY, MILTON DAVIS, JOHN LESTER, CARZELL PINCHREY, BOBBY SMITH, EDDIE SUMMERSET, EVERSON TURNER, BILLY WASHINGTON, JERRY WILLIAMS, EARNEST WILSON, LEE WOIMACK

THE EARLY County Bobcats open the 2007 football season Friday night against the Bainbridge High Bearcats. Kick off in Bainbridge is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The Bobcats are one of the preseason favorites in region 1-AA and return 17 players who either started or played a great deal on last year's 11-3 squad which made it to the state semi-finals before falling to eventual state co-champion Charlton County 15-6 at the Georgia Dome. "We have a good nucleus returning," head coach Trey Woolf said.

THE EARLY County Bobcats scored two fourth quarter touchdowns in a span of 90 seconds to come from behind and beat the Bainbridge High Bearcats 20-13.

THE EARLY County Bobcats exploded for 28 second quarter points to blow open a tight game and defeat the Miller County Pirates 28-17 Friday night at Standifer Field. The Bobcats are now 2-0 while the Pirates are 0-2.

IF YOU LIKE great defense mixed in with some occasional offensive fireworks, last Friday night's Early-Cook game was perfect for you. Both defenses took turns forcing punts and turnovers before the Bobcats scored and saved themselves with two fourth quarter touchdowns to beat the Hornets 21-14 at Standifer Field.

THE EARLY County Bobcats improved to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in region 1-AA with a convincing win over a scrappy Berrian County football team Friday night in Nashville.

THE BOBCATS rushed to a 21-0 first half lead and generally dominated play the whole night defeating Mitchell County 35-19 in Camilla.

FROM OUR FILES 2007

THE EARLY County Bobcats exploded for 21 third-quarter points Friday night at Standifer Field to put away an upset-minded Brooks County 35-14.

THE EARLY County Bobcats came within 12 yards of beating Fitzgerald last Friday night at Standifer Field. Fitzgerald remains undefeated with the 24-21 win and the Cats fall to 6-1 overall, 4-1 in the region.

THE BAND of Blue brought home a superior rating in the Southern Showcase Marching Band Festival Oct. 13.

HOME COMING is scheduled for Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. against the Albany High Indians.

PAST & PRESENT BOBCATS

CHILDREN OF

BOYD & SUSIE WHITE

EUNICE W. WALLER - BLAKELY
EVELYN W. POWELL - BLAKELY
LINDA W. BRYANT - BAINBRIDGE
RODNEY WHITE - VALDOSTA
CAROLYN W. GLASS - BAINBRIDGE
TOMMY WHITE - BAINBRIDGE
DIANNE W. BROCK - BAINBRIDGE
LAURA W. MUSKROVE - COLQUITT

CHILDREN OF

WILLIAM & EVELYN POWELL

BETH P. JOHNSTON - MACON
DAVID POWELL - BLAKELY
WAYNE POWELL - BLAKELY
PEGGY P. JACKSON - ARLINGTON

GRANDCHILDREN

LUKE JOHNSTON - BLUFFTON
JULIE J. RICHEY - EDISON
MEGHAN P. WILLIAMS - BLAKELY
MISCHA POWELL - BLAKELY
BLAKE POWELL - BLAKELY
CATLYN POWELL - BLAKELY

GREAT-GRANDCHILD

ABIGAIL RICHEY - EDISON

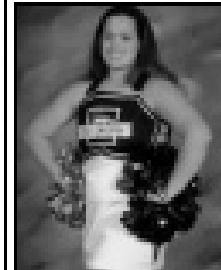
TRIP McDONALD



LITTLE BOBCAT
CORNERBACK &
QUARTERBACK
2003-2007

Love your parents,
Bobbie & Shaw
McDonald, and sister
Ashley

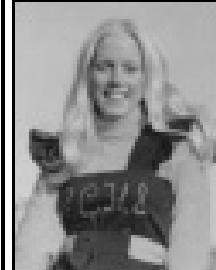
WHITNEY FLOYD



VARSITY FOOTBALL
& COMPETITION
CHEERLEADER
2005 - PRESENT

Keep Cheering!
We're Proud of You!
Love, Mama & Family

LISA LUMPKIN



BOBCAT
CHEERLEADER
1973-1977

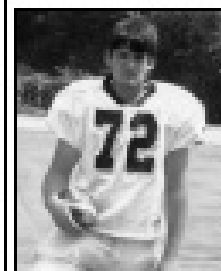
KEITH FLOYD



FOOTBALL
TENNIS
2003-2006

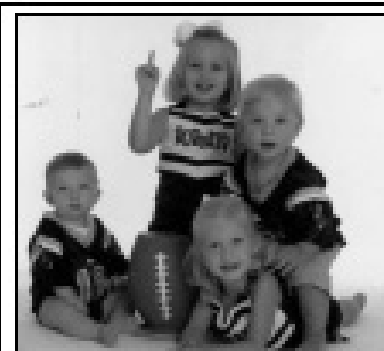
We're proud of your
years as a Bobcat!
Love, Mama & Family

T.G. FLOYD



FOOTBALL
TENNIS
2002-2005

We're proud of your
years as a Bobcat!
Love, Mama & Family



FUTURE BOBCATS

CHRISTIAN GRIST
MICHAELYN GRIST
ASTYN GRIMES
AMIA GRIMES

Early County High School proud

Band's first marching performance wows crowd

Early County News
Sept. 26, 1987

The Blakely High School Band made its first marching appearance at the Blakely-Dawson football game here Friday night. A result of combined community effort, the high school band has 88 members, with over 100 in the entire band.

Officers of the band are: Carole Tiner, drum major; Kay Still, band captain; Sterling McCormick, 1st lieutenant; Haywood Ellis, 1st lieutenant and chaplain; Nancy Brown, 2nd lieutenant and librarian; Eugenia Smith, 2nd lieutenant and secretary. The six high school students run the band under the direction of Bandmaster B.E. Black. Members of the band have instruction one hour daily and most of

them have 40 minutes a day individual practice, according to Mr. Black.

Band members are: Clarinet section — Sara Alexander, Diane Durham, Eileen Tarver, Laura Underwood, Gayle Rabon, Claudette Golden, Annette Storey, Linda Clinkseales, Louise Williams, Peggy Knight and Charlotte Jenkins.

Plus and Oboe Section — Judy Whitahurst, Jennifer White, Carole Tiner;

Baritones and Drums — Sandra White, Marcia Balkcom, Joe Brown, Floyd Tedder, Royce Albritton, Sterling McCormick, Julia Perry, Nancy Brown, Haywood Ellis, DeAnne Scott, Felix Davis,

French Horns and Basses — Wilson Still, Kay Still, Judy Buckner, Cherry Betha, Martha Houston, Harold

Still, Ralph Jarrett, Helen Ellis

Trumpets — Dyvina Scott, Linda Willis, Anne Storey, Lea Chester, Marianne Glass, Phyllis Davis, Bob Martin, Ansley Moore, William Swann, Jackie Sammons, Cecelia Hale

Saxophones — Jack Jenkins, Janice Hodges, Janet Dekle.

This department doffs its hat to Barney Black, director of the Blakely high school band, for the excellent job he has done and is doing. The band made its first public appearance at the football game Friday night, and I have heard nothing but praise for its efforts. Already the band makes

mighty pretty music, much better than some of our neighboring bands which have been in operation for several years. The marching band will improve, and it is my prediction that before the school year is out, Blakely will have the best high school band in our section of the state. When you see Mr. Black, commend him for his efforts, for he is certainly deserving of it. The largest crowd in years, maybe the largest ever, turned out for Friday night's football game, and I suspect the band was responsible, largely, for this. Principal House states that the take at the gate, including reserved seats, was \$1,077.20.

— From "This Week" by Tige Pickle

An original member's fond memories of the early years

The Blakely High School band had a second year (1940-1941) even more outstanding than the first.

Several band members were selected for the Georgia All-State Band. They played in a concert at Georgia College in Milledgeville. Among them, I played the timpani.

At the district festival both the marching and concert bands were rated excellent and therefore qualified for participation in the National Festival. Several ensembles and soloists received excellent ratings also. I competed playing "Ave Maria" and "The Flight of the Bumble Bee" on the xylophone, accompanied at the piano

by James White, who also played bass horn in both bands. The band made the trip to the Southeastern Division of the National Festival in Jackson, Miss., by chartered bus.

Guyton McLendon was the director and driving force of this remarkable venture which unfortunately came to an abrupt end when the school building burned in May 1941. Mr. McLendon went on to much success and prominence in Georgia high school band and music circles.

Those members living in Blakely today are Max Holman, Billy Peters, Winston Felder and myself.

— By Margaret Arnold

1939 - 1940 BLAKELY HIGH SCHOOL BAND FACTS ABOUT THE BAND

THE AVERAGE BAND MEMBER IS 14 YEARS OLD.

THERE ARE MORE GIRLS THAN BOYS IN THE DRILL BAND

THE BAND AND ITS MEMBERS OWN NEARLY \$4,000 WORTH OF INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT.

THE BAND TRAVELED OVER 3000 MILES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

IN ALL THE CONTESTS ENTERED, THE BAND HAS NEVER PLACED LOWER THAN SECOND.

IN THE THREE FESTIVALS, THE BAND HAS WON 7 FIRSTS AND 7 SECONDS AND RECEIVED SECOND PRIZE MONEY IN OPEN COMPETITION.

THE BAND'S DRUM MAJOR IS ASSISTED BY HER TWO SISTERS WHO TWIRL FOR THE DRILL BAND.

EACH FIRST CHAIR IS FILLED BY A STUDENT DEFINITELY IN THE HONOR CLASS, SEVERAL BEING ALL A STUDENTS.

1939 - 1940 BLAKELY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

DIRECTOR
G.S. McLendon

WOODWINDS & SAXOPHONES

Cena Loback
(Publicity Director)
Mary Standifer
Bryan Respass
Mary Patterson
James Collier
Cena Ann Bush
Jane Bonner
Ralph Daniels
Maxine Moody

Andy Lanier
Wilson Fryer
Onley Whitehurst
Felix Barham
Marilyn Reeves
Howard Sherman
Nancy McLendon
Vivian Williams
Billie Cook
Rosemary Fulton

BRASS

Frances George
Treasurer
Ray Lindsay
Dyva Miller
Kenneth Tabb
Milton Bryant
William Middleton
Winston Felder
Marvin Willis
Bobby Strickland
Billy Peters
Eugenia Thompson
Marian Temples

Arthur Sherman
Student Director
Mack Balkcom
Zach Smith
Ruth Reynolds
Pauline Haddock
James White
John Andrew Pipkin
Pauline Livingston
Bowdre Carswell
Martha Patterson
Lucy Merle Hartley

PERCUSSION

Virginia Holman
Special Treasurer
Peggy Duke
Margaret Boyett
Hugh Eubanks
Max Holman
Sara Fulton
Emily Ann Singletary

MARCHING BAND OFFICERS

Jean Nelson
Drum Major/ette
Ann Nelson
Twirler
Nan Nelson
Twirler
Evelyn Temples
Acrobat & Twirler
Jo Hunt
Banner Carrier

Early County News presents Georgia's Band of Blue

Dedication "oft taken for granted"

By Tony Gilbert
Former Early County News Writer

Amidst the grunt, crash, thud of colliding bodies can be heard trumpets, whistling flutes and clashing cymbals. Watch carefully the precision of movements among marchers, dancers and flag wavers. Listen with emotion as the music inspires and incites both players and fans.

Though oft taken for granted and sometime ignored, the marching bands of Friday night football fame work long and hard to create those flamboyant halftime spectacles.

And do they then spend their Saturdays recuperating for another week of rehearsal, drill practices and long bus rides?

Not at Early County High School where the Band of Blue follows most

Friday gridiron competitions with weekend band competitions, parades and concerts. As a matter of fact, the musical Cats have practically equaled the football Cats success in 1990.

"Between the beginning of school and Christmas, there's something almost every weekend," said Director of Bands, David Perry. "In recent weeks, we've competed in band competitions in Florida and Phenix City in addition to parades and arts and crafts festivals."

That latest band competition brought the Band of Blue an excellent rating for color guard and superior ratings, the highest offered, for all other aspects of the band. Add to that the All-State Band selection of drummer Clint Welch last year and one can understand why Perry speaks with pride about his talented troop.

Once school begins, a routine takes shape which involves daily musical practice with two to three days a week devoted to marching. After football season ends, marching practice is replaced by weekly sectional rehearsals.

Besides providing entertainment, band members also compete against the rest of the state for musical honors.

The All-State Band is selected in Macon every February by individual audition. Following that, the band will compete in the district band festival in Cairo.

If your appreciative of hard work, dedication and sparkling performances, then hold your seat when the half-time gun sounds and appreciate the Band of Blue.

— The News, Sept. 23, 1990

Here's to many years of Bobcat marching bands

By Meghan Williams
Staff Writer

This year the Band of Blue celebrates its 50th marching year for ECHS. Over the years the school name and the band name has changed but the spirit of the program and its dedication to the football and musical programming has remained. While the Band of Blue celebrates its 50th year, it's important to note that the actual roots of the band program in Blakely extend back to 1939.

From 1939-1941, the town of Blakely had its first official band which was ended upon the school building burn-

ing in May 1941. The contingent of teenagers who organized and participated in the band spent as much time fund-raising for uniforms and instruments as they did competing and marching in parades.

The '39 band would practice marching routines by marching up River Street, around the square and down North Main. It would set up on the Square on Sunday nights for a "pass the hat" musical performance. It is from this original band that the Band of Blue's spirit and ambition was born.

The band program was restarted in 1967 with a marching and concert band that is what we now claim as the

first marching band. Throughout its time, the band has had varying teams of majorettes, mascots, flag lines and instruments, all uniting for the blue and gold.

The current Band of Blue is already well on its way to establishing its own legacy among the many excellent and superior ratings of previous band generations. Their fight songs and half-time performances bring a new excitement to the home team and fans.

It is with the band's legacy in mind that we at the Early County News salute its 50th (and 68th) year of musical performances in Early County. Play on, Band of Blue, play on.

2007 – 2008 Band of Blue

Roster

Director

Glenn Spurlin

Drum Major

De'Vonte Graham

Members

Alex Harris

Andrew Bright

Andrew Taylor

Angela Oliver

Angie Drew

Anthony Early

Arie Martin

Ben Conner

Bryan Tinson

Cassie Sasnett

Chris Sumner

Clifton LeGrone

Danielle Avirett

Dean Waller

Issac Rogers

Jalen Bullard

Jasmine West

Kayla Ford

Kendra Batten

Kentessa Zachery

Kim Bown

Lara Meeks

Latoya Lindsey

Luke Fincher

Makesha Green

Mike Merrit

Natalie Thompson

Ryan Ferguson

Shabreka Butler

Shabreka Lindsey

Shantese Thornton

Stephen Houston

Tereka Levatte

Terrance Wynn

Trey Hutchens

Tyler Hampton

Ramada Lindsey

De'Vonte Thompson

68 years from twirlers to majorettes



Jean Nelson — 1940 Drum Majorette

Throughout the band's years, there have been a number of different notable musical performances, drill team and color guard routines, and drum major antics. This year a new section of entertainment was added back to the band line-up.

The majorette is not a novel addition to the band, it is one that has just been absent for quite some time. They were once called twirlers with the leader named the drum majorette. In 1940, that was Ann and Nan Nelson with the batons and sister Jean as majorette. Now, its Cassie Sasnett who is twirling away every Friday night with the ECHS Band of Blue.



Cassie Sasnett — 2007 Majorette

Photo By Ron Drew

Fieldhouse built in memory of Buddy Maddox

The Early County News
September 14, 1989

The Early County School Board has unanimously approved a proposal to build a fieldhouse at Standifer Field in honor of the late S.G. "Buddy" Maddox Jr.

The construction of the fieldhouse in the near future recently became possible as a result of a commitment by Mr. S.G. Maddox Sr. after Early County School Superintendent Ric Hall approached him with the idea several months ago.

"The people of Blakely and Early County have been mighty good to me and my family," Mr. Maddox stated. "I just want to do something to repay the community for everything they have done."

Hall stated that Mr. Maddox didn't hesitate when approached with the idea. According to Hall, Mr. Maddox stated, "I just want it to be something nice."

"This facility will help enhance the community involvement in our programs," Hall stated. "I've been seeing some positive things. People are becoming 're-interested' in all of the school's activities and the athletic programs."

"We've been seeing growing crowds at all our activities over the past several years."

Work on the logistical aspects of the facility have actually been underway for the past 4 to 6 weeks. "We have visited a number of fieldhouses and athletic facilities and are incorporating a lot of good ideas into the facility," Hall

stated.

"We hope to have the preliminary plans for the building completed by the end of September and begin construction by the first of the year," Hall stated. "We think we can realistically plan to be in the facility by August 1990."

The facility, which will cost an estimated \$250,000, will contain approximately 6,000 square feet and be located to the west of the home stands.

The facility will house dressing rooms and facilities for both the home and visiting teams, a spacious dressing room, coaches offices, a training room, laundry facilities and an equipment and storage room. It will be readily accessible to both the practice field and the playing field. "We have ade-

quate facilities now," Hall said, "But we are at maximum capacity and we are going to need the space we are now using for other programs."

Hall is pleased with the "practical design of the building, which is being designed by former Bobcat Tim Roberts of Saunders and Associates of Albany. The exact name of the fieldhouse has not yet been determined but it will be named in honor of Buddy Maddox, described by those that knew him best as one of the kindest and most caring people you could find.

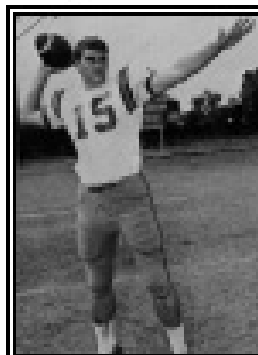
"I can't find the words to adequately express my gratitude to Mr. Maddox, not only for making the fieldhouse possible, but for his support of our school system and the athletic program in particular."

"The effects of this facility will be far-reaching. There will be young people for several generations who will benefit. In addition to the planned fieldhouse, a number of improvements have already been made at Standifer Field. A new lighting system was installed before the season began, the wooden bleachers are being replaced with aluminum in phases, work is underway to provide a handicap area that will accommodate wheel chairs and a new concession stand was constructed last year.

Note: The fieldhouse was opened in 1990 and is now joined by a new weight lifting facility built by donations from the Charles B. and Catherine Rice Foundation and friends of the Early County Schools

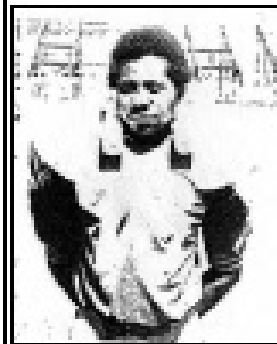


The S.G. "Buddy" Maddox Fieldhouse

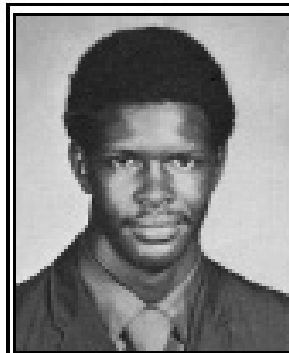


FRANKLIN ARNOLD
Two-year starting quarterback for the Bobcats.
PUNTED & KICKED EXTRA POINTS. CO-CAPTAIN OF THE 1962 TEAM.

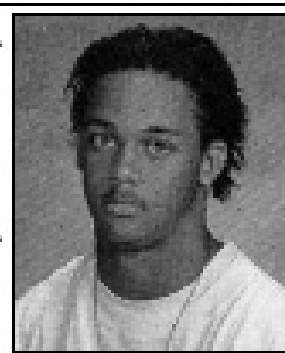
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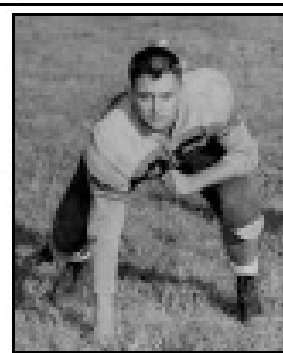
A SALUTE TO REV.
LARRY BEN JACOBS
ECHS 1978
OF ADAMSVILLE, GA
DEFENSIVE END
FIRST TEAM ALL AREA



EDDIE SUMMERSET
CLASS OF 1972
JAMES SUMMERSET
CLASS OF 2007



BILL BOYETT
1921
FIRST BOBCAT FOOTBALL TEAM
RODNEY BOYETT
1950s
PLAYED UNDER BUCKNER, KNIFE
Grandfather & Father
of Brad Boyett



Coach Ray Knight honored

The Early County News
July 1997

Bobcat Coach Ray Knight and family were among approximately 200 Bobcats and friends at a recognition service July 31, 1997. The friendships renewed, the memories rekindled and the stories retold, all added to an already moving evening set aside to honor Ray Knight, who has touched the lives of hundreds of young men who donned a Bobcat uniform. The underlying sentiment of those taking part of the program and those exchanging greetings throughout the room was the fact that Coach Knight somehow managed to get his players to be better on the football field than they were physically capable of being. Most eluded to how the lessons they learned about life on the football field had helped them through the challenges they had faced during the years.

Coach Knight joined the Bobcat staff as assistant football coach under Frank Buckner in 1964. One of the

richest football traditions in the state was shaped during that time and continued to grow when Knight became head coach four seasons later.

He practically matched Buckner's 33-9-1 during his first years and coached through the 1967 season posting a 83-21-4 record as head coach. His teams won twelve games in a season in 1961 and 1964 - losing the state championship game 7-0 in '61 and capturing the crown with a win over Lovett in Atlanta in '64.

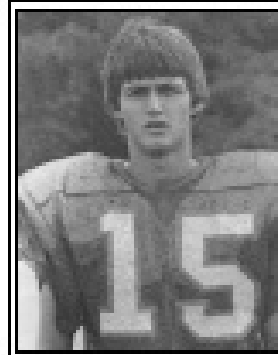
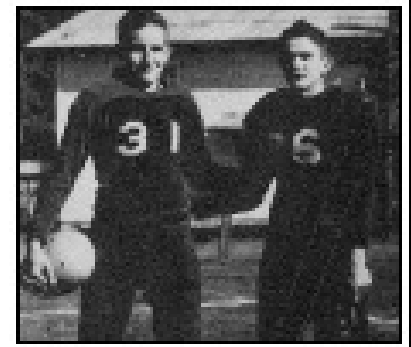
The record books show he has the most wins and highest winning percentage of any Bobcat coach. That winning tradition helped place the Bobcats among the top six all-time, all-classification football programs in the state with an overall winning percentage of .758 over the first 68 years of high school football.

"When they told me they were planning something, I never expected anything like this," Coach Knight said, "I am overwhelmed. I can't tell you how much it means for all of you to be here tonight."



The Ray Knight family was on hand in March 2007 for the opening and dedication of the Ray Knight Sportsplex located on Chancy Mill Road. The sportsplex is now home to the Bobcat baseball and softball teams.

BILLY JOE JORDAN #31
BILLY ROBERTS #26
CO-CAPTAINS
1948 BOBCAT TEAM



JEFF EASON
1980 - 1984
FOOTBALL • BASEBALL

LISA EASON
1979 - 1983
CHEERLEADER • BASKETBALL



MICHAEL TEMPLES
BAND OF BLUE • JAZZ BAND
1991-1995

MARY BETH TEMPLES
BAND OF BLUE MASCOT
1991-1993

*If we ever agreed on anything,
it was the Bobcats!*

MEGHAN POWELL WILLIAMS
CLASS OF 2003

MEGHAN POWELL
CLASS OF 2004



ALLISON FRYER
"ALLI CAT"



VARSITY CHEERLEADER
2007 - 2008

FROM ONE CAT TO ANOTHER, I
THINK THE BOBCATS ARE RED HOT!

ASHLEY FRYER



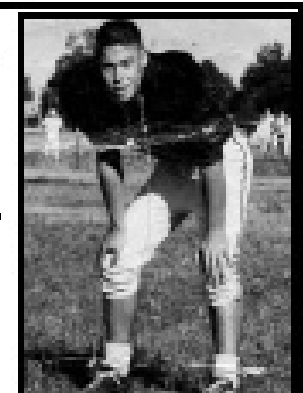
VOLLEYBALL
CLASS OF 2008

3,2,1 ... SET!



HOYLE FLEMING
1921
FIRST BOBCAT FOOTBALL TEAM

BILLY FLEMING
1960-1963
LINEBACKER



Mumbles and memories of former football glory

By Billy Fleming
1997 News

"The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten."
Calvin Coolidge

It has been said that Dr. Jack Standifer brought football to Blakely and that Frank Buckner brought winning football to Blakely.

Dr. Jack Standifer, after seeing football played at Staunton Military College in 1905, decided Blakely should have a football team. In 1921 he solicited \$300 from the townspeople for equipment and fielded Blakely's first football team. That first team is something special to me because my father was on it.

In 1954 Frank Buckner did bring winning football to Blakely. He was a fierce giant, small in stature, whose very presence demanded respect. He won 28 games and an unofficial state championship during his four years as head coach.

When he was promoted to high school principal he handed the job over to his line coach, Ray Knight.

Coach Knight took the job, and the

seed of success that Buckner had planted, and took our community to a level of football success nobody had imagined, including an elusive state championship in 1964.

Those who have never played football will never understand the chemistry or bond that develops between the players and between the players and their coach.

I remember Frank Buckner and I was fortunate enough to be able to play for Ray Knight. It has been 34 years since I wore a Bobcat uniform, but I continue to draw from the experience to this day. Virtually everyone who played on those teams back then will tell you the same thing.

His players and others to whom Buckner was dear honored him with a banquet some years ago while he was still with us.

Coach Knight's players and others to whom he is dear are doing the same for him on July 26. We will gather at the middle school cafeteria to honor our former mentor.

Coach Knight has undoubtedly been a shining light somewhere in all his players' lives during the years. Saying

that brings to mind one of the earliest images I have of him.

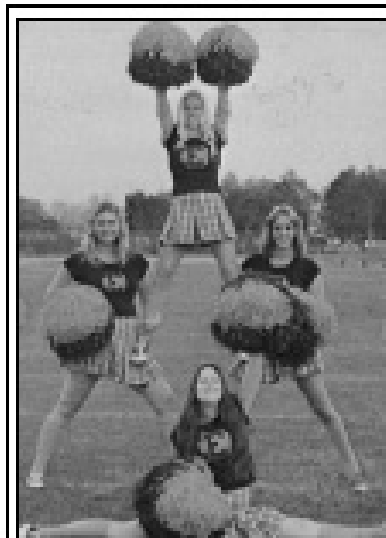
In those days there were few water breaks, wind sprints were rampant at the end of practice and there was no such thing as daylight savings.

Darkness usually dictated the end of scrimmage and by the time we were running our 100-yard wind sprints about the only thing we could see at

the other end of the field was a small light — the light coming from Coach Knight's Lucky Strike.

I can still smell the sweaty, sour practice uniforms, taste the cotton mouth and dirty wet towels we would sneak sucks of water from, hear and feel the exciting collisions, and hear the commanding voices of the coaches.

See MUMBLES on page 17

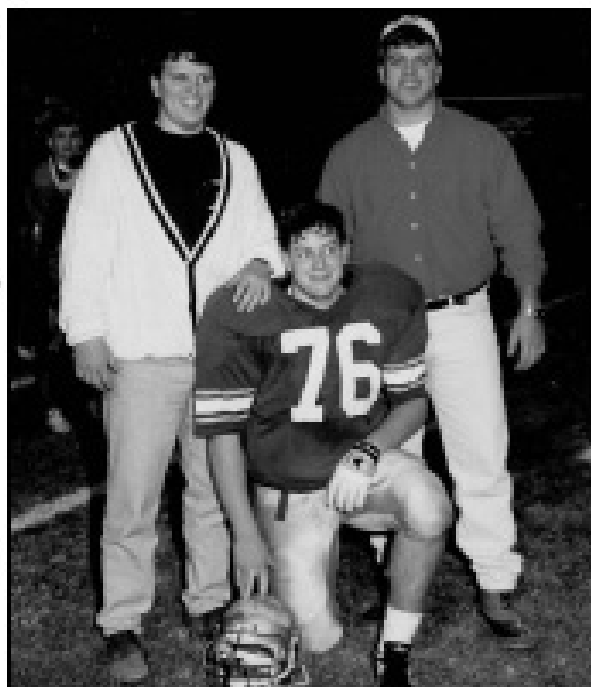


Looking back at our girls...

1975 CHEERLEADERS

DENISE GLASS
LISA LUMPKIN
ANNA LEE LIGHTSEY
JANET ALLEN

THE CUSHING BROTHERS



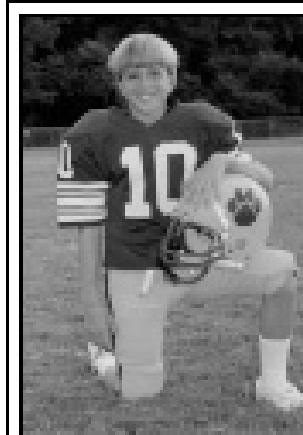
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EARLY COUNTY BOBCAT
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1985-1988

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1987-1990

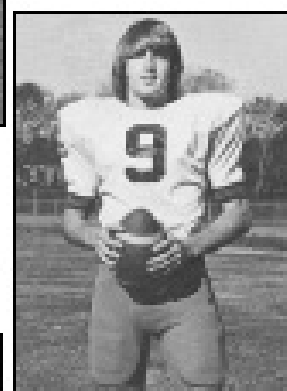
GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLE
1991-1994

BROTHERS & BOBCATS

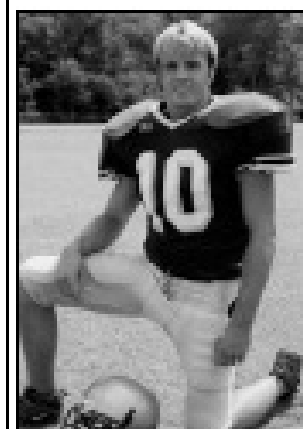


COLLIER WATSON
CLASS OF 2002
FOOTBALL • BASEBALL

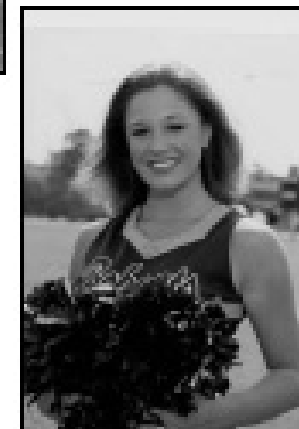
A FAMILY OF BOBCATS



PAIGE WATSON
CLASS OF 2005
CHEERLEADER



JACK WATSON
CLASS OF 1975
FOOTBALL
**THANKS
FOR THE
MEMORIES!**



Saluting the legendary voice of the Bobcats

The Early County News
September 10, 2003

"Here come the Cats" suddenly blares from the loud speakers and seconds later Bobcat fans are in a frenzy.

Over the past 30 years Billy Joe Jordan has been pumping Bobcat fans with that opening as the Bobcats took to Standifer Field to uphold the Bobcat tradition.

"I can't think of but three games I've missed being in the press box since I began announcing the games in 1972," Jordan stated. His longtime spotter, Don Crozier, spelled him for those games.

It goes without saying that Billy Joe has captured the Bobcat fans' hearts over the years as he's lifted them out of their seats to support the Bobcats. But, something sets him apart from most other announcers Bobcat fans have encountered on the road.

He has been able to turn on the Bobcat fans without turning off the visiting fans. His exuberance for the Bobcats not once has come across as

demeaning to the visiting players or their fans.

A good trivia question, except for the fact that all the old timers know the answer, would be who was the voice of the Bobcats before Billy Joe? Tige Pickle!

The better trivia question would be how long was Tige the voice of the Bobcats? Probably since about the time the first public address system was heard at a Bobcat game.

Billy Joe's labor of love with the Bobcats didn't start with Tige's retirement from the press box in 1972. He had been on the sidelines pulling chains with J.T. Maury and Woodrow Houston since he and Carolyn returned to Blakely from the Air Force in 1955.

"I guess you could say I got promoted to the press box when Tige retired," he laughed.

Before leaving Blakely for his stint in the Air Force in 1948, Billy Joe played Bobcat football himself.

In fact, he was a member of the first 11-man squad after World War II dur-

ing which time area communities fielded only 8-man teams.

He was still walking the sidelines with the chain crew when son Joe, who graduated in 1971, was quarterbacking the Bobcats. And daughters Pam '70 and Cill '78 were both Bobcat cheerleaders.

While the elusive state championship has eluded the Bobcats thus far during Billy Joe's stint in the press box, he has had the opportunity to call a lot of post season games, including the title game in 1998 when the Bobcats hosted Carrollton.

He's had the opportunity to electrify the Bobcat stands during the Bobcats' highs and the responsibility of lifting their spirits during the lows, at one point simply saying to the dejected

fans, "I'll see you in church on Sunday."

It is impossible to measure the Bobcat memories and tradition Billy Joe will take with him whenever he decides to pass the microphone to the next voice of the Bobcats.

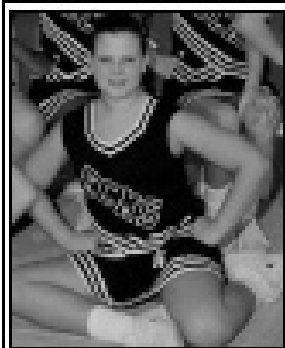
Something else Billy Joe will take with him along with those memories, when he decides to go, is a number of friends he made in the press box over the years.

"I've had the chance to meet a lot of referees, coaches and others who were visiting Standifer Field," he stated. "If I'd not had this opportunity I wouldn't have met a lot of those people."

But, those thoughts are for another time. Right now, Billy Joe's mind is on Friday nights.

The Billy Joe Jordan Press Box

A crowd was on hand for a ceremony honoring Billy Joe Jordan, the longtime "Voice of the Bobcats." The press box sign was unveiled during a ceremony before the Bobcats' 47-6 win over Miller County Friday night at Standifer Field Sept. 8, 2005.



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CLASS OF 2005



AMEE LOCAL
CLASS OF 2008



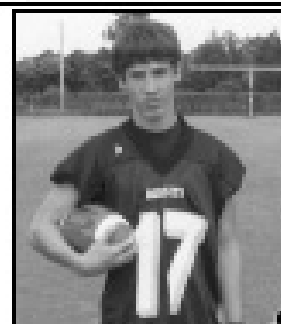
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CLASS OF 1995



JILL HUGHES NEELY
CLASS OF 1998



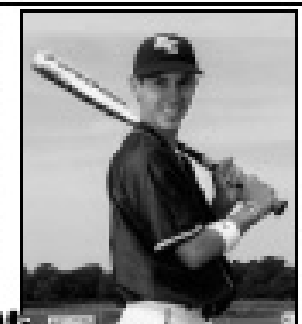
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&
MEREDITH
WEAVER



TIGER WILKS



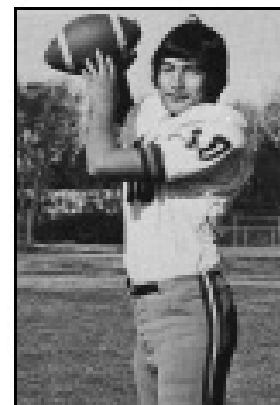
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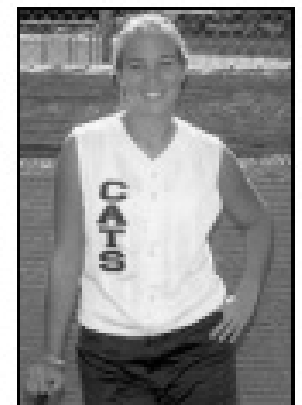
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TARA LANGLEY
CLASS OF 2002

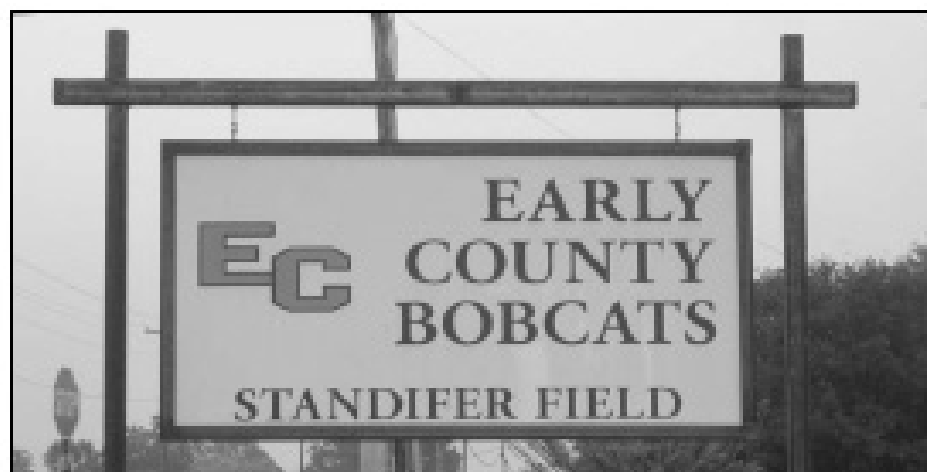


RICKY LANGLEY
CLASS OF 1977



KATHRYN LANGLEY
CLASS OF 2005

Standifer Field: long-time home of the Bobcats



At left, the current Standifer Field has hosted over four decades of Bobcat football action. It is now home to the Billy Joe Jordan Pressbox and the Buddy Maddox Fieldhouse. Over the years, the field has made the transition from wooden to aluminum bleachers and from Blakely High to Early County. At right, welcoming fans and athletes, the Standifer Field-Early County Bobcat sign, whose frame was rebuilt by Tommy Mock's welding students in 2007, stands at the entrance to the high school parking lot on Columbia Street.

By Lance Owen

Early County Football Through 85 Years

The game of football was introduced to Blakely High by Dr. Jack Standifer in 1921. In 1959, the Blakely Lions Club erected a marker

at the entrance to Standifer Field which reads, "This athletic field is named in honor of Jack Guy Standifer, M.D., in appreciation of years of devoted service rendered to the schools of Blakely. In the autumn of 1921, 'Dr. Jack' as he is affection-

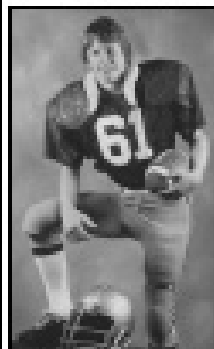
ately known, introduced the game of football to Blakely High School, and named its team the Bobcats."

The first football field was located behind what is currently Early County Middle School on Columbia Street. At the time, Blakely High

School was located on the spot. Announcers for the football games would sit on the roof of the school to call the game over the rocky field.

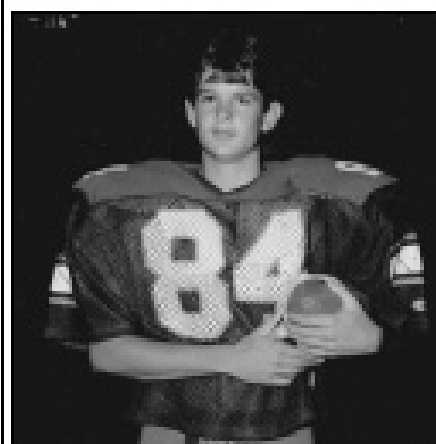
The current Standifer Field, located behind ECHS, became home to the Bobcats in the late '50s, early '60s.

SAMMY LIGHTSEY



CLASS OF
1982
FOOTBALL
1977-1981

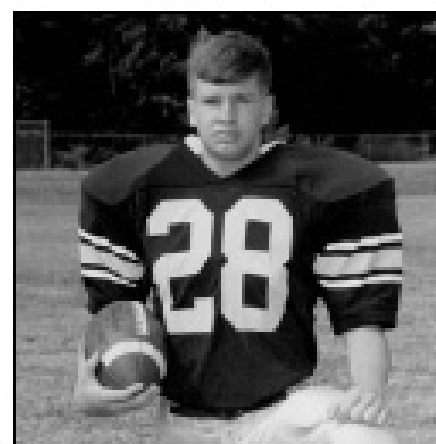
We love you! Mama, Daddy, Penny, Alida, Abigail, Anna Lee, Talisa, Walt & Clara Beth



CARY ALDERMAN
CLASS OF 1988

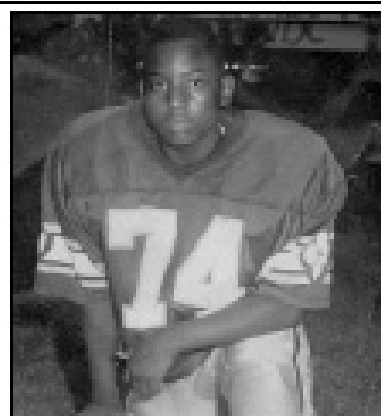


TROY ALDERMAN
CLASS OF 1990



BRENT ALDERMAN
CLASS OF 1996

**THE
FREEMAN
TEAM
FROM THE PAST
TO THE FUTURE**



RODRICK FREEMAN
FOOTBALL • TENNIS
1990-1993



CHARNELE FREEMAN
SOFTBALL • BASKETBALL
2005-PRESENT



KAMME FREEMAN
FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL
2006-PRESENT

Bobcats honored with retired jerseys

Three former Bobcats have been honored with retired jerseys in recognition of achieving All-American status for football.

Tay Cody, cornerback, played for ECHS from 1991 - 1994. Cody went on to play at FSU and professional football.



Tay Cody

Edward Taylor, quarterback, attended ECHS 1991 - 1994. Taylor played college baseball and football, arena football and professional baseball.

Bob Hall, 1991 graduate, played offensive and defensive tackle for the Bobcats. He went on to play college football at Troy State.



Bob Hall

Mumbles

From page 14

And there were the football camps at Kolomoki. That's when we all had a chance to grow up. And when we lined up to scrimmage Doc Ayers' Cedartown teams we found out in a hurry if we had grown up. They usually had us outmanned at most positions and would rotate two or three teams on both offense and defense while most of us were playing both ways with few substitutes. For the record, we held our own with them pretty darned good.

The blood, sweat, and tears of those days have helped shape many a young man's life, including my own.

Being there to honor Coach Knight was special in itself. But, renewing friendships with some of my old teammates and watching others doing the same made the night even more special.

If you lined up the starting lineups

from those years and weighed them in today, well let me put it this way. Most of the halfbacks and quarterbacks from those teams weigh more now than their linemen did during the playing years.

But, let me say this. If I had to go to battle tomorrow, I would want to go into it with them. And we would want Coach Knight to lead us.

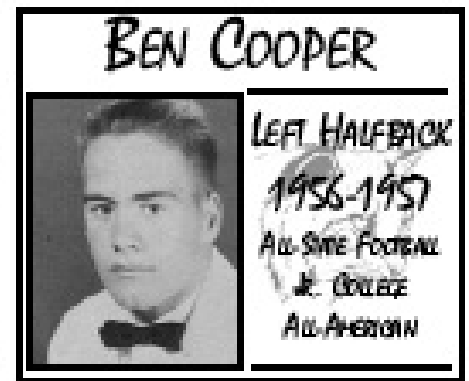
I guess everyone lays claim to one tradition or another. But, there are not many that measure up to the Bobcat tradition. Being a part of it, especially a part of Coach Knight's era is special, real special.

Being a Bobcat has helped groom many a young man's life. That Bobcat tradition has also been a basic fiber of this community during the years.

It is that same tradition that has earned this community a level of recognition and respect most communities don't enjoy.



Edward Taylor



BEN COOPER

LEFT HALFBACK
1956-1957
ALL-STATE FOOTBALL
Jr. COLLEGE
ALL-AMERICAN

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Personalized bricks are a great way to recognize children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, friends, teammates and businesses.

Brick Ideas

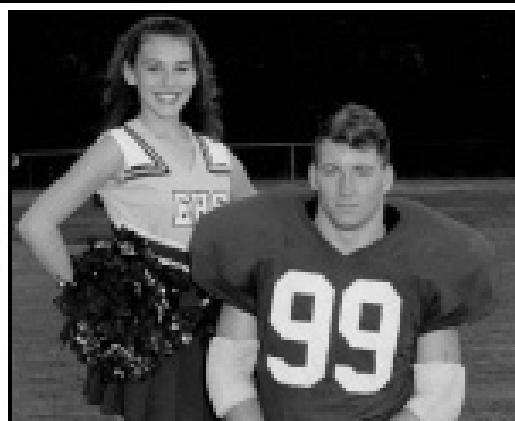
Class of _____
In Memory of _____
In Honor of _____
The _____ Family
Coaches
Players
Principals
Faculty
State Championships
Region Championships
Business Names
Students & Alumni
or simply
Bobcat Fan

THESE BOBCAT BRICKS
WILL WELCOME ALL WHO
ENTER THE NEW ECHS
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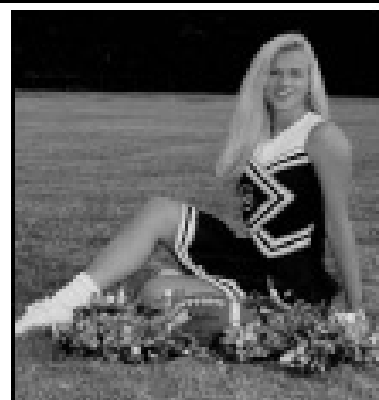
HONOR THE BOBCATS IN
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CREATE YOUR MESSAGE
THAT WILL BE SEEN
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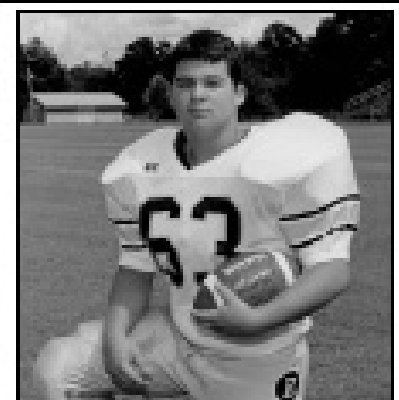
EVE V. SMITH • JAKE VICKERS
CLASS OF 1997 • CLASS OF 1994
CHEERLEADER • FOOTBALL



AMBER E. GRIMES
CLASS OF 1998
CHEERLEADER • SOFTBALL



AMBER E. GRIMES
CLASS OF 1997
CHEERLEADER • SOFTBALL



PAUL EWING
CLASS OF 2004
FOOTBALL • BASEBALL

Fans interfere in 1932 game against Columbia

By Lance Owen

Early County Football Through 85 Years

Through the 84 years of Bobcat football, quite a few unusual things have happened. One of the funniest happened in the 1932 Columbia game. The Bobcats, with a 6-0-1 record, had not yielded a single point to opponents all season.

Behind Coach Albert Hammack, the Bobcats were attempting to not only defeat Columbia for the last game of the season, but to also keep their scoreless streak going. The following is an excerpt from the December 1, 1932, issue of the Early County News.

Blakely received a bad break soon after the game started as a punt by Walter Hayes bounded the wrong way and gave the ball to Columbia on Blakely's 18-yard line. Blakely held, however, and took the ball on downs and then Hayes punted out of danger. The Bobcats rallied in the second and third quarters on long end runs and made the extra points to be leading in the fourth quarter, 14-0. Here Columbia unleashed a smashing attack, and, aided by another poor return punt and a short forward pass to Columbia's "8-foot center," who seemingly only was playing end when he chanced to catch a pass, Columbia worked the ball down to Blakely's 9-yard line. Four tries failed to make any headway, but, for some unexplained reason, the referee gave Columbia a first down. He ruled that a Columbia man had been interfered with in attempting to receive a pass. No first down was made, however. This made Blakely mad. Then the referee penalized Blakely half the distance to their goal line because he (the referee) got

hit with a helmet. It was a Blakely blue helmet, all right, but it was tossed or thrown by a Columbia rooster, who even admitted it.

The entire Bobcat team was "sho nuff" mad by this time. Here an argument by two opposing players quickly attracted the attention of that over-pugnacious element of the Columbia fans and they sailed into the Blakely team, hitting several of the Blakely players over their heads with walking canes. Instead of penalizing Columbia half the distance to their goal line just for a change, none of the officials could see this. On the first play, the Bobcats held. On the second, Columbia was tossed for an 8 yard loss. On the third play, they likewise failed to gain. Then came a forward pass to the tall center, who apparently was always playing end when he happened to be receiving a pass. As the tall boy grabbed the ball behind the goal line, he was immediately tackled and the ball slipped from his grasp and rolled several yards away. It was already eight downs by this time, and besides this, Blakely claimed an incomplete pass and a touchdown. This was the saw-log that broke the camel's back. After what appeared to Blakely supporters as the grossest partiality or ignorance of the rules, or both, Coach Hammack refused to go on with the game. Another interesting sidelight on this game was that, although the game was to be played on a 50-50 basis, Columbia refused to give the Blakely management one cent of the gate receipts. Be it said in justice to the Columbia team, that they played clean, fought hard and there was no opprobrium attached to any of the boys of the Columbia High School

team.

The Blakely team and supporters claimed rank injustice from the officials and a hostile and highly unsportsman-like attitude on the part

of a certain element of the Columbia supporters. The withholding of a half of the very small gate receipts (about \$15.00 in all) was roundly condemned by the Blakely contingent.

Coach dismissed after one game

By Lance Owen

Early County Football Through 85 Years

Through 84 years of Bobcat football, only one coach has been relieved of his duties before finishing out the season.

James Patterson, age 25, was hired August 20, 1946, as athletic director of Blakely-Union High School. Patterson was a former University of Georgia star on the 1942 SEC championship team under coach Wallace Butts. Patterson was well-known in the athletic spotlight across the state. He came to Blakely from Athens High School where he was coach of the "B" football team.

During the first game of the season against Colquitt, many of the 700-plus fans on hand noticed that a couple of the Blakely players had improved since the previous season. In fact, they

had tremendously improved! They were running all over Colquitt. Nevertheless, Blakely lost by a 20-14 score.

The following Monday, the board of trustees of the Blakely-Union school met. When the meeting was over, James E. Patterson had been fired. It seemed that he had brought a couple of players with him from LaGrange that had already graduated and placed them in the Bobcat uniforms in the Colquitt game. School Superintendent D.V. Spencer confronted Patterson with this and a dispute erupted. He was later released.

J.O. Brown, Bill Arnold and Grady Holman Jr., finished out the coaching in the 1946 season and Leonard Brooks was hired the following year. It is thought that Mr. Patterson went on to coach at either Dothan or Abbeville.

Bobcats' Region Championships

GHSA 1-AA		GHSA 1-AAA		GHSA 2-B	
2003		1980		1961	
1998		GHSA 1-A		GHSA 1-B	
1993		1977		1956	
1990		1975		1955	
1988		GHSA 1-B			
		1962			

1948 - Ann Jean Jones
1949 - Sally Sealy
1950 - Ann Tiner
1951 - Mary Kathryn Brewer
1952 - Claudette Fleming
1953 - Claudette Fleming
1954 - Nellie Ann Chandler
1955 - Pamela Claire Still
1956 - Patricia Hobbs
1957 - Alice Hammack
1958 - Carleen Gray Bell
1959 - Carole Jean Clifton
1960 - Sue Hobbs
1961 - Floreld Pickett
1962 - Vonnice Joy White
1963 - Beverly Gilbert
1964 - Kay Mercer
1965 - Francis Joy Buckner
1966 - Kay Farris
1967 - Susan Askew
1968 - Jamie Craft Bryan
1969 - Jackie Gentry
1970 - 1983 NO QUEENS



1984 - Wendy Mitchell, J.J. Waller
1985 - Priscilla Graham, Amye Thompson
1986 - Val Davis, Monica Brown
1987 - Tammy Hunnicutt
1988 - Stefanie Manry, Kimberly Norris
1989 - Baronica Hayes, Brooke Moulton
1990 - Lynne Orange, Dawn Holley
1991 - Denita Thornton, Ginger Maddox
1992 - Misty LeRoy, Teresa Love
1993 - April Evans, Tiffany Hollinger
1994 - Slaton Sims, Tara Fields
1995 - Kerrie Hall, Keisha Wimbush
1996 - LaShunda Greene, Starla Middleton
1997 - DeWana Fields, April Whitaker
1998 - Sam Brackin, Leah Hudson
1999 - Monique Moses, Bijal Patel
2000 - Rachel McNeal, April Gordon
2001 - Shanice Richardson, Valerie Davis
2002 - Mia Pittman
2003 - Veronica Wimbush
2004 - Paige Watson
2005 - Whitney Webb, Nytavious Price, King
2006 - Savannah Smith, Jeffery Anderson, King

First Game

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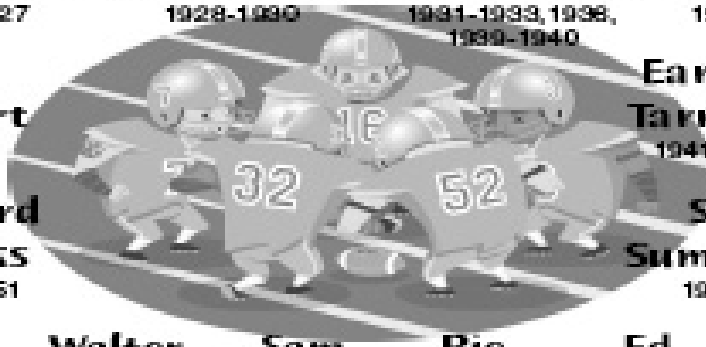
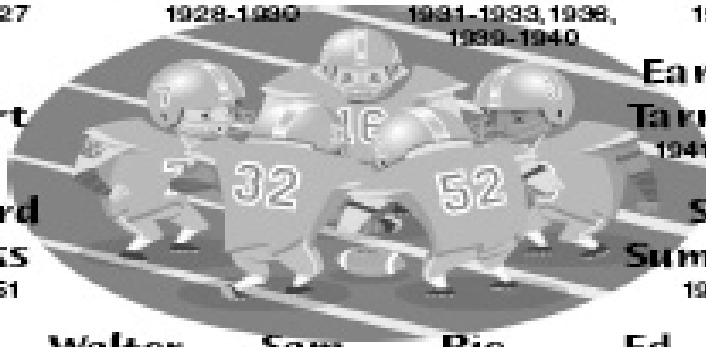
defeat. With the Dothan rooters jeering and the game going against them, the Blakely boys showed real spirit and fought clear through; in fact, making a better showing and gaining ground more consistently in the fourth quarter than at any other time.

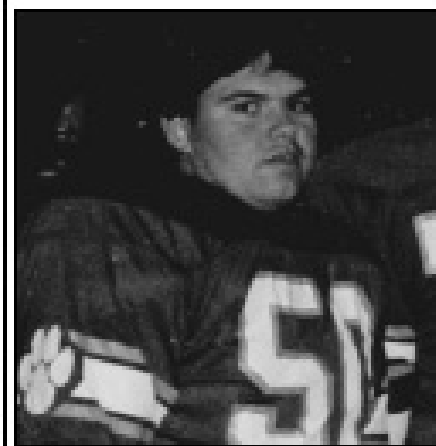
Dothan was penalized a number of times for being off-side, while Blakely drew only one penalty and this for hurdling and many expressed doubts as to whether this penalty should have been imposed. In the heavy red and black team of the Dothan Hi, the local blue and gold 11 went up against their strongest opponents of the season, took their medicine like men and gained valuable experience, which will show in the game with Eufaula tomorrow.

Blakely's line up in the Dothan game was:

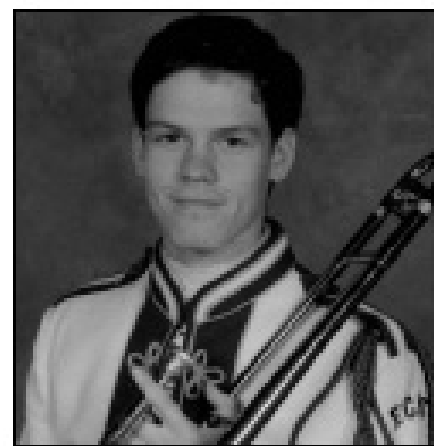
Left End - Bill Brown
 Left Tackle - Homer Bush
 Left Guard - Ralph Hutchins
 Center - Tom Grier
 Right Guard - Wallace Ivey
 Right Tackle - Florizelle Houston
 Right End - Harvey Middleton
 Quarterback - Jack Brown
 R. Half Back - Tom Howell
 L. Half Back - Billy Brooks
 Full Back - Hoyle Fleming
 Sub: Bill Boyett replaced Tom Howell at R. Half Back and Clyde Rich replaced Wallace Ivey at Right Guard. Referee, Page of Auburn; Umpire, Jordan of Mercer; Time Keeper, Standifer; Head Linesman, Frazier of Clemson.

Bobcat Coaches' Huddle

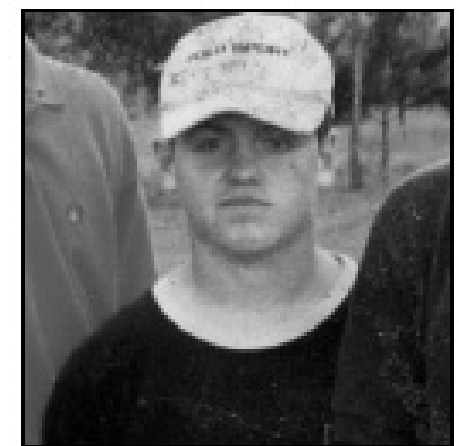
McKenzie	John	Bill	Butch	J.M.	Dave		
Mangham	Allen	Bodenhamer	Hammack	Coile	Hazelhurst		
1921-1928	1927	1928-1930	1931-1933, 1936, 1939-1940	1934	1935		
No	C.H.				Earl	E.H.	Lewie
Team	Stewart				Tarre	Cheek	Stein
1937, 1944	1938				1941	Interim 1942	1942-1943
Bill	Leonard				Steve	Frank	
Arnold	Brooks				Summerhill	Buckner	
1945-1948	1947-1951				1952-1953	1954-1957	
Ray	Frank	Walter	Sam	Ric	Ed	Harry	Trey
Knight	King	Landing	Williams	Hall	Pilcher	Wayne	Woolf
1958-1967	1968-1972	1973-1980	1979-1981	1982-1985	1988-1990	1991-2000	2000-2007



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DANCE LINE 1991 - 1995



MADELINE TAYLOR SHATTLES
DANCE LINE 1992 - 1996



MELISSA JEAN TAYLOR
DANCE LINE 1998 - 2001



1939 Blakely High School Band



1957 Blakely High School Band



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