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2012 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE FOOTBALL RELEASE

FULL SLATE HEADLINES WEEK ONE OF 2012 SEASON

Birmingham, AL—All six Gulf South Conference football squads take to the gridiron in the opening week of the 2012 campaign. Future GSC member **Shorter University** kicks off the season on Thursday night, traveling to NCAA DI-FCS Campbell. SU enters the 2012-13 athletic season as an NCAA DII Candidacy Year-Two designee and the Hawks are on schedule to become a full GSC member in 2014-15.

Saturday's four-game slate is headlined by Game One of the GSC-TV LIVE Game of the Week package when **No. 14 Delta State** hosts in-region foe Fort Valley State. The game will be shown live by CSS, Cox Sports TV, Mediacom, TV-24 (Anniston, AL), ESPN3 and ESPN Game Plan.

No. 8 Valdosta State journeys over 1,000 miles north to battle Saginaw Valley State, while **No. 15 West Alabama** also hits the road versus in-region Clark Atlanta. **West Georgia** rounds out Saturday's matchups, hosting in-state NAIA foe Point University.

Last but not least, **North Alabama** and in-state, in-region rival Miles face off on Sunday at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL in the Labor Day Golden Classic.

2012 GSC STANDINGS (through 08/29/12)

A/D2	Team	Conference				Overall				Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
		W	L	Pct.	For Opp.	W	L	Pct.	For Opp.				
14/20	Delta State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*L-1
	North Alabama	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*L-1
8/13	Valdosta State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*L-3
15/ 8	West Alabama	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*L-1
	West Georgia	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*W-1
	!Shorter	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*L-1

A--AFCA Division II Coaches' Poll (released every Monday); D2--D2Football.com Poll (released every Wednesday); *--Streak carried over from 2010; !--Games versus Shorter count as league contests, but SU is not eligible for the Title

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Thursday, August 30th

SU @ Campbell, 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 1st

\$Fort Valley State @ #14 DSU, 12:00 pm

#15 UWA @ Clark Atlanta, 5:00 pm

#8 VSU @ Saginaw Valley State, 6:00 pm

Point @ UWG, 6:00 pm

Sunday, September 2nd

!UNA vs. Miles, 6:00 pm

All times Central; GSC Teams in ALL CAPS;
\$--GSC-TV Game of the Week; !--@ Legion Field (Birmingham, AL); Division I-FCS opponents in *Italics*

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday, September 8th

#14 DSU @ Elizabeth City State, 12:00 pm

\$Tusculum @ UWG, 2:30 pm

SU @ Newberry, 5:30 pm

Harding @ UNA, 6:00 pm

Fort Valley State @ #8 VSU, 6:00 pm

#15 UWA @ Samford, 6:00 pm

All times Central; GSC Teams in ALL CAPS;
\$--GSC-TV Game of the Week; Division I-FCS opponents in *Italics*



THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th
Shorter (0-0) @ Campbell (0-0)
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Barker-Lane Stadium, Buies Creek, NC
 Press Box Phone: (910) 814-5457
 Series: 0-0-0
 Last Meeting: First meeting



Shorter University opens its 2012 season with a challenge, traveling to NCAA DI-FCS Campbell for its first of three straight road contests. SU is three years away to becoming an official NCAA DII member after building a successful NAIA program and plays CU for the first time ever.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st
GSC-TV LIVE GAME OF THE WEEK
Fort Valley State (0-0) @ #14 Delta State (0-0)
 Time: 12:00 p.m.
 Location: Parker Field at McCool Stadium, Cleveland, MS
 Press Box Phone: (662) 846-4593
 Series: DSU leads 1-1-0
 Last Meeting: DSU 27, @ FVSU 7 (2011)
[GSC-TV -- Live Stats -- Live Video](#)



The GSC flips the switch on its 2012 Game of the Week slate as **No. 14 Delta State** hosts in-region foe Fort Valley State in a game that will be shown live by Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast, Cox Sports TV, Mediacom, TV-14, ESPN3 and ESPN Game Plan.

Head Coach Jamey Chadwell begins his highly anticipated DSU career after moving over from North Greenville last season. The Statesmen and FVSU face off for the second year in a row and third time overall. Delta State collected a 27-7 win in the team's first-ever regular season meeting last season. The Wildcats claimed the first-ever meeting in the 1998 Playoffs in Cleveland, MS, 21-14. Delta State is 2-1 all-time against SIAC members all-time versus SIAC schools thanks to a win over Albany State in the 2010 Playoffs. DSU is the Pre-Season GSC Favorites, while FVSU was selected to finish second in the newly created East Division of the SIAC.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st
#15 West Alabama (0-0) @ Clark Atlanta (0-0)
 Time: 5:00 p.m.
 Location: Panther Stadium, Atlanta, GA
 Press Box Phone: (404) 880-8029
 Series: 0-0-0
 Last Meeting: First meeting
[Live Stats](#)



West Alabama kicks off the 2012 season with two road contests, starting with Saturday's in-region contest versus Clark Atlanta.

UWA seeks to get back on the winning track in season openers after having its three-game winning streak snapped last year at South Alabama. The Tigers face CAU for the first time ever and the Panthers are their first SIAC foe since they topped Albany State in the 2009 NCAA Playoffs, 24-22. **Head Coach Will Hall** answered one of the most pressing questions for West Alabama fans last week, naming **sophomore Kyle Caldwell** the starting quarterback.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st
#8 Valdosta State (0-0) @ Saginaw Valley State (0-0)
 Time: 6:00 pm
 Location: Randall Harvey Wickes Stadium, University Center, MI
 Press Box Phone: (989) 755-0016
 Series: 0-0-0
 Last Meeting: First meeting
[Live Stats -- Live Video](#)



No. 8 Valdosta State begins its campaign the furthest away from home than any other Blazers' squad in history, journeying over 1,000 miles north to Saginaw Valley State.

VSU and SVSU meet for the first time and the Blazers seek their first win ever versus a GLIAC school after falling to Grand Valley State in the 2002 NCAA Championship Game. The 2012 GSC Pre-Season Favorites have claimed six of their last seven season openers, led by back-to-back triumphs.

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st****Point (0-0) @ West Georgia (0-0)****Time:** 6:00 pm**Location:** University Stadium, Carrollton, GA**Press Box Phone:** (678) 796-2222**Series:** 0-0-0**Last Meeting:** First meeting[Live Stats](#)

West Georgia will be a part of history on Saturday when it hosts nearby NAIA foe Point University's first-ever varsity football game.

UWG seeks to put the brakes on a four-game skid in season openers since claiming a 23-11 win at Clark Atlanta in 2007. Expectations are high in Carrollton after the Wolves posted their best season since 2005, going 6-4 last year.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd****North Alabama (0-0) vs. Miles (0-0)****Time:** 6:00 p.m.**Location:** Legion Field, Birmingham, AL**Press Box Phone:** (910) 814-5457**Series:** 6-0-0**Last Meeting:** @ UNA 46, MC 7 (1986)[Live Radio](#)

Division II Alabama rivals **North Alabama** and SIAC West Division Favorite Miles College delayed their season openers by one day, facing off in the Labor Day Golden Classic held at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL.

UNA and MC renew their rivalry after facing off six straight times from 1982-87. The Lions lead the all-time series, 6-0, but Sunday's clash marks the first matchup away from Florence. North Alabama outgunned the Golden Bears during the six-year span, outscoring them 245-33 led by three shutouts. UNA is 18-2 all-time against SIAC opponents and puts its nine-game season-opening winning streak on the line.

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AFCA TOP 25
(as of 08/13/12)

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Pittsburg State (21) | 14. DELTA STATE |
| 2. Minnesota-Duluth (5) | 15. WEST ALABAMA |
| 3. Northwest Missouri State (1) | 16. St. Cloud State |
| 4. Midwestern State (1) | 17. Hillsdale |
| 5. Wayne State-MI (1) | 18. Missouri Western St. |
| 6. Colorado State-Pueblo | 19. Shepherd |
| 7. Grand Valley State | 20. Washburn |
| 8. VALDOSTA STATE | 21. Humboldt State |
| 9. Winston-Salem State (1) | 22. Albany State |
| 10. Abilene Christian | 23. North Greenville |
| 11. California (PA) | 24. West Texas A&M |
| 12. Kutztown | 25. Bloomsburgh |
| 13. New Haven | |

Others Receiving Votes: Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.), 128; North Alabama, 128; Nebraska-Kearney, 122; Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.), 100; Ouachita Baptist (Ark.), 96; Central Missouri, 72; Indianapolis (Ind.), 70; Mars Hill (N.C.), 57; Indiana (Pa.), 49; North Carolina-Pembroke, 47; Elizabeth City St. (N.C.), 44; Minnesota St.-Mankato, 41; Colorado School of Mines, 40; East Central (Okla.), 33; Texas A&M-Kingsville, 32; Slippery Rock (Pa.), 18; Miles (Ala.), 15; Concord (W.Va.), 9; Tarleton St. (Texas), 9; West Georgia, 9; Morehouse (Ga.), 7; Ashland (Ohio), 6; Michigan Tech, 6; Southern Connecticut St., 6; Central Washington, 4; Henderson St. (Ark.), 3; Assumption (Mass.), 2; West Virginia Wesleyan, 2; Azusa Pacific, 1; Carson-Newman (Tenn.), 1; Harding (Ark.), 1.

D2Football.com Top 25
(as of 08/28/12)

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Pittsburg State | 14. Minnesota State |
| 2. Minnesota-Duluth | 15. Winston-Salem State |
| 3. Northwest Missouri State | 16. New Haven |
| 4. Grand Valley State | 17. Saginaw Valley State |
| 5. Midwestern State | 18. Kutztown |
| 6. Colorado State-Pueblo | 19. Wayne State (MI) |
| 7. Missouri Western | 20. NORTH ALABAMA |
| 8. WEST ALABAMA | 21. Bloomsburg |
| 9. Abilene Christian | 22. Central Missouri |
| 10. Hillsdale | 23. Lenoir-Rhyne |
| 11. California (Pa.) | 24. Shepherd |
| 12. West Texas A&M | 25. Washburn |
| 13. VALDOSTA STATE | |

GSC COACHING RECORDS

Listed below is a list of won-lost records for the five current GSC head coaches for their careers and at the helm of GSC programs.

Coach, School	Career	GSC
Jamey Chadwell, DSU	22-14	0-0
Bobby Wallace, UWA	127-137-1	98-66-1
Phil Jones, SU	43-33	0-0
David Dean, VSU	42-15	42-15
Will Hall, UWA	8-4	8-4
Daryl Dickey, UWG	38-45	10-30

2012 GSC PRE-SEASON COACHES' POLL

School	Points
Valdosta State (3)	15
West Alabama (2)	14
Delta State	10
North Alabama	6
West Georgia	5

The Head Coaches voted in this poll. Teams received 4 points for a first place vote, 3 for a second place vote, etc. The Head Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own squads.

2012 PRE-SEASON ALL-GSC TEAM
OFFENSE

POS	NAME	SCHOOL
QB	\$Kyle Caldwell	West Alabama
RB	Bryce McBride	Delta State
RB	*Matt Willis	West Alabama
WR	Lavon Downs	Delta State
WR	Jason Smith	North Alabama
WR	&Gerald Ford	Valdosta State
WR	Denarius Appling	West Georgia
TE	!Daniel Youssif	West Georgia
G	!*Edmund Kugbila	Valdosta State
G	#Andy Nations	West Alabama
T	!*Ryan Schraeder	Valdosta State
T	*Mesh Wokomaty	Valdosta State
C	Skeeter Sellers	West Alabama

DEFENSE

POS	NAME	SCHOOL
DL	Taylor Carney	North Alabama
DL	Dominique Duster	North Alabama
DL	Tyler Josey	Valdosta State
DL	!Juan Pickett	West Georgia
DL	#Lawrence Virgil	Valdosta State
LB	Kenny Barnes	Delta State
LB	!*Deon Lacey	West Alabama
LB	^Teddy Lawrence	West Georgia
LB	Bryant McGowan	West Alabama
LB	*Chris Pope	Valdosta State
DB	Kelly Dawsey	West Georgia
DB	#Otha Foster	West Alabama
DB	*Matt Pierce	Valdosta State
DB	!*Rod Woodson	North Alabama

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	NAME	SCHOOL
PK	Ryne Smith	West Alabama
P	Andrew Jones	Delta State
RS	!*~Denarius Appling	West Georgia
MISC	Matt Humphries (LS)	West Alabama
	Josh Senkbeil (BT)	West Alabama

NOTES: !—2011 Pre-Season All-GSC Team; *—2011 First Team All-GSC; #—2011 Second Team All-GSC; \$—2011 GSC Offensive Freshman of the Year; ^—2011 GSC Defensive Freshman of the Year; +—2011 GSC Defensive Player of the Year; ~—2010 Second Team All-GSC; &—2009 Second Team All-GSC; BT—Blocking Team; LS—Long Snapper

2012 GSC TEAM SCHEDULES/RESULTS

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

GSC Games in **BOLD**

\$--GSC TV Game of the Week

*--Homecoming



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

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 01	\$Fort Valley State	12:00 pm
Sept. 08	@ Elizabeth City State	12:00 pm
Sept. 22	North Alabama	6:00 pm
Sept. 27	\$Abilene Christian	6:30 pm
Oct. 06	@ Tarleton State	12:00 pm
Oct. 13	@ West Georgia	6:00 pm
Oct. 20	@ Valdosta State	1:00 pm
Oct. 27	* West Alabama	4:00 pm
Nov. 03	@ Indianapolis	6:00 pm
Nov. 10	@ Shorter	1:00 pm



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

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 02	!@ Miles	6:00 pm
Sept. 08	Harding	6:00 pm
Sept. 15	Kentucky Christian	6:00 pm
Sept. 22	@ Delta State	6:00 pm
Sept. 29	* Shorter	6:00 pm
Oct. 06	@ TX A&M-Kingsville	7:00 pm
Oct. 13	Valdosta State	6:00 pm
Oct. 18	\$@ West Georgia	6:30 pm
Nov. 03	\$Tarleton State	3:00 pm
Nov. 10	\$@ West Alabama	6:30 pm

!--@ Legion Field (Birmingham, AL)



SHORTER HAWKS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 30	@ Campbell	6:00 pm
Sept. 08	@ Newberry	5:30 pm
Sept. 15	@ Chowan	5:00 pm
Sept. 22	*Charleston Southern	12:00 pm
Sept. 29	@ North Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 06	Point	12:00 pm
Oct. 13	Ave Maria	12:00 pm
Oct. 20	@ West Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 25	\$@ Valdosta State	6:30 pm
Nov. 03	@ West Georgia	1:00 pm
Nov. 10	Delta State	1:00 pm



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

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 01	@ Saginaw Valley State	6:00 pm
Sept. 08	Fort Valley State	6:00 pm
Sept. 15	!Angelo State	12:00 pm
Sept. 22	West Alabama	6:00 pm
Sept. 29	Edward Waters	6:00 pm
Oct. 06	@ West Georgia	1:00 pm
Oct. 13	@ North Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 20	* Delta State	3:00 pm
Oct. 25	\$@ Shorter	6:30 pm
Nov. 01	\$Texas A&M-Kingsville	6:30 pm

!--@ Cowboys Stadium (Arlington, TX)



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

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 01	@ Clark Atlanta	5:00 pm
Sept. 08	@ Samford	6:00 pm
Sept. 15	Mississippi College	6:00 pm
Sept. 22	@ Valdosta State	6:00 pm
Sept. 29	West Georgia	6:00 pm
Oct. 04	\$Midwestern State	6:30 pm
Oct. 13	College of Faith	6:00 pm
Oct. 20	* Shorter	6:00 pm
Oct. 27	@ Delta State	4:00 pm
Nov. 03	@ Abilene Christian	12:00 pm
Nov. 08	\$North Alabama	6:30 pm



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

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 01	Point	6:00 pm
Sept. 08	Tusculum	12:00 pm
Sept. 15	@ Miles	6:00 pm
Sept. 29	@ West Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 06	* Valdosta State	1:00 pm
Oct. 13	@ Delta State	6:00 pm
Oct. 18	\$North Alabama	6:30 pm
Oct. 27	West Texas A&M	7:00 pm
Nov. 03	Shorter	1:00 pm
Nov. 10	@ Midwestern State	1:00 pm



2012 GSC-TV LIVE FOOTBALL GAME OF THE WEEK SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Time/Result
Sept. 01	Fort Valley State @ DSU	12:00 pm
Sept. 08	Tusculum @ UWG	2:30 pm
Sept. 27	Abilene Christian @ DSU	6:30 pm
Oct. 04	Midwestern State @ UWA	6:30 pm
Oct. 18	UNA @ UWG	6:30 pm
Oct. 20	SU @ UWA	3:30 pm
Oct. 25	VSU @ SU	6:30 pm
Oct. 27	West Texas A&M @ UWG	7:00 pm
Nov. 01	TX A&M-Kingsville @ VSU	6:30 pm
Nov. 03	Tarleton State @ UNA	3:00 pm
Nov. 08	UNA @ UWA	6:30 pm