

1953—COMPLETE STATISTICS—1953

(Including Sugar Bowl Game)

INDIVIDUAL TACKLES (Leaders)

	Number Tackles		Number Tackles
Larry Morris	106	Orville Vereen	35
Franklin Brooks	52	Wade Mitchell	25
Sam Hensley	50	Leon Hardeman	25
Jake Shoemaker	45	Dick Inman	24
Bob Sherman	45	Charlie Brannon	23
Glenn Turner	42	Cecil Trainer	22
Bill Fulcher	41	Dave Davis	20
Ed Gossage	36		

INDIVIDUAL PUNTING

	No. Punts	Total Yards	Punting Average	Had Blocked	Longest Punt
Leland Sims	1	46	46.0	0	46
Jimmy Carlen	13	510	39.2	0	51
Dave Davis	45	1663	37.0	1	62
Johnny Menger	3	110	36.7	0	41
Jake Shoemaker	2	60	30.0	0	39
Glenn Turner	1	28	28.0	0	28
Pepper Rodgers	2	34	17.0	0	20

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	No. Games	No. Carries	Yds. Gained	Yds. Lost	Net Yds. Gained	Avg. Yds. Per Carry	Long Runs
Bill Teas	12	111	610	56	554	5.0	38
Leon Hardeman	10	69	416	15	401	5.8	39
Glenn Turner	12	91	383	9	374	4.1	28
Larry Ruffin	9	25	217	6	211	8.4	43
Johnny Hunsinger	11	37	174	4	170	4.6	23
Charlie Brannon	11	41	167	29	138	3.4	13
George Humphreys	6	21	101	1	100	4.8	16
George Volkert	6	21	97	12	85	4.0	12
Joe Hall	7	14	81	11	70	5.0	12
Wade Mitchell	10	35	99	53	46	1.3	19
Linwood Roberts	4	7	38	0	38	5.4	17
Paul Rotenberry	2	7	34	0	34	4.9	13
Dick Mattison	3	7	21	1	20	2.9	12
Bobby Gilliland	1	2	8	0	8	4.0	6
Pepper Rodgers	8	26	67	60	7	0.3	17
Ken Owen	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	2
Stan Cochran	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	2
Mot Jon Morrison	1	3	9	7	2	0.7	5
Johnny Menger	3	3	9	10	-1		4
Burton Grant	1	1	0	1	-1		
Dave Davis	1	1	0	25	-25		
Bill Brigman	7	19	13	42	-29		

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	No. Atts.	No. Compl.	Pct. Compl.	Had Interc.	Net Yds. Gained	Avg. Yds. Per Comp.	For TD's
Pepper Rodgers	85	51	60.0	4	643	12.6	7
Wade Mitchell	81	25	30.9	6	375	15.0	3
Bill Brigman	38	19	50.0	1	300	15.8	4
Burton Grant	3	3	100.0	0	97	32.3	1
Johnny Menger	9	4	44.4	0	56	14.0	1
Charlie Brannon	4	3	75.0	0	32	10.7	0
George Volkert	2	1	50.0	0	22	22.0	0
Bill Teas	1	1	100.0	0	6	6.0	1

INDIVIDUAL PASS RECEIVING

	No. Caught	Net Yds. Gained	Avg. Yds. Per Catch	For TD's
Sam Hensley	15	244	16.3	3
Henry Hair	16	187	11.7	2
Bill Teas	9	178	19.8	1
Jimmy Durham	11	145	13.2	3
Dave Davis	12	124	10.4	1
Bill Sennett	6	111	18.5	4
Charlie Brannon	7	96	13.7	0
Leon Hardeman	5	70	14.0	0
Joe Hall	2	65	33.0	1
Glenn Turner	6	62	10.3	0
Cecil Trainer	3	52	17.3	0
Larry Ruffin	2	34	17.0	0
Pepper Rodgers	2	28	14.0	0
Buddy Jones	2	27	13.5	0
Bob Juhan	1	23	23.0	0
George Humphreys	3	22	7.3	0
George Volkert	1	18	18.0	1
John Hunsinger	2	16	8.0	0
Johnny Menger	1	12	12.0	0
James L. Morris	1	6	6.0	1

Team Statistics	Tech	Opponents
Games Won	9	2
Games Tied	1	1
Games Lost	2	9
First Downs Rushing	128	106
First Downs Passing	71	42
First Downs Penalties	8	5
Total First Downs	207	153
Average Number First Downs per Game	17.3	12.8
Number Times Carried Rushing	554	556
Yards Gained Rushing	2551	2177
Yards Lost Rushing	342	319
Net Yards Gained Rushing	2209	1858
Average Yards per Carry Rushing	4.0	3.3
Average Yards per Game Rushing	184.1	154.8
Number of Passes Attempted	223	174
Number of Passes Completed	107	75
Percentage of Passes Completed	48.0	43.1
Number of Passes Had Intercepted	11	22
Net Yards Gained Passing	1531	827
Average Yards per Completion Passing	14.3	11.0
Average Yards per Game Passing	127.6	68.9
Number of Scoring Passes Thrown	17	1
Number of Plays Total Offense (Pass and Run)	777	730
Net Yards Total Offense	3740	2685
Average Yards per Play Total Offense	4.8	3.7
Average Yards per Game Total Offense	311.7	223.8
Number of Opponent's Passes Intercepted	22	11
Net Yards Interceptions Returned	164	61
Total Number of Punts	68	77
Total Yards Punted	2478	2711
Punting Average	36.4	35.2
Number of Punts Had Blocked	1	1
Number of Punts Returned	33	30
Net Yards Punts Returned	463	308
Avg. Yds. Ret'd per Opponents' Punts Kicked	6.0	4.5
Average Yards Returned per Punt Return	14.1	10.3
Number of Kickoffs Returned	26	53
Net Yards Kickoffs Returned	451	856
Average Yards per Kickoff Return	17.3	16.2
Number of Own Fumbles	40	53
Number of Own Fumbles Lost	22	30
Number of Penalties Against	61	59
Number of Yards Lost on Penalties	516	577
Number of Touchdowns Scored	41	16
Average Number of Touchdowns per Game	3.4	1.3
Number of PAT's Attempted	41	16
Number of PAT's Made	29	9
Number of Field Goals Kicked	3	1
Number of Safeties Scored	2	2
Total Number of Points Scored	288	111
Average Number of Points Scored per Game	24.0	9.3

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	No. TD's	PAT Att.	PAT Made	Field Goals	Total Points
Pepper Rodgers	4	19	13	1	40
Leon Hardeman	5	0	0	0	30
Bill Sennett	4	0	0	0	24
Bill Teas	4	0	0	0	24
Henry Hair	4	0	0	0	24
Glenn Turner	3	6	5	0	23
Jimmy Durham	3	0	0	0	18
Larry Ruffin	2	0	0	0	12
George Volkert	2	0	0	0	12
Sam Hensley	2	0	0	0	12
George Humphreys	2	0	0	0	12
Joe Hall	2	0	0	0	12
Wade Mitchell	1	7	6	0	12
Burton Grant	0	4	3	2	9
*Dave Davis	1	1	1	0	7
Mot Jon Morrison	1	0	0	0	6
James L. Morris	1	0	0	0	6
Bill Brigman	0	3	1	0	1
Team Safeties (2)					4

*Note: Davis caught pass from Johnny Menger for his PAT.

INDIVIDUAL PUNT RETURNS

	No. Rtd.	Net Yds.	Avg. Yds. Per Ret.	Long Returns	For TD's
Bill Teas	10	169	16.9	55	1
Charlie Brannon	5	77	15.4	43	0
Johnny Menger	2	32	16.0	21	0
George Volkert	1	31	31.0	31	0
Wade Mitchell	3	30	10.0	15	0
Joe Hall	4	29	7.3	15	0
Leon Hardeman	2	27	13.5	19	0
Mot Jon Morrison	1	23	23.0	23	0
Jim Durham	1	20	20.0	20	0
*Bob Sherman	1	16	16.0	16	0
Sam Hensley	1	15	15.0	15	0
Larry Ruffin	2	10	5.0	7	0

*Blocked punt in Davidson game.

INDIVIDUAL PASS INTERCEPTIONS

	No. Inter.	Net Yds.	Avg. Yds. Per Ret.	Long Returns	For TD's
Joe Hall	4	68	17.0	26	0
Wade Mitchell	4	34	8.5	19	0
George Volkert	3	26	8.7	17	0
Jimmy M. Morris	1	13	13.0	13	0
Dave Davis	3	10	3.3	5	0
Glenn Turner	3	9	3.0	6	0
Bill Sennett	1	2	2.0	2	0
Jim Sumner	1	2	2.0	2	0
Larry Morris	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bob Juhan	1	0	0.0	0	0

INDIVIDUAL KICKOFF RETURNS

	No. Returns	Net Yds.	Avg. Yds. Per Ret.	Long Returns	For TD's
Bill Teas	7	160	22.9	30	0
Charlie Brannon	5	79	15.8	25	0
Leon Hardeman	4	76	19.0	26	0
Sam Hensley	3	34	11.3	19	0
Paul Rotenberry	1	28	28.0	28	0
Larry Ruffin	1	20	20.0	20	0
Linwood Roberts	1	15	15.0	15	0
Johnny Hunsinger	1	14	14.0	14	0
Dave Davis	1	13	13.0	13	0
George Volkert	1	12	12.0	12	0

MODERN GEORGIA TECH RECORDS

(These records are subject to correction and made from games played since 1943. Figures include bowl games.)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

- Most Touchdowns Career, 22 (Leon Hardeman 1951, 1952, 1953).
- Most Points Career, 132 (Leon Hardeman 1951, 1952, 1953).
- Most Extra Points Game, 7 (Pepper Rodgers vs Citadel 1952).
- Most Consecutive Extra Points, 19 (Pepper Rodgers 1952).
- Most Extra Points Season, 39 (Pepper Rodgers 1952).
- Most Field Goals Season, 5 (Pepper Rodgers 1952).
- Longest Run from Scrimmage, 68 Yards (John Hicks vs Ky. 1951).
- Most Runs from Scrimmage Game, 27 (Glenn Turner vs Ga. 1952).
- Most Runs from Scrimmage Season, 161 (Bill Teas 1952).
- Most Yards Rushing Game, 168 (Bobby North vs Auburn 1949).
- Most Yards Rushing Season, 758 (Bill Teas 1952).
- Most Yards Rushing Career, 1794 (Leon Hardeman 1951, '52, '53).
- Best Rushing Average Season (minimum 50 runs), 5.8 yards (Leon Hardeman 1953).
- Most Passes Attempted Game, 30 (Bill Brigman vs Florida 1952).
- Most Passes Attempted Season, 150 (Darrell Crawford 1951).
- Most Passes Completed Game, 17 (Crawford vs VMI 1950 and Brigman vs Florida 1952).
- Most Passes Completed Season, 83 (Darrell Crawford 1951).
- Most Yards Passing Game, 229 (Darrell Crawford vs Auburn 1951).
- Most Yards Passing Season, 1237 (Darrell Crawford 1951).
- Most Yards Passing and Running Game, 210 (Darrell Crawford vs Auburn 1951).
- Most Yards Passing and Running Season, 1440 (Eddie Prokop 1943).
- Most Touchdown Passes Thrown Game, 4 (Darrell Crawford vs Auburn 1951).
- Most Touchdown Passes Thrown Season, 13 (Darrell Crawford 1951).
- Most Touchdown Passes Received Game, 4 (Buck Martin vs Auburn 1951).
- Most Touchdown Passes Received Season, 8 (Buck Martin 1951).
- Most Passes Received Game, 10 (Buck Martin vs Auburn 1951).
- Most Passes Received Season, 37 (Buck Martin 1951).
- Most Yards on Passes Received Season, 506 (Buck Martin 1951).
- Most Passes Intercepted Game, 3 (Bobby Moorhead vs Auburn 1952).
- Most Passes Intercepted Season, 7 (Bobby Moorhead 1952).
- Most Yards Returned on Intercepted Passes Season, 165 (Bobby Moorhead 1952).
- Most Passes Had Intercepted Game, 4 (Crawford vs S.M.U. 1950).

- Most Passes Had Intercepted Season, 12 (Bill Brigman 1952).
- Best Pass Completion Average Season (minimum 75 throws), .600 (Pepper Rodgers 1953).
- Most Times Punted Game, 9 (Bob Robinson vs Duke 1950 and Powell Sheffer vs Georgia 1950).
- Most Times Punted Season, 66 (Dave Davis 1951).
- Best Punting Average Season (minimum 40 punts), 39.6 yards (Dave Davis 1952).
- Most Punt Returns Season, 20 (Jimmy Jordan 1949).
- Best Punt Return Average Season (minimum 10 returns), 16.9 yards (Bill Teas 1953).
- Most Tackles Game, 18 (Brooks vs S.M.U. 1953).
- Most Tackles Season, 114 (George Morris 1952).

TEAM RECORDS

- Most Consecutive Games Played Without a Loss, 33 (1914-1918, 2 Ties).
- Most Consecutive Games Won, 18 (1916-1918 and 1951-1953).
- Most Touchdowns Game, 8 (vs Citadel 1948 and vs Furman 1947).
- Most Touchdowns Season, 44 (1952).
- Most Extra Points Game, 7 (vs Citadel 1952).
- Most Extra Points Season, 39 (1952).
- Most Field Goals Season, 6 (1952).
- Most First Downs Game, 26 (vs Vandy 1953).
- Most First Downs Season, 220 (1952).
- Fewest First Downs Game, 3 (vs S.M.U. 1953).
- Fewest First Downs Season, 131 (1947).
- Most Net Yards Rushing Game, 369 (vs Tennessee 1949).
- Most Net Yards Rushing Season, 2847 (1952).
- Most Net Yards Passing Season, 1746 (1948).
- Most Net Yards Rushing and Passing Season, 4098 (1952).
- Most Touchdown Passes Game, 4 (vs Auburn 1951).
- Most Touchdown Passes Season, 17 (1953).
- Most Passes Completed Season, 112 (1948).
- Most Passes Had Intercepted Season, 19 (1952).
- Most Opponents' Passes Intercepted Game, 8 (vs Georgia 1951).
- Most Opponents' Passes Intercepted Season, 26 (1952).
- Best Punting Average Season, 39.7 yards (1952).
- Most Punts Season, 77 (1951).
- Most First Downs Given Up Game, 25 (vs Alabama 1950).
- Most First Downs Given Up Season, 163 (1950).
- Fewest First Downs Given Up Game, 4 (vs Vandy 1951, Fla. 1953).
- Fewest First Downs Given Up Season, 83 (1947).
- Fewest Yards Given Up Rushing Game, 30 (vs Citadel 1952).
- Fewest Yards Given Up Rushing Season, 749 (1948).
- Fewest Yards Given Up Passing Game, minus 3 (vs S. C. 1949).
- Fewest Yards Given Up Passing Season, 742 (1947).
- Fewest Yards Given Up Total Offense Game, 51 (vs Citadel 1952).
- Fewest Yards Given Up Total Offense Season, 1513 (1948).
- Most Yards Penalized Game, 101 (vs Duke 1952).
- Most Yards Penalized Season, 628 (1952).
- Fewest Yards Penalized Season, 413 (1949).

THE RAMBLING WRECK

Oh! If I had a daughter, sir
 I'd dress her in White and Gold
 And put her on the campus
 To cheer the Brave and Bold.
 But if I had a son, sir,
 I'll tell you what he'd do,
 He would yell "To hell with Georgia,"
 Like his daddy used to do.

Chorus

I'm a rambling wreck from Georgia Tech
 And a hell of an engineer—
 A helluva, helluva, helluva,
 helluva, hell of an engineer.
 Like all the jolly good fellows,
 I'll drink my whiskey clear,
 I'm a rambling wreck from Georgia Tech
 And a hell of an engineer.

Oh! I wish I had a barrel of rum,
 And sugar three thousand pounds,
 A college bell to put it in.
 And a clapper to stir it 'round.
 I'd drink to all good fellows
 Who come from far and near.
 I'm a rambling, gambling,
 Hell of an engineer.

1953 — VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER — 1953

No.	NAME	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Class	Let.	Hometown	High School	Prep. School
* 9	Bill Teas	RHB	5-11	162	21	Jr.	1	Andrews, N. C.		Baylor
*11	Leon Hardeman	LHB	5-6	172	21	Sr.	2	LaFayette, Ga.	LaFayette	Baylor
12	Larry Ruffin	RHB	5-11	168	20	Jr.	2	West Point, Ga.	West Point	
13	Charlie Huff	E	6-1	170	20	Soph.	0	Decatur, Ga.	Decatur	McCallie
14	Stan Cochran	LHB	5-11	176	18	Soph.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	Sylvan	
*15	James L. Morris	HB	5-11	160	21	Jr.	1	Marietta, Ga.	Marietta	
*16	Jack Hall	QB	5-11	175	19	Soph.	0	Augusta, Ga.	Richmond Academy	
17	Bucky Shamberger	QB	5-11	172	20	Soph.	0	Columbus, Miss.	Central (Chattanooga)	
18	Bill Brigman	QB	6-0	178	21	Jr.	1	Brunswick, Ga.	Glynn Academy	Notre Dame (Chattanooga)
20	Bobby Gilliland	HB	5-7	142	21	Sr.	1	Rome, Ga.	Boys	
21	Jerry Spratte	HB	6-0	180	20	Soph.	0	Talladega, Ala.	Talladega	
22	Ray C. Anderson	LHB	6-0	180	19	Soph.	0	West Point, Ga.	West Point	
23	Mot Jon Morrison	HB	5-11	173	20	Soph.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	Murphy	
24	Johnny Hunsinger	FB	5-9	179	22	Jr.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	Brown	
25	Bobby Eubanks	HB	6-1	173	19	Soph.	0	Griffin, Ga.	Griffin	
26	Franklin Brooks	G	5-11	190	19	Soph.	1	Atlanta, Ga.	O'Keefe	
27	Burton Grant	QB	6-0	180	19	Soph.	0	Wilmington, N. C.	New Hanover	
*28	Cecil Trainer	E	5-11	162	22	Sr.	2	Atlanta, Ga.	Brown	
*29	Pepper Rodgers	QB	5-10	168	21	Sr.	2	Atlanta, Ga.	Brown	
30	Charlie Brannon	HB	5-11	162	22	Sr.	2	Atlanta, Ga.	Brown	
31	Glenn Turner	FB	5-11	197	21	Sr.	2	Talladega, Ala.	Talladega	Baylor
*32	Bob Sherman	T	6-0	190	21	Sr.	2	Brunswick, Ga.	Glynn Academy	
*33	Orville Vereen (Co-Capt.)	G	5-11	188	21	Sr.	2	Miami, Fla.	Senior	
*34	Linwood Roberts	FB	5-11	190	20	Jr.	0	Brunswick, Ga.	Glynn Academy	
35	Dick Inman	C	6-1	202	22	Sr.	2	LaFayette, Ga.	LaFayette	Castle Heights
36	Buck Wiley	G	6-0	210	19	Soph.	0	Spring Hill, Tenn.	Battle Ground Academy	(Franklin, Tenn.)
38	Joe Hall	HB	6-1	177	21	Sr.	1	Columbus, Ga.	Columbus	
39	Dan Theodocion	T	6-0	189	20	Jr.	1	Smyrna, Ga.	Marietta, Ga.	
40	Harry Goss	C	5-11	192	20	Sr.	1	Atlanta, Ga.	Fulton	
41	Bill Fulcher	G	5-10	185	19	Soph.	0	Augusta, Ga.	Richmond Academy	
*42	Ed Carithers	G	5-10	210	22	Sr.	2	Atlanta, Ga.	Brown	
43	Buddy Jones	E	6-0	183	20	Jr.	1	Marietta, Ga.	Marietta	
44	George Humphreys	FB	6-1	182	20	Jr.	1	Whitwell, Tenn.	Whitwell	McCallie
45	Paul Eddy	FB	5-11	187	20	Soph.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	Southwest (Minneapolis, Minn.)	
46	Jimmy Carlen	C	6-2	210	20	Jr.	0	Cookeville, Tenn.	Central	
47	Larry Morris	C-FB	6-0	202	19	Jr.	2	Decatur, Ga.	Decatur	
48	Sam Hensley (Co-Capt.)	E	6-0	191	21	Sr.	2	Smyrna, Ga.	Marietta, Ga.	
49	Frank Webster	E	6-2	194	20	Jr.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	Roosevelt	Notre Dame
*50	Frank Givens	T	6-2	230	21	Sr.	2	Decatur, Ga.	Decatur	
*51	Jimmy M. Morris	C	6-2	191	19	Soph.	0	Vicksburg, Miss.	Carr Central	
52	Jimmy Durham	E	6-3	183	20	Jr.	1	Talladega, Ala.	Talladega	
53	Jake Shoemaker	G	5-10	201	21	Jr.	1	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Central	Baylor
54	Bob Woolf	T	6-2	208	20	Soph.	0	Alcoa, Tenn.	Alcoa	
55	Henry Hair	E	6-3	203	22	Jr.	1	Atlanta, Ga.	Marist	
56	Roscoe Holland	T	6-0	198	19	Soph.	0	Moultrie, Ga.	Moultrie	
*57	Roger Frey	T	6-1	219	22	Jr.	1	Bethlehem, Pa.	Liberty	
58	Tommy Gossage	T	6-2	203	19	Soph.	0	Nashville, Tenn.	East	
59	Rees Phenix	T	6-4	220	19	Jr.	1	Miami, Fla.	Senior	
60	Chuck West	T	6-6	223	19	Soph.	1	Marietta, Ga.	Hermitage (Richmond, Va.)	
61	Bernard Epperson	G	6-0	193	20	Soph.	0	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Central	
*62	Ed Gossage (Co-Capt.)	G-T	6-3	200	22	Sr.	2	Nashville, Tenn.	East	Sewanee M. A.
63	Ray Willoch	G	5-11	182	20	Jr.	0	Webster Groves, Mo.		McCallie
64	Ormand Anderson	G	6-1	215	23	Soph.	0	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Central	
65	Dave Davis	E	6-4	203	22	Sr.	2	Roanoke, Va.	Jefferson	
66	Bill Sennett	E	6-1	178	21	Sr.	0	Alcoa, Tenn.	Alcoa	
67	Ben Daugherty	T	6-3	213	20	Jr.	1	Bowling Green, Ky.	Bowling Green	
68	Paul Perry	T	6-1	200	20	Jr.	0	Alexandria, Ala.	Alexandria	
69	Dick Beard	C	6-1	195	19	Soph.	0	Moultrie, Ga.	Moultrie	

* Asterisk indicates player is married.