

1956 - COMPLETE STATISTICS - 1956

(Does Not Include Bowl Game)

1956 - GEORGIA TECH'S INDIVIDUAL

FOOTBALL STATISTICS - 1956

(TEN REGULAR SEASON GAMES)

Team Statistics	Georgia Tech Opponents	
Games won	9	1
Games lost	1	9
Games tied	0	0
Number of times carried rushing	525	405
Yards gained rushing	2480	1515
Yards lost rushing	231	231
Net yards gained rushing	2249	1284
Average yards per carry rushing	4.6	3.2
Average yards per game rushing	224.9	128.4
Season's longest play rushing, yards	60	32
Number of passes attempted	107	132
Number of passes completed	51	53
Percentage of passes completed	47.7	40.2
Number of passes had intercepted	5	17
Net yards gained passing	626	719
Average yards per completion passing	12.3	13.6
Average yards per game passing	62.6	71.9
Number of scoring passes completed	9	1
Season's longest pass play, yards	33	48 TD
Number of plays total offense (pass & run)	632	537
Net yards total offense	2875	2003
Average yards per play total offense	4.5	3.7
Average yards per game total offense	287.5	200.3
Number of opponents passes intercepted	17	5
Net yards interceptions returned	209	28
Season's longest interception returned	67 TD	12
Total number of punts	61	67
Total number of yards punted	2310	2471
Average yards per punt	38.0	36.9
Number of punts had blocked	0	2
Season's longest punt, yards	66	72
Number of punts returned	26	21
Net yards punts returned	336	125
Average yards per punt return	12.9	6.0
Season's longest punt return, yards	87 TD	22
Number of kickoffs returned	16	39
Net yards kickoffs returned	394	774
Average yards per kickoff return	26.3	19.8
Season's longest kickoff return, yards	62	39
Number of touchdowns scored rushing	22	4
Number of touchdowns scored passing	9	1
Number of touchdowns scored on punt returns	1	0
Number of touchdowns scored on pass interceptions	1	0
Total number of touchdowns scored	33	5
Average number of touchdowns per game	3.3	0.5
Season's longest touchdown run, yards	54	2
Season's longest touchdown pass play, yards	30	48
Season's longest punt return for touchdown, yards	87	0
Season's longest pass interception return for TD	67	0
Number of points after touchdown attempted	33	5
Number of points after touchdown made	27	3
Number of field goals scored	0	0
Number of safeties scored	1	0
Total number of points scored	227	33**
Average number of points scored per game	22.7	3.3**
Number of first downs rushing	127	66
Number of first downs passing	30	37
Number of first downs by penalties	3	4
Total number of first downs	160	107
Average number of first downs per game	16.0	10.7
Number of penalties against	54	47
Number of yards lost by penalties	483	433
Average yards lost per game by penalties	48.3	43.3
Total number of times fumbled	20	29
Number of own fumbles lost	11	14
Number of fumbles recovered	21	23

**Best defensive mark in nation's major schools for 1956 season.

NOTE: Figures underlined throughout statistics are new Georgia Tech records.

RUSHING					CAREER	
	No. Runs	Net Yards	Avg. Yards	Long Run	Runs	Yards
Ken Owen	107	497	4.6	18	168	753
Paul Rotenberry	67	328	4.9	54	148	749
Dickie Mattison	68	272	4.0	16	142	575
Jimmy Thompson	51	262	5.1	48 TD	154	922
George Volkert	27	214	7.9	54 TD	151	966
Johnny Menger	20	191	9.6	60	70	320
Stan Flowers	39	143	3.7	17	99	396
Dick Gookin	26	99	3.8	13	52	171
Toppy Vann	71	97	1.4	19	130	192
Wade Mitchell	22	69	3.1	16	169	299
Joe DeLany	12	46	3.8	12	12	46
Johnny Thomason	9	26	2.9	11	9	26
Bobby Dover	3	9	3.0	5	4	13
Charlie Maynard	3	6	2.0	3	3	6
Jimmy Johnson					26	43

PASSING	No. No.		% Cpl.	Had Intc.	Net Yds.	For TDs	Long Cpl.	CAREER		
	Att.	Cpl.						Att.	Cpl.	Yds.
T. Vann	65	34	52.3	4	446	6	33	106	60	750
W. Mitchell	32	10	31.3	1	106	0	19	211	80	990
C. Maynard	4	3	75.0	0	33	1	23TD	4	3	33
Rotenberry	2	1	50.0	0	12	0	12	5	1	12
Thompson	1	1	100.0	0	11	0	11	1	1	11
Joe DeLany	1	1	100.0	0	10	1	10	1	1	10
S. Flowers	2	1	50.0	0	8	1	8	2	1	8
G. Volkert								9	3	92
J. Menger								13	5	56

PASS RECEIVING	No. Rec'd	Net Yards	For TDs	CAREER	
				Rec'd	Yards
Stan Flowers	10	141	2	14	227
Paul Rotenberry	7	65	0	15	195
Jerry Nabors	6	80	0	6	80
Jimmy Thompson	5	57	0	12	108
Johnny Menger	5	43	1	12	104
Joe DeLany	4	56	2	4	56
Jerome Green	3	48	1	3	48
Paul Vickers	3	38	0	6	98
Ted Smith	3	36	1	5	46
Dick Gookin	2	19	1	3	23
Wesley Gibbs	1	19	0	1	19
George Volkert	1	15	1	14	282
Tommy Rose	1	9	0	4	63
Don Ellis				6	78
Ken Owen				2	25
Dickie Mattison				1	6
Jimmy Johnson				1	(-5)

PASS INTERCEPTIONS	No. Intc.	Yards Ret'd	For TDs	Long Ret.	CAREER	
					Interc.	Yards
Wade Mitchell	3	18	0	10	13	187
Dick Gookin	2	72	1	67 TD	2	72
Stan Flowers	2	24	0	12	3	49
Jimmy Thompson	2	21	0	18	5	59
Joe DeLany	2	17	0	17	2	17
Toppy Vann	2	12	0	12	3	12
Don Stephenson	1	36	0	36	1	36
Tommy Rose	1	7	0	7	1	7
Paul Rotenberry	1	2	0	2	1	2
Jimmy Johnson	1	0	0	0	1	0
Johnny Menger					6	67
George Volkert					4	30
Charlie Bryant					1	3

PUNTS BLOCKED	No. Blkd.	Yards Ret'd	CAREER	
			No.	Ret'd
Don Miller	2	42	2	42
Tommy Rose			1	35

(Players below were credited with 5 or more tackles)

PUNTING	Avg.			CAREER	
	No. Punts	Total Yards	Per Blkd	Had Long	Yards Avg.
Joe DeLany	3	128	42.7	0 50	3 128 42.7
Ken Owen	32	1270	39.7	0 66	46 1786 38.8
Dick Mattison	7	278	39.7	0 51	14 523 37.4
Bobby Dover	1	37	37.0	0 37	1 37 37.0
Johnny Menger	18	597	33.2	0 55	74 2618 35.4
George Volkert					13 400 30.8
Paul Rotenberry					6 177 29.5

PUNT RETURNS	CAREER		
	No. Ret'd	Yards Ret'd	For TDs
Johnny Menger	10	175	1
Paul Rotenberry	6	42	0
*Don Miller	2	42	0
Jimmy Thompson	1	34	0
Stan Flowers	2	16	0
Wade Mitchell	1	14	0
Tippy Vann	1	8	0
Dick Gookin	1	3	0
George Volkert	1	2	0
Joe DeLany	1	0	0
**Tommy Rose			
Dickie Mattison			

*Blocked punt for safety vs. SMU 1956 and bocked punt vs. Florida 1956.

**Blocked punt vs. Alabama 1955.

KICKOFF RETURNS	CAREER		
	No. Ret'd	Yards Ret'd	For TDs
Ken Owen	9	276	0
Jimmy Thompson	2	52	0
Paul Rotenberry	1	31	0
Johnny Menger	1	12	0
George Volkert	1	10	0
Stan Flowers	1	9	0
Wade Mitchell	1	4	0
Tippy Vann			
Don Ellis			

SCORING	CAREER		
	TDs	Points	FGS
Tippy Vann	5	10	9
Wade Mitchell	3	21	18
Dick Gookin	3	0	0
Jimmy Thompson	3	0	0
Johnny Menger	3	0	0
Paul Rotenberry	3	0	0
Stan Flowers	3	0	0
Ken Owen	2	0	0
George Volkert	2	0	0
Joe DeLany	2	2	0
Dickie Mattison	2	0	0
Ted Smith	1	0	0
Jerome Green	1	0	0
Don Ellis			
Jimmy Johnson			
Paul Vickers			

FUMBLES	FUMBLES RECOVERED	
	No. Lost	No. Rec'd
Tippy Vann	5	4
Ken Owen	3	2
Wade Mitchell	3	0
Johnny Menger	2	0
Paul Rotenberry	2	1
Stan Flowers	1	1
Jimmy Thompson	1	1
Joe DeLany	1	0
Dickie Mattison	1	0
Dick Gookin	1	0

TACKLES

Number of tackles made by a player are recorded as follows at Georgia Tech: Whenever a player tackles an opponent by himself he is given credit for one tackle. Whenever two Tech players tackle an opponent at approximately the same time, each are given credit for one tackle. If more than two players are in on a tackle at the same time, no credit is given to anyone individually. Men working with binoculars in the press box record the tackles as accurately as possible using the above formula.

CAREER	CAREER	
	No. Tackles	Game High
Don Stephenson	92	12
Carl Vereen	48	10
Paul Rotenberry	44	7
Jimmy Johnson	42	9
Jerry Nabors	34	5
Ormand Anderson	32	6
Allen Ecker	32	8
Leon Askew	28	5
Ken Thrash	28	5
Ken Owen	28	7
Stan Flowers	25	6
Don Miller	25	6
Tommy Rose	24	5
Buck Wiley	22	7
Wesley Gibbs	21	4
Johnny Menger	21	7
Jimmy Thompson	20	4
Wade Mitchell	19	9
Dick Gookin	18	3
Tippy Vann	17	6
Frank Christy	15	3
Ted Smith	13	4
Foster Watkins	10	8
Dickie Mattison	8	2
George Volkert	7	3
Urban Henry	7	2
Joe DeLany	5	2
Dan Theodocion	5	3
Don Ellis	5	2
Philip Baum		6

LONG PLAYS OF THE 1956 SEASON

Type of Play	Players	Opponent	Yards	Scored
Punt Return	Johnny Menger	Auburn	87	Yes
Pass Interc.	Dick Gookin	Louisiana State	67	Yes
Kickoff Return	Ken Owen	Alabama	62	No
Rushing	Johnny Menger	Auburn	60	No
Rushing	George Volkert	Kentucky	54	Yes
Rushing	Paul Rotenberry	Georgia	54	No
Rushing	Jimmy Thompson	Alabama	48	Yes
Pass Interc.	Don Stephenson	Alabama	36	No
Kickoff Return	Ken Owen	Louisiana State	35	No
Kickoff Return	Jimmy Thompson	Auburn	35	No
Punt Return	Jimmy Thompson	Kentucky	34	No
Pass	Vann to Flowers	Georgia	33	No
Rushing	Jimmy Thompson	So. Methodist	32	No
Kickoff Return	Ken Owen	Auburn	31	No
Kickoff Return	Paul Rotenberry	Kentucky	31	No
Blocked Punt	Don Miller	Florida	31	No
Pass	Vann to Flowers	Louisiana State	30	Yes
Punt Return	Johnny Menger	Louisiana State	29	No
Kickoff Return	Ken Owen	Duke	29	No
Kickoff Return	Ken Owen	Duke	29	No
Rushing	Jimmy Thompson	Duke	28	No
Kickoff Return	Ken Owen	Tennessee	25	No
Kickoff Return	Ken Owen	Georgia	25	No

MODERN GEORGIA TECH RECORDS

(These records are subject to correction and made from games played since 1943)

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, 87 yards (Bob McCoy vs Citadel 1948).
 Most Runs from Scrimmage Game, 27 (Glenn Turner vs Ga. 1952).
 Most Runs from Scrimmage Season, 151 (Bill Tass 1952).
 Most Yards Rushing Game, 168 (Bobby North vs Auburn 1949).
 Most Yards Rushing Season, 788 (Bill Tass 1952).
 Most Yards Rushing Career, 1794 (Leon Hardeman 1951, '52, '53).
 Best Rushing Average Season (minimum 50 runs), 7.2 yards (George Volkert, 1955).
 Most Passes Attempted Game, 30 (Bill Brigman vs Florida 1952).
 Most Passes Attempted Season, 150 (Darrell Crawford 1951).
 Longest Completed Pass, 79 yards (Holtzinger-Kizer vs Auburn 1945).

1956 — VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER — 1956

No.	NAME	Pos.	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Let.	Hometown	High School—Prep. School
10	Johnny Menger	LH-RH	22	5-10	156	Sr.	3	Augusta, Ga.	Richmond Academy
11	Wade Mitchell (CC)	QB	21	6-4	197	Sr.	3	Atlanta, Ga.	North Fulton
12	*Charlie Maynard	QB	20	5-11	170	Jr.	0	Decatur, Ga.	Decatur
14	Doug Veazey	QB	19	6-1	166	Soph.	0	Rossville, Ga.	Rossville
15	Floyd Faucette	QB	19	6-0	192	Soph.	0	Brent, Ala.	Bibb County
16	Tippy Vann	QB	21	5-11	184	Sr.	1	Rossville, Ga.	Rossville
21	*Paul Rotenberry	LH	21	5-8	178	Sr.	2	Roanoke, Va.	Jefferson
22	Joe DeLany	RH-QB	20	6-0	180	Soph.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	North Fulton
24	George Volkert (CC)	RH	22	5-10	184	Sr.	3	Nashville, Tenn.	Isaac Litton
25									
28	Jimmy Thompson	RH	21	5-6	148	Sr.	2	Bessemer, Ala.	Bessemer
30	Larry Fonts	LH	19	5-11	179	Soph.	0	Miami, Fla.	Senior
31	Tim Singleton	RH-LH	19	5-11	167	Soph.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	Druid Hills
33	Stan Flowers	LH	20	6-0	197	Jr.	1	Atlanta, Ga.	Central
40	Ken Owen	FB	21	5-11	186	Sr.	2	Salisbury, N. C.	Salisbury
41	Dickie Mattison	FB	21	6-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	204	Sr.	2	Atlanta, Ga.	Central of Charlotte
42	Johnny Thomason	FB	20	5-9	184	Soph.	0	Thomasville, N. C.	Central of Charlotte
43	Jim Benson	FB	19	6-3	205	Soph.	0	N. Charleston, S. C.	Chicora
44	Lester Simerville	FB	20	5-11	170	Soph.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	Northside
46	Dick Gookin	FB	21	5-8	171	Sr.	2	Nashville, Tenn.	East
50	*Don Stephenson	C	21	6-1	190	Jr.	1	Bessemer, Ala.	Bessemer
51	Foster Watkins	C	19	6-1	184	Soph.	0	Columbus, Ga.	Baker
52									
54	Eddie Elward	C	19	6-2	181	Soph.	0	Hattiesburg, Miss.	Hattiesburg
55	*Dave Robison	C	19	6-0	183	Soph.	0	Lebanon, Tenn.	Lebanon
60	Dan Theodocion	LG	23	6-0	195	Jr.	1	Smyrna, Ga.	Marietta
61	Phillip Baum	RG	20	6-0	203	Jr.	1	Memphis, Tenn.	Central
62	Leon Tye	LG	19	6-1	181	Soph.	0	Americus, Ga.	Americus
63	Don Miller	RG	22	6-3	222	Sr.	2	Kingsport, Tenn.	Boyns-Bennett, McCallie
64	Allen Ecker	RG	20	6-0	197	Sr.	2	Atlanta, Ga.	Henry Grady
65	*Jimmy Johnson	LG	24	5-10	187	Sr.	2	Knoxville, Tenn.	Rule, Fork Union
66	Waldó Dodd	LG	22	5-10	180	Sr.	0	Shannon, Ga.	Model
68	W. A. Glazier	RG	21	5-11	217	Jr.	1	Newnan, Ga.	Newnan
70	Urban Henry	LT	21	6-4	217	Soph.	0	Berwick, La.	Morgan City
71	Ken Thrash	RT	21	6-4	200	Sr.	1	Atlanta, Ga.	Murphy
72	Toby Deese	RT	19	6-2	223	Soph.	0	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Talladega
73	*Ormand Anderson	RT	26	6-1	217	Sr.	2	Clairton, Pa.	Central
74	John Lasch	RT	19	6-0	210	Soph.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	Clairton
75	Leon Askew	LT	19	6-1	208	Jr.	1	Miami, Fla.	Brown
76	Carl Vereen	LT	20	6-6	224	Sr.	3	Bessemer, Ala.	Senior
77	Frank Christy	LT	21	6-1	200	Sr.	3	Johnson City, Tenn.	Bessemer
78	Roy Mackley	RT	19	6-0	211	Soph.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	Science Hill
79	Rausey Mason	LT	19	6-3	208	Soph.	0	Anniston, Ala.	Sylvan Hills
80	Tommy Rose	LE	20	6-1	185	Jr.	1	Wetumpka, Ala.	Anniston
81	Paul Avant	LE	20	6-1	185	Soph.	0	Memphis, Tenn.	Wetumpka
82	*Wesley Gibbs	RE	20	6-1	198	Soph.	0	Cleveland, Tenn.	Central
83									
85	Jack Rudolph	LE	19	6-3	201	Soph.	0	Atlanta, Ga.	Henry Grady
86	*Ted Smith	RE	20	6-2	191	Jr.	1	Cleveland, Tenn.	Bradley Central
87	Jerry Nabors	LE	21	6-1	198	Jr.	1	Talladega, Ala.	Talladega
88	Paul Vickers	RE	20	6-4	182	Jr.	1	Atlanta, Ga.	North Fulton
89	*Don Ellis	RE	21	6-1	202	Sr.	2	Dalton, Ga.	Dalton

*Asterisk indicates player is married. There are 9 varsity men and 11 B team players married.