

GEORGIA TECH'S FINAL 1976 TEAM FOOTBALL STATISTICS

	Ga. Tech	Opp.
Number of times carried rushing	612	609
Gross yards gained rushing	2974	2572
Yards lost rushing	284	293
Net yards gained rushing	2690	2279
Average yards gained per attempt rushing	4.4	3.7
Average yards gained per game rushing	244.5	207.1
Number of touchdowns scored rushing	26	21
Number of 2-point conversions attempted-made rushing	0-0	0-0
Season's longest gain rushing, yards	69	77
Number of passes attempted	103	218
Number of passes completed	45	118
Percentage of attempted passes completed	.436	.541
Number of passes had intercepted	11	14
Net yards gained passing	701	1743
Average yards gained per pass attempt	6.8	8.0
Average yards gained per pass completion	15.6	14.8
Average yards gained per game passing	63.7	158.4
Number of touchdowns scored passing	3	12
Number of 2-point conversions attempted-made passing	1-1	0-0
Season's longest gain passing, yards	61	59
Number of plays total offense (running and passing)	715	827
Net yards gained total offense	3391	4022
Average yards gained per play total offense	4.7	4.9
Average yards gained per game total offense	308.3	365.6
Total number of interceptions	14	11
Net Yards interceptions were returned	124	92
Average return yards per interception	8.9	8.4
Number of TDs scored on interception returns	0	0
Season's longest interception return, yards	28	29
Total number of times punted	57	48
Total number of yards punted	2271	2076
Number of punts had blocked	0	0
Punting average, yards	39.7	43.3
Season's longest punt, yards	58	77
Number passes received	45	118
Net yards passes received	701	1743
Average yards per reception	15.6	14.8
Number touchdown passes received	3	12
Long reception	61	75
Total number of punts returned	23	24
Net yards punts returned	205	175
Average yards per punt return	9.0	7.3
Number of TDs scored on punt returns	0	0
Season's longest punt return, yards	39	25
Total number of kickoffs returned	33	41
Net yards kickoffs returned	697	688
Average yards per kickoff return	21.1	16.8
Season's longest kickoff return, yards	71	36
Number of first downs made rushing	136	130
Number of first downs made passing	30	76
Number of first downs made by penalties	8	15
Total number of first downs	174	221
Average number of first downs made per game	15.8	20.1
Number of penalties charged against	45	46
Total number of yards penalized	461	464
Average number of yards penalized per game	42.7	42.1
Total number of times fumbled	33	32
Number of own fumbles lost	26	19
Number of opponents' fumbles recovered	19	26

Total number of fumbles recovered (own and opponents)	26	39
Total number of touchdowns scored	29	33
Number of 1-point conversion attempts kicking	28	32
Number of 1-point conversions scored kicking	27	31
Number of 2-point conversion attempts rushing-passing	0-1	1-0
Number of 2-point conversions scored rushing-passing	0-1	0-0
Number of field goals attempted	11	20
Number of field goals scored	6	12
Season's longest field goal, yards	39	50
Number of safeties scored	0	1
Total first quarter points scored	30	35
Total second quarter points scored	73	91
Total third quarter points scored	44	70
Total fourth quarter points scored	74	71
Total number of points scored	221	267
Average number of points scored per game	20.1	24.3

GEORGIA TECH RECORDS SET 1976 FOOTBALL SEASON

BY INDIVIDUALS (7)

Most touchdowns career: 21, David Sims (1974-75-76) Old record was 20 by Leon Hardeman 1951-52-53.

Most yards rushing career: 2274, David Sims (1974-75-76) Old record was 1743 by Lenny Snow 1965-66-67.

Most touchdowns, career, rushing: 21, David Sims (1974-75-76) Old record was 20 by Leon Hardeman 1951-52-53.

Most kickoffs returned season: 21, Drew Hill (1976) Old record 20 by Gene Spiotta 1968.

Most kickoffs returned career: 43, Drew Hill (1975-76) Old record Randy Rhino 37 in 1972-73-74.

Most yards kickoffs returned season: 554, Drew Hill (1976) Old record 479 by Drew Hill 1975.

Most yards kickoffs returned career: 1033, Drew Hill (1975-76) Old record 870 by Randy Rhino 1972, 73, 74.

BY TEAM (2)

Most yards given up total offense season: 4022. Old record 3887 set in 1975.

Most points given up season: 267. Old record 263 in 1968.

Most first downs given up season: 221 ties record set in 1973.

1976 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	CREATED			LOSSES NO-YARDS	FUMBLE RECOVERY	PASSES BROKEN
	SOLO	ASSIST	FUMBLE TOTAL			
Lucius Sanford	76	36	5	117	5 - 20	2
Mackel Harris	66	43	0	109	3 - 16	5
Don Bessillieu	52	28	0	80	0 - 0	1
Bob Bowen	58	21	0	79	4 - 18	3
Reggie Wilkes	38	27	1	66	11 - 47	1
Freeman Colbert	33	21	2	56	6 - 22	1
Eddie Porter	27	16	0	43	0 - 0	1
Mike Blanton	26	17	0	43	6 - 17	1
Danny Rhino	26	16	0	42	0 - 0	2
Tony Daykin	34	7	0	41	5 - 11	1
David Tedder	28	10	2	40	1 - 12	0
Cliff Lewis	13	13	1	27	0 - 0	0
Mike Cutting	12	10	1	23	0 - 0	0
Lawton Hydrick	10	10	0	20	0 - 0	2
John Kelley	12	7	1	20	0 - 0	1
Bob Bruenderman	11	8	1	20	1 - 8	0
Don Patterson	8	11	0	19	0 - 0	0
Larry Reese	9	6	0	15	0 - 0	0
Henry Johnson	10	3	0	13	0 - 0	0
Carl Boldin	9	3	0	12	1 - 4	0
Steve Sheppard	8	2	1	11	1 - 22	1
Gary Hardie	9	1	0	10	0 - 0	0
Tom Sexton	7	2	0	9	0 - 0	0
David Greer	7	1	0	8	1 - 2	0
David Strickland	4	3	0	7	0 - 0	0
David Faulkinberry	6	0	0	6	1 - 10	0
Chuck Floyd	5	1	0	6	1 - 9	0
Steve Ellis	4	1	0	5	0 - 0	0
Bo Thomas	4	1	0	5	0 - 0	0
*Bob Kupper	3	1	0	4	0 - 0	1
*Gil Kyle	2	1	0	3	0 - 0	0
Kenny Taylor	2	1	0	3	0 - 0	0
Jeff Orr	1	1	0	2	0 - 0	0
Harper Brown	2	0	0	2	0 - 0	0
Steve McCommons	1	0	0	1	0 - 0	0
James Marble	0	1	0	1	0 - 0	0
Bucky Shamburger	1	0	0	1	0 - 0	0
Alan Bowen	1	0	0	1	0 - 0	0
Don Sewell	1	0	0	1	0 - 0	0
John Blue	1	0	0	1	0 - 0	0
Richard Daykin	0	1	0	1	0 - 0	0
Levon Sumpter	1	0	0	1	0 - 0	0
TECH TOTALS	628	331	15	974	48 - 218	19
OPPONENTS TOTALS	575	288	15	878	46 - 183	26

*Injured — out for the year.



1976 AWARD WINNERS

Clint Castleberry Award	Rookie of the Year.....	Mackel Harris
National Alumni Assn. Award	Highest Academic Excellence.....	John Steele
Coach Bill Alexander Award	Best Spirit, Offensive Team.....	Jay Garret
George P. Burdell Award	Best Spirit, Defensive Team.....	Eddie Porter
Coach Mack Tharpe Award	Best Lineman, Offensive Team.....	Leo Tierney
Coach John Heisman Award	Best Lineman, Defensive Team.....	Mike Blanton
Dean George Griffin Award	Most Improved Player.....	Don Bessillieu
L. W. "Chip" Robert Award	Best All-round Excellence.....	Reggie Wilkes
President's Award	Outstanding Senior.....	Elliot Price
Walker Carpenter Award	Outstanding Defensive Player.....	Lucius Sanford
Everett Strupper Award	Outstanding Offensive Player.....	Eddie Lee Ivery
Clyde Lawson Memorial Trophy	Contributed most to Team Morale.....	Lawton Hydrick
Coach Bobby Dodd Award	Most Valuable Player.....	David Sims