

Average yards gained per play total offense	5.5	5.0
Average yards gained per game total offense	370.0	360.9
Total number of interceptions	16	12
Net yards interceptions were returned	150	191
Average return yards per interception	9.4	15.9
Number of TDs scored on interception returns	1	1
Season's longest interception return, yards	27	79
Total number of times punted	70	62
Total number of yards punted	2637	2552
Number of punts had blocked	0	0
Punting average, yards	37.7	41.2
Season's longest punt, yards	60	73
Number passes received	114	117
Net yards passes received	1780	1685
Average yards per reception	15.6	14.4
Number touchdown passes received	10	9
Long reception, yards	90	65
Total number of punts returned	17	29
Net yards punts returned	116	241
Average yards per punt return	6.8	8.3
Number of TDs scored on punt returns	1	1
Season's longest punt return, yards	71	72
Total number of kickoffs returned	29	31
Net yards kickoffs returned	736	487
Average yards per kickoff return	25.4	15.7
Season's longest kickoff return, yards	100	29
Number of first downs made rushing	105	126
Number of first downs made passing	71	69
Number of first downs made by penalties	13	13
Total number of first downs	189	208
Average number of first downs made per game	17.2	18.9
Number of penalties charged against	57	54
Total number of yards penalized	539	523
Average number of yards penalized per game	49.0	47.5
Total number of times fumbled	22	37
Number of own fumbles lost	14	21
Number of opponents' fumbles recovered	21	14
Total number of fumbles recovered (own and opponents)	29	30
Total number of touchdowns scored	32	25
Number of 1-point conversion attempts kicking	27	19
Number of 1-point conversions scored kicking	26	18
Number of 2-point conversion attempts rushing-passing	5	6
Number of 2-point conversions scored rushing - passing	2	4
Number of field goals attempted	13	14
Number of field goals scored	9	12
Season's longest field goal, yards	42	52
Number of safeties scored	0	0
Total first quarter points scored	48	41
Total second quarter points scored	74	48
Total third quarter points scored	59	69
Total fourth quarter points scored	68	54
Total number of points scored	249	212
Average number of points scored per game	22.6	19.3

GEORGIA TECH RECORDS SET 1978 FOOTBALL SEASON

BY INDIVIDUALS (16)

* **Most yards rushing game:** 356, Eddie Lee Ivery (vs. Air Force 11/11/78). Old record 217 by Brent Cunningham (vs. Clemson 10/3/70).

Most yards rushing season: 1,562, Eddie Lee Ivery (1978). Old record was 900 by Eddie Lee Ivery (1977).

Most yards rushing career: 3,517, Eddie Lee Ivery (1975-78). Old record was 2,274 by David Sims (1974-76).

* **Highest average gain per rush game (min. 25 rushes):** 13.7 yards, Eddie Lee Ivery (vs. Air Force 11/11/78).

Most touchdowns career: 26, Eddie Lee Ivery (1975-78). Old record was 21 by David Sims (1974-76).

Most touchdowns rushing career: 22, Eddie Lee Ivery (1975-78). Old record was 21 by David Sims (1974-76).

Most rushes season: 267, Eddie Lee Ivery (1978). Old record was 202 by Lenny Snow (1966).

Most rushes career: 609, Eddie Lee Ivery (1975-78). Old record was 445 by Lenny Snow (1965-67).

Longest completed pass: 90 yards, Ted Peeples to Drew Hill for TD (vs. Duke 9/9/78). Old record was 80 yards from Kim King to John Sias (vs. Texas Christian 9/30/67).

Highest average gain per reception season (min. 22): 19.6 yards, Drew Hill (1978). Old record 17.6 yards by Jimmy Robinson (1973).

Highest average gain per reception career (min. 44): 19.3 yards, Drew Hill (1975-78). Old record was 16.2 yards by Jimmy Robinson (1972-74).

Most yards on single pass reception: 90. Drew Hill from Ted Peeples for TD (vs. Duke 9/9/78). Old record was 80 to John Sias from Kim King (vs. Texas Christian 9/30/67).

Most kickoff returns career: 94, Drew Hill (1975-78). Old record was 75 by Drew Hill (1975-77).

Most yards on kickoff returns career: 2,357, Drew Hill (1975-78). Old record was 1,787 by Drew Hill (1975-77).

Highest average gain per kickoff return career (min. 24): 25.1, Drew Hill (1975-78). Old record was 24.8 by Billy Williamson (1959-61).

Longest kickoff return: 100 yards, Drew Hill (vs. Georgia 12/2/78). Old record was 97 yards by Eddie Lee Ivery (vs. Notre Dame 11/5/77).

* NCAA Records.



1978 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	Created		Losses		Fumble Recovery	Passes Broken Up		
	Solo	Assist	Fumble	Total				
Henry Johnson	52	46	1	99	1	4	2	5
Mackel Harris	59	35	0	94	6	27	2	0
Mike Helm	47	45	0	92	1	1	0	3
Ivey Stokes	40	33	0	73	3	14	0	0
Al Richardson	46	22	0	68	9	38	5	0
Ken Taylor	37	20	0	57	1	3	1	2
* Don Bessillieu	33	18	1	51	1	5	0	3
* Donald Patterson	34	15	1	50	1	3	0	6
Lawrence Lowe	27	18	0	45	2	5	1	5
* Mike Blanton	22	18	1	41	4	19	0	0
Mark Bradley	23	17	1	41	1	5	0	1
Lynwood Volley	20	15	0	35	5	25	2	1
* John Kelley	14	16	0	30	0	0	1	1
* Jeff Shank	20	6	0	26	2	8	0	1
Marvin Dyett	13	7	1	21	4	15	0	1
* Roy Simmons	9	12	0	21	1	2	1	0
Tom Cooksey	6	14	0	20	2	10	0	0
Bill Haley	10	10	0	20	2	9	1	0
Sheldon Fox	14	4	0	18	0	0	2	1
* Lonnie Meridieth	9	5	0	14	0	0	1	0
Kevin Schmidt	5	5	0	10	0	0	0	0
Lance Skelton	8	1	1	10	0	0	0	0
* Larry Reese	6	1	1	8	0	0	0	0
* Richard Daykin	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Danny Mann	4	0	0	4	0	0	1	0
Robert Newman	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Tim Thurson	2	1	0	3	2	9	0	0
Ben Utt	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Steve Henderson	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
* James Marble	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Ray Friday	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Doug Henson	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
* Kent Hill	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Devon Maness	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
* Terrell Osborne	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ted Peoples	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

* These players will not return for the 1979 season.



1978 AWARD WINNERS

National Alumni Association Award	
Highest Academic Excellence	..... Bucky Shamburger
Clint Castleberry Award	
Rookie of the Year	..... Mike Kelley
Coach Bill Alexander Award	
Best Spirit, Offensive Team	..... Bucky Shamburger
George P. Burdell Award	
Best Spirit, Defensive Team	..... Lawrence Lowe
Coach Mack Tharpe Award	
Best Lineman, Offensive Team	..... Mike Taylor
Coach John Heisman Award	
Best Lineman, Defensive Team	..... Mark Bradley
Dean George Griffin Award	
Most Improved Player	..... Tom Cooksey
Everett Strupper Award	
Leading Tackler	..... Henry Johnson
Clyde Lawson Memorial Trophy	
Contributed Most to Team Morale	..... Gary Hardie
Walker Carpenter Award	
Outstanding Offensive Player	..... Drew Hill
Franklin Brooks Award	
Most Valuable Defensive Player	..... Al Richardson
President's Award	
Outstanding Senior	..... Don Patterson
L. W. "Chip" Robert Award	
Best All-Around Excellence	..... Don Bessillieu
Coach Bobby Dodd Award	
Most Valuable Player	..... Eddie Lee Ivery

