

Tift County Centennial "Parade of Champions"

7/25/2005, 8/1/05, 8/10/05, 8/15/05, 8/23/05

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Committee: Craig Sowell, Roy McWilliams, David Haire, Red Hill, Brian Tankersly
Mike Brumby, John Tibbetts, Chris Beckham

Tift County Diamond Centennial Sports Champions

Special Recognition

Ceremony 1/2 time

Friday Aug 26th, 2005

Ginger Brodie & the Brodie Coaching Staff

(Roy McWilliams, Chuck Beale, Ginger Brodie

Emmett Bowers, Mayo Tucker, Tommy Seward, and the late John Reynolds & Andy Summers)

Nanci Bowen - Golf

Red Hill - Tennis

Darby Cottle Veazey- Softball

Authur Mott- Coaching

Buddy Cawley- Power Lifting

Pre-Game Ceremony with officials:

Jack Stone, Ralph Veazey, Edwin Revels -

Coin Toss and/or Honorary Captains for the night

South Georgia Football Champions - Football Teams '41,'49,'78,'83,'97

Recreational Softball

Team	Coach	1976	1977	1979	1980	1981	1986
Tifton Tomboys	Tommy Cottle Carolyn Cottle Gerald Melton	TT	TT	TT	Chem Nut	Moore Lbr	Sur-Way
Blue Flames	Jimmy Spurlin Winfred Vickers	1978	Gill Ins. BF	1980			
Mavericks	Herbie Benson	1980	Gill Ins Mav	1981	1984		
Warriors	Art Avant Dave Dixon	1983					
Royal Pharmacy Rangers	Jerry Castleberry Dan Royal Charles Roberson	1984		1990			
Tifton Bandits	John Sauls	1985	asa/usssa	1988			
Chemicals Inc.	Aubrey Johnson	1986					

	Buck Rigdon						
Wranglers	Mike Henderson	1987		1989			
Renegades	Dave Dixon	1989	KFC R	1991	1992		
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Mustangs	Johnny Hullett	1989		1991			
Rudy's Tire Service / Canes	Jim Huggins	1990		1991	1997	1999	2000
	Mitch Williams/Tim McRae				Dixie Oil CII	Canes II	Canes II
KFC Outlaws	Tommy Massey	1991-USSSA					1996
Young Guns		1994		1999			
			YG II				
Tifton Tigers	Dick Kitchens						

ABAC Sports	ABAC Men's Tennis	Norman "Red" Hill	1984	1989			
	ABAC Women's SB	Ellen Vickers Donna Campbell	1991	1995	1996		

Georgia Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame:

- Players:** Nancy Anderson Mark- 1995
Jim Huggins- 1991
Darby Cottle Veazey- 1987 (1st female in FSU Sports Hall of Fame)
- Meritorious:** E.B. Hamilton - 1987 (also in Indiana HOF)
- Commissioners:** Bobby Simpson - 1989
Craig Sowell - 1998
- Umpires:** A.B. Malloy - 1994
- Managers:** Tommy Cottle- 1987
Jimmy Spurlin - 1992
David Dixon - 1994
James Winfred "Vic" Vickers - 1996

Football:

1941 Tifton Football Team	South Georgia Football Championship against Valdosta
1949 Tifton High School Team	State Championship against Decatur
1950's Football Team	Equivalent to Valdosta Today Great teams that dominated
Brice Abbott	
Gary Adans	
Earl Anderson	(1st Black Football Player from Tift Co. to play at Michigan)
Chuch Beale	
Henry Bostick	
James Bowen	
Emmett Bowers	
Teroy Brannen	1954
Ray Broadway	
Gene Brodie	
Coach Brooks	
Teheopolis Bryant	
"Eagle" Charles Campbell	
"Mule" Coleman	Wilson Tigers
Ken Cooper	(Assistant Coach at UGA, Head Coach at Ole Miss)
Charlie Darrington	Washington Redskins
Pig Davis	
Tim Davis	Tifton High, Kicked for University of Alabama in Sugar Bowl
Landy Ewing	Georgia At Large Player of the Year
Big John Fletcher	1930s
Newt Godfree	
Hugh Gordon	
Bobby(Swamp Water) Griffin	
Tommy Guillebeau	(Former Coach and Executive Director of Georgia High School Association)
Robert Hammond	
Roy Hart	Seattle Seahawks
Harry Hudson	
Hubert Johnson	
Royce Jones	
Johnny Lipsey	(1949 1st High School All American)
E.J. Litman	Deceased
RL Mack	
Charlie Majeski	
Robert Massey	Georgia Institue of Technology
Dick Mathis	
Everette Mathis	1954
Roy McWilliams	
Billy Mixon	(played 1945-47 at UGA, 1st Tiftonite in NFL with the San Fransisco 49ers)
Authur Mott	Wilson Tigers
Emerson Obynes	

Trigger Parnell
Edwin Revels
John Reynolds
Tommy Seward
Vernon Shaw
Stan Shiver
Bud Smith
State Champions 1983
Bobby Stone

Florida State University and Green Bay Packers

4 years All Conference, South Georgia Junior College's Junior All American,
Louisiana Tech's Little All American, 17 years Coaching in Louisiana

Andy Summers
Darien Teals
Fred Tucker
Mayo Tucker
Ralph Veasey
Winfred Vickers
Morris Waldrop
Barry Whitehead
Bud Willis
Carl Willis
Wilson Tigers Athletes
Roger Womack
Ellis Young, Jr.

1000 yards rushing
(Coaching in Tifton for 61 years)

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
(Coach, Captain of University of Alabama Team)

Basketball:

GHSA - State Champs 1998 - Tommy Blackshear/ Johnny Spurlin
Coach Bud Smith State R/U 1961
GHSA - State Runner Up 2003 - Robert Moore
Charles Markham - 'Lefty Markham'
Walter Simpson
Jack Abbott
Gwen Spurlin
Ben White
Pablo Machado

undefeated reg season

Boys Team:	Perfect Regional Season	2004
	State Runner Up (28-1)	2004
	State Final Four	1987, 91, 95, 04
	State Elite Eight	1997
	State Sweet Sixteen	1998, 99, 03
Girls Team:	State Champions	1990
	State Final Four	1992
	State Quarterfinals	1991, 93, 95
	State Sweet Sixteen	1999

Wrestling: State Champion Team- 1972
G.Walter Tibbetts II

Softball: Nancy Anderson Mark 5 GHSA Slow-pitch State Championships, (late 80's early 90's)
1997 National Federation of High Schools Coach of the Year
Darby Cottle Veazey
Fast Pitch State Champions 2004
Slow Pitch AAAA Champions 1987, 88, 89, 90, 96

Tennis: Darby Cottle
Robert Massey
Becky Thomas (Darby/ Becky Doubles Champion)

Golf: Nanci Bowen - LPGA, TCHS
David Denham- TCHS
Tift County High School Golf State Championships

Baseball: Todd Shiver TCHS, College & Pro Ball
Nick Greene TCHS, Darton College & Pro Ball- LA Angels
Tom Spampinato Tifton Blue Sox - Minor League Team
Chuck Beale Jr.
Claire Troxell
Jim Cater
Bud Willis
Don Robinson
Ken Hilyer

Tifton Blue Sox Tom Spampinato

Track & Field:
State Championships: David Johnson Track 1997
1600M 1998
3200M 1998
Gary Lupo Discus 1991
Chad Johnson 800M 1999
Joe Snipes High Jump 1999
Monique Jordan Discus 2004

TCHS Blue Devil Brigade:
2000 - Federal Express Orange Bowl Parade
Miami, FI

2002 - Outback Bowl Parade
 Tampa, Fl

2003 - Grand Champions "Hurricane Pride Marching Championships"
 Inverness, Fl
 "The Invitational"
 Sylvester, Ga

2004 - Grand Champions "East Georgia Marching Contest"
 Statesboro, Ga
 Thanksgiving Day Parade
 Philadelphia, Pa

Tift County Junior ROTC:

State Championships: Precision Drill Team 1972
 Exhibition Drill Team 1976, 87, 88, 90, 92, 94, 95, 97, 98, 01, 02, 03, 04
 Regulation Drill Team 1990, 91
 Armed Regulation Drill Team 2001
 Regular Color Guard 2002
 Regular Inspection 2003
 Drill Team Commander 2003
 Overall State Drill Team 1991

National Title: Exhibition Drill Team 1993

Individual Title: Devan Fleming
 Individual Drill Regulation 2000
 Individual Armed Exhibition 2000

Meritorious Titles: 11 from 1970-2003
 Honor Unit Titles: 17 from 1970-2003

Tiftarea Academy:

Football: GISA State Champs 1984, 1988, 1992
 Coaches 1984 - Scoggins, 1988 - Scoggins, 1992 Lyn Gordon
 2002 State GISA Runner Up

Track: Heather Prince Stripling
 Heidi Prince Massey
 1975 Boys Track Jeff Hunt, Morgan Clyburn, Sam Wright, Myles Stone, Charles Webb
 1976 Girls Track Winner 8 Regional Track Meets -
 (Dina Smith, Missy Cromer, Heather Prince, Heidi Prince)
 Newell Dorsey, Track Coach

Missy Cromer
Dina Smith

Softball:

State Champions

Early 1990's Coach Tommy Massey, Tommy Whittle
1980
Darby Cottle Veazey

Athletes:

Tracey Bryant
Heather Prince
Heidi Prince
Heather Hutchinson
Teresa Cromer
Bo Wilson
Brett Rhuland
Chris Howell
Allen Pate

FB, BB, Bskt
Track
Track
SB
SB, Bskt
Track
Baseball
Baseball

Community Champions/Athletes:

Walter "Dog" Burgess
D L Lastinger
Johnny Rutland
Dewey Sexton

Recreation Dept official 35 Years and TCHS Athletics Manager

Individual Champion Athletes:

Gymnastics:

Kim Carter

Professional Golf:

Nanci Bowen -LPGA LPGA Nabisco Dinah Shore 1995
Tom Flick
Joe Kunes
David Denham- Amateur Golfer Qualified to play in the US Open

Weightlifting:

Buddy Cawley

Six World Records in WNPF, 2004 Lifter of the Year WNPF

Archery:

Will Rousey

Rodeo/ Roping:

Jimmy Tanner

Track & Field Coach: Newell E. Dorsey (Ned aka SARGE)

Tift County Extension Service University of Georgia:

Poultry National Champions:

2003 Daniel Tankersley
Ashley Chestnutt
Melissa Lee
Jonathan Barber
1992 Carrie Benefield
Andrea Whatley
Tonya Douce
Derron Spikes
1991 Jamie Griffeth
Dixie Griffin
Aaron Hanna
Leah Tyson
1988 Jerri Kaye Hobbs
Leslie Pannell
Denise Thompson
Tom Wheeler

Tift County 4-H Club National Project Winners

1976 Tommy Pool	Petroleum Power
1978 Buddy Cawley	Beef
1981 Sid Renfroe	Bicycle
1981 Lisa Buckley Janelle	Citizenship
1983 Toby Carmichael	Petroleum Power
1986 Leslie Pannell Johnson	Dog Care & Training
1989 Leslie Pannell Johnson	Animal Science
1993 Kate Stewart Hodges	Sheep
1998 Elizabeth Martin	Fashion Revue

USOC Olympic Development Team Marksmanship:

Patrick Cannon US Olympic Development Shooting Sports Team

BB Air Rifle Team: Jaycees Daisy International BB Gun Championship
Sitting Position: John Alec McKinnon

Future Farmers of America (FFA):

2004 - Lindsey Towson - National Agri-Entrepreneur Winner
2005- Jwaltney Daniels- National Landscape Management Proficiency Winner

Tift County College Athletes:**ABAC Players**

Sowell	Rusty	Baseball	
Troxell	Ed	Baseball	
Gressette	Robert	Basketball	1955-56
Jenkins	Ken	Tennis	1962-64
Henderson	Mary Lee	Basketball	2001-02
Henderson	Ray	Baseball	1972-73
Sauls	Jarred	Tennis	2003-04
Sauls	Jacob	Tennis	2005
Lightfoot	Whitney	Tennis	2004-05
Pate	Allen	Baseball	2001
Thompson	Melissa Dykes	Tennis	1994-96
Martin	Buddy	Baseball	1966
Robinson	Dan	Baseball	1964
Ward	Chad	Baseball	2002
Williams	Brett	Baseball	2001-02
Bassett	Lawton	Baseball	1987-88
Carr	David	Baseball	1972-74
Walker	Teresa Cromer	Softball	1993-95
Burns	Joseph "Pogo"	Basketball	1973-77
Woods	John	Basketball	1975-77
Carter	LaVeasy	Baseball	
Morris	Jason	Basketball	1993-95
Hamilton	Zebe	Baseball	

Florida State University

Abbott	Brice	Baseball	
Paulk	Dana	Football	1966
Willett	Darrell	Football	1962
Anderson	Bobby	Football	1996
Shiver	Clay	Football	
Shiver	Stan	Football	
Fordham	Todd	Football	

University of Georgia

Sellers	Jody Louis	Rugby	
Gordon	Hugh	Football	1967-71
Gordon	Hardy	Football	1998-2000
Tucker	Mayo	Football	1967

Hudson	Harry	Football	1992
Adams	Gary	Football	1962
Carr	David	Baseball	1974-76
Mixon	Billy	Football	1945-47
Patton	Jody	Basketball	

Valdosta State University

Utle	Shawn	Football	1988-89
Teals	Darrien	Football	1985-89
McCant	Derick	Basketball	1989-91
Cottle	Ty	Football	
Lastinger	Becky	Basketball	1996-97

Savannah State University

Ogden	Patricia Brown	Basketball	1982-85
Turner	Tracey Carter	Basketball	1985-89
McGriff	Wesley	Football	1985-89
Hill	Brian	Basketball	2000-02

Georgia Southern University

Gordon	Luke	Baseball	2004
Griffin	Kim	Softball	-2004

Georgia Institute of Technology

Massey	Robert	Football	
Shiver	Todd	Baseball	

Darton College

Stephens	Anna Lee	Soccer	2002-04
Green	Nick	Baseball	2004

North Florida Community College

Gordon	Adam	Baseball	2000-01
Dixon	Jason	Football	2002

Georgia Southwestern University

Utley	Shawn	Football	1986-88
Henderson	Ray	Baseball	1974-75
Whitehead	Barry	Football	
Vickers	Ivy	Softball	

Oxford College of Emory

Grist	Kyle	Basketball	2000-01
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Brewton Parker College

Harrell	Steve	Baseball	1968
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Western Carolina University

Flowers	Steve	Football	1969
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University of Michigan

Anderson	Earl	Football	1967
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University of Alabama

Womack	Roger	Baseball	1967
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Auburn University

Orr	John	Baseball	1962
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Mercer

Sumner	Elliot	Cross Country	2005
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Catawaba College

Suber	Charles Ernest	Tennis	
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University of Tennessee

Howell	Chris	Baseball	1962-64
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University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Whitehead	Barry	Football	
Shiver	Scott	Football	1982-83

Oglethorpe University

McCullough	Keith	Basketball	1994-96
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South Georgia College

McClain	Bryan Scott	Baseball	1988
Burns	Delores	Basketball	1982-84

West Georgia College

McClain	Bryan Scott	Baseball	1990
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Armstrong Atlantic State University

Burns	Delores	Basketball	1984-86
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Albany State University

McWilliams	Brad	Baseball	2005
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Middle Georgia College

Medford	H.C.	Basketball/Football	1938
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University of South Carolina

Hill	Willie	Football	1982-83
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South Carolina State

Waters	Chris	Basketball	1985-89
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Presbyterian University

Howard Ellis	Kenneth "Bouvier" Zach	Basketball Football	1982-86
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Taladega College

Strawter	Shirley	Basketball	1972-76
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Hampton University

Strawter	Tori	Basketball	1992-96
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Tuskegee University

Goins	Chiquita	Baseketball	1982-86
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Lake City Community College

Blackmon	Missy Cromer	Softball	1986-88
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University of West Florida

Blackmon	Missy Cromer	Softball	1988-90
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Campbell University

Lastinger	Becky	Basketball	1994-96
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Georgia College and State University

Gibbs	Duke	Basketball	
Gibbs	Aaron	Basketball	

North East Oklahoma

Shiver	Scott	Football	1980-81
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Jacksonville University

Hamilton	Zebe	Baseball	
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Other Collegiate Athletes

Griffin	Doris	Basketball	1982-86
Simmons	Brenda	Basketball	1985-89
Robinson	Michelle	Basketball	1985-89
Cox	James	Football	1985-89
Darrington	Charlie	Football	1985-89
Stokes	Conrad	Football	1982-86
Johnson	Terrell	Basketball	1992-96
King	Kenyatta	Football	1992-96
Lester	Kim	Basketball	1991-93
Jacobs	Maria	Basketball	1993-97

Professional Athletes:

Billy Mixon	San Fransisco 49ers
Roy Hart	Seattle Seahawks
Charlie Darrington	Washington Redskins
Zebe Hamilton	Pittsburg Pirates
Chris Howell	Los Angeles - Arizona Angels
Nick Green	Los Angeles Angels
Stan Shiver	Green Bay Packers
Clay Shiver	Dallas Cowboys
Todd Shiver	Milwakee Brewers
Todd Fordham	Carolina Panthers, Jax Jaguars
Tom Spampinato	Tifton Blue Sox

Coaches: High School/College/Professional

Bobby Simpson	Kansas City Royals - Scout and Minor League Coach
Gene Brodie	Tift County High School
Roy McWilliams	Tift County High School
Tommy Seward	Tift County High School
Mayo Tucker	Tift County High School
Chuck Beale	Tift County High School
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Ray Broadway
Coach Brooks
Newt Dogree
Bud Smith
Bobby Stone
Bryan Scott McClain

Football
Baseball

Tift County High School
Tift County
Tift County

Industrial Elementary and High School, Tift County
Industrial Elementary and High School
Tift County

Tift County

State of Lousiana
Georgia Southwestern University

Dance: (Troupes with National Championships)

Karate: (National Recognition)

Nomination of Additional Athletes or Coaches

Attention: Centennial Committee
Tift County Recreation Department
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Name _____

Sport _____

Dates of Participation _____

University or College _____

Awards Received _____

State Titles _____

National Titles _____

Corrections _____