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Valdosta State's David Dean is guest speaker for The Touchdown Club of Atlanta

ATLANTA, GA – Oct 13, 2010 –Valdosta State head football coach David Dean will be the guest speaker for the Touchdown Club of Atlanta lunch meeting on Monday, October 18, 2010 at Fox Sports Grill.

Lunch will start at noon, and will be followed by presentations of the Touchdown Club of Atlanta's back, lineman, coach, and team of the week. Then Coach Dean will give an inside look of Blazers football.

Coach Dean has a wealth of experience with high school and college football in the state of Georgia. Dean played wide receiver at Georgia Tech in the 1980s, coached at Avondale High School in 1987, spent eight years as an assistant coach at West Georgia, and he has spent 15 years at Valdosta State.

Dean began his coaching career at Valdosta State in 1988 as the wide receivers coach for 4 years. He was the Blazers offensive coordinator from 2000 to 2006, and in January 2007 he became the 8th man to be the head coach at Valdosta State.

Dean led his 2007 Blazer team to a 13-1 record, and the NCAA Div II National Championship. He became just the second NCAA II coach to win the title in his 1st year as a head coach. Coach Dean currently has the Blazers off to a 4-1 start in 2010.

Tickets for the luncheon are available to the public for \$20.00 (this includes lunch, drink, tax, and tip). For information on the Touchdown Club of Atlanta, contact Lee Baker at 678-472-3147.



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What: The Touchdown Club of Atlanta Weekly Meeting

Where: Fox Sports Grill at Atlantic Station

When: Monday, October 18, 2010

Timing: Lunch will start at noon, followed by weekly awards and speaker

Host: Ken Rodriguez, Fox 5 TV- Sports

Weekly Award Winners:

Back of the Week- Collins Hill quarterback Taylor Henicke
Lineman of the Week- McEachern lineman Xavier Hemingway
Coach of the Week- Chattahoochee coach Terry Crowder
Team of Week- Hiram Hornets, Coach Andy Dorsey

Speaker: Valdosta State Coach David Dean

Cost (includes lunch, drink, tax, and tip):

Touchdown Club of Atlanta Members-\$15.00
Non-members-\$20.00

Other: Parking is available in the Atlantic Station parking decks (free for first two hours).

Information: Contact Lee Baker at 678-472-3147 or lrvba@bellsouth.net

Website: www.TouchdownClubofAtlanta.com

Upcoming Meeting Dates, Speakers, and Schools:

Oct 25 th	Paul Johnson	Ga Tech
Nov 1 st	Darryl Dickey	West Georgia
Nov 8 th	UGA's 1980 National Championship Team Members	
Nov 15 th	Mark Richt	UGA
Nov 22 nd	Dan Radakovich	Ga Tech



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Touchdown Club of Atlanta Weekly Award Winners for Oct 18, 2010 Meeting

Back of Week- Collins Hill quarterback Taylor Henicke

Henicke completed 29 of 40 passes for 287 yards and two touchdowns in a 14-10 victory against Peachtree Ridge, which was ranked No. 3 in Class AAAAA last week. He has thrown for 1,778 yards and 21 touchdowns in six games.

Lineman of Week- McEachern lineman Xavier Hemingway

Hemingway is the left tackle for McEachern, which has scored more than 50 points in four consecutive games. Hemingway has offers from several FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools including Maryland, Syracuse and Louisville.

Coach of the Week- Chattahoochee coach Terry Crowder

Coach Crowder has Chattahoochee 6-0 for the first time since 2001. This is Crowder's seventh season as coach of the Cougars.

Team of the Week- Hiram Hornets, Coach Andy Dorsey

Congratulations to the Hiram Hornets! You're our big winner this week for your 45-31 victory over North Paulding. More than 18,000 votes were tallied in this week's poll.