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**GSHF TO HOST BOOK SIGNING FOR SHIRLEY'S *HATCH ATTACK*  
Author Daniel Shirley and Football Great Chris Hatcher Will Attend**

MACON, GA – The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame will welcome author Daniel Shirley and Macon's own Chris Hatcher for a signing of Shirley's book *Hatch Attack* on Thursday, December 10 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. The book chronicles the career of Chris Hatcher from record-setting quarterback at Valdosta State University to head football coach at Georgia Southern University.

Hatcher grew up in Macon where he led the football team at Mount De Sales before heading to Valdosta State. At VSU he threw for 121 touchdowns and set 29 team records on the way to being named NCAA Division II Player of the Year. After graduating in 1995, Hatcher served as an assistant coach at both Central Florida and Kentucky. In 2000, though, his alma mater called, and Hatcher came back to VSU as the head coach. Coach Hatcher posted a 76-12 record at VSU and won the Division II National Championship in 2004. From 2007-2009 Hatcher was the Head Coach at Georgia Southern University.

Daniel Shirley is the sports editor at The Telegraph in Macon, a position he has held since 2007. Prior to his time at The Telegraph, Shirley worked as a sports writer at the Valdosta Daily Times, Albany Herald, and Anderson Independent-Mail. He made the switch to editing when he returned to the Albany Herald as sports editor in 1999.

*Hatch Attack* is available for purchase in the Locker Room Gift Store at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and will be available the evening of the book signing. Both Shirley and Hatcher will be available to autograph copies of the book.

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