

2015 DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL — GAME 2 DELAWARE STATE "HORNETS" (0-1; 0-0 MEAC)



KENT STATE "GOLDEN FLASHES" (0-1; 0-0 MAC)
SAT., SEP. 12, 2015 (6 p.m.)
DIX STADIUM (25,319) - KENT, OH
LIVE VIDEO STREAMING: ESPN3

DELAWARE STATE VS. KENT STATE





Delaware State: 0-1; 0-0 MEAC **Kent State:** 0-1; 0-0 MAC

Location: Kent, OH - Dix Stadium (25,319) - (Surface - Artificial)

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National Rankings: Delaware State is not ranked in any national Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) poll, while Kent State is unranked in any Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) national polls.

The Series: Kent State leads 2-0

Delaware State Head Coach Kenny Carter (The Citadel, 90): Carter is in his first season as head coach of the Hornets. This is his first head coaching job. He most recently served as an assistant coach at Youngstown University during the 2014 season. From 2010 to 2014, Carter was an assistant coach under Charlie Strong at the University of Louisville, helping lead the Cardinals to two Big East championships and four bowl appearances. During the 2008 and '09 seasons Carter was running backs coach under Urban Meyer at the University of Florida. He helped guide the Gators to the 2009 BCS National Championship. Florida also competed in the 2010 Allstate Sugar Bowl and captured the 2008 Southeast Conference championship during his time on the coaching staff. Carter has also served as an assistant at Vanderbilt, Penn State, Pittsburgh and LSU.

Kent State Head Coach Paul Haynes (Kent State, '93) is in the third season as head coach at his alma mater. This is his first head coaching job. He has a 6-18 overall record. Prior to accepting the Kent State post, Haynes was defensive coordinator at the University of Arkansas in 2012 and secondary coach of the Razorbacks the previous year. He previously served seven season as an assistant at Ohio State, helping lead the Buckeyes to six Big Ten title and six BCS bowl game appearance. Haynes was a defensive standout at Kent State for four seasons. This is his first meeting against Delaware State.

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Sep. 5 at #14/15 Liberty L, 13-31 LU leads 10-5 Obado throws for 227 yards; linebacker Malik Harris has 12 tackles



Sep. 12 at Kent State 6:00 p.m. KSU leads 2-0 Golden Flashes won previous meetings in 2007 and '08



Sep. 19 CHOWAN 2:00 p.m. **First meeting** DSU's first Div. II opponent since 2011. Hall of Fame Day; home opener



Oct. 3 MORGAN STATE* 2:00 p.m. MSU leads 34-24 MEAC opener. Bears have won last two meetings.



Oct. 10 at Hampton* 2:00 p.m. HU leads 27-14 Hornets looking to snap two-game skid against Pirates



Oct. 17 at Florida A&M* 3:00 p.m. FAMU leads 24-9 DSU's Malik Golson had four catches for career-high 121 yards in 2014 contest



Oct. 24 SO. CAROLINA STATE* (HC) 2:00 p.m. SCSU leads 26-16 Hornets won 31-17 the last time the teams met in 2012 at Alumni Stadium



Oct. 31 BETHUNE-COOKMAN* 2:00 p.m. DSU leads 19-18 Hornet DB Terrick Colston returned interception for TD in 2014 loss to Wildcats



Nov. 7 at No. Carolina Central* 2:00 p.m. NCCU leads 15-6-1 First meeting between the teams since 2012



Nov. 14 at NCA&T* (ESPN3/ESPNU) 1:00 p.m. DSU leads 22-20-1 NCA&T won 2014 meeting 33-20; DSU won last contest at Aggie Stadium (2012)



Nov. 21 HOWARD* L, 7-41 DSU leads 36-34-1 Hornets' oldest rival; DSU won last meeting at Alumni Stadium on walk-off FG

* - Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game HOME GAMES (AT ALUMNI STADIUM ON DSU CAMPUS) IN ALL CAPS All times Eastern and subject to change

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DELAWARE STATE 2015 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (0-1)

Sep. 5	at Liberty	L, 13-32
Sep. 12	at Kent State	6 p.m.
Sep. 19	CHOWAN	2 p.m.
Oct. 3	MORGAN STATE*	2 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Hampton*	2 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Florida A&M*	3 p.m.
Oct. 24	SC STATE* (HC)	2 p.m.
Oct. 31	BETHUNE-COOKMAN*	2 p.m.
Nov. 7	at NC Central*	2 p.m.
Nov. 14	at NCA&T* (ESPN3)	1 p.m.
Nov. 21	HOWARD*	2 p.m.

^{*} MEAC game

KENT STATE 2015 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (0-1)

Sep. 5	at Illinois	L, 3-52
Sep. 12	at West Virginia	6 p.m.
Sep. 19	Minnesota	12 p.m.
Sep. 26	MARSHALL	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Miami (OH)*	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Toledo*	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Massachusetts*	1 p.m.
Oct. 24	BOWLING GREEN*	TBA
Nov. 5	BUFFALO*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Ohio *	8 p.m.
Nov. 18	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	7 p.m.
Nov. 27	at Akron*	TBA
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^{*} Big South game

2014 DSU/KENT STATE NCAA STATISTICAL COMPARISON/RANK

Category	*DSU (1 game) #KSU (1 game)
Rushing off.	42.0 (100)	59.0 (114)
Passing off.	227.0 (42)	186.0 (87)
Total off.	269.0 (80)	245.0 (115)
Scoring off.	13.0 (79)	3.0 (120)
Rushing def.	229.0 (76)	134.0 (64)
Total def	417.0 (60)	342.0 (64)
Scoring def.	32.0 (61)	52.0 (118)
Net punting	29.8 (84)	32.3 (103)
Punt returns	-2.0 (108)	4.5 (72)
Kick off returns	18.5 (76)	20.8 (61)
Turnover margin	-1.0 (68)	-3.0 (113 <u>)</u>
Pass defense	188.0 (52)	208.0 (64)
Passing Eff.	111.0 (64)	71.6 (119)
Pass Eff. Defense	123.1 (49)	158.5 (102)
Sacks	1.0 (52)	1.0 (78)
Tackles for loss	8.0 (25)	4.0 (90)
Sacks allowed	5.0 (101)	1.0 (27)
3rd down conv.	38.5% (56)	16.7.% (117)

¹¹² teams ranked in Football Championship Subdivision in 2015

THE GAME

Delaware State visits Kent State of the FBS Mid-America Conference in a week-two contest. The Hornets are coming off a 32-13 loss at FCS #14/15 Liberty in the season opener last Saturday. The contest also marked the debut of Delaware State first-year head coach **Kenny Carter**, who served as an assistant at several major programs, including Florida, Louisville, Penn State, LSU and Vanderbilt before accepting the DSU job last January.

Delaware State trailed 14-6 at Liberty after a touchdown midway through the second quarter and was down 25-13 after a third quarter score.

The Hornets scored their first touchdowns on a well-executed eight-play, 75-yard drive midway through the second quarter. The three-minute-27-second march was highlighted by a long pass play and a gutsy fourth down call by Carter to keep the possession alive. The Hornets were facing a fourth-and-one at the DSU 34 when quarterback **Esayah Obado** (r-jr.) connected with **Malik Golson** (r-jr.) on an 11-yard pass to the 45. On the next play, Obado found **Aris Scott** (jr.) downfield for a 47-yard pass to the Liberty 8. On third-and-goal from the two, Obado rushed up the middle for a touchdown to complete the drive.

Obado completed 16-of-27 passes for 227 yards and rushed for a two-yard touchdown in his first action since the 2013 season. He was intercepted twice and sacked five times in the opener. Golson had seven catches for 74 yards. Including a long of 27, last week. His seven receptions tied for first among MEAC pass-catcher in the opening weekend. **Kamal Abrams** (gr.) hauled in three passes for 51 yards in his first game with the Hornets after three seasons at Connecticut. **Jamaal Jackson** (sr.) had the bulk of the carries for DSU last week, rushing for 37 yards and a touchdown (two yards) on 15 carries. He also caught three passes for 44 yards.

On defense, lineman **Gabe Sherrod** (jr.) and linebacker **Malik Harris** (so.) turned in solid performances at Liberty. Sherrod, a former tight end, had seven tackles (five unassisted), including 3.5 behind the line-of-scrimmage, a sack and a blocked kick. Harris had a game-and-career-high 12 tackles in the opener, including six solo stops. Safety **Kevin Jocelyn** (jr.) picked off a Liberty pass in the red zone last week.

Kent State opened the 2015 season with a mistake-filled 52-3 loss to Big 10 Illinois last weekend. The game was originally scheduled for Sep. 4, but re-scheduled for the next day due to severe lightning in the Champaign, Ill., area. The Illini took advantage of three interceptions and a muffed punt by the Golden Flashes to build a 38-0 halftime lead. Three of the four Illinois scores off turnovers followed one-play Kent State possessions lasting fewer than seven seconds each. The Kent State defense held the Illini to 342 total yards and just three-of-13 on third down conversions in the contest. The Kent State offense totaled 59 rushing yards and 186 by the pass in the opener. KSU quarterback Colin Reardon connected on 15-of-34 passes for 156 yards, including a 58-yard strike to Miles Hibbler. Kent State returned 44 letter winners, including 19 starters, from its 2014 squad, which posted a 2-9 overall record and 1-7 mark in the MAC East Division.

THE SERIES (Kent State leads 2-0)

The Hornets and Golden Flashes are meeting for third time. The teams met during the 2007 and '08 seasons, also at Dix Stadium. Kent State won the 2007 contest 38-7, handing Delaware State its only regular season loss that year, which was highlighted by DSU's first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship in 16 years and inaugural NCAA Tournament appearance.

Julian Edelman, now with the defending NFL champion New England Patriots, was Kent State's starting quarterback in each of the previous meetings with Hornets. Edelman completed 18-of-33 passes for 267 yards, with three touchdowns and an interception in the 2007 contest. He was held to minus-seven yards rushing in the game, mainly due to three Delaware State sacks for minus-19 yards.

Kent State won the 2008 contest 24-3. The Hornets scored their only points on a field goal with 3:16 left to play. Edelman was also the starting signal-caller for the Golden Flashes in the 2008 DSU/Kent State meeting.

He completed 10-of-20 throws for 113 yards, and intercepted twice; and had 11 rushing attempts for 71 yards and a touchdown, in the '08 contest.

^{# -} FBS rankings (123 teams ranked)

HORNET MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Schedule subject to change. Please contact Dennis Jones (302-857-6068) for more information

Monday (Sep. 7)

Off day

Tuesday (Sep. 8)

Practice —5:30 a.m. (Alumni Stadium) Coach Carter and players available after practice

MEAC Weekly Teleconference (10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.); Coach Carter on call at 10:33 a.m.

Game notes available on www.DSUHornets.com

Wednesday (Sep. 9)

Practice—4:00 p.m. (Alumni Stadium) Coach Carter and players available after practice

Thursday (Sep. 10)

Practice —3:30 p.m.

Coach Carter and players available after practice

Bus departs for Kent. OH - 6 p.m.

Friday (Sep. 11)

Hornets arrive in Kent, OH

Practice - TBA

Saturday (Sep. 12)

Hornets vs. Kent State Dix Stadium - Kent, OH (6 p.m.) Return to DSU campus after game

COLSTON EARNS PRESEASON ALL-MEAC HONORS

Hornet defensive back Terrick Colston (sr.; Lakeland, Fla) looks to live up his billing as one of the top defensive players in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference this season. Colston was selected to the 2015 Preseason All-MEAC First Team by league head coaches and sports



information directors. He opened the season with six tackles (two solo) at Liberty last week. A 2014 All-MEAC Third Team pick, he was second on the Hornets with 75 tackles, and tied for fourth in the conference with four interceptions. Also last season, Colston became the first Delaware State player with interceptions in four straight games since the Hornets joined the MEAC in 1971. In addition, he had a forced fumble, fumble recovery, punt block and pass

break-up last season. Amazingly, he was tied for second on the team with two touchdowns in 2014. Colston returned an interception to the endzone for the Hornets' lone touchdown in their 27-7 loss to Bethune-Cookman on Oct. 4, 2014. The following week, he blocked a punt, recovered the ball and ran to the endzone for DSU's only touchdown for the second straight week in its 13-10 overtime victory at Norfolk State. Colston was selected as the MEAC's Special Teams Player-of-the-Week for his performance in the Norfolk State contest. He also tallied seven tackles (four solo) and returned an interception 28 yards in that game. It was Colston's second ME-AC honor in a three-game stretch. He was the league's Defensive Player-of-the-Week for his performance in the Hornets' 35-10 win over Savannah State on Sep. 27, when he collected nine tackles (seven unassisted), an interception, forced fumble and fumble recovery. For his career, Colston has seven interceptions, including two returned for touchdowns, and six fumble recoveries. He has 259 tackles, including 136 unassisted in his three seasons with the Hornets.

Colston at DSU

	G	UT	TT	TFL-YDS	INT-YDS	BrUp	PD	FF	FR
2015	1	2	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2014	12	50	75	5.0-8	4-39	2	6	1	1
2013	11	38	83	4.5-15		1			4
2012	11	46	95	2.5-4	3-53	5	1	0	0
Totals	35	136	259	12.0-27	7-92	8	7	1	5
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Most total tackles: 15, vs. Norfolk State 10/6/12) Most solo tackles: 7, vs. VMI (9/1/12) Most assists: 9, vs. Norfolk State (10/6/12) Most interceptions: 2, vs. SC State (10/13/12) Longest INT return: 53 yards (TD), vs.SC State (10/13/12)

Most fumble recoveries: 2, vs. Savannah State (9/28/13)

Most pass break ups: 1 (eight games)

MEAC WEEKLY TELECONFERENCE

The MEAC holds a weekly conference call featuring league head football coaches each Tuesday during the season. The schedule is as follows:

10:03 a.m. Lee Hull (Morgan St.) 10:13 a.m. Alex Wood (Florida A&M) 10:23 a.m. Terry Sims (Beth-Cookman) 10:33 a.m. Kenny Carter (DSU) Gary Harrell (Howard) 10:53 a.m. Latrell Scott (Norfolk State) 11:03 a.m. Connell Maynor (Hampton) 11:13 a.m. Earnest Wilson (Savannah St.) 11:23 a.m. Buddy Pough (SC State) 11:33 a.m. Rod Broadway (NCA&T) 11:43 a.m. Jerry Mack (NC Central)	10:00 a.m.	MEAC Notes
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Contact Patricia Porter, MEAC Media Relations (757-951-2055), or Dennis Jones, DSU Athletic Media (302-857-6068) for teleconference conference. Information.

OBADO EARNS HIGH MARKS IN RETURN TO ACTION

Delaware State head coach Kenny Carter gave high marks to starting quarterback Esayah



Obado for his play in last week's season opener at Liberty. "Esayah played quite well for a guy seeing his firsdt action in two years, especially considering the pressure he was under from a veteran Liberty defense," said Carter. "He made some great throws downfield and was able to make plays in pressure situations." Obado completed 16-of-27 passes for a career-best 227 vards. He also rushed for a two-yard touchdown. Obado threw two interceptions and was sacked five times in his first full game as a Hornet. After sitting out the 2012 season as a redshirt freshman and serving as the No. 2 quarterback the following year, Obado was set to begin the 2014 campaign as the Hornets' starting QB. However, a lower back injury derailed the team's and Obado's plans, forcing him to miss the entire '14 season. Obado played in four contests as a redshirt freshman in 2013, completing 21-of-40 passes (52.5%) for 168 yards. He did not have a touchdown pass and threw two interceptions. With the change in head coaches following the 2014

season and an uncertain injury situation, there was no guarantee that Obado would be a shoe-in for the starting job this year. But, he earned the respect of the coaching staff and his teammates with a solid spring camp. Obado beat out 2014 opening day starter Gil Rivera (jr.) and newcomer Kobie Lain (fr.), a former Georgia high school standout, for the No. 1 spot this season. A native of Hamilton, N.J., Obado passed for 3,690 yards and 42 touchdowns, while rushing for 615 yards and 11 scores at Nottingham High School. He was named to 2010 12th Man TD Club, WJFL/CVC and All-Area First Team after passing for 2075 yards and 24 touchdowns during junior season; and was also named to 2010 Super 100 Junior Football Players in New Jersey by the N.J. Football Coaches Association. Obado was the third player in Mercer County history to pass for more than 2000 yards in a seas on. He passed for 1545 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior and completed school-record 62.4% of his passes during 2011 season. He also rushed for 525 yards and eight scores as a senior.

MENGONI LEADS VETERAN OFFENSIVE LINE

For the first time in several years, veterans outnumber new faces on the Delaware State offensive line entering the 2015 football season. There are nine offensive linemen with at least two years of experience, including four with extensive minutes



as starters on the squad. DSU was last among all Football Championship Subdivision teams in total offense and near the bottom in rushing, passing and scoring in 2014. However, a new coaching staff and offensive system, combined with a veteran front, depth at running back and more stability at quarterback is raising hope for more success when the Hornets have the ball this season. Anchoring the Hornets' front line is three-year starting center **Ernest Mengoni** (jr.), a 2015 Preseason All-MEAC Third Team selection. "Ernest has everything we look for in a center: physically strong, quick and a good leader," Sprague said. "He has a high football IQ; and that's important because he has to

direct traffic before the play starts. The center is the quarterback of the line." At the tackle position, Dimitri Hill (sr.), Jerron Searles (jr.) and Clark McCready (sr.) have multiple starts. Hill and McCready have been mainstays on the line since contributing to Delaware State's last winning season (6-5) as true freshmen in 2012. Searles started all 12 games for the Hornets last season. The Hornet offensive line also features veteran guards Darren Helwig (jr.) and Keon Williams (jr.), each a starter since freshmen. Patrick Phillips (jr.) is an experienced back-up at center, while Justin Cook (jr.), Keevon Prather (sr.) and Lamont Bradford (so.) add depth to the interior line.

FORMER TIGHT END GABE SHERROD HEADLINES DEFENSIVE FRONT

If the first game is any indication, **Gabe Sherrod** (jr.) has emerged as the leader of the Hornets' defensive front. One of the issues facing the team this season was uncertainty surrounding its new-look defensive line. The Hornets' defensive front features just one returning starter from last season, some players in new positions and six freshmen. The biggest shoes the Hornets must fill from a year ago are those of tackle **Rodney Gunter**, now with the Arizona Cardinals after being selected in the

fourth round (116th overall pick) of the 2015 National Football League draft. Sherrod, who lined up at tight end just two seasons ago, is off to an impressive start to the season. He recorded seven tackles, including 3.5 behind the line-of-scrimmage, a sack and a blocked kick in last week's opener. Sherrod (right) was moved to defensive end during spring 2014 camp. In 10 games last season, Sherrod was seventh on the Hornets with 46 total tackles and ranked second on the team with 7.5 tackles-for-loss and five sacks. He has been named to the 2015 Preseason All-MEAC Third Team.



NAGEE JACKSON MAKES SWITCH TO TIGHT END

Nagee Jackson (sr.) rushed for 238 yards and a team-high seven touchdowns as a freshman halfback in 2012, but his playing time has declined each year since. The slim chance of Jackson getting much work at running back in his final season, along with the new coaching staff's goal of getting the tight end more involved in the offense this year, prompted a change in positions for the Gainesville, Va., native. He had two balls thrown his way in the opener at Liberty last week, catching one for two yards. Jackson was switched to tight end during the second week of summer camp, a move the staff believes will allow for better use of his skills. Although Jackson has just nine career receptions for 45 yards at DSU, head coach **Kenny Carter** stated, "Nagee has good hands and can make things happen after the catch. We expect him to have a big impact on our offense this season."

THE 2015 HORNETS ARE ...

0-0 at home 0-1 in road games 0-0 in neutral site games 0-0 in day games 0-1 in night games 0-0 in MEAC games 0-1 in non-conference games 0-0 in overtime games 0-0 on natural grass 0-1 on artificial surfaces 0-1 vs. Top 25 FCS teams 0-0 vs. unranked FCS teams 0-0 when scoring first 0-1 when opponent scores first 0-0 in games decided by seven points or less 0-1 in games decided by 10 or more points 0-0 in games decided by 20 or more points 0-0when leading after the first gtr. 0-1 when trailing after the first atr. 0-0 when tied after the first gtr. 0-0 when leading at halftime when trailing at the half 0-10-0 when tied at the half 0-0 when leading after three qtrs. 0-1 when trailing after three qtrs. 0-0 when tied after three qtrs. 0-0 when gaining more total yards 0-1 when opponent gains more yards 0-0 when gaining more rushing vards 0-1 when opponent has more rush yards 0-1 when gaining more passing yards 0-0 when opponent has more pass yards 0-1 when committing more turnovers 0-0 when opponent has more turnovers 0-0 when turnovers are even 0-0 when posting more first downs 0-1 when opponent has more first downs 0-0 when first downs are even 0-1 when committing more penalties 0-0 when opponent has more penalties 0-0 when penalties are even with more possession time

DSU MEDIA GUIDE ONLINE

The 2015 Delaware State University football media guide/yearbook can be viewed online



by logging onto DSUHonets.com. The cover features the University's new athletics motto, "Go Big Go Bold Go Hornets!" The booklet contains information on the 2015

Hornets, a 2014 season review, DSU football records and historical data.

SOLID STABLE OF BACKS RAISE HOPES FOR IMPROVED RUNNING GAME

Delaware State is hoping that an experienced offensive line and a solid stable of running backs will reverse its rushing woes of the past several years. The Hornets were 10th in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and 114th nationally among 121 FCS teams in rushing at 96.7 yards per game in 2014. Last week at Liberty, the Hornets gained 83 positive yards rushing, but totaled just 42 for the game due to lost yardage on five quarterback sacks (-27). The last time DSU averaged better than 100 yards per game on the ground was 2009 at 114.6 per outing. Halfback **Jamaal Jackson** (sr.) led the Hornets' with 37 yards on 15 carries in last week's opener. Jackson is the team's top returning rusher from last season, tallying 493 yards (4.1 ypc) and one touchdown. **Dae-Hon Cheung** (sr.) also hopes to return to his freshman form after an injury-plagued 2014 season. Cheung was limited to just three games and 61 yards last year. He rushed for 410 yards and three touchdowns as a freshman and led the Hornets with 361 yards in his sophomore season. The addition of hard-charging freshman **Kesselly Tyler**, a former Georgia high school standout; and Indiana University transfer **Laray Smith** (jr.) has also raised hopes for the Hornet running game this year. Tyler averaged 115 rushing yards per game as a junior and led Benjamin Mays High School in Atlanta to the Georgia 5A state championship game during his senior season. The speedy Smith played sparingly in two years at Indiana, but was rated as the No. 2 prospect in New York and the No. 12 all-purpose back nationally by 247Sports.com as a high school senior. The Hornets have also added former Hodgson Vo-Tech (Del.) High School standout **Kyle Taylor** (fr.) to the fullback position. Taylor helped lead Hodgson to two Delaware Division II football championships and another championship game appearance in his four seasons.

CARTER LOOKS TO RETURN "SPECIAL" TO HORNETS' SPECIAL TEAMS

The Hornet special teams received mixed grades in last week's season opening loss to Liberty. DSU allowed just 30 combined punt and kickoff return yards, but some poor kicks gave Liberty good field position on several possessions. New DSU head coach **Kenny Carter** brings years of experience at the FBS level as a top-flight special teams coach to the Hornets. His skill as a special teams guru will be put to the test this season. Carter inherited a Delaware State team that experienced more than its share of struggles on special teams in 2014. Hornet opponents scored seven special teams touchdowns last season, four on blocked punts and three on punt returns. In addition, a bad punt snap resulted in the Hornets' turning over the ball at their three-yard-line. DSU surrendered a touchdown on the next play. The Hornets were 120th among all FCS teams in punt return defense, allowing 20.04 yards per return last season. DSU ranked 119th in the nation in blocked punts allowed (4) and was 104th in kickoff return defense (22.7 per return) in the 2014 season.

Ironically, Delaware State's 2014 campaign began with a special teams "high" when **Aris Scott** returned the opening kick 98 yards for a touchdown to start the season at Mon-

mouth. One other special teams positive last season was **Terrick Colston's** blocked punt and recovery for a touchdown in an overtime win against Norfolk State.

HORNETS TO HONOR 1985 ME-AC CHAMPS

This season marks the 30th anniversary of Delaware State's first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football championship. The 1985 Hornets won the title with a 5-0 league record (9-2 overall). The team, headed by first-year head coach **Bill Collick**, featured nine All-MEAC First Team players, including the Offensive Player-of-the-Year **John Taylor** and Defensive Player-of-the-Year **Dan Candelo-ro**. Collick was also selected as the MEAC Coach-of-the-Year that season.

The 1985 Hornets will be honored during Delaware State's annual Athletics Hall-of-Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony on Friday, Sep. 18 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center on campus; and at halftime of DSU's 2015 home football opener against Chowan the following day.



A leading member of the '85 Hornets, defensive lineman **Robert Presbury**, is among the inductees in this year's DSU Hall-of-Fame

STINGERS

The 12 tackles by DSU linebacker **Malik Harris** (so.) at Liberty was tied for second among all MEAC players during last week's opening weekend ... freshman **Brycen Alleyne** (Wilmington, Del.) returned two kickoffs for 49 yards, had a nine-yard reception and one carry for five yards in his Hornet debut last week.

2015 DSU HONORS

Terrick Colston (DB)Preseason All-MEAC First Team

Gabe Sherrod (DL)
Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

Ernest Mengoni (OL)
Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

STAYING HOME

Delaware State's 2015 roster includes a total of 20 in-state players, tops among the states. The Hornets' Delaware products are: Kamal Abrams (Dover), Brycen Alleyne (Wilmington), Sika Bendolph (Dover), Tecumseh Bendolph (Dover), Denzek Burgette (Middletown), Stewart Carey (Newark), Chuka Ezeuzoh (Wilmington), Mark Flakes (Wilmington); Morris Frasier (Felton); Malik Golson (Dover); John Griffin (Middletown), Darren Helwig (Dover); Jamaal Jackson (Wilmington); Keyjuan Selby (Bear), Taronn Selby (Bear); DaShawn Smith (New Castle); Kyle Taylor (Wilmington), Ameer Watson (Smyrna); Logan Wescott (Bridgeville); and Eric Wright (Bear). New Jersey, Maryland and Georgia are tied for second with the most players on the Hornets' 2015 roster at 11.

SEEING "DOUBLE-DOUBLE"



The 2015 DSU roster features the rarest of rare combinations. The Hornets have, not one, but two sets of twins on the squad. It's also worth noting that each set of twins hails from the First State. Running backs **Sika** and **Tecumseh Bendolph** joined the Hornets this summer after excelling primarily in track and field at Caesar Rodney High School near Dover.





Twins **Taronn** and **Keyjuan Selby** also joined the Hornets this summer after standout football careers at St. George's Vo-Tech in New Castle County, Del. Taronn, a wide receiver at DSU, was Delaware's 2014 Gatorade High School Player-of-the-Year after rushing for more than 1,300 yards and 23 touchdowns as a senior. Keyjuan also rushed for more than 1,000 yards as a senior at St. George's, and is the school's career intercep-



tion leader.

It's believed to be the first time in team history that two sets of twins have suited up for the Hornets in the same season.

It's been suggested that the coaching staff allow the twins to wear their jerseys at all times. Much easier to identify them that way.

HOLD THOSE FLAGS

Delaware State will have to come-from-behind to maintain its recent standard as the MEAC's least penalized team. The Hornets topped all MEAC teams with 12 penalties for 98 yards in the league's opening weekend fames. The Hornets have been the MEAC's least penalized team in four of the last five seasons. In 2014, DSU committed 71 committed penalties for 575 yards in 12 games, fewest in the league in each category.

DSU did not commit a single penalty in its 2014 season opening loss to Monmouth, marking the first time in recorded team history that the Hornets were not assessed a penalty in a game.

The Hornets were also the MEAC's least penalized team in 2013, ranking eighth among all NCAA FCS teams in fewest penalty yards per game at 39.3 that season.

DSU's CARTER AMONG SIX FIRST-TIME FCS COACHES

Delaware State's **Kenny Carter** is one of six first-time head coaches in FCS football this season, and one of 15 in the first season at their current school. Carter is one of two new head coaches in the MEAC, joining Bethune-Cookman's **Terry Sims**. Delaware State is one of four league teams with new head coaches this season.

The last first-time head coach hired at Delaware State was **Al Lavan** in 2004. Lavan lost his debut to Massachusetts 50-0 and was 4-7 in his first season, but went on to post a 43-38 overall record in seven seasons, highlighted by the 2007 MEAC championship and the school's first NCAA Tournament berth.

DSU FOOTBALL FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Dover, Del. 19901 Founded 1891

Enrollment 4.100

President Dr. Harry L. Williams

Faculty Representative Interim Dir. of Athletics

Interim Dir. of Athletics Louis Skip Perkins
Nickname Hornets

Colors Columbia Blue (PMS 297) & Red (PMS 199)

National Affiliation
Conference
Stadium
Capacity

NCAA Div. I FCS
MEAC
Alumni Stadium
7,000

Surface Artificial (A-Turf)
Press Box Phone (302) 857-7651

HISTORY

 First Year of Football
 1924

 All-Time Record
 351-404-11

 All-Time MEAC Record
 131-153-1

Conference Titles (6) 1985, '87', '88', '89, '91, '07

All-Time Playoff Record 0-

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach
Alma Mater
Record at DSU
Career Record
Football Office Phone
Football Office Fax
Assistant Coaches

Kenny Carter
The Citadel/1990
0-1/First season
same
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Andrew Falson
John Allen
Jamie Bryant
Chris Sprague
E.J. Juniior
Ty Greenwood
Jelani Berassa

Asst. Head Coach/LBs
Offensive Coordinator/QBs
Defensive Line
Defensive Line
Cornerbacks
Wide Receivers

Running Backs

Video Coordinator
Equipment Manager
Dir. Sports Medicine
Administrative Assistant
Michael Rogers
Mark Springs
Lori Leary
Edna Piper

Vincent White

TEAM INFORMATION

2014 Overall Record 2-10 (1-4 home, 1-6 away)
2014 MEAC Record 2-6 (1-3 home, 1-3 away)
Conference Finish 10th
Final National Rankings N/A

Offense West Coast Defense 4-3

Lettermen Returning (64) Offense 31

Defense 32 Specialists 1 **Lettermen Lost (12)**

Offense 5 Defense 6 Specialists 1

Starters Returning/Lost (14/10), including kickers

Offense 7/4
Defense 6/5
Specialists 1/1

HORNETS UNVEIL NEW LOOK FOR 2015

For the first time in more than 30 years, there's a major new look to the helmets worn by the Hornets. The familiar "*State*" logo on each side of the helmet has been replaced by the Hornet logo on the left and the player's number on the right.

The last major design change to DSU's head gear was in 1982, when the *State* logo was added, the first of any kind on the helmet.

In 2010, the word *Delaware*, in smaller type, was placed above the *State* logo.

Delaware State helmets since 1982









1982

2010

2015 2015

PLAYING WITH THE BIG BOYS

The visit to FBS Kent State marks the second year in a row that Delaware State is stepping up a competition level in a game. This will be the third meeting between the Hornets and Golden Flashes. Kent State, a member of the Mid-America Conference (MAC) won the previous two meetings in 2007 and '08 in Kent, Ohio.

In 2014, Delaware State lost to FBS Temple 59-0 at Lincoln Financial Field, home of the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles.

Prior to last season, a 2009 visit to Michigan was the Hornets' most recent contest against a FBS foe. The Wolverines won 63-6 before a crowd of more than 106-thousand at the "Big House."

Delaware State is 1-4 all-time vs. FBS/Div. I-A opponents. The only win was a 52-26 upset of Akron in 1987.

The Hornets are scheduled to visit Southeast Conference (SEC) power Missouri on Sep. 24, 2016. Missouri announced its 2016 non-conference opponents on Aug. 26.

DSU/NCA&T CONTEST TO AIR ON ESPN NETWORKS

Delaware State's Nov. 14 football contest at North Carolina A&T will have a world-wide audience. The key Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference battle at Aggie Stadium in Greensboro, N.C., will be televised live on ESPN3, and rebroadcast on ESPNU later in the day. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m. The ESPN rebroadcast is set for 4 p.m. The broadcast is part of the MEAC's eight-game 2015 ESPN television package. This will be Delaware State's first MEAC Television Game-of-the-Week appearance since a 28-23 victory at Morgan State in 2012.



2015 MEAC/ESPN TV Schedule

Sep. 6	SC State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	ESPN/Watch ESPN	3:30
Sep. 17	Florida A&M at SC State	ESPNU/Watch ESPN	7:30
Sep. 18	Hampton vs. Howard	ESPNU/Watch ESPN	7:30
Sep. 26	Morgan State vs. Howard	ESPN3/ESPNU TD	3:30
Oct. 3	Bethune-Cookman vs. NC Central	ESPN3/ESPNU TD	4:00
Oct. 8	SC State at. Bethune-Cookman	ESPNU/Watch ESPN	7:30
Oct. 14	Delaware State at NCA&T	ESPN3/ESPNU	1:00
Oct. 21	Florida A&M vs. Bethune-Cookman	ESPN3/ESPNU TD	2:30

DELAWARE STATE HEAD COACH KENNY CARTER



Delaware State University introduced Kenneth A. Carter as the Hornets' 19th head coach on Jan. 21, 2015. This is his first head coaching position

Carter most recently served as passing game/co-special teams coordinator/wide receivers coach at Youngstown State University during the 2014 season.

From 2010 to 2014, Carter played a key role in the success of the University of Louisville program under Charlie Strong, serving as running backs coach and special teams

coordinator.

In 2013, Louisville was 12-1 and concluded the campaign with an impressive 36-9 win over Miami (Fla.) in the Russell Athletic Bowl. On special teams, the Cardinals had two punt blocks and a kickoff return for a score. Placekicker John Wallace made 20-of-24 field-goal attempts and 52 PATs while punter Ryan Johnson averaged 41.2 yards a punt. The Cardinals led the nation in punt-return defense yielding 15 total yards for the year.

While at Louisville, Carter helped lead the Cardinals to two Big East Conference championships and four bowl appearances, including a 33-23 victory over No. 4 Florida in the 2013 Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Louisville also appeared in the Beef O'Brady's Bowl (2010) and Belk Bowl (2011) during Carter's tenure.

"Kenny is a high energy guy who brings a lot of passion to his job each and every day. I've known Kenny for a long time and he did a tremendous job handling our running backs and special teams at Louisville. He is a good coach and a good person. He'll do a great job at Delaware State." Charlie Strong, University of Texas Head Coach (former Louisville Head Coach)

Also at Louisville, Carter was the position coach of New York Jets running back Bilal Powell, an All-Big East selection and Doak Walker Award semi-finalist as the nation's top rusher with the Cardinals.

During the 2008 and '09 seasons Carter was running backs coach under Urban Meyer at the University of Florida. He helped guide the Gators to the 2009 BCS National Championship with a 24-14 victory over Oklahoma

Florida also competed in the 2010 Allstate Sugar Bowl and captured the 2008 Southeast Conference championship during his time on the coaching staff.

The Gators were 26-1 in his two seasons as running backs coach. In 2009, Florida was 13-1 losing only in the SEC Championship Game. The Gators capped the year with an impressive win over Cincinnati in the Sugar Bowl.

The Gators led the Southeast Conference in rushing at 231 yards per game and posted a school-record 42 rushing touchdowns during the 2008 season. Florida running back Jeff Demps was also a Doak Walker award nominee during Carter's tenure with the Gators.

Carter also served as running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Vanderbilt from 2004-to-'07.

He served under the late Joe Paterno from 2001-to-03 as assistant receivers coach at Penn State University.

Among the highlights of Carter's tenure at Penn State were an appearance in 2003 Capital One Bowl; and the selection of All- Big Ten receiver Bryant Johnson in the first round of the NFL draft by Arizona Cardinals.

During the 2000 season, Carter was running backs coach at the University of Pittsburgh. The Panthers competed in the Insight.com Bowl; and running back Kevin Barlow was a third round selection of the NFL's San Francisco 49ers following that season.

In 1999, Carter was an assistant coach (strong safeties/linebackers/nickel backs) at Louisiana State University.

He began his coaching career in 1993 as an assistant at Furman (tight ends).

The following year, Carter was hired as assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator at his alma mater, The Citadel, where he served until 1998.

Carter was a four-year letterman as an inside linebacker for The Citadel. He was the Bulldogs' 1989 Special Teams Player-of-the-Year.

He earned a bachelor of science in Health and Exercise Science from The Citadel in 1990.

KENNY CARTER FILE

Present	Delaware State University	Head Coach
2014	Youngstown State	Asst. Coach
	(wide receivers; passing game	e coordinator;
	co-coordinator of special team	1S)
2010-13	University of Louisville	Asst. Coach
	(running backs; special teams	coordinator)
2008-10	University of Florida	Asst. Coach
	(running backs)	
2004-07	Vanderbilt University	Asst. Coach
	(running backs; receiving coor	rdinator)
2001-03	Penn State University	Asst. Coach
	(wide receivers)	
2000	University of Pittsburgh	Asst. Coach
	(running backs)	
1999	LSU	Asst. Coach
	(outside linebackers)	
1994-98	The Citadel	Asst. Head Coach

Playing Experience

Furman

(tight ends)

1993

Four-year letterwinner at The Citadel

Asst. Coach

(defensive ends; RBs; receiving coordinator)



Carter (right), who served two seasons as a University of Florida assistant, celebrates with Tim Tebow on the Gator sideline

DELAWARE STATE ASSISTANT COACH BIO BRIEFS



JOHN ALLEN - OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR /QUARTERBACKS JAMES MADISON, '96 FIRST SEASON AT DSU

Head coach at Lock Haven (Pa.) University from 2011-to-2014. Before accepting the head coaching job at Lock Haven in March of 2011, Allen served as the coordinator of player development with the Nittany Lions at Penn State University (2008-2011). During his time at Penn State, the team went to the Outback Bowl (2011), Capital One Bowl (2010), and the BCS Rose Bowl (2009). previous head coach-

ing experience was in NFL Europe, where he was the head coach of the Berlin Thunder. Before his time with the Thunder, Allen was the offensive coordinator for the Amsterdam Admirals for three seasons. In 2005, he helped lead the Admirals to the World Bowl, the league's championship.



JAMIE BRYANT - DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR /SAFETIES OHIO WESLEYAN, '93 FIRST SEASON AT DSU

Youngstown State University defensive coordinator in 2014. Nineteen years of collegiate coaching experience, including nine as an assistant coach at Vanderbilt. Prior to coming to Youngstown State, spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Houston. Served as the secondary coach during his entire tenure on the Vanderbilt coaching staff

from 2002-10. He spent one year coordinating special teams and was the defensive coordinator during his final two seasons. He helped lead Vandy to its first postseason appearance in 26 years. VU defeated Boston College 17-16 with a late field goal to earn its first Bowl victory in 53 years.



ANDREW FAISON - ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/LINEBACKERS VIRGINIA STATE, '91 SECOND SEASON AT DSU

Lone holdover from 2014 coaching staff. Head coach at Virginia State University, a member of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, where he posted a 58-52 overall record from 2002 to '12. From 1995 to 2002, was Defensive Coordinator and Recruiting Coordinator at Winston-Salem State University. During his tenure at Winston-Salem, the Rams

captured two CIAA championships, three conference Southern Division titles, two Pioneer Bowl appearances and one Pioneer Bowl championship.



CHRIS SPRAGUE - OFFENSIVE LINE/ RUN GAME COORDINATOR ITHACA, '90 FIRST SEASON AT DSU

Joined the Delaware State University staff in February 2015 after 17 years as an assistant coach at Lock Haven University. Prior to Lock Haven, served as a defensive quality control/administrative assistant at Penn State from 1994-1996. Worked with the defensive line and special teams, while Penn State participated in three bowl games: the Rose Bowl (1994), the Outback Bowl

(1995) and the Fiesta Bowl (1996). Also served as an assistant coach at James Madison University. Member of Ithaca's 1988 Div. III National Championship team.



E.J. JUNIOR - DEFENSIVE LINE/ DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT ALABAMA FIRST SEASON AT DSU

Thirteen-year National Football League veteran and former University of Alabama All-American. Came into national prominence as a star defensive end/linebacker under Paul "Bear" Bryant at the University of Alabama. A two-time All-American and former SEC Defensive Player-of-the-Year. Helped lead the Crimson Tide to two

national championships. A 1980 finalist for the Lombardi Award, which is presented to the nation's top college lineman or linebacker. Played in NFL for Cardinals, Seahawks, Dolphins and Buccaneers. Two-time Pro Bowl selection. Former head coach at Central State University in Ohio



JELANI BERASSA - WIDE RECEIVERS YOUNGSTOWN STATE, '14 FIRST SEASON AT DSU

Star receiver at Youngstown State University, where Kenny Carter was an assistant coach in 2014. Completed his college career in '14. Youngstown's second leading receiver last season, hauling in 32 passes (long 72) for 574 yards (17.6 ypc) and six touchdowns. Career college stats include 76 receptions for 1248 yards and 15 touchdowns. Prior to enrolling at Youngstown State, was a Florida

scholastic star. Selected to play in the Miami-Dade High School Football All-Star Gridiron Classic.



TY GREENWOOD - CORNERBACKS / SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR DELAWARE STATE, '04 FIRST SEASON AT DSU

The former Hornet star defensive back most recently served two years with the University of Kansas football program as the quality control coach for defense. Greenwood spent the previous six seasons on the staff at Pierce College in Los Angeles, where he served as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach. Greenwood is a 2004

graduate of Delaware State where he was a three-year starter at defensive back. While at DSU, Greenwood earned All-MEAC honors and was named the team's defensive MVP in 2003.



VINCENT WHITE - RUNNING BACKS/ PASSING GAME COORDINATOR STANFORD, '84 SECOND SEASON AT DSU

In his second stint with the Hornets. Served as DSU's running backs/tight ends coach in 2005. Has more than 25 years of collegiate coaching experience, including stints with ACC, Big East, PAC-10 and Mountain West Conference schools. Offensive coordinator at Lincoln University in 2013. From 2012 to '13, was assistant head coach and wide

receivers coach at Fordham University. As a player at Stanford, was an All-PAC 10 First Team, All-West Coast First Team and Honorable Mention All-America running back in 1982. That season, he led all NCAA Div. I players with 68 receptions. Selected by the New York Jets in the sixth round of the 1983 NFL Draft; and competed for the Denver Gold of the United States Football League from 1983 to '85.

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

2015 Standings					2014 Final Stan	dings			
Standings	MEAC	Pct.	Overa	II Pct.		MEAC		Overall	
N.C. Central	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000		W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
NCA&T	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	North Carolina A&T	6-2	.750	9-3	.750
S.C. State	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	Bethune-Cookman	6-2	.750	9-3	.750
Hampton	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	So. Carolina State	6-2	.750	8-4	.667
Bethune-Cookman	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	N.C. Central	6-2	.750	7-5	.583
					#Morgan State	6-2	.750	7-6	.538
Delaware State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	Norfolk State	4-4	.500	4-8	.333
Florida A&M	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	Howard	3-5	.373	5-7	.417
Howard	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	Hampton	2-6	.250	3-9	.250
Morgan State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	Delaware State	2-6	.250	2-10	.167
Norfolk State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	^Florida A&M	3-5	.375	3-9	.250
Savannah State Univ.	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	^Savannah State	0-8	.000	0-12	.000



#- received MEAC's automatic bid to NCAA playoffs

^ - ineligible for post-season competition

2015 Preseason All-MEAC First Team

Offense			
QB	Malcolm Bell	N.C. Central	Jr.
RB	Tarik Cohen	NCA&T	Jr.
RB	Herb Walker	Morgan State	Jr.
WR	Twarn Mixon	Hampton	r-Jr.
WR	Isaac White	Norfolk State	Sr.
TE	Myles Williams	Howard	r-Sr.
С	Dominique Woods	Morgan State	Jr.
OL	Toree Boyd	Howard	Jr.
OL	Dariusz Bladek	Bethune-Cookman	Jr.
OL	Clevonne Davis	N.C. Central	Sr.
OL	Matthew Thompson	Morgan State	So.

Defense			
DL	Javon Hargrave	SC State	Sr.
DL	Miles Grooms	Hampton	Sr.
DL	Michael Lovejoy	Florida A&M	Sr.
DL	Marquis Ragland	NCA&T	r-Jr.
LB	Deon King	Norfolk State	Sr.
LB	Joshua Thorne	Hampton	Sr.
LB	Darius Leonard	SC State	r-So
DB	Terrick Colston	Delaware State	Sr.
DB	Tony McRae	NCA&T	Sr.
DB	Mike Jones	NC Central	Jr.
DB	Delonta Hall	Morgan State	r-Jr.
Р	Christian Faber-Kinney	Hampton	Jr.
PK	Cody Jones	NCA&T	Jr.
Ret.	Mike Jones	NC Central	Jr.

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Tarik Cohen (RB) - NCA&T

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Javon Hargrave (DL) - South Carolina State

2015 DSU Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

С	Ernest Mengoni	Jr.
DL	Gabe Sherrod	Jr.

This Week in the MEAC

THIS WEEK IN THE MEAC

Sat., Sep. 12	
Delaware State at Kent State	6 p.m.
Richmond at Hampton	12 p.m.
Florida A&M at Samford	3 p.m.
NCA&T at North Carolina	6 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at SC State	6 p.m.
N.C. Central at Duke	6 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at Grambling	7 p.m.
Norfolk State at Old Dominion	7 p.m.
Morgan State at Illinois	7:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S MEAC RESULTS

Liberty 32	Delaware State 13
S.C. State 35	Arkansas Pine-Bluff 7
Appalachian St. 49	Howard 0
So. Florida 51	Florida A&M 3
Miami (FL) 45	Bethune-Cookman 0
Colorado St. 65	Savannah State 13
Rutgers 63	Norfolk State 13
N.C. Central 72	St. Augustine's 0
NCA&T 61	Shaw 7
Air Force 63	Morgan State 7
Hampton 35	Kentucky St. 20

MEAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense	Twarn Mixson (WR)	Hampton
Defense	Javon Hargrave (DL)	SC State
Rookie	Nigel Macauley (PK)	NC Central
Off. Lineman	Clevonne Davis (OG)	NC Central
Special Teams	Caleb Garbiel (KOR)	NCA&T
•	John Fleck (P/PK)	Howard

NATIONAL FCS POLLS

2015 STATS FCS FOOTBALL Top-25 (as of Sep. 7) Team (First-place votes); 2015 Record; Pts.. Prev. Sam Houston State 3132 3 North Dakota State 0-1 3123 1 3 Coastal Carolina 1-0 3115 5 3068 4 Illinois State 0-1 2 5 Jacksonville State 1-0 3047 7 2972 6 Villanova 0-1 4 Eastern Washington 0-1 2688 6 2401 8 13 Montana 1-1 2374 9 South Dakota State 1-0 16 10 2040 Chattanooga 0 - 18 Montana State 1-0 1994 11 11 New Hampshire 1864 12 0-1 9 13 James Madison 1-0 1776 12 UNI 1689 10 14 0-1 1465 15 Liberty 1-0 15 Fordham 1446 20 16 1-0 17 Youngstown State 1442 14 0-1 Cal Poly 1-0 1144 NR 18 Eastern Kentucky 1127 19 1-0 17 20 SE Louisiana 1-0 908 19 21 21 Indiana State 1-0 665 22 Richmond 0-1 646 18 23 1-0 498 Idaho State 22 24 326 NR Portland State 1-0 25 Harvard 0-0 324 23

Others receiving votes: Northern Arizona 238, McNeese State 213, William & Mary 212, North Dakota 186, Western Illinois 109, Samford 89, Southern Illinois 88, Stephen F. Austin 81, South Carolina State 58, North Carolina A&T 48, Western Carolina 43, Eastern Illinois 32, Sacred Heart 31, Charleston Southern 28, Bryant 9, Florida A&M 8, Bucknell 8, Sacramento State 7, Alcorn State 7, Lamar 7, Dartmouth 4), Bethune-Cookman 4, Delaware 3, Southern Utah 2, Duquesne 2, Furman 2, Towson 2, North Carolina Central 2, Norfolk State 1, Jacksonville 1, Stony Brook 1

2015 FCS COACHES POLL (as of Sep. 7)

	SCHOOL	2015 W-L	PTS	2014 FINAL	RANK
1	Coastal Carolina (4	1)	1-0	517	5
T-2	North Dakota State	(6)	0-1	490	1
T-2	Villanova		0-1	490	3
4	Sam Houston Stat	te (2)	0-1	487	4
5	Illinois State (6)		0-1	481	2
6	Jacksonville State	(1)	1-0	453	9
7	Eastern Washingt	on	0-1	437	6
8	Montana (3)		1-1	393	12
9	Montana State		1-0	384	11
10	South Dakota Stat	te (1)	1-0	363	15
11	James Madison		1-0	312	13
12	Chattanooga		0-1	301	8
13	Liberty		1-0	280	14
14	Northern Iowa		0-1	274	10
15	New Hampshire		0-1	257	7
16	Fordham		1-0	233	21
17	Youngstown State	;	0-1	219	16
18	SE Louisiana		1-0	175	19
19	Eastern Kentucky		1-0	174	17
20	Cal Poly		1-0	130	NR
21	Indiana State		1-0	128	20
22	Richmond		0-1	77	18
23	McNeese State		0-0	75	23
24	Idaho State		1-0	68	24
T-25	Harvard		0-1	44	22
T-25	William & Mary		1-0	44	NR
Othe	ers receiving votes:	Northern A	Arizona	(36), Portland	State

Others receiving votes: Northern Arizona (36), Portland State (22), Jackson State (19), South Carolina State (18), Samford (17), North Dakota (17), Towson (12), Western Illinois (12), Western Carolina (11), South Dakota (10), Charleston Southern (8), Alcorn State (4), Furman (2), Jacksonville (1), Southern Illinois (1).

HORNETS 10th IN MEAC PRESEASON POLL.

Delaware State has been picked to finish 10th in the 2015 conference standings, according to a poll of league head coaches and sports information directors.



North Carolina A&T, one of five teams to share the 2014 MEAC title, is the choice of voters to capture the crown this season. The Aggies collected nine of 22 first place votes and 425 total points in the balloting.

South Carolina State is a close second with four first place votes and 408 points. The Bulldogs also owned a share of the 2014 MEAC title. Bethune-Cookman (387 points), North Carolina Central (334) and Morgan State (318) round out the top five in the MEAC preseason poll. The Wildcats, Eagles and Bears also captured a share of the league championship last season.

Morgan State was awarded the MEAC's automatic bid for the 2014 NCAA FCS playoffs in a tie-breaker among five teams.

Delaware State has an all-time MEAC record of 131-153-1 since joining the league when it was formed in 1971. The Hornets have won or shared six MEAC championships (1985, '87, '88, '89, '91, 2007).

2015 MEAC Predicted Order of Finish

2010 MEAG 1 ICAICICA GIACI OI I IIIISI	
1. No. Carolina A&T (9)	425
2. So. Carolina State (4)	408
3. Bethune-Cookman (1)	387
4. N.C. Central (4)	334
5. Morgan State	318
6. Hampton (2)	276
7. Norfolk State	170
8. Florida A&M**	164
9 Howard**	146
5. DELAWARE STATE (1)	97
11. Savannah State (1)	69

**Florida A&M, Howard and Savannah State are ineligible for post-season competition.

MEAC CHAMPION TO COMPETE IN INAUGURAL CELEBRATION BOWL

This year's MEAC champion will also have the honor of representing the conference against the champ of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) in the inaugural Celebration Bowl in Atlanta, Ga..

The quest for the 2015 MEAC championship and Celebration Bowl berth will have an added incentive for Delaware State and its fellow conference members.

ESPN Events, a subsidiary of ESPN, has announced that the inaugural Celebration Bowl will be televised live



on ABC. The new postseason college football bowl game will kick off at noon ET Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

The Celebration Bowl, which showcases the legacy, values and traditions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, will pit the conference champions from the MEAC and SWAC.

"We are excited to collaborate with ESPN to launch the Celebration Bowl and continue our longstanding tradition of delivering an annual HBCU college football showdown to fans in Atlanta," said John Grant, Chief Executive Officer, 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. "Having the game televised on ABC will showcase the best in HBCU football on a national stage."

FORMER HORNETS MAKING THEIR MARK IN THE PROS AND BEYOND

FORMER HORNET RODNEY GUNTER SELECTED IN FOURTH ROUND BY ARIZONA CARDINALS IN 2015 NFL DRAFT

Former Hornet defensive lineman **Rodney Gunter** ('14) is already making an impact in professional football. Gunter was selected by the Arizona Cardinals in the fourth round (116h overall pick) of the 2015 National Football League draft, making him the third highest NFL selection in Hornet football history. He was also the first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference player chosen in the 2015 NFL draft.

Gunter, who recorded a sack in the endzone for a safety in the Cardinals' 2015 preseason opener against the Kansas City Chiefs, is in line to be the team's starting nose guard when the regular season begins. He moved up the depth chart when Cardinals' tackle **Corey Peters** ruptured his Achilles in a preseason practice, likely sidelining him for the season.



Gunter was a four-year starter from 2011 to 2014, competing in each of the Hornets' 45 games during the span. He was an AII-MEAC First Team selection in 2013: and second team pick in 2012 and 2014.

His career

stats include 99 solo tackles and 89 assists, 37 tackles-for-loss and 18 sacks. He was the Hornets' sack leader in each of the last three seasons.

DSU's WILLIAMS IN RAIDERS CAMP



Former Hornet receiver

Milton Williams III is in the
Oakland Raiders camp this
summer after being signed
as a free agent by the team
in April. Williams played
with the Hornets from 2011
to 2014. His DSU career
totals include 126 receptions
for 1612 yards and 11
touchdowns.
Williams ranks seventh on
the Hornets' all-time list for
receptions and 10th in receiving yards.

JOHN TAYLOR TOPS LIST OF FORMER HORNET PROS

Rodney Gunter may one day be recognized as the former Hornet with the greatest professional football career, but right now that distinction belongs to **John Taylor**, who played nine seasons with the great San Francisco 49er

teams of the late 1980s to mid-90s. Taylor is most famous for catching the winning touchdown on a 10-yard pass from **Joe Montana** with 34 seconds left in the 49ers' 20-16 win over the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII in Miami, Fla. It was his first of three Super Bowls championships with the Niners. Taylor was also a two-time NFL All-Pro selection, competed in two Pro



Bowls and was named as to the NFL's 1980s All-Decade Team as the second team punt returner.

ht game against the Rams, Taylor scored

In a Monday night game against the Rams, Taylor scored touchdowns on two receptions of over 90 yards (92 and 96), an NFL first. He recorded 347 receptions for 5,589 yards

(16.1 ypr) and 43 touchdowns in his NFL career.

OTHER FORMER HORNETS RAISE DSU PROFILE

Two other former DSU football standouts are making news these days. Regular cable news watchers likely know the name **Matthew Horace**, an offensive lineman for the Hornets from 1980 to '83. In 1983, he helped lead the team

to a 7-3-1 record, its first winning season in six years. Horace is currently an internationally recognized law enforcement, homeland security and leadership expert. He is Senior Vice President and Chief Security Officer for FJC Security Services, a national security firm based in metropolitan New York City. A twenty-eight year veteran of federal, state and



local law enforcement, he ascended to the Senior Executive Service (SES) rank in the United States Department of Justice where he managed local, regional, national, and international investigations. He is frequently featured in live broadcast news segments related to Homeland Security, Federal investigations and general law enforcement matters on CNN, Headline News, MSNBC, FOX and local affiliates throughout the United States and abroad.

Television and movie watchers may recognize former Hornet **Aaron Spears** (right), now a Hollywood actor. Spears was a running back for the Hornets during the 1992 and '93 seasons. In 1993, he was one of three Hornets to rush for 100 yards (133) in a 65-42 win over Morgan State. Today, Spears plays the character *Mark Bradley* in the BET series *Being Mary Jane* starring *Gabrielle Union*. He received a NAACP Image Award for his role as *Justin Barber* in the daytime soap *Bold and the Beautiful*. His television credits also include guest roles in *Criminal Minds, Bones* and *Everybody Loves Raymond*.



DELAWARE STATE	UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC (As of Sep 10, 2015	CS 2015 FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART (5))
OFFENSE	DEFE	ENSE
Z 86-Kamal Abrams (gr.; 5-11; 190) 89-Jerimiah Williams (r-so.; 6-2; 195	RE	88-Gabe Sherrod (jr.; 6-3; 255) 59-Abdul Ajelero (fr.; 6-0; 255)
TE 85-Nate Ortiz (r-so.; 6-3; 225) or 25-Nagee Jackson (sr.; 6-2; 225)	RT	93-Nick Nelson (jr. 6-4; 265) 97-Tarique Anderson (sr.; 6-5, 255
LT 73-Jerron Searles (jr.; 6-5; 280) 66-Clark McCready (sr.; 6-4; 285)	LT	46-Jihad Abdur-Rahman (sr.; 6-4; 52-Javon Barnes (fr.; 6-2; 300)

LG	76-Darren Helwig (jr.; 6-5; 295) 65-Lamont Bradford (so.; 6-4, 290)	L
С	77-Ernest Mengoni (jr.; 6-3; 285) 55-Patrick Phillips (jr.; 6-0; 285)	S

RG 75-Chuka Ezeuzoh (fr.; 6-5, 300) 70-Justin Cook (jr.; 6-4, 300)

RT	79-Dimitri Hill (sr.; 6-5; 325)
	66-Clark McCready (sr.; 6-4; 285)

FL	4-Malik Golson (r-jr.; 5-9; 180)
	6-Brycen Alleyne (fr.; 5-7; 170)

X	7-Aris Scott (jr.; 6-3; 225)
	87-Jonathan Jones (r-fr.; 5-11; 195)

TB	5-Jamaal Jackson (sr.; 5-9; 180)
	8-Kesselly Tyler (fr.; 6-0; 210)

FB	48-Kyle Taylor (fr.; 6-2, 230)
	23-Trey Hall (r-jr.; 5-11, 195)

QB	9-Esayah Obado (r-jr.; 6-3; 210)
	2-Kobie Lain (fr.: 6-0, 215)

RT	93-Nick Nelson (jr. 6-4; 265) 97-Tarique Anderson (sr.; 6-5, 255)
LT	46-Jihad Abdur-Rahman (sr.; 6-4; 270 52-Javon Barnes (fr.; 6-2; 300)

40-Josh Ealy (so.; 6-3; 230) LE 50-Jacob Tizzard (sr.; 6-1; 250)

SAM 43-Raphael Whittingham (jr.; 603; 210) 49-Demont Cook (so.; 6-1, 230)

MIKE 42-Malik Harris (so.; 6-0; 220) 54-Stewart Carey (sr.; 6-0; 235)

WILL 17-Rashawn Barrett (fr.; 6-0; 215) 45-Kameron Rogers (So.; 6-2, 210)

CB 24-William Burton (jr.; 5-9; 175) 33-Mark Flakes (so.; 5-11; 180)

SS 29-Terrick Colston (sr.; 6-1; 200) 32-Anthony Gamble (so.; 5-8; 180)

FS 21-Kevin Jocelyn (jr.; 5-9; 185) 37-Logan Westcott (fr.; 6-1; 190)

CB 19-J.R. Robinson (sr.; 5-11; 200) 15-Denzel Burgette (fr.; 6-1; 180)

SPECIALISTS

PK	1-Wisdom Nzidee (so.; 5-8; 180)
	39-Jeremiah McGeough (r-so.; 6-1; 175)

KOR 7-Aris Scott (jr.; 6-3; 225) 4-Malik Golson (jr.; 5-9; 180)

6-Brycen Alleyne (fr.; 5-7; 170) 5-Jamaal Jackson (sr.; 5-9, 180)

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2015 DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY NUMERICAL FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	Ht/Wt	CI	Hometown/Previous School
1	Wisdom Nzidee	PK	5-10/180	So.	Stone Mt., Ga./Paine College/Stephenson HS
2	Kobe Lain	QB	6-2/215	Fr.	Fayetteville, Ga./Woodland HS
3	Gil Rivera	QB	6-3/230	Jr.	Los Angeles, Cal./E. Los Angeles CC/Jordan HS
4	Malik Golson	WR	5-9/180	r-Jr.	Dover, Del. (Smyrna HS)
5	Jamaal Jackson	RB	5-9/180	Sr.	Wilmington, Del./Nassau CC/Hodgson
6	Brycen Alleyne	WR	5-7/170	Fr.	Wilmington, Del./Concord HS
7	Aris Scott	WR	6-2/220	Jr.	Harrisburg, Pa. (Central Dauphin East)
8	Kesselly Tyler	RB	602/210	Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga./Benj. Mays HS
9	Esayah Obado	QB	6-3/220	r-Jr.	Hamilton, N.J. (Nottingham HS)
10	Willie Bolden	DB	6-1/205	r-Jr.	Brunswick, Ga. (Brunswick)
11	Dominic Floyd	LB	6-2/220	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Colonial First HS
12	Laray Smith	RB	6-3/215	So.	Staten Island, N.Y./Xaverian/Indiana
14	John Griffin	DB	5-10/195	Jr.	Middletown, Del./Middletown HS
15	Denzel Burgette	DB	6-1/180	Fr.	Middletown, Del./Eastern Christian Academy
16	Peterson Apollon	WR	5-9/200	Jr.	West Orange, N.J./West Orange HS
17	Rashawn Barrett	LB	6-0/215	Jr.	Montclair, N.J./Montclair HS
18	Eric Wright, Jr.	DB	5-8/175	So.	Bear, Del./Newark HS
19	Ronald "JR" Robinson		5-11/200	Sr.	Jersey City, N.J. (St. Peter's Prep)
20	Keyjuan Selby	DB	5-11/175	Fr.	Bear, Del./St. George's Vo-Tech HS
21	Kevin Jocelyn	RB	5-9/185	Jr.	Spring Valley, N.Y. (Ramapo)
22	Sika Bendolph	RB	5-8/175	Fr.	Dover, Del./Caesar Rodney HS
23	Trey Hall	RB	5-11/195	r-Jr.	Beaver Falls, Pa. (Beaver Falls HS)
24	William Burton	DB	5-9/175	Jr.	Washington Twp., N.J. (Timber Creek Reg.)
25	Nagee Jackson	RB	6-2/225	Sr.	Gainesville, Va. (Fork Union M.A./Battlefield)
26	Gary Melton Jr.	DB	5-10/180	Jr.	Trenton, N.J. (Cedar Creek)
27	Tecumseh Bendolph	RB	5-8/170	Fr.	Dover, Del./Caesar Rodney HS
28	Taronn Selby	WR	5-9/170	Fr.	Bear, Del./St. George's Vo-Tech HS
29	Terrick Colston	DB	6-1/200	Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. (Kathleen HS)
30	Dae-Hon Cheung	RB	5-10/180	Sr.	Coatesville, Pa. (Coatesville HS)
31	Carl St. Amand	WR	5-8/170	Fr.	Burtonsville, Md./Paint Branch HS
32	Anthony Gamble	DB	5-8/180	So.	Ft. Pierce, Fla./Ft. Pierce Central
33	Mark Flakes	DB	5-11/180	So.	Wilmington, Del./McKean HS
34	T.J. Ajibola	DB	5-8/175	Sr.	Baltimore, Md./Overlea HS
36	Ryan Taylor	DB DB	5-8/170	Jr. Fr.	Lorton, Va./So. County Secondary School
37 39	Logan Wescott	P/K	6-1/190	r-So.	Bridgeville, Del./Woodbridge HS
40	Jeremiah McGeough Josh Ealy	DL	6-1/175 6-3/230	So.	Danville, Va. (George Washington HS) Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach HS)
41	Johnathon Scandrett	LS	5-10/210	Fr.	Stockbridge, Ga./Woodland HS
42	Malik Harris	LB	6-0/210	So.	Washington, D.C. (Friendship Collegiate Acad.)
43	Raphael Whittingham	LB	6-3/205	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Canarsie High School)
44	Christian Johnson	DL	6-2/245	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson HS
45	Kameron Rogers	TE	6-2/210	So.	Waldorf, Md./Westlake HS/Wesley College
46	Jihad Abdur-Rahman	DL	6-3/275	Sr.	Savannah, Ga. (Johnson HS)
47	Robert Jernigan	DL	6-3/255	Fr.	Columbus, Ga./Carver HS
48	Kyle Taylor	TE	6-2/230	Fr.	Wilmington, Del./Hodgson Vo-Tech HS
49	Demont Cook	LB	6-1/230	r-Jr.	Laurel, Md./Laurel HS
50	Jacob Tizzard	DE	6-1/250	Sr.	Glendora, Cal./Victor Valley Col. / Apple Valley HS
51	Dan Zajac	LB	6-2/235	So.	Ambridge, Pa. (Ambridge HS)
52	Javon Barnes	DL	6-7/315	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson HS
54	Stewart Carey	LB	6-0/235	r-Sr.	Newark, Del. (Newark HS)
55	Patrick Phillips	С	6-0/285	Jr.	Ocean City, Md. (Stephan Decatur HS)
57	Kareem Leaver	LB	6-2/240	So.	New York, N.Y./Binghamton HS
58	Jacob Jones	DL	6-3/290	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y./Grand Street Campus HS
59	Abdul Ajelero	DL	6-0/255	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y/Grand Street Campus HS
65	Lamont Bradford	OL	6-4/290	So.	Erial, N.J. (Timber Creek HS)
66	Clark McCready	OL	6-4/285	Sr.	Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Hollidaysburg Area HS)
70	Justin Cook	OL	6-4/300	Jr.	Salisbury, Md. (Wicomico HS)
71	Keon Williams	OL	6-2/285	Jr.	Jersey City, N.J./St. Peter's Prep
72	Keevon Prather	OL	6-3/290	Sr.	Temple Hills, Md. (Crossland HS)
73	Jerron Searles	OL	6-5/ 280	Jr.	Atlantic City, N.J. (Atlantic City HS)
75 76	Chuka Ezeuzoh	OL	6-5/300	Fr.	Wilmington, Del./Concord HS
76	Darren Helwig	OL	6-5/295	Jr.	Dover, Del. (Smyrna High)
77	Ernest Mengoni	C	6-3/285	Jr.	Eynan, Pa. (Valley View HS)
79	Dimitri Hill	OT	6-5/325	Sr.	Waldorf, Md. (Westlake HS)
80	Morris Frasier	WR	6-2/215 6 3/245	r-Sr.	Felton, Del. (Lake Forest HS)
81 83	Ameer Watson DaShawn Smith	TE WR	6-3/245 6-0/180	So. So.	Smyrna, Del. (Smyrna HS) New Castle, Del. (William Penn HS)
85	Nate Ortiz	TE	6-3/225	so. r-So.	Jersey City, N.J. (St. Anthony's HS)
86	Kamal Abrams	WR	5-11/190	1-30. Gr.	Dover, Del./UConn/Dover HS
87	Jonathon Jones	WR	5-11/195	r-Fr.	Decatur, Ga./Arabia Mt. HS
88	Gabriel Sherrod	DE	6-3/ 245	Jr.	Perryville, Md. (Perryville HS)
89	Jerimiah Williams	WR	6-2/195	r-So.	Washington, DC (McKinley Tech.)
91	Qiyamah Girard	DL	6-6/270	Fr.	Morrow, Ga./Morrow HS
93	Nick Nelson	DL	6-4/255	r-So.	Dumfries, Va. (Potomac HS)
97	Tarique Anderson	DL	6-5/ 255	Sr.	Toronto, Ont. (Fork Union M.A./Pickering HS
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29 49	Terrick Colston Demont Cook	DB LB	6-1/200	Sr. r-Jr.	Lakeland, Fla. (Kathleen HS)
70		OL	6-1/230	Jr.	Laurel, Md./Laurel HS
40	Justin Cook	DL	6-4/300 6-3/230	So.	Salisbury, Md. (Wicomico HS) Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach HS)
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19 45	Ronald "JR" Robinson	DB TE	5-11/200 6-2/210	Sr. So.	Jersey City, N.J. (St. Peter's Prep) Waldorf, Md./Westlake HS/Wesley College
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43	Raphael Whittingham	LB	6-3/205	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Canarsie High School)
31	Xavier Wilcher	DB	6-2/175	So.	Bethlehem, Pa. (Liberty HS)
89	Jerimiah Williams	WR	6-2/195	r-So.	Washington, DC (McKinley Tech.)
71	Keon Williams	OL	6-2/285	Jr.	Jersey City, N.J./St. Peter's Prep
18	Eric Wright, Jr.	DB	5-8/175	So.	Bear, Del./Newark HS
51	Dan Zajac	LB	6-2/235	So.	Ambridge, Pa. (Ambridge HS)

Head Coach: Kenny Carter (The Citadel, '90) - First year

Assistants: Andrew Faison (Virginia State, '81) - Associate Head Coach/Linebackers - Second year

John Allen (James Madison, '96) – Offensive Coordinator/QBs – First year Jamie Bryant (Ohio Wesleyan, '93) – Defensive Coordinator/Safeties – First year E.J Junior (Alabama, '81) – Defensive Line/Dir. of Player Development – First year Chris Sprague (Ithaca, '90) – Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator – First year

Ty Greenwood (Delaware State, '04) - Corners/Special Teams Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator - First year

Vincent White (Stanford, '84) – Running Backs/Tights/Passing Game Coordinator - First year

Jelani Berassa (Youngstown State, '14) - Wide Receivers - First year

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jihad Abdur-Rahman Juh-hod Ahb-door Rock-mahn

Abdul Ajelero Ahb-dool Ah-juh-lair-oh Brycen Alleyne Bry-sin AH-lane T.J. Ajibola AH-juh-bo-lah Tah-reek Tarique Anderson Javan Barnes Juh-vahn Rashawn Barrett Rah-shahn Sika Bendolph SIK -uh Tecumseh Bendolph TEH-kum-suh Denzel Burgett BUR-jett

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Jamaal Jackson Juh-mel
Nagee Jackson Nah-jee
Kevin Jocelyn Jah-suh-lyn
Kobe Lain KO-BE Lane
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Wisdom Nzidee Nuh-zee-dee

Esayah Obado Ee-SY-uh OO-bah-do

Aris Scott Air-ess
Keyjuan Selby KEY-wahn
Laray Smith LAH-ray
Jacob Tizzard TIZZ-erd
Kesselly Tyler KESS-uh-lee
Dan Zajac ZAY-jak

Game 1

Liberty 32 Delaware State 13 Sep. 5, 2015 Lynchburg, Va. (Williams Stadium) 18,803

Score by Quarters

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DSU	0	6	7	0	13
LIB	14	5	6	7	32

Hornets fall to FCS #14/15 Liberty in new head coach Kenny Carter's debut ... DSU trailed 14-6 after a touchdown midway through the second quarter and was down 25-13 after a third quarter score ... QB Esayah Obado completed 16-of-27 passes for 227 yards, and rushed for a two-yard touchdown in his first action since 2013 season ... WR Malik Golson had team-high seven catches for 74 yards ... LB Malik Harris led the Hornets with 12 tackles (six solo) ... DE Gabe Sherrod had seven tackles (five unassisted), including 3.5 behind the line-of-scrimmage ... DSU's third straight season-opening loss.

First Qtr.

LU 07:17 Peterson 26 pass from Woodrum (Lunsford kick)
LU 04:53 Rice 23 run (Lunsford kick)

2nd Qtr.

DSU 08:05 Obado 2 run (run failed)

02:56 Lunsford 52 FG

LU 01:56 Team safety

3rd Qtr.
LU 08:15 Peterson 6 pass from Woodrum (pass failed)
DSU 05:32 J. Jackson 2 run (Nzidee kick)

4th Qtr.

LU 14:55 Rice 6 run (Lunsford kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

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	DSU	LIB
First Downs	14	26
Rushes-Yds.	25-42	40-229
Passing Yds.	227	188
C-A-I	16-28-2	19-32-1
Plays-Yds.	53-269	72-417
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	0-0
Penalties-Yds	12-98	11-110
Punts-Avg.	5-33.6	3-47.7
Punt RetYds-TDs	1-(-2)-0	1-(-1)-0
Kickoff RetYdsTDs	4-74-0	2-31-0
INT-yds.	1-2-0	2-0-0
Fum RetYdsTD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Time of Possession	23:16	36:44
Third down conv.	5-13	7-14
Fourth down conv.	1-1	2-2
Red Zone chances	2-3	2-3
Sacks-NoYds.	1-8	5-27

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing
DSU - J. Jackson 15-37, 1 TD; Alleyne 1-5; Obado 9-0, 1 TD
LIB—Rice 20-139, 2 TDs; Abnar 13-80; Macon 4-13

Passing DSU—Obado 16-27-2; 227 yds.

LIB - Woodrum 19-32-1, 188 yds.; 1 TD

DSU - Golson 7-74; Abrams 3-51; J., Jackson 3-44; Scott 1-47; Alleyne 1-9; N. Jackson 1-2

LIB - Peterson 8-83, 2 TDs; Parker 6-41; Couamin 1-30; Farrow 1-20

Punting
DSU - McGeough 4-126; 31.5 avg.; lg 45; Nzidee 1-42

LIB- Turner 3-143; 47.7 avg. lg 61

Punt Returns DSU - Golson 1-(-2) LIB - Parker 1-(-1)

Kickoff Returns

DSU - Alleyne 2-49, lg 25 ; Golson 2-25. lg 13 **LIB**—Abnar 2-31, lg 20

Interceptions DSU - Jocelyn 1-2

LIB - Scott 1-0; Turner 1-0

DELAWARE STATE 2015 COMBINED STATS

The Automated ScoreBook Delaware State Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 09, 2015) All games

Date 09-05-15	Opponent at #14 Liberty	Score L 13-32	Att. 18803	Record: All games	Overall 0-1	Home 0-0	Away 0-1	Neutral 0-0
Rushing JACKSON Jamas	gp atl gain loss al 1 15 47 10		lg avg/g 13 37.0	Conference Non-Conference	0-0 0-1	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-1	0-0 0-0
ALLEYNE, Brycer OBADO, Esayah		5 5.0 0	5 5.0 21 0.0	Team Statistics FIRST DOWNS			DSU 14	OPP 26
Total Opponents	1 25 83 41 1 40 259 30	42 1.7 2 2	21 42.0 27 229.0	Rushing Passing			2	15 9
				Penalty	_		4	2
Passing OBADO,Esayah	gp effic comp-att-i 1 115.07 16-27-2	nt pct yds to 59.3 227 0		RUSHING YARDAG Rushing Attempts	Ε		42 25	229 40
SCOTT, Aris Total	1 0.00 0-1-0 1 110.96 16-28-2	0.0 0 0 57.1 227 0		Average Per Rush Average Per Game			1.7 42.0	5.7 229.0
Opponents	1 123.10 19-32-1	59.4 188 2		TDs Rushing			2	2
Receiving	gp no. yds avg	td lg avg/g		PASSING YARDAG Comp-Att-Int	E	10	227 5-28-2	188 19-32-1
GOLSON, Malik ABRAMS, Kamal	1 7 74 10.6 1 3 51 17.0	0 27 74.0		Average Per Pass Average Per Catch			8.1 14.2	5.9 9.9
JACK5ON, Jama:	al 1 3 44 14.7	0 26 44.0		Average Per Game			227.0	188.0
5COTT, Aris ALLEYNE, Brycer	1 1 47 47.0 n 1 1 9 9.0			TDs Passing TOTAL OFFENSE			0 269	417
JACKSON, Någer Total				Average Per Play Average Per Game			5.1 269.0	5.8 417.0
Opponents	1 19 188 9.9			KICK RETURNS: #-	Yards		4-74	2-31
Field Goals	fg pct. 01-19 2	0-29 30-39 40-49	50-99 lg blk	PUNT RETURNS: # INT RETURNS: #-Y			12 1-2	1-1 2-0
		PAT	-	FUMBLES-LOST PENALTIES-Yards			3-0 12-98	0-0 11-110
Scoring		rush rov pass di	up set pts	PUNTS-AVG			5-33.6	3-47.7
OBADO,Esayah JACKSON,Jama	al 1	0-1	6	TIME OF POSSESS 3RD-DOWN Conver			23:16 5/13	36:44 7/14
NZIDEE,Wisdom Total	1 1-1 2 - 1-1	0-1	1 13	4TH-DOWN Conver	sions		1/1	2/2
Opponents	4 1-2 3-3	0-1	- 1 32	Interceptions JOCELYN,Kevin	no. 1	yds avg 2 2.0	td lg	
Total Offense OBADO,Esayah		ess total avg/g 227 227 227.0		Punting	no. v		th fc	i20 50+ blk
JACKSON, Jama:	al 1 15 37	0 37 37.0		McGEOUGH, Jeremi	ah 41	ds avg lg 26 31.5 45	0 0	0 0 0
ALLEYNE, Brycer Total		0 5 5.0 27 269 269.0		NZIDEE,Wisdom	1	42 42.0 42	1 0	0 0 0
Opponents	1 72 229 1	188 417 417.0		Punt Returns GOLSON.Malik	no.	yds avg -2 -2.0	td lg	
Score by Quarte		4th OT Tota		Total	1	-2 -2.0	0 0	
Delaware State Opponents	0 6 7 14 5 6	0 0 13 7 0 32		Opponents	1	-1 -1.0	0 0	
				Kick Returns GOLSON,Malik	no. 2	yds avg 25 12.5	td lg 0 13	
				ALLEYNE,Brycen Total	2 4	49 24.5 74 18.5	0 25 0 25	
				Opponents	2	31 15.5	0 20	
				All Purpose GOLSON,Malik	g rush 1 0	rcv pr 74 -2	ka ii 25 0	total avg/g 97 97.0
				JACK5ON,Jama	1 37	44 0	0 0	81 81.0
				ALLEYNE, Bryce ABRAM5, Kamal	1 5	9 0 51 0	49 0 0 0	63 63.0 51 51.0
				SCOTT, Aris Total	1 0 1 42	47 0 227 -2	0 0 74 2	47 47.0 343 343.0
				Opponents	1 229	188 -1	31 0	447 447.0
# Defensive Le	eaders gp us	Tackles a tot	tfl/yds	Sacks Pass defi no-yds int-yds b	ense rup qbh	Fumble rcv-yds	s ff	blkd kick sef
42 HARRIS,Ma	alik 1 6	6 12	0.5-1				-	
21 JOCELYN, R 24 BURTON, W	villiam 1 5	4 9	1.0-3 0.5-0	1-2	: :		:	: :
88 SHERROD, 29 COLSTON,			3.5-15	1.0-8				1 .
Total	1 38	38 76	8-30 9-51	1-8 1-2	3 2			1 1
Opponents	1 32	20 52	3-01	5-27 2-0	4 3		3	. 1

2015 DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY DEFENSIVE STATS

The Automated ScoreBook Delaware State Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 09, 2015) All games

				Ta	ckles		Sacks	Pass	defens	e	Fumbles		blkd	
#	Defensive Leaders	gр	ua	а	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
42	HARRIS,Malik	1	6	6	12	0.5-1								
21	JOCELYN, Kevin	1	5	6	11	1.0-3		1-2						
24	BURTON, William	1	5	4	9	0.5-0								
88	SHERROD,Gabe	1	5	2	7	3.5-15	1.0-8						1	
29	COLSTON, Terrick	1	2	4	6									٠.
19	ROBINSON, Ronald	1	4	1	5				1	1				
46	ABDUR-RAHMAN, Jiha	1	2	2	4	1.0-1				1		٠.		
33	FLAKES, Mark	1	1	3	4				1					
97	ANDERSON, Tarique	1	1	2	3							٠.		٠.
17	BARRETT,Rashawn	1	1	2	3				1					
45	ROGERS, Kameron	1	2		2	1.0-7						٠.		٠.
50	TIZZARD, Jacob	1		2	2	0.5-3								
43	WHITTINGHAM, Rapha	1	1	1	2							٠.		
40		1	1		1									
52	BARNES, Javon	1	1		1							٠.		
	McGEOUGH, Jeremiah	1	1		1									
	GAMBLE, Anthony	1		1	1									
	BENDOLPH, Sika	1		1	1									
	NELSON, Nick	1		1	1									
-	Total	1	38	38	76	8-30	1-8	1-2	3	2			1	
	Opponents	1	32	20	52	9-51	5-27	2-0		3		3		1

THE LAST TIME

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	Team The Hornets scored at least	40 points	11/20/10	at Howard (W, 53-43)
		50 points	11/4/06	vs. Concord (W.Va.) (W, 62-0)
		60 points 70 points	11/4/06 10/8/84	vs. Concord (W.Va.) (W, 62-0) vs. Bowie State (W, 70-8)
	The Hornets allowed at least	40 points	11/22/14	at Morgan State (L, 7-69)
		50 points	11/22/14	at Morgan State (L, 7-69)
		60 points 70 points	11/22/14 11/8/80	at Morgan State (L, 7-69) vs. Portland State (L, 0-105)
	The Hornets shut out an opponent		10/20/12	vs. North Carolina A&T (W, 24-0)
	The Hornets were shut out		10/25/14	vs. Hampton (L, 0-23)
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	The Hornets rushed for at least	300 yards 400 yards	10/14/06 9/6/97	316 vs. North Carolina A&T (W, 37-21) 427 vs. Cheyney (W, 50-18)
		500 yards	10/2/93	507 vs. Bethune-Cookman (W, 55-26)
	The Hornets rushed for less than	100 yards	8/31/14	29 at Monmouth (L, 21-52)
	The Hornets passed for at least	300 yards 400 yards	11/3/12 11/20/10	305 at NC Cemtral (L, 20-23 OT) 400 at Howard (W, 53-43)
		500 yards	N/A	
	The Hornets gained at least	400 yards	11/10/12	512 vs. Hampton (W, 35-27)
		500 yards 600 yards	11/10/12 10/23/93	512 vs. Hampton (W, 35-27) 730 vs. Morgan State (W, 65-42)
		700 yards	10/23/93	730 vs. Morgan State (W, 65-42)
	Opponent Passing			
	The Hornets allowed at least	300 yards	11/23/13	379 vs. Morgan State (L, 26-31)
	The Hornets allowed at least The Hornets allowed at least	400 yards 500 yards	9/22/12 N/A	405 vs. Florida A&M (L, 22-24)
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	Opponent Rushing The Hornets allowed at least	300 yards	11/17/12	311 at Monmouth (L 21-52)
		400 yards	10/17/09	461 at Michigan (L 6-63)
		500 yards	9/11/99	504 vs. Elon (L 28-51)
	Opponent Total Yards	400 vordo	0/21/14	553 at Monmouth (L, 21-52)
	An opponent gained at least	400 yards 500 yards	8/31/14 8/31/14	553 at Monmouth (L, 21-52)
		600 yards	9/24/11	687 at SC State (L, 6-69)
		700 yards	10/17/09	727 at Michigan (L 6-63)
	The Hornets intercepted 3 passes in		11/3/12	at NC Central (L, 20-23 OT)
	The Hornets intercepted 4 passes in The Hornets intercepted 5 passes in		11/4/06 10/24/87	vs. Concord (W 62-0) vs. Towson State (W 40-17)
	Were intercepted 3 times:		11/12/11	6, at Hampton (L, 6-42)
	Were intercepted 4 times:		11/12/11	6, at Hampton (L, 6-42)
	Recorded a safety:		11/8/08	vs. Winston-Salem State (L, 17-18)

THE LAST TIME

INDIVIDUAL		
The last time a Hornet		
Scored 4 TDs in a game:	11/20/10	Justin Wilson at Howard
Scored 5 TDs in a game:	11/04/00	Darnerien McCants vs. NC A&T
Scored 6 TDs in a game:	11/03/84	Gene Lake vs. Howard
Passed for 4 TDs in a game:	11/20/10	Anthony Glaud at Howard
Passed for 5 TDs in a game:	9/23/00	Rahsaan Matthews vs Liberty
Passed for 6 TDs in a game:	11/04/00	Rahsaan Matthews vs NC A&T
Rushed for at least 100 yards in a game:	11/1/14	Jamaal Jackson (107) vs. Howard
Rushed for at least 200 yards in a game:	11/8/08	Kareem Jones (230) vs. Winston-Salem St.
Rushed for at least 300 yards in a game:	11/10/84	Gene Lake (336) vs. Liberty
Two Hornets rushed for at least 100 yards in a game:	10/11/08	Chris Strother (110) and
		Vashon Winton (102) vs. Bethune-Cookman
Three Hornets rushed for at least 100 yards in a game:	10/23/93	Phil Anderson (136), Aaron Spears (133)
		and Wendell Watson (118) vs. Morgan State
Had at least 100 receiving yards:	11/15/14	Malik Golson (121) vs. Florida A&M
Had at least 200 receiving yards:	11/20/10	Justin Wilson (217) at Howard
Two Hornets had at least 100 receiving yards:	10/25/12	Travis Tarpley (143) and Justin Wilson
		(110) vs. Morgan State
Had a 100-yd rusher & a 100-yd receiver in a game:	11/10/12	Malcolm Williams (113 Rushing) and Travis
		Tarpley (171 Receiving) vs. Hampton
Had 2 100-yd rushers & a 200-yd receiver in a game:	9/09/06	Emmanuel Marc (126 rushing), Lennox
		Norville (106 rushing) and Shaheer McBride (206 receiving) vs. Saint Francis
Had a 200-yard rusher and two 100-yard receivers in a game:	10/28/00	Grayland King (225 rushing)
That a 200-yard rusher and two 100-yard receivers in a game.	10/20/00	Darnerien McCants (114 receiving) and
		Albert Horsey (104 receiving)
Had at least 10 receptions:	11/3/12	Justin Wilson (12) vs. NC Central
Passed for at least 300 yards:	11/3/12	Nick Elko (305) at NC Central
Passed for at least 400 yards:	10/23/04	Bryan Botts (430) vs. Morgan State
Returned a kickoff for a TD:	8/30/14	Aris Scott (98 yds.) at Monmouth
Returned a punt for a TD:	11/04/06	Brandon Hudson vs. Concord (W.Va.)
Returned an interception for a TD:	10/4/14	Terrick Colston (11 yds) at Beth-Cookman
Returned a fumble for a TD:	9/27/14	Kareem Leaver (44 yds) vs. Savannah St.
Returned a blocked punt for a TD:	10/11/14	Terrick Colston (3 yds.) vs. Norfolk State
Returned an opponent's 2-point attempt for a score:	11/17/01	James Spence vs. Howard
Returned an opponent's extra-point kick for a score:	10/25/03	James Spence vs. Morgan St.
Blocked an extra point attempt:	11/1/08	vs. South Carolina State
Blocked a punt:	10/11/14	Terrick Colston
Had 3 interceptions in a game:	9/27/03	James Trott vs Florida A&M
Had 4 interceptions in a game:	9/07/85	Betram Chew vs. NC A&T
Had at least 20 tackles in a game:	11/23/07	Russell Reeves (20) vs. Delaware
Had 5 sacks in a game:	11/09/91	Leroy Thompson vs. NC A&T
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