



2016 DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL — GAME 6
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY “HORNETS” (0-5; 0-2 MEAC)



VS.

FLORIDA A&M “RATTLERS” (1-5; 1-2 MEAC)

SAT., OCT. 15, 2016 (2 p.m.)

ALUMNI STADIUM (7,000) - DOVER, DEL.

“HOMECOMING”

FLORIDA A&M VS. DELAWARE STATE



Delaware State: 0-5; 0-2 MEAC

Florida A&M: 1-5; 1-2 MEAC

Location: Dover, Del. - Alumni Stadium (7,000) - (Surface - Artificial/A-Turf)

National Rankings: Neither Delaware State or Florida A&M are ranked in any major Football Championship Subdivision or HBCU polls.

The Series: Florida A&M leads 25-9

Delaware State Head Coach Kenny Carter (The Citadel, 90): Carter is in his second season as head coach of the Hornets. He is 1-13 at DSU. 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. This is his first game against Missouri. Carter is 0-1 against Florida A&M, falling to the Rattler 41-13 in 2015

Florida A&M Head Coach Alex Wood (Iowa, '78): Wood is in his second season as head coach of the Rattlers. Prior to accepting the Florida A&M job, he was offensive coordinator at the University of Buffalo from 2011 to '14; and served as interim head coach of the team for the final four games of the 2014 season. Wood was head coach at James Madison Univ. from 1995 to '98; and an assistant at the University of Miami (Fla.) from 1989 to '93, helping lead the team to two national championships. He's also served as an assistant with the NFL's Arizona Cardinals, Cincinnati Bengals and Minnesota Vikings. Wood is 1-0 vs. Delaware State, leading the Rattlers to victory over the Hornets in 2015.

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2016 DELAWARE STATE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	SERIES
Sep. 1	at Delaware	L, 14-56	UD leads 7-0 Hens rush for 395 yards and four TDs; DSU's Alleyne had 194 all-purpose yds.
Sep. 10	MONMOUTH	L, 20-34	MU leads 2-0 Hornets cut 27-point deficit to seven early in fourth quarter
Sep. 24	at Missouri	L, 0-79	Mizzou leads 1-0 Third straight season Hornets have faced a FBS opponent
Oct. 1	at Morgan State*	L, 17-20	MSU leads 36-24 Freshman RB Mike Waters rushes for 96 yds., touchdown in loss
Oct. 8	HAMPTON*	L, 17-27	HU leads 29-14 Epperson passes for season-high 245 yards, one touchdown in loss
Oct. 15	FLORIDA A&M* (HC)	2:00 p.m.	FAMU leads 25-9 Hornets have dropped last two games against Rattlers.
Oct. 22	at So. Carolina State*	1:30 p.m.	SCSU leads 27-16 DSU's first visit to SC State since 2011. Bulldogs won 34-7 at DSU last season
Oct. 29	at Bethune-Cookman*	2:00 p.m.	Series tied 19-19 Wildcats have won last three meetings, including 49-21 victory at DSU in 2015
Nov. 5	NO. CAROLINA CENTRAL*	2:00 p.m.	NCCU leads 16-6-1 Eagles visit DSU for first time since 2011. NCCU has won last three in series
Nov. 12	NO. CAROLINA A&T*	2:00 p.m.	DSU leads 22-21-1 Aggies are defending Celebration Bowl and HBCU National Champions
Nov. 19	at Howard*	1:00	DSU leads 37-34-1 Hornets earned lone 2015 win vs. Howard. QB Lain threw for 181 yds and 2 TDs

* - Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game

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Oct. 22	at SC State*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Bethune-Cookman*	4 p.m.
Nov. 5	NC CENTRAL*	2 p.m.
Nov. 12	NO. CAROLINA A&T*	2 p.m.
Nov. 19	at Howard*	1 p.m.

* MEAC game

FLORIDA A&M 2016 SCHEDULE/RESULTS
(1-5; 1-2 MEAC)

Sep. 3	at Miami (Fla.)	L, 3-70
Sep. 10	at Coastal Carolina	L, 10-49
Sep. 17	vs. Tuskegee	L, 17-20
Sep. 24	SO. CAROLINA STATE.*	L, 14-48
Oct. 1	SAVANNAH STATE*	W, 19-14
Oct. 8	at NC Central*	L, 13-17
Oct. 15	at Delaware State*	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	HAMPTON*	3 p.m.
Oct. 29	at NCA&T*	1 p.m.
Nov. 12	MORGAN STATE*	1 p.m.
Nov. 19	vs. Bethune-Cookman*	2 p.m.

* MEAC game

2016 DSU/FLORIDA A&M
FCS/MEAC STATISTICAL COMPARISON/RANK

Category	*DSU (5 games)	FAMU (5 gms.)
Rushing off.	89.2 (111/9)	88.0 (112/10)
Passing off.	131.8 (115/9)	168.2 (94/5)
Total off.	221.0 (120/10)	256.2 (115/9)
Scoring off.	13.6 (114/9)	12.7 (118/10)
Rushing def.	261.0 (118/10)	217.0 (103/7)
Total def..	508.4 (120/11)	367.0 (41/3)
Scoring def.	43.2 (120/11)	36.3 (104/7)
Net punting	33.9 (82/2)	33.7 (85/3)
Punt returns	11.0 (32/6)	15.5 (15/2)
Kick off returns	18.2 (72/3)	19.5 (69/2)
Turnover margin	-1.8 (121/11)	-0.2 (71/7)
Pass defense	247.4 (87/10)	150.0 (3/1)
Passing Eff.	95.2 (112/8)	108.6 (98/6)
Pass Eff. Defense	170.9 (120/11)	132.3 (66/5)
Sacks	0.4 (122/11)	0.7 (120/10)
Tackles for loss	4.6 (104/11)	6.3 (44/5)
Sacks allowed	3.0 (101/8)	2.0 (63/5)
3rd down conv.	30.4% (104/6)	28.0% (110/8)

*122 teams ranked in Football Championship Subdivision and 11 in MEAC in 2016

- FBS ranking

THE GAME

Delaware State (0-4; 0-2 MEAC) welcomes Florida A&M to Alumni Stadium for the Hornets' annual homecoming contest. DSU is coming off a 27-17 home loss to Hampton last weekend. The score was 14-14 before Hampton scored 13 unanswered points to take control of the game. Hornet quarterback **Daniel Epperson** (jr.) had his best game of the season, completing 18-of-30 passes for 245 yards and a touchdown. Wide receivers **Mason Rutherford** (jr.) and **Fatu Sua-Godinet** (fr.) also enjoyed their best days with the Hornets in the Hampton contest. Rutherford had five catches for a team-high 89 yards, while Sua-Godinet also caught five passes for 84 yards and his first career touchdown. Defensively, cornerback **Keyjuan Selby** (so.) led all players with a career-high 10 tackles, including nine solo stops, last week. For the season, Epperson has connected on 48-of-96 passes (50.0%) for 519 yards. He has thrown five touchdowns and six interceptions. The Hornets have used **Brycen Alleyne** (so.) and **Mike Waters** (fr.) as their primary runners this season. Alleyne is the team leader with 231 yards rushing and one touchdown on 60 attempts (3.8 ypc), while Waters has rushed for 202 yards and two TDs on 48 carries (4.2 ypc). Alleyne is also sixth in the MEAC in all-purpose yards at 110.8 per game. Rutherford is tops among the DSU receivers with 16 catches for 217 yards and a touchdown. Alleyne has 13 receptions, while Sua-Godinet and **Aris Scott** (sr.) have 10 each. On the defense, linebacker **Malik Harris** (jr.) is the Hornets' leader with 34 tackles (19 unassisted). Strong safety **Logan Wescott** (so.) is second on the team with 32 tackles, including 22 solo stops. Outside linebacker **Rashawn Barrett** (sr.) has 30 tackles (14 unassisted) and is tops on the team with five tackles-for-loss.

Florida A&M (1-5; 1-2) is trying to bounce back from a 17-13 loss to MEAC leader North Carolina Central in a rain storm last Saturday. The Rattlers led 5-0 at the half and 13-10 in the fourth quarter before NC Central scored the game-winning touchdown with 4:54 left to play. Florida A&M's defense ranks among the best in the MEAC. The Rattlers are No. 1 in the league in pass defense, allowing just 150.0 yards per game, and third in total defense at 367.0 yards per contest. FAMU defensive end Elijah Price is tops in the MEAC with 11.5 tackles for loss, while defensive back Jacques Curtis is sixth in the league with 39 total tackles. Offensively, the Rattlers are averaging 261.7 yards per game, 170.8 by the pass and 90.8 on the ground. Senior quarterback Kenneth Coleman has completed 63-of-105 passes (60.0%) for 602 yards. He has thrown three touchdowns and four interceptions. Wide receiver Brandon Norwood is second in the MEAC at 5.3 receptions per game (32 total). Hans Supre and Devin Bowers rank 1-2 on the Rattlers in rushing. Supre has a team-high 176 rushing yards and one touchdown on 53 carries (3.3 ypc), while Bowers is second on the team with 172 yards on 36 attempts (4.8 ypc). He's also tied with Tevin Spells for the team lead with two rushing touchdowns.

THE SERIES

This is the 34th meeting between the teams since the series began in 1977. Florida A&M has won the last three contests and six of the last seven to open up a 24-9 series lead. Last season, the Rattlers posted a 41-13 victory over the Hornets in Tallahassee, Fla. DSU was plagued by five turnovers and wide receiver Aris Scott had a career-high 12 catches in the 2015 meeting. The last time the teams met at Alumni Stadium, Florida A&M came out on top 41-7 in 2014. Delaware State's last win in the series was in 2013 (29-21 in Tallahassee, Fla).

DSU vs Florida A&M - all-time results

Year	W/L	Score	Site
1977	L	15-37	H
1978	L	0-37	A
1980**	L	9-57	A
1981**	L	3-27	A
1982**	L	23-29	H
1983	W	36-34	A
1988	L	31-45	H
1989**	W	18-13	A
1990**	L	38-43	H
1991**	L	10-20	A
1992**	W	22-20	H
1993*	W	18-14	A
1994**	L	18-25	1
1995**	L	21-24	A
1996**	L	26-47	H
1997**	L	0-49	A
1998**	L	21-56	H
1999*	L	19-48	A
2000**	L	21-49	H
2001**	L	17-35	A

Year	W/L	Score	Site
2002**	L	18-20	H
2003**	L	14-15	A
2005**	W	21-17	2
2006**	W	24-14	H
2007**	W	20-7	A
2008**	W	35-28 (OT)	H
2009**	L	12-21	A
2010**	L	14-17	H
2011**	L	7-34	A
2012**	L	22-24	H
2013**	W	29-22	A
2014**	L	7-41	H
2015**	L	13-41	(567-1,010)
Largest DSU Victory: 20-7 (2007)			
Largest Florida A&M victory: 49-0 (1997)			
Longest DSU Win Streak: 4 (2005-2008)			
Longest Florida A&M Win Streak: 10 (1994-03)			
1 - Veterans Stadium, Phila., Pa.			
2 - Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.			

HORNET MEDIA AVAILABILITY

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

Monday (Oct. 10)

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

Tuesday (Oct. 11)

Practice—8:00 p.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 (Oct. 12)

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

Thursday (Oct. 13)

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

Friday (Oct. 14)

Practice - TBA (Alumni Stadium).

Saturday (Oct. 15)

Hornets vs. Florida A&M
2 p.m.— Alumni Stadium
Dover, Del.

Sunday (Oct. 16)

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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:

10:00 a.m.	MEAC Notes
10:03 a.m.	Fred Farrier (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)
10:43 a.m.	Gary Harrell (Howard)
10:53 a.m.	Latrell Scott (Norfolk State)
11:03 a.m.	Connell Maynor (Hampton)
11:13 a.m.	Erik Raeburn (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)

Contact Ryan McGinty, MEAC Media Relations (757-951-2055), or Dennis Jones, DSU Athletic Media (302-857-6068) for teleconference conference. Information.

HORNETS IN THE MEAC

A charter member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Delaware State is in its 46th year of league play. The Hornets have an all-time record of 132-165-1 in MEAC contests. DSU is one of three teams yet to record a league win this season. The Hornets are tied with Bethune-Cookman for ninth in the 2016 standings at 0-2. Norfolk State trails the pack at 0-3. DSU has won or shared six league championships. The Hornets claimed outright MEC titles in 1985, 1989 and 2007, while sharing the crown in 1987, 1988 and 1991. Delaware State was tied with Howard, Florida A&M and Savannah State for eighth in the MEAC with a 1-7 league mark in 2015. The Hornets have been picked to finish ninth in this year's race, according to a poll of league head coaches and sports information representatives.

EPPERSON TAKES CONTROL OF QUARTERBACK JOB

After using two quarterbacks in each of the first three contests, Delaware State head coach **Kenny Carter** has stayed with starter **Daniel Epperson** (jr.) for much of the last two games. Epperson (left) played the entire game at Morgan State on Oct. 1 and took all but a few snaps against Hampton last week. Statistically, he had his best game of the year last week, hitting 18-of-30 passes for a season-high 245 yards and a touchdown. Epperson's season stats include 48 completions on 96 attempts (50.0%) for 519 yards. He has thrown four touchdowns and six interceptions. The Wrightwood, Cal., native has climbed to ninth in the MEAC in passing yards per game (103.8), eighth in pass efficiency rating. (100.1) and sixth in yards per completion (10.8 avg.).



Epperson (right) is in his first season at Delaware State after competing at San Bernardino (Cal.) JC where he passed for 2,767 yards and 27 touchdowns, and rushed for 254 yards and four scores in two seasons. He helped lead the team to 2015 Mountain League Championship.



Kobie Lain (so.) shared QB duties with Epperson in the Hornets' first three outings.

Lain (right) took a few snaps vs. Hampton last week. He saw more playing time at Missouri on Sep. 24, coming off the bench to connect on seven-of-15 passes for 82 yards (long 21). Lain started the Monmouth contest this season, completing six-of-12 passes for just 20 yards. He was two-for-two for 31 yards in the opener at Delaware.

Lain played in five games, starting the finale, as a true freshman in 2015. He completed 25-of-50 passes for 329 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions for the season. Lain was selected as the MEAC Rookie-of-the-Week after completing 14-of-27 passes for 181 yards and two touchdowns, and rushing for 52 yards and a score on 15 attempts, in the Hornets' 32-31 win over Howard in his lone start.

Veteran **Gilbert Rivera** (sr.) is also ready if needed. Rivera saw his first action of the season at Missouri on Sep. 24, completing two-of-four throws for seven yards. He has appeared in 20 games (10 starts) the previous two years, completing 176-of-342 passes (51.5%) for 1773 yards. He has nine career touchdowns and 15 interceptions.

ALLEYNE AMONG MEAC ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE LEADERS

Brycen Alleyne (so.) continues to carry a heavy load for the Hornet offense this season. Entering this week's action Alleyne is No. 6 in the MEAC in all-purpose yardage at 110.8 per game. He's also third in the league in kickoff returns with a 21.8 yard average. Alleyne has returned 13 kickoffs for 283 yards, highlighted by returns of 50 and 47 yards this season.

After rushing for a season-low 16 yards vs. Hampton last week, Alleyne has fallen to seventh in the MEAC in rushing at 46.2 yards per game (231 total). He rushed for a career-high 94 yards, including a 64-yard touchdown, vs. Monmouth on Sep. 10.

He's also second on the Hornets with 13 catches for 40 yards and one touchdown.

Alleyne had 194 all-purpose yards in the season opener at Delaware on Sep. 1, and has DSU's longest run this season, 64 yards for a touchdown vs. Monmouth on Sep. 10.

He showed flashes of his potential as a true freshman in 2015, ranking second on the Hornets in rushing yards (249) and rushing yards per game (22.6) and finishing second on the team in all-purpose yards at 78.4 per game (862 total) in 2015

Alleyne was also third on the Hornets with 16 receptions and 132 receiving yards, and was team leader with 481 kickoff return yards (25.3 ypr) last season.

He returned a kick-off 88 yards for a touchdown, rushed for 37 yards and had three receptions in 32-31 victory over Howard to help key the Hornets' lone win in their 2015 finale.



SCOTT HOPES TO REPEAT 2015 PERFORMANCE VS. FAMU

Delaware State wide receiver **Aris Scott** (sr.) can only hope to be as involved in this year's Florida A&M contest as he was in the Hornets' 2015 meeting with the Rattlers. Scott tallied a career-high 12 catches, one shy of the school record, for 89 yards at Florida A&M last season. A 2016 Preseason All-MEAC Third Team selection, Scott's numbers are down so far this season. Entering this week's action, he has just 10 receptions for 139 yards and a touchdown. Last week against Hampton, Scott hauled in three passes for 45 yards. He scored his lone touchdown of the season on a six-yard catch at Morgan State on Oct. 1. Scott surpassed the 1000-yard mark for career receiving yards in the season opener at Delaware on Sep. 1. He turned in his best season at DSU as a junior in 2015. Starting in all 11 games, he was tops on the Hornets with 46 receptions for 683 yards. Scott ranked fourth in the MEAC in receiving yards per game (62.1) and fifth in the league in receptions (4.2 pg) a year ago.



ARIS SCOTT at DSU STATS/SUPERLATIVES

Receiving	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/g	Avg/c	Yd/g
2016	5	10	139	1	25	2.0	13.9	27.8
2015	11	46	683	1	47	4.2	14.8	62.1
2014	10	12	129	0	32	1.2	10.8	12.9
2013	9	17	176	1	35	1.9	10.4	19.6
Totals	35	83	1,127	3	47	2.4	13.6	32.2

Most receptions: 12 (89 yds.), vs. Florida A&M (10/17/15)
Most receiving yards: 140 (7 rec.), vs. Hampton (10/10/15)
Longest reception: 47 yards, vs. Liberty (9/5/15)
Longest TD catch: 32 yards, vs. Howard (11/21/15)

Kickoff Returns	No	Yds	AVG	TD	Lg
2015	10	175	17.5	0	27
2014	13	289	22.2	1	98
2013	16	283	17.7	0	35
Total	39	747	19.2	1	98

Longest return: 98 yards (TD), vs. Monmouth (8/30/14)
Most return yards: 98 (one att.), vs. Monmouth (8/30/14)
Most returns: 4 (two games)

DSU LB HARRIS NAMED TO COLLEGE SCOUTING NEWS PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

The experts at College Football Scouting News believe Delaware State linebacker **Malik Harris** (jr.; Washington, D.C.) is a good bet to have a standout 2016 season.

Harris has been named to the first-ever College Football Scouting News FCS Preseason All-America First Team for the upcoming campaign.



He is tops on the Hornets and 15th in the MEAC in tackles at 6.8 per game this season (34 total).

Harris had 11 tackles (four solo) vs. Monmouth on Sep. 10 and opened the season with nine tackles, including four unassisted in the opener. He returned a fumble 23 yards vs. Morgan State on Oct. 1

A 2016 Preseason All-MEAC Second Team pick, Harris was tops on the Hornets and second among all MEAC players in tackles-per-game (9.5) and total tackles (104) last season. He also ranked second on the team and sixth in the league with 14.5 tackles-for-loss, in addition to recording 1.5 sacks, an interception, two pass break-ups and a fumble recovery in 2015. Harris reached double-figures in tackles in seven games, and had 12-or-more stops in five contests during his sophomore season.

He is one of three Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference players on the College Sporting News Preseason All-America First

Team, joining running back **Tarik Cohen** and return specialist **Kris Gardin**, each from North Carolina A&T.

THE 2016 HORNETS ARE ...

- 0-2 at home
- 0-3 in road games
- 0-0 in neutral site games
- 0-4 in day games
- 0-1 in night games
- 0-2 in MEAC games
- 0-3 in non-conference games
- 0-0 in overtime games
- 0-0 on natural grass
- 0-5 on artificial surfaces
- 0-0 vs. Top 25 FCS teams
- 0-4 vs. unranked FCS teams
- 0-0 when scoring first
- 0-5 when opponent scores first
- 0-1 in games decided by seven points or less
- 0-4 in games decided by 10 or more points
- 0-3 in games decided by 20 or more points
- 0-1 when leading after the first qtr.
- 0-4 when trailing after the first qtr.
- 0-0 when tied after the first qtr.
- 0-0 when leading at halftime
- 0-5 when trailing at the half
- 0-0 when tied at the half
- 0-0 when leading after three qtrs.
- 0-5 when trailing after three qtrs.
- 0-0 when tied after three qtrs.
- 0-0 when gaining more total yards
- 0-5 when opponent gains more yards
- 0-1 when gaining more rushing yards
- 0-4 when opponent has more rush yards
- 0-2 when gaining more passing yards
- 0-3 when opponent has more pass yards
- 0-3 when committing more turnovers
- 0-2 when opponent has more turnovers
- 0-0 when turnovers are even
- 0-0 when posting more first downs
- 0-5 when opponent has more first downs
- 0-0 when first downs are even
- 0-1 when committing more penalties
- 0-4 when opponent has more penalties
- 0-0 when penalties are even
- 0-1 with more possession time

DSU MEDIA GUIDE ONLINE

The 2016 Delaware State University football media guide/yearbook can be viewed online by logging onto DSUHornets.com.



The cover features the University's new athletics motto, "Activate The Hive!"

The booklet contains information on the 2016 Hornets, a 2015 season review, DSU

football records and historical data.

RUTHERFORD EMERGES AS

HORNETS' TOP RECEIVER

Newcomer **Mason Rutherford** (jr.) has stepped up as the Hornets' top receiving threat this season. Rutherford leads DSU with 16 catches for 217 yards (13.6 ypr) and a touchdown (long 34). He tied for the team lead with five receptions for



a team-high 89 yards vs. Hampton last week. A entering this week's game, he is seventh in the MEAC in receiving yards per game (43.4) and ninth in receptions per game (3.2). The San Bernardino, Cal., native is in his first season with the Hornets

transferring from San Bernardino Junior College. Rutherford had the top performance among team newcomers in the season opening loss at Delaware. He caught six passes for a game-high 83 yards and a touchdown in his DSU debut. His six-yard TD catch from his San Bernardino teammate **Daniel Epperson** in the third quarter accounted for the Hornets' first score of the season. Rutherford had 58 receptions for 1,038 yards and nine touchdowns, and helped lead the team to a conference championship, in two seasons at San Bernardino.

HORNET WR NAMED MEAC ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Delaware State wide receiver **Fatu Sua-Godinet** (fr.; Honolulu, HI) has been honored by the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference for his play in the Hornets' 27-17 loss to Hampton last Saturday.

Sua-Godinet was named MEAC Rookie-of-the-Week after catching five passes for 84 yards, including his first career touchdown on a 23-yard pass from Daniel Epperson to tie the score at 14 late in the second quarter.

For the season, Sua-Godinet is second on the Hornets with 140 receiving yards and tied for third on the team with 10 receptions.

He was a three-sport star at Kamahameha High School in Hawai'i (football, basketball, track & field) before enrolling at Delaware State this year.

FRESHMAN RB MAKING HIS MARK FOR THE HORNETS

Hornet first-year running back **Mike Waters** introduced himself to the MEAC with a breakout game at Morgan State on Oct. 1. Waters led all players with 96 yards rushing, tops on the Hornets this season, highlighted by a 44-yard run and a touchdown (one yard) in the contest. He is second on the Hornets and 12th in the league in rushing at 40.4 yards per game (202 total). He led the Hornets with 31 yards rushing on seven carries (4.4 avg.) at Missouri on Sep. 24, highlighted by a run of 12 yards for a first down. Waters tallied nearly 3,000 yards and 51 touchdowns in his scholastic career, and helped lead Imhotep Charter (Pa.) to a 15-0 record and its first Pennsylvania State Championship during his senior season in 2015. "Mike is a big-time runner who can also make plays in the passing game," said Carter. "He definitely gives us a solid second option in the backfield."

STAYING HOME

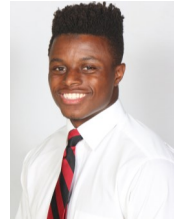
Delaware State's 2016 roster includes a total of 16 in-state players, tops among the states. The Hornets' Delaware products are: **Brycen Alleyne** (Wilmington), **Kyle Bailey** (Camden); **Sika Bendolph** (Dover), **Tecumseh Bendolph** (Dover), **Denzel Burgette** (Middletown), **Nigel Bynum** (Claymont); **Dominique Drewery** (Bear), **Chuka Ezeuzoh** (Wilmington), **Daniel Johnson** (Middletown), **Donte Newell** (Newark), **Keyjuan Selby** (Bear), **Taronn Selby** (Bear); **Kyle Taylor** (Wilmington), **Brandon Wallace** (Wilmington), **Logan Wescott** (Bridgeville), and **Nyree Williamson** (New Castle).

New York Jersey is second with the most players on the Hornets' 2016 roster at 12, followed by New Jersey and Pennsylvania with 10 each.

SEEING "DOUBLE-DOUBLE"



The 2016 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** (left) and **Tecumseh Bendolph** (right) joined the Hornets in 2015 after excelling primarily in track and field at Caesar Rodney High School near Dover.



Twins **Taronn** (left) and **Keyjuan Selby** (right) also joined the Hornets last season 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, a defensive back for the Hornets, also rushed for more than 1,000 yards as a senior at St. George's, and is



the school's career interception 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.

E KOMO MAI (Welcome!)

The nation's 50th state is also represented on the 2016 Delaware State roster. Freshmen **Fatu Sua-Godinet** (WR) and **Cade Pedro** (OL) are Hawai'i natives who signed with the Hornets on National Letter of Intent Day last February. Each attended Kamehameha High School. They are recognized as the first Hawai'i natives to compete for the Hornets. Another Delaware State freshman, **Joshua Fala**, is Samoan, although he was born and raised in California.

Also adding to the diversity on the Hornets' 2016 roster are three players of Nigerian descent: PK **Wisdom Nzidee** (jr.), DL **Abdul-Kamal Ajelero** (so.) and OL **Chuka Ezeuzoh** (so.).

STINGERS

Delaware State had 42 freshmen on its 2016 opening day roster ... DSU has yet to intercept a pass this season and has faced 189 opponent throws since its last pick on Nov. 7, 2015 vs. NC Central.

DSU FOOTBALL FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Dover, Del. 19901
Founded	1891
Enrollment	4,100
President	Dr. Harry L. Williams
Faculty Representative	
Dir. of Athletics	Louis Skip Perkins
Nickname	Hornets
Colors	Columbia Blue (PMS 297) & Red (PMS 199)
National Affiliation	NCAA Div. I FCS
Conference	MEAC
Stadium	Alumni Stadium
Capacity	7,000
Surface	Artificial (A-Turf)
Press Box Phone	(302) 857-7651

HISTORY

First Year of Football	1924
All-Time Record	352-419-11
All-Time MEAC Record	132-165-1
Conference Titles (6)	1985, '87, '88, '89, '91, '07
All-Time Playoff Record	0-1

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Kenny Carter
Alma Mater	The Citadel/1990
Record at DSU	1-15
Career Record	Same
Football Office Phone	(302) 857-7447
Football Office Fax	(302) 857-7555
Assistant Coaches	
Vincent White	Assoc. Head Coach/RBs
John Allen	Offensive Coordinator/QBs
Gerard Wilcher	Defensive Coordinator/DBs
Chris Sprague	Offensive Line
E.J. Junior	Defensive Line
Ty Greenwood	Outside Linebackers
Jelani Berassa	Wide Receivers
Steve Atkinson	Inside Linebackers
Kenny Brown	Tight Ends
A.J. Conley	Kickers
Video Coordinator	Michael Rogers
Equipment Manager	Mark Springs
Dir. Sports Medicine	Lori Leary
Administrative Assistant	Edna Piper

TEAM INFORMATION

2015 Overall Record	1-10 (1-4 home, 0-6 away)
2015 MEAC Record	1-7 (1-3 home, 0-4 away)
Conference Finish	Tied 8th
Final National Rankings	N/A
Offense	West Coast
Defense	4-3

Lettermen Returning (33)

Offense	15
Defense	16
Specialists	2

Lettermen Lost (27)

Offense	11
Defense	14
Specialists	2

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

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

HORNETS UNVEIL NEW LOOK FOR 2016

For the second straight year, there's a major new look to the helmets worn by the Hornets. DSU will sport white head gear for the first time in team history this season. The design is similar to the red helmets the team wore in 2015, with the Hornet logo on the left side and player's number on the right. From the early 1980s to 2015, the Hornets wore red helmets with the familiar "State" logo on each side. In 2010, the word *Delaware*, in smaller type, was placed above the *State* logo.

Delaware State helmets since 1982



1982



2010



2015



2015



2016

Thanks to the upcoming Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference agreement with NIKE, the Hornets will also sport new uniforms this season. The MEAC currently has a conference-wide footwear agreement for its 13 member institutions with NIKE, also until 2020. The MEAC/NIKE apparel, accessory and equipment agreement will begin Sep. 1, 2016. In addition to Delaware State, MEAC members Bethune-Cookman, Coppin State, Florida A&M, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Norfolk State, North Carolina A&T, North Carolina Central, Savannah State and South Carolina State will benefit from the partnership. "Both Nike and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference have a rich, storied history and progressive mindset," said Kit Morris Senior Director of Sports Marketing. "The continuation of this partnership builds on that legacy to drive the future of student-athletes at these historic institutions." The company will also continue to provide summer internships to deserving MEAC student-athletes at the NIKE World Headquarters in Beaverton, Ore., and provide two (2) graduate scholarships annually for MEAC student-athletes attending graduate school.



PLAYING WITH THE BIG BOYS

Delaware State's visit to Missouri on Sep. 24 marked the third time in four years that Delaware State stepped up a competition level in a game. DSU's 79-0 loss to the FBS Tigers was also the Hornets' first contest against a team from the Southeast Conference (SEC), arguably the top league in major college football. Since 2012, the Hornets have suffered a 45-13 setback to FBS Kent State (2015), a 59-0 loss to Temple at Lincoln Financial Field, home of the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles (2014); and a 38-14 defeat at the hands of Cincinnati (2012). Prior to 2012, 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 1-7 all-time vs. FBS/Div. I-A opponents. The only win was a 52-26 upset of Akron in 1987.

HOMECOMING SUCCESS

Delaware State has enjoyed a fair amount of success on its homecoming in recent years. Since 1969, the Hornets are 33-14 on homecoming Saturday. DSU had a 10-game homecoming win streak from 1982 to '91; and a six-game streak from 1975 to '80. The Hornets have dropped their last two homecoming games, including a 34-7 setback to South Carolina State last season.

DELAWARE STATE HEAD COACH KENNY CARTER



Delaware State University introduced Kenneth Carter as the Hornets' head football coach in 2015.

Carter has spearheaded a cultural shift in the football program, highlighted by significant changes in academic, conditioning, recruiting and community service.

Highlighting the Hornets' academic successes under Carter are top grade-point-average among DSU male teams, five players with 4.0 GPAs, 17 earning Dean's List honors and 13 with 3.0-to-3.24 GPAs for the 2015-16 school year.

In addition, Carter's first Delaware State signee class posted a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.0 for the 2015-16 academic year.

Carter's first Hornet team also featured 22 former Delaware high school players, the most at the school in two decades.

Prior to accepting the Delaware State post, Carter was 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, now the head coach at the University of Texas.

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.

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.

"Kenny is a high energy guy who brings a lot of passion to the 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)

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 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 <i>(wide receivers; passing game coordinator; co-coordinator of special teams)</i>	Asst. Coach
2010-13	University of Louisville <i>(running backs; special teams coordinator)</i>	Asst. Coach
2008-10	University of Florida <i>(running backs)</i>	Asst. Coach
2004-07	Vanderbilt University <i>(running backs; receiving coordinator)</i>	Asst. Coach
2001-03	Penn State University <i>(wide receivers)</i>	Asst. Coach
2000	University of Pittsburgh <i>(running backs)</i>	Asst. Coach
1999	LSU <i>(outside linebackers)</i>	Asst. Coach
1994-98	The Citadel <i>(defensive ends; RBs; receiving coordinator)</i>	Asst. Head Coach
1993	Furman <i>(tight ends)</i>	Asst. Coach

Playing Experience

Four-year letterwinner at The Citadel



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
SECOND 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 coaching 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.



GERARD WILCHER - DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / DEFENSIVE BACKS

**MOREHOUSE, '92
FIRST SEASON AT DSU**

Wilcher most recently served as Defensive Coordinator/ Cornerbacks Coach at Division II Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa. While at Seton Hill, Wilcher helped to develop several All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West Division selections, including cornerback Phillip Moreland, who also earned 2015 Don Hansen Football Gazette Super Region I recognition. Wilcher also helped lead Seton Hill to a victory over PSAC champion and nationally-ranked Slippery Rock during the 2015 season.

During the summer of 2015 Wilcher trained with the eventual Super Bowl Champion Denver Broncos through the Bill Walsh NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship. Prior to his tenure at Seton Hill, Wilcher served 10 seasons as an assistant coach at Lehigh University, where he was the defensive backs coach as well as co-defensive coordinator in last two seasons. a job he also held there during the 2005 season. As defensive coordinator, Wilcher helped lead the Mountain Hawks to a 26-7 record.



VINCENT WHITE - ASSOC. HEAD COACH/RUNNING BACKS/ PASSING GAME COORDINATOR

**STANFORD, '84
THIRD SEASON AT DSU**

In his second stint with the Hornets. Served as DSU's running backs/tight ends coach in 2005. Has more than 26 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.



TY GREENWOOD - OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

**DELAWARE STATE, '04
SECOND 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.

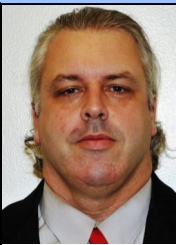


KENNY BROWN - TIGHT ENDS

**MIAMI (FLA.)
SECOND SEASON AT DSU**

In 2015, served as an assistant to the offensive coordinator in his first season with the Hornets. In addition to working with the tight ends, Brown will continue his duties as a signal caller. Prior to joining the Delaware State staff, Brown served six years as an assistant coach at Smyrna (Del.) High School. He worked with the defensive line and receivers during his tenure at Smyrna. Brown's coaching experience also includes a four-year stint as an

assistant at Western Wayne (Pa.) High School, working with the defensive line and tight ends. Brown was a baseball standout at the University of Miami (Fla.). He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates, and competed for the team's AA and AAA clubs before a brief stint in the major leagues.



CHRIS SPRAGUE - OFFENSIVE LINE/ RUN GAME COORDINATOR

**ITHACA, '90
SECOND 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

SECOND 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

SECOND 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.



STEVE ATKINSON - INSIDE LINEBACKERS

NATIONAL-LOUIS UNIVERSITY, '96

FIRST SEASON AT DSU

Atkinson most recently served as linebackers coach at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa., where he worked under current DSU defensive coordinator Gerard Wilcher. Atkinson also served five years as Director of Player Development at the University of Virginia. Before that, he was Director of Football Operations at the University of Richmond. While at the University of Virginia, Atkinson was administrative point of

contact for players on all aspects of university life. He also founded the "Hoos In The Ville" community service project for the football program. Atkinson was at UVA when the team competed in the 2011 Chik Fil-A Bowl, and he directed all football operations for Richmond's 2008 FCS national championship team. During his stops at Virginia and Richmond, he worked closely with NFL scouting and player personnel departments attending the Senior Bowl and NFL Combine. Atkinson's resume also included at George Mason University as defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator from 2003-07. He was defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Fitchburg State during the 2007 season.



A.J. CONLEY - KICKERS

McCARRIE HEALTH SCHOOL/DELAWARE

FIRST SEASON AT DSU

His experience includes 12 years as a junior league coach, 11 with the Stanton Clippers of the CTJFL and one year with the Stanton Raiders of the NCCJFL. Conley also coached two years with the National Minor Football League Delaware Clippers and one year with the minor league Delaware Warlocks. The last fifteen years he has coached in the Delaware high school ranks, nine with The Tatnall School and six at Thomas McKean H.S. (his alma mater), both in Wilmington.

In 2013 Conley and his family were inducted into the Thomas McKean High School Hall of Fame.

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

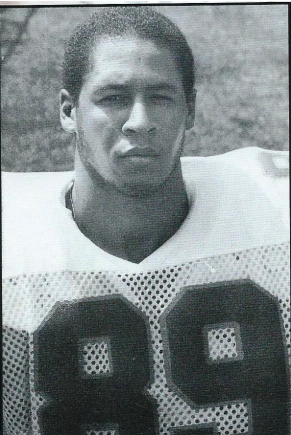
Former Hornet defensive lineman **Rodney Gunter** ('14) is making an impact in professional football. Gunter was selected by the Arizona Cardinals in the fourth round (116h overall pick) of the 2015 National Football League draft, making him the third highest NFL selection in Hornet football history.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



Gunter tallied 19 tackles (16 solo), including a sack, as a rookie in 2015.

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

DSU REMEMBERS FORMER HORNET, 9/11 HERO KEITH GLASCOE



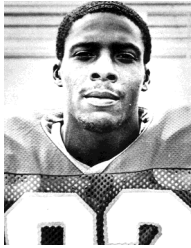
Delaware State football also honors the memory of former Hornet defensive lineman **Keith Glascoe** ('85), who died in the Sep. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center while serving as a New York City firefighter.

Glascoe played with the Hornets in the early 1908s. He was given a try out by the NFL's

New York Jets following his college career.

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. 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*.



MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

2016 Standings

Standings	MEAC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
N.C. Central	3-0	1.000	4-2	.667
North Carolina A&T	2-0	1.000	4-1	.800
Morgan State	2-0	1.000	2-2	.500
South Carolina State	1-0	1.000	1-3	.250
Hampton	2-1	.667	2-3	.400
Savannah State Univ.	1-1	.500	1-3	.250
Florida A&M	1-2	.500	1-5	.167
Howard	1-2	.333	1-5	.167
Bethune-Cookman	0-2	.000	0-4	.000
Delaware State	0-2	.000	0-5	.000
Norfolk State	0-3	.000	1-5	.167

2015 Final Standings

	MEAC		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
N.C. A&T State	7-1	.875	10-2	.833
Bethune-Cookman	7-1	.875	9-2	.818
N.C. Central	7-1	.875	8-3	.727
S.C. State	6-2	.750	7-4	.636
Hampton	5-3	.625	6-5	.545
Morgan State	4-4	.500	4-6	.400
Norfolk State	4-4	.500	4-7	.364
Delaware State	1-7	.125	1-10	.091
Howard	1-7	.125	1-10	.091
^Savannah State	1-7	.125	1-9	.100
^Florida A&M	1-7	.125	1-10	.091

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2016 Preseason All-MEAC First Team

Offense

Pos.	Name	Cl.	School
QB	Malcolm Bell	r-Sr.	North Carolina Central
RB	Tarik Cohen	Sr.	North Carolina A&T State
RB	Michael Jones	Sr.	Bethune-Cookman
WR	Twann Mixson	r-Sr.	Hampton
WR	Jawill Davis	r-Jr.	Bethune-Cookman
TE	Ja-Quan Lumas	r-Jr.	Bethune-Cookman
C	Carl Jones	r-Sr.	North Carolina Central
OL	Brandon Parker	r-Jr.	North Carolina A&T State
OL*	Javarius Leamon	r-Sr.	South Carolina State
OL*	Trevin Huff	r-Sr.	Bethune-Cookman
OL	Desmond Cooper	r-Sr.	North Carolina Central

Defense

Pos.	Name	Cl.	School	Hometown
DL	Marquis Ragland	r-Sr.	North Carolina A&T State	
DL	Angelo Keyes	r-Sr.	North Carolina A&T State	
DL	Curtis Alexander	Sr.	Florida A&M	
DL	Kevin Thompson	Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	
LB	Darius Leonard	r-Jr.	South Carolina State	
LB	Dayshawn Taylor	r-Jr.	South Carolina State	
LB	Jer. Miles (Thompson)	r-Sr.	North Carolina Central	
DB	Jacques Bryant	Sr.	Florida A&M	
DB	Diquan Richardson	Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	
DB	Phillip Henry	r-Sr.	South Carolina State	
DB	Delonta Hall	r-Sr.	Morgan State	
PK	Cody Jones	Sr.	North Carolina A&T State	
P*	Jonathan Cagle	Sr.	Bethune-Cookman	
P*	Chris Faber-Kinney	r-Sr.	Hampton	
RS	Khrist Gardin	Jr.	North Carolina A&T State	

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Tarik Cohen (RB) - NCA&T

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Darius Leonard (LB) - South Carolina State

2016 DSU Preseason All-MEAC Second Team

LB	Malik Harris	Jr.
DB	William Burton	Sr.

2016 DSU Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

WR	Aris Scott	Jr.
LB	Rashawn Barrett	Sr.
OL	Chuka Ezeuzoh	So.

This Week in the MEAC

(Sat., Oct. 15)

Florida A&M at Delaware State	2 p.m.
So. Carolina State at Howard	1 p.m.
NCA&T at Bethune-Cookman	1 p.m.
Morgan State at Hampton	2 p.m.
Savannah State at NC Central	2 p.m.
Norfolk State - idle	

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Hampton 27	Delaware State 17
NC Central 17	Florida A&M 13
NCA&T 35	Norfolk State 0
Monmouth 59	Howard 27

Morgan State at Savannah State – postponed until Nov. 26 (weather)
So. Carolina State at Bethune-Cookman – postponed until Nov. 26 (weather)

2016 MEAC NATIONAL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Network	Time
Sep. 4	Alcorn State at Bethune-Cookman <i>MEAC/SWAC Challenge</i>	ESPN	1 p.m.
Sep. 29	Hampton at NCA&T	ESPNU	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Norfolk State at NCA&T	ESPNU	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Bethune-Cookman at South Carolina State	ESPN3/Replayed on ESPNU	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	North Carolina A&T at Bethune-Cookman	ESPNU	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Bethune-Cookman at Norfolk State	ESPN3/Replayed on ESPNU	2 p.m.
Nov. 19	Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M	ESPN Classic/ESPN3	2 p.m.
Nov. 19	Teams To Be Announced	ESPN3/Replayed on ESPNU	
Dec. 17	Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl <i>MEAC Champion vs. SWAC Champion</i>	ABC	Noon

NATIONAL FCS POLLS

2016 STATS FCS FOOTBALL Top-25 (Oct. 10)

Team	2016 Record	Pts. (1st pl votes)/Prev.	
1 North Dakota State (5-0)	4000	(160)	1
2 Sam Houston State (5-0)	3762		2
3 Jacksonville State (4-1)	3631	3	
4 Eastern Washington (5-1)	3521		4
5 Chattanooga (6-0)	3416		5
6 Richmond (5-1)	3051		6
7 James Madison (5-1)	2969	7	
8 Citadel (5-0)	2758		9
9 Charleston Southern (3-2)	2748		8
10 Montana (4-1)	2562		10
11 South Dakota State (3-2)	2257		12
12 Western Illinois (4-1)	2098	13	
13 Villanova (5-1)	2050		14
14 Youngstown State (4-1)	1883		15
15 North Carolina A&T (4-1)	1487		18
16 Coastal Carolina (3-2)	1350	17	
17 Albany (4-1)	1223		16
18 Eastern Illinois (4-2)	1220	19	
19 Cal Poly (3-2)	963		21
20 Harvard (4-0)	951		22
21 UNI (2-3)	926		11
22 North Dakota (4-2)	764		24
23 Central Arkansas (4-1)	630		25
24 Samford (4-1)	337		NR
25 Grambling State (4-1)	326		NR

Others: New Hampshire (269), Stony Brook (148), McNeese (145), Illinois State (114), Tennessee State (105), Sacred Heart (45), Southern Utah (42), South Dakota (38), Lehigh (37), William & Mary (25), Indiana State (16), Stephen F. Austin (16), Fordham (15), Missouri State (14), Nicholls (13), Northern Arizona (12), Eastern Kentucky (12), Wofford (11), Penn (10), Monmouth (10), San Diego (6), Kenesaw State (5), North Carolina Central (4), Weber State (3), Cornell (2)

2016 BoxToRow HBCU COACHES POLL (Oct. 10)

SCHOOL (1st pl votes)	'16 record	Pts. Prev.	rank
1 North Carolina A&T (19)	4-1	190	1
2 Grambling State	3-1	168	2
T-3 Tennessee State	4-1	136	3
T-3 North Carolina Central	3-2	136	4
T-5 Southern	2-2	109	5
T-5 Prairie View A&M	4-2	109	6
7 Texas Southern	3-2	68	9
8 South Carolina State	1-3	53	8
9 Alcorn State	2-3	30	10
10 Morgan State	2-2	28	9

Other receiving votes: Hampton (2-3) 12, Jackson State (2-3) 6.

2016 Sheridan Broadcast Network Poll (Oct. 10)

SCHOOL (1st pl votes)	Pts. (1st Pl votes)	W-L	
1 North Carolina A&T	300	30	4-1
2. Grambling State	257		4-1
3. Tennessee State	254		4-1
4. Tuskegee	196		6-0
5. North Carolina-Central	167		4-2
6. Prairie View A&M	143		4-2
7. Southern	91		2-2
8. South Carolina State	82		1-3
9. Alcorn State	58		2-3
10. Bowie State	34		4-2

Other Teams Receiving Votes:

Virginia State 29, Winston-Salem State 19, Hampton 17, Texas-Southern 12, Chowan 10

HORNETS NINTH IN MEAC PRESEASON POLL

Delaware State has been picked to finish ninth in the 2016 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football race, according to a poll of league head coaches and sports information directors.



Celebration Bowl last season.

The Hornets received one first place vote and 121 total points in the 11-team poll that's headed by North Carolina A&T, which shared the 2015 MEAC title with Bethune-Cookman and North Carolina Central. NCA&T, which received 13 of 22 first place votes and 498 total points, was declared Black College National Champs after defeating Southwestern Athletic Conference champion Alcorn State in the inaugural

Rounding out the top five in the 2016 MEAC preseason poll are Bethune-Cookman, North Carolina Central, South Carolina State and Hampton. Norfolk State (sixth), Morgan State (seventh) and Florida A&M (eighth) are just ahead of the Hornets, while Howard (10th) and Savannah State round out the poll.

Delaware State was 1-7 in the MEAC (1-10) overall in Kenny Carter's first season as head coach in 2015. The Hornets were tied with Howard, Florida A&M and Savannah State in last year's MEAC race.

2016 MEAC Preseason Predicted Order of Finish

Team (1st pl votes)	Pts
1 North Carolina A&T State (13)	489
2. Bethune-Cookman (3)	447
3. North Carolina Central (4)	388
4. South Carolina State	351
5. Hampton (1)	265
6. Norfolk State	239
7. Morgan State	192
8. Florida A&M	164
9. Delaware State (1)	121
10. Howard	90
11. Savannah State	48

MEAC CHAMPION TO COMPETE IN CELEBRATION BOWL

The quest for the 2016 MEAC championship will again have an added incentive for Delaware State and its fellow conference members.

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 Second Annual Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl in Atlanta, Ga..

The MEAC claimed the first Celebration Bowl championship with North Carolina A&T's victory over Alcorn State last year.

ESPN Events, a subsidiary of ESPN, has announced that the second Celebration Bowl will again be televised live on ABC.

The 2016 postseason college football bowl game will kick off at noon ET on Saturday, Dec. 17, 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 again 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."



**Delaware State University Football
2016 Depth Chart**

OFFENSE

LT 72 – Joshua Fala (Fr.; 6-7, 358)
65 – Lamont Bradford (Jr.; 6-4, 290)

LG 64 – Cade Pedro (Fr.; 6-5, 295)
53 – Ernest Sellers (Fr.; 6-2, 285)

C 77 – Ernest Mengoni (Sr.; 6-3, 300)
74 – Charles Wallace (So.; 6-3, 300)

RG 75 – Chuka Ezeuzoh (So.; 6-4, 290)
50 – Kyle Bailey (Fr.; 6-6, 315)

RT 76 – Peter Borum (Jr.; 6-6, 355)
56 – Eljon Williams (Fr.; 6-6, 275)

TE 33 – Dominic Floyd (So.; 6-2, 220)
35 – Isiah Williams (Fr.; 6-3, 240)

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DEFENSE

T 55 – Damon Atwater-Stephens (Fr.; 6-3, 280)
47 – Robert Jernigan (r-Fr.; 5-11, 285)

N 90 – Dominique Drewery (Fr.; 6-2, 300)
58 – Jacob Jones (So.; 6-4, 300)

T 52 – Jawon Barnes (So.; 6-2, 300)
93 – Nick Nelson (Sr.; 6-4, 255)

OLB 17 – Rashawn Barrett (Sr.; 6-0, 215)
40 – Garfield Heslop (Jr.; 6-4, 220)

MLB 43 – Brian Cavicante (Fr.; 6-0, 220)
48 – Kyle Taylor (So.; 6-2, 230)

MLB 24 – Malik Harris (Jr.; 6-0, 225)
9 – Ted Noble (Jr.; 6-0, 230)

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55	Damon Atwater-Stephens	DL	6-3/280	Fr.	Fort Washington, Md./Friendly HS
50	Kyle Bailey	OL	6-5/315	Fr.	Camden, Del./Caesar Rodney HS
52	Javon Barnes	DL	6-2/300	So.	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson HS
17	Rashawn Barrett	LB	6-2/230	Sr.	Montclair, N.J./Montclair HS
87	Karim Beatty	TE	6-3/210	Fr.	Dover, Del./Dover HS
22	Sika Bendolph	RB	5-8/175	So.	Dover, Del./Caesar Rodney HS
27	Tecumseh Bendolph	RB	5-8/170	So.	Dover, Del./Caesar Rodney HS
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66	Kaiden Crawford	OL	6-4/290	Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa./Simon Gratz HS
30	Bryant Dallas	RB	5-9/195	Fr.	Acworth, Ga./Shorter University/Allatoona HS
89	Kareem Davis	WR	5-9/170	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y./Grand Street Campus HS
91	Ulises De Los Santos	DL	6-4/300	Fr.	Union City, N.J./Union City HS
16	Juwan DeVone	LB	6-3/230	Fr.	Bronx, N.Y./Cardinal Hayes HS
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2	Aran Lee	ATH	6-1/205	Fr.	Camden, N.J./Woodrow Wilson HS
26	Gary Melton Jr.	DB	5-10/180	Sr.	Trenton, N.J./Cedar Creek HS
77	Ernest Mengoni	OL	6-3/300	Sr.	Eynan, Pa./Valley View HS
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3	Gil Rivera	QB	6-3/230	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif./E. Los Angeles CC/Jordan HS
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32	Fidel Romo-Martinez	K/P	6-1/190	Fr.	Banning, Calif./Banning HS
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Abdul Ajelero	Ahb-dool Ah-juh-lair-oh
Brycen Alleyne	Bry-sin AH-lane
Javon Barnes	Juh-vahn
Rashawn Barrett	Rah-shahn
Sika Bendolph	Sik-uh
Tecumseh Bendolph	Teh-koo-suh
Denzel Burgett	Bur-jet
Chuka Ezeuzoh	Chook-ah Ee-zoo-zoh
Kobe Lain	KO-be Lane
Wisdom Nzidee	Nuh-zee-dee
Aris Scott	Air-ess
Keyjuan Selby	KEY-wahn
Kesselly Tyler	KESS-lee

DELAWARE STATE 2016 COMBINED STATS (5 games)

The Automated ScoreBook Delaware State Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 08, 2016) All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Sep 01, 2016	at Delaware	L 14-56	17835	All games	0-5	0-2	0-3	0-0
Sep 10, 2016	MONMOUTH	L 20-34	2454	Conference	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-0
Sep 23, 2016	at Missouri	L 0-79	53472	Non-Conference	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-0
* Oct 1, 2016	at MORGAN STATE	L 17-20	1386					
* Oct 08, 2016	HAMPTON	L 17-27	1309					

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
ALLEYNE,Brycen	5	60	247	16	231	3.8	1	64	46.2
WATERS, Mike	5	48	206	4	202	4.2	2	44	40.4
ROMO MARTINEZ, Fidel	5	1	14	0	14	14.0	0	14	2.8
LAIN, Kobie	4	10	25	12	13	1.3	0	12	3.2
BENDOLPH, Sika	3	4	16	6	10	2.5	0	7	3.3
EPPERSON, Daniel	5	27	57	48	9	0.3	0	15	1.8
Total	5	156	567	121	446	2.9	3	64	89.2
Opponents	5	238	1425	103	1322	5.6	15	59	264.4

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
EPPERSON, Daniel	5	100.10	48-96-6	50.0	519	5	46	103.8
LAIN, Kobie	4	83.35	15-29-1	51.7	133	0	31	33.2
RIVERA, Gilbert	1	64.70	2-4-0	50.0	7	0	6	7.0
Total	5	95.24	65-129-7	50.4	659	5	46	131.8
Opponents	5	170.86	92-137-0	67.2	1220	12	46	244.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
RUTHERFORD, Mason	5	16	217	13.6	1	34	43.4
ALLEYNE, Bryce	5	13	40	3.1	1	14	8.0
SUA-GODINET, Fatu	5	10	140	14.0	1	23	28.0
SCOTT, Aris	5	10	139	13.9	1	25	27.8
WILLIAMS, Isaiah	5	5	44	8.8	0	32	8.8
WATERS, Mike	5	5	28	5.6	0	10	5.6
WILLIAMS, Jeremiah	5	2	43	21.5	1	46	8.6
FLOYD, Dominic	5	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
HANNAH, Jordan	4	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
BLACK, Keenan	2	1	2	2.0	0	2	1.0
SELBY, Keyjuan	5	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	5	65	659	10.1	5	46	131.8
Opponents	5	92	1220	13.3	12	46	244.0

Field Goals	fg	pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	lg	blk
NZIDEE, Wisdom	2-3	66.7	0-0	2-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	29	1

Scoring	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	exp	set	
NZIDEE, Wisdom	2	2-3	8-9	-	-	-	-	-	14
ALLEYNE, Bryce	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
WATERS, Mike	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
RUTHERFORD, Mason	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
NICHOLS, Brock	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
WILLIAMS, Jeremiah	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
SUA-GODINET, Fatu	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
SCOTT, Aris	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	9	2-3	8-9	-	-	-	-	-	68
Opponents	28	7-11	25-27	1-1	-	-	-	-	216

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Delaware State	14	10	20	24	0	68
Opponents	71	63	58	24	0	216

Team Statistics	DSU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	59	124
Rushing	20	68
Passing	32	48
Penalty	6	8
RUSHING YARDAGE	446	1322
Rushing Attempts	156	238
Average Per Rush	2.9	5.6
Average Per Game	89.2	264.4
TDs Rushing	3	15
PASSING YARDAGE	659	1220
Comp-Att-Int	65-129-7	92-137-0
Average Per Pass	5.1	8.9
Average Per Catch	10.1	13.3
Average Per Game	131.8	244.0
TDs Passing	5	12
TOTAL OFFENSE	1105	2542
Average Per Play	3.9	6.8
Average Per Game	221.0	508.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	22-414	11-227
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	3-33	12-96
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	7-61
FUMBLES-LOST	6-5	8-3
PENALTIES-Yards	34-286	44-385
PUNTS-AVG	37-37.0	19-37.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	26:07	34:57
3RD-DOWN Conversions	21/69	29/68
4TH-DOWN Conversions	3/6	5/8

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
ROMO MARTINEZ, Fidel	35	1368	39.1	63	1
TEAM	2	2	1.0	5	0

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	in	50+	blk
ROMO MARTINEZ, Fidel	35	1368	39.1	63	1	6	6	5	2
TEAM	2	2	1.0	5	0	0	0	0	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
RUTHERFORD, Mason	2	2	1.0	0	0
ROGERS, Kameron	1	18	18.0	0	0
NICHOLS, Brock	0	13	0.0	1	13
Total	3	33	11.0	1	13
Opponents	12	96	8.0	0	51

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
ALLEYNE, Bryce	13	283	21.8	0	50
SUA-GODINET, Fatu	3	48	16.0	0	23
SELBY, Taronn	3	47	15.7	0	31
SCOTT, Aris	2	24	12.0	0	14
PERRY, Kevin	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total	22	414	18.8	0	50
Opponents	11	227	20.6	0	46

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ti	total	avg/g
ALLEYNE, Bryce	5	231	40	0	283	0	554	110.8
WATERS, Mike	5	202	28	0	0	0	230	46.0
RUTHERFORD, Mason	5	0	217	2	0	0	219	43.8
SUA-GODINET, Fatu	5	0	140	0	48	0	188	37.6
SCOTT, Aris	5	0	139	0	24	0	163	32.6
Total	5	446	659	33	414	0	1552	310.4
Opponents	5	1322	1220	96	227	61	2926	585.2

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
EPPERSON, Daniel	5	123	9	519	528	105.6
ALLEYNE, Bryce	5	60	231	0	231	46.2
WATERS, Mike	5	48	202	0	202	40.4
LAIN, Kobie	4	39	13	133	146	36.5
ROMO MARTINEZ, Fidel	5	1	14	0	14	2.8
Total	5	285	446	659	1105	221.0
Opponents	5	375	1322	1220	2542	508.4

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense		Fumbles		blk	kick	saf
			us	a	tot	th/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds				ff
24	HARRIS, Malik	5	19	15	34	0.5-1	-	-	-	1-23	1	-	-	
37	WESCOTT, Logan	4	22	10	32	1.5-7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
17	BARRETT, Rashawn	5	14	16	30	5.0-15	1.0-6	-	1	1	-	-	-	

2016 DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY DEFENSIVE STATS (5 games)

**The Automated ScoreBook
Delaware State Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Oct 08, 2016)
All games**

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles			tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			us	a	tot			int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
24	HARRIS, Malik	5	19	15	34	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-23	1	.	.
37	WESCOTT, Logan	4	22	10	32	1.5-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	BARRETT, Rashawn	5	14	16	30	5.0-15	1.0-6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
20	SELBY, Keyjuan	5	19	10	29	1.0-2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
43	CAVICANTE, Brian	5	16	10	26	3.5-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	NEIBAUER, Jahad	5	19	6	25	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
31	WILCHER, Xavier	5	13	12	25	1.5-11	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
26	MELTON, Gary	5	18	4	22	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
15	BURGETTE, Denzel	5	9	7	16	1.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	BARNES, Javon	5	8	8	16	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	.
14	NICHOLS, Brock	5	8	5	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	ATWATER-STEPHENS,	5	5	7	12	2.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	HESLOP, Garfield	4	5	6	11	2.5-6	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
90	DREWERY, Dominique	4	6	5	11	1.0-3	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	JONES, Jacob	4	7	2	9	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	ROGERS, Kameron	3	3	4	7	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	1	.
28	BYNUM, Nijel	3	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	WILLIAMS, Eljon	3	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	NOBLE, Ted	2	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	NELSON, Nick	4	3	2	5	1.0-5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
47	JERNIGAN, Robert	3	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	DeVONE, Juwan	1	3	1	4	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	SELBY, Taronn	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	PERRY, Kevin	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	WATERS, Mike	5	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	TAYLOR, Kyle	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	DUPRE, Moses	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	AJELERO, Abdul-Kama	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	CARTER, Marlon	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	BENDOLPH, Tecumseh	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	BENDOLPH, Sika	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	WILLIAMS, Isaiah	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	RUTHERFORD, Mason	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	JOHNSON, Christian	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	SCANDRETT, Jonathan	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	DAVIS, Kareem	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	JENKINS, Jr., Quinton	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	BLACK, Keenan	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	SMALL, Issiah	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	WILKINS, Cartier	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	SUA-GODINET, Fatu	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	5	230	156	386	23-79	2-9	.	6	3	3-23	3	3	.
	Opponents	5	165	106	271	33-96	15-64	7-61	13	11	5-2	3	4	.

THE LAST TIME

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	11/4/06	vs. Concord (W.Va.) (W, 62-0)
	70 points	10/8/84	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	11/22/14	at Morgan State (L, 7-69)
	70 points	9/24/16	vs. Missouri (L, 0-79)
The Hornets shut out an opponent		10/20/12	vs. North Carolina A&T (W, 24-0)
The Hornets were shut out		9/24/16	vs. Missouri (L, 0-79)
The Hornets rushed for at least	300 yards	10/14/06	316 vs. North Carolina A&T (W, 37-21)
	400 yards	9/6/97	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	9/24/16	44 at Missouri (L, 0-79)
The Hornets passed for at least	300 yards	11/3/12	305 at NC Central (L, 20-23 OT)
	400 yards	11/20/10	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	11/10/12	512 vs. Hampton (W, 35-27)
	600 yards	10/23/93	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	400 yards	9/24/16	430 vs. Missouri (L, 0-79)
The Hornets allowed at least	500 yards	N/A	
Opponent Rushing			
The Hornets allowed at least	300 yards	9/1/16	395 at Delaware (L 14-56)
	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			
An opponent gained at least	400 yards	9/24/16	698 at Missouri (L, 0-79)
	500 yards	9/24/16	698 at Missouri (L, 0-79)
	600 yards	9/24/16	698 at Missouri (L, 0-79)
	700 yards	10/17/09	727 at Michigan (L 6-63)
The Hornets intercepted 3 passes in a game:		11/3/12	at NC Central (L, 20-23 OT)
The Hornets intercepted 4 passes in a game:		11/4/06	vs. Concord (W 62-0)
The Hornets intercepted 5 passes in a game:		10/24/87	vs. Towson State (W 40-17)
Were intercepted 3 times:		10/25/14	3, vs. Hampton (L, 0-23)
Were intercepted 4 times:		9/1/16	4, at Delaware (L, 14-56)
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:	11/21/15	Dae-Hon Cheung (116) 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:	11/21/15	Aris Scott (104) vs. Howard
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:	11/21/15	Dae-Hon Cheung (116 rushing) and Aris Scott (104 receiving) vs. Howard
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) Darnerien McCants (114 receiving) and Albert Horsey (104 receiving)
Had at least 10 receptions:	10/17/15	Aris Scott (12) vs. Florida A&M
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:	11/21/15	Brycen Alleyne (88 yds.) vs. Howard
Returned a punt for a TD:	11/04/06	Brandon Hudson vs. Concord (W.Va.)
Returned an interception for a TD:	9/19/15	J.R. Robinson (58 yds) vs. Chowan
Returned a fumble for a TD:	9/12/15	Terrick Colston (72 yds) vs. Kent St.
Returned a blocked punt for a TD:	9/10/16	Brock Nichols (13 yds.) vs. Monmouth
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.
Returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown:	10/31/15	Logan Wescott vs. Bethune-Cookman (82 yd)
Blocked a punt:	9/10/16	Kameron Rogers
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