



2017 DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL — GAME 8

DELAWARE STATE "HORNETS" (1-6; 1-4 MEAC)

VS.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL "EAGLES" (5-2; 3-1 MEAC)

SAT., OCT. 28, 2017 (2 p.m.)

O'KELLY-RIDDICK STADIUM (10,600) - DURHAM, N.C.

LIVE VIDEO: NCCUEaglePride.com



NC CENTRAL VS. DELAWARE STATE



Delaware State: 1-6; 1-4 MEAC

NCCU: 5-2; 3-1 MEAC

Location: Durham, N.C. - O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium (10,600) - (Surface - Artificial/Field Turf)

National Rankings: Delaware State is not ranked in any major Football Championship Subdivision or HBCU national poll. North Carolina Central was ranked among the top FCS teams before last week's loss to Norfolk State. The Eagles received votes in the latest Stats, Inc. and ESPN Coaches polls, but not enough to crack the top 25 in either. NCCU is No. 4 in the weekly BoxToRow media poll of top 10 HBCU teams and No. 5 in the BoxToRow coaches poll.

The Series: NCCU leads 17-6

Delaware State Head Coach Kenny Carter (The Citadel, '90): Carter is in his third season as head coach of the Hornets. This is his first head coaching job. Before coming to DSU, he 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. Carter is 0-2 vs. NCCU.

NCCU Head Coach Jerry Mack (Arkansas State, '03) is in his fourth year as head coach of the Eagles. Since taking the job, Mack has a 28-14 overall record and led NCCU to the outright MEAC championship and Celebration Bowl in 2016, and a share of the 2014 and '15 league titles. Prior to joining the Eagles, he was an assistant coach at the University of South Alabama for two seasons. He also served as an assistant at Memphis, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Central Arkansas and Jackson State. Mack is 2-0 vs. Delaware State

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2017 DELAWARE STATE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	SERIES
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Aug. 31	at Delaware	L, 3-22	UD leads 8-0
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Hornets trailed 8-3 at half. Sua-Godinet had four catches for career-hi 93 yds.

Sep. 8	at Hampton*	L, 15-28	HU leads 30-14
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Pirates win fifth straight and seventh in last eight meetings against Hornets

Sep. 16	at West Virginia	L, 16-59	WVU leads 1-0
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Nyfease West had 81 yd. touchdown reception. DSU tallied season-hi 301 yds.

Sep. 23	NORFOLK STATE*	L, 7-17	DSU leads 16-7
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Spartans snap three-game losing streak in series.

Oct. 7	at NCA&T*	L, 3-44	NCAT leads 23-22-1
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Aggies win 4th straight in series. McDaniels completes 11 of 15 passes

Oct. 14	HOWARD* (HC)	L, 23-52	DSU leads 39-34-1
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DSU totaled 510 yards, including 158 by freshman WR Trey Gross

Oct. 21	SO. CAROLINA STATE*	W, 17-14	SCSU leads 28-17
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Keenan Black passes for 218 yds and 2 TDs; DSU snaps 17-game losing streak

Oct. 28	at No. Carolina Central*	2:00 p.m.	NCC leads 17-6
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Defending MEAC champs have won last four games in the series

Nov. 4	at Savannah State *	5:00 p.m.	DSU leads 4-0
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First meeting since 2014. Hornets won 24-22 in last contest at SSU in 2013

Nov. 11	MORGAN STATE *	2:00 p.m.	MSU leads 36-24
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Hornets look to snap four-game losing streak to Bears. Last DSU win in 2012

Nov. 18	at Florida State	TBA	First meeting
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FSU 3rd in two major FBS preseason polls. DSU's 2nd FBS foe in 2017

* - Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game

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Sep. 8	at Hampton*	L, 15-28
Sep. 16	at West Virginia	L, 16-59
Sep. 23	NORFOLK STATE*	L, 7-17
Oct. 7	at NCA&T*	L, 4-33
Oct. 14	HOWARD* (HC)	L, 23-52
OCT. 21	SO. CAROLINA STATE*	W, 17-14
OCT. 28	at NC Central*	1 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Savannah State*	5 p.m.
Nov. 11	MORGAN STATE*	2 p.m.
Nov. 18	at Florida State	TBA

* MEAC game

NC CENTRAL 2017 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (5-2; 3-1 MEAC)

Sep. 2	at Duke	L, 7-60
Sep. 9	SHAW	W, 41-0
Sep. 21	SC STATE*	W, 33-28
Sep. 28	at Florida A&M*	W, 21-14
Oct. 7	at Howard*	W, 13-7
Oct. 14	GARDNER-WEBB	W, 24-17
Oct. 21	NORFOLK STATE*	L, 21-28
Oct. 28	DELAWARE STATE*	1 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Hampton*	1 p.m.
Nov. 11	BETHUNE-COOKMAN*	2 p.m.
Nov. 18	at NCA&T*	1 p.m.

* MEAC game

2017 DSU/NCCU NCAA/CONFERENCE STATISTICAL COMPARISON/RANK

Category	*DSU (7 gms)	*NCCU (7 gms)
Rushing off.	68.7 (117/11)	142.3 (66/5)
Passing off.	201.4 (68/3)	186.3 (83/7)
Total off.	270.1 (111/9)	328.6 (78/4)
Scoring off.	12.0 (118/11)	22.9 (71/4)
Rushing def.	165.4 (74/5)	114.4 (24/3)
Total def.	455.9 (104/9)	325.7 (30/4)
Scoring def.	33.7 (102/9)	22.0 (38/3)
Net punting	38.7 (16.1)	36.2 (53/3)
Punt returns	11.7 (19/2)	4.9 (98/9)
Kick off returns	19.9 (64/4)	19.3 (83/7)
Turnover margin	-0.9 (97/10)	0.1 (54/4)
Pass defense	290.4 (117/11)	221.3 (58/8)
Passing Eff.	112.2 (91/7)	124.1 (64/5)
Pass Eff. Defense	157.8 (112/10)	134.1 (81/8)
Sacks	1.4 (94/8)	2.6 (25/3)
Tackles for loss	5.3 (88/9)	7.3 (26/4)
Sacks allowed	3.9 (119/10)	2.1 (68/8)
3rd down conv.	30.7% (98/7)	34.4% (76/4)

*122 teams ranked in Football Championship Subdivision in 2017

THE GAME

Delaware State, coming off its first win since 2015, visits defending MEAC champ North Carolina Central, which is trying to rebound from its first conference loss of the season. The Hornets snapped a 17-game overall losing streak and 12 straight MEAC defeats with a 17-14 victory over South Carolina State last week. **Wisdom Nzidee** (sr.) kicked the go-ahead field goal with 10 minutes left and the defense highlighted a solid effort with two fourth quarter interceptions to key the win. The Hornets used two first quarter touchdowns to open up a 14-0 lead. South Carolina State scored a second quarter touchdown and another early in the fourth quarter to tie the game. Sophomore quarterback **Keenan Black** completed 14-of-27 throws for a career-high 218 yards and touchdown passes to **Taronn Selby** (jr.) and **Fatu Sua-Godinet** (so.) in his first start. The touchdown catch was the first of Selby's career. Sua-Godinet hauled in four passes for 65 yards. He has a touchdown catch in each of the last two games and four for his career. Freshman wideout **Trey Gross** had four catches for 66 yards in the contest, giving him nine receptions for 220 yards in the last two games. The Hornets had three interceptions for the first time since Oct. 11, 2014 at Norfolk State in last week's game. Freshmen **Devin Smith** (DB) and **Devin Adams** (LB) recorded their first career interceptions in the game. Delaware State has 619 passing yards in the last two contests. Black and freshman **Jack McDaniels** have shared the quarterback duties the last few games. For the season, Black has completed 34-of-70 passes (48.6%) for 502 yards. He has a team-high five touchdowns and three interceptions. McDaniels, who started the first six games this season, has connected on 75-of-138 throws for 873 yards with two touchdowns and five picks. **Brycen Alleyne** (jr.) is the Hornet's leading rusher with 216 yards (4.2 ypc). He's also third in the MEAC in all-purpose yards at 106.9 per game and fourth in the league with a 21.0 kickoff return average. Nzidee is 7-for-7 on field goal attempts this season to lead all FCS kickers with a 1.000 conversion percentage. DSU punter **Fidel Romo-Martinez** is tops in the MEAC and fourth among all FCS players with a 45.8 yard average. The Hornets have been crippled by injuries this season. Among the long-term injured are RB **Mike Waters**, LB **Malik Harris** and OL **Cade Pedro**, each a preseason All-MEAC Second Team selection.

NC Central

The Eagles are coming off a 28-21 loss to Norfolk State last Saturday, snapping a streak of 18 consecutive MEAC wins since the 2015 season. NCCU amassed 501 yards of total offense, but was plagued by 15 penalties for 146 lost yards and four turnovers in the contest, which also snapped a 11-game home win streak. The Eagles trailed 21-0 before cutting the deficit to seven points following an early fourth quarter touchdown, but could get no closer. NCCU is fourth in the MEAC in total offense and total defense, tallying 328.6 yards per game, while allowing 325.7 per game. The Eagles are allowing 22.0 points per game to rank third in the league, while placing fourth in the conference in scoring at 22.9 points per contest. NC first-year RB Isaiah Totten is fourth in the MEAC in rushing at 75.0 yards per game (525 yards total). He's averaging a league-best 6.0 yards per carry and has four rushing touchdowns. The Eagles feature four preseason All-MEAC players on its defense, led by senior linebacker Reggie Hunter, who is tops on the team and tied for 10th in the league in tackles at 7.1 per game (50 total).

THE SERIES

This will be the 24th meeting between the Hornets and Eagles. NC Central has won four straight and eight of the last nine meetings to open up a 17-6 series lead. NCCU won last year's contest 38-19 at Delaware State. The Eagles scored touchdowns on offense, defense and special teams in the 2016 contest. The last time the teams met at North Carolina Central, the Eagles posted a 43-10 victory in 2015. The Hornets only trailed 17-10 at the break, but were outscored 26-0 in the second half of the 2015 contest. The teams met six times from 1945 to 1950 as members of the Central Intercollegiate Association (CIAA), and nine times from 1971 to '79 during North Carolina Central's first stint in the MEAC.

DSU results vs. NCCU all-time results

Year	W/L	Score	Site
1945*	W	13-12	--
1946*	L	6-32	--
1947*	W	7-0	--
1948*	L	0-14	--
1949*	L	0-27	--
1950*	L	0-13	--
1971**	L	3-34	A
1972**	W	14-10	H
1973**	L	7-32	A
1974**	L	0-7	A
1975**	L	14-16	A
1976	L	16-27	H
1977	W	23-0	A
1978	W	16-13	H
1979	L	26-31	A
1996	L	16-21	1
2003	L	14-21	A
2004	L	23-26	H
2010	W	29-7	H
2011**	L	7-14	H
2012**	L	20-23 ot	A
2015**	L	10-43	A
2016**	L	19-38 H (322-461)	H

Largest DSU Victory: 23-0 (1977)
Largest North Carolina Central Victory: 43-10 (2015)
Longest DSU Win Streak: 2 (1977-1978)
Longest North Carolina Central Win Streak: 4 (1948-1971; 1973-1976; 1979-2004); 2011—present

HORNET MEDIA AVAILABILITY

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

Monday (Oct. 23)

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

Tuesday (Oct. 24)

Practice —4:00 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. 25)

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

Thursday (Oct. 26)

Practice—4 p.m. (Alumni Stadium)

Friday (Oct. 27)

Walk thru at Alumni Stadium
Travel by bus to Durham, N.C.

Saturday (Oct. 28)

2:00 p.m. - Hornets vs. NC Central
Durham, N.C. - O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium

Sunday (Oct. 29)

TBA

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.	Mike London (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 STUNG BY INJURY BUG

The Hornets hobble into this week's contest with a growing injury list. Among the wounded is starting running back **Mike Waters** (so.), a preseason All-MEAC Second Team selection. Waters

(left), out indefinitely with a knee injury, was tops on the Hornets with a DSU freshman record 820 rushing yards in 2016. He is second on the Hornets with 111 yards on 27 carries this season (4.1 ypc). The Hornets' injury list also includes starting inside linebacker **Malik Harris** (sr.), also a 2017 MEAC Preseason All-MEAC Second Team pick. Harris (right) suffered a knee injury in the Norfolk State contest on Sep. 23 and is also out indefinitely. He is third on the Hornets with 23 tackles after leading the team entering the Norfolk State contest. Harris was DSU's top tackler with 82 stops (51 solo) as a junior in 2016. Delaware State starting center **Cade Pedro** (so.) is also out indefinitely with a knee injury. Pedro, a preseason All-MEAC Second Team selection, was injured in the Hornets' Sep. 23 contest against Norfolk State. Delaware State's offensive line is also crippled by knee injuries to key members **Kaiden Crawford** (r-fr.) and **Kaydence Jackson** (fr.). Crawford is out indefinitely, while Jackson's status is week-to-week.

TWO QBs LIKELY TO SEE ACTION AGAIN THIS WEEK

There's a good chance Hornet quarterbacks **Keenan Black** (so.) and **Jack McDaniels** (fr.) will again see action this week. Black (left) led DSU to its first win since 2015 last week, completing



14-of-27 passes for a career-high 218 yards and two touchdowns in his first career start. He is 24-for-49 for 393 yards and four touchdowns in the last two games, and 30-of-73 for 502 yards and five TDs (3 int.) for the season. McDaniels (right) started the Hornets' first six games, but played sparingly last week. For the season, he has connected on 75-of-138 passes for 873 yards and two touchdowns (5 int.). Entering this week, he ranks ninth in the MEAC in passing average at 124.7 yards per game. The Lorton, Va., native completed 13 of 20 passes (65.0%) for a career-best 191 yards and a touchdown the previous week against Howard last week. He completed 7-of-12 throws for 114 yards, including an 81 yard touchdown to redshirt freshman **Nyfease West** on the Hornets' third play from scrimmage for his first career touchdown at FBS West Virginia on Sep. 17. He joined the Hornets this season after a stellar high school career



in Virginia. McDaniels completed 224 of 331 passes (68%) for 2,956 yards and 36 touchdowns, while rushing for 450 yards and four scores during his senior season at So. County (Va.) HS. He threw for more than 4,000 yards during his scholastic career and holds the school's single-season and career records for passing yards, completions and passing touchdowns. Prior to joining the Hornets, Black was a conference Offensive Player-of-the Year and combined to complete 283-of-493 passes (57.4%) for 4,140 yards and 35 touchdowns during his junior and senior years at Concord (N.C.) High School. He also rushed for 483 yards and 10 TDs on 123 carries as a senior in 2015.

This marks the sixth year in a row that Delaware State had a new opening day starter at quarterback. Since **Nick Elko** began 2011 & 2012 as starting quarterback, the Hornets have used **Corey Murphy** (2013), **Gilbert Rivera** (2014), **Esayah Obado** (2015), **Daniel Epperson** (2016) and now McDaniels (2017) under center to open the season.

THE 2017 HORNETS ARE ...

1-2 at home
 0-4 in road games
 0-0 in neutral site games
 1-4 in day games
 0-2 in night games
 1-4 in MEAC games
 0-2 in non-conference games
 0-0 in overtime games
 0-1 on natural grass
 1-5 on artificial surfaces
 0-1 vs. Top 25 FCS teams
 1-4 vs. unranked FCS teams
 1-1 when scoring first
 0-5 when opponent scores first
 1-0 in games decided by seven points or less
 0-6 in games decided by 10 or more points
 0-5 in games decided by 20 or more points
 1-0 when leading after the first qtr.
 0-5 when trailing after the first qtr.
 0-1 when tied after the first qtr.
 1-0 when leading at halftime
 0-6 when trailing at the half
 0-0 when tied at the half
 1-0 when leading after three qtrs.
 0-6 when trailing after three qtrs.
 0-0 when tied after three qtrs.
 0-0 when gaining more total yards
 1-6 when opponent gains more yards
 0-0 when gaining more rushing yards
 1-6 when opponent has more rush yards
 1-2 when gaining more passing yards
 0-4 when opponent has more pass yards
 0-5 when committing more turnovers
 1-1 when opponent has more turnovers
 0-0 when turnovers are even
 0-0 when posting more first downs
 1-6 when opponent has more first downs
 0-0 when first downs are even
 1-3 when committing more penalties
 0-2 when opponent has more penalties
 0-1 when penalties are even
 1-2 with more possession time

BOXTOROW HBCU COACHES POLL (Oct. 23)

No.	Team (1st pl votes)	W-L	Pts.	Prev.
1	North Carolina A&T (14)	8-0	197	1
2	Grambling (4)	6-1	184	2
3	Hampton	5-2	139	5
4	Tennessee State	4-3	113	6
5	North Carolina Central	5-2	111	3
T-6	Alcorn State	4-3	94	4
T-6	Southern	4-3	94	T-7
8	Howard	4-3	89	9
9	Bethune-Cookman	3-4	31	T-7
T-10	Prairie View A&M	2-4	22	10
T-10	Norfolk State	3-4	22	NR

Other receiving votes: Alabama A&M (3-4) 7.

BOXTOROW HBCU MEDIA POLL (Oct. 23)

No.	Team (1st pl votes)	W-L	Pts.	Prev.
1	North Carolina A&T (16)	8-0	169	1
2	Grambling (1)	6-1	152	2
3	Virginia State	7-0	120	5
4	North Carolina Central	5-2	93	3
5	Bowie State	7-1	92	6
6	Tennessee State	4-3	65	7
7	Alcorn State	5-3	64	4
8	Southern	4-3	62	8
9	Hampton	5-2	39	NR
10	Howard	4-3	31	10

Other receiving votes: Tuskegee (6-2) 18, Langston (7-0) 16, Albany State (5-3) 5, Fort Valley State (4-3) 1, Virginia Union (5-3) 1.

HORNETS IN THE MEAC

A charter member of the MEAC, DSU is in its 47th year of league play. The Hornets have an all-time record of 133-175-1 in MEAC contests. DSU has won or shared six league championships. The Hornets claimed outright MEAC titles in 1985, 1989 and 2007, while sharing the crown in 1987, 1988 and 1991. Delaware State was at the bottom of the 2016 MEAC standings with a 0-8 league mark. The Hornets are hoping to prove their doubters wrong this year. DSU has been picked to finish last in the race again in 2017, according to a poll of league head coaches and sports information representatives.



HORNET RECEIVERS CATCHING ON

Delaware State has developed a “triple-threat” in its receiving corps. The Hornets have averaged 264.3 passing yards in the last three games, up from 154.3 in their first four contests. DSU passed for 401 yards vs. Howard on Oct. 14, the second-best single game total in team history. The improved passing attack is due in large part to the play of wide receivers **Fatu Sua-Godinet** (so.), **Taronn Selby** (jr.) and **Trey Gross** (fr.). Sua-Godinet is tops on the Hornets with 23 receptions to rank ninth in the MEAC at 3.3 catches per game. He’s also 10th in the league at 46.4 receiving yards per contest (325 total). Sua-Godinet has touchdown catches in each of the last two games.

Selby is second on the team in receptions (21) and receiving yards (312). He has 14 catches for 238 yards and a touchdown in the last three games, highlighted by a career-high 110 yards vs. Howard on Oct. 14 and a personal-best seven catches at NCA&T on Oct. 7.

Gross, who did not have a catch in the Hornets’ first five games, had a breakout performance in the week six loss to Howard, catching six passes for a game-high 154 yards and two touchdowns. His yardage was the most by a DSU freshman since **Darnerian McCants** totaled 170 on six receptions vs. Buffalo in 1997. Gross tied for the team lead with four catches, accounting for 66 yards vs. SC State last week, giving him 10 receptions for 220 yards in the last two games. He leads the Hornets with a 22.0 yard per catch average.

DSU KICKERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Delaware State’s **Fidel Romo-Martinez** (so.) has established himself as one of the elite punters in the nation. Romo-Martinez is tops in the MEAC and fourth among all FCS punters with a 45.8 yard average. The DSU punter was named MEAC Special Teams Player-of-the-Week after averaging 48.0 yards on seven kicks vs. FBS West Virginia on Sep. 16. He had four punts of 50-yards-or-more yards in the game, including a long of 57 that was fielded at the WVU nine yard line. Romo-Martinez has 19 kicks of 50-or-more yards, including a long of 62 at North Carolina A&T on Oct. 7. He’s also placed 13 kicks inside the opponents’ 20-yard line. As a freshman in 2016, Romo-Martinez was fifth in the MEAC with a 40.0 yard average. He was named to the 2017 Preseason All-MEAC Third Team.



Delaware State placekicker **Wisdom Nzidee** (sr.) tops the national FCS list with a perfect field goal percentage this season. Nzidee is 7-for-7 on field goal attempts to lead the nation with a 1.000 percentage. He nailed a career-best 47-yard field goal at North Carolina A&T on Oct. 7. Nzidee kicked the go-ahead field goal with 10 minutes left in the Hornets’ 17-14 victory over South Carolina State last week.

Nzidee, whose 7-for-7 on extra-point kicks this year, was also named to the 2017 Preseason All-MEAC Third Team.

2017 DSU HONORS

Fidel Romo-Martinez

MEAC Special Teams Player of the Week
Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

Joshua Fala (OT)

Preseason All-MEAC Second Team

Malik Harris (LB)

Preseason All-MEAC Second Team

Mason Rutherford (WR)

Preseason All-MEAC Second Team

Cade Pedro (OC)

Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

Mike Waters (RB)

Preseason All-MEAC Second Team

Brycen Alleyne (RB)

Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

Brian Cavicante (LB)

Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

Keyjuan Selby (DB)

Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

Wisdom Nzidee (PK)

Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

BLOCK PARTY

Delaware State has given opposing special teams coaches something to worry about during the **Kenny Carter** era. Since Carter became head coach in 2015, the Hornets have blocked 15 kicks (punts, field goal & extra point kicks), including two this season. Among the blocks was a field goal attempt that was returned for a touchdown vs. Bethune-Cookman in 2015. DSU blocks have led to 10 points this season, including the team's lone touchdown vs. Norfolk State in the Hornets' last outing on Sep. 23.

BY THE NUMBERS

You'll need a program to recognize several members of the 2017 Hornets. Six players will sport different numbers than during the 2016 season:

LB **Brian Cavicante** from 43 to 7

DB **Jahad Niebauer** from 34 to 2

DB **Brock Nichols** from 14 to 11

TE **Isaiah Williams** from 35 to 8

WR **Fatu Sua Godinet** from 10 to 4

P **Fidel Romo-Martinez** from 32 to 9

CAPTAINS

Juniors **Brycen Alleyne** (RB/KR) and **Caleb Hebron** (DL) have been voted by their teammates as Delaware State captains for the 2017 season. Alleyne is in his third season with the Hornets, while Hebron is in his first year with the team after transferring from Towson (Md.) University. Also, senior LB **Kevin Perry** (currently injured) is the "Ex-Officio" Captain by virtue of his position as Delaware State University's "Mr. DSU."

STAYING HOME

Delaware State's 2017 roster includes a total of 12 in-state players, second among the states. The Hornets' Delaware products are: **Brycen Alleyne** (Wilmington), **Sika Bendifolph** (Dover), **Tyreek Booker** (Newark); **Nigel Bynum** (Claymont); **Michael Credele** (Glasgow); **Dominique Brewery** (Bear), **Donte Newell** (Newark), **Keyjuan Selby** (Bear), **Taronn Selby** (Bear); **Kyle Taylor** (Wilmington), **Brandon Wallace** (Wilmington), and **Nyree Williamson** (New Castle). New York is the state with the most players on the Hornets' 2017 roster at 14. New Jersey is third with eight.

BLUE-GOLD LEGEND

2017 newcomer **Michael Credele's** (Glasgow, Del.) last high school appearance was one for the record books. Credele set a Delaware Blue-Gold All-Star Game record with 10 receptions in the 2017 contest. He had 116 receiving yards and two touchdown catches (36, 10 yards) in the All-Star game.

SEEING "DOUBLE"

You're not seeing double. Delaware State's "Selby twins" **Keyjuan** and **Taronn** have been causing folks on campus to do a double-take since joining the team in 2015. Keyjuan is a defensive back Taronn a wide receiver, so they often go head-to-head during practices. Keyjuan is a 2017 preseason All-MEAC Third Team selection, and ranked among the league leaders in passes defensed last season. Taronn is expected to play a key role in the Hornets' passing game this season.



The Selbys were standout players at St. George's Vo-Tech in New Castle County, Del., before enrolling at Delaware State. Taronn 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.

The 2017 Hornets also feature the "kicking Romo-Martinez brothers." Sophomore punter **Fidel Romo-Martinez** joined the team last season, while his younger brother **Jose Romo-Martinez** is a freshman punter/placekicker on the squad. Fidel, a 2017 preseason All-MEAC Third Team selection, was fifth in the league with a 40.0 yard punting average last season. He is also the Hornets' No. 1 holder this year.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Delaware State's 2017 roster is among the most diverse in team history. Sophomores **Fatu Sua-Godinet** (WR) and **Cade Pedro** (OL) are Polynesian Hawai'i natives who signed with the Hornets in 2016. Each attended Kamehameha High School in Honolulu. Another Delaware State sophomore, **Joshua Fala** (OL), is Samoan, although he was born and raised in California. Freshman offensive lineman **Liki Seu**, also of Polynesian descent, joined the team this year. He comes to the Hornets by way of Bellflower, Cal. (Lutheran HS).

Adding to the diversity on the Hornets' 2017 roster are two players of Nigerian descent: PK **Wisdom Nzidee** (sr.) and DL **Abdul-Kamal Ajelero** (so.), along with Canadian **Matthew Derk** (fr., OL; Brantford, ONT).

STINGERS

Delaware State has six interceptions this season after recording just two during the 2016 season ... DSU's **Caleb Hebron** (jr.) is third in the MEAC and fourth among all FCS players with two blocked kicks this season ... Hebron was credited with blocked punts vs. Hampton on Sep. 8 and Norfolk State on Sep. 23 ... The Hornets have 31 freshmen (including redshirts) on its 2017 roster.

THIS DAY IN HORNET FOOTBALL HISTORY (Oct. 28, 1989)

Delaware State won its fourth straight game with a 21-13 come-from-behind victory at South Carolina State. With the win, the Hornets clinched at least a tie for the 1989 MEAC title. DSU won the title outright with a victory over North Carolina A&T the following week.

DSU FOOTBALL FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

HISTORY

First Year of Football	1924
All-Time Record	353-429-11
All-Time MEAC Record	133-174-1
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	2-27
Career Record	Same
Football Office Phone	(302) 857-7447
Football Office Fax	(302) 857-7555
Assistant Coaches	
Vincent White	Assoc. Head Coach/OC/RBs
John Allen	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
Captains:	
Brycen Alleyne, Caleb Hebron, Kevin Perry	
Video Coordinator	Michael Rogers
Equipment Manager	Mark Springs
Dir. Sports Medicine	Lori Leary
Administrative Assistant	TBA

TEAM INFORMATION

2016 Overall Record	0-11 (0-5 home, 0-6 away)
2016 MEAC Record	0-8 (0-4 home, 0-4 away)
Conference Finish	11th
Final National Rankings	N/A
Offense	West Coast
Defense	4-3

Lettermen Returning (37, including kickers)

Offense 13
Defense 22
Specialists 2

Lettermen Lost (27)

Offense 11
Defense 14
Specialists 2

Starters Returning/Lost (12/12), including kickers

Offense 4/7
Defense 6/5
Specialists 2/0

PLAYING WITH THE BIG REALLY BOYS

For the fifth time in six years, Delaware State is stepping up a competition level in a game. Only this year, the Hornets will play two such games. The first was played on Sep. 16, resulting in a 59-16 loss to FBS West Virginia of the Big 12 Conference at Puskar Stadium in Morgantown, WV. Despite the score, the Hornets recorded (then) season highs in touchdowns (2), rushing yards (161) and total offense (301 yards) in the contest.

The Mountaineers were No. 23 in the preseason Associated Press poll and No. 20 in the Coaches poll of top 25 FBS teams. West Virginia was 10-3 overall and 7-2 in the Big 12 in 2016. The Mountaineers fell to Miami in the Russell Athletic Bowl, and were ranked 17th in the final FBS coach's poll and 18th in the media poll last season.

The Hornets will close out the 2017 regular season at FBS powerhouse Florida State on Nov. 18 at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee, Fla. The Seminoles entered the 2017 season ranked third in each of the major FBS top 25 polls and could rise to the top in the first regular season poll if they defeat No. 1 Alabama in their season opener on Sep. 3. FSU was No. 8 in the final national polls after finishing with a 10-3 overall record and 5-3 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2016, which ended with a dramatic 33-32 victory over Michigan in the Orange Bowl.

The upcoming contest at Florida State contests will be DSU's 10th all-time against FBS opponents. Delaware State is 1-8 all-time vs. FBS/Div. I-A opponents. The only win was a 52-26 upset of Akron in 1987.

Delaware State all-time vs. NCAA Div. 1-A/FBS opponents						
1987	DSU	52	Akron	26	2012	Cincinnati
2007	Kent State	38	DSU	7	DSU	7
2008	Kent State	24	DSU	3	2014	Temple
2009	Michigan	63	DSU	6	2015	Kent State
					2016	Missouri
						79
						DSU 16
						DSU 0
						DSU 13
						DSU 0

HORNETS HONOR 2007 MEAC CHAMPION TEAM

The 2017 season marks the 10-year anniversary of Delaware State's last MEAC championship squad. The 2007 Hornets posted a school-best 10-1 overall regular season record and a perfect 8-0 mark in the MEAC to capture the sixth league title in team history.

The '07 Hornets, under head coach **Al Lavan**, were honored during Delaware State's annual Hall-of-Fame ceremony on Sep. 22 and the following day during the 2017 football home opener against Norfolk State.

In addition, the leader of the 2007 Hornet offense, quarterback **Vashon Winton**, is among this year's individual DSU Hall-of-Fame inductees.

The 2007 Hornets were ranked as high as No. 10 in the national Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) weekly polls and ended the season as Black College National Champions.



2007 Delaware State MEAC Football champions

The team was the first in DSU history to compete in the NCAA FCS playoffs, falling to Delaware, led by current Baltimore Raven quarterback **Joe Flacco**, in the opening round. The historic contest was the first ever between the state's two NCAA Division I programs.

DELAWARE STATE HEAD COACH KENNY CARTER



Delaware State University introduced Kenneth Carter as the Hornets' head football coach in January 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 2016-17 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.

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

JAMES MADISON, '96

THIRD 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

SECOND 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/ OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/RUNNING BACKS/ PASSING GAME COORDINATOR

STANFORD, '84

FOURTH 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

THIRD 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.), '04

THIRD 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

THIRD 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

THIRD 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

THIRD 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



STEVE ATKINSON - INSIDE LINEBACKERS

NATIONAL-LOUIS UNIVERSITY, '96

SECOND 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 Chick-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

SECOND 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

RODNEY GUNTER LONE HORNET ACTIVE IN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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 (116th 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 has 45 tackles (34 solo), including 2.5 sacks, in two seasons the



Cards (2015 & 2016).

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 1980s. 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

2017 Standings

Standings	MEAC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
NCA&T	5-0	1.000	8-0	1.000
Hampton	4-0	1.000	5-2	.714
NC Central	3-1	.750	5-2	.714
Howard	3-1	.750	4-3	.571
Norfolk State	3-1	.750	3-4	.429
Bethune-Cookman	2-2	.500	3-4	.429
Morgan State	1-3	.250	1-6	.143
Florida A&M	1-4	.200	2-6	.250
Delaware State	1-4	.200	1-6	.143
South Carolina State	1-4	.200	2-5	.286
Savannah State Univ.	0-4	.000	0-7	.000

2016 Final Standings

	MEAC	W-L	Overall	W-L	Pct.
N.C. Central	8-0	1.000	9-3	.750	
N.C. A&T State	7-1	.875	9-3	.750	
S.C. State	5-3	.625	5-6	.455	
Hampton	5-3	.625	5-6	.455	
Bethune-Cookman	4-4	.500	4-6	.400	
Florida A&M	4-4	.500	4-7	.364	
Norfolk State	3-5	.375	4-7	.364	
Savannah State	3-5	.375	3-7	.300	
Morgan State	3-5	.375	3-8	.273	
Howard	2-6	.250	2-9	.182	
Delaware State	0-8	.000	0-11	.000	



2017 Preseason All-MEAC First Team

Offense	Pos.	Name	Cl.	School
QB	Lamar Raynard	Jr.	North Carolina A&T State	
RB	Anthony Philyaw	Sr.	Howard	
RB*	Yahkee Johnson	Sr.	Hampton	
RB*	Ramone Simpson	Jr.	N.C. Central	
WR	Elijah Bell	So.	North Carolina A&T State	
WR*	Brandon Norwood	Sr.	Florida A&M	
WR*	Frank Brown	Sr.	Bethune-Cookman	
TE	Leroy Hill	Jr.	North Carolina A&T State	
C	Darriel Mack	Sr.	North Carolina A&T State	
OL	Brandon Parker	Sr.	North Carolina A&T State	
OL	Nick Leverett	So.	N.C. Central	
OL	Robbie Stephenson	Sr.	S.C. State	
OL	Justin Evans	Sr.	S.C. State	
PK	Uriel Hernandez	Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	

Defense

Pos.	Name	Cl.	School	Hometown
DL*	Kevin Thompson	R-Sr.	Bethune-Cookman	
DL*	Chris Lee	Sr.	Norfolk State	
DL	Ja'Quan Smith	Gr.	N.C. Central	
DL	Antonio Brown	Sr.	N.C. Central	
LB	Darius Leonard	R-Sr.	S.C. State	
LB	Dayshawn Taylor	R-Sr.	S.C. State	
LB	Reggie Hunter	Sr.	N.C. Central	
DB	Alden McClellon	Jr.	N.C. Central	
DB*	Jason Baxter	Gr.	S.C. State	
DB*	Diquan Richardson	Sr.	Bethune-Cookman	
DB	Zerius Lockhart	Sr.	North Carolina A&T State	
P	Nathaniel Tilque	Sr.	N.C. Central	
RS	Khris Gardin	Sr.	North Carolina A&T State	

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Anthony Philyaw (RB) - Howard

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Darius Leonard (LB) - South Carolina State

2017 DSU Preseason All-MEAC Second Team

LB	Malik Harris	Sr.	Washington, D.C.
RB	Mike Waters	So.	Phila., Pa.
OL	Joshua Fala	So.	Manteca, Cal.
OL	Cade Pedro	So.	Honolulu, HI

2017 DSU Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

RB	Brycen Alleyne	Jr.	Wilmington, Del.
PK	Wisdom Nzidee	Sr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.,
LB	Brian Cavicante	So.	Portsmouth, Va.
DB	Keyjuan Selby	Jr.	Bear, Del.
P	Fidel Romo-Martinez	So.	Banning, Cal.

This Week in the MEAC

(Sat., Oct. 28)

Delaware State at NC Central	1 p.m.
Florida A&M at Morgan State	1 p.m.
Howard at SC State	1:30 p.m.
Savannah State at Norfolk State	2 p.m.
Hampton at Bethune-Cookman	4 p.m.
NCA&T—idle	

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

SC State	14
Delaware State	17
Norfolk State	28
NC Central	21
Bethune-Cookman	20
NCA&T	24
Morgan State	14
Howard	39
Florida A&M	27
Hampton	31
Savannah State	27
Charleston Southern	52

2017 MEAC NATIONAL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Network	Time
Sep. 3	So. Carolina State at Southern MEAC/SWAC Challenge	ESPN2	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 21	So. Carolina Central at NC Central	ESPNU	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 28	NC Central at Florida A&M	ESPNU	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Morgan State at South Carolina State	ESPNU	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Hampton at Norfolk State	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
		ESPNU	10:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Bethune-Cookman at NCA&T	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
		ESPNU	10:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M	ESPN Classic	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	Teams To Be Announced	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
		ESPNU	10:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Celebration Bowl MEAC Champion vs. SWAC Champion	ABC	Noon



NATIONAL FCS POLLS

2017 STATS FCS FOOTBALL Top-25 (Oct. 23)				
Team	(1st pl votes)	W-L	Pts	Prev
1 James Madison (157)		(7-0)	4141 (157)	1
2 North Dakota State		(7-0)	3993 (9)	2
3 Jacksonville State		(6-1)	3802	3
4 Central Arkansas		(6-1)	3641	6
5 Sam Houston State		(6-1)	3455	7
6 South Dakota		(6-1)	2861	4
7 North Carolina A&T		(8-0)	2688	12
8 Wofford		(6-1)	2636	5
9 Samford		(5-2)	2599	16
10 Elon		(6-1)	2555	14
11 South Dakota State		(5-2)	2536	13
12 Western Illinois		(5-2)	2207	10
13 Villanova		(4-3)	1856	15
14 Eastern Washington		(5-3)	1806	8
15 Grambling State		(6-1)	1418	17
16 Illinois State		(5-2)	1312	24
17 New Hampshire		(5-2)	1311	18
18 Western Carolina		(6-2)	1243	19
19 Richmond		(4-3)	1089	11
20 McNeese (6-1)			1055	20
21 Youngstown State (3-4)			953	9
22 Stony Brook (5-2)			671	22
23 Delaware (5-2)			668	NR
24 Montana (5-2)			634	21
25 Southern Utah (5-2)			624	NR

Others: Northern Arizona (532) , Weber State (501) , UNI (423) , Nicholls (162) , Kennesaw State (123) , Columbia (115) , Monmouth (88) , Albany (39) , Citadel (33) , Furman (33) , Southern Illinois (30) , Duquesne (22) , North Carolina Central (20) , Charleston Southern (17) , Austin Peay (12) , Southeastern Louisiana (11) , Dartmouth (10) , Hampton (9) , Princeton (8) , Eastern Illinois (5) , Yale (2) , Montana State (1)

2017 ESPN FCS FOOTBALL COACHES Top-25 (Oct. 23)

Team	(1st pl votes)	Pts.	Record	Prev
1 James Madison (26)		650	7-0	1
2 North Dakota State		624	7-0	2
3 Jacksonville State		597	6-1	3
4 Central Arkansas		548	6-1	6
5 Sam Houston State		541	6-1	7
6 North Carolina A&T		463	8-0	11
7 South Dakota		444	6-1	4
T-8 Samford		435	5-2	14
T-8 South Dakota State		435	5-2	13
10 Wofford		421	6-1	5
11 Elon		362	6-1	15
12 Eastern Washington		278	5-3	8
13 Grambling State		269	6-1	17
14 Western Illinois		266	5-2	12
15 Villanova		257	4-3	16
16 New Hampshire		240	5-2	18
17 Richmond		226	4-3	10
18 McNeese		219	6-1	19
19 Youngstown State		167	3-4	9
20 Western Carolina		165	6-2	21
21 Illinois State		158	5-2	24
22 Weber State		121	5-2	23
23 Nicholls		118	5-2	20
24 Northern Arizona		112	5-2	NR
25 Northern Iowa		64	4-3	NR

Others receiving votes: Delaware (61) , Montana (56) , Stony Brook (39) , Southern Utah (32) , Monmouth (31) , Kennesaw State (31) , The Citadel (5) , Dartmouth (4) , Southeast Louisiana (4) , Columbia (3) , N.C. Central (2) , Austin Peay (1) , Furman (1) .

HORNETS LOOK TO MAKE BELIEVERS IN 2017 SEASON

The Delaware State football team will have plenty to prove in the upcoming season. The Hornets have been picked to finish 11th in the 11-team 2017 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football race, according to a poll of league head coaches and sports information representatives. Defending champ North Carolina Central is the voters' choice to capture the 2017 MEAC title. The Eagles have won or share the conference title in each of the last three years, and represented the MEAC in the second annual Celebration Bowl last December. North Carolina A&T is second to NC Central, while South Carolina State, Bethune-Cookman and Hampton round out the top five in the

MEAC preseasn poll.

2017 MEAC Preseason Predicted Order of Finish

Team (1st pl votes)
1 North Carolina Central
2. North Carolina A&T
3. South Carolina State
4. Bethune-Cookman
5. Hampton (1)
6. Florida A&M
7. Norfolk State
8. Morgan State
9. Howard
10. Savannah State
11. Delaware State

MEAC CHAMPION TO COMPETE IN CELEBRATION BOWL

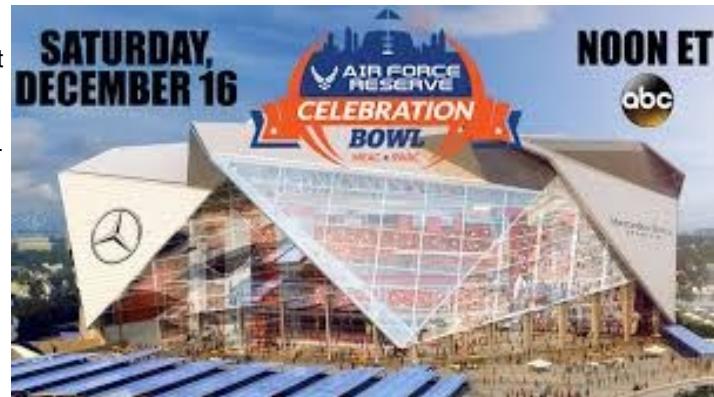
The quest for the 2017 MEAC championship will again have an added incentive for Delaware State and its fellow conference members.

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 Third Annual Celebration Bowl Atlanta, Ga..

The MEAC & SWAC are tied 1-1 in the Celebration Bowl after Grambling State defeated North Carolina Central 10-9 in the 2016 contest.

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 third Celebration Bowl will again be televised live on ABC.



The 2017 postseason college football bowl game will kick off at noon ET on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium 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
2017 Depth Chart

OFFENSE

LT	72 – Joshua Fala (So., 6-3/360)
	74 – Savion Hopes (Fr., 6-3/325)
LG	65 – Lamont Bradford (Fr., 6-2/290)
	68 – Matthew Derks (Fr., 6-3/335)
C	74 – Charles Wallace (Jr., 6-3/280)
	72 – Joshua Fala (So., 6-3/360)
RG	78 – Liki Seu (Fr., 6-2/360)
	68 – Matthew Derks (Fr., 6-3/335)
RT	76 – Tyreek Booker (Fr., 6-5/295)
	74 – Charles Wallace (Jr., 6-3/280)
TE	8 – Isiah Williams (So., 6-3/260)
	33 – Myles Beverly (Fr., 6-4/215)
WR	4 – Fatu Sua-Godinet (So., 6-0/190)
	81 – Trey Gross (Fr., 6-4/185)
WR	12 – Taronn Selby (So., 5-9/170)
	13 – Michael Credle (Fr., 6-1/190)
WR	21 – Jordan Hannah (So., 5-9/170)
	80 – Kwannah Kollie (Fr., 6-0/180)
RB	6 – Brycen Alleyne (Jr., 5-6/160)
	14 – Nyfease West (r-Fr., 5-11/200)
QB	5 – Keenan Black (So., 6-0/190)
	10 – Jack McDaniels (Fr., 6-3/205)

DEFENSE

DE	56 – Ulises De Los Santos (So., 6-3/280)
	59 – Abdul Ajelero (Jr., 6-0/265)
DT	55 – Damon Atwater-Stephens (So., 6-0/290)
	58 – Jacob Jones (Jr., 6-3/320)
DE	92 – Caleb Hebron (Jr., 6-4/265)
	52 – Jonathan Coste (Fr., 6-2/270)
OLB	16 – Juwan Devone (So., 6-2/220)
	57 – Moses Dupre (So., 6-0/250)
ILB	7 – Brian Cavicante (So., 5-10/240)
	35 – Taron Young (Fr., 5-11/230)
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	48 – Kyle Taylor (Jr., 6-2/235)
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Head Coach: Kenny Carter (The Citadel, '92) – Third year

Assistants: Vincent White (Stanford, '84) – Assoc. Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/ Running Backs – Fourth year

John Allen (James Madison, '96) – Quarterbacks – Third year

Gerard Wilcher (Morehouse, '92) – Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs – Second year

E.J Junior (Alabama, '81) – Defensive Line/Dir. of Player Development – Third year

Chris Sprague (Ithaca, '90) – Offensive Line – Third year

Ty Greenwood (Delaware State, '04) – Outside Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator – Third year

Steve Atkinson (National-Louis University) – Inside Linebackers – Second year

Jelani Berassa (Youngstown State, '14) – Wide Receivers – Third year

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Kenny Carter (The Citadel, '92) – Third year

Assistants: Vincent White (Stanford, '84) – Assoc. Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/ Running Backs – Fourth year

John Allen (James Madison, '96) – Quarterbacks – Third year

Gerard Wilcher (Morehouse, '92) – Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs – Second year

E.J Junior (Alabama, '81) – Defensive Line/Dir. of Player Development –Third year

Chris Sprague (Ithaca, '90) – Offensive Line – Third year

Ty Greenwood (Delaware State, '04) – Outside Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator – Third year

Steve Atkinson (National-Louis University) – Inside Linebackers – Second year

Jelani Berassa (Youngstown State, '14) – Wide Receivers – Third year

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Abdul Ajelero	Ahb-dool Ah-juh-lair-oh
Brycen Alleyne	Bry-sin AH-leen
Sika Bendolph	Sik-uh
Myles Beverly-Szilagyi	SIZZ-ah-lah-jee
Nasir Boykins	NAH-seer
Jonathan Coste	CAH-stay
Ulises De Los Santos	U-lis-ees
Joshua Fala	FAH-lah
Savion Hopes	SAY-vee-ahn
Kwannah Kollie	KWAH-nuh KO-lee
Jahad Niebauer	JUH-hahd NEE-bow-er
Wisdom Nzidee	Nuh-zee-dee
Michael Ojeh	O-jay
Cade Pedro	PEE-dro
Keyjuan Selby	KEY-wahn
Liki Seu	LEE-key SOO
Cartier Wilkins	Car-TEE-aa

DELAWARE STATE 2017 COMBINED STATS

Delaware State Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 21, 2017) All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Aug 31, 2017	at Delaware	L 3-22	18040	All games	1-6	1-2	0-4	0-0
* Sep 08, 2017	at Hampton	L 15-28	6456	Conference	1-4	1-2	0-2	0-0
Sep 16, 2017	at West Virginia	L 16-59	51482	Non-Conference	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0
* Sep 23, 2017	NORFOLK STATE	L 7-17	2491					
* Oct 07, 2017	at #12 North Carolina A&T	L 3-44	21500	Team Statistics	DSU	OPP		
* Oct 14, 2017	HOWARD	L 23-52	3337	RUSHING DOWNNS	98	155		
* Oct 21, 2017	SC STATE	W 17-14	1270	Rushing	31	66		
				Passing	53	77		
				Penalty	14	12		
				RUSHING YARDAGE	481	1158		
				Rushing Attempts	221	242		
				Average Per Rush	2.2	4.8		
				Average Per Game	68.7	165.4		
				TDS Rushing	2	13		
				PASSING YARDAGE	1410	2033		
				Comp-Att-Int	110-210-8	148-230-6		
				Average Per Pass	6.7	8.8		
				Average Per Catch	12.8	13.7		
				Average Per Game	201.4	290.4		
				TDS Passing	7	17		
				TOTAL OFFENSE	1891	3191		
				Average Per Play	4.4	6.8		
				Average Per Game	270.1	455.9		
				KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	32-638	20-589		
				PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	10-117	18-143		
				INT RETURNS: #-Yards	6-37	8-77		
				FUMBLES-LOST	13-6	6-2		
				PENALTIES-Yards	70-542	57-590		
				PUNTS-AVG	46-45.3	29-37.7		
				TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:36	30:11		
				3RD-DOWN Conversions	31/101	34/88		
				4TH-DOWN Conversions	6/11	6/13		
				Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td
				SELBY,J.	1	3	3.0	0
				BYNUM,N.	1	0	0.0	0
				WILCHER,X.	1	0	0.0	0
				SMITH,D.	1	0	0.0	0
				ADAMS,D.	1	34	34.0	0
				NICHOLS,B.	1	0	0.0	0
				Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg
				ROMO-MARTINEZ,F	45	2063	45.8	62
				NZIDEE,W.	1	22	22.0	22
						0	0	0
						1	0	0
						0	0	0
				Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td
				SUA-GODINET,F.	8	60	7.5	0
				HEBRON,C.	2	57	28.5	0
				Total	10	117	11.7	0
				Opponents	18	143	7.9	0
				Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td
				ALLEYNE,B.	23	487	21.2	0
				HANNAH,J.	4	101	25.2	0
				WILLIAMS,isa	1	6	6.0	0
				SUA-GODINET,F.	1	7	7.0	0
				WEST,N.	1	33	33.0	0
				CAVICANTE,B.	1	0	0.0	0
				McDANIELS,J.	1	4	4.0	0
				Total	32	638	19.9	0
				Opponents	20	589	29.5	0
				All Purpose	g	rush	rec	pt
				ALLEYNE,B.	7	216	70	0
				SUA-GODINET,	7	15	325	60
				WEST,N.	7	148	204	0
				SELBY,T.	7	0	312	0
				HANNAH,J.	7	-5	174	0
				GROSS,T.	5	0	220	0
				WATERS,M.	4	111	19	0
				BLACK,K.	5	86	0	0
				HEBRON,C.	7	0	57	0
				ADAMS,D.	7	15	0	34
				Total	7	481	1410	117
				Opponents	7	1158	2033	143
						589	368	37
						77	4000	571.4
				Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass
				McDANIELS,J.	7	193	-100	873
				BLACK,K.	5	100	86	502
				ALLEYNE,B.	7	52	216	0
						216	30.9	0

2017 DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY DEFENSIVE STATS

Delaware State Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Oct 21, 2017) All games

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd		
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf	
2	NIEBAUER,J.	7	27	15	42	1.0-3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20	SELBY,K.	7	26	15	41	0.5-5	.	1-3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	CAVICANTE,B.	7	20	20	40	4.5-22	2.0-15	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	SMITH,D.	7	19	14	33	1.5-7	.	1-0	1	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
32	ADAMS,D.	7	15	13	28	3.5-16	1.0-5	1-34	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
11	NICHOLS,B.	6	13	11	24	1.0-1	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	HARRIS,M.	6	11	12	23	2.5-12	1.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	LOZANO,A.	6	16	6	22	3.5-20	3.0-20	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
40	HESLOP,G.	7	12	8	20	3.0-7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	ATWATER-STEPHEN	6	11	6	17	3.5-7	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
23	SMALL,I.	7	12	4	16	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Devone,J.	7	7	5	12	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	HEBRON,C.	7	2	9	11	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.
56	DE LOS SANTOS,U	7	5	5	10	3.5-9	1.0-6	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
42	WILKINS,C.	5	6	4	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	YOUNG,T.	7	7	2	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	BYNUM,N.	5	8	.	8	1.0-1	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	JONES,J.	5	3	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	DUPRE,M.	6	4	3	7	1.5-5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
79	DREWERY,D.	5	4	3	7	1.0-8	1.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	HANNAH,J.	7	7	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	AJELERO,A.	5	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	SELBY,T.	7	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	COSTE,J.	5	4	2	6	1.0-4	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	ROGERS,K.	3	3	2	5	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	BENDOLPH,S.	4	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	WEST,N.	7	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	WILCHER,X.	5	3	.	3	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	SUA-GODINET,F.	7	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	TAYLOR,K.	4	1	2	3	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	WILLIAMS,E.	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	JACKSON,Kad.	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	WALLACE,B.	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	DALLAS,B.	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	BOSKETT,R.	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	NEWELL,D.	1	2	.	2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	WILLIAMS,Isi	6	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	JACKSON,Kam.	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	NZIDEE,W.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	WILLIAMS,I.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	PERRY,K.	1	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	DUNHAM,M.	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	CRAWFORD,K.	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	ROMO-MARTINEZ,F.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	WATERS,M.	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM		3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total		7	274	184	458	37-136	10-68	6-37	20	4	2-0	.	2	1	.
Opponents		7	257	162	419	64-268	27-163	8-77	29	18	6-96	5	.	2	2

THE LAST TIME

Team

The Hornets scored at least	40 points 50 points 60 points 70 points	11/20/10 11/4/06 11/4/06 10/8/84	at Howard (W, 53-43) vs. Concord (W.Va.) (W, 62-0) vs. Concord (W.Va.) (W, 62-0) vs. Bowie State (W, 70-8)
The Hornets allowed at least	40 points 52 points 60 points 70 points	10/14/17 10/14/17 9/24/16 9/24/16	vs. Howard (L, 23-52) vs. Howard (L, 23-52) vs. Missouri (L, 0-79) 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 400 yards 500 yards	10/15/16 9/6/97 10/2/93	325 vs. Florida A&M (L, 27-41) 427 vs. Cheyney (W, 50-18) 507 vs. Bethune-Cookman (W, 55-26)
The Hornets rushed for less than	100 yards	11/12/16	-38 vs. NCA&T (L, 3-44)
The Hornets passed for at least	300 yards 400 yards 500 yards	10/14/17 10/14/17 N/A	401 vs. Howard (L, 23-52) 401 vs. Howard (L, 23-52)
The Hornets gained at least	400 yards 500 yards 600 yards 700 yards	11/10/12 10/14/17 10/23/93 10/23/93	510 vs. Howard (L, 23-52) 510 vs. Howard (L, 23-52) 730 vs. Morgan State (W, 65-42) 730 vs. Morgan State (W 65-42)
Opponent Passing			
The Hornets allowed at least	300 yards	10/14/17	342 vs. Howard (L, 23-52)
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 400 yards 500 yards	11/19/16 10/17/09 9/11/99	399 at Howard (L 21-26) 461 at Michigan (L 6-63) 504 vs. Elon (L 28-51)
Opponent Total Yards			
An opponent gained at least	400 yards 500 yards 600 yards 700 yards	10/14/17 10/14/17 10/14/17 10/17/09	628 vs. Howard (L, 23-52) 628 vs. Howard (L, 23-52) 628 vs. Howard (L, 23-52) 727 at Michigan (L 6-63)
The Hornets intercepted 3 passes in a game:	10/21/17		vs. SC State (W, 17-14)
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:		10/15/16	3, vs. Florida A&M (L, 27-41)
Were intercepted 4 times:		9/1/16	4, at Delaware (L, 14-56)
Recorded a safety:		9/8/17	at Hampton (L, 15-28)

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:	11/12/16	Mike Waters (224) vs. Howard
Rushed for at least 200 yards in a game:	11/12/16	Mike Waters (224) vs. Howard
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:	9/16/17	Nyfease West (108) vs. West Virginia
Had at least 200 receiving yards:	11/20/10	Justin Wilson (217) at Howard
Two Hornets had at least 100 receiving yards:	10/14/17	Trey Gross (158) and Taronn Selby (110) vs. Howard
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 vs. Monmouth
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