



**2017 DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL — GAME 3
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY “HORNETS” (0-2; 0-1 MEAC)**



VS.

WEST VIRGINIA “MOUNTAINEERS” (1-1; 0-0 BIG 12)

SAT., SEP. 16, 2017 (12 p.m.)

MILAN PUSKAR STADIUM (60,000) - MORGANTOWN, W.V.

TV: AT&T SPORTSNET

WEST VIRGINIA VS. DELAWARE STATE



Delaware State: 0-2; 0-1 MEAC

West Virginia: 1-1; 0-0 Big 12

Location: Morgantown, W.V. - Milan Puskar Stadium (60,000) - (Surface - Artificial)

National Rankings: Delaware State is not ranked in any major Football Championship Subdivision or HBCU weekly polls. West Virginia is not ranked in any of the major Football Bowl Subdivision weekly polls, but did receive 74 votes in the Coaches poll and 63 votes in the Associated Press poll.

The Series: First meeting

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. This is his first contest against West Virginia.

West Virginia Head Coach Dana Holgorsen (Iowa Wesleyan, '93): is in his seventh season with the Mountaineers after previously serving as the team's offensive coordinator. He has an overall record of 47-32 at WVU. In his first season as head coach, Holgorsen led West Virginia to a share of the Big East championship and a BCS bowl contest in the Orange. The Mountaineers defeated Clemson 70-33 in the Orange Bowl contest. He has also led the school to four other bowl appearances. This is his first meeting against Delaware State.

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2017 DELAWARE STATE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	SERIES
Aug. 31	at Delaware	L, 3-22	UD leads 8-0 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 Pirates win fifth straight and seventh in last eight meetings against Hornets
Sep. 16	at West Virginia	12:00 p.m.	First meeting WVU was ranked 20th & 22nd in two major FBS preseason polls
Sep. 23	NORFOLK STATE*	2:00 p.m.	DSU leads 16-6 First meeting since 2014. Hornets have won last three in the series (2012-14)
Oct. 7	at NCA&T*	1:00 p.m.	Series tied 22-22-1 Aggies prevailed 45-14 at DSU in 2016, their 3rd straight win in the series
Oct. 14	HOWARD* (HC)	2:00 p.m.	DSU leads 37-35-1 Mike Waters rushed for DSU freshman record 224 yds. in 2016 meeting
Oct. 21	SO. CAROLINA STATE*	2:00 p.m.	SCSU leads 28-16 Bulldogs have won 6 of last 7 contests, including 30-3 in 2016
Oct. 28	at No. Carolina Central*	2:00 p.m.	NCC leads 17-6-1 Defending MEAC champs have won last four games in the series
Nov. 4	at Savannah State *	5:00 p.m.	DSU leads 4-0 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 Hornets look to snap four-game losing streak to Bears. Last DSU win in 2012
Nov. 18	at Florida State	TBA	First meeting FSU 3rd in two major FBS preseason polls. DSU's 2nd FBS foe in 2017

* - Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game

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**WEST VIRGINIA 2017 SCHEDULE/RESULTS
(1-1; 0-0 BIG 12)**

Sep. 3	vs. Virginia Tech	L, 24-31
Sep. 8	EAST CAROLINA	W, 56-20
Sep. 16	DELAWARE STATE	12 p.m.
Sep. 23	at Kansas*	12 p.m.
Oct. 7	at TCU*	TBA
Oct. 14	TEXAS TECH* (HC)	TBA
Oct. 21	at Baylor*	TBA
Oct. 28	OKLAHOMA STATE*	TBA
Nov. 4	IOWA STATE*	TBA
Nov. 11	at Kansas State*	TBA
Nov. 18	TEXAS*	TBA
Nov. 25	at Oklahoma	TBA

Dec. 1 or 2 Big 12 Championship Game

* Big 12 contest

**2017 DSU/WVU NCAA/CONFERENCE
STATISTICAL COMPARISON/RANK**

Category	*DSU (2 qms)	@WVU (2 qms)
Rushing off.	85.0 (88/9)	218.5 (38/4)
Passing off.	160.5 (82/7)	387.0 (9/3)
Total off.	245.5 (94/8)	605.5 (6/2)
Scoring off.	9.0 (101/7)	40.0 (33/8)
Rushing def.	180.0 (69/7)	188.0 (98/10)
Total def.	435.0 (83/7)	469.5 (112/10)
Scoring def.	25.0 (43/5)	25.5 (72/6)
Net punting	41.5 (11/1)	36.9 (83/5)
Punt returns	13.3 (21/2)	10.0 (42/4)
Kick off returns	21.0 (47/2)	29.3 (19/1)
Turnover margin	-1.5 (103/11)	0.5 (43/4)
Pass defense	255.5 (83/10)	281.5 (96/7)
Passing Eff.	88.6 (93/8)	164.1 (26/5)
Pass Eff. Defense	157.6 (91/10)	123.2 (73/6)
Sacks	1.0 (72/6)	0.5 (117/9)
Tackles for loss	6.5 (37/6)	5.5 (77/8)
Sacks allowed	1.5 (38/5)	1.5 (48/4)
3rd down conv.	21.9% (101/6)	34.4% (93/8)

*115 teams ranked in Football Championship Subdivision in 2017

@ 129 teams ranked in Football Bowl Subdivision in 2017

THE GAME

Delaware State (0-2; 0-1 MEAC) visits West Virginia of the FBS Big 12 Conference, the first of two major college opponents on the Hornets' 2017 schedule. DSU will wrap up the season at Florida State on Nov. 18.

The Hornets are coming off a 28-15 loss to Hampton in their MEAC opener last Friday. Hampton struck for two big-play touchdowns in the second quarter and put up a solid defensive effort in the final 30 minutes to highlight its win. Delaware State led 5-0 and 12-7 before being outscored 21-3 the rest of the way.

The Hornets opened the scoring with a safety when a punt snap by the Pirates skidded out of the endzone with 9:31 left in the first quarter.

Delaware State drove to the Hampton nine yard line later in the quarter, but had to settle for a 26-yard field goal by **Wisdom Nzidee** to open up a 5-0 lead.

Hampton capped off a nine-play, 77-yard drive with a four yard touchdown pass from Delmon Williams to Ronald Bell for its first score.

The Hornets answered on their next possession when freshman quarterback **Jack McDaniels** scored on a one-yard run on fourth and goal to cap a nine-play, 60-yard drive. The touchdown was DSU's first of the season. Nzidee's extra point put the Hornets back on top 12-7 at the 10:19 mark of the second quarter.

It took Hampton just two plays to strike back. Williams connected with Aulden Knight on a 48-yard scoring pass. After the extra point, the Pirates held a 14-12 lead with 9:42 to go before halftime.

Delaware State took advantage of a special teams play to regain the lead. Following a punt block by **Caleb Hebron** and return by **Devin Adams**, the Hornets started a possession at the Hampton 14. DSU moved the ball to the Pirate one, but again settled for a field goal by Nzidee (19 yards) to pull back ahead 15-14 with 3:59 left in the second quarter. Nzidee is three-for-three on field goal attempts this season.

On the next play from scrimmage, Williams and Aulden hooked up again for the Pirates, this time on a 78-yard catch and run to the endzone to put the Pirates back on top. DSU trailed 21-15 after the extra point by Brown with 3:39 remaining in the half. Hampton added an insurance touchdown on a 15 yard run by Yahkee Johnson with 12:13 left to play.

The Hornets had 11 first downs and 218 total yards in the first half, but managed just one first down and 49 yards in the final 30 minutes.

Hampton had 439 total yards in the game, including 302 by the pass. Williams completed 16-of-25 passes for 305 yards and three touchdowns, while Knight had four catches for 172 yards and two scores.

Mike Waters was Delaware State's leader with 67 yards rushing on 14 carries. McDaniels connected on 15 of 30 throws for 156 yards in his second collegiate game. Linebacker **Malik Harris** led the Hornets with nine tackles (four solo), while fellow backer **Brian Cavicante** recorded eight tackles, including DSU's lone sack.

Delaware State opened the season with a 22-3 loss to Delaware in the annual First State rivalry.

West Virginia (1-1) evened its record for the season with a 56-20 victory over East Carolina in the Mountaineers home opener last weekend. WVU racked of 614 yards of total offense in the contest, including 403 passing. Mountaineer quarterback Will Grier completed 19-of-25 passes for 352 yards and five touchdowns, while Justin Crawford rushed for 118 yards and two scores on 15 carries.

West Virginia opened the 2017 season with a 31-24 loss to nationally-ranked Virginia Tech on Sep. 3 at Fed Ex Field, home of the NFL's Washington Redskins.

THE SERIES

This is Delaware State's first meeting against West Virginia and first contest vs. a Big 12 opponent.

HORNET MEDIA AVAILABILITY

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

Monday (Sep. 11)

Practice—7:00 p.m. (Alumni Stadium)
Coach Carter and players available after practice

Tuesday (Sep. 12)

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.DSU Hornets.com

Wednesday (Sep. 13)

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

Thursday (Sep. 14)

Practice—6:30 a.m.
Depart for Hampton, Va.

Friday (Sep. 15)

TBA — Depart for Morgantown, W.V

Saturday (Sep. 16)

12:00 p.m. - Hornets vs. West Virginia
Depart for Dover, Del. After game

Sunday (Sep. 17)

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 FOR DSU RUN GAME

Despite a slow start this season, Delaware State head coach **Kenny Carter** is hopeful the Hornets' running game will pick up the pace. DSU is averaging 85.0 yards rushing in its two games this season. The Hornets opened the season with 59 yards on the ground at Delaware, but improved to 111 in week two at Hampton. Delaware State ranks ninth in the MEAC in rushing so far this season. Through two games, **Mike Waters** (so.) leads the team with 76 yards rushing on 22 carries (3.5 ypc), while **Brycen Alleyne** (jr.) is a close second with 67 yards on 17 attempts (3.9 ypc). Carter is hoping the Hornets can build on their 2016 rushing output, the team's best in eight years. DSU was sixth in the MEAC in rushing at 128.4 yards per game a year ago, its best end-of-season mark and conference ranking since 2008. Waters and Alleyne combined for 1,395 yards rushing last season.



Waters (left), a 2016 HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America and All-MEAC Third Team selection was the MEAC's third leading rusher at 74.5 ypg last season. He ran for a DSU freshman record 820 yards, highlighted by a 224-yard performance in the season finale against Howard, also a team rookie record. He also ran for 154 yards against Florida A&M and led the Hornets with five rushing touchdowns in his collegiate debut season.

Alleyne (right) ranked fifth in the MEAC in rushing at 58.4 yards per game as a sophomore in 2016 (584 yards total). He rushed for a career-high 174 yards against Florida A&M and ranked third on the Hornets with 28 receptions last season. The Hornet backfield will also be bolstered by the addition of **Nyfease West** (r-fr.), who sat out the 2016 season due to a knee injury. West was No. 2 in North Penn (Pa.) High School history with 4,098 rushing yards and 45 touchdowns from 2012-15. Alleyne led DSU with 47 yards rushing on nine carries (5.2 ypc), while Waters was held to nine yards on eight attempts in the opener at Delaware.



Carter's optimism about the Hornet running game also stems from continued growth in the offensive line. The front line is led by 2017 preseason All-MEAC Second Team selections **Joshua Fala** (so.; 6-6, 360) at tackle and center **Cade Pedro** (so.; 6-5, 315). **Trey Wallace** (sr.; 6-3, 280) is a returning starter, while newcomers **Matthew Derks** (fr.; 6-3, 335), **Kaiden Crawford** (so.; 6-5, 315) and **Kaydence Jackson** (fr.; 6-2, 290) bring additional size and strength to the line.

HORNETS HAND STARTING QB JOB TO TRUE FRESHMAN

For the first time in recent memory, Delaware State opened a season with a true freshman at starting quarterback. Judging by the way **Jack McDaniels** has performed so far, it appears the job could be his for quite a while. McDaniels has connected on 27-of-58 passes (46.6%) for 321 yards, including completions of 49 and 42 yards, in his two college games. The Lorton, Va., native has one interception, which came late in the opener at Delaware after the outcome was all but certain; and is still looking for his first touchdown pass. 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.



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 ...

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

HORNETS IN THE MEAC

Last week's 28-15 loss at Hampton was Delaware State's third straight in a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference opener since a 35-14 win over Savannah in 2014. The Hornets will try to snap a nine-game losing streak in MEAC contests in their next league game on Sep. 23 against Norfolk State. A charter member of the MEAC, DSU is in its 47th year of league play. The Hornets have an all-time record of 132-172-1 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.



FATU CATCHING ON AS HORNETS' TOP RECEIVER

Delaware State's **Fatu Sua-Godinet** (so.) is off to a good start in his bid to establish himself as the team's top wide receiver this season. Sua-Godinet (or "Sua," as he prefers to be called) leads the Hornets with seven receptions and 115 yards through the first two games. He led all players with 93 receiving yards in the Hornets' game one loss to Delaware on Aug. 31. He recorded the team's first 1st down of the season on a 24-yard pass from **Jack McDaniels** in the second quarter and had a 42-yard reception later in the drive, the second longest catch of his career in the opener.



As a freshman in 2016, Sua was fourth on the Hornets with 19 catches and third on the team with 287 receiving yards. He also tied for second on the Hornets with two touchdown catches last season.

Sua tallied a season-high 84 receiving yards on a career-high five catches in the Hornets' 2016 contest against Hampton, highlighted by his first collegiate touchdown on a 23-yard catch.

He had four grabs for 75 yards, including a career-best 53-yard catch, vs. Florida A&M and scored a touchdown on a 34-yard catch and run at Howard during his freshman season in 2016.

DSU PUNTER MAKES MOST OF HIS TIME ON FIELD

Although he's been used far too often, Delaware State punter **Fidel Romo-Martinez** (so.) is opening eyes during the brief time he's on the field. Through two weeks, Romo-Martinez is tops in the MEAC and eighth among all FCS players in punting at 45.1 yards per kick (631 yards on 14 kicks). The national leader is Hayden Cowden of Portland state at 47.7 yards per boot.

The DSU punter has five kicks of 50-or-more yards, including a long of 61, in the opener at Delaware. He's also placed five kicks inside the opponents 20-yard line.

Last week at Hampton, Romo-Martinez averaged 47.8 yards on eight kicks, including a long of 56. He also booted kicks of 53 and 50 yards, and placed four punts inside the Hampton 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.



BOXTOROW HBCU COACHES POLL (Sep. 11)

No.	Team (1st pl votes)	W-L	Pts.	Prev.
1.	North Carolina A&T (14)	2-0	181	1
2.	Tennessee State (3)	2-0	169	2
3.	Grambling (2)	1-1	146	4
4.	North Carolina Central	1-1	119	5
5.	Howard	1-1	86	6
6.	Bethune-Cookman	1-1	84	9
7.	Southern	1-1	74	3
8.	Alcorn State	1-1	67	8
9.	Prairie View A&M	0-1	64	7
10.	South Carolina State	0-1	23	10

Others receiving votes: Hampton (1-1) 17, Florida A&M (1-1) 6, Arkansas-Pine Bluff (1-1) 1 (1st place votes in parentheses)

BOXTOROW HBCU MEDIA POLL (Sep. 11)

No.	Team (1st pl votes)	W-L	Pts.	Prev.
1.	North Carolina A&T (7)	2-0	131	1
2.	Tennessee State (2)	2-0	110	2
3.	Grambling (3)	1-1	105	4
4.	Southern	1-1	78	3
5.	North Carolina Central	1-1	71	6
6.	Howard (2)	1-1	66	5
7.	Bethune-Cookman	1-1	48	10
8.	Bowie State	2-0	34	NR
9.	Albany State	2-0	32	NR
10.	Alcorn State	1-1	31	8

Other receiving votes: Virginia State (2-0) 28, Tuskegee (1-1) 12, Florida A&M (1-1) 6, Winston-Salem State (1-1) 5, South Carolina State (0-1) 4, Prairie View A&M (0-1) 3, Clark Atlanta (2-0) 2, Delaware State (0-2) 1.

2017 DSU HONORS

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

Fidel Romo-Martinez (P)

Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

Wisdom Nzidee (PK)

Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

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 **Isaih 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."

DSU vs. WVU

This is not the first athletics competition between Delaware State and West Virginia teams. The Hornets and Mountaineers have met four times in men's basketball, including a post-season National Invitation Tournament contest in 2007. The last meeting between the teams was on Nov. 25, 2008 in Charleston, W.V. The Mountaineers have won each contest.

The schools have also met three times in women's basketball, most recently on Nov. 19, 2010. Delaware State recorded one of the biggest wins in team history with a 59-56 overtime upset of West Virginia at DSU's Memorial Hall in 2003. The teams also met in 2002.

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 Bendolph** (Dover), **Tyreek Booker** (Newark); **Nigel Bynum** (Claymont); **Michael Credle** (Glasgow); **Dominique Drewery** (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 defended 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 Derks** (fr., OL; Brantford, ONT).

STINGERS

Cornerback **Keyjuan Selby** (jr.) recorded his first career interception in the season opener at Delaware on Aug. 31 ... The Hornets did not intercept a pass until week nine of the 2016 season ... Delaware State has 31 freshmen (including redshirts) on its 2017 roster. ... WR **Mason Rutherford** (sr.) is listed as "inactive" due to a foot injury ... **Caleb Hebron** is the first player from a fellow Football Championship Subdivision school (Towson) to transfer to DSU since OL **Charles Wallace** in 2015 (Stetson).

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 352-426-11
All-Time MEAC Record 132-172-1
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 1-23
Career Record Same
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 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. On Sep. 16, the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Hornets will visit Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) West Virginia of the Big 12 Conference at Puskar Stadium in Morgantown, WV. 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 West Virginia and Florida State contests will be DSU's ninth and 10th all-time against FBS opponents. 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.

Delaware State all-time vs. NCAA Div. 1-A/FBS opponents

1987	DSU 52	Akron 26	2012	Cincinnati 23	DSU 7
2007	Kent State 38	DSU 7	2014	Temple 59	DSU 0
2008	Kent State 24	DSU 3	2015	Kent State 45	DSU 13
2009	Michigan 63	DSU 6	2016	Missouri 79	DSU 0

HORNETS TO 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**, will be 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.

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.



2007 Delaware State MEAC Football champions

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 <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 - /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.



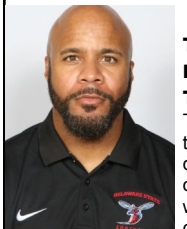
**VINCENT WHITE - ASSOC. HEAD COACH/
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/RUNNING BACKS/
PASSING GAME COORDINATOR**

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.)**

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

Classic.



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

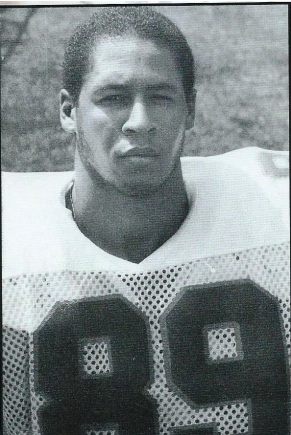


Cards (2015 & 2016).

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

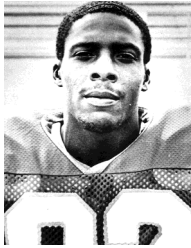
Delaware State football also honors the memory of former Hornet defensive lineman **Keith Glascoe** ('85), who died in the Sep. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center while serving as a New York City firefighter.



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.
Hampton	1-0	.000	1-1	.500
North Carolina A&T	0-0	.000	2-0	.000
Florida A&M	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000
Bethune-Cookman	0-0	.000	1-1	.000
Howard	0-0	.000	1-1	.000
N.C. Central	0-0	.000	1-1	.000
Savannah State Univ.	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
South Carolina State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Morgan State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Norfolk State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Delaware State	0-1	.000	0-2	.000

2016 Final Standings

	MEAC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
	W-L		W-L	
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., Sep 16

Delaware State at West Virginia	12 p.m.
Howard at Richmond	2 p.m.
Savannah State at Montana	3 p.m.
Norfolk State at James Madison	3:30 p.m.
Morgan State at Rutgers	3:30 p.m.
NCA&T at Charlotte	6 p.m.
Johnson C. Smith at SC State	6 p.m.
Florida A&M at Tennessee State	6 p.m.
Livingstone at Hampton	6 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at Florida Atlantic	8 p.m.
NC Central - idle	

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Hampton 28	Delaware State 15
App. State 54	Savannah State 7
William & Mary 20	Norfolk State 6
Albany 26	Morgan State 0
Bethune-Cookman 28	SE Louisiana 23
Kent State 38	Howard 31
NCA&T 56	Mars Hill 0
NC Central 41	Shaw 0
Florida A&M —idle	
SC State - postponed	

2017 MEAC NATIONAL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Network	Time
Sep. 3	So. Carolina State at Southern <i>MEAC/SWAC Challenge</i>	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	ESPN3	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 <i>MEAC Champion vs. SWAC Champion</i>	ABC	Noon



NATIONAL FCS POLLS

2017 STATS FCS FOOTBALL Top-25 (Sep. 4)

Team (1st pl votes)	Pts.	W-L	Prev
1 James Madison (148)	3694	2-0	1
2 North Dakota State (10)	3813	2-0	2
3 Sam Houston State	3587	2-0	3
4 South Dakota State (1)	3458	2-0	4
5 Jacksonville State	3077	1-1	5
6 Youngstown State	3026	1-1	8
7 Villanova	2903	1-1	6
8 Richmond	2706	1-1	9
9 New Hampshire	2583	2-0	12
10 North Dakota	2571	1-1	11
11 Wofford	2546	2-0	10
12 Eastern Washington	1969	0-2	7
13 Citadel	1941	2-0	14
14 Central Arkansas	1678	1-1	13
15 Chattanooga	1470	0-2	16
16 Charleston Southern	1326	0-1	17
17 Samford	1306	2-0	18
18 Illinois State	1185	1-0	20
19 Liberty	1165	2-0	22
20 Western Illinois	926	2-0	21
21 Northern Iowa	925	1-1	23
22 Tennessee State	634	2-0	NR
23 South Dakota	515	2-0	24
24 Grambling State	425	1-1	21
25 North Carolina A&T	394	2-0	NR

Others: Weber State (313), Howard (251), Albany (108), Nicholls (105), Fordham (99), Colgate (96), Lehigh (73), North Carolina Central (71), Saint Francis U (64), Monmouth (63), UT Martin (54), Montana (53), Stony Brook (35), Princeton (23), Northern Arizona (22), Harvard (19), McNeese (19), Maine (19), Kennesaw State (17), Cal Poly (16), San Diego (16), Western Carolina (8), Southern Utah (7), Penn (7), Southern Illinois (6), Delaware (5), Eastern Illinois (4), Bethune-Cookman (2), William & Mary (2), Portland State (2), UC Davis (2), Mercer (1)

2017 ESPN FCS FOOTBALL COACHES Top-25

Team (1st pl votes)	Pts.	Rank	Record
1 James Madison (24)	648	1	2-0
2 North Dakota State (2)	626	2	2-0
3 Sam Houston State	585	3	2-0
4 South Dakota State	574	4	2-0
5 Youngstown State	515	T-6	1-1
T-6 Richmond	455	9	1-1
T-6 Jacksonville State	455	5	1-1
8 Villanova	438	8	1-1
9 Wofford	415	10	2-0
10 North Dakota	405	11	1-1
11 New Hampshire	402	12	2-0
12 Eastern Washington	364	T-6	0-2
13 The Citadel	349	13	2-0
14 Illinois State	273	15	1-0
15 Chattanooga	260	14	0-2
16 Central Arkansas	250	16	1-1
17 Samford	213	17	2-0
18 Northern Iowa	181	T-21	1-1
19 Charleston Southern	175	18	0-1
20 North Carolina A&T	134	T-21	2-0
21 Weber State	123	20	1-1
22 Western Illinois	112	NR	2-0
23 South Dakota	102	NR	2-0
24 Tennessee State	93	24	2-0
25 Grambling State	87	23	1-1

Others receiving votes: Lehigh (31), Colgate (28), Nicholls State (24), Jackson State (21), Kennesaw State (21), Mercer (16), Portland State (12), Saint Francis (9), McNeese State (9), Howard (8), Prairie View A&M (8), Montana (8), Towson (6), Southern Utah (5), William & Mary (3), Harvard (3), San Diego (2), N.C. Central (1), Montana State (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 preseason 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.

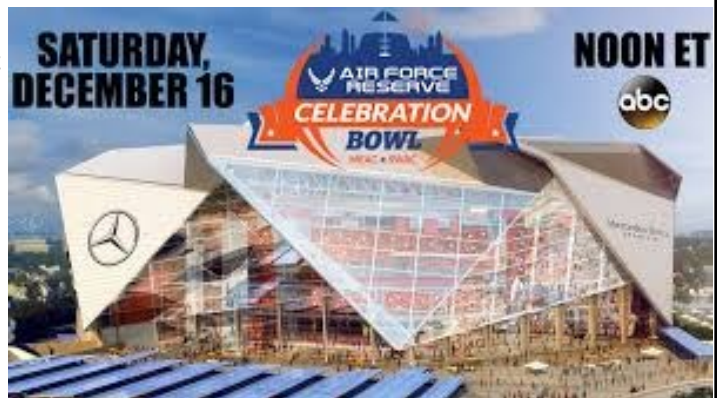
The MEAC claimed the first Celebration Bowl championship with North Carolina A&T's victory over Alcorn State last year.

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 ATHLETICS 2017 FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART
(As of Sep. 12, 2017)

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OFFENSE

LT 72 – Joshua Fala (So., 6-6/360)
75 – Savion Hopes (Fr., 6-4/325)

LG 50 – Kaydence Jackson (Fr., 6-2/290)
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K 1 – Wisdom Nzidee (Sr., 5-9/180)
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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)
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Delaware State Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 11, 2017) All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Aug 31, 2017	at Delaware	L 3-22	18040	All games	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0
* Sep 08, 2017	at Hampton	L 15-28	6456	Conference	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
				Non-Conference	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
WATERS,M.	2	22	83	7	76	3.5	0	19	38.0
ALLEYNE,B.	2	17	73	6	67	3.9	0	23	33.5
ADAMS,D.	2	1	15	0	15	15.0	0	15	7.5
SUA-GODINET,F.	2	1	12	0	12	12.0	0	12	6.0
WEST,N.	2	7	14	8	6	0.9	0	9	3.0
Total	2	67	222	52	170	2.5	1	23	85.0
Opponents	2	88	420	60	360	4.1	2	22	180.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
McDANIELS,J.	2	89.59	27-58-1	46.6	321	0	49	160.5
Total	2	89.59	27-58-1	46.6	321	0	49	160.5
Opponents	2	157.64	31-54-1	57.4	511	4	78	255.5

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
SUA-GODINET,F.	2	7	115	16.4	0	42	57.5
HANNAH,J.	2	5	93	18.6	0	49	46.5
WATERS,M.	2	4	20	5.0	0	8	10.0
ALLEYNE,B.	2	3	26	8.7	0	12	13.0
KOLLIE,K.	2	2	36	18.0	0	20	18.0
SELBY,T.	2	2	17	8.5	0	12	8.5
WEST,N.	2	2	8	4.0	0	4	4.0
WILLIAMS,I.	3	1	6	6.0	0	6	2.0
DOWNIE,G.	2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	2	27	321	11.9	0	49	160.5
Opponents	2	31	511	16.5	4	78	255.5

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
NZIDEE,W.	3-3	100.0	1-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	26	0

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dnp	tot	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
NZIDEE,W.	-	3-3	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	10
McDANIELS,J.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	1	3-3	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	18
Opponents	6	2-4	6-6	-	-	-	-	-	50

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
McDANIELS,J.	2	76	-1	321	320	160.0
WATERS,M.	2	22	76	0	76	38.0
ALLEYNE,B.	2	17	67	0	67	33.5
ADAMS,D.	2	1	15	0	15	7.5
SUA-GODINET,F.	2	1	12	0	12	6.0
WEST,N.	2	7	6	0	6	3.0
Total	2	125	170	321	491	245.5
Opponents	2	142	360	511	871	435.5

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Delaware State	5	13	0	0	0	18
Opponents	9	20	7	14	0	50

Team Statistics	DSU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	23	45
Rushing	8	24
Passing	11	19
Penalty	4	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	170	360
Rushing Attempts	67	88
Average Per Rush	2.5	4.1
Average Per Game	85.0	180.0
TDs Rushing	1	2
PASSING YARDAGE	321	511
Comp-Att-Int	27-58-1	31-54-1
Average Per Pass	5.5	9.5
Average Per Catch	11.9	16.5
Average Per Game	160.5	255.5
TDs Passing	0	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	491	871
Average Per Play	3.9	6.1
Average Per Game	245.5	435.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	6-126	6-136
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-93	3-10
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	1-3	1-5
FUMBLES-LOST	6-3	2-0
PENALTIES-Yards	14-92	16-138
PUNTS-AVG	14-45.1	12-35.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	25:21	34:39
3RD-DOWN Conversions	7/32	12/28
4TH-DOWN Conversions	4/6	1/2

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
SELBY,K.	1	3	3.0	0	3

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	20	50+	blk
ROMO-MARTINEZ,F.	14	631	45.1	61	2	2	5	5	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
SUA-GODINET,F.	6	57	9.5	0	28
HEBRON,C.	1	36	36.0	0	0
Total	7	93	13.3	0	28
Opponents	3	10	3.3	0	9

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
ALLEYNE,B.	5	120	24.0	0	33
WILLIAMS,I.	1	6	6.0	0	6
Total	6	126	21.0	0	33
Opponents	6	136	22.7	0	28

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
ALLEYNE,B.	2	67	26	0	120	0	213	106.5
SUA-GODINET,F.	2	12	115	57	0	0	184	92.0
WATERS,M.	2	76	20	0	0	0	96	48.0
HANNAH,J.	2	-5	93	0	0	0	88	44.0
HEBRON,C.	2	0	0	36	0	0	36	18.0
KOLLIE,K.	2	0	36	0	0	0	36	18.0
SELBY,T.	2	0	17	0	0	0	17	8.5
ADAMS,D.	2	15	0	0	0	0	15	7.5
WEST,N.	2	6	8	0	0	0	14	7.0
WILLIAMS,I.	3	0	6	0	6	0	12	4.0
Total	2	170	321	93	126	3	713	356.5
Opponents	2	360	511	10	136	5	1022	511.0

# Defensive Leaders	gp	us	a	tot	tbl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense int-yds brup qbh	Fumbles rcv-yds ff	blk/ kick saf
24 HARRIS,M.	2	9	9	18	2.5-12	1.0-10	-	-	-
7 CAVICANTE,B.	2	6	8	14	3.5-13	1.0-6	-	-	-
11 NICHOLS,B.	2	7	7	14	1.0-1	-	-	-	-
20 SELBY,K.	2	6	5	11	0.5-5	-	1-3	-	-
36 SMITH,D.	2	6	4	10	0.5-6	-	-	-	-
Total	2	75	68	143	13-46	2-16	1-3	7	3
Opponents	2	66	72	138	16-49	3-11	1-5	12	7

2017 DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY DEFENSIVE STATS

**Delaware State Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 11, 2017)
All games**

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles			tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot			int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
24	HARRIS,M.	2	9	9	18	2.5-12	1.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	NICHOLS,B.	2	7	7	14	1.0-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
7	CAVICANTE,B.	2	6	8	14	3.5-13	1.0-6	.	1	.	.	.	.
20	SELBY,K.	2	6	5	11	0.5-5	.	1-3	1	.	.	.	.
36	SMITH,D.	2	6	4	10	0.5-6	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
40	HESLOP,G.	2	4	5	9	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
58	JONES,J.	2	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	DE LOS SANTOS,U	2	1	4	5	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	ATWATER-STEPHEN	2	2	3	5	1.0-3	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	
32	ADAMS,D.	2	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
45	ROGERS,K.	2	3	2	5	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	BYNUM,N.	2	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	LOZANO,A.	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
21	HANNAH,J.	2	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	YOUNG,T.	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	NIEBAUER,J.	2	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	HEBRON,C.	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
52	COSTE,J.	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	WILKINS,C.	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	JACKSON,Kad.	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	SMALL,I.	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
59	AJELERO,A.	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	DeVONE,J.	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	WILLIAMS,I.	3	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	WALLACE,B.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	PERRY,K.	1	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	DUPRE,M.	1	1	.	1	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	SELBY,T.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	WILCHER,X.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total		2	75	68	143	13-46	2-16	1-3	7	3	.	.	1	1
Opponents		2	66	72	138	16-49	3-11	1-5	12	7	3-0	3	.	1

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	11/12/16	vs. NCA&T (L, 14-45)
	50 points	9/24/16	vs. Missouri (L, 0-79)
	60 points	9/24/16	vs. Missouri (L, 0-79)
	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	10/15/16	325 vs. Florida A&M (L, 27-41)
	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	11/12/16	59 vs. Delaware (L, 3-22)
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	10/15/16	510 vs. Florida A&M (L, 27-41)
	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	9/24/16	430 vs. Missouri (L, 0-79)
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	11/19/16	399 at Howard (L 21-26)
	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	11/19/16	416 at Howard (L, 21-26)
	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:		10/15/16	3, vs. Florida A&M (L, 27-41)
Were intercepted 4 times:		9/1/16	4, at Delaware (L, 14-56)
Recorded a safety:		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:	11/12/16	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:	11/12/16	Aris Scott (100) vs. NCA&T
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 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