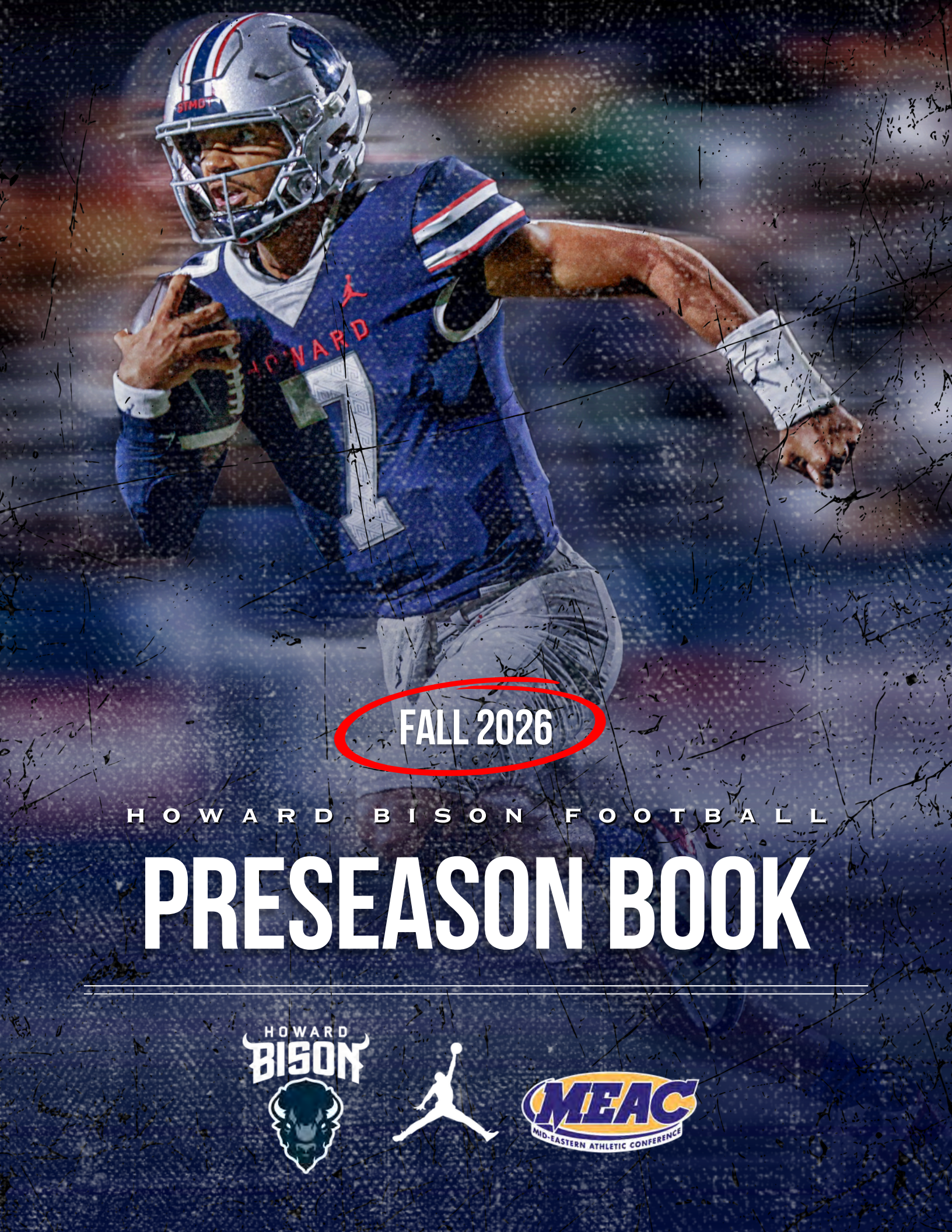

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HOWARD BISON FOOTBALL

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MEAC MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



A Legend Returns Home



Ted White (B.A.'98) returns to The Mecca as head coach of Howard Football, bringing more than two decades of collegiate and professional coaching experience back to the program that helped define his legacy.

One of the most accomplished quarterbacks in Howard and Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) history, White rewrote the record books during his playing career, finishing with 9,808 passing yards, 92 touchdown passes, and multiple conference records while earning two first-team Division I-AA All-America selections, MEAC Player of the Year, and Black College Football Player of the Year honors.

Following a professional playing career in the NFL, NFL Europe, and the Canadian Football League, White built an impressive coaching résumé with stops at the Houston Texans, UCLA, University of Maryland, and several successful HBCU programs. Widely respected for developing quarterbacks, building championship-caliber offenses, and mentoring student-athletes, he returns to Howard with a vision rooted in discipline, accountability, and excellence.

Howard Athletics enters a new chapter under a leader who understands the standard of Bison Football—not only because he coached it, but because he lived it.

As the Bison continue to build on recent championship success, White's return represents more than a homecoming. It is a recommitment to a tradition of excellence and a vision for the future.

Welcome home, Coach White!

The next chapter begins now.


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Notable Achievements Since Founding in 1893

1920
Won first Black College Football National Championship

1925-1926
Won back-to-back Black College Football National Championships

1970
Howard University was one of the founding members of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

09.19.1987
Howard and Bethune-Cookman combined for a NCAA Division I-AA record 1,418 yards of total offense in a football game played in Daytona Beach, Florida. The game lasted a then-record four hours and 35 minutes.

1987
The Bison won its first MEAC Championship, and Harvey Reed became the first player in Howard history to earn First Team All-American honors.

1993
Howard became the first school in MEAC history under the expansion era of 11 games to go undefeated. The Bison went 11-0 overall, earned the school's first-ever automatic bid to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs and won fourth Black College National Championship.

1996
Bison captured its sixth National Championship with a 10-2 record. Current coach Ted White, and game MVP, led Howard to defeat Souther University in the Heritage Bowl in Atlanta.

09.02.2017
The football team defeated UNLV in one of the biggest upsets in college football history. The Bison entered the game as a 45-point underdog to the Rebels but left with a 43-40 victory at Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada. It's the first and only time Howard beat a I-A opponent.

2018
The Year of Legacies and Legends marked 125 years of Howard Football, boasting a tradition full of historic wins and football alumni standouts.

2022
The Bison was a co-MEAC Champion, sharing the title with North Carolina Central.

2023
MEAC Champion Howard made its first-time appearance in the Celebration Bowl in 2023.

2026
Howard enters its latest era under the leadership of Ted "Sweet Flight" White.

HOWARD BISON FOOTBALL

2026 SCHEDULE

vs ALABAMA A&M[2]
AUG. 29 | 3 P.M. | ATLANTA, GA

vs RICHMOND[5]
SEPT. 5 | WASHINGTON, D.C.

vs INDIANA
SEPT. 12 | 12 P.M. | BLOOMINGTON, IN

vs RUTGERS
SEPT. 25 | 7 P.M. | PISCATAWAY, NJ

vs HAMPTON[3]
OCT. 3 | WASHINGTON, D.C.

vs PENN
OCT. 10 | PHILADELPHIA, PA

vs MOREHOUSE COLLEGE[4&5]
OCT. 17 | WASHINGTON, D.C.

vs MORGAN STATE[1]
OCT. 24 | BALTIMORE, MD

vs NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL[1]
OCT. 31 | 2 P.M. | DURHAM, NC

vs SOUTH CAROLINA STATE[1&5]
NOV. 5 | WASHINGTON, D.C.

vs DELAWARE STATE[1&5]
NOV. 14 | 2 P.M. | DURHAM, NC

vs NORFOLK STATE[1]
NOV. 21 | NORFOLK, VA

vs CELEBRATION BOWL
DEC. 12 | ATLANTA, GA



DENOTES

[1] MEAC match
[2] MEAC/SWAC Challenge
[3] Truth and Service Classic at Audi Field
[4] Homecoming
[5] Home Game

All Times are Eastern (ET) unless specified


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Steady. Proven. Dynamic.

Eden James Powers Howard's Championship Pursuit



Senior running back **Eden James** enters his final season in a Howard uniform as one of the most accomplished and respected players in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. A two-time MEAC champion and veteran leader, James has played a pivotal role in the Bison's resurgence, helping guide Howard to consecutive conference titles and the program's first appearance in the Cricket Celebration Bowl.

James begins the season with national recognition, earning a place on the Black College Football Hall of Fame Player of the Year Watch List, the East-West Shrine Bowl 1000 List, the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society, and the Preseason All-MEAC First Team.

Throughout his career, James has consistently delivered big, memorable moments. In 2024, he totaled 570 all-purpose yards and three rushing touchdowns while appearing in all 12 games. His season was highlighted by a 107-yard, one-touchdown performance against Hampton in the Truth and Service Classic, as well as several key performances that helped Howard remain among the MEAC's top contenders.

His breakout campaign came in 2023 when he earned All-MEAC Second Team honors after compiling 815 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns. James showcased his versatility throughout the season, including a career-best 213 all-purpose yards against Northwestern and a standout performance in Howard's victory over North Carolina Central that helped propel the Bison to a conference championship and a historic Celebration Bowl appearance.

As a sophomore in 2022, James rushed for more than 400 yards while helping Howard capture its first share of the MEAC regular-season title since 1993, establishing himself as one of the conference's rising stars.

Although injuries limited his 2025 season to just two games, James returns healthy and motivated to finish his career where it belongs—leading the Bison back into championship contention. With his combination of experience, toughness and explosive playmaking ability, James remains one of the cornerstones of Howard's offense and a player capable of changing the course of a game every time he touches the football.

A Century of Bison Pride
Greene Stadium





For nearly a century, Greene Stadium has stood at the heart of Howard Athletics—a place where championships are won, traditions are celebrated and generations of Bison have created lasting memories.

Home to the Bison football, men's and women's soccer and women's lacrosse teams, Greene Stadium is a 7,086-seat (10,000 for football), multi-purpose stadium that opened in 1926. Originally called Howard Stadium, it was renamed Greene Stadium in 1986 in honor of William H. "Stud" Greene, M.D. (1900-1983), a Washington, D.C., physician and Howard University benefactor.

Greene was a consummate supporter of Howard University who had a personal relationship with Dr. Mordecai W.Johnson, the first Black president of Howard University. Greene served as a member of the board of trustees and was highly active as a trustee emeritus following his retirement in 1973. In 1982, the university acknowledged his contributions by conferring a Doctor of Humanities degree upon him. The Bison Foundation, Inc., named Greene an inaugural member of the Bison Hall of Fame in 1984. He was also installed as the grand polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in 1953 and bestowed the Laurel Wreath, the highest honor of the fraternity.

The first football game was played at the stadium on Oct. 16, 1926, against Morehouse College. The 2,000-seat Howard Stadium was too small for football games so the university played most of its games at nearby Griffith Stadium where crowds up to 20,000 people were common from the 1920s into the 1960s. However, Griffith Stadium was demolished in 1965 and Howard played most of its home games at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, also known as RFK Stadium.

By 1977, Howard Stadium had been renovated and expanded to seat 9,000. That year, university officials proposed constructing a 20,000-set stadium to replace the aging facility. Friday night football games failed to draw large crowds and the university could not get many Saturday games at RFK Stadium, which was also home to the Washington Redskins. The Redskins rented RFK Stadium and a clause in their contract prohibited the playing of any game in the stadium 24 hours before a Redskins game.

President James E. Cheek announced a plan to build a $14 million, 20,000-seat stadium and parking garage to replace Howard Stadium in 1979, but nothing came of this plan. Instead, Greene Stadium was renovated in early 1987 when new bleachers and a new artificial turf surface were installed.

More recently, an upgrade to Greene Stadium's press box took place in 2019. The new press box is two stories, 4,800 square feet, and includes coach's boxes, suites, press room and restrooms. An elevator was added to provide ADA accessibility.

2026 Howard Bison Football Rooster

(Numerical Order)

(As of July 17)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
0	CJ Neely	WR	6'1	196	So.	Greensboro, N.C. / Dudley HS
1	Isiah Freeman	QB	6'2	222	Gr.	Chester, Pa. / Hampton
1	Masiah Thorne	DB	6'2	200	Gr.	Washington, D.C. / Wheeling
2	Joseph Tabe	DB	5'10	185	Sr.	White Oak, Md. / Dr. Henry Wise Jr. HS
2	Semaj Pierre	WR	5'8	177	So.	Baton Rouge, La. / Rice
3	Antonio Hunter	WR	6'0	180	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Princeton HS
3	Michael Grandy	DB	6'1	210	Jr.	Savannah, Ga. / Oklahoma Baptist
4	Rodney Roane	LB	6'2	235	Gr.	Richmond, Va. / Towson
4	Travis Kerney	RB	6'0	205	Jr.	Sebring, Fla. / Sebring HS
5	Eden James	RB	5'9	195	Gr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / First Coast HS
5	Ishaun Abdul-Ali	DL	6'2	245	Sr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Mallard Creek HS
6	Ben Chandler IV	DB	5'10	200	So.	Washington, D.C. / Bishop McNamara HS
6	Ja'Shawn Scroggins	QB	6'3	205	Gr.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Las Vegas HS
7	Nijel Cross	DB	5'10	196	So.	Bowie, Md. / Maryland
8	Kaleb Gallop	DB	6'3	215	Gr.	Portsmouth, Va. / Churchland HS
9	Derrick Miller	WR	5'11	165	Fr.	McDonough, Ga. / Newton HS
9	Jason Seraphin	DL	6'3	285	5th.	North Miami Beach, Fla. / N. Miami Beach Senior HS
10	Faisal Mass	DL	6'3	255	Gr.	Taunton, Mass. / Stonehill College
10	John Simmons III	WR	6'4	230	So.	Myrtle Beach, S.C. / Myrtle Beach HS
11	Andrew Cooper	TE	6'3	230	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / St. Paul's School
11	Kedrick Green	DB	6'2	215	Gr.	Winston-Salem, N.C. / Robert B Glenn HS
12	CJ Dale Jr.	DB	6'0	185	Jr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. / Sebring HS
12	Terrell Russell Jr.	QB	6'0	180	So.	Montgomery, Ala. / Carver Senior HS
13	Mason Love	LB	6'2	219	Fr.	Richmond, Va. / Trinity Episcopal School
13	Naseem Pacheco	WR	6'0	183	Gr.	Frederick, Md. / Glenville State
14	DJ Lawrence	DB	6'0	185	Sr.	Annandale, Va. / Furman
14	Preston Wright	QB	6'2	210	Fr.	Hollywood, Fla. / Chaminade Madonna College Prep
15	Reggie Reed Jr.	DL	6'3	280	5th.	Nashville, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
15	Zaden Jackson	WR	6'2	205	Sr.	Mansfield, Texas / Lake Ridge HS
16	Gabriel Stephens	LB	6'4	240	Gr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Eastern Kentucky
16	Jadarian Collins	WR	5'10	170	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Blake HS
17	AJ Smith-Jones	DB	6'1	175	Sr.	Hoover, Ala. / Spain Park HS
17	Rylan Umphrey	QB	6'2	193	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Georgetown Prep HS
18	Kavontae Whipple	DB	5'11	175	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Robert A. Taft HS
18	Se'Quan Osborne	WR	6'1	170	Sr.	Charlotte, N.C. / William A. Hough HS
19	Ejike Onuorah	DB	6'2	200	So.	Leesburg, Va. / Tuscarora HS
19	Rufus Ferguson II	RB	6'0	221	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Sickles HS
20	Timothy Cain III	DB	6'1	190	Fr.	Chesapeake Beach, Md. / Northern HS

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21	Dre Miller-Ross	DB	6'0	180	Sr.	McKees Rock, Pa. / Sto-Rox HS
21	John Washington III	RB	5'9	180	So.	Richmond, Va. / Hugenot HS
22	David Parks	TE	6'0	220	So.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole HS
22	Orrin Ford III	DL	6'4	255	Fr.	Potomac, Md. / Bullis HS
23	Julian Green	DB	6'0	181	So.	Sicklerville, N.J. / Roman Catholic HS
24	Billy Roberson II	RB	5'10	210	Jr.	Lake Orion, Mich. / Lake Orion HS
24	Demir Johnson	DL	6'5	230	Jr.	Portland, Ore. / Roosevelt HS
25	Dominick Williams	LB	6'4	220	Jr.	Woodbridge, Va. / Woodbridge Senior HS
26	Glen Vinson III	LB	6'1	210	So.	Upper Marlboro, Md. / Frederick Douglas HS
27	Del Cowsette II	DB	6'2	190	So.	Laurel, Md. / Atholton HS
28	Anthony Bivines	DB	5'11	185	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / First Coast HS
28	Sinorice Moss	RB	5'9	197	So.	Miami, Fla. / Western HS
29	William Mason	LB	5'9	220	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Christian Brothers HS
30	Raphael Johnson	DB	6'2	210	Fr.	Alexandria, Va. / Woodbridge Senior HS
31	Camren Brown	DB	6'0	205	So.	Baltimore, Md. / Gilman School
31	Kalvin Thomas	RB	5'10	175	So.	Orange, N.J. / Montclair Kimberley Academy
32	J. Augustus Olidge	DB	6'2	195	Gr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood HS
33	Mackey Pegram	DL	6'4	216	Jr.	Dallas, Texas / South Oak Cliff HS
34	Elisha Glenn	DB	6'1	195	Jr.	Berkeley, Calif. / Bishop O'Dowd HS
35	Brandon Williams	LB	6'1	230	So.	Wake Forest, N.C. / Ravenscroft School
36	Aidan Foster	LB	6'3	230	So.	Washington, D.C. / Gonzaga College HS
37	Cameron Demma	LB	6'0	218	So.	Columbia, Md. / Howard HS
38	Thomas Monnig	K	5'10	175	Gr.	Miamisburg, Ohio / Delaware State
39	Brayden Mahone	DB	6'0	180	So.	Youngstown, Ohio / Chaney HS
40	Liam Allen IV	P	6'4	190	So.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole HS
42	Cameron Johnston	LS	5'10	230	Jr.	Lamoni, Iowa / Western C.C.
44	Kyle Dillon	DL	6'4	250	So.	Houston, Texas / Andy Dekaney HS
45	Kurtland Moore	TE	6'5	235	So.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Shortridge HS
48	Matt Conord	K	5'9	180	Jr.	Lithia, Fla. / Chowan
50	Jaylen Pitts	OL	6'8	340	So.	Detroit, Mich. / River Rouge HS
51	Delano Bowe Jr.	DL	6'2	225	Jr.	Exuma, Bahamas / Tabor Academy
51	Zion Rogers	OL	6'7	280	So.	Clinton, Md. / Gonzaga College HS
52	Markus Hopson	OL	6'2	270	So.	Newport News, Va. / Phoebus HS
53	Tavaris Ross	OL	6'4	290	5th.	Baltimore, Md. / St. Francis Academy
54	Cameron Stevenson Jr.	OL	6'5	320	Jr.	Chapel Hill, N.C. / Myrtle Beach Collegiate
55	Guan Price II	OL	6'4	305	Jr.	Fredericksburg, Va. / St. Michael the Archangel HS
56	Jaylen Daniels	LB	6'1	225	So.	Greenville, N.C. / Christ School

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
57	Christian Arrington	OL	6'4	300	So.	Boson, Mass. / St. Thomas More School (CT)
58	Levi Mallette	OL	6'3	290	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. / Chicago Hope Academy
64	Sir-Kayne Venable	OL	6'5	290	Jr.	Harrisburg, Pa. / Harrisburg HS
65	Chimidiya Aniyam	OL	6'4	300	5th.	Lagos, Nigeria / University School (IN)
66	De'Eric Mister	OL	6'7	315	5th.	Gary, Ind. / Minnesota
67	Albert Bailey III	TE	6'1	260	5th.	Windsor, Conn. / Windsor HS
70	Simeon Hammick	LS	6'1	250	Fr.	Saint Paul, Minn. / Park Center Senior HS
71	Jacob Williams	OL	6'5	280	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wisc. / Rufus King HS
74	Zion Britt	OL	6'2	331	Fr.	Moncks Corner, S.C. / Berkley HS
76	Miles Love	OL	6'3	265	Fr.	Richmond, Va. / Trinity Episcopal School
77	James Nelson III	OL	6'7	305	So.	Upper Marlboro, Md. / Bowie State
80	Jorim Bangue	TE	6'4	250	Sr.	Yaounde, Cameroon / Pretoria Boys HS
81	Mark Drake II	WR	5'9	170	Jr.	Madison, Ala. / Madison Academy
82	Ian Garrick	WR	5'10	165	Fr.	Oakland, Calif. / Bishop O'Dowd HS
83	Michael Boateng	WR	6'0	190	Fr.	Silver Spring, Md. / Paint Branch HS
84	Myles Miller	WR	6'0	175	Sr.	Burtonsville, Md. / Shenandoah
85	Jewel Walker	TE	6'3	240	Jr.	Fort Washington, Md. / Ohio State
86	Nathanial Clark	TE	6'5	250	Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va. / Kempsville HS
87	Eric Slater	WR	6'2	200	So.	Detroit, Mich. / Roseville HS
88	Aaron McDuffie	TE	6'1	212	Fr.	Waldorf, Md. / Westlake HS
89	Asa Mayo	WR	6'0	185	Sr.	Germantown, Md. / West Virginia Wesleyan College
91	Phoenix-Orion DiCosmo	DL	6'5	240	So.	Portland, Ore. / Bergen Catholic HS (N.J.)
95	Israel Lucas	DL	6'3	280	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / First Coast HS
97	Marcus Ogbogu	LB	6'3	210	Fr.	Lanham, Md. / St. John's College HS
98	Ryan Odita	DL	6'5	265	Gr.	London, England / St. Thomas the Apostle School
99	Dorsett Edwards	DL	6'3	240	So.	Rialto, Calif. / Cathedral HS


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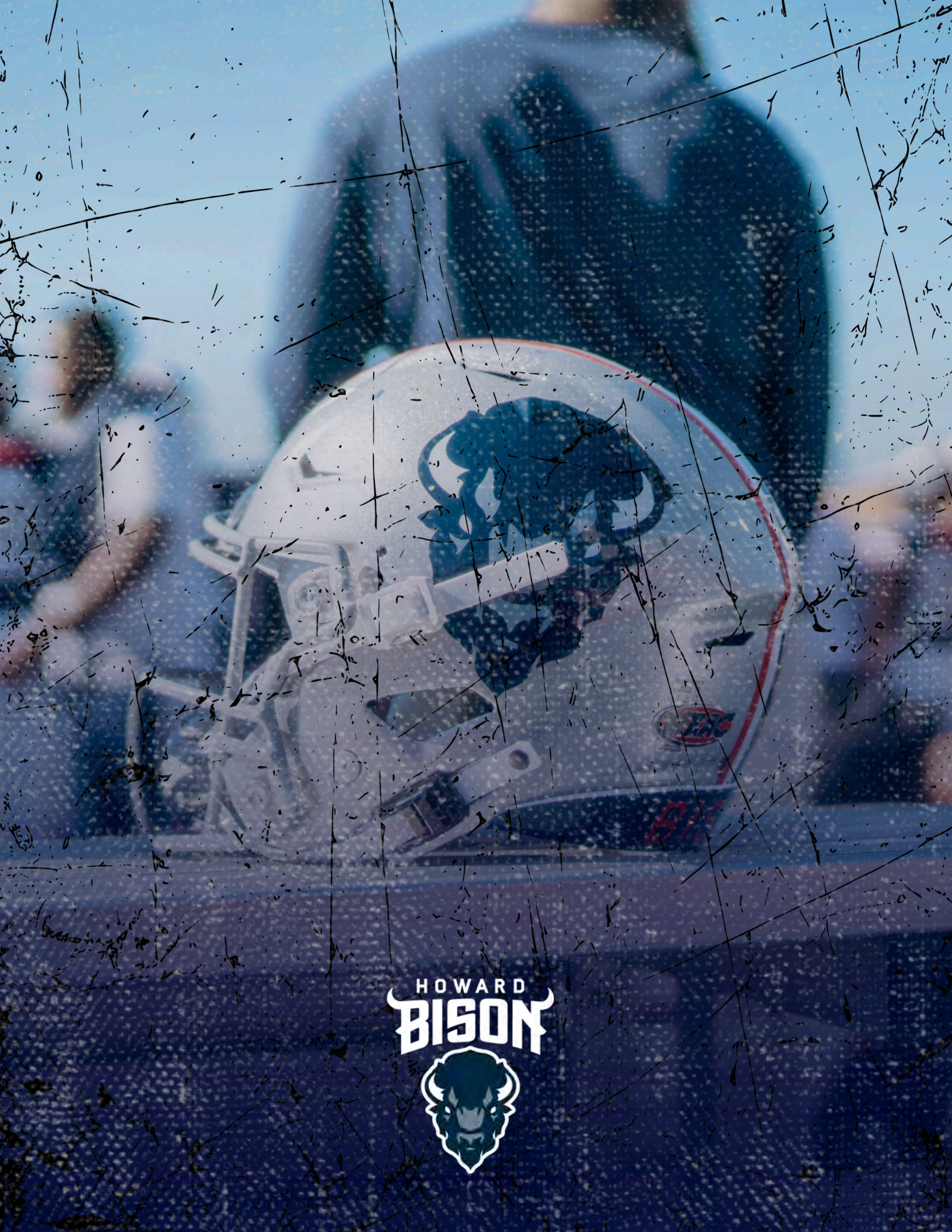
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