

2008 MORGAN STATE FOOTBALL

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MORGAN STATE QUICK FACTS

GENERAL

Name of School:	Morgan State University
City/Zip:	Baltimore, Md. 21251
Enrollment:	7,500
Founded:	1867
Nickname:	Bears
School Colors:	Orange & Blue (PMS - 1655 / 288)
Stadium:	Hughes Stadium
Capacity:	10,000
Surface:	Synthetic Grass
Affiliation:	NCAA Football Championship Series
Conference:	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)
President:	Dr. Earl S. Richardson
Alma Mater/Yr.:	Maryland State, '65
Director of Athletics:	Floyd Kerr
Alma Mater/Yr.:	Colorado State, '69
Athletics Dept. Phone:	(443) 885-3050
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HISTORY

First year of football:	1898
All-time record:	402-343-33 (since 1920)
Last postseason appearance:	Alabama A&M, 1979
Last postseason result:	7-27 (NCAA Div. II Playoffs)

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FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:	Donald Hill-Eley	
Alma Mater, Year:	Virginia Union, 1991	
Record at school (years):	30-37 (6)	
Career record (years):	same	
Football office phone:	(443) 885-4156	
Best time to reach coach:	Through Sports Information Office	
Herbert Parham	Asst. Head Coach/Def. Line	7th year at MSU
Chennis Berry	Offensive Coordinator/O-line	3rd year at MSU
Alonzo Lee	Defensive Coordinator/LBs	3rd year at MSU
Benton "Sport" Harold	Special Teams/Receivers	9th year at MSU
Earl Davis	Running Backs	10th year at MSU
Joseph Wright	Tight Ends	6th year at MSU
Carl Smith, III	Defensive Backs	4th year at MSU
Gary "Flea" Harrell	QB's/Asst. Special Teams	1st year at MSU
Justin Weaver	Graduate Assistant	1st year at MSU

TEAM INFORMATION

2007 overall record:	5-6
2007 conference record/finish:	4-4 (5th)
Basic Offense:	Multiple Pro
Basic Defense:	Multiple 4-3
Lettermen returning/lost:	50/14
Starters returning:	Offense: 7 Defense: 8
Specialty:	4 Total: 19
Starters lost:	Offense: 3 Defense: 8
Specialty:	0 Total: 11

2008 MORGAN STATE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Series History			First Meeting	Last Meeting
			W	L	T		
Sept. 6	at Towson	6:00 p.m.	5	15	0	1979	2007
Sept. 13	N.C. CENTRAL	4:00 p.m.	7	5	0	1971	1982
Sept. 20	at WSSU	6:00 p.m.	0	1	0	2007	2007
Sept. 27	at Rutgers	3:30 p.m.	0	2	0	0	1971
1972							
Oct. 4	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	4:00 p.m.	16	6	0	1986	2007
Oct. 11	at N.C. A&T	1:30 p.m.	37	33	3	1930	2007
Oct. 18	at Howard	1:00 p.m.	37	30	3	1889	2007
Oct. 25	DELAWARE ST.	1:00 p.m.	29	21	0	1945	2006
Nov. 1	at Florida A&M	3:00 p.m.	4	18	0	1965	2007
Nov. 8	at Norfolk State	1:00 p.m.	11	11	0	1965	2007
Nov. 15	S.C. STATE	4:00 p.m.	5	28	1	1971	2007

2007 MORGAN STATE RESULTS (5-6, 4-4 MEAC)

Date	Opponent	Score	Attendance
Aug. 30	SAVANNAH STATE	W, 47-7	952
Sept. 8	TOWSON	L, 21-28	8,732
Sept. 15	WINSTON-SALEM ST.	L, 17-19	8,953
Sept. 20	at Hampton*	LOT, 17-24	5,360
Sept. 29	at Bethune-Cookman*	W, 33-9	10,121
Oct. 6	N.C. A&T*	W, 22-17	8,923
Oct. 13	HOWARD*	WOT, 36-33	14,987
Oct. 20	at Delaware State*	L, 17-25	5,446
Oct. 27	FLORIDA A&M*	W, 14-12	3,478
Nov. 3	NORFOLK STATE*	L, 16-24	5,736
Nov. 10	at S.C. State*	LOT, 21-28	7,712

*denotes conference games

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The Morgan State University Athletic Department is committed to the principle and practice of gender equity. This commitment shall reflect in every aspect of departmental operations.

FOOTBALL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Covering Morgan State

On behalf of the Department of Athletics, the entire staff of the Sports Information Department would like to thank you for your coverage of Morgan State football. We look forward to working with you again this fall. The information contained in this publication is designed to assist you during the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions or need assistance.

On The Road

Please direct all credentials requests for Morgan State's road games to the host school's Sports Information Director.

Fall Practice Dates

The Morgan State freshmen are scheduled to report on Aug. 9th. Fall practice is scheduled for Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Credential Policies

Please direct all credential requests to Leonard Haynes, Director of Sports Information. Requests should be made in writing and on company letterhead. Credentials are limited to members of the working media who are assigned to cover Morgan State football. Photographers are permitted along the sidelines outside of the thirty (30) yard line. If time permits credentials will be mailed, if not they may be picked up at the 'Will Call' gate. Every effort will be made to fill all requests. Credentials are for adult-use only and are non-transferable.

Game Services

The Sports Information staff will be at your service throughout the game. All media will be provided with weekly releases, game program, media guides as well as other pertinent information. Individual and teams statistics will be made available at half-time and at the conclusion of the game. Upon request the department will make available one line for opponent's radio broadcast.

Sideline Policy

Photographers will not be allowed access to the field or sidelines without a photographer's sideline pass. These passes may be acquired through the Sports Information Department.



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The schedule is listed below.

Schedule:

- 10:00 MEAC Notes
- 10:03 Donald Hill-Eley (Morgan St)
- 10:13 Lee Fobbs (N.C. A&T)
- 10:23 Carrie Bailey (Howard)
- 10:33 Al Lavan (Delaware State)
- 10:43 Buddy Pough (S.C. State)
- 10:53 Jerry Holmes (Hampton)
- 11:03 Pete Adrian (Norfolk State)
- 11:13 Alvin Wyatt (Bethune-Cookman)
- 11:23 Joe Taylor (Florida A&M)
- 11:33 Kermit Blount (Winston-Salem)

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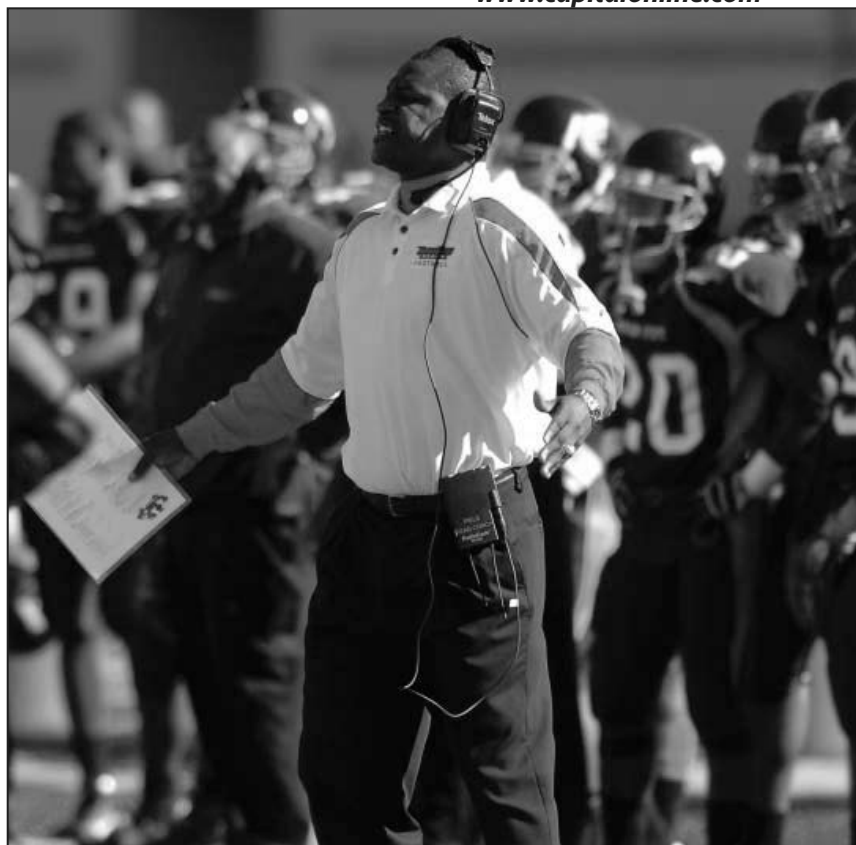
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Donald Hill-Eley is set for the kick-off of the 2008 season.



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THE MORGAN STATE RADIO NETWORK



Morgan State football fans can follow the story of the Bears' 2008 season exclusively on the radio home of Morgan State athletics, WEAA 88.9 FM. WEAA plans to air the entire '08 football season from start to finish. The broadcasts will be packed with features, insight, analysis, and of course the play-by-play call of every down of MSU football throughout the '08 campaign.

Returning for their third season is the veteran broadcast team of Rob Long and Kelvin Bridgers. The duo began as play-by-play and color analysts respectively before the 2006 season. Long and Bridgers have an exciting chemistry and tremendous knowledge of the game to help provide listeners with an intimate feel of the "Blue & Orange" experience.

Long doubles as the host of the "Rob Long Show" on sports talk 1570 WNST, as well as Head Basketball Coach of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. His radio show airs Monday-Friday, from 2-6 PM on 1570 AM, as well as wnst.net. Long is also a weekly guest on CN8's "Out of Bounds."

Bridgers is the Boys Head Basketball Coach for Walbrook High School. Bridgers has won Coach of the Year honors for his ability to build programs from young men who possess tremendous raw talent. Bridgers has been known to turn that raw talent into solid team play. Bridgers is a former coach of the Morgan State football team.

You can catch Long and Bridgers on WEAA 88.9 FM for live game coverage of the Morgan State Bears football.



Rob Long
play-by-play



Kelvin Bridgers
color analyst



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Honors Candidates

#77 Dwayne Delaney - R-Sr. - Offensive Lineman

- Three-year starter on the Bears' offensive line
- 2008 Preseason All-MEAC First Team selection
- 2007 All-MEAC 2nd Team selection
- Helped block for a Morgan offense that ranked #3 in rushing offense (203.7/g) and #4 in total offense (348.4/g)
- Helped block for All-American running back Chad Simpson
- Experienced and a tremendous technician

#71 Dakarai Grimsley - R-Sr. - Offensive Lineman

- Three-year starter on the Bears' offensive line
- 2008 All-MEAC candidate
- Helped block for a Morgan offense that ranked #3 in rushing offense (203.7/g) and #4 in total offense (348.4/g)
- Helped block for All-American running back Chad Simpson
- Extremely strong and capable of dominating the line of scrimmage

#11 Jarrell Guyton - Sr. - Linebacker

- 2008 Preseason All-MEAC First Team selection
- Finished the '07 season with 62 tackles (31 solo) ranked 11th in the MEAC
- Ranked 4th in the MEAC with 15.5 tackles for loss
- Finished '07 season with 3.5 sacks in 9 games
- A physical player with a nose for the ball and a penchant for making big plays

#34 Devan James - So. - Tailback

- Explosive and elusive runner with big-play capability
- 2008 All-MEAC candidate
- Ranked 2nd behind Chad Simpson with 85 carries for 366 yards (4.3 avg)
- Led team in kick returns with 12 returns for 201 yards (16.8 avg)
- Had a season-high 88 yards on 11 carries and scored a touchdown against Bethune-Cookman (2007)

#52 Justin Lawrence - R-Sr. - Defensive Lineman

- 2008 All-MEAC candidate
- Big, strong and cat-quick
- Recorded 45 tackles (35 solo) in '07
- Had 8.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks
- Collected 4 fumble recoveries
- Helped MSU become the #2 ranked defense in the nation

#7 Darren McKhan - So. - Cornerback

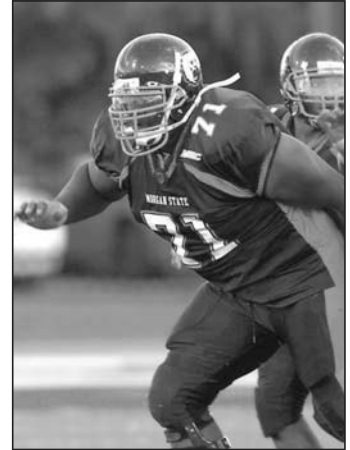
- Helped the Bears become the #1 ranked pass defense in the nation (139.1/g)
- 2008 All-MEAC candidate
- Finished '07 season with 23 tackles (16 solo) and two tackles for loss
- Led squad with three interceptions and five pass breakups
- Tremendous on run support because of his speed and strength

#70 Robert Norris - R-Sr. - Offensive Lineman

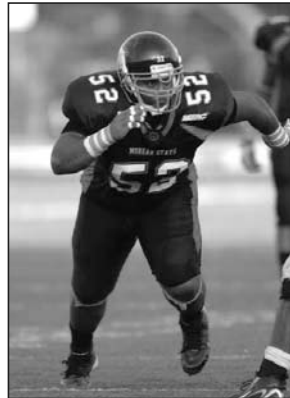
- 2008 Preseason All-MEAC Second Team
- Versatile and intelligent lineman
- Helped block for a Morgan offense that ranked #3 in rushing offense (203.7/g)
- Helped block for MEAC Player of the Year Chad Simpson
- Helped allow Morgan State to rush for a total of 2,241 yards
- Will be a leader in the trenches



JARRELL GUYTON
Linebacker



DAKARAI GRIMSLEY
Offensive Tackle



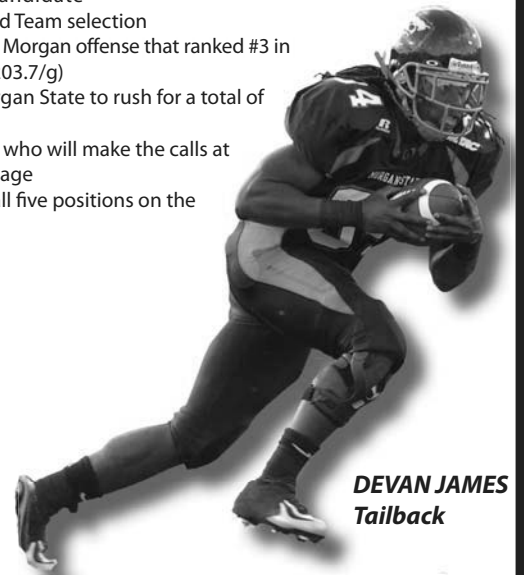
JUSTIN LAWRENCE
Defensive Line



DARREN MCKHAN
Cornerback

#62 Nathan Soto - Sr. - Center

- 2008 All-MEAC candidate
- 2007 All-MEAC 2nd Team selection
- Helped block for a Morgan offense that ranked #3 in rushing offense (203.7/g)
- Helped allow Morgan State to rush for a total of 2,241 yards
- Three-year starter who will make the calls at the line of scrimmage
- Can literally play all five positions on the line



DEVAN JAMES
Tailback