



MORGAN STATE GAME NOTES

MSU vs NCCU

**OCTOBER 26, 2024 | 3:30 PM | KELLY-O'RIDDICK STADIUM
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**





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MORGAN STATE FOOTBALL RELEASE

October 22, 2024

Morgan State vs. North Carolina Central

Date: Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, 3:30 p.m. (ET)

Kelly-O'Riddick Stadium | Durham, N.C.

THE BROADCASTS

ESPN+ will air the game live. Jason Ross will call the play-by-play with color analyst Tyoka Jackson. The broadcast will re-air via tape-delay on ESPN+ at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27.



Radio: WEEA, 88.9 FM is the flagship station for the Morgan State Bears ... Lamont Germany will call the play-by-play with former Bear coach Renard Stubbs in the booth. The game will be broadcast live on 88.9 FM and streamed on WEEA.org.



Live Stats: www.nccueaglepride.com

THE TEAMS



2024 Record.....3-4, 0-0
Rank.....-/ -
Pts/Gm.....24.1
Rush Yds/Gm.....160.0
Pass Yds/Gm.....151.1
Total Off/Gm.....311.3
Total Def/Gm.....267.0



2024 Record.....5-2, 1-0
Rank.....FCS #20/#21
Pts/Gm.....39.4
Rush Yds/Gm.....181.7
Pass Yds/Gm.....183.0
Total Off/Gm.....364.7
Total Def/Gm.....311.4

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

#5 M. Miree
77/318 yds/6TDs

Passing

#11 Duce Taylor
56/72 / 512 yds / 2TDs

Receiving

#10 Andre Crawley
30/341 yds / 2TDs

Defense

#49 Arturo Mattocks
44 TT/3TFL/QBH/FF/FR

Rushing

#4 J'Mari Taylor
116/594/9TDs

Passing

#3 Walker Harris
87/137/1116 yds/14TDs

Receiving

#88 Joaquin Davis
18/304/4TDs

Defense

#45 Jaki Brevard
44TT/6TFL/SK/QBH

NEXT UP

Morgan will host the Norfolk State Spartans on Saturday, Nov. 2. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Hughes Stadium. The game will air on ESPN+.

Morgan faces #20 N.C. Central to Open MEAC Slate

Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. at Kelly-O'Riddick Stadium; will be broadcast live on ESPN+ and WEEA-88.9 FM

GAME TIME

Following a bye week, Morgan (3-4, 0-0) will travel to face #20 North Carolina Central on Saturday, Oct. 26. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. at Kelly-O'Riddick Stadium. The game will mark Homecoming for the Eagles and will air on ESPN+. The game will also be broadcast by WEEA, 88.9FM.

THE SERIES

- Saturday will mark the 46th meeting between the two schools. Morgan leads the series against NCCU with an overall record of 24-19-2 since the teams first played on Nov. 15, 1930.
- NCCU has won the last seven meetings since 2015, including a 16-10 victory in their last matchup on Oct. 19, 2023 in Baltimore.
- MSU posted a 21-20 Homecoming win on Oct. 18, 2014 at Hughes Stadium.

QUICK HITS

- The 2024 Morgan State Bears are under the leadership of third year head coach **Damon Wilson**. Wilson, the 24th coach in school history, previously served 13 seasons as the head football coach at Bowie State. There, he achieved three straight Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) conference championships, in 2021, 2019 and 2018; five NCAA playoff berths; and three CIAA Coach of the Year honors.
- Sophomore QB **Tahj Smith** entered the season as the Bears' starter. Smith's emergence comes after a freshman season in which he appeared in five games and started in the last four games of the season. He completed 29-of-71 passes (40.8 pct) for 426 yards and three touchdowns. He was also also the team's third leading rusher, accumulating 159 yards on 4.1 average carries and scoring two TDs.
- RS **Keith Jenkins Jr.** enters the Fall as a Preseason All-MEAC First Team selection and will certainly be one to watch. Appearing in 10 games throughout the season, Jenkins showcased his versatility as both a running back, a receiver, and most notably as a dangerous return specialist. He averaged an impressive average of 23.2 yards per kick return, ranking him fourth in the MEAC.
- Last season, **J.J. Davis** emerged as Morgan's clear-cut starting running back, playing nearly two times as many snaps as any other Bear at the position and finished with 116 carries, 584 yd, 2 TDs in 10 games played.
- Morgan has a number of offensive linemen as they enter the 2024 season ... The Bears have 19 OL listed on the roster and will be led by veteran Preseason All-MEAC First Team **Treyvon Branch**. (6-3, 290).
- LB **Erick Hunter**, is on the official watch list for the 2024 Black College Football Player of the Year Watchlist, led the MEAC with 75 tackles and ranked No. 6 in tackles for loss (9.5). In addition to his elite tackling ability, Hunter also showcased his versatility and playmaking skills. He registered 7 quarterback hurries, 3.0 sacks (No. 11), two forced fumbles, two interceptions and a pass breakup.
- DL **Elijah Williams**, is on the official watch list for the 2024 Black College Football Player of the Year Watchlist, was a defensive standout in the trenches for the Bears in 2023. The New Jersey product registered 50 total tackles, including 31 solo tackles. His ability to penetrate the offensive line and disrupt plays was unmatched, as evidenced by his league-leading 11.0 tackles for loss.
- Morgan suffered a 32-24 home loss to Merrimack in their last outing on Oct. 12. QB **Duce Taylor** had a solid outing by completing 24-of-31 passes for 186 yards. RB **Myles Miree** scored two of the Bears' four TDs on the ground.

2024 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (3-4, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV
A31	at Hampton	W, 30-28	FLOSPORTS
S7	at Towson	L, 14-9	MONUMENTAL FLOFOOTBALL
S14	at Ohio	L, 21-6	ESPN+
S21	VA-LYNCHBURG	W, 56-7	ESPN+
S28	at Stony Brook	L, 22-3	FLOSPORTS
O5	LINCOLN (PA) @	W, 41-0	ESPN+
O12	MERRIMACK	L, 32-24	ESPN+
O26	at N.C. Central*	3:30 p.m.	ESPN+ ESPN U
N2	NORFOLK STATE*	1 p.m.	ESPN+
N9	at Delaware State*	1 p.m.	ESPN+
N16	S. CAROLINA STATE*	1 p.m.	ESPN+
N23	HOWARD*	1 p.m.	ESPN+

@ - MSU Homecoming

*Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Game;

BOLD = Home Games played at Hughes Stadium

All times ET and subject to change



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- Four (4) Pro Football Hall of Famers (**Len Ford, Leroy Kelly, Roosevelt Brown & Willie Lanier**)
- 19 CIAA championships
- 4 MEAC championships
- 30 consecutive games won (8th in 1964 to the 5th in 1968)
- 57 longest non-losing streak (4th in 1931 to the 6th in 1938)
- 4 MEAC Coaches of the Year; 3 Offensive POTY; 4 Defensive POTY; and 1 Offensive POTY
- 94 All-MEAC First Team selections
- 38 All-CIAA First Team selections

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THE COACHES



Damon Wilson.....Coach.....Trei Oliver
Bowie State, '98...**Alma Mater**...N.C. Central, '98
11-17 (3rd).....**Record at School**.....34-20 (6th)
100-62.....**Career Record**.....same
0-0.....**Record vs. Opponent**.....0-0
* **Damon Wilson** enters his 3rd season as Morgan's head coach. He previously spent 13 seasons as the head coach at Bowie State University where he achieved three straight Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) conference championships.
* **Trei Oliver**, led the Eagles to winning a share of the 2022 MEAC title before defeating No. 5 Jackson State in the Cricket Celebration Bowl for the HBCU national championship. Oliver played at North Carolina Central as a defensive back and punter from 1994 to 1997.

A WIN WOULD ...

... give Damon Wilson his 12th win as MSU's head coach.
... give Damon Wilson his 101st career as a head coach.
... mark the Bears' fourth win of the season.
... mark the Bears' first win against N.C. Central since Oct. 18, 2014 (21-20).
... mark the Morgan' second road win of the season.
... mark Morgan's first against win against NCCU in Durham since Oct. 19, 2013 (34-22).



SCOUTING THE EAGLES



- North Carolina Central finished the 2023 season with a 9-3 overall record and were 4-1 in MEAC play and had a perfect 5-0 record at home.
- NCCU was picked to finish No. 1 in the MEAC Preseason Coaches Poll. Eight (8) Eagles earned recognition on the 2024 Preseason All-MEAC Football Team.
- The Eagles have climbed into the top 25 of the national rankings and currently sit at No. 20 in the STATS PERFORM FCS Top 25 poll and T-No. 21 in the AFCA FCS Coaches Poll announced Oct. 21. NCCU improved its record to 5-2 following a 68-0 home victory over VA-Lynchburg on Oct. 12.
- Redshirt junior QB **Walker Harris** is one of the top QBs in the MEAC. He has completed 87-of-137 passes for 1,116 yards, including a league-high 14 TDs.
- WR **Markell Quick** ranks No. 6 in the MEAC in receptions (13) and receiving yards (262) with 3 TDs ... WR **Joaquin Davis** ranks No. 7 with 18 receptions for 304 yards and four TDs.
- LB **Jaki Brevard** and DB **Malcolm Reed** are two of the top defenders in the conference. Brevard ranks No. 5 in tackles (44), with 6 tackles for loss and a sack. Reed has 36 stops (19 solo) and ranks No. 1 in the league in passes defended (10) with 8 pass breakups and two interceptions.
- NCCU leads the league in a number of statistical categories: No. 1 in scoring offense (39.4), rushing offense (181.7), offensive efficiency (159.3), red zone offense (97%), and opponent third down conversions (28.4).
- On Oct. 19, 2023, The Bears gave #10 ranked N.C. Central all it could handle in a nationally televised game at Hughes Stadium. Morgan came up short as they suffered a 16-10 loss to the Eagles. The Bears managed to scrap together a game-high 285 yards on 57 plays against NCCU, but struggled to get the ball in the end zone for much of the game. Morgan quarterback **Dominique Anthony** had a steady game and completed 17 of 28 passes for 167 yards, including an interception and a touchdown pass. NCCU's Davius Richard, the top quarterback in the league, finished with 122 passing yards on 16 of 30 completions. He was also limited to 29 yards on the ground.



Redshirt junior RB J'Mari Taylor leads the Eagles' ground attack.

DATING GAME

- Morgan's last contest played on **Oct. 26** was in **2019**, vs. Florida A&M, the Morgan State Bears started well and had opportunities late in the game. But they couldn't capitalize in their 24-12 loss to #20/23 Florida A&M at Hughes Stadium this evening. A backwards pass by redshirt sophomore DJ Golatt Jr. was dropped, resulting in a fumble which was recovered by Florida A&M DB Terry Jefferson and he ran it back 50-yards for a score with 12:26 left in the second quarter. Aly's extra point was good, extending the Florida A&M lead to 17-7. FAMU responded with a touchdown pass from McKay to Terrell Jennings with 33 seconds left in the first half. Aly's extra point gives FAMU a 24-10 advantage. The Morgan State defense pitched a second half shutout. But the Bears offense couldn't capitalize on their side of the ball.



2024 MEAC STANDINGS

	MEAC	Overall
NC Central	1-0	5-2
South Carolina State	0-0	4-2
Howard%	0-0	3-4
Morgan State	0-0	3-4
Norfolk State	0-1	2-6
Delaware State	0-0	1-6
% 2023 MEAC Champs		

THIS WEEK IN MORGAN STATE FOOTBALL (practice times tentative, check with Media Relations Office for update) OCTOBER

Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Saturday 26	Sunday 27
Practice 9: - 11:00 a.m.	MEAC Coaches Teleconference 10:00 a.m. Practice 9: - 11:00 a.m.	Practice 9: - 11:00 a.m.	Practice 9: - 11:00 a.m.	Travel to Durham, N.C. Walkthrough	Game Day vs. N.C. Central 3:30 p.m. (ET) 	Weightroom Day Off

UNIVERSITY/TEAM INFORMATION

Location.....	Baltimore, Md.
Population.....	585,462
Founded.....	1867
MEAC Tenure.....	1970-79, 1984-present
First Year of MEAC Football.....	1970
Enrollment.....	10,000+
Nickname.....	Bears
Marching Band.....	The Magnificent Marching Machine
President.....	Dr. David Wilson
Director of Athletics.....	Dena Freeman-Patton
Athletics Dept. Phone.....	(443) 885-3050
Ticket Office Phone.....	(443) 885-3830
Website.....	MorganStateBears.com

TEAM HISTORY

First Year of Football.....	1898
All-Time Record (Since 1920).....	464-453-3
Last postseason.....	Richmond, 2014
Last postseason result.....	L, 24-46 (NCAA Div. I FCS Playoffs)
MEAC Championships.....	4, (1971, 1976, 1979, 2014)

TEAM INFO

Head Coach.....	Damon Wilson (Bowie State, '98)
Record at Morgan State.....	8-13 (2 yrs)
Career Record.....	97-58 (16 yrs)
MEAC Championships.....	4, (1971, 1976, 1979, 2014)
FCS Division I Playoffs.....	L, 24-46 vs. Richmond (2014)

ASSISTANT COACHES

Damon Wilson.....	Head Coach
Antone' Sewell.....	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coord.
Apollo Wright.....	Offensive Coordinator
Tyrae Reid.....	Wide Receivers/Pass Game Coord.
David Fant Jr.....	Running Backs
Benton "Sport" Harold.....	Tight Ends/Special Teams
Richard Reddix.....	Offensive Line
Jimmie Johnson.....	Asst. Offensive Line/Recruiting Coord.
Ramal Faunteroy.....	Defensive Line
Brawley Evans.....	Linebackers
Omarr Smith.....	Defensive Pass Game Coord./CBs
Melvin Coleman.....	Safeties
Mitch Berezny.....	Offense Asst. Coach
Dr. Tredell Dorsey.....	Asst. AD - Sports Performance
Caitlin Lovend.....	Head Athletic Trainer
Rasheda Spratley.....	Director of Football Operations
Bryce McCoy.....	Asst. Director of Equipment Operations

MEAC VIDEOCONFERENCE

August 26 • September 2 • September 9 • September 16 • September 23 • September 30 • October 7 • October 14 • October 21
• October 28 • November 4 • November 11 • November 18
• November 25

Conducted every Monday AM during FB season

10:00 a.m.	MEAC Notes	
10:03 a.m.	Larry Scott	Howard
10:13 a.m.	Trei Oliver	N. Carolina Central
10:23 a.m.	Lee Hull	Delaware State
10:33 a.m.	Dawson Odums	Norfolk State
10:43 a.m.	Chennis Berry	South Carolina State
10:53 a.m.	Damon Wilson	Morgan State

NOTING THE BEARS

PRESEASON PICKED THIRD
Morgan State was picked to finish third (3rd) in the MEAC standings, according to the poll of the conference head coaches and sports information directors. North Carolina Central has been picked win the MEAC Football Championship as the Eagles topped the league's annual preseason poll for 2024. Returning MEAC champion Howard was picked to place 2nd.

PRESEASON ALL-MEAC PLAYERS

Eight (8) Bears were named to the MEAC preseason team at the 2024 MEAC Football Press Luncheon in Norfolk, Va. Senior OL **Treyvon Branch**, senior DL **Elijah Williams**, senior LB **Erick Hunter**, junior RS **Keith Jenkins Jr.** were first-team selections. Sophomore QB **Tahj Smith**, senior DL **Nana Asante**, senior DB **Carlainsky Decius**, and sophomore DB **Ja'son Prevard** were second-team picks.

BEARS OPEN 49th SEASON IN MEAC

The Bears will open its 49th season in the MEAC when they travel to face North Carolina Central for the conference opener on Oct. 26.

- The Bears opened the 2023 MEAC schedule with a 16-10 loss against North Carolina Central (Oct. 19) at Hughes Stadium.
- The Bears kicked off its first season in the MEAC in 1971. Morgan State withdrew from the conference at the end of the 1979-80 fiscal year, before returning to the MEAC in 1984.

MSU IN THE CIAA

Morgan State was a power as a former member of the CIAA. The Bears posted 173 wins between 1929 and 1959 when **Edward P. Hurt** was the head coach and the Bears won 14 CIAA championships. **Earl Banks** added to the championship collection by winning four titles during the 1960s.

... mark the Bears first win at Hughes Stadium since beating South Carolina State on Oct. 29, 2022.

... mark MSU's first night game victory at Hughes Stadium since defeating Delaware State (W, 20-14) on Nov. 4, 2021 in an ESPN2 nationally televised contest.

... mark MSU's first conference home win since defeating Delaware State 37-7 on Nov. 12, 2022.

BEARS OPEN 125th SEASON OF FOOTBALL SINCE 1898

MSU enters its 125th season of football and will open the 2024 campaign under third year head coach **Damon Wilson**.

RETURN MEN

The 2024 Morgan State Bears return 18 starters - 7 on offense, 8 on defense and 3 on special teams.

CAMPAIGNING FOR SUCCESS

The Bears enter the 2024 season looking to post their first winning season since going 6-5 in 2009. MSU's 7-6 record in 2014 was vacated.

NON-CONFERENCE PLAY

The Bears will open the 2024 campaign with three of its first seven non-conference matchups coming on the road. MSU opens the season at Hampton (Aug. 31), followed by a game at Towson (Sept. 6) and Ohio (Sept.14). The Bears will host Virginia Lynchburg (Sept. 21), before traveling to face Stony Brook (Sept. 28). The Bears round out non-conference play when they host Lincoln (Pa.) (Oct. 5) and Merrimack (Oct. 12).

MSU LEGEND EARL BANKS

Earl "Papa Bear" Banks was a legendary head coach at Morgan State University,
• In 1960, Banks took over the head coaching position at Morgan State from 2011 Trailblazer Award winner, **Edward Hurt**.

• In his 14 seasons as head coach, he would lead the Bears to six CIAA titles, one CIAA Northern Division championship and one Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title. Banks had an overall record of 96-31-2 after he retired from coaching 1973 and produced three undefeated seasons from 1965 through 1967.

• He guided Morgan State to four bowl games, winning the 1965 Orange Blossom Classic and the 1966 Tangerine Bowl.

• He was named the American Football Coaches Association's recipient of the 2018 Trailblazer Award. The award was presented, posthumously, at the 2019 AFCA Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

2023 MEAC FINAL STANDINGS

	MEAC	Overall
NC Central	4-1	9-3
Howard*	4-1	6-6
South Carolina State	3-2	5-6
Morgan State	3-2	4-6
Norfolk State	1-4	3-8
Delaware State	0-5	1-10
* 2023 MEAC Champs		

2024 AWARDS/HONORS

ERICK HUNTER • 40 • LB • SR

- FCS Football Central All-American Preseason First Team
- Stats Perform FCS Buck Buchanan Award Preseason Watch List
- BOXTOROW 2024 HBCU Preseason All-Americans team
- Preseason All-MEAC First Team
- Phil Steele FCS Preseason All-American Second Team
- HBCU+ FCS National Player of the Year Award Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC First Team

ELIJAH WILLIAMS • 0 • DL • SR

- FCS Football Central All-American Preseason First Team
- BOXTOROW 2024 HBCU Preseason All-Americans team
- Preseason All-MEAC First Team
- Phil Steele FCS Preseason All-American Third Team
- Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Team
- Phil Steele's MEAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year
- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC First Team
- Inaugural HBCU+ FCS National Player of the Year Award Watch List

KEITH JENKINS • 1 • RB • JR

- Preseason All-MEAC First Team selection
- BOXTOROW 2024 HBCU Preseason All-Americans team
- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC First Team (KR)
- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Second Team (AP)

TREYVON BRANCH • 72 • OL • SR

- BOXTOROW 2024 HBCU Preseason All-American team
- Honorable Mention
- Preseason All-MEAC First Team selection
- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Second Team

CARLVAINSKY DECIUS • 7 • DB • SR

- Aeneas Williams Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Second Team
- Preseason All-MEAC Second Team selection

JA'SON PREVARD • 1 • DB • SO

- Aeneas Williams Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Third Team
- Preseason All-MEAC Second Team selection

SHANE MESSENGER • 86 • P • SO

- FCS Punter of the Year Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

TAHJ SMITH • 7 • QB • SO

- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Third Team
- Preseason All-MEAC Second Team selection

AHMAD MCULLOUGH • 4 • LB • SR

- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

ANDRE CRAWLEY • 10 • WR • SR

- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

DJ HAMLER • 15 • WR • SR

- Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Fourth Team

BECKETT LEARY • 18 • PK • SR

- MEAC Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 2)

HEAVY ON UPPERCLASSMEN

At the start of training camp, Morgan State had 18 seniors and seven graduate students on the roster.

Morgan has just one senior starter on offense – OL **Treyvon Branch** – and five seniors and one graduate on defense – Senior DL **Elijah Williams**, NT **Melteen Davis**, LB **Erick Hunter**, DB **Josh Graham**, CB **Carlvainsky Decius** and graduate student DE **Joseph Murray**.

• DE **Chibuikem Oguayo**, NT **Reginald Barnes**, DE **Nana Asante**, LB **KJ Scott** and LB **Keith Joseph-Clark** add experience to a talented defensive unit. CB **Jadon Carter**, FS **Jordan Johnson**, S **Gregory Young II** are prepared to play "The Reliever" when called upon.

• Morgan's opening day roster included 32 juniors and 30 in the sophomore class.

ROLLING WITH THE O-BLOCK

MSU's offense rolled up a little over 2,500 yards of offense a season ago. However, the Bears return a mix of experienced veterans and a very young, but talented offensive line for the 2024 campaign.

• The O-line's, aka. "O-Block", veteran leadership will come from preseason All-MEAC first team selection senior **Treyvon Branch** at right guard, junior **Daniel Casillas** will handle chores at center, and sophomore **Kahari Finley** will play left tackle.

• R-junior **Da'Jour Dixon** will be the starting right tackle and sophomore **Kris Boyd** will take the left guard position in trenches ... the Bears will depth will also be provided by freshmen: **Darius Mosley**, **Kadin Zlacki-Johnson**, **Shane Marks**, **Evan Rawlick** and **Blake Scriber**.

• The left side of the Bears' Oline is held down by freshmen: LT **Kahari Finley** (6-5, 285, Fr.) and LG **Mosula Tapusoa** (6-0, 310, Rfr.).

• The Bears offense finished the 2023 season ranked No. 5 in rushing (112.7/g), No. 5 in passing (138.1/g) and averaged 250.8 total yards of offense per game (No. 6 in MEAC).

• The Bears key loss in the trenches included: guards **Marvin Atuatasi** and **Dexter Carr Jr.**



FORMER BEARS ON COACHING STAFF

Two of **Damon Wilson's** coaching staff are former Morgan players and coaches.

• **Harold 'Sport' Benton** - was a fixture in Morgan athletics. The veteran coach served 19 years at Morgan State in a pair of capacities, including 13 as the special teams coordinator/tight ends coach. He also served six years as the linebackers coach for Morgan beginning in 1998.

• **Melvin Coleman** - was named Black College All-American in 2000 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 2001.

2024 SCHEDULE NOTE

The Bears open the 2024 season with three straight road games. The Bears open the 2024 season on Aug. 31 against the Hampton Pirates at Armstrong Stadium in Hampton, Virginia.

• Morgan will follow with a pair of road games. On Sept. 7, Morgan will face the Towson Tigers in the 'Battle for Greater Baltimore' at Johnny Unitas Stadium.

• Morgan will then travel to Athens, Ohio for an FBS matchup against the Ohio Bobcats on Sept. 14. It will mark the first meeting between the teams.

• On Sept. 21, Morgan's home-opener will be against Virginia University of Lynchburg for 'Bear Family Day' at Hughes Stadium. Morgan overwhelmed the Dragons 44-10 in their last meeting (Oct. 1, 2022) and leads the series 3-0.

• Morgan will continue its non-conference slate when it travels to Stony Brook for a Sept. 28 matchup. In their last meeting (Nov. 5, 2022), the Seawolves kicked a game-winning field goal to hold off the Bears 24-22 at LaValle Stadium.

• The Bears will celebrate Homecoming when they welcome Lincoln (Pa.) to Hughes Stadium on Oct. 5. As a result of last year's cancelled homecoming game against Stony Brook, this will be the Bears' first homecoming since 2022.

• The Bears will host Merrimack in a first-time meeting, before they open open conference play on Oct. 26 at North Carolina Central.

• Morgan will then host the Spartans of Norfolk State on Nov. 2, before wrapping its road slate on Nov. 9 when it travels to Delaware State.

• The Bears conclude the regular season with a pair of home matchups.

Morgan will face the South Carolina State Bulldogs on Nov. 16, followed by the regular season finale against Beltway rival and the reigning MEAC Champion Howard Bison on Nov. 23.

BEARS NAME TEAM CAPTAINS

The MSU Bears wrapped up the preseason by naming the team captains for the 2024 season. Two seniors and a junior make up the leadership group. ... offense - WR **Andre Crawley** (Baltimore, Md.) ... defense - DL **Elijah Williams** (Jersey City, N.J.) and LB **Arturo Mattocks** (Montgomery Village, Md.).

MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Damon Wilson will be available to the media via the MEAC's weekly teleconference every Tuesday beginning at 10:03 a.m. (EST). To gather more information on the availability of coach Wilson or student-athletes please notify the Office of Media Relations of your intent, please call (443) 885-3831.

MSU SEASON TICKETS ON SALE

Single game football tickets for all six (6) of Morgan State's home dates this season at Hughes Stadium are now on sale.

- To purchase tickets, fans can visit www.ticketmaster.com, or call (443) 885-1522 (weekdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- Tickets may also be purchased at the Stadium on the day of the event, one hour prior to the event.
- For more information visit: morganstatebears.com.



NOTE THE WILSON QUOTE

**HEAD COACH DAMON WILSON'S THOUGHTS
ON THE UPCOMING GAME
AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL**

"On the field it's going to be a physical football game. Their defense flies around and doesn't give up a lot of big plays at all, and offensively they're hitting on all cylinders. And their special teams unit are creating points as well, and creating opportunities. So we have to play well in all three phases to have a chance to win the ballgame, but I'm excited about the opportunity."



AFCA FCS TOP 25 COACHES POLL

1	South Dakota State (21)	5-1	644	1
2	North Dakota State (2)	6-1	621	2
3	Montana State (3)	7-0	603	3
4	South Dakota	5-1	572	4
5	Villanova	5-1	535	5
6	UC Davis	6-1	514	6
7	Mercer	6-0	491	7
8	Southeast Missouri State	6-1	455	9
9	Tarleton State	6-1	418	11
10	North Dakota	4-2	403	10
11	Montana	5-2	367	14
12	Central Arkansas	5-2	342	13
13	UIW	4-2	325	15
14	Idaho	4-3	309	8
15	Richmond	4-2	255	17
16	William & Mary	4-2	249	18
17	Rhode Island	5-1	219	21
18	Florida A&M	3-2	157	19
19	New Hampshire	4-2	126	22
20	Missouri State	4-2	131	25
T21	ACU	4-3	127	12
T21	North Carolina Central	5-2	127	24
23	Illinois State	4-3	92	16
24	Dartmouth	4-0	84	NR
25	Jackson State	4-2	37	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Stony Brook, 36; Duquesne, 35; Chattanooga, 30; East Tennessee St., 28; UT Martin, 22; McNeese, 17; Monmouth (N.J.), 11; Sacramento St., 11; Western Carolina, 11; Drake, 8; Columbia, 6; Stephen F. Austin, 5; Tennessee St., 5; Weber St., 4; Butler, 2; Northern Arizona, 2; Georgetown (D.C.), 1; Indiana St., 1; Lafayette, 1; Lamar, 1.

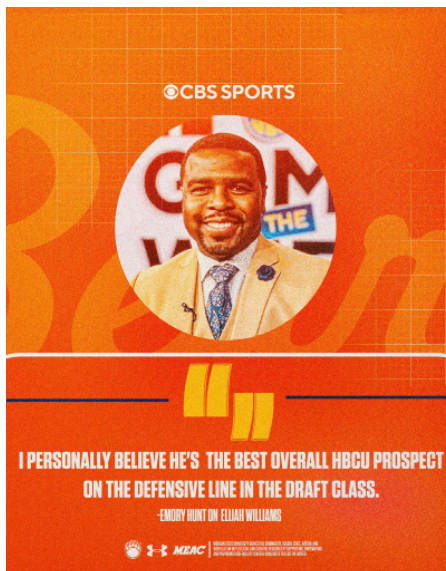
STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25 POLL

1	South Dakota State (38)	5-1	1374	1
2	North Dakota State (8)	6-1	1337	2
3	Montana State (10)	7-0	1320	3
4	South Dakota	5-1	1224	4
5	Villanova	5-1	1148	5
6	UC Davis	6-1	1117	6
7	Mercer	6-0	1050	8
8	Southeast Missouri	6-1	945	11
9	North Dakota	4-2	927	9
10	Tarleton State	6-1	835	13
11	Montana	5-2	791	14
12	Central Arkansas	5-2	790	12
13	Idaho	4-3	778	7
14	UIW	4-2	754	15
15	William & Mary	4-2	547	17
16	Rhode Island	5-1	525	19
17	Abilene Christian	4-3	491	10
18	Richmond	4-2	387	21
19	Chattanooga	3-3	341	23
20	North Carolina Central	5-2	212	25
21	Illinois State	4-3	193	16
22	Dartmouth	4-0	158	NR
23	ETSU	4-3	117	NR
24	New Hampshire	4-2	100	NR
T-25	Florida A&M	3-2	81	NR
T-25	UT Martin	4-3	81	NR

Others Receiving Votes (schools listed on two or more ballots): Western Carolina (3-3, 2-0 SoCon), 75; Tennessee State (5-2, 3-1 Big South-OVC), 71; Duquesne (4-2, 2-0 NEC), 57; Sacramento State (2-4, 0-2 Big Sky), 57; Stephen F. Austin (4-2, 2-1 Southland), 43; Stony Brook (4-2, 1-1 CAA), 41; Northern Arizona (3-4, 1-2 Big Sky), 36; McNeese (4-3, 1-1 Southland), 33; Weber State (3-4, 2-1 Big Sky), 26; Harvard (3-1, 1-1 Ivy), 25; Towson (3-3, 1-1 CAA), 24; Drake (4-1, 3-0 Pioneer), 14; Monmouth (3-3, 1-1 CAA), 13; Lamar (3-3, 0-1 Southland), 11; Southeastern Louisiana (3-4, 2-0 Southland), 7; Southern Utah (3-4, 2-1 UAC), 7; Dayton (4-1, 2-0 Pioneer), 2



Senior DL **Elijah Williams** is a veteran leader in the trenches for the Bears defense.



2024 MORGAN STATE DEPTH CHART • WEEK 9

BEARS OFFENSE

X 4	MARQUEZ PHILLIPS	6-3,185,Gr.
3	Anthony James	5-11,210,Jr.
18	Joseph Owumi	6-3,200,Jr.
LT 73	KRIS BOYD	6-5,355,So.
78	Darius Mosley	6-6,340,RJr.
LG 62	ALEC WASHINGTON	6-4,325,So.
75	Kadin Zlacki-Johnson	6-7,305,Fr.
C 74	DANIEL CASILLAS	6-2,315,Jr.
58	Shane Marks	6-2,295,So.
RG 66	BLAKE SCRIBER	6-3,280,Fr.
65	Mohamad Salamah	6-4,305,Fr.
RT 71	KAHARI FINLEY	6-5,285,So.
70	Evan Rawlick	6-5,300,SO.
Y 86	MATLOWE	6-5,255,RJr.
89	Tyreek Wood	6-3,230,So.
QB 11	DUCE TAYLOR	6-1,180,RJr.
0	Tahj Smith	6-2,190,So.
6	Dominique Anthony	6-1,213,Jr.
16	Kobe Muasau	6-1,205,RJr.
B 5	MYLES MIREE	5-9,175,Sr.
2	Jason Collins Jr.	5-9,185,RFr.
7	J.J. Davis	5-9,172,Gr.
Z 82	JOSEPH KENNERLY	5-9,170,Jr.
15	DJ Hamler	5-8,170,Sr.
81	Kofi Irving	6-0,170,RFr.
H 10	ANDRE CRAWLEY	5-7,190,Sr.
12	Malique Leatherbury	5-9,170,So.
15	DJ Hamler	5-8,170,Sr.
84	Maxim Copeland	5-11,175,Fr.

BEARS SPECIAL TEAMS

PK 18	BECKETT LEARY	6-3,210,Sr.
47	Sahr Gbundema	5-11,180,Fr.
P 85	SHANE MESSENGER	6-0,200,So.
47	Sahr Gbundema	5-11,180,Fr.
LS 46	GRIFFIN DORMAN	5-11,225,So.
74	Daniel Casillas	6-2,315,Jr.
PR 12	MALIK LEATHERBURY	5-9,170,So.
10	Andre Crawley	5-7,190,Sr.
KR 1	KEITH JENKINS JR.	6-1,185,Jr.
7	J.J. Davis	5-9,172,Gr.
H 85	SHANE MESSENGER	6-0,200,So.
10	Andre Crawley	5-7,190,Sr.



BEARS DEFENSE

DE 0	ELIJAH WILLIAMS	6-3,270,Sr.
94	Chibuikem Oguayo	6-3,245,Jr.
DT 59	DASHAWN FIELDS	6-4,260,Fr.
13	Lance Byndon	6-3,235,So.
NT 9	MELTEON DAVIS	6-1,275,Sr.
97	Reginald Barnes	6-0,270,Sr.
DE 19	JOSEPH MURRAY	6-3,225,Gr.
5	Nana Asante	6-7,230,Sr.
MIKE 33	XAVIER SHELL	6-1,215,Sr.
49	Arturo Mattocks	6-1,220,Jr.
WILL 4	AHMAD MCCULLOUGH	6-2,230,Sr.
50	Keith Joseph-Clark	5-11,210,Jr.
NICK 21	GREGORY YOUNG II	5-11,170,Gr.
10	Josh Graham	5-9,175,Sr.
CB 7	CARLVAINSKY DECIUS	6-0,190,Sr.
8	Jadon Carter	5-11,180,RJr.
CB 1	JA'SON PREVARD	6-3,185,So.
38	Elijah McKenzie	5-11,185,So.
FS 25	BRYAN STUKES	6-1,200,Sr.
27	Jeremiah Wynn	6-0,186,RFr.
ROV 8	JADON CARTER	5-11,180,RJr.
36	Quincy Johnson	6-0,190,Jr.

As of Oct. 22, 2024

BEARS MISCELLANEOUS GAME INFORMATION

Opponent	Date	Uni	Toss	Kick/Receive	Weather
at Hampton	Aug. 31	White/Navy	Lost	Receive	Sunny, 82
at Towson	Sept. 7	White/White	Won	Kick	Sunny, 70
at Ohio	Sept. 14	White/Gray	Lost	Receive	Sunny, 80
VA-Lynchburg	Sept. 21	Navy/Navy	Won	Kick	Cloudy, 74
at Stony Brook	Sept. 28	White/Blue	Lost	Receive	Rain, 70
Lincoln-PA	Oct. 5	Orange/Orange	Won	Kick	Sunny, 75
Merrimack	Oct. 12	Navy/White	Won	Kick	Sunny, 80



Uniform watch: The Bears are slated to wear white jerseys (numbers in blue), orange pants and white helmets this week vs. N.C. Central.

MORGAN STATE PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

SPELL IT SAY IT

Coaches

David *Fant Jr.* FANT

Players

Nana Asante	Ah-san-tee
Daniel Casillas	Kah-see-us
Melteon Davis	Mel-Teon
Carlvainsky Decius	Carl-Van-ski Dee-Cus
Malik Hemmeian	Hey-Mian

Eric McKeown	Ma-cue-an
Myles Miree	My-ree
Alphonse Mansare	Mun-Saw-yeh
Cameron Montague	Mon-tah-gu
Kobe Muasau	Mew-uh-sow
Anthony Ngansi	Gan-see
Ferdinand Nyivih	Knee-vee
Chibuikem Oguayo	Chee-bouy-kim Oh-go-yo
Joseph Owumi	Oh-wu-Me
Mosula Tapusoa	Moe-Sula Ta-puh-So-Ah
Kadin Zlacki-Johnson	Zuh-Lackee



MSU's RECORD WHEN (2024) ...

overall	3-4
playing at home	2-1
playing on the road	1-3
playing at a neutral site	0-0
in overtime	0-0
more than 7 days to prepare	1-0
in August	1-0
in September	2-3
in October	0-1
in November	0-0
outrushing the opponent	3-1
when rushing for 200 yards	2-0
when rushing for 300 yards	0-0
outrushed by opponent	0-3
outpassing opponent	2-1
when passing for 300 yards	0-0
when passing for 400 yards	0-0
outpassed by opponent	1-3
when allowing 200 yards passing	1-1
when allowing 250 yards passing	0-0
when allowing 300 yards passing	0-0
more total offense than opponent	2-1
when having 400+ total offense	1-0
when having 500+ total offense	0-0
when having 600+ total offense	0-0
same total offense as opponent	0-0
less total offense than opponent	1-3
when allowing 400+ total offense	0-0
committing fewer turnovers	2-2
committing more turnovers	1-1
turnovers are even	0-1
30:00 of time of possession	0-0
30:01 plus of time of possession	1-2
scoring first	3-2
opponent scores first	0-2
leading after the 1st quarter	3-1
trailing after the 1st quarter	0-3
tied after the 1st quarter	0-0
leading after the 2nd quarter	3-0
trailing after the 2nd quarter	0-4
tied after the 2nd quarter	0-0
leading after the 3rd quarter	3-0
trailing after the 3rd quarter	0-4
tied after the 3rd quarter	0-0
scoring 0-10 points	0-3
scoring 11-20 points	0-0
scoring 21-30 points	1-1
scoring 31-40 points	0-0
scoring 41 plus points	1-0
opponent scores 0-10 points	1-0
opponent scores 11-20 points	0-1
opponent scores 21-30	1-2
opponent scores 31-40	0-1
opponent scores 41 plus points	1-0
individual 100-yard rusher	0-0
opponent 100-yard rusher	0-1
opponent less than 100-yards rushing	0-0
individual 1 100-yard receiver	1-0
individual 2 100-yard receivers	0-0
individual 3 100-yard receivers	0-0
opponent 100-yard receiver	0-1
individual 300-yard passer	0-0
opponent 300-yard passer	0-0

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Senior WR **Andre Crawley** led the Bears with nine (9) catches for 52 yards in Week 7 vs. Merrimack.
- Week 1 at Hampton, Virginia State transfer **Marquez Phillip** had a 54 yard reception in his debut for the Bears.
- Senior RB **Myles Miree** had a game-high 68 yards (4.5 avg) on 15 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns at Hampton, while junior starting RB **Keith Jenkins Jr.** also had 68 yards on 11 carries (6.2 avg), including a 23-yard long to start the game.
- **Jason Collins Jr.** made his debut with the Bears in Week 1 by scoring on a 41-yard TD run in the 2nd quarter at Hampton...it was just his second touch of the game.
- **J.J. Davis** added a 15-yard TD in the 4th quarter in Week 1 at Hampton.
- Morgan went 7-of-14 third-down conversions in Week 1 vs. Hampton, and was 1-of-1 on 4th down conversions.
- The Bears rushed for four touchdowns in their Week 1 win at Hampton (30-28).
- In Week 1 at Hampton, QB **Tahj Smith** made his first start of the season ... the true sophomore completed 5-of-8 passes for 75 yards, and added 42 yards on 12 carries, including a 22-yard long.
- In Week 2, **Joseph Kennerly Jr.** scored on a 74-yard TD reception from Tahj Smith.
- **Smith** threw for a career-high 163 yards (13-20), including a TD pass to Towson...he added 24 yards on the ground.
- **Crawley** posted a game-high 6 receptions for 65 yards, including a 33-yard long in Week 3 at Ohio.
- Morgan rolled up 444 yards of total offense, including 293 yards on the ground vs. VA-Lynchburg.
- Collins scored a pair of rushing TDs vs. VUL (32, 9).
- Freshman RB **Dae'Jean Dennis** collected 60 yards on five carries, including a 44-yard long in Week 4 vs. VA-Lynchburg.
- **Crawley** scored on a 79-yard TD pass from **Duce Taylor** in the first quarter vs. Lincoln-PA ... Crawley also tossed a 21-yd TD pass to **Marquez Phillip**.
- **Taylor** completed 24-of-31 passes for 186 yards in Week 7 vs. Merrimack.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- At Hampton on Week 1, Morgan's defense accounted for 3 TFL, a forced fumble, fumble recovery, and an interception.
- Junior LB **Arturo Mattocks** and redshirt freshman DB **Jeremiah Wynn** paced the Bears' defensive with 6 tackles apiece.
- Washington State senior LB **Ahmad McCullough** and Marshall transfer **Jospeh Murray** tallied 4 tackles apiece in their Blue & Orange debuts in Week 1 at Hampton.
- Redshirt junior DB **Jadon Carter**, a transfer from Bowie State, posted his first collegiate interception of the season when he picked off Hampton QB Chris Zellous in the 2nd quarter.
- Junior DB **Josh Graham** forced a fumble that was recovered by **Arturo Mattocks** on Hampton's first drive of the 4th quarter.
- Senior **Elijah Williams** recorded eight tackles and collected his first pair of sacks in Week 2 at Towson.
- Senior **Carlvainisky Decius** recorded his first INT of the season in Week 2 on Towson's first play from scrimmage.
- Senior DL **Nana Asante** forced a fumble that was recovered by sophomore DB **Ja'son Prevard** in the 3rd quarter at Towson.
- Morgan collected three interceptions in the first

- half at Ohio (**Jadon Carter**, **Bryan Stukes**, **Ja'Son Prevard**) and **Adrian Littleton** recovered a fumble.
- **Lance Byndon** recorded a pair of sacks and finished with five tackles in Week 3 at Ohio.
- **Gregory Young II** and **Bryan Stukes** led the Bears with 8 tackles each at Ohio.
- **Carlvainisky Decius** recorded a 14-yard pick-6 on the opening possession of Week 4 vs. VA-Lynchburg.
- **Williams** collected a pair of sack vs. Virginia-Lynchburg and moved into No. 3 on the school's all-time sack list with 25.
- **Asante** recorded a pair of sacks in Week 7 vs. Merrimack.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- **Shane Messenger** averaged 41.4 yards on 5 punts, including a season-high 56-yard long in Week 3 versus Ohio...he also had three punts downed inside the 20.
- Senior **Beckett Leary** has connected on a 23-yard field goal in the 3rd quarter at Hampton...he also averaged 61.8 yards on six kickoffs, including two touchbacks.
- **Keith Jenkins Jr.** collected a total of 23 yards on two kick returns in Week 1 at Hampton.
- The Bears recovered an onside kick attempt to start the ballgame in Week 1 at Hampton.
- **Leary** connected on a career-long 40-yard FG at Towson...he also had a PAT and a 39-yd FG attempt blocked.
- **Leary** connected on two field goals (30, 33) and had a 22-yard FG blocked at Ohio, and hit a 41-yard FG vs. Merrimack in Week 7.
- **Malique Leatherbury** had a 31-yard punt return in Week 3 at Ohio.
- **Leary** hit 8-of-8 PATs in Week 4 vs. Virginia-Lynchburg.
- **Nana Asante** blocked a pair of PATs in Week 5 at Stony Brook...he has five for his career.

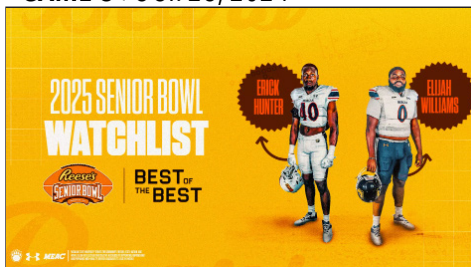
NOTABLE NATIONAL NOTES

Here are a few 2024 FCS national statistics of note on offense, defense and special teams that pertained to the Bears:

- The Bears rank No. 4 in passing yards allowed (122.9), No. 2 in 4th down conversion pct. defense (.143), No. 5 in total defense (267.1), T-No. 12 in fumbles recovered (6), No. 8 in first downs defense (98), No. 9 in scoring defense (17.7), rank T-No. 13 in turnover margin (0.86), T-No. 22 in turnovers gained (12), No. 19 in time of possession (32.03), No. 34 in team pass efficiency (140.9), No. 39 in interceptions (6), T-No. 34 in fewest penalties per game (5.6), and No. 46 (144.3) in rushing defense. **Nana Asante** ranks No. 1 in blocked kicks (3), **Myles Miree** ranks T-No. 30 in rushing TDs (6), **Beckett Leary** ranks T-No. 33 in field goal percentage (.750), and **Elijah Williams** ranks T-No. 13 in sacks (5).



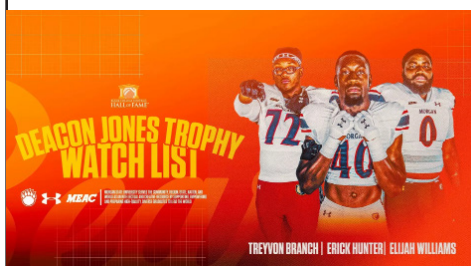
Senior RB Myles Miree



BLUE AND ORANGE ELITE: TWO BEARS ON SENIOR BOWL RADAR

Senior linebacker **Erick Hunter** and senior defensive lineman **Elijah Williams** represented Morgan State football on the 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List. The Reese's Senior Bowl is the nation's most prestigious college all-star game, as it annually serves as the first step of the NFL draft process.

- Hunter earned the prestigious All-MEAC First Team selection as a leading force on one of the nation's best defenses last season. His exceptional defensive skillset propelled him to become a finalist for the coveted Buck Buchanan Award, recognizing the nation's top defensive player in the FCS.
- Williams, also named Phil Steele's 2024 MEAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year, was a defensive standout in the trenches for the Bears in 2023. His contributions to the team's success were undeniable, and he rightfully earned his place on the First-Team All-MEAC as one of the most dominant edge rushers in the conference.



THREE BEARS SELECTED TO THE 2024 BLACK COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD WATCH LIST

The Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF) has released its 2024 Player of the Year Watch List, and Morgan State University is well-represented with three Bears making the prestigious list. The announcement came on Tuesday, recognizing the top candidates for the BCFHOF Player of the Year award. The prestigious award is presented annually to the most outstanding football player from a Historically Black College & University (HBCU).

- Senior offensive lineman **Treyvon Branch** (White Plains, Md.), senior linebacker **Erick Hunter** (Capitol Heights, Md.) and senior defensive lineman **Elijah Williams** (Jersey City, N.J.) are among the recipients.



DECIUS AND PREVARD NAMED TO AENEAS WILLIAMS PRESEASON WATCH LIST

The Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame (OSHOFF) released the third annual Aeneas Williams Award Preseason Watch List, with 19 of the nation's best defensive backs in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Division I football and a pair of Morgan State student-athletes made their way on the list.

- Returning starters **Carlvainsky Decius** and **Ja'son Prevard** have made a significant impact as defensive standouts for the Bears. Both players have earned recognition for their outstanding abilities by being named to the Preseason All-MEAC and Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Football Team.
- Decius, a tenacious defender, contributed significantly to his team's success during the previous season. As the fifth leading tackler, he recorded an impressive 39 stops to go along with three tackles for loss and two sacks in 10 starts.
- Prevard, a promising young talent, made a substantial impact in his freshman year. As a starting cornerback, he accumulated 22 tackles, 13 of which were solo efforts. His impressive seven breakups and one interception showcased his exceptional ball-hawking skills and ability to read opposing receivers' routes.

TOP NICKNAMES

Football wouldn't be the same without nicknames, and this Morgan team has plenty. These catchy nicknames add spice, flavor and a bit of added swag to some very skilled and talented student-athletes.

WR Malique Leatherbury	JUJU
RB Keith Jenkins Jr.	DOODA
LB Erick Hunter	E40
DB Tyrin Woodby	SNEAK
WR Anthony James Jr.	JANK
QB Antoine Taylor.	DUCE
WR Andre Crawley.	CRAW
DB Josh Graham.	RAM
WR Josepoh Kennerly.	JOJO
DL Melteon Davis.	BOOBIE
DB Ja'Son Prevard.	GOLDIE
RB Myles Miree.	BOSCO
DL Nana Asante.	TYRONE
QB Tahj Smith.	SMITTY



THE MESSENGER

Morgan State sophomore **Shane Messenger** has earned a place on the prestigious preseason watch list for the 2024 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Punter of the Year Award. This esteemed honor recognizes the exceptional talent and performance of the nation's top punters in the FCS.

- As one of just 13 players selected for the preseason watch list, Messenger stands out among a pool of highly skilled punters. His consistent ability to execute precise and long-distance punts has earned him recognition as one of the most promising punters in the FCS.
- The FCS Punter of the Year Award winner will be determined by the FCS Punter of the Year Award national voting body which consists of FCS sports information directors and national sports writers.
- In his inaugural season as a collegiate athlete, Messenger quickly established himself as a formidable punter in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). The Alexandria, Va. native averaged 34.2 yards on 46 punts, accumulating a total of 1,574 yards. Messenger's consistency was highlighted by his ability to pin opponents deep in their own territory, with 15 punts landing inside the 20-yard line. Additionally, he showcased his touch and control, placing 11 punts within fair-catch range, including two impressive punts that traveled over 50 yards.
- The Message is clear ... this young man will be key component to the Morgan's success as the program moves forward.



AGENT ZERO

Morgan's opposing offenses have to account for the Bear sporting the No. 0 jersey. He's not hard to find, because more than likely he'll be in the backfield wreaking havoc. His name is **Elijah Williams**.



- "Agent Zero's" impactful performance vs. Merrimack in Week 7 solidified his place in Morgan's defensive history. With a tackle for loss in the game, he surpassed Christopher Robinson to claim the No. 2 spot on the school's all-time tackles for loss list...he has currently accounted for an impressive **43** throughout his career.
- For the 2023 season, Williams registered 50 tackles (31 solo), 11 tackles for loss (No. 1 in MEAC), 7.0 sacks (No. 1) and a forced fumble.
- Williams was also named Phil Steele's 2024 MEAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year.
- The New Jersey City product broke out as a dominant player as a sophomore during the 2022 season, racking up 60 tackles to go with a league-high 19 tackles for loss (No. 5 in FCS) and nine sacks (T-No. 13 in FCS).
- His 2022 accolades included: being named to the All-MEAC First Team ... HERO Sports 2022 FCS Sophomore All-American selection ... Phil Steele All-MEAC First Team DL ... Bluebloods All-MEAC First Team DL ... BOXTOROW All-America Honorable Mention.
- Morgan hasn't seen this dominant of an edge rusher since Malachi Washington (2015-19) who finished his career with 116 tackles, 38 tackles for loss, 20.5 sacks with three fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles and an interception.

MSU'S TOP 5 CAREER TFLs

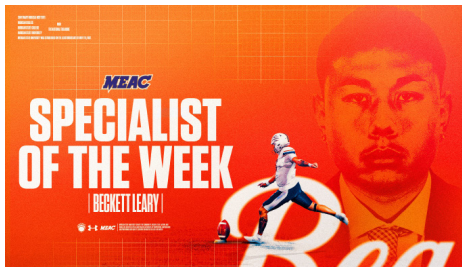
Rank	Name	TFLs	Year
1.	Jarrell Guyton	49.5	2005-08
2.	Elijah Williams	43.0	2021-
3.	Christopher Robinson	42.5	2011-14
4.	Rico Kennedy	38.5	2016-19
5.	Justin Lawrence	34.5	2006-08
6.	Vincent Brown	33.5	2003-04

MSU'S TOP 5 CAREER SACKS

Rank	Name	TFLs	Year
1.	Christopher Robinson	28.5	2011-14
2.	Willie Thompson	26.0	1994-97
T2.	Elijah Williams	26.0	2021-
3.	Justin Lawrence	24.0	2006-08
4.	Jarrell Guyton	16.0	2005-08

CAN I KICK IT

On Monday, (Sept. 2), senior PK **Beckett Leary** became the first Morgan Bear to earn MEAC weekly honors, being named Special Teams Player of the Week. He made his presence felt in Morgan's season-opener debut against Hampton on Saturday night and delivered a 23-yard field goal in his first attempt of the season. He was also successful on three of his point-after kicks. His contributions set the stage for a promising season for the veteran kicker.



- Leary has made 18-of-27 field goals since joining the Bears as a transfer from the University of New Haven in 2022.
- He began his college career as a freshman at Juniata in 2021 where he connected on 7-of-11 field goals.
- During the 2023 season, Leary converted 7-of-12 field goals, including a career-high 39-yarder at Yale on Sept. 30...he also finished 18-for-19 on PATs in 10 games.
- Leary was a 4-sport athlete at Reservoir High where he was not only a standout kicker and punter for the Gators, he also played varsity soccer and lacrosse for two years, in addition to varsity tennis for one year.

LEARY FIELD GOALS

Year	GP	FG	FGA	Pct.	Long
2024	6	6	8	75.0	41
2023	10	7	12	58.3	39
2022	11	5	7	71.4	37
Total	27	18	27	66.7	41

THE TAKEOVER FACTORY

- MSU finished the 2023 season ranked T-No. 8 in the nation (FCS) in turnovers gained (23).
- The Bears posted 12 fumble recoveries and 11 interceptions in 10 games.
- Morgan forced two turnovers at Hampton in Week 1...the Bears had a fumble recovery and an interception in their 30-28 win against the Pirates.
- The Bears added two turnovers in their 14-9 clash with Towson in Week 2...Morgan had an interception to start the game and collected a fumble recovery.

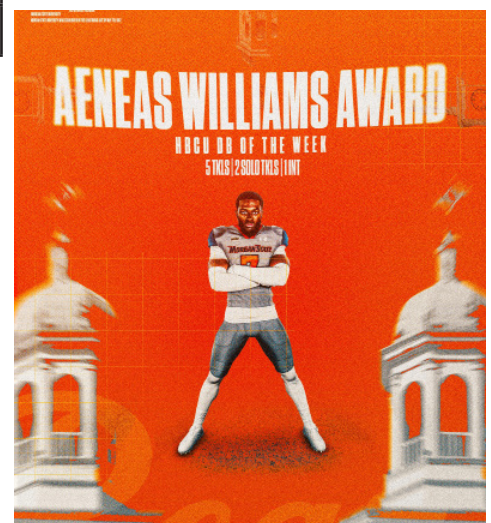
- Morgan currently ranks T-No. 13 (FCS) in turnover margin (0.86), T-No. 22 in turnovers gained (12), T-No. 39 in interceptions (6) and T-No. 12 in fumbles recovered (6).
- The Bears stymied FBS-opponent Ohio's offense in Week 3 as they recorded three interceptions and a fumble recovery.
- The Bears opened the scoring with a pick-6 by **Carlainsky Decius** vs. Virginia-Lynchburg in Week 4.
- Morgan forced a fumble on the goalline and **Reginald Barnes** recovered the ball in the endzone to deny Stony Brook a touchdown in the fourth quarter of Week 5.

BEARS IN OT

The Bears are 8-7 all-time in overtime games since the NCAA instituted the rule in 1996. MSU's last overtime contest was on Sept. 23, 2023 during a non-conference 23-17 2OT loss against UAlbany.

IN OT

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
9/21/96	Liberty	W	34-28
9/26/98	Norfolk State	L	43-46
10/26/02	Delaware State	W	35-28
11/2/02	Morris Brown	W	42-41
9/27/03	Hampton	L	21-24
10/4/03	B-Cookman	W	31-24
10/8/05	N.C. A&T	L	33-40
9/20/07	Hampton	L	17-24
10/13/07	Howard	W	36-33
11/20/07	S.C. State	L	21-28
10/18/08	Howard	W	31-30
9/19/09	W-Salem State	W	16-10
10/31/09	Florida A&M	L	28-31
9/1/12	Sacred Heart	W	30-27
9/23/23	UAlbany	L	17-23





BLOCK PARTY STARTER

Nana Asante made headlines last weekend with his special teams performance at Stony Brook, showcasing his defensive prowess by blocking a pair of extra points.



- This achievement not only highlights Asante's skill but also places him in a unique category within the annals of Morgan football history – he becomes the first player since Colby Warrior to block two kicks in a single game, a feat accomplished during the 2018 season against Howard.
- With five blocked kicks now under his belt in his collegiate career, Asante continues to solidify his reputation as a disruptive force on special teams.

POUND THE GROUND

Morgan State ranks No. 4 in the MEAC in rushing yards per game (160.0 avg), thanks to a stable of talented running backs, who have racked up 1,120 total yards and 15 TDs in the first seven games.

- Senior RB **Myles Miree** leads the Bears with 318 yards (No. 8 in MEAC) and 6 TDs, followed by redshirt freshman **Jason Collins** (229 yds, 6.2 avg, 3 TDs) and grad student **J.J. Davis** (228 yds, 4 TDs).

SIDELINES TO CENTER STAGE

Duce Taylor stepped into the spotlight as the starting quarterback for the Bears' Week 5 matchup against Stony Brook, marking a significant return after a hiatus since his last start on September 16, 2023, against Towson.



- The redshirt junior showed flashes of solid production during the game, completing 11 of 17 passes for a total of 70 yards and was sacked twice. Additionally, two fumbles added to his struggles.
- Despite the setbacks, Taylor's perseverance and drive moving forward will play a critical role as the Bears grind through the remainder of the season. In just two games this season, Taylor has thrown for a total of 129 yards.
- He completed 17 of 24 attempts, including a touchdown pass in Week 4 against Virginia-Lynchburg.
- In his third consecutive start of the season, Taylor completed 24-of-31 passes for 186 yards in Week 7 against Merrimack.

LIMITED LAUNDRY

Damon Wilson's Bears are the least penalized team in the MEAC (39 in 7 gms). This achievement is no small feat, as pre-and-post snap penalties are often a significant challenge for many teams - and right now Morgan has demonstrated they are the best at minimizing costly mistakes. This disciplined approach is not merely a statistic but a reflection of the culture Wilson has fostered within the program. As the season progresses, Morgan's reputation as a well-disciplined squad continues to grow.



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8	Joshua Smith	TE	6-3	235	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Galthier HS / Univ. of North Texas
9	Malcolm Brown	TE	6-4	225	R-Jr.	Fulton, Md. / Reservoir HS
9	Melteon Davis	DL	6-1	275	Sr.	Temple Hills, Md. / DeMatha Catholic HS
10	Andre Crawley	WR	5-7	190	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. / Mount St. Joseph
10	Josh Graham	S	5-9	175	Sr.	Norcross, Ga. / Norcross HS
11	Keshawn "KJ" Scott	LB	6-2	220	R-Jr.	Greenwood, S.C. / Greenwood HS
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19	Joseph Murray	DL	6-3	225	Gr.	Huntingtown, Md. / Huntingtown HS / Marshall
19	Demier Shipley	WR	6-4	185	Jr.	Tuskegee, Ala. / Booker T. Washington HS
20	Josiah Blake	DB	6-4	180	So.	Springdale, Md. / CH Flowers HS
20	Kyle Williams	RB	6-0	190	Fr.	Harrisburg, Pa. / Harrisburg HS
21	Gregory Young II	DB	5-11	170	Gr.	Clinton, Md. / Suitland HS
22	Dorian Harris	RB	6-1	195	So.	Tappahanock, Va. / Essex HS
23	Davian Pryor	DB	6-2	170	Fr.	Frederick, Md. / Frederick HS
24	Jalen Greene-Scarver	DL	6-5	260	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Englewood HS
25	Bryan Stukes	DB	6-1	200	Sr.	Chesapeake, Va. / Oscar Smith HS
26	Dae'Jean Dennis	RB	6-0	210	Fr.	Waycross, Ga. / Ware County HS
27	Jeremiah Wynn	DB	6-0	186	So.	Cockeysville, Md. / Dulaney HS
28	Malik Hemmeian	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	Laurel, Md. / Mt. Hebron HS
29	Taron Reddick	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	Washington, D.C. / H.D. Woodson HS
30	Kayden Harris	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / McDonough HS
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33	Xavier Shell	LB	6-1	215	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. / Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical HS
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35	Hosea Robinson	DB	5-10	200	Gr.	Waldorf, Md. / Westlake HS
36	Quincy Johnson	DB	6-0	190	Jr.	Waxahachie, Texas / Waxahachie HS
37	Felix Igiri	RB	5-11	215	Sr.	Jersey City, N.J. / Lincoln HS / Mt. San Antonio College
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40	Erick Hunter	LB	6-4	210	Sr.	Capitol Heights, Md. / Westlake HS
41	Mehki Hicks	DB	5-10	190	R-Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. / Eagle Academy
42	Nigel Walker	LB	6-3	200	Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Montgomery Academy
43	Will Harris Jr.	LB	6-0	220	R-Jr.	Neptune Township, N.J. / Neptune HS
44	Justin Dutton	DL	6-4	270	So.	Baltimore, Md. / Pikesville HS
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49	Arturo Mattocks	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Montgomery Village, Md. / St. John's College
50	Keith Joseph-Clark	LB	5-11	210	Jr.	Silver Spring, Md. / St. John's College HS
52	Timothy Lawson	OL	6-6	305	So.	Fort Washington, Md. / National Christian Academy / Marshall
54	Jamal Bin-Yusif	DL	6-3	245	Fr.	Middletown, Del. / St. Georges Tech HS
55	Jordan Jeudy	DL	6-2	285	Jr.	Broward County, Fla. / Deerfield Beach HS
56	Mosula Tapusoa	DL	6-0	310	R-Fr.	Laie, Hawaii / Mater Dei HS
57	Cameron Montague	DL	6-4	260	Fr.	Warren, N.J. / Watchung Hills Regional HS
58	Shane Marks	OL	6-2	295	So.	Bowie, Md. / Bowie HS
59	Dashawn Fields	DL	6-4	260	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / Milford Mill Academy HS
61	Alphonse Mansare	OL	6-4	340	So.	Rockville, Md. / Walter Johnson HS
62	Alec Washington	OL	6-4	325	So.	Hyattsville, Md. / Saint Frances Academy
64	Uriel Rodriguez-Campos	OL	6-5	290	So.	Fremont, Calif. / American HS
65	Mohamad Salamah	OL	6-4	305	So.	Silver Spring, Md. / James Blake HS
66	Blake Scriber	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Withrow HS
67	Elijah Sow	OL	6-4	270	So.	Columbia, Md. / Wide Lake HS
68	Matthew McDonald	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	Durham, N.C. / Jordan HS
70	Evan Rawlick	OL	6-5	300	So.	Surrey, British Columbia / IMG Academy
71	Kahari Finley	OL	6-5	285	So.	Clinton, Md. / St. Frances Academy
72	Trevon Branch	OL	6-3	290	Sr.	White Plains, Md. / St. John's College HS
73	Kristopher Boyd	OL	6-5	355	So.	Washington, D.C. / Archbishop Carroll HS
74	Daniel Casillas	OL	6-2	315	Jr.	Kissimmee, Fla. / Tohopekaliga HS
75	Kadin Zlacki-Johnson	OL	6-7	305	Fr.	Ashburn, Va. / Stone Bridge HS
76	Da'Jour Dixon	OL	6-4	300	R-Jr.	Willingboro, N.J. / Willingboro HS
77	Andrew Lowe	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Madison, N.C. / Dalton L. McMichael HS
78	Darius Mosley	OL	6-6	340	Fr.	Germantown, Md. / Northwest HS
80	Zyheem Coleman-Frazier	WR	6-0	165	So.	Sicklerville, N.J. / Timber Creek HS / Temple
81	Kofi Irving	WR	6-0	170	Rf.	Laurel, Md. / St. Vincent Pallotti HS
82	Joseph Kennerly Jr.	WR	5-9	170	Jr.	Deerfield, Fla. / Deerfield Beach HS
83	Ronald Boddie Jr.	WR	5-11	165	So.	Upper Marlboro, Md. / Dr. Henry A. Wise HS / Bowie State
84	Maxim Copeland	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	Windsor, Conn. / Windsor HS
85	Shane Messenger	P	6-0	200	So.	Alexandria, Va. / St. John's College HS
86	Matt Lowe	TE	6-5	255	R-Jr.	Hesperia, Calif. / Serrano HS
87	Ferdinand Nyivih	TE	6-4	215	R-So.	Owings Mills, Md. / New Town HS
88	Treston Davis	TE	6-5	240	Jr.	Oldtown, Md. / Fort Hill HS
89	Tyreek Wood	TE	6-2	230	So.	Leonardtown, Md. / Leonardtown HS
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91	Anthony Ngansi	DL	6-5	240	Fr.	Columbia, Md. / Atholton HS
92	Blanche Gold	DL	6-1	240	Jr.	Springdale, Md. / C.H. Flowers HS
93	Adrian Littleton	DL	6-2	250	So.	Laurel, Md. / St. John's College HS
94	Chibuikem Oguayo	DL	6-3	245	Jr.	Beltsville, Md. / High Point HS
95	Chance Pickard	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	Greensboro, N.C. / Ragsdale HS
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66	Blake Scriber	DL	6-3	280	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Withrow HS
33	Xavier Shell	LB	6-1	215	Sr.	Baltimore Md. / Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical HS
19	Demier Shipley	WR	6-4	185	Jr.	Tuskegee, Ala. / Booker T. Washington HS
8	Joshua Smith	TE	6-3	235	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Gaither HS / Univ. of North Texas
0	Tahj Smith	QB	6-2	190	So.	Fredericksburg, Va. / Rock Creek Christian HS
67	Elijah Sow	OL	6-4	270	So.	Columbia, Md. / Wilde Lake HS
25	Bryan Stukes	DB	6-1	200	Sr.	Chesapeake, Va. / Oscar Smith HS
56	Mosula Taposoa	OL	6-0	310	R-Fr.	Laie, Hawaii / Mater Dei HS
11	Antoine "Duce" Taylor	QB	6-1	180	R-Jr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / North Side HS
42	Nigel Walker	LB	6-3	200	Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Montgomery Academy
62	Alec Washington	OL	6-4	325	So.	Hvattsville, Md. / Saint Frances Academy
17	Tyler Wilkins	WR	6-3	200	Jr.	Columbia, Md. / Mount St. Joseph HS
0	Elijah Williams	DL	6-3	270	Sr.	Jersey City, N.J. / Lincoln HS
20	Kyle Williams	RB	6-0	190	Fr.	Harrisburg, Pa. / Harrisburg HS
89	Tyreek Wood	TE	6-2	230	So.	Leonardtown, Md. / Leonardtown HS
3	Tyrin Woodby	DB	6-1	180	R-Fr.	Bowie, Md. / St. Frances Academy
27	Jeremiah Wynn	DB	6-0	186	So.	Cockeysville, Md. / Dulaney HS
21	Gregory Young II	DB	5-11	170	Gr.	Clinton, Md. / Suitland HS
75	Kadin Zlacki-Johnson	OL	6-7	305	Fr.	Ashburn, Va. / Stone Bridge HS

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	TEAM	POS
47	Sahr Gbundema	K
48	Kendall Anderson	DB
49	Arturo Mattocks	LB
50	Keith Joseph-Clark	LB
52	Timothy Lawson	OL
54	Jamal Bin-Yusif	DL
55	Jordan Jeudy	DL
56	Mosula Taposoa	OL
57	Cameron Montague	DL
58	Shane Marks	OL
59	DaShawn Fields	DL
61	Alphonse Mansare	OL
62	Alec Washington	OL
64	Uriel Rodriguez-Campos	OL
65	Mohamad Salamah	OL
66	Blake Scriber	OL
67	Elijah Sow	OL
68	Matthew McDonald	OL
70	Evan Rawlick	OL
71	Kahari Finley	OL
72	Treyvon Branch	OL
73	Kristopher Boyd	OL
74	Daniel Casillas	OL
75	Kadin Zlacki-Johnson	OL
76	Da'Jour Dixon	OL
77	Andrew Lowe	OL
78	Darius Mosely	OL
80	Zyheem Coleman-Frazier	WR
81	Kofi Irving	WR
82	Joseph "JoJo" Kennerly	WR
83	Ronald Boddie Jr.	WR
84	Maxim Copeland	WR
85	Shane Messenger	P
86	Matt Lowe	TE
87	Ferdinand Nyivih	TE
88	Treston Davis	TE
89	Tyreek Wood	TE
90	Joshua Lowe	DL
91	Anthony Ngansi	DL
92	Blanche Gold	DL
93	Adrian Littleton	DL
94	Chibuikem Oguayo	DL
95	Chance Pickard	DL
97	Reginald Barnes	DL
99	Shari'eff Andrews	DL



COACHING STAFF

Damon Wilson, Head Coach
 Antone' Sewell, Asst. HC/Def. Coord.
 Apollo Wright, Offensive Coordinator
 Tyrae Reid, WRs/Pass Game Coord.
 David Fant Jr., Running Backs Coach
 Benton Harold, Tight Ends/STC
 Richard Reddix, Offensive Line Coach
 Jimmie Johnson, Asst. OL/Recruiting Coord.
 Ramal Faunteroy, Defensive Line Coach
 Brawley Evans, Linebackers Coach
 Omarr Smith, Def. Pass Game Coord./CBs
 Melvin Coleman, Safeties Coach
 Mitch Bereznay, Offense Asst. Coach
 Chip Vaughn, Asst. Defensive Line Coach

EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

The Bears recorded 24 explosive plays (20+ yards) on offense during the 2023 season. Morgan has opened the 2024 season with 24 explosive plays. WR **Andre Crawley** recorded a 79-yard TD reception from **Duce Taylor** as one of Morgan's longest plays of the season.

20-Yard Plus Plays

Yards	Type	Player	Opponent
23	Run	K. Jenkins Jr.	at Hampton
41	Run	J. Collins Jr.	
22	Run	T. Smith	
28	Run	T. Smith	at Towson
21	Pass	M. Leatherbury from T. Smith	
74	Pass	J. Kennerly from T. Smith	
26	Pass	J.J. Davis from T. Smith	
20	Pass	A. Crawley from T. Smith	
33	Pass	A. Crawley from T. Smith	at Ohio
32	Run	J. Collins Jr.	vs. Virginia-Lynchburg
36	Pass	A. Crawley from D. Taylor	
39	Pass	J. Owumi from D. Anthony	
44	Run	D. Dennis	
25	Run	D. Harris	
49	Run	M. Miree	at Stony Brook
20	Pass	D. Shipley from D. Anthony	
79	Pass	A. Crawley from D. Taylor	vs. Lincoln-PA
25	Run	J.J. Davis	
21	Pass	M. Phillip from A. Crawley	
29	Pass	F. Nyivih from D. Taylor	
25	Pass	J.J. Davis from D. Taylor	vs. Merrimack
32	Run	J.J. Davis	
27	Pass	M. Phillip from D. Taylor	
20	Pass	M. Miree from D. Taylor	

2024 BOXTOROW HBCU COACHES POLL

Rank	School	W-L	Pts.	Last Week
1	North Carolina Central (16)	5-2	178	1
2	Jackson State (1)	5-2	153	4
3	Tennessee State (1)	6-2	151	3
4	Florida A&M	3-3	111	2
5	Hampton	4-3	101	T-6
6	South Carolina State	4-2	89	T-6
7	Southern	4-3	79	8
T-8	Alcorn State	4-3	35	5
T-8	Alabama State	3-3	35	10
10	Grambling	4-3	21	NR

Others receiving votes: Alabama A&M (3-3) 19, Howard (3-4) 11, Bethune-Cookman (1-6) 9, Morgan State (3-4) 5,

2024 BOXTOROW HBCU MEDIA POLL

Rank	School	W-L	Pts.	Last Week
1	North Carolina Central (17)	5-2	207	2
2	Jackson State (3)	5-2	185	3
3	Tennessee State	6-2	156	4
4	Florida A&M	3-3	132	1
5	South Carolina State	4-2	112	6
6	Johnson C. Smith	7-0	107	5
7	Hampton	4-3	87	7
8	Southern	4-3	43	NR
9	Virginia Union	5-2	39	10
10	Alabama State	3-3	30	8

Others receiving votes: Morgan State (3-4) 13, Alcorn State (4-4) 10, Winston-Salem State (6-2) 9, Grambling (4-3) 9, Howard (3-4) 7, Miles (5-2) 7.

ON THE FIELD

Damon Wilson
Head Coach



Antone' Sewell
Asst. Head Coach/DC



Richard Reddix
Offensive Line



Tyrae Reid
WR/Pass Game Coord.



David Fant Jr.
Running Backs



Benton 'Sport' Harold
TE/Special Teams Coord.



Ramal Faunteroy
Defensive Line



Brawley Evans
Linebackers



Mitch Bereznavy
Offense Assistant



Chip Vaughn
Defensive Line Assistant

IN THE BOOTH

Apollo Wright
Offensive Coordinator



Omarr Smith
Def. Pass Game Coord.



Jimmie Johnson
Asst. Offensive Line



Melvin Coleman
Safeties

DID YOU KNOW?

- LB **Ahmad McCullough** played at Washington State and Maryland .. and his older brother, Jeremiah, played at Kansas.
- Bowie State transfer DB **Jadon Carter** collected three interceptions, including one returned for a TD as a sophomore for the Bulldogs.
- QB **Tahj Smith** is interested in becoming a sports agent and work in real estate.
- RB **Keith Jenkins Jr.** holds Patriot HS's record for rushing TDs in a game... he scored 5 TDs and finished with 13 carries for 224 yards vs. CD Hylton HS (2001).
- Redshirt freshman OL **Mosula Tapusoa** is from Laie, Hawaii and played at Mater Dei High School...he was also a member of his high school's choir.
- Senior DE **Elijah Williams** and senior RB **Felix Igiri** are from the same hometown, Jersey City... They both attended Lincoln High School.
- **Nana Asante**, who was born in Greensboro, N.C. to Ghanaian parents, has two siblings. The name 'Nana' in Ghanaian culture is linked to royalty and translates to 'chief,' 'king,' or 'royalty.'
- **Marquez Phillips** is a graduate student and he attended two other HBCUs before making Morgan his home... He studied at Virginia State and Florida A&M.
- Morgan's head football coach **Damon Wilson** and head basketball coach Kevin Broadus are both Bowie State graduates.



THE LAST TIME...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards: vs. Virginia Union, 1996 (447)
 Had 300 or more yards: vs. Norfolk State, 2018 (333)
 Had 200 or more yards: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2024 (293)
 Had FEWER than 50 yards: vs. Tulane, 2021 (45)
 Had 60 or more rush attempts: at NCCU, 2013 (64)
 Had 50 or more rush attempts: at Hampton, 2024 (55)
 Had three TDs: vs. Merrimack, 2024
 Had four or more rush TDs: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (4)
 Had two or more players with 150 rush yards in a game:
 vs. Morris Brown, 2002; T.J. Stallings (195), L. Washington (169)
 Had a player rush for 2 TDs: Myles Miree vs. Merrimack, 2024
 Had a player rush for 3 TDs: at Hampton, 2014, Herb Walker Jr. (3)
 Had a player rush for 5 or more TDs: at Howard, 2002, T.J. Stallings (5)
 Rushed for 200 yards or more: vs. Norfolk State, Alfonzo Graham (203), 2022
 Rushed for 100 yards or more: at S.C. State, J.J. Davis (108), 2023
 Had a run of 70 or more yards: Alfonzo Graham, vs. Georgetown, 2022 (86)
 Had a run of 60 or more yards: Travis Davidson, at BGSU, 2011 (61)
 Had a run of 50 or more yards: J.J. Davis at S.C. State, 2023 (53)

PASSING

Had 400 or more yards passing: vs. N.C. A&T, 2001 (551)
 Had 300 or more yards passing: vs. #15 N.C. A&T, 2017 (303)
 Had 200 or more yards passing: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2022 (249)
 Had LESS than 125 yards passing: at Stony Brook, 2024 (113)
 Had LESS than 75 yards passing: at Stony Brook, 2022 (71)
 Had 50 or more pass attempts: at S.C. State, 2004 (59)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts: vs. Towson, 2023 (44)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts: vs. Merrimack, 2024 (31)
 Attempted 20 or fewer passes: vs. Lincoln-PA (20), 2024
 Had 25 or more pass completions: vs. S.C. State, 2014 (25)
 Had 20 or more pass completions: vs. Merrimack, 2024 (24)
 Had FEWER than 15 pass completions: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2024 (11)
 Had five passing TDs: vs. Delaware State, 2014
 Had four passing TDs: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2022
 Had three passing TDs: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2024
 Had two passing TDs: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024
 Had zero passing TDs: vs. Merrimack, 2024
 Had four or more passes intercepted: vs. Bethune-Cookman, 2010 (4)
 Had three passes intercepted: vs. Towson, 2023
 Had two passes intercepted: at Yale, 2023
 Had one pass intercepted: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024
 Did not throw an interception: vs. Merrimack, 2024

RECEIVING

Caught six or more passes: Andre Crawley, vs. Merrimack, 2024 (9)
 Had 8 or more receivers with a catch: vs. Merrimack, 2024 (10)
 Had one player with 100 yards receiving in a game: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024,
 Andre Crawley (113)
 Had one one 300-yard passer and one 100-yard rushing in a game:
 at S.C. State, 2004, (B. Littlejohn 392-pass, J. Jackson 145-run)
 Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher in a game: at UAlbany,
 2018, (D. Harris 107-run, M. Bailey 109 yds-receiving)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 20 or more first downs: vs. Merrimack, 2024 (22)
 Had 600 or more yards total offense: vs. S.C. State, 2004 (625)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense: vs. Norfolk State, 2018 (504)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2024 (444)
 LESS than 200 yards of total offense: at S.C. State, 2023 (158)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense: vs. S.C. State, 2014 (86)
 Had 75 or more plays total offense: vs. Merrimack, 2024 (77)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points: vs. Delaware State, 1967 (69)
 Scored 50 or more points: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2024 (56)
 Scored 40 or more points: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (41)
 Scored 30 or more points: at Hampton, 2024 (30)
 Was held scoreless: vs. Towson, 2021 (31-0)
 Was held scoreless in the 1st half: at Howard, 2023 (7-0)
 Was held scoreless in the 2nd half: at Stony Brook, 2024 (6-0)
 Was held scoreless in Hughes Stadium: vs. Towson, 2021 (31-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road: at Rutgers, 2017 (65-0)
 Held opponent scoreless in the 1st half: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (27-0)
 Held opponent scoreless in the 2nd half: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (14-0)
 Held opponent scoreless: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (41-0)
 Held opponents scoreless at Hughes Stadium: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (41-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in one season: 1979, vs. UMES (41-0),
 vs. Delaware State (22-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in one season: Not since 1934
 Held four opponents scoreless in one season: Not since 1934
 Held five opponents scoreless in one season: 1934, (8)
 Held a MEAC opponent scoreless: Delaware State (9-0), 2018
 Held two MEAC opponents scoreless: vs. MD-Eastern Shore (41-0), 1979,
 vs. Delaware State (22-0), 1979
 Held three MEAC opponents scoreless: vs. NC College (23-0), 1967
 vs. Delaware State (27-0), vs. Norfolk State (63-0)
 Attempted a two-point conversion: at Norfolk State (pass), 2023

TURNOVERS

Committed five or more turnovers: at Howard, 2017, 5 (2 INTs, 3 fumbles)
 Committed four turnovers: vs. Towson, 2023 (3INT, fumble)
 Had four or more fumbles: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2024 (4)
 Had three fumbles: vs. Howard, 2018
 Did not commit a turnover: vs. Merrimack, 2024
 Recorded five or more takeaways: at Akron, 2023 (5)
 Recorded three or more fumble recoveries: vs. UAlbany, 2023 (3)
 Recorded two fumble recoveries: at Akron, 2023
 Returned two or more INTs for TDs: vs. N.C. Central, (2008)
 Recorded an interception: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2024 (C. Decius, 14 yds)
 Recorded two interceptions: at S.C. State, 2023 (Quincy Johnson, Erick Hunter)
 Recorded three interceptions: at Ohio, 2024 (Jadon Carter, Bryan Stukes, Ja'son Prevard)
 Recorded four interceptions: at UAlbany, 2018 (Donte Small - 3, DJ Trigg)
 Returned INT for a TD: vs. VA-Lynchburg 2024 (C. Decius, 14 yds)
 Returned a fumble for a TD: at Delaware State (D. Hebron, 0 yds)
 Retd a blocked PAT for 2-pts: at Delaware State, 2017 (Rico Kennedy, 100yds)

DEFENSE

Held opponent to 0 or fewer rushing yards: at Delaware State, 2022 (-5)
 Held opponent to 50 or fewer rushing yards: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2024 (43)
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer rushing yards: at #10 NCCU, 2023 (79)
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (37)
 Held oppt to 300 or fewer total offense: vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (188)
 Held oppt to 200 or fewer total offense: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2024 (61)
 Intercepted five or more passes: vs. N.C. Central, 2008 (6)
 Intercepted four passes: at UAlbany, 2018
 Intercepted three passes: at Akron, 2023
 Intercepted two passes: at Norfolk State, 2023
 Scored a safety: vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2022
 Recorded six or more sacks: at Delaware State, 2022 (9)
 Recorded five sacks: at #16 Richmond, 2023
 Had 10 or more tackles: B. Stukes/A. Mattocks at Stony Brook, 2024 (13)
 Recorded two sacks: Elijah Williams, vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2024 (2.0)



SPECIAL TEAMS

Had a field goal of 50 or more yards:.....at #4 N.C. A&T, 2018
(Alex Raya, 51 yds)
 Had a field goal of 40-49 yards:.....vs. Merrimack, 2024
(Beckett Leary, 41 yds)
 Had a punt of 50 or more yards:.....at Ohio, 2024
(Shane Messenger, 56 yds)
 Returned a punt for a TD:.....vs. Hampton, 2015
(Andrew King, 66 yds)
 Punted 8 or more times:.....at Howard, 2023 (Beckett Leary, 9)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD: Delaware State, 2022 (Hosea Robinson, 26 yds)
 Returned a blocked FG for TD:.....vs. Towson, 2023 (Jordan Toles, 53 yds)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD:.....2023 at S.C. State, (Jordan Toles, 73 yds)
 Returned a kickoff and a punt for a TD:.....-/
 Kickoff Ret. of 50 yds or more:.....Jordan Toles, at S.C. State, 2023 (73)
 Punt Ret. of 40 yds or more:.....Carl Garnes, vs. Savannah State, 2017 (48)
 Blocked one punt:.....at Delaware State, 2022 (Hosea Robinson)
 Blocked a field goal:.....vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (Nana Asante)
 Blocked an extra point conversion:.....at Stony Brook, 2024 (2x, Nana Asante)
 Missed a kicking PAT:.....at S.C. State, 2023 (Beckett Leary)
 Missed a field goal:.....at Norfolk State, 2023 (Beckett Leary, 47 yds)
 Converted a PAT:.....at Norfolk State, 2023 (J. Owumi pass from C. Baker)
 Returned a missed FG for TD:.....vs. Savannah State, 2015 (Peterson Janvier, 100 yds)

MISCELLANEOUS

Had FEWER than 10 first downs:.....at Howard, 2023 (9)
 Had 10 or more penalties:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (11)
 Had fewer than 10 penalties:.....vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (2)
 Had 100 or more yards in penalties:.....vs. Towson, 2023 (114)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:.....vs. Merrimack, 2024 (39:56)

THE LAST TIME AN OPPOSING PLAYER...

PASSING

Had 400 or more yards passing:.....vs. Norfolk State, 2018 (476)
 Had 300 or more yards passing:.....at Yale, 2023 (366)
 Had 200 or more yards passing:.....at Towson, 2024 (209)
 Had LESS than 100 yards passing:.....vs. Merrimack, 2024 (65)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:.....at Yale, 2023 (40)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts:.....vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (30)
 Had five or more passing TDs:.....at Bethune-Cookman, 2017 (5)
 Had four passing TDs:.....at Yale, 2023 (4)
 Had three passing TDs:.....vs. Howard, 2022
 Had one player with 100 yds receiving in a game:.....at Yale, 2023
Mason Tipton, (136)
 Had eight or more players catch a pass:.....at Towson, 2024 (10)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:.....vs. Tulane, 2021 (69)
 Scored 50 or more points:.....at N.C. Central 2022 (59)
 Scored 40 or more points:.....at Yale, 2023 (45)
 Scored 30 or more points:.....vs. Merrimack, 2024 (32)
 Scored a two-point conversion:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (pass)

TURNOVERS

Had four or more fumbles:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (4)
 Had three or more fumbles LOST:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (3)
 Threw three or more interceptions:.....at Ohio, 2024 (3)
 Did not commit a turnover:.....vs. Merrimack, 2024
 Intercepted five or more passes:.....vs. N.C. Central, 2008 (6)
 Intercepted four passes:.....vs. Bethune-Cookman, 2010 (4)

Intercepted three passes:.....vs. Towson, 2023
 Intercepted two passes:.....at Yale, 2023
 Returned two INTs for a TD:.....vs. #15 N.C. A&T, 2017 (Franklin McCain, 100 & 78 yds)
 Returned an INT for a TD:.....at Yale, 2023 (Joseph Vaughn, 36 yds)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:.....at Akron, 2023 (Brian McCoy, 13 yds)

DEFENSE

Held MSU to 15 or fewer first downs:.....vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024 (15)
 Scored a safety:.....vs. Sacred Heart, 2022 (punt blocked into the endzone)
 Held MSU to 50 or fewer yards rushing:.....vs. Tulane, 2021 (45)
 Held MSU to 300 or fewer yards passing:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (204)
 Held MSU to 200 or fewer yards passing:.....vs. Merrimack, 2024 (186)
 Held MSU to 100 or fewer yards passing:.....at Ohio, 2024 (136)
 Held MSU to 300 or fewer yards total offense:.....at Stony Brook, 2024 (259)
 Returned a punt for a TD:.....Garrett Brown, Air Force, 2015 (83 yds)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD:.....Dylan Mulder, at Eastern Michigan, 2014 (1 yd)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD:.....S.C. State, 2014, Antonio Hamilton (98 yds)
 Punted 8 or more times:.....at Delaware State, 2022 (8, Matt Noll)
 Punted Once:.....at Towson, 2022
 Did not Punt:.....at Norfolk State, 2010
 Missed a kicking PAT:.....at Bowling Green, 2019 (Nate Needham)
 Blocked a PAT:.....vs. Lincoln-PA, 2024
 Blocked a Field Goal:.....at Ohio, 2024 (Bradley Weaver)
 Blocked two Field Goals:.....vs. B-Cookman, 2012 (Dawud Lane, Lavon McCoy)
 Returned a blocked FG for a TD:.....Jonathan Dowling, WKU, 2013 (70 yds)
 Blocked a Punt:.....at Akron, 2023 (Noel Roach)
 Made 3 or more FGs:.....vs. Merrimack, 2024 (4; Liam Davis)
 Missed a FG:.....vs. Merrimack 2024 (Liam Davis, 51)
 Missed 2 or more FGs:.....vs. N.C. Central, 2014 (E. Fenton, 41, 34)

RUSHING

Rushed 50 or more times:.....at Stony Brook, 2024 (52)
 Rushed 40 or more times:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (47)
 Rushed 30 or more times:.....Ross Tallarico, Stony Brook, 2022 (36)
 Rushed 25 or more times:.....Roland Dempster, at Stony Brook, 2024 (25)
 Rushed for 200 yards or more:.....B-CU, Jimmie Robinson, 2018 (208)
 Rushed for 150 yards or more:.....Roland Dempster, Stony Brook, 2024 (158)
 Rushed for 100 yards or more:.....Jarrett Hunter at Howard, 2023 (108)
 Rushed for three or more TDs:.....at Stony Brook, 2024 (3)
 Had 2 or more rush for 100 yards or more:.....Andy Davidson (111),
Cole Macek (108), D. Woolfork (104), at Army St., 2016
 Player rushed for three or more TDs:.....Roland Dempster, at Stony Brook, 2024 (3)
 Rushed for two TDs:.....Kevon King, Norfolk State, 2023 (2)
 Had a run of 70 or more yards:.....Dedrick Parson, at Howard, 2019 (71)
 Had a run of 60 or more yards:.....Jimmie Robinson, B-CU, 2018 (65)
 Had a run of 50 or more yards:.....Nazsir Oglesby, vs. Lincoln-PA, 2014 (59)
 Had 8 or more players with a run:.....at #12 Delaware, 2022 (11)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:.....Bobby Townsend, Howard, 1999 (522)
 Passed for 400 or more yards:.....Juwan Carter, Norfolk State, 2018 (467)
 Passed for 300 or more yards:.....Nolan Grooms, at Yale, 2023 (363)
 Passed for 200 or more yards:.....Carlos Davis, at Towson, 2024, (209)
 Attempted 50 or more passes:.....Tim Little, Sacred Heart, 2012 (50)
 Attempted 40 or more passes:.....Kyle Vantrese, at Georgia Southern, 2022 (46)
 Completed 30 or more passes:.....Nick Elko, Delaware State, 2012 (33)
 Completed 20 or more passes:.....Carlos Davis, at Towson, 2024 (21)
 Threw five or more TD passes:.....Larry Brihm, at Bethune-Cookman, 2017 (5)



Threw 5 or more interceptions:.....Stadford Brown, NC Central, 2008 (5)
 Threw 4 interceptions:.....Vincent Testaverde, at UAlbany, 2018
 Threw four TD passes:.....Darius Richard, N.C. Central, 2022 (4)
 Threw three TD passes:.....Tyrrell Pigrome, at Towson, 2022
 Completed a pass of 75 or more yds: V. Testaverde to D. Holmes, at UAlbany, 2018 (88)
 Completed a pass of 50 or more yards:.....Marqui Adams to Rahkeem Smith
vs. Delaware State, 2023 (61)

RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes:.....Travis Tarpley, Delaware State, 2012 (12)
 Caught six or more passes:.....Jaceon Doss, at Towson, 2024 (6)
 Had 150 or more yds receiving:.....Isaiah Winstead, vs. Norfolk State 2018 (156)
 Had 100 or more yards receiving:.....Mason Tipton, at Yale, 2023 (136)
 Caught two TD passes:.....Coleman Owen, at Ohio, 2024
 Caught three TD passes:.....Anthony Warrum, #4 Illinois State, 2015
 Caught four TD passes:.....Alex Neutz, at Buffalo, 2012

SCORING

Scored four or more TDs:.....Johnathan Lewis, at Rutgers, 2017 (4 runs)
 Scored three TDs:.....Roland Dempster at Stony Brook, 2024 (3 runs)
 Scored two TDs:.....Kevon King, at Norfolk State, 2023 (2 runs)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:.....Michael Williams, B-Cookman, 2010 (3)
 Intercepted two passes:.....Robert Javier, vs. Towson, 2023
 Recorded three or more sacks:.....Joey Drayton, Hampton, 2003 (3)
 Recorded two sacks:.....Kadin Smith, at Ohio, 2024
 Returned a fumble for a TD:.....at Akron, 2023 (Bryan McCoy, 13 yds)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 10 or more points kicking:.....Lliam Davis, vs. Merrimack, 2024 (14)
 Kicked four field goals:.....Lliam Davis, vs. Merrimack, 2024
 Kicked three field goals:.....Adrian Olivo, vs. #10 NCCU, 2023
 Kicked two field goals:.....Keegan Vaughan, at Towson, 2023
 Kicked a 50-yard field goal:.....Lliam Davis, vs. Merrimack, 2024 (51)
 Kicked a 60-yard punt:.....Ryan Wright, vs. Tulane, 2021 (68)
 Kickoff Ret. of 50 yds or more:.....Juwan Burgess, at Towson, 2022 (60)
 Punt Ret. of 50 yds or more:.....Isaiah Moore, vs. Howard, 2018 (53)

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Offense	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	QB	RB	WR/TE/FB	WR	WR
at Hampton	Finley	Boyd	Casillas	Dixon	Branch	James	Smith	Jenkins	Brown	Kennerly	Leatherbury
at Towson	Finley	Boyd	Casillas	Dixon	Branch	James	Smith	Jenkins	Brown	Kennerly	Leatherbury
at Ohio	Finley	Scriber	Casillas	Tapusoa	Dixon	James	Smith	Jenkins	Brown	Kennerly	Leatherbury
vs. VA-Lynchburg	Finley	Washington	Casillas	Dixon	Rawlick	Phillips	Smith	Davis	Brown	Kennerly	Leatherbury
at Stony Brook	Finley	Washington	Casillas	Dixon	Rawlick	Phillips	Taylor	Davis	Brown	Kennerly	Leatherbury
vs. Merrimack	Boyd	Washington	Casillas	Scriber	Finley	Phillips	Taylor	Miree	Lowe	Kennerly	Crawley
at North Carolina Central											
vs. Norfolk State											
at Delaware State											
vs. South Carolina State											
vs. Howard											
Defense	DE	DT	NT	DE	MIKE	WILL	NICK	CB	FS	ROVER	CB
at Hampton	Williams	Andrews	Davis	Murray	Mattocks	McCullough	Graham	Decius	Wynn	Quincy	Prevard
at Towson	Williams	Dutton	Davis	Murray	Mattocks	McCullough	Graham	Decius	Wynn	Quincy	Prevard
at Ohio	Williams	Dutton	Davis	Murray	Mattocks	McCullough	Graham	Decius	Rufus	Graham	Prevard
vs. VA-Lynchburg	Williams	Byndon	Barnes	Murray	Mattocks	McCullough	Graham	Decius	Stukes	Carter	Prevard
at Stony Brook	Williams	Byndon	Davis	Murray	Mattocks	McCullough	Graham	Decius	Stukes	Carter	Prevard
vs. Lincoln-PA	Williams	Fields	Davis	Murray	Shell	McCullough	Young II	Decius	Stukes	Carter	Prevard
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SCORING DRIVES (2024)

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QTR	Opponent	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds	TOP	Score
1	at Hampton	9:35	M. Miree, 2 yd run	B. Leary Kick	9-45	5:24	7-0
2		13:29	J. Collins, 41 yd run	B. Leary	5-80	2:15	14-7
2		9:00	M. Miree, 16 yd run	B. Leary Kick	3-17	1:31	20-7
3		6:00	B. Leary, 23 yd FG	--	13-73	7:33	23-14
4		14:27	J.J. Davis, 15 yd run	B. Leary Kick	5-75	2:06	31-20
1	at Towson	12:51	B. Leary, 40 yd FG	--	4-6	1:58	3-0
3		14:07	J. Kennerly from T. Smith, 74 yd pass	B. Leary Kick blkcd	2-73	:46	9-14
1	at Ohio	2:01	B. Leary, 30 yd FG	--	10-62	4:36	3-7
3		:58	B. Leary, 33 yd FG	--	6-18	1:54	6-14
1	Virginia-Lynchburg	14:11	C. Decius, 14 yd int. return	B. Leary Kick	--	--	7-0
		9:36	J.J. Davis, 8 yd run	B. Leary Kick	5-48	2:23	14-0
		3:45	T. Smith, 1 yd run	B. Leary Kick	9-70	3:37	21-0
2		14:46	A. Crawley 15 yd pass from T. Smith	B. Leary Kick	7-39	2:35	28-0
		13:03	J. Collins 32 yd run	B. Leary Kick	1-32	0:08	35-0
		0:40	K. Williams 5 yd pass from D. Taylor	B. Leary Kick	10-45	3:02	42-0
3		2:52	J. Collins 9 yd run	B. Leary Kick	12-78	7:02	49-0
4		5:53	J. Owumi 39 yd pass from D. Anthony	B. Leary Kick	2-47	0:00	56-7
1	at Stony Brook	1:16	B. Leary, 25 yd FG	--	7-74	3:29	
1	Lincoln (Pa.)	10:48	A. Crawley 79 yd pass from D. Taylor	B. Leary Kick blkcd	3-87	1:28	6-0
		5:35	M. Miree 8 yd run	B. Leary Kick	3-20	1:24	13-0
2		12:04	J.J. Davis 25 yd run	B. Leary Kick	5-46	2:49	20-0
		1:17	M. Phillips 21 yd pass from A. Crawley	B. Leary Kick	5-55	1:01	27-0
3		7:02	M. Miree 1 yd run	B. Leary Kick	14-76	7:52	34-0
		00:39	D. Harris 1 yd run	B. Leary Kick	2-8	0:36	41-0
2	Merrimack	2:44	B. Leary 41 yd FG	--	8-40	4:25	3-17
3		7:51	M. Miree 5 yd run	B. Leary Kick	11-67	7:04	10-20
3		:34	M. Miree 1 yd run	B. Leary Kick	10-51	5:03	17-20
4		6:38	J.J. Davis 1 yd run	B. Leary Kick	11-75	5:18	23-24

MOVING THE BALL

Through seven (7) games, the Bears had eight (8) drives of 10-plus plays, which ended with scores and resulted in a total of 48 points. The Bears also ranked No. 1 in the MEAC in 3rd Down Conversions (44%), and No. 3 in first downs (127).