

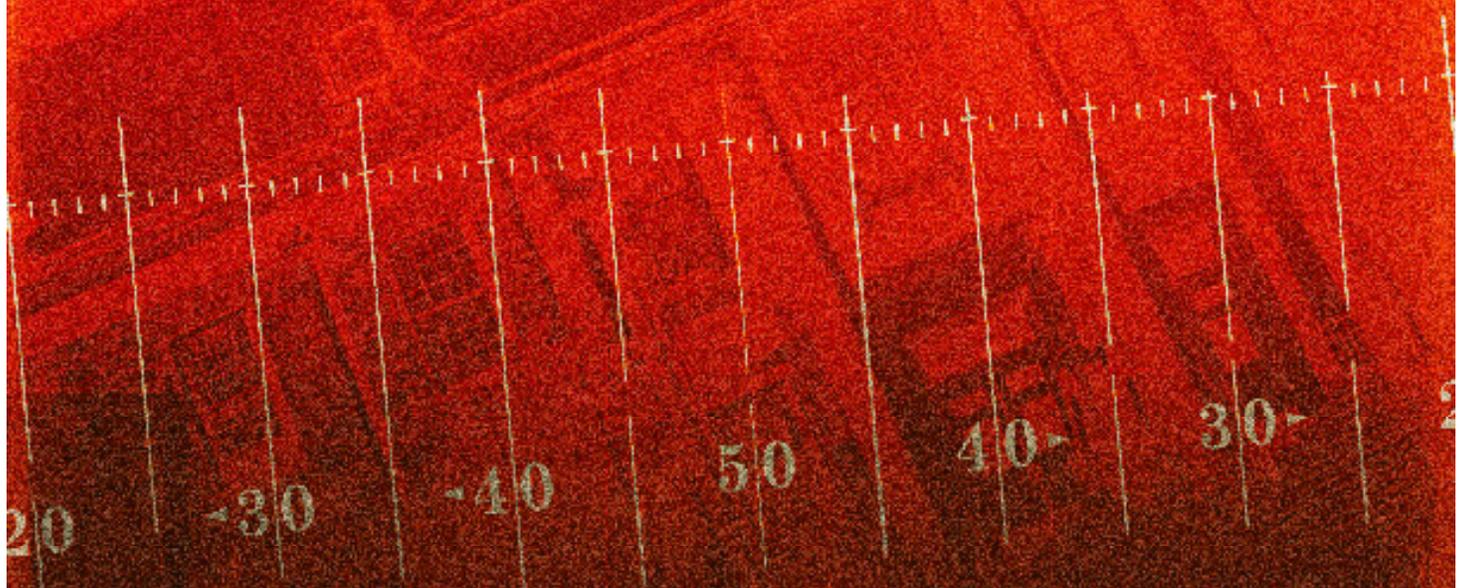


2025 MORGAN STATE FOOTBALL PROSPECTUS

THE NATIONAL TREASURE

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SERVES THE COMMUNITY, REGION, STATE, NATION, AND WORLD AS AN
INTELLECTUAL AND TRUSTED RESOURCE BY SUPPORTING, EMPLOYING AND PREPARING
HIGH-QUALITY, DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS TO LEAD THE WORLD.

Morgan  **MEAC**





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GENERAL

Name of School:	Morgan State University
City/State/ZIP:	Baltimore, Md. 21251
Enrollment:	10,000+
Founded:	1867
Nickname:	Bears
School Colors:	Orange & Blue (PMS - 1655/288)
Stadium:	Earl C. Banks Field at Hughes Stadium
Capacity:	10,000
Surface:	Synthetic Grass
Affiliation:	NCAA Football Championship Series
Conference:	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)
President:	Dr. David Wilson
Alma Mater/Yr.:	Tuskegee, '77
Director of Athletics:	Dena Freeman-Patton
Alma Mater/Yr.:	Liberty, '96
Athletics Dept. Phone:	(443) 885-3050
Ticket Office Number:	(443) 885-3830

TEAM HISTORY

First year of football:	1898
All-Time Record:	464-453-3 (since 1920)
Last postseason:	Richmond, 2014
Last postseason result:	L, 24-46 vs. Richmond 2014 NCAA Division I FCS Playoffs)
MEAC Championships:	4, (1971, 1976, 1979, 2014)

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Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach:	Tommy King and Reuben Green

HEAD COACHING DAMON WILSON

Head Coach:	Damon Wilson
Alma Mater/Yr.:	Bowie State, '98
Record at school (yrs):	14-19 (3 years)
Career record (yrs):	103-64 (16 years)
Football office phone:	(443) 885-4156
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ASSISTANT COACHES

Antone' Sewell	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coord. (4th Season)
Apollo Wright	Offensive Coordinator (2nd Season)
Tyrae Reid	Quarterbacks (2nd Season)
David Fant Jr.	Running Backs (4th Season)
Benton "Sport" Harold	Tight Ends/Special Teams (22nd Season)
Richard Reddix	Offensive Line (4th Season)
Jimmie Johnson	Wide Receivers (2nd Season)
Ramal Faunteroy	Defensive Line (4th Season)
Brawley Evans	Linebackers (5th Season)
Omar Smith	Defensive Pass Game Coord./CBs (6th Season)
Melvin Coleman	Nickelbacks (4th Season)
Mitch Berezny	Offense Asst. Coach (4th Season)

Director of Football Ops:	Gerald Huggins Jr.
Director Equipment Ops:	Deric McGauley
Asst. Director Equip. Ops:	Bryce McCoy

TEAM INFORMATION

2024 overall record:	6-6
2024 conference record:	3-2
Basic Offense:	Multiple
Basic Defense:	4-2-5
Starters returning:	Offense: 9 Defense: 6 Specialty: 5
Starters Lost:	Total: 20 Offense: 3 Defense: 8 Specialty: 1 Total: 12

RETURNING LEADERS

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jason Collins Jr.	114	634	5.6	8
Dorian Harris	22	106	4.8	1

Passing	Comp	Att.	Pct.	Yds	TD/Int
Tahj Smith	65	116	56.0	708	3/1
Kobe Muasau	19	24	79.2	202	2/0

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Maliqye Leatherbury	29	250	8.6	1
Jason Collins Jr.	17	143	8.4	0

Tackles	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	INT
Arturo Mattocks	35	33	68	3.0	0.0	1
Xavier Shell	15	22	37	3.5	0.0	0

KEY DEPARTURES

DB Carlvinsky Decius, DL Elijah Williams, S Bryan Stukes, LB Ahmad McCullough, WR Andre Crawley, RB J.J. Davis, WR Marquez Phillips, DL Nana Asante

KEY RETURNEES

RB Jason Collins Jr., LB Erick Hunter, QB Tahj Smith, RB Keith Jenkins, DB Jordan Johnson, LB Lance Byndon, WR Maliqye Leatherbury, LB Xavier Shell, LB Arturo Mattocks, OL Treyvon Branch, TE Matt Lowe

2024 RESULTS (6-6, 3-2 MEAC)

Aug. 31	at Hampton	W, 30-28
Sept. 7	at Towson	L, 9-14
Sept. 14	at Ohio	L, 6-21
Sept. 21	VIRGINIA-LYNCHBURG	W, 56-7
Sept. 28	at Stony Brook	L, 3-22
Oct. 5	LINCOLN-PA (HC)	W, 41-0
Oct. 12	at Merrimack	L, 24-32
Oct. 26	at North Carolina Central*	L, 7-16
Nov. 2	NORFOLK STATE*	W, 38-37
Nov. 9	at Delaware State*	W, 36-28
Nov. 16	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE*	L, 7-54
Nov. 23	HOWARD*	W, 35-21

2025 SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	at Univ. of South Alabama	7 p.m.
Sept. 6	at TOWSON	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Univ. of Toledo	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	CENTRAL STATE	12 p.m.
Sept. 27	vs. MILES COLLEGE @	2 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Georgetown	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	VIRGINIA-LYNCHBURG (HC)	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Howard*	TBD
Nov. 1	at South Carolina State*	2 p.m.
Nov. 8	DELAWARE STATE*	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	at Norfolk State*	12 p.m.
Nov. 22	NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL*	12 p.m.

HC - MSU Homecoming

@ - Circle City Classic, Indianapolis, Ind.

* - Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference contest



2025 FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

2025 SEASON OUTLOOK

Morgan State's Damon Wilson enters his 17th season as a head coach, and his fourth season with the Bears.

The 2024 season saw Morgan State meet, and in some ways exceed, preseason expectations. Predicted to finish third in the MEAC preseason poll, the Bears lived up to that billing, holding onto the third spot with a solid 3-2 record in conference play. More importantly, the team concluded the year with a 6-6 overall record, a significant milestone representing the most victories for the program since 2014.

The 2024 season for Morgan State was a clear indication of a program on the rise, punctuated by several electrifying victories that showcased their growing potential. From the very first game, a hard-fought 30-28 win on the road against Hampton, the Bears signaled their intent to compete. The momentum continued with a dominant 41-0 Homecoming shutout of Lincoln-Pennsylvania, further solidifying their confidence. However, it was the nail-biting 38-37 overtime triumph against Norfolk State that truly demonstrated their ability to perform under pressure. To cap off the year, the Bears delivered a resounding 35-21 victory over Howard, ending a seven-year losing streak against their Beltway rivals. While every game held its own challenges, these key wins highlighted the team's growing strengths and provided a glimpse into a promising future.

Wilson's Bears concluded their season with remarkable recognition, as four (4) student-athletes earned prestigious spots on the All-MEAC Team. The accolades, however, extended even further, celebrating individual brilliance within the team. A testament to their outstanding contributions, one standout player was honored as the coveted MEAC Defensive Player of the Year, while another promising athlete secured the distinction of MEAC Rookie of the Year. These significant individual awards, alongside the strong team representation, truly capped a memorable and successful season for Wilson's Bears.

For Morgan State, the 2025 season isn't just another year on the gridiron; it's a pursuit of a MEAC championship and a return to prominence. The program's last taste of significant success came in 2014, a memorable campaign that saw them achieve a 7-6 record, clinch a share of the MEAC title, and earn a historic first-ever Division I playoff berth. That season serves as both inspiration and a benchmark, fueling Coach Wilson's squad as they strive to replicate that winning formula and bring glory back to the Bears faithful.

2024 record: 6-6, 3-2 MEAC

Preseason practice start date: August 1

First game: August 30 at Univ. of South Alabama

Homecoming game: October 11 vs. Virginia Univ. of Lynchburg



MSU enters the 2025 season with a solid foundation, boasting 62 returning players and 20 returning starters on its roster. Among the returning players, 26 have the experience of starting at least one game or serving as a starting specialist in the previous season. This wealth of experience provides a strong core for the team to build upon and develop further.

However, the Bears have also experienced some roster turnover, with 47 players from last year's squad no longer with the team. Of those departing players, 22 had been starters in at least one game last season. While these losses may create some gaps in the lineup, they also present opportunities for new players to step up and contribute to the team's success.

With a strong foundation and a blend of experience and youth, Morgan has the potential to make a significant impact in the upcoming season.

THE OFFENSE

The Bears are setting their sights on a significant offensive leap this coming season. While Coach Wilson's squad demonstrated flashes of promise last year, averaging a respectable 24.3 points per game and ranking third in the MEAC, there's a clear hunger for more. Their total offense, at 314.6 yards per game (fourth in the conference), reveals room for growth. Although the Bears had a solid rushing attack, averaging 150.8 yards per game (third in the MEAC), their passing game lagged slightly, averaging 163.8 yards per game (fifth). Furthermore, while respectable in key areas like third-down conversions (39.4%), fourth-down conversions (56.0%), and red-zone scoring (77.5%), the 29 sacks allowed highlight a need for improved offensive line protection. Ultimately, the Bears understand that consistent improvement across these areas - from boosting passing efficiency to minimizing sacks - will be paramount to truly elevating their offensive performance.





QUARTERBACKS

Starters Returning: Tahj Smith, Kobe Muasau

Starters Lost: Duce Taylor, Dominique Anthony

Redshirt: Raymond Moore III

Newcomers: Raeden Oliver, John Griffith, Josiah Bushnell

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADER

Passing	G/S	Comp/Att	Yds	TD/Int
Tahj Smith	8/5	65-116	708	3/1

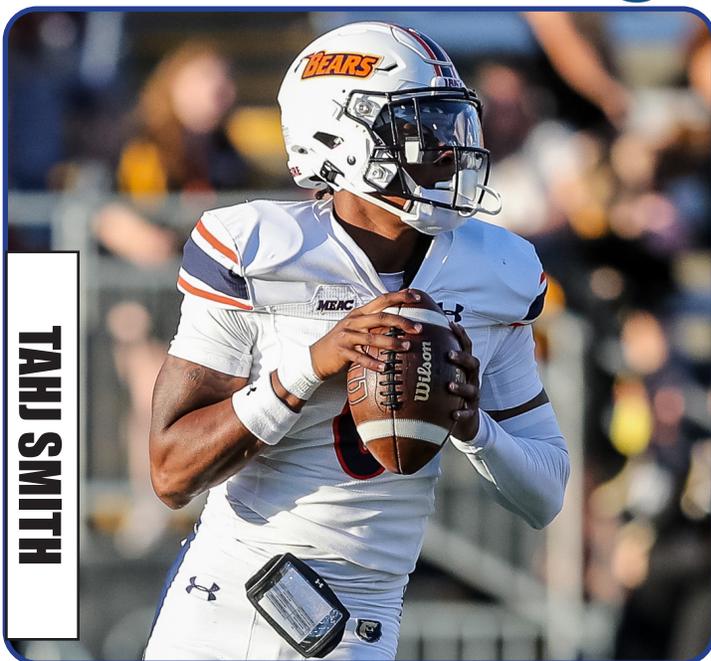
The Bears have three experienced and talented quarterbacks returning this fall in **Tahj Smith** (6-2, 195), **Kobe Muasau** (6-1, 205) and redshirt freshman **Raymond Moore III** (6-4, 180).

Smith, a Fredericksburg, Va. product, emerged as a promising talent last season during his sophomore year. He gained valuable experience, participating in eight games and earning the starting quarterback role in five of those contests. Smith demonstrated a solid arm, completing 65 of his 116 pass attempts, resulting in a respectable 56.0% completion rate. Over the course of the season, he racked up 708 passing yards and threw for three touchdowns. He orchestrated a 38-37 overtime win, displaying impressive accuracy by completing 19 of 28 passes for 179 yards. The highlight of his passing game was undoubtedly the clutch 25-yard touchdown pass in overtime. However, Smith's contribution wasn't limited to the air; he also proved to be a significant factor on the ground. As the team's fifth-leading rusher, he tallied 102 yards on 2.1 average carries, punctuated by a rushing touchdown. This mobility and improvisational skill with his legs injected an extra layer of unpredictability into the Bears' offensive attack, making him a constant threat to the defense.

Smith will face a serious challenge for the starting QB position from graduate Loghan "Kobe" Muasau. Hailing from Puyallup, Washington, Muasau may have only seen action in one game last year, but his performance left a lasting impression. In that sole appearance against Howard, Muasau showcased impressive accuracy, completing 19 of 24 passes for 202 yards and two touchdowns, while also adding a rushing touchdown to his stat line. That performance, combined with his experience, elevates Muasau beyond a mere backup; he brings a playmaking ability that poses a legitimate threat to claim the starting QB role.

Moore III, a Baltimore product, enters the upcoming season as a quarterback with a legitimate shot at leading the offense. His demonstrated capabilities as a passer, coupled with a productive spring performance, have positioned him as a strong contender for the starting role.

The competition for key roles and immediate impact positions is expected to heat up with the arrival of a trio of promising newcomers.



TAHJ SMITH

Leading this fresh wave are **Raeden Oliver**, a formidable 6-foot-2, 205-pound transfer from Rutgers. He's joined by fellow Power Four transfer **John Griffith** (6-2, 210), who brings skills from the University of Maryland. Rounding out this notable group is prep standout **Josiah Bushnell** (5-11, 185), another player poised to challenge for significant playing time.

RUNNING BACKS

Starters Returning: Jason Collins, Keith Jenkins Jr.

Starters Lost: J.J. Davis Myles Miree

Redshirt: --

Newcomers: Randall Nauden, Raymond Holman

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADER

	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
Jason Collins	12	114	634	5.6	8

The Bears' offense is brimming with potential, largely fueled by their redshirt sophomore running back, **Jason Collins Jr.** He brings a versatile skillset that allows him to contribute significantly in various aspects of the game. Collins burst onto the scene in 2024, immediately capturing attention and earning the prestigious MEAC Rookie of the Year award. His dominance was undeniable, as he amassed 634 rushing yards that translated into an impressive average of 5.6 yards per carry. This performance placed him among the nation's elite freshman rushers, instantly establishing him as a critical component of the Bears' offensive arsenal. As the Washington, D.C. native prepares for the upcoming season, anticipation is high for his continued growth and impact, solidifying his position as a cornerstone of the Bears' offensive strategy.

B.E.A.R.S. (Belief / Effort / Accountability / Respect / Selfless)



Keith Jenkins Jr. is poised to make a significant impact in his senior season, returning to bolster the Bears' backfield. After his 2024 season was cut short due to injury, limiting him to just six appearances, anticipation is high for his return to full form. The coaching staff is particularly eager to utilize Jenkins' versatility as a threat both running the ball and catching passes out of the backfield. With the Bears aiming to elevate their offensive performance in the upcoming season, Jenkins' dynamic capabilities will make him a key player to watch as he aims to contribute to a more potent and multifaceted attack.

Dorian Harris offered a preview of his capabilities last season, appearing in four games and demonstrating a knack for churning out yards. As a freshman, he averaged an impressive 4.8 yards per carry, accumulating 106 yards and a touchdown on 22 attempts. This glimpse of potential has solidified his position within the team's running back corps, and he's expected to be a significant part of the rotation moving forward.

The Bears' backfield will be bolstered by **Dae'Jaun Dennis** along with the likes of **Elijah Marquez**, **Cinque Blount**, **Randall Nauden** and **Raymond Holman** providing a reliable and explosive option in the running game.



JASON COLLINS JR

WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS

Starters Returning: Matt Lowe, Tyler Wilkins, Malique Leatherbury, Joseph Kennerly Jr.

Starters Lost: Andre Crawley, DJ Hamler, Anthony James Jr., Demier Shipley, Joseph Owumi

Redshirt: --

Newcomers: Jahlun Flud, Justin Perry, David Okoi, Alex Simmons

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD
Malique Leatherbury	12	29	250	8.6	1
Jason Collins Jr.	12	17	143	8.4	0

The Bears return a wealth of experience to the wideout position in senior **Tyler Wilkins** (6-3, 200), senior **Joseph "JoJo" Kennerly Jr.** (5-9, 170), and junior **Malique Leatherbury** (5-9, 170).

Returning as the Bears' leading receiver for the 2025 season is Leatherbury, a promising talent looking to build upon his previous year's experience. In 2024, he appeared in 12 games, demonstrating a reliable presence in the Bears' passing game. His stat line of 29 receptions for 250 yards underscores his consistency and ability to contribute in the passing attack. A memorable moment from last season was his touchdown catch against South Carolina State on Nov. 16. Heading into the new season, Leatherbury is expected to be a focal point of the Bears' offense, with hopes high that he can significantly increase his production and become a true threat in the receiving corps.

Wilson's staff is banking on Wilkins to provide crucial downfield stretching capabilities, capitalizing on his experience and elusiveness to open up the passing game.

The coaching staff has made a clear strategic move to improve the aerial attack, adding another potent dimension to the receiving corps. Leading this significant infusion of talent is Florida A&M transfer **Marquez Phillips**. Complementing Phillips' frame is the dynamic prep speedster, **Dante Archie**. Standing at 5-10 and weighing 175 pounds, Archie brings a different, but equally vital, element to the unit: pure game-breaking speed.

The tight end position for MSU sees the return of experienced redshirt senior **Matt Lowe**, a sizable target at 6-foot-5 and 255 pounds. Lowe's consistent presence on the field, having played in all 12 games last





season, provides a reliable option in the passing game, where he recorded five receptions for 54 yards. Backing up Lowe and contributing to the overall depth at tight end are **Joshua Smith** (6-3, 235) and **Treston Davis** (6-5, 240), along with **Tyreek Wood** (6-3, 230). **Alex Simmons** (6-4, 235), a transfer from Monroe University, will also contend for playing time. This year's tight end group offers a mix of size and experience, providing the team with multiple options and versatility at the position.



DANIEL CASILLAS

OFFENSIVE LINE

Starters Returning: Treyvon Branch, Daniel Casillas, Kahari Finley

Starters Lost: Dajour Dixon, Mosula Tapusoa

Redshirt: Matthew McDonald

Newcomers: Evan Cooke, Tyler Thomas, Adorain Favors

Despite the loss of Dajour Dixon and Mosula Tapusoa, the Bears will rely on up-and-coming lineman and a wealth of talented transfers to get the job done in the trenches this fall.

The offensive line is shaping up to be a formidable force this season, with experience and size leading the charge. Graduate student **Treyvon Branch**, standing at 6-3 and weighing in at 290 pounds, is poised to compete for and potentially secure the starting right tackle role. On the other

side of the line, Junior **Kahari Finley**, a towering 6-5 and weighing 285 pounds, is set to return to his familiar position at left tackle, providing continuity and a proven presence. Rounding out the interior, senior **Daniel Casillas Jr.** (6-2, 315) will anchor the line at the crucial center position, bringing leadership and stability to the offensive front.

The offensive line competition is set to be a fierce battle this fall, with several newcomers vying for starting roles. Kent State transfer **Evan Cooke** (6-5, 320) brings a wealth of experience and considerable size to the unit. Bowie State transfer **Tyler Thomas** (6-4, 290) adds another intriguing prospect to the mix, and rounding out the transfer influx is **Adorain Favors** (6-5, 300) from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, along with redshirt freshman **Matthew McDonald** (6-6, 300) providing further depth and competition at multiple positions. All four players will be looking to impress the coaching staff and prove their worth

THE DEFENSE

The Bears return six (6) defensive starters from 2024: defensive linemen **Lance Byndon**, **Jordan Jeudy**, linebackers **Erick Hunter**, **Xavier Shell**, **Arturo Mattocks** and defensive back **Jadon Carter**.

Wilson will look for the Bears defense to continue to maintain its dominance under the direction of new defensive coordinator **Antone' Sewell**. The Bears led the MEAC in a number of statistical categories: the Bears allowed 21.4 points (No. 1), 308.5 total yards (No. 1), 128.1 rushing yards (No. 2) and ranked No. 3 in pass defense (180.4).

MSU also finished the 2024 season ranked T-No. 48 in the nation (FCS) in turnovers gained (18). The Bears posted nine fumble recoveries and nine interceptions in 12 games.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Starters Returning: Jordan Jeudy

Starters Lost: Elijah Williams, Nana Asante, Melteon Davis

Redshirt: --

Newcomers: -- Chris King, DeMarion McCoy

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

	G	Tkl	TFL	Sks
Jordan Jeudy	9	20	5.0	0.0
Dashawn Fields	11	16	1.0	0.0



ERICK HUNTER

LINEBACKERS

Starters Returning: Erick Hunter, Xavier Shell, Arturo Mattocks

Starters Lost: KJ Scott, Ahmad McCullough

Redshirt: --

Newcomers: Dillon Davis

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

	G	Tkl	TFL	Sks
Arturo Mattocks	12	68	3.0	0.0
Xavier Shell	11	37	3.5	0.0

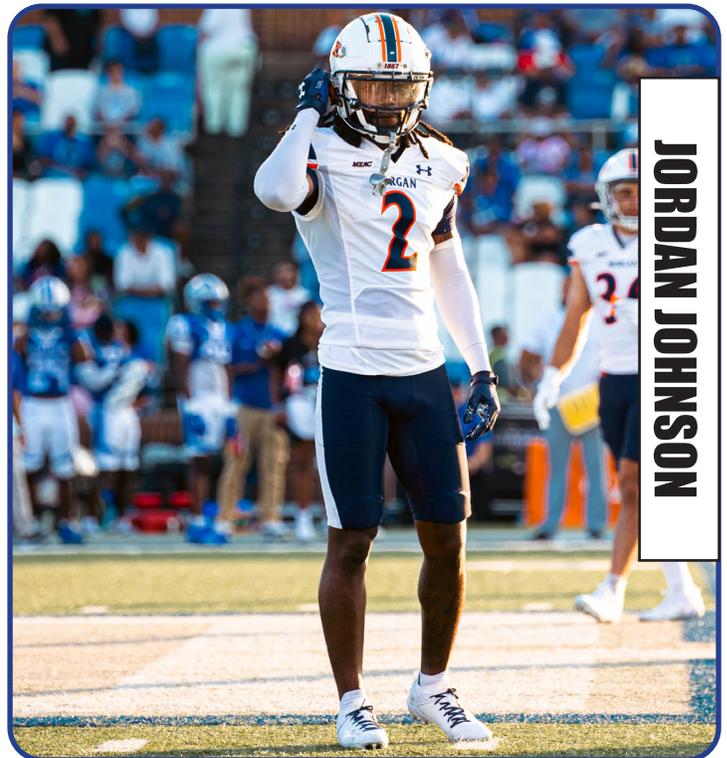
MSU remains well-equipped in the linebacker position.

The Bears' defense boasts a seasoned presence, spearheaded by 2023 All-MEAC First Team honoree **Erick Hunter**. The 6-foot-4, 210-pound Hunter brings a wealth of experience and talent to the field. The 2024 season was undoubtedly a test of resilience for Hunter, who spent the majority of it sidelined by injury, where he only saw action in the final game against Howard, making an impressive 7 tackles and a sack. His 2023 performance speaks volumes, as he led the MEAC with 75 tackles, ranked sixth in tackles for loss (9.5), and contributed significantly with 7 quarterback hurries, 3.0 sacks, two forced fumbles, two interceptions, and a pass breakup. After being named to the Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF) Player of the Year Watch List, he is clearly motivated to demonstrate his capabilities this fall and make up for lost time.

The departure of Elijah Williams, a consensus All-American and MEAC Defensive Player of the Year, leaves a significant void in the Bears' defensive lineup. Compounding this loss are the exits of Nana Asante and Melteon Davis, both key contributors to the team's defensive efforts. Four Bears will look to lead the way in the trenches this fall: juniors **Jordan Jeudy** and **Lance Byndon**, sophomore **Dashawn Fields** and senior **Blanche Gold**.

Jeudy (6-2, 285) brings a disruptive presence to the defensive line, evidenced by his 20 tackles, five tackles for loss, and a fumble recovery last season. Byndon (6-3, 235) returns after a standout sophomore season where he truly established himself as a dominant force on the unit. He wrapped up the year with an impressive 24 tackles, including 16 solo stops, eight tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks. While Fields (6-4, 260) had a quieter freshman campaign with 16 tackles and a tackle for loss, he possesses the size and potential to develop into a significant contributor. Complementing these players is Gold (6-1, 240), a seasoned and well-rounded lineman whose experience is expected to provide immediate impact within the rotation.

The defensive line competition is set to intensify this fall with the arrival of two transfers ready to make an immediate impact. Monmouth transfer **Chris King** (6-2, 290) brings a blend of power and agility that could disrupt opposing offenses. Joining him is Lafayette transfer **DeMarion McCoy** (6-2, 280), known for his disruptive pass-rushing abilities. Both players are expected to compete for significant playing time, adding depth and experience to the defensive front



JORDAN JEUDY





Arturo Mattocks, a rising senior with impressive statistics from the previous season, is poised to be one of the leading defenders in the conference. His statistics speak for themselves: in 12 games, he amassed an impressive 68 tackles, with a notable 35 being solo efforts. Beyond raw tackle numbers, he demonstrated an ability to disrupt opposing offenses, recording three tackles for loss. Furthermore, Mattocks proved his playmaking ability with an interception, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery, highlighting his instinct and awareness on the field.

Dylan Davis, the 6-foot-3, 215-pound transfer from Monroe University, injects immediate competition into the linebackers room. While possessing the physical tools and experience to potentially seize a starting role, Davis won't be handed anything. The presence of a couple of very capable backup linebackers ensures a heated battle throughout training camp and the season.

SECONDARY

Starters Returning: Jordan Johnson, Jadon Carter
Starters Lost: Carlvainsky Decius, Ja'son Prevard, Josh Graham
Redshirt: --
Newcomers: Justin Mcilwain, Hiro Carr, Jayden Jackson

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

	G	Tkl	INT	PBU
Jadon Carter	12	25	2	1



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Despite the departure of All-MEAC First Team cornerbacks Carlvainsky Decius and Ja'son Prevard, the 2025 defensive backfield for the Bears is poised to be one of the most formidable units in the league.



KEITH JENKINS JR

Jadon Carter, the Bears' standout lockdown cornerback, is poised to emerge as a true leader in the secondary this season. The 5-foot-11, 190-pounder possesses valuable experience, having played in all 12 games last year and showcasing his all-around ability by accumulating 25 tackles, a tackle for loss, a forced fumble, and two interceptions. While he has already established himself as a key contributor, expectations are soaring for Carter this fall.

Veteran **Jordan Johnson**, standing tall at 6-3 and weighing in at 190 pounds, is poised to step into a significant role for the Bears this season. With the departure of Josh Graham, Johnson appears ready to seize the opportunity. His experience within the program, coupled with his physical attributes, makes him a strong candidate to anchor the secondary. The coaching staff will be looking for Johnson to not only fill the void left by Graham's absence but also to provide leadership and stability to the defensive unit.

Several other promising newcomers are eager to make their mark in the secondary this fall: Wheeling transfer **Justin Mcilwain** (5-11, 195) and Air Force transfer **Hiroshi Carr** (6-2, 205). Rounding out the newcomers is **Jayden Jackson** (6-1, 190), a transfer from Golden West College.



SPECIAL TEAMS

Starters Returning: Sahr Gbundema, Shane Messenger, Griffin Dorman

Starters Lost: Beckett Leary

Redshirt: --

Newcomers: Alex Amaya

The team's entire kicking game returns in sophomore placekicker **Sahr Gbundema**, junior **Shane Messenger** (6-0, 200) and junior long snapper **Griffin Dorman** (5-11, 225).

Gbundema made a strong first impression in his debut season with the Bears, demonstrating accuracy and power in his kicking game. Perfect on field goal attempts, he connected on all five tries, showcasing his reliability under pressure, with his longest successful kick stretching to 47 yards. His kickoff ability also proved valuable, averaging an impressive 49.0 yards on 22 attempts, resulting in three touchbacks and limiting opponents' return opportunities. Gbundema's consistent performance earned him MEAC Rookie of the Week honors twice, solidifying his impact and contribution to the team's success, ultimately accounting for a total of 26 points.

Messenger is fresh off a productive sophomore campaign, where he established himself as one of the top specialists in the MEAC. He showcased consistency, averaging 37.5 yards per punt across 51 attempts, amassing a total of 1,914 yards. His ability to strategically

place the ball was evident in his 13 punts landing inside the 20-yard line and his 19 fair catches forced. He also demonstrated his leg strength with four punts exceeding 50 yards, punctuated by a long of 57 yards. With a year of experience under his belt, the coaching staff is optimistic about his continued development and anticipates further improvement in his performance this upcoming season.

The Bears boasted some of the most dynamic return units in the MEAC conference last season. Their punt return squad was particularly impressive, leading the conference with an average of 17.9 yards per return, a testament to both the returner's agility and the blocking prowess of the unit. While not quite as dominant, the kick return team also proved to be a valuable asset, securing a solid No. 5 ranking in the MEAC with an average of 17.5 yards per return.

Malique Leatherbury capped off an impressive 2024 season as one of the premier return specialists in FCS football. His electrifying performances earned him a spot on the All-MEAC Second Team, largely fueled by his remarkable 17.9-yard average per punt return, which ranked second-best in the entire FCS. Leatherbury's impact extended beyond mere statistics; he provided a spark for the Bears, most notably demonstrated by his crucial 63-yard punt return during Morgan State's thrilling come-from-behind overtime victory against Norfolk State on November 2nd.

Keith Jenkins Jr.'s performance in the 2024 season, highlighted by his impressive 16.3-yard average on nine kick returns, established him as a legitimate threat in the return game. As the 2025 season approaches, opponents will undoubtedly be wary of his potential to break a long return or even take one to the house.



MALIQUE LEATHERBURY

THE SCHEDULE

The Morgan State football schedule for 2025 features non-conference games against South Alabama, Towson, and Toledo, as well as Homecoming against Virginia-Lynchburg highlight the 12-game schedule.

The Bears are set to kick off their 2025 campaign with an intriguing out-of-conference matchup against the South Alabama Jaguars. The season opener, scheduled for August 30th, will see the Bears travel to Mobile, Alabama, to face the Sun Belt Conference program. This game offers a unique opportunity for the Bears to test their mettle early against a rising FBS team.

Following a challenging road contest, Morgan will return home, eager to defend their turf against the Towson Tigers in the highly anticipated

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'Battle for Greater Baltimore.' Morgan will look to leverage their home-field advantage and secure their first victory against the Tigers since 2009.

On September 13th, they'll embark on a journey to Ohio to face the University of Toledo, a challenging matchup that will test their early-season form. Then, the focus shifts back home as they welcome Central State on September 20th. This game holds historical significance, marking the 17th encounter between the two programs, with the last meeting etching its place in memory at the 1996 Capital City Classic in Columbus, Ohio.

The Bears will gear up for a unique gridiron experience when they prepare to face Miles College in the annual Circle City Classic. This year's matchup will take place on September 27th at the iconic Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, home of the Indianapolis Colts. The game will mark the first meeting between the teams.

The Bears will embark on a journey to Washington D.C. on October 4th, where they'll clash with the Georgetown Hoyas. Following their trip to DC, the Bears will return to East Cold Spring Lane, eagerly anticipating the electric atmosphere of Homecoming. On October 11th, they'll welcome the Virginia-Lynchburg Dragons to their home turf, aiming to deliver a memorable performance for their loyal fans and alumni during this celebrated occasion.

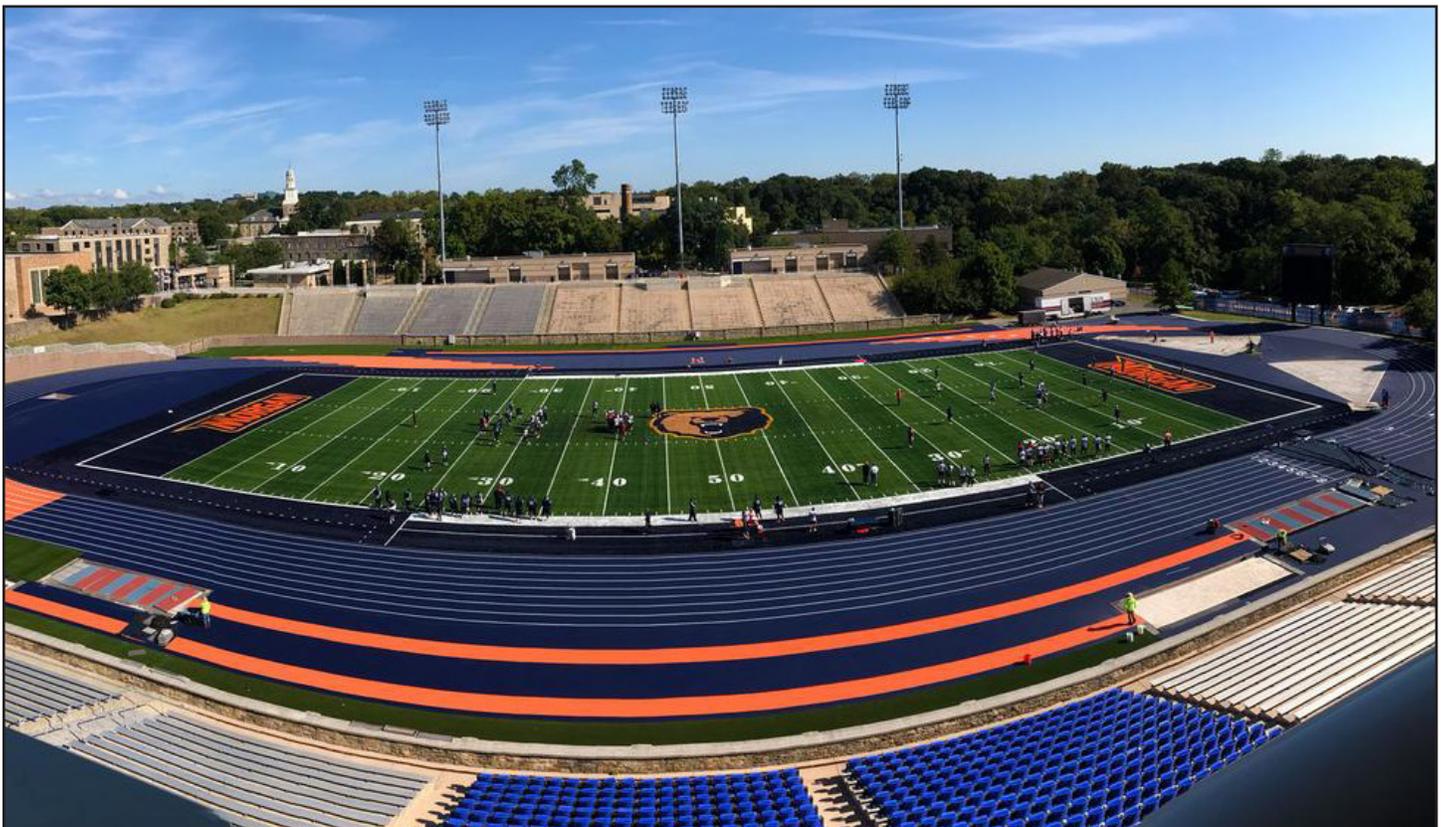
The Bears face a crucial early test in their Mid-Eastern Athletic

Conference (MEAC) campaign this season, kicking things off with a highly anticipated Beltway battle against the Howard Bison at Greene Stadium on October 25th. This rivalry game holds extra weight as the conference opener, setting the tone for Morgan's MEAC championship aspirations.

The challenge only intensifies the following week, as they hit the road to face the South Carolina State Bulldogs in Orangeburg on November 1st. The Bulldogs, reigning MEAC champions, will be a formidable opponent, forcing the Bears to bring their A-game on both sides of the ball if they hope to snag a pivotal road victory early in the conference schedule.

The Bears will host the Delaware State Hornets, honoring both Military Appreciation and Academic Achievement, adding a special layer of meaning to the contest on Nov. 8. Following this, the team will hit the road, venturing to The Tidewater on November 15th for a highly anticipated showdown against the Norfolk State Spartans. The intrigue surrounding this game is significantly amplified by the presence of former NFL star Michael Vick, who leads the Spartans, promising a high-profile and potentially challenging test for the Bears.

Morgan will close out their season at home for a matchup against the North Carolina Central Eagles on November 22nd at Hughes Stadium. The atmosphere promises to be electric, fueled by the emotion of Senior Day and the competitive rivalry between the Bears and the Eagles, making it a memorable finale to the 2025 season.





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DAMON WILSON

HEAD COACH



Damon Wilson is a 25-year coaching veteran, having begun his coaching journey immediately after hanging up his cleats as an All-CIAA Conference tight end at Bowie State University. There, he started his collegiate coaching career as a running back coach and special teams coordinator. That experience, paired with his exposure to coaching Pop Warner as a teen alongside his father and uncle, fueled his passion for coaching the game. Even as a teenager, he was driven to develop young men on and off the field. He continues to take pride in seeing his players graduate and succeed in life after football.

In 2004, he had the opportunity to develop his career in Division I FCS football in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) for five years in Texas, first at Texas Southern University and later at Prairie View A&M University. The Panthers of Prairie View finished the 2008 season with a 9-1 record and ranked 23rd nationally in Division I-AA football polls. As the running backs coach, Wilson helped lead the Panthers' offense to their most successful season ever. Under Wilson's guidance, they led the SWAC in rushing and broke the University's all-time record.

In 2009, Wilson had the unique opportunity to begin his head coaching era at his Alma Mater, Bowie State University. In his inaugural season, he broke the school record for Most Offensive Yards in a game, had eight (8) players receive All-CIAA Conference honors, and four (4) players selected to the CIAA All-Rookie Team. Wilson closed his 1st season as the 2009 Eastern Division Champs and had the #1 ranked defense in the country.

Coach Wilson's professional accolades include:

- AFCA DII National Coach of the Year 2021
- AFCA DII Super Region 2 Coach of the Year 2021
- AFCA Final Ranking #6 in DII Football, 2021
- Division II Quarterfinalist (Elite 8) 2021
- BoxToRow HBCU National Football Champions (Media Poll) 2021
- Black College under D1 National Champions 2021, 2019, 2018
- NCAA Playoffs 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015
- CIAA Conference Champions 2021, 2019, 2018
- CIAA Northern Division Champions 2021, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015
- CIAA Eastern Division Champions 2009
- CIAA Coach of the Year 2021, 2019, 2015
- Washington Pigskin Coach of the Year 2022, 2018
- BoxToRow National Coach of the Year 2019
- Fritz Pollard Alliance Coach of the Year 2018, 2017, 2015
- Ranked Top 20 AFCA polls 2021, 2019
- Ranked Top 25 AFCA polls 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015
- Selected to the Bill Walsh Minority NFL Internship Program 2019 (New York Jets) and 2013 (St. Louis Rams)



THE WILSON FILE

Coaching Experience

- » **Morgan State**
2022-Present: Head Coach
- » **Bowie State**
2009-2021: Head Coach
- » **Prairie View A&M**
2008: Assistant Coach – Running Backs
- » **Bowie State**
2007: Assistant Coach - Running Backs/Special Teams
- » **Texas Southern**
2004-2006: Assistant Coach
- » **Bowie State**
1999-2003: Assistant

Head Coaching Record

Overall: 103-64 (17 years)
Playoffs: 3-5 (NCAA D-II playoffs)

Playing Experience

- » **Bowie State**
1997-98: Tight End





2025 FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

The 2018 season was memorable for Bowie State football as the Bulldogs claimed the school's first-ever CIAA Championship, defeating Fayetteville State by a score of 30-10. The victory allowed the Bulldogs to host the first round of the NCAA Super Region 2 Playoffs for the second consecutive season. In the opening round game, Bowie State took down West Alabama 41-35 in a true battle on the gridiron that advanced the Bulldogs to the Second Round of Super Region 2 for the first-time in school history.

Bowie State's 2019 season was even more remarkable as the Bulldogs recorded the school's first-ever undefeated regular season and became Back-to-Back CIAA Champions. In 2020, COVID-19 put a pause on the record-breaking Bulldogs' reign due to the cancellation of the season. However, Damon Wilson and the Bowie State Bulldogs returned to claim the Northern Division Title and the CIAA Championship for a third year in a row in 2021. They hosted two (2) NCAA playoff games and closed their season, setting yet another BSU record by earning a spot in the NCAA Elite 8. They were ranked #6 in the country. Coach Wilson's coaching season did not end there. He was named Co-Head Coach in the Inaugural HBCU Legacy Bowl in 2022. Alongside four of his assistant coaches, four of his senior players, and a host of coaches and players from the CIAA and the MEAC Conferences, they won the 1st ever HBCU Legacy Bowl. Earning Coach Wilson two (2) championships in one season. Wilson closed out a historic championship season by being named the 2021 AFCA Division II National Coach of the Year. The award was the first for Bowie State and the conference, as he became the first CIAA coach to win this prestigious award.

Throughout his time at Bowie State, Coach Wilson had tremendous success not only breaking and resetting school records, but was recognized nationally for his ability to not only win but to cultivate athletes and coaches to move on to the next level. Coach Wilson has had four (4) players and two (2) coaches in the National Football League (NFL), one (1) player in the Arena Football League (AFL), and several players in numerous professional leagues around the world.

In June of 2022, Coach Wilson was named the 23rd head football coach at Morgan State University. He began his era at Morgan State with the goal of bringing the football program up to the standards of the academic program and restoring its storied sports legacy. In his first season, Wilson and the Morgan State Bears captured eleven (11) All-MEAC honors and an FCS Freshman All-American recognition. Off the field, twenty (20) student athletes earned academic All-MEAC honors.

In 2023, he guided the Bears to an impressive upset victory over No. 18 Richmond, earning them the FedEx Ground National Team of the Week title. The team's resilience was further showcased in a last-second heartbreaking loss against FBS member Akron. The Bears would go on to finish the season with seven (7) All-MEAC Conference honors, and two players who received FCS All-American recognition.

In addition to these individual achievements, the Bears also celebrated the recognition of one of their players as the BOXTOROW Impact Player of the Year.

Beyond their on-field achievements, the Bears also excelled academically, with twenty-nine (29) student-athletes earning Academic All-MEAC Conference honors.

The 2024 season saw Morgan State meet and, in some ways, exceed the preseason expectations. Predicted to finish third in the MEAC preseason poll, the Bears lived up to that billing, holding onto the third spot with a solid 3-2 record in conference play. More importantly, the team concluded the year with a 6-6 overall record, a significant milestone that represents the most victories for the program since its MEAC Co-Championship winning season of 2014.

Further bolstering the team's success, Morgan State garnered significant individual accolades, earning four All-MEAC Conference honors, including the prestigious MEAC Defensive Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year awards. The season's triumphs were capped off with the recognition of both a consensus All-American and a Freshman All-American, highlighting the exceptional talent and potential within the Bears' roster.

Damon is married to Allison (Dunn), and they have one son, Dylan. Coach Wilson is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, working with children, fishing, and attending sporting events.





2025 FOOTBALL ASSISTANT COACHES

BEARS

ASSISTANT COACHES



ANTONE SEWELL
Assistant Head Coach
Defensive Coordinator

Hometown: Carrollton, Md.
Alma Mater: Bowie State '02
Years at MSU: 4th season



APOLLO WRIGHT
Offensive Coordinator

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.
Alma Mater: Cheyney '97
Years at MSU: 2nd season



BRAWLEY EVANS
Linebackers

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.
Alma Mater: West Liberty State
Years at MSU: 5th season



TYRAE REID
Quarterbacks

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.
Alma Mater: Bowie State '14
Years at MSU: 2nd season



DAVID FANT JR.
Running Backs

Hometown: Windsor Mill, Md.
Alma Mater: N.C. Central '97
Years at MSU: 4th season



OMARR SMITH
Defensive Pass
Game Coordinator/CBs

Hometown: Torrance, Calif.
Alma Mater: San Jose State '99
Years at MSU: 6th season



BENTON "SPORT" HAROLD
Tight Ends
Special Team Coordinator

Hometown: Augusta, Georgia
Alma Mater: Morgan State '96
Years at MSU: 22nd season



RICHARD REDDIX
Offensive Line

Hometown: Silver Spring, Md.
Alma Mater: Bowie State '01
Years at MSU: 4th season



MELVIN COLEMAN
Nicklebacks

Hometown: Lanham, Md.
Alma Mater: Morgan State '01
Years at MSU: 4th season



JIMMIE JOHNSON
Wide Reivers
Recruiting Coordinator

Hometown: Augusta, Georgia
Alma Mater: Howard '89
Years at MSU: 2nd season



RAMAL FAUNTEROY
Defensive Line

Hometown: Washington, D.C.
Alma Mater: Shepherd '11
Years at MSU: 4th season



MITCH BEREZNY
Offense
Assistant Coach

Hometown: Annapolis, Md.
Alma Mater: Syracuse '23
Years at MSU: 4th season





2024 Team Statistics

2024 Scoring By Quarters

BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Morgan State	67	119	53	46	7	292
Opponents	52	118	44	60	6	280

2024 Team Statistics

SCORING	MSU	OPP
Points Per Game	24.3	23.3
FIRST DOWNS	201	191
Rushing	92	86
Passing	92	88
Penalty	17	17
RUSHING YARDAGE		
Yards Gained Rushing	1809	1719
Average Per Rush	3.9	4.2
Average Per Game	150.8	143.3
TD's Rushing	25	19
PASSING YARDAGE	1966	2050
Att-Comp-Int	282-183-5	261-170-9
Average Per Pass	6.9	7.8
Average Per Catch	10.7	12.0
Average Per Game	163.8	170.8
TD's Passing	11	15
TOTAL OFFENSE	3775	3769
Total Plays	748	667
Average Per Play	5.0	5.7
Average Per Game	314.6	314.1
KICKOFF RETURNS:#YARDS	30-524	39-831
KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE	17.4	21.3
PUNT RETURNS:#YARDS	17-305	11-86
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	17.9	7.8
INT RETURNS:#YARDS	9-89	5-133
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.8	26.6
FUMBLES-LOST	15-10	16-9
PENALTIES-YARDS	74-651	62-624
Average Per Game	54.2	52.0
PUNTS-YARDS	51-1914	52-2008
Average Per Game	37.5	38.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	32:22	31:08
3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	65-165	55-138
3rd Down Pct.	39%	39%
4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS	14-25	4-16
4th Down Pct.	56%	25%
SACKS BY-YARDS	28-218	29-175
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	38	38
FIELD GOAL-ATTEMPTS	11-13	7-13
PAT-ATTEMPTS	31-36	31-35

2024 Game-by-Game Results

6-6 Overall, 3-2 MEAC
4-2 Home, 2-4 Away, 0-0 Neutral

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Record	MEAC	Attend
A31	at Hampton	W	30-28	1-0-0	0-0-0	7,714
S07	at Towson	L	9-14	1-1-0	0-0-0	8,394
S14	at Ohio	L	6-21	1-2-0	0-0-0	20,438
S21	VIRGINIA-LYNCHBURG	W	56-7	2-2-0	0-0-0	6,875
S28	at Stony Brook	L	3-22	2-3-0	0-0-0	4,818
O05	LINCOLN-PA (HC)	W	41-0	3-3-0	0-0-0	7,632
O12	MERRIMACK	L	24-32	3-4-0	0-0-0	3,584
*O26	at #20/21 N.C. Central	L	7-16	3-5-0	0-1-0	13,910
*N02	NORFOLK STATE	W	38-37	4-5-0	1-1-0	2,489
*N09	at Delaware State	W	36-28	5-5-0	2-1-0	3,107
*N16	SOUTH CAROLINA ST.	L	7-54	5-6-0	2-2-0	1,265
*N23	HOWARD	W	35-21	6-6	3-2-0	973

*Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Game
Home games listed in ALL CAPS

2024 Individual Stats

Rushing	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	L	Avg/G
Jason Collins Jr.	12	114	654	20	634	5.6	8	75	52.8
Myles Miree	12	121	504	38	466	3.9	8	49	38.8
J.J. Davis	9	68	274	22	252	3.7	4	32	28.0
Dorian Harris	4	22	111	5	106	4.8	1	25	26.5
Tahj Smith	8	48	209	107	102	2.1	1	28	12.7
Keith Jenkins Jr.	6	19	90	4	86	4.5	0	23	14.3
Dae'Jeaun Dennis	1	5	68	8	60	12.0	0	44	60.0
Kyle Williams	3	10	42	2	40	4.0	0	14	13.3
Andre Crawley	12	6	33	7	26	4.3	1	16	2.1
Dominique Anthony	5	5	16	1	15	3.0	0	6	3.0
Elijah Marquez	3	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	4	3.3
Duce Taylor	8	31	89	81	8	0.3	0	17	1.0
Malique Leatherbury	12	4	11	4	7	1.8	1	11	0.5
Kobe Muasau	1	5	11	8	3	0.6	1	7	3.0
Blake Scriber	9	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	7	5	5	11	-6	-1.2	0	5	-0.86
Total.....	12	471	2195	326	1869	4.0	25	75	155.7
Opponents.....	12	406	2101	382	1719	4.2	19	86	143.2

Passing	GP	Eff	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	L	Avg/G
Duce Taylor	8	138.3	80-115-1	69.5	847	3	79	105.8
Tahj Smith	8	114.1	65-116-1	56.0	708	3	74	88.5
Kobe Muasau	1	177.37	19-24-0	79.1	202	2	35	202.0
Dom. Anthony	5	117.3	17-25-3	68.0	179	1	39	35.8
Andre Crawley	12	556.0	2-2-0	100.0	30	2	21	2.5
Total.....	12	132.7	183-282-5	64.8	1966	11	79	163.8
Opponents.....	12	143.1	170-261-9	65.1	2050	15	67	170.8

Receiving	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Andre Crawley	12	50	522	10.4	2	79	43.5
Marquez Phillips	12	19	279	14.6	2	44	23.2
Malique Leatherbury	12	29	250	8.6	1	46	20.8
Jason Collins Jr.	12	17	143	8.4	0	35	11.9
J.J. Davis	9	15	140	9.3	0	26	15.5
Myles Miree	12	12	115	9.5	1	33	9.5
Joseph Kennerly	6	3	97	32.3	1	74	16.1
Jaden Coffen	10	7	62	8.8	1	25	6.2
J. Kennerly	6	8	62	7.7	0	14	10.3
Matt Lowe	12	5	54	10.8	0	22	4.5
Tyler Wilkins	3	4	51	12.7	0	25	17.0
Anthony James Jr.	10	4	43	10.7	0	13	4.3
Joseph Owumi	2	1	39	39.0	1	39	19.5
Ferdinand Nyivih	4	1	29	29.0	0	29	7.2
Joshua Smith	6	2	25	12.5	0	18	4.1



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Demier Shipley	5	1	20	20.0	0	20	4.0
D.J. Hamler	4	2	15	7.5	0	15	3.7
Tahj Smith	8	1	9	9.0	1	9	1.1
Tyreek Williams	8	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.7
Kyle Williams	3	1	5	5.0	1	5	1.6
Malcomb Brown	6	0	0	--	0	0	0.0
Jordan Johnson	4	0	0	--	0	0	0.0
Ahmad McCullough	6	0	0	--	0	0	0.0
Nigel Walker	5	0	0	--	0	0	0.0
Total.....	12	183	1966	10.7	11	79	163.8
Opponents.....	12	170	2040	12.0	15	67	170.0

Punt Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Malique Leatherbury	16	286	17.8	0	63
Demier Shipley	1	19	19.0	0	19
Total.....	17	305	17.9	0	63
Opponents.....	11	86	7.8	0	46

Interceptions	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Carlvainsky Decius	3	23	7.6	1	14
Jadon Carter	2	43	21.5	0	43
Arturo Mattocks	1	18	18.0	0	18
Ahmad McCullough	1	7	7.0	0	7
Ja'son Prevard	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bryan Stukes	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Total.....	11	105	9.5	2	43
Opponents.....	5	133	26.6	2	100

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Keith Jenkins Jr.	9	147	16.3	0	43
Zyheem Coleman-Frazier	5	92	18.4	0	36
Jason Collins Jr.	3	62	20.6	0	40
Malique Leatherbury	2	61	30.5	0	39
Anthony James Jr.	4	53	13.2	0	29
J.J. Davis	2	45	22.5	0	25
Jordan Johnson	1	22	22.0	0	22
Carlvainsky Decius	1	20	20.0	0	20
Andre Crawley	1	14	14.0	0	14
Kyle Williams	1	7	7.0	0	7
Elijah Marquez	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	30	524	17.4	0	43
Opponents.....	39	831	21.3	1	99

Fumble Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jadon Carter	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total.....	0	0	0.0	1	0
Opponents.....	1	27	27.0	1	27

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
Shane Messenger	51	1914	37.5	57	2	19	13	4	1
Total.....	51	1914	37.5	57	2	19	13	4	1
Opponents.....	52	2008	38.6	70	5	12	13	6	0

Field Goals	FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	L	Blk
Beckett Leary	6-8	75.0	0-0	2-3	2-3	2-2	0-0	41	2
Sahr Gbundema	5-5	100.0	0-0	2-2	2-2	1-1	0-0	47	0
Total.....	11-13	84.6	0-0	4-5	4-5	3-3	0-0	47	2
Opponents..	7-13	53.8	0-3	2-3	0-0	1-2	4-5	51	3

Field Goal Sequence	Morgan State	Opponents
Hampton	(23)	-
Towson	(40),39	42
Ohio	(30),(33),22	-
VA-Lynchburg	-	-
Stony Brook	(25)	45,(28)
Lincoln-Pa.	-	31
Merrimack	(41)	51,(51),(41),(32),(29)
#20/21 N.C. Central	-	(21),21
Norfolk State	(35),(47)	(45),34
Delaware State	(21),(25),(36)	-
South Carolina State	-	-
Howard	-	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Scoring	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts
Myles Miree	9	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
Jason Collins Jr.	8	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
Beckett Leary	0	6	20-23	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	38
Sahr Gbundema	0	5	11-13	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	26
J.J. Davis	4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Andre Crawley	3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Malique Leatherbury	2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Marquez Phillips	2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Tahj Smith	2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	12
Jadon Carter	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jaden Coffen	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Carlvainsky Decius	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Dorian Harris	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Joseph Kennerly	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Kobe Muasau	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Joseph Owumi	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Kyle Williams	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	39	11	31-36	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	298
Opponents.....	38	7	31-35	0-0	0	0-3	0	0	280

Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Duce Taylor	8	146	8	847	855	106.8
Tahj Smith	8	164	102	708	810	101.2
Jason Collins Jr.	12	114	634	0	634	52.8
Myles Myree	12	121	466	0	466	38.8
J.J. Davis	9	68	252	0	252	28.0
Kobe Muasau	1	29	3	202	205	205.0
Dominique Anthony	5	30	15	179	194	38.8
Dae'Jeaun Dennis	1	10	120	0	120	120.0
Dorian Harris	4	22	106	0	106	26.5
Keith Jenkins Jr.	6	19	86	0	86	14.3
Andre Crawley	12	8	26	30	56	4.6
Kyle Williams	3	10	40	0	40	13.3
Elijah Marquez	3	3	10	0	10	3.3
Malique Leatherbury	12	4	7	0	7	0.5
TEAM	7	5	-6	0	-6	-0.8
Total.....	12	753	1869	1966	3835	319.5
Opponents.....	12	667	1719	2050	3769	314.0

All-Purpose	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KR	IR	Total	Avg/G
Jason Collins Jr.	12	634	143	0	62	0	839	69.9
Malique Leatherbury	12	7	250	286	61	0	604	50.3
Myles Miree	12	466	115	0	0	0	581	48.2
Andre Crawley	12	26	522	0	14	0	562	46.8
J.J. Davis	9	252	140	0	45	0	437	48.5



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Marquez Phillips	12	0	279	0	0	0	279	23.2
Keith Jenkins Jr.	6	86	0	0	147	0	233	38.8
Dae'Jaun Dennis	1	120	0	0	0	0	120	120.0
Tahj Smith	8	102	9	0	0	0	111	13.8
Dorian Harris	4	106	0	0	0	0	106	26.5
Joseph Kennerly	6	0	97	0	0	0	97	16.1
Anthony James Jr.	10	0	43	0	53	0	96	9.6
Zyheem C-Frazier	3	0	0	0	92	0	92	30.6
Jaden Coffen	10	0	62	0	0	0	62	6.2
Joseph Kennerly	6	0	62	0	0	0	62	10.3
Carlvaisny Decius	12	0	0	0	20	39	59	4.9
Matt Lowe	12	0	54	0	0	0	54	4.5
Kyle Williams	3	40	5	0	7	0	52	17.3
Tyler Wilkins	3	0	51	0	0	0	51	17.0
Jadon Carter	12	0	0	0	0	0	43	3.5
Joseph Owumi	2	0	39	0	0	0	39	19.5
Demier Shipley	5	0	20	19	0	0	39	7.8
Ferdinand Nyivih	4	0	29	0	0	0	29	7.2
Joshua Smith	6	0	25	0	0	0	25	4.1
Jordan Johnson	4	0	0	0	22	0	22	5.5
Arturo Mattocks	12	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.5
Dominique Anthony	5	15	0	0	0	0	15	3.0
DJ Hamler	4	0	15	0	0	0	15	3.7
Elijah Marquez	3	10	0	0	1	0	11	3.6
Duce Taylor	8	8	0	0	0	0	8	1.0
Ahmad McCullough	6	0	0	0	0	7	7	1.1
Tyreek Wood	8	0	6	0	0	0	6	0.7
Kobe Muasau	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	-0.1
Bryan Stukes	12	0	0	0	0	0	-6	-0.8
TEAM	7	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-0.86
Total.....	12	1869	1966	305	524	105	4769	397.4
Opponents.....	12	1719	2040	86	831	133	4809	400.7





2024 FOOTBALL
STATISTICS

2024 Defensive Stats

	[-----Tackles-----]				[-Sacks-]		[-----Pass Def-----]		[---Fumbles---]		Blk		
	GP	UT	AT	Total	ForLoss	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	Forc	Kick	Saf
Arturo Mattocks	12	35	33	68.0	3.0-9	-	1-18	1	2	1-0	1	-	-
Elijah Williams	12	32	22	54.0	15.0-120	11.0-112	-	-	2	1-0	1	1	-
Bryan Stukes	12	28	17	45.0	1.0-3	-	1-2	2	-	-	1	1	-
Ahmad McCullough	12	20	24	44.0	1.5-1	-	1-7	-	1	-	-	-	-
Carlvaisnky Decius	12	27	16	43.0	3.0-4	-	3-23	6	-	1-0	1	-	-
Gregory Young II	12	24	19	43.0	2.5-18	1.0-13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Xavier Shell	11	15	22	37.0	3.5-5	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Chibuikem Oguayo	11	17	10	27.0	6.5-30	3.5-21	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Jadon Carter	12	19	6	25.0	1.0-3	-	2-43	1	-	-	1	-	-
Lance Byndon	9	16	8	24.0	8.0-54	7.5-52	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Nana Asante	11	9	13	22.0	7.0-25	4.0-19	-	-	1	-	2	3	-
Josh Graham	11	16	6	22.0	2.0-4	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-
Jordan Jeudy	9	13	7	20.0	5.0-21	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
Joseph Murray	7	13	7	20.0	4.5-7	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Ja'son Prevard	12	17	2	19.0	1.0-6	-	1-0	5	-	1-0	-	-	-
Keithan Gooden	11	13	4	17.0	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
Dashawn Fields	11	4	12	16.0	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melteon Davis	11	10	5	15.0	2.5-9	1.0-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KJ Scott	6	5	4	9.0	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sharieff Andrews	6	2	6	8.0	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Erick Hunter	2	6	2	8.0	1.0-8	1.0-8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elijah McKenzie	10	4	3	7.0	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
Lovelace Rufus	5	2	5	7.0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Jeremiah Wynn	2	6	1	7.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martavian B-Davis	8	5	1	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rodney Patterson	6	6	-	6.0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Williams	3	4	2	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reginald Barnes	9	2	3	5.0	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
Chance Pickard	5	2	3	5.0	1.5-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jalen Greene-Scarver	8	1	3	4.0	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



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- 8.30 SOUTH ALABAMA
- 9.6 TOWSON
- 9.13 TOLEDO
- 9.20 CENTRAL STATE
- 9.27 MILES COLLEGE (CIRCLE CITY CLASSIC)
- 10.4 GEORGETOWN
- 10.11 VIRGINIA-LYNCHBURG (HOMECOMING)
- 10.25 HOWARD
- 11.1 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
- 11.8 DELAWARE STATE
- 11.15 NORFOLK STATE
- 11.22 NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL

- HOME
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BEARS OFFENSE

X 16 ANTHONY JAMES	5-6,160,RJr.
19 Demier Shipley	6-4,2185,Jr
1 Avery Jones	6-2,202,Gr.
LT 73 KRISTOPHER BOYD	6-3,355,Fr.
71 Kahari Finley	6-5,285,Fr.
LG 75 DEXTER CARR JR.	6-3,315,Sr.
52 Torrance Williams.....	6-2,355,RFr
C 74 DANIEL CASILLAS	6-2,315,So.
75 Dexter Carr Jr.	6-3,315,Sr.
RG 56 MOSULA TAPUSOA	6-0,310,Fr.
78 Eric McKeown.....	6-5,275,Jr.
RT 72 TREYVON BRANCH	6-3,290,Jr.
53 Harrison Anthony.....	6-6,260,Fr.
Y 16 ANTHONY JAMES	5-11,210,Sr.
8 Abdou Diop.....	6-4,207,Sr.
QB 7 TAHJ SMITH	6-2,190,Fr.
3 Carson Baker.....	6-3,205,Gr.
6 Dominique Anthony.....	6-1,213,So.
11 Duce Taylor.....	6-1,180,Jr.
H 0 J.J. DAVIS	5-9,172,RJr.
20 Myles Miree.....	5-9,175,Jr.
5 Jabriel Johnson.....	5-9,205,Sr.
Z 12 TREVEYON PRATT	6-2,195,Sr.
10 Andre Crawley.....	5-7,190,Jr.
18 Joseph Owumi.....	6-3,200,Jr.
S 17 TYLER WILKINS	6-3,200,Jr.
15 DJ Hamler.....	5-8,170,Sr.

BEARS DEFENSE

DE 0 ELIJAH WILLIAMS	6-3,270,Jr.
13 Lance Byndon.....	6-3,235,Fr.
DT 9 MELTEON DAVIS	6-1,275,Jr.
96 Darius Outlaw.....	6-5,280,Sr.
NT 99 SHARIEFF ANDREWS	6-2,310,Fr.
97 Reginald Barnes.....	6-0,270,Jr.
DE 11 NOAH WASHINGTON	6-5,275,Gr.
5 Nana Asante.....	6-7,230,Jr.
MIKE 40 ERICK HUNTER	6-4,210,Jr.
30 KJ Scott.....	6-2,220,Jr.
WILL 54 LAWRENCE RICHARDSON	6-1,215,Sr.
24 Sam Alsheimer.....	6-2,225,RSr.
NICK 22 JAE'VEYON MORTON	5-9,180,Gr.
31 Josh Graham.....	5-9,175,Jr.
CB 7 CARLVAINSKY DECIUS	6-0,190,Jr.
3 Tyrin Woodby.....	6-1,180,RFr.
CB 1P JA'SON PREVARD	6-2,195,Fr.
39 Janary Lockhart.....	6-1,180,Fr.
FS 23 JORDAN TOLES	6-1,209,Sr.
36 Quincy Johnson.....	6-0,190,So.
ROV 6 LOVELACE RUFUS	6-3,190,Jr.
2 Jordan Johnson.....	6-3,190,Sr.

BEARS SPECIAL TEAMS

PK 18 BECKETT LEARY	6-3,215,Jr.
85 Shane Messenger.....	6-0,200,Fr.
P 85 SHANE MESSENGER	6-0,200,Fr
18 Beckett Leary.....	6-3,215,Jr.
LS 46 GRIFFIN DORMAN	5-11,225,Fr.
59 Jordan Amadi.....	6-1,284,So.
PR 2 KWINCY HALL	5-6,160,RJr.
10 Andre Crawley.....	5-7,190,Jr.
KR 14 KEITH JENKINS JR.	6-1,185,So.
0 J.J. Davis.....	5-9,172,RSr.





HERB WALKER JR.

RUNNING BACK

5-8, 180, Jr. | Ginn Academy | Cleveland, Ohio

3

2014 (SOPHOMORE):

- Set the school single season rushing record with 1,408 yards (ranked No. 14 in FCS), scored 15 TDs (13 rushing)
- Had 20 catches for 244 yards, including a pair of TD receptions
- All-MEAC First Team and Walter Payton Award Watch List selection
- BOXTOROW National Player of the Week performance at Florida A&M (Oct. 4) - had 203 yards on 22 carries
- Registered 20 carries for 271 yards (a school all-time single game record) and two TDs in his first career start at Holy Cross (Sept. 6)
- Had a season best four (4) TD performance at Hampton

2013 (FRESHMAN):

- Finished the season with 390 yards on 99 carries, including a TD
- Had 10 carries for 56 yards (5.6 apc) in his firsts collegiate game at Army (Aug 30)
- Gained 74 yards on 13 carries at N.C. Central (Oct. 19)
- Ran for 43 yards on 11 carries against Norfolk State (Sept. 28)

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Standout at Ginn Academy
- Led his team to a 9-1 record during his final season
- Third Team All Ohio and First Team Northwest Ohio
- MVP of the Senate 2012-13 East vs. West All Star Game
- Was an honor roll scholar athlete, graduated 3rd in class

PERSONAL:

- Born July 8, 1995 in Cleveland, Ohio
- His goal at MSU is to finish with a 3.0 or higher GPA





DESHAUN SUMMERS

defensive back

5-9, 175, Sr. | Phoebus HS | Hampton, Va.

6

2014 (JUNIOR):

- Started in all 13 games
- Finished the season with 40 tackles and recorded three tackles for loss and two interceptions
- Had three pass breakups to go along with a forced fumble and six tackles against Bowie State (Sept. 13)
- Posted a season best seven tackles versus Howard (Sept. 20)
- Posted four tackles at Liberty (Sept. 14)
- Recorded a 55-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown at Western Kentucky (Sept. 21)

2013 (SOPHOMORE):

- Played in every game
- Completed the season with 18 tackles (14 solo)
- Had three interceptions and a tackle for a loss

2012 (FRESHMAN):

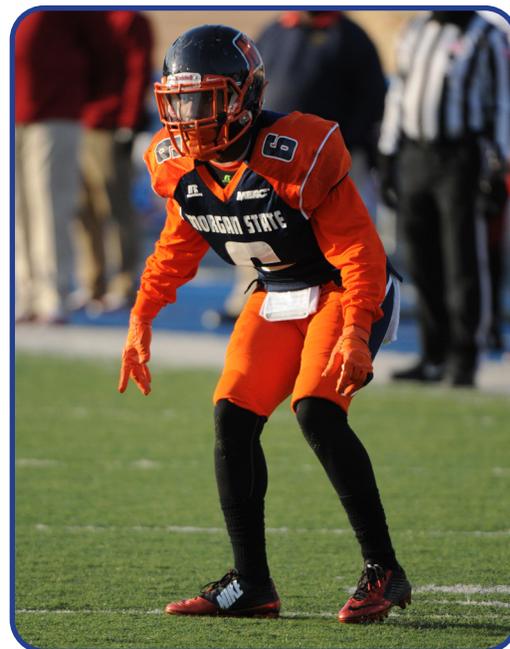
- Contributed right away as a true freshman, contributed 27 tackles (15 solo) and two INTs
- Played in nine games and started in seven
- Recorded his first career start at Akron (Sept. 15) and recorded 10 tackles

HIGH SCHOOL:

- All-Peninsula District selection as a standout at Phoebus HS
- Played cornerback and was an unsung hero during the Phantoms' 15-0 state championship season under coach Stan Sexton
- Recorded 50 tackles, nine of which came in his team's 20-10 win over South County in the Group AAA, Division 5 championship game
- he intercepted four passes, one of which he returned for a TD
- Was a member of the National Honors Society

PERSONAL:

- Born July 23, 1994 in Hampton, Va.
- Business Administration major
- His father was a former RB for the Hampton Pirates





MOSES SKILLON

QUARTERBACK

6-5, 230, Sr. | Hallendale HS | Liberty City, Fla.

12

2014 (JUNIOR):

- Started last five games of the season and saw action in seven
- Finished the season by completing 115 of 204 passes for 1,392 yards and 11 TDs
- Rushed for 260 yards on 64 carries and scored six TDs
- Threw for a career-high 289 yards (25 of 43), rushed for 42 yards and accounted for three TDs against S.C. State (Nov. 15)
- Rushed for 77 yards and threw for 204 yards and accounted for three scores versus Villanova (Oct. 25)
- Recorded five touchdown passes against Delaware State on Nov. 22 -- it was not only a new school record, but it ranks No. 5 all-time in MEAC history.

2013 (SOPHOMORE):

- Played in five games and started in one
- Completed 18 of 44 passes for 316 yards and two TDs
- Had 37 carries for 149 yards, including a TD
- Threw for 207 yards (9 of 18) and a pair of TDs against Robert Morris (Sept. 7)
- Completed 4 of 10 passes for 72 yards and ran for a TD against Howard (Oct. 26)

2012 (FRESHMAN):

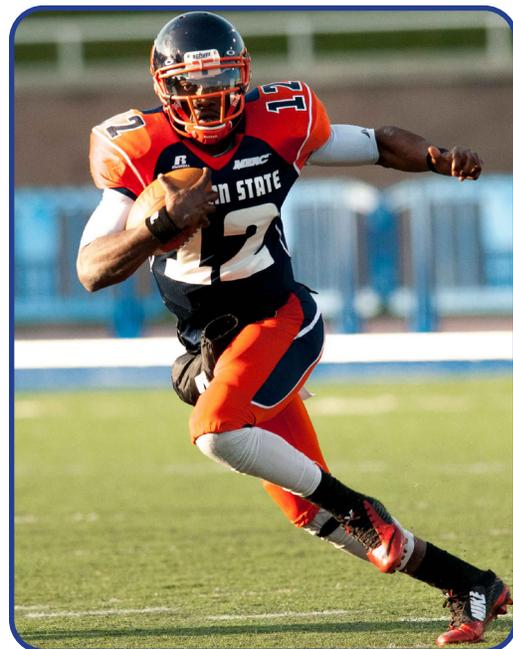
- Played his first college game against Hampton (Nov. 17)

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Helped lead the Hallendale Chargers to an 8-3 record and District Championship in 2011
- Threw for over 2,000 yards
- First Team All-Area selection

PERSONAL:

- Born February 21, 1992 in Miami, Florida
- Enjoys the music of Drake, lil Wayne and Young Jeezy
- Physical Education major





ANDREW KING

WIDE RECEIVER

5-9, 170, RSr. | Atholton HS | Columbia, Md.

11

2014 (R-JUNIOR):

- Saw action in 10 games and missed the first four games of the season due to injury
- Led the team with 42 receptions for 508 yards, including a season-long 55-yard catch against S.C. State 9 (Nov. 15)
- Averaged 12.1 yards per catch and scored six TDs
- Recorded 151 yards on 11 catches, including a TD reception vs. S.C. State (Nov. 15)
- Had three TD catches and posted 116 yards on eight receptions against Delaware State (Nov. 22)

2013 (R-SOPHOMORE):

- Saw action in four games
- Had a pair of catches for 25 yards at Army (Aug. 30)
- Finished with a season-high five receptions for 66 yards and scored a pair of TDs against Robert Morris (Sept. 7)

2012 (R-FRESHMAN):

- Started in 11 games
- Led the team with 25 receptions for 334 yards, including two TDs
- Collected five catches for 61 yards in the season-opener vs. Sacred Heart (Sept. 1)

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Played running back, slot and was a special teams returner at Atholton under coach Kyle Schmitt
- Helped lead the Raiders to an 8-3 record and ranked No. 9 in the state by averaging 213 yards per game during his senior season (2010)
- 2010 All-Howard County Second Team and Baltimore Touchdown Club All-Star Game

PERSONAL:

- Born May 14, 1993 in Columbia, Maryland
- Accounting major
- Is Ambidextrous
- Nickname is "A.K."





LAWRENCE FORBES

Punter

6-4, 180, RJr. | Riverdale Baptist HS | Upper Marlboro, Md.

38

2014 (R-SOPHOMORE):

- All-MEAC Second Team selection
- Averaged 38.5 yards per punt, including six punts over 50 yards
- Placed 14 punts inside the 20-yard line with only two touchbacks

2013 (R-FRESHMAN):

- Was a finalist for the Jerry Rice Award that recognizes the top freshman in the nation
- Named to the 2013 ECAC Division I Championship Sub-Division All Star Team
- Completed the regular season ranked No. 9 in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS)
- He became just the third Bear punter in school history to be named to the All-MEAC first team
- Averaged 43.8 yards per punt, including 11 punts over 50 yards
- 15 punts landed inside the 20 yardline
- Had a season-high 78-yard punt at Liberty (Sept. 14) and a 74-yard punt against Hampton (Nov. 2)

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Was a two-sport athlete at Riverdale Baptist HS
- Played QB/P and led the Crusaders to an 8-2 record and Conference Championship under coach Bob Shield
- Played pitcher on the baseball team under coach Terry Terrill

PERSONAL:

- Born May 29, 1993 in London, England
- Raised in Upper Marlboro, Md.
- Broadcasting and integrated media major
- His goal is to be the best punter to ever play at Morgan State





DELONTE HALL

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-8, 165, RSr. | Friendly HS | Ft. Washington, Md.

13

2014 (R-SOPHOMORE):

- Started in 10 of 12 games played
- Had a breakout season in which he was named to the All-MEAC Third Team
- Racked up 56 tackles (36 solo)
- Recorded a pair of interceptions at Florida A&M (Oct. 4)
- Recorded a season-high 16 tackles at Eastern Michigan (Aug. 30)
- Posted eight stops against #16/18 Richmond (Nov. 29)

2013 (R-FRESHMAN):

- Saw action in four games
- Recorded eight tackles
- Finished with four tackles at Delaware State (Nov. 23)

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Was a standout at Friendly HS
- Helped lead the Patriots to an 8-2 record and County championship in 2008
- All-County, All-League performer and was named Team MVP and Defensive MVP

PERSONAL:

- Born June 8, 1993 in Fort Washington, Maryland
- Physical Therapy major
- Enjoys playing video games and listening to music
- Nickname is "Whispers."





ORLANDO JOHNSON

WIDE RECEIVER

5-8, 150, RSo. | Ridgeway HS | Memphis, Tenn.

1

2014 (R-FRESHMAN):

- Sawa action in every game and was the league's leading kick return specialist, following a season in which he averaged 23.4 yards per return (No. 1 in MEAC; No. 32 in FCS)
- Was team's fourth leading rusher (19-155 yds, TD)
- Had six catches for 53 yards
- Ranked second on the team in all-purpose yards (911 yards)
- Had three kick returns for a season-high 134 yards against Howard (Sept. 20) at the NYUL Classic at MetLife Stadium

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Was a standout running back at Ridgeway HS
- Helped lead the Roadrunners to three straight 5A league championships (2010, '11, '12)
- First Team All-City and First Team All-State
- Liberty Bowl All-Star
- Selected to Best of the Preps
- Had 219 attempts for 2,620 yards with 26 TDs
- Averaged 201.5 yards per game and had 2,945 all-purpose yards

PERSONAL:

- Born November 2, 1994 in Memphis, Tenn.
- His nickname is "O.J."
- Business Administration major
- Was taught the game of football by his grandfather





ANDREW MITCHELL

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-3, 260, Rjr. | Hamilton HS | Memphis, Tenn.

92

2014 (R-SOPHOMORE):

- Started in all 13 games
- Collected 25 tackles (16 solo) with 4.5 tackles for loss and a sack
- Recorded up five tackles, two TFL and a sack against Delaware State (Nov. 22)
- Had three tackles at the NYUL Classic against Howard (Sept. 20)

2013 (R-FRESHMAN):

- Saw action in 11 games
- Collected 11 tackles (7 solo) with four tackles for loss and a sack
- Posted three tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss against Liberty (Sept. 14)
- Notched three tackles and a TFL at Western Kentucky (Sept. 21)

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Played OL/DL at Hamilton HS under coach Jerome Griffin
- Recorded 40 tackles and six sacks as a senior
- Was an All-District defensive lineman
- Played in the MIAA Memphis City All-Star Game
- Played in the Liberty Bowl All-Star Game
- Was the District Shot Put champion

PERSONAL:

- Born March 2, 1994 in Memphis, Tennessee
- Physical Education major
- Career ambition is to become an athletic director





2015 FOOTBALL ASSISTANTS

BEARS

Assistant Coaches



MIKE FANOGA

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Hometown: American Samoa
Alma Mater: UTEP '86
Years at MSU: 1st season



FRED FARRIER

offensive coordinator

Hometown: Cleveland Heights, Ohio
Alma Mater: Holy Cross '92
Years at MSU: 2nd season



TRAVIS MANGER

OFFENSIVE LINE

Hometown: Newtown, Pa.
Alma Mater: Temple '08
Years at MSU: 1st season



KENNETH LUCAS

RUNNING BACKS

Hometown: Washington, D.C.
Alma Mater: Univ. of Delaware '88
Years at MSU: 2nd season



JAMARI MCCOLLOUGH

RECEIVERS

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.
Alma Mater: Univ. of Maryland, 2010
Years at MSU: 2nd season



LEANDRE CREAMER

DEFENSIVE LINE

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.
Alma Mater: Tennessee '87
Years at MSU: 3rd season



BRAWLEY EVANS

DEFENSIVE BACKS
RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.
Alma Mater: West Liberty St., 2005
Years at MSU: 2nd season



BENTON HAROLD

SPECIAL TEAMS
TIGHT ENDS

Hometown: Augusta, Ga.
Alma Mater: Georgia Southern '96
Years at MSU: 16th season





2015 MORGAN STATE RECRUITING CLASS

Name	Pos...	Hgt...	Wgt...	Hometown/High School...
Kirby Linscomb	WR	6-5	215	Houston, Texas / Elkins HS
Phillip Brown Jr.	TE	6-4	220	Birmingham, Ala./Spain Park HS
Daylan Williams	LB	6-0	20	Louisville, Ga./Jefferson County HS
Jai Franklin	DL	6-3	285	Upper Marlboro, Md./ODU/Wise HS
Cooper Clarkin	OL	6-3	260	Middleton, Conn./Xavier HS
Darius "DJ" Johnson	DB	6-1	190	Baltimore, Md./St. Paul's HS
Khalil Trotman	QB	6-1	185	Burlington, N.J./Timber Creek HS
Rudy Norwood	QB	6-3	190	Orlando, Fla./Dr. Phillips HS
Malachi Washington	DE	6-3	220	Waldorf, Md./Westlake HS
Brian Gentry	WR	6-3	195	Kennersville, N.C./East Forsyth HS
Tra Revell	DB	6-1	180	Suffolk, Va./Lakeland HS
Adrien Allen	OL	6-4	324	Baltimore, Md./Milford Mills Academy
Carl Garnes	DB	6-1	185	Cherry Hill, N.J./Camden Catholic HS
Daimen Oliver	OL	6-3	270	Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech HS
Antoine McCray	DL	6-3	310	District Heights, Md./Forestville HS

**Enrolled at Morgan State in January 2015*



2015 FOOTBALL SEASON NOTES

2024 SEASON OUTLOOK

THE SEASON

The 2015 college football season represents the 117th season of football for the Morgan State Bears. It also represents Morgan State's 40th season in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (1970-79, 1984-Present). The Bears have an all-time record of 443-395-3 since 1920.

HUGHES STADIUM

The 2015 season will also represent the 78th campaign for Hughes Stadium to be home of the Bears. Morgan State is 34-28 since 2001 in Hughes Stadium, including a 4-0 home record during their historic championship run last year.

THE SENIOR CLASS

The 2015 senior class features 11 players. The total includes five who have red-shirted (noted below with an asterisk).

Seniors on Offense (5): QB *Seth Higgins, WR *Andrew King, QB Moses Skillon, WR Grayling Harrison, TE Eme Akonawe

Seniors on Defense (6): DB Peterson Janvier, LB Kenny Thomas, DB *Fonyi Agendia, LB *Bill Hill, LB *Joel Scott, DB DeShaun Summers

EIGHT BEARS SELECTED TO ALL-MEAC TEAM

Eight Morgan State Bears were recognized when the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Teams were released led by Offensive Lineman of the Year Darren Pinnock, RB Herb Walker Jr. and LB Cody Acker who



were selected to the first team. OL Clarence Swain, DL Christopher Robinson, DB Paul Eatman Jr. and P Lawrence Forbes were selected to the All-MEAC Second Team, while DB Dalonte Hall earned Third Team honors.

65 LETTERMEN RETURN...

A total of 65 lettermen return – 35 on offense; 27 on defense and three specialists – return off the 2014 MEAC Champions team. Included are eight offensive starters from a unit that averaged 27.9 points per game and ranked No. 2 in the MEAC, plus ranked second in rushing and third in total offense with 208.5 and 378.8 yards per game, respectively.

THE CONCERN

Seven starters must be replaced – four on offense and three on defense: OL Darren Pinnock (2014 MEAC Offensive Lineman of the Year); C Clarence Swain, OL Randon Key, QB Robert Council, LB Cody Acker (All-MEAC 2nd Team), DE Christopher Robinson, SS Paul Eatman Jr. The Bears still return over 80 percent of its starters.

THOMPSON A RETURNING ALL-AMERICAN

Matthew Thompson earned FCS Freshman All-American honors last year by TONYSOFTLI.COM. The 6-4, 330 pounder helped lead the MEAC's second –best rushing attack (208.5 yards per game). In fact, he helped MSU complete the season with 2,711 yards on the ground in 495 attempts for a per carry average of 5.5 yards. MSU was 26th in the nation in rushing yards per game and ranked 22nd in sack allowed (16; No. 1 in MEAC) on 345 attempts. As a right tackle for the offensive line, aka. The "Trench Mob", Thompson started in 10 games, graded out in the high 90s on all his blocking assignments.

2nd YEAR AS STARTING SAFETY

Peterson Janvier returns for his senior season with the Bears. Last season, the 5-10, 185-pound playmaker started in every game and recorded 86 tackles (59 solo) with 3.5 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks. He also posted a pair of interceptions and collected two fumble recoveries.

WALKER EYES ON ANOTHER 1,000-YARD SEASON

Herb Walker Jr. was one of the most talents in the MEAC a season ago. The 5-8, 190-pound running back set the school's single season rushing record by compiling 1,408 yards (ranked No. 14 in FCS). He also amassed 15 touchdowns (13 rushing) and was named to the All-MEAC First Team. He became the first Bear to go over 1,000 rushing yards since Devan James posted 1,337 yards in 2008.

GIBSON WAS SUPER AS A REDSHIRT FRESHMAN

Gregory Gibson will look to fill the void in the middle left by All-MEAC





standout Cody Acker. Gibson, who started in the last eight games of the season, was among the team's leading tacklers, ranking fifth with 68 tackles to go along with three tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. He will certainly be one to watch.

THE KING RETURNS

Senior receiver Andrew King headlines a skilled group of performers that also includes redshirt junior Thomas Martin, redshirt sophomores Ladarious Spearman and Landen Malbrough, Ricky Fisk and Amonta Poteat. King was the most productive target for the Bears last season, despite missing the first four games due to injury. He had a team high 42 receptions for 508 yards and averaged 12.1 yards per catch. He scored six touchdowns and had a season-long 55-yard catch against South Carolina State.

THE EARLY ENROLLEES

Five from the 2015 recruiting class – OL Cooper Clarkin, DL Jai Wilson, LB Daylan Williams, TE Phillip Brown Jr., and WR Kirby Linscomb – enrolled at Morgan State in January and took part in spring drills.

POLL POSITION

Picked last (9th) in the MEAC preseason poll, Morgan State captured a share of the MEAC Title with a 6-2 conference record, marking its first conference championship since 1979. The Bears also made its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Playoffs when they faced #16/18 Richmond. The Bears completed the season ranked 31st in the final FCS poll – its highest ranking in school history.

MOSES IS BACK

Moses Skillon returns at quarterback for his senior season. He helped lead the Bears to its first MEAC Title since 1979, including its first Division I FCS Playoff berth. He also led the team to its first winning season since 2009. He finished the 2014 season with a career-high 1,408 passing yards with 11 touchdowns and only eight

interceptions. He also had 260 rushing yards with six touchdowns. His five touchdown passes against Delaware State on Nov. 22 was not only a school record, but it ranks No. 5 all-time in MEAC history.

HULL HONORED

Hull earned the first MEAC Coach of the Year honor for MSU since Donald Hill-Eley in 2002. In just his first season as a head coach, Hull has helped Morgan State improve from a 5-7 regular season in 2013 to a 7-5 regular season in 2014. The turnaround in the regular season marked the Bears first winning season since 2009, and matched the most wins by the school since recording a 7-5 record in 2002. Hull was also a finalist for the Eddie Robinson FCS Coach of the Year Award.

MSU TITLES

MSU 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 and a MEAC title in 1971. Clarence Thomas led the Bears to a MEAC title in 1979...and now - after a 40-year drought - Lee Hull





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has added a MEAC title.

RICH PAST

From 1935 to 1980, Morgan State's football program attained the status of legend. During that time, the Bears won a total of 23 conference championships: 19 in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and four in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). In addition, they were one-time NCAA Mid-Atlantic College champions, three-time Orange Blossom Classic champions and a one-time winner of the Tangerine Bowl (now the Capital One Bowl). During those same years, Morgan produced 18 All-Americans and scores of players who went on to success in the National Football League, among them, four NFL Hall of Famers: Willie Lanier, Len Ford, Roosevelt Brown and Leroy Kelly.

THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Morgan State began building the foundation for the 2015 campaign during the spring by announcing the nine members of the 2015 Leadership Council. Determined through a team-wide voting process, the unit meets regularly with head coach Lee Hull throughout the year to open lines of communication with the coaching staff and discuss concerns for the upcoming season.

The Leadership Council this year features:

Moses Skillon (Senior QB), *Andrew King (Senior WR), *Eme Akonawe (Senior TE), Marcolm Banks (Junior RB), Dominique Woods (R-Sophomore OL), Andrew Mitchell (R-Junior DL), Joel Scott (Senior LB), Greg Gibson (Junior LB), Janvier Peterson (Senior FS)

*Members during the 2014 season

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yards	TDs
Moses Skillon	115-204-856.4	1,392	11	
RUSHING	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
Herb Walker Jr.	233	1,408	6.0	13
Moses Skillon	64	260	4.1	6
Orlando Johnson	19	155	8.2	1
Lamont Brown III	18	124	6.9	1
Ricky Fisk	10	62	15.5	1
RECEIVING	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
Andrew King	42	508	12.1	6
Thomas Martin	22	346	15.7	3
Ladari Spearman	22	307	13.9	2
Landen Malbrough	14	251	17.9	2
Herb Walker Jr.	20	244	12.2	2
Amonta Poteat	19	199	10.4	1
Ricky Fisk	13	117	9.0	1
Orlando Johnson	6	53	8.8	0
Willie Gillus III	4	52	13.0	0
Lamont Brown III	3	50	16.6	1
TACKLES	Solo	Asst.	Total	Misc.
Peterson Janvier	59	27	86	*2/2
Antonio Jefferson	57	18	75	--
Greg Gibson	40	28	68	^3/1.5
Delonta Hall	36	20	56	*2/9
DeShaun Summers	10	40	50	*2/5
Ta'Quon Jackson	21	15	36	^1.5/1
Damare' Whitaker	15	13	28	^2/--
Heleaince Gates	14	13	27	^3/--
Andrew Mitchell	16	9	25	^4.5/1

^Indicates TFLs/Sacks; *Indicates INTs/PBUs

