

2021 North Carolina Central University Eagles Football

QUICK FACTS

School: North Carolina Central University
Location: Durham, NC 27707
Founded: 1910 by Dr. James E. Shepard
Enrollment: 8,078
Nickname: Eagles
School Colors: Maroon & Gray
Stadium: O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium
Capacity (Surface): 10,000 (Mondoturf)
National Affiliation: NCAA Division I-FCS
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)
Chancellor: Dr. Johnson O. Akinleye
Alma Mater: Alabama A&M
Athletics Director: Dr. Ingrid Wicker McCree
Alma Mater: George Washington
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FOOTBALL HISTORY

First Year of Football: 1923
Overall All-Time Record: 479-398-30
NCAA Division I-FCS Playoff Record (Yrs): 0-0 (no appearances)
NCAA Div. II Playoff Record (Yrs): 1-3 (3 years - 1988, 2005, 2006)
Last Playoff Opponent/Result: Delta State (Div. II) - Lost, 17-24 (Nov. 25, 2006)
Conference Championships: MEAC (1972, 1973, 2016); CIAA (1953, 1954, 1956, 1961, 1963, 1980, 2005, 2006)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Trei Oliver
Alma Mater (Year): N.C. Central (1998)
Record at NCCU (Years): 4-8 in 2019 (2nd season) – Did not compete during 2020-21
Career Record (Years): 4-8 (2nd season)
Coaching Staff:
Trei Oliver - Head Coach
Juan Navarro – Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
Matt Leone – Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Moses Ware – Wide Receivers/Tight Ends
Ty Greenwood – Cornerbacks

Antonio King – Running Backs
 Isaac Williams – Offensive Line
 Dan Owen – Safeties
 Claude Clayborne – Defensive Line

TEAM INFORMATION

total / home / away / neutral

Overall Record Last Year (2019): 4-8 / 2-3 / 2-5 / 0-0

MEAC Record Last Year (2019): 3-5 / 1-3 / 2-2 / 0-0

Starters Returning/Lost (2019): 12/10 (8/3 Offense; 4/7 Defense)

RETURNING OFFENSIVE STARTERS (8)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	2019 Statistics / Notes
Isaiah Totten	RB	5-9	195	R-Sr.	636 rush yards, 3 TD (4.0 avg.), 12 starts *
Daeshawn Stephens	WR	6-2	220	R-Sr.	28 receptions, 354 yards, 2 TD, 8 starts
Ryan McDaniel	WR	6-2	215	Sr.	39 receptions, 368 yards, 3 TD, 10 starts
Robert Mitchell	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	Started 10 games (guard)
Quentin Chaplin	TE	6-5	240	R-Jr.	7 receptions, 95 yards, 5 starts
Tyler Barnes	WR	6-4	220	Jr.	23 receptions, 235 yards, 2 TD, 9 starts
Devin Jordan	OL	6-4	320	R-So.	Started 9 games (tackle)
Davius Richard	QB	6-3	200	So.	2,020 passing yards, 12 passing TD, 10 starts

* First Team All-MEAC (2019)

RETURNING DEFENSIVE STARTERS (4)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	2019 Statistics / Notes
Stephen Stokes	DB	5-11	170	R-Sr.	62 tackles (46 solo), 7.0 TFL, 2 INT, 6 PBU, 12 starts
Jessie Malit	DL	6-3	235	R-Jr.	26 tackles (17 solo), 5.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 12 starts
Justin Nicholson	DB	6-0	195	R-Jr.	21 tackles, 1.0 TFL, 1 INT, 9 PBU, 9 starts
Manny Smith	DB	6-0	195	R-So.	43 tackles (30 solo), 3.0 TFL, 3 PBU, 11 starts

OTHER TOP RETURNERS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	2019 Statistics / Notes
Brandon Codrington	RS	5-9	170	So.	18.8 yd/kickoff return, TD; 7.8 yd/punt return ***
Adrian Olivo	K	5-10	160	So.	54 points, 10-13 field goals, 24-26 PAT
E.J. Hicks	WR	5-11	170	Sr.	24 receptions, 351 yards, 1 TD
Jordan Freeman	RB	5-9	195	R-Sr.	365 rushing yards, 2 TD
Chuck Manning	DL	6-2	255	Jr.	20 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks
Latrell Collier	RB	5-10	185	R-So.	210 rushing yards, 5 TD (3 rushing/2 receiving)
Corey Bullock	OL	6-4	290	So.	Started 4 games (guard)

*** Third Team All-MEAC

2021 SCHEDULE (Tentative and subject to change)

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Special Event
Aug. 28	vs. Alcorn State	Atlanta, Georgia Center Parc Stadium	7 pm	"MEAC/SWAC Challenge" TV: ESPN
Sept. 11	at Marshall	Huntington, W.Va.	6:30 pm	
SEPT. 18	WINSTON-SALEM ST.	DURHAM, N.C.	6 PM	
Sept. 25	at North Carolina A&T	Greensboro, N.C.	6 pm	
Oct. 2	at Mississippi Valley St.	Itta Bena, Miss.	3 pm (CT)	
OCT. 9	TENNESSEE TECH	DURHAM, N.C.	2 PM	
Oct. 23	at Morgan State	Baltimore, Md.	TBA	
OCT. 30	SOUTH CAROLINA ST.	DURHAM, N.C.	2 PM	
NOV. 6	NORFOLK STATE	DURHAM, N.C.	2 PM	
Nov. 13	at Howard	Washington, D.C.	1 pm	
NOV. 20	DELAWARE STATE	DURHAM, N.C.	2 PM	
Dec. 18	Celebration Bowl (MEAC Champion)	Atlanta, Ga. Mercedes-Benz Stadium	12 pm	Celebration Bowl

Home games in CAPS played at O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium. Listen to the entire Eagles football at www.NCCUEaglePride.com.

2019 RESULTS – 4-8 overall, 3-5 MEAC

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Attendance
Aug. 29	at Austin Peay	L	10-41	7,512
Sept. 7	at #8 Towson	L	3-42	8,322
Sept. 14	at Gardner-Webb	L	12-21	4,315
Sept. 21	ELIZABETH CITY STATE	W	45-7	6,025
*Sept. 28	at Morgan State	W	27-17	7,609
*Oct. 5	at Florida A&M	L	21-28	25,679
*Oct. 10	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	L	13-27	5,261
*Oct. 26	DELAWARE STATE	W	30-23	5,026
*Nov. 2	at Howard	W	28-6	1,096
*Nov. 9	NORFOLK STATE	L	21-38	12,319
*Nov. 16	S.C. STATE	L	0-24	3,043
*Nov. 23	at #24 North Carolina A&T	L	0-54	19,853

* indicates conference game

NCCU FOOTBALL TEAM NOTES

- NCCU returns 12 starters (8 offense, 4 defense) for the 2021 season, who combined for 117 starts (73 offense, 44 defense) in 2019.
- The 2021 season will be the second season under NCCU alumnus Trei Oliver, as he made his head coaching debut in 2019, but the Eagles did not compete in 2020 (fall or spring 2021).
- Trei Oliver is the third alumnus to lead the NCCU football program, following in the footsteps of Bishop Harris, a 1963 graduate who coached the Eagles from 1991-92, and Herman Riddick, a 1933 graduate who guided the Eagles to a school record 112 victories from 1945-1964.
- In three All-MEAC seasons (First Team in 2018 and 2019; Second Team in 2017), NCCU redshirt senior running back Isaiah Totten has amassed 2,122 rushing yards to rank seventh on NCCU's career rushing list. Totten is averaging 5.02 yards per carry with 15 career rushing touchdowns.
- As a true freshman in 2019, Davius Richard became just the sixth NCCU quarterback to pass for more than 2,000 yards in a season, finishing his rookie campaign with 2,020 yards and 12 touchdowns through the air.
- In 2019, four different Eagles tallied at least 20 catches, including three with more than 350 receiving yards.
- NCCU defensive end Jessie Malit was presented with the 2020-21 STATS Perform FCS Doris Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award, presented to the nation's top FCS student-athlete who excels both in the classroom and in the community.

ABOUT NCCU COACH TREI OLIVER

With 20 years of college coaching experience that includes five conference championships and three black college football national titles, Trei Oliver returned to his alma mater as North Carolina Central University's 24th head football coach, the university announced on Dec. 13, 2018.

A native of Yorktown, Virginia, Oliver earned all-conference and all-region honors as a defensive back and punter during his four-year playing career at NCCU from 1994-97. The 1998 graduate later returned to NCCU as an assistant coach from 2003-06, helping the Eagles to back-to-back Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) championships in 2005 and 2006.

Oliver returned to NCCU as head coach after spending the previous three seasons (2016-18) as the defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Southern University. The Jaguars are coming off a Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) West division championship and a trip to the SWAC championship game.

In the prior 15 seasons (2004-18) as a coach at four different universities, Oliver has been a part of only one season with fewer than seven wins. During that time, he has celebrated 124 victories for an average of more than eight triumphs per year and a winning percentage of .725.

Prior to Southern University, Oliver served as the outside linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator at North Carolina A&T State University from 2011-15, when the Aggies shared consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships in 2014 and 2015, and

were declared the black college football national champions in his final campaign in Greensboro as winners of the Celebration Bowl with a 10-2 overall record.

In four seasons at Grambling State University from 2007-10 as the outside linebackers coach, recruiting coordinator and special teams coordinator, the Tigers earned two SWAC West division crowns, and won the SWAC championship game and a black college football national title in 2008 with an 11-2 record.

Oliver's first coaching stint at NCCU was as a defensive backs and wide receivers coach, recruiting coordinator and special teams coordinator from 2003-06. The Eagles captured back-to-back CIAA championships with consecutive trips to the NCAA Division II playoffs in 2005 and 2006, and were crowned as the black college football national champions following an 11-1 season in 2006.

Oliver started his college coaching career at Delaware State University as defensive backs coach and assistant special teams coordinator from 1999-2002.

As a student-athlete at NCCU, Oliver twice led the CIAA in punting, including a 41.7-yard average in 1997, which ranks fifth on the Eagles' all-time single season list. As a junior in 1996, he was part of a defensive backfield that led the nation (NCAA Division II) in pass defense efficiency. As a senior, he landed two positions on the All-South Region Team, earning First Team honors as a defensive back and a Second Team selection as a punter.

Among NCCU's career leaders, Oliver ranks 13th with 234 tackles (126 solo), 12th with 31 passes defended (24 pass break-ups and seven interceptions), and fourth with a 39.3-yard punting average. He garnered All-CIAA first or second team honors in each of his four seasons.

Oliver graduated from NCCU in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He earned a master's degree in criminal justice from Grambling State University in 2010.

Both of his parents, Colon and Evelyn Oliver, are also NCCU graduates. His father played football as a wide receiver at NCCU from 1963-66.

He and his wife Yvette, also an NCCU graduate, are the proud parents of a son, Reggie.

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