



NORFOLK STATE SPARTANS FOOTBALL

Game 3: North Carolina A&T (2-0) at NSU (1-1)

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008 • Norfolk, Va. • 4 p.m.

Following the Game

Stadium

Dick Price Stadium (30,000)

TV

ESPNU (tape-delayed)
 Play-by-Play: Dwayne Ballen
 Color: Eddie Robinson Jr.
 Live on ESPN360.com

NSU Radio

WNSB Hot 91.1 FM
 Play-by-Play: Ross Gordon
 Color: Terence Green

Internet Radio

WNSB audio simulcast
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Live stats, notes and more

www.nsuspartans.com
www.ncataggies.com

Series Information

Record: N.C. A&T leads 25-8
 First Meeting: NCAT 13, NSU 6 (1962)
 Last Meeting: NSU 50, NCAT 20 (2007)
 Pete Adrian vs. NCAT: 2-1
 Lee Fobbs vs. NSU: 0-2
 Largest NSU Win: 30 (2007, 50-20)
 Largest NCAT Win: 36 (1991, 50-14)

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Setting the Scene

The Spartans open Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference play this Saturday when they host North Carolina A&T in the 61st annual Fish Bowl Classic. Saturday's game has also been designated Youth Day. The game will be televised on a tape-delayed basis on ESPNU.

NSU is 1-1 on the season following a hard-fought 38-3 loss at SEC foe Kentucky last Saturday. Several Spartans turned in solid performances, led by receiver Jeremy Wicker (115 all-purpose yards) and safeties Terrell Whitehead (eight tackles, one interception) and Josh Anderson (seven tackles, one pass breakup).

North Carolina A&T comes into its MEAC opener this week with a 2-0 record after its 14-8 win over Winston-Salem State last Saturday. A week after snapping the nation's longest losing streak at 27 games, the Aggies are now on a two-game winning streak. Quarterback Herb Miller and running back Michael Ferguson each ran for a TD, and the Aggie defense had a key goal-line stand late in the fourth quarter against WSSU. Ferguson leads the MEAC with 186 rushing yards, while the N.C. A&T defense has yielded just 20 points in two games.



Norfolk State Spartans (1-1)

Date	Opponent	Time/Score
Aug. 30	Virginia State	W, 47-7
Sept. 6	at Kentucky	L, 3-38
Sept. 13	North Carolina A&T	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	at William & Mary	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Bethune-Cookman	4 p.m.
Oct. 11	at South Carolina State	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Hampton	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	Florida A&M	1 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Howard	1 p.m.
Nov. 8	Morgan State	1 p.m.
Nov. 15	Delaware State	1 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Winston-Salem State	1:30 p.m.

Head Coach Pete Adrian (West Va. '70)
 Record at NSU 17-18 (4th year)
 Overall Record..... 53-55-1 (11th year)

Assistant Coaches:

Asst. Head Coach/OL Rod Holder
 Passing Coordinator Jeff Parker
 Off. Coordinator Kirk Mastromatteo
 Def. Coordinator..... Mark DeBastiani
 Def. Line..... Mark Thurston
 Def. Backs..... Marco Butler
 Asst. WR/TE Curtis Williams
 Asst. Linebackers..... Vince Sinagra
 Asst. Def. Backs..... Lorenzo High
 Strength Coach Reese Bridgman



North Carolina A&T Aggies (2-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Score
Aug. 30	Johnson C. Smith	W, 44-12
Sept. 6	Winston-Salem State	W, 14-8
Sept. 13	at Norfolk State	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Hampton	6 p.m.
Sept. 27	Coastal Carolina	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	vs. N.C. Central	5 p.m.
Oct. 11	Morgan State	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Delaware State	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	Howard	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Bethune-Cookman	4 p.m.
Nov. 8	Florida A&M	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	S.C. State	1:30 p.m.

Head Coach ... Lee Fobbs Jr. (Grambling '73)
 Record at A&T 2-22 (3rd year)
 Overall Record..... Same

Assistant Coaches:

Off. Coordinator/QBs John McKenzie
 Def. Coordinator/LBs Tyrone Odom
 Offensive Line Kenneth Ray
 Running Backs..... George Ragsdale
 Secondary..... Travis Oliver
 Receivers..... Mack Vincent
 Defensive Linemen Myron Jackson
 Outside LBs Chris Robinson
 Tight Ends Dexter Stroman

2008 MEAC Standings

	MEAC	Overall
Delaware State	1-0	1-0
N.C. A&T	0-0	2-0
Bethune-Cookman	0-0	1-0
Norfolk State	0-0	1-1
Hampton	0-0	1-1
South Carolina State	0-0	1-1
Morgan State	0-0	0-1
Howard	0-0	0-1
Florida A&M	0-1	1-1

This Week in the MEAC

Saturday, September 13

Delaware State at Kent State	..... 2 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman vs. S.C. State	..... 4 p.m.
N.C. Central at Morgan State	..... 4 p.m.
N.C. A&T at Norfolk State	..... 4 p.m.
Howard at Hampton	..... 6 p.m.
Savannah St. at Winston-Salem	..... 6 p.m.

Next Week in the MEAC

Saturday, September 20

Florida A&M at Howard	..... 1 p.m.
South Carolina State at Clemson	..... 1 p.m.
Savannah St. at Beth.-Cookman	..... 4 p.m.
North Carolina A&T at Hampton	..... 6 p.m.
Morgan St. at Winston-Salem St.	..... 6 p.m.
Norfolk State at William & Mary	..... 7 p.m.

NSU's MEAC Weekly Honors

Sept. 2 (Week 1)

RB DeAngelo Branche (Co-Offensive Player)
SS Dwight Fluker-Berry (Rookie)

NSU in 2008 MEAC Stats

Team

Scoring Off.: 5th (25.0 ppg)
Rush. Off.: 5th (134.0 ypg)
Pass Off.: 8th (139.0 ypg)
Total Off.: 7th (273.0 ypg)
Scoring Def.: 6th (22.5 ppg)
Rush Def.: 8th (181.0 ypg)
Pass Def.: 2nd (92.5 ypg)
Total Def.: 5th (273.5 ypg)
Turnover Margin: T-3rd (+1.0/gm.)

Individuals

Rushing: 8. DeAngelo Branche (69.5 ypg)
Passing: 6. Dennis Brown (111.5 ypg)
Total Off.: 10. Dennis Brown (118.5 ypg)
Receptions: T-9. Jamar Johnson (4.0/gm.)
All-Purpose: 5. DeAngelo Branche (92.0 ypg)
Scoring: T-3. DeAngelo Branche (9.0 ppg)
Punting Avg.: 3. Billy Rudd (40.6 avg.)
Punt Return Avg: 1. Jeremy Wicker (21.8 avg)
Tack. for Loss: T-7. Mike Alphonse (1.25/gm.)
Sacks: T-1. Ray Jennings (1.0/gm.)
Passes Def.: T-7. Terrell Whitehead (1.0/gm.)

A WIN OVER N.C. A&T WOULD...

- Be NSU's third straight over A&T. NSU's longest series win streak was four (1979, then 1987-89).
- Give NSU its second straight win in a MEAC opener. NSU is 1-2 in MEAC openers under Pete Adrian.
- Give the Spartans their third straight Fish Bowl win.

QUICK HITS FROM KENTUCKY

- NSU played much better against Kentucky than it did in its only previous I-A game, a 59-0 loss at Rutgers last year. NSU was out-gained 444-164 last week, compared to 537-124 against Rutgers.
- Despite tallying just three points, NSU had its chances to score more. The Spartans had three drives inside UK territory that did not yield any points. Two ended in missed field goals and one in a punt.
- Jeremy Wicker had a productive all-around day, tallying a game-high 69 receiving yards on five catches. He also had a career-long 37-yard punt return in the third quarter.
- Terrell Whitehead notched his 10th career interception in the third quarter.
- In just his second game as the Spartans' punter, Billy Rudd had a fine day. It got off to a rocky start when his first punt went for just seven yards. But he still finished the afternoon with a 41-yard average on nine punts. Two of those were downed inside the UK 20, one of them at the 1. Taking away his seven-yarder, Rudd averaged 45.3 yards on his other eight punts.

LAST MEETING

NSU quarterback Casey Hansen picked apart the North Carolina A&T defense for a career-high 351 yards and four touchdowns as NSU downed the Aggies 50-20 at Aggie Stadium on Sept. 27, 2007. The victory was NSU's first in Greensboro since 1987.

Jeremy Wicker was the biggest beneficiary of Hansen's career night, hauling in five passes for a career-high 172 yards and a pair of first-half scores covering 19 and 69 yards. Joining Wicker in the end zone for the first time as Spartans were Dario Walker and Jamar Johnson, who each caught a scoring strike from Hansen in the second half.

The Spartans rolled up a season-high 532 yards of total offense. Daryl Jones enjoyed his third 100-yard rushing game of the season, tallying 105 yards and a TD on 25 carries.

The teams combined for more than 400 yards of offense in a wild first half that ended with NSU leading 29-20. But the Spartans dominated time of possession in the second half, opening the third quarter with an 8-minute, 27-second drive that ended when Hansen hit Johnson for a 16-yard TD.

N.C. A&T had 213 yards of offense, just 78 in the final three quarters combined. Michael Ferguson led N.C. A&T with 131 yards rushing on 18 carries.

YEAR-BY-YEAR SERIES RESULTS

1962: NCAT 13-6	1963: NCAT 34-7	1965: NCAT 27-20	1966: NCAT 40-6
1967: NSU 17-14	1968: NCAT 61-14	1969: NCAT 20-14	1970: NCAT 21-18
1971: NCAT 25-3	1972: NCAT 35-14	1973: NCAT 26-12	1974: NCAT 8-6
1975: NCAT 35-13	1976: NCAT 13-7	1977: NCAT 21-14	1978: NCAT 39-28
1979: NSU 27-26	1987: NSU 20-17	1988: NSU 30-6	1989: NSU 6-0
1990: NCAT 20-6	1991: NCAT 50-14	1992: NCAT 35-6	1998: NCAT 34-20
1999: NCAT 28-14	2000: NCAT 16-0	2001: NCAT 43-0	2002: NCAT 36-10
2003: NCAT 34-14	2004: NSU 27-14	2005: NCAT 16-14	2006: NSU 42-20
2007: NSU 50-20			

WHITEHEAD GARNERS PRESEASON ACCOLADES

Junior free safety Terrell Whitehead has made quite an impact in his first two seasons at NSU. He already has 10 career interceptions in just 22 games, including a MEAC-leading six thefts last season. That marked tied him for sixth nationally and helped him earn first-team All-MEAC and third-team All-American honors by The Sports Network.

That has set him up as one of the top players to watch in the MEAC and all of Division I FCS heading into 2008. A look at some of his preseason accolades:

- Buck Buchanan Award Watch List selection (FCS National Defensive Player of the Year Award)
- First-team All-MEAC pick
- Second-team All-American (The Sports Network, Phil Steele's College Football Preview)
- Preseason MEAC Defensive Player of the Year (Lindy's preseason football magazine)

Whitehead didn't see much action in the opener vs. VSU, as the Trojans completed just one pass longer than nine yards. But Whitehead fared well at Kentucky with his first interception of the year to go with eight tackles and one pass breakup.

BRANCHE RETURNS WITH A BANG

In his first action since 2006, running back DeAngelo Branche ran a career-high 20 times for 92 yards and a career-best three touchdowns against Virginia State. The 92 yards are the second-most in his career, and the three TD doubled his freshman year total. He followed that up with a tough 47 yards, 41 in the first half, at Kentucky. He is tied for third in the MEAC with 139 total rushing yards (69.5 ypg).

The Spartans suffered a set-back prior to the 2007 season when Branche was ruled academically ineligible. Branche burst onto the scene with 371 yards in reserve duty as a freshman in 2006. He led the Spartans' ball-carriers with a 5.7 yards-per-rush average that year. Branche was expected to form a dynamic 1-2 combination with fullback Daryl Jones, who went on to rush for 1,134 yards as the featured back last season.

Branche redshirted in 2007 while regaining his academic footing.

NSU Athletics Media Policies

Credentials

Credentials are issued to working members of the media only. Because of limited space in the press box, requests for press members on assignment will be honored on a space-available basis.

All requests should be made to the Sports Information Director on or before Wednesday prior to each home game. Requests will be screened to ensure good working conditions along press row. Present a valid I.D. at the Will Call entrance to Dick Price Stadium and admission will be granted upon acceptance the day of the game. Photographers and videographers should follow the same guidelines.

NSU has also adopted new policies for web-bases entities this year. These are available by contacting the Sports Information Office.

Sideline Policy

Photographers and videographers will not be allowed on the sidelines without a sideline or all-access pass issued by the sports information office. Under NCAA and MEAC guidelines, photographers are not allowed between the 25-yard lines in the team bench areas, and must remain outside the restraining lines surrounding the field. Credential holders who are not working will be asked to leave the sidelines.

For the safety of others, please do not leave any equipment unattended.

Interviews

Coach Adrian and players will be available to the press after a cooling off period following the game. Please see the NSU Sports Information staff to verify location and to request players.

All non-gameday interviews with NSU staff and athletes must also be scheduled through the Sports Information Office. Please allow 24 hours notice ahead of the preferred interview time for players.

Practices are generally open to the media, and interviews may be scheduled prior to or following practice. Once practice begins, players and coaches are unavailable until after practice.

MEAC Teleconference

The MEAC holds its weekly coaches teleconference on Tuesday mornings. Each coach is available for 10 minutes. Contact Patricia Porter, MEAC Director of Media Relations, at (757) 416-7100 to request the phone number and access code.

Below is the schedule:

10:00:	MEAC Notes
10:04:	Donald Hill-Eley (Morgan State)
10:14:	Lee Fobbs (N.C. A&T)
10:24:	Carey Bailey (Howard)
10:34:	Al Lavan (Delaware State)
10:44:	Buddy Pough (S.C. State)
10:54:	Jerry Holmes (Hampton)
11:04:	Pete Adrian (Norfolk State)
11:14:	Alvin Wyatt (Bethune-Cookman)
11:24:	Joe Taylor (Florida A&M)
11:34:	Kermit Blount (Winston-Salem)

On the Web

For news, notes and statistics on NSU football, utilize the following links:

- NSU Web Site: www.nsuspartans.com
- MEAC Web Site: www.meacsports.com
- NCAA Stats: web1.ncaa.org/mfb/mainpage.jsp

A SEASON OF FIRSTS

The Spartans didn't achieve their top goal of winning a MEAC championship in 2007. But they did accomplish a number of program firsts. Among the more noteworthy:

- With the win over FAMU, the Spartans clinched the school's first winning record in Division I.
- NSU earned its first-ever Division I FCS (I-AA) national ranking, reaching as high as No. 23.
- NSU began the season 6-1 for the first time in the Division I era. The last 6-1 start came in 1990.
- The Spartans had never won a MEAC opener prior to 2007.
- The six wins are the most-ever for NSU in its MEAC history. The previous high was three (3-5) in 2001. NSU had never finished better than seventh place in the MEAC.
- NSU earned its first win over Bethune-Cookman since 1997, first over S.C. State since 2000, first over Hampton since 2001, and first ever over Florida A&M.

SIX SPARTANS NAMED PRESEASON ALL-MEAC

Along with Whitehead, five other Spartans earned preseason All-MEAC honors: receiver Jamar Johnson was a first-team selection, while offensive lineman Jamien Banks, defensive back Don Carey, wide receiver Jeremy Wicker and defensive lineman Dennis Marsh were second-team picks. Whitehead (first team), Johnson (second), Carey (second) and Marsh (second) were all named to the All-MEAC team at the end of 2007 as a record 10 Spartans earned All-MEAC recognition.

NSU PICKED 3RD IN PRESEASON MEAC POLL, 6TH IN HBCU TOP 10

The Spartans were picked to finish third in preseason MEAC voting behind preseason favorite South Carolina State and defending champion Delaware State, respectively. This is the highest NSU has ever been predicted to finish in preseason MEAC voting. NSU was also voted sixth in the pre-season black college top 10 poll as conducted by the Sheridan Broadcast Network (SBN Sports).

NSU was also picked to win the MEAC by the web site CollegeSportingNews.com.

But if anyone has proven that preseason voting means little, it's NSU. The Spartans were picked seventh out of nine teams in the MEAC last year, only to finish tied for second place with a 6-2 conference mark. NSU was not ranked in the preseason HBCU poll last year.

TRANSFERS AGAIN TO PLAY A LARGE ROLE

While coach Pete Adrian continues to focus his recruiting efforts on the talented high school players in the state of Virginia, he has again brought in a small crop of Division I-A (FBS) transfers to plug key holes and add to the team's depth. This year, four such players should play large roles for NSU:

- QB Dennis Brown, r-Jr. (UConn transfer): Brown, an all-state signal-caller at Central HS in Miami, spent three years with the Huskies. He started twice as a true freshman in 2005 (against Rutgers and West Virginia), passing for 293 yards and two touchdowns. He redshirted in 2006 before serving as the second-team QB as a sophomore in 2007, throwing one TD pass.
- LB Mike Alphonse, r-Jr. (Akron): Alphonse was slowed by a knee injury as a freshman at Akron in 2005, and was limited to reserve duties in 2006 and 2007. He went to Norland HS in Miami, earning all-district honors as a senior and All-Broward County recognition as a junior.
- DL Shane Moore, So. (Marshall): Moore saw action in 10 games, starting one, as a true freshman for the Thundering Herd. He attended the same high school, Northeast Guilford, as All-MEAC defensive tackle Dennis Marsh.
- SS Dwight Fluker-Berry, r-So. (West Virginia): Fluker-Berry originally signed with North Carolina out of Norland HS in Miami, the same school that produced Alphonse and NSU linebacker Jason Dent. He instead went to Fork Union Military Academy and was ranked the No. 26 prep school player in the class of 2006 according to Rivals.com. He enrolled at West Virginia in the fall of 2006, but redshirted and did not play in 2007.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS AGAIN IMPRESSIVE

Adrian continues to rack up the impressive recruiting hauls for the Spartans. This season, he signed 19 high school players, 17 of whom have enrolled at NSU. Of those 17, 15 are from the state of Virginia and eight received some form of all-state recognition as high school seniors.

Among the more decorated players in the class:

- RB Takeem Hedgeman (Charlottesville, Va./Monticello HS): Rushed for a state record 51 touchdowns as a senior en route to 2,891 yards, the fourth-highest total in state history. A first-team all-state Group AA player, Hedgeman was named the AA State Player of the Year by Virginiapreps.com.
- WR/KR P.J. Hayden (Fredericksburg, Va./James Monroe HS): First-team all-state as a kick returner his senior year, and also made second-team all-state at receiver and defensive back. For his three-year career, Hayden amassed 28 receiving touchdowns and eight more scores on special teams.
- CB Marcus Cooperwood (Hampton, Va./Bethel HS): A first-team Daily Press All-Star and second-team All-State Group AAA pick as a senior, Cooperwood picked off 11 passes as a senior and returned four of them for touchdowns. He also caught four touchdowns as a receiver.
- OL/DL Joey Christine (Stephens City, Va./Sherando HS): First-team all-state offensive lineman and second-team defensive lineman. Christine started summer camp at offensive line but has since been moved to nose tackle. He made 13 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks at that position as a prep senior.
- SS Ricardo Volcin (North Miami Beach, Fla./North Miami Beach HS): One of only two non-Virginians to sign with NSU out of the high school class of 2008, Volcin played outside linebacker and defensive end in high school. His athleticism will allow him to play safety at NSU. As a prep senior, he was second-team all-state and first-team All-Dade County after recording 11 sacks on defense and four touchdown catches at tight end.

Hedgeman, Hayden, Cooperwood, Volcin, linebacker Eric Hitch and defensive lineman Steven Bunce are the true freshmen to see time so far this season.

Team Stat Comparison

	NSU	NCAT
Scoring Off	25.0	29.0
Rushing Yds	134.0	196.0
Passing Yds	139.0	140.5
Total Off.	273.0	336.5
Scoring Def.	22.5	10.0
Rush Def.	181.0	87.5
Pass Def.	92.5	174.0
Total Def.	273.5	261.5
Kick Ret. Avg.	16.0	26.0
Punt Ret. Avg.	23.0	13.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	7-1
Interceptions Thrown	1	1
3rd-down Conv	23%	43%
4th-down Conv.	1/2	1/5
Sacks By-Yards	7-39	4-11
Penalty Yds.	66.0	75.5
FGs.	2-5	0-1

2008 NSU Trends

At home	1-0
On road	0-1
In overtime	0-0
Leading at halftime	1-0
Trailing at halftime	0-1
Tied at halftime	0-0
Leading after 3rd qtr	1-0
Trailing after 3rd qtr	0-1
Tied after 3rd qtr	0-0
Day games	0-0
Night games	1-1
Scoring first	1-0
Opponent scores first	0-1
With 100-yd. rusher	0-0
With 100-yd. receiver	0-0
With 200-yd. passer	0-0
Allowing 100-yd. rusher	1-0
Allowing 100-yd. receiver	0-0
Allowing 200-yd. passer	0-0
NSU w/more turnovers	0-0
Opp. w/more turnovers	1-1
Equal number of turnovers	0-0

The Last Time NSU Had...

- A 300+ yard passer: 9-27-07
(Casey Hansen, 351 vs. N.C. A&T)
- A 100-yard rusher: 11-10-07
(Daryl Jones, 108 vs. Delaware State)
- A 200-yard rusher: 10-18-07
(Daryl Jones, 256 vs. Florida A&M)
- A 100-yard receiver: 11-17-07
(Jamar Johnson, 116 vs. Winston-Salem State)
- A 200-yard receiver: 11-22-03
(Howard Gilmore, 305 at Morgan State)
- A Player Score 4 TDs: 9-22-07
(Daryl Jones, 4 rush vs. Bethune-Cookman)
- A Player with 20+ tackles: 9-24-05
(Maguell Davis, 22 vs. Bethune-Cookman)
- A Player with 3+ sacks: 11-15-03
(Bevon Miller, 3 at Delaware State)
- A Player with 2+ INTs: 10-18-07
(Don Carey, 2 at Florida A&M)
- A shutout: 10-27-01 (7-0 OT W over Howard)

SECONDARY TO NONE

The NSU pass defense was a strong point for the Spartans last year. Winston-Salem State passed for just 88 yards in the season finale, becoming the seventh opponent (fifth in the MEAC) to fail to pass for 150 yards against the Spartans last year. NSU finished the season ranked fifth in the FCS in pass defense (147.8 ypg). A look at NSU's opponents' passing numbers in 2007:

Opp.	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	INT
Virginia State	6	32	.188	62	0	2
Rutgers	10	18	.556	297	3	0
Bethune	8	15	.533	86	1	1
N.C. A&T	3	7	.429	51	1	1
S.C. State	10	27	.370	144	0	2
Hampton	23	48	.479	277	1	0
FAMU	9	28	.321	82	1	4
Howard	11	20	.550	196	2	0
Morgan State	9	22	.409	98	0	2
Delaware State	28	44	.636	245	2	1
Winston-Salem	6	15	.400	88	1	0
Totals	123	276	.446	1,626	12	13

NSU has picked up in 2008 right where it left off last year. NSU is 10th in the nation in pass defense through two games (92.5 ypg). A look at NSU's opponents' passing numbers so far in 2008:

Opp.	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	INT
Virginia State	8	16	.500	38	1	0
Kentucky	15	26	.577	147	1	1
Totals	23	42	.548	185	2	1

WATERS OUT WITH KNEE INJURY

Some of the excitement from NSU'S 47-7 win over Virginia State was dampened when junior running back R.J. Waters suffered a season-ending knee injury with approximately four minutes left in the game. Waters was hurt at the tail end of a 32-yard run, the longest of the game and of Waters' career. He will likely need surgery to repair the injury.

Waters, listed as No. 2 on the depth chart, carried 21 times for 43 yards as a sophomore in 2007. He had four carries for a career-high 39 yards against the Trojans on Aug. 30. His injury likely means more carries for freshman Takeem Hedgeman and first-year sophomores Brandon Cameron and Donovan Cotton.

INJURY REPORT

Out: RB R.J. Waters (knee) - out for season

PACKING THEM IN PRICE

NSU finished the 2007 season ranked seventh out of 116 teams in the Division I FCS in average attendance. The Spartans drew an average of 17,220 fans to William "Dick" Price Stadium for their six home games. The No. 7 ranking and the 17,220 average are the highest for NSU in the 11-year history of Dick Price Stadium. This marked the fifth time in the past 11 years that NSU has finished the season ranked in the top 20 in FCS in average attendance.

NSU also drew two of the three-largest crowds in Dick Price Stadium history last season. The crowd of 27,756 that saw NSU beat Hampton on Oct. 13 was the second-largest in stadium history, trailing only the sellout crowd of 34,000 that saw the inaugural game between NSU and Virginia State in 1997. In addition, the crowd of 26,970 that saw the Spartans top Virginia State on Sept. 1 was the third-largest attendance figure in stadium history.

The Spartans led all MEAC and state FCS teams in attendance in 2007.

The 2008 season got off to a good start with a crowd of 17,132 against VSU on Aug. 30. That was the fourth-largest crowd of the week for a Division I FCS home game.

FCS Polls

The Sports Network

First-place votes in (), followed by, total points and previous ranking

1. Appalachian State (85).....	1-1.....	2,976... 1
2. North Dakota State (22).....	2-0.....	2,775... 2
3. Massachusetts (1).....	2-0.....	2,647... 4
4. Richmond.....	1-1.....	2,606... 3
5. Montana (1).....	1-0.....	2,572... 5
6. Delaware (1).....	0-1.....	2,561... 6
7. James Madison.....	1-1.....	2,470... 8
8. McNeese State.....	1-1.....	2,218... 10
9. Northern Iowa.....	0-1.....	1,504... 9
10. New Hampshire.....	1-0.....	1,400... 15
11. Southern Illinois.....	1-0.....	1,343... 12
12. Wofford.....	1-0.....	1,293... 13
13. South Dakota State.....	1-1.....	994... 21
14. Cal Poly.....	1-1.....	962... 11
15. Western Illinois.....	1-1.....	918... 18
16. Eastern Washington.....	0-2.....	866... 7
17. Georgia Southern.....	1-1.....	833... 16
18. Elon.....	1-1.....	820... 17
19. Central Arkansas.....	2-0.....	597... 22
20. Eastern Illinois.....	0-2.....	517... 19
21. Villanova.....	0-1.....	470... 23
22. The Citadel.....	1-1.....	411... 20
23. Youngstown State.....	0-2.....	228... 14
24. Harvard.....	0-0.....	191... 25
25. Liberty.....	2-0.....	147... NR

Others receiving votes: 14) Norfolk State 17

FCS Coaches Poll

With first-place votes in () with total points and previous ranking.

1. North Dakota State (20).....	668	1
2. Appalachian State (7).....	648	2
3. Montana.....	582	6
4. Richmond.....	572	3
5. Massachusetts.....	567	4
6. Delaware.....	493	7
7. James Madison.....	484	8
8. Northern Iowa.....	477	5
9. McNeese State.....	432	9
10. New Hampshire.....	382	15
11. Wofford.....	369	13
12. Cal Poly.....	365	11
13. Southern Illinois.....	361	12
14. Eastern Washington.....	352	10
15. Georgia Southern.....	260	16
16. Western Illinois.....	254	17
17. South Dakota State.....	243	20
18. Elon.....	183	19
19. Central Arkansas.....	178	24
20. Eastern Illinois.....	152	18
21. Villanova.....	130	20
22. The Citadel.....	75	23
23. Furman.....	72	NR
24. Youngstown State.....	66	14
25. Delaware State.....	54	NR

SBN Black College Poll

1. Tuskegee (19).....	1-0
2. Delaware State (7).....	1-0
3. Norfolk State (3).....	1-1
4. South Carolina State.....	1-1
5. Tennessee State.....	2-0
6. Albany State.....	2-0
7. Hampton.....	1-1
8. Grambling.....	1-1
9. Jackson State.....	1-1
10. Southern.....	0-2

O-LINE LONGEVITY

Junior offensive lineman Andy Ramer started his 34th consecutive game last week. Ramer has started every game since the second contest of his freshman season, though he has played four different positions on the line. He started 10 games at right tackle as a freshman in 2005; one at right tackle, nine at left guard and one at center as a sophomore in 2006; and all 11 at left tackle as a junior in 2007. He started at left tackle the first two games but could also play center this season.

The Spartans used the same starting line in all 11 games last season (LT-Ramer; LG-Jamien Banks; C-Brandon Nance; RG-Jason Kressen; RT-Calton Ford). The four returning starters to the line this season have a combined 83 career starts (Ramer-34, Nance-23, Banks-13, Ford-13).

POSITION CHANGES

Several Spartans have changed positions since the end of 2008, or in some cases, the beginning of preseason camp this summer. They are:

- Joey Christine, OG to NT: See page 3.
- Korey Jones, QB to TE: After serving as NSU's backup quarterback the last two seasons, Jones is primarily working with tight ends to add some depth at that spot. He will also still take some reps at QB.
- Vince Hicks, RB to CB: Hicks makes a position switch for the second straight year. Hicks arrived at NSU in 2006 as a cornerback, starting four games and deflecting four passes. He moved to tailback last season to shore up a thin position for the Spartans, rushing for 113 yards and one TD. But with plenty of depth at tailback, Hicks moves back to corner this season.
- Meredith Whitties, WR to DB: Whitties began was recruited as a quarterback, but after redshirting his first season (2006), he was moved to wide receiver last season. Now, coaches have put him at defensive back, liking his size and speed at the corner spot. He will also play on special teams.

SECOND-HALF SURGE

NSU outscored its opponents 138-95 after halftime last season. NSU was outscored in the second half and overtime on just two occasions: in losses at Rutgers (14-0) and Delaware State (28-7). In its nine games against FCS opponents, the NSU defense allowed just six touchdowns after halftime, a crucial statistic given that eight of those games went down to the final minute of play.

WINNING THE NAIL-BITERS

In coach Adrian's first two years, NSU was 1-6 in games decided by 10 points or less. The 2007 team reversed the trend, going 6-2 in such games, with wins over Bethune-Cookman (38-31), S.C. State (20-13), Hampton (20-19), Florida A&M (33-27), Morgan State (24-16) and Winston-Salem State (23-20). The only losses came to Howard (17-10) and Delaware State (28-21 in OT).

CALL HIM MR. CLUTCH

One reason for NSU's success in close games last season was cornerback Don Carey, who came up with huge plays all season. He made game-saving or game-winning plays in three contests for NSU. Against Hampton, Carey blocked what would have been the game-tying extra point with 27 seconds left, preserving the Spartans' 20-19 win.

A week later against Florida A&M, Carey came up with the first two-interception game of his career, and both loomed large in the game's outcome. In the third quarter, Carey intercepted a pass by FAMU quarterback Leon Camel and returned it 61 yards to the Rattlers' 9-yard line, the longest interception return of his career. That set-up the go-ahead touchdown for NSU. In the fourth quarter, with NSU holding onto a 33-27 lead, Carey stepped in front of another Camel pass and picked it off with 59 seconds left to preserve the win.

Against Morgan State, Carey intercepted a pass by Mario Melton in the back of the end zone as NSU clung to an eight-point lead with 5:17 remaining. Carey was also defending on the Bears' last play, a 4th-and-goal pass that went incomplete with 17 seconds left.

LOCAL FLAVOR

NSU head coach Pete Adrian has made recruiting the immediate Hampton Roads area a top priority, and his efforts haven't gone unnoticed. There are currently 32 players on his roster from the seven-city Hampton Roads area. Twenty of the 40 Group AAA high schools are represented on the Spartans' roster.

LATE ADDITIONS

The following players joined the team for preseason camp following the printing of the NSU football media guide:

- #67 Alex Moody (LB, Richmond, Va./Varina HS): A walk-on who was invited to camp
- #83 Brandon Webster (WR, Richmond, Va./Armstrong HS): A walk-on who was invited to camp

Norfolk State 2-Deep Chart

OFFENSE

	Player	Notes
WR	11 Jamar Johnson (6-4, 220, R-Sr.)	8 catches, 82 yards; 2nd-team All-MEAC 2007
	16 Darryl Dickerson (5-11, 195, R-So.)	1 catch, 7 yards last week; 10 catches, 114 yards in 2007
LT	66 Andy Ramer (6-4, 283, Sr.)	Started 34 of 35 career games; started last 13 games at LT
	78 Kendall Noble (6-4, 280, R-Fr.)	Saw first collegiate action vs. VSU; redshirted 2007
LG	76 Jamien Banks (6-4, 280, R-Sr.)	Started last 13 games; preseason All-MEAC 1st team
	60 Jerome Johnson (6-2, 300, Sr.)	Graded out highest among NSU OL vs. VSU; played in 6 games last year
C	63 Brandon Nance (6-2, 290, R-Sr.)	Started last 23 games at C
	66 Andy Ramer (6-4, 283, Sr.)	1 career start at C
RG	75 Markece Preston (6-3, 320, So.)	Saw action in 10 games last season; made first start vs. VSU
	63 Brandon Nance (6-2, 290, R-Sr.)	Started last 23 games at C
RT	64 Calton Ford (6-4, 275, R-So.)	Started all 11 games at RT as a freshman last year
	71 Ryan Hathaway (6-5, 290, R-Fr.)	Saw first collegiate action vs. VSU; redshirted 2007
TE	40 Sherron Childress (6-2, 220, R-So.)	3 catches, 39 yards, 1st career TD vs. VSU
	81 Donald Alexander (6-6, 225, R-Sr.)	1st career start last week; played in 19 career games but yet to catch a pass
QB	10 Dennis Brown (6-3, 202, R-Jr.)	21-54, 223 yards in 2 games; UConn transfer; 2 starts as a Fr. (2005)
	4 Dexter Merritt (6-2, 185, R-Fr.)	2-2, 18 yards vs. VSU in 1st career action; redshirted 2007
WR	19 Dario Walker (5-8, 165, R-Sr.)	2nd on team in catches (39) and yards (495) last year; caught 1 TD
	17 Jeremy Wicker (5-11, 180, R-So.)	5 catches, 69 yards vs. UK; preseason 2nd-team All-MEAC; 3 TD last year
RB	3 DeAngelo Branche (5-11, 200, R-So.)	139 yards, 3 TD this season; 371 yards, 3 TD as freshman in 2006
	22 Takeem Hedgeman (5-10, 195, Fr.)	6 carries, 32 yards in 1st 2 games; 51 TD as a prep senior
FB	44 Tommy Moore (5-11, 250, So.)	1st career TD vs. VSU (4-yarder); started 6 games as a freshman
	39 Josh Alford (5-10, 235, R-Fr.)	Saw first collegiate action vs. VSU; redshirted 2007

DEFENSE

DT	1 Dennis Marsh (6-5, 300, R-Sr.)	10 tackles, 0.5 TFL; preseason All-MEAC 2nd team; 2nd-team in 2007
	97 Steven Bunce (6-3, 265, Fr.)	True freshman from Richmond saw his first action last week
NG	95 Ray Jennings (6-0, 305, Jr.)	2 sacks, 1 safety vs. VSU; 18 tackles, 2 TFL as a reserve last year
	99 Josh Turner (6-0, 300, R-Fr.)	Made 1st 2 career tackles last week; redshirted 2007
DT	51 A.J. Harris (6-0, 250, R-Sr.)	1.0 TFL each of 1st 2 games; 16 tackles, 1.5 TFL as a backup in 2007
	92 Shane Moore (6-1, 275, So.)	Transfer from Marshall played in 10 games, started 1 as a freshman
OLB	48 Donte' Hodge (6-2, 219, R-Sr.)	Sack, FF, FR vs. UK; 9 starts last year with 6.0 TFL and 3 sacks
	58 Hasan Craig (6-2, 225, So.)	3 tackles last week; 9 tackles, 1.5 sacks as a backup last season
ILB	5 Mike Alphonse (6-0, 230, R-Jr.)	Tied for team-lead with 10 tackles; 2.5 TFL; transfer from Akron
	34 Corwin Hammond (6-1, 220, R-Fr.)	2 tackles in each of the first 2 games; redshirted 2007
ILB	31 Anthony Taylor (6-0, 225, So.)	9 tackles, 1 sack this year; 10 tackles as a freshman
	50 Shawn Childress (6-2, 240, Jr.)	7 tackles through 2 games; made 12 tackles off the bench in '07
OLB	52 Jason Dent (6-2, 235, R-Sr.)	5 tackles, 1 sack; 8 starts, 19 tackles in 2008
	90 Lamont Thorpe (6-3, 235, So.)	49-yard fumble return for TD vs. VSU; 7 tackles, 1 blocked XP in 2007
CB	27 Don Carey (6-1, 180, Sr.)	6 tackles, 1 PBU vs. UK; 2nd team All-MEAC 2007 and preseason 2008
	8 Vince Hicks (5-10, 175, R-Sr.)	Converted back to CB from RB; began NSU career as CB in 2006
SS	21 Josh Anderson (5-8, 180, Sr.)	7 tackles, 1 PBU last week; 10 tackles, 1 blocked punt last year
	33 Dwight Fluker-Berry (6-1, 205, R-So.)	MEAC Rookie of the Week; 4 tackles, 1 FF vs. VSU; West Virginia transfer
FS	9 Terrell Whitehead (6-2, 200, Jr.)	1st INT of season vs. UK; preseason 1st-team All-MEAC
	24 Justin Griffin (5-10, 195, R-Sr.)	Played in 10 games, mostly on special teams in 2007
CB	18 Jamie Short (6-1, 180, Jr.)	2 solo stops last week; played CB and SS last year; made 30 tackles
	43 Marcus Cooperwood (5-10, 170, Fr.)	True freshman; 11 INT as a prep senior

SPECIALISTS

K	47 Justin Castellat (6-1, 170, Jr.)	2-5 FGs this year; 2nd-team All-MEAC in 2007; 15-25 FGs last year
	15 Ryan Estep (5-10, 165, R-Fr.)	2-2 XP vs. VSU; redshirted last year
P	38 Billy Rudd (5-9, 165, R-Fr.)	40.6-yard average this season; redshirted last year
	47 Justin Castellat (6-1, 170, Jr.)	Punted 5 times for a 35-yard average last year
LS	45 Stephen Coffin (6-3, 240, So.)	Handled every special teams snap last year
	84 Marcus Dodson (6-2, 245, R-So.)	Returns as the backup long-snapper
Hold	43 Marcus Cooperwood (5-10, 170, Fr.)	True freshman from Hampton, Va.
PR	17 Jeremy Wicker (5-11, 180, R-So.)	Leads MEAC with 21.8-yard average (4 PR for 87 yards)
	19 Dario Walker (5-8, 165, R-Sr.)	1 punt return, 28 yards vs. VSU; 3 punt returns for 13 yards last season
KR	17 Jeremy Wicker (5-11, 180, R-So.)	1 KR for 9 yards vs. UK
	33 Dwight Fluker-Berry (6-1, 205, R-So.)	Two-way star in high school; transfer from West Virginia

2008 Start Chart

2008 Game-by-Game Starting Lineups

Offense

Opponent	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	WR	QB	FB/WR	RB
Virginia State	Ramer	Banks	Nance	Preston	Ford	She. Childress	Walker	J. Johnson	Brown	Wicker*	Branche
Kentucky	Ramer	Banks	Nance	Preston	Ford	She. Childress	Walker	J. Johnson	Brown	Alexander^	Branche

* - Started as the third receiver in a three-receiver set

^ - Started in a two-tight end set

Defense

Opponent	LT	NG	RT	OLB	ILB	ILB	OLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Virginia State	Marsh	Jennings	Harris	Hodge	Sha. Childress	Alphonse	Dent	Carey	Anderson	Whitehead	Short
Kentucky	Marsh	Jennings	Harris	Hodge	Sha. Childress	Alphonse	Dent	Carey	Anderson	Whitehead	Short

Starters Returning from '07

Name	OFFENSE	
	2007 Starts	Career
Jamien Banks, OL	11	13
Calton Ford, OL	11	13
Jamar Johnson, WR	11	13
Tommy Moore, FB	6	6
Brandon Nance, C	11	23
Andrew Ramer, OL	11	34
Dario Walker, WR	11	13
Jeremy Wicker, WR	4	5
DEFENSE		
Don Carey, CB	11	30
Jason Dent, OLB	8	19
Donte' Hodge, OLB	8	12
Dustin Johnson, CB	11	12
Dennis Marsh, DT	11	24
Jamie Short, SS/CB	4	6
Terrell Whitehead, FS	11	17

Starters Lost from '07

Name	OFFENSE	
	2007 Starts	Career
Dexter Bailey	11	11
Casey Hansen, QB	11	22
Daryl Jones, RB/FB	11	38
Jason Kressen	11	31
DEFENSE		
Eric Bullock, NG	11	22
Brandon Daniels, DT	11	11
Maguell Davis, ILB	11	33
Marquez Davis, ILB	11	11
Anthony Olumba, SS	8	17

NSU 2008 Numerical Football Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Dennis Marsh	DL	6-5	300	R-Sr.	Greensboro, N.C./University of Maryland
2	Andre Cook	RB	5-10	185	Sr.	Chesapeake, Va./Oscar Smith HS
3	DeAngelo Branche	RB	5-11	200	R-So.	Norfolk, Va./Maury HS
4	Dexter Merritt	QB	6-2	185	R-Fr.	Chesapeake, Va./Oscar Smith HS
5	Mike Alphonse	LB	6-0	230	R-Jr.	Miramar, Fla./University of Akron
6	P.J. Hayden	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	Fredericksburg, Va./James Monroe HS
7	Korey Jones	QB/TE	6-2	225	Sr.	Portsmouth, Va./Wilson HS
8	Vince Hicks	DB	5-10	175	R-Sr.	Detroit, Mich./Central Michigan
9	Terrell Whitehead	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville HS
10	Dennis Brown	QB	6-3	202	R-Jr.	Miami, Fla./University of Connecticut
11	Jamar Johnson	WR	6-4	220	R-Sr.	Norfolk, Va./Lake Taylor HS
13	Rakeem Kersey	QB	6-1	186	R-Fr.	Newport News, Va./Menchville HS
15	Ryan Estep	K	5-10	165	R-Fr.	Chesapeake, Va./Hickory HS
16	Darryl Dickerson	WR	5-11	195	R-So.	Richmond, Va./Highland Springs HS
17	Jeremy Wicker	WR	5-11	180	R-So.	Quantico, Va./North Stafford HS
18	Jamie Short	DB	6-1	180	Jr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Ocean Lakes HS
19	Dario Walker	WR	5-8	165	R-Sr.	Ettrick, Va./Matoaca HS
20	Eric Hitch	LB	6-2	235	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./First Colonial HS
21	Josh Anderson	DB	5-8	180	Sr.	Chesapeake, Va./Deep Creek HS
22	Takeem Hedgeman	RB	5-10	195	Fr.	Charlottesville, Va./Monticello HS
23	Victor Hairston	RB	5-10	190	So.	Martinsville, Va./Martinsville HS
24	Justin Griffin	DB	5-10	195	R-Sr.	Ettrick, Va./Matoaca HS
25	R.J. Waters	RB	6-0	220	R-Jr.	Glen Allen, Va./University of North Carolina
26	Ricardo Volcin	DB	6-2	205	Fr.	North Miami Beach, Fla./North Miami Beach HS
27	Don Carey	DB	6-1	180	Sr.	Norfolk, Va./Booker T. Washington HS
28	Onyemechi Anyaugo	DB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Sterling, Va./Park View HS
29	Dustin Johnson	DB	5-10	180	Sr.	Hampton, Va./Phoebus HS
30	Joseph Holbrook	DB	6-2	200	R-Fr.	Washington, D.C./Ballou HS
31	Anthony Taylor	LB	6-0	225	So.	Virginia Beach, Va./Landstown HS
32	Markeith Brisco	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	Stephens City, Va./Sherando HS
33	Dwight Fluker-Berry	DB	6-1	205	R-So.	Miami, Fla./West Virginia University
34	Corwin Hammond	LB	6-1	220	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky./St. Xavier HS
35	Kerlon Williams	DB	6-0	200	R-Fr.	Crescent City, Fla./Crescent City HS
36	Marquis Cuffee	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Kellam HS
37	Brandon Cameron	RB	5-11	200	So.	Fairfax, Va./Robert E. Lee HS
38	Billy Rudd	K/P	5-9	165	R-Fr.	Richmond, Va./Meadowbrook HS
39	Josh Alford	RB	5-10	235	R-Fr.	Chesterfield, Va./Manchester HS
40	Sherron Childress	TE	6-2	220	R-So.	Hampton, Va./Hampton HS
41	Donovan Cotton	RB	5-10	200	R-So.	Hampton, Va./Hampton HS
43	Marcus Cooperwood	DB	5-10	170	Fr.	Hampton, Va./Bethel HS
44	Tommy Moore	RB	5-11	250	So.	Woodbridge, Va./C.D. Hylton HS
45	Stephen Coffin	TE/LS	6-3	240	So.	Richmond, Va./Varina HS
46	Chad Hollingsworth	RB	5-11	225	R-So.	Stafford, Va./Colonial Forge HS
47	Justin Castellat	K	6-1	170	Jr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Bayside HS
48	Donte' Hodge	LB	6-2	219	R-Sr.	Martinsville, Va./Laurel Park HS
49	Meredith Whitties	DB	6-2	205	R-So.	Petersburg, Va./Petersburg HS
50	Shawn Childress	LB	6-2	240	Jr.	Hampton, Va./Hampton HS
51	A.J. Harris	DL	6-0	250	R-Sr.	Hampton, Va./Bethel HS
52	Jason Dent	LB	6-2	235	R-Sr.	Miami, Fla./Norland Senior HS
53	Michael Lambert	LB	5-10	192	R-Sr.	Norfolk, Va./Lake Taylor HS
55	Marcellus Jackson	LB	6-3	232	Jr.	Washington, D.C./Coolidge HS
56	Terrence Pugh	LB	6-4	205	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va./Indian River HS
57	Frank Clemmons	LB	6-3	205	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va./Indian River HS
58	Hasan Craig	LB	6-2	225	So.	Rocky Mountain, Va./Franklin County HS
59	Joey Christine	DL	6-3	290	Fr.	Stephens City, Va./Sherando HS
60	Jerome Johnson	OL	6-2	300	Sr.	Portsmouth, Va./Wilson HS
63	Brandon Nance	OL	6-2	290	R-Sr.	Winston-Salem, N.C./Carver HS
64	Calton Ford	OL	6-4	275	R-So.	Chesapeake, Va./Indian River HS
66	Andrew Ramer	OL	6-4	283	Sr.	Menifee, Calif./Chaparral HS

NSU 2007 Numerical Football Roster

CONT'D

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
67	Alex Moody	LB	6-2	220	R-So.	Richmond, Va./Varina HS
68	Thomas Harper	DL	6-4	260	R-Jr.	Suffolk, Va./Lakeland HS
70	Theo Duncan	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	Ashland, Va./Patrick Henry HS
71	Ryan Hathaway	OL	6-5	290	R-Fr.	Charlotte Court House, Va./Randolph-Henry HS
73	James Hall	DL	6-1	285	R-Sr.	Winston-Salem, N.C./Reynolds HS
74	Jeffrey Smith	OL	6-1	275	R-Jr.	Richmond, Va./Varina HS
75	Markeece Preston	OL	6-3	320	So.	Bloomfield, N.J./Paterson Catholic HS
76	Jamien Banks	OL	6-4	280	R-Sr.	Tappahannock, Va./Essex HS
77	Blake Matthews	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	Manassas, Va./Osborn HS
78	Kendall Noble	OL	6-4	280	R-Fr.	Rocky Mount, N.C./Rocky Mount HS
79	Jari Quarles	OL	6-7	300	R-Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Ocean Lakes HS
81	Donald Alexander	TE	6-6	225	R-Sr.	Lynchburg, Va./Heritage HS
82	DeVonte Reynolds	WR	6-3	187	R-Fr.	Warsaw, Va./Warsaw HS
83	Brandon Webster	WR	5-9	170	R-So.	Richmond, Va./Armstrong HS
84	Marcus Dodson	TE	6-2	245	R-So.	Danville, Va./George Washington HS
85	Kenneth Johnson	TE	6-5	250	Fr.	Montross, Va./Washington & Lee HS
86	Nigel McCowan	WR	6-1	201	R-So.	Mechanicsville, Va./Lee-Davis HS
88	Josh Reamon	WR	5-11	190	R-Fr.	Newport News, Va./Gloucester HS
89	T.J. Minor	WR	6-0	180	R-So.	Rhoadesville, Va./Orange County HS
90	Lamont Thorpe	LB	6-3	235	So.	Richmond, Va./Varina HS
91	Tory Williams	DL	6-4	250	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Bayside HS
92	Shane Moore	DL	6-1	275	So.	Greensboro, N.C./Marshall University
94	Kyle Ryland	DL	6-3	220	R-Jr.	Chesapeake, Va./Oscar Smith HS
95	Ray Jennings	DL	6-0	305	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va./Indian River HS
96	Nick Lennartz	DL	6-1	290	R-Fr.	Newport News, Va./Menchville HS
97	Steven Bunce	DL	6-3	265	Fr.	Richmond, Va./Henrico HS
98	Deon Norris	DL	6-4	260	Jr.	Ewing, N.J./St. Peter's College
99	Josh Turner	DL	6-0	300	R-Fr.	Chesterfield, Va./Manchester HS

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#	First Name	Last Name
#15:	Ryan	EE-step
#28:	On-ya-ME-chee	Ahn-YAH-go
#35:	KERR-lon	Williams
#47:	Justin	CAST-a-lot
#58:	Huh-SAHN	Craig
#64:	CALL-ton	Ford
#76:	JAY-mee-un	Banks
#79:	YAR-ee	Quarrels
#86:	NYE-gel	Mick-COW-won
#88:	Josh	REE-mon
#94:	Kyle	RYE-land
#96:	Nick	Len-ARTS

The Automated ScoreBook
Norfolk State Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 08, 2008)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(1-1-0)	(1-0-0)	(0-1-0)	(0-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(1-1-0)	(1-0-0)	(0-1-0)	(0-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Aug 30, 2008	VIRGINIA STATE	W	47-7	17132
Sep 06, 2008	at Kentucky	L	3-38	69118

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
BRANCHE, D.	2	34	152	13	139	4.1	3	18	69.5
WATERS, R.J.	1	4	40	1	39	9.8	0	32	39.0
HEDGEMAN, Takeem	2	6	32	0	32	5.3	0	8	16.0
CAMERON, Brandon	2	4	20	0	20	5.0	0	6	10.0
BROWN, Dennis	2	13	36	22	14	1.1	0	13	7.0
WICKER, Jeremy	2	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
COTTON, Donovan	2	6	10	2	8	1.3	0	5	4.0
MERRITT, Dexter	1	2	12	5	7	3.5	0	12	7.0
MOORE, Tommy	2	2	4	0	4	2.0	1	4	2.0
COOPERWOOD, M.	2	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.5
TEAM	2	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
Total.....	2	74	314	46	268	3.6	4	32	134.0
Opponents.....	2	78	452	90	362	4.6	4	68	181.0

PASSING	GP	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
BROWN, Dennis	2	75.99	21-54-1	38.9	223	1	23	111.5
MERRITT, Dexter	1	175.60	2-2-0	100.0	18	0	17	18.0
RUDD, Billy	2	410.80	1-1-0	100.0	37	0	37	18.5
Total.....	2	85.35	24-57-1	42.1	278	1	37	139.0
Opponents.....	2	102.71	23-42-1	54.8	185	2	29	92.5

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
JOHNSON, Jamar	2	8	82	10.2	0	17	41.0
WICKER, Jeremy	2	5	69	13.8	0	23	34.5
CHILDRESS, She.	2	3	39	13.0	1	21	19.5
WALKER, Dario	2	3	24	8.0	0	11	12.0
MINOR, T.J.	1	2	18	9.0	0	17	18.0
ANDERSON, Josh	2	1	37	37.0	0	37	18.5
DICKERSON, D.	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
BRANCHE, D.	2	1	2	2.0	0	2	1.0
Total.....	2	24	278	11.6	1	37	139.0
Opponents.....	2	23	185	8.0	2	29	92.5

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
CASTELLAT, J.	2-5	40.0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-2	0-1	25	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	PATs				Saf	Points
				Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP		
BRANCHE, D.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
CASTELLAT, J.	0	2-5	4-4	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	10
THORPE, Lamont	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
MOORE, Tommy	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
CHILDRESS, She.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
ESTEP, Ryan	0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	2
JENNINGS, Ray	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Total.....	6	2-5	6-6	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	50
Opponents.....	6	1-1	6-6	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	45

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Norfolk State.....	9	13	21	7	50
Opponents.....	7	14	3	21	45

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
BROWN, Dennis	2	67	14	223	237	118.5
BRANCHE, D.	2	34	139	0	139	69.5
WATERS, R.J.	1	4	39	0	39	39.0
RUDD, Billy	2	1	0	37	37	18.5
HEDGEMAN, Takeem	2	6	32	0	32	16.0
Total.....	2	131	268	278	546	273.0
Opponents.....	2	120	362	185	547	273.5

TEAM STATISTICS	NSU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS.....	30	33
Rushing.....	14	20
Passing.....	14	9
Penalty.....	2	4
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	268	362
Rushing Attempts.....	74	78
Average Per Rush.....	3.6	4.6
Average Per Game.....	134.0	181.0
TDs Rushing.....	4	4
PASSING YARDAGE.....	278	185
Att-Comp-Int.....	57-24-1	42-23-1
Average Per Pass.....	4.9	4.4
Average Per Catch.....	11.6	8.0
Average Per Game.....	139.0	92.5
TDs Passing.....	1	2
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	546	547
Average Per Play.....	4.2	4.6
Average Per Game.....	273.0	273.5
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards...	4-64	7-96
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards...	5-115	8-90
INT RETURNS: #-Yards....	1-7	1-0
FUMBLES-LOST.....	1-0	6-2
PENALTIES-Yards.....	14-132	12-101
PUNTS-AVG.....	13-40.6	12-38.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game..	30:17	29:43
3RD-DOWN Conversions....	6/26	6/24
4TH-DOWN Conversions....	1/2	0/3

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
WHITEHEAD, T.	1	7	7.0	0	7
Total.....	1	7	7.0	0	7
Opponents.....	1	0	0.0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
RUDD, Billy	13	528	40.6	49	0	0	3	0
Total.....	13	528	40.6	49	0	0	3	0
Opponents.....	12	458	38.2	50	1	3	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
WICKER, Jeremy	4	87	21.8	0	37
WALKER, Dario	1	28	28.0	0	28
Total.....	5	115	23.0	0	37
Opponents.....	8	90	11.2	0	38

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
WHITTIES, M.	2	34	17.0	0	20
WICKER, Jeremy	1	9	9.0	0	9
WALKER, Dario	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total.....	4	64	16.0	0	21
Opponents.....	7	96	13.7	0	34

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
WICKER, Jeremy	2	8	69	87	9	0	173	86.5
BRANCHE, D.	2	139	2	0	0	0	141	70.5
JOHNSON, Jamar	2	0	82	0	0	0	82	41.0
WALKER, Dario	2	0	24	28	21	0	73	36.5
WATERS, R.J.	1	39	0	0	0	0	39	39.0
Total.....	2	268	278	115	64	7	732	366.0
Opponents.....	2	362	185	90	96	0	733	366.5

The Automated ScoreBook
 Norfolk State Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Sep 08, 2008)
 All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----			TFL/Yds	|-Sacks-|	|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|	Blkd		
		Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp		QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
5 ALPHONSE, Mike	2	7	3	10	2.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 MARSH, Dennis	2	5	5	10	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 CAREY, Don	2	6	3	9	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
31 TAYLOR, Anthony	2	6	3	9	1.0-12	1.0-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 WHITEHEAD, T.	2	5	4	9	.	.	1-7	1	1	.	.	.	.
48 HODGE, Donte'	2	5	3	8	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
21 ANDERSON, Josh	2	7	1	8	1.0-4	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
50 CHILDRESS, Sha.	2	4	3	7	1.0-2	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
95 JENNINGS, Ray	2	5	2	7	2.0-15	2.0-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
33 FLUKER-BERRY, D.	2	5	1	6	1.0-20	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
51 HARRIS, A.J.	2	3	2	5	2.0-11	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 VOLCIN, Ricardo	1	5	.	5	1.0-2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 HICKS, Vince	2	4	1	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
52 DENT, Jason	2	4	1	5	1.0-2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58 CRAIG, Hasan	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
34 HAMMOND, Corwin	2	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 SHORT, Jamie	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 TURNER, Josh	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 COFFIN, Stephen	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37 CAMERON, Brandon	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3 BRANCHE, D.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 WILLIAMS, Kerlon	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 THORPE, Lamont	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-49	.	.	.
82 REYNOLDS, D.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 WHITTIES, M.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 ANYAUGO, O.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 WATERS, R.J.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 GRIFFIN, Justin	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	2	87	38	125	14-84	6-39	1-7	7	7	2-49	2	.	1
Opponents.....	2	74	50	124	17-44	4-19	1-0	6	4	.	1	.	.

2008 Game-By-Game Recaps

GAME 1: NSU 47, VIRGINIA STATE 7

Aug. 30, 2008 • Norfolk, Va. • Dick Price Stadium

DeAngelo Branche rushed for 92 yards and three touchdowns, and the Norfolk State defense held Virginia State to 103 yards and scored nine points of its own as the Spartans recorded their most lopsided win over long-time rival Virginia State.

The Spartans (1-0) jumped out to a 19-0 halftime lead and blew the game wide open with a 21-point third quarter. UConn transfer Dennis Brown, making his first start behind center for NSU, engineered a 60-yard, eight-play drive on the game's first possession. Brown was 4-for-5 on the march, capping it with a 21-yard TD pass to tight end Sherron Childress.

NSU scored just more than five minutes later. VSU quarterback Edward Davis picked up an errant snap in his own end zone and was dropped by nose guard Ray Jennings for a safety and a 9-0 NSU lead.

NSU added 10 points in the second quarter on Branche's 10-yard run and a 25-yard field goal by Justin Castellat. The Spartans then scored three touchdowns in a span of 6:02 late in the third quarter to put the game away. Branche scored on two runs, of 4 yards and 1 yard, sandwiched around a 49-yard fumble return for touchdown by linebacker Lamont Thorpe.

Fullback Tommy Moore capped the Spartans' night with a 4-yard touchdown run, the first of his career, with three minutes left in the game.

NSU out-gained the Trojans 382-103 in winning for a third straight time against its in-state rival.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Virginia State	0	0	0	7	7
Norfolk State	9	10	21	7	47

Scoring Summary

- 11:42 NSU – She. Childress 21 yd pass from Brown (Castellat kick)
06:40 NSU – Jennings safety
- 07:33 NSU – Castellat 25 yd field goal
02:46 NSU – Branche 10 yd run (Castellat kick)
- 05:53 NSU – Branche 4 yd run (Castellat kick)
03:16 NSU – Thorpe 49 yd fumble recovery (Estep kick)
00:51 NSU – Branche 1 yd run (Estep kick)
- 03:00 NSU – Moore 4 yd run (Castellat kick)
01:34 VSU – Berry 29 yd pass from Johnson (Parker kick)

Team Statistics

	VSU	NSU
First Downs	11	22
Rushes-Yards (Net)	34-65	45-201
Passing Yds (Net)	38	181
Passes Att-Comp-Int	16-8-0	33-15-0
Total Offense Plays-Yards	50-103	78-382
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-49
Punt Returns-Yards	3-35	4-78
Kickoff Returns-Yards	7-96	3-55
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-34.9	4-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-81	8-79
Possession Time	27:03	32:57
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 12	5 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-5	5-32

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Virginia State – Hampton 23-122, Davis 1-0, Amos 1-minus 8, Davis 6-minus 10, Johnson 3-minus 39. NSU – Branche 20-92, Waters 4-39, Hedgeman 4-29, Brown 6-19, Wicker 1-8, Merritt 2-7, Cameron 1-6, Moore 2-4, Cotton 3-0, Cooperwood 1-minus 1, Team 1-minus 2.

Passing: Virginia State – Johnson 4-9-0-41, Davis 4-7-0-minus 3. NSU – Brown 12-30-0-126, Merritt 2-2-0-18, Rudd 1-1-0-37.

Receiving: Virginia State – Berry 2-32, Norcome 2-2, Mickens 1-9, Custis 1-2, Paris 1-0, Hampton 1-minus 7. NSU – J. Johnson 6-63, She. Childress 3-39, Walker 3-24, Minor 2-18, Anderson 1-37.

GAME 2: KENTUCKY 38, NSU 3

Sept. 6, 2008 • Lexington, Ky. • Commonwealth Stadium

Kentucky backup quarterback Randall Cobb rushed for two touchdowns and threw for another to give Kentucky a spark, and Wildcats' running back Derrick Locke sealed the game with a 68-yard touchdown run on the first play of the fourth quarter to lead UK to a 38-3 win over Norfolk State before 69,118 fans at Commonwealth Stadium.

Cobb relieved an ineffective Mike Hartline in the first quarter and immediately energized Kentucky (2-0). After a short punt, he capped off a 41-yard drive with an 18-yard scoring run, giving his team a 7-0 lead with 3:29 left in the first quarter.

Cobb led two second-quarter touchdown drives, scoring on a 1-yard run and tossing a 14-yard TD pass to Dicky Lyons.

NSU struck late in the first half. Linebacker Donte' Hodge sacked Cobb from behind, knocked the ball loose and recovered the fumble at the Wildcats' 28. Five plays later, Justin Castellat connected on a 24-yard field goal to get NSU within 21-3 at the half.

But the stout UK defense, which held rival Louisville to just two points last week, controlled the second half. The Spartans managed 144 yards of offense in the first half, but just 20 in the second. UK could manage only a 23-yard Lones Seiber field goal in the third, but Locke extended the Wildcats' lead to 31-3 with a 68-yard burst up the middle to start the fourth quarter. Moncell Allen capped the UK scoring with a 3-yard TD run with 8:35 remaining.

Whitehead led the NSU defense with eight tackles, one interception, a pass deflection and one QB hurry.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Norfolk State	0	3	0	0	3
Kentucky	7	14	3	14	38

Scoring Summary

- 03:29 UK – Cobb 18 yd run (Seiber kick)
- 11:52 UK – Cobb 1 yd run (Seiber kick)
02:54 UK – Lyons 14 yd pass from Cobb (Seiber kick)
00:19 NSU – Castellat 24 yd field goal
- 11:22 UK – Seiber 23 yd field goal
- 14:45 UK – Locke 68 yd run (Seiber kick)
08:35 UK – Allen 3 yd run (Seiber kick)

Team Statistics

	NSU	UK
First Downs	8	22
Rushes-Yards (Net)	29-67	44-297
Passing Yds (Net)	97	147
Passes Att-Comp-Int	24-9-1	26-15-1
Total offense Plays-Yards	53-164	70-444
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-37	5-55
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-9	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-7	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-41.0	4-44.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-53	3-20
Possession Time	27:38	32:22
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 13	4 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	3-14

Individual Statistics

Rushing: NSU – Branche 14-47, Cameron 3-14, Cotton 3-8, Hedgeman 2-3, Brown 7-minus 5. Kentucky – Locke 5-96, Allen 7-71, Cobb 8-48, Smith 7-38, Bowland 6-16, Dixon 6-16, Conner 2-10, Mike Hartline 3-2.

Passing: NSU – Brown 9-24-1-97. Kentucky – Hartline 9-15-0-60, Cobb 6-11-1-87.

Receiving: NSU – Wicker 5-69, J. Johnson 2-19, Dickerson 1-7, Branche 1-2. Kentucky – Lyons 5-51, Dixon 3-10, Lanxter 2-41, McCaskill 2-17, Allen 1-10, Locke 1-10, Adeyemi 1-8.