



MORGAN STATE GAME NOTES

MSU vs NSU

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MORGAN STATE FOOTBALL RELEASE

Oct. 24, 2023

Morgan State vs. Norfolk State

Date: Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, 2 p.m. (ET)

William "Dick" Price Stadium | Norfolk, Va.

THE BROADCASTS

ESPN+ will air the game live. **Ian Unsworth** will call the play-by-play with color analyst **Emory "The Czar of the Playbook" Hunt**. **Cayla Sweazie** will be the sideline reporter.



Radio: WEAA, 88.9 FM is the flagship station for the Morgan State Bears

... **Lamont Germany** will call the play-by-play with former Bear coach **Renard Stubbs** in the booth. The game will be broadcast live on 88.9 FM and streamed on WEAA.org.

Website: www.nsuspartans.com

THE TEAMS



2023 Record.....1-5,0-1
Rank.....-/-
Pts/Gm.....13.0
Rush Yds/Gm.....93.8
Pass Yds/Gm.....144.2
Total Off/Gm.....238.6
Total Def/Gm.....308.7



2023 Record.....5-1, 0-0
Rank.....-/-
Pts/Gm.....21.6
Rush Yds/Gm.....182.7
Pass Yds/Gm.....154.3
Total Off/Gm.....337.0
Total Def/Gm.....410.9

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

#0 **J.J. Davis**
65/214 yds

Passing

#6 **Dominique Anthony**
55/104/3INTs
524 yds/3TDs

Receiving

#12 **Treyvon Pratt**
18/240 yds/2TDs

Defense

#40 **Erick Hunter**
49 TT/6.5 TFL/3SKS/2FF

Rushing

#39 **X'Zavion Evans**
77/351 yds

Passing

#4 **Otto Kuhns**
83/165/5INTs
1025 yds/11TDs

Receiving

#7 **Andre Pegues**
17/291 yds/2TDs

Defense

#41 **AJ Richardson**
41TT/6.5TFL/1SKS/2FF

NEXT UP

Morgan will host the Delaware State Hornets for Military Appreciation Day on Saturday, Nov. 4. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. and will be carried live by ESPN+ and WEAA-88.9 FM.

Bears Ready for Tidwater Showdown at Norfolk State

Game to be played at Hughes Stadium; will be broadcast live on ESPN+

GAME TIME

Morgan will be looking to snap a 5-game losing streak when they travel to The Tidewater to take on the Norfolk State Spartans on Saturday, Oct. 28. The Spartan's homecoming kickoff is slated for 2 p.m. and will be carried live by ESPN+ and WEAA-88.9 FM.

THE SERIES

- Saturday's game will mark the 44th meeting between the two schools ... Norfolk State leads the series against Morgan with an overall record of 31-12 since the teams first played in 1965.
- The Spartans have won 14 of the last 15 meetings since 2007.
- Oct. 8, 2022, a pass from Jaylan Adams to Da'Quan Felton in the final seconds that sealed a 24-21 victory for Norfolk State before an announced Homecoming crowd of 10,200 fans at Hughes Stadium.
- MSU posted a 44-27 road win on Nov. 17, 2018 at Norfolk State.

QUICK HITS

- The 2023 Morgan State Bears will be under the leadership of second year head coach **Damon Wilson**. Wilson, the 23rd coach in school history, previously served 13 seasons as the head football coach at Bowie State. There, he achieved three straight Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) conference championships, in 2021, 2019 and 2018; five NCAA playoff berths; and three CIAA Coach of the Year honors.
- ODU transfer **Dominique Anthony** enters Week 8 having completed 50 percent of his passes for 524 yards with three TDs, three interceptions and a 87.3 passer rating. He has also rushed for 44 yards on 28 carries.
- Norfolk State transfer **J.J. Davis** emerged as Morgan's clear-cut starting running back, playing nearly two times as many snaps as any other Bear at the position in the season's first six games (65 carries, 214 yds).
- **Treyvon Pratt** (18 rec., 240 yds, 2 TDs) and **Demier Shipley** (12 rec., 129 yds) have led the Bears' wideouts thru the first six games.
- Morgan has a number of offensive lineman as they enter the 2023 season ... The Bears have 19 OL listed on the roster and will be led by veteran **T Dexter Carr Jr.** (6-3, 295).
- DL **Elijah Williams**, a Preseason All-American, emerged as a force on the defensive line for the Bears last season. The New Jersey product registered 60 total tackles (33 solo, 27 assisted) last season, including a league-high 19.0 tackles for loss (ranks No. 5 in FCS) and nine sacks (T-No. 13 in FCS). He currently has 36 tackles, 8 tackles for loss and 5 sacks and was named MEAC Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 25).
- DB **Jae'Veyon Morton** is on the official watch list for the 2023 Black College Football Player of the Year Watchlist, the Black College Football Hall of Fame ... The All-MEAC selection ranks No. 3 in the MEAC in passes defended (5) and has collected an INT in Week 2 at Akron and Week 3 vs. Towson.
- RS **Keith Jenkins Jr.** was one of the top return specialists in the nation as a freshman last year ... The speedster finished the season with two kickoff returns for touchdowns (T-No. 2 in the FCS) ... he is currently averaging 19.9 yards per kick return (No. 4 in MEAC).
- Senior safety **Jordan Toles** has been a playmaker for the Bears so far this season. The Baltimore product earned MEAC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance vs. Akron and has also earned MEAC Specialist of the Week after his play against Towson. He currently leads the MEAC with three interceptions.

2023 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (1-5, 0-1)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV
S2	at Richmond	W, 17-10	ESPN+ FLOSPORTS
S9	at Akron	L, 24-21	ESPN+
S16	TOWSON^	L, 20-10	ESPN+
S23	UNIV. OF ALBANY	L, 23-17 2OT	ESPN+
S30	at Yale	L, 45-3	ESPN+
O7	STONY BROOK (HC)	CANCELLED	ESPN+
O14	OPEN		
O19	#10 N.C. CENTRAL*	L, 16-10	ESPN+ U
O28	at Norfolk State*	2 p.m.	ESPN+
N4	DELAWARE STATE*	1 p.m.	ESPN+
N11	at South Carolina St.*	1:30 p.m.	ESPN+
N18	at Howard*	1 p.m.	ESPN+

*Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Game;

^ Battle for Greater Baltimore;

BOLD = Home Games played at Hughes Stadium

All times ET and subject to change



Morgan State was a power as a former member of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (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 35-year drought - head coach **Lee Hull** has added a MEAC title following a thrilling and historical 2014 season. Other MSU highlights:

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

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THE COACHES



Damon Wilson.....Coach.....Oliver Dawson
 Bowie State, '98.....Alma Mater.....NCCU, '97
 5-12 (2nd).....Record at School.....10-20 (3rd)
 94-57.....Career Record.....72-57
 0-1.....Record vs. Opponent.....2-0
 * **Damon Wilson** enters his 2nd season as Morgan's head coach. He previously spent 13 seasons as the head coach at Bowie State University where he achieved three straight Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) conference championship 2010-12.
 * **Dawson Odums (NCCU, '97)** enters his third year at the helm of the Norfolk State Spartans. Odums has more than 20 years of collegiate coaching experience. Odums enjoyed a stellar 10-year run at Southern University where he had a winning record in each of his eight full seasons at the helm of the program.

A WIN WOULD ...

- ... give Damon Wilson his sixth win as MSU's head coach.
- ... mark the Bears' first win against Norfolk State since Nov. 17, 2018 (44-27).
- ... improve the Bears' record to 13-31 against Norfolk State since 1965.
- ... mark MSU's first conference road win since defeating Delaware State 37-7 on Nov. 12, 2022.
- ... snap the Bears' 5-game losing skid.



SCOUTING THE SPARTANS

- Norfolk State finished the 2022 season with a 2-9 overall record and posted a 2-3 mark in MEAC play and went 0-5 at home under the leadership of **Dawson Odums**.
- Norfolk was picked to finish No. 5 in the MEAC Preseason Coaches Poll. Four Spartans earned recognition on the 2023 Preseason All-MEAC Team. Offensive linemen **Vincent Byrd Jr.**, defensive lineman **Anthony Blume**, defensive back **Joseph White** and defensive R.J. Coles were named to the All-MEAC Preseason Second Team.
- QB **Otto Kuhns** ranks No. 4 in the league in passing (146.4 avg) and has completed 50% of his throws (83-165) for 1,025 yards, a league high 11 TDs with five INTs ... in his last outing, he threw for 218 yards, including a TD and a pick in Norfolk's road loss at Howard.
- Sophomore PK **Grandin Willcox** knocked down both of his PATS and all three of his field goal attempts, including a 50-yarder in the fourth quarter during the Spartans' tough loss versus Howard.
- WR **Andre Pegues** ranks No. 2 in the MEAC in reception yards (291) with 17 catches and two TDs ... WR **Aaron Moore** ranks No. 8 with 12 receptions for 172 yards and three TDs.
- LBs **AJ Richardson** and **Joseph White** are two of the top defenders in the conference. Richardson ranks No. 6 in tackles (41), No. 5 in tackles for loss (7.5) with two fumble recoveries. White has 35 stops with two picks (T-No. 2 in MEAC) and three pass breakups.
- NSU ranks among the league leaders in a number of statistical categories: No. 1 in red zone offense (70%), T-No. 1 in interceptions (6), No. 2 in rushing offense (182.7), No. 2 in pass defense (186.3), No. 2 in time of possession (31:53), No. 3 in scoring offense (21.6), No. 3 in total offense (337.0), and No. 3 in kickoff returns (20.7).
- Morgan senior RB **J.J. Davis** formerly played at Norfolk State ... in 2021 for the Spartans, he was an All-MEAC first-team selection after leading the conference in rushing (80.6 ypg) ... led all of Division I FCS with 7.2 yards per carry (123 rushes for 887 yards) ... ran for 10 touchdowns (tied for the most in the MEAC).
- Morgan offensive coordinator **B.T. Sherman**



Junior QB Otto Kuhns

previously spent five years on the NSU football coaching staff. Sherman helped guide the Spartans to the No. 1 rated scoring (33.2) and total offense (440.4) in the MEAC last season. The 2021 Spartans offense also ranked No. 1 in pass efficiency (148.5 pct.) and rushing (212.1) and finished the season ranked No. 2 in pass offense (228.9).

• On Oct. 8, 2022, **Otto Kuhns** completed 25 of 34 passes for 288 yards, but it was a pass from **Jaylan Adams** to **Da'Quan Felton** in the final seconds that sealed a 24-21 victory for Norfolk State before an announced Homecoming crowd of 10,200 fans at Hughes Stadium. **Carson Baker** finished the day by completing 14 of 21 passes for 126 yards and threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to **Tyler Wilkins**. Sophomore linebacker **Erick Hunter** finished with a team-high eight tackles, while sophomore safety **Kaleb Coleman** added seven tackles and a game-high four tackles for loss. Defensive lineman **Nana Asante** had seven tackles, two tackles for loss and a sack.

2023 MEAC STANDINGS

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

* 2022 MEAC Champs

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

Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28	Sunday 29
Practice 9: - 11:00 a.m.	MEAC Coaches Teleconference 10:00 a.m. Practice 9: - 11:00 a.m.	Practice 9: - 11:00 a.m.	Practice 9: - 11:00 a.m.	Practice 9: - 11:00 a.m.	Game Day vs. Norfolk State 2 p.m. (ET)	Weightroom Day Off

UNIVERSITY/TEAM INFORMATION

Location.....Baltimore, Md.
 Population.....585,462
 Founded.....1867
 MEAC Tenure.....1970-79, 1984-present
 First Year of MEAC Football.....1970
 Enrollment.....8,469
 Nickname.....Bears
 Marching Band.....The Magnificent Marching Machine
 President.....Dr. David Wilson
 Director of Athletics.....Dena Freeman-Patton
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TEAM HISTORY

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

TEAM INFO

Head Coach.....Damon Wilson (Bowie State, '98)
 Record at Morgan State.....4-7 (1 year)
 Career Record.....Same
 Conference Championship.....
 FCS Division I Playoffs.....

ASSISTANT COACHES

Damon Wilson.....Head Coach
 Antone' Sewell.....Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coord.
 B.T. Sherman.....Offensive Coordinator/QBs
 Moses Ware.....Pass Game Coord./WRs
 Richard Reddix.....Offensive Line
 David Fant Jr.....Running Backs
 Ramal Faunteroy.....Defensive Line
 Brawley Evans.....Linebackers
 Omar Smith.....Def. Pass Game Coord./CBs
 Melvin Coleman.....Safeties
 Benton "Sport" Harold.....Special Teams/Tight Ends
 Mitch Berezny.....Offense Assistant Coach
 Dr. Tredell Dorsey.....Asst. AD - Sports Performance
 Caitlin Lovend.....Head Athletic Trainer
 Rasheda Spratley.....Director of Football Operations
 Bryce McCoy.....Asst. Director of Equipment Operations

MEAC VIDEOCONFERENCE

August 28 • September 4 • September 11 • September 18 •
 September 25 • October 2 • October 9 • October 16 • October 23 •
 October 30 • November 6 • November 13 • November 20

Conducted every Monday AM during FB season
 10:00 a.m. MEAC Notes
 10:03 a.m. Larry Scott Howard
 10:13 a.m. Trei Oliver N. Carolina Central
 10:23 a.m. Lee Hull Delaware State
 10:33 a.m. Dawson Odums Norfolk State
 10:43 a.m. Buddy Pough South Carolina State
10:53 a.m. Damon Wilson Morgan State

NOTING THE BEARS

PRESEASON PICKED FOURTH

Morgan State was picked to finish fourth (4th) in the MEAC standings, according to the poll of the conference head coaches and sports information directors. North Carolina Central has been picked to defend its MEAC Football Championship as the Eagles topped the league's annual preseason poll for 2023.

PRESEASON ALL-MEAC PLAYERS

Six (6) Bears were named to the MEAC preseason team at the 2023 MEAC Football Press Luncheon in Norfolk, Va. Senior linebacker **Lawrence Richardson**, senior defensive back **Jae'Veyon Morton**, junior defensive lineman **Elijah Williams**, and sophomore return specialist **Keith Jenkins Jr.** were first-team selections. Senior offensive lineman **Marvin Atuatasi** and junior linebacker **Erick Hunter** were second-team picks.

BEARS OPEN 48th SEASON IN MEAC

The Bears will open its 48th season in the MEAC when they host Norfolk State for the conference opener on Oct. 8 ... it will also mark Morgan's Homecoming.
 • The Bears opened the 2022 MEAC schedule with a 24-21 loss against Norfolk State (Oct. 8) at Hughes Stadium.
 • The Bears kicked off its first season in the MEAC in 1971. Morgan State withdrew from the conference at the end of the 1979-80 fiscal year, before returning to the MEAC in 1984.



Senior LB Lawrence Richardson had a stellar 2022 campaign as one of the conference's premier linebackers.

BEARS OPEN 124th SEASON OF FOOTBALL SINCE 1898

MSU enters its 124th season of football and will open the 2023 campaign under second year head coach **Damon Wilson**.

RETURN MEN

The 2023 Morgan State Bears return 16 starters - 8 on offense, 8 on defense and 1 on special teams.

CAMPAINING FOR SUCCESS

The Bears enter the 2023 season looking to post their first winning season since going 6-5 in 2009. MSU's 7-6 record in 2014 was vacated.

NON-CONFERENCE PLAY

The Bears will open the 2023 campaign with two of its first three non-conference matchups coming on the road. MSU opens the season at Richmond (Sept. 2), followed by a game at Akron (Sept. 9). The Bears will host Towson (Sept. 16) and Albany (Sept. 23), before traveling to face Yale (Sept. 30). The Bears round out non-conference play when they host Stony Brook (Oct. 7) for homecoming.

MSU LEGEND EARL BANKS

Earl "Papa Bear" Banks was a legendary head coach at Morgan State University,
 • In 1960, Banks took over the head coaching position at Morgan State from 2011 Trailblazer Award winner, **Edward Hurt**.
 • In his 14 seasons as head coach, he would lead the Bears to six CIAA titles, one CIAA Northern Division championship and one Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title. Banks had an overall record of 96-31-2 after he retired from coaching 1973 and produced three undefeated seasons from 1965 through 1967.
 • He guided Morgan State to four bowl games, winning the 1965 Orange Blossom Classic and the 1966 Tangerine Bowl.
 • He was named the American Football Coaches Association's recipient of the 2018 Trailblazer Award. The award was presented, posthumously, at the 2019 AFCA Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

2022 MEAC FINAL STANDINGS

	MEAC	Overall
NC Central*	4-1	10-2
Howard	4-1	5-6
Delaware State	2-3	5-6
Morgan State*%	2-3	4-7
Norfolk State	2-3	2-9
South Carolina State*	1-4	3-8

* 2022 MEAC Champs

2023 AWARDS/HONORS

JAE'VEYON MORTON • 22 • DB • SR

- 2023 Preseason All-MEAC First Team
- 2023 Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC First Team
- 2023 Black College Player of the Year Watchlist
- 2022 All-MEAC First Team
- 2022 Phil Steele FCS All-MEAC First Team
- Bluebloods All-MEAC First Team
- 2021 All-MEAC Second Team

ELIJAH WILLIAMS • 0 • DL • SO

- MEAC Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 25)
- BOXTOROW HBCU National POTW (Sept. 3)
- Washington TD Club honorable mention (Sept. 3)
- 2023 Preseason All-MEAC First Team
- Bluebloods Preseason Third Team All-American
- 2023 Phil Steele All-MEAC First Team
- HERO Sports 2022 Sophomore All-American
- 2022 All-MEAC First Team
- 2022 Bluebloods All-MEAC First Team
- 2022 BOXTOROW All-America Honorable Mention
- 2022 Phil Steele All-MEAC First Team
- HBCU Sports 2022 All-MEAC Second Team
- Phil Steele's 2021 All-MEAC Teams Second Team

ERICK HUNTER • 40 • LB • JR

- MEAC Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 3)
- 2023 Preseason All-MEAC Second Team

JORDAN TOLES • 23 • DB • SR

- MEAC Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 18)
- MEAC Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 11)
- Phil Steele's 2023 All-MEAC Teams Third Team

MARVIN ATUATASI • 58 • OL • JR

- Preseason 2023 All-MEAC Second Team
- 2023 Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Second Team
- 2022 All-MEAC Second Team
- 2022 Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Third Team

LAWRENCE RICHARDSON • 40 • LB • JR

- 2023 Preseason All-MEAC First Team
- 2023 Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC First Team
- Bluebloods 2022 All-MEAC First Team
- 2022 All-MEAC Third Team
- 2022 Phil Steele FCS All-MEAC Second Team

CARLVAINSKY DECIUS • 7 • DB • JR

- 2023 Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Second Team

ANDRE CRAWLEY • 10 • WR • JR

- 2023 Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Second Team
- 2022 Phil Steele FCS All-MEAC Third Team

J.J. DAVIS • 0 • RB • RJR

- 2021 All-MEAC First Team

KEITH JENKINS • 14 • RB • SO

- 2023 Preseason All-MEAC First Team
- 2023 Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC First Team
- 2022 All-MEAC First Team
- HERO Sports 2022 FCS Freshman All-American
- Phil Steele All-MEAC First Team
- BOXTOROW All-American Team
- Bluebloods All-MEAC First Team

DJ HAMLER • 15 • WR • SR

- 2023 Phil Steele Preseason All-MEAC Fourth Team

DEXTER CARR JR. • 75 • OL • SR

- MEAC Lineman of the Week (Sept. 18)

SHANE MESSENGER • 86 • P • FR

- MEAC Rookie of the Week (Sept. 11)

BEARS NAME TEAM CAPTAINS

The MSU Bears wrapped up the preseason by naming the team captains for the 2023 season. Three seniors and a junior make up the leadership group. ... offense - **Jabriel Johnson** (Baltimore, Md.), **Dexter Carr Jr.** (Stafford, Va.) ... defense - **Lawrence Richardson** (Philadelphia, Pa.) and **Carlvainsky Decius** (New Carrollton).

HEAVY ON UPPERCLASSMEN

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

Morgan State has just five senior starters and two graduate students on offense – QB **Carson Baker**, RB **Jabriel Johnson**, OL **Marvin Atuatasi**, OL **Dexter Carr Jr.**, Y **Anthony James**, WR **Treyveyon Pratt** and WR **Avery Jones** – and five on defense – Senior LB **Lawrence Richardson**, S **Jordan Toles**, NT **Sean Morris** and graduate students DB **Jae'Veyon "Knock" Morton** and DE **Noah Washington**.

• DE **Nana Asante**, LB **Erick Hunter**, LB **KJ Scott**, DL **Darius Outlaw** and DL **Reginald Barnes** add experience to a talented defensive unit. CB **Brandon Savage**, FS **Quincy Johnson**, S **Josh Graham** and LB **Sam Alsheimer** are prepared to play "The Reliever" when called upon.

• Morgan State's opening day roster included 22 juniors and 25 in the sophomore class.

ROLLING WITH THE O-BLOCK

MSU's offense rolled up almost 3,000 yards of offense a season ago. However, the Bears return a mix of experienced veterans and a very young, but talented offensive line for the 2023 campaign.

• The O-line's, aka. "O-Block", veteran leadership will come from preseason All-MEAC second team selection **Marvin Atuatasi** at left guard, senior **Dexter Carr Jr.** will handle chores at center, and **Treyvon Branch** will play right tackle. • **Kahari Finley** will be the starting left tackle for the newest members of the trenches ... the Bears will depth will also be provided by freshmen: **Harrison Anthony**, **Shane Marks**, and **Noah Gebremedhin**.

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

• The Bears offense finished the 2022 season ranked No. 3 in rushing (147.2/g) and averaged 270.2 total yards of offense per game (No. 5 in MEAC).

• The Bears key loss in the trenches included: tackle **Chris Anthony**.

FORMER BEARS ON COACHING STAFF

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

• **B.T. Sherman** - was a standout for the Bears on special teams and as a receiver. He ranked as one of the top returners in the nation by averaging a league-best 30.1 yards per kickoff return. He was also the team's second-leading receiver as he helped the Bears post a 7-5 record, the school's first winning season in 23 years.

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

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

2023 SCHEDULE NOTE

The Bears open the 2023 season with a pair of road games. On Sept. 2, Morgan will travel I-95 south to face the Richmond Spiders. They last met on Nov. 29, 2014 in the first round of the FCS Playoffs.

• Morgan will travel to Ohio for an FBS matchup against the Akron Zips on Sept. 9. It will mark the fourth meeting between the teams. The last being a 41-7 Akron win on Sept. 8, 2018.

• On Sept. 16, Morgan's home-opener will be against the Towson Tigers in the 'Battle for Greater Baltimore' at Hughes Stadium. The game will mark the first of back-to-back home games for the Bears.

• Morgan will then host the Albany Danes on Sept. 23. The Danes lead the series 2-0 and recorded a 41-14 win at Tom & Casey Stadium in their last matchup on Nov. 13, 2021.

• The Bears will travel north to take on the Yale Bulldogs on Sept. 30. It will be only the



Junior DL **Elijah Williams** has been a leader in the trenches for the Bears defense.

second meeting between the teams. Yale shutout Morgan 41-0 in 1984.

- Morgan will complete its non-conference slate when it hosts Stony Brook for Homecoming on Oct. 7. The Seawolves kicked a game-winning field goal to hold off the Bears 24-22 in last season's game at LaValle Stadium.

- The Bears will be coming off of a bye week when they open conference play at home on Oct. 21 against reigning MEAC and Celebration Bowl champion North Carolina Central.

- Morgan will then hit the road to take on the Spartans of Norfolk State on Oct. 28, before wrapping its home slate on Nov. 4 when it hosts the Delaware State Hornets.

- The Bears conclude the regular season on the road against the South Carolina State Bulldogs on Nov. 11, followed by a trip to face Beltway rival and the reigning MEAC Co-Champion Howard Bison on Nov. 18.

MSU's VIRGINIA TIES

The Bears have seven (7) players from Virginia. P **Shane Messenger** (Alexandria); OL **Eric McKeown** (Ashburn); LS **Griffin Dorman** (Centreville); CB **Bryan Stukes** (Chesapeake), **Tahj Smith** (Fredericksburg), **Keith Jenkins Jr.** (Gainesville), and **Dexter Carr Jr.** (Stafford).

A LOOK AHEAD

- Saturday, Nov. 4 will mark the 67th meeting between the two schools.

- Morgan leads the series against Delaware State with an overall record of 39-27.

- The Bears have won 12 of the last 14 meetings since 2008, including a string of 9-straight (2010-2019).

- In their last meeting on Nov. 12, Morgan scored 31 unanswered points and the Bears defense dominated the Hornets in a conference showdown on a sunny afternoon at Alumni Stadium. The Bears absolutely had their way today as they held Delaware State to 81 total yards, recorded eight sacks, and scored a pair of defensive touchdowns to cruise to a 37-7 victory. Morgan quarterback **Duce Taylor** connected on a 16-yard touchdown pass to **Joseph Owumi** in the back of the endzone to take a 16-7 lead into halftime. Taylor went 9 for 17 for 137 yards. For the game, the Bears amassed 224 yards on 54 plays. **Erick Hunter** had a game-high 11 tackles with four tackles for loss and two sacks for the Bears. **Lawrence Richardson** added 10 tackles and **Elijah Williams** had nine tackles and two sacks.



NOTE THE WILSON QUOTE

HEAD COACH DAMON WILSON'S ON THE BEARS THOUGHTS ABOUT THE OUTCOME AGAINST #10 N.C. CENTRAL

"Our guys played well for the three quarters of the ballgame and at the end the proven champions found a way to pull it off. We are trying to build that championship culture and in order to be a champion you must find a way to win. We did not find a way to win on Thursday."

"It was a pretty good crowd, great atmosphere, and two good football teams getting after it. We had two costly turnovers at the end of the game that proved to be the difference."



STATS FCS TOP 25 COACHES POLL

1	South Dakota State (56)	6-0	1,400	1
2	Montana State	5-1	1,342	2
3	Sacramento State	5-1	1,203	3
4	Furman	5-1	1,195	4
5	UIW	5-1	1,023	7
6	South Dakota	5-1	1,002	10
7	Delaware	5-1	985	8
8	Western Carolina	5-1	981	9
9	Montana	6-1	978	16
10	Idaho	5-2	946	3
11	North Dakota	4-2	930	15
12	Southern Illinois	5-1	725	13
13	William & Mary	4-2	687	11
14	North Dakota State	4-2	673	6
15	Holy Cross	4-2	653	12
16	North Carolina Central	5-1	607	14
17	UT Martin	5-1	504	17
18	Harvard	5-0	446	19
19	Florida A&M	5-1	403	18
20	Central Arkansas	5-2	373	20
21	Chattanooga	5-2	268	25
22	Villanova	5-2	229	NR
23	UC Davis	4-2	136	NR
24	Austin Peay	4-2	125	NR
25	Youngstown State	3-3	108	23

Others Receiving Votes (schools listed on two or more ballots): New Hampshire 68; Fordham 44; UAlbany 39; Lafayette 32; Northern Iowa 23; Weber State 23; Eastern Kentucky 13; Eastern Washington 13; Illinois State 11; Tennessee State 6; Lamar 2

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25 POLL

1	South Dakota State (26)	7-0	650	1
2	Montana State	6-1	623	2
3	Furman	6-1	587	3
4	UIW	6-1	545	5
5	Montana	6-1	537	6
6	Delaware	6-1	510	7
7	Sacramento State	5-2	475	4
8	Idaho	5-2	471	8
9	South Dakota	6-1	423	16
10	North Carolina Central	6-1	418	10
11	North Dakota State	5-2	388	15
12	Southern Illinois	5-2	343	12
13	UT Martin	6-1	314	19
14	Florida A&M	6-1	304	18
15	Chattanooga	6-2	266	20
16	Western Carolina	5-2	253	14
17	North Dakota	4-3	198	9
18	Central Arkansas	5-2	197	21
19	Lafayette	6-1	120	NR
T-20	Austin Peay	5-2	116	24
T-20	New Hampshire	4-3	116	22
22	Holy Cross	4-3	108	11
23	Harvard	5-1	87	17
24	William & Mary	4-3	83	13
25	UC Davis	4-3	82	23

Others Receiving Votes: Northern Iowa, 65; Villanova, 51; Fordham, 44; Youngstown State, 41; Penn, 25; UAlbany, 4; Mercer, 3; Eastern Illinois, 1; Illinois St., 1; Nicholls, 1.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY

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

MSU SEASON TICKETS ON SALE

Single game football tickets for all five (5) of Morgan State's home dates this season at Hughes Stadium are now on sale.

- To purchase tickets, fans can visit www.ticketmaster.com, or call (443) 885-1522 (weekdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.)

- Tickets may also be purchased at the Stadium on the day of the event, one hour prior to the event.



2023 MORGAN STATE DEPTH CHART • WEEK 8

BEARS OFFENSE

X 19	DEMIER SHIPLEY	6-4,2185,Jr
1	Avery Jones	6-2,202,Gr.
2	Kwincy Hall	5-6,160,RJr.
LT 71	KAHARI FINLEY	6-5,285,Fr.
53	Harrison Anthony	6-6,260,Fr.
LG 76	DA'JOUR DIXON	6-4,300,RSo.
52	Torrance Williams	6-2,355,RFr.
C 75	DEXTER CARR JR.	6-3,315,Sr.
74	Daniel Casillas	6-2,315,So.
RG 56	MOSULA TAPUSOA	6-0,310,Fr.
78	Eric McKeown	6-5,275,Jr.
RT 72	TREYVON BRANCH	6-3,290,Jr.
73	Kristopher Boyd	6-3,355,Fr.
Y 16	ANTHONY JAMES	5-11,210,Sr.
8	Abdou Diop	6-4,207,Sr.
QB 6	DOMINIQUE ANTHONY	6-1,213,So.
3	Carson Baker	6-3,205,Gr.
11	Duce Taylor	6-1,180,Jr.
7	Tahj Smith	6-2,190,Fr.
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 15	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 2	JORDAN JOHNSON	6-3,190,Sr.
6	Lovelace Rufus	6-3,190,Jr.

As of Oct. 22, 2023

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.

BEARS MISCELLANEOUS GAME INFORMATION

Opponent	Date	Uni	Toss	Kick/Receive	Weather
at #16/18 Richmond	9/2	White/Blue	Won	Kick	Sunny, 84
at Akron	9/9	White/White	Lost	Receive	Cloudy,71
TOWSON	9/16	Orange/Orange	Lost	Receive	Sunny, 79
UALBANY	9/23	Blue/Blue	Lost	Receive	Rainy, 64
at Yale	9/30	White/Orange	Lost	Receive	Rainy, 54
STONY BROOK	10/7	CANCELLED			
#10 N.C. CENTRAL	10/19	Gray/Gray	Lost	Receive	Cloudy, 60



MORGAN STATE PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

SPELL IT SAY IT

Coaches

David *Fant Jr.* **FANT**

Players

Sam *Alsheimer* **Al-Zie-mur**

Jordan *Amadi* **Ah-muh-dee**

Nana Asante **Ah-san-tee**

Marvin *Atuatasi* **Ah-Tua-Tahsee**

Daniel *Casillas* **Kah-see-us**

Melteon Davis **Mel-Teon**

Carlvainsky Decius **Carl-Van-ski Dee-C-us**

Noah *Gebre-medhin* **Geh-Bra-ma-deen**

Malik *Hemmeian* **Hey-Mian**

Eric *McKeown* **Ma-cue-an**

Myles *Miree* **My-ree**

Jae'Veyon Morton **Jay-Vee-Yon**

Chibuikem Oguayo **Chee-bouy-kim Oh-go-yo**

Joseph *Owumi* **Oh-wu-Me**

Mosula Tapusoa **Moe-Sula Ta-puh-So-Ah**



MSU'S RECORD WHEN ...

overall	1-5
playing at home	0-3
playing on the road.....	1-2
playing at a neutral site	0-0
in overtime.....	0-1
more than 7 days to prepare.....	1-1
in September.....	1-4
in October.....	0-1
in November.....	0-0
in December.....	0-0
outrushing the opponent	1-2
when rushing for 200 yards.....	0-0
when rushing for 300 yards.....	0-0
outrushed by opponent.....	0-3
outpassing opponent.....	0-2
when passing for 300 yards.....	0-0
when passing for 400 yards.....	0-0
outpassed by opponent.....	1-3
when allowing 200 yards passing	0-0
when allowing 250 yards passing	0-1
when allowing 300 yards passing	0-1
more total offense than opponent.....	0-1
when having 400+ total offense.....	0-0
when having 500+ total offense.....	0-0
when having 600+ total offense.....	0-0
same total offense as opponent.....	0-0
less total offense than opponent.....	1-4
when allowing 400+ total offense	0-0
committing fewer turnovers.....	1-2
committing more turnovers.....	0-3
turnovers are even	0-0
30:00 of time of possession	0-2
30:01 plus of time of possession.....	0-1
scoring first	0-2
opponent scores first.....	1-2
leading after the 1st quarter.....	0-1
trailing after the 1st quarter	0-3
tied after the 1st quarter.....	1-1
leading after the 2nd quarter.....	0-1
trailing after the 2nd quarter	0-4
tied after the 2nd quarter.....	1-0
leading after the 3rd quarter	0-2
trailing after the 3rd quarter.....	1-3
tied after the 3rd quarter	0-0
scoring 0-10 points.....	0-3
scoring 11-20 points.....	1-1
scoring 21-30 points	0-1
scoring 31-40 points.....	0-0
scoring 41 plus points	0-0
opponent scores 0-10 points	0-0
opponent scores 11-20 points.....	0-2
opponent scores 21-30.....	0-2
opponent scores 31-40.....	0-1
opponent scores 41 plus points.....	0-0
individual 100-yard rusher.....	0-0
opponent 100-yard rusher.....	0-0
opponent less than 100-yards rushing.....	0-0
individual 1 100-yard receiver.....	0-0
individual 2 100-yard receivers	0-0
individual 3 100-yard receivers	0-0
opponent 100-yard receiver	0-1
individual 300-yard passer.....	0-0
opponent 300-yard passer.....	0-1

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- MSU's offense totaled a game-high 114 rushing yards, while having 99 total passing yards in Week 1.
- Senior WR **Anthony James** led the Bears with three catches for 37 yards at Richmond. N.C. Central transfer **Treyvon Pratt** added 29 yards on two catches in his debut for the Bears.
- **Pratt** was on the end of a pair of TD passes from **Duce Taylor** during the Bears upset bid at Akron in Week 2.
- R-Senior RB **J.J. Davis** had a game-high 73 yards (6.1 avg) on 12 carries, while **Jabriel Johnson** added 9 carries for 44 yards and scored the game-winning touchdown to help beat Richmond in Week 1.
- The Bears posted 213 total yards of offense vs. the Spiders and averaged 3.6 yards per play.
- Morgan went 4-of-13 third-down conversions versus #16 Richmond.
- Morgan finished with a season-high 285 yards of total offense against Towson.
- The Bears had four turnovers on three INTs and a fumble recovery.
- In Week 3 vs. Towson, OL **Marvin Atuatasi** left the game with an injury.
- In Week 4 vs. UAlbany, QB **Dominique Anthony** made his first start of the season ... the ODU transfer completed 17-of-37 passes for 136 yards, including a TD running and passing.
- Junior WR **Demier Shipley** collected three catches for 27 yards, including a TD catch in his season debut versus UAlbany.
- Fresno State transfer TE **Matt Lowe** finished with three catches for 20 yards in Week 4 versus UAlbany.
- **Dexter Carr Jr.** has played every snap at center with Morgan State's first-team offensive line so far this season.
- **Joseph Owumi** was on the end of a 40 yard TD strike from Anthony in the fourth quarter vs. #10 NCCU.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- At #16 Richmond, Morgan's defense accounted for 7.5 TFL, five sacks, three QB hurries, three fumble recoveries and an interception.
- **Erick Hunter** showed the kind of impact he can make against No. 16 ranked Richmond Saturday night. The junior LB recorded a huge strip-sack on Spiders quarterback Kyle Wickersham to help setup the final score of the night and seal a 17-10 victory. His impact didn't stop there. "E40" recorded 11 tackles and had two QB hurries to help his team collect its first season-opener win since 2012.
- Senior LB **Lawrence Richardson** tallied a game-high 12 tackles at #16 Richmond.
- Junior DE **Elijah Williams** collected eight tackles, 2 TFLs and a QB hurry versus the Spiders.
- Freshman standout DB **Ja'Son Prevard** posted his first collegiate interception of the season when he picked off Richmond's QB Kyle Wickersham in the 2nd quarter.
- Junior **Nana Asante** accounted for two sacks on Akron QB Jeff Undercuffler in Week 2.
- Senior **Jordan Toles** grabbed two INTs at Akron and collected five tackles ... he was also named MEAC Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts.
- Morgan limited Richmond to converting just 3-of-12 third-downs.
- In Week 2 vs. Akron, the Bears held the Zips to just 4 yards on the ground.
- In Week 3 vs. Towson, Morgan's defense shutout the Tigers in the second half.

- In Week 4 vs. UAlbany, the Bears defense accounted for 8 tackles for loss, three sacks, three fumble recoveries, three QB hurries, two forced fumbles, and an interception.
- **Williams** went off for 12 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, two sacks and a forced fumble versus UAlbany ... he was also selected MEAC Defensive Player of the Week.
- **Toles** collected his third INT of the season vs. UAlbany.
- Morgan's D forced four punts and held #10 NCCU scoreless in the first half...The Eagles' offense didn't cross the 50 yardline until third play of the second half... and started the game 1-for-9 on 3rd downs.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- **Shane Messenger** was fantastic in his collegiate debut in Week 1 versus #16 Richmond. The true freshman averaged 41.7 yards on six punts, included two downed inside the 20. He also had a game-high 50-yarder.
- **Messenger** earned MEAC Rookie of the Week (Sept. 11) accolades for his Week 2 performance at Akron.
- **Asante** recorded a blocked field goal attempt by Andrew Lopez during the Bears' upset win at #16 Richmond.
- Junior **Beckett Leary** has connected on 2-of-3 field goals to start the season ... he made a 38-yard FG in the 4th quarter at #16 Richmond and hit a 29-yarder versus Towson.
- In Week 3 vs. Towson, **Asante** blocked a punt, and **Toles** blocked a field goal and returned it for Morgan's only touchdown of the night.
- **Messenger** had a season-high 11 punts (26.8 avg), including a 50 yarder and two punts downed inside the 20 against UAlbany in the remnants of Tropical Storm Ophelia.

AVOIDING KETCHUP

Through the first six games, Morgan has gotten off to slow starts on offense.

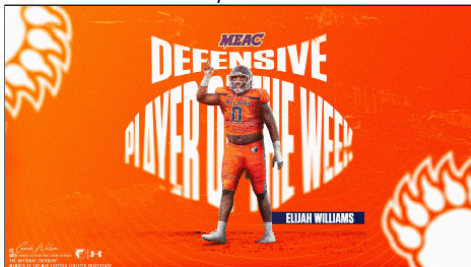
- The Bears have been outscored in the first quarter by a 24-13 margin.
- MSU has scored 27 points in the first half of the first six games (4.5 avg).

NOTABLE NATIONAL NOTES

Here are a few 2023 FCS national statistics of note on offense, defense and special teams that pertained to the Bears:

- The Bears defense ranks T-No. 2 in blocked kicks (4), T-No. 4 in turnovers gained (15), No. 17 in total defense (308.7), and No. 38 in scoring defense (23.0).
- Senior S **Jordan Toles** ranks T-2 nationally in interceptions (3).
- Junior DE **Erick Williams** ranks T-No. 19 in sacks (4.5).
- Junior DE **Nana Asante** ranks T-No 2 in blocked kicks (3).





WILLIAMS NAMED MEAC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Morgan senior DE junior **Elijah Williams** received MEAC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

- Williams, a standout defensive end, from New Jersey City, N.J., had a career day against UAlbany, collecting 10 tackles, nine solo, with four tackles for a loss and two sacks in a double-overtime loss to UAlbany. He also recorded a forced fumble.



TOLES AND CARR NAMED MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Morgan senior DB **Jordan Toles** has been named MEAC Specialist of the Week, as announced by the conference. Senior center **Dexter Carr Jr.** was recognized as MEAC Offensive Lineman of the Week.

- Toles had the biggest play of the night against crosstown rival Towson. The Baltimore product blocked a field goal and returned the loose ball for a 53-yard score in the fourth quarter, which proved to be the Bears' only touchdown. It marked the second blocked field goal by the Bears this season.
- Carr, a native of Stafford, Va., helped the Bears rack up 285 yards, including 188 yards through the air and 97 on the ground, against Towson.

TOLES AND MESSENGER NAMED MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Morgan State senior defensive back Jordan Toles has been named MEAC Defensive Player of the Week following his performance in the Bears' 24-21 heartbreaker at Akron. Morgan's freshman punter Shane Messenger was recognized as the Rookie of the Week.

- Toles collected two key interceptions during the Bears' upset bid against the Akron Zips. He also recorded five tackles, two solo, as part of the Bears' defense that garnered a shutout in the third quarter.
- Messenger averaged 35.2 yards on six punts, including one downed inside the 20 yard-line. He also recorded a game-high 46-yard kick.



HUNTER NAMED MEAC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Erick Hunter was the MEAC Defensive Player of the Week for his exceptional performance during the inaugural week of the 2023 football campaign. This marks the first time Hunter has received this prestigious honor, further solidifying his reputation as an emerging defensive powerhouse in the league.

- Hunter, a junior linebacker from Capitol Heights, Md., showcased his talent and resilience on the field, leading the Bears to an impressive 17-10 upset road victory over #18 Richmond at Robins Stadium.
- He recorded 11 tackles, four solo, with 1.5 sacks for a four-yard loss and collected a huge strip-sack on Spiders quarterback Kyle Wickersham to help setup the final score of the night and seal the victory.

WILLIAMS NAMED PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN

Elijah Williams was named to The Bluebloods 2023 preseason third-team All-American.

- Williams, a junior defensive end from Jersey City, N.J., registered 60 total tackles (33 solo, 27 assisted) last season, including a league-high 19.0 tackles for loss (ranks No. 5 in FCS) and nine sacks (T-No. 13 in FCS).
- Williams' long list of accolades includes being named to the All-MEAC First Team, HERO Sports 2022 FCS Sophomore All-American selection, Phil Steele All-MEAC First Team, Blue Bloods All-MEAC First Team, and BOXTOROW All-America Honorable Mention.
- Williams led Morgan's defense to one of the top in the conference in 2022. The Bears ranked

TOP NICKNAMES

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

- DB Jae'Veyon Morton..... **KNOCK**
- RB Keith Jenkins Jr..... **DOODA**
- LB Erick Hunter..... **E40**
- DB Tyrin Woodby..... **SNEAK**
- WR Anthony James Jr..... **JANK**
- QB Antoine Taylor..... **DUCE**
- WR Andre Crawley..... **CRAW**
- DB Josh Graham..... **RAM**
- DB Brandon Savage..... **SAVAGE**
- DL Melteon Davis..... **BOOBIE**
- LB Lawrence Richardson..... **DEACON**

in the top 3 in six major defensive categories, including leading the MEAC in scoring defense and sacks. Morgan also ranked third in total defense, rushing defense, opponent 4th down conversions and interceptions.

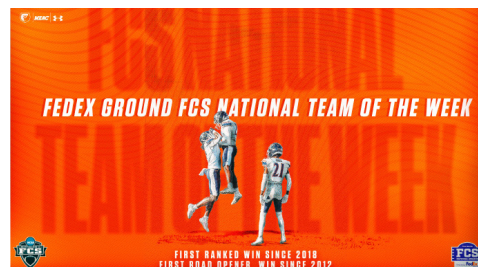
- He collected eight tackles, 2 TFLs and a QB hurry during the Bears upset victory at No. 16 Richmond.

THE MESSENGER

Shane Messenger has emerged as a weapon for the Bears' special teams unit.



- The freshman punter from Alexandria (Va.) was fantastic in his collegiate debut as the Bears stunned #18 Richmond. He averaged 41.7 yards on six punts, including two downed inside the 20 and a game-high 50-yarder... despite losing his footing on the blast.
- The 6-foot, 200-pounder was named MEAC Rookie of the Week after his performance against Akron in which he recorded a game-high 46-yard kick.
- He's currently averaging 34.2 yards per punt, including a league high 13 punts downed inside the 20.
- The Message is clear ... this young man will be key component to the Morgan's success this season.



FCS NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Following its hard fought 17-10 upset victory at No. 18 Richmond, Morgan State has been named the FedEx Ground National Team of the Week, Stats Perform announced Tuesday. The Bears earned a nationally



ranked upset and their first season-opening win since 2012. **Jabriel Johnson's** 10-yard touchdown run with 6:27 left broke a 10-10 tie, and it was set up one play earlier by defensive end **Noah Washington's** fumble recovery following linebacker **Erick Hunter's** strip sack of Richmond's Kyle Wickersham. The MEAC squad, which finished 4-7 in coach **Damon Wilson's** first season last year, limited Richmond to 264 yards of offense, forced four turnovers and had five sacks.

DREAD ZERO

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



- The New Jersey City product broke out as a dominant player as a sophomore last season, racking up 60 tackles to go with a league-high 19 tackles for loss (No. 5 in FCS) and nine sacks (T-No.13 in FCS).
- His 2022 accolades include: being named to the All-MEAC First Team ... HERO Sports 2022 FCS Sophomore All-American selection ... Phil Steele All-MEAC First Team DL ... Bluebloods All-MEAC First Team DL ... BOXTOROW All-America Honorable Mention.
- So far this season, Williams has registered 36 tackles (23 solo), 8 tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks (T-No. 19) and a forced fumble.
- He put forth his best performance of the young season in Week 4 against UAlbany, recording a season-high 10 tackles with four tackles for a loss and two sacks.
- Morgan hasn't seen this dominant of an edge rusher since Malachi Washington (2015-19) who finished his career with 116 tackles, 38 tackles for loss, 20.5 sacks with three fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles and an interception.

MSU'S TOP 5 CAREER TFLs

Rank	Name	TFLs	Year
1.	Jarrell Guyton	49.5	2005-08
2.	Christopher Robinson	42.5	2011-14
3.	Rico Kennedy	38.5	2016-19
4.	Justin Lawrence	34.5	2006-08
T5.	Vincent Brown	33.5	2003-04
	Elijah Williams	33.5	2021-

MSU'S TOP 5 CAREER SACKS

Rank	Name	TFLs	Year
1.	Christopher Robinson	28.5	2011-14
2.	Willie Thompson	26.0	1994-97
3.	Justin Lawrence	24.0	2006-08
4.	Elijah Williams	17.5	2021-
5.	Jarrell Guyton	16.0	2005-08

THE TAKEOVER FACTORY

- MSU currently ranks T-No. 3 in the nation (FCS) in turnovers gained (15).
- The Bears have posted nine (9) fumble recoveries and six (6) interceptions in six games.
- Morgan forced five turnovers at Akron in Week 2, which is the most turnovers forced by the Bears since Nov. 12, 2022 at Delaware State (5).
- Morgan has registered 37 takeaways since the start of the 2022 season.

PAY THE TOLES

Morgan senior **Jordan Toles** is emerging as one of the league's best impact players this season. A standout safety from Baltimore (St. Frances HS), Toles is an aggressive and physical player who has a knack for the ball and making the big play.



- Toles helped lead a Bears defensive unit that handed #18 Richmond its first home opener at Robins Stadium since it opened in 2010...he had six tackles.
- He was named MEAC Defensive Player of the Week following his performance in the Bears' 24-21 heartbreaker at Akron. He recorded his first two INTs of the season and added five stops.
- In Week 3 vs. Towson, Toles blocked a field goal, picked the ball up and raced 53-yards for the Bears' lone touchdown of the night.
- In Week 4 vs. UAlbany, he collected five stops and an interception (his third of the season).
- Last season, Toles finished with 48 tackles (30 solo), 3 tackles for loss and a sack and blocked kick... he recorded a 50-yard interception return in his Morgan debut vs. Georgia Southern (Sept. 3, 2022).
- Jordan joined the Bears after transferring from LSU in August of 2022.
- A safety like Toles creates more flexibility for the entire defense.
- He's currently the Bears' third leading tackler with 32 stops to go along with three interceptions 9 (T-No. 2 in FCS) and a blocked kick.

THE ALSHEIMER'S EFFECT

R-senior LB **Sam Alsheimer** - who has been with the Bears since joining the team as a transfer from Towson - has been filling up the stat sheet this season.



- In six games, the Dayton, Md. product has 20 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, three QB hurries and a forced fumble.
- He played LB at Towson from 2019-22 ... he made his collegiate debut on special teams vs. UAlbany (2019), also played at fullback on the offense.
- As a standout football player at Glenelg High, Alsheimer was also a 2019 state wrestling champion in the 195lb division, four-time all-county and three-time all-region, earning a 40-1 record his senior year.

DEACON OF DEFENSE

Morgan's **Lawrence Richardson** is one of the premier linebackers in the league and is one of the Bears' team captains.



- He is also a deacon at his father's church Deliverance Evangelistic Church in Philadelphia, Pa. Both his father and grandfather are deacons as well.
- The senior currently ranks fourth on the team with 25 total tackles .

BEARS IN OT

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

IN OT

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

PRATT MOVES

Senior WR **Treyvon Pratt** played his first college season at Savannah State in 2018 (9 rec., 221 yds) before playing at North Carolina Central in 2019 and 2021.



- While at NCCU, Pratt played in 17 games and combined for 25 receptions, 302 reception yards and two touchdowns.
- He transferred to Morgan where he has led the team with 240 yards on 18 receptions, including two touchdowns.
- Pratt was a prep standout at Ragsdale High where he ended his senior season with 49 receptions for 710 yards and seven touchdowns.





CAN I KICK IT

Junior PK **Beckett Leary** has made 10-of-14 field goals since joining the Bears as a transfer from the University of New Haven in 2022.



- He began his college career as a freshman at Juniata in 2021 where he connected on 7-of-11 field goals.
- So far this season, Leary has converted 5-of-7 field goals, including a career-high 39-yarder at Yale on Sept. 30.
- He is a perfect 9-for-9 on PATs thru the first six games.
- Leary was a 4-sport athlete at Reservoir High where he was not only a standout kicker and punter for the Gators, he also played varsity soccer and lacrosse for two years, in addition to varsity tennis for one year.

LEARY FIELD GOALS

Year	GP	FGA	FG	Pct.	Long
2023	6	5	7	71.4	39
2022	11	5	7	71.4	37
Total	17	10	14	71.4	39

KNOCK ISLAND

All-MEAC cornerback **Jae'Veyon Morton** - aka. **Knock** continues to post strong numbers for the Bears against the pass, ranking No. 2 in the league in passes defended (7) with two interceptions in five starts.



- In addition to his success in coverage, Knock has produced 21 tackles and a forced fumble so far this season.
- The Detroit, Mich. product transferred to Morgan from Iowa State where he was redshirted in 2018.
- Morton was a two-time all-state selection at Martin Luther King High School and was listed as the eighth-best player in Michigan by Rivals and No. 22 by 247Sports.
- He also lettered in track & field and placed third in the 100-meter at the Division I state meet with a time of 10.75

CAN'T KNOCK THE HUSTLE

Year	GP	Tkls	Int	PDs
2023	6	21	2	7
2022	11	34	3	13
2021	11	62	1	8
Totals	28	117	6	28

DATING GAME

This week's game against Norfolk State is being played on October 28. The Bears have gone 0-5 in the last five Oct. 28 games in the past 33 years.

Date	Loc.	W/L	Score
10/28/11	Florida A&M	L	34-31
10/28/06	@FAMU	L	24-23
10/28/00	@W. Illinois	L	73-17
10/28/95	@FAMU	L	47-9
10/28/89	v. FAMU	L	31-13

- Morgan's last contest on Oct. 28 was 2017 in Baltimore, Md. - Morgan sophomore quarterback DeAndre Harris took over the reigns late in the second quarter after head coach Fred T. Farrier decided to pull starter Elijah Staley. Harris tossed a pair touchdown passes before halftime and added a 3-yard TD scamper that would have been the game clinching score, however Florida A&M answered on a 12-yard touchdown pass with under 6 minutes left to escape with a 34-31 victory at Hughes Stadium.

GRIZZLY WALK

Every home football game the Morgan State football team arrives at campus near Hill Field House on the roundabout (circle) where they unload from charter buses. The group then collectively walks from the roundabout past the Student Center to Legend's Plaza, site of Morgan's legendary coaches Edward P. Hurt and Earl C. Bank. The group then conducts a group prayer before entering the stadium. The official name of the activity is the "The Grizzly Walk".



Uniform watch: The Bears are slated to wear white jerseys (numbers in Orange with Orange outline), white pants and white helmets this week vs. Norfolk State.



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6	Dominique Anthony	QB	6-1	213	So.	Temple Hills, Md. / Potomac HS
6	Lovelace Rufus	DB	6-3	190	Jr.	East Palo Alto, Calif./Moreau Catholic/Utah Tech
7	Carlvainsky Decius	DB	6-0	190	Jr.	New Carrollton, Md. / Parkdale HS
7	Tahj Smith	QB	6-2	190	Fr.	Fredericksburg, Va. / Rock Creek Christian HS
8	Abdou Diop	TE	6-4	207	Sr.	Harlem, N.Y. /Cardinal Hayes HS/Alabama State
9	Malcolm Brown	TE	6-4	225	Jr.	Fulton, Md. / Reservoir HS
9	Melteon Davis	DL	6-1	275	Jr.	Temple Hills, Md. / DeMattha Catholic HS
10	Ryan Adams	DB	5-9	170	Fr.	Piscataway, N.J. / Saint Peter's Prep HS
10	Andre Crawley	WR	5-7	190	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. / Mount St. Joseph
11	Duce Taylor	QB	6-1	180	Jr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / North Side HS
11	Noah Washington	LB	6-5	275	Gr.	New Haven, Conn. / Wilbur Cross HS
12	Keithan Gooden	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Calabasas HS
12	Treyvon Pratt	WR	6-2	195	Sr.	High Point, N.C. / Ragsdale HS
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18	Beckett Leary	K/P	6-3	215	Jr.	Fulton, Md. / Reservoir HS
18	Joseph Owumi	WR	6-3	200	Jr.	Springdale, Md. / CH Flowers
19	Demier Shipley	WR	6-4	185	Jr.	Tuskegee, Ala. / Booker T. Washington HS
19	Donald Smith	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / Dunbar HS
20	Myles Miree	RB	5-9	175	Jr.	Washington, D.C. / Avalon HS
21	Maurice Crutchfield	WR	6-5	200	So.	Lanham, Md. / Duval HS
21	Brandon Savage	DB	5-11	170	Gr.	Baltimore, Md. / Milford Mill Academy
22	Jae'Veyon Morton	DB	5-9	180	Gr.	Detroit, Mich. / Martin Luther King HS
23	Jordan Toles	DB	6-1	209	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. / St. Frances Academy
24	Sam Alsheimer	LB	6-2	225	R-Sr.	Dayton, Md. / Glenelg HS
25	Bryan Stukes	CB	6-1	200	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va. / Oscar Smith HS
26	Graylan Holland	RB	5-10	195	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. / East River HS
27	Jeremiah Wynn	DB	6-0	186	Rf.	Cockeysville, Md. / Dulaney HS
28	Malik Hemmeian	DB	6-0	195	So.	Laurel, Md. / Mt. Hebron HS
29	Gavin Yarbough	DB	5-10	165	Fr.	Homestead, Pa. / Woodland Hills HS
30	KJ Scott	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	Greenwood, S.C. / Greenwood HS
31	Josh Graham	S	5-9	175	Jr.	Norcross, Ga. / Norcross HS
32	Martavian Davis	LB	6-2	210	So.	Gaithersburg, Md. / Quince Orchard HS
33	Xavier Shell	LB	6-1	215	Jr.	Baltimore Md. / Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical HS
34	Jeremiah Bryant	DB	6-0	190	Gr.	Baltimore, Md. / Overlea HS
35	Hosea Robinson	DB	5-10	200	Sr.	Waldorf, Md. / Westlake HS
36	Quincy Johnson	CB	6-0	190	So.	Waxahachie, Texas / Waxahachie HS
37	Darius Broach	DB	6-1	190	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. / New Town HS
38	Elijah McKenzie	DB	5-11	155	Fr.	Glen Burnie, Md. / North County HS
39	Janard Lockhart	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / Mergenthaler Vo-Tech HS
40	Erick Hunter	LB	6-4	210	Jr.	Capitol Heights, Md. / Westlake HS
41	JaVaughn Faunteroy	DB	6-0	205	Sr.	Upper Marlboro, Md. / Bishop McNamara HS
42	Nigel Walker	LB	6-3	200	So.	Montgomery, Ala. / Montgomery Academy
43	Julian Noel	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	Williamstown, N.J. / Williamstown HS
45	Alexander Lewis	LB	6-1	200	So.	Edgemere, Md. / Sparrows Point HS
46	Griffin Dorman	LS	5-11	225	Fr.	Centreville, Va. / St. John's College HS
47	Deshawn Willoughby	DL	6-2	235	So.	Tamarac, Fla. / Deerfield Beach HS
49	Arturo Mattocks	LB	6-1	220	So.	Montgomery Village, Md. / St. John's College
50	Keith Joseph-Clark	LS	5-11	210	So.	Silver Spring, Md. / St. John's College HS
51	Lavel Scipio Jr.	OL	6-3	310	So.	Laurel, Md. / St. Vincent Pallotti
52	Torrance Williams	OL	6-2	399	R-Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / St. Frances Academy
53	Harrison Anthony	OL	6-6	260	Fr.	Oxon Hill, Md. / Potomac HS
54	Lawrence Richardson	LB	6-1	215	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa. / Bishop McDevitt
55	Jordan Jeudy	DL	6-2	295	So.	Broward County, Fla. / Deerfield Beach HS
56	Mosula Tapusoa	OL	6-0	310	So.	Laie, Hawaii / Mater Dei HS
57	Elijah Sow	DL	6-4	270	Fr.	Columbia, Md. / Wilde Lake HS
58	Marvin Atuatasi	OL	6-1	305	Sr.	Leone, American Samoa / Tafuna HS
59	Jordan Amadi	K	6-1	284	So.	Baltimore, Md. / Perry Hall HS
61	Alphonse Mansare	OL	6-4	340	Fr.	Rockville, Md. / Walter Johnson HS
62	Alec Washington	OL	6-4	325	Fr.	Hyattsville, Md. / Saint Frances Academy
63	Shane Marks	OL	6-2	295	Fr.	Bowie, Md. / Bowie HS
65	Mohamad Salamah	OL	6-4	305	Fr.	Silver Spring, Md. / James Blake HS
66	Noah Gebremedhin	OL	6-2	300	Fr.	Rockville, Md. / Rockville HS
67	Marc Wallace	DL	6-3	305	Fr.	Churchton, Md. / St. Vincent Pallotti
68	Zephaniah Wade	DL	6-3	260	Fr.	Bowie, Md. / Annapolis Area Christian School
69	Jamal Bin-Yusif	OL	6-3	245	Fr.	Middletown, Del. / St. Georges Tech HS
70	Evan Rawlick	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	Surrey, British Columbia / IMG Academy
71	Kahari Finley	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	Clinton, Md. / St. Frances Academy
72	Treyvon Branch	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	White Plains, Md. / St. John's College HS
73	Kristopher Boyd	OL	6-5	355	Fr.	Washington, D.C. / Archbishop Carroll HS
74	Daniel Casillas	OL	6-2	315	So.	Kissimmee, Fla. / Tohopekaliga HS
75	Dexter Carr Jr.	OL	6-3	315	Sr.	Stafford, Va. / Colonial Forge HS
76	Da'Jour Dixon	OL	6-4	300	R-So.	Willingboro, N.J. / Willingboro HS
77	Ayo Meyers	DL	6-1	290	So.	Baltimore, Md. / Mergenthaler Vo-Tech HS
78	Eric McKeown	OL	6-5	275	Jr.	Ashburn, Va. / Stone Bridge HS
79	Kelby Carter	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / Dunbar HS
80	Xavier Dangerfield	WR	6-3	200	Fr.	Texas, Texas / Texas HS
82	Joseph Kennerly	WR	5-9	170	So.	Deerfield, Fla. / Deerfield Beach HS
83	Malique Leatherbury	WR	5-9	170	Fr.	Salisbury, Md. / Wicomico HS
84	Jason Collins	WR	5-9	170	Fr.	Washington, D.C. / Theodore Roosevelt HS
85	Shane Messenger	P	6-0	200	Fr.	Alexandria, Va. / St. John's College HS
86	Matt Lowe	TE	6-5	255	R-So.	Hesperia, Calif. / Serrano HS
87	James Reddick	TE	6-4	275	Jr.	Marietta, Ga. / Hillgrove HS
88	Treston Davis	TE	6-5	240	So.	Oldtown, Md. / Fort Hill HS
89	Jaylen Green	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	Clinton, Md. / Surrattsville HS
90	Justin Dutton	DL	6-4	270	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / Pikesville HS
91	Deandre Blagrove	LB	6-4	265	Fr.	Lakeview, N.Y. / Malverne HS
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94	Chibuikem Oguayo	DL	6-3	245	So.	Beltsville, Md. / High Point HS
95	Brandon King	DL	6-0	290	Sr.	Ruleville, Miss. / Cleveland Central HS
96	Darrius Outlaw	DL	6-5	280	Sr.	Owings Mill, Md. / Jireh Prep HS
97	Reginald Barnes	DL	6-0	270	Jr.	Pascagoula, Miss. / Pascagoula HS
98	J'Sean Greene-Scarver	DL	6-5	260	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Englewood HS
99	Shari'eff Andrews	DL	6-2	310	Fr.	Boston, Mass. / Malden Catholic HS

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87	James Reddick	TE	6-4	275	Jr.	Marietta, Ga. / Hillgrove HS
54	Lawrence Richardson	LB	6-1	215	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa. / Bishop McDevitt
35	Hosea Robinson	DB	5-10	200	Sr.	Waldorf, Md. / Westlake HS
6	Lovelace Rufus	DB	6-3	190	Jr.	East Palo Alto, Calif. / Moreau Catholic/Utah Tech
65	Mohamad Salamah	OL	6-4	305	Fr.	Silver Spring, Md. / James Blake HS
21	Brandon Savage	DB	5-11	170	Gr.	Baltimore, Md. / Milford Mill Academy
51	Lavel Scipio Jr.	OL	6-3	310	So.	Laurel, Md. / St. Vincent Pallotti
30	KJ Scott	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	Greenwood, S.C. / Greenwood HS
33	Xavier Shell	LB	6-1	215	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. / Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical HS
19	Demier Shipley	WR	6-4	185	Jr.	Tuskegee, Ala. / Booker T. Washington HS
19	Donald Smith	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / Dunbar HS
7	Tahj Smith	QB	6-2	190	Fr.	Fredericksburg, Va. / Rock Creek Christian HS
57	Elijah Sow	DL	6-4	270	Fr.	Columbia, Md. / Wilde Lake HS
25	Bryan Stukes	CB	6-1	200	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va. / Oscar Smith HS
56	Mosula Tapusoa	OL	6-0	310	So.	Laie, Hawaii / Mater Dei HS
11	Duce Taylor	QB	6-1	180	Jr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / North Side HS
23	Jordan Toles	DB	6-1	209	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. / St. Frances Academy
68	Zephaniah Wade	DL	6-3	260	Fr.	Bowie, Md. / Annapolis Area Christian School
42	Nigel Walker	LB	6-3	200	So.	Montgomery, Ala. / Montgomery Academy
67	Marc Wallace	DL	6-3	305	Fr.	Churchton, Md. / St. Vincent Pallotti
62	Alec Washington	OL	6-4	325	Fr.	Hyattsville, Md. / Saint Frances Academy
11	Noah Washington	LB	6-5	275	Gr.	New Haven, Conn. / Wilbur Cross HS
17	Tyler Wilkins	WR	6-3	200	Jr.	Columbia, Md. / Mount St. Joseph HS
0	Elijah Williams	DL	6-3	270	Jr.	Jersey City, N.J. / Lincoln HS
52	Torrance Williams	OL	6-2	399	R-Fr.	Baltimore, Md. / St. Frances Academy
47	Deshawn Willoughby	DL	6-2	235	So.	Tamarac, Fla. / Deerfield Beach HS
3	Tyrin Woodby	DB	6-1	180	Rf.	Bowie, Md. / St. Frances Academy
27	Jeremiah Wynn	DB	6-0	186	Rf.	Cockeysville, Md. / Dulaney HS
29	Gavin Yarbough	DB	5-10	165	Fr.	Homestead, Pa. / Woodland Hills HS

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	TEAM	POS
49	Arturo Mattocks	LB
50	Keith Joseph-Clark	LB
51	Lavel Scipio Jr.	OL
52	Torrance Williams	OL
53	Harrison Anthony	OL
54	Lawrence Richardson	LB
55	Jordan Jeudy	DL
56	Mosula Tapusoa	OL
57	Elijah Sow	DL
58	Marvin Atuatasi	OL
59	Jordan Amadi	K
61	Alphonse Mansare	OL
62	Alec Washington	OL
63	Shane Marks	OL
65	Mohamad Salamah	OL
66	Noah Gebremedhin	OL
67	Marc Wallace	DL
68	Zephaniah Wade	DL
69	Jamal Bin-Yusif	DL
70	Evan Rawlick	OL
71	Kahari Finley	OL
72	Treyvon Branch	OL
73	Kristopher Boyd	OL
74	Daniel Casillas	OL
75	Dexter Carr Jr.	OL
76	Da'Jour Dixon	OL
77	Ayo Meyers	DL
78	Eric McKeown	OL
79	Kelby Carter	OL
80	Xavier Dangerfield	WR
82	Joseph Kennerly	WR
83	Malique Leatherbury	WR
84	Jason Collins	WR
85	Shane Messenger	P
86	Matt Lowe	TE
87	James Reddick	TE
88	Treston Davis	TE
89	Jaylen Green	WR
90	Justin Dutton	DL
91	Deandre Blagrove	LB
92	Blanche Gold	DL
93	Adrian Littleton	DL
94	Chibuikem Oguayo	DL
95	Brandon King	DL
96	Darius Outlaw	DL
97	Reginald Barnes	DL
98	J'Sean Scarver-Greene	DL
99	Shari'eff Andrews	DL

COACHING STAFF

- Damon Wilson, Head Coach
- Antone' Sewell, Asst. Head Coach/DC
- B.T. Sherman, Offensive Coordinator
- Moses Ware, WR/Pass Game Coord.
- David Fant Jr., Running Backs
- Benton Harold, TEs/Special Teams
- Richard Reddix, Offensive Line
- Ramal Faunteroy, Defensive Line
- Brawley Evans, Linebackers
- Omarr Smith, Def. Pass Game Coord./CBs
- Melvin Coleman, Safeties
- Mitch Berezny, Offense Asst. Coach



EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

The Bears have recorded 12 explosive plays (20+ yards) on offense so far this 2023 season. WR Joseph Owumi recorded a 40-yard TD pass from Dominique Anthony vs. #10 North Carolina Central for one of Morgan's explosive plays.

20-Yard Plus Plays

Yards	Type	Player	Opponent
23	Run	J. Johnson	at #16 Akron
21	Pass	T. Pratt from C. Baker	
28	Pass	A. Jones from C. Baker	
28	Run	J. Davis	
31	Pass	T. Pratt from D. Anthony	at Akron
33	Pass	J. Davis from D. Taylor	vs. Towson
24	Pass	T. Pratt from D. Anthony	vs. UAlbany
23	Pass	T. Pratt from D. Anthony	
20	Pass	D. Shipley from D. Anthony	at Yale
24	Run	K. Jenkins	
28	Pass	T. Pratt from D. Anthony	vs. #10 N.C. Central
40	Pass	J. Owumi from D. Anthony	

2023 BOXTOROW HBCU COACHES POLL

Rank	School	W-L	Pts.	Last Week
1	North Carolina Central (17)	6-1	188	1
2	Florida A&M (1)	6-1	171	2
3	Tennessee State (1)	5-2	151	3
4	Alcorn State	4-3	135	4
5	Alabama A&M	4-3	103	5
6	Jackson State	5-3	85	6
7	Southern	4-3	81	7
8	Howard	3-4	47	10
9	Alabama State	3-3	41	9
10	Hampton	3-4	10	8

Others receiving votes: Prairie View A&M (3-4) 9, Grambling (3-4) 7, South Carolina State (3-4) 2, Texas Southern (2-5) 2, Morgan State (1-5) 1.

2023 BOXTOROW HBCU MEDIA POLL

Rank	School	W-L	Pts.	Last Week
1	North Carolina Central (18)	6-1	197	1
2	Florida A&M (2)	6-1	179	2
3	Benedict	8-0	169	3
4	Virginia Union	7-1	118	5
5	Tennessee State	5-2	111	6
6	Jackson State	5-3	84	7
7	Fayetteville State	6-2	66	8
8	Virginia State	7-1	49	3
9	Tuskegee	6-2	36	9
10	Alcorn State	4-3	32	NR

Others receiving votes: Southern (4-3) 23, Miles (6-2) 21, Alabama A&M (4-3) 12, Alabama State (3-3) 10, Edward Waters (5-3) 2, Prairie View A&M (3-4) 1, Fort Valley State (6-2) 1, Langston (5-2) 1.

ON THE FIELD



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Offense Assistant

DID YOU KNOW?

- Junior LB **Lawrence Richardson** didn't start playing football until he was a freshman in high school and that he is a deacon in his church.
- LSU transfer DB **Jordan Toles** scored on a 5-yard interception return at Georgia Southern in Week 1 of the 2022 season ... the Baltimore native was a highly recruited prep star at St. Frances Academy.
- QB **Carson Baker** originally transferred to Morgan from Western Kentucky, and also played at San Diego State.
- WR **Treveyon Pratt** (High Point, N.C.) transferred to Morgan from North Carolina Central (2019-21) ... he started his collegiate career at Savannah State in 2018.
- Senior OL **Marvin Atuatasi** is from Pago Pago, American Samoa and played at Tafuna High School.
- Senior WR **Daymond "DJ" Hamler** is from Pontiac, Michigan and is related to Denver Broncos WR KJ Hamler.
- Morgan's head football coach **Damon Wilson** and head basketball coach Kevin Broadus are both Bowie State graduates.





THE LAST TIME...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards: vs. Virginia Union, 1996 (447)
 Had 300 or more yards: vs. Norfolk State, 2018 (333)
 Had 200 or more yards: vs. Norfolk State, 2022 (249)
 Had FEWER than 50 yards: vs. Tulane, 2021 (45)
 Had 60 or more rush attempts: at NCCU, 2013 (64)
 Had 50 or more rush attempts: vs. S.C. State, 2018 (52)
 Had three TDs: vs. S.C. State, 2022
 Had four or more rush TDs: Georgetown, 2022 (4)
 Had two or more players with 150 rush yards in a game.....
vs. Morris Brown, 2002; T.J. Stallings (195), L. Washington (169)
 Had a player rush for 2 TDs: Alfonzo Graham vs. S.C. State, 2022
 Had a player rush for 3 TDs: at Hampton, 2014, Herb Walker Jr. (3)
 Had a player rush for 5 or more TDs: at Howard, 2002, T.J. Stallings (5)
 Rushed for 200 yards or more:vs. Norfolk State, Alfonzo Graham (203), 2022
 Rushed for 100 yards or more:at Stony Brook, Alfonzo Graham (177), 2022
 Had a run of 70 or more yards:Alfonzo Graham, vs. Georgetown, 2022 (86)
 Had a run of 60 or more yards:Travis Davidson, at BGSU, 2011 (61)
 Had a run of 50 or more yards:Alfonzo Graham vs. Norfolk State, 2022 (51)

PASSING

Had 400 or more yards passing:vs. N.C. A&T, 2001 (551)
 Had 300 or more yards passing:vs. #15 N.C. A&T, 2017 (303)
 Had 200 or more yards passingvs. VA-Lynchburg, 2022 (249)
 Had LESS than 125 yards passing:at Yale, 2023 (118)
 Had LESS than 75 yards passing:at Stony Brook, 2022 (71)
 Had 50 or more pass attempts:at S.C. State, 2004 (59)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:vs. Towson, 2023 (44)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts:vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (30)
 Attempted 20 or fewer passes:at #16 Richmond (13), 2023
 Had 25 or more pass completions:vs. S.C. State, 2014 (25)
 Had 20 or more pass completions:vs. Towson, 2023 (20)
 Had FEWER than 15 pass completions:at Yale, 2023 (15)
 Had five passing TDs:vs. Delaware State, 2014
 Had four passing TDs:vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2022
 Had three passing TDs:at Akron, 2023
 Had two passing TDs:at Towson, 2022
 Had zero passing TDs:at Yale, 2023
 Had four or more passes intercepted:vs. Bethune-Cookman, 2010 (4)
 Had three passes intercepted:vs. Towson, 2023
 Had two passes intercepted:at Yale, 2023
 Had one pass intercepted:vs. #10 NCCU, 2023
 Did not throw an interception:vs. UAlbany, 2023

RECEIVING

Caught six or more passes:Andre Crawley, vs Norfolk State, 2022 (6)
 Had 8 or more receivers with a catch:vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (8)
 Had one player with 100 yards receiving in a game:vs. Tulane, 2021,
Wes Wolfolk (110)
 Had one one 300-yard passer and one 100-yard rushing in a game:
at S.C. State, 2004, (B. Littlejohn 392-pass, J. Jackson 145-run)
 Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher in a game:at UAlbany,
2018, (D. Harris 107-run, M. Bailey 109 yds-receiving)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 20 or more first downs:vs. Sacred Heart, 2022 (20)
 Had 600 or more yards total offense:vs. S.C. State, 2004 (625)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense:vs. Norfolk State, 2018 (504)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:vs. Florida A&M, 2017 (448)
 LESS than 200 yards of total offense:at #12 Delaware, 2022 (158)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense:vs. S.C. State, 2014 (86)
 Had 75 or more plays total offense:vs. UAlbany, 2023 (77)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:vs. Delaware State, 1967 (69)
 Scored 50 or more points:at N.C. Central, 2011 (52)
 Scored 40 or more points:vs. S.C. State, 2022 (41)
 Scored 30 or more points:at Delaware State, 2022 (37)
 Was held scoreless:vs. Towson, 2021 (31-0)
 Was held scoreless in the 1st half:vs. Towson, 2023 (20-0)
 Was held scoreless in the 2nd half:at Yale, 2023 (28-0)
 Was held scoreless in Hughes Stadium:vs. Towson, 2021 (31-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road:at Rutgers, 2017 (65-0)
 Held opponent scoreless in the 1st half:vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (3-0)
 Held opponent scoreless in the 2nd half:vs. UAlbany, 2023 (3-0)
 Held opponents scoreless:at Delaware State, 2018 (9-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at Hughes Stadium:vs. Howard, 2005 (7-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in one season:1979, vs. UMES (41-0),
vs. Delaware State (22-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in one season:Not since 1934
 Held four opponents scoreless in one season:Not since 1934
 Held five opponents scoreless in one season:1934, (8)
 Held a MEAC opponent scoreless:Delaware State (9-0), 2018
 Held two MEAC opponents scoreless:vs. MD-Eastern Shore (41-0), 1979,
vs. Delaware State (22-0), 1979
 Held three MEAC opponents scoreless:vs. NC College (23-0), 1967
vs. Delaware State (27-0), vs. Norfolk State (63-0)
 Attempted a two-point conversion:at Stony Brook (pass failed), 2022

TURNOVERS

Committed five or more turnovers: ..at Howard, 2017, 5 (2 INTs, 3 fumbles)
 Committed four turnovers:vs. Towson, 2023 (3INT, fumble)
 Had four or more fumbles:at N.C. Central, 2015 (4)
 Had three fumbles:vs. Howard, 2018
 Did not commit a turnover:vs. UAlbany, 2023
 Recorded five or more takeaways:at Akron, 2023 (5)
 Recorded three or more fumble recoveries:vs. UAlbany, 2023 (3)
 Recorded two fumble recoveries:at Akron, 2023
 Returned two or more INTs for TDs.....vs. N.C. Central, (2008)
 Recorded an interception:vs. UAlbany, 2023 (Jordan Toles, 0 yds)
 Recorded two interceptions:at Akron, 2023 (Jordan Toles)
 Recorded three interceptions: ..at Akron, 2023 (Jae Veyon Morton, Jordan Toles-2)
 Recorded four interceptions:at UAlbany, 2018 (Donte Small - 3, DJ Trigg)
 Returned INT for a TD:at Delaware State, 2022 (C. Decius, 37 yds)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:at Delaware State (D. Hebron, 0 yds)
 Retd a blocked PAT for 2-pts:at Delaware State, 2017 (Rico Kennedy, 100yds)

DEFENSE

Held opponent to 0 or fewer rushing yards:at Delaware State, 2022 (-5)
 Held opponent to 50 or fewer rushing yards:at Akron, 2023 (8)
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer rushing yards:at #10 NCCU, 2023 (79)
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards:at Delaware State, 2022 (86)
 Held oppt to 300 or fewer total offense:vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (201)
 Held oppt to 200 or fewer total offense:at Delaware State, 2022 (81)
 Intercepted five or more passes:vs. N.C. Central, 2008 (6)
 Intercepted four passes:at UAlbany, 2018
 Intercepted three passes:at Akron, 2023
 Intercepted two passes:vs. Sacred Heart, 2022
 Scored a safety:vs. VA-Lynchburg, 2022
 Recorded six or more sacks:at Delaware State, 2022 (9)
 Recorded five sacks:at #16 Richmond, 2023
 Had 10 or more tackles:Erick Hunter vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (11)
 Recorded two sacks:Elijah Williams, vs. UAlbany, 2023 (2.5)





SPECIAL TEAMS

Had a field goal of 40 or more yards:.....vs #15 N.C. A&T, 2017
 Had a field goal of 50 or more yards:.....at #4 N.C. A&T, 2018
(Alex Raya, 51 yds)
 Had a field goal of 40-49 yards:.....vs #15 N.C. A&T, 2017
(Luke Ursanel, 40 yds)
 Had a punt of 50 or more yards:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023
(Shane Messenger, 50 yds)
 Returned a punt for a TD:.....vs. Hampton, 2015
(Andrew King, 66 yds)
 Punted 8 or more times:.....at Yale, 2023 (Shane Messenger, 8)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD: Delaware State, 2022 (Hosea Robinson, 26 yds)
 Returned a blocked FG for TD.....vs. Towson, 2023 (Jordan Toles, 53 yds)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD:.....2022 at Delaware State, (Keith Jenkins Jr., 90 yds)
 Returned a kickoff and a punt for a TD:.....-/
 Kickoff Ret. of 50 yds or more:.....Keith Jenkins Jr., at N.C. Central, 2022 (96)
 Punt Ret. of 40 yds or more:.....Carl Garnes, vs. Savannah State, 2017 (48)
 Blocked one punt.....at Delaware State, 2022 (Hosea Robinson)
 Blocked a field goal:.....at Yale, 2023 (Nana Asante)
 Blocked an extra point conversion:.....vs. Howard, 2018 (2x, Colby Warrior)
 Missed a kicking PAT:.....vs. Howard, 2022 (Beckett Leary)
 Missed a field goal:.....vs #10 NCCU, 2023 (Beckett Leary, 47 yds)
 Converted a PAT:.....at Howard, 2019 (R. Kennedy pass from D. Harris)
 Returned a missed FG for TD...vs. Savannah State, 2015 (Peterson Janvier, 100 yds)

MISCELLANEOUS

Had FEWER than 10 first downs:.....vs. Towson, 2021 (7)
 Had 10 or more penalties:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (11)
 Had fewer than 10 penalties:.....vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (8)
 Had 100 or more yards in penalties:.....vs. Towson, 2023 (114)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:.....vs. S.C. State, 2018 (35:48)

THE LAST TIME AN OPPOSING PLAYER...

PASSING

Had 400 or more yards passing:.....vs. Norfolk State, 2018 (476)
 Had 300 or more yards passing:.....at Yale, 2023 (366)
 Had 200 or more yards passing.....at Akron, 2023 (270)
 Had LESS than 100 yards passing:.....at Delaware State, 2022 (86)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:.....at Yale, 2023 (40)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts:.....vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (30)
 Had five or more passing TDs:.....at Bethune-Cookman, 2017 (5)
 Had four passing TDs:.....at Yale, 2023 (4)
 Had three passing TDs:.....vs. Howard, 2022
 Had one player with 100 yds receiving in a game:.....at Yale, 2023
Mason Tipton, (136)
 Had eight or more players catch a pass:.....vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (8)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:.....vs. Tulane, 2021 (69)
 Scored 50 or more points:.....at N.C. Central 2022 (59)
 Scored 40 or more points:.....at Yale, 2023 (45)
 Scored 30 or more points:.....vs. Howard, 2022 (35)
 Scored a two-point conversion:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (pass)

TURNOVERS

Had four or more fumbles:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (4)
 Had three or more fumbles LOST:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (3)
 Threw three or more interceptions.....at Akron, 2023 (3)
 Did not commit a turnover:.....vs. #10 NCCU, 2023
 Intercepted five or more passes:.....vs. N.C. Central, 2008 (6)

Intercepted four passes:.....vs. Bethune-Cookman, 2010 (4)
 Intercepted three passes:.....vs. Towson, 2023
 Intercepted two passes:.....at Yale, 2023
 Returned two INTs for a TD:..vs. #15 N.C. A&T, 2017 (Franklin McCain, 100 & 78 yds)
 Returned an INT for a TD:.....at Yale, 2023 (Joseph Vaughn, 36 yds)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:.....at Akron, 2023 (Brian McCoy, 13 yds)

DEFENSE

Held MSU to 15 or fewer first downs.....vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (12)
 Scored a safety.....vs. Sacred Heart, 2022 (punt blocked into the endzone)
 Held MSU to 50 or fewer yards rushing:.....vs. Tulane, 2021 (45)
 Held MSU to 300 or fewer yards passing:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (204)
 Held MSU to 200 or fewer yards passing:.....vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (167)
 Held MSU to 100 or fewer yards passing:.....at #16 Richmond, 2023 (99)
 Held MSU to 300 or fewer yards total offense.....at Yale, 2023 (204)
 Returned a punt for a TD:.....Garrett Brown, Air Force, 2015 (83 yds)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD:..Dylan Mulder, at Eastern Michigan, 2014 (1 yd)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD:.....S.C. State, 2014, Antonio Hamilton (98 yds)
 Punted 8 or more times:.....at Delaware State, 2022 (8, Matt Noll)
 Punted Once:.....at Towson, 2022
 Did not Punt:.....at Norfolk State, 2010
 Missed a kicking PAT:.....at Bowling Green, 2019 (Nate Needham)
 Blocked a PAT:.....vs. Savannah State, 2017
 Blocked a Field Goal:.....at Sacred Heart, 2021 (Jordan Campbell)
 Blocked two Field Goals:.....vs. B-Cookman, 2012 (Dawud Lane, Lavon McCoy)
 Returned a blocked FG for a TD:.....Jonathan Dowling, WKU, 2013 (70 yds)
 Blocked a Punt.....at Akron, 2023 (Noel Roach)
 Made 3 or more FGs:.....vs. #10 NCCU, 2023 (3; A. Olivo)
 Missed a FG:.....vs. Howard 2022 (Aaron Bickerton, 37)
 Missed 2 or more FGs:.....vs. N.C. Central, 2014 (E. Fenton, 41, 34)

RUSHING

Rushed 50 or more times:.....at N.C. Central, 2022 (50)
 Rushed 40 or more times:.....vs. UAlbany, 2023 (47)
 Rushed 30 or more times:.....Ross Tallarico, Stony Brook, 2022 (36)
 Rushed 25 or more times:.....Dedrick Parson, at Howard, 2019 (26)
 Rushed for 200 yards or more:.....B-CU, Jimmie Robinson, 2018 (208)
 Rushed for 150 yards or more:.....Ross Tallarico, Stony Brook, 2022 (151)
 Rushed for 100 yards or more:.....Latrell Collier at N.C. Central, 2022 (113)
 Rushed for three or more TDs:.....vs. B-CU, 2018 (4)
 Had 2 or more rush for 100 yards or more:.....Andy Davidson (111),
Cole Macek (108), D. Woolfork (104), at Army St., 2016
 Player rushed for three or more TDs:.....Jimmie Robinson, at B-CU, 2018 (3)
 Rushed for two TDs:.....Ross Tallarico, Stony Brook, 2022 (2)
 Had a run of 70 or more yards:.....Dedrick Parson, at Howard, 2019 (71)
 Had a run of 60 or more yards:.....Jimmie Robinson, B-CU, 2018 (65)
 Had a run of 50 or more yards:.....Cole Macek, at Army, 2014 (56)
 Had 8 or more players with a run:.....at #12 Delaware, 2022 (11)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:.....Bobby Townsend, Howard, 1999 (522)
 Passed for 400 or more yards:.....Juwan Carter, Norfolk State, 2018 (467)
 Passed for 300 or more yards:.....Nolan Grooms, at Yale, 2023 (363)
 Passed for 200 or more yards:.....Jeff Undercuffler, at Akron, 2023, (209)
 Attempted 50 or more passes:.....Tim Little, Sacred Heart, 2012 (50)
 Attempted 40 or more passes:.....Kyle Vantrese, at Georgia Southern, 2022 (46)
 Completed 30 or more passes:.....Nick Elko, Delaware State, 2012 (33)
 Completed 20 or more passes:.....Nolan Grooms, at Yale, 2023 (29)
 Threw five or more TD passes:.....Larry Brihm, at Bethune-Cookman, 2017 (5)





Threw 5 or more interceptions:.....Stadford Brown, NC Central, 2008(5)
 Threw 4 interceptions:.....Vincent Testaverde, at UAlbany, 2018
 Threw four TD passes:.....Darius Richard, N.C. Central, 2022 (4)
 Threw three TD passes:.....Tyrrell Pigrome, at Towson, 2022
 Completed a pass of 75 or more yds: V. Testaverde to D. Holmes, at UAlbany, 2018 (88)
 Completed a pass of 50 or more yards:.....Quincy Williams to Antoine Murray
vs. Howard, 2022 (53)

RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes:.....Travis Tarpley, Delaware State, 2012 (12)
 Caught six or more passes:.....Mason Tipton, at Yale, 2023 (9)
 Had 150 or more yds receiving:.....Isaiah Winstead, vs. Norfolk State 2018(156)
 Had 100 or more yards receiving:.....Mason Tipton, at Yale, 2023 (136)
 Caught two TD passes:.....Mason Tipton, at Yale, 2023
 Caught three TD passes:.....Anthony Warrum, #4 Illinois State, 2015
 Caught four TD passes:.....Alex Neutz, at Buffalo, 2012

SCORING

Scored four or more TDs:.....Johnathan Lewis, at Rutgers, 2017 (4 runs)
 Scored three TDs:.....Jimmie Robinson vs. B-CU, 2018 (3 runs)
 Scored two TDs:.....Mason Tipton, at Yale, 2023 (2 receptions)

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 10 or more points kicking:.....Adrian Olivo, at N.C. Central, 2022 (10)
 Kicked four field goals:.....N. O'Shea, vs. Towson, 2018
 Kicked three field goals:.....Adrian Olivo, vs. #10 NCCU, 2023
 Kicked two field goals:.....Keegan Vaughan, at Towson, 2023
 Kicked a 50-yard field goal:.....Ethan Stark, at UAlbany, 2018 (51)
 Kicked a 60-yard punt:.....Ryan Wright, vs. Tulane, 2021 (68)
 Kickoff Ret. of 50 yds or more:.....Juwan Burgess, at Towson, 2022(60)
 Punt Ret. of 50 yds or more:.....Isaiah Moore, vs. Howard, 2018 (53)



FUN FACT...

One of the best nicknames on the team is for 5-foot-9 All-MEAC DB **Jae'Veyon Morton** ... the graduate student is known simply as "Knock".

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Offense	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	QB	RB	WR/TE/FB	WR	WR
at Richmond	Finley	Tapusoa	Carr Jr.	Atuatasi	Branch	Jones	Baker	Johnson	Miree	Hamler	Pratt
at Akron	Finley	Tapusoa	Carr Jr.	Atuatasi	Branch	Jones	Baker	Johnson	Low	Wilkins	Pratt
vs. Towson	Finley	Tapusoa	Carr Jr.	Atuatasi	Branch	Jones	Taylor	Johnson	Low	Wilkins	Pratt
vs. UAlbany	Finley	Dixon	Carr, Jr.	Tapusoa	Branch	Owumi	Anthony	Johnson	Low	Crawley	Pratt
at Yale	Finley	Dixon	Carr, Jr.	Tapusoa	Branch	Owumi	Anthony	Johnson	Diop	Crawley	Pratt
vs. Stony Brook	GAME CANCELLED										
vs. North Carolina Central	Finley	Dixon	Carr, Jr.	Tapusoa	Branch	James	Anthony	Johnson	Diop	Hamler	Pratt
at Norfolk State											
vs. Delaware State											
at South Carolina State											
at Howard											
Defense	DE	DT	NT	DE	MIKE	WILL	NICK	CB	FS	SS	CB
at Richmond	Williams	Outlaw	Morris	Washington	Hunter	Richardson	Morton	Decius	Toles	Scott	Coleman
at Akron	Williams	Outlaw	Morris	Washington	Hunter	Richardson	Morton	Decius	Toles	Scott	Coleman
vs. Towson	Williams	Outlaw	Morris	Washington	Hunter	Richardson	Morton	Decius	Coleman	Toles	Prevard
vs. UAlbany	Williams	Davis	Morris	Washington	Hunter	Alsheimer	Morton	Decius	Coleman	Toles	Prevard
at Yale	Williams	Outlaw	Morris	Washington	Hunter	Richardson	Morton	Decius	Coleman	Toles	Prevard
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QTR	Opponent	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays-Yds	TOP	Score
1	at #16 Richmond	6:10	C. Baker, 1 yd run	B. Leary Kick	7-63	3:35	7-7
4		10:39	B. Leary, 38 yd FG	-	12-59	5:47	10-10
4		6:24	J. Johnson, 10 yd run	B. Leary Kick	1-10	:03	17-10
2	at Akron	5:32	M. Lowe from D. Anthony, 8 yd pass	B. Leary Kick	12-61	7:00	7-3
3		4:23	T. Pratt from D. Taylor, 31 yd pass	B. Leary Kick	2-31	:32	14-17
3		1:55	T. Pratt from D. Taylor, 13 yd pass	B. Leary Kick	2-13	:47	21-17
4	vs. Towson	5:11	B. Leary, 29 yd FG	-	12-59	3:59	20-3
4		3:09	J. Toles 53 yd blkd FG return	B. Leary Kick	-	-	10-20
2	vs. UAlbany	:44	D. Shipley from D. Anthony, 7 yd pass	B. Leary Kick	9-65	1:26	7-10
4		:27	B. Leary, 22 fg yd	-	6-22	0:32	10-10
OT1		-	D. Anthony, 1 yd run	B. Leary Kick	6-25	0:00	10-17
2	at Yale	14:10	B. Leary, 39 yd FG	-	14:10	1:41	3-0
1	vs. #10 NCCU	9:15	B. Leary, 32 yd FG	-	10-39	5:51	3-0
4		:33	J. Owumi from D. Anthony, 40 yd pass	B. Leary Kick	5-65	1:11	10-16

