



2002 MORGAN STATE FOOTBALL

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Morgan State University at Gardner-Webb University

Saturday, August 31, 2002 • 6:00 p.m.

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2002 SCHEDULE RESULTS

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY "Bears" (0-0, 0-0 MEAC)

Date	Opponent	Score/ Time
Aug. 31	at Gardner-Webb	6:00pm
Sept. 5	at Towson	7:30pm
14	vs. FLORIDA A&M	1:30pm
21	MONMOUTH	7:00pm
Oct. 5	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	7:00pm
12	at N.C. A&T	1:00pm
19	at Howard	12pm
25	*DELAWARE STATE	1:00pm
Nov. 2	MORRIS BROWN	1:00pm
9	at Norfolk State	1:00pm
16	at South Carolina State	1:30pm
23	HAMPTON	1:00pm

*Homecoming

GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY "Bulldogs" (0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/ Score
Aug. 31	MORGAN STATE	6:00pm
Sept. 7	at Georgia Southern	7:00pm
14	E. TENNESSEE STATE	6:00pm
21	at Chattanooga	6:00pm
Oct. 5	at Liberty	3:30pm
12	ELON	6:00pm
19	at Florida International	3:30pm
Nov. 2	*TENNESSEE-MARTIN	1:30pm
9	at Charleston Southern	1:30pm
16	SAVANNAH STATE	1:30pm

*Homecoming

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MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY "Bears"

Primary Offense/Defense: Multiple Pro/4-3

GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY "Bulldogs"

Primary Offense/Defense: Pro Style/3-4 & 4-4

THE COACHES

Donald Hill-Eley (Virginia Union, '91) became the 18th head football coach in Morgan State history. Hill, Morgan State offensive coordinator last season, has been in the coaching profession for the past 11 years.

During Hill's tenure as offensive coordinator, the Bear's finished the 2001 season ranked 4th in the MEC in total offense with 357.9 yards per game, 3rd in pass offense, 5th in rushing offense. In addition, he has worked on the coaching staffs at Virginia Union (1991), Hampton (1996-99), Baltimore Stallions (1994-96), Toronto Argonauts (1996-97).

Steve Patton (Furman, '77) knows how to win football games. Entering his sixth season at the helm of the Bulldogs' program, the Oneonta, Ala., native tops the school's winning percentage list and is already second on the career wins list at GWU. In 2001, Patton directed his 'Dogs to their fifth-straight winning season with a 6-4 mark, the first time in school history that the program has seen five-straight campaigns above .500 in football. Patton holds a 4-1 record vs. Morgan State and has a career record of 64-43-1 (10 years).

COACHING RECORDS: Donald Hill-Eley: Record at MSU: 0-0 (2nd Season). Steve Patton: Record at GWU: 34-20/6th Season).

THE SERIES

This will be the first-ever meeting between the two teams. Current Gardner-Webb assistant coach Darryl Bullock spent two seasons as the offensive coordinator at MSU in the late 1990's, and served as Bears' interim coach in 1998.

BEARS TO WATCH

T.J. Stallings (RB, 5'9, 170, SR, Randallstown, MD); **Vishante Shiancoe** (TE, 6'5, 240, SR, Laurel, MD); **Albert Gamble** (LB, 6'1, 235, Jr., Sumter, SC), **William DeShazo** (RB, 5'8, 180, So., Durhm, NC); **Jon Voroshilin** (K/P, 5'11, 180, Sr, San Antonio, TX); **LeJominick Washington** (QB, 6'3, 205, Jr., Magnolia, NJ).

NEXT STOP NFL?

Preseason All-MEAC tight end **Vishante Shiancoe** has peaked the interest of NFL scouts. The Laurel, Maryland native earned



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2002 BCSP PRESEASON TOP 20

1. **FLORIDA A&M** - If Printers is as good as advertised, Florida A&M should be better than they look on paper. **LAST YEAR:** 7-4
2. **JACKSON STATE** - QB Robert Kent will take care of the offense. If new coordinator Greg Johnson does likewise with the defense, the Tigers will be hard to beat. **LAST YEAR:** 7-4
3. **BETHUNE-COOKMAN** - The only reason B-CC is not rated above Florida A&M is that they've not proven they can beat them. **LAST YEAR:** 6-4
4. **TENNESSEE STATE** - The Blue Tigers are a trigger-man (QB) short of being the best black college team in the land. **LAST YEAR:** 8-3
5. **ALCORN STATE** - Freshman QB Donald Carrie and the Braves surprised many last season. It will be no surprise this year. **LAST YEAR:** 6-5
6. **GRAMBLING STATE** - Doug Williams may be reloading, but even that takes time. SWAC three-peat highly unlikely. **LAST YEAR:** 10-1
7. **SOUTHERN** - Jaguars defense will have to hold while new offense gets into gear. **LAST YEAR:** 7-4
8. **N. C. A&T** - Aggies MEAC title hopes may rest on breaking in a new QB though holdover Jason Battle led them to their last one (1999). **LAST YEAR:** 8-3.
9. **HAMPTON** - Pirates will contend as usual in MEAC but may not have the horses to get over the hump. **LAST YEAR:** 7-4
10. **TUSKEGEE** - After a three-year run atop the SIAC, Rick Comegy may not have the best material. **LAST YEAR:** 11-1.

NEXT TEN: 11) S. C. State 12) Bowie State 13) Fort Valley State 14) Delaware State 15) Howard 16) Alabama State 17) Virginia Union 18) Winston-Salem State 19) Fayetteville State 20) Miles

All-conference honors last season as he recorded 24 receptions for 413 yards and five touchdowns. He was also ranked as the No. 12 leading tight end in the nation. At 6-5, 240 pounds Shiancoe will be one of the Bears' key targets for the 2002 football campaign.

JUST KICKIN' IT

The Bears' kicking game will be much improved as senior **Jonathan Voroshilin** (6'0, 180) returns to handle all kicking chores. The senior from Texas used the offseason to improve his leg strength and will be a valuable asset to the Bears' special teams unit. Last season Voroshilin hit 9-of-18 field goals and his longest made field goal was a 44-yarder.

THE GAMBLER

If hits is what you want, hits is what you're going to get when you talk about **Albert Gamble**. The Sumter, SC native recorded 96 tackles (61 solo) and 2 sacks on his way to an outstanding 2001 season. This year his goal is to break the school's all-time single sack record (9).

MSU IN THE PROS

Wide receiver **Marc Lester** signed a rookie free agent contract with the Baltimore Ravens, it was announced Wednesday, July 24, 2002. The 6-4, 200 pound Lester played both wide receiver and special teams during his four-year career at Morgan State University (1998-2001). He finished his career by breaking the MSU's all-time reception mark by finishing his career with 138 receptions. No. 2 all-time on Morgan State's reception yardage list with 2,065 yards, Lester led the team last season in kickoff and punt returns.



MSU IN THE NFL HALL OF FAME

Morgan State University can boast about something that few other schools in the nation can...four NFL Hall of Famers!!! New Giant and All-Pro Lineman Roosevelt Brown. Len Ford began his career as a two-way end in the old AAFC with Cleveland and caught 67 passes in two years, then turned solely to defense and was a pass-rushing demon. Leroy Kelly was named ALL-NFL five times and named to six Pro Bowls... Kelly started his career as a punt and kick returner until he took over for Jim Brown when Brown retired after the 1965 season. Willie Lanier, Kansas City Chiefs starting middle linebacker for 11 years, helped Chiefs to Super Bowl IV victory over the Minnesota Vikings.



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ESPN/USA TODAY PRESEASON I-AA FOOTBALL POLL

TEAM (1st Place Votes, Record)	PTS
1. Montana (46) (15-1)	1,270
2. Appalachian State (1) (9-4)	1,113
3. Northern Iowa (11-3)	1,016
4. Eastern Illinois (1) (9-2)	989
5. Georgia Southern (12-2)	976
6. Furman (3) (12-3)	905
7. Lehigh (11-1)	903
8. Youngstown State (8-3)	747
9. GRAMBLING (10-1)	737
10. William & Mary (8-4)	692
11. McNeese State (8-4)	636
12. Eastern Kentucky (8-2)	630
13. Hofstra (9-3)	624
14. FLORIDA A&M (7-4)	581
15. Maine (9-3)	559
16. Sam Houston State (10-3)	549
17. Portland State (7-4)	471
18. Western Kentucky (8-4)	413
19. Northwestern State (8-4)	343
20. Northern Arizona (8-4)	273
21. Delaware (4-6)	217
22. Montana State (5-6)	214
23. Harvard (9-0)	161
24. HAMPTON (7-4)	155
25. Villanova (8-3)	125

Others Receiving Votes:

SFA 121, Tenn. Tech 93, Colgate93, Jacksonville St. 87, **NO CAROLINA A&T 85**, JACKSON ST 81, E. Tenn. St. 75, Rhode Island 68, Massachusetts 68, W.Carolina 60, TENNESSEE ST 59, SOUTHERN 47, Murray St. 40, Pennsylvania 38, W. Illinois 30, BETHUNE COOKMAN 30, E. Wash. 28, ALABAMA ST 21, SO CAROLINA ST 20, Richmond 19, St. Mary's (CA) 15, Idaho St. 15, Wofford 14, SW Missouri St 13, Cal Poly 12, Illinois State 9, SW Texas St. 7, TEXAS SOUTHERN 6, Brown 5, ALCORN ST 4, ALABAMA A&M 4, Nichols St. 3, Elon 3, Dayton 2, James Madison 1.

THE SERIES

First meeting (0-0) between the two schools in the sport of football...In fact, Morgan State and Gardner-Webb have not had the opportunity to meet in any intercollegiate sporting events in the history of both institutions.

MEAC PRESEASON PICKS

The MEAC coaches and sports information directors selected TE **Vishante Shiancoe** and K/P **Jonathan Voroshilin** as preseason first team picks.

BEARS DEFENSE LOOKS TO IMPROVE

The Bears had a rough time of stopping opponents during the 2001 season. Opponents averaged 28.7 points and racked up an average of 402.4 total yards per game. MSU's defense will look to improve as they have nine starters returning to their defensive unit.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

A look at some notable team and individual marks entering the Bears' contest with Gardner-Webb:

If Morgan State wins, the Bears will have won their first season opener since 1993 when they defeated Charleston Southern 54-20...It will also be their first victory since their 26-0 drubbing of Savannah State on Oct. 13, 2001... Additionally this will be the Bears' first win in history against the Bulldogs.

INJURY REPORT (as of August 26, 2002)

DB Derrell Poland	PRB	left shoulder
DB Justin Thomas	DBT	ACL Tear
SS Thomas Potts	PRB	Hamstring Strain

WEATHER REPORT

There is a 30% chance of isolated thunderstorms...The temperature should be 85 to 90 degree range during the evening ...overnight low of 63 degrees.

TUNING IN

Morgan State football fans can follow the Bears season exclusively on WEAA 88.9FM. WEAA plans to air the entire 2002 football season from start to finish. Veteran play-by-play announcer **A. Lamont Germany** will once again be paired with color commentator **Terry Banks** to provide fans with features, insight, analysis and of course the play-by-play throughout the MSU '02 campaign.



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THE LAST TIME MORGAN STATE...

...RETURNED KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN was in 1996 when Wesley Greene galloped for a score.

...RUSHED FOR MORE THAN 400 YARDS was in 1966 against Virginia Union when the Bears compiled 447 yards.

...RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN was on Nov. 3, 2001 against Norfolk State. Cornerback Jamar Williams picked off a Dontrell Leonard pass and raced 53 yards untouched into the end zone.

...SHUT OUT AN OPPONENT was Oct. 13, 2001 against Savannah State. The game was played before 14,801 fan for MSU's Homecoming. The Bears' 26-0 whitewashing was the first time they shutout an opponent since their 1996 contest with Cheney State. The win was also their first on-campus homecoming victory since 1979 when MSU defeated the Aggies of North Carolina A&T.

...PASSED FOR MORE THAN 500 YARDS was on Oct. 6, 2001 against North Carolina A&T. LeJominick Washington had a sensational night when he passed for a school record 551 total yards and a record tying 4 touchdowns.

...HAD A RUNNING BACK GAIN MORE THAN 200 YARDS IN A GAME was on Sept. 1, 2001 against Bethune-Cookman. In a game played in front of 12,185 fans at Alltell Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, Ali Culpepper set a school record by rushing for 229 yards.

...HELD AN OPPONENT TO UNDER 100 YARDS RUSHING IN A GAME was on Oct. 13, 2001 against Savannah State. The Bears defense held Savannah State to 97 rushing yards and 37 yards passing.

SCHEMES

Morgan State utilizes a multiple pro set while employing a multiple 4-3 defensive alignment. GWU will line up in a pro style offense and use a 3-4 and 4-4 when defending.

MSU vs. THE TAR HEEL STATE

Morgan State has recorded an all-time record of 56-48-1 against schools from the state of North Carolina...The Bears are 33-31-3 vs. N.C. A&T, 17-16-1 vs. North Carolina Central, 5-0 vs. Shaw, and 1-1 vs. Johnson C. Smith.

HOME RENOVATION

W.A.C. Hughes Stadium is the proud home of the Morgan State University football and track & field teams. A 14-million dollar renovation of Hughes Stadium was completed in 2001. The renovation included a state of the art scoreboard, complete with video display screen. Additional amenities include; lights, sound system, 2,800 new seats, 3 level press box, coaching stations, radio & TV broadcasting areas, and state of the art drainage system. Other buildings in the stadium complex include modern team rooms, officials rooms and storage space. The facility is named after William Alfred Carroll Hughes Sr., the 1897 Morgan alumnus who introduced football to the institution during his days as a student.

GREAT LEADERSHIP, GREAT TRADITION...

Morgan State University is the proud owner of one of the richest football traditions in the nation. The Bears under the legendary leadership of Eddie Hurt (1929-59) and Earl Banks (1960-73) were one of the winningest programs in the NCAA. MSU won 18 CIAA championships, and 3 MEAC championships. The Bears won 30 consecutive games from 1964 thru 1968. The last MEAC title was won in 1979, when MSU finished with a 9-2 overall mark and went undefeated in the MEAC.

HOME SWEET HOME

The Bears will once again look forward to playing on campus in front of the home crowd. Morgan State will host five football games at Hughes Stadium, including a homecoming contest against Delaware State. Bethune-Cookman will make the trip to Baltimore (Oct. 5), as will nonconference opponent Morris Brown (Nov. 2) and MEAC power Hampton (Nov. 23) to wrap-up the season. The Bears only home victory last year was a 26-0 shutout against Savannah State. This season the Bears will look forward to giving the Bear faithful something to get excited about.

...HELD AN OPPONENT TO UNDER 100 YARDS PASSING IN A GAME was on Oct. 13, 2001 against Savannah State. The Bears defense dominated Savannah State as they held their opponent to 37 total passing yards and 133 yards of total offense.

...LAST TIME AN OPPONENT... BLOCKED A PUNT AND SCORED was on Nov. 3, 2001 against Norfolk State. The Spartans blocked a punt and Anthony Dillard fell on it in the end zone for a touchdown.

...RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN was on Nov. 17, 2001 against Hampton. Christopher Parker took the opening kickoff 86 yards to paydirt. The Pirates won the game 35-20.

...RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN was on Oct. 6, 2001 against North Carolina A&T. Curtis Deloatch collected a 98-yard interception return for a touchdown.

...RETURNED A FUMBLE OR A TOUCHDOWN was on Oct. 20, 2001 against Delaware State. A fumble by MSU's T.J. Stallings was returned by DSU defensive back Steven Brown for a 75-yard touchdown.

...SHUT OUT MORGAN STATE was on Nov. 17, 1998 against Hampton. The Pirates handed the Bears their worst loss of the 1998 season with a 55-0 victory.

...GAINED OVER 300 YARDS RUSHING was on Oct. 6, 2001 at North Carolina A&T. The Aggies gained 411 rushing yards.

...GAINED 300 YARDS PASSING was on Sept. 9, 2001 against Florida A&M. The Rattlers threw for 390 total yards.

...HAD A RUNNING BACK RUSH FOR MORE THAN 100 YARDS IN A GAME was Nov. 17, 2001 against Hampton. Robert Smith ran for 174 yards and recorded 3 touchdowns as the Pirates defeated the Bears 35-20.

...HAD A RUNNING BACK RUSH FOR MORE THAN 200 YARDS IN A GAME was on Oct. 6, 2001 against North Carolina A&T. Maurice Hicks set an NCAA record breaking performance as he ran for 437 yards.

...HELD MORGAN STATE TO LESS THAN 100 YARDS RUSHING was on Sept. 22, 2001 against Howard. The Bison suffocated the Bears by holding Morgan State to 38 total rushing yards.

CROSS-TOWN OPPONENTS NEXT UP

The Morgan State Bears will take on nonconference opponent Towson University. The game is set to kick-off Saturday, September 5, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at newly renovated stadium. Towson has defeated the Bears 11 out of 15 times, including last year's heartbreaking 20-17 overtime loss at MSU's Hughes Stadium. The last time the Morgan State has defeated the Tigers was back in 1999. That's when Morgan State scored a 28-22 win. Towson will open its season in their newly renovated stadium against the Bears. Morgan State is Town's longest active rivalry since 1979.



RINGING UP THE POINTS

The Morgan State Bear offense did a tremendous job of lighting up the scoreboard last season. MSU averaged 22.8 points a game, including a season-high 52 point explosion against North Carolina A&T. The Bears scored a total of 316 points and averaged 357.9 yards per game in 2001. Just two seasons ago, MSU averaged 15 points a game and recorded only 173 points for the first time since 1993. In '93 the Bear offense put 300 points on the board. Based on the Bears' returning personnel this could be another high-octane offense.

HOMEGROWN TALENT & THE FOREIGN REGIME

The Bears' team comprises of 55 players from the state of Maryland, including Washington D.C. The rest of the team consists of student-athletes from 15 states across the nation.

PROCTER & GAMBLE RIVER FRONT CLASSIC & JAMBOREE

The 2002 Procter & Gamble River Front Classic football game between Florida A&M University from Tallahassee, Florida and Morgan State University from Baltimore, Maryland will be played on Saturday, September 14, 2002 at Paul Brown Stadium. The Classic will contribute more than \$350,000 in financial support for the participating Universities. The projected event attendance for this year's Classic, including the football game and associated activities is 40,000 plus.

The 2000 event attracted more than 30,000 persons, including the football game and associated weekend activities. The event was cancelled in 2001 due to the September 11, Attack on America.





R-E-S-P-E-C-T

The most underrated team entering the 2002 football season is Morgan State University. When the votes were tabulated for the 2002 season, MSU was picked to finish last by the MEAC Preseason Polls, Sheridan Black College Preseason Polls, and Street & Smith Preseason Polls. The Bears finished in the basement last season and are picked to finish last this season. Morgan State enters the season looking for their first MEAC win since they defeated N.C. A&T 52-42 (Oct. 6, 2001).

Weekly Teleconference Quotes (8/27/02)

Each Tuesday starting August 27, 2002 and running through November 19th, the MEAC football coaches will hold a teleconference for all media. The following is an excerpt from this week's interview with head coach **Donald Hill-Eley**:

ON THE MATCHUP WITH GWU: "Gardner-Webb is one of the premier teams and received votes in one of the top 25 polls. They have a real good program, a number of seasoned starters, and have had winning seasons in the last couple of years. We're going to have our work cut out for us this week, but we have high expectations for us in the conference."

ON THE PRESEASON CAMP: "We have lot of depth, we had over 90 players in the initial camp and we had a waiting list of over 55. We have a lot personal that even despite of injuries we should have enough talent to do what we need to do."

COACH HILL'S KEYS TO SUCCESS AGAINST GARDNER-WEBB...

"We can't allow the Bulldogs' offense to have big plays, we have to control the ball on offense, but more importantly we have to make big plays on special teams. Our emphasis heading into to our first contest of the season is special teams, special teams, special teams."

HILL-ELEY STAFF

Head coach **Donald Hill-Eley** kept only two assistants from last year: **Michael Lynn** (offensive line) and Sidney McNairy (receivers/special teams). **Greg Butler**, who, along with Hill-Eley, was an assistant for the CFL's Baltimore Stallions, was named defensive coordinator. **Mike Gunthrop**, a Baltimore native who played at Towson, will run the offense. **Herbert Parham** (assistant head coach) and **William King** (linebackers) will be entering their first season as members of the Bears coaching staff. Parham came to MSU from Hampton where he spent ten years as the defensive line coach. King comes to the Bears from North Carolina's Thomasville High School where he coached on the football team.

STARTING OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT

The last time the Bears won their season-opener was in 1993 when they dropped Charleston Southern by a score of 54-20...The Bears are 49-24 (49%) in season openers since 1930...A closer look of the last ten years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
2001	Bethune-Cookman	L, 35-24
2000	Florida A&M	L, 56-25
1999	Bucknell	L, 37-10
1998	Towson	L, 15-10
1997	Morehouse	L, 24-14
1996	Central State (OH)	L, 18-17
1995	James Madison	L, 76-7
1994	Bethune-Cookman	L, 41-0
1993	Charleston Southern	W, 54-20
1992	Liberty	L, 27-55

