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THE 1975 AGGIE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

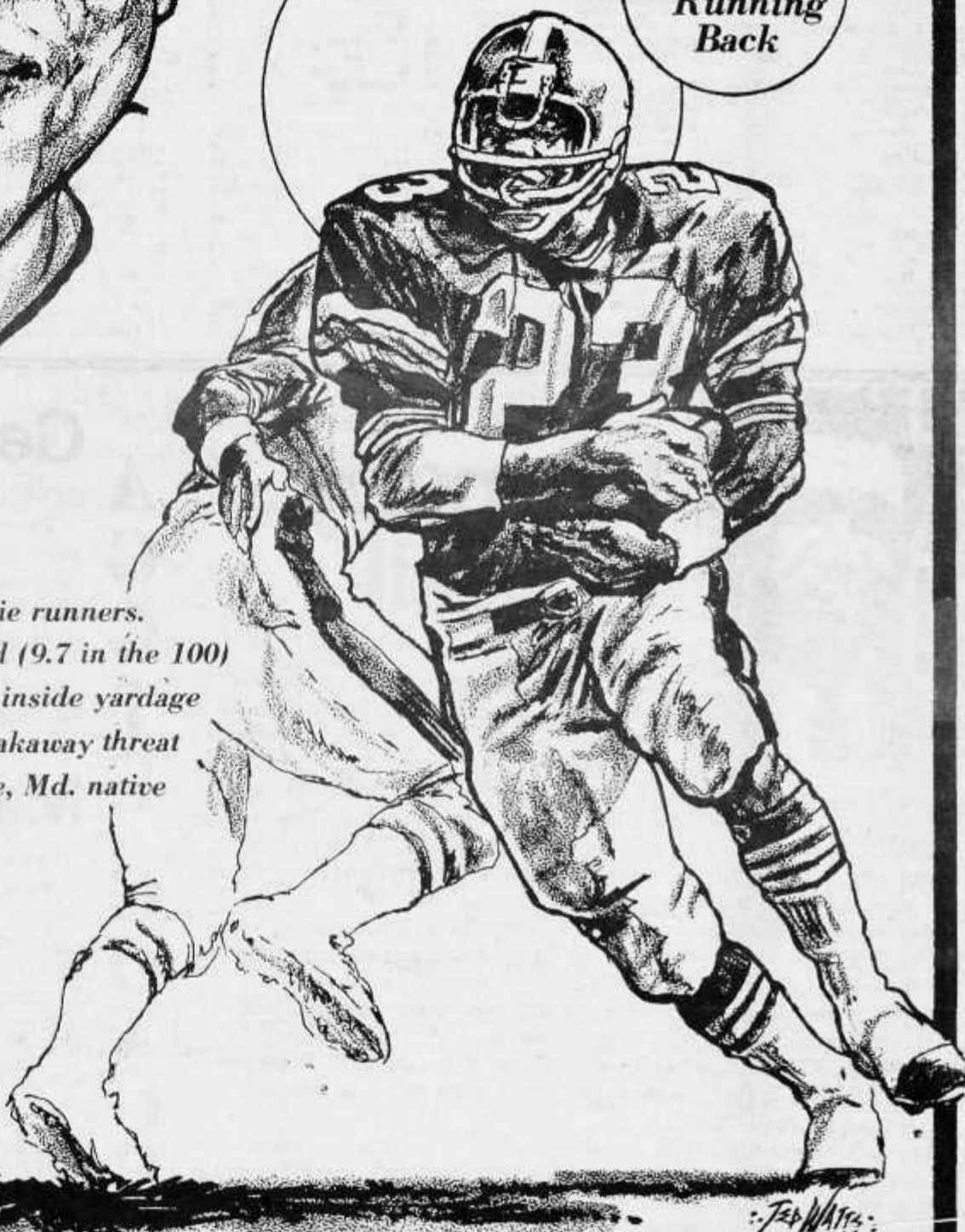


All-America Candidate

George Ragsdale

*Senior
6'-2" 190 lb.
Running
Back*

"Rags" was probably the most versatile of the Aggie runners. His size combined with speed (9.7 in the 100) enabled him to get the tough inside yardage while always remaining a breakaway threat to the outside. The Baltimore, Md. native rushed for 498 yds. last fall.



AGGIES THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	Opponent	Score	Year	Opponent	Score	Year	Opponent	Score
A&T 1927	Lincoln	0	A&T 1936	Morgan	19	6	J. C. Smith	23
20	Va. State	0	19	J. C. Smith	16	12	N. C. College	16
1	Va. Union	0	28	St. Paul	0	14	Southern	12
26	St. Paul	0	6	Va. State	6	A&T 1943	Allen	0
13	Hampton	0	18	Lincoln	0	18	Allen	0
20	Va. Seminary	6	0	Va. Union	20	7	Hampton	6
28	Shaw	10	33	St. Augustine	0	42	J. C. Smith	15
			9	Bluefield	6	46	W. Va. State	0
			9	N. C. College	0			
A&T 1928	Lincoln	0	A&T 1936	Callin	0	A&T 1944	Hampton	0
7	Tuskegee	7	12	St. Paul	0	6	J. C. Smith	7
20	N. C. College	0	12	Va. Union	0	0	Morgan	13
19	Va. Union	12	7	Va. State	14	0	Texas College	18
25	St. Paul	0	0	Hampton	20	A&T 1945	Shaw	0
0	Hampton	12	3	Morgan	20	6	Hampton	7
13	Va. Seminary	17	7	Lincoln	6	0	N. C. College	40
27	S. C. State	32	6	Bluefield	9	0	Morgan	58
6	Va. State	13	39	N. C. College	0	0	Va. State	19
A&T 1929	Bluefield Inst.	18	A&T 1937	Callin	0	A&T 1946	Shaw	14
0	Tuskegee	21	6	St. Paul	0	13	Hampton	14
25	Shaw	0	0	Va. Union	6	10	N. C. College	12
7	Lincoln	12	6	Va. State	39	19	W. Va. State	6
0	Va. Union	14	14	Hampton	19	7	Morgan	12
3	St. Paul	19	0	Morgan	39	49	New London (?)	13
3	Hampton	0	6	Lincoln	6	7	Va. State	14
6	Va. State	12	14	N. C. College	7	6	J. C. Smith	2
A&T 1930	Bluefield	31	A&T 1938	Livingstone	0	A&T 1947	Central State	0
14	Shaw	13	0	Florida Agri.	13	2	Central State	0
6	Morgan	18	31	St. Paul	0	13	Va. Union	7
6	Lincoln	26	2	Va. Union	7	0	Hampton	7
6	Va. Union	7	0	Hampton	0	0	W. Va. State	7
12	Hampton	7	0	Morgan	12	0	Va. State	6
19	St. Paul	2	7	Va. State	20	15	J. C. Smith	6
0	J. C. Smith	2	25	N. C. College	13	0	N. C. College	16
0	Va. State	27				12	Morgan	12
A&T 1931	Livingstone	0	A&T 1939	Florida Agri.	0	A&T 1948	Central State	13
0	Morgan	12	40	Livingstone	0	7	Central State	13
0	Lincoln	12	46	St. Paul	0	14	Va. Union	7
12	J. S. Smith	0	7	Va. Union	6	0	Hampton	21
0	N. C. College	6	0	Hampton	0	6	Shaw	12
0	Hampton	21	0	Morgan	0	6	Morgan	0
14	St. Paul	13	0	Va. State	13	14	Va. State	0
0	Va. State	27	12	J. C. Smith	18	13	Kentucky State (Bowl)	23
A&T 1932	Va. Union	20	A&T 1940	Hampton	0	A&T 1949	Allen	2
0	Morgan	33	14	Hampton	0	19	Allen	2
25	Livingstone	0	0	Va. Union	12	27	Va. Union	0
0	St. Paul	13	6	W. Va. State	0	20	Hampton	13
2	J. C. Smith	0	19	St. Paul	6	7	Shaw	6
0	Bluefield	12	6	Morgan (0-34)	34	6	Morgan	27
0	N. C. College	20	12	N. C. College	6	14	Tenn. State	20
			0	Florida Agri.	7	19	Va. State	6
						33	N. C. College	6
						20	Florida Agri. (Bowl)	14
A&T 1933	Va. Union	0	A&T 1941	Hampton	6	A&T 1950	Va. Union	0
0	Morgan	37	0	Florida Agri.	19	21	Allen	13
14	J. C. Smith	0	0	Va. Union	0	0	Morgan	0
0	St. Paul	0	13	Va. Union	0	14	Hampton	6
14	Va. State	0	26	W. Va. State	6	55	Shaw	0
6	Lincoln	6	6	Morgan	38	13	Penn. State	28
7	Bluefield	18	0	Va. State	7	27	Va. State	6
14	Shaw	0	6	N. C. College	9	25	N. C. College	13
0	N. C. College	20	54	St. Paul	10	9	Florida Agri.	14
A&T 1934	Morgan	7	A&T 1942	Florida Agri.	6	A&T 1951	Central State	12
6	J. C. Smith	0	0	Hampton	18	27	Central State	12
19	St. Paul	0	8	W. Va. State	6	35	Allen	0
7	Va. State	6	6	Va. State	7			
13	Lincoln	0	0	Morgan	9			
6	Va. Union	0	6	Va. State	19			
21	Shaw	0						
6	N. C. College	0						



Hornsby Howell

HEAD COACH

Since taking over as the North Carolina A&T State University head football coach, Hornsby Howell has guided the Aggies to an impressive 41-27-3 record.

A graduate of the university, Howell has not only made a fine contribution to college football but has also tutored some of professional football's most outstanding players. He is a man not only dedicated to building athletes, but is interested in developing the total man who can compete in our highly competitive society.

Entering his eighth season with the Aggies, Howell is the giant force behind the Aggie football spirit. Last season his team finished with a 5-6 record and Howell is out to return the Aggies to the success of previous teams. To do this the Aggies will again use the veer offense.

Howell began his coaching career in 1950 in nearby Burlington, N. C. In 1953 he returned to his alma mater in the capacity of a trainer and remained in that position until 1964 when he was promoted to assistant football coach.

He took over the head job in 1968. A quiet, soft-spoken man, Howell has that intangible ability to inspire his athletes to give their best at all times.

Sherley Stuart

RECEIVER COACH

Stuart is a newcomer to the Aggie staff but certainly not to football. Stuart, considered one of the great offensive coaches in Virginia H. S. football over the past few years will work with the talented crew of Aggie wide-receivers. He is a graduate of St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va.

George Wheeler

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

The newest member of the Aggie family, George Wheeler brings along an impressive football background. In a period of time when communication is so important to the success of a football team, Wheeler's youth and experience in dealing with young people will be of great help to the Aggie offense. Before joining the A&T staff, Wheeler served as a Head Football Coach and Athletic Director in the Albemarle County School System. Wheeler was an outstanding college football player at East Carolina University.

Matt Brown

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD COACH

Matt Brown is the veteran of the talented Aggie coaching staff, beginning his career at A&T in 1946 under former coach Bill Bell. A former quarterback standout for Ohio State University, Brown was called a magician on the field because of his uncanny style of handling the ball. Some of his antics can be seen in Aggie quarterbacks as they constantly baffle opponents with an indescribable flair. But when it comes down to basics, Brown's experience in the backfield can be matched by few others in the MEAC and around the nation.

Wylie Harris

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

The personable Wylie Harris will have the task of coordinating the defense which will keep the Aggie opponents from crossing the goal line. A former center on the championship Aggie team of 1959, he is a native of Charlotte, N. C. and was very quick to recruit players from talent rich areas for the Aggies. Harris served as an officer in the 82nd Airborne Division and later coached football, basketball, and baseball at Chatham High in nearby Siler City, N. C. His two year football coaching record there was 14-2-2.

Aggies To Challenge Three Conference Champions

By Craig Turner and Blannie E. Bowen

It does not take a genius to figure out that an A&T football season is not complete unless the Aggies win the homecoming game as well as the game with arch-rival North Carolina Central.

The last complete Aggie season was 1968 when first-year coach Hornsby Howell guided A&T to a 7-6 victory over Morgan at homecoming and a 21-6 win at Durham.

It has been seven years since the last complete season. Could this be a complete season? Don't bet on it!

The upcoming football season rates the toughest in the history for the Aggies. A&T plays such notable nonconference foes as Grambling State University, Florida A&M and Norfolk State.

Three conference champions are on the Aggies' schedule: South Carolina State, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC); Norfolk State, the CIAA; and Grambling, the Southwest Athletic Conference.

Defense dominates Black College football and the Aggies will be facing some of the top professional prospects this year. Among these players are:

Harry Carson, 6-3, 230, from South Carolina State; Felix Williams, all-America cornerback from Florida A&M; Carl Hairston, 6-4, 255, from Maryland Eastern Shore; Ben Harris, 6-3, 250, from Howard; James Hunter, all-America defensive back from Grambling; Bobby Miller, 6-3, 275, from Central and Kenneth Wright, a 6-2, 230 linebacker from Delaware State.

Because of devastating defense, offensive players are completely overshadowed in the Black Colleges. There are a few exceptions, of course, and Grambling has three of these exceptions.

Wingback Sammy White with his 9.3 speed is exceptional in anyone's game; quarterback

Doug Williams passed for 1,500 yards as a freshman and Dwight Scales is a 9.4 splintend with glue on his hands.

Michael Banks, a 6-2, 210, junior quarterback, passed for 1,273 yards and 14 touchdowns for Howard. One running back who has definitely been overshadowed by the defense is A&T's own George Ragsdale.

The 6-0, 190, Baltimore native has vowed to score 10 TD's and rush for over 1,000 yards this season.

Not only will some anxious Aggie fans be watching to see Ragsdale's 1,000, but there are 10 teams betting he will not join the thousand-yard club.

The following is a thumbnail sketch of the Aggies' opponents for 1975.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE: A former A&T assistant coach, Willie Jeffries, intends to successfully defend his Bulldogs' first MEAC title. Four starters return on offense and nine return on a nationally-ranked defense.

Offensive starters are quarterback Elias O'Neal; running backs Neely Dunn, James Robinson, and Steve Cheeks. Greensboro's Charles Wright should assist the Bulldogs as a tight-end. Wright is from Smith High School and he is 6-6, 210.

The defense is anchored by Harry Carson, the MEAC defensive player of the year last season. Robert Sims, safety Leonard Duncan, tackle Larry James and safety Anthony Evans top the defensive players.

FLORIDA A&M: Led by all-America Felix Williams in the defensive backfield, the Rattlers hope to improve their 6-5 record of a year ago. Second year coach Rudy Hubbard has a solid defensive wall with ends Neal Dent and Frank Marion and noseguard Thad Sterling.

The biggest chore for FAMU is replacing North Carolina natives James Rackley, a running back, and quarterback Kenny

Holt. James Early and Carlos Swain will probably start on offense.

JOHNSON C. SMITH: The Golden Bulls struggled through a 4-7 rebuilding season. Coach Eddie McGirt places his hopes in quarterback James Wideman, the brother of former A&T all-America William Wideman.

Although 1974 was a rebuilding year, the Charlotte team lost virtually every starter on the team. This could easily be another rebuilding year.

The defensive unit lost eight and the offense lost as many. Only tackle Robert Corley, 6-4, 315, returns with much game experience.

Unless the Golden Bulls produce a banner crop of freshmen, Rev. Ike could not help this team.

NORFOLK STATE: A 5-0 record was spoiled by the Aggies last year in Greensboro by an 8-6 score. The Spartans have really been chumps for the Aggies in 12 of 13 years. Only one victory by Norfolk has marred a perfect blitz by A&T.

Norfolk won the CIAA last year with an 8-3 record. Quarterback Steve Graeff was all-CIAA last year and he returns for two more years.

Ken Moody rushed for 456 yards and Collin Arrington rushed for 347 last year. The defensive secondary is intact, but linemen and linebackers are gone.

For a CIAA club, Norfolk rates high; but against outside competition, the fireworks start in a hurry.

MARYLAND-EASTERN SHORE: The Hawks spoiled homecoming in 1973 and with 23 lettermen back, don't buy many expensive homecoming outfits. The tears may shrink and fade the material.

Andre Parson returns as the top runner, while 6-4, 225 defensive star Carl Hairston returns along with offensive



Glen Holland (20) and Walt Bennett (90) throw blocks to free Ragsdale (23) for the touchdown.

photo by Sims

guard Paul Smith. John Butler is tough in the secondary.

HOWARD: An 8-2-1 record in 1974 and an 8-2 slate in 1973 was not good enough to net the Bison an MEAC title. Howard has talent, and more talent, but no titles.

Eleven returnees on offense and nine on defense should end the dry spell. Coach Doug Porter points to MEAC MVP Mike Banks, Don Barnes, Keith Napier and tightend and placekicker Julius Gamble to lead the offense.

Kevin Cunningham (6-8, 280), Ben Harris (6-3, 250), Tom Spears (6-6, 275) and Glen Davis (6-3, 240) anchor the defensive line.

MORGAN STATE: Aggie fans should well remember the Bears who whitewashed A&T at last year's homecoming. Coach Nate Taylor must replace his backfield except for quarterback Greg Grimes. Two starters are back on offense and two on defense.

The defense is centered around Angelo Wells, Joe LeBray and a host of sophomores and freshmen. This should be an interesting one for the Bears.

GRAMBLING: What can you say about the Tigers? They were 11-1 last year and expecting to improve this year. Some 40,000 fans watched them last year.

The Tigers visit the New Orleans Superdome twice, the Houston Astrodome, Washington, D.C., Hawaii,

Oregon, Nashville, and the Big Apple (New York). The Tigers put on a show everywhere they go.

A&T can attest to Grambling's power. Last year in New York City, Grambling blew the Aggies out 39-16; Coach Eddie Robinson dropped an atomic bomb in 1973, 62-6.

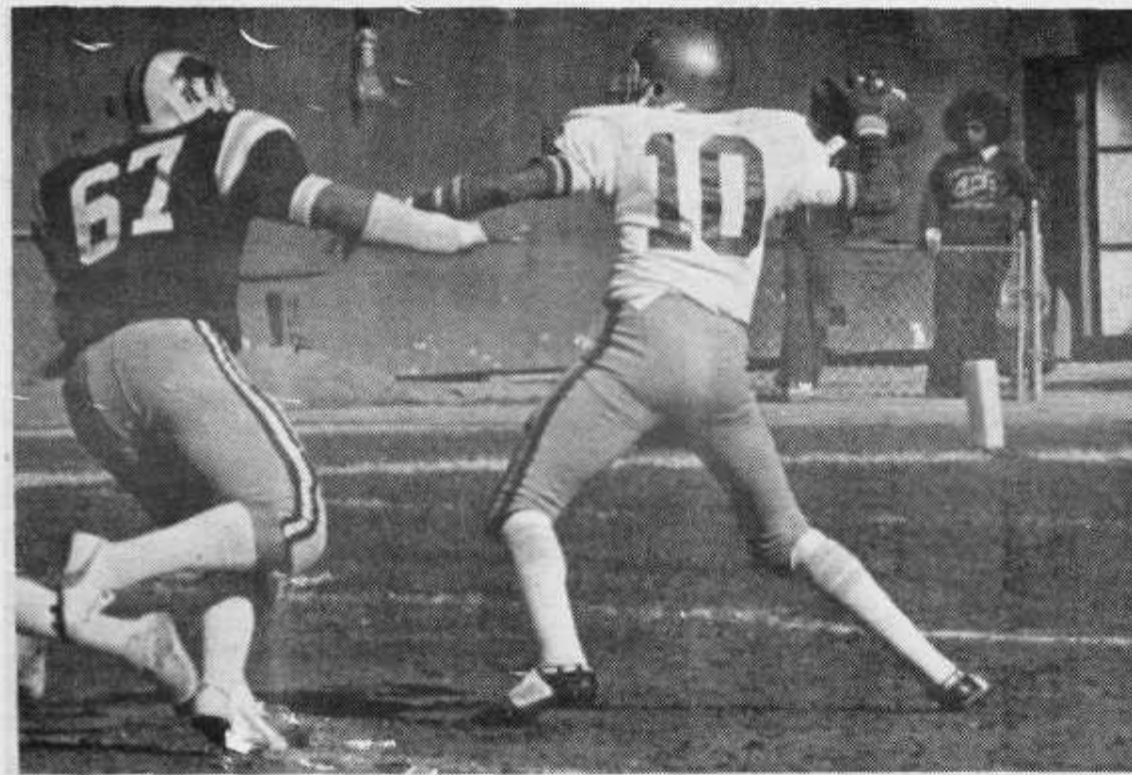
Some 33 lettermen return this year. Only three games are being played in Grambling, La. Coach Robinson says the three weakest games are being played at home: Mississippi Valley, Prairie View, and guess who?

DELAWARE STATE: Coach Edmond Wyche replaced Arnold Jeter as the Hornet's coach. He has a big chore on his hands. He inherits a 3-6 team with 25 lettermen.

Wide receiver John Chisom, defensive back Walt Tullis, and linebacker Kenneth Wright will serve as the core of the team.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL: National laws forbid hunting of eagles. A&T interprets this to mean that Central's Eagles are protected by this law as well.

For five years, Aggies have not witnessed the thrill of victory, only the agony of defeat. One year A&T stumbled into a well, Jason Caldwell; next A&T was hit by a stone, Garvin Stone; the last two losses, the fourth and fifth were sealed by a Smith-James and Charles. In 1975, A&T might get some more, Ricky Moore.



Elsworth Turner (10) prepares to pass under extreme pressure from General Rooney (67) of Howard.

photo by Carter

Find Your Scrambled Aggie Players

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MEAC Composite Schedule

Date	Home Team	Time	Visiting Team	Site	Date	Home Team	Time	Visiting Team	Site	
Sept. 6	Morgan State	2:00	Virginia State	Baltimore, Md.	18	N.C. Central	1:30	Delaware	Durham, N.C.	
	Gardner Webb	7:30	S.C. State	Boiling Sprs., N.C.		S.C. State*	2:00	Morgan	Orangeburg, S.C.	
	A & T State	7:00	Va. Union	Greensboro, N.C.		A&T State*	1:00	UMES	Greensboro, N.C.	
	Elizabeth City	1:30	Del. State	Eliz. City, N.C.		Howard*	1:30	Va. St.	RFK, Washington, D.C.	
13	N.C. Central	1:30	Savannah State	Durham, N.C.	25	Newberry College	7:30	S.C. State	Newberry, S. C.	
	J.C. Smith	8:00	UMES	Charlotte, N.C.		UMES*	1:30	N.C. Central	Princess Anne, Md.	
	Paterson State	1:30	Delaware State	Patterson, N.J.		A&T State	1:00	Howard	Greensboro, N. C.	
	Wayne State	1:30	Howard	Detroit, Mich.		Delaware State*	2:00	Morgan	Dover, Delaware	
	Grambling	2:00	Morgan	RFK, Washington, D.C.	31	Howard	8:00	Hampton	RFK, Wash., D.C.	
19	Princeton (Scrimmage)		Morgan State	Princeton, N.J.						
	Howard	8:00	UMES	RFK, Washington, D.C.						
20	Winston-Salem	7:30	N.C. Central	Win-Salem, N.C.	Nov. 1	N.C. Central*	1:30	S.C. State	Durham, N.C.	
	S.C. State	2:00	A&T State	Orangeburg, S.C.		Morgan	1:30	A&T State	Baltimore, Md.	
	Alcorn A&M	1:30	Delaware State	Lorman, Miss.						
27	N.C. Central	1:30	Alcorn	Durham, N.C.	8	J.C. Smith	1:30	N.C. Central	Charlotte, N.C.	
	S.C. State	2:00	Howard	Orangeburg, S. C.		UMES	1:30	S.C. State	Princess Anne, Md.	
	UMES	1:30	Ky. State	Princess Anne, Md.		Shaw University	1:30	Del. State	Raleigh, N.C.	
	A&T State	7:00	Florida A&M	Greensboro, N.C.		Howard	1:30	Southern Univ.	RFK, Wash., D.C.	
	Fed. City College	1:30	Delaware St.	Washington, D.C.		Grambling	2:00	A&T State	Grambling, La.	
Oct. 4	N.C. Central	1:30	Morgan	Durham, N.C.	9	Virginia Union	1:30	Morgan	Mt. Vernon, N.Y.	
	Alcorn	2:00	S.C. State	Lorman, Miss.		UMES	1:30	Bowling St.	Princess Anne, Md.	
	A&T State	7:00	J.C. Smith	Greensboro, N.C.		15	N.C. Central	1:30	Howard	Durham, N.C.
	Florida A&M	8:00	Howard	Phila., Penn.			Delaware State	1:30	A&T State	Dover, Delaware
	UMES	1:30	Delaware	Princess Anne, Md.			Morgan	1:30	Central State	Baltimore, Md.
11	J.C. Smith	8:00	S.C. State	Charlotte, N. C.	21	Howard	8:00	Morgan St.	RFK, Wash., D.C.	
	Morgan*	2:00	UMES	Baltimore, Md.		22	A&T State	1:00	N.C. Central	Greensboro, N.C.
	Norfolk State	1:30	A&T State	Norfolk, Va.			S.C. State	2:00	Del. State	Orangeburg, S.C.
	Delaware State	2:00	Howard	Dover, Delaware		29	S.C. State	2:00	Wofford Col.	Orangeburg, S.C.
				Bethune-Cookman	1:30		UMES	Orlando, Fla.		

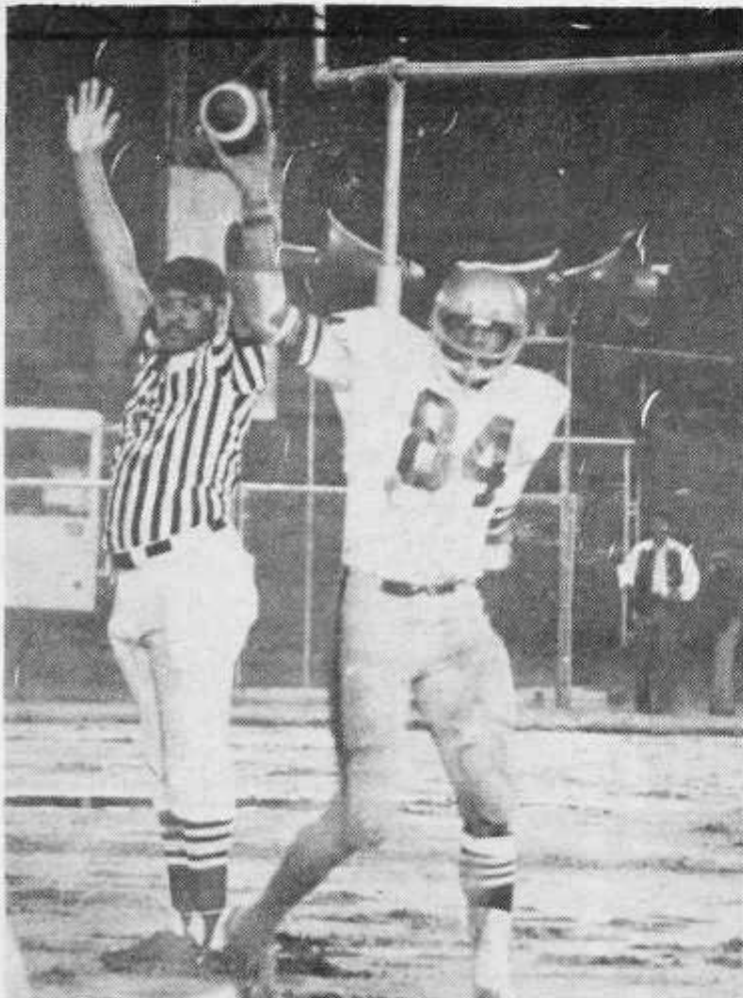
* Denotes Homecoming

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 1974 FINAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

1974 Results

	CONFERENCE						ALL GAMES					
	W	L	T	PCT	PTS	OPP	W	L	T	PCT	PTS	OPP
S. C. STATE	5	1	0	.830	78	39	8	4	0	.660	164	199
HOWARD	4	1	1	.660	121	53	8	2	1	.720	270	89
N. C. CENTRAL	4	1	1	.660	85	66	7	2	2	.630	159	97
MORGAN STATE	4	2	0	.660	109	74	5	5	0	.500	135	150
N. C. A&T	2	4	9	.330	67	90	5	6	0	.450	166	194
MARYLAND-E. SHORE	1	5	9	.160	69	122	3	6	0	.250	79	133
DELAWARE STATE	0	6	0	.000	35	130	3	6	0	.330	101	155

Date	Home Team	Opponent	Site	Attendance	
Sept. 14	A&T 28	Elizabeth City 16	Greensboro	14,000	
Sept. 21	A&T 0	South Carolina S. 8	Greensboro	18,342	
Sept. 28	A&T 19	Florida A&M 28	Tallahassee	20,567	
Oct. 5	A&T 28	J.C. Smith 15	Charlotte	15,729	
Oct. 12	A&T 8	Norfolk State 6	Greensboro	16,971	
Oct. 19	A&T 20	Univ. of Md., ES 6	Princess Anne	4,000	
Oct. 26	A&T 9	Howard Univ. 13	Washington	25,469	
Nov. 2	A&T 0	Morgan State 20	Greensboro	22,547	
Nov. 9	A&T 16	Grambling 39	New York City	43,329	
Nov. 16	A&T 20	Delaware State 14	Greensboro	10,738	
Nov. 23	A&T 18	NCCU 29	Durham	22,986	
Team Points—166				Total Attendance—	214,678
Opp. Points—194					
Season: 5-6 MEAC 2-4					



Touchdown in the rain photo by Sims



All-America candidate George Ragsdale going through the line for another gain.

photo by Sims

A&T Has Veteran Offense , Shallow Defense

By Craig Turner

North Carolina A&T was picked by the MEAC coaches to finish third behind conference champion South Carolina State and runnerup Howard. Whether that prediction will come true or not is a matter of opinion.

However, this position-by-position breakdown should give each Aggie follower an idea of what to expect in the way of weaknesses and strengths.

KICKING:

With the departure of punter Al Holland and place kicker Dwight Nettles, the A&T kicking game becomes a serious question mark. The search is on to solve these two crucial problems.

The punting chores will fall to freshman Hornsby Howell, Jr., the coach's son. The former Dudley High product averaged nearly 43 yards a kick during his prep career. Replacing Nettles, kicking is an even more demanding job.

Tiny Wayne Walker (5-7,145) is the leading candidate going into the 1975 season. Ample help can be found in defensive end Gerald Holland also.

RUNNING BACKS:

The Aggies possess perhaps the best corps of running backs in the entire conference. This stable is led by All-America candidate George Ragsdale.

The Maryland product rushed for nearly 500 yards with 9.6 speed. He is rated as the top back in the MEAC for 1975.

The starting fullback will be slashing Ron Scott, a native of Victorville, Calif. The 6-2,205

sophomore beat out Glen Holland and Frank Scott. Freshmen James Crowder, Larry Barham, and George Brittle should provide adequate depth.

QUARTERBACKS:

The talent here is abundant. Aggie quarterbacks were mainly responsible for the club finishing second in league offense.

This talented group is led by Elsworth Turner. Turner finished second in total passing statistics and rates only behind the MEAC's Offensive MVP Michael Banks of Howard.

Pushing him is improving Steve Ryan, a reserve who saw considerable playing time. Gary Allineice will take over in case of serious injuries later on.

RECEIVERS:

The Aggies expect to pass more this year and one of the main reasons is a storehouse of some of the finest talent in the region.

The cornerstone of the group is All-America candidate Dexter Feaster. The junior rated All-MEAC honors a year ago with 23 receptions, 373 yards, and six touchdowns.

The flanker will be senior James Lily, the fastest of the A&T receivers. He is expected to be a candidate for All-MEAC honors and packs 4.4 speed over forty yards.

Onsure Stokes and James Garrison are not the fastest ends but they are consistent and fundamentally sound players.

Tightends should not be a trouble spot for Coach Hornsby Howell. Walter Bennett returns

for his final hurrah, wearing All-MEAC honors.

He is a strong blocker and has turned into an adept receiver by sharing 15 passes for 209 yards and a six pointer.

Michael Henderson gives the Aggies the necessary size for those short yardage situations. Hornsby Howell, Jr. gives A&T plenty of depth.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN:

Last season the offensive wall collapsed under continuing injuries but more importantly because of a lack of sufficient depth.

The tackles will feature senior co-captain David Brown (6-2,220) and sophomore Wheeler Brown (6-3,245). Both were key starters a year ago.

They may give way to reservists Gerral Wall (6-1,229) and Clayton Pride (6-3,250) if need be.

The guards have been hurting for strength the last years. Co-captain Stan Christain (5-11,230) may claim All-MEAC status. Greg Roberts (6-4,252) has an edge over Ronald Aiken and junior college transfer Ken Villeponteaux (6-2,230).

The centers are not experienced nor very large but they are quick and agile. Joe Bloomfield gets the call at 6-0 215. The backup will be Charles Roberts (6-2, 250) and freshman Kermit Overton to fill in the gaps.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN:

The defensive line fell apart

near the end of the year after being riddled by injuries. If A&T is strong up front, it is weak in the middle.

All-America candidate Ron Morgan (6-3,240) is probably the quickest defensive lineman for the Aggies and is a vicious tackler.

James Merrick is destined for perhaps his best year at 6-3,255 pounds. He is the best pass rusher for A&T at this particular juncture.

The two ends are large and talented. Both Gerald Holland and Arthur Boone are extremely strong. Holland (6-3,230) is the most experienced of the "front four." Boone (6-3,241) has overcome a nagging knee injury.

Depth can be found in Rachon Fuller, Leon Rucker, Gary Adams, Dwaine Board (6-5,240), Mike Griffin, and Lucen Nibbs (6-6,254).

LINEBACKERS:

The linebackers are the backbone of the A&T defense. They are large, quick, and deep. Coach Howell calls his linebackers "the finest in the conference" without reservations.

Lou Alston is the leader of the unit and is rated near the top in this respect for All-MEAC honors.

The sophomore will get the help needed from time to time from senior Willie Jones (6-4½,218). The Greensboro product is destined for MEAC

awards also as is Joe Crosby (6-3,207).

Jerome Simmons is the smallest linebacker at 5-9, 185; but he is one of the toughest competitors on the squad.

William Blue (6-0,228) is a large dynamo in the middle and will give the opposing center problems. Clint Bostick, James Paige, Emanuel Davis, and Anthony Porchia provide the depth.

DEFENSIVE BACKS:

If A&T has an "Achilles heel," it is here in the secondary. There were breakdowns throughout the year and the unit play shattered.

No doubt the Aggies will be as fast as last season. Terry Bellamy and Russ Woodward are both well under a 9.6 time for 100 yards. Bellamy holds the MEAC record for the longest return of an intercepted pass (104 yards).

Bernard Anderson played sparingly last season but returns as a top starting prospect at the corner.

Howard Barnhill will take the place of the departed John Hampton and that in itself is a huge chore.

Ralph Brown (6-0,210) will get the other starting corner spot and is the most experienced back.

The second line will consist of David Sims, Steve Lynes, Watis McNeil, Calvin Hawkins, and highly regarded Queen Oliver Davis.

"HOWELL'S HEADHUNTERS"



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*North Carolina A & T State
All-America Candidate*

Ron Morgan

*Junior
6'-3", 240 lbs.
Defensive
Tackle*



Morgan is one of the premier defensive linemen in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference this season. He is extremely quick off the snap of the ball, an attribute which gives offensive linemen minutes of total frustration. "We've had our share of outstanding defensive players here at North Carolina A & T and Ron can certainly compare with the best", said Head Coach Hornsby Howell.

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THE 1975 A&T FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	Hometown	NO.	NAME	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	Hometown
QUARTERBACKS											
11	Gary Alliniece	6-1	180	Soph.	Houston, Texas	65	Charles Roberts	6-1	250	Soph.	Roanoke Rapids
5	Steve Ryan	6-0	175	Soph.	Monch's Corner, S.C.	DEFENSIVE ENDS					
6	Rodney Westmoreland	5-9	160	Soph.	Greensboro	70	Dwaine Board	6-5	240	Frsh.	Union Hall, Va.
10	Elsworth Turner	6-1	185	Soph.	Gaithersburg, Md.	75	Arthur Boone	6-3	240	Jr.	Durham
12	Ricardo Bynum	6-0	160	Frsh.	Chapel Hill	81	Jearold Holland	6-3	230	Jr.	Roanoke, Va.
RUNNING BACKS											
20	Glen Holland	6-0	190	Soph.	Roanoke, Va.	69	Oscar Lowe	6-5	240	Frsh.	Greensboro
23	George Ragsdale	6-0	180	Sr.	Baltimore, Md.	68	Rachon Fuller	6-2	230	Soph.	Greensboro
27	James Crowder	6-1	190	Frsh.	Monroe	DEFENSIVE TACKLES					
30	Larry Barham	5-9	210	Frsh.	Weldon	53	Leon Rucker	5-11	230	Soph.	Red Springs
33	Frank Scott	6-0	210	Soph.	Atlantic City	85	Ken Campbell	6-0	230	Frsh.	Aberdine
34	Ronald Scott	6-2	205	Soph.	Garden City, Kan.	78	Fred Marshall	6-0	230	Frsh.	Greensboro
45	George Brittle	6-0	175	Frsh.	Monch's Corner, S.C.	76	Greg Smith	6-2	235	Soph.	Atlanta, Ga.
WIDE RECEIVERS											
83	James Garrison	5-11	165	Jr.	Murfreesboro	72	Gary Adams	6-4	240	Jr.	Gastonia
7	Onsure Stokes	6-0	180	Jr.	Greensboro	53	James Merrick	6-3	255	Jr.	Amithville, N.Y.
9	James Lily	6-0	160	Jr.	Norwood	94	Lucen Nibbs	6-6	250	Frsh.	St. Thomas, V.I.
19	George Norman	6-0	160	Frsh.	Sunbury	77	Ronald Morgan	6-3	240	Jr.	Louisburg
25	Dexter Feaster	6-1	185	Jr.	Charlotte		Micheal Griffin	6-3	230	Frsh.	Winston Salem
KICKER											
21	Wayne Walker	5-7	170	Frsh.	Roanoke, Va.	LINEBACKERS					
TIGHTENDS											
88	Hornsby Howell	6-3	190	Frsh.	Greensboro	48	William Blue	6-0	225	Sr.	Charlotte
90	Walter Bennett	6-2	210	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	54	Arthur Currier	6-0	185	Frsh.	Murfreesboro
92	Roger Harris	6-1	210	Frsh.	Clendon	57	Emanuel Davis	6-2	245	Frsh.	Roanoke Rapids
84	Mike Henderson	6-4	220	Sr.	Canton, Miss.	58	Jerome Simmons	6-0	185	Jr.	Monch's Corner, S.C.
OFFENSIVE TACKLES											
67	Clayton Pride	6-4	250	Soph.	Charlotte	61	Anthony Porchia	6-0	210	Soph.	Monch's Corner, S.C.
73	Wheeler Brown	6-3	245	Soph.	Baltimore, Md.	80	Willie Jones	6-4	215	Sr.	Greensboro
74	David Brown	6-2	220	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.	91	Clint Bostick	6-2	205	Jr.	Rockingham
56	Gerald Wall	6-1	230	Jr.	Rockingham	93	James Paige	6-0	190	Sr.	Siler City
OFFENSIVE GUARDS											
51	Ron Aiken	6-1	230	Jr.	Monch's Corner, S.C.	55	Joe Crosby	6-3	210	Jr.	Charlotte
66	Ken Villeponteaux	6-2	220	Jr.	Wando, S.C.	87	Lou Alston	6-1	210	Soph.	Greensboro
71	Stan Christian	5-11	225	Sr.	Lithonia, Ga.	DEFENSIVE BACKS					
79	Greg Roberts	6-1	250	Jr.	Spindale	16	David Simms	6-1	185	Jr.	Greensboro
82	Leroy Beckett	6-3	240	Frsh.	Philadelphia, Pa.	17	Bernard Anderson	6-1	180	Sr.	St. Matthews
CENTERS											
59	Kermit Overton	6-1	230	Frsh.	Philadelphia, Pa.	22	Calvin Hawkins	6-1	190	Frsh.	Grimesland
63	Joe Bloomfield	6-0	220	Jr.	Rockingham	24	Watis McNeil	5-10	165	Soph.	Mullins, S.C.
						26	Pierre Melvin	6-0	165	Soph.	Fayetteville
						28	Steve Lynes	6-0	180	Soph.	Monch's Corner, S.C.
						35	Howard Barnhill	5-10	175	Jr.	Charlotte
						36	Terry Bellamy	6-1	185	Jr.	Charlotte
						37	Ralph Brown	6-0	205	Sr.	Greensboro
						43	Bruce Black	5-9	190	Frsh.	Buena Vista, Va.
						44	Marcus Floyd	6-1	185	Frsh.	Kings Mtn.
						47	Charles Bell	6-0	180	Sr.	Greensboro
						49	Russ Woodard	5-10	170	Jr.	Union, S.C.
						8	Oliver Davis	6-2	180	Frsh.	Chapel Hill



Terry Bellamy (36) and Willie Jones (80) put a jolting stop to this rush attempt. Defense fell short in 1974 but improvement is expected this fall.

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Disgruntled Aggie hopes for better things in 1975. photo by Sims

*North Carolina A & T State
All-America Candidate*

Dexter Feaster

*Junior
Wide Receiver
6'-2", 195 lbs.*

Feaster, a native of Charlotte, N. C., was a first team All-MEAC selection last season as he lead the conference in pass receiving and finished second in scoring.

Feaster's sprinter-like speed enabled him to streak past defensive backs and become the most feared deep receiver in the conference. Now that the Aggies have become more offensive minded, Feaster will probably enjoy his finest season as a pass receiver.

