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"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.
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## 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 dynamic leader because of his untamed ability to handle the ball. Some of his antics can be seen in Aggie quarterbacks as they constantly baffled 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

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 Horneby 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 each notable conference foe 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 Canty, 6-3, 230, from South Carolina State; Felix Williams, all-America cornerback from Florida A&M; Carl Hannon, 6-1, 225, 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, 220, linebacker from Delaware State.

Because of devastating defense, offensive players are completely overshadowed in the Black College. 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 split-tender with an arm on his hands.

Michael Banks, a 6-2, 220, junior quarterback, passed for 1,273 yards and 34 touchdowns for Howard. One moving back who has definitely been overshadowed by the defense is A&T's own George Ragdale.

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

Not only will some anxious Aggie fan be watching to see Ragdale's, 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 Ellis O'Neal; running backs Neely Dunn, James Rackley, a running back; and quarterback Kenny Bolt; James Early and Carlton Scales will probably start on defense.

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 sight and the offense lost as many. Only tackle Robert Robie, 6-4, 315, returns with much game experience.

Willie Jeffries, intends to improve their 6-5 record of a year ago. Second year coach Rudy Marion and noseguard Kenneth Wright should assist the Bulldogs as a defensive line.

Ragdale (23) for the touchdown. photo by Sims

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

photo by Carter

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, 62-8.

Some 33 lettermen returned 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 Grambling.

DELAWARE STATE:

Coach Edmund Wyche replaced Arnold Jeter as the Hens' coach. He has a big shoe on his hands. He inherits a 3-6 team with 25 lettermen.

Wide receiver John Chisolm, defensive back Walt Walters, 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, Gavin 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.
### MEAC Composite Schedule

**MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**

1974 FINAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

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**Touchdown in the rain**

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

*photo by Sims*


By Craig Turner

North Carolina A&T was picked by the MEAC coaches to finish third behind conference champion South Carolina State and runner-up 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.

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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 Horusby Howell.
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#### Quarterbacks

- Gary Allinice (6'-1"")
- Steve Ryan (6'-0"")
- Rodney Westmoreland (5'-9"")
- Elsworth Turner (6'-1"")
- Ricardo Bynum (6'-0"")

#### Running Backs

- Glee Holland (6'-0"")
- George Ragdale (6'-0"")
- James Crowder (5'-9"")
- Larry Barth (5'-9"")
- Frank Scott (6'-0"")
- Ronald Scott (6'-2"")
- George Brittle (6'-0"")

#### Wide Receivers

- James Garrison (5'-8"")
- Onsite Stokes (6'-0"")
- James Lily (6'-0"")
- George Norman (6'-0"")
- Dexter Feaster (6'-1"")

#### Kickers

- Wayne Walker (5'-7"")

#### Tight Ends

- Romansh Howell (6'-3"")
- Walter Bennett (6'-2"")
- Roger Harris (6'-4"")
- Mike Henderson (6'-4"")

#### Defensive Ends

- Charles Roberts (6'-1"")
- Dwaine Board (6'-5"")
- Arthur Boone (6'-3"")
- Jerald Holland (6'-2"")
- Oscar Lowe (6'-3"")
- Rachon Fuller (6'-2"")

#### Defensive Tackles

- Leon Rucker (5'-8"")
- Ken Campbell (6'-0"")
- Fred Marshall (6'-0"")
- Greg Smith (6'-2"")
- Gary Adams (6'-4"")
- James Merrick (6'-3"")
- Lucien Ibbs (6'-6"")
- Ronald Morgan (6'-3"")

#### Line Backers

- William Blue (6'-0"")
- Arthur Carrier (6'-0"")
- Emanuel Davis (6'-2"")
- Jerome Simmons (6'-0"")
- Anthony Porchia (6'-0"")
- Willie Jones (6'-4"")
- Clint Bostick (6'-2"")
- James Paige (6'-0"")
- Joe Crosby (6'-3"")
- Lou Atson (6'-4"")

#### Offensive Tackles

- Clayton Pride (6'-4"")
- Ron Alker (6'-1"")
- Ron Villepontz (6'-2"")
- Greg Roberts (6'-1"")
- Leroy Beckett (6'-3"")

#### Offensive Guards

- Ron Alker (6'-1"")
- Ken Villepontz (6'-2"")
- Stan Christian (5'-8"")
- Greg Roberts (6'-1"")
- Leroy Beckett (6'-3"")

#### Centers

- Kermit Overton (6'-4"")
- Joe Bloomfield (6'-0"")

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Terry Bellamy (36) and Willie Jones (89) put a jointing stop to this run attempt. Defense fell short in 1974 but improvement is expected this fall.

Disgruntled Aggie hopes for better things in 1975. photo by Sims
North Carolina A & T State
All-America Candidate
Dexter Feaster

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.