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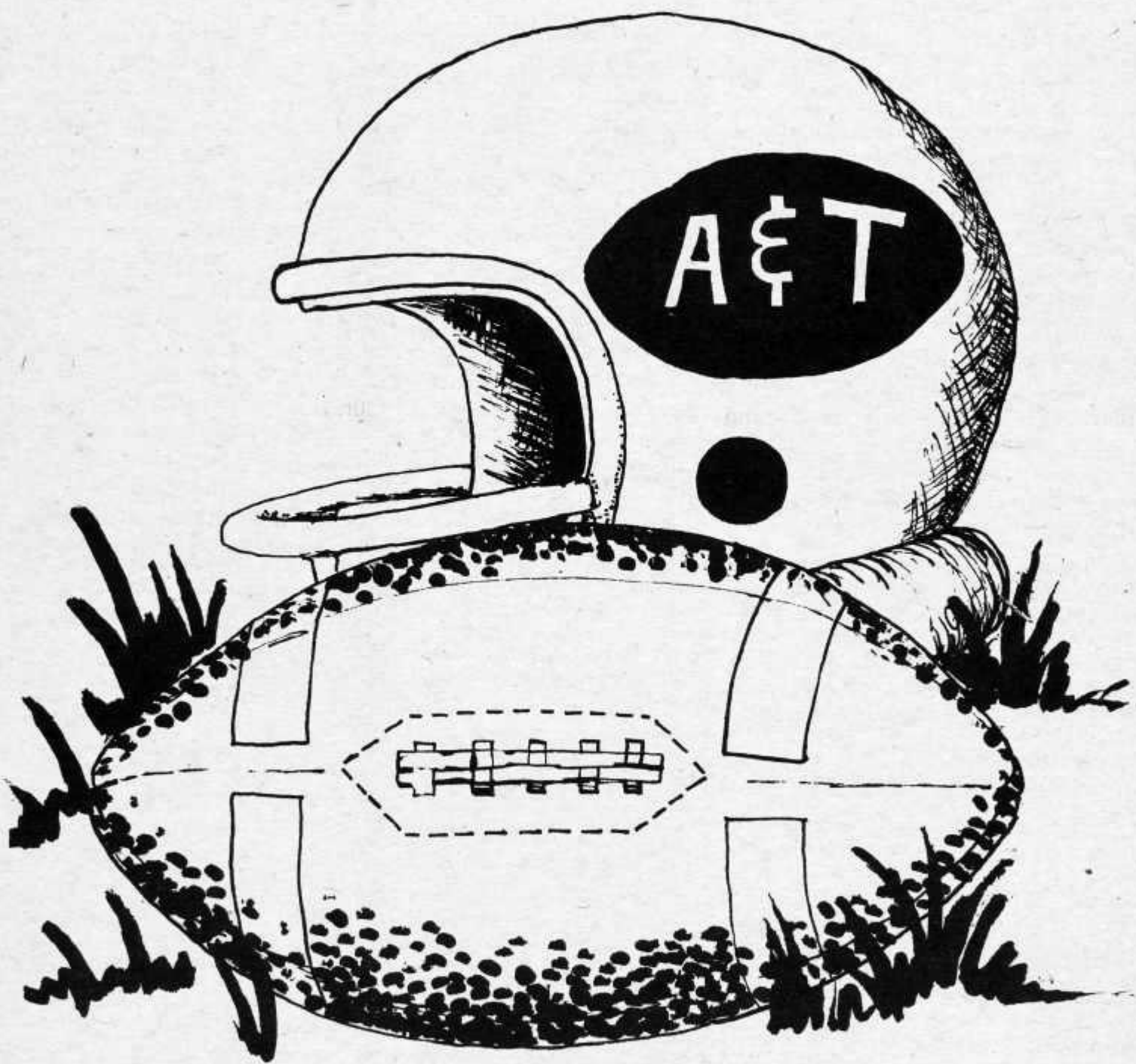
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*In Search Of*



*A Championship*

# A Brief Run Down of Coaches And Players



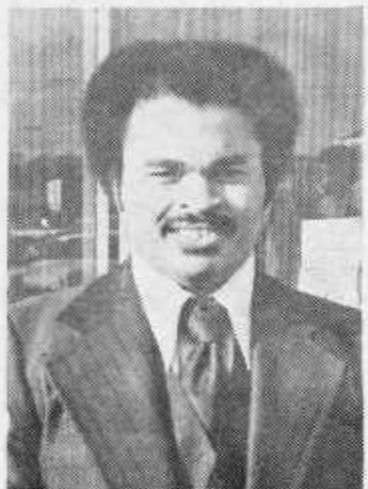
**Ken Villeponteaux-Assistant Coach**

Villeponteaux was an outstanding offensive lineman at A&T. Villeponteaux will work with the young Aggie offensive line this season. He is a native of Moncks Corner, South Carolina.



**Jerome Harrell-Assistant Coach**

Harrell is a 1978 graduate of Central State University where he was a four-year starter in the Maruder defensive backfield. His primary responsibilities with the Aggies this season will be working with the defensive backs and outside linebackers. He is a native of Youngstown, Ohio.



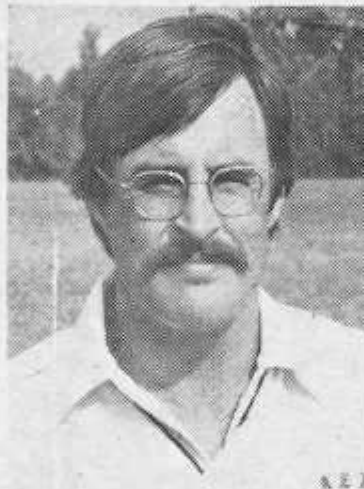
**Darwin Valentine-Offensive Line Coach**

Valentine had probably the most difficult coaching assignment last season working with an inexperienced offensive line which lost six starters from the previous season. A graduate of Central State University, Valentine molded his young freshmen and sophomores into a cohesive unit which held their own against some tough defensive lines.



**Tom Mendez-Defensive Backfield Coach**

Mendez is the man responsible for putting the "Greensboro Gang" on the map. The second year A&T assistant turned the Aggie secondary around from the laughing stock of the MEAC to one of the most prolific units in the NCAA. With all starters returning, Mendez, a graduate of Dubuque University, should again produce another record setting season.



**Steve Doolittle-Offensive Backfield Coach**

Doolittle, a graduate of Western Michigan University where he was an outstanding quarterback, joins the A&T staff this year after serving for three seasons on the staff at Central State. The Aggies have the talent in the backfield but the team is still young. Coach McKinley feels that Doolittle can meet the challenge.



**Ron Beard-Linebacker Coach**

Entering his second season at A&T, Beard, a native of Detroit, Michigan, was an outstanding collegiate player at Eastern Michigan University.

Beard coached three years at Central State University. Last season he developed the A&T linebacker corps into what was considered by followers of MEAC football as the best unit in the league.

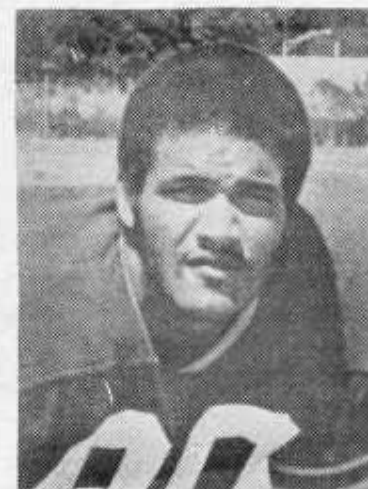
**Ken Valentine-Receiver Coach**

Ken, the brother of Darwin, is also a graduate of Central State. Ken is the youngest member on the staff and is charged with developing the most talented ladder positions on the squad. Ken served as a graduate assistant last season and also worked with the receivers.



**Robert Taylor-Defensive Line Coach**

Taylor, a graduate of Central Connecticut State, joins the A&T staff this season after highly successful campaigns on the high school and junior college circuit in Los Angeles, California. As defensive line coach he will be responsible for tutoring one of the finest lines in the brief history of the MEAC.

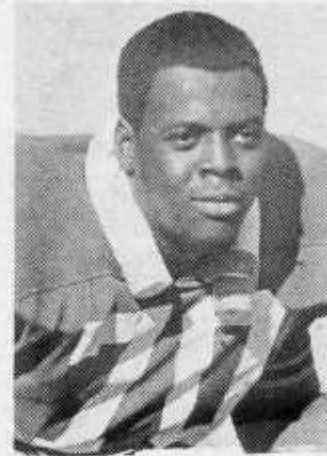


**Dwaine Board**

The MEAC MVP on defense and a Mutual Black Network All-American, Dwaine Board is one of the nation's top defensive linemen. Listed as a pre-season All-American for 1978 by Smith and Street's Magazine, Board heads a star-studded defensive unit which returns 10 starters from last season.

"Pee Wee," as he is called by his teammates, plays his position like it was tailor made for him. He has exceptional speed and plays the run as well as the pass. Board is destined to become the next in a long line of outstanding A&T

defensive players and is sure to go high in the professional draft.



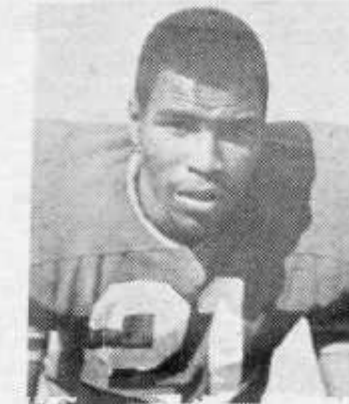
**Lucien Nibbs**

Nibbs is a two-time All MEAC selection and has been a regular since his freshman season. He is a steady player who makes the big plays. Nibbs, who also was an outstanding basketball player in St. Thomas, will once again be one of the top defensive linemen in the MEAC.



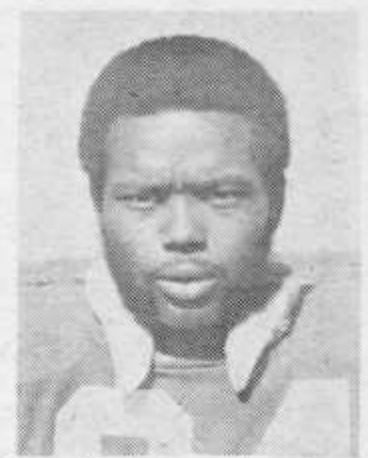
**Lon Harris**

Lon returns as one of the most dangerous kickoff returners in the NCAA Division I AA this season. The little speedster finished third in the nation last season with a 24.6 yard average per return. He is also dangerous on reverses and is a threat to score anytime he touches the football.



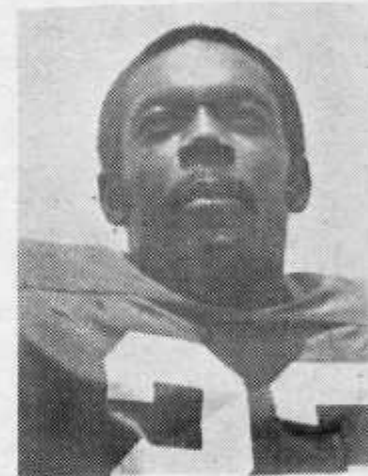
**Thomas Warren**

The elder member of the "Greensboro Gang," Warren is a three-year starter and is the glue which holds his younger backfield mates together. Warren is a hard and dedicated worker who takes pride in the intangibles which contribute to the success of the team.



**Nolan Jones**

Before he emerged as the team's number one kicker Jones was rated as an outstanding defensive lineman and Coach McKinley won't hesitate to put him in the lineup. Jones has become one of the consistent and accurate kickers. In the close games his foot could decide the outcome.



**William Joyner**

A former sprint star, Joyner is the fastest of the returning A&T backs. He showed flashes of brilliance at times last season and returns as the leading candidate for a starting position. Joyner is powerfully built and can handle inside running as well as jaunts to the outside.



**Billy Mims**

Mims is one of the talented freshmen who earned a starting berth in the lineup last season. Mims has the size, the hands and the speed to become one of the finest tightends ever to play in the MEAC. He is the type of player who can make the big play and his versatility adds another dimension to the A&T passing game.

# Jim McKinley Team Something Special

There is something special about a McKinley-coached football team. In a game described by the casual observer as rough and crude, with brute strength more dominant than intelligence, McKinley's teams have prevailed as "thinking units."

Certainly, the Aggies can over power opponents as witnessed last season when the team scored over forty points on two outings and also shutout two prominent Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) rivals.

But overall McKinley believes in a finesse approach to the game and this season he will have the talent on hand to ensure another successful season.

A graduate of Western Michigan University, McKinley is entering his second season as Head Coach at A&T. Prior coaching experiences include stints at Eastern Michigan and the

head coaching job at Central State where he led the Ohio team to a berth in the coveted Orange Blossom Classic in Miami, Florida, against the Rattlers of Florida A&M.

After a rocky start last season, McKinley guided the Aggies to seven victories in the team's last eight games and a second-place finish in the



MEAC. He is the first to admit that the experiences last season will better prepare him for the competitive season ahead.

"I knew that there were some fine teams in North Carolina and the MEAC but I wasn't sure what to expect," he recalled. "I feel that the MEAC has some of the finest quality players anywhere and on a given Saturday could compete against some of the top schools in the country."

"This year the conference has three new coaches all with excellent backgrounds. This is certainly going to be interesting and competitive."

A thorough and dedicated strategist, McKinley does not anticipate being caught short on talent as the opposition both in and outside of the conference improves.

When his assistants hit the recruiting trail in search of talent they are looking for particular heights and weights in linemen as well as in running

backs.

McKinley likes his defensive linemen to be around 6-5 and weigh 250. The youthful coach likes big backs, like this year's prize recruit Charlie Sutton, (6-2, 225), who runs the hundred in 9.5 seconds.

The A&T defensive front line this season of Dwaine Board (6-5), Lucien Nibbs (6-7), Ulysses Thompson (6-6), and Gerry Green (6-4) is perhaps one of the tallest in

## Says

### A&T Offensive Lineman Football More Than Game

GREENSBORO, N.C.—For A&T offensive lineman Wheeler Brown, football is a lot more than just a game.

For Brown, it serves as one outlet to compete against some of the best athletes in the country and also as a means of providing an education he otherwise would not have been able to finance.

A starter since his freshman season, Brown is one of the most dedicated performers on the Aggie team. And, as the only senior on the starting offensive line, the A&T staff feels like he provides the team with an additional coach on the field.

"There is no question about Wheeler's dedication to the game of football and he does serve as a steadying influence on our younger and less experienced players," said second-year A&T coach Jim McKinley.

"We have been hampered by a lot of injuries lately especially in the offensive line area. We have changed starting lineups in practically every game and even changed Wheeler from offensive tackle to guard."

"He's done everything we've asked of him and I just can't say how much of a steadying influence he's been on the rest of the team."

After being named to the second team All-MEAC squad his sophomore and junior seasons, Brown was set to have a big year in 1977 when a broken foot in the first contest sidelined him for the remainder of the season.

"I always believed that I would be able to come back from that injury if I just worked hard enough at it," said Brown, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, where he attended Northwestern High School.

"When I was in high school I had a knee operation which kept me out for a year so I knew what it was like to have

the NCAA. Board and Nibbs have been exceptional performers over the years.

McKinley who describes himself as an offensive-minded coach, will once again employ the veer offense this season. But please don't be fooled by McKinley's endorsement of exciting offense, last season the Aggies shut out two opponents and intercepted 28 passes to rate as one of the top leaders in that NCAA Division II category.

to sit out a season and then work hard to get back in shape."

"One of my main reasons that I wanted to return was to play on another championship team and have a good individual year in order to get a better chance in the pro draft," he continued.

"What I try to instill in all the players is that if we perform well as a team everyone will get some attention. We have a lot of players with a lot of potential like Dwaine Board, George Small, Thomas Warren, Lucien Nibbs, and Smitty Davis who I think are great players."

The injury situation on the offensive line has caused some problems to the A&T passing as well as running game. Second-year quarterbacks William Watson, and Fred Freeman have been dropped behind the lines more times than Coach McKinley and Brown would like.

"As a whole I think the offensive line has been providing good protection for our quarterbacks," said Brown, who will graduate in December with a degree in physical education.

"What a lot of people fail to realize is that our quarterbacks are getting pressure from blitzing linebackers and defensive backs."

"It is the kind of problem that will be corrected when some of the younger players get more game experience. We have improved over the last few games and it shows up in the statistics with the increase in yardage on the ground as well as in the air."

Although the Aggies appear to be in an uphill battle for the conference championship since it appears that there is not another team in the MEAC capable of upending powerful South Carolina State, Brown is glad he returned for the extra year of football.

## Way Rough For Aggie Team

By Dennis Bryant

An overview of the Aggies' six remaining games finds the way a little rough for the football team. The team will face tough teams like Norfolk State, The University of Delaware, Howard University Morgan State and North Carolina Central.

This weekend the Aggies will battle the Spartans of Norfolk State. Norfolk, 2-2 on the year has lost its last two games. With 38 returnees, Coach William "Dick" Price appears to have the foundation to rebuild his 1978 edition of the Norfolk State College football squad.

Norfolk State's 1977 team (4-6-1) was the first losing season for Price, who took over the reins in 1974 and guided the Spartans to three consecutive Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) championships. An all-out recruiting effort that enticed 22 signees into the fold is expected to augment the returning veterans.

The University of Delaware, 3-1 on the year, with its only loss to Division I for Temple University 35-7, will battle A&T in Newark, Delaware. The University of Delaware's Blue Hens will feature the attack of quarterback Jeff Komlo. Komlo has completed close to 70 percent of his passes.

The Blue Hens are averaging over 34 points a game, giv-

ing up only ten points a game. They are picked to claim the National Championship for Division II from Lehigh University. Their biggest victory last year was a 21-3 upset over previously unbeaten Division I Colgate.

Delaware is coached by Harold Raymond. In its first two games, the football squad outscored its opponents 93-0. Komlo has thrown for over 800 yards in his first four games.

Howard University, under coach Doug Porter, returns 16 of 22 starters from last year's 5-5 squad which won four of its last six games. In its first three games the Bison are 0-3 with losses to South Carolina State, Florida A&M and Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Talented senior wingback Steve Wilson spearheads the offense of which the receiver corps is the strongest suit. Wilson, the son of former Los Angeles Ram "Touchdown" Tommy Wilson, has 64 interceptions for 1,142 yards and eight touchdowns over the last two seasons. The game will be played at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington, D.C.

A&T's homecoming opponent will be always tough Morgan State. The Bears, 1-2 on the year, are finding it hard to score. The only victory has been a 13-10 decision over Maryland Eastern Shore.

Morgan, coached by first

year head coach Clarence Thomas, suffered a disappointing football season last year. They compiled a 4-6-1 record after tying South Carolina State for the title the year before. Coach Thomas said, "Attack will be the main objective offensively and defensively, this season."

The Hornets of Delaware State will come to battle the Aggies in Greensboro. After compiling an impressive 7-4 overall record and 4-2 conference marks, Delaware State has started the season with a string of losses. Their latest loss was a 17-7 decision to Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Coach Edmond "Ed" Wyche, Mid-Eastern Athletic conference "Coach of the Year" in 1977, is optimistic about this year's Hornets. Wyche will have the Hornets ready for the Aggies and the team will soon find the right track.

In a season finale, the Aggies will face a tough North Carolina Central team. The Eagles, currently 1-2, are coached by first year head Coach Ray Green. NCCU suffered through a dismal 1-10 last year. Greene got a late start recruiting, but got 30 athletes from eight states. Some might help immediately, but Green plans to go primarily with the holdovers from last year, who got much valuable experience.

# Football Roster For 78-79 Season

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
						52	Jeff Jackson	OL	6-2	205	Senior
1	Lon Harris	WR	5-7	160	Sophomore	53	Roland Wooten	LB	6-1	226	Junior
2	Fred Freeman	QB	5-8	166	Sophomore	54	Clyde Westmoreland	LB	6-0	212	Sophomore
6	Gerald Johnson	DB	5-11	168	Junior	55	George Small	LB	6-3	245	Senior
7	Eric Westbrook	DB	5-11	170	Sophomore	57	Roger Norrell	LB	6-0	210	Junior
8	Andre Olden	QB	6-1	180	Sophomore	58	Mike Quarles	OL	6-1	232	Sophomore
9	Sylvester Jones	QB	5-11	180	Freshman	59	John Dupree	OL	6-2	260	Sophomore
10	Carl Caviness	QB	6-2	185	Junior	60	Kevin Briggs	OL	6-3	245	Sophomore
11	Roosevelt Hallmon	LB	6-0	180	Freshman	61	David Jones	OL	6-1	220	Freshman
12	William Watson	QB	6-2	195	Sophomore	62	Joe Collins	LB	6-3	188	Freshman
14	Curtis Moultrie	LB	6-2	175	Freshman	63	William Harvey	OL	6-4	238	Junior
15	Kevin Robinson	DB	6-2	180	Freshman	64	Clifton Britt	OL	6-4	246	Sophomore
17	Archie Hart	QB	6-0	170	Sophomore	65	Eric Douglas	OL	6-1	238	Junior
18	Antonio Wright	DB	6-1	180	Freshman	66	Terrance Jones	LB	6-2	222	Junior
20	Nate Johnson	TE	6-3	190	Freshman	67	Corey Junkins	OL	6-3	215	Freshman
21	Thomas Warren	DB	6-0	187	Senior	68	Ricky Brown	LB	6-0	204	Sophomore
22	Calvin Hawkins	RB	6-1	190	Senior	69	Mike West	OL	6-5	266	Freshman
23	Frankie Chesson	LB	6-0	182	Sophomore	70	Lucien Nibbs	DL	6-7	268	Senior
24	Bruce Black	WR	5-11	170	Senior	71	Jesse Monterio	DL	6-0	239	Junior
25	Frank Carr	WR	6-0	174	Sophomore	73	Wheeler Brown	OL	6-2	251	Senior
27	Mike Joyner	RB	6-1	195	Freshman	75	Al Jones	OL	6-5	228	Freshman
28	William Joyner	RB	5-11	196	Junior	76	Thomas Boone	OL	6-3	218	Freshman
29	Jeff Martin	DB	6-1	170	Freshman	77	Pat Lewis	OL	6-3	236	Sophomore
31	James Bradley	DB	5-10	160	Sophomore	78	Andre Hyatt	OL	6-3	241	Sophomore
32	Cleotis Johnson	RB	5-11	205	Sophomore	79	James Hunter	DL	6-3	234	Freshman
33	Glenn Inman	LB	6-0	222	Sophomore	80	Billy Mims	TE	6-5	225	Sophomore
34	Kareem Cunningham	RB	6-2	210	Freshman	81	John Ogburn	DL	6-3	258	Freshman
35	Rodney Groves	DB	6-1	175	Junior	82	Brett Fisher	TE	6-2	225	Sophomore
36	Roger Ridgeway	LB	6-3	223	Freshman	83	William Kelly	TE	6-1	195	Junior
37	Johnny Alston	RB	6-0	180	Sophomore	84	Billy Roberson	WR	6-2	185	Freshman
38	James Crowder	RB	6-1	215	Sophomore	86	Rodney Williams	TE	6-4	214	Freshman
39	Joe Clyburn	DB	5-10	178	Sophomore	87	Thomas Frazier	WR	5-8	170	Junior
41	Kenneth Sharpless	WR	5-9	155	Sophomore	88	Victor Elliot	WR	5-10	165	Junior
42	Perry Foggie	RB	5-11	170	Freshman	89	Joe Gage	LB	6-4	185	Freshman
43	Cliff Maxwell	RB	6-2	180	Freshman	90	Dwaine Board	DL	6-5	239	Senior
44	Charlie Sutton	RB	6-2	220	Freshman	91	Ulysses Thompson	DL	6-7	238	Junior
45	Anthony Currie	DB	6-0	187	Junior	93	Gerry Green	DL	6-3	230	Sophomore
46	Edward Dozier	RB	5-10	180	Sophomore	94	Nolan Jones	P-K	6-3	228	Senior
48	Larry Neely	LB	5-11	203	Junior	95	James Williams	DL	6-3	218	Freshman
49	Scottie Richardson	RB	6-0	182	Sophomore	96	Mike Calloway	DL	6-4	223	Sophomore
50	Donald Spicely	OL	6-1	227	Sophomore	97	Roosevelt Bradley	DL	6-6	198	Freshman
51	Emmanuel Davis	OL	6-1	223	Junior	98	Stan Williams	DL	6-4	212	Sophomore
						99	Leon Byrd	DL	6-4	235	Freshman