

# NCCU Wins Season Opener



Photo by Rasheed McLain

Broncos Defensive Line tries to stop the Eagles of North Carolina Central University from gaining yards on a play during the Sept. 1 game in Durham, NC.

By Adrian Ferguson, Sports Information Director

The Fayetteville State Broncos opened its 2012 football season with a 54-31 loss to the Division I - FCS North Carolina Central Eagles in front of 9,077 fans on Saturday evening at O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium.

The Broncos fall to 24-9 in the all-time series with the Eagles, and traveled to UNC Pembroke on Sept. 8 for the Fourth Annual Two Rivers Classic at Grace P. Johnson Stadium.

FSU (0-1) used a two-quarterback system in the opener as Andreas Hudson started the contest before Chauncey Concepcion replaced him in the second quarter. Hudson made his first start for the Broncos since the 2010 season opener against UNC Pembroke, but would later suffer an injury later in the year that forced him to miss both the remainder of the 2010 campaign and the entire 2011 season.

"I thought Andreas threw the ball well tonight, and Chauncey did some good things with the football," said head coach Kenny Phillips. "Chauncey threw the interception, but other than that I thought we played well as a football team. I told the team before the game the thing we can't do is turn the football over; and we come out and turn the football over four times. You can't do that and win football games. To me, that's the difference in this football game is those four turnovers."

The FSU defense and special teams set the tone early in the opening quarter as NCCU (1-0) was forced to punt in its first two possessions, and the second punt put the Broncos ahead 7-0 as Joseph McLean blocked an Oleg Parent punt and Chris Person recovered it and rank eight yards for the first touchdown of the season.

The Eagles' special teams responded a few minutes later as Geovonie Irvine returned an Antonio Mayo punt 31 yards for the game-tying touchdown, but Mayo put Fayetteville State back in front 10-7 with a 38-yard field goal. The field goal by Mayo was the second of his career on his second collegiate attempt, and capped an 11-play 56-yard drive that was aided by two 15-yard penalties by NCCU.

The Broncos forced the Eagles to punt on the following possession, but fumbled

on the first play of their drive and led to a three-yard touchdown run by Andre Clark on the very next play to go back on top 14-10. It became 20-10 on NCCU's next possession on Arthur Goforth's 11-yard touchdown run.

Concepcion would enter the game following the touchdown and immediately made an impact as he went 4-for-4 passing for 50 yards, including a long of 17, and scored from six-yards out with 31.7 seconds remaining in the half to trim Fayetteville State's deficit to 20-17.

The Broncos offense opened the second half with a solid drive offensively, led by Concepcion, moving into Eagle territory. NCCU's defense then forced Concepcion into his first mistake of the game as Allonte Tuppins intercepted his pass and returned it 69-yards to extend the Eagles lead to 27-17. FSU then fumbled the following kick-off, and NCCU made it 34-17 three plays later on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Matt Goggans to Irvine.

The Broncos were not to be denied as Michael Johnson returned the following kick-off 94 yards for a touchdown to make it a 34-24 contest, but the Eagles scored on their next two possessions on touchdown runs by Clarke and Gary Douglas. NCCU made it a 48-24 contest after those two touchdowns.

Concepcion responded to the two touchdowns by going 5-for-5 for Fayetteville State through the air for 52 yards, while also rushing for eight, as Tyrel Bryant-Dove capped off the drive by running in from 19-yards out and cut the score to 48-31.

Adrian Wilkins would end the game for the Eagles as he returned a Bronco punt 57 yards for a touchdown as time expired to end the game with a 54-31 score.

Concepcion finished the game 14-for-18 through the air for 141 yards, while Hudson went 6-for-7 for 58 yards. Bryant-Dove led the Fayetteville State ground game with 33 yards, and Antonio Allen had 68 receiving yards and tied Kasunn Williams with five catches each. Johnson also had a team-high eight tackles on defense as four Bronco players were in on sacks. Joshua Scales also had an interception for Fayetteville State.

## WANTED

### THE MR. BRONCO MASCOT

#### FILL OUT PROSPECTIVE MASCOT FORM

<http://www.fayettevillestate.edu/cheer/cheerleaders/cheer/MascotApplication.html>

Fayetteville State University is home to the popular Mr. & Miss "Bucking" 1 mascots. The mascots major role is to excite the crowd. The mascots participate those events attended by the cheerleaders and can be found leading the band, strutting through the stands, or running around the football field. The Bronco can be either a male and/or a female.

At present, the Mr. Bronco mascot position is vacant. If you are interested in serving the University in this capacity and think you have what it takes to excite the crowd, please contact Dr. LaWanda D. Miller, Head Cheerleading Coach/Advisor, at 910-672-1420 to schedule an individual tryout. Scholarship opportunities are available.

#### TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS

##### One Minute Skit

##### Communication of Various Emotions Interview

##### Additional Criteria

- Must be charismatic, spirited and enthusiastic
- Must have excellent crowd interaction
- Must interact well with kids
- Must be in good physical condition
- Must be able to handle/deal with negativity from opposing teams' fans
- Must have strong leadership skills
- Must be accountable, timely and responsible
- Must be positive and respectful
- Must be independent

## Upcoming FSU Games



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### Volleyball

- Sept 15 vs Virginia Union @ Lincoln, PA game starts at 1 p.m.
- Sept. 15 vs Bowie State @ Lincoln, PA game starts at 3 p.m.
- Sept. 16 vs Lincoln(Pa.) @ Lincoln, PA game starts at 9 a.m.
- Sept. 20 vs Livingstone @ Salisbury, NC game starts at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 21 vs USC Aiken @ Charlotte, NC game starts at 1 p.m.
- Sept. 21 vs Armstrong Atlantic @ Charlotte, NC game starts at 5 p.m.
- Sept. 22 vs Johnson C. Smith @ Charlotte, NC game starts at 3 p.m.
- Sept. 25 vs Saint Augustine's @ FSU game starts at 6 p.m.



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### Football

- Sept. 15 host Virginia Union kickoff is at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 22 host Elizabeth City State kickoff is at 6 p.m.



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### Softball

- Scrimmages every weekend @ FSU's Seabrook Park until mid-October