

## Vital Stats



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|                                 | Alabama<br>State | North Carolina<br>A&T |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Scoring average per game        | 41.2             | 34.7                  |
| Points allowed per game         | 15.5             | 14.8                  |
| Rushing yards per game          | 221.1            | 270.0                 |
| Rush yards allowed per game     | 107.5            | 115.5                 |
| Rushing TDs                     | 32               | 31                    |
| Rushing TDs allowed             | 8                | 23                    |
| Pass completions/attempts/yards | 140/270/2,283    | 118/223/1,613         |
| Passing yards per game          | 207.5            | 146.6                 |
| Passing yards allowed per game  | 91.5             | 159.4                 |
| Passing TDs                     | 26               | 20                    |
| Passing TDs allowed             | 15               | 6                     |
| Total offensive yards per game  | 428.6            | 416.7                 |
| Total yards allowed per game    | 299.0            | 274.8                 |
| Turnovers committed*            | 20               | 22                    |
| Forced turnovers*               | 36               | 45                    |
| Turnover margin*                | +16              | +23                   |

\* Turnover figures include fumbles lost, fumble recovered and pass interceptions for offense and defense.



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## Hornets

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Photo by Mark Gail

Paul Ashby's desire to reach the endzone is a big plus for the Hornets.

balls thrown his way (37 catches, 583 yards, nine TDs). Brooks, however, is no side show pass catcher. He hauled in 29 passes for 607 yards and five scores. Brooks averages an impressive 20.9 yards per reception.

The ground game is just as explosive, even though Al State doesn't have anyone who gets 100 or more yards a game. Paul Ashby (4.8 ypc) has a gyroscope inbedded somewhere in his system. He rushed for nine touchdowns and ranked among SWAC's leading scorers with 12 TDs. Rico White (5.8 ypc) gets more totes than Ashby and is highly proficient in his own right (six TDs). Together, these two contribute 150.1 rushing yards per contest.

The defense is very efficient in coming through when it counts the most, allowing a SWAC-low 15.5 ppg. Linebackers Eddie Robinson and Jerich Green are the crew chiefs for a fiery stop unit. Robinson had 73 tackles and five and-a-half sacks. Green led ASU with 89 tackles.

The secondary played an integral part in the Hornets picking off 21 passes in '91. Latrod Garner ranked among SWAC's best with eight interceptions and Emanuel Martin had five thefts. Garner and Martin aren't the sole contributors thanks to Sylvester Longmire. As a threesome, Garner, Martin and Longmire broke up 41 passes and were in on 151 tackles.

— Dan Wesley

## Aggies

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yards on offense and defense.

Maynor always manages to give teams fits with his ability to improvise. He finished the year as No. 6 in the nation in passing efficiency, completing 57.2 percent of his tosses (110-192) for 1,527 yards, and 18 touchdowns, while giving up only five interceptions. The Aggies' QB also ran for eight TDs.

The Aggies have enough balance to pose problems for any defense. But their staple is the ground game and they have three backs who get the job done when they get the opportunity.

Turner (6.6 ypc), the MEAC's No. 2 rusher, is the most versatile with 1,166 all-purpose yards (851 rushing, 315 receiving). His 11 TDs (seven running, the rest on pass receptions) were the second-highest in the conference.

White (7.3 ypc) was right behind Turner in the league rushing stats in third place with 719 yards and six scores. Artis scored five times and averaged 6.1 yards a tote.

Thompson is the prime guy in A&T's air game. The tight end led the league in TD receptions (10) and ended the year with 41 catches for 649 yards.

On defense, A&T has made a habit of making life unbearable. When these guys played well during the regular season, opponents didn't stand much of a chance.

The Aggies excel at pressuring



Photo by BCSR Staff

Craig Thomson is a premier performer at tight end.

the quarterback and forcing errant throws (47 sacks and 22 interceptions topped the MEAC).

Down linemen Little, Knox Thompson and White are the predators up front. Little is the top sack artist with 15. Thompson had eight and White contributed 10 to the cause. Together, these three made 202 tackles.

Cornerback Alonza Barnett is the air pirate of the secondary. He had eight interceptions during the regular season, making him the MEAC's co-leader in that department along with Florida A&M's William Carroll.

— Rolando Simmons