

# Sports Beat

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## In MEAC Football Race

# S.C. State Expected To Chase Howard

Durham - Four Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) football teams including defending champion South Carolina will be in action Saturday, September 6 as the 1975 college gridiron season gets underway.

Two home games and a pair of road games will get MEAC teams off and running this week while the three other MEAC teams will kickoff their seasons the following week.

Defending champion South Carolina State (8-4) opens its season with a new opponent in Gardner-Webb. Kickoff time is set for 7 o'clock in Boiling Springs, N.C.

North Carolina A&T (5-6) has a new opening opponent this year. Virginia Union will supply the opposition for the Aggies home opener this year. Gametime is set for 7:00 p.m. in Greensboro, N.C.

Morgan State (5-5) rolls out the welcome mat for Virginia State Saturday afternoon in a 2 o'clock opener in Baltimore, Md.

Delaware State (3-6) journeys to Elizabeth City, N.C. to do battle with the Elizabeth City Vikings. Gametime for this season's opener is 1:30 p.m.

Howard (8-2-1) North Carolina Central and Maryland-Eastern Shore (2-6) open their '75 schedules a week later. Howard, picked by the league coaches to win the gridiron title this year, travels to Detroit, Michigan September 13 to open against Wayne State at 1:30. Maryland-Eastern Shore lifts the lid on its '75 schedule against Johnson C. Smith in Charlotte, N.C. on September 13 at 8 o'clock while North Carolina Central (7-2-2) opens its season at home against Savannah State 1:30 kickoff.

Coach Willie Jeffries must replace most of his starters on offense but has a seasoned defensive unit led by All-American candidate Harry Carson returning from the '74 championship unit. Quarterbacks Arbie Lagroon and Elizab O'Neal



Terry Bellamy  
...All-MEAC Candidate



Willie Jeffries  
...S.C. State head coach

are back to lead the offensive fireworks for the Bulldogs. Veteran running backs Neely Dunn and James Robinson give S.C. State experience in the backfield but guard Luther Dixon is lone hold-over starter in the interior offensive line. The interior defensive line for the Bulldogs feature returning starters Carson at end along with tackles Robert Sims and Larry James. The linebacking posts are in good hands in veterans Rudolph Bryant, Erone Edwards and Charles Haynes while Leonard Duncan heads the returnees in the defensive secondary.

The Aggies of A&T are expected to be an explosive unit this season. The highgeared offense for the Aggies have 10 starters returning from a year ago. Quarterback Elsworth Turner engineers the offense for A&T. His favorite targets will be wide receiver Dexter Feaster, split end James Lily

and tight end Walter Bennett. Handling the running chores for Coach Hornsby Howell will be George Ragsdale and Tom Murnby.

Morgan State returns ten starters among its 21 lettermen with defense being the strong suit for the Bears. The defense is headed by linebacker Banothy Nicholson, tackle Angele Wells and safety Tim Baylor.

Interior offensive starting linemen returning include guard Joseph Lebric and center Melvin Charles. Coach Nat Taylor must develop some starters and backup men to fill the gaps in the offensive line if the Bears' running game is expected to go. In the backfield starting quarterback Donnell Coleman is back but the loss of Bobby Hammond and Mike Collier leave two big vacancies in the Morgan backfield. Kevin Slade, Leroy Brown and Jesse Moore are the frontrunners

for the back-field positions. New coach Edmond Wyche inherits a team at Delaware State which returns 24 lettermen and 36 veterans. Quarterbacks Andre Brown and Eddie Epps are back to guide the Hornets' offense. Wide receiver John Chisholm supplements the passing attacks for Delaware State while running back Issac Muns, Norman Hayes, and Shelton Smith will be the tip-top ball carriers. Guard George Bennett lead the offensive line play.

Defensively, all conference linebacker Kenneth Wright returns for another banner year. He will team with George Hicks to back up the line and All-MEAC corner Walter Tullis anchors the secondary. Rodney Arnold leads the list of returning defense linemen.

CRYSTAL BALL  
HOWARD  
S. C. STATE  
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL  
MORGAN STATE  
NORTH CAROLINA A&T  
DELAWARE STATE  
MARYLAND



WHERE THEY PLAY  
Saturday, September 6

S. C. State at Gardner-Webb  
Virginia Union at NCA&T  
Virginia State at Morgan  
Delaware State at Elizabeth City  
Fort Bragg at Fayetteville St

### TELLING IT LIKE IT IS.....

The new Black college football season ushers in rather quietly and without much fanfare this weekend. North Carolina A&T has a big opener with Virginia Union in Greensboro Saturday night and Morgan State is hosting Virginia State in Baltimore Saturday afternoon.

However, the National Black football spotlight will be focused on New Orleans where Grambling will clash with Alcorn before 81,000 rabid fans in the Superdome.

Johnson C. Smith will move on the scene a week from Saturday when the Golden Bulls open their 1975 campaign with hopes of bettering their 4-7 record of last year.

The first disappointment of the new season came with the news that South Carolina State College, a solid choice to repeat as champions of the MEAC, had to cancel its season opener with Gardner-Webb because of a viral infection. The college officials are mum about future games. The entire squad is being tested to further determine the presence of the virus and the physical condition of those who have experienced difficulty as a result of it.

The prediction here is that it's going to be an interesting year, with three teams rated to battle to the finish in the CIAA and four teams are expected to wage a merry fight to the wire in the MEAC.

Howard University is the popular choice to unseat South Carolina State in the MEAC and Norfolk State is everybody's choice to successfully defend its CIAA title. However, this reporter likes Livingstone to win the CIAA and either South Carolina State or Morgan to cop the MEAC.

The Early impression here is that the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University will have to undergo considerable improvement before they can assume championship class. Coach Eddie McGirt is beginning his 18th season in an aura of unpredictability.

**BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT** the surest way to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm.

Ken Koontz, the smooth talking WBTV newscaster, will again handle the public address system for all Johnson C. Smith University home football games. It will be the fourth straight year that the 1972 graduate of the University has worked the mike for the Golden Bulls.

Look for the top two teams in the Mecklenburg County Semipro Baseball League to clash with the first and second teams in the Triple County League either next Saturday or Sunday.

The final decision rest upon the outcome of the battle for the Triple County League championship between the Charlotte Chiefs and the Kings Mountain A's. The two teams are currently locked in the best of three game series with a victory apiece. The final game will be played at the Harding High School Athletic Field Saturday afternoon.

Plans call for the Morris Field Rangers, 1975 champions of the MCL, to take on the champions of the TCL and for the Charlotte Hawks, third-place winners in the Mecklenburg County circuit, to challenge the second-place winners in the Triple County.

The doubleheader will be held at Griffith Park. Married men may have better halves but bachelors have better quarters.

Cal Irvin, one-time basketball coach at Johnson C. Smith and presently athletic director at North Carolina A&T, has been selected to serve on the Selection Committee of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Association.

Did You Know that Shaw University will have a new head football coach this fall? He's Horace Small, a 1967 graduate of the University.

### 5 Charlotteans To Start For A&T Saturday Night

Five Charlotte athletes will be in the starting lineup Saturday night when North Carolina A&T hosts powerful Virginia Union University in the

football opener for both teams in Greensboro Memorial Stadium.

Kickoff is 7 p.m.

Split end Dexter Feaster and right tackle Clayton Pride will lineup with the offensive 11 and linebacker Joe Crosby, and defensive backs Howard Barnhill and Terry Bellamy will get the call with the first defensive unit.

The defensive-minded Panthers offer a serious threat to A&T's hopes for starting the season on a victory note. They are rated to stage a three-way fight with Livingstone and Norfolk State for the CIAA championship, plus the fact that coach Willard Bailey has strung together an impressive 17-3 record in the last two years.

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### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE - 1975

| DATE         | OPPONENT                             | PLACE          | TIME |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------|
| September 13 | — MARYLAND STATE E.S.                | Charlotte      | 8:00 |
| September 20 | — VIRGINIA UNION                     | Charlotte      | 8:00 |
| September 27 | — HAMPTON INSTITUTE                  | Hampton, Va.   | 8:00 |
| October 4    | — A & T STATE UNIVERSITY             | Greensboro     | 7:30 |
| October 11   | — SOUTH CAROLINA STATE               | Charlotte      | 8:00 |
| October 18   | — LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE — **HOMECOMING | Charlotte      | 1:00 |
| October 25   | — SHAW UNIVERSITY                    | Raleigh, N. C. | 2:00 |
| November 1   | — WINSTON-SALEM STATE                | Winston-Salem  | 7:30 |
| November 8   | — NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL             | Charlotte      | 1:30 |
| November 15  | — FAYETTEVILLE STATE                 | Fayetteville   | 1:30 |
| November 22  | — VIRGINIA STATE — **SENIOR DAY      | Charlotte      | 1:30 |

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