



# News Release

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## **MEAC ANNOUNCES 2009 FOOTBALL POSTSEASON AWARDS**

**FAMU's Pulley Voted Offensive Player of the Year and  
MSU's Howard Selected as Defensive Player of the Year**

**Virginia Beach, Va., November 25, 2009** – Florida A&M quarterback Curtis Pulley was selected as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Offensive Player of the Year and Morgan State's George Howard earned the Defensive Player of the Year honor, as voted on by the MEAC head football coaches and sports information directors.

Mike Mayhew of North Carolina A&T earned the Rookie of the Year award and South Carolina State's Johnny Culbreath was selected as the Offensive Lineman of the Year.

For the second straight year Coach of the Year honors went to South Carolina State head coach Buddy Pough. Pough led the Bulldogs to a 10-1 overall record and a perfect 8-0 mark in conference play for the second year in a row. The Bulldogs earned their second straight playoff berth and currently boast a record 19-straight conference victories.

Pulley led the MEAC in total offense with 2,705 yards and ranked third in rushing and passing. He completed 60-percent of his passes (137-of-226) with 1,824 yards and 12 touchdowns. He led the Rattlers in rushing with 881 yards on 122 carries with six touchdowns. The Hopkinsville, Kentucky native earned five conference Offensive Player of the Week honors and is a finalist for the Walter Payton Award.

Howard becomes the second straight Bear's player to earn the MEAC's Defensive Player of the Year honor. Howard led the MEAC in tackles with 130 (11.8 avg/g) including 73 solo and 57 assisted. He currently ranks fourth in the FCS in tackles per game. Howard recorded nine tackles for a loss of 40 yards, one pass break up, two quarterback hurries and three forced fumbles this season and earned the MEAC's Defensive Player of the Week honor three times.

Mayhew emerged as a key offensive threat for the North Carolina A&T Aggies this year. In 10 games of play, Mayhew led the Aggies with 111 carries for 471 yards and six touchdowns. He also caught 14 passes for 125 yards and was named the MEAC's Rookie of the Week on Sept. 14. Mayhew ranks sixth in the MEAC in rushing and kickoff returns (20.57 avg/g), and t-13<sup>th</sup> in scoring.

Culbreath aided a dominating Bulldog offense that accounted for 4,160 total yards including 1,745 yards on the ground. Behind Culbreath's blocking the Bulldogs finished number one in the MEAC in pass offense, total offense, and scoring offense. Culbreath's efforts also aided running back Will Ford, who became the MEAC's and Bulldog's all-time leading rusher this season, and produced 1010 yards on the ground.

-2009 All-MEAC Football Team Attached-

## Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) 2009 Football All-Conference Teams

**Offensive Player of the Year:** Curtis Pulley, Florida A&M  
**Rookie of the Year:** Mike Mayhew, North Carolina A&T

**Defensive Player of the Year:** George Howard, Morgan State  
**Offensive Lineman of the Year:** Johnny Culbreath, S.C. State

**Coach of the Year:** Buddy Pough, S.C. State

### FIRST TEAM

#### Offense

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>CL</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
QB	Curtis Pulley	r-Sr.	Florida A&M	Hopkinsville, Ky.
RB	Will Ford	Sr.	S.C. State	Travelers Rest, S.C.
RB	LaMarcus Coker	Sr.	Hampton	Nashville, Tenn.
TE	Lamont Bryant	So.	Morgan State	Newport News, Va.
WR	Oliver "Tre" Young	Sr.	S.C. State	Charleston, S.C.
WR	Chris Bell	r-Jr.	Norfolk State	Norfolk, Va.
OL	Juavahr Nathan	r-So.	S.C. State	Ladson, S.C.
OL	Josh Harrison	r-Jr.	S.C. State	Lake City, S.C.
OL	Johnny Culbreath	Jr.	S.C. State	Monroe, Ga.
OL	Robert Okeafor	Jr.	Florida A&M	Jacksonville, Fla.
C	William Falakiseni	Jr.	Norfolk State	Tafuna, American Samoa

#### Defense

DL	Justin Lawrence	Sr.	Morgan State	Jetersville, Va.
DL	Dexter Jackson	Sr.	Bethune-Cookman	Jacksonville, Fla.
DL	Kendrick Ellis	Jr.	Hampton	West Palm Beach, Fla.
*DL	Josh Turner	r-So.	Norfolk State	Chesterfield, Va.
*DL	Jarrell Herring	Sr.	North Carolina A&T	Detroit, Mich.
LB	George Howard	Sr.	Morgan State	Chesapeake, Va.
LB	David Erby	r-Jr.	S.C. State	Rock Hill, S.C.
LB	Julio Sanchez	Jr.	Hampton	Miami, Fla.
DB	Terrell Whitehead	Sr.	Norfolk State	Virginia Beach, Va.
DB	Antwane Cox	Sr.	Bethune-Cookman	Miami, Fla.
DB	Justin Ferrell	So.	North Carolina A&T	Danville, Va.
DB	Phillip Adams	Sr.	S.C. State	Rock Hill, S.C.
P	Jahmal Blanchard	Sr.	Hampton	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
*P/K	Trevor Scott	r-So.	Florida A&M	Jacksonville, Fla.
*P/K	Blake Erickson	So.	S.C. State	Pensacola, Fla.
Ret	LeRoy Vann**	Sr.	Florida A&M	Tampa, Fla.

### SECOND TEAM

#### Offense

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>CL</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
QB	Malcolm Long	Jr.	S.C. State	Gaffney, S.C.
RB	DeAngelo Branche	r-Jr.	Norfolk State	Norfolk, Va.
RB	Devan James	Sr.	Morgan State	Pompano Beach, Fla.
TE	Sherron Childress	r-Jr.	Norfolk State	Hampton, Va.
WR	Kevin Elliott	r-So.	Florida A&M	Orlando, Fla.
WR	Willie Carter	So.	Howard	Denmark, S.C.
OL	Kendall Noble	r-So.	Norfolk State	Rocky Mount, N.C.
OL	Anthony Collins	r-Sr.	Florida A&M	Miami, Fla.
OL	Calton Ford	r-Jr.	Norfolk State	Chesapeake, Va.
OL	Robert Norris	Sr.	Morgan State	Cheltenham, Md.
C	Steve Brazzle	r-Sr.	Florida A&M	Coatesville, Pa.

#### Defense

DL	Markus James	Sr.	S. C. State	Hampton, Va.
DL	Brandon Peguese	r-Jr.	Hampton	Greensboro, N.C.
DL	Fabian Dunn	r-Sr.	Delaware State	Silver Springs, Md.
*DL	Will Croner	Sr.	Howard	Wilmington, Del.
*DL	Andre Caroll	r-Jr.	Delaware State	Neptune, N.J.
LB	Bryan Parker	Sr.	Florida A&M	Randlestown, Md.
LB	Julius Wilkerson	Jr.	S.C. State	Gaffney, S.C.
*LB	Reggie Sandilands	So.	Bethune-Cookman	Miami, Fla.
*LB	Brandon Roundtree	Sr.	Hampton	Compton, Calif.
*LB	Anthony Taylor	Jr.	Norfolk State	Virginia Beach, Va.
DB	Darren McKhan	Sr.	Morgan State	Miami, Fla.
DB	Quay Long	So.	North Carolina A&T	Charlotte, N.C.
DB	Rafael Bush	Sr.	S.C. State	Williston, S.C.
DB	Jody Ellis	Sr.	Morgan State	Evanston, Ill.
*P	Nicholas Adams	Fr.	Morgan State	Fayetteville, N.C.
*P	Nick Lochner	Sr.	Delaware State	Webster, N.Y.
P/K	Kemar Scarlett	Jr.	Morgan State	Temple Hill, Md.
Ret	Oliver "Tre" Young	Sr.	S.C. State	Charleston, S.C.

\*-Indicates a tie

\*\* Unanimous Selection