

FLORIDA A&M RATTTLERS

HC: JOSEPH "JOE" TAYLOR (9-3) • TALLAHASSEE, FL

OFFENSE - LAST 4 YEARS STATS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	TTL	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	TOTAL	
STS	PTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	TURN	
8	35.2	358	158	4.4	200	57.9	+8	
8*	18.5	308	148	4.1	160	50.2	-12	
9	24.8	348	134	4.1	214	60.0	-8	
-	17.8	300	130	3.6	170	58.1	-1	
9	23.0	430	124	3.8	306	61.2	+10	

RECORD	RET	DEF	TTL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	%
	STS	PTS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	
2008 9-3	6	23.7	339	135	4.0	204	53.8	
2007 3-8	10	26.8	365	225	5.0	139	58.5	
2006 7-4	4	29.7	357	216	5.6	141	47.8	
2005 6-5	-	23.7	383	187	4.2	197	56.0	
2004 3-8	6	37.1	441	223	4.9	218	61.2	

OFFENSE - The Rattlers returned 8 offensive starters LY and went from #8 to #1 in scoring and from #7 to #2 in total offense. They return 10 starters and will be in the 2nd yr under HC Joe Taylor. Last year FAMU had to replace its top 2 QB's who combined for 1,220 yds but returned QB Eddie Battle, who threw for 537 (58.7%) with a 4-3 ratio in '07, and added Kentucky transfer QB Curtis Pulley (PS#19). They split time LY with Battle throwing for 963 (62.9%) and a 4-4 ratio, while Pulley was 1st Tm MEAC, throwing for 1,382 (55.1%) with a 17-5 ratio and was also the top rusher (885, 4.5, 7 TD). This year they both return. FAMU lost 3 of its top 4 rushers LY but returned #1 rusher, MEAC ROY RB Philip Sylvester (858, 5.7, 7 TD). The Rattlers return 2nd Tm MEAC RB Sylvester (717, 4.3, 8 TD) along with his top blocker, starting FB Mykel Benson. The Rattlers returned 2 of top 4 rec LY in #2 WR Jarvis Funderburk (258, 11.2) and #3 WR Adrian Smith (242, 12.1). They avg 40 ypg more passing and finished #3 in passing offense. FAMU loses Funderburk (1 rec) and 2nd Tm MEAC TE Taj Jenkins (159, 12.2) but returns their top 4 rec including WR's 1st Tm MEAC Kevin Elliott (817, 14.1, 7 TD), Isaac West (636, 18.2) and Smith (445, 13.9, 6 TD). The OL returned 4 starters LY and improved the ypc from 4.1 to 4.4 finishing #5 in rushing while allowing 27 sacks. TY they return all 5 starters led by 1st Tm MEAC RT Robert Okefor and 2nd Tm MEAC LG Anthony Collins.

DEFENSE - FAMU returned 6 defensive starters LY and 3 of top 4 tklr but lost starting CB Michael Creary to a preseason inj. The Rattlers moved up from #7 to #6 in scoring but despite allowing 26 ypg less and remained #8 in total defense. They return 9 starters and 9 of their top 11 tklr and also get back Creary. The DL returned 2 starters LY allowed 90 ypg less rushing (ypc 5.0 to 4.0) with 27 sacks. FAMU returns all 4 starters led by 2nd

Tm MEAC DT Cameron Houston (#6 tklr, 12 tfl, 4) and DE Draymenski Wilson (#9 tklr, 4 tfl). The LB unit had to replace the #2 tklr LY but returned 2 starters including 2nd Tm MEAC Vernon Wilder (#1 tklr, 5 sk). The Rattlers must replace Wilder (#8 tklr) but return their top 2 tklr in Bryan Parker (68 tkl, 12.5 tfl), who led with 8 sacks, and Alvis Graham (66 tkl, 10.5 tfl). The secondary (with the loss Creary) returned just 1 starter and allowed 61 ypg more passing to finish last in pass defense, but only allowed a 17-16 ratio. FAMU loses S Jason Beach (#3 tklr) but returns 3 starters in 2nd Tm MEAC CB Curtis Holcomb (#10 tklr, 5 int, 13 pbu), CB Qier Hall (#7 tklr, 45 tkl, 5 int, 6 pbu) and FS Greg Harvey (#4 tklr). They also return Creary, who looks have moved from CB to SS.

SPECIAL TEAMS - FAMU had to replace an all-time great in K/P Wesley Taylor LY. The unit had a Div-I rec 10 return TD's led by AA KR/PR LeRoy Vann, who avg 29.5 on KR (3 TD) and 16.5 on PR (3 TD) and set NCAA ssn record for comb ret yards with 1,599. PK Trevor Scott hit on 12 of 20 (L/43) but had 3 kicks blk'd LY. The only loss is P Will Platt (36.0).

COACHES - HC Joseph "Joe" Taylor enters his second season at FAMU after coming over from Hampton. His overall record is 206-79-4 in 27 yrs and he became the 9th HBCU coach to surpass 200-wins over his career. Taylor's OC George Small also is the OL cch. The co-DCs are Earl Holmes who is LB cch and Timothy Edwards.

FORECAST - The Rattlers have had just 2 losing seasons in the last 15 years but their last playoff trip was in 2001 where they lost to Georgia Southern 60-35 and have only had 9 postseason trips since 1978. FAMU returns 21 starters, including two AA and 7 All-MEAC performers. They should challenge for the MEAC crown this year but must find a way to get past Delaware St (0-4 since '05) and South Carolina St (0-6 since '02) to take it.

Sep. 5	Delaware St
Sep. 12	at Winston-Salem St
Sep. 19	Howard
Sep. 26	↑ Tennessee St
Oct. 3	
Oct. 10	at Miami, FL
Oct. 17	at S Carolina St
Oct. 24	Norfolk St (HC)
Oct. 31	at Morgan St
Nov. 7	N Carolina A&T
Nov. 14	at Hampton
Nov. 21	Bethune-Cookman

Last 10 FCS Playoff Games

YEAR	GAME	OPPONENT	SCORE
1978	CH	Massachusetts	35-28
1996	FR	Troy	25-29
1997	FR	Georgia So	37-52
1998	FR	Troy	27-17
1998	QF	W Illinois	21-24
1999	FR	Appalachian St	44-29
1999	QF	Troy	17-10
1999	SF	Youngstown St	24-27
1999	QF	W Kentucky	0-27
2001	FR	Georgia So	35-60

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE:	10*
DEFENSE:	9



2006 RESULTS (7-4)

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Delaware St	14-34
at Miami (FL)	10-51
at Howard	31-23
Winston-Salem St	25-21
Tennessee St	25-22
S Carolina St	21-28
at Norfolk St	36-33
Morgan St	24-23
at N Carolina A&T	45-12
Hampton	7-59
at Bethune-Cookman	35-21

2007 RESULTS (3-8)

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Southern	27-33
Delaware St	7-20
at Howard	30-17
at Tennessee St	18-17
at Winston-Salem St	23-27
at South Carolina St	14-49
Norfolk St	27-33
at Morgan St	12-14
NC A&T	24-21
at Hampton	15-30
Bethune-Cookman	7-34

2008 RESULTS (9-3)

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Alabama St	30-20
at Delaware St	28-35
at Howard	51-24
Tennessee St	28-21
South Carolina St	21-28
Winston-Salem St	23-0
at Southern	52-49
at Norfolk St	31-28
at Morgan St	10-13
at North Carolina A&T	45-7
Hampton	45-24
Bethune-Cookman	58-35

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Curtis Pulley	118	1008	123	885	7	7.5	Bryan Parker	68	8	4.5	0	0
Philip Sylvester	166	786	69	717	8	4.3	Alvis Graham	66	6	4.5	1	0
Lonvontae Page	62	254	19	235	3	3.8	Jason Beach	63	0	4.5	2	1
Demetric Henry	46	155	48	107	2	2.3	Greg Harvey	57	0	2.5	3	1
LeRoy Vann	1	11	0	11	0	11.0	Roy Vann	53	2	6	2	1
Eddie Battle	31	95	112	-17	3	-0.5	Cameron Houston	46	4	8	0	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	Qier Hall	45	0	2	6	5
Curtis Pulley	178	98	55.1	1382	17	5	Vernon Wilder	44	0.5	1	1	1
Eddie Battle	132	83	62.9	963	4	4	D Wilson	41	1	3	2	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	Curtis Holcomb	40	0	0.5	13	5	3
Kevin Elliott	58	817	14.1	7	58	Joseph Wims	25	0.5	2.5	3	0	0
Isaac West	35	636	18.2	4	60	Gregory Clark	24	0	0	4	0	0
Adrian Smith	32	445	13.9	6	71	Fabian Wilson	22	0	1	1	0	0
Taj Jenkins	13	159	12.2	0	23	Demetris Lane	18	1	4	1	0	0
Philip Sylvester	17	101	5.9	0	48	Marquise Ramos	17	1.5	1	0	0	0
Demetric Henry	7	63	9.0	1	33	Gregory Boler	15	1	1.5	1	0	0
Javares Knight	5	58	11.6	2	37	Kevin Elliott	10	0	0	0	0	0
C Pulley	2	53	26.5	1	41	Victorian Arboleda	10	0	0	0	1	1
Mykel Benson	8	47	5.9	1	14	K Washington	9	1.5	0	0	0	0
Lonvontae Page	3	13	4.3	0	11	Edmond Baker	9	0	0	0	0	0
Max Purcell	1	8	8.0	0	8	Dozell Varner	7	0	0	0	0	0
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	In20	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Will Platt	56	2015	36.0	29.8	21	LeRoy Vann	28	462	16.5	3		
KICKING	XP	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Trevor Scott	54-55	1-6	0-0	12-20	43	LeRoy Vann	38	1121	29.5	3		

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