

BLACK COLLEGE
SPORTS PAGE



SWAC/MEAC Challenge logo
SWAC/MEAC: Fourth annual clash jumpstarts 2007 football season and is part of first full weekend of 29 games.

OPENING CHALLENGE

▼ RECAP OF OPENING WEEK'S GAMES; PREVIEW OF WEEKEND'S TOP GAMES

2005 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

E. DIVISION	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
St. Paul's	0	0	0	0
Virginia Union	0	0	0	0
Eliz. City State	0	0	0	0
Virginia State	0	0	0	1
Bowie State	0	0	0	1
W. DIVISION				
Shaw	0	0	1	0
J. C. Smith	0	0	1	0
St. Augustine's	0	0	0	0
Livingstone	0	0	0	0
Fayetteville State	0	0	0	1

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN **GARY BATTLE**, Sr., OG, FSU
RECEIVER **DAVIAN RICHARDSON**, So., WR, VSU - 5 rec., 1 72-yard TD, Threw a TD pass
OFFENSIVE BACK **BRYAN HARDY**, Jr., QB, FSU - 17 of 29, 180 yards, 23 rushing yards
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN **TIQUAN COLLINS**, So., LB, SHAW - 10 tackles, 1 sack
DEFENSIVE BACK **FRED HOSKINS**, Sr., DB, JCSU - 6 tackles, 2 solos, a TFL, 1 pass break-up
ROOKIE **RODNEY WEBB**, Fr., RB, BSU 11 carries, 78 yards, 1 TD
SPECIALTY **ERIC LAMOUREUX**, Sr., PK/P, FSU - 4 of 5 FGs (50, 20, 36, 30), 4 punts, 33 avg.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	ALL		
	W	L	T
Hampton	0	0	0
SC State	0	0	0
Delaware State	0	0	0
NC A&T State	0	0	0
Bethune-Cookman	0	0	0
Florida A&M	0	0	0
Howard	0	0	0
Norfolk State	0	0	0
Morgan State	0	0	0
# W-Salem State	0	0	0

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
NA

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	ALL		
	W	L	T
Fort Valley State	1	0	1
Morehouse	1	0	1
Albany State	0	0	1
Stillman	0	0	1
Lane	0	0	1
Tuskegee	0	0	0
Kentucky State	0	0	1
Miles	0	0	0
Clark Atlanta	0	1	0
Benedict	0	1	0

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
SHERARD ELLIS, Jr., QB, LC - 23 of 30, 191 yards 2 TDs - 48 rush yards, 2 TDs
DEFENSE
CURTIS JOHNSON, Sr., DE, CAU - 10 tackles, 7 solos, 2 TFL, 1 sack, 1 pass break-up
NEWCOMER
STEVEN BOSTICK, So., DB, FVSU - 10 tackles, 9 solos, 1 interception, 1 TFL
SPECIAL TEAMS
MICAH STRIEFF, Jr., PK, MHC - 9 punts, 45.2 avg., 2-3 PATs, 36-yard FG
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
ERIC MARTINEAR, So., OL, LC - Graded at 98%

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

E. DIVISION	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Alabama State	0	0	0	0
Jackson State	0	0	0	0
Alabama A&M	0	0	0	0
Miss. Valley St.	0	0	0	0
Alcorn State	0	0	0	0
W. DIVISION				
Grambling State	0	0	0	0
Texas Southern	0	0	0	0
Ark. Pine Bluff	0	0	0	0
Southern	0	0	0	0
Prairie View A&M	0	0	0	0

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
NA

INDEPENDENTS

W	L	
Langston	0	0
Cheyney	0	0
Tennessee State	0	0
W. Va. State	0	0
Central State	0	0
Savannah State	0	0
N. C. Central	0	1
Concordia	0	1
Texas College	0	1
Lincoln (Mo.)	0	1
Edward Waters	0	1

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
WAYNE BLACKWELL, Sr., WR, NCCU - Six receptions for 94 yards including the Eagles' only TD on a 26-yard fourth-quarter pass.
DEFENSE
D. J. FRETWELL, Sr., LB, NCCU - Six solo tackles, eight assists in loss to Albany State.
SPECIAL TEAMS
DATHAN BROWN, TC - Returned KO 76 yards and returned blocked PAT 65 yards for two points.

SCORES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Carson-Newman 52, Virginia State 21
Glennville State 29, Bowie State 19

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Albany State 16, NC Central 10
Fort Valley State 13, Clark Atlanta 10
Henderson State 44, Texas College 7
Johnson C. Smith 24, Edward Waters 0
Lane 54, Lincoln (MO) 3
Mercyhurst 21, Kentucky State 6
Morehouse 23, Benedict 14
Shaw 24, Miles 7
Stillman 30, Concordia 14
Wingate 34, Fayetteville State 26

HOW THEY DID IT

— Albany State 16, NC Central 10

Albany State rushed for 239 yards, 116 of those including a 60-yard fourth-quarter TD scamper by RB **Brian Porter**, as the four-time defending SIAC champion Golden Rams (1-0, 0-0 SIAC) knocked off two-time CIAA champ and last year's top black college team, NC Central (0-1) Saturday evening in the opener for both teams in Albany, Ga. ASU dominated play early but was only able to reach paydirt on a lob pass from QB **Kisan Flakes** to WR **Nick Kyles** that converted nine yards 41 seconds before the half. NCCU PK **Brandon Gilbert**'s 31-yard third-quarter field goal cut that lead to 7-3. Porter's 60-yard TD run came with 5:43 left after the Rams picked off their third **Stadford Brown** aerial. Porter's TD run followed PK **Tory Tortenson**'s 28 yard field goal early in the period that had given ASU a 10-3 lead. Brown (15-29-3, 139) struggled through most of the day but led the Eagles to their only touchdown with just over two minutes left hitting **Wayne Blackwell** with a 26-yard TD strike capping a 5-play, 50-yard drive. The Eagles got the ball back in the final minute and penetrated to the ASU 20 before time ran out. The win avenges ASU's 20-0 loss that opened the season last year at NCCU.

— Fort Valley State 13, Clark Atlanta 10

Placekicker **Jake Grubbs** capped a 12-play, 59-yard drive by booting a 43-yard fourth-quarter field goal with 6:34 to play that proved to be the difference in **Fort Valley State**'s (1-0, 1-0 SIAC) victory over **Clark Atlanta** (0-1, 0-1 SIAC). Grubbs had hit on a 42-yarder in the second period to stake the Wildcats to a 10-3 lead. The Wildcats' only touchdown of the game came on QB **Garrett Williams** (10-20-1, 111 yards) 29-yard TD toss to **Nate Randall** late in the first quarter. CAU opened the scoring with a **Henry Boynton** 33-yard field goal with 5:23 left in the first period. CAU tied the score at 10 and netted its only TD on RB **Winston Thompson**'s 3-yard run with 8:49 left in the third quarter. Thompson rushed for 171 yards on 29 carries.

— Johnson C. Smith 24, Edward Waters 0

J. C. Smith (1-0, 0-0 CIAA W) and **Edward Waters** (0-1) played to a near statistical standoff but the Golden Bulls scored 21 points off turnovers while keeping the Tigers out of the end zone to get the shutout win. After a scoreless first quarter, JCSU got on the board following EWC RB **Vishaun Grissett**'s fumble that they recovered at the EWC 45. JCSU QB **Carl Richardson** hit WR **Jeremy Franklin** four plays later with a 33-yard TD strike. On their next possession, JCSU put together a nine-play drive resulting in **Herbert Collins**' 24-yard field goal that went thru at the buzzer to give the Golden Bulls a 10-0 halftime lead. After a scoreless third quarter, JCSU added fourth quarter scores on a 10-yard blocked punt return by **Fred Hoskins** and a 95-yard interception return by **Garrison McCormick**.

— Shaw 24, Miles 7

Miles (0-1, 0-0 SIAC) scored early off a **Shaw** miscue but was held to just 66 more yards of total offense as the Bears (1-0, 0-0 CIAA W) came back to get an opening day win on the road. A mishandled punt on Shaw's first possession set Miles up deep in Shaw territory and Miles QB **George Ellis** needed just one play to hit **Derrell LeBeaux** for a 15-yard TD to stake the Golden Bears to a 7-0 lead. It would be Miles' only score of the day. The Golden Bears were held to 7 rushing yards on 32 attempts. Shaw's only first half score came on **Ryne Powell**'s 27-yard field goal early in the second quarter. Shaw came back to score in the third quarter on an **Aaron Ellison** six-yard run and on **DeAndre Okonji**'s 32-yard scoring reception from QB **Matthew Stevenson**. Ellison added a one-yard fourth-quarter TD run which followed **Robert Brown**'s 62-yard punt return to the Miles 1.

— Lane 54, Lincoln 3

Lane (1-0, 0-1 SIAC) had an easy time with Lincoln (0-1) racking up 555 yards of total offense and limiting the Tigers to 153. Lane QB **Sherard Ellis** threw for 191 yards (23-30-1) and two TDs (60, 11) and also ran for two scores (10, 34). Lane RB **Brian Keaton** amassed 128 rushing yards on just seven carries and scored on a three-yard run. Lane's all-SIAC WR **Virgil Union** had six catches for 85 yards including an 11-yard TD catch.

— Morehouse 23, Benedict 14

New **Morehouse** head coach **Rich Freeman** had a successful debut and spoiled the debut of his counterpart, **Stan Conner** in the process as the Maroon Tigers (1-0, 1-0 SIAC) rode the running of **Kelvin Moore** and the passing of **Carlos King** to victory. Moore rushed for 106 yards on 27 carries and opened the scoring with an 13-yard TD scamper. King finished 18 of 35 for 257 yards and threw TD passes of 33 and 18 yards. The latter came after Benedict had pulled to within 17-14 with 9:54 left in the final stanza on **Jonathan Cunningham**'s 20-yard TD run. After stopping Morehouse and forcing a punt, BC RB **Mike Taylor**'s fumble was recovered by Morehouse's **Derrin Nettles** on the BC 18. King threw his game-clinching TD pass three plays later.

— Stillman 30, Concordia 14

Concordia (0-1) scored first and last but **Stillman** (1-0, 0-0 SIAC) did all the scoring in-between to pull out an opening game victory. Stillman QB **Charles McCullum** completed 20 of 27 passes for 298 yards with TD throws of 20, 37 and 30 yards.

— Wingate 34, Fayetteville State 26

Fayetteville State got four field goals from PK **Eric Lamoureux** (50, 20, 36, 30) and stayed with Wingate (1-0) at every turn but could not respond to a late Wingate surge. After leading 13-10 at the break and 19-17 late in the third quarter, the Broncos (0-1, 0-0 CIAA W) gave up three straight Wingate scores, two TDs and a field goal, and trailed 34-19 in the fourth quarter before scoring a TD with 5.25 left. FSU got the ball back and drove to the Wingate 5, but was stopped on fourth down. FSU put up 375 yards of offense to 377 for Wingate.

Weekend gets season into full swing

29 games include rivalries, ten classics, four TV game, three internet broadcasts and much more

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BCSP Editor

There's a full schedule of 29 black college games on tap this weekend ready to whet the appetite of rabid football fans. The festivities begin Thursday with two games followed by a schedule of 27 games from Saturday all the way into Monday.

There'll be scintillating and telltale Classic games, games on TV and the internet, fierce backyard rivalries, debuts of new coaches as well as intriguing inter- and intra-conference battles.

There's a little something for everyone as the 2007 season gets into full swing.

Rivalries

Backyard rivalries have become staples for many programs at the beginning and end of seasons. Among the more intriguing ones to begin the season are Saturday's match-ups of **North Carolina A&T at Winston-Salem State, Virginia State at Norfolk State, Grambling State at Alcorn State and Texas Southern and Prairie View A&M**.

WSSU vs. NC A&T

The A&T/WSSU match-up (6 p.m., Winston-Salem) brings together teams rekindling their one-time fierce North Carolina I-40 rivalry. The two played last year for the first time since 1999 and that result, a 41-14 blowout win by WSSU, only added to the fire.

WSSU was in the first year of its move out of the CIAA to join A&T in NCAA Div. I-AA but the Rams put a whipping on the Aggies, cutting through the Aggie defense for 282 rushing yards and four TDs. It was the beginning of a winless 0-11 season for A&T under new head coach **Lee Fobbs**, the first winless season in Aggie history.

Fobbs has added key personnel, particularly on defense, that should make the Aggies more competitive. He'll also look for better production from QB **Herbert Miller** and an offense that averaged only 14 points per game last season. Miller is returning to his hometown of Winston-Salem for the game.

WSSU head coach **Kermit Blount** returns senior QB **Monte Purvis** and gets back his top three rushers from last year and former 1,000-yard rusher **Jed Bines**, who sat out last season because of academics.

Unless the Aggies can stop the run, look for more of what they got last season.
PREDICTION: WSSU by 17

Norfolk State vs. Virginia State

Norfolk State broke a three-game losing streak with last year's season-opening 29-14 win. The Spartans trail in the series 26-17-1. **Virginia State** opened the season Saturday with a 52-21 loss to nationally ranked Carson-Newman.

Prolific quarterback **Casey Hansen** will lead the NSU offense along with RB **Darryl Jones**. Hansen led all MEAC passers with 2,166 passing yards a year ago. Jones rushed for 359 yards last season and led the Spartans with 9 TDs.

VSU was countered by Carson-Newman for 446 rushing yards en route to its opening day loss. Three VSU quarterbacks accounted for 274 passing yards and each threw a TD pass

but it wasn't enough. The Trojans could muster only 35 rushing yards in 29 attempts. VSU quarterbacks were sacked five times.
PREDICTION: NSU by 14.

Alcorn State vs. Grambling State

This is former N.C. Central head coach **Rod Broadway**'s debut at **Grambling State** and he couldn't be stepping into a more fierce rivalry.

This perennial season-opener was played at the end of the 2006 season and saw **Johnny Thomas**'s ASU squad deliver a 21-14 loss to Grambling which proved to be the coup de grace for former Grambling coach **Melvin Spears**. GSU finished 3-8 last year after winning the 2005 SWAC title.

Alcorn State is hungry to get back to elite status in the SWAC and Broadway's young troops at GSU are the first obstacle in the way. The ASU defense features a quartet of outstanding linebackers led by all-SWAC standout **Lee Robinson**. The game also features two of the SWAC's top receivers in ASU's **Nate Hughes** and GSU's **Clyde Edwards**. GSU QB **Brandon Landers** is the top returning passer in the SWAC.
PREDICTION: Alcorn State by 7.

Texas Southern vs. Prairie View A&M

The Houston-area SWAC rivalry pits teams likely fighting for their coaches' jobs.

Both TSU's **Steve Wilson** and PV's **Henry Frazier** are in their fourth years and each has made strides towards making their teams competitive in the SWAC. In the year each is looking to make a breakthrough, they are each other's first hurdle.

Frazier returns eight starters to the offense and the defense including seven fifth-year starters. The Panthers' defense was first in total defense in the SWAC last season. Wilson returns skilled players in **Tino Edgecombe** at QB, **Brent Wilson** at RB and **Daniel Davis** at WR. Edge to TSU.
PREDICTION: TSU by 3, in a close one.

Out-of-Conference

There'll be no bigger results watched this weekend than with teams that battle tough out-of-conference foes.

MEAC favorite **South Carolina State** has the unenviable task of travelling to Div. IA Air Force in Colorado Springs, Colorado (2 p.m.) It's the first of two IA road matchups for the Bulldogs this season. They play at South Carolina on Sept. 15.

MEAC third choice **Delaware State** has a tough date off the bat hosting Coastal Carolina (7 p.m.), ranked 23rd in the preseason *Sports Network FCS Top 25*.

Jackson State, a championship contender in the SWAC, hosts Delta State (6 p.m.), a Div. II power that knocked off BCSP co-No. 1 and CIAA champ **North Carolina Central** and CIAA runner-up **Elizabeth City State** in last season's NCAA playoffs.

Four-time SIAC champ **Albany State** (1-0), fresh off a win over NC Central Saturday, travels to face nemesis Valdosta State (7 p.m.) in a game to be streamed on the internet by CSTV.

CIAA favorite **Elizabeth City State** kicks

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Virginia Union in Hickory, NC 7
Morgan State vs. Savannah State in Baltimore, MD 7

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Alabama State vs. Jacksonville State in Montgomery, AL 1
Texas College vs. Texas-Arlington in Tyler, TX 1
St. Augustine's vs. Mars Hill in Raleigh, NC 1:30
Wingate vs. Saint Paul's in Wingate, NC 1:30
Bethune-Cookman vs. Jacksonville in Daytona Beach, FL 4
Alcorn State vs. Grambling State in Alcorn State, MS 6
Jackson State vs. Delta State in Jackson, MS 6
Panhandle State vs. Langston in Goodwell, OK 6
Winston-Salem State vs. NC A&T in W-Salem, NC 6
Belhaven vs. Concordia in Jackson, MS 7
Delaware State vs. Coastal Carolina in Dover, DE 7
Morehouse vs. Fort Valley State in Atlanta, GA 7

CLASSIC GAMES

Palmetto Capital City Classic
Benedict vs. Livingstone in Columbia, SC 3:30
Atlanta Labor Day Football Classic
Clark Atlanta vs. West Georgia in Atlanta, GA 6

Labor Day Classic

Norfolk State vs. Virginia State in Norfolk, VA 6
John Merritt Classic
Tennessee State vs. Alabama A&M in Nashville, TN 6

TV GAMES

CSTV - Live
Miss Valley State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Itta Bena, MS 1
Mountain West Sports Network
Air Force vs. SC State in Colorado Springs, CO 2
3rd MEAC/SWAC Challenge - ESPN Classic-Live
Southern vs. Florida A&M in Birmingham, AL 2
Labor Day Classic - ESPN - Delay 10p ET
Texas Southern vs. Prairie View in Houston, TX 7

INTERNET BROADCASTS

CSTV Broadband
Elizabeth City State vs. Catawba in Elizabeth City, NC 6
CSTV Broadband
Ferris State vs. Kentucky State in Big Rapids, MI 7
CSTV Broadband
Valdosta State vs. Albany State in Valdosta, GA 7

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Labor Day Classic
NC Central vs. Fayetteville State in Durham, NC 4
Dayton Classic III
Central State vs. Cheyney in Dayton, OH 5
Labor Day Golden Classic
Miles vs. Tuskegee in Birmingham, AL 6

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Harvey Moore Classic
Edward Waters vs. Stillman in Valdosta, GA 3

off its season hosting South Atlantic Conference tender Catawba (6 p.m.). That game will also be streamed by CSTV.

ESPN Classic will televise the fourth annual *SWAC/MEAC Challenge* pitting **Southern** of the SWAC vs. **Florida A&M** of the MEAC at Birmingham's Legion Field at 2 p.m. Saturday. Southern head coach **Pete Richardson** is trying to turn around the Jaguars fortunes after back-to-back losing seasons.

First-time SWAC champion **Alabama A&M** has a tough date as it travels to Nashville to take on a good **Tennessee State** squad.

NC Central and Fayetteville State, who both lost close openers last week, play Sunday in Durham, N.C. at 4 p.m.

In conference play, **Mississippi Valley State** hosts defending West Division champ **Arkansas Pine Bluff** in a SWAC game to be carried on CSTV live at 1 p.m.

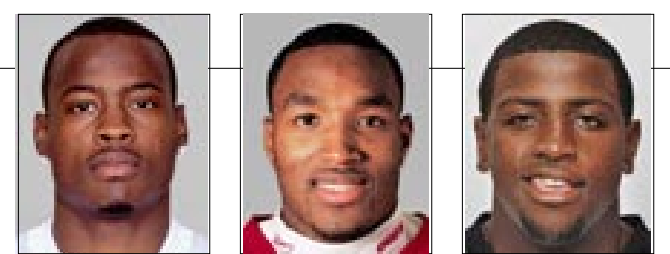
Morehouse and **Fort Valley State**, fresh off conference victories Saturday to open their seasons, tangle in Atlanta (7 p.m.) in another key SIAC game. **Miles** and **Tuskegee** meet Sunday in Birmingham in another SIAC match-up at 6 p.m.

BCSP Notes

Jackson making progress with Vikes

Minnesota Vikings second-year quarterback **Tavaris Jackson** out of **Alabama State** was the focus of a feature story in USA Today Tuesday. Jackson, a surprise second round 2007 draft pick by the Vikings, has been penciled in as the team's starter after playing in four games at the end of last season. The story focuses on the confidence Vikings' head coach Brad Childress has in his young signal caller and the progress he has made since assuming the starting position late last season.

Jackson is currently one of four former HBCU quarterbacks playing in the NFL. Baltimore's **Steve McNair** (Alcorn State) is the veteran of the



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group entering his 13th year in the league. Former **Florida A&M** QB **Quinn Gray** is a third-stringer with Jacksonville. 2 job. Fellow FAMU product **Casey Printers** is a back-up at Kansas City while former