

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



## RELEVANT BATTLE OF THE BAY

▼ NORFOLK STATE OUT TO PROVE IT BELONGS IN MEAC ELITE; SIAC FIRST OUT WITH HOOPS PICKS

Norfolk State Sports Photo  
**HANSEN:** Norfolk State QB hopes to thrust Spartans into the MEAC title equation for the first time with a win vs. Hampton.

## 2007 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

| CIAA   |   |      |   |     | MEAC                            |   |     |   |  |
|--|---|------|---|-----|---------------------------------|---|-----|---|--|
| CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION |   |      |   |     | MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE |   |     |   |  |
| DIV  |   | CONF |   | ALL | CONF                            |   | ALL |   |  |
| W  | L | W    | L | W L | W                               | L | W   | L |  |
| E. DIVISION                                  |   |      |   |     |                                 |   |     |   |  |
| Virginia Union                               | 1 | 0    | 3 | 0   | 6                               | 0 |     |   |  |
| Bowie State                                  | 1 | 0    | 3 | 0   | 3                               | 3 |     |   |  |
| Eliz. City State                             | 1 | 0    | 2 | 1   | 2                               | 4 |     |   |  |
| Virginia State                               | 0 | 1    | 1 | 2   | 2                               | 4 |     |   |  |
| St. Paul's                                   | 0 | 2    | 0 | 3   | 1                               | 5 |     |   |  |
| W. DIVISION                                  |   |      |   |     |                                 |   |     |   |  |
| Shaw   | 1 | 0    | 3 | 0   | 4                               | 2 |     |   |  |
| Fayetteville St.                             | 1 | 0    | 1 | 2   | 1                               | 5 |     |   |  |
| J. C. Smith                                  | 1 | 1    | 1 | 2   | 2                               | 4 |     |   |  |
| St. Augustine's                              | 0 | 1    | 1 | 2   | 1                               | 5 |     |   |  |
| Livingstone                                  | 0 | 1    | 0 | 3   | 0                               | 6 |     |   |  |

**CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
 OFFENSIVE LINEMAN CHANCEY PERRY, So., OL, VUU  
 RECEIVER BRANDON BENJAMIN, Sr., WR, JCSU - 9 rec., 130 yds., 1 TD vs. VUU.  
 OFFENSIVE BACK ISAAC REDMOND, Jr., RB, BSU - 26 carries, 218 yds., 3 TDs (4, 55, 10).  
 DEF. LINE GREG MOORE, Sr., DE, ECSU - 6 tackles, 2 solo, 1 forced fumble, 1 sack.  
 DEFENSIVE BACK JUSTIN HAMILTON, So., DB, ECSU - 5 tackles, 3 solo, 1 int., 1 QB hurry.  
 ROOKIE KEVIN WILLIAMS, Fr., QB, SAC - 13-30-3, 194 yards, 3 TDs (67, 10, 24) vs. VUU.  
 SPECIALTY DANIEL MENDEZ, So., PKP, ECSU - 4 punts, 41.4 avg., 63 yards, 3-3 PATs.  
 COACH ARRINGTON JONES, VUU

| MEAC                            |   |     |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|-----|---|--|
| MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE |   |     |   |  |
| CONF                            |   | ALL |   |  |
| W                               | L | W   | L |  |
| Delaware State                  |   |     |   |  |
| Norfolk State                   |   |     |   |  |
| Hampton                         |   |     |   |  |
| Morgan State                    |   |     |   |  |
| SC State                        |   |     |   |  |
| Florida A&M                     |   |     |   |  |
| Howard                          |   |     |   |  |
| NC A&T State                    |   |     |   |  |
| Bethune-Cookman                 |   |     |   |  |
| # W-Salem State                 |   |     |   |  |
| # Not eligible for title        |   |     |   |  |

**MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
 OFFENSE CHAD SIMPSON, Sr., RB, MSU - Rushed 33 times for 181 yards and 2 TDs (2, 46) in win vs. NC A&T.  
 DEFENSE SAM POPE, Jr., DB, HAMPTON - 4 tackles, 3 solo, 1 int., 1 returned for TD, 1 forced fumble.  
 MICHAEL McILLIAN, Jr., LB, FAMU - Career-high 12 solos, 5 for -17 yds., 2 sacks vs. WSSU.  
 ROOKIE SHELTON MORGAN, Fr., QB, NCA&T - 5-11-1, 151 yards including school-record 96-yard TD.  
 SPECIAL TEAMS JAMES MEADE, Jr., PK, MSU - Scored 10 points, 3-of-5 FGs (33, 27, 36) and 1 PAT.  
 LINEMAN JAMES KEY, Jr., OL, MSU - 98%

| SIAC   |   |     |   |  |
|--|---|-----|---|--|
| SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE |   |     |   |  |
| CONF   |   | ALL |   |  |
| W  | L | W   | L |  |
| Tuskegee                                     |   |     |   |  |
| Albany State                                 |   |     |   |  |
| Fort Valley State                            |   |     |   |  |
| Morehouse                                    |   |     |   |  |
| Lane   |   |     |   |  |
| Stillman                                     |   |     |   |  |
| Clark Atlanta                                |   |     |   |  |
| Kentucky State                               |   |     |   |  |
| Benedict                                     |   |     |   |  |
| Miles  |   |     |   |  |

**SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
 OFFENSE PIERRE BROWN, Fr., RB, FVSV - 37 carries for 195 yards in OT win vs. Stillman.  
 DEFENSE CURTIS JOHNSON, Sr., DE, CAU - 8 tackles, 2 br-ups, 1 recovery for TD, rushed for 2-pt. conversion.  
 BRANDON PARNELL, Sr., LB, MC - 15 tackles, 8 solo, 3 TFL.  
 NEWCOMER LIRONNE DAVIS, So., RB, ASU - 16 car., 103 yds., 2 TDs, 2 rec., 41 yds.  
 JOHN PASCLEY, Fr., FB, TU - 15 car., 91 yds., 3 TDs (1, 41, 2).  
 SPECIAL TEAMS  
 BRANDON LARKIN, Sr., PK, CAU - 5 punts, 45.6 avg., one 73-yarder.  
 JAMARE GORDON, So., WR, KR, KSU - 3 KO ret., 138 yds., 91 yarder for TD.  
 OFFENSIVE LINEMAN  
 ERIC MARTINEAR, So., OL, LC - 94% Grade

| SWAC                             |   |     |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---|-----|---|--|
| SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE |   |     |   |  |
| DIV                              |   | ALL |   |  |
| W                                | L | W   | L |  |
| E. DIVISION                      |   |     |   |  |
| Jackson State                    |   |     |   |  |
| Alabama A&M                      |   |     |   |  |
| Alabama State                    |   |     |   |  |
| Miss. Valley St.                 |   |     |   |  |
| Alcorn State                     |   |     |   |  |
| W. DIVISION                      |   |     |   |  |
| Grambling State                  |   |     |   |  |
| Southern                         |   |     |   |  |
| Prairie View A&M                 |   |     |   |  |
| Ark. Pine Bluff                  |   |     |   |  |
| Texas Southern                   |   |     |   |  |

**SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
 OFFENSE  
 ERIK HAW, Jr., RB, JSU - 17 carries, 159 yards, 3 TDs (66, 1, 6).  
 DEFENSE  
 JEFFREY JACK, Jr., DB, GSU - 9 tackles, 6 solo, 2 sacks.  
 NEWCOMER  
 FRANK WARREN, Fr., RB, GSU - 20 carries, 104 yds., 5.2 yards per carry.  
 SPECIAL TEAMS  
 ERIC PERRI, So., PK, JSU - Three FGs (31, 32, 28), 3-of-3 on PATs vs. Alabama State.

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

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
 OFFENSE  
 JED BINES, Sr., RB, WSSU - Carried 28 times for 126 yards and three TDs (1, 9, 2) in win at Circle City Classic over Florida A&M.  
 DEFENSE  
 NADENS MADEUS, Jr., DB, EWC - Had two interceptions, the last one returned 60 yards for game-winning TD with 39 seconds left vs. Faulkner. Also had 6 tackles, 4 solo and was 4-of-4 on PATs.  
 SPECIAL TEAMS  
 JOHNNATHAN JOHNSON, Fr., WR/KR, EWC - Returned five punts for 136 yards including a 52-yarder for a TD. Had three KO returns for 52 yards, 3 rec., 64 yards.

## SCORES

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
 Lane 35, Kentucky State 24  
 Delaware St. 24, Beth.-Cookman 10

**SAURDAY, OCTOBER 6**  
**CIAA**  
 Bowie State 44, Livingstone 6  
 Eliz. City St. 21, Fayetteville St. 10  
 St. Augustine's 23, Virginia St. 14  
 Shaw 26, St. Paul's 9  
 Virginia Union 30, JC Smith 17  
**MEAC**  
 Hampton 48, Princeton 27  
 Howard 41, Cheyney 14  
 Morgan State 22, NC A&T 17  
 Norfolk St. 20, SC State 13, 2 OTs  
 W-Salem St. 27, Florida A&M 23

**SIAC**  
 Albany State 20, Miles 6  
 Clark Atlanta 21, Concordia 14  
 Fort Valley St. 20, Stillman 19, OT  
 Tuskegee 33, Morehouse 10  
**SWAC**  
 Alabama A&M 33, Southern 28  
 Grambling St. 40, Miss. Valley St. 0  
 Jackson St. 32, Alabama St. 20  
 Prairie View A&M 17, Alcorn St. 7  
**INDEPENDENTS**  
 Central State 26, Lincoln 19  
 Chas. Southern 28, Savannah St. 0  
 Edward Waters 28, Faulkner 21  
 Langston 12, Texas College 3  
 W. Va. State 25, Concord 22

# Races tight at halfway point

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 BCSP Editor

Here's an assessment of where individuals, teams and leagues stand as the 2007 football season has, for all practical purposes, reached the halfway point and enters pivotal games this weekend.

**AND THEN THERE WERE TWO**  
 With losses by Southern and Alabama State over the last two weeks, the only undefeated teams in black college football are of the NCAA Div. II variety - Virginia Union of the CIAA at 6-0 with just four games remaining and Tuskegee of the SIAC at 5-0 with six games left.

VUU, outscoring opponents by a 33-12 average this season, hosts offensively challenged Elizabeth City State (2-4, 1-0 CIAA E) this Saturday (1 p.m.). An offensive juggernaut last year and a preseason favorite for conference honors, ECSU has scored only nine touchdowns in six games and is averaging just 12.4 points per game this season. Still, they're in a position to spoil the Panthers' (6-0, 1-0 E) party with an upset win.

Tuskegee (5-0, 4-0) is even more dominant. The Golden Tigers are averaging 38 points per game and are giving up just 7.2 points per contest. Opponents have reached double figures just once, the ten points the TU defense allowed in last week's 33-10 thumping of Morehouse. TU entertains Stillman (5-2, 1-2) Saturday (1 p.m.). The Tigers' only losses have been to Albany State (24-17) and to Fort Valley State last week in overtime (20-19).

The initial rankings for the four NCAA Div. II football regions were released on Monday, Oct. 8. Both the CIAA and SIAC play in the Southeast Region.

VUU is ranked sixth in the region. No other CIAA school is currently ranked. Tuskegee is ineligible for the playoffs and is therefore not ranked. Among SIAC schools, Albany State (5-1) is ranked seventh and Fort Valley State (5-2) is 11th.

### NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

With their first-ever 3-0 start in the MEAC, a tie for first place in the conference with tough wins over Bethune-Cookman (38-31) and conference favorite South Carolina State (20-13 in overtime Saturday), all eyes will be on Norfolk State this Saturday to see if the Spartans can conquer their nearest and most bitter rival, Tidewater Virginia neighbor and three-time defending MEAC champion Hampton (4-1, 3-1) in their annual Battle of the Bay Classic (2 p.m.).

The Pirates have thumped NSU five straight times by an average score of 47-10 since the Spartans' last win (28-20) in the series in 2001. Since Pete Adrian became NSU's head coach in 2005, the scores have been 55-14 and 42-13 for Hampton.

But this year is different. Adrian says he's matched Hampton in mining the talent-rich



REDMAN



SIMPSON

Tidewater high school ranks and this is a different Norfolk State team. Results bear him out. Hampton (35.8 ppg.) and NSU (28.2 ppg.) are 1-2 in scoring in the conference.

The biggest obstacle for Virginia Union in the CIAA could be resurgent Bowie State (3-3, 1-0 E). After averaging just over ten points per game in a 2-2 start, BSU (4-2) has exploded for 41 and 44 points over the last two weeks in blowout wins. That scoring explosion can be attributed to the return of former CIAA rushing leader Isaac Redman, who has totalled 417 rushing yards and seven rushing touchdowns over those two games. As it stands now, both VUU and BSU have identical 1-0 division marks and 3-0 conference records.

Bowie State needs a win this week at Virginia State (2-4, 0-1 E), to set up a showdown next week (Oct. 20) in Richmond with VUU in the Gold Bowl Classic.

### FIRST TO 1,000

Morgan State running back Chad Simpson, with 979 yards thru six games, is averaging 163.1 rushing yards per game and 5.1 yards per carry. He's the leading ball carrier in the MEAC and in black college football and is fifth nationally in NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) stats.

The Bears' workhouse is averaging over 31 carries per game. Look for Simpson to be the first black college runner to top the 1,000 yard mark this Saturday when MSU hosts Howard for homecoming (1 p.m.).

If he keeps up this pace, the Miami, Fla., native and University of South Florida transfer will break Delaware State RB Gene Lake's MEAC single season record of 1,722 rushing yards set way back in 1984.

### HEADED FOR SHOWDOWNS

Among the most dominant teams in their respective conferences have been Albany State and Tuskegee in the SIAC and Grambling State and Southern in the SWAC West.

Either ASU or Tuskegee has claimed nine of the last ten SIAC titles, with the two sharing last year's crown and ASU winning the previous three. Barring a major upset, the winner of this year's Oct. 20 match-up in Albany will take this year's championship. This week Albany State (5-1, 4-0) will have to be careful and not get caught looking ahead as plays at Clark Atlanta (2-4, 1-2).

Southern (3) or Grambling State (4) has represented the SWAC West Division in seven of the eight league championship games and their traditional season-ending Bayou Classic at the New Orleans Super Dome looks like it will again determine which team represents the division this year.

Southern (5-1, 3-1) suffered its first loss of the season 33-28 Saturday at home to defending SWAC champ Alabama A&M, a team Grambling (4-1, 4-0) dominated 31-6 two weeks earlier. New coach Rod Broadway flexed the G-Men's muscles with a equally dominating

## GAMES THIS WEEK

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
 Tennessee Tech vs. Tennessee State in Cookeville, TN 7

**SAURDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
 Alabama State vs. Prairie View A&M in Montgomery, AL 1  
 Cheyney vs. E. Stroudsburg in Cheyney, PA 1  
 Tuskegee vs. Stillman in Tuskegee, AL 1  
 Virginia Union vs. Elizabeth City State in Richmond, VA 1  
 NC A&T vs. Delaware State in Greensboro, NC 1:30  
 St. Augustine's vs. Fayetteville State in Raleigh, NC 1:30  
 Virginia State vs. Bowie State in Ettrick, VA 1:30  
 Langston vs. NW Oklahoma State in Langston, OK 2  
 Miss Valley State vs. N. Dakota State in Itta Bena, MS 2  
 Clark Atlanta vs. Albany State in Atlanta, GA 6  
 J. C. Smith vs. Saint Paul's in Charlotte, NC 6  
 Savannah State vs. Morehouse in Atlanta, GA 7  
 Texas College vs. SW Assemblies in Tyler, TX 7:30

**HOMEcomings**  
 Miles vs. Lane in Fairfield, AL 12n  
 Morgan State vs. Howard in Baltimore, MD 1  
 NC Central vs. North Greenville in Durham, NC 1  
 Central State vs. Joliet in Wilberforce, OH 1:30  
 Fort Valley State vs. Edward Waters in Fort Valley, GA 1:30  
 W. Virginia State vs. Seton Hill in Institute, WV 1:30  
 Lincoln (MO) vs. Ky. Wesleyan in Jefferson City, MO 2  
 Texas Southern vs. Alcorn State in Houston, TX 2  
 Shaw vs. Livingstone in Durham, NC 4  
 Concordia vs. Webber Int'l in Selma, AL 5

**CLASSICS**  
 Battle of the Bay  
 Norfolk State vs. Hampton in Norfolk, Va. 2  
 Delta Classic 4 Literacy  
 Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Grambling State in Little Rock, AR 4  
**TV GAMES**  
 ESPN Delayed Time TBA  
 SC State vs. Florida A&M in Orangeburg, SC 2  
 Cox Sports Television  
 Southern vs. Jackson State in Baton Rouge, LA 6

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
 ESPN - Live  
 Kentucky State vs. Benedict in Frankfort, KY 2:30

40-0 win over Mississippi Valley State Saturday. Both Grambling and Southern have plenty of obstacles however before their storied Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 24) meeting.

GSU takes on the only other team to win a West Division title, defending champ Arkansas-Pine Bluff (3-2, 2-2) Saturday (4 p.m.) in Little Rock, Ar., in the Delta Classic for Literacy. UAPB is coming off a week of rest after playing perhaps its best game of the season, a 20-17 loss to BCS member New Mexico State.

Southern has an equally tough task hosting Jackson State (3-2, 3-0 E) who is on a three-game win streak and currently sits atop the East Division standings. JSU defeated Alabama State 32-20 last week to take over the East Division lead.

### DANGER, WILL ROBINSON, DANGER

Delaware State is riding high at 4-1 overall, sitting atop the MEAC standings at 3-0 with a big win over three-time champion Hampton already in its nest, a shiny, new ranking (17th) in the latest Sports Network FCS national Top 25 and the top spot in every black college poll.

So why would a date this week (1:30 p.m.) at winless North Carolina A&T (0-6, 0-3), riding the longest losing streak in the nation (22 games), be something to worry about? Well, the Hornets are playing on the road against a team that's gaining confidence and has been on the verge of ending that streak for six weeks now. The Aggies crept still closer with a 22-17 loss to a good Morgan State in a game that wasn't decided until the Bears scored twice in the final quarter Saturday.

And nothing could shut up the Aggie faithful calling for second-year coach Lee Fobbs' scalp like a win over a team riding so high. Every coach relishes the chance to spin the David vs. Goliath scenario. That spells danger for the Hornets.

## HOW THEY DID IT

- BCSP No. 1 Delaware State 24, Bethune-Cookman 10  
**Delaware State WR Shafer McBride** caught two second half TD passes (37, 24) from QB Vashon Winton as the Hornets (4-1, 3-0 MEAC) pulled away from a 7-7 halftime tie and 10-7 deficit entering the fourth quarter scoring 17 unanswered points to pull out the win.  
 - No. 2 Grambling State 40, Miss. Valley State 0  
 BCSP No. 2 Grambling State (4-1, 4-0 SWAC W) picked off two passes, recovered two fumbles and had four sacks in shutting out Miss. Valley State (1-4, 1-4 E).  
 - Norfolk State 20, No. 3 South Carolina State 13, OT  
 RB Darryl Jones threw a left-handed pass 25 yards to WR Jamar Johnson on the first play of the second overtime to give Norfolk State (4-1, 3-0) a huge upset win over MEAC favorite SC State (2-3, 1-1) and remain in a tie for first place in the conference.  
 - No. 5 Tuskegee 33, Morehouse 10  
**Tuskegee** (5-0, 4-0) rushed for 244 yards and four rushing touchdowns (1, 41, 1, 2) in subduing Morehouse (4-2, 2-2).



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