

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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▼ S. C. STATE/DEL STATE TOPS SCHEDULE; SWAC UNVEILS ITS 2007-08 HOOPS PICKS

TRIGGER MAN: After big performance in win over Hampton, QB Cleve McCoy leads SC State vs. DelState Saturday in Orangeburg.

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

E. DIVISION	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Eliz. City State	4	1	4	4	4	4
Virginia Union	4	1	7	1	7	1
Virginia State	3	2	4	4	4	4
Bowie State	3	2	3	5	5	5
St. Paul's	2	3	3	5	5	5

E. DIVISION	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Delaware State	5	0	6	1	1	1
Norfolk State	5	0	6	1	1	1
SC State	3	1	4	3	4	3
Morgan State	3	2	4	4	4	4
Hampton	3	3	4	3	4	3

E. DIVISION	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Tuskegee	6	0	7	0	7	0
Albany State	4	1	6	2	2	2
Fort Valley State	4	1	7	2	2	2
Lane	3	1	6	1	1	1
Morehouse	3	2	6	2	2	2

E. DIVISION	DIV			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Jackson State	4	1	4	3	3	3
Alabama A&M	4	1	6	1	1	1
Alabama State	3	3	4	3	3	3
Miss. Valley St.	2	4	2	5	5	5
Alcorn State	1	5	1	6	6	6

E. DIVISION	DIV			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
N. C. Central	6	2	2	2	2	2
W. Va. State	5	2	2	2	2	2
Tennessee State	3	4	3	3	3	3
Langston	3	4	3	3	3	3
Edward Waters	3	5	3	3	3	3

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN MICHAEL BURROUGHS, So., RG, JCSU - RECEIVER JEREMY FRANKLIN, Fr., WR, JCSU - 9 rec., 165 yards vs. VSU.
OFFENSIVE BACK LAMAR LITTLE, Jr., QB, VUU - 12 of 22 for 216 yards, 4 TDs, 48 yards rushing.
DEFENSIVE LINE BRANDON SMITH, So., LB, VUU - 10 tackles, 2.5 for loss, 1 forced fumble, 1 sack, QB hurry and pass break-up.
DEFENSIVE BACK KENDRELL HARLEY, Sr., DB, ECSU - 2 solos, 1 forced fumble, 2 ints., 1 for TD.
ROOKIE JULIAN POINDEXTER, Fr., QB, VSU - 10 for 10, 90 yds., 2 TDs, ran for a TD.
SPECIALTY RICHARD BOONE, So., KR, SAC - 2 ret., 124 yds., including 62-yarder

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE DARRYL JONES, Sr., RB, NSU - Career-highs of 38 carries and 256 yards, 1 TD as Spartans clinched first winning season since 1996.
DEFENSE AKEEM GREEN, Sr., CB, DSU - Ret. fumble 100 yards for go-ahead score vs. MSU.
ROOKIE PHILLIP SYLVESTER, Fr., RB, FAMU - 98 yards on 18 carries vs. NSU.
SPECIAL TEAMS PETER GAERTNER, Sr., PK, DSU - Four field goals (42, 45, 34 and 43) vs. MSU.
LINEMAN DAMIEN BANKS, Jr., G, NSU - 98%

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE JACARY ATKINSON, Jr., QB, TU - 15 car., 98 yds., 8 for 18 for 262 yards vs. Albany State.
SHERARD ELLIS, Jr., QB, LANE - 18 of 36 for 268 yards and 2 TDs, 14 car., 106 yds., 2 TDs.
DEFENSE JONATHAN HARRIS, Sr., SS, TU - 12 tackles, 8 solos, 1 tackle for loss, 1 blocked kick.
NEWCOMER COURTNEY LOVE, Fr., DB, FVSU - 9 tackles, 8 solos, 2 for losses and an interception.
SPECIAL TEAMS MICAH STREIFF, Jr., PK, MHC - 7 punts, 44.6 avg., 1 inside 20 - 36-yard FT and PAT.
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN ANTHONY DRIVER, Sr., OT, TU - 97% Grade.
NARTAVIOUS MITCHELL, Sr., OT, SU - 100%

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE PAUL ROBERTS, Sr., QB, MVSU - 14-21-1, 219 yards, 3 TDs, 18 carries, 88 yards.
DEFENSE VINCENT LANDS, Sr., DE, SU - 11 tackles, 8 solos, a sack, 4.5 tackles for loss, 1 fumble recovery, a deflection, 2 hurries.
NEWCOMER RONALD BREWER, Fr., RB, MVSU - 25 carries, 141 yards, and a 12-yard reception.
SPECIAL TEAMS TIM MANUEL, Sr., PK, GSU - Avgd. 31 yards on 2 punts, made 3 FGs (22, 25, 32).

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE TONY STEWART, RB, EWC - 18 carries for 183 yards and 3 TDs (6- & 54-yard runs, 38-yard pass reception) in win over UNC-Pembroke.
DEFENSE R. OWENS, LB, EWC - Four tackles, 2 solos, 2 sacks for -19 yards vs. UNCP.
SPECIAL TEAMS TAYLOR GRAY, Fr., PK, NCCU - Scored 11 points in Eagles' win over Savannah State converting field goals of 20, 28 and 27 yards and two PATs.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

CIAA CROSS COUNTRY TITLES:

The 2007 CIAA Cross Country Championships represented the old and the new on Thursday, Oct. 18, at SAS Soccer Park in Cary, N.C. Conference powerhouse **Saint Augustine's** won another CIAA title, this time in the women's race. Meanwhile, **Virginia State** won its first ever CIAA men's championship, snapping Saint Aug's two-year reign. Saint Augustine's runners swept both individual crowns. **Erica Young** won the women's 5K race in 20.08.9, and **Ken Samoei** won the men's 8K race in 25.05.7. The Lady Falcons, who placed five runners in the top 10, scored 26 points to win their 15th CIAA women's championship and first since 2004. Virginia State placed second with 60 points followed by **Shaw** with 72 points and **Bowie State** with 91 points. VSU placed five runners in the top 11 to win the men's crown with 40 points. Shaw finished second with 71 points, one point ahead of Saint Aug's, which finished third with 72 points. In the women's race, Young defeated teammate **Sharona Brown**, who was second in 20.26.0. **Denise Lewis** of **Fayetteville State** was third in 20.54.7, **Brittney Griffin** of Saint Augustine's was fourth in 20.58.3 and **Shamika Patton** of Bowie State was fifth in 21.41. In the men's individual race, Samoei beat **Geoffrey Langat** of **Virginia Union** (25.48.1). **George Smith** of Saint Augustine's was third in 26.10.3, **Daryl Sander** of Bowie State was fourth in 26.58.4 and **Sederick Green** of Virginia State was fifth in 27.06.5.

Contenders head down the stretch

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After season-long jockeying, contenders have been separated from pretenders and the 2007 football season enters its stretch drive with teams now in position to clinch division or conference titles and earn playoff berths.

For the black college teams that compete in NCAA Div. II football, this weekend begins the final three weeks of the regular season. The CIAA title game is Nov. 10 in Charlotte with the playoffs set to begin a week later (Nov. 17).

For Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) programs, the fields have been narrowed for the Dec. 15 SWAC Championship Game in Birmingham and the FCS playoffs involving MEAC teams that begin on Nov. 24.

Let's start with the situations involving the FCS schools.

MEAC

Delaware State (6-1, 5-0) and surprising **Norfolk State** (6-1, 5-0) continue to set the pace in the MEAC headed into the final four weeks of their regular season. An automatic FCS playoff berth awaits the MEAC regular season champion as well as a possible at-large berth.

DSU, up to 12th in the latest FCS national poll, plays in the game of the week Saturday (1:30 p.m.) when it travels to Orangeburg, S.C. to take on **South Carolina State** (4-3, 3-1) for the preseason favorite



SCSU Sports Photo
POUGH: His 'Dawgs making a late run.

Bulldogs' homecoming. The Bulldogs trail the leaders by just one game in the loss column.

SCSU is coming off a big road win (28-24) over three-time MEAC champion **Hampton** Saturday which all but eliminated the Pirates (4-3, 3-3) from the title picture. A year ago, **Buddy Pough's** SC State troops won their homecoming game vs. Hampton only to get knocked off a week later (10-9) at DSU.

With SCSU playing in front of its homecoming crowd, and playing well since its lone conference loss to Norfolk State (20-13, 2 OTs) three weeks ago, the edge goes to the Bulldogs. PREDICTION: SCSU by 10

Norfolk State, 23rd in the latest FCS poll, gets to display its new found talents on national TV when it entertains **Howard** (3-4, 1-3) Saturday in Norfolk, Va. (1 p.m.) in a game to be carried live on ESPNU. The Spartans' remarkable turnaround is the story of the black college season so far. Expect the Spartans to keep their great season going.

By the way, if the teams keep winning, the NSU/DelState meeting on Nov. 10 in Dover, could decide the MEAC title.

SWAC

Grambling State (6-1, 6-0) has a two game lead over **Southern** (6-2, 4-2) in the West Division while **Alabama A&M** (6-1, 4-1) and **Jackson State** (4-3, 4-1) have two-game leads over their competitors in the East.

Grambling plays its homecoming this week vs. winless **Texas Southern** (0-7, 0-6). A&M is in Birmingham for the *66th Magic City Classic* (2:30 p.m.) vs. **Alabama State** (4-3, 3-3) while JSU tries to rebound from its loss to Grambling taking on **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** for homecoming in Jackson, Ms. (3 p.m.). A&M and JSU play on Nov. 3 in Normal, AL.

SIAC

The only undefeated team in black college football, 7-0 **Tuskegee**, is the first team to clinch at least a tie for a 2007 conference title.

The Golden Tigers' 40-28 win over **Albany State** Saturday moves them to 6-0 in the SIAC with only one conference game left, a Nov. 3 home game vs. **Clark Atlanta**. Their date Saturday vs. **Kentucky State** (1 p.m.) does not count on its conference ledger (it does count for KSU). Tuskegee already has wins over its nearest pursuers, **Fort Valley State** (34-3) and **Albany State**.

The wild card in this scenario is **Lane** (3-1, 6-1), who like FVSU and Albany State, has just one loss (to **Morehouse** 14-7) in conference play but does not face Tuskegee this year. The Dragons have three conference

games left, beginning with this week's tussle at FVSU (5 p.m.). If the Dragons win out and Tuskegee loses next week to Clark Atlanta, the two would tie for the SIAC title. That's the worst that could happen for Tuskegee.

Tuskegee is ineligible for the NCAA Div. II playoffs but Albany State, Fort Valley State, Morehouse and Lane are still in the mix. As of this week's Southeast Region poll, FVSU is 7th, Morehouse is 8th, Albany State is 10th and Lane is 12th. Those ranking will likely change with the teams facing each other over the next two weeks. The playoffs begin on Nov. 17.

Albany State hosts Morehouse Saturday for homecoming (3 p.m.) and closes out the season next week vs. Fort Valley State in Columbus, Ga. Lane plays this Saturday vs. Fort Valley before closing out at **Benedict** (11/3) and at Clark Atlanta (11/10). After facing Albany State this week, Morehouse closes the season Nov. 3 vs. **Miles**.

CIAA

CIAA favorite **Elizabeth City State** (4-4, 2-0 E) stumbled mightily coming out of the blocks, stunningly losing its first four games. But head coach **Waverly Tiller** righted the ship and has the Vikings riding a four-game win streak headed into Saturday's big East Division match-up on the road (1:30 p.m.) vs. **St. Paul's** in Lawrenceville, Va.

ECSU, who has a head-to-head victory over **Virginia Union** (7-1, 4-1), is currently tied with VUU atop the CIAA East but is not ranked in the NCAA Div. II Southeast Region poll. VUU is sixth. VUU tangles with **Virginia State** (4-4, 3-2) at the Trojans homecoming Saturday (1:05 p.m.).

In the CIAA West, **Fayetteville State** (3-5, 3-2) handed **Shaw** (5-3, 4-1) its first conference or division defeat Saturday (24-16) but trails the Bears going into this weekend's games. Neither Shaw nor FSU is ranked in the region. FSU plays at **Johnson C. Smith's** homecoming (1 p.m.) Saturday while Shaw travels to **Bowie State's** homecoming (2 p.m.).

BCSP TOP TEN

- DELAWARE STATE** (6-1) - Survived vs. Morgan State, 25-17. **NEXT:** Tries to hang on to share of MEAC lead at SC State's homecoming.
- GRAMBLING STATE** (6-1) - Beat Jackson State, 30-20. **NEXT:** Hosting Texas Southern for homecoming on CSTV.
- TUSKEGEE** (7-0) - Took over sole possession of first place in the SIAC downing Albany State, 40-28. **NEXT:** At Kentucky State.
- NORFOLK STATE** (6-1) - Big road win vs. Florida A&M, 33-27. **NEXT:** Hosting Howard for homecoming on ESPNU.
- ALABAMA A&M** (6-1) - Put away Ark.-Pine Bluff, 31-14. **NEXT:** Magic City Classic in Birmingham vs. Alabama State.
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (4-3) - Back in MEAC race with 28-24 win over Hampton. **NEXT:** Showdown with Delaware State in Orangeburg for homecoming.
- HAMPTON** (4-3) - Lost third conference game, 28-24 to SC State. **NEXT:** At Winston-Salem State.
- JACKSON STATE** (4-3) - Beaten 30-20 by No. 2 Grambling State. **NEXT:** Hosting Ark.-Pine Bluff for homecoming.
- SOUTHERN** (6-2) - Beat Alcorn State, 14-10. **NEXT:** Idle.
- ALBANY STATE** (6-2) - Fell to Tuskegee, 40-28. **NEXT:** Hosting Morehouse for homecoming.

SCORES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18
Alabama A&M 31, Ark.-Pine Bluff 14
Norfolk State 33, Florida A&M 27

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
CIAA
Elizabeth City State 55, Livingstone 8
Fayetteville St. 24, Shaw 16
St. Paul's 14, St. Augustine's 9
Virginia State 35, JC Smith 17
Virginia Union 27, Bowie State 14

MEAC
Delaware State 25, Morgan State 17
Howard 33, NC A&T 27
SC State 28, Hampton 24
Winston-Salem St. 14, B-Cookman 9
SIAC
Fort Valley State 21, Benedict 18

Kentucky State 48, Miles 42
Lane 51, Stillman 32
Morehouse 22, Clark Atlanta 13
Tuskegee 40, Albany State 28

SWAC
Grambling State 30, Jackson St. 20
Miss. Valley St. 37, Tex. Southern 35
Southern 14, Alcorn St. 10

INDEPENDENTS
E. Kentucky 49, Tennessee State 7
Edw. Waters 31, UNC-Pembroke 28
Kutztown 40, Cheyney 21
Mo.-Rolla 44, Central State 28
NC Central 30, Savannah State 14
S. Nazarene 32, Texas College 6
Tiffin 57, Lincoln 6
W. Liberty 68, W. Va. State 7

HOW THEY DID IT

- BCSP No. 1 **Delaware State** 25, Morgan State 17
CB **Akeem Green's** 100-yard fumble return helped **Delaware State** (6-1, 5-0 MEAC) snatch victory from the jaws of defeat vs. **Morgan State** (3-2, 4-4). DSU trailed 17-16 when MSU RB **Courtney Anderson's** fumble just short of the goal line was picked up by Green and returned for a deciding score. DSU placekicker **Peter Gaertner** had four field goals (42, 45, 34, 43) and RB **Kareem Jones** rushed for 122 yards. WR **Shaheer McBride** had a TD reception but the Hornets were held to 67 yards passing.

- No. 2 **Grambling State** 30, No. 7 Jackson State 20
BCSP No. 2 **Grambling State** (6-1, 6-0 SWAC W) held **Jackson State** to 25 rushing yards, got three **Tim Manuel** field goals (22, 25, 32) and scored a defensive touchdown late in the game to down the Tigers (4-1, 4-3) in a battle of SWAC division leaders. GSU QB **Brandon Landers** (22-41-2) threw for 348 yards including a 49-yard second-quarter scoring toss to WR **Clyde Edwards**.

- No. 3 **Tuskegee** 40, No. 10 Albany State 28
Tuskegee (7-0, 6-0) held **Albany State's** league-leading rushing attack to 71 yards in 35 carries while rushing for 302 yards and five TDs of its own in downing the Golden Rams (6-2, 4-1). TU RB **Richard Fitzhugh** ran 21 times for 129 yards and two TDs (8, 9). PK **Matt Simms** added two field goals (31, 37). ASU QB **Kisan Flakes** threw for 311 yards (17-28-2) and 3 TDs (57, 63, 32) and had a 14-yard scoring run.

- No. 4 **Norfolk State** 33, Florida A&M 27
Norfolk State RB **Darryl Jones** racked up 256 rushing yards on 38 carries and scored on a nine-yard third quarter run as the Spartans (6-1, 5-0) got a hard-fought road win in Tallahassee to keep pace with DelState atop the MEAC standings. Trailing 20-17, Jones' TD run followed the first of two second half interceptions by DB **Don Carey** and put the Spartans up for good. Carey's final interception ended the Rattlers final possession.

- No. 5 **Alabama A&M** 31, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 14
The defense of Alabama A&M (6-1, 4-1) posted nine sacks, forced four turnovers and had a safety in downing UAPB (1-6, 1-4). Bulldog RB **Anthony Green** had scoring runs of 1 and 10 yards.

- No. 8 **South Carolina State** 26, No. 6 Hampton 24
SC State (4-3, 3-1) QB **Cleveland McCoy** ran for 154 yards (19 carries) and scored on fourth quarter runs of 19 and 31 yards to lead the Bulldogs to victory for the second year in a row over **Hampton** (4-3, 3-3). **Will Ford** added 122 rushing yards on 23 carries as SCSU had 290 rushing yards. **Jeremy Gilchrist's** 72-yard punt return had put Hampton up 17-14 late in the third quarter.



CAREY

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Ky. Wesleyan vs. Central State in Owensboro, KY 12n
Cheyney vs. Millersville in Cheyney, PA 1
Kentucky State vs. Tuskegee in Frankfort, KY 1
Livingstone vs. Saint Augustine's in Salisbury, NC 1
West Virginia State vs. Glensville St. in Institute, WV 1
St. Paul's vs. Eliz. City State in Lawrenceville, VA 1:30
Benedict vs. Clark Atlanta in Columbia, SC 2
Langston vs. Southern Nazarene in Langston, OK 2
North Greenville vs. Concordia in Tigerville, SC 2
Missouri-Rolla vs. Lincoln (MO) in Rolla, MO 3
Morgan State vs. Florida A&M in Baltimore, MD 4
Fort Valley State vs. Lane in Fort Valley, GA 5
Tennessee State vs. E. Illinois in Nashville, TN 6
W. Kentucky vs. NC Central in Bowling Green, KY 6
W-Salem State vs. Hampton in Winston-Salem, NC 6

HOME COMINGS
J. C. Smith vs. Fayetteville State in Charlotte, NC 1
NC A&T vs. Bethune-Cookman in Greensboro, NC 1:30
SC State vs. Delaware State in Orangeburg, SC 1:30
Bowie State vs. Shaw in Bowie, MD 2
Prairie View vs. Miss Valley State in Prairie View, TX 2
Savannah State vs. Edward Waters in Savannah, GA 2
Albany State vs. Morehouse in Albany, GA 3
Jackson State vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff in Jackson, MS 3
Texas College vs. Panhandle St. in Tyler, TX 4

CLASSICS
66th Magic City Classic
Alabama A&M vs. Alabama St. in Birmingham, Ala. 2:30
TV GAMES
ESPN - Live
Norfolk State vs. Howard in Norfolk, Va. (HC) 1
CIAA TV Network
Virginia State vs. Virginia Union in Ettrick, VA (HC) 1:05
CSTV-Delayed 9:30p ET
Grambling St. vs. Texas Southern in Grambl., LA (HC) 2

BCSP Notes

Jackson State, Prairie View picked to repeat in 2007-08 SWAC Basketball

Grambling State placed three players on the men's preseason all-conference basketball team but was picked to finish behind defending champion **Jackson State** as the **Southwestern Athletic Conference** announced its men's and women's basketball preseason honors for the upcoming 2007-08 season last week. In voting from the league's head coaches and sports information directors, Grambling finished tied with **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** for second. UAPB forward **William Byrd** was chosen as preseason player of the year with **Alabama A&M** shot blocker extraordinaire **Mickell Gladness** as the league's top defender.

Byrd led the Golden Lions in scoring (13.0 ppg), rebounds (7.5 rpg), blocks (2.52 bpg) and steals (1.32 spg). Gladness led the nation in blocked shots and earned SWAC Defensive Player of the Year honors, along with being named first-team all-conference. The 6-foot-11, 205-pound senior from Sylacauga, Ala., set the NCAA single-game record for blocks with 16 against Texas Southern and finished the season averaging 6.3 per game.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH
1) Jackson State 2) Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Jackson State 4) Mississippi Valley State 5) Southern 6) Alabama A&M 7) Alcorn State 8) Alabama State 9) Texas Southern 10) Prairie View

MEN FIRST-TEAM
Andre Ratliff, 5-10, Sr., G, Grambling State; Stanford Speech, 6-2, Sr., G, Miss. Valley

St.; Mickell Gladness, 6-11, Sr., C, Alabama A&M; William Byrd, 6-7, Sr., F, Arkansas-Pine Bluff; Jacques Jones, 6-8, Sr., F, Texas Southern

SECOND-TEAM
Andrew Hayles, 6-5, Jr., G, Alabama State; Trant Simpson, 5-10, So., G, Alabama A&M; Jamal Breaux, 6-7, Jr., C, Grambling State; Anthony Williams, 6-7, Sr., F, Grambling State; Grant Maxey, 6-7, So., F, Jackson State

Defending champion **Prairie View A&M**, which posted its first winning season ever (19-13) en route to winning its first SWAC tournament title, was picked to repeat. Prairie View sophomore center **Gaati Werema**, who led the league in rebounds (10.0) and was fourth in scoring (14.8 ppg.) is the preseason pick for player of the year. Alabama A&M guard **Christian Malone** was chosen as the top defender.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH
1) Prairie View A&M 2) Jackson State 3) Alabama A&M 4) Arkansas-Pine Bluff 5) Alcorn State 6) Southern 7) Alabama State 8) Grambling State 9) Mississippi Valley State 10) Texas Southern

WOMEN FIRST TEAM
LaSharee Christian, Sr., G, Jackson State; Shavonne Smith, Sr., G, Prairie View; Gaati Werema, So., F, Prairie View; Portia Wilson, Jr., F, Miss. Valley State; Fredreika Lewis, R-Jr, F, Southern;
SECOND TEAM
Christian Malone, Sr., G, Alabama A&M; Arica Green, Jr., G, Ark-PB; Felicia Drummond, Sr., F, Alabama A&M; Shantawnee Collins, Jr., F, Alcorn State; Ashlee Norwood, Sr., C, Texas Southern



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