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TRYING TO MOVE ON

AVANT: Back-up QB that sparked Shaw comeback will have severe test at Delta State.

SHAW, ALBANY STATE IN D2 PLAYOFFS; JACKSON STATE SEEKS SWAC EAST TITLE

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
E. DIVISION				
# Virginia Union	6	2	9	2
Eliz. City State	5	2	5	5
St. Paul's	4	3	5	5
Virginia State	3	4	4	6
Bowie State	3	4	3	7
W. DIVISION				
# Shaw	7	1	8	3
Fayetteville State	4	3	4	6
St. Augustine's	2	5	2	8
J. C. Smith	2	5	3	7
Livingstone	0	7	0	10

CIAA TITLE GAME MVPs

OFFENSE **VASHON WINTON, Jr., QB, DSU** - 28 of 44 for 245 yards and 2 TDs, rushed for 66 yards on 18 carries
 SHAW
AARON ELLISON, Jr., RB - 20 carries for 108 yards including game-winning 3-yard TD run in second OT.

VIAGRA UNION

LAMAR LITTLE, Jr., QB - Rushed 17 times for 72 yards and one TD while passing for 112 yards (7 of 22) with one interception and 2 TDs

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Delaware State	7	0	9	1
Norfolk State	6	2	7	3
SC State	5	2	6	4
Hampton	5	3	6	4
Morgan State	4	4	5	6
Howard	2	5	4	6
Bethune-Cookman	2	5	4	6
Florida A&M	2	5	3	7
NC A&T State	0	7	0	10
# W-Salem State	5	3	6	4

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE **VASHON WINTON, Jr., QB, DSU** - 28 of 44 for 245 yards and 2 TDs, rushed for 66 yards on 18 carries
 DEFENSE **RONNIE MCCULLOUGH, Sr., LB, BCU** - 15 tackles, 11 solos, 4 tackles -24 yards, 3 sacks
MARCUS DIXON, Sr., DE, HAMPTON - 15 tackles, 4 solos, 2.5 tackles for loss, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble, 1 pass break-up, 1 blocked field goal.
 ROOKIE **NICK MAYANT, Fr., LB, BCU** - 6 tackles, 3 solos vs. Howard.
 SPECIAL TEAMS **JEREMY GILCHRIST, Jr., WR, HAMPTON** - Returned 4 punts for 143 yards and 2 TDs.
 LINEMAN **KELLEN KEMP, Sr., OT, DSU** -

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
# Tuskegee	7	0	10	0
Albany State	6	1	8	2
Fort Valley State	5	2	8	3
Morehouse	4	3	7	3
Lane	4	3	7	3
Stillman	3	4	7	4
Kentucky State	3	4	3	8
Clark Atlanta	2	5	3	8
Benedict	1	6	2	9
Miles	0	7	2	9

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE **JACARY ATKINSON, Jr., QB, TU** - 7 of 9, 202 yds., 3 TDs
LAQUAN PHILLIPS, So., RB, MC - 13 car., 124 yds. vs. Concordia
 DEFENSE **JAMAL WALTON, Sr., LB, CAU** - 13 tackles, 10 solos, 2 forced losses
BRANDON PARNELL, Sr., LB, MC - 11 tackles, 2 for losses
 NEWCOMER **RYAN CRESPO, Fr., RB, TU** - 11 carries, 76 yards
JON RODRIGUEZ, Fr., P, MC - 6 punts, 34.7 avg.
 SPECIAL TEAMS **BRANDON LARKIN, Sr., P, CAU** - Avgd. 39 yards on 7 punts
MARIO JACKSON, Jr., DB, TU - 3 KO returns for 105 yards, 1 TD
 OFFENSIVE LINEMAN **MICHAEL STEVENS, So., C, TU** - 96% grade

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	DIV	ALL	W	L
E. DIVISION				
Jackson State	6	2	6	4
Alabama A&M	6	2	8	2
Alabama State	4	5	5	5
Alcorn State	2	6	2	7
Miss. Valley St.	2	7	2	8
W. DIVISION				
# Grambling State	8	0	8	2
Southern	5	3	7	3
Prairie View A&M	5	3	6	3
Ark. Pine Bluff	3	5	3	7
Texas Southern	0	8	0	9

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE **MARK SPIVEY, Sr., QB, PV** - 8 of 19 for 180 yards, 4 TDs, 7 carries for 22 yards.
 DEFENSE **ZACH EAST, Sr., LB, PV** - 19 tackles, 7 solos, 1 forced fumble, 1.5 tackles for loss, 1 blocked PAT
 NEWCOMER **AFU OKOSUN, Fr., LB, AA&M** - 9 tackles, 5 solos, 1 sack, 2 tackles for loss, 2 QB hurries
 SPECIAL TEAMS **TIM MANUEL, Sr., PK/P, GSU** - Avgd. 41.1 on 7 punts, 2 PATs

INDEPENDENTS	W	L	PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	
			OFFENSE	DEFENSE
West Virginia State	7	3	BRIAN MITCHELL, So., RB, WVU - Rushed for 167 yards on 33 carries and 3 TDs (13, 16, 12).	KALVIN BAKER, Sr., LB, TENN. STATE - 14 tackles, 13 solo stops, 2 tackles for -6 yards in losses vs. Samford.
N. C. Central	6	4	LARRY HINTON, Jr., PK, WVU - Kicked the game-winning field goal from 20 yards out with 11 seconds to play in 22-21 win over W. Va. Wesleyan.	
Tennessee State	5	5		
Langston	4	4		
Edward Waters	5	6		
Central State	5	6		
Texas College	3	7		
Lincoln (Mo.)	2	8		
Concordia	2	9		
Savannah State	1	8		
Cheyney	1	10		

SCORES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Tennessee St. 38, Samford 28

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Championship Game

Shaw 31, Virginia Union 24, 2 OTs

MEAC

Bethune-Cookman 37, Howard 26

Delaware St. 28, Norfolk St. 21, OT

Hampton 30, Florida A&M 15

SC State 28, Morgan State 21, OT

SIAC

Lane 40, Clark Atlanta 27

Miles 21, Concordia 6

Stillman 35, Benedict 13

Tuskegee 72, George Mason 3

SWAC

Alabama A&M 24, Alcorn State 20

Alabama State 20, Miss. Valley St. 16

Ark. Pine Bluff 23, Southern 20

La.-Monroe 28, Grambling St. 14

Prairie View 30, Jackson State 27

INDEPENDENTS

Bacone 41, Texas College 12

S. Virginia 49, Edward Waters 46

St. Joseph's 52, Lincoln 7

Tiffin 62, Central State 26

W. Chester 35, Cheyney 13

W. Va. State 22, W. Va. Wesleyan 21

W-Salem State 35, NC Central 10

HOW THEY DID IT

- No. 1 **Delaware State** 28, Norfolk State 21, OT

Delaware State came from back from a 21-3 fourth quarter deficit, scoring on **Peter Gaertner's** 28-yard field goal as time expired to force overtime and then won the game on **Eric Sewell's** 2-yard pass reception from QB **Vashon Winton** in the extra period. The win gives the Hornets (9-1, 8-0) the MEAC title and the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA FCS playoffs. Winton completed 28 of 45 passes for 245 yards including a 6-yard TD pass to WR **Shaheer McBride** that started the comeback with 8:09 left. **Adam Shrewsbury** then capped off a three-play, 65-yard drive on a two-yard run with 3:18 left and then added a two-point conversion on a short run. NSU (7-3, 6-2) had scored twice in the first quarter on **Jamar Johnson's** 5-yard reception from **Casey Hansen** and **Darryl Jones'** 16-yard TD gallop. Jones (24 carries, 108 yds.,) added a 19-yard scoring run in the third quarter.

- **Prairie View** 30, No. 4 Jackson State 27

Prairie View kept **Jackson State** from clinching the SWAC East title and a spot in the conference title game behind QB **Mark Spivey's** four touchdown passes. Spivey (8-19-0, 180 yards) completed first-half TD passes of 16 and 38 yards to **Jaymar Johnson** and second-half scoring tosses to **Joe Townsend** of 35 and 64 yards. The Panthers added a first quarter safety. JSU QB **Jimmy Oliver** (21-33-0)296 yards and 3 TDs.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

WILSON RELEASED AT TSU: Texas

Southern Athletics Director **Alois Blackwell** announced

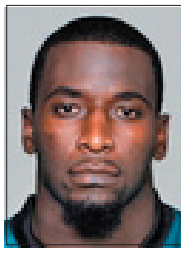


WILSON

today that **Steve Wilson** has been released as the head coach of the Tigers football team. Defensive Coordinator **DeChon Burns** will serve as interim head coach for the final two games of the season. Wilson was in his fourth season as head coach with a record of 4-38. His best season was in 2006 when the team went 3-8. "We appreciate Steve's tireless effort and commitment to our football program," said Blackwell. Blackwell added that a national search for a new head coach will begin immediately. "We are moving forward and want to provide the new head coach with every opportunity to recruit quality staff and student-athletes to our program." The Tigers face Arkansas Pine-Bluff on November 17th at Durlley Field and the University of Houston on November 24th at Robertson Stadium.

DURANT GIVES BACK: Jacksonville

Jaguars linebacker and former **Hampton** standout **Justin**



DURANT

Durant announced last week that he is endowing an athletics scholarship at his alma mater. In the 2007 NFL draft, Durant was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars as the 16th pick of the second round and the 48th overall, making him the highest selection in Hampton history. Durant said that he simply wants to give back. "I have been blessed. Now that I am in a situation where I can give back, I want to put a blessing on someone else." Durant will also give a donation to his former high school, Wilson High School in Florence, S.C. Durant was a three-time **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) Defensive Player of the Year and led Hampton to three conference championships. His NFL selection marked the sixth Hampton player drafted since 2000 and the 11th since head coach Joe Taylor took over the program in 1992. "We are very proud of Justin," said Taylor. "He had a great career here. For him to come back and do this honorable thing for his university shows what kind of person he is."

One more title to be decided

D2 playoffs begin for two teams

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Coming into the last couple of weeks of the regular season, there's just one more conference or division title to be determined.

That's in the **SWAC** East Division where **Jackson State** (6-4, 6-2) hosts **Alcorn State** (2-7, 2-6) needing a win or a loss by **Alabama A&M** (8-2, 6-2) at **Prairie View** (6-3, 5-3) to earn a date vs. West Division champ **Grambling State** in the Dec. 15 conference title game in Birmingham. A JSU loss and A&M win will send the Bulldogs back to the title game for the

BCSP TOP TEN

- 1. DELAWARE STATE** (9-1) - Came back to get 28-21 OT victory vs. Norfolk State and claim MEAC title. **NEXT:** Ends regular season hosting Howard..
- 2. TUSKEGEE** (10-0) - Throttled George Mason, 72-3. **NEXT:** Idle.
- 3. GRAMBLING STATE** (8-2) - Fell to BCS La.-Monroe, 28-14. **NEXT:** Idle.
- 4. ALBANY STATE** (8-2) - Idle. **NEXT:** Travels to Catawba for Div. II playoff first round game.
- 5. ALABAMA A&M** (8-2) - Beat Alcorn State, 24-20 to stay alive in SWAC East. **NEXT:** Closes regular season at Prairie View needing win and JSU loss..
- 6. JACKSON STATE** (6-4) - Beaten by Prairie View, 30-27. **NEXT:** Tries to take SWAC East hosting Alcorn St.
- 7. NORFOLK STATE** (7-3) - Surrendered big fourth-quarter lead and MEAC title to Delaware State, 28-21 in OT. **NEXT:** Hosting Winston-Salem State.
- 8. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (5-4) - Needed overtime to subdue Morgan State, 28-21. **NEXT:** NC A&T in Charleston, SC.
- 9. SOUTHERN** (7-3) - Fell to Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 23-20. **NEXT:** Idle.
- 10. SHAW** (9-2) - Came back to win CIAA title game, 31-24 over Virginia Union. **NEXT:** NCAA Div. II first round game vs. Delta State.



ASBERRY



WHITE

third straight year.

Delaware State (9-1, 7-0), who won the **MEAC** title and automatic NCAA FCS playoff berth with its 28-21 overtime win over **Norfolk State** Saturday, finishes off its regular season hosting **Howard** (4-6, 2-5) Saturday (1 p.m.). The Hornets will be looking to finish their MEAC schedule with an unblemished mark and get a high seed when the playoff pairings are announced Sunday.

Norfolk State (7-3) has a long shot at claiming an at-large FCS playoff berth. The Spartans finish their regular season hosting (1 p.m.) dangerous **Winston-Salem State** (6-4).

Two NCAA Div. II teams, **CIAA** champion **Shaw** (8-3) and **SIAC** runner-up **Albany State** (8-2), head into first round playoff games this weekend against tough opponents.

Shaw vaulted into the playoff picture with its stirring come-from-behind win Saturday in the conference title game over **Virginia Union** (see story below). Second-year head coach **Darrell Asberry** and the Bears received the sixth and last seed in the region and will take on third-seed Delta State (9-1) in a first round game in Cleveland, Ms.

Delta State knocked both 2006 CIAA runner-up **Elizabeth City State** and league champion **North Carolina Central** out of the playoffs on succes-

Shaw rallies past VUU for CIAA title

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Western Division champ **Shaw** and Eastern Division champ **Virginia Union** traded punches through four quarters and two extra periods before Shaw scored a touchdown in the second overtime to pull out a thrilling 31-24 win in the CIAA Championship game in Charlotte's American Legion Memorial Stadium Saturday.

The see-saw contest was not over until VUU's all-CIAA quarterback and Conference Player of the Year **Lamar Little** was stopped on fourth down by Shaw's Defensive Player of the Year, tackle **Louis Ellis**. Running back **Aaron Ellison** had scored on a three-yard run on Shaw's possession.

The outcome set off a wild celebration from the Shaw players and their fans who had watched the Bears (8-3) fight back from a 24-14 fourth-quarter deficit to tie the game and send it into overtime in the final seconds of regulation.

"These kids are tremendous," said victorious Shaw coach **Darrell Asberry**. "We're down ten points (entering the fourth quarter) against the number one offense in the conference, but we've got the number one defense in the nation. And your offense comes and picks it up the second half. It speaks volumes."

The victory earned Shaw its first-ever spot in the 24-team NCAA Div. II playoffs announced Sunday. The Bears are seeded sixth in the Southeast Region and will travel to Cleveland, Ms. to face third-seeded Delta State (9-1). Virginia Union (9-2) is likely to represent the CIAA in the Dec. 1 **Pioneer Bowl** in Columbia, S.C. vs. **Tuskegee**.

Indeed, Shaw needed a second-half boost from its offense that failed to score in the first half though the Bears led 14-10 at the break. Those 14 points came via two special teams' touchdowns, a blocked punt after VUU's opening possession returned 35 yards by **Robbie Henson** for a score, and a 74-yard second-quarter **Alan Atwater** kickoff return. VUU got on the board on a 20-yard field goal by **Gil Hernandez** with 7:36

left in the first quarter and added a four-yard TD on a pass from Little to wideout **Phillip Taylor** that had given the Panthers a 10-7 second quarter lead prior to Atwater's return.

Those two opening half touchdowns were the key according to Asberry.

"Special teams, special teams, special teams," said the second-year coach. "Fourteen (14) points from special teams. You can't ask for more than that." But he did get more from his offense.

VUU linebacker **Stevie Johnson** opened the second half intercepting a pass from Shaw starting QB **Travis Robinson** that set up Little's second four-yard touchdown throw to Taylor. That came with 13:16 to go in the third period and put the Panthers up 17-14. Little later capped off a 16-play 78-yard drive by scoring on the first play of the fourth quarter on a three-yard keeper around left end to put the Panthers up 24-14.

But that's when the Shaw offense came to life and the VUU offense went stagnant.

Playing with back-up quarterback **Omari Avant** under center - who entered the game after Robinson's interception - and using an option attack to take advantage of his running skills, the Bears used 10 plays to march 64 yards to the VUU one before fumbling, with the Panthers recovering at their own 8-yard line. After a three-and-out by Union, Avant led another drive deep into VUU territory that resulted in **Ryne Powell's** 18-yard field goal cutting the lead to 24-17 with 5:11 left.

After the ensuing kickoff, Little and the VUU offense again went three-and-out and kicked to the Bears with 3:28 left. Getting possession at the VUU 43, Avant then deftly led his team down the field, mixing three rushes with six passes, completing five including a 14-yarder to **Mike Brown** for the score with 34 seconds left. Powell's PAT knotted the score at 24.

"I thought (Shaw) held up under some pressure circumstances in the fourth quarter," said VUU head coach **Arrington Jones**. "We made a lot of mistakes. In championship play,

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17		
Delaware State vs. Howard in Dover, DE		1
Hampton vs. Southern Illinois in Hampton, VA		1
Norfolk State vs. W-Salem State in Norfolk, Va.		1
SC State vs. NC A&T in Charleston, SC		1
Tennessee State vs. UT Martin in Nashville, TN		1
Savannah St. vs. Miss Valley State in Savannah, GA		2
Texas Southern vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Houston, TX		2
Prairie View A&M vs. Alabama A&M in Prairie View, TX		4
CLASSICS		
<i>Capital City Classic</i>		
Jackson State vs. Alcorn State in Jackson, MS		3
TV GAMES		
<i>Walt Disney World Florida Classic XVIII</i> - ESPN Classic		
Florida A&M vs. Bethune-Cookman in Orlando, FL		3:15
PLAYOFF GAMES		
NCAA Div. II - First Round		
Shaw vs. Delta State in Cleveland, MS		12n
NCAA Div. II - First Round		
Albany State vs. Catawba in Salisbury, NC		1

side Saturdays last year en route to the D2 semifinals. The Statesmen's only loss this season is to the region's top seed, North Alabama. DSU is led by junior QB **Dedrick Wilson** who has run for 762 yards and 12 TDs and passed for 1,128 yards and 6 TDs. Wilson has thrown 12 interceptions.

Shaw will counter with the top defense in all of Div. II football giving up just 182.8 yards per game. Delta State has the fourth best defense nationally surrendering just 224.8 yards per game.

SIAC</