

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



## CLASH OF SWAC TITANS

Grambling Sports Photo  
**EDWARDS:** Record-setting GSU senior WR looks to close out career with another SWAC title.

**JACKSON STATE / GRAMBLING STATE MEET IN BIRMINGHAM FOR SWAC TITLE**

## SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IX

### GRAMBLING STATE TIGERS (8-3)



VS.



### JACKSON STATE TIGERS (7-4)

WEST DIVISION CHAMPION  
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

EAST DIVISION CHAMPION  
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach  
**ROD BROADWAY**

**TEAM RECORD**  
2007 Overall: 8-3  
2007 SWAC: 8-1  
2007 BCSP Ranking: 3rd  
All-Time vs. JSU: 34-21-1  
Last Time vs. JSU: 30-20 W, '07  
SWAC Title Games: 4-0  
Last: '05, 45-6 W

**COACH'S RECORD**  
Alma Mater: North Carolina ('77)  
Record vs JSU: 1-0  
Record at GSU: 8-3, .727 (1st year)  
Career Record: 41-14 (5 years)

**2007 RESULTS**  
**GRAMBLING STATE 8-3**  
31 .....@ Alcorn State...10 W  
13 .....@ Pittsburgh.....34 L  
31 ..... Alabama A&M.....6 W  
17 ..... Prairie View .....14 W  
40 .....Miss. Valley State...0 W  
30 .....Ark.-Pine Bluff...24 W  
30 .....Jackson State .....20 W  
57 ..... Texas Southern.....9 W  
21 .....@ Alabama State ..7 W  
14 .....@ La.-Monroe .....28 L  
13 .....Southern.....22 L

**2007 RESULTS**  
**JACKSON STATE 7-4**  
15 .....Delta State .....27 L  
13 .....Tenn. State .....16 L  
28 ..... Texas Southern.....7 W  
50 .....@ Miss. Valley St. ..16 W  
32 ..... Alabama State .....20 W  
32 .....@ Southern .....26 W  
30 .....Grambling State .....20 L  
17 .....Ark.-Pine Bluff.....6 W  
43 .....@ Alab. A&M (OT) .40 W  
27 .....@ Prairie View .....30 L  
31 .....Alcorn State .....19 W

**TEAM RECORD**  
2007 Overall: 7-4  
2007 SWAC: 7-2  
2007 BCSP Ranking: 6th  
All-Time vs. GSU: 21-34-1  
Last Time vs. GSU: 30-20, L '07  
SWAC Title Games: 0-1  
Last: '99, 31-30 L

**COACH'S RECORD**  
Alma Mater: Millersville ('76)  
Record vs. GSU: 0-2  
Record at JSU: 13-9, .590 (2nd year)  
Career Record: 121-60 (16 years)



Head Coach  
**RICK COMEGY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2007 • LEGION FIELD • BIRMINGHAM, AL. - 1 P.M.

# Old rivals to decide SWAC title

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In Southwestern Athletic Conference lore, it doesn't get any better than **Grambling** vs. **Jackson State** on the football field, and that's exactly what's in store Saturday at Legion Field in Birmingham's when the two rivals meet in the league's ninth annual Championship Game, the last game of the 2007 black college football season.

SWAC West Division champion Grambling State (9-3) and East Division champ Jackson State (7-4) will be meeting for the second time this season, this time with the league's coveted title on the line. ESPN Classic will carry the game live. Back on Oct. 20 in Jackson, the G-Men beat JSU 30-20 en route to a perfect 8-0 start in SWAC play.

Expect another shootout as the teams come in with high-powered offenses led by capable and productive quarterbacks in **Brandon Landers** (GSU) and **Jimmy Oliver** (JSU).

Landers has a talented duo behind him in freshman running backs **Frank Warren** and **Cornelius Walker** (524 yds., 5 TDs). Landers



also has two of the most dangerous receivers in the league in all-conference wideouts **Reginald Jackson** and **Clyde Edwards** (50 rec., 732 yds., 12 TDs). Running back **Eric Haw** and wide receiver **Jaymar Johnson** (33 rec., 556 yds., 7 TDs) are the chief JSU playmakers.

No SWAC school, or for that matter, no black college when it comes to football, carries more cachet than Grambling and Jackson State with a host of luminaries that have shined on the college stage like the late legendary Grambling head coach **Eddie Robinson** or in the professional ranks like late former Jackson State and NFL standout **Walter Payton**.

In recent years however, Grambling has been the more successful program.

The G-Men will seeking their 22nd title overall, and fifth since the league went to the

championship game format in 1999. GSU is 4-0 in those title games.

Jackson State, who will be going for its 16th title, the last coming in 1996 during a stretch that saw the Blue Tigers win 13 league crowns in 24 years, including an unprecedented seven straight from 1985 thru 1990. This is their first championship game appearance since the inaugural title game in 1999 that JSU lost to Southern, 31-30.

Both have ridden new coaches to their most recent success.

**Rick Comegy** came to Jackson State last season after the Blue Tigers struggled to an 8-26 mark in three years under **James Bell**. Comegy had won four **SIAC** titles during a successful ten-year run at **Tuskegee**. He has posted back-to-back winning seasons and restored some of the luster to the JSU program.

**Rob Broadway** took over the Grambling program this season after leading **North Carolina Central** to back-to-back **CIAA** titles in the final two years of his four-year stay. After winning the 2005 SWAC title, the G-Men stumbled to a 3-8 mark last year under former head coach **Melvin Spears**.

## THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME YARDSTICK



LANDERS



OLIVER

GRAMBLING STATE		JACKSON STATE
<b>Brandon Landers</b> 202-355-15, 2,380 yds., 12 TDs	<b>PASSING</b>	<b>Jimmy Oliver</b> 161-275-6, 2,301 yds., 17 TDs
<b>Reginald Jackson</b> 63 rec., 659 yds., 4 TDs	<b>RECEIVING</b>	<b>Carlos Simpson</b> 39 rec., 411 yds., 1 TD
<b>Frank Warren</b> 182 car., 862 yds., 4 TDs	<b>RUSHING</b>	<b>Erik Haw</b> 145 car., 630 yds., 7 TDs
<b>Jeffrey Jack</b> 74 tackles, 6.7 pg.	<b>TACKLES</b>	<b>Marcellus Speaks</b> 77 tackles, 7.0 pg.
<b>Nigel Copeland</b> 2 ints., 1 TD	<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	<b>Malcolm Palmer</b> 4 ints., 0 TDs
<b>Tim Manuel</b> 11-16 FGs, 29-35 PATs, 62 pts.	<b>PLACEKICKING</b>	<b>Eric Perri</b> 17-24 FGs., 31-33 PATs, 82 pts

26.7 ppg.	<b>SCORING OFFENSE</b>	28.0 ppg
15.8 ppg.	<b>SCORING DEFENSE</b>	21.5 ppg.
352.7 ypg.	<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	373.7 ypg.
294.9 ypg.	<b>TOTAL DEFENSE</b>	278.2 ypg
222.3 ypg.	<b>PASSING OFFENSE</b>	237.0 ypg.
198.4 ypg.	<b>PASSING DEFENSE</b>	197.3 ypg.
130.5 ypg.	<b>RUSHING OFFENSE</b>	136.7 ypg.
96.5	<b>RUSHING DEFENSE</b>	80.9 ypg.
85.7% - 24-28	<b>RED ZONE OFFENSE</b>	88.2% - 30-34
61.3% - 19-31	<b>RED ZONE DEFENSE</b>	72.2% - 26-36

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### STREETER OUT AT MILES:

Miles College head football coach **Wade Streeter** was fired Thursday after his seventh Golden Bears' team finished winless in the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference**. Miles was 2-9 on the year after going 5-5 in 2006, although the Golden Bears forfeited all their wins after it was discovered an ineligible player had participated during the season.

Miles Athletics Director **Augustus James** said the school was still waiting to hear from the NCAA regarding its investigation

of the eligibility violations, which also affected the men's basketball team, and that that issue had nothing to do with Streeter's firing. "We need to look for some different leadership," James said. "We're trying to do some ambitious stuff out there. It's just time. He did a good job for us, but it just may be time." Streeter was 35-41 in seven seasons at Miles, with his 2003 and 2004 teams both going 7-4 for the best back-to-back finishes in school history. His SIAC record was 27-28. Streeter was fired with time remaining on his contract, but neither he nor Miles administrators would say how much.

### SNEAD TO LEAD LANE:

**Lane College** announced last week the promotion of **Dearrion Snead** to head football coach. He replaces **Johnnie Cole**, who was named head football coach at **Texas Southern** the previous week. Snead was Lane's defensive coordinator last season, his first on the Dragons' staff. This will be his first job as a head coach. Last season, Lane's defense ranked second in the **SIAC** and 11th in NCAA Division II. Prior to joining the staff at Lane, Snead was defensive back coach and special

teams coordinator at **Shaw** for one year following a stint as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at **Guilford College**. Snead, 38, has also coached at **Arizona Western College**, **Texas Southern**, **Virginia State**, **Southwest State University**, **Tiffin University**, **Tennessee State** and **East Stroudsburg University**. A member of the Longwood (NY) High School Athletics Hall of Fame, Snead is a 1996 graduate of St. Joseph's in Long Island. He began his college career at **North Carolina A&T**, where he played varsity football.

## BCSP Notes

### SWAC all-conference team named

The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** has announced its 2007 All-Conference football selections highlighted by ten repeat selections from last season and their top individual performers. The teams and individual award winner were selected by nominations and votes from the member schools' coaches and sports information contacts along with selected members of the media.

Nine of the 10 SWAC schools had a representative on the first-team with **Alabama A&M** leading the list with six selections. SWAC East Division champ **Jackson State** had four first-teamers while **Alabama State**, West Division champ **Grambling State** and **Southern** each had three first-team selections. A&M and Southern led all schools with nine players each on the first and second units.

**Alabama State** senior running back **Jay Peck** was named the league's offensive player of the year with **Prairie View** senior lineman **Zach East** earning the defensive player of the year award. **Grambling State** running back **Frank Warren** grabbed the freshman of the year award while **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** wide receiver/kick returner **Bruce Peters** was named newcomer of the year.

Peck was the only SWAC rusher to top 1,000 yards, finishing with 1,186 while scoring six touchdowns. Peck added 177 receiving yards to finish third in the conference in all-purpose yards. East totaled 127 tackles to lead the SWAC (12.7 per game) to lead the SWAC, 14.5 of those for losses including three sacks. Warren keyed the Grambling ground attack racking up 862 yards, third best in the SWAC, while scoring four touchdowns. Peters led the league in punt returns at 11.0 yards per return.

Peck and East were first team selections while Warren and Peters were named to the second team.

FIRST-TEAM ALL-SWAC

**OFFENSE**  
**OL** - Lorenzo Breland, Jr., Jackson State; James Sanders, Sr., Alabama A&M; Ivora Hall, Sr., Alabama State; Tavarus Cockrell, Sr., Grambling State; Thaddeus Coleman, Sr., Mississippi Valley State **TE** - Charles Moody, Sr., Alabama A&M **WR** - Clyde Edwards, Sr., Grambling State; Nate Hughes, Sr., Alcorn State **RB** - Ulysses Banks, So., Alabama A&M; Jay Peck, Sr., Alabama State **QB** - Kelcy Luke, Sr., Alabama A&M

**DEFENSE**  
**DL** - Jeremy Maddox, So., Alabama A&M; Ronald Green, Jr., Mississippi Valley State; Daniel Brooks, Sr., Jackson State; Vincent Lands, Sr., Southern **LB** - Timothy Turner, Jr., Arkansas-Pine Bluff; Zach East, Sr., Prairie View A&M; Rechar Johnson, So., Alabama State **DB** - Zaire Wilborn, Jr., Grambling State; Jarmal

George, Sr., Southern; Al Donaldson, Jr., Alabama A&M; Malcolm Palmer, So., Jackson State **K** - Eric Perri, So., Jackson State **P** - Josh Duran, Fr., Southern **RS** - Nate Hughes, Sr., Alcorn State

### Simpson, McCullough lead MEAC grid stars

**Morgan State** running back **Chad Simpson** and **Bethune-Cookman** linebacker **Ronnie McCullough** earned the top individual awards as the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** unveiled its all-conference team and top honors last week.

Running back **Phillip Sylvester** of **Florida A&M** earned the rookie of the year award and **South Carolina State's James Lee** was selected as the Offensive Lineman of the Year.

Coach of the Year honors went to **Norfolk State** head coach **Pete Adrian** who led the Spartans to their best conference record since moving to Division I in 1997 with a 8-3 overall finish, 6-2 in the MEAC. Under Adrian's guidance, the 2007 NSU football team earned the program's first-ever FCS national ranking, reaching as high as No. 23.

Simpson led the MEAC in rushing with 1,402 yards and was second in all-purpose yards (161.6). He finished ninth in the NCAA Division-I (FCS) in rushing yards. McCullough led the nation (FCS) in tackles with a total of 149. He collected 59 solo and 90 assisted tackles for the Wildcats this season including three 20-plus outings. McCullough also tallied 20 tackles for a loss of 65 yards, tied for sixth best in the NCAA, in addition to five sacks for the season. Sylvester averaged 85.8 yards per game (858 total), while leading the MEAC in all-purpose yards with 164.3 per game. Lee was a key performer on the line of an offense that gained 4,418 total offensive yards including 2,904 rushing yards.

FIRST TEAM ALL-MEAC

**OFFENSE**  
**QB** - TJ Mitchell, So. Hampton **RB** - Chad Simpson, Sr., Morgan St.; Will Ford, So. SC State **TE** - Taj Jenkins, So., Florida A&M **WR** - Jeremy Gilchrist, Jr., Hampton; Jarahn Williams, Sr., Howard **OL** - James Lee, Sr., SC State; Dennis Conley, Jr., Hampton; Jason Kressen, Sr., Norfolk St.; Adrian Brown, Jr., Delaware St. **C** - Raymond Harrison, Jr., SC State

**DEFENSE**  
**DL** - Rudolph Hardie, Sr., Howard; Kendall Langford, Jr., Hampton; Marcus Dixon, Sr., Hampton; Bryan Wilson, Sr., Morgan St. **LB** - Ronnie McCullough, Sr., Bethune-Cookman; Russell Reeves, Jr., Delaware St.; Marquez Davis, Sr., Norfolk St. **DB** - Akeem Green, Sr., Delaware St.; Sam Pope, Jr., Hampton; Bobbie Williams, Sr., Bethune-Cookman; Terrell Whitehead, So., Norfolk St. **P** - Jahmal Blanchard, So., Hampton **PK** - Peter Gaertner, Sr., Delaware St. **RS** - Jeremy Gilchrist, Jr., Hampton

## 2007 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA	MEAC	SIAC	SWAC	INDEPENDENTS
<b>CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</b> MATT NOWLIN, So., G., ECSU - Had 24 points on 8 of 11 shooting, including 9 of 9 from 3-point range in win over Barton. ROOKIE: MAURICE REEVEY, Fr., F, SPC - Scored 14 points hitting 7 of 11 shots from the field, added 6 rebounds and 4 assists. COACH: SHAWN WALKER, ECSU - Led the Vikings over defending NCAA Div. II national champ Barton, 91-70 to remain perfect at home.	<b>MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</b> REGGIE HOLMES, So., G, MSU - Averaged 23 points and 7.5 rebounds in 1-1 week. Had 26 points, 9 rebounds in win over LaSalle, 20 points and 6 rebounds in loss to Maryland. ROOKIE: CARRIO BENNETT, Fr., G, SCSU - Averaged 15 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists in two games. He had 16 points, 7 boards vs. Savannah State and 14 points vs. VMI. DEFENSE: DENZEL JACKSON, Fr., F, UMES - Got 20 rebounds in 2 games, 11 vs. GW and 9 vs. ODU.	<b>SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</b> NA	<b>SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</b> NA	<b>PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</b> BOO WADE, G, CENTRAL STATE - Tallied a game-high 25 points, handed out a game-high 6 assists and also pulled down 8 rebounds as the Marauders stayed undefeated with a win over Urbana.

THRU GAMES OF MONDAY, DEC. 10