

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



MEAC Tournament logo

BONUS COVERAGE

JACKSON STATE BESTS GRAMBLING FOR SWAC TITLE; JOE RULES AT MILES

MORE FOR THE MONEY: MEAC hoops tourney to include extra game of WSSU vs. NCCU.

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

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

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JERRY HOLLIS, So., F., JCSU, Charlotte, NC - Had 17 points, 12 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals and 2 blocks vs. ECSU. Had 40 points in 2 games (20 ppg.), hitting 13 of 22 shots, getting 20 rebounds (10 rpg.) and 9 assists.

RONALD THORNHILL, Fr., G., JCSU, Alberta, VA - In two games scored 23 points and 7 assists. Scored 15 points, 4 assists and 2 steals in win over Shaw.

STEVE JOINER, JCSU - Led Golden Bulls to two conference victories.

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Morgan State	1	0	6	4
Hampton	1	0	5	4
Bethune-Cookman	1	0	4	5
Delaware State	1	0	3	6
Norfolk State	1	0	2	6
NC A&T State	0	1	5	5
Howard	0	1	3	7
Florida A&M	0	1	3	7
Coppin State	0	1	3	8
Md.-Eastern Shore	0	1	2	10
SC State	0	0	3	8
# W-Salem State	0	0	3	5

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

RASHAD WEST, Sr., G., HAMPTON, Raleigh, NC - Had first double-double of season, 20 points, 11 rebounds in win over St. Bonaventure. Also had 4 assists and 1 steal.

JOEY WOODS, Fr., G., BCU, Naples, FL - Had 8 points and 8 assists as 'Cats won their fourth straight. Also had 2 steals, 1 turnover.

JOE BALLARD, Jr., G., FAMU, Chicago - Had 7 steals, to go with 14 points and 5 rebounds in win over N. Florida.

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Benedict	2	0	4	0
Morehouse	2	0	5	1
Tuskegee	1	0	1	3
Miles	3	1	5	2
Kentucky State	1	1	2	2
Clark Atlanta	1	1	2	2
Albany State	1	1	2	2
Paine	1	1	2	3
LeMoyn Owen	1	2	1	2
Fort Valley State	0	2	1	4
Lane	0	2	0	2
Stillman	0	3	0	6

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

NA

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	DIV	ALL	W	L
Alabama State	0	0	3	4
Alabama A&M	0	0	3	4
Ark. Pine Bluff	0	0	4	6
Prairie View A&M	0	0	2	7
Alcorn State	0	0	1	6
Southern	0	0	1	6
Texas Southern	0	0	1	6
Miss. Valley St.	0	0	1	8
Jackson State	0	0	1	10
Grambling State	0	0	0	6

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

TRANT SAMPSON, G., ALABAMA STATE - Tallied 18 points, dished out 6 assists and also had 6 rebounds in loss to WSSU.

INDEPENDENTS	W	L	PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	
			W	L
Central State	9	0		
Xavier (La.)	8	2		
Edward Waters	7	2		
Univ. District of Columbia	4	2		
Cheyney	3	2		
Florida Memorial	5	4		
Langston	2	2		
Lincoln (Mo.)	4	4		
Savannah State	6	8		
West Virginia State	4	6		
Tennessee State	3	6		
Lincoln (Pa.)	1	11		
N. C. Central	1	12		

ROY PEAKE, G., WSSU - Scored 18 points, and had 3 rebounds in come-from-behind win over Alabama A&M. He was 5 of 9 from the field, 1 of 2 from behind the 3-point arc and 7 of 9 in free throws.

THRU GAMES OF MONDAY, DEC. 17

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BROAD(WAY) SPECULATION:

As of press time (Tuesday, Dec. 18), **Rod Broadway** was still officially **Grambling State's** football coach. But that may change. The first-year Grambling coach is reportedly mulling an offer to take over the head coaching duties at **Florida A&M** where he would rejoin President **James Ammons** and Athletic Director **Bill Hayes**, who were his with him during his four years as head coach at **North Carolina Central University**. Broadway refused to comment on the rumor Saturday after his



Grambling Sports Photo

BROADWAY: Mulling offer from Florida A&M after one year at GSU.

Grambling team fell 42-31 to **Jackson State** at the ninth SWAC Championship Game in Birmingham. Broadway was 32-11 during his stay at NCCU and won back-to-back **CIAA** championships and earned NCAA Div. II playoff berths in his final two seasons. He left after last year to take over at Grambling and led the G-Men to the SWAC West Division title and a berth in the league's title game while compiling an 8-4 overall mark. Reports Tuesday from newspapers in Tallahassee, Fl. and Ruston, La., indicate that Broadway has been offered a substantial raise by FAMU from his reported \$156,000 contract with Grambling. GSU Athletic Director **Troy Matthieu** has also reportedly countered that move by offering to sweeten his deal with Grambling.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME NOTES:

The SWAC Championship Game trophy was re-named in honor of legendary **Grambling** head coach, the late **Eddie Robinson** at a pre-game ceremony Saturday. The Eddie Robinson SWAC Championship Trophy was unveiled at a midfield ceremony with grandson **Eddie Robinson III** and family friend **Wilbert Ellis**. Ellis, a former baseball coach and administrator at Grambling and close friend of Robinson, is the chief local fundraiser for the planned Eddie Robinson Museum on the GSU campus. Robinson died last April at 88 from complications related to Alzheimer's. He set a still-standing Division I record with 408 career wins over a 57-season career at Grambling. Saturday's attendance of 43,236 for the **Grambling State/Jackson State** match-up was the second largest crowd in SWAC Championship Game history. Jackson State played **Southern** in the inaugural game in 1999 that drew 47,621.

TUSKEGEE EARNS SBN #1:

The **Tuskegee University** Golden Tigers have captured the 2007 SBN Black College National Championship honors. Under the leadership of head coach **Willie Slater**, the Golden Tigers (12-0) finished the regular season undefeated and won their second straight **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC)** Championship. During the season, Tuskegee also became the first and only historically Black College or university to win 600 career football games and is one of only two in the NCAA Division II to achieve that mark. In the final SBN Black College Poll this season, Tuskegee finished with 28 first place votes and 292 points to win the **Jake Gaither National Championship Trophy**. The award is named in honor of the legendary **Florida A&M** Rattlers head coach who led his teams to 203 wins and six national titles during a 25-year span. **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** champion, **Delaware State**, finished in second place. The Hornets final poll tally was 206 points and two first place votes. Tuskegee University will officially receive their second championship trophy this decade Saturday, February 16, 2008, during the 34th Annual SBN Black College All-American Banquet at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia. Other honorees will include the 2007 SBN All-American Offensive and Defensive teams, the 2007 SBN Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year and the 2007 SBN Coach of the Year.



Tuskegee mascot & logo

Jackson State takes SWAC title

LUT WILLIAMS
BCSP Editor

Two fourth quarter touchdowns allowed **Jackson State** to weather a furious second half comeback and knock off **Grambling State** 42-31 and secure its first **SWAC** gridiron championship in 11 years at the league's ninth title game in Birmingham Saturday.

A largely JSU crowd of 43,236 watched JSU's 28-12 halftime lead disappear as Grambling scored on two **Brandon Landers'** touchdown throws and two successful two-point conversions to tie the score at 28 with 9:14 left in the third quarter. The G-Men (8-4) then took the lead 31-28 on **Tim Manuel's** 26-yard field goal 1:14 before the end of the period.

But elusive JSU QB **Jimmy Oliver** (16-30-1, 249 yards, 3 TDs), named the game's outstanding offensive player, and running back **Lavarius Giles** (23 carries, 117 yards, 2 TDs) rescued the Tigers producing touchdowns early in the fourth quarter while the defense shut out Grambling in the final stanza.

The championship, JSU's first since 1996 and its 16th overall, comes under head coach **Rick Comegy** and vaults the once-proud JSU program back into the SWAC spotlight in just his second year on the job.

"This was special," said Comegy, who won four SIAC titles and a couple of black college national championships during a ten-year run at NCAA Div. II **Tuskegee**. "This is the biggest win in my career because its on a higher level and because of all the tradition that Jackson State has."

Grambling drew first blood capitalizing on DB **DeMichael Dizer's** interception during JSU's first possession to score on **Frank Warren's** one-yard run. Later in the period, Oliver tied the score capping a 12-play, 73-yard drive with a 11-yard scoring toss to **Jaymar Johnson**. On GSU's second play from scrimmage following the kickoff, JSU DB **Dominique Johnson** picked off Grambling QB **Brandon Landers** and ran untouched into the end zone to put JSU up 14-7.

Grambling got a safety late in the quarter and an early second quarter **Tim Manuel** field goal to pull within 14-12. JSU responded covering 79 yards in seven plays capped by Oliver's 17-yard TD pass to **Christopher Johnson** that came at the end of a dazzling display of scrambling.

JSU linebacker **Marcellus Speaks** intercepted Landers on the first play from scrimmage after the kickoff setting up Giles' three-yard run that put the J-Men up 28-12 going into halftime.

Landers (18-38-3, 229 yards) connected on a 24-yard scoring pass to **Nick Lewis** and a 44-yarder to **Tim Abney** that put GSU (8-4) up 31-28 entering the final stanza.

Oliver got the lead right back for JSU hitting **Terrance Jones** on a 15-yard scoring pass despite a Grambling defender being draped around his legs. The touchdown capped a 7-play, 74-yard drive. Giles delivered the coup de grace sprinting 54 yards up the middle to paydirt after appearing to be stopped in his own backfield.

BCSP Notes

Billy Joe named head coach at Miles

Hall of Famer **William "Billy" Joe** has been named head football coach at **Miles College**, athletic administrators announced today. The former head coach at **Florida A&M**, Joe, 67, has recorded more victories than any other football coach at an HBCU other than Eddie Robinson.

"Billy Joe is a legend in black college football and we are excited about the impact he will have on our program," Miles Athletics Director **Augustus James** said during the press conference. "This brings a whole lot to our program. A different caliber of student-athlete will be drawn to our program. People want to play for a legend."

During his 31-year career as a head coach, Joe has won seven National Black College Football Championships and two NAIA titles. He led the FAMU Rattlers to five **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** titles and appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision (Division I-AA) playoffs in seven of his 11 years at FAMU. He has a career coaching record of 237-108-4, making him the fourth all-time winningest coach in FCS history and second in black college football history. In addition to coaching at FAMU, Joe coached at **Central State** from 1981 to 1993 and **Cheyney** from 1972-1978.

Joe, who played seven years in the NFL for three teams and won a Super Bowl with the 1968 New York Jets, has been inducted into both FAMU Hall of Fame and the National Football Foundational College Hall of Fame.

Joe replaces **Wade Streeter**, who was fired Dec. 6 after going 35-41 in seven years at Miles.

MEAC basketball tournament to include bonus game of WSSU vs. NCCU men

The **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** announced last week that **Winston-Salem State** and **North Carolina Central**, two teams not currently eligible for conference titles, will play a special game during this year's MEAC Basketball Tournament's final day at the RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C.

The game, between the men's teams, will be played on Championship Saturday, March 15 at 4:30 p.m. between the men's and women's tournament finals.

"We want to galvanize the Eagle and Ram fans' base, alumni and students to experience what our tournament is all about," said MEAC Commissioner, **Dr. Dennis Thomas**. "We feel this is an excellent opportunity for both teams to showcase their institutions."

2007 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Women's Standings and Weekly Honors)

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

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CELESTE TRAHAN, Sr., C., ECSU, Stockton, CA - Scored 23 points (9 of 21 FGs) and grabbed 18 rebounds, her 70th career double-double, in win over JC Smith.

CHANEL KINARD, Fr., F, SAC, Richmond, VA - Had 9 points, 7 rebounds and 3 blocks in win over St. Andrews.

VANESSA TAYLOR, JCSU - Guided her team to 2-1 week with only loss to Div. I Winthrop.

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

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

SOPHILIA HIPPS, So., G, SCSU, Spencer, NC - Recorded a career-high 27 points on 8-of-15 FGs and 9-of-11 free throws in win over Savannah St. Also had 2 rebounds, 5 assists and 2 steals.

DEMETRIA FRANK, Fr., G, BCU, Miami, FL - Had 13 points (6 of 11 FGs), 3 assists, 2 steals vs. Claflin.

TANIYA DAWSON, Jr., G, FAMU, Mesquite, TX - 5 steals, 5 assists, 17 points in win over NC Central.

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Fort Valley State	2	0	4	2
Kentucky State	2	0	3	4
Tuskegee	1	0	2	3
Miles	2	1	5	1
Clark Atlanta	1	1	4	1
Lane	1	1	3	2
Paine	1	1	1	2
Albany State	1	1	1	4
Stillman	0	2	0	5
Benedict	0	2	0	7
LeMoyn Owen	0	3	0	3

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

NA

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	DIV	ALL	W	L
Miss. Valley St.	0	0	4	2
Alabama State	0	0	2	4
Prairie View A&M	0	0	3	6
Alcorn State	0	0	2	6
Jackson State	0	0	2	6
Southern	0	0	2	6
Texas Southern	0	0	2	6
Alabama A&M	0	0	1	4
Grambling State	0	0	1	6
Ark. Pine Bluff	0	0	1	7

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

FREDRIKA LEWIS, Sr., C, SOUTHERN, Beaumont, TX - Scored 20 points on 9 of 11 shooting, also had 6 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals in win over McNeese State.

INDEPENDENTS	W	L	PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	
			W	L
Xavier (La.)	8	2		
Univ. District of Columbia	7	3		
Florida Memorial	7	3		
Central State	7	4		
Langston	2	2		
Savannah State	2	4		
West Virginia State	3	4		
Tennessee State	3	7		
Lincoln (Pa.)	2	8		
Cheyney	1	4		
Lincoln (Mo.)	1	6		
Edward Waters	0	5		
N. C. Central	0	9		