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**THE DRIVER:** With McNair and Strahan retired, veteran receiver now most tenured black college NFL veteran.

## BCSP NFL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS 55 BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS AS PLAY BEGINS

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
E. DIVISION				
Eliz. City State	1	0	1	0
Bowie State	0	0	1	0
St. Paul's	0	0	0	1
Virginia Union	0	0	0	1
Virginia State	0	0	0	1
W. DIVISION				
St. Augustine's	0	0	1	0
Fayetteville State	0	0	1	0
Shaw	0	0	0	1
J. C. Smith	0	0	0	1
Livingstone	0	0	0	1
Chowan	0	1	0	1

**CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OL - DWAYNE FROST, Sr., OG, BSU**  
**WR - DEXTER MANLEY, Jr., WR, ECSU** - 5 rec., 203 yds., 2 TDs (62, 56)  
**BACK CURTIS RICH, Sr., QB, ECSU** - 10 of 23 for 276 yds., 3 TDs  
**DL - MARCUS KENNEDY, Sr., DT, SAC** - 9 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery  
**LB - STEVEN STANBACK, So., MLB, SAC** - 11t  
**DB - LAWYER MONTGOMERY, So., DB, JCSU** - 12 tackles, 7 solos, 1 interception, 1 break-up  
**ROOKIE TARIQ JONES, Fr., RB, BSU** - 13 carries, 102 yds., 1 TD  
**SPECIAL CLIFTON BUDD, Fr., WR/KR, BSU**

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Hampton	0	0	1	0
NC A&T State	0	0	1	0
Florida A&M	0	0	1	0
Norfolk State	0	0	1	0
Delaware State	0	0	0	0
Bethune-Cookman	0	0	0	0
Howard	0	0	0	0
Morgan State	0	0	0	0
SC State	0	0	0	1
# W-Salem State	0	0	0	0
# Not eligible for title				

**MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE**  
**MICHAEL FERGUSON, Sr., RB, NCA&T** - Rushed 15 times for 100 yards and 2 TDs (16, 2) in win over JC Smith.  
**DEFENSE**  
**ANDRE THORNTON, Sr., LB, NCA&T** and **WAKEEM GOODE, Sr., LB, HAMPTON** - Both had 11 tackles, 3 solos, in team wins.  
**SPECIAL**  
**LEROY YANN, Jr., DB/KR, FAMU** - Returned three kickoffs for 158 yards including a 99-yarder for a second quarter TD in win over Alabama State. Also led the Rattlers with nine tackles and one sack from his DB position.

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Stillman	1	0	1	0
Lane	1	0	1	0
Benedict	1	0	1	0
Fort Valley State	1	0	1	1
Albany State	0	0	1	0
Tuskegee	0	0	0	0
Morehouse	0	1	0	1
Kentucky State	0	1	0	1
Miles	0	1	0	1
Clark Atlanta	0	1	0	1

**SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE**  
**KEVIN REESE, Jr., QB, BC** - 146 total yards  
**ROBERT TAYLOR, Sr., WR, ASU** - 3 rec., 79 yds., 2 TDs  
**DEFENSE**  
**TRENTON NEWTON, Jr., LB, FVSV** - 13 tackles  
**DERICK ADDIA, So., DB, KSU** - 12 tackles  
**NEWCOMER**  
**RICARDO LOCKETTE, Jr., WR, FVSV** - 191 all-purpose yds., 76 yd. kickoff return for TD, 6 rec., 83 yards and TD  
**SPECIAL TEAMS**  
**JAMARION ROBINSON, Fr., WR/KR, CAU** - 4 returns for 117 yds., including 78 yarder for TD.  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMEN**  
**PEDRO BENNETT, So., G, ASU**

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
E. DIVISION				
Miss. Valley St.	0	0	1	0
Alabama State	0	0	0	1
Jackson State	0	0	0	1
Alabama A&M	0	0	0	1
Alcorn State	0	0	0	1
W. DIVISION				
Prairie View A&M	1	0	1	0
Grambling State	0	0	0	1
Ark. Pine Bluff	0	0	0	1
Southern	0	0	0	1
Texas Southern	0	1	0	1

**SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE**  
**DONALD BABERS, Jr., RB, PVA&M** - Rushed 27 times for 130 yards and 2 TDs (9, 6) in win over TSU.  
**RONALD BREWER, Jr., RB, MVSU** - Rushed 17 times for 105 yards and 3 TDs (2, 30, 4) in win over Texas College.  
**DEFENSE**  
**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** - Held rival Texas Southern to 113 yards of total offense, including 5 rushing yards in 24 attempts, in 34-14 win.  
**SPECIAL TEAMS**  
**ZACK GILARSKI, PK, MVSU** - Converted 5-of-5 PATs and 37-yard FG in win over Texas College.

INDEPENDENTS	CONF	ALL	W	L
Tennessee State			1	0
W. Va. State			1	0
Lincoln (PA)			1	0
Concordia			1	0
Edward Waters			0	0
Langston			0	1
Cheyney			0	1
Central State			0	1
N. C. Central			0	1
Texas College			0	1
Lincoln (Mo.)			0	1
Savannah State			0	1

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE**  
**KEVIN O'BRIEN, Sr., QB, WVSV** - Completed 9 of 14 passes for 216 yards and 4 TDs (64, 17, 10, 67) in rout of Lincoln (Mo.).  
**DEFENSE**  
**LINCOLN (PA) UNIT** - Held George Mason to 63 total yards in 62 plays, returning both an interception (Akeem Smith) and a fumble (Aaron Coleman) for TDs to give Lions a win in first game after 48-year hiatus.  
**SPECIAL TEAMS/NEWCOMER**  
**JAJUA SPILLMAN, Jr., WR/KR, TSU** - Louisville transfer had 1 reception, a 65-yarder for a TD, and returned a kickoff 94 yards to paydirt in win over Alabama A&M.

## SCORES

**AUGUST 28**  
 E. Strdsburg 14, Va. Union 11  
 Miss Valley State 38, Texas College 0  
 NC A&T 44, J. C. Smith 12

**AUGUST 30**  
 Albany State 27, Shaw 10  
 Ark.-Mont. 21, Ark.-Pine Bluff 7  
 Benedict 7, Morehouse 3  
 Bowie State 51, Cheyney 26  
 Central Florida 17, SC State 0  
 Concordia 26, Livingstone 21  
 Eliz. City State 55, Chowan 3  
 Florida A&M 30, Alabama St.20  
 Ft. Valley State 24, Clark Atlanta 19  
 Houston 55, Southern 3  
 Jacksonville 20, Savannah State 7  
 Lane 32, Kentucky State 16  
 Lincoln (PA) 34, G. Mason 7  
 Nev.-Reno 49, Grambling State 13  
 Norfolk State 47, Virginia State.7  
 Pr. View 34, Texas Southern 14  
 St. Augustine's 14, Catawba 7  
 SE Louisiana 34, Alcorn State 28  
 S. F. Austin 56, Langston 19  
 Tennessee St.34, Alabama A&M 13  
 W. Va. State 67, Lincoln (MO) 13  
 Wingate 34, Saint Paul's 10

**AUGUST 31**  
 Dayton 31, Central State 12  
 Fayetteville State 33, NC Central 22  
 Hampton 17, Jackson State 13  
 Stillman 38, Miles 12

# Tough dates, rivalries dot schedule

## LUT WILLIAMS

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**Florida A&M** head coach **Joe Taylor** and **Hampton** head coach **Jerry Holmes** had successful debuts at their new jobs last week but the tasks ratchet up a

## GAMES THIS WEEK

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**  
*ESPN - Live*  
 Delaware State vs. Florida A&M in Dover, DE 7:30

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**  
 Tuskegee vs. Miles in Tuskegee, AL 1  
 Cheyney vs. Mercyhurst in Cheyney, PA 1  
 Howard vs. Georgetown in Washington, DC 1  
 Shepherd vs. Bowie State in Shepherdstown, WV 1  
 Charleston vs. St. Augustine's in Charleston, WV 1  
 Presbyterian vs. Fayetteville State in Clinton, SC 1:30  
 St. Paul's vs. Chowan in Lawrenceville, VA 1:30  
 St. Joseph's vs. Kentucky State in Rensselaer, IN 12n  
 Concordia vs. Belhaven in Selma, AL 2  
 Prairie View A&M vs. Texas College in Pr. View, TX 4  
 Bethune-Cookman vs. Alabama State in D. Beach, FL 4  
 Arkansas State vs. Texas Southern in Jonesboro, AR 6  
 Henderson St. vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff in Arkadelphia, AR 6  
 Jacksonville St. vs. Alabama A&M in Jacksonville, AL 6  
 SC State vs. Benedict in Orangeburg, SC 6  
 Southern Illinois vs. Hampton in Carbondale, IL 6  
 Southern Virginia vs. Lincoln (PA) in Buena Vista, VA 6  
 Virginia State vs. J. C. Smith in Petersburg, VA 6  
 Virginia Union vs. W. Va. Wesleyan in Richmond, VA 6  
 Albany State vs. Lane in Albany, GA 7  
 Catawba vs. Elizabeth City State in Salisbury, NC 7  
 Savannah State vs. Livingstone in Savannah, GA 7  
 West Georgia vs. Clark Atlanta in Carrollton, GA 7  
 James Madison vs. NC Central in Harrisonburg, VA 6  
 Kentucky vs. Norfolk State in Lexington, KY 6  
 Towson vs. Morgan State in Towson, MD 6

**CLASSICS**  
*Chicago Football Classic*  
 Central State vs. West Virginia State in Chicago, IL 4  
*W.C. Gorden Classic*  
 Jackson State vs. Stillman in Jackson, MS 4  
 Willie Gary Classic  
 Edward Waters vs. Shaw in Jacksonville, FL 5  
*McGee Classic*  
 Langston vs. Lincoln (MO) in Tulsa, OK 5:30  
*John Merritt Classic*  
 Tennessee State vs. Southern in Nashville, TN 6  
*Battle of I-40 Football Classic*  
 NC A&T vs. Winston-Salem State in Greensboro, NC 6

**TV GAMES**  
*ESPN Classic*  
 Grambling State vs. Alcorn State in Grambling, LA 6

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**  
*ESPN - Live*  
 Fort Valley State vs. Morehouse in Fort Valley, GA 2

notch this week as they both hit the road for tough matchups.

Taylor's Rattlers (1-0) used some sterling special teams' play to get by **Alabama State** 30-20 Saturday and now head into Dover, Delaware Thursday (7:30 p.m.) to take on defending **MEAC** champ **Delaware State** (0-0) in a game to be carried live on ESPN.

Holmes' Pirates gave the MEAC a 3-1 edge in its season-opening matchup with SWAC schools, emerging from a defensive struggle with a 17-13 win over SWAC champ **Jackson State** in the **SWAC/MEAC Challenge** in Orlando. The Pirates (1-0) will travel to Carbondale, Illinois Saturday (6 p.m.) for a tough date with Southern Illinois, ranked 12th nationally in two Football Championship Subdivision polls.

Sticking with the MEAC, **Norfolk State** (1-0), fresh off a dominating 47-7 win over **Virginia State**, travels to Lexington, Kentucky Saturday for a tough date with Kentucky (1-0) of the SEC. **North Carolina A&T** (1-0), which ended a 27-game losing streak and got the first win in three years for head coach **Lee Fobbs** with a 44-12 win over **Johnson C. Smith** Saturday, stays home (6 p.m.) this week to take on 1-40 rival **Winston-Salem State** (0-0). **Morgan State** opens Saturday against cross-town Baltimore rival Towson (6 p.m.).

**South Carolina State** (0-1), who lost a close 17-0 decision to Div. I Central Florida Saturday, looks to break into the win column hosting (6 p.m.) Div. II SIAC member **Benedict** (1-0).

**Elizabeth City State** and the **CIAA** look to go up 2-0 in games vs. South Atlantic Conference schools when the Vikings (1-0) travel to Catawba (0-1) Saturday (7 p.m.). ECSU welcomed Chowan to the CIAA last week with a 55-3 drubbing while Catawba lost at home to CIAA member **St. Augustine's**, 14-7. The CIAA was 1-10 vs. SAC opponents last year. ECSU faces its third straight SAC opponent on the road when it travels to Tusculum next week.

Preseason BCSP No. 1 **Tuskegee** opens its season and defense of its national and SIAC titles with a home game (1 p.m.) vs. **Miles**



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**NEW QB:** Hampton QB Herbert Bynes (14-23, 151 yds., 1 TD) struggled early but came back to lead the Pirates to a 17-13 win over Jackson State and earn game MVP honors in the SWAC/MEAC Challenge. Bynes will have to play better as the Pirates travel to nationally ranked Southern Illinois Saturday.

(0-1). Miles' new head coach **Billy Joe** got a rude welcome to the **SIAC** in a 38-12 loss at **Stillman** last week. Stillman (1-0) plays at Jackson State (0-1) Saturday (4 p.m.) in the inaugural *W. C. Gorden Classic*.

In other SIAC action, **Albany State** (1-0), who beat CIAA champ **Shaw** 27-10 Saturday, hosts **Lane** (1-0) at 7 p.m. The Dragons got new coach **Trent Boykin** a win over **Kentucky State** in his debut Saturday. **Fort Valley State** (1-1, 1-0) hosts **Morehouse** Sunday (2 p.m.) in a game to be televised live on ESPN.

In other key games, Ohio Valley Conference member **Tennessee State** (1-0) tries to defeat its second SWAC opponent as it hosts **Southern** (0-1) Saturday in Nashville (6 p.m.). TSU got by **Alabama A&M** 34-13 last week while Southern took it on the chin at Houston, 55-3.

Elsewhere in the SWAC, **Grambling State** (0-1) and **Alcorn State** (0-1), both coming off losses, tangle at Grambling Saturday at 6 p.m., in a game carried on ESPN2.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



Photo Courtesy Tuskegee University

**THE CHUCKSTER COMES HOME:** NBA Hall of Famer Charles Barkley (left) poses with Tuskegee University President Benjamin F. Payton (right) and his wife Thelma Payton during the inaugural Tuskegee University Sports Gala Aug. 23 at the Kellogg Center on the Tuskegee campus. Barkley was the keynote speaker for the black tie event sponsored by the Tuskegee University National Athletic Association (TUNAA). The function drew 280 guests, including Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Terry, and raised \$40,000 for Tuskegee's athletic program. Barkley, who is reportedly considering a run for governor of Alabama, spoke during "An Evening with Charles Barkley," stressing the importance of education and dignity in the lives of young people.

## THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### BCSP TOP TEN

- TUSKEGEE** (0-0) - Opens Saturday hosting Miles.
- DELAWARE STATE** (0-0) - Opens Saturday hosting Florida A&M.
- NORFOLK STATE** (1-0) - Dominated Virginia State, 47-7. NEXT: At Kentucky.
- PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** (1-0) - Defeated Texas Southern, 34-14. NEXT: Hosts Texas College.
- HAMPTON** (1-0) - Beat SWAC champ Jackson State, 17-13. NEXT: At Southern Illinois.
- ALBANY STATE** (1-0) - Knocked off CIAA champ, Shaw, 27-10. NEXT: Hosts Lane.
- TENNESSEE STATE** (1-0) - Defeated Alabama A&M 34-13. NEXT: Hosting Southern.
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (0-1) - Battled gamely in 17-0 loss at Central Florida. NEXT: Hosting Benedict.
- JACKSON STATE** (0-1) - Fell to Hampton in SWAC/MEAC Challenge, 17-13. NEXT: Hosting Stillman.
- GRAMBLING STATE** (0-1) - Felled by Nevada- Reno, 49-13. NEXT: Hosting Alcorn State.
- (TIE) **SOUTHERN** (0-1) - Handled by Houston, 55-3. NEXT: At Tennessee State

## BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON OPENING DAY 2008 NFL ROSTERS

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (27, +3)**

**BALTIMORE RAVENS (3)**  
 96 Lamar Divens (PS) DT R Tennessee St.  
 91 Marques Douglas DE 8 Howard  
 41 Frank Walker DB 6 Tuskegee

**BUFFALO BILLS (1)**  
 36 Darian Barnes FB 7 Hampton

**CINCINNATI BENGALS (0)**

**CLEVELAND BROWNS (2)**  
 42 Charles Ali FB 2 Ark.-Pine Bluff  
 96 Alex Hall LB R St. Augustine's

**DENVER BRONCOS (1)**  
 53 Louis Green LB 5 Alcorn State

**HOUSTON TEXANS (3)**  
 96 Earl Cochran DE 4 Alabama State3  
 12 Jacoby Jones WR 2 Lane  
 86 Harry Williams (iR) WR 3 Tuskegee

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (4)**  
 41 Antoine Bethea DB 3 Howard  
 25 Michael Coe (iR) DB 2 Alabama State  
 60 Curtis Johnson DE R Clark Atlanta  
 98 Robert Mathis DE 6 Alabama A&M

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (5)**  
 21 Drayton Florence DB 6 Tuskegee  
 37 Rashean Mathis CB 5 Beth.-Cookman  
 56 Justin Durant LB 2 Hampton  
 38 Brian Witherspoon DB R Stillman  
 39 Rashod Moulton DB 1 Ft. Valley State

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (1)**  
 39 Dmitri Patterson DB 3 Tuskegee

**MIAMI DOLPHINS (2)**  
 70 Kendall Langford DE R Hampton  
 27 Will Billingsley (PS) DB R NC A&T

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (0)**

**NEW YORK JETS (1)**  
 37 Darian Barnes FB 3 Hampton

**OAKLAND RAIDERS (1)**  
 Brandon Torrey OL 1 Howard

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS (0)**

**SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (1)**  
 24 Cletis Gordon DB 3 Jackson State

**TENNESSEE TITANS (2)**  
 25 Nick Harper CB 8 Ft. Valley State  
 95 William Hayes LB R W-Salem State

## BCSP NFL REPORT

# Numbers up in NFL

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BCSP Editor

With a total of 14 players either on practice squads or on injured reserve, the number of players from black colleges on opening day NFL rosters jumped ten from 46 to 56 players in a review of NFL websites conducted by the BCSP this week.

The NFL regular season gets underway Thursday night (September 4) as the Super Bowl champion New York Giants host the Washington Redskins at the New Jersey Meadowlands. Conspicuously absent from the Giants' roster and from the list of black college players in the NFL this season is 15-year veteran defensive end **Michael Strahan** out of **Texas Southern**, who decided to hang up his cleats after winning his first Super Bowl title in last year's stirring defeat of the previously undefeated New England Patriots.

The retirement of Strahan coupled with the retirement of 13-year veteran NFL quarterback **Steve McNair** out of **Alcorn State**, who most recently played with Baltimore, brings to an end a glorious decade-plus of accomplishment and excitement from these two outstanding veterans. Both posted numbers that should qualify them for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Left to carry the mantle as the most tenured black college player in the NFL this year is accomplished Green Bay Packers' veteran wide receiver **Donald Driver** out of **Alcorn State**, who is entering his tenth season.

In addition to nine players on practice squads and five on injured reserve, an unprecedented 13 rookies made rosters most on those practice squads. Those making active rosters included draftees **Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie** (**Tennessee State**/1st Round, Arizona), **Kendall Langford** (**Hampton**/3rd Round, Miami), **William Hayes** (**Winston-Salem State**/5th Round Tennessee) and **Alex Hall** (**St. Augustine's**/7th Round Cleveland). **Jackson State** wide receiver **Jaymar Johnson**, selected in the seventh round by Minnesota, was placed on the Vikings' practice squad.

Two undrafted **SIAC** free agents, **DB Brian Witherspoon** (**Stillman**/Jacksonville) and **Curtis Johnson** (**Clark Atlanta**/Indianapolis) made active rosters.

## BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON OPENING DAY 2008 NFL ROSTERS

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (29, +7)**

**ARIZONA CARDINALS (4)**  
 35 Oliver Celestin DB 5 Texas Southern  
 29 Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie DB R Tennessee State  
 62 Jason Banks (PS) OL R Grambling State  
 86 Onrea Jones (PS) WR 1 Hampton

**ATLANTA FALCONS (1)**  
 14 Eric Weems (PS) WR R Beth.-Cookman

**CAROLINA PANTHERS (2)**  
 55 Donte Curry LB 8 Morris Brown  
 41 Dante Wesley CB 7 Arkansas-PB

**CHICAGO BEARS (0)**

**DALLAS COWBOYS (3)**  
 30 Alonzo Coleman (PS) RB 1 Hampton  
 97 Jason Hatcher DE 3 Grambling State  
 92 Marcus Dixon (PS) DE R Hampton

**DETROIT LIONS (3)**  
 74 Damion Cook T 8 Beth.-Cookman  
 91 Chuck Darby DT 8 SC State  
 24 Calvin Pearson S 4 Grambling State

**GREEN BAY PACKERS (4)**  
 36 Nick Collins FS 4 Beth.-Cookman  
 59 Tracey White LB 6 Howard  
 62 Junious Coston (iR) OT 3 N. C. A&T  
 80 Donald Driver WR 10 Alcorn State

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS (4)**  
 43 Maurice Hicks RB 5 NC A&T  
 7 Tavaris Jackson QB 3 Alabama State  
 81 Visanthe Shiancoe TE 6 Morgan State  
 Jaymar Johnson (PS) WR R Jackson State

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (0)**

**NEW YORK GIANTS (0)**

**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (2)**  
 67 Jamaal Jackson C 5 Delaware State  
 17 Shaheer McBride (PS) WR R Delaware State

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ers (0)**

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (1)**  
 28 DeMichael Dizer (iR) DB R Grambling State

**ST. LOUIS RAMS (2)**  
 32 Ron Bartell FS 4 Howard  
 34 Fakhir Brown CB 9 Grambling State

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (3)**  
 14 Cortez Hankton WR 5 Texas Southern  
 James Lee (iR) G R SC State  
 96 Greg Peterson DT 2 NC Central

**WASHINGTON REDSKINS (0)**