

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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TILLAR: His Vikings seek to clinch CIAA East, title game berth in homecoming match-up vs. St. Paul's.

STRETCH RUN BEGINS

A&T MAKES GRID COACHING CHANGE; HAMPTON / SCSU IN MEAC SHOWDOWN

2008 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

CONF	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
ALL	5	0	5	3
E. DIVISION	3	2	4	4
Eliz. City State	3	2	5	3
Virginia State	2	3	3	4
Virginia Union	2	3	3	4
Bowie State	2	3	3	4
St. Paul's	2	3	4	4
# Lincoln (PA)	0	0	1	4
W. DIVISION	4	1	6	2
Fayetteville State	4	1	5	3
Shaw	4	1	5	3
Livingstone	3	2	3	5
St. Augustine's	2	3	3	5
Chowan	1	4	2	6
J. C. Smith	1	4	2	6

Not eligible for title
CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OL - **TRAVIS AMOS**, Sr., C, VSU
WR - **BRIAN BERRY**, So., VSU - 5 rec., 40 yds., ran 32 yards for game-winning TD.
BACK - **TRAVIS ROBINSON**, Jr., QB, SU - 16 of 31 for 368 yds., 5 TDs vs. Chowan.
DL - **JARVIS STOKES**, So., SPC - 7 tackles, 3 solos, 1.5 sacks.
LB - **MICHAEL MORGAN**, So., JCSU - 11 tackles, 6 solos, 4 TFL, 3 sacks for -29 yds. vs. FSU.
DB - **JEFF LYNN**, Jr., ECSU - 2 interceptions, 3 break-ups, 3 solo stops.
ROOKIE **TARON HAMPTON**, Fr., RB, VSU - 33 carries, 196 yds., vs. Virginia Union.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
ALL	4	0	5	1
E. DIVISION	3	0	5	2
Hampton	3	1	3	3
SC State	2	1	4	3
Delaware State	2	2	4	2
Morgan State	2	2	4	2
Bethune-Cookman	1	2	5	2
Florida A&M	1	2	5	2
Norfolk State	1	3	2	5
Howard	0	3	1	5
NC A&T State	0	4	2	6
# W-Salem State	0	0	0	4

Not eligible for title
MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
CURTIS PULLEY, Jr., QB, FAMU - 13 of 17, 172 yds., 3 TDs, 15 car., 118 yds., 1 rec., 41 yds., TD.
DEVAN JAMES, Jr., RB, MSU - 36 carries, 219 yds., 2 TDs vs. Howard.
DEFENSE
JAMES CARTER, Jr., DL, HOW - 11 tackles, 5 solos, 3.5 TFL, 1 forced fumble vs. MSU.
ROOKIE
ANTHONY GLAUD, r-SO., QB, DSU - 8-of-9, 165 yds., 1 TD vs. NC A&T.
SPECIAL TEAMS
LERON YANN, Jr., DB/KR, FAMU - 66-yard punt return for TD vs. Southern.
OL - DWAYNE DELANEY, Sr., OL, MSU

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
ALL	6	0	7	0
E. DIVISION	4	2	5	2
Tuskegee	4	2	5	2
Albany State	4	2	5	3
Clark Atlanta	4	2	4	4
Fort Valley State	3	3	4	4
Benedict	3	3	4	4
Morehouse	3	3	4	4
Miles	2	4	2	5
Lane	2	4	2	6
Kentucky State	1	5	3	5
Stillman	1	5	2	6

Not eligible for title
SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
GARRETT WILLIAMS, Sr., QB, FVSVU - 13 of 22, 264 yds., 1 TD, ran four 4-yard score vs. BC.
DEFENSE
NORRIS MILTON, Sr., LB, CAU - 12 tackles, 6 solos, 4 TFL, 1 sack, 1 interception vs. MHC.
NEWCOMER
ANTHONY HARRIS, So., WR, FVSVU - 4 receptions, 152 yards vs. BC.
SPECIAL TEAMS
SHAUN GUTIERREZ, Sr., PK, LC - 2-of-2 FGs (32-27), 2-2 on PATs vs. Stillman.
DAVID WEEKS, Jr., KRWR, CAU - Returning opening KO 90 yards for score vs. MHC.
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN
SAM McNAULTY, Sr., OL, CAU

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
ALL	2	1	3	4
E. DIVISION	2	1	3	5
Jackson State	2	1	3	5
Alabama A&M	1	2	2	6
Alcorn State	1	2	1	5
Alabama State	0	2	2	4
Miss. Valley St.	3	0	6	2
W. DIVISION	3	0	4	3
Grambling State	3	1	6	1
Southern	3	1	6	1
Prairie View A&M	0	3	3	5
Texas Southern	0	3	0	7

Not eligible for title
SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
BRYANT LEE, Sr., QB, SU - 25 of 42 for 407 yards, 3 TDs, 16 carries for 64 yards, 3 TDs vs. FAMU.
DEFENSE
LIONEL BIBBINS, DL, LANGSTON - Had 7 tackles, 2 sacks, 4 TFL vs. Texas College.
SPECIAL TEAMS
ERIC BENSON, PK, TENN. STATE - Kicked thru a game-winning 29-yard field goal to give the Tigers a 37-34 win over Austin Peay and remain the only undefeated team in OVC play. It was Benson's third field goal of the game with the others from 26 and 31 yards. He was also 4-for-4 in PAT kicks.
LUTHER EDWARDS, Fr., RB, JSU - 24 carries for 113 yards, 1 TD.

INDEPENDENTS

W	L	
W. Va. State	6	1
Tennessee State	6	1
Langston	5	2
Concordia	4	4
Savannah State	3	5
Edward Waters	2	5
N. C. Central	1	6
Lincoln (Mo.)	1	6
Central State	1	6
Texas College	0	6
Cheyney	0	8

Not eligible for title
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
JAVARRIS WILLIAMS, Sr., RB, TSU - Carried 30 times for 195 yards and 3 TDs (23, 40, 3) in win over Austin Peay.
DEFENSE
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SCORES

- OCTOBER 18**
Alabama A&M 20, Alcorn State 13
Bloomsburg 43, Cheyney 7
Bowie State 21, Saint Paul's 7
Central State 36, Lincoln (MO) 17
Clark Atlanta 29, Morehouse 2
Coastal Carolina 35, NC Central 10
Delaware State 42, NC A&T 7
Elizabeth City State 70, Lincoln (PA) 6
Fayetteville State 48, J. C. Smith 3
Florida A&M 52, Southern 49
Fort Valley State 22, Benedict 6
Grambling State 27, Alabama State 7
Hampton 35, Norfolk State 17
Jackson State 30, Texas Southern 14

- Lane 20, Stillman 18
Langston 25, Texas College 11
Miles 29, Kentucky State 23
Miss Valley St. 22, Savannah State 20
Morgan State 31, Howard 30, 2OT
Prairie View A&M 15, Ark.-Pine Bluff 0
Saint Augustine's 28, Livingstone 6
Shaw 68, Chowan 13
Tennessee State 37, Austin Peay 34
Tuskegee 33, Albany State 20
UNC-Pembroke 43, Edward Waters 8
Virginia State 14, Virginia Union 7
Webber Int'l 14, Concordia 9
W. Virginia State 34, W. Liberty 24

Clinching time for one, showdowns for others

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One team is in position to clinch a conference title and postseason berth this Saturday, others can put themselves right on the brink of the same, while others are involved in showdowns with conference foes looking to seize control of their conference races.

That's the state of things as the 2008 black college season enters its home stretch.

The team in position to clinch is **Elizabeth City State** in the CIAA East. **Shaw** in the CIAA West and **Tuskegee** in the SIAC are right on the verge.

Showdowns and perhaps games of the week are on tap in the MEAC, where **Hampton** and **South Carolina State**, currently tied for the top spot, tangle in Orangeburg, S.C., and in the SWAC West where **Prairie View** and **Southern** meet trying to stay in touch with division leader **Grambling State**.

The SWAC East also has what certainly could be called a showdown as **Alabama State** and **Alabama A&M** tangle in their traditional October battle at the 67th annual *Magic City Classic* in Birmingham (2:30 p.m.).

CIAA

Elizabeth City State (5-3, 5-0) has a two-game lead in the CIAA East and can clinch the division title and a spot in the Nov. 8 conference title game in Durham (N.C.) with a win Saturday at its homecoming (1:30 p.m.) vs. **St. Paul's** (4-4, 2-3).

Head coach **Waverly Tillar's** high-scoring Vikings (34.9 points per game) are led by QB **Curtis Rich** who is passing for 186 yards per game with 13 touchdowns and 8 interceptions. His favorite target is junior wideout **Dexter Manley** who is averaging a remarkable 27.3 yards per catch on 26 receptions with a league-

best nine touchdowns. ECSU also features dangerous punt returner **Reggie Smith** who has brought two punts back for TDs.

St. Paul's has lost two straight after knocking off division favorite **Virginia Union** three weeks ago. The Tigers have scored just one touchdown in each game.

Shaw (5-3, 4-1) is currently tied with **Fayetteville State** (6-2, 4-1) atop the CIAA West but leads the division based on its 19-12 decision over FSU on Oct. 12. Head coach **Darrell Asberry's** defending division and CIAA champion Bears can take a big step towards returning to the league's title game with a win Saturday (1 p.m.) at **Livingstone** (3-5, 3-2). FSU plays at dangerous **St. Augustine's** (3-5, 2-3) Saturday (1:30 p.m.).

Any combination of Shaw wins and FSU losses totalling two would give the Bears the title. Shaw closes its regular season at **Johnson C. Smith** next week while FSU hosts **Livingstone**.

SIAC

Undefeated defending SIAC and black college national champion **Tuskegee** (7-0, 6-0) puts its 23-game winning streak on the line Saturday as it hosts (1 p.m.) **Kentucky State** (3-5, 1-5).

With a two-game conference lead and three games to play, head coach **Willie Slater's** BCSP No. 1 Golden Tigers can clinch at least at tie for the league title with a win and will win the title outright with a win and a loss by **Clark Atlanta**. CAU (5-3, 4-2) is at **Lane** (2-6, 2-4) Saturday (2 p.m.).

Tuskegee plays at **Clark Atlanta** next week and closes the SIAC portion of its schedule at home vs. **Lane** on Nov. 8.

MEAC

The game of the week is down in Orangeburg, S.C. where league favorite **South Carolina State** (5-2, 3-0), still looking for its first title in seven years under head coach **Oliver "Buddy" Pough**, and **Hampton** (5-1, 4-0), both undefeated in league play, hook-up (1:30 p.m.) with the winner taking over the top spot in the MEAC.

SCSU has beaten Hampton the last two seasons, 13-6 in 2006 and 28-24 last season, but its problem has been with **Delaware State**, a team SCSU plays next week that has beaten the Bulldogs late in the last two seasons to knock them out of a crown.

First things first, however. In Hampton, S.C. State is facing a team that is back in the thick of the things in the MEAC despite losing long-time head coach **Joe Taylor** to **Florida A&M** during the offseason. Former defensive coordinator **Jerry Holmes** has taken over the reins of the Pirates' program and it hasn't missed a beat. Holmes and the Pirates

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

SE Missouri vs. Tennessee State in Cape Girardeau, MO	1
Tuskegee vs. Kentucky State in Tuskegee, AL	1
Bowie State vs. Virginia Union in Bowie, MD	1
Fort Valley State vs. Miles in Fort Valley, GA	1
Livingstone vs. Shaw in Salisbury, NC	1
West Chester vs. Cheyney in West Chester, PA	1
Central State vs. Missouri S&T in Wilberforce, OH	1:30
Glenville State vs. West Virginia State in Glenville, WV	1:30
NC A&T vs. Howard in Greensboro, NC	1:30
St. Augustine's vs. Fayetteville State in Raleigh, NC	1:30
SC State vs. Hampton in Orangeburg, SC	1:30
S. Nazarene vs. Texas College in Bethany, OK	2
N. Greenville vs. Edward Waters in Tigerville, SC	5
Prairie View A&M vs. Southern in Houston, TX	6
HOMECOMINGS	
Johnson C. Smith vs. Chowan in Charlotte, NC	1
Morgan State vs. Delaware State in Baltimore, MD	1
Norfolk State vs. Florida A&M in Norfolk, VA	1
Elizabeth City State vs. St. Paul's in Elizabeth City, NC	1:30
Virginia State vs. Lincoln (PA) in Petersburg, VA	1:30
Alcorn State vs. Texas Southern in Alcorn State, MS	2
Lane vs. Clark Atlanta in Jackson, TN	2
Benedict vs. Stillman in Columbia, SC	2
Morehouse vs. Albany State in Atlanta, GA	2
W-Salem State vs. B-Cookman in Winston-Salem, NC	2
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Lincoln (MO) in Pine Bluff, AR	2:30
Langston vs. NW Oklahoma State in Langston, OK	3
Jackson State vs. Miss Valley State in Jackson, MS	4
TV GAMES / CLASSICS	
67th Magic City Classic - ESPNU - Delayed-10:30p ET	
Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State in Birmingham, AL	2:30

also overcame the loss of preseason all-MEAC QB **T. J. Mitchell**, who was an academic casualty. **Herbert Bynes** has replaced him and is playing at an all-conference level (248 passing ypg., 60.2%, 11 TDs, 5 ints.). The Pirates have also been buoyed by sterling special teams play. Punt returner **Jeremy Gilchrist** has brought back three punts for touchdowns while **Kevin Teel** has two kickoff return TDs. They along with punter **Jamahl Blanchard** (43.0 avg.) and placekicker **Carlos Turavani** lead the MEAC in their respective categories and are among the nation's best.

SCSU counters with the league's best defense. Minus the Bulldogs' 54-0 loss to BCS and ACC member Clemson, they are giving up an average of 13 points per game. Pough will need great games out of his defense, sophomore QB **Malcolm Long**, WR **Oliver "Tre" Young** and scintillating RB **Wil Ford** who is averaging 113 rushing yards per game with 8 touchdowns, to hold off the Pirates. Also in the MEAC, **Delaware State** (3-3, 3-1) is at **Morgan State's** (4-3, 2-1) homecoming (1 p.m.) in a battle of teams that trail the leaders by one game.

SWAC
Prairie View's (6-1, 3-1) only loss is to Grambling and **Henry Frazier's** troops need a win over high-scoring (32.3 ppg.) **Southern** (4-3, 3-0) to get back in the West Division race. The Panthers are surrendering a league best 13.1 points per game but must contend with league passing leader **Bryant Lee**, who is averaging 277 passing yards per game with 16 TDs and just 3 interceptions.

BCSP TOP TEN

- TUSKEGEE** (7-0) - Took care of Albany State, 33-20. NEXT: Hosting Kentucky State.
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (5-2) - Idle. NEXT: Showdown for MEAC lead hosting Hampton.
- HAMPTON** (5-1) - Downed Norfolk State, 35-17. NEXT: At South Carolina State.
- GRAMBLING STATE** (5-2) - Handled Alabama State, 27-7. NEXT: Idle.
- DELAWARE STATE** (3-3) - Routed NC A&T, 42-7. NEXT: At Morgan State.
- FLORIDA A&M** (5-2) - Outsourced Southern, 52-49. NEXT: At Norfolk State.
- TENNESSEE STATE** (6-1) - Beat Austin Peay, 37-34. NEXT: At SE Missouri.
- PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** (5-1) - Shutout UAPB, 15-0. NEXT: Hosting Southern.
- SOUTHERN** (4-3) - Outsourced by Florida A&M 52-49. NEXT: At Prairie View.
- BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (4-2) - Idle. NEXT: At WSSU's homecoming.

BCSP Notes

2008-09 MEAC hoops picks unveiled

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) announced its men's and women's basketball preseason all-MEAC team and basketball predictions last week at the 2008 MEAC Basketball Press luncheon held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Coppin State guard **Tywan McKee** was selected as the men's MEAC preseason player of the year while **Morgan State** was picked to finish first in the preseason poll. **North Carolina A&T State** senior **Amber Bland** was named the women's MEAC preseason player of the year as voted on by the league's head coaches and sports information directors.

McKee averaged 16.6 points and 4.4 rebounds for the Eagles last year while leading the surprising Eagles to the 2008 MEAC Tournament title. The 6-2 swingman tallied 33 points and canned the winning basket in a 62-60 win over Morgan State in the finals to take home the most outstanding player trophy. McKee is a former rookie of the year and first-team all-MEAC selection.

Bland averaged 15.1 points and 5.1 rebounds per game last season. The guard tallied 2.6 assists and 2.7 steals per game and led the league in three-point field goal percentage (39.3) and was second in three-point field goals made (1.94).

Morgan State received 15 first place votes and totaled 443 points to garner the men's league top position. Led by the league's Coach of the Year **Todd Bozeman**, the Bears earned their first regular season MEAC title last year with a 14-2 MEAC record and 22-11 overall mark. The Hampton Pirates were predicted to finish second with 370 total points. The Pirates finished the 2007-08 season with a 11-5 finish and tied for second in conference standing with **Norfolk State**.



McKEE



BLAND

A&T's Lady Aggies earned 18 of the possible 22 first place votes for a total of 468 points and were picked to take home the 2008-09 crown. They return five starters from a team that recorded a 25-8 overall record and 15-1 mark in MEAC play last season en route to their first regular-season title since the 1989-90 season. Delaware State tallied 378 points and was predicted to finish second.

MEN

- 1) **Morgan State** (15) 443 2) **Hampton** (2) 370 3) **Delaware State** 330 4) **Norfolk State** (1) 311 5) **SC State** (2) 308 6) **Coppin State** (1) 239 7) **Florida A&M** 200 8) **NC A&T** (1) 185 9) **Howard** 122 10) **Bethune-Cookman** 106 11) **UMES** 70

2008-09 PRESEASON ALL-MEAC TEAM

Tywan McKee, 6-2, Sr., G, CSU - Philadelphia, PA; **Jason Johnson**, 6-7, Sr., C, SCSU - Bronx, NY; **Marquise Kately**, 6-5, Sr., F, MSU - San Francisco, CA; **Lamar Twitty**, 6-4, Sr., F, FAMU - Fort Lauderdale, FL; **Coley Lyons***, 6-4, Sr., G/F, NSU - Bronx, NY; **John Holmes***, 6-5, Sr., F, B-CU - Salisbury, MD

WOMEN

- 1) **NC A&T** (18) 468; 2) **Delaware State** 378 3) **Morgan State** 364 4) **Coppin State** (2) 316 5) **Hampton** (1) 291 6) **Maryland Eastern Shore** (1) 283 7) **SC State** 192 8) **Florida A&M** 196 9) **Howard** 92 10) **Bethune-Cookman** 76 11) **Norfolk State** 68

2008-09 PRESEASON ALL-MEAC TEAM

Corin Adams, 5-7, Jr., G, MSU - Brooklyn, NY; **Amber Bland**, 5-11, Sr., G, NC A&T - Boardman, OH; **April McBride**, 6-1, Jr., G/F, UMES - New Rochelle, NY; **Brittanie Taylor-James**, 6-0, F, NC A&T - Evanston, IL; **Whitney Cunningham**, 6-3, Sr., C, CSU - Baltimore, MD

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NEW DIRECTION AT NC A&T:

North Carolina A&T athletics director **Wheeler Brown** announced Monday the dismissal of head football coach **Lee Fobbs** and appointed running backs coach **George Ragsdale** as the interim head coach for the remainder of the 2008 season.

"We feel like this is the best decision for the program