



# FOR ALL THE MARBLES

'08 CCAA Football logo  
**TITLE GAME TILT:** Shaw looks for back-to-back CIAA title when it battles Elizabeth City State in Durham Saturday.

**SHAW / ECSU TO DECIDE CIAA CHAMP; SC STATE ON VERGE OF MEAC TITLE, AGAIN**

## SCORES

NOVEMBER 1	NC Central 34, Edward Waters 14
Alabama State 24, Alcorn State 17	Norfolk State 49, Howard 12
Albany State 31, Fort Valley State 7	SC State 23, Delaware State 17
Bacone 20, Texas College 14	Saint Augustine's 33, Chowan 31
Benedict 42, Kentucky State 35	Saint Paul's 23, Lincoln (PA) 20
Bethune-Cookman 24, NC A&T 14	Savannah State 23, Concordia 7
Bowie State 21, Virginia State 16	Shaw 62, Johnson C. Smith 35
Elizabeth City State 36, Virginia Union 13	Shepherd 56, West Virginia State 14
Fayetteville State 55, Livingstone 20	Shippensburg 62, Cheyney 7
Grambling State 35, Miss Valley State 14	Southern 31, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 24, 20T
Lane 52, Miles 2	Tennessee State 41, Tennessee Tech 14
Langston 41, SW Assemblies 7	Tuskegee 42, Clark Atlanta 20
Missouri S&T 68, Lincoln (MO) 0	Winston-Salem State 35, Hampton 30
Morehouse 17, Stillman 16	
Morgan State 13, Florida A&M 10	

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### PIONEER BOWL SUSPENDED:

The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) have suspended the Pioneer Bowl for 2008. The game was scheduled to take place in Columbia, S.C. on December 6, 2008 at Charlie W. Johnson stadium. The Pioneer Bowl will resume in 2009 at a date and time to be determined.

The bowl game features representatives of the SIAC and the CIAA and began in 1997. The SIAC leads the series between the two conferences 8-2 with Tuskegee participating in eight games. The CIAA was established in 1912 and the SIAC in 1912 and are the two oldest Historically Black Colleges and Universities conferences.

## BCSP TOP TEN

1. **TUSKEGEE** (9-0) - Beat Clark Atlanta, 42-20. NEXT: Homecoming vs. Lane
2. **S. C. STATE** (7-2) - Won at Delaware State, 23-17. NEXT: Hosts Howard.
3. **GRAMBLING STATE** (6-2) - Beat MVSU, 35-14. NEXT: Ark.-Pine Bluff in Little Rock.
4. **PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** (7-1) - Idle. NEXT: At Alabama A&M.
5. **BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (5-2) - Handled N.C. A&T, 24-14. NEXT: At Hampton.
6. **MORGAN STATE** (6-3) - Shut down Florida A&M, 13-10. NEXT: At Norfolk St.
7. **TENNESSEE STATE** (6-2) - Beat Tenn. Tech, 41-14. NEXT: Hosts E. Illinois.
8. **ELIZ. CITY ST.** (7-3) - Beat Va. Union, 36-13. NEXT: CIAA title game vs. Shaw.
9. **FLORIDA A&M** (6-3) - Shut down by Morgan State, 13-10. NEXT: At NC A&T.
10. **HAMPTON** (5-3) - Upset by WSSU, 35-30. NEXT: Hosting Bethune-Cookman.

## THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### OFFENSIVE STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING YDS.	TEAM	CI	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
MITCHELL, Brian	WVS		7	115	876	7.6	10	125.1
JAMES, Devan	MSU		9	230	1077	4.7	8	119.7
HAMPTON, Taron	VSU	FR	9	188	1076	5.7	7	119.6
FORD, William	SCS	JR	9	176	1038	5.9	9	115.3
WILLIAMS, Javarris	TNS	SR	9	193	944	4.9	14	104.9

PASSING YDS.	TEAM	CI	G	A	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Yds/G
BYNES, Herbert	HAM	SO	8	251	153	7	61.0	2101	15	262.6
LEE, Bryant	SU	JR	9	307	189	5	61.6	2351	19	261.2
HAIGLER, Floyd	HOW	JR	8	341	194	15	56.9	2045	15	255.6
O'BRIEN, Kevin	WVS		9	272	164	11	60.3	2220	16	246.7
ATKINSON, Jac.	TU	SR	9	221	124	10	56.1	2086	18	231.8

TOTAL OFFENSE	Team	CI	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
LEE, Bryant	SU	JR	9	431	2351	424	2782	309.1
ATKINSON, Jacary	TU	SR	9	652	2086	322	2738	304.2
HEFFNER, Antonio	TSU	SR	8	384	1795	278	2179	272.4
HAIGLER, Floyd	HOW	JR	8	86	2045	412	2131	266.4
BYNES, Herbert	HAM	SO	8	-9	2101	284	2092	261.5

REC. / GAME	Team	CI	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Rec/G
CARTER, Willie	HOW		6	44	477	6	10.8	7.3
BERRY, Brian	VSU	SO	10	70	749	3	10.7	7.0
OSBOURNE, Wm.	TXS	JR	9	62	795	5	12.8	6.9
FRANKLIN, Jeremy	JCS	SO	10	64	984	9	15.4	6.4
STEWART, Jumor	SU	JR	9	57	849	11	14.9	6.3
HOOD, Arlandus	HOW		7	44	459	1	10.4	6.3

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FRANKLIN, Jer.	JCS	SO	10	64	984	9	15.4	98.4
STEWART, Jum.	SU	JR	9	57	849	11	14.9	94.3
MANLEY, Dexter	ECS	JR	9	31	829	10	26.7	92.1
HARRIS, Thomas	AAM	SR	9	50	804	3	16.1	89.3
OSBOURNE, Wm.	TXS	JR	9	62	795	5	12.8	88.3
BROWN, Justin	HAM	SR	8	39	670	8	17.2	83.8

ALL PURPOSE	Team	CI	G	RSh	Rec	PR	KR	Yds	AVG.
OSBOURNE, Wm.	TXS	JR	9	22	795	191	604	1612	179.1
MITCHELL, Brian	WVS		7	876	166	0	0	1042	140.9
MEDLIN, Richard	FSU	SO	10	688	126	20	500	1334	133.4
THOMPSON, W.	CAU	SO	10	1042	247	0	16	1305	130.5
SPILLMAN, Jaj.	TNS	JR	9	150	380	76	563	1169	129.9

## CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME XXIV

### ELIZABETH CITY STATE VIKINGS (7-3)

EAST DIVISION CHAMPION  
 CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Head Coach  
**WAVERLY TILLAR**

TEAM RECORD	2008 RESULTS
2008 Overall: 7-3	2008 Overall: 7-3
2007 CIAA: 7-0	ELIZABETH CITY STATE 7-3
2008 BCSP Ranking: 8th	55 .....@ Chowan ..... 3 W
All-Time vs. Shaw: 15-11-1 (55)	29 .....@ Catawba ..... 41 L
Last Time vs. Shaw: 20-17, OT L, '07	30 .....@ Tusculum ..... 32 L
CIAA Title Game: 1-1	7 .....@ Wingate ..... 15 L
CIAA Championships: 1 (Last '71)	24 .....@ St. Augustine's ..... 13 W
	35 .....@ Virginia State ..... 7 W
	29 .....@ Bowie State ..... 28 W
	70 .....@ Lincoln (Pa.) ..... 6 W
	39 .....@ St. Paul's ..... 9 W
	36 .....@ Virginia Union ..... 13 W

COACH'S RECORD
Alma Mater: Virginia Union (75)
Record vs. Shaw: 1-4
Record at ECSU: 28-34, .451 (6th year)
Career Record: Same

### SHAW BEARS (7-3)

WEST DIVISION CHAMPION  
 CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Head Coach  
**DARRELL ASBERRY**

TEAM RECORD
2008 Overall: 7-3
2008 CIAA: 6-1
2008 BCSP Ranking: NR
All-Time vs. ECSU: 11-15-1 (55)
Last Time vs. ECSU: 20-17, OT W
CIAA Title Game: 2-0
CIAA Championships: 3 (Last '07)

COACH'S RECORD
Alma Mater: Jackson State ('94)
Record vs. ECSU: 1-1
Record at Shaw: 18-14, .562 (3rd year)
Career Record: Same

SATURDAY, NOV. 8, 2008 - DURHAM, NC - MEMORIAL STADIUM - 1 P.M.

# CIAA to settle title game in Durham

### LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

The match-up Saturday of Eastern Division champ **Elizabeth City State** and Western Division champ **Shaw** for the 2008 CIAA football championship will have plenty of offensive fireworks according to ECSU head coach **Waverly Tillar**.

"It should be an offensive battle," said the sixth-year coach making his second championship game appearance and looking for the Vikings' first title since 1971.

Stats, kind of, bear him out. Shaw comes in averaging league-bests of 430 yards and 41.1 points per game and has averaged over 61 points in its last three games. Tillar's Vikings average a healthy 35.4 points per game and have themselves averaged 45 points per game over the last three games during a six-game win streak.

Shaw head coach **Darrell Asberry**, who is looking to repeat as champion after taking last year's title game in a two-overtime thriller vs. **Virginia Union**, knows his team can score but he also knows it can play defense.

Shaw leads the league in total defense giving up just 213.6 yards per contest. ECSU is surrendering just 16.7 points per game.

So, something or someone's got to give when they meet Saturday in Durham (1 p.m.) for the league's top prize.

Shaw has a plethora of offensive weapons led by QB **Travis Robinson** and a trio of run-

ning backs - freshman **Johnny Wooten** (479 yds., 5 TDs), sophomore **Raymon Williams** (672 yds., 8 TDs) and junior **Aaron Ellison** (467 yds., 5 TDs). Robinson has thrown 17 TD passes including six scoring tosses to **Deandre Okanji** (30 rec., 611 yds.) and five to **Lenell King** (25 rec., 536 yds.).

ECSU counters with standout quarterback **Curtis Rich** and big-play receivers in junior JC transfers **Dexter Manley** and **Reggie Smith**.

Rich has also thrown for 17 touchdowns, ten of them to Manley who averages a gaudy 26.7 yards per catch on his 31 receptions. Manley averages 52.9 yards on his ten TD receptions. Smith has returned two punts and two kickoffs for touchdowns.

The only blemishes on ECSU's (7-3, 7-0) ledger are three consecutive close road losses in September to South Atlantic Conference schools Catawba, Tusculum and Wingate. Shaw (7-3, 6-1) has dropped out-of-conference decisions to **Albany State** of the SIAC, **Texas Southern** of the SWAC and to CIAA West Division foe **St. Augustine's**. The Bears biggest win was a 19-12 decision over **Fayetteville State**, a head-to-head win which broke a tie with the Broncos for the division title.

One of the biggest unanswered questions is what happens to the winner of Saturday's game. Currently, Fayetteville State is ranked eighth in the NCAA Div. II Super Regional One, ahead of both championship game participants (ECSU-10th, Shaw-unranked).

## GAMES THIS WEEK

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

ESPNU - Live  
 SC State vs. Howard in Orangeburg, SC 7:30

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Alabama A&M vs. Prairie View A&M in Huntsville, AL	1
Alabama State vs. Jackson State in Montgomery, AL	1
Kentucky Wesleyan vs. Lincoln (MO) in Owenboro, KY	1
Tennessee State vs. Eastern Illinois in Nashville, TN	1
Clarion vs. Cheyney in Clarion, PA	1
Delaware State vs. Winston-Salem State in Dover, DE	1
Morehouse vs. Kentucky State in Atlanta, GA	1
Norfolk State vs. Morgan State in Norfolk, VA	1
St. Joseph's vs. Central State in Rensselaer, IN	1
W. Virginia State vs. W. Va. Wesleyan in Institute, WV	1
NC A&T vs. Florida A&M in Greensboro, NC	1:30
S. Nazarene vs. Langston in Bethany, OK	2
Texas College vs. Concordia in Tyler, TX	2
Albany State vs. Miles in Albany, GA	2
Cal Poly SLO vs. NC Central in San Luis Obispo, CA	4
<b>HOMECOMINGS</b>	
Stillman vs. Fort Valley State in Tuscaloosa, AL	1
Texas Southern vs. Miss Valley State in Houston, TX	1
Tuskegee vs. Lane in Tuskegee, AL	1
<b>TV GAMES</b>	
CIAA Championship Game - CIAA Network	
CIAA West Champ vs. CIAA East Champ in Durham, NC	1
ESPNU - Delayed-10:30p ET	
Hampton vs. Bethune-Cookman in Hampton, VA	2
<b>CLASSIC GAMES</b>	
16th CSRA Classic	
Clark Atlanta vs. Benedict in Augusta, GA	2
Literacy Classic	
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Grambling St. in Little Rock, AR	4
R.J. Bunche Classic	
Edward Waters vs. Savannah State in Kingsland, GA	5

# SC State again knocking on MEAC title door

### ROSCOE NANCE

BCSP Correspondent

Always the bridesmaid and never the bride has been **South Carolina State's** plight the past five seasons as the Bulldogs have finished second in the MEAC each year.

However, this could be the year that South Carolina State gets to the altar by winning the MEAC championship and landing the automatic berth in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs that accompanies it.

The Bulldogs lead the MEAC with a 5-0 record. All they have to do is win their remaining games against **Howard**, **Morgan State** and **North Carolina A&T** and they will shed their bridesmaid's mantle.

"We have the best case scenario," said seven-year Bulldog Coach **Oliver "Buddy" Pough**. "Our fate is in our own hands. Let's see if we can keep it going. We've been planning for sometime to have to win out."

Still, Pough is haunted by the ghosts of the Bulldogs' past second-place finishes.

"It has been extremely frustrating," he says. "You don't know how frustrating. It's almost like somebody steals your dog. You don't have the significance in your program. You can't talk about the things you accomplished. You feel defeated. You wonder if you got the stuff it takes to get it done. You second guess the decisions you've made and things you've done."

Despite the setbacks, the



SC State Sports Photo

**POUGH:** South Carolina State head coach looking to close the deal, win an MEAC title, after knocking at the door in each of his seven seasons.

Bulldogs have repeatedly shown their resilience by bouncing back to contend for the title year after year. Their ability to bounce back makes them arguably the most respected and feared team in the MEAC, so much so that they again this year were the preseason picks to win the conference title.

The Bulldogs have lived up to expectations, thanks in large part to the play of sophomore quarterback **Malcolm Long** and senior running back **Will Ford**, the preseason choice for MEAC Offensive Player of the Year. Ford is second in the conference in rushing with 1,038 yards, giving him back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. He has also scored nine touchdowns.

"Ford is real special," Pough says. "He's a feature style running

back. We want the all in his hands."

**Travil Jamison** provides the Bulldogs with an excellent change of pace as Ford's backup. He has rushed for 440 yards and scored nine touchdowns while averaging a team-high 6.5 yards a carry.

"Jamison is a good contrasting style," Pough says.

Long is the No. 3 passer in the MEAC with 1,628 yards. He has thrown 10 touchdown passes.

"To be basically a freshman, for him to be as far along as he is is phenomenal," Pough says. "He can see defenses. He does a nice job running the team and a nice job of running the ball. He has a chance to be special here."

Long suffered a shoulder injury in the Bulldogs' 23-17 victory against **Delaware State** Saturday, and it is unclear how serious it is.

Tight end **Octavius Darby** is the Bulldogs' secret weapon on offense because of his versatility. Pough uses the 6-2, 256-pound senior at fullback in some situations and splits him out in others in addition to lining him up at his normal position. He has the size and strength to be an effective blocker, and he is an inviting target in short-yardage passing situations. He also has enough speed to get deep, which his 17.5 yards per catch on 23 receptions indicates.

"You have to credit the coaching staff for being able to maintain a high level of efficiency year-in and year-out even though they haven't won it all," says ESPNU play-by-play announcer **Charlie Neal**, who

will call Thursday night's Howard-South Carolina State contest. "The thing that has helped them is their passing game. They've been traditionally a running team. They have excellent receivers. They have a good offensive line and veterans on defense. I really think this is their year."

Pough says the key to South Carolina State's success has been its unity. "Our team has been a together team, an unselfish team," he says. "A lot of people have contributed, and they have all pulled together."

Pough also says nonconference losses to a pair of Football Bowl Subdivision opponents, 17-0 to the University of Central Florida and 54-0 to Clemson, helped the Bulldogs' confidence immensely.

"The competition is where we measure ourselves," he says. "We didn't feel overmatched. We weren't the blowout bait or the Tiger meat that we looked to be going in, even in the Clemson game despite the score."

Even though the Bulldogs got past defending MEAC champion Delaware State 23-17 last weekend, Pough wasn't pleased with their performance. They led 23-3 late in the third quarter, but turnovers allowed Delaware State to make a run.

"Our mental focus was off a little bit (against Delaware State)" Pough says. "Go from there to the fact that we made more mistakes than we would have liked. We weren't impressive. If we play like we played, we will be runners-up again. I hope this was a wakeup message."

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

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
<b>CONF</b>	<b>CONF ALL</b>
<b>ALL DIVISION</b>	