

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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## HARD-HITTING FINALE

**BENARD:** JSU all-SWAC defensive end one of keys to what should be hard-hitting SWAC title game in Birmingham.

STILLMAN NAMES COLE; BOWIE STATE RELEASES LYNN; CHANGE AT THE TOP OF SIAC

# SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME X



## GRAMBLING STATE TIGERS (10-2)

WEST DIVISION CHAMPION  
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach  
**ROD BROADWAY**

### TEAM RECORD

2008 Overall:	10-2
2007 SWAC:	7-0
2008 BCSP Ranking:	(TIE) 1st
All-Time vs. JSU:	35-22-1
Last Time vs. JSU:	14-5, W, '08
SWAC Title Game:	4-1
SWAC Championships:	21 (Last '05)
Last:	42-31, JSU L

### COACH'S RECORD

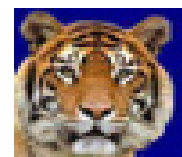
Alma Mater: North Carolina (77)  
Record vs. JSU: 2-1  
Record at GSU: 18-6, .750 (2nd year)  
Career Record: 51-17, .750 (Six years)

### 2008 RESULTS

<b>GRAMBLING STATE</b>	<b>10-2</b>
13.....@ Nevada Reno.....	49 L
29.....@ Alcorn State.....	0 W
19.....@ NW Louisiana.....	31 L
14.....@ Jackson State.....	5 W
13.....@ Langston.....	2 W
40.....@ Prairie View (Dallas).....	16 W
27.....@ Alabama A&M.....	9 W
27.....@ Alabama State.....	7 W
35.....@ Miss. Valley St.....	14 W
28.....@ UAPB (Little Rock).....	7 W
33.....@ Texas Southern.....	7 W
29.....@ Southern (N. O.).....	14 W

## JACKSON STATE TIGERS (7-4)

EAST DIVISION CHAMPION  
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach  
**RICK COMEGY**

### 2008 RESULTS

<b>JACKSON STATE</b>	<b>7-4</b>
13.....Hampton (Orlando).....	17 L
17.....@ Stillman.....	7 W
18.....Tenn. St. (Memphis).....	41 L
5.....@ Grambling State.....	14 L
28.....@ Southern.....	35 L
21.....@ UAPB.....	10 W
30.....@ Texas Southern.....	14 W
29.....@ Miss. Valley St.....	27 W
20.....@ Alabama State.....	0 W
37.....@ Alabama A&M.....	21 W
26.....@ Alcorn State.....	21 W

### TEAM RECORD

2008 Overall:	7-4
2008 BCSP Ranking:	6-1
2008 SWAC:	NR
All-Time vs. GSU:	22-35-1
Last Time vs. GSU:	14-5, L '08
SWAC Title Game:	1-1
SWAC Championships:	16 (Last '07)
Last:	42-31, GSU W

### COACH'S RECORD

Alma Mater: Millersville (76)  
Record vs. GSU: 1-3  
Record at JSU: 21-13, .617 (3rd year)  
Career Record: 129-64, .668 (18 years)

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# Grambling, Jax State wrap up season

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BCSP Editor

Grambling State and Jackson State get to have the last say Saturday in the 2008 black college football season in more ways than one.

The old rivals will meet for the 59th time in their storied histories in the 2008 Southwestern Athletic Conference championship game at 1 p.m. in Birmingham at Legion Field, but there's a little more at stake.

By virtue of previously undefeated Tuskegee's controversial loss to Alabama State on Thanksgiving Day in Montgomery, Al., Rod Broadway's Grambling squad stands in good stead to capture this year's black college national championship. But to do so, they'll need a dominating effort against the JSU Blue Tigers.

The only losses for the 10-2 G-Men are two early season setbacks against Div. I Nevada-Reno (49-13) and a close loss to fellow FCS member NW Louisiana State (31-19). With a win, Grambling is likely in the running for the national title with MEAC champ South Carolina State (9-3) who suffered losses to two Div. I opponents (Clemson and Central Florida) and a close first round FCS playoff loss to three-time defending FCS champion Appalachian State.

Regardless of the national implications, the title game itself should be intriguing. The same two teams met last year under somewhat similar circumstances.

A year ago in its first year under Broadway's tutelage, Grambling came into the game at 8-3, having lost two straight after winning seven games in a row and was considered by many as a heavy

favorite. JSU came in at 7-4 in head coach Rick Comegy's second year at the helm after surviving a East Division race that went down to the last week of the regular season.

And just like this year, Grambling had a win over JSU as they played a rematch of sorts in the championship game. Last year, the G-Men defeated JSU 30-20 in the regular season before losing 42-31 in the title game.

Earlier this season, Grambling eked out a 14-5 home win over the Blue Tigers which was the beginning of a nine-game win streak it will carry into Saturday's contest.

Comegy is back this season with an identical 7-4 mark and perhaps is just as much of an underdog. The Tigers lost four of their first five games before righting the ship and winning their last six contests.

So any idea that Grambling is a heavy favorite or shoo-in to win this year's title is

### TITLE GAME YARDSTICK

GRAMBLING	SCORING	JACKSON STATE
25.6 ppg. (3rd)	22.2 ppg. (5th)	
13.4 ppg. (2nd)	18.8 ppg. (3rd)	
150.3 ypg. (9th)	154.5 ypg. (8th)	
179.9 ypg. (4th)	160.5 ypg. (1st)	
160.8 (2nd)	150.0 (3rd)	
86.9 (3rd)	73.1 (2nd)	
311.2 ypg. (6th)	304.5 ypg. (7th)	
266.8 ypg. (3rd)	233.5 ypg. (1st)	



nonsense. The meeting earlier this year was a defensive struggle with just one offensive touchdown scored between the two. JSU, with Trae Rutland at the helm, passed for 255 yards but was picked off twice. The Tigers' ground game was held to 12 yards in 32 carries but they had 10 minutes more in time of possession. They scored on a safety and a field goal. Grambling ran for 128 yards and passed for 103 but got the game's only offensive score on a 44-yard pass from QB Greg Dillon to wideout Nick Lewis. Grambling's other score came on an interception return in the final minute of the game.

Comegy is likely to play both Michael Mosely and Rutland at quarterback while Grambling will go with Dillon under center. The game will probably hinge on which team runs the ball best. Both teams are near the top of the SWAC statistical charts in rushing offense and defense while neither has a particularly potent passing attack. So, get ready for a hard-hitting defensive struggle as these two black college titans duke it out for SWAC supremacy and perhaps more.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### COLE BACK IN THE SADDLE:

Lawrence "L.C." Cole has been hired as the new head football coach at Stillman, effective Dec. 4. Cole comes to Stillman from



L. C. COLE

Texas Southern, where he served as defensive coordinator and assistant head football coach this past season. He is Stillman's third head coach since the college reinstated football in 1999.

"It's a great opportunity for me to come back to the state of Alabama and to coach at Stillman," said Cole, who has coached high school and college teams in Montgomery. "Stillman is known for its competitiveness. I look forward to getting Stillman back into that winning spirit."

Cole has 26 years of collegiate coaching experience, including seven years as a head coach at Tennessee State and Alabama State, both NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision schools. He was selected from more than 40 applicants and recommended to Stillman athletic director Curtis Campbell by a three-person search committee.

Cole has an overall record of 48-31 in seven years as a collegiate head coach. He began his career at Tennessee State in 1996, taking a team that won just two games the year before he arrived and getting them into the postseason in just his third year. During his last two seasons at TSU, Cole led the Tigers to a 20-4 mark and two Ohio Valley Conference titles as well as ending one regular season as the No. 1 team in I-AA football. He ended his tenure by winning his final 19 regular season contests and averaged more than 40 points per game during that span.

In 2000, Cole took an Alabama State team that had won just two games in 1999 and led it to a winning record. By 2001, the Hornets played in the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship game. Cole has also held assistant coaching positions at Cincinnati, Eastern Michigan, Morgan State, Toledo, Wisconsin, Kansas State, Ball State, and New Mexico State.

Prior to his position at Texas Southern, Cole spent two years as head coach and athletic director at Sidney Lanier High School. Before Cole arrived at Lanier in 2006, the Poets had not been to the playoffs in six years and had won only two games the previous season. While there, Cole led the team to the playoffs both years and the team advanced to the state quarterfinals in 2006.

His honors include being selected as defensive coordinator for the Alabama/Mississippi High School All-Star Game in 2007, Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year in 1998 and 1999, GTE Regional Coach of the Year in 1998 and 1999, Rutherford Spirit Award-Coach of the Year in 1998 and 1999, American Football Coach's Division I-AA National Coach of the Year in 1999, Street and Smith's Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year in 1999, and TeamLink.Com's Division I-AA Coach of the Year in 1999.

Cole, who has a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Nebraska, played professionally with the New York Jets in 1980 and had internship experience with the Cleveland, Detroit and Green Bay.

### LYNN OUT AT BOWIE STATE:

Bowie State Athletic Director Derek Carter and Head Football Coach Mike Lynn have reached a mutual agreement that a change in direction is needed for the Bulldogs' program.



LYNN

"After five enjoyable and successful seasons, the time has come for a change in leadership of the Bowie State University football program," said Lynn. "I want to thank (President) Dr. Burnim and Derek Carter for giving me this wonderful opportunity and wish the University much success in the future." Lynn compiled a BSU career record of 26-25, tying him for the most wins ever by any Bowie State football coach. Lynn's best season came in his second year (2005) when the Bulldogs finished with an 8-4 record and advanced to the CIAA Championship game. Bowie State also participated in the Pioneer Bowl that same season.

# BCSP Notes

## SWAC names 2008 football honorees

The Southwestern Athletic Conference announced Tuesday its 2008 all-conference football team selected by nominations and votes from the member schools' coaches and sports information contacts along with selected members of the media. Players of the year were to be announced on Wednesday.

The lone unanimous selection on the team is Southern wide receiver Juamorris Stewart. He caught 76 passes for 1,138 yards and 12 touchdowns. He led the conference in receptions per game (6.9) and in receiving yards per game (103.5)

Among the top overall vote-getters were Prairie View A&M running back Donald Babers (222 carries, 1,085 yards, 11 TDs), Jackson State defensive end Marcus Benard (80 total tackles, 31 solo, 16 sacks, 22.5 tackles for loss), Texas Southern wide receiver/kick returner William Osbourne (82 rec., 1,092 yards, 7 TDs; 192.3 all-purpose yards per game) and Grambling State defensive back Jeffrey Jack (74 tackles, 45 solo, INT, 2 blocked kicks).

Grambling State led the count with nine selections – including four on first team. Jackson State placed eight players on the all-conference squad with four first-team choices. Both Prairie View A&M and Southern each had seven players chosen and each placed four players on the first team.

### FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

OL - Cleveland Collie, Sr., PVA&M; Demarcus Stewart, Sr., SU; Revay Smith, Sr., GSU; Xavier Manuel, Jr., AA&M; Mikeal Harshaw, Jr., JSU; TE - Abner Brown, Sr., MVSU; WR - Juamorris Stewart, Jr., SU; William Osbourne, Jr., TSU; RB - Donald Babers, Jr., PV A&M; Martell Mallett, Sr., UAPB; QB - Bryant Lee, So., SU; K - Jeremy Licea, Jr., AA&M 5-7 147 Jr. Ventura, CA

### FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL - Marcus Benard, Sr., JSU; Vincent Lands, Sr., SU; Christian Anthony, Jr., GSU; Melvin Matthews, Sr., GSU; LB - Marcellus Speaks, Sr., JSU; Zach East, Sr., PVA&M; Lee Robinson, Sr., Alcorn St.; DB - Jeffrey Jack, Sr., GSU; Anthony Beck, Jr., PVA&M; Dominique Johnson, Sr., JSU; Kevin Thornton, Jr., UAPB; P - Stephon Solomon, Fr., TSU; RS - William Osbourne, Jr., TSU



STEWART



BENARD



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STINSON

### SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

OL - Bronson Carvalho, Sr., Alcorn St.; James Kelke, So., PVA&M; Eric Jones, Jr., JSU; Nelson Baddele, Sr., MVSU; TE - Marcel Frost, Sr., JSU; WR - Thomas Harris, Jr., AA&M; Brian Haith, Jr., TSU; RB - Cornelius Walker, So., GSU; Rahmod Taylor, Jr., ASU; QB - Greg Dillon, So., GSU; K - Eric Perri, Jr., JSU

### SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL - Jeremy Maddox, Jr., AA&M; Fred Poole, Sr., MVSU; Quinton Spears, So., PVA&M; Ledarius Anthony, Sr., UAPB; LB - Keefe Hall, Sr., GSU; Johnathan Malveaux, Sr., SU; Tim Turner, Sr., UAPB; DB - Glenn Bell, Sr., SU; Kenneth Anio, Jr., GSU; DeMarkus Washington, Fr., TSU; Malcolm Palmer, Jr., JSU; P - Pedro Ventura, So., PVA&M; RS - Kiare Thompson, So., GSU

### Stinson named Interim SIAC commish

Dr. Benjamin F. Payton, chair of the SIAC Council of Presidents and President of Tuskegee University, has announced that Interim Commissioner/Director of Championships for the SIAC, George Mategakis, has tendered his resignation, effective December 31, 2008. Mategakis has accepted the position of director of championships with the California Community College Athletic Association based in Sacramento, California.

The Executive Committee of the Council of Presidents Monday named Harry Stinson III, who has served the SIAC as Director of Communications and Marketing since 2005, to serve as Acting Commissioner, effective January 1, 2009. Stinson will serve until the Search Committee recommends a person to the Council to serve as permanent SIAC Commissioner. The goal is to name a person to this position before the end of January 2009.

Mategakis has served as Interim Commissioner began since April 15, 2008. Stinson has served the SIAC since 2005. Stinson, a former student-athlete from Florida State, received his Master's degree in Sports Administration from Georgia State.

## 2008 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

### CIAA

EAST	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE			
	DIV	ALL	W	L
Virginia Union	1	0	3	3
Bowie State	1	1	4	4
Elizabeth City State	0	0	8	0
Virginia State	0	0	3	3
St. Paul's	0	1	2	3
WEST				
Fayetteville State	1	0	5	1
Johnson C. Smith	1	0	6	1
St. Augustine's	1	1	3	4
Shaw	1	2	2	5
Livingstone	0	1	4	3

### CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER  
CHRIS JORDAN, 6-2, Jr., G, SAC, Houston, TX  
- In two games, scored 42 points (21 ppg.) on 14 of 22 shooting, including hitting on 10 of 16 3-pointers. Jordan scored 35 of those points, hitting on 9 of 11 from behind the arc in a win over Va. Union.  
ROOKIE  
MICHAEL COOPER, 6-7, Fr., C, JCSU, New Rochelle, NY - Had 2 points and 3 rebounds in win over Bluefield State.  
COACH  
LONNIE BLOW, 1st year, SAC - Had 2-0 week including wins over Shaw and Va. Union.

### MEAC

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

### MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER  
NIC WILSON, 6-5, Sr., F, NC A&T, Trenton, NJ  
- Had career-high 26 points in win over Norfolk State.  
ROOKIE  
C.J. REED, 6-3, Fr., G, B-CU, Daytona Beach, FL  
- Averaged 15.5 points in two B-CU victories getting 14 vs. Weber Int'l and 16 in win over FAMU.  
DEFENSE  
ARTURO DUBOIS, 6-8, Sr., C, DSU, Harlem, NY  
- Averaged 9 rebounds and 3 blocks in two games getting 8 boards vs. UMES and 15 points, 10 boards vs. Richmond.

### SIAC

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

### SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER  
GARRY BEVERLY, 6-8, Sr., F, CAU, Philadelphia, PA - Scored 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, blocked 2 shots and had 3 steals vs. Canver Bible.  
MARTREZ SCOTT, 6-3, Jr., G, FVU, Eatonton, GA - In wins over FVU and Miles, averaged 31 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals.

### SWAC

Prairie View A&M	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Prairie View A&M	0	0	3	4
Grambling State	0	0	1	3
Alabama A&M	0	0	1	3
Alabama State	0	0	1	3
Alcorn State	0	0	1	6
Jackson State	0	0	1	7
Southern	0	0	5	5
Ark. Pine Bluff	0	0	0	6
Texas Southern	0	0	0	8
Miss. Valley St.	0	0	0	9

### SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE  
TRANT SIMPSON, ASU - Scored career-high 35 points, hitting 10 of his 20 shots, and 14 of 15 free throws, as Hornets got their first win of the season against Div. II Tuskegee, 80-73.

### INDEPENDENTS

Cheyney	W		L
	W	L	
Cheyney	3	0	2
Edward Waters	9	0	2
Central State	5	4	4
Savannah State	5	4	4
Tennessee State	3	4	4
Lincoln (Mo.)	3	4	4
Lincoln (Pa.)	2	5	5
UDC	2	5	5
Florida Memorial	1	6	6
Winston-Salem State	1	6	6
W. Va. State	0	4	4
N. C. Central	0	9	9

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE  
TYRONE SMITH, 6-2, Jr., G, CHEYNEY, Philadelphia, PA - Scored 25 points and had 7 boards in win over UDC. Shot 9 of 23 from the field and was 6 of 9 from the charity stripe.