

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



Morgan State Sports Photo  
**HOLMES:** His 25 points vs. Maryland propels upset and 26 vs. NC A&T propels Bears to top of MEAC race.

## MEAC BEAR HUG

**DYNAMIC CORNER IN NFC FINALS; HOOPS LEADERS; JSU DB HEADED TO SENIOR BOWL**

### 2008-09 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

#### CIAA

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EAST				
Virginia Union	2	0	8	3
Bowie State	2	1	7	6
Virginia State	1	1	7	8
Elizabeth City State	0	1	10	2
St. Paul's	0	2	3	7
WEST				
Johnson C. Smith	2	0	11	2
St. Augustine's	3	1	10	4
Fayetteville State	1	1	9	4
Shaw	1	3	4	10
Livingstone	0	2	5	5

#### CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**RYAN SCOTT, Sr., G, JCSU, Reston, VA** - Tallied 53 points in two games (26.5 ppg.) including 31 on 11 of 20 shooting, 4 of 9 from 3-point range, in win over Fayetteville State.  
**ROOKIE**  
**NA**  
**COACH**  
**STEVE JOYNER, JCSU** - Had his Golden Bulls averaging 96 points in two wins.

#### MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Morgan State	3	0	8	8
Bethune-Cookman	2	1	8	8
Hampton	2	1	7	8
Delaware State	2	1	3	14
Florida A&M	2	1	4	10
Md.-E. Shore	2	1	3	9
SC State	1	1	6	7
NC A&T State	1	2	6	10
Norfolk State	1	2	3	11
Coppin State	1	2	3	13
Howard	0	3	1	14

#### MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**REGGIE HOLMES, Jr., G, MSU, Baltimore** - Threw in 63 points (21 pp.) in three wins including 25 in an upset win at Maryland Wed., 26 in a win Sat. over NC A&T and 12 in Monday's win vs. Norfolk State. Shot 12 of 29 from 3-point range and pulled down 20 rebounds over that stretch.  
**ROOKIE**  
**C.J. REED, Fr., G, BCU, Daytona Beach, FL** - Scored 48 points in three games, 18 in wins over Howard and Carver Bible, 12 in loss to NSU.  
**DEFENSE**  
**KEVIN THOMPSON, So., F, MSU, Baltimore** - 10 points, 13 rebound vs. Maryland, 15 points, 9 rebounds vs. Norfolk State.

#### SIAC

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Clatfin	12	1	12	1
Benedict	5	1	7	2
Fort Valley State	5	2	5	5
Lane	4	2	6	3
Clark Atlanta	4	2	6	3
Miles	5	3	5	6
Albany State	3	4	4	6
Paine	3	5	4	7
LeMoyne-Owen	3	6	3	8
Morehouse	1	4	3	5
Tuskegee	1	4	1	7
Kentucky State	1	7	2	7
Stillman	0	6	1	7

#### SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**MARTINEZ WOODY, Sr., C, BENEDICT, Greenville, SC** - Averaged 17.3 rebounds, 10.3 points and 3.7 blocked shots as the Tigers beat Clark Atlanta and Lane around a loss to Clatfin. His best performance was a 14 point, 22 rebound performance against Lane on January 10.

#### SWAC

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

E. DIVISION	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Alabama State	4	0	7	7
Prairie View A&M	3	0	7	9
Jackson State	3	1	4	12
Ark. Pine Bluff	2	1	3	11
Grambling State	2	2	4	11
Texas Southern	1	2	1	15
Miss. Valley St.	1	2	1	15
Alabama A&M	1	3	3	9
Southern	1	3	1	15
Alcorn State	0	4	2	15

#### SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**ANDREW HAYLES, 6-5, Sr., G, ALABAMA STATE, Mobile, AL** - Totaled 31 points (15.5 ppg.) in two conference wins that allowed the Hornets to stay undefeated and atop the SWAC race. Hayles tallied a team-high 20 points in Monday's win over MSU and 11 in Saturday's win over UAPB.

#### INDEPENDENTS

	W	L
Edward Waters	10	4
Cheyney	7	4
W. Va. State	8	4
Central State	8	5
Savannah State	8	8
UDC	4	8
Winston-Salem State	4	10
Tennessee State	5	11
Lincoln (Mo.)	3	10
Lincoln (Pa.)	2	8
Florida Memorial	1	11
N. C. Central	0	18

#### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**DARREN JONES, 5-9, Jr., G, WVU, Cleveland, OH** - Threw in 30 points and added nine assists in win over Wheeling Jesuit. Had 12 points and 4 assists in win over Concord.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### SEVEN IN CACTUS BOWL:

The Valero Cactus Bowl, an all-star game featuring NCAA Division II senior football players, has announced the rosters of its two teams for the January 9, 2009 game at Javelina Stadium on the campus of Texas A&M-Kingsville. The rosters include seven players from HBCUs.

**Elizabeth City State** running back **Sammy Milton** will be joined by teammate **Rod Jones** (S) on the East Team. **Fort Valley State** CB **Steven Jackson** and **Stillman DL Sammy Hill** round out the HBCU representatives on the East squad.

**Saint Paul's** defensive backs **Gregory Toler** and **Jerome Mann** will be joined by **Cheyney OL Dennis Cooper** on the West Team.

The game will be produced and broadcast by LoneStar Sports Network, Inc. The game will be broadcast "Live" on LoneStar Sports Network (LNSTR), LoneStar Sports International (LNSTR-INTL), and many independent stations across the U.S. via FanzTV Network. The broadcast will begin at 6:00pm central time with a Pre-Game Show and Kick-Off at 6:35pm. www.thelonestarchannel.com. The game may also be viewed online www.tvnetworks.com. Click on the Watch TV button and go to Lone Star Sports.

The Cactus Bowl was originally known as the Snow Bowl and was played in Fargo, North Dakota from 1994 through 2000. Starting in 2001, the Snow Bowl was renamed the Cactus Bowl and has been played in Kingsville, Texas. There have been over 100 players drafted into the NFL who played in the Cactus Bowl. All net profits from the Cactus Bowl are donated to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

### JOHNSON IN SENIOR BOWL:

**Jackson State** defensive back **Domonique Johnson** has officially accepted an invitation to the Jan. 24 *Under Armour Senior Bowl*, bowl officials announced last week.

Johnson was a second-team AP All-American and first team All-SWAC for the Tigers in 2008. He led the team with four interceptions and totaled a league-high 13 pass break-ups. The transfer from the University of Missouri helped lead the Tigers to the SWAC Championship in 2007

and back to the conference title game this season. He finished his career with nine interceptions in just two seasons.

Because he stands 6-2 and weighs 190 pounds and posted a 4.38 time in the 40-yard dash for scouts last year, Johnson, based on his size and speed, entered the season as the top black college NFL prospect. He is rated among the top 15 players at his position by several scouting services and is considered this season's version of former **Tennessee State** defensive back **Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie**, a player of similar size and speed who was selected on the first round of last year's NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals and will be playing in the NFC finals this weekend.

Johnson will play on the South team while in Mobile, which will be coached by the Jacksonville Jaguars staff. Kickoff for the 2009 Under Armour Senior Bowl is set for 6 pm (CT) in Mobile's Ladd-Peebles Stadium. The game will be televised by the NFL Network.

### NFL HALL OF FAME FINALISTS:

Two former **Tennessee State** football players, **Claude Humphrey** and **Richard Dent**, are finalists for selection to the 2009 NFL Hall of Fame.

Humphrey, who played at TSU from 1964 -67, was a 1968 first round pick (third overall) of the Atlanta Falcons who was named to the NFL All-Pro team six times, 1971, 72, 73, 74, 76, and 77.

Dent, a Big Blue Tiger from 1979 - 82, was drafted in 1983 by the Chicago Bears where he played for ten years (1983-93). Dent played in two Super Bowls, XX (1985) with the Bears and XXIV (1990) with the 49ers. He was named the MVP of Super Bowl XX (1985) when the Chicago Bears defeated New England 46-10. Dent was a mainstay of the famed Chicago Bears defense and was named to the NFL All-Pro team five times 1984, 85, 88, 90 and 93.

Both were on the finalists list in 2006.

# Morgan State takes MEAC lead

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**Morgan State's** upset last week of Maryland had to be the biggest win thus far of the 2008-09 black college basketball season.

**Todd Bozeman's** Bears went into College Park, Md. on Jan. 7 and stunned the Terrapins 66-65 to claim their second big scalp this season. On Dec. 10, the Bears went on the road and took down DePaul of the Big East, 79-75 in Chicago.

Just as importantly, MSU followed up the Maryland victory with two wins in conference play beating **North Carolina A&T** (73-62) Saturday and **Norfolk State** (74-70) Monday to move atop the MEAC standings at 3-0 (8-8 overall).

The key player for the Bears over this stretch has been 6-4 junior guard **Reggie Holmes**, who tallied a team-high 25 points vs. Maryland and came back to notch 26 vs. A&T. But obviously, Holmes couldn't do it alone.

Six-eight sophomore forward **Kevin Thompson** had 10 points and 13 boards vs. Maryland and added 15 points and nine rebounds vs. NSU. Point guard **Jermame "Itchy" Bolden** was also key getting eight points and 11 assists vs. A&T and eight points and seven assists vs. NSU. Preseason all-MEAC forward **Marquise Kately** also played well off the bench, tallying eight points and eight rebounds vs. A&T, 16 points and five rebounds vs. NSU after 10 points and eight rebounds vs. Maryland.

Bozeman is also getting great contributions from senior guard **Rogers Barnes** (11 points vs. Maryland, 24 vs. A&T and 12 vs. NSU). He gets another bullet in his chamber this week for the Bears' Florida weekend swing (@ **Florida A&M** Saturday and @ **Bethune-Cookman** Monday) as heralded 6-5 freshman **Ameer Ali** returns to practice after being out the past three weeks with a foot injury.

**N. C. A&T** (3-0, 9-5) is setting the pace in the women's race headed into weekend battles against two of its closest pursuers, **UMES** (1-1) Saturday (2 p.m.) and **Delaware State** (2-0) Monday (5:30 p.m.).

#### SWAC

**Alabama State** (4-0, 7-7) leads **Prairie View** (3-0, 7-9) by a half-game in the SWAC



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**BOZEMAN:** His Bears get two MEAC wins to follow big win over Maryland.

men's race as it heads towards its showdown with rival **Alabama A&M** (1-3, 3-9) Saturday in Huntsville, Al.

Prairie View meanwhile gets to put its unbeaten conference record on the line at home Saturday vs. **Grambling State** (2-2, 4-11) and Monday vs. conference favorite **Jackson State** (3-1, 4-12).

There's a virtual five-way tie atop the women's race. **Southern, Alabama State** and **Alabama A&M** are at 3-1 in conference play with **Prairie View** and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** a half-game back at

2-1. A&M and ASU square off Saturday as do Southern and UAPB.

#### CIAA

Early returns in the CIAA show familiar names at the top of the men's standings.

In the East, **Virginia Union** (2-0, 8-3) leads and is followed closely by **Bowie State** (2-1, 7-6), **Virginia State** (1-1, 7-8) and **Elizabeth City State** (0-1, 10-2). VSU and VUU stage their annual MLK Day battle in Richmond (at the Coliseum) Sunday (8 p.m.) in the *Freedom Classic*.

Defending tournament champ **Johnson C. Smith** (2-0, 11-2) currently leads the West Division over **St. Augustines** (3-1, 10-4) as they head to a showdown Tuesday in Charlotte (7:30 p.m.). **Bowie State** (2-0, 6-5) leads the women's East Division over surprising **Virginia State** (1-1, 12-2). **Fayetteville State** (2-0, 8-5) leads the West over **Shaw** and **St. Aug's** who are both 2-1.

#### SIAC

**Clatfin** (12-1) and **Benedict** (5-1) have only one loss in SIAC play but they are by no means running away from the competition. **Fort Valley State, Lane** and **Clark Atlanta** have two losses while **Miles**, the only team to defeat Clatfin, is at 5-3.

Benedict is at FVSU Sunday (2 pm, ESPNU) in the top game on this week's schedule. Albany State, who has a win over Miles, hosts Lane Tuesday (7:30 p.m.). **Fort Valley State** (7-0) and **Clark Atlanta** (6-0) have moved atop the women's race with **Kentucky State** (6-1) just a half-game behind. KSU hosts CAU Saturday (3 p.m.) and plays at FVSU Tuesday (8 p.m.).

#### GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

SWAC	Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State in Huntsville, AL	6
	Southern vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff in Baton Rouge, LA	7
	Prairie View vs. Grambling State in Prairie View, TX	7:30
	Alcorn State vs. Miss Valley State in Alcorn State, MS	7:30
	Texas Southern vs. Jackson State in Houston, TX	7:30
SIAC	Albany State vs. Paine in Albany, GA	3
	Kentucky State vs. Clark Atlanta in Frankfort, KY	3
	Lane vs. Morehouse in Jackson, TN	3
	LeMoyne-Owen vs. Stillman in Memphis, TN	7:30
	Miles vs. Tuskegee in Birmingham, AL	7:30

#### MEAC

B-Cookman vs. Coppin State in Daytona Beach, FL	2
Florida A&M vs. Morgan State in Tallahassee, FL	4
Howard vs. W-Salem State in Washington, DC	4
NC A&T vs. MD-Eastern Shore in Greensboro, N.C.	4
Hampton vs. SC State in Hampton, VA	6
Norfolk State vs. Delaware State in Norfolk, VA	6

#### INDEPENDENTS

Bloomfield vs.UDC in Bloomfield, NJ	2
Longwood vs. Savannah State in Farmville, VA	2
Philadelphia vs. Lincoln (PA) in Philadelphia, PA	2
Cheyney vs. Mansfield in Cheyney, PA	3
Central State vs. St. Augustine's in Durham, NC	5:30
NC Central vs. Chowan in Durham, NC	7:30
Tenn. State vs. Austin Peay in Nashville, TN	7:30

#### CIAA

St. Paul's vs. Johnson C. Smith in Lawrenceville, VA	4
Fayv. State vs. Elizabeth City State in Fayv, NC - TV	5
Livingstone vs. Bowie State in Salisbury, NC	7:30

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

SIAC	Fort Valley State vs. Benedict in Fort Valley, GA - ESPNU	2
CIAA	Virginia State vs. Virginia Union in Richmond, VA	8
MEAC	Winston-Salem State vs. Hampton in Richmond, VA	8

MONDAY, JAN. 19

SWAC	Alcorn State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Lorman, MS	7
	Prairie View vs. Jackson State in Prairie View, TX	7:30
	Texas Southern vs. Grambling State in Houston, TX	7:30
	Southern vs. Miss Valley St. in Baton Rouge, LA - ESPNU	8

#### MEAC

Bethune-Cookman vs. Morgan State in Daytona Beach, FL	2
Howard vs. SC State in Washington, DC - ESPNU	7
Florida A&M vs. Coppin State in Tallahassee, FL	7:30
NC A&T vs. Delaware State in Greensboro, N.C.	7:30
Norfolk State vs. UMES in Norfolk, VA	8

#### SIAC

LeMoyne-Owen vs. Tuskegee in Memphis, TN	7:30
Miles vs. Stillman in Birmingham, AL	7:30

#### INDEPENDENTS

Lincoln (PA) vs. Wilmington (Del.) in Lincoln, PA	7
Univ of the Sciences vs. UDC in Philadelphia, PA	8

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

SIAC	Albany State vs. Lane in Albany, GA	7:30
	Morehouse vs. Paine in Atlanta, GA	7:30
	Fort Valley State vs. Kentucky State in Fort Valley, GA	8
CIAA	Chowan vs. Elizabeth City State in Murfreesboro, NC	7:30
	J. C. Smith vs. St. Augustine's in Charlotte, NC	7:30
	St. Paul's vs. Shaw in Lawrenceville, VA	7:30
INDEPENDENTS	Jacksonville vs. Savannah State in Jacksonville, FL	7

## BCSP Notes

### DRC making his mark

**Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie** is definitely making his mark in his first year in the NFL.

The former **Tennessee State** defensive back was taken in the first round, 16th overall in last year's NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals. That high selection is paying off now with the Cardinals in the playoffs and about to host an NFC final Sunday vs. Philadelphia.

All the 6-2, 190-pounder has done lately is get an interception in both playoff wins over Atlanta and Carolina, giving him picks in three straight games. He now totals six interceptions in his rookie season and he didn't break into the Cardinals' starting line-up until eight games ago.

For good measure, he returned an interception 99 yards for a touchdown against St. Louis and is the only rookie this season to block a kick. Against Carolina Saturday, he lined up against dangerous wideout Steve

Smith and held him, with the help of his teammates, to two receptions for 43 yards and one touchdown. He had ten tackles, nine of them solos, vs. Atlanta.

For good measure, DRC also lined up three times on offense vs. Carolina. Arizona head coach Ken Whisenhunt likes the rookie's ball skills and speed and believes he can also be an impact player on offense. He should get some consideration for defensive rookie of the year.

"Obviously Dominique's play has been a big part of this too, his ability to play some of the better receivers and still make plays on the ball and get interceptions," Whisenhunt said. "The one play against (Steve) Smith where he ran it down and jumped up and made a play on the ball. That's what the really good corners do and he's progressed well."