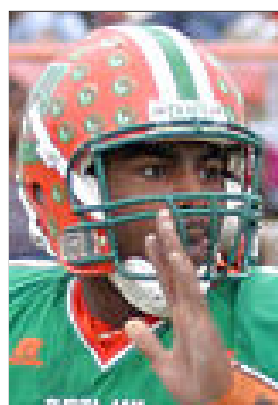


# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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**PULLEY:** Florida A&M quarterback a once-in-a-lifetime talent.

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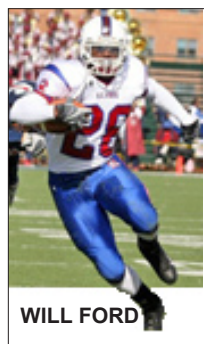
**TEAM-BY-TEAM FB SCHEDULES FOR ALL 53 SCHOOLS; MEAC PICKS UNVEILED**

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### 2009 MEAC GRIDIRON PICKS:

South Carolina State running back **Will Ford** and Norfolk State defensive back **Terrell Whitehead** earned the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's (MEAC) top football pre-season awards, as announced by the league on Friday afternoon at the Newport News Marriott.



WILL FORD

Ford was selected as the pre-season Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight year while Whitehead was named the pre-season Defensive Player of the Year as voted on by the conference's Head Coaches and Sports Information Directors.

For the third straight year, South Carolina State was picked to win the MEAC title. The defending champion Bulldogs are coming of a 10-3 season that included an unblemished 8-0 mark in conference play.

Ford, the 2008 MEAC Offensive Player of the Year, led the MEAC and ranked 13th in the nation in rushing with 1,499 touchdowns. The senior, who earned All-MEAC first team honors and was a second team All-American selection, averaged 6.1 yards per carry with 13 touchdowns a year ago.

Whitehead earned the Defensive Player of the Year honor after leading the Spartans with 83 tackles (44 solo) in 2008. He finished tied for third in the conference in passes defended with four interceptions and 11 pass deflections.

Florida A&M led all teams with eight players on the pre-season All-MEAC first team. The Rattlers also had three second team selections for a total of 11. South Carolina State had a total of eight selections on both teams; five were recognized on the first team. Norfolk State and Morgan State had seven total selections each.

The 2009 Preseason Predictions and All-Conference teams are listed below.

#### 2009 MEAC Football Preseason Predicted Order of Finish

1. South Carolina State (10) 290
2. Florida A&M (5) 273
3. Hampton (1) 197
4. Bethune-Cookman (1) 185
5. Norfolk State (1) 163
6. Morgan State 142
7. Delaware State 140
8. North Carolina A&T 48
9. Howard 38

#### 2009 All-MEAC FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

- QB - Curtis Pulley, r-Sr., Florida A&M, Hopkinsville, KY
- RB - William Ford, Sr., South Carolina State, Travelers Rest, S.C.
- RB - DeVan James, Sr., Morgan State, Pompano Beach, Fla.
- TE - Sherron Collins, r-Jr., Norfolk State, Hampton, Va.
- WR - Oliver "Trey" Young, Sr., S. Carolina State, Charleston, S.C.
- WR - Kevin Elliot, r-So., Florida A&M, Orlando, Fla.
- OL - Johnny Culbreath, r-Jr., South Carolina State, Monroe, Ga.
- OL - Anthony Collins, r-Sr., Florida A&M, Miami, Fla.
- OL - Robert Okeafor, Sr., Florida A&M, Jacksonville, Fla.
- OL - Robert Norris, Sr., Morgan State, Cheltenham, Md.
- C - Steve Brazzle, r-Sr., Florida A&M, Coatesville, Pa.

#### DEFENSE

- DL - Justin Lawrence, Sr., Morgan State, Jetersville, Va.
- DL - Dexter Jackson, Sr., Bethune-Cookman, Jacksonville, Fla.
- DL - Cameron Houston, Sr., Florida A&M, Rockledge, Fla.
- DL - Kendrick Ellis, Jr., Hampton, West Palm Beach, Fla.
- LB - Marshall McFadden, Sr., South Carolina State, Lamar, S.C.
- LB - Bryan Parker, Sr., Florida A&M, Randlestown, Md.
- LB - Mike Alphonse, r-Sr., Norfolk State, Miramar, Fla.
- DB - Terrell Whitehead, Sr., Norfolk State, Virginia Beach, Va.
- DB - Curtis Holcomb, Jr., Florida A&M, Miami, Fla.
- DB - Markee Hamlin, Jr., South Carolina State, Lamar, S.C.
- DB - Darren McKahn, Jr., Morgan State, Miami, Fla.
- P - Jhmal Blanchard, Sr., Hampton, Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.
- P/K - Justin Castellat, Sr., Norfolk State, Virginia Beach, Va.
- Ret - LeRoy Vann, Sr., Florida A&M, Plantation, Fla.

#### 2009 All-MEAC SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

- QB - Herbert Bynes, r-Jr., Hampton, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
- RB - Philip Sylvester, Jr., Florida A&M, Marianna, Fla.
- RB - DeAngelo Branche, r-Jr., Norfolk State, Norfolk, Va.
- TE - Jephth Cherenfant, Jr., Morgan State, Miami, Fla.
- WR - Willie Carter, So., Howard, Denmark, S.C.
- WR - Isaac West, Jr., Florida A&M, Tallahassee, Fla.
- OL - Ryan Griffin, r-Sr., Bethune-Cookman, Hollywood, Fla.
- OL - Juavahr Nathan, r-Jr., South Carolina State, Ladson, S.C.
- OL - Mike Maloney, Sr., Delaware State, Chicago, Ill.
- OL - Nicholas Royal, Sr., Hampton, Keeling, Va.
- C - Ryan Cave, Sr., Hampton, Beaufort, SC

#### DEFENSE

- DL - Ray Jennings, Sr., Norfolk State, Chesapeake, Va.
- DL - Markus James, So., South Carolina State, Hampton, Va.
- DL - James Carter, Sr., Howard, Tifton, Ga.
- DL - Tyre Glasper, Sr., North Carolina A&T, Detroit, Mich.
- LB - Josh Pope, r-Sr., Delaware State, Philadelphia, Pa.
- LB - Troy Leftwich\*\*, Jr., Morgan State, Ashland, Va.
- LB - Andre Thornton\*\*, Sr., North Carolina A&T, Charlotte, N.C.
- LB - George Howard, Sr., Morgan State, Chesapeake, Va.
- DB - Antonio Cox, Sr., Bethune-Cookman, Miami, Fla.
- DB - Antwan Cox, Sr., Bethune-Cookman, Miami, Fla.
- DB - Jonathan Wade, Jr., Hampton, Richmond, Va.
- DB - Phillip Adams, Sr., South Carolina State, Rock Hill, S.C.
- P - Justin Keable, r-Sr., Bethune-Cookman, DeLand, Fla.
- P/K - Trevor Scott, r-So., Florida A&M, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Ret - Dwight Fluker-Berry, r-Jr., Norfolk State, Miami, Fla.

### LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

The preseason football events are over. The players reported to camp this week and are on the practice fields pulling two-a-days. The smell of football is in the air!

So, here we go again! What broadcaster **Mark Gray** calls, 'the black national pastime,' is about to jump off.

Black college football 2009 officially kicks off when **Tuskegee** travels to **Benedict** on August 22 for a 6 p.m. showdown.

Until then, let us catch you up on a couple things to look for as we come up on the end of the first decade of black college football in the 2000s.

#### We'll miss you, Steve McNair

This week's edition begins our 16th year of publishing the **BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE**.

It's hard to believe it's been that long since the late great **Steve McNair** of **Alcorn State** graced the top box of the first edition of the BCSP in August 1994, the beginning of his final year of college football.

No player on the black college scene, football or otherwise, has come close to accomplishing what he did. Nor are we likely to see another one like him - breaking and setting records for offensive prowess that still stand today, finishing third in the

Heisman Trophy voting, and being the third pick in the NFL Draft.

McNair will continue to be the yardstick by which all others are measured.

#### Another special talent

But there's a guy down in Tallahassee, Florida playing for **Florida A&M** that may put some in the mind of the man they called "Air."

He certainly doesn't have the gaudy stats or high profile career McNair had entering his final season at **Alcorn State**, and no one, to my knowledge, has constructed or is pondering (hint to **FAMU SID Alvin Hollins**) a Heisman Trophy PR campaign, but **FAMU senior quarterback Curtis Pulley** has that rare combination of size (6-4, 200), speed, arm strength and talent that comes along at the quarterback position in black college football about once every about 20 years.

Just last season, after joining the Rattlers two weeks before the season started, and only becoming the starter for the last six games, Pulley played well enough (98 of 178, 55.1%, 17 TDs, 3 ints., 118 carries, 885 yards, 7 TDs) and impressive enough to earn first team all-MEAC. That was likely just a sampling

This is what his head coach **Joe Taylor** had to say about Pulley at last week's MEAC kickoff press luncheon Friday in Newport News, Va.

"You don't see a guy like this at this level too often. Not only does he have a strong arm, but he's very athletic. When the pocket is breaking down, he has the ability to make something out of nothing. But then too, he's a good leader and he's a great competitor. He's one of those guys that the bigger the stage the better he plays. He's definitely a difference-maker. We're just glad he's on our side."

Bottom line - see **Curtis Pulley** play. You won't be disappointed.

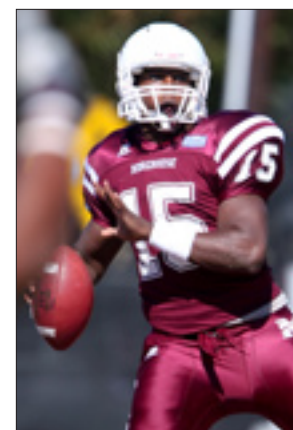
#### More to watch

While many eyes will be on Pulley, save some eye-time for these gems.

- **South Carolina State** running back **Will Ford** has rushed for 752, 1,433 and 1,499 yards in his three seasons with the Bulldogs (3,684 total) and enters his senior season needing less than 1,000 yards to become the MEAC's all-time leading rusher. The mark of 4,648 yards was set in 2006 by **Hampton RB Alonzo Coleman**.

- Got an e-mail from **SIAC** sage **Hal Lamar** saying, **Morehouse**, not **Albany State** (who the coaches picked), nor three-time champ **Tuskegee** will win that conference. The reason, according to Hal - the Maroon Tigers' 6-1, 220-pound senior quarterback **William Brack**.

Brack pulled off a Pulley (a la FAMU's Curtis) finishing just



Oscar Daniel Photography

**BRACK TO PASS:** Morehouse QB William Brack poised to lead Maroon Tigers on title march.

the final three games last season as the starter for Morehouse. During that stretch he brilliantly engineered wins over **Albany State**, **Stillman** and **Kentucky State** - brilliant enough to earn him the pre-season nod this season as first team all-SIAC QB.

- It's becoming old hat by now, but **Prairie View** head coach **Henry Frazier** has beaten every other team in the SWAC except **Grambling State**. Last year's *State Fair Classic* in Dallas, where the two meet each year, began with **Prairie View** jumping out to a 9-0 lead. Four **GSU QB Greg Dillon** TD passes later and the Panthers bowed again, 40-16.

Pencil in Oct. 3 when they meet this year in Dallas.

## 2009 TEAM-BY-TEAM BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

**BOWIE STATE**

|       |                        |      |
|-------|------------------------|------|
| 8/29  | @ Slippery Rock        | 7    |
| 9/5   | Shepherd               | 7    |
| 9/12  | Fayetteville State     | 1    |
| 9/19  | Livingstone            | 1    |
| 9/26  | Lincoln                | 2    |
| 10/3  | @ Elizabethtown        | 1    |
| 10/10 | @ Elizabeth City State | 1    |
| 10/17 | St. Paul's (HC)        | 1    |
| 10/24 | @ Virginia Union       | 1    |
| 10/31 | @ Virginia State       | 1:30 |

**CHOWAN**

|       |                              |     |
|-------|------------------------------|-----|
| 8/27  | Albany State                 | 6   |
| 9/5   | @ Old Dominion               | 6   |
| 9/12  | @ Brevard                    | 2   |
| 9/19  | Eliz. City St. in R. Mt., NC | 4   |
| 9/26  | @ Virginia Union             | 1   |
| 10/3  | Fayetteville State           | 6   |
| 10/10 | @ Livingstone                | 1   |
| 10/17 | Shaw                         | 6   |
| 10/24 | J. C. Smith (HC)             | 6   |
| 10/31 | St. Augustine's              | 12n |

**ELIZABETH CITY STATE**

|       |                      |      |
|-------|----------------------|------|
| 8/29  | @ Shaw               | 6    |
| 9/5   | @ J. C. Smith        | 6    |
| 9/12  | Tusculum             | 6    |
| 9/19  | Chowan in R. Mt., NC | 4    |
| 9/26  | @ St. Augustine's    | 6    |
| 10/3  | @ Virginia State     | 4    |
| 10/10 | Bowie State          | 1    |
| 10/17 | Lincoln (HC)         | 1:30 |
| 10/24 | @ St. Paul's         | 1    |
| 10/31 | @ Virginia Union     | 1    |

**FAYETTEVILLE STATE**

|       |                         |      |
|-------|-------------------------|------|
| 8/29  | UNC-Pembroke            | 6    |
| 9/5   | Catawba                 | 6    |
| 9/12  | @ Bowie State           | 1    |
| 9/19  | St. Paul's in Salem, VA | 1    |
| 9/26  | Virginia State          | 6    |
| 10/3  | @ Chowan                | 6    |
| 10/10 | Shaw                    | 1    |
| 10/17 | @ J. C. Smith           | 1    |
| 10/24 | St. Augustine's (HC)    | 2    |
| 10/31 | @ Livingstone           | 1:30 |

**JOHNSON C. SMITH**

|       |                             |      |
|-------|-----------------------------|------|
| 8/29  | @ West Va. Tech             | 1    |
| 9/5   | @ Florida A&M               | 6    |
| 9/12  | Eliz. City State            | 6    |
| 9/19  | Ed. Waters in Kingsland, GA | 5    |
| 9/26  | Virginia Union              | 6    |
| 10/3  | Livingstone                 | 4    |
| 10/10 | @ St. Augustine's           | 1:30 |
| 10/17 | Fayetteville State (HC)     | 1    |
| 10/24 | @ Chowan                    | 6    |
| 10/31 | @ Shaw                      | 6    |

**LIVINGSTONE**

|       |                           |      |
|-------|---------------------------|------|
| 8/29  | Virginia State            | 6    |
| 9/5   | Savannah St. in Grvl., SC | 6    |
| 9/12  | @ Catawba                 | 7    |
| 9/19  | Lincoln (PA)              | 1    |
| 10/3  | @ J. C. Smith             | 4    |
| 10/10 | Chowan (HC)               | 1:30 |
| 10/17 | @ St. Augustine's         | 1:30 |
| 10/24 | @ Shaw                    | 6    |
| 10/31 | Fayetteville State        | 1    |

**SHAW**

|       |                      |      |
|-------|----------------------|------|
| 8/29  | Elizabeth City State | 6    |
| 9/5   | @ Bethune-Cookman    | 4    |
| 9/12  | Concordia            | 6    |
| 9/19  | @ Lincoln            | 6    |
| 9/26  | @ Bowie State        | 2    |
| 10/3  | @ Virginia State     | 1    |
| 10/10 | @ Chowan             | 6    |
| 10/17 | Livingstone (HC)     | 1:30 |
| 10/24 | @ Fayetteville State | 2    |
| 10/31 | @ Chowan             | 12n  |

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S**

|       |                      |      |
|-------|----------------------|------|
| 8/29  | Catawba              | 1:30 |
| 9/5   | Charleston           | 1:30 |
| 9/12  | @ Mars Hill          | 1:30 |
| 9/19  | Virginia State       | 1:30 |
| 9/26  | Eliz. City State     | 1:30 |
| 10/3  | @ Shaw               | 6    |
| 10/10 | J. C. Smith          | 1:30 |
| 10/17 | Livingstone (HC)     | 1:30 |
| 10/24 | @ Fayetteville State | 2    |
| 10/31 | @ Chowan             | 12n  |

**ST. PAUL'S**

|       |                        |   |
|-------|------------------------|---|
| 8/29  | W. Va. Wesleyan        | 1 |
| 9/5   | @ UNC Pembroke         | 6 |
| 9/12  | Webber Intl            | 1 |
| 9/19  | Favay St. in Salem, VA | 1 |
| 9/26  | @ J. C. Smith          | 6 |
| 10/3  | @ Virginia Union       | 1 |
| 10/10 | @ Bowie State          | 1 |
| 10/17 | @ Virginia State       | 6 |
| 10/24 | Elizabeth City State   | 1 |
| 10/31 | Lincoln (PA) (HC)      | 1 |

**VIRGINIA STATE**

|       |                      |      |
|-------|----------------------|------|
| 8/29  | Livingstone          | 6    |
| 9/5   | @ Norfolk State      | 6    |
| 9/12  | Lincoln (MO)         | 4    |
| 9/19  | @ St. Augustine's    | 1:30 |
| 9/26  | @ Fayetteville State | 6    |
| 10/3  | Elizabeth City State | 6    |
| 10/10 | St. Paul's           | 6    |
| 10/15 | Virginia Union       | 8    |
| 10/24 | @ Lincoln            | 1    |
| 11/1  | Bowie State          | 1:30 |

**VIRGINIA UNION**

|       |                             |   |
|-------|-----------------------------|---|
| 8/27  | E. Stroudsburg              | 7 |
| 9/6   | Central State in Dayton, OH | 5 |
| 9/12  | @ Old Dominion              | 2 |
| 9/19  | @ J. C. Smith               | 6 |
| 9/26  | @ Chowan                    | 1 |
| 10/3  | @ Lincoln (PA)              | 1 |
| 10/10 | @ Virginia State            | 8 |
| 10/24 | Bowie State (HC)            | 1 |
| 10/31 | Elizabeth City State        | 1 |

**BETHUNE-COOKMAN**

|      |               |   |
|------|---------------|---|
| 8/29 | Shaw          | 4 |
| 9/5  | @ S. C. State | 4 |

**DELAWARE STATE**

|       |                       |      |
|-------|-----------------------|------|
| 9/5   | @ Florida A&M         | 6    |
| 9/12  | @ Delaware            | 12n  |
| 9/19  | @ Hampton             | 6    |
| 9/26  | Bethune-Cookman       | 1    |
| 10/3  | @ Michigan            | TBA  |
| 10/24 | Morgan State (HC)     | 1    |
| 10/31 | @ S. C. State         | 1:30 |
| 11/7  | @ Winston-Salem State | 1    |
| 11/14 | Norfolk State         | 1    |
| 11/21 | Howard                | 1    |

**FLORIDA A&M**

|       |                        |      |
|-------|------------------------|------|
| 9/5   | Delaware State         | 6    |
| 9/12  | @ Winston-Salem State  | 7:30 |
| 9/19  | Howard                 | 7:30 |
| 9/26  | Tenn. State in Atlanta | 3:30 |
| 10/3  | @ Miami                | TBA  |
| 10/10 | @ S. C. State          | 2    |
| 10/24 | Norfolk State (HC)     | 3    |
| 10/31 | @ Morgan State         | 4    |
| 11/7  | N. C. A&T              | 3    |
| 11/14 | @ Hampton              | 3    |
| 11/21 | B-Cookman in Orlando   | 2:30 |

**HAMPTON**

|       |                      |      |
|-------|----------------------|------|
| 9/5   | N. C. Central        | 6    |
| 9/12  | @ Alabama A&M        | 6    |
| 9/19  | @ N. C. A&T          | 6    |
| 9/26  | Delaware State       | 6    |
| 10/3  | Howard               | 1    |
| 10/10 | @ Norfolk State      | 1    |
| 10/17 | @ Morgan State       | 2    |
| 10/24 | S. C. State (HC)     | 2    |
| 10/31 | @ Morgan State       | 4    |
| 11/7  | N. C. A&T            | 3    |
| 11/14 | @ Hampton            | 3    |
| 11/21 | B-Cookman in Orlando | 2:30 |

**HOWARD**

|       |                       |      |
|-------|-----------------------|------|
| 9/12  | @ Rutgers             | TBA  |
| 9/19  | @ Florida A&M         | 7:30 |
| 9/26  | @ Georgetown          | 1    |
| 10/3  | Winston-Salem State   | 1    |
| 10/10 | Howard                | 1    |
| 10/17 | @ Norfolk State       | 1    |
| 10/24 | S. C. State (HC)      | 2    |
| 10/31 | @ Winston-Salem State | 2    |
| 11/7  | @ Morgan State        | 4    |
| 11/14 | S. Carolina State     | 1    |
| 11/21 | Bethune-Cookman       | 1    |
| 11/28 | @ Delaware State      | 1    |

**MORGAN STATE**

|       |                            |      |
|-------|----------------------------|------|
| 9/12  | @ Akron                    | 2    |
| 9/19  | W-S State in E. Rthfrd, NJ | 4    |
| 9/26  | Towson                     | 4    |
| 10/3  | Bethune-Cookman            | 4    |
| 10/10 | N. C. A&T (HC)             | 1    |
| 10/15 | Howard                     | 7:30 |
| 10/24 | @ Delaware State           | 1    |
| 10/31 | Florida A&M                | 4    |
| 11/7  | Norfolk State              | 4    |
| 11/14 | @ South Carolina State     | 1    |
| 11/21 | @ Hampton                  | 4    |

**NORFOLK STATE**

|       |                        |   |
|-------|------------------------|---|
| 9/5   | Virginia State         | 6 |
| 9/12  | N. Carolina A&T        | 6 |
| 9/19  | William & Mary         | 6 |
| 9/26  | Bethune-Cookman        | 4 |
| 10/3  | @ S. C. State          | 1 |
| 10/10 | Hampton                | 1 |
| 10/17 | S. C. State            | 1 |
| 10/24 | @ Delaware State       | 1 |
| 10/31 | Florida A&M            | 4 |
| 11/7  | Norfolk State          | 4 |
| 11/14 | @ South Carolina State | 1 |
| 11/21 | @ Hampton              | 4 |

**NORTH CAROLINA A&T**

|       |                        |   |
|-------|------------------------|---|
| 9/5   | @ Winston-Salem State  | 6 |
| 9/12  | Norfolk State          | 6 |
| 9/19  | William & Mary         | 6 |
| 9/26  | Bethune-Cookman        | 4 |
| 10/3  | @ S. C. State          | 1 |
| 10/10 | Hampton                | 1 |
| 10/17 | S. C. State            | 1 |
| 10/24 | @ Delaware State       | 1 |
| 10/31 | Florida A&M            | 4 |
| 11/7  | Norfolk State          | 4 |
| 11/14 | @ South Carolina State | 1 |
| 11/21 | @ Hampton              | 4 |

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**

|       |                        |      |
|-------|------------------------|------|
| 9/6   | Grambling in Orlando   | 2    |
| 9/12  | Bethune-Cookman        | 4    |
| 9/26  | Winston-Salem State    | 6    |
| 10/3  | @ South Carolina State | TBA  |
| 10/10 | @ Norfolk State        | 1    |
| 10/17 | Florida A&M            | 2    |
| 10/24 | @ Hampton              | 2    |
| 10/31 | Delaware State (HC)    | 1    |
| 11/7  | @ Howard               | 1    |
| 11/14 | Morgan State           | 1:30 |
| 11/21 | N                      |      |