



Pioneer Bowl XI logo

## LATE SEASON MOVES

**LET'S GO BOWLIN'!** SIAC champ Tuskegee making its ninth appearance in Pioneer Bowl vs. Elizabeth City State in Columbia, S.C. Saturday.

**SC STATE COMES UP SHORT IN PLAYOFFS; WYATT OUT AT B-CU; MEAC, SIAC ALL-STARS**

## SCORES

**NOVEMBER 26**  
Tuskegee 21, Alabama State 0  
**NOVEMBER 28**  
Grambling State 31, Southern 13

Texas Southern 14, Ark.-Pine Bluff 10  
**FCS PLAYOFFS - First Round**  
Appalachian State 20, SC State 13!

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### ALVIN WYATT OUT AT B-CU:

Bethune-Cookman University announced last week that colorful veteran Head Football Coach **Alvin Wyatt's** contract will not be renewed. The change is effective immediately.

Wyatt just completed his 13th year as head coach and is the all-time winningest coach at the school with a record of 90-54.

B-CU Athletics Director, **Lynn W. Thompson** said that a national search for Coach Wyatt's replacement will begin immediately. The assistant coaching staff will remain intact until the new coach is named.

"Today marks the end of an era in Wildcat football that many have enjoyed and celebrated," said Thompson. "...Alvin Wyatt has been the epitome of a B-CU Wildcat. He has given so much to this university and it will be a tremendous challenge to find the right person to build on his legacy and take the Wildcat football program to new heights."

After starting the 2009 season at 0-4, including a loss to Div. II **Shaw** to open the season, Wyatt led the Wildcats to wins in five of their final seven games to finish at 5-6 overall and tied for fourth in the MEAC at 4-4.

### SWAC ALUMNI ROAST:

The SWAC Alumni Association will observe its 10th anniversary on Friday, Dec. 11 with its annual Legends Reception and a Roast of **Jackson State** Hall of Fame football coach **W.C. Gorden**.

Both events will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 808 20th Street, Birmingham, Ala. The Legends Reception begins at 6 p.m. with the Roast immediately following.

The 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award and Charles "Chuck" Prophet Memorial Wagon Master Award recipients will be honored during the reception.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recipients are **Southern University** baseball coach **Roger Cador**, former **Texas Southern** men's basketball coach **Robert "Bob" Moreland** and former **Jackson State** women's basketball coach **Sadie Magee**. Magee will be honored posthumously. Jackson State athletic director and former baseball coach **Robert "Bob" Braddy** is the Wagon Master Award recipient. The recipient of the inaugural Degree Completion Scholarship, former Alabama State volleyball player **Shantae Robinson**, will also be recognized.

Tickets for the Roast are \$60 each and can be obtained by contacting **Alvin Moore** at 205-222-1044 or at amprint1949@aol.com or **Roscoe Nance** at 703-481-0084 or scomobile@aol.com. Hotel accommodations are available at the Doubletree for \$90 a night. Call 205-933-9000 to make reservations.

Wyatt's record at Bethune-Cookman was 130-100-10. He coached the team to a MEAC championship in 2004 and a Southern Conference championship in 2005. He was named the 2008 MEAC Coach of the Year.



## ELIZABETH CITY STATE VIKINGS (7-3)

EAST DIVISION RUNNERS-UP  
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Head Coach  
**WAVERLY TILLAR**

**TEAM RECORD**  
2009 Overall: 7-3  
2009 CIAA E: 5-2  
2006 BCSP Ranking: NR  
All-Time vs. Tuskegee: 1st Meeting  
Last Time vs. Tuskegee: NA  
Pioneer Bowl: 0-0  
CIAA Championships: 1 (1971)

**COACH'S RECORD**  
Alma Mater: Virginia Union (75)  
Record vs. Tuskegee: 0-0  
Record at ECSU: 35-38, 479 (7th year)  
Career Record: Same

**2009 RESULTS**  
**ECSU** 7-3  
30 ..... @ Shaw ..... 54 L  
51 ..... @ J. C. Smith ..... 10 W  
49 ..... Tusculum ..... 29 W  
35 ..... Chowan ..... 30 W  
29 ..... @ St. Augustine's ..... 27 W  
10 ..... @ Virginia State ..... 23 L  
33 ..... Bowie State ..... 37 L  
54 ..... Lincoln ..... 18 W  
38 ..... @ St. Paul's ..... 12 W  
21 ..... @ Virginia Union ..... 13 W



## TUSKEGEE GOLDEN TIGERS (9-2)

CHAMPION  
SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach  
**WILLIE SLATER**

**2009 RESULTS**  
**TU** 9-2  
27 ..... @ Benedict ..... 7 W  
16 ..... @ Miles ..... 23 L  
22 ..... Fort Valley State ..... 15 W  
31 ..... Clark Atlanta ..... 21 W  
35 ..... Kentucky State ..... 28 W  
15 ..... Alabama A&M ..... 35 L  
30 ..... Morehouse ..... 16 W  
21 ..... @ Albany State ..... 19 W  
40 ..... @ Lane ..... 6 W  
41 ..... Stillman ..... 14 W  
21 ..... @ Alabama State ..... 0 W

**TEAM RECORD**  
2009 Overall: 9-2  
2009 SIAC: 8-1  
2009 BCSP Ranking: 6th  
All-Time vs. ECSU: 1st Meeting  
Last Time vs. ECSU: NA  
Pioneer Bowl: 6-2  
SIAC Championships: 28 (Last '09)

**COACH'S RECORD**  
Alma Mater: West Alabama (Livingston) (79)  
Record vs. ECSU: 0-0  
Record at TU: 41-5, 891 (4th year)  
Career Record: Same

SATURDAY, DEC. 5, 2009 - COLUMBIA, SC - JOHNSON STADIUM - 1 P.M.

# Tuskegee in Pioneer Bowl, again

**LUT WILLIAMS**  
BCSP Editor

Tuskegee has appeared in eight of the ten *Pioneer Bowls* and is back this year in Columbia, S. C. Saturday for its ninth appearance.

The Golden Tigers (9-2), who won their fourth consecutive **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** championship in as many years under head coach **Willie Slater** this season, will take on **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** East Division co-champ **Elizabeth City State** (7-3) at **Benedict's** Charlie W. Johnson Stadium in Columbia at 2 p.m.

Tuskegee has beaten five CIAA teams in its eight appearances. The Golden Tigers get a shot at a sixth when they face ECSU and seven-year head coach **Waverly Tillar**, first time Pioneer Bowl participants, in the 11th edition of the CIAA vs. SIAC bowl game.

Tuskegee has a 6-2 record in its eight appearances losing only in 2004 to Shaw, 30-28, and in 1999 to Winston-Salem State, 23-7. The SIAC leads the series with an 8-2 mark.

The Golden Tigers have posted two wins over **Virginia Union**, and single wins over **Johnson C. Smith**, **Bowie State**, **Winston-Salem State** and **Livingstone**. They enter Saturday's contest on a three-game winning streak in the game including a 58-51 win over VUU in the 2007 contest in Columbia, the last time the game was played.

Fourth-year Tuskegee head coach **Willie Slater**, 41-5 in his four years at TU, has two Pioneer Bowl victories to his credit. His team also won the 2006 game in his first season at the helm over JC Smith, 17-7. That game was played in Charlotte.

Tillar's ECSU squad finished at 5-2 in the CIAA East this year, tied with Bowie State and Virginia Union for the division title. Bowie State won a coin flip to determine the champion and played in the CIAA title game vs. **Fayetteville State**.

ECSU was second in the CIAA in scoring at 35.0 points per game and is led on offense by QB **Creven Powell** who passed for 1,884 yards and 10 TDs. **Daronte McNeil** (511 yards, 9 TDs) is the Vikings' top rusher with **Dexter Manley** (25 rec., 23.4 ypc., 5 TDs) the top receiver. Short-yardage back **Cedric Blacknall** had 11 rushing touchdowns.

### FOOTBALL GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

ESPN - Live  
Texas Southern vs. Southern in Houston, TX 1  
**BOWL GAMES**  
*Pioneer Bowl XI*  
Elizabeth City State vs. Tuskegee in Columbia, SC 2

touchdowns.

Lineman **Malcolm Jenkins** and defensive back **Justin Hamilton** were first team all-CIAA defensive selections. **Reggie Smith** was an all-CIAA kick returner averaging 20.9 per return on punts including bringing back three punts and one kickoff for touchdowns.

Tuskegee made it back to the SIAC championship circle despite an early upset loss to **Miles**. TU's dramatic 21-19 win at conference favorite **Albany State** paved the way to the title. Their only other loss on the season was at the *Circle City Classic* in Indianapolis to SWAC-member **Alabama A&M** (35-15).

Slater and his troops got the job done despite

having to replace QB **Jacary Atkinson**, a two-time SIAC player of the year. Redshirt freshman **Jeremy Williams** started the season but gave way to sophomore **Joshua Harris**. Harris finished the season with 577 passing yards for 7 TDs and just 2 interceptions. **Tony Forney** is TU's top ground gainer with 457 yards. Fullback **John Pacsley** has rumbled for 10 TDs. **Antoine Mitchell** leads the TU receivers with 38 catches for 661 yards and 7 TDs.

The only other game this week has **Texas Southern** (5-5, 4-2) and head coach **Johnny Cole** trying to complete a turnaround and finish in a second place tie with **Grambling** in the SWAC West, hosting **Southern** (6-4, 3-3).

## SC State comes up short in FCS playoffs

**LUT WILLIAMS**  
BCSP Editor

Five turnovers, including a botched field goal attempt midway thru the fourth quarter that resulted in the winning score, were too much for MEAC champion **South Carolina State** to overcome as it fell to Appalachian State 20-13 in a first round FCS playoff game before a boisterous crowd of 12,261 in Boone, N.C. Saturday afternoon.

The loss extends the MEAC's playoff losing streak to 11 games dating back to 1999. But the Bulldogs had their chances.

With the score tied at 13 with nearly eight minutes left, SCSU placekicker **Blake Erickson** lined up for a 22-yard field goal that would have given the Bulldogs (10-2) the lead. But before holder **Matt Washington** was ready, center **Nathan Smith** hiked the ball which sailed over Washington's head and past Erickson. ASU's Dominique Smith picked the ball up at midfield and rambled the rest of the way for the deciding score. SC State did not mount a scoring threat in the final minutes.

"I think crowd noise had a bunch to do with it," said SC State head coach **Buddy Pough** of the critical field goal attempt. "The center thought he heard the holder call for the ball. He (Washington) didn't even see the snap.

"But we just didn't do enough on offense to win a game like this," said Pough. "Their defense gave us some tough looks. They took away our run game. For all practical purposes, they shut us out."



Photo by Carroll Smith

**LONG:** SCSU QB threw for 189 yards but also had three first-half interceptions in the Bulldogs 20-13 FCS playoff loss to App State.

SCSU quarterback **Malcolm Long** threw three first-half interceptions but the Bulldog defense also got three turnovers in the half, picking off ASU star quarterback **Armani Edwards** twice and picking up a first-quarter fumble from running back **Devon Moore**.

Edwards' second pick came just before the half and was returned 46 yards by **Raphael Bush** for a touchdown to tie the score at 10 1:34 before the halftime horn. But SC State was flagged for excessive celebration after the score and for a personal foul on the successful PAT attempt, both penalties being assessed on the kickoff. Kicking off from their own 8-yard line, ASU returned the ball to the SCSU 33 and eventually took a 13-10 lead into the break on placekicker Justin Vitaris's 19-yard field goal at the halftime buzzer.

SCSU opened the second half with a 10-play, 83-yard drive and tied the score at 13 on Erickson's 19-yard field goal. That was all the scoring until the decisive play. Erickson had converted a 31-yard field goal on the game's opening drive after the Bulldogs marched 57 yards in 15 plays.

Edwards' third pick of the day, by **Devon Quattlebaum**, his second of the contest, came just before the deciding field goal attempt.

Long finished the game hitting on 18 of 36 passes for 189 yards. SCSU running back Will Ford was held to 22 yards on 8 carries before going out with an ankle injury in the third quarter. Edwards was 19 of 30 for 218 yards and one TD. ASU outgained SCSU 302 to 229.

## BCSP Notes

### MEAC announces 2009 football award winners

Florida A&M quarterback **Curtis Pulley**, Morgan State linebacker **George Howard**, North Carolina A&T running back **Mike Mayhew** and South Carolina State lineman **Johnny Culbreath** were the top football individual award winners for the 2009 season as selected by the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** head football coaches and sports information directors.

For the second straight year Coach of the Year honors went to South Carolina State head coach **Buddy Pough**. Pough led the Bulldogs to a 10-1 overall record and a perfect 8-0 mark in conference play for the second year in a row. The Bulldogs earned their second straight playoff berth and currently boast a record 19-straight conference victories.

Pulley led the MEAC in total offense with 2,705 yards and ranked third in rushing and passing. He completed 60-percent of his passes (137 of 226) for 1,824 yards and 12 touchdowns. He led the Rattlers in rushing with 881 yards on 122 carries with six touchdowns. Howard led the MEAC in tackles with 130 (11.8 avg/g) including 73 solo and 57 assisted. Mayhew led the Aggies with 471 rushing yards and six touchdowns. He also caught 14 passes for 125 yards. Culbreath aided a dominating Bulldog offense that accounted for 4,160 total yards including 1,745 yards on the ground.

MEAC 2009 Football All-Conference - OFFENSE

**QB:** Curtis Pulley, r-Sr. FAMU; **RB:** Will Ford, Sr., SCSU; LaMarcus Coker, Sr., Hampton **TE:** Lamont Bryant, So., MSU; **WR:** Oliver "Tre" Young, Sr., SCSU; Chris Bell, r-Jr., NSU; **OL:** Juavahr Nathan, r-So., SCSU; Josh Harrison, r-Jr., SCSU; Johnny Culbreath, Jr., SCSU; Robert Okeafor, Jr., FAMU; William Falakiseni, Jr., NSU

MEAC 2009 Football All-Conference - DEFENSE

**DL:** Justin Lawrence, Sr., MSU; Dexter Jackson, Sr., B-CU; Kendrick Ellis, Jr., Hampton; Josh Turner, r-So., NSU; Jarrell Herring, Sr., NC A&T **LB:** George Howard, Sr., MSU; David Erby, r-Jr., SCSU; Julio Sanchez, Jr., Hampton **DB:** Terrell Whitehead, Sr., NSU; Antwane Cox, Sr., B-CU; Justin Ferrell, So., NC A&T; Phillip

Adams, Sr., SCSU **P:** Jahmal Blanchard, Sr., Hampton **\*PK:** Trevor Scott, r-So., FAMU; **\*** Blake Erickson, So., SCSU. **KR:** LeRoy Vann\*\*, Sr., FAMU.

### SIAC names 2009 football all-stars

The 2009 **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** all-conference teams have been selected led by **Albany State**, **Tuskegee** and **Fort Valley State** who had eight total selections each. **Morehouse** and **Clark Atlanta** followed with six total.

Albany State was led by first-team quarterback, Offensive Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player, quarterback **A.J. McKenna**. The senior signal-caller accumulated 2,355 yards of total offense including 2,027 passing yards and 19 touchdowns, all which led the conference.

Seniors **Justin Hannah** of Tuskegee and **Zimier McCloud** of Clark Atlanta were named co-Defensive Players of the year. Hannah, a defensive back, had three interceptions this season, including two returned for touchdowns. McCloud, a Philadelphia, PA native, led the conference in tackles per game averaging 10.2 per contest (92 total tackles).

Coach **Willie Slater**, of Tuskegee was named Coach of the Year for the second straight year after leading Tuskegee to a fourth consecutive conference title. Defensive back **Dejuan Williams** of Fort Valley State earned Freshman of the Year honors. He led the conference in interceptions with six including three in their win over Albany State.

2009 All Conference Football Team - OFFENSE

**QB:** A. J. McKenna, Sr., ASU; **RB:** Demetric Johnson, Sr., ASU; Quinn Porter, Sr., SC; **WR:** An'Thon harris, Jr., FVSVU; Antoine Mitchell, Jr., TU; **TE:** Robert Smith, Sr., LC; **OL:** Joseph Ephrem, Jr., ASU; Colin Cordell, Sr., FVSVU; Ramone Harewood, Sr., MHC; Robert Dorsey, Sr., TU; Christopher Hymel, Sr., SC

2009 All Conference Football Team - DEFENSE

**DL:** Chris Jinks, Jr., BC; Tyrell Henderson, Sr., KSU; Brandon Anderson, Sr., TU; Junior Galette, Sr., SC; **LB:** Zimier McCloud, Sr., CAU; Michael Thompson, Sr., BC; Charlie Wilson, Sr., MHC **DB:** Mario Fuller, Sr., ASU; Marquize Gibson, Jr., BC; Justin Hill, Jr., MC; Justin Hannah, Sr., TU; **KR:** Jamaree Gordon, Jr., KSU; **PR:** An'Thon Harris, Jr., FVSVU; **PK:** Ian Mullin, Jr., MHC; **P:** Marquette King, So., FVSVU



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### BCSP FOOTBALL TOP TEN

- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (9-2) - Fell to App State in first round of FCS playoffs, 20-13. **NEXT:** Season over.
- PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** (8-1) - Idle. **NEXT:** SWAC title game on Dec. 12 vs. Alabama A&M.
- FLORIDA A&M** (8-3) - Season over at second in MEAC.
- GRAMBLING STATE** (7-4) - Handled Southern in Bayou Classic, 31-13. **NEXT:** Season over finishing second in SWAC West.
- ALABAMA A&M** (7-4) - Idle. **NEXT:** Dec. 12 SWAC title game vs. Prairie View A&M.
- TUSKEGEE** (9-2) - Shut out Alabama State, 21-0. **NEXT:** Elizabeth City State in Pioneer Bowl
- SOUTHERN** (6-4) - Lost to Grambling, 31-13. **NEXT:** At Texas Southern.
- NORFOLK STATE** (7-4) - Season over at third in MEAC.
- ALBANY STATE** (8-2) - SIAC runner-up lost in first round of Div. II playoffs.
- FAYETTEVILLE STATE** (8-3) - CIAA champ loss in first round of Div. II playoffs.