



LAST HURRAH!

TOTTEN, RICHARDSON OUT AT MVSU, SOUTHERN; TUSKEGEE WINS PIONEER BOWL

SWAC Championship Game logo
A&M BATTLE: A rematch between Prairie View A&M and Alabama A&M Saturday will decide SWAC title. PV won the first game, 33-27.



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M PANTHERS (8-1)

WEST DIVISION CHAMPIONS
 SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach
HENRY FRAZIER, III

TEAM RECORD
 2009 Overall: 8-1
 2009 SWAC W: 7-0, 1st
 2006 BCSP Ranking: 2nd
 All-Time vs. AA&M: 33-27, W '09
 SWAC Title Game: 0-0
 SWAC Championships: 10 (Last '64)

COACH'S RECORD
 Alma Mater: Bowie State ('92)
 Record vs. Alabama A&M: 3-3
 Record at PV: 35-26, .573 (6th year)
 Career Record: 61-50, .549 (11th year)

2009 RESULTS
PV A&M 8-1
 17 Texas Southern 7 W
 18 @ New Mexico St. 21 L
 35 ... Grambling St. in Dallas 32 W
 24 @ Alabama State 10 W
 38 Miss. Valley State 0 W
 16 @ Southern 14 W
 33 Alabama A&M 27 W
 34 @ Alcorn State 14 W
 49 Arkansas-Pine Bluff ... 17 W

ALABAMA A&M BULLDOGS (7-4)

EAST DIVISION CHAMPION
 SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach
ANTHONY JONES

2009 RESULTS
AA&M 7-4
 24 @ Tenn. State 7 W
 31 Hampton 24 W
 13 Jacksonville State 45 L
 28 Arkansas-Pine Bluff ... 7 W
 35 Tuskegee in Indy ... 15 W
 20 Grambling State 41 L
 16 @ Alcorn State 34 L
 21 Alab. State in Bham ... 7 W
 27 @ Prairie View 33 L
 13 Jackson State 5 W
 17 Miss. Valley State ... 12 W

TEAM RECORD
 2009 Overall: 7-4
 2009 SWAC East: 4-3, 1st
 2009 BCSP Ranking: 5th
 All-Time vs. PV A&M: 7-4
 Last Time vs. PV A&M: 27-33, L '09
 SWAC Title Game: 1-3
 SWAC Championships: 1 ('06)

COACH'S RECORD
 Alma Mater: Wichita State ('93)
 Record vs. PV: 4-4
 Record at AA&M: 61-32, .655 (8th year)
 Career Record: 79-45, .637 (11th year)

SATURDAY, DEC. 12, 2009 - BIRMINGHAM, AL - LEGION FIELD - 1 P.M. - ESPN CLASSIC

SWAC title game to wrap season

SCORES

DECEMBER 5 Pioneer Bowl
 Texas Southern 30, Southern 25 Tuskegee 21, Elizabeth City State 7

STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TALE OF THE TAPE

PRAIRIE VIEW		ALABAMA A&M
29.3 ppg. (3rd)	SCORING OFFENSE	22.3 ppg. (6th)
15.8 ppg. (1st)	SCORING DEFENSE	20.9 ppg. (4th)
362.7 ypg. (2nd)	TOTAL OFFENSE	334.7 ypg. (5th)
318.8 ypg. (4th)	TOTAL DEFENSE	285.5 ypg. (2nd)
148.3 ypg. (3rd)	RUSHING OFFENSE	164.4 ypg. (2nd)
121.0 ypg. (4th)	RUSHING DEFENSE	101.2 ypg. (1st)
214.3 ypg. (4th)	PASSING OFFENSE	170.4 ypg. (8th)
197.8 ypg. (7th)	PASSING DEFENSE	184.4 ypg. (5th)
17.7 pg. (7th)	FIRST DOWNS	18.2 (4th)
+8 (3rd)	TURNOVER MARGIN	-6 (T 6th)
14 (10th)	SACKS	43 (1st)
42.1% (1st)	3rd DOWN CONVERSIONS	38.1% (3rd)
32:15 (2nd)	TIME OF POSSESSION	33:17 (1st)
88.8 ypg. (9th)	PENALTIES	69.4 ypg. (5th)

SOURCE: Official SWAC Stats

LUT WILLIAMS
 BCSP Editor

West Division champion **Prairie View A&M** will try to crown a long road back to Southwestern Athletic Conference gridiron supremacy when it faces East Division champ **Alabama A&M** Saturday in Birmingham in the league's title game and final game of the 2009 black college football season.

It's been 35 years since **Prairie View (8-1)** last won a SWAC title. That was in 1964 under legendary coach **William "Billy" Nicks**, who crowned a decade of dominance in '64 with the Panthers' fifth league title in 11 years. It was the last of ten SWAC titles won by **Prairie View**, eight by **Nicks**.

Sixth-year **Prairie View** head coach **Henry Frazier III** has the Panthers in position to end that long drought and erase memories of a record 80-game losing streak from 1989-98 that all but defined the program in recent times.

This year, after painstakingly building the program back to respectability and then to contender status over the last couple of seasons, his Panthers ran thru traditional SWAC powers **Grambling State** and **Southern** to take the West Division crown and earn a spot in Saturdays' finale for the first time.

But to cap off the Panthers' season with a win, **Frazier** and his troops must go through eighth-year head coach **Anthony Jones** and his 7-4 **Alabama A&M Bulldogs** who've been one of the league's most consistent teams since joining the SWAC from the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** in 1999.

SWAC TITLE GAME KEY PLAYERS

PRAIRIE VIEW		ALABAMA A&M
DONALD BABERS	RUSHING	ULYSSES BANKS
93.4 ypg. (2nd)		101.4 ypg. (1st)
K.J. BLACK	PASSING	KEVIN ATKINS
221.9 ypg. (2nd)		112.2 ypg. (8th)
SHAUN STEPHENS	CATCHES	THOMAS HARRIS
3.8 rpg. (7th)		4.8 rpg. (2nd)
G. OSAZE-EDIAE	RECEIVING YARDS	THOMAS HARRIS
16.7 ypc., 54.7 ypg. (5th)		14.6 ypc., 70.5 ypg. (4th)
K. J. BLACK	TOTAL OFFENSE	DEAUNTAE MASON
239.1 ypg. (4th)		136.8 ypg. (8th)
DONALD BABERS	SCORING	JEREMY LICEA
9 TDs, 54 Points (3rd)		10 FGs, 27 PATs, 57 Points (7th)
BRADY FAGGARD	PLACEKICKING	JEREMY LICEA
32-34 PATs, 6-7 FGs, 5.6 ppg.		27-27 PATs, 10-17 FGs, 5.2 ppg
PEDRO VENTURA	PUNTING	CHANCE WATSON
44.4 avg. (1st)		36.5 avg. (7th)
CHRIS ADINGUPE	TACKLES	AFU OKOSUN
7.0 pg. (10th)		6.3 pg. (19th)
DEVIN BOYD	SACKS	JEREMY MADDOX
4.0, 0.44 pg. (16th)		12.0, 1.09 pg. (1st)
CHRIS ADINGUPE	INTERCEPTIONS	KOREY MORRISON
4, 0.44 pg. (19th)		5, 2 TDs, 0.45 pg., (16th)



K. J. BLACK



ULYSSES BANKS

claim the division crown.

Earlier this season (Nov. 7), **Prairie View** beat **Alabama A&M** 33-27. **Jones** says he's looking forward to the rematch.

"They were ready for us and we weren't ready for them," **Jones** told the *Huntsville Times* this week, recalling **Prairie View's** win last month. "They were the better team that day. We've worked to put ourselves back in this situation and now we get another shot at them. Will it make a difference? We'll find out Saturday."

In the first game, **Prairie View** had a big 33-7 lead midway thru the third quarter before the **Bulldogs** scored the game's final 20 points, the last score coming in the final minute. **Prairie View** star running back **Donald Babers** ran for 113 yards and a touchdown in that game while quarterback **K. J. Black** (14-27-1) threw for 224 yards and three TDs. **Alabama A&M** freshman QB **Deauntae Mason** threw for 170 yards (16 of 34) and ran for 95 yards and two TDs but had two interceptions among the **Bulldogs'** four turnovers. **AA&M** running back **Ulysses Banks**, the SWAC's leading rusher, ran for 81 yards including a 42-yard TD run.

"We got up early on them and they came back," **Frazier** said Monday during the SWAC's weekly conference call. "For us to be up big at home and for a team to come back on us, it got us refocused. I was disappointed with our play the last quarter and a half. We shot life into that team when they left our field. We feel like we didn't finish the game. I have no excuses why we didn't finish the game. We won the game, but it was a somber feeling."

Frazier's team refocused enough to blow out its last two opponents, getting a 34-14 win at **Alcorn State** before humbling **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** 49-17 to close out the regular season. **Frazier** said **Prairie View** is ready for a championship.

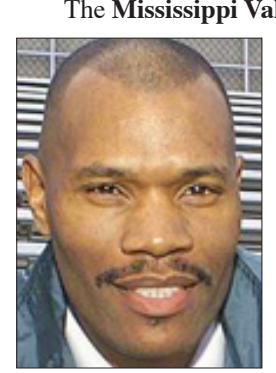
"It's something we've been working toward since we got to **Prairie View** six years ago. Our goal is not just to get to the championship game. We've got one shot to win the championship and we don't want to blow it because these opportunities don't come around too often."

Frazier said he's expecting at least 10,000 **Panther** fans to descend on **Legion Field** for the title game.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

TOTTEN RESIGNS AT MVSU:



MVSU Sports Photo

TOTTEN: Could not match his success as a player as the Delta Devils' head coach.

The **Mississippi Valley State University** Department of Athletics announced last week the resignation of **Willie Totten** as head coach of the **Delta Devils** football program. His resignation as coach to pursue other opportunities will be effective immediately as he has been reassigned to other University duties.

Totten, who brought **MVSU** to prominence as a quarterback in his playing days (1983-86) teaming with **Jerry Rice** to set a 50 NCAA passing records, many that still stand, has been the head coach since the 2001 season. As a player, the **College Football Hall of Fame** member led his team to a 28-11-1 record in his four years as a starter for a program that had just one winning season in the previous 15. He was voted all-**Southwestern Athletic Conference** all four seasons and was also an All-America selection.

As head coach, he guided the program to the best turnaround in Division I-AA in 2002 when the **Delta Devils** went 5-6 after an 0-11 campaign. He also took the team to back-to-back six-win seasons in 2005 and 2006. His career record is 31-57 in eight seasons. This year's squad finished 3-8 overall with a 1-6 mark in **SWAC** East Division play, at the bottom of the division standings.

MALLET CFL'S TOP ROOKIE:



BC Lions Photo

MALLET

Former **University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff** running back **Martell Mallet** has been named the **Canadian Football Leagues'** Most Outstanding Rookie after a stellar debut season. **Martell** was a 1st team All-SWAC selection in 2006 and 2008.

After arriving on the scene in Week 1 as a free agent, **Mallet** immediately made an impact in his first season as a **Leo**, including a 21-carry, 213-yard performance versus the East Division powerhouse **Montreal Alouettes** in Week 10. He finished the season with 1,240 yards on 214 carries (5.8 ypc.) with 6 TDs. **Mallet** also had 43 receptions for 342 yards and 2 TDs.

Tuskegee gets win over ECSU in PB

LUT WILLIAMS
 BCSP Editor

Tuskegee running back **Markus Douglas** rushed for two second half touchdowns in route to MVP honors in a 21-7 **Golden Tiger** victory over **Elizabeth City State** in *Pioneer Bowl XI* Saturday afternoon at **Charlie W. Johnson Stadium** in **Columbia, S.C.**

Douglas's 8-yard run with 8:13 remaining (plus a two-point conversion) in the third quarter gave the lead back to the **Golden Tigers** 14-7. He would add another rushing score with 6:02 left in the game to seal the win for **TU**, their seventh victory at the battle between the **SIAC** and **CIAA**.

The **Vikings** briefly took a 7-6 lead at 11:08 in the third quarter. **Terry Griffin** forced a fumble at the **TU** 10-yard line which he returned to the **Golden Tiger** 5. Four plays later **Tashawn Lee's** three-yard pass was hauled

in by **Dexter Manley** for **ECSU's** first and as it turned out, only score of the day.

Tuskegee's Wayne Williams returned the ensuing kickoff to the **Viking's** 29 yard line setting up the first of **Douglas's** touchdowns.

The first half was a battle of field position as neither team could muster much offensively. The **Golden Tigers** got on the scoreboard first with a 7-play 55-yard drive capped by a 13-yard rushing score by **Nykeem Barton**. The extra point attempt was blocked by **Devon Price** leaving **TU** ahead 6-0.

The **Golden Tigers** held the edge in total offense (334-288) and rushing yards (146-114). The **Vikings** struggled offensively as they did not convert on a third down until the fourth quarter going 3-for-14 for the game.

Geno Trundle and **Tolbert Matthews** (Defensive MVP) each tallied 11 tackles apiece as **ECSU** finishes the year at 7-4 overall.

BCSP Notes

Pete Richardson let go at Southern after 17 years

In the case of **Pete Richardson** of **Southern University**, it appears to be a case of 'what have you done for me lately.'

Athletic Director **Greg LaFleur** announced Monday that the University has relieved head football coach **Richardson** and his staff of their duties effective immediately. **Damon Nivens**, offensive line coach, will serve as interim coach until a replacement is named. Total compensation for **Richardson**, who had one year left on a contract that pays him in excess of \$200,000, had not yet been worked out.

"We sat down and did what was in the best interest of **Southern University**," said **LaFleur**. No timetable has been set at this time for bringing in a new coach, although **LaFleur** added that "the process would begin immediately."

The dean of **SWAC** head coaches after 17 years leading the **Jaguars**, **Richardson's** success as head of the football program has been well documented. **Southern** had four 11-win seasons and one 12-win season, the 2003 Championship season, in **Richardson's** tenure. **Richardson** also won the 1999 **SWAC** title, the first year after the conference employed an East/West format and played a championship game. **Richardson** also led the **Jags** to back-to-back titles in '97, '98 before the championship game was instituted, and its first title in 18 years in his first year at the helm, 1993.

Southern's 30-25 season-ending loss to **Texas Southern** Saturday, the first loss to **TSU** since the 2000 season, meant the **Jaguars** finished 6-5 overall and 3-4 in **SWAC** play, tied for last with **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** in the **SWAC** West Division. This season's finish marked the first time **Richardson's** squad had finished out of first or second place in the division since 1999.



Southern Sports Photo

RICHARDSON: Southern decides to make a change after **Jaguars** finish tied for last in **SWAC** West.

The **TSU** loss may have sealed **Richardson's** fate. Questionable clock management in the game's final minutes led to the defeat. The **Jaguars** lost their final two games this season including a 31-13 loss to historic and division rival **Grambling** in the famed *Bayou Classic*, usually a season-ending match-up that carries a lot of weight with **Jaguar** fans.

The **Jaguars** have not won the West Division title and played in the **SWAC** Championship Game since a 40-35 loss to **Alabama State** in 2004. **Richardson's** **Jaguars** last won the **SWAC** title in 2003 in a 20-9 win over **Alabama State**.

Grambling has been to the championship game three times since **Southern's** last appearance and **UAPB** once. With the loss to **TSU**, and **Prairie View** winning the **SWAC** West this year, the impression may have been that the **Jaguars** had fallen to the bottom of the division under **Richardson's** guidance, heralding the change.

Richardson compiled an overall record of 134 wins and 62 losses in his tenure at **Southern**, a .683 winning percentage. The 134 wins is second in **Southern** annals to **Jaguar** legend **A. W. Mumford** who posted 176 wins. **Richardson** has a 176-76-1 career record as a head coach (.696), including a five-year stint at **Winston-Salem State** where he was 41-14-1.

Richardson's honors include being named the **Black Coaches Association's** Coach of the Year in 1998, five-time **SWAC** Coach of the Year (1995, '97, '98, '99 and '03), **Atlanta's** 100% **Wrong Club's** Coach of the Year (1995, '97, '98, '99 and '03), **Washington D.C.'s** **Pigskin Club's** Coach of the Year (1995, '98 and '03), the **Kodak Region IV** Coach of the Year (1995) and the **Sheridan Broadcasting Network's** Coach of the Year (1997 & 2003).

Richardson's also had the distinction of being named the 1999 **Nokia Sugar Bowl Louisiana** Coach of the Year.