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MEET AT THE SUMMIT

RIVALRY CLASH; HBCU NFL NUMBERS AT 31; JACKSON STATE STARS SHINE AT COLORADO

ONE TO WATCH: All eyes will be on No. 11, NC Central quarterback Davius Richard, when his Eagles travel to rival NC A&T Saturday.

2023 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA	MEAC	SIAC	SWAC	INDEPENDENTS
<p>CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OL - VSU offensive line paved way for 318 rush yards and 171 passing yards vs. Norfolk State. QB - Tyrell Jackson, Sr., JCSU - 19-28-0 for 229 yards, 4 TDs (25, 11, 14, 12) vs. WV Wesleyan. OB - Upton Bailey, R-Jr., VSU - 18 carries, 184 yards (10.3 ypc), 80-yard TD vs. NSU. DB - Teonne Porter, So., ECSU - Led Vikes with 12 tackles, 4 solos, 1 break-up vs. Calatwa. LB - Uvell Paul Jr., Gr. BSU - Five tackles, 4 for-31 yards, 3 sacks for -28 yards in win over DelState. DL - Aaron Johnson, Fr., DE, JCSU - Four solo tackles, incl. 2 sacks for 7 yards vs. WVVU. SPECIAL - Dante Clark, R-Fr., DB, VSU - Returned muffed FG attempt 77 yards for TD vs. Norfolk State.</p>	<p>MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE Davius Richard, Sr., QB, NCCU - 278 yards of total offense, 15 of 22, 236 yards and 3 TDs, 42 yards on five carries and one TD vs. WSSU. DEFENSIVE Erick Hunter, Jr., LB, MSU - 11 tackles, 4 solos, 2 QB hurries, 1.5 sacks, strip sack that set up winning score vs. Richmond. SPECIALIST Brandon Codrington, Sr., DB/RS, NCCU - Returned 3 punts for 98 yards, including an 81-yard TD. Three KO returns for 66 yards. ROOKIE Jamarr Ebron, Fr., WR, HU - 2 receptions for 79 yards including 69-yard TD reception vs. E. Michigan. OFFENSIVE LINEMAN DaQuan Thomas, R-Jr., NCCU - 93% grade, 8 pancakes vs. WSSU.</p>	<p>SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE David Wright, Jr., QB, ALLEN - 17 for 28 for 370 yards and 2 TDs with no interceptions in win over Erskine. DEFENSE Tavare Brewton, So., LB, SAVANNAH STATE - Led Tigers with 10 tackles, six solos and 1 sack for -8 yards in win over Southeastern. SPECIAL TEAMS NA</p>	<p>SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE Travon Conley, R-Sr., QB, PVA&M - 20-33-1, 275 yards, 2 TDs in win over TSU. DEFENSE Keyshawn Johnson, Gr., LB, PVA&M - 14 tackles, 4 solos and 5 TFL vs. TSU. SPECIALIST Marcus Riley, Gr., WR/KR, FAMU - 96 yards KO return for a TD. NEWCOMER Myles Crawley, Fr., QB, GSU - 25 of 38 for 311 yards, 2TDs with no picks vs. Hampton.</p>	<p>INDEPENDENTS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE George Young, Jr., RB, FMU - 14 car., 97 yards, 1TD, 3rec., 15yds. 2TDs vs. EWU. DEFENSE Daeshawn Davis, Sr., LB, FMU - 9 stops, six solos, 1 TFL (-4), 1 pick vs. EWU. SPECIAL TEAMS Serge Champagne, Fr., PK, FMU - One 22-yard FG and 4 PATs for 7 points vs. EWU.</p>

SCORES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31	CHARLOTTE 24, SC STATE 3
Carson-Newman 35, VA-Lynchburg 3	Florida Memorial 38, Edward Waters 21
Clarion 30, Lincoln (PA) 20	Hampton 35, Grambling State 31
Emporia State 56, Lincoln (MO) 10	Johnson C. Smith 49, W. Va. Wesleyan 6
Kentucky State 34, Clark Atlanta 20	Lenoir-Rhyne 45, Saint Augustine's 7
Morehead State 37, West Virginia State 35	Memphis 56, Bethune-Cookman 14
Tulsa 42, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 7	Miles 37, Lane 24
UAB 35, NC A&T 6	Morgan State 17, Richmond 10
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	NC CENTRAL 47, WINSTON-SALEM STATE 21
Eastern Michigan 33, Howard 23	Notre Dame 56, Tennessee State 3
UNC Pembroke 19, Fayetteville State 17	Prairie View A&M 37, Texas Southern 34, OT
Wingate 30, Albany State 7	Savannah State 23, Southeastern 20
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI 40, ALCORN STATE 14
Alabama State 14, Southern 10	UT-Permian Basin 96, Texas College 0
Allen 24, Erskine 17	Vanderbilt 47, Alabama A&M 13
Benedict 52, Shaw 0	Virginia State 33, Norfolk State 24
Bluefield State 41, Livingstone 7	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Bowie State 22, Delaware State 11	Florida A&M 28, Jackson State 10
Catawba 31, Elizabeth City State 23	Tuskegee 37, Fort Valley State 31
Central State 24, Mississippi Valley State 21	Virginia Union 45, Morehouse 13

Bitter rivalries top the menu in week 2

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Two traditional bitter rivalry games top the list of another list of 36 games in week two of the 2023 black college football season this week.

North Carolina A&T hosts **North Carolina Central** Saturday (7 p.m. on *FloFootball*) in the 101st renewal of their fierce Interstate-40, former CIAA and MEAC rivalry while **Southern** hosts **Jackson State** in Baton Rouge (6 p.m. on *ESPN+*) in the 68th meeting between **SWAC** rivals. The JSU/SU game is dubbed the *Pete Richardson Classic* after the former Southern coach who compiled a 169-76-1 record and led the Jaguars to five SWAC and black college national championships from 1993 to 2009.



Getting Intros to fierce Rivalries

have one of the best quarterbacks at the FCS level in **Davius Richard**. The running back, (**Latrell**) **Collier**, is a punishing downhill runner that breaks lots of tackles. The offensive line has size. The defense runs to the ball. But as we said last week, this is about us, not them. We're going to make sure our kids are ready."

GAMES THIS WEEK	
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	
West Virginia State vs. UNC Pembroke in Institute, WV	6p
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9=	
Dayton vs. Central State in Dayton, OH	1p
<i>Down East Viking Football Classic</i>	
Elizabeth City State vs. Saint Augustine's in Rocky Mount, NC	1p
Kentucky State vs. Tuskegee in Frankfort, KY	1p
Post vs. Lincoln (PA) in Waterbury, CT	1p
Shaw vs. Virginia Union in Durham, NC	1p
Ohio Dominican vs. Winston-Salem State in Columbus, OH	3p
Alabama State vs. Miles in Montgomery, AL	5p
Central Arkansas vs. Texas College in Conway, AR	6p
Lincoln (MO) vs. Missouri Western in Jefferson City, MO	6p
Prairie View A&M vs. Abilene Christian in Prairie View, TX	6p
Catawba vs. Livingstone in Salisbury, NC	6p
CLASSICS	
<i>Eddie McGirt Classic</i>	
Johnson C. Smith vs. Walsh (OH) in Charlotte, NC	1p
<i>Louis Crews Classic</i>	
Alabama A&M vs. Lane in Huntsville, AL	6p
TV / STREAMED GAMES	
Army vs. Delaware State in West Point, NY - CBS Sports Network	12n
Davenport vs. Bowie State in Grand Rapids, MI - FloFootball	12n
Bluefield State vs. Emory & Henry in Bluefield, WV - Big Blue Sports Network	12p
Georgia Tech vs. SC State in Atlanta, GA - ESPN+, ACC Network	1p
Howard vs. Morehouse in Washington, DC - ESPN+	1p
Presbyterian vs. VA-Lynchburg in Clinton, SC - ESPN+	1p
Clark Atlanta vs. Fort Valley State in Atlanta, GA - HBCUGo	2p
Virginia State vs. Tusculum in Ettrick, VA - CIAA Sports Network	2p
Toledo vs. Texas Southern in Toledo, OH - ESPN+	2:30p
Bethune-Cookman vs. Savannah State in Daytona Beach, FL - Cat Eye Network	4p
Edward Waters vs. Benedict in Jacksonville, FL - ESPN+	4p
Albany State vs. Valdosta State in Albany, GA - Blue Frame Tech	6p
Allen vs. Columbus State in Blythewood, SC - Jock Jive Sports	6p
Akron vs. Morgan State in Akron, OH - ESPN+	6p
<i>Southern Heritage Classic</i>	
Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Tenn. State in Memphis, TN - HBCUGo	6p
Fayetteville State vs. Lenoir-Rhyne in Fayetteville, NC - CIAA Network	6p
<i>Battle of the Bay</i>	
Hampton vs. Norfolk State in Hampton, VA - FloFootball	6p
<i>Pete Richardson Classic</i>	
Jackson State vs. Southern in Baton Rouge, LA - ESPN+	6p
LSU vs. Grambling State in Baton Rouge, LA - ESPN+, SEC Network	6:30p
Stephen F. Austin vs. Alcorn State in Nacogdoches, TX - ESPN+	6p
NC A&T vs. NC Central in East Greensboro, NC - FloFootball	7p
South Florida vs. Florida A&M in Tampa, FL - ESPN+	7p

UNDER THE BANNER



HOW YOU LIKE THEM, NOW?:

Every sports fan in America and beyond knows by now that former **Jackson State** head coach **Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders** and former JSU players, QB **Shedeur Sanders** and DB/WR **Travis Hunter**, were outstanding in their new team, Colorado's, monumental 45-42 upset of No. 17 TCU last Saturday.

All summer long speculation had centered on how the two Sanders (father Deion and son Shedeur) and Hunter, who Deion also refers to as his son, would fare after moving up from the black college, **SWAC** and **FCS** level at Jackson State to the FBS at Pac-12 member, Colorado.

Well, the answer is clear, now.

Shedeur completed 38 of 47 passes for a school-record 510 yards and four TDs. Hunter had 11 receptions, many showing off his breath-taking athletic ability, for 119 yards on offense and a spectacular interception and three tackles on defense. Hunter also was in position for two touchdowns receptions and another pick. He was one of four Buffs to have over 100 receiving yards.

Coach Sanders has 68 new players on his re-made Buffalos roster.

Shedeur Sanders passed for 6,963 yards, 70 TDs and 14 interceptions in two years at JSU. There was still some doubt as to his ability to succeed on the FBS level. That doubt has certainly been put to rest for now after his performance.

No one knew just how effective Hunter, playing on both sides of the ball, would fare. He logged 129 snaps in the game and was a difference-maker on both defense and offense.

There's little doubt now that Sanders and Hunter are early candidates for the Heisman Trophy.

All eyes will again be on the trio as they have their home opener this week vs. Nebraska.

SPECTACULAR: Travis Hunter lays out for a spectacular interception in the win over No. 17, TCU.

FROM THE 2023 BCSP NFL Report

TOTAL 31 (+9)	BY TEAM
NFC 20 (+3)	Indianapolis 3
AFC 11 (-3)	Arizona, Atlanta, Carolina, Dallas, Kansas City, LA Rams, Miami, Tampa Bay, Washington, 2
BY HBCU CONFERENCE	BY YEARS OF NFL EXPERIENCE
SWAC 15 (+3)	Terron Armstead 11
MEAC 10 (-1)	Javon Hargrave 8
INDY 1 (-3)	Antonio Hamilton 8
SIAC 3 (+2)	
CIAA 2 (-1)	
BY POSITION	
OL (-1)	9
DB (+2)	9
LB (+2)	6
DL (-4)	2
REC (+1)	3
RB (NC)	1
Punter (NC)	1
QB (NC)	0

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON 2022 OPENING DAY NFL ROSTERS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (NFC - 20 +3)				
NO. / NAME	POS	YRS.	COLLEGE	
ARIZONA (2)				
33 Antonio Hamilton	CB	8	South Carolina State	
26 Bobby Price (PS)	DB	4	Norfolk State	
ATLANTA (2)				
12 KhaDarel Hodge	WR	4	Prairie View A&M	
66 Joshua Miles (PS)	OT	4	Morgan State	
CAROLINA (2)				
61 Ricky Lee	OT	R	North Carolina A&T	
?? Claudin Chereelus	LB	R	Alcorn State	
CHICAGO (1)				
69 Ja'Tyre Carter	G	2	Southern	
DALLAS (2)				
41 Marquese Bell	DB	2	Florida A&M	
72 Alex Taylor-Pringleau (PS)	OT	2	South Carolina State	
DETROIT (1)				
41 James Houston	LB	2	Jackson State	
GREEN BAY (1)				
31 Emanuel Wilson	RB	R	Fort Valley State	
LOS ANGELES RAMS (2)				
14 Cobie Durant	CB	2	South Carolina State	
19 Xavier Smith (PS)	WR	R	Florida A&M	
NEW ORLEANS (1)				
88 Shaquan Davis (PS)	WR	R	South Carolina State	
NEW YORK GIANTS (1)				
6 Jamie Gillan	P	5	Arkansas Pine Bluff	
SAN FRANCISCO (1)				
98 Javon Hargrave	NT	8	South Carolina State	
TAMPA BAY (2)				
60 Nick Leverett	G	3	Rice/NC Cenetral	
16 Keenan Isaac (PS)	DB	R	Alabama State	
WASHINGTON (2)				
36 Danny Johnson	DB	6	Southern	
73 Trent Scott	OT	6	Grambling State	
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (AFC - 11 -3)				
HOUSTON (1)				
71 Tytus Howard	OT	5	Alabama State	
INDIANAPOLIS (3)				
53 Shaquille Leonard	OLB	6	South Carolina State	
90 Grover Stewart	DT	7	Albany State	
53 Isaiah Land	LB	R	Florida A&M	
JACKSONVILLE (1)				
47 Deshaun Dixon (PS)	LB	2	Norfolk State	
KANSAS CITY (2)				
6 Bryon Cook	SAF	2	Cincinnati/Howard	
2 Joshua Williams	CB	2	Fayetteville State	
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS (1)				
92 Andrew Farmer (PS)	LB	R	Lane	
MIAMI (2)				
72 Terron Armstead	OT	11	Arkansas Pine Bluff	
71 Kion Smith	OT	1	Fayetteville State	
NEW ENGLAND (1)				
7 Isaiah Bolden (IR)	CB	R	Jackson State	

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Several recent moves settled the number of HBCU players on NFL opening-day 2023 rosters at 31, the same as a year ago.

On Monday, New Orleans terminated the practice squad contract of **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** undrafted rookie free agent offensive lineman **Mark Evans II**. Also on Monday, fourth-year veteran defensive back **Bobby Price** out of **Norfolk State** was added to the Arizona practice squad.

The 31 players includes the lone 2023 draftee from the HBCU ranks, **Jackson State** defensive back **Isaiah Bolden** who was placed on injured reserve by New England. It is presumed that Bolden will be released by the Patriots once he clears the concussion protocol and will be eligible to sign with another team.

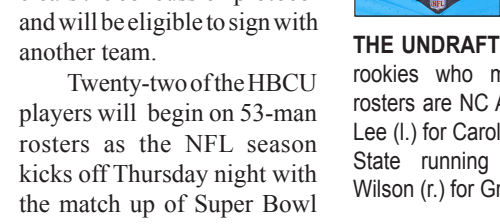
Twenty-two of the HBCU players will begin on 53-man rosters as the NFL season kicks off Thursday night with the match up of Super Bowl champion Kansas City and Detroit.

The most senior HBCU player in the league – Arkansas-Pine Bluff 11-year veteran offensive left tackle **Terron Armstead** – is expected to start when his Miami Dolphins open Sunday at the Los Angeles Chargers. Armstead suffered a leg injury during the preseason but is projected to be ready.

South Carolina State will once again have the most players on NFL rosters. Six Bulldogs, led by eight-year veterans **Javon Hargrave** and **Antonio Hamilton**, grace teams' line-ups. Hargrave signed a lucrative four-year \$84 million free agent deal with San Francisco after spending the last three seasons in Philadelphia. The SC State newcomer is rookie free agent wide receiver **Shaquan Davis** who was signed to the New Orleans practice squad.

Other undrafted rookie free agents on practice squads are former **Florida A&M** wide receiver **Xavier Smith** with the Los Angeles Rams, former **Lane** defensive end **Andrew Farmer** with the Los Angeles Chargers and former **Alabama State** defensive back **Keenan Isaac** with Tampa Bay.

Three undrafted black college rookie free agents made opening day 53-man rosters – **North Carolina A&T** offensive lineman **Ricky Lee** for Carolina and **Fort Valley State** running back **Emmanuel Wilson** for Green Bay. Former Florida A&M pass rushing specialist **Isaiah Land** was added to the Indianapolis roster after being released by Dallas giving the Colts three HBCU products on its squad with **Shaquille Leonard** and **Grover Stewart**.



THE UNDRAFTED: The undrafted rookies who made opening-day rosters are NC A&T lineman Ricky Lee (l.) for Carolina and Fort Valley State running back Emmanuel Wilson (r.) for Green Bay.

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS IN THE NFL BY SCHOOL

COLLEGE / NAME	NFL TEAM
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (6)	
Shaquan Davis	New Orleans
Antonio Hamilton	Arizona
Javon Hargrave	San Francisco
Shaquille Leonard	Indianapolis
Cobie Durant	LA Rams
Alex Taylor-Pringleau	Dallas
FLORIDA A&M (3)	
Marquese Bell	Dallas
Isaiah Land	Dallas
Xavier Smith	LA Rams
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF (2)	
Terron Armstead	Miami
Jamie Gillan	NY Giants
ALABAMA STATE (2)	
Tytus Howard	Houston
Keenan Isaac	Tampa Bay
FAYETTEVILLE STATE (2)	
Kion Smith	Miami
Joshua Williams	Kansas City
JACKSON STATE (2)	
Isaiah Bolden	New England
James Houston	Detroit
NORFOLK STATE (2)	
Bobby Price	Arizona
De'Shaun Dixon	Jacksonville
SOUTHERN (2)	
Ja'Tyre Carter	Chicago
Danny Johnson	Washington
ALBANY STATE (1)	
Grover Stewart	Indianapolis
ALCORN STATE (1)	
Claudin Chereelus	Carolina
FORT VALLEY STATE (1)	
Emmanuel Wilson	Green Bay
GRAMBLING STATE (1)	
Trent Scott	Washington
HOWARD (1)	
Bryan Cook	Kansas City
LANE (1)	
Andrew Farmer	LA Chargers
MORGAN STATE (1)	
Joshua Miles	Arizona
NORTH CAROLINA A&T (1)	
Ricky Lee	North Carolina A&T
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL (1)	
Nick Leverett	Tampa Bay
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (1)	
KhaDarel Hodge	Atlanta
SCHOOLS WITH MOST PLAYERS IN NFL	
SC State	6
Florida A&M	3
Six with	2