



Miles Sports photo

SAM SHADE: His 2-0 Miles Golden Bears look for their second win vs. SWAC competition at Arkansas-Pine Bluff Saturday.

HEADLINE MAKERS

NC CENTRAL AT UCLA; CIAA INKS LONG-TERM MEDIA DEAL; DEFENDERS SHINE IN WEEK ONE NFL

2023 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

| NORTH DIVISION | DIV | | CONF | | ALL | |
|----------------------|-----|---|------|---|-----|---|
| | W | L | W | L | W | L |
| Virginia Union | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Virginia State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Bowie State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Bluefield State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Lincoln (PA) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Elizabeth City State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| SOUTH DIVISION | | | | | | |
| Johnston C. Smith | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Livingstone | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fayetteville State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Winston-Salem State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Saint Augustine's | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Shaw | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OL - Kamrin Porter, R-Jr., BSU - On line that combined for 413 yards and 32 first downs...
QB - Isaiah Freeman, So., LINC - 13-21-1 for 250 yards, 3 TDs (68, 44, 49) in win over Post.
QB - Zachary Adams-Duckson, ECSU - 33 car., 179 yds., 0 TDs vs. St. Aug's.
WR - Malachi Langley, LINC - 7 rec., 197 yds., 3 TDs (68, 44, 49) vs. Post.
DB - Ronald Thomas III, So., LINC - Two solo tackles, two interceptions vs. Post.
William Davis, Jr., VUU - Two picks, one returned 50 yards for a TD vs. Shaw.
LB - Shamar Graham, R-So., VUU - 17 tackles, 10 solos, 2 break-ups vs. Shaw.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

| North Carolina Central | CONF | | ALL | |
|------------------------|------|---|-----|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| North Carolina Central | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Morgan State | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Norfolk State | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Howard | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Delaware State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| SC State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Otto Kuhns, Jr., QB, NSU - 15 of 20 for 199 yards and 3 TDs vs. Morehouse...
Quinton Williams Fr., QB, HOW - 17 of 26 for 205 yards and 3 TDs vs. Morehouse...
DEFENSE
Jordan Toles, Sr., DB, MSU - 5 tackles, 2 solos, 2 interceptions with 69 yards in returns vs. Akron.
ROOKIE
Shane Messenger, Fr., P, MSU - Averaged 35.2 yards on six punts and had 46-yarder vs. Akron.
SPECIALIST
Juan Velarde, Jr., P, MSU - Averaged 43.8 yards with four downed inside 20, two at the 3-yard line vs. Akron.
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Demetrius Witherspoon, r-So., OL, HOW - 91% grade in 613 yard offensive effort with 3 pancakes.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

| Miles | CONF | | ALL | |
|-------------------|------|---|-----|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Miles | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Tuskegee | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Benedict | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Fort Valley State | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Allen | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Savannah State | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Central State | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kentucky State | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Albany State | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Morehouse | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Lane | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Clark Atlanta | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Edward Waters | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Aeneas Dennis, Gr., QB, BENEDICT - 24 of 34 for 310 yards and one TD without an interception in 34-0 shutout of Edward Waters.
DEFENSE
Jayden Broughton, Jr., DL, BENEDICT - Had three tackles for -19 yards in losses, two of them sacks for -16 yards vs. EWU.
SPECIAL TEAMS
Tom Piccirillo, Gr., PK, BENEDICT - Had two 22-yard field goals and was 4 of 4 on PATs vs. EWU.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

| Florida A&M | DIV | | ALL | |
|---------------------|-----|---|-----|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Florida A&M | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Alabama State | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Jackson State | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Alabama A&M | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Bethune-Cookman | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Miss. Valley State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| WEST DIVISION | | | | |
| Prairie View A&M | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Arkansas-Pine Bluff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Grambling State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Alcorn State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Southern | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Texas Southern | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE - Ryan Morrow, So., RB, AA&M - 18 carries for 191 yards and 3 TDs (50, 14, 2) vs. Lane.
DEFENSE - Isaiah Major, LB, FAMU - 11 tackles, 3 for losses, 2 sacks vs. South Florida.
Jordan Mitchell, R-Jr., DE, AA&M - 10 tackles, two sacks and two interceptions vs. Lane.
SPECIALIST - Terrell Gardner, AA&M - 3 punt returns for 95 yards, a 69-yarder late.
NEWCOMER - Johnness Davis, UAPB - 24 carries for 167 yards, 4-yard TD, 3 rec., 46 yds.

INDEPENDENTS

| Florida Memorial | W | | L | | W | | L | |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| | CONF | ALL | CONF | ALL | CONF | ALL | CONF | ALL |
| Florida Memorial | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Va.-Lynchburg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Texas College | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| CAA | | | | | | | | |
| Hampton | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| NC A&T State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| OHIO VALLEY | | | | | | | | |
| Tennessee State | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| MIAA | | | | | | | | |
| Lincoln (Mo.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| MOUNTAIN EAST | | | | | | | | |
| W. Va. State | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference) | | | | | | | | |
| Langston | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE - Elijah Burris, Jr., RB, HAMPTON - 12 carries for 127 yards in loss to Norfolk State.
DEFENSE - Qwahsin Townsel, Gr., LB, HAMPTON - Led Pirates with 12 tackles, 6 solos in loss to NSU.
NEWCOMER - Kenji Christian, So., RB, NC A&T - Piled up 95 rushing yards on 12 carries vs. NCCU.

SCORES

| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 | | Jackson State 27, Southern 14 | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|
| West Virginia State 37 | UNC Pembroke 35 | Johnston C. Smith 24 | Walsh (OH) 21 |
| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | | Lenoir-Rhyne 24, Fayetteville State 10 | |
| Abielene Christian 45 | Prairie View A&M 16 | Lincoln (PA) 48 | Post 32 |
| Akron 24 | Morgan State 21 | LSU 72 | Grambling State 10 |
| Alabama A&M 51 | Lane 13 | Miles 21 | Alabama State 17 |
| Allen 49 | Columbus State 0 | Missouri Western 68 | Lincoln (MO) 14 |
| Army 57 | Delaware State 0 | Norfolk State 31 | Hampton 23 |
| Benedict 34 | Edward Waters 0 | NC Central 30 | NC A&T 16 |
| Bethune-Cookman 31 | Savannah State 6 | Ohio Dominican 26 | Winston-Salem State 14 |
| Catawba 55 | Livingstone 15 | Presbyterian 48 | VA-Lynchburg 17 |
| Central Arkansas 70 | Texas College 2 | South Florida 38 | Florida A&M 24 |
| Davenport 24 | Bowie State 19 | Stephen F. Austin 38 | Alcorn State 10 |
| Dayton 62 | Central State 24 | Tennessee State 24 | Arkansas-Pine Bluff 14 |
| Elizabeth City State 13 | Saint Augustine's 0 | Toledo 71 | Texas Southern 3 |
| Emory & Henry 37 | Bluefield State 14 | Tuskegee 36 | Kentucky State 10 |
| Fort Valley State 40 | Clark Atlanta 17 | Valdosta State 21 | Albany State 16 |
| Georgia Tech 48 | SC State 13 | Virginia State 21 | Tusculum 17 |
| Howard 65 | Morehouse 19 | Virginia Union 26 | Shaw 13 |

Morgan State saga continues; NCCU at Rose Bowl

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One of the most surprising and impressive black college teams so far in the young 2023 season is **Morgan State** under second-year head coach **Damon Wilson**.

The Bears opened with a stunning 17-10 road win over CAA member and FCS No. 17 Richmond on Sept. 2.

On Saturday, the Bears were perhaps more impressive as they were on the verge of a huge upset of FBS Mid American Conference (MAC) member Akron. They were up 21-17 with less than a minute to play before a fumble by running back **J. J. Davis** was picked up for a scoop and score by the Zips (1-1).

Morgan State (1-1) will face the second of four CAA teams on its schedule this Saturday (6 p.m., *ESPN+*) when it hosts Towson.

The 0-2 Tigers, under new head coach Pete Shinnick, have dropped decisions to Maryland (38-6) and CAA member Monmouth 42-23). In the preseason, Towson was picked to finish ninth in the 14-member league by conference coaches. The CAA currently has five teams in the FCS Top 25.

Morgan State will also face CAA members Albany on Sept. 23 and Stony Brook on Oct. 7 at the Bears' homecoming.

North Carolina Central (2-0), ranked 17th in the latest AFCA FCS Coaches Poll and first in the BCSP FCS Top Five, steps up to face AFCA FBS No. 25, 2-0 **UCLA** Saturday (2 p.m. PT, *PAC-12 Network*) in an historic game at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Ca.

Trei Oliver's defending **MEAC** and HBCU national champions have handled former **CIAA** and Div. II rival **Winston-Salem State** (47-21) and former **FCS MEAC** rival **N. C. A&T** (30-16) to open the season. Saturday's game will be the first time NCCU has faced a nationally-ranked FBS opponent. UCLA has dubbed the game "*The Black Excellence Game.*"

UCLA Athletics Director **Martin Jarmond** is a native of Fayetteville, N. C. whose father



Jarmond

Matt attended N. C. A&T and his late mother Virginia attended NC Central.

New CAA member NC A&T (0-2) will face its first conference opponent and look for its first victory when it travels to nearby Elon (0-2) Saturday (6 p.m., *FloFootball*).

CIAA members **Virginia State** and **Virginia Union** are both 2-0 headed into their contests this week vs. conference opponents. **VSU** is at 0-2 **Livingstone** (1 p.m.) while **VUU** is at 1-1 **Saint Augustine's** (6 p.m.). The **VUU/SAU** game has been relocated to John H. Baker Jr. Stadium on the campus of Southeast Raleigh High School because the field at the George Williams Athletic Complex is being resurfaced.

SIAC members **Miles**, **Benedict** and **Tuskegee** are off to 2-0 starts.

Miles, under second-year head coach **Sam Shade**, is coming off a 21-17 win Saturday over **Alabama State** of the **SWAC**. The Golden Bears of the **SIAC** will go for their second straight **SWAC** scalp as they travel to **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** Saturday (4 p.m.). **Tuskegee** hosts 1-1 **Central State** at 1 p.m. while defending **SIAC** champ **Benedict** is at 0-2 **Lane** (2 p.m.).

Also Saturday, **Howard** and **Hampton**, both 1-1, will stage the battle for the Real HU in Washington, DC (3:30 p.m., *ESPN+*).

AFCA FCS No. 24 **Florida A&M** (1-1) hosts (6 p.m., *HBCUGo*) **West Florida** (2-0). **UWF** is fourth nationally in the **AFCA** Div. II poll.

Jackson State (2-1) is in San Marco, Texas (6 p.m., *ESPN+*) to face (1-1) **Texas State** out of the **FBS** Sun Belt Conference. **Texas State** upset **Baylor** 42-31 to open the season.

Southern (0-2), coming off a 27-14 loss to **Jackson State** looks for its first win hosting **Alabama A&M** (6 p.m., *ESPN+*). **A&M** running back **Ryan Morrow** ran for 191 yards and three TDs in the **Bulldogs'** 51-13 win over **Lane** last week.

Bethune-Cookman (1-1) opens this

GAMES THIS WEEK

| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Miami vs. Bethune-Cookman | in Miami Gardens, FL - ACCNetwork | 7:30p | |
| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | | | |
| Tuskegee vs. Central State | in Tuskegee, AL | 1p | |
| Concord vs. West Virginia State | in Athens, WV | 1p | |
| Saint Augustine's vs. Virginia State | in Raleigh, NC | 1p | |
| Grambling State vs. Florida Memorial | in Grambling, LA | 2p | |
| Lane vs. Benedict | in Jackson, TN | 2p | |
| Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Miles | in Pine Bluff, AR | 4p | |
| Alcorn State vs. McNeese State | in Lorman, MS | 6p | |
| Delta State vs. Mississippi Valley State | in Cleveland, MS | 6p | |
| Langston vs. Louisiana Christian | in Langston, OK | 6p | |
| Lincoln (MO) vs. Washburn | in Jefferson City, MO | 6p | |
| Texas College vs. Ottawa | in Tyler, TX | 6p | |
| Fayetteville State vs. Lincoln (PA) | in Fayetteville, NC | 6p | |
| Fort Valley State vs. Edward Waters | in Fort Valley, GA | 6p | |
| Johnston C. Smith vs. Bluefield State | in Charlotte, NC | 6p | |
| Livingstone vs. Virginia Union | in Salisbury, NC | 6p | |
| Merrimack vs. Virginia-Lynchburg | | 6p | |
| Savannah State vs. Clark Atlanta | in Savannah, GA | 6p | |
| Winston-Salem State vs. Elizabeth City State | in Winston-Salem, NC | 6p | |
| CLASSICS | | | |
| <i>HBCU NYC Football Classic</i> | | | |
| Albany State vs. Morehouse | in East Rutherford, NJ | 3p | |
| TV / STREAMING GAMES | | | |
| Bowie State vs. Shaw | in Bowie, MD - HBCU Go | 1p | |
| Temple vs. Norfolk State | in Philadelphia, PA - ESPN+ | 2p | |
| UCLA vs. NC Central | in Pasadena, CA - PAC-12 Network | 2p | |
| Howard vs. Hampton | in Washington, DC - ESPN+ | 3:30p | |
| Richmond vs. Delaware State | in Richmond, VA - FLO Football | 3:30p | |
| Tennessee State vs. Gardner-Webb | - ESPN+ | 5p | |
| Texas State vs. Jackson State | in San Marcos, TX - ESPN+ | 6p | |
| Allen vs. Kentucky State | in Blythewood, SC - ESPN+ | 6p | |
| Florida A&M vs. West Florida | in Tallahassee, FL - HBCU Go | 6p | |
| Morgan State vs. Towson | in Baltimore, MD - ESPN+ | 6p | |
| Southern Methodist vs. Prairie View A&M | in Dallas, TX - ESPN+ | 6p | |
| Rice vs. Texas Southern | in Houston, TX - ESPN+ | 6p | |
| Elon vs. NC A&T | in Elon, NC - FloFootball | 6p | |
| Southern vs. Alabama A&M | in Baton Rouge, LA - ESPN+ | 6p | |

week's schedule with a game Thursday night at 2-0 **Miami** (7:30 p.m., *ACC Network*).

Two 0-2 teams, **Albany State** and **Morehouse**, will tangle Saturday at the *HBCU NYC Football Classic* at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, NJ (3 p.m.).

TOP PERFORMANCES

FROM HBCU GAMES OF SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2023

| PASSING | COMP-ATT-INT | YDS | TDs (YDS) |
|------------------------|--------------|-----|----------------|
| Jeremy Moussa, FAMU | 24-43-3 | 374 | 1 (45) |
| Amir Jenkins, BSU | 39-59-4 | 350 | 2 (13, 9) |
| Aeneas Dennis, BEN | 24-34-0 | 310 | 1 (11) |
| Xzavier Vaughn, LINC | 20-35-1 | 291 | 2 (51, 13) |
| Donovan Riddick, WVVSU | 25-34-1 | 281 | 3 (2, 36, 1) |
| Daylin Lee, WSSU | 22-33-1 | 278 | 1 (52) |
| Isaiah Freeman, LINC | 13-21-1 | 250 | 3 (68, 44, 49) |
| Alec Lewis, CSU | 24-45-1 | 242 | 2 (10, 6) |
| Christian Reid, VUU | 21-32-0 | 232 | 1 (41) |
| Jai'Que Hart, BLST | 19-47-4 | 226 | 2 (17, 35) |

| RUSHING | CAR | YDS | TDs (YDS) |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| Ryan Morrow, AA&M | 18 | 191 | 3 (50, 14, 2) |
| Zachary Adams-Duckson, ECSU | 33 | 179 | 0 |
| Johnness Davis, UAPB | 24 | 167 | 1 (4) |
| Joel Felder, WVVSU | 16 | 152 | 1 (28) |
| Elijah Burris, HAMP | 12 | 137 | 0 |
| Kylan Duhe, LANE | 22 | 122 | 0 |
| Zion Bouie, MHS | 19 | 112 | 0 |
| Kasey Hawthorne, HOW | 5 | 110 | 2 (45, 53) |
| Amir Gerald, LINC | 21 | 107 | 2 (11, 8) |
| Chance Williams, GSU | 7 | 108 | 0 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | TDs |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Malachi Lang | | | |