

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



Tuskegee Sports photo

**AARON JAMES:** His 3-0 Golden Tigers of Tuskegee, one of five unbeaten HBCU teams entering Week Four, host Lane this week.

## THE FIVE

**FIVE UNBEATENS ENTER WEEK FOUR; TOP HBCU & NFL PERFORMANCES; DETROIT'S HOUSTON OUT**

NORTH DIVISION	DIV		CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L	W	L
Virginia Union	0	0	1	0	3	0
Virginia State	0	0	1	0	3	0
Bowie State	0	0	1	0	2	1
Bluefield State	0	0	0	1	1	2
Lincoln (PA)	0	0	0	1	1	2
Elizabeth City State	0	0	0	1	1	2

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

TUSKEGEE DIVISION	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Tuskegee	2	0	3	0
Benedict	2	0	3	0
Allen	1	0	3	0
Fort Valley State	2	0	2	1
Miles	1	0	2	1
Savannah State	1	0	2	1
Albany State	1	0	1	2
Kentucky State	0	2	1	2
Central State	0	1	1	2
Morehouse	0	1	0	3
Edward Waters	0	2	0	3
Clark Atlanta	0	2	0	3
Lane	0	2	0	3

EAST DIVISION	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Florida A&M	1	0	2	1
Alabama State	0	0	1	1
Jackson State	0	1	2	2
Bethune-Cookman	0	0	1	2
Alabama A&M	0	1	1	2
Miss. Valley State	0	0	0	2

WEST DIVISION	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Prairie View A&M	1	0	1	2
Southern	1	0	1	2
Grambling State	0	0	1	2
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	0	0	1	2
Alcorn State	0	0	1	2
Texas Southern	0	1	0	3

**BCSP CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OL - NA**  
**QB - Steve Williams**, So., VSU - 18-34-0 for 192 yards, 2 TDs (68, 44, 49) in win over SAU.  
**QB - Rashard Jackson**, VUU - 32 car., 185 yds., 0 TDs vs. St. Aug's.  
**WR - Matthew Henry**, So., LIV - 9 rec., 117 yds., 2 TDs (25, 42) in loss to Virginia Union.  
**DB - Ephraim Moore**, Sr., VUU - Six solo tackles and two interceptions in win over Livingstone.  
**LB - Kamaal McMillan**, So., LINC - 12 tackles, 8 solos, in loss to VUU.  
**DL - Camar Kyle**, Jr., WSSU - 4 tackles, 2 solos, 2.5 for -5 in losses, 2.0 sacks vs. ECSU.  
**SPECIAL - Jacob Meneses**, So., PK, FSU - 2 field goals (32, 40) including game-winner from 40 yards as time expired vs. Lincoln Pa.

**MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE**  
**Kasey Hawthorne**, Sr., WR, HOW - Passed and rushed for one TD, 3 rec., 67 yards, 1 TD vs. Hampton.  
**DEFENSE**  
**Kenny Gallop** Jr., Sr., DB, HOW - Game-high 8 tackles, 7 solos, forced and recovered fumble vs. Hampton.  
**ROOKIE**  
**Noah Tracey**, Fr., PK, NSU - 5 punts, 38.8 yard average, one downed at 22 vs. Temple.  
**SPECIALIST**  
**Jordan Toles**, Sr., DB, MSU - Blocked FG returned it 53 yards for TD vs. Towson.  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**Dexter Carr** Jr., Jr., MSU

**BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE**  
**David Wright**, So., QB, ALLEN - 30-53-2 for 411 yards and 5 TDs in win over KSU.  
**DEFENSE**  
**Dayland Land**, So., LB, MOREHOUSE - Game-high 16 tackles, 8 solos, in loss to Albany State.  
**SPECIAL TEAMS**  
**Tom Piccirillo**, Gr., PK, BENEDICT - Five of six PATs and 36- and 34-yard field goals in win over Lane.

**SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE - Jeremy Moussa**, Gr., QB, FAMU - 18-27-0, 271 yards, 3 TDs (27, 24, 59) vs. W. Florida.  
**DEFENSE - Lewis Matthews**, Sr., LB, GSU - Led Tigers with 11 tackles, 8 solos with one interception with 32-yard return TD.  
**SPECIALIST - Joshua Griffin**, SOU - Two FGs and two PATs vs. Alabama A&M.  
**NEWCOMER - Tylor Williams**, GSU - 3rec., 102 yards including 67-yard TD vs. FMU.

**OFFENSE - Elijah Burris**, Jr., RB, HAMPTON - 6 carries, 111 yards, 3-yard TD and 93-yard KO return TD in win at Howard.  
**DEFENSE - Monroe Beard III**, Jr., LB, TENN STATE - 12 tackles, nine solos, one tackle for loss vs. GWU.  
**SPECIAL TEAMS - James Lowery**, Jr., PK, TSU - Kicked 50-yard game winning FG vs. Gardner-Webb. Also had 49-yard field goal and 3 of 3 on PATs for 9 points.

## SCORES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	Merrimack 44, Virginia-Lynchburg 0
Miami 48, Bethune-Cookman 7	Ottawa 62, Texas College 14
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	Rice 59, Texas Southern 7
Albany State 24, Morehouse 14	Richmond 38, Delaware State 6
Alcorn State 17, McNeese State 3	Savannah State 28, Clark Atlanta 21
Allen 34, Kentucky State 30	Southern 20, Alabama A&M 10
Arkansas-Pine Bluff 21, Miles 20	Southern Methodist 69, Prairie View A&M 0
Benedict 54, Lane 7	Temple 41, Norfolk State 9
Bowie State 21, Shaw 7	Tennessee State 27, Gardner-Webb 25
Delta State 35, Mississippi Valley State 7	Texas State 77, Jackson State 34
Elon 27, NC A&T 3	Towson 20, Morgan State 10
Fayetteville State 20, Lincoln 17	Tuskegee 27, Central State 21
Florida A&M 31, West Florida 10	UCLA 59, NC Central 7
Fort Valley State 34, Edward Waters 31	Virginia State 55, Saint Augustine's 12
Grambling State 58, Florida Memorial 22	Virginia Union 28, Livingstone 20
Hampton 35, Howard 34	Washburn 24, Lincoln (MO) 10
Johnson C. Smith 30, Bluefield State 13	West Virginia State 47, Concord 27
Louisiana Christian 35, Langston 22	Winston-Salem State 24, Elizabeth City State 7

# Unbeatens few and far between thru Week 3

## LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor  
 Three weeks into the 2023 football season and there are only five teams left with unblemished records in black college football.

Two are in the CIAA – Virginia Union and Virginia State – and three are in the SIAC – Benedict, Tuskegee and Allen.

VUU and VSU are no surprises as they are legitimate and perennial contenders for CIAA honors. The same goes for defending SIAC champion Benedict and Tuskegee, who won their respective divisions a season ago and met in the league's 2022 championship game.

But Allen is a different story. The Yellow Jackets are in their fifth year returning to football in 2018 after a 15-year hiatus. They have been led since their return by head coach **Teddy Keaton** and are seeking their first winning season.

In 2022, the Jackets finished 2-8 overall, 0-7 in SIAC play – not very good to say the least. But of those seven conference losses, four were by single digits. Three were by less than four points – a one-point loss to **Clark Atlanta** (42-41), a two-point loss to **Fort Valley State** (29-27) and a three-point loss to **Central State** (35-32). They fell to Tuskegee by eight (35-27). Their other losses were to **Kentucky State** (41-22), **Benedict** (54-21) and **Edward Waters** (38-12).

They avenged one of those losses with a 34-30 win over Kentucky State Saturday. Sophomore quarterback **David Wright** threw (30-53-2) for 411 yards and five touchdown passes, four in the fourth quarter as Allen erased a 23-point deficit, scoring 27 unanswered points to pull out the win. Wright currently leads the SIAC passing stats at 390.5 yards per game with 7 TDs.

The Jackets continue their redemption tour Saturday (1 p.m.) at Central State (0-1, 1-2 SIAC).

Elsewhere in the SIAC Saturday at 1 p.m., Benedict travels to 2022 CIAA finalist and new South Atlantic Conference (SAC) member Chowan (0-3), Tuskegee (3-0, 2-0) under new head coach **Aaron James**, hosts 0-3 Lane, and



## Yellow Jackets Sting

**ALLEN:** Head coach **Teddy Keaton** (l.) and SIAC passing leader **David Wright** (r.) lead unbeaten Yellow Jackets at Central State.

**Fort Valley State** (2-1, 2-0) is at Kentucky State (1-2, 0-2). **Edward Waters** (0-3, 0-2) hosts **Morehouse** (0-3, 0-1) at 2 p.m., Albany State (1-2, 1-0) and Savannah State (2-1, 1-0) meet in Brunswick, Ga. at the *Coastal City HBCU Classic* at 3 p.m. and **Miles** (2-1, 1-0) hosts winless **Clark Atlanta** (0-3, 0-2) at 4 p.m.

The CIAA features North vs. South division battles Saturday. In 1 p.m. starts, **Bowie State** (2-1, 1-0) is home vs. winless **St. Augustine's** (0-3, 0-1) and **Elizabeth City State** (1-2, 0-1) entertains **Shaw** (0-3, 0-1). S. Div. co-leader **Winston-Salem State** (1-2, 1-0) has **Bluefield State** (1-2, 0-1) in a 2 p.m. start while **Lincoln (Pa.)** (1-2) hosts S. Div. co-leader **J. C. Smith** (2-1, 1-0) at 7 p.m.

At 6 p.m., Virginia State hosts winless (0-3) **Livingstone** while Virginia Union hosts defending champion **Fayetteville State** (1-2, 0-1) in the *Willard Bailey Classic* on HBCUGO.

Unsurprisingly, there are no black college FCS teams in the MEAC, SWAC, CAA or Big South/OVC with clean records as teams in those conferences fell hard in a series of "money games" against FBS competition.

The best of those like 2-1 N. C. Central (UCLA, 59-7), 2-1 **Florida A&M** (South Florida, 38-24) and 2-1 **Tennessee State** (Notre Dame, 56-3) have taken it on the chin in such games.

SWAC play kicks off Thursday with **Alabama A&M** (1-2, 0-1) hosting **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (1-2) on ESPN (7 p.m.). On Saturday, **Grambling** (1-2) hosts **Texas Southern** (0-3, 0-1) and **Jackson State** (2-2, 0-1) hosts **Bethune-Cookman** at 2 p.m. **Alcorn**

## GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	Alabama A&M vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Huntsville, AL - ESPN 7p
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23	Tuskegee vs. Lane in Tuskegee, AL 1p
Bowie State vs. Saint Augustine's in Bowie, MD 1p	
Central State vs. Allen in Wilberforce, OH 1p	
Chowan vs. Benedict in Murfreesboro, NC 1p	
Elizabeth City State vs. Shaw in Elizabeth City, NC 1p	
Florida Memorial vs. John Melvin in Miami Gardens, FL 1p	
Kentucky State vs. Fort Valley State in Frankfort, KY 1p	
Northwest Missouri State vs. Lincoln (MO) in Maryville, MO 1:30p	
Winston-Salem State vs. Bluefield State in Winston-Salem, NC 2p	
Robert Morris vs. VA-Lynchburg in Moon Township, PA 3p	
Towson vs. Norfolk State in Towson, MD 4p	
Alcorn State vs. Prairie View A&M in Lorman, MS 6p	
Texas College vs. Langston in Tyler, TX 6p	
Virginia State vs. Livingstone in Ettrick, VA 6p	
Lincoln (PA) vs. Johnson C. Smith in Lincoln University, PA 7p	
TV / STREAMING GAMES	W.C. Gordon Classic
Jackson State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Jackson, MS - ESPN+ 2p	
Grambling State vs. Texas Southern in Grambling, LA - HBCUGO 2p	
Edward Waters vs. Morehouse in Jacksonville, FL - ESPN+ 2p	
Miami (OH) vs. Delaware State in Oxford, OH - ESPN+ 3:30p	
Miles vs. Clark Atlanta in Fairfield, AL - ESPN+ 4p	
Florida A&M vs. Alabama State in Tallahassee, FL - ESPN+ 6p	
<i>Willard Bailey Classic</i>	
Virginia Union vs. Fayetteville State in Richmond, VA - HBCU GO 6p	
Morgan State vs. UAlbany in Baltimore, MD - ESPN+ 6p	
SC State vs. The Citadel in Orangeburg, SC - ESPN+ 6p	
HOMECOMING	West Virginia State vs. Glenville State in Institute, WV 6p
CLASSICS	<i>Coastal City HBCU Classic</i>
Albany State vs. Savannah State in Brunswick, GA 3p	
<i>Circle City Classic</i>	
NC Central vs. Miss Valley State in Indianapolis, IN 3p	

**State** (1-2) hosts **Prairie View** (1-2, 1-0) and **Florida A&M** hosts **Alabama State** (1-1) at 6 p.m.

MEAC teams continue their out-of-conference games Saturday. NC Central is in Indianapolis (3 p.m.) for the *Circle City Classic* vs. **Miss. Valley State**. **SC State** (0-3) is at home (6 p.m.) vs. The Citadel, **Morgan State** (1-2) hosts Albany, **Norfolk State** (1-2) is at Towson (4 p.m.) and **Delaware State** (0-3) is at (3:30 p.m.) Miami (OH).

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### JAMES HOUSTON BREAKS ANKLE:

Detroit Lions outside linebacker **James Houston**, a second-year player out of **Jackson State**, suffered a fractured ankle in Sunday's 37-31 loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

Houston will be out at least six to eight weeks, NFL Network Insiders Ian Rapoport and Tom Pelissero reported, per a source.

Houston will have more testing to determine if he'll need surgery and how much longer he would be out. Lions' Head Coach Dan Campbell confirmed Houston will be out for awhile.

The 6-1, 245-pound Houston started Sunday's game vs. Seattle and posted one solo tackle before suffering the injury. He played sparingly in the Lions' 21-20 season-opening win over the Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs, posting just one hit on the quarterback.

Houston, a sixth-round pick by Detroit in the 2022 NFL Draft, was waived on August 30, 2022 and signed to the practice squad the next day. He was promoted to the active roster on November 28. During a Thanksgiving Day matchup against the Buffalo Bills and QB Josh Allen, Houston recorded two sacks, two solo tackles, and a fumble recovery in just five defensive snaps. He followed this up with a sack in each of his next three games, becoming only the third player in NFL history (along with Terrell Suggs and Santana Dotson) to open his career with a four-game sack streak.

He went on to finish with eight sacks in seven games contributing to the Lions winning five of those games to close out the season.

In his only season at JSU (2021) playing for head coach **Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders** after transferring from Florida, Houston finished with 70 tackles (52 solo), 24.5 tackles for loss (2nd SWAC/t-2nd FCS), 16.5 sacks (2nd SWAC/t-2nd FCS), seven forced fumbles (1st in SWAC & FCS), two fumble recoveries, one interception, eight QB hurries, and two defensive touchdowns.

### ROBERTS WINS ACC & NATIONAL AWARD:

Former N. C. A&T linebacker **Jacob Roberts**, who transferred to Wake Forest after the 2022 season, won a conference and national award this week.

Roberts recorded a game-high 13 tackles (four solo), including 4.0 for losses, three quarterback sacks and forced one fumble as Wake Forest came-from-behind to defeat Old Dominion, 27-24. His efforts earned him ACC Linebacker of the Week and Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week.

Through three games, the 6-1, 233-pound senior leads the Demon Deacons with 31 tackles and five sacks for -40 yards. Roberts was second on the Aggies with 72 tackles a year ago but did not have a sack.

### HBCU FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) **NC CENTRAL** (2-1) Shut down at UCLA in the Rose Bowl, 59-7. NEXT: Mississippi Valley State at Circle City Classic in Indianapolis.
- 2) **FLORIDA A&M** (2-1) Defeated D2 West Florida, 31-10. NEXT: Hosting Alabama State
- 3) **TENNESSEE STATE** (2-1) - Last-minute field goal to down Gardner-Webb, 27-25. NEXT: Idle.
- 4) **MORGAN STATE** (1-2) Fell at home to Towson, 20-10. NEXT: Hosting Albany.
- 5) **JACKSON STATE** (2-2) Humbled by Texas State, 77-34. NEXT: Hosting Bethune-Cookman.

### HBCU NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

- 1) **BENEDICT** (3-0) Blew out Lane, 54-7. NEXT: At Chowan.
- 2) **VIRGINIA STATE** (3-0) Ran past St. Aug's 55-12. NEXT: Hosting Livingstone.
- 3) **VIRGINIA UNION** (3-0) Got by Livingstone, 28-20. NEXT: Hosting CIAA defending champ Fayetteville State in Classic.
- 4) **BOWIE STATE** (2-1) Defeated Shaw, 21-7. NEXT: Hosts St. Aug's.
- 5) **TUSKEGEE** (3-0) Got by Central State, 27-21. NEXT: Hosts Lane.

## TOP PERFORMANCES

FROM HBCU GAMES OF SEPTEMBER 14 - 16, 2023

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TDs (YDS)
David Wright, ALL	30-53-2	411	5 (18, 24, 23, 17, 4)
Jyron Russell, EWU	21-37-2	368	4 (10, 16, 40, 15)
Brenton Hilton, LIV	17-26-4	314	3 (79, 25, 42)
Quinton Williams, HOW	19-38-1	273	2 (52, 15)
Jeremy Moussa, FAMU	18-27-0	271	3 (27, 24, 59)
Aeneas Dennis, BEN	20-31-0	264	2 (28, 6)
Kleipeter, MILES	13-29-0	262	0
Isaiah Freeman, LINC	16-27-2	249	1 (54)
Isaiah Knowles, ALB	20-30-2	243	3 (13, 58, 2)
Kelvin Durham, FVSU	17-30-1	243	2 (??, 10)

RUSHING	CAR	YDS	TDs (YDS)
Rashard Jackson, VUU	32	185	2 (9, 1)
Joel Felder, WVSU	29	159	2 (6, 18)
Kaz Dina, CSU	17	158	0
Walter Wilborn, FMU	17	143	1 (1)
Elijah Burris, HAMP	6	111	1 (93)
Cameron Macon, JCSU	20	99	1 (3)
B. J. Curry, ARKPB	12	98	1 (79)
Ahmad Miller, JSU	13	98	0
Jarveon Howard, ALC	16	98	1 (10)
Asa Barnes, WSSU	19	92	1 (2)

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TDs
Angel Carrillo, LIV	5	147	1 (54)
Johnny Jones, EWU	7	139	0
Quinzel Lockhart, ECSU	9	121	1 (34)
Antonio Meeks, TUSK	4	119	0
Aderias Ealy, LINC	5	118	1 (54)
Matthew Henry, LIV	9	117	2 (25, 42)
Nathan Rembert, EWU	6	117	2 (10, 40)
Malachi Langley, LINC	5	116	0
Rashad Jordan, ALB	5	112	2 (58, 13)
Kenny Wilson, ALL	5	111	0

TACKLES		
17	Arnold Young, TEXC;	
16	Dayland Land, MHS;	
14	Dominique Davis, CSU;	
12	Kamaal McMillan, LINC; Monroe Beard II, TNST;	
	Jaree Jones, VUL;	

SACKS	
3.0	Loobert Denelus, BEN; Michael Caballero, FMU; Anthony Harvey, ALB; Dominique Davis, CSU;
2.0	Jalen Jones, WVSU; Justin Fleming, Camar Kyle, WSSU; Steny