



THE RACE **HAS JUST** BEGUN

DAMON WILSON: His Morgan State Bears host defending MEAC champ North Carolina Central in the Thursday night MEAC opener in Baltimore.

INTO MEAC PLAY WE GO; HOMECOMINGS AGAIN DOMINATE SCHEDULE; VSU'S ANDERSON PASSES

SCORES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 Benedict 48. Fort Valley State 6 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 Alabama A&M 45, Grambling State 24 Alabama State 24, Jackson State 19 Allen 39, Albany State 27 Central Oklahoma 59, Lincoln (MO) 17 Central State 21 Savannah State 10 Delaware 21, NC A&T 6 Edward Waters 41, Tuskegee 38 Fayetteville State 19, Livingstone 14 Harvard 48, Howard 7 Houston Christian 30, Prairie View A&M 0 Johnson C. Smith 14. Saint Augustine's 6

Langston 32, North American 0 Lincoln (PA) 27, Elizabeth City State 21 Louisiana Christian 52, Texas College 7 Miles 36, Morehouse 22 Miss. Valley State 42, Ark.-Pine Bluff 17 Monmouth 61, Hampton 10 Saint Thomas 31, Florida Memorial 17 Shorter 19. Clark Atlanta 13 Southern 45, Lincoln (CA) 18 Tennessee State 24, Norfolk State 17 Tennessee Tech 28, SC State 7 Texas Southern 34, B-Cookman 31 Virginia State 39, Bluefield State 23 Virginia Union 52. Bowie State 3 Winston-Salem State 41, Shaw 20

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FORMER VSU COACH ANDERSON PASSES:

Former Virginia State head football coach and



Anderson

Kentucky State 21, Lane 14

CIAA champion Lou Anderson passed Friday morning at the age of 87. He was a football fixture in Richmond, VA for more than half a century.

The Richmond, VA native attended historically black Maggie Walker High School before starting at Kitrell Junior College in North Carolina. He would

finish his collegiate career at Claffin (SC) where he played both football and basketball.

Anderson spent 20 years as a head coach in the Richmond area leading teams at Maggie Walker, Marshall-Walker and Armstrong before taking over the program at VSU. The John Marshall High School football field was named in his honor in 2021. He led the VSU from 1990 through 2001 posting a 65-44 overall record (.596). winning back-to-back CIAA titles in 1995 and 1996. He was twice named CIAA Coach of The Year.

"Coach Anderson has touched the lives of not only his former football players, but many others throughout the VSU community," former VSU athlete and current Florida A&M VP of Athletics Tiffani-Dawn Sykes said in an awards ceremony in 2018. "He was always a class act – a man of great integrity who put the educational interests of students front and center."

Anderson was inducted into the VSU Hall of Fame in 1999, the *CIAA McLendon Hall of Fame* in 2013 and the Richmond High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016.

SWAC ANNOUNCES PAC 12 LEGACY SERIES:

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.- The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) has announced the Pac-12/SWAC Legacy Series, men's and women's basketball games that are slated to air on ESPN+ for the second consecutive

A total of four non-conference match-ups played on the campuses of SWAC member institutions will be carried live on ESPN+. The first-of-its-kind pact was announced last year with its aim to create both a forum for competition, as well as promotion and education around issues of anti-racism and social justice.

The men's slate of games will feature Oregon at Florida A&M (Nov. 20), and USC at Alabama State (Dec. 19). The women's slate of games is highlighted by Arizona State at Grambling State (Nov. 16), and California at Florida A&M (Nov. 20).

The men's and women's basketball seasons will tipoff next month and culminate with the 2024 SWAC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments on March 13-16.

16 homecomings as MEAC play begins

LUT WILLIAMS

Another 16 homecoming games will be played this week as one conference gets down to intra-conference play

The preliminaries are over for the six Mid **Eastern Athletic Conference** football programs. The non-conference games are out of the way and the next five weeks the teams will face each other in head-to-head play.

It begins on Thursday (7 p.m. on ESPNU) when defending champion and current AFCA FCS No. 10, 5-1 North Carolina Central travels to Baltimore to face 1-4 Morgan State.

Fifth-year head coach Trei Oliver's NCCU squad has beaten three CAA teams - NC A&T, Campbell and Elon – and only has a blowout 59-7 loss at the Rose Bowl to UCLA on its ledger.

Morgan State, under second-year head coach **Damon Wilson**, opened with a stunning 17-10 win over then FCS No. 17 Richmond of the CAA and has been competitive in losses to FBS Akron (24-21), Towson (20-10) and UAlbany (23-14). The Bears' only blowout loss was last week at Yale, 45-3.

In other games to kickoff MEAC play, Howard has Norfolk State in for homecoming (12 noon) and South Carolina State plays at Delaware State's homecoming (12 noon).

SWAC

SWAC East Division leader Florida A&M (5-1, 4-0 E) is 18th in the latest AFCA FCS poll as it heads to Houston Saturday (7 p.m., ESPN+) to take on **Texas Southern** (2-4, 1-2 W). The Rattlers have a two-game lead over three 2-2 teams in the East – Jackson State (4-3), Alabama A&M (4-3) and Alabama State (3-3).

JSU plays at Mississippi Valley State Saturday (2 p.m. on ESPN+). A&M and ASU are idle this week ahead of their Magic City Classic match up next week in Birmingham.

Prairie View A&M (3-4, 3-1 W), who has a half-game lead over Southern (3-3, 2-1) and **Alcorn State** (3-3, 2-1) in the West, is idle. Southern meets Bethune-Cookman in Jacksonville, Fla. (4



TOP PLAYERS MEET: Virginia Union RB Jada Byers (I.) has back-to-back 200-yard games to seize the CIAA rushing lead (134.5 ypg.). Lincoln's Isaiah Freeman (r.) leads the league in passing (249.9 ypg., 20 TDs). Their contending E. Div. teams meet Saturday in Richmond.

p.m.) and Alcorn is at the Arkansas-Pine Bluff homecoming (2 p.m).

CIAA and SIAC

One team each from the CIAA and SIAC enter the final three weeks of their regular seasons undefeated.

Virginia State is at 7-0 overall, 5-0 in CIAA play and 2-0 against N. Div. competition. **Benedict** is unblemished at 7-0 overall and 5-0 in the SIAC. Benedict is eighth in the AFCA Div. II Top 25 while VSU is 20th.

VSU hosts Elizabeth City State Saturday (2 p.m.) while Benedict has its homecoming (2 p.m.) vs. Kentucky State.

CIAA

A key battle in the CIA North has secondplace Virginia Union (6-1, 5-1) in its 1 p.m. homecoming vs. third-place Lincoln (Pa.) (4-3,

In the South, division leader Fayetteville State (5-2, 5-0) has a key 2 p.m. homecoming date vs. second-place Johnson C Smith (5-2, 4-1). Third-place Winston-Salem State (3-4, 3-2) has homecoming at 1 p.m. vs. winless St. Augustine's and Shaw (2-5, 2-3) is at Livingstone's homecoming (1:30 p.m.)

SIAC

Five other homecomings are on tap in the SIAC - Central State at Clark Atlanta, Morehouse at Fort Valley State, Tuskegee at (4-3, 3-1.

FROM HBCU GAMES OF

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19			
Frostburg State vs. West Virginia State in Frostburg, MD	7p		
Morgan State vs. NC Central in Baltimore, MD - ESPNU	7:30p		
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21			
Bluefield State vs. Bowie State in Bluefield, WV	1p		
OK Panhandle State vs. Texas College in Goodwell, OK	2p		
Virginia State vs. Elizabeth City State in Ettrick, VA	2p		
Bethune-Cookman vs. Southern in Jacksonville, FL	4p		
Edward Waters vs. Albany State in Jacksonville, FL	6р		
HOMECOMINGS			
Delaware State vs. SC State in Dover, DE - ESPN+	12n		
Howard vs. Norfolk State in Washington, DC	12n		
Clark Atlanta vs. Central State in Atlanta, GA	1p		
Florida Memorial vs. Webber Int'l in Miami Gardens, FL	1p		
Virginia Union vs. Lincoln (PA) in Richmond, VA	1p		
Winston-Salem State vs. Saint Augustine's in Winston-Salem, NC	1p		
Livingstone vs. Shaw in Salisbury, NC	1:30p		
Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Alcorn State in Pine Bluff, AR - HBCU Go	2p		
Lane vs. VA-Lynchburg in Jackson, TN	2p		
Langston vs. Arkansas Baptist in Langston, OK	2p		
Lincoln (MO) vs. Missouri Southern in Jefferson City, MO	2p		
Benedict vs. Kentucky State in Columbia, SC - ESPN+	2p		
Fayetteville State vs. Johnson C. Smith in Fayetteville, NC	2p		
Fort Valley State vs. Morehouse in Fort Valley, GA	2p		
Savannah State vs. Tuskegee in Savannah, GA	3р		
Miles vs. Allen in Fairfield, AL	4p		
STREAMING / TV GAMES			
NC A&T vs Richmond in East Greensboro, NC - FLOSports	1p		
Miss Valley State vs. Jackson State in Itta Bena, MS - ESPN+	2p		
Tennessee State vs. Lincoln (CA) in Nashville, TN - ESPN+	2p		
Hampton vs. Delaware in Hampton, VA - FLOSports	2p		
Texas Southern vs. Florida A&M in Houston, TX - ESPN+	7p		

Savannah State, Virginia-Lynchburg at Lane and Allen at Miles. FVSU, Tuskegee, Miles, Albany State and Allen each has one loss in SIAC play just a game behind Benedict. Elsewhere, Albany State is at Edward Waters

NON-HBCU CONFERENCES

Langston (4-2, 3-1 SAC) has its homecoming Saturday vs. Arkansas Baptist.

Hampton (3-3, 1-2) entertains FCS No. 7 and CAA leader Delaware (5-1, 3-0) while N. C. A&T (1-5, 0-3) has a home CAA date with Richmond

TOP PERFORMANCES

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TDs (YDS
Dionte Bonneau, ALB	18-35-1	372	2 (52, 80, 31)
Jyron Russell, EWU	17-31-0	341	1 (46)
Harold Blood, SOU	19-28-1	329	3 (11, 44, 98)
Christopher Roberson, TUSK	21-34-2	323	2 (59, 11)
Aeneas Dennis, BEN	16-25-0	324	1 (59)
David Wright III, ALL	27-43-2	295	2 (18, 10)
Cedquan Smith, FMU	27- 49 -1	284	1 (29)
Ty'quaraian Williams, MVSU	19-29-0	265	3 (35, 14, 3)
Myles Crawley, ALST	21-36-1	244	1 (34)
RUSHING	CAR	YDS	TDs (YDS)
Jada Byers VUU	19	223	2 (7, 1)
Xavier Lankford, ALA&M	16	193	2 (45 , 6)
Zechariah Adams-Duckson, ECSU	27	183	0
LaDarius Owens, TXSOU	19	163	3 (42, 1, 5)
Gabriel Linen, WSSU	17	161	1 (1)
Jamari Riley, MILES	10	138	0
Isaiah Saleem, KSU	21	138	0
Charles Daniels IV, MHS	22	125	0
Kierstan Rogers, UAPB	10	108	0
Brandon Marshall, FVSU	23	104	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TDs
Antonio Meeks, TUSK	9	179	1 (59)
Armone Harris, ALL	8	138	2 (18, 10)
Devon Dorsey, ALB	3	125	1 (31)
Nathan Rembert, EWU	4	123	1 (13)
Kieren Jackson, ALB	4	99	1 (80)
Darren Morris, SOU	1	98	1 (98)
Jawarn Howell, SCSU	3	93	1 (90)

TACKLES

Nathan Valencia, LINCM

Trenton Leary, TXSOU

Matthew Henry, LIV

Asmar Hasan, LANE; 15

Colton Adams, ALST; Damien Lowery, LANG; 14 13

Damien Lowery, LANG; Jacob Williams, TXSOU; Davlon Land. MHS: Cameron Franklin. PVA&M:

Aaron Smith, SCSU; Quinton Talley, GSU; Isaiah Bogerty, TXSOU;

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Mike White, CSU: 4.0

Isaac Anderson, VUU; Jaren Wilson, EWU; William Jones, SAVST; Ryan Quinney, MVSU; Artavon Edmond, ALL; Jaylyn Norris, BLST; Elinus Noel III, TXSOU; Terrell Allen TNST;

1.5 Jaquintis Summers, LANE; Jaheim Borden, ALL; T. J. Gunter. BLST:

INTERCEPTIONS

Isaiah Thomas, KSU; Nick Patterson, LANE; Willie Drew, VSU;

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THE BELL RINGER!: Dallas safety MARKQUESE BELL (#14, FLORIDA A&M) stops Los Angeles running back Austin Ekeler (#30) cold at the Cowboys' 1-yard line after a swing pass in the fourth quarter of their game Monday night. Bell finished with seven tackles, five solos including this impressive takedown, in the Cowboys' 20-17 win.

HBCU NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of October 12 - 16, 2023

DEFENSE - #14 MARKQUESE BELL, S, Dallas (2nd season, FLORIDA A&M) - In 20-17 win over the Los Angeles Chargers, Bell started at safety and had seven impressive tackles, five solos and one pass defended while playing 39 (53%) of the defensive snaps and six

(24%) of special teams' plays.



OFFENSE - #71 TYTUS HOWARD, OG, Houston (5th season, ALABAMA STATE) - Started at left offensive guard in 20-13 win over New Orleans and had a fumble recovery on special teams. Howard played all 63 (100%) offensive snaps and four (13%) special teams' snaps. The Texans ran for 120 yards on 31

carries and passed for 199 yards and two TDs while giving up two sacks.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- #6 JAMIE GILLAN, P, New York Giants, (5th season, ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF) - In Giants 14-9 loss to Buffalo Sunday night, Gillan punted four times for 202 yards, a 50.5-yard average (49.8-yard net). He downed two of the kicks inside the 20 with a long punt of 64 yards. He was on seven (33%) of the special teams' snaps.

2023 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

HBCU FCS TOP FIVE

1) NC CENTRAL (5-1) Idle. NEXT: At Morgan State Thursday. 2) FLORIDA A&M (5-1) Idle. NEXT: At Texas Southern Saturday. 3) TENNESSEE STATE (4-2) - Won Homecoming game vs. Norfolk S

State, 24-17. **NEXT**: Hosting Lincoln (CA). 4) ALABAMA STATE (3-3) - Won at Jackson State's homecoming, 24-19. **NEXT**: Bye week.

5) HOWARD (2-4) - Beaten at Harvard, 48-7. NEXT: Norfolk State in T for homecoming. 0

HBCU NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

1) BENEDICT (7-0) Beat up on Fort Valley State Thursday, 48-6. **NEXT:** Hosting Kentucky State for homecoming. 2) VIRGINIA STATE (7-0) Won its homecoming over Bluefield State,

39-23. **NEXT:** Hosting Elizabeth City State. 3) FAYETTEVILLE STATE (5-2) Halted Livingstone's 2-game win streak, 19-15. NEXT: Hosting JC Smith at homecoming.

4) VIRGINIA UNION (6-1) Disposed of Bowie State, 52-3. NEXT: Homecoming vs. Lincoln (Pa.)

E 5) MILES (5-2) Beat Morehouse, 36-22. NEXT: Golden Bears home-S coming vs. dangerous Allen.

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NORTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L	W
Virginia State	2	0	5	0	7
Virginia Union	2	0	4	1	6
Lincoln (PA)	2	0	3	2	4
Bowie State	0	2	2	3	
Bluefield State	0	2	0	5	1
Elizabeth City State	0	2	0	5	1
SOUTH DIVISION					
Fayetteville State	2	0	5	0	5
Johnson C. Smith	1	1	4	1	5
Winston-Salem State	1	1	3	2	5 5 3 2 2
Livingstone	1	1	2	3	2
Shaw	1	1	2	3	2
Saint Augustine's	0	2	0	5	0

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OL - Justin Meade, Sr., VUU QB - Isaiah Freeman, So., LINCP - 13 of 20, 210 yards, 3 TDs, 11 car., 50 yards vs. ECSU. OB - . Jada Byers, Jr., VUU - 19 carries, 223 yards, 2 TDs (7, 1) in win over Bowie State 42 yards, 2 TDs in win over Shaw.

WR - Jawhawn Middleton, Fr., WSSU - 3 rec., DB - Willie Drew. Gr., VSU - Five tackles, 2 interceptions, 4 break-ups in win over Bluefield State. LB - T. J. Gunter. Sr., BLST - 11 tackles, 6 solos. DL - Isaac Anderson, R-Jr., VUU - 11 tackles, 2 sacks in win over BSÚ. SPECIAL - Roy Jackson, Gr., VSU - 3 punt returns, 50 yards

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL		
	W	L	W	L	
North Carolina Central	0	0	5	1	
Howard	0	0	2	4	
Norfolk State	0	0	2	4	
SC State	0	0	2	4	
Morgan State	0	0	1	4	
Delaware State	0	0	1	5	
MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					

Otto Kuhns, Jr., QB, NSU - 10 of 27, 129 yards, 12 carries, 36 yards, 2 TDs vs. Tenn. State.

DEFENSE A. J. Richardson, Fr., LB, NSU - 11 tackles, 10 solos, 2 TFL for -11 yards, 1 sack for -10 vs. Tenn. State **ROOKIE**

Jawarn Howell, Fr., RB, SCSU - 3 rec., 93 yards, 1 TD, 9 carries, 34 yards vs. Tenn Tech. **SPECIALIST** Noah Tracey, Fr., P, NSU - Six punts for 38.2-yard average, one inside 20 vs. TSU.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN Garrison Wheatley, Jr., NSU - Anchored line in 279-yard offensive effort vs. TSU

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Benedict	5	0	7	(
Fort Valley State	5	1	5	2
Tuskegee	4	1	5	2
Albany State	4	1	4	(
Miles	4	1	5	2
Allen	4	1	6	•
Edward Waters	4	2	4	(
Savannah State	1	4	2	ļ
Kentucky State	1	4	2	ļ
Lane	1	5	1	(
Central State	1	4	2	ļ
Morehouse	0	5	0	Ī

Clark Atlanta

BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK $\mathsf{OFFENSE}\text{ - } \textbf{Jyron Russell}, \, \mathsf{Gr.}, \, \mathsf{QB}, \, \textbf{EDWARD}$ WATERS - 17 of 31, 341 yards, game-winning

46-yard TD pass, 36-yard TD run in win at Tuskegee homecoming. DEFENSE - Mike White, So., LB, CENTRAL STATE - 11 tackles, 8 solos, 6 TFL for -34 vards, including 4 sacks for -27 in win over Savannah State. SPECIAL TEAMS - Daniel Gibbs, Jr., PK,

FVSU - 41-yard FG. NEWCOMER - Christopher Roberson, Jr., QB, TUSK - 3-3 passing 98 yds., TD, 8 car., 35 yds

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

DIV		ALL	
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SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE - Xavier Langford, Jr., QB, AA&M -16 car., 193 yards, 45-, 6-yard TDs, 8-22-1,127 yards, 1 TD vs. GSU. DEFENSE-Jacob Williams, r-So., DL, TSU-13 tackles, 4 solos, 2.5 TFL, 2 break-ups, 1 forced fumble, 1 recovery vs. B-CU.

SPECIALIST - LaDarius Owens, Sr., RB, TSU - 4 KO returns, 142 yds., long of 49 yards, 163 rushing yards, 3 TDs vs. B-CU. NEWCOMER - Tv'Jarian Williams, Fr. QB. MVSU - 19 of 29, 265 yards, 3 TDs vs. UAPB.

INDEPENDENTS

Florida Memorial 0 0 Va.-Lynchburg Texas College 0 0 CAA Hampton NC A&T State 0 3 OHIO VALLEY Tennessee State 0 MIAA Lincoln (Mo.) MOUNTAIN EAST SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference) Langston 3 1 4 2

 ${\sf OFFENSE}\text{-}\textbf{Torrance}\,\textbf{Bardell}, So., QB, \textbf{LANG}$ - 17 of 28 passes for 178 yards and 3 TDs in win over North America. Also rushed for 46 yards DEFENSE - Damien Lowery, Jr., DL, LANG - 14 tackles, 9 solos, 4 TFL for -17 yards and one blocked kick vs. North America. SPECIAL TEAMS - James Lowery, R-Jr., PK, **TSU -** 37-yard field goal and 3 for 3 on PATs in win over NSU.

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