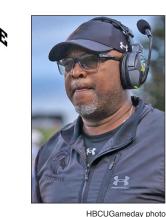
FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24 - 30, 2023



RACIN' TO THE FINISH

RICHARD HAYES JR.: At 6-0, his Fayetteville State Broncos have clinched the CIAA South Division title and a berth in the Nov. 11 league title game.

TWO WEEKS LEFT IN CIAA. SIAC RACES: FIRST TAKE COMING TO SSU, WSSU; D2 RANKINGS?

SCORES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 Frostburg State 28, West Virginia State 14 NC Central 16, Morgan State 10 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 Alcorn State 31, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 7 Benedict 63, Kentucky State 14 Bowie State 40, Bluefield State 11 Central State 48, Clark Atlanta 21 Delaware 47, Hampton 3 Edward Waters 31, Albany State 27 Elizabeth City State 17, Virginia State 16 Fayetteville State 14, Johnson C. Smith 7 Florida A&M 31, Texas Southern 21 Fort Valley State 31, Morehouse 3 Howard 27, Norfolk State 23

Jackson State 21, Miss Valley State 6 Langston 51, Arkansas Baptist 20 Livingstone 27, Shaw 26 Miles 28, Allen 21 Missouri Southern 63, Lincoln (MO) 5 OK Panhandle State 44, Texas College 32 Richmond 33. NC A&T 10 South Carolina State 35. Delaware State 7 Southern 28, Bethune-Cookman 18 Tennessee State 54, Lincoln (CA) 0 Tuskegee 21, Savannah State 14 Virginia-Lynchburg 45, Lane 40 Virginia Union 57, Lincoln (PA) 0 Webber Int'l 34 Florida Memorial 29 Winston-Salem State 24, Saint Augustine's

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

DIV. II RANKINGS MISSING SOMETHING?:

Regional rankings of NCAA Div. II football teams



debuted this week but two black college teams from the CIAA with excellent records were noticeably absent. CIAA and SIAC teams are in

the Div. II Super Region II along with teams from the Gulf South Conference (GSC) and the South Atlantic Conference (SAC).

Defending SIAC champion Benedict (8-0) along with defending CIAA champion Fayetteville State (6-2), and SIAC members Fort Valley State (6-2) and Miles (6-2) are on the initial list of the top ten teams in the region, one of four regions in Div. II. Conspicuously absent are CIAA teams with excellent records, Virginia Union and Virginia State, both 7-1.

Region officials say the listing is not an actual ranking but an alphabetical listing. The ranking of the teams from 1 thru 10 will commence next week.

Here's the initial list:

OVERALL DIV. II RECORD IN-REGION RECORD

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Benedict	8-0	8-0
Delta State	6-1	5-1
Fayetteville State	6-2	6-2
Fort Valley State	6-2	6-2
Lenoir-Rhyne	8-0	8-0
Mars Hill	6-1	6-1
Miles	5-1	5-1
Valdosta State	5-1	5-1
West Florida	6-1	5-1
West Georgia	5-2	5-1

CIAA, SIAC races in final stages

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The football races in the CIAA and SIAC are hurtling toward rousing finishes over the next two weeks. Both conferences have their championship games on the weekend of Saturday, November 11 though the title game participants will be determined by different means.

The CIAA championship game at the Salem Football Stadium in Salem, Va. at 3 p.m. will match winners of the North and South Divisions. CIAA officials confirmed Tuesday that the teams with the best records in the eight-game conference schedule will claim division titles.

The SIAC moved away from its East and West divisions this season and will stage its championship game in Atlanta's Lakewood Stadium between the two teams at the top of the standings.

CIAA North

The battle for CIAA North Division supremacy took another turn after Saturday's results. A missed PAT by Virginia State with just over a minute left allowed Elizabeth City State to pull out a 17-16 upset win. The outcome drops VSU to 5-1 in conference play, tied with Virginia Union in first place. Lincoln (Pa.) and Bowie State are two games behind in the North at 3-3.

In key battles Saturday in the North Division, VUU is at 0-6 conference newcomer Bluefield State (1 p.m.) while VSU and Lincoln lock horns in Ettrick, Va. (2 p.m.). ECSU and Bowie State, clash in Bowie, Md. (1 p.m.).

A VUU win Saturday knocks BSU and ECSU from contention. A VSU win over Lincoln sets up a showdown for the division title between VUU and VUU on Nov. 4 in Richmond. Va. A Lincoln win over VSU coupled with a VUU win over Bluefield State gives the division title to VUU.

CIAA South

In the South, Fayetteville State at 6-0 has clinched the division title.

FSU plays at Shaw Saturday (1 p.m.) while WSSU is on the road (2 p.m.) at Johnson C.

TOP PERFORMANCES –

	OCTOBER 19-21, 2023		
PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TDs (YDS
David Wright, ALL	29-43 -2	315	1 (52)
Jordan Davis, VSU	22-34-1	282	1 (15)
Jyron Russell, EWU	22-34-0	277	2 (25, 1)
Daylin Lee, WSSU	21-32-2	259	2 (9, 1)
C. J. Brooks, VUL	15-26-1	252	4 (65 , 9, 14, 16)
Edwin Kleipeter, MILES	15-34-0	251	3 (52, 31, 58)
Quinton Williams, HOW	14-24-1	240	2 (45, 15)
Kendall Boney, CSU	10-16-0	236	2 (32, 65)
Terrance Bardell, LANG	12-19-0	227	3 (10, 46, 9)
Chance Edwards, ARKPB	19-37-0	221	1 (26)
RUSHING	CAR	YDS	TDs (YDS)
Sidney Gibbs, SHAW	14	183	2 (64 , 45)
Jarveon Howard, ALC	14	155	1 (2)
Frederick Gaines, ALB	26	143	2 (3, 17)
Brandon Marshall, FVSU	28	140	2 (1, 14)
Zachariah Adams-Duckson, ECSU	32	136	0
Kendric Rhymes, SOU	22	128	1 (23)
LaDarius Owens, TXSOU	19	138	0
Jackson Mauricette, FMU	17	125	0
Tyler Smith, SCSU	12	122	1 (40)
Jawarn Howell, SCSU	13	119	3 (8, 34, 1)
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Chennis Berry's (I.) undefeated Benedict Tigers lead the SIAC while (r.) Dr. Alvin Parker's Virginia Union Panthers lead the CIAA North.

Smith. Livingstone hosts Saint Augustine's (6 p.m.).

SIAC

At 6-0 in conference play, AFCA No. 5 Benedict (8-0) sits atop the SIAC race and is in the NCAA Div. II Super Region II rankings that debuted this week. With a win Saturday (3 p.m.) at Savannah State (2-6, 1-5), Benedict can clinch one of the two championship game berths.

There are a lot of options for the second berth. Three teams - Fort Valley State (6-1), Tuskegee (5-1) and Miles (5-1) - have one SIAC loss. Benedict handed both Miles (27-24) and FVSU (48-6) their only SIAC losses. There are three other 4-2 teams - Albany State, Edward Waters and Allen.

Miles is at Albany State Saturday (2 p.m.) while FVSU has a non-conference date (2 p.m.) hosting Virginia Lynchburg. Tuskegee hosts (1 p.m.) winless Clark Atlanta and Edward Waters, riding a five-game win streak, plays at Allen's homecoming (2 p.m.).

SWAC

The big game in the SWAC is a battle of division leaders as East leader Florida A&M (6-1, 5-0 E) hosts (4 p.m.) West co-leader Prairie View A&M (3-4, 3-1 W). Alcorn State (4-3, 3-1), hosting Miss. Valley State and Southern (4-3, 3-1), hosting Texas Southern are the other West co-leaders. Jackson State (5-3, 3-2 E), two games back of FAMU, is at Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

FROM HBCU GAMES OF

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26	
Lincoln (MO vs. Eastern New Mexico in Jefferson City, MO MEAC	6р
NC Central vs. SC State in Durham, NC - ESPNU 7: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28	30p
CIAA	
Bluefield State vs. Virginia Union in Bluefield, WV	1p
Bowie State vs. Elizabeth City State in Bowie, MD	1p
Shaw vs. Fayetteville State in Durham, NC	1p
Johnson C. Smith vs. Winston-Salem State in Charlotte, NC	2p
Virginia State vs. Lincoln (PA) in Ettrick, VA	2p
Livingstone vs. Saint Augustine's in Salisbury, NC MEAC	6р
Delaware State vs. Howard in Dover, DE	12n
Norfolk State vs. Morgan State in Norfolk, VA - ESPN+	2p
SIAC	-1-
Tuskegee vs. Clark Atlanta in Tuskegee, AL	1р
Central State vs. Lane in Wilberforce, OH	1p
Albany State vs. Miles in Albany, GA	2p
Fort Valley State vs. VA-Lynchburg in Fort Valley, GA	2р
Savannah State vs. Benedict in Savannah, GA - BCSN	3р
Allen (HC) vs. Edward Waters in Blythewood, SC	2р
Morehouse (HC) vs. Kentucky State in Atlanta, GA - ESPN+ SWAC	2р
Alcorn State vs. Miss Valley State in Lorman, MS	2р
Southern vs. Texas Southern in Baton Rouge, LA	4p
ArkPine Bluff vs. Jackson State in Pine Bluff, AR - ESPN+	2p
Grambling State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Grambling, LA - HBCU Go Magic City Classic	2р
5 <i>y</i>	30p
Florida A&M (HC) vs. Prairie View A&M in Tallahassee, FL - ESPN	4p
NON-HBCU CONFERENCES / INDEPENDENTS	·
Hampton (HC) vs. NC A&T in Hampton, VA - FLOSports	2p
West Virginia State vs. Fairmont State in Institute, WV	1p
Langston vs. Ottawa in Langston, OK	2р
Tennessee State vs. Lindenwood in Nashville, TN - ESPN+	2р
Texas College vs. Texas Wesleyan in Tyler, TX	2р
Southeastern vs. Florida Memorial in Lakeland, FL	7р

MEAC

NC Central, Howard and SC State got wins as MEAC play got underway last week. NCCU has its second straight Thursday night game (7:30 p.m.) hosting S. C. State in Durham, N. C. SCSU handed NCCU its only MEAC loss last season. Howard is at Delaware State Saturday (12 noon) and Norfolk State hosts Morgan State (2 p.m.).



FIRST CAREER PICK !: Kansas City starting safety BRYAN COOK (#6, HOWARD/Cincinnati) intercepts a pass intended for Keenan Allen #13 of the Los Angeles Chargers late in the fourth quarter at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium Sunday. It was the second-year pro's first career interception.

FIRST TAKE HOSTS BRINGING SHOW TO ALMA MATERS:

Shannon Sharpe and Stephen A. Smith are bringing



First Take to their HBCU campuses. The hit ESPN Show will broadcast from

Savannah State University, Sharpe's alma mater on Monday, Nov. 6, and

Winston-Salem State University, Smith's alma mater, on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The Savannah Morning News reports the visits will occur on those dates.

The duo have quickly become quite a tag-team over the past few months as Sharpe joined Smith on First Take after spending years opposite Skip Bayless on Uninterrupted.

Smith and Sharpe first floated the idea on Sharpe's 'Club Shay Shay' podcast.

WSSU was the first HBCU featured in a series of campus visits back in 2021, but Smith and the First Take crew didn't make the trip due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECEIVING REC YDS TDs Jacquez Jones, LANE 4 129 1 (42) **2** (58, 52) Travonta Abner, MILES 128 4 Devion Newson, CLATL 6 121 0 Justin Smith-Brown, SCSU 8 120 0 Beau Herrington, ALL 8 101 1 (52) Kendrick Turner, VUL 4 98 1 (65) Jason Scirgion, VUL 2 (16, 14) 4 92 Deyondre Ruffin, ALL 5 92 0 Brevin Caldwell, JCSU 6 90 0

TACKLES

- Jacob Williams, TXSOU; 15
- Booker Peake, STAUG 14 13

B. J. Turner, NCA&T; Trevon Pope, KSU; Widmyer Garcon, EWU; Dearis Thomas, B-CU; Isaiah Bogerty, TXSOU; Carl Poole, VSU;

Daylon Land, MHS; Tracey White, ECSU; Asmar Hasan, LANE; Jamieson Alston, WSSU; Nahamani Harris, TXSOU;

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- Terrell Allen, TNST; 4.0 2.0
 - Mike White, CSU; Jalen Pugh, ALB; Conroy Cunningham, B-CU; Jaylyn Norris, BLST; Adam Aiken, WSSU; Kobe Pringle, LIV; Anthony Binyard, FSU; Gentle Hunt, FAMU;

INTERCEPTIONS

- John Huggins, JSU;
- 28

HBCU NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of October 19 - 23, 2023

DEFENSE



- #6 BRYAN COOK, S, Kansas City (2nd season, HOWARD/Cincinnati) - In Chiefs' 31-17 win over the Los Angeles Chargers, Cook started at safety and had five tackles, three solos and a game-sealing interception he returned 9 yards. He was in on 52 (83%) of the

plays on defense and six (23%) of the special teams' plays.

OFFENSE



- #45 EMMANUEL WILSON, RB, Green Bay (1st season, FORT VALLEY STATE) - In 19-17 loss to Denver, Wilson had two carries for 19 yards (9.5 ypc.) with a long run of 14 yards, two receptions on two targets for 8 yards (4.0 ypc.) and had one assisted tackle on special teams. Wilson was in on

five (8%) of offensive snaps and two (8%) of the special teams' snaps.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- #6 JAMIE GILLAN, P, New York Giants, (5th season, ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF) - In Giants 14-7 win over Washington, Gillan punted eight times for 395 yards, a 49.4-yard average with a net average of 45.3 yards. He landed two of the kicks inside the 20 with a long punt of 54 yards. He was on 11 (38%) of the special teams' snaps.

2023 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

FCS TOP FIVE	CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION	MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	INDEPENDENTS
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iled over Texas Soutnern 31-21. NEXT : Homecomng.	Virginia Union 3 0 5 1 7 1 Virginia State 2 1 5 1 7 1 Lincoln (PA) 2 1 3 3 4 4 Bowie State 1 2 3 3 4 4 Elizabeth City State 1 2 1 5 2 6	North Carolina Central 1 0 6 1 Howard 1 0 3 4 SC State 1 0 3 4	Fort Valley State 6 1 6 2 Tuskegee 5 1 6 2 Miles 5 1 6 2	Florida A&M 5 0 6 1 Jackson State 3 2 5 3 Alabama A&M 2 2 4 3 Alabama State 2 2 3 3	Florida Memorial 3 1 4 3 VaLynchburg 0 0 2 6 Texas College 0 0 0 8 CAA
- Beat Lincoln (CA) 54-0. NEXT : Hosting	Bluefield State 0 3 0 6 1 7 SOUTH DIVISION	Norfolk State 0 1 2 5 Morgan State 0 1 1 5 Delaware State 0 1 1 6	Edward Waters 4 2 5 2 Albany State 4 2 4 4 Allen 4 2 5 2	Miss. Valley State 1 3 1 6 Bethune-Cookman 0 4 1 6	Hampton 1 3 3 4 NC A&T State 0 4 1 6
dle. NEXT: Alabama A&M in Magic City	Fayetteville State 3 0 6 0 6 2 Livingstone 2 1 3 3 5 Winston-Salem State 2 1 4 2 4 4	MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	Central State2435Savannah State1526	WEST DIVISION Prairie View A&M 3 1 3 4	OHIO VALLEY Tennessee State 1 1 5 2
vith 27-23 homecoming win over Norfolk te.	Johnson C. Smith 1 2 4 2 5 3 Shaw 1 2 2 4 2 6 Saint Augustine's 0 3 0 6 0 8	OFFENSE Quinton Williams, Gr, QB, HOW - 14 of 24	Kentucky State 1 5 2 6 Lane 1 5 1 7 Morehouse 0 6 0 8	Alcorn State 3 1 4 3 Southern 3 1 4 3 Grambling State 2 2 3 4	MIAA Lincoln (Mo.) 0 0 0 8 MOUNTAIN EAST
DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE I Kentucky State, 63-14. NEXT: At Sa-	CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OL - Justin Meade, Sr., VUU	for 240 yds., 2 TDs, one rushing TD vs. NSU. DEFENSE Kenny Gallop Jr., Sr., DB, HOWARD - 11 tackles,	Clark Atlanta 0 6 0 8	Texas Southern1325Arkansas-Pine Bluff0416	W. Va. State 4 2 4 3 SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference)
•	QB - Jordan Morse, R-Fr., BSU - 13-17-0, 177 passing yards, 1 TD, 10 carries, 60 yards, 2 TDs.	6 solos, 1 TFL, .5 sack and an interception to seal the game vs. Norfolk State.	SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE	SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	Langston 3 1 4 2
(6-2) Homecoming 14-7 win over JC	OB Sidney Gibbs, Jr., SHAW - 14 carries, 183 yards and TD runs of 64 and 45 yards in loss to LIV. WR - Ian Edwards, Gr., ECSU - 4 rec., 88 yards	SPECIALIST Grandin Wilcox, Sr., PK, NSU - Three field goals	Edwin Kleinpeter, Gr., QB, MILES - Hit on 15 of 34 passes for 251 yards and TD throws of 52, 31 and 58 yards in win over Allen.	OFFENSE Aaron Allen , R-Sr., QB, ALCORN STATE - 14 of 26 for 219 yards, 2 TDs, 5 carries, 37 yards,	PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE - Jordan Gant, Fr., RB, TSU - 12 carries for 83 yards and four TDs in win over
It out Lincoln (Pa.) for homecoming, 57-	including 50-yard TD catch in upset of Va. Union. DB - Jadon Carter, R-So., BSU - 2 solo tackles,	including career-long 50-yarder vs. Howard. ROOKIE	Deondra Duehart, RB, BENEDICT - Ran 18 times for 107 yards and 3 TDs in win over Kentucky State.	1 TD vs. UAPB. DEFENSE	Lincoln (CA). C. J. Brooks, So., QB, VUL - 15-26-0, 252 yards and four TDs vs. Lane.
st loss, at home to Elizabeth City State, (Pa.).	1 interception vs. Bluefield State. DL - Shi Gaskin, Jr., FSU - 12 tackles, 5 solos,	Jawarm Howell, Fr., RB, SC STATE - 13 carries for 119 yards, 3 TD vs. Delaware State.	DEFENSE Cameron Williams, So., CB, MILES - Six solo	Malachi Bailey, Jr., DL, ALCORN STATE - Four tackles, 3 solos, 2 TFL, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble,	DEFENSE - Terrell Allen, Sr., DL, TSU - Four sacks (-48 yards), forced fumble and recovery
win over Allen, 28-21. NEXT: At Albany	3 TFL vs. JCSU. LB - Carl Poole, Gr., VSU - 13 tackles, 1 sack, 2 TFL vs. ECSU. SPECIAL - Josiah Boyd, R-Fr., P/PK, FSU -	OFFENSIVE LINEMAN Erick Brown Jr., R-Jr., SC STATE - 95% grade, 5 pancakes, leading to 360 rushing yards.	tackles and an interception returned 60 yards to paydirt in win over Allen. SPECIAL TEAMS NA.	1 break-up, 1 QB hit vs UAPB NEWCOMER Jacobian Morgan, R-Jr., QB, JSU - 20-36-0, 141 yds., 1 TD, 10 carries, 78 yds., 1 TD vs. MVSU.	vs. Lincoln (Ca.). NEWCOMER - B. J. Turner , Gr., LB, NCA&T - 13 tackles, 9 solos, 3 TFL, pass break-up vs. Richmond.

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- 2) FLORIDA A&M (6-1) Prevaile S Hosting Prairie View A&M for Host
- 3) TENNESSEE STATE (5-2) Be Ρ Lindenwood.
- 4) ALABAMA STATE (3-3) Idle Classic in Birmingham. Т
- 5) HOWARD (3-4) Escaped with
- 0 State. NEXT: At Delaware State.
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- Ρ 1) BENEDICT (8-0) Walloped K vannah State.
- 2) FAYETTEVILLE STATE (6-2 F Smith. NEXT: At Shaw ..
- 3) VIRGINIA UNION (7-1) Shut of 0. NEXT: At Bluefield State. V
- 4) VIRGINIA STATE (7-1) First
- Ε 17-16. NEXT: Hosting Lincoln (P
- 5) MILES (5-2) Homecoming with S