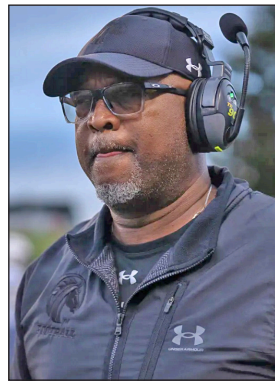


BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



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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?

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.



Chennis Berry's (l.) 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.).

LEADERS



GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26	
Lincoln (MO) vs. Eastern New Mexico in Jefferson City, MO	6p
MEAC	
NC Central vs. SC State in Durham, NC - ESPN	7:30p
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28	
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	6p
MEAC	
Delaware State vs. Howard in Dover, DE	12n
Norfolk State vs. Morgan State in Norfolk, VA - ESPN+	2p
SIAC	
Tuskegee vs. Clark Atlanta in Tuskegee, AL	1p
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	2p
Savannah State vs. Benedict in Savannah, GA - BCSN	3p
Allen (HC) vs. Edward Waters in Blythewood, SC	2p
Morehouse (HC) vs. Kentucky State in Atlanta, GA - ESPN+	2p
SWAC	
Alcorn State vs. Miss Valley State in Lorman, MS	2p
Southern vs. Texas Southern in Baton Rouge, LA	4p
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Jackson State in Pine Bluff, AR - ESPN+	2p
Grambling State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Grambling, LA - HBCU Go Magic City Classic	2p
Alabama State vs. Alabama A&M in Birmingham, AL - ESPN+	2:30p
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	2p
Tennessee State vs. Lindenwood in Nashville, TN - ESPN+	2p
Texas College vs. Texas Wesleyan in Tyler, TX	2p
Southeastern vs. Florida Memorial in Lakeland, FL	7p

SCORES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19	
Frostburg State 28, West Virginia State 14	Jackson State 21, Miss Valley State 6
NC Central 16, Morgan State 10	Langston 51, Arkansas Baptist 20
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21	
Alcorn State 31, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 7	Livingstone 27, Shaw 26
Benedict 63, Kentucky State 14	Miles 28, Allen 21
Bowie State 40, Bluefield State 11	Missouri Southern 63, Lincoln (MO) 5
Central State 48, Clark Atlanta 21	OK Panhandle State 44, Texas College 32
Delaware 47, Hampton 3	Richmond 33, NC A&T 10
Edward Waters 31, Albany State 27	South Carolina State 35, Delaware State 7
Elizabeth City State 17, Virginia State 16	Southern 28, Bethune-Cookman 18
Fayetteville State 14, Johnson C. Smith 7	Tennessee State 54, Lincoln (CA) 0
Florida A&M 31, Texas Southern 21	Tuskegee 21, Savannah State 14
Fort Valley State 31, Morehouse 3	Virginia-Lynchburg 45, Lane 40
Howard 27, Norfolk State 23	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
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

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.

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

PASSING

PLAYER	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

PLAYER	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)

RECEIVING

PLAYER	REC	YDS	TDs
Jacquez Jones, LANE	4	129	1 (42)
Travonta Abner, MILES	4	128	2 (58, 52)
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	4	92	2 (16, 14)
Deyondre Ruffin, ALL	5	92	0
Brevin Caldwell, JCSU	6	90	0

TACKLES

15	Jacob Williams, TXSOU;
14	Booker Peake, STAUG;
13	B. J. Turner, NCA&T; Trevon Pope, KSU; Widmyer Garcon, EWU; Dearis Thomas, B-CU; Isiah Bogerty, TXSOU; Carl Poole, VSU; Daylon Land, MHS; Tracey White, ECSU; Asmar Hasan, LANE; Jamieson Alston, WSSU; Nahamani Harris, TXSOU;
12	

SACKS

4.0	Terrell Allen, TNST;
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

2	John Huggins, JSU;
1	28

FROM HBCU GAMES OF OCTOBER 19-21, 2023



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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.

HBCU NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of October 19 - 23, 2023



- #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 special teams' plays.



- #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)

CIAA	MEAC	SIAC	SWAC	INDEPENDENTS
<p>CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</p> <p>OL - Justin Meade, Sr., VUU</p> <p>QB - Jordan Morse, R-Fr., BSU - 13-17-0, 177 passing yards, 1 TD, 10 carries, 60 yards, 2 TDs.</p> <p>OB - Sidney Gibbs, Jr., SHAW - 14 carries, 183 yards and TD runs of 64 and 45 yards in loss to LIV.</p> <p>WR - Ian Edwards, Gr., ECSU - 4 rec., 88 yards including 50-yard TD catch in upset of Va. Union.</p> <p>DB - Jadon Carter, R-So., BSU - 2 solo tackles, 1 interception vs. Bluefield State.</p> <p>DL - Shi Gaskin, Jr., FSU - 12 tackles, 5 solos, 3 TFL vs. JCSU.</p> <p>LB - Carl Poole, Gr., VSU - 13 tackles, 1 sack, 2 TFL vs. ECSU.</p> <p>SPECIAL - Josiah Boyd, R-Fr., P/PK, FSU -</p>	<p>MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</p> <p>OFFENSE</p> <p>Quinton Williams, Gr. QB, HOW - 14 of 24 for 240 yds., 2 TDs, one rushing TD vs. NSU.</p> <p>DEFENSE</p> <p>Kenny Gallop Jr., Sr., DB, HOWARD - 11 tackles, 6 solos, 1 TFL, .5 sack and an interception to seal the game vs. Norfolk State.</p> <p>SPECIALIST</p> <p>Grandin Wilcox, Sr., PK, NSU - Three field goals including career-long 50-yarder vs. Howard.</p> <p>ROOKIE</p> <p>Jawarn Howell, Jr., RB, SC STATE - 13 carries for 119 yards, 3 TD vs. Delaware State.</p> <p>OFFENSIVE LINEMAN</p> <p>Erick Brown Jr., R-Jr., SC STATE - 95% grade, 5 pancakes, leading to 360 rushing yards.</p>	<p>SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</p> <p>OFFENSE</p> <p>Edwin Kleipeter, 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.</p> <p>Deondra Duhart, RB, BENEDICT - Ran 18 times for 107 yards and 3 TDs in win over Kentucky State.</p> <p>DEFENSE</p> <p>Cameron Williams, So., CB, MILES - Six solo tackles and an interception returned 60 yards to paydirt in win over Allen.</p> <p>SPECIAL TEAMS</p> <p>NA</p>	<p>SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</p> <p>OFFENSE</p> <p>Aaron Allen, R-Sr., QB, ALCORN STATE - 14 of 26 for 219 yards, 2 TDs, 5 carries, 37 yards, 1 TD vs. UAPB.</p> <p>DEFENSE</p> <p>Malachi Bailey, Jr., DL, ALCORN STATE - Four tackles, 3 solos, 2 TFL, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble, 1 break-up, 1 QB hit vs. UAPB.</p> <p>NEWCOMER</p> <p>Jacobian Morgan, R-Jr., QB, JSU - 20-36-0, 141 yds., 1 TD, 10 carries, 78 yds., 1 TD vs. MVSU.</p>	<p>PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</p> <p>OFFENSE - Jordan Gant, Fr., RB, TSU - 12 carries for 83 yards and four TDs in win over Lincoln (CA). C. J. Brooks, So., QB, VUL - 15-26-0, 252 yards and four TDs vs. Lane.</p> <p>DEFENSE - Terrell Allen, Sr., DL, TSU - Four sacks (-48 yards), forced fumble and recovery vs. Lincoln (Ca.).</p> <p>NEWCOMER - B. J. Turner, Gr., LB, NCA&T - 13 tackles, 9 solos, 3 TFL, pass break-up vs. Richmond.</p>