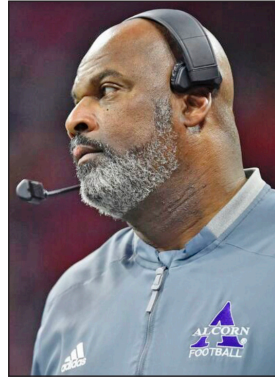


BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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TITLES UP FOR GRABS

FRED McNAIR: His Braves got big win over Southern to move into SWAC West lead.

SIAC AND CIAA CHAMPS TO BE DECIDED; MEAC AND SWAC RACES ENTER FINAL FEW WEEKS



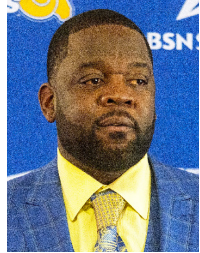
ALBANY STATE GOLDEN RAMS (6-4)

SECOND PLACE SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



BENEDICT TIGERS (10-0)

FIRST PLACE SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach QUINN GRAY SR.

Table with team record, 2023 results, and coach's record for Albany State.

Table with team record, 2023 results, and coach's record for Benedict.



Head Coach CHENNIS BERRY

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Championship game time in SIAC, CIAA

LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor

After ten week's of regular season play in the SIAC and CIAA, it's all come down to this!

First-place and defending champ Benedict takes on second-place Albany State in the SIAC Championship game at Lakewood Stadium in Atlanta, Saturday at 1 p.m.

N. Div. champ Virginia Union meets S. Div. and defending conference champ Fayetteville State in the CIAA Football Championship game in Salem, Va. Saturday at 3 p.m.

Once again, the BCSP has broken down the championship game match ups by their 2023 schedules and history.

What's left now are the games to be played and the outcomes to be determined.

Entering Saturday's championship games, undefeated Benedict (10-0) is ranked first in Super Region II of NCAA Div. II.

Both the SIAC and CIAA teams are in Super Region II along with teams from the Gulf South Conference (GSC) and South Atlantic Conference (SAC).

Only the top seven teams from each of the nation's four Super Regions will make the 28-team Div. II championship playoff field.

SIAC Championship Game

Benedict (10-0, 8-0 SIAC) has once again been the most dominant team in black college football.

The 8.3 points per game the Tigers give up is the best in black college football and all of NCAA Div. II football.

The Tigers also sport the best offense in the SIAC that puts up 40.5 points per game.

First-year head coach Quinn Gray's Golden Rams of Albany State (6-4, 6-2) rebounded from two late-season losses to Allen (39-27) and Edward Waters (31-27) to claim second-place in the league with a 13-7 win over Fort Valley State Saturday.

In that game, sophomore QB Jhaydon Sullivan came on in relief of starter Dionte Bonneau after he had thrown three interceptions and scored two rushing touchdowns in the fourth quarter to pull out the victory.

Sullivan started the season as the third-string signal caller behind Bonneau and back-up QB Isaiah Knowles, who was lost for the season on Oct. 7 vs. Central State.

The transition from former head coach Gabe Gardinia's option attack to former prolific Florida A&M QB Gray's more wide-open offense has taken some time.

CIAA Championship Game

This will be the sixth straight trip for Fayetteville State and seventh-year head coach Richard Hayes Jr. to the CIAA championship game.

This season's title-game match up with Virginia Union is a rematch from a game earlier this season in which the Broncos came away with a hard-fought 10-7 win.

The once-anemic FSU offense, that averaged just 13.1 points thru its first eight games playing as many as four quarterbacks, has scored 21 and 40 points in its final two contests with 6-4 redshirt sophomore Joe Owens Jr. at the controls.

FSU will need to score points facing VUU's offense, which leads the league averaging 39.1 points per game.

In that earlier contest vs. VUU, the Panthers were without prolific conference rushing leader Jada Byers (118.9 ypg), though his back-up, Curtis Allen, ran for 155 yards on 30 carries.

GAMES THIS WEEK

Table listing games for Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11, including SWAC, SIAC, MEAC, and CIAA matchups.

win Saturday over Virginia State but left the game late favoring his left leg. His availability for Saturday's title game is unknown.

Grad senior quarterback Christian Reid had perhaps his best game vs. VUU, passing for four touchdowns in the win.

SWAC and MEAC

Florida A&M (6-0 E) has clinched the East Division title and a berth in the Dec. 2 SWAC championship game.

Alcorn State's 44-21 win Saturday over Southern has the Braves (5-1) atop the West as they travel to Texas Southern Saturday (2 p.m.)

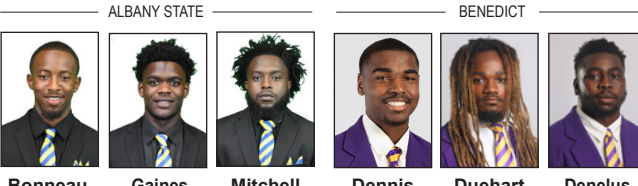
Defending champion North Carolina Central leads the MEAC at 3-0 headed to a showdown in Washington, D. C. Saturday (3:30 p.m.) at Howard (2-1).

The Bison are 2-1 in league play along with Morgan State and SC State, who meet Saturday in Orangeburg, S. C. (1:30 p.m.).

THE STAT CORNER

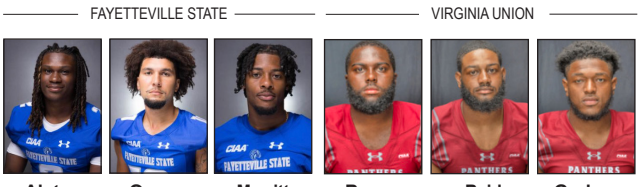
WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

SIAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME YARDSTICK



Statistical comparison between Albany State and Benedict for the SIAC Championship Game.

CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME YARDSTICK



Statistical comparison between Fayetteville State and Virginia Union for the CIAA Championship Game.

SCORES

Table listing scores for Thursday, November 2 and Saturday, November 4 across various conferences like CIAA, MEAC, and SWAC.

Table listing MEAC and SWAC players of the week with their stats and conference information.



FAYETTEVILLE STATE BRONCOS (8-2)

SOUTH DIVISION CHAMPION CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



VIRGINIA UNION PANTHERS (9-1)

NORTH DIVISION CHAMPION CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Head Coach RICHARD HAYES JR.

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Head Coach DR. ALVIN PARKER

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HBCU NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

COOKIN'!

Kansas City safety BRYAN COOK (#6, HOWARD, Cincinnati) pulls away from Miami speedster WR Tyreek Hill after a Hill fumble was lateraled to him and he ran 59 yards for a touchdown in Sunday's game in Frankfort, Germany.



#31 EMMANUEL WILSON, RB, Green Bay (1st season, FORT VALLEY STATE) - In the Packers' 20-3 win over the Los Angeles Rams, Wilson had season-highs of nine carries for 43 yards (10.8 yards per carry) with a long run of 31 yards.

#6 BRYAN COOK, S, Kansas City (2nd season, HOWARD/Cincinnati) - In Chiefs' 21-14 win over Miami in Franfort, Germany Cook started at strong safety and returned a fumble 59 yards for a TD while also posting four tackles, two solos.

#6 JAMIE GILLAN, P, New York Giants, (5th season, ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF) - In the Giants' 30-6 loss to the Las Vegas, Gillan punted four times for 1699 yards, an average of 42.3 yards with an average net of 40.8 yards.