



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DEFENSIVE PLAYER

block in win over Newberry

Tyler Foster, Sr., G, FSU - 9 rebounds, 1 steal, 1

HOOPS TIME

SWAC LEADER: Six-three juco transfer shooting guard Tai'Reon Joseph has led Southern to a 2-0 start in SWAC play with a leaguebest 19.1 points per game.

TENN STATE'S ALLEN NAMED TOP DEFENDER IN FCS; HINES WARD JOINS TSU COACH SEARCH

MEN'S 2023-24 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

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	CONF		ALL			CONF		ALL			
NORTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L		W	L	W	L		
Lincoln (PA)	3	3	7	9	N. C. Central	2	0	10	7		
Bluefield State	3	4	6	10	Delaware State	2	0	9	9		
Virginia State	2 3 7 8 Norfolk State				1	1	10	8			
Elizabeth City State	1	1 3 4 11 Howard		1	1	6	11				
Bowie State	1	5	6	10	Md. E-Shore	1	1	4	10		
Virginia Union	0 4		5	10	Coppin State	1	1	2	14		
SOUTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L	Morgan State	0	2	4	14		
Winston-Salem State	5	0	11	3	S. C. State	0	2	4	14		
Shaw	3	1	7	5							
Claflin	2	1	5	4	OFFENSIVE PLAY	YER OF THE WEEK					
Johnson C. Smith	3	2	8	4	Troy Hupstead , 6-7, Jr., F, UMES - Led Hawks with 25 points, 9 rebounds vs. GW with 2 assists, 1 block, 1 steal on 10 of 21 shooting.						
Fayetteville State	3	2	8	7							
Livingstone	3	2	4	4							
St. Augustine's	3	2	7	8	ROOKIE						

f 21 shooting. Deywilk Tavarez, 6-2, Fr., G. NSU - Had 12 points, 8 boards, 3 assists in win over Mt. St. Kendall Bynum, Jr., G, VSU - Scored 23 poijnt DEFENSIVE while shooting 70% from the field and also bringing down 4 rebounds and two steals.

Seth Towns, 6-9, Gr., F, HOW - Doubledouble of 18 points, 12 rebounds in win over LaSalle, 3 assists, 1 block and 2 steals

EAST 12 0 Benedict Morehouse Savannah State Clark Atlanta Allen Sprina Hill LeMoyne-Owen 6 3 Kentucky State 13 Central State

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

0 Alabama State 0 Alahama A&M 0 Bethune-Cookman Jackson State Grambling State Texas Southern Florida A&M Alcorn State Prairie View A&M PLAYERS OF THE WEEK DEFENSIVE

INDEPENDENTS Langston Florida Memoria Lincoln (Mo.) Tennessee State West Virginia State NC A&T PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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Anthony Roy, 6-5, Jr., G, LANGSTON -Had 20 points on 7 of 15 shooting, 5 of 10 from 3 with 2 rebounds, 2 assists.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



SIXTH DOWN: Tennessee State defensive tackle Terrell Allen becomes the sixth black college player to win the Buck Buchanan Award as he was named the best defender in Div. I FCS football Saturday.

ALLEN WINS BUCHANAN AWARD:

FRISCO, Texas - Having already been named to



Allen

seven different All-American teams and earning four different Defensive Player of the Year Awards, Tennessee State football's Terrell Allen garnered his biggest postseason award on Saturday night as he was named the 2023 Buck Buchanan Award winner at the FCS National Awards Banquet, given annually to national defensive

player of the year in Division I FCS college football. Allen, who was named the Big South-OVC Defensive

Player of the Year led the FCS in in sacks (14.5), sack yardage (-123), tackles for loss (28), and tackle yardage for loss (149) during the regular season.

The Little Rock native finished the season with 65 tackles (44 solo, 21 assists), forcing five fumbles and logging 10 QB hurries. He had a four-game span of finishing with 4.0+ TFLs and set a TSU record with 6.5 sacks against Lindenwood, while recording 10 tackles and 4.5 sacks in the contest. His 28.0 TFLs is a new TSU single-season record.

The second-year Tiger has played in 21 games for TSU after transferring in from Austin Peay. Allen has recorded 101 tackles, 40 TFLs, and 19 sacks as a member of Eddie George's team. He has 152 career stops, 62 TFLs, and 24.0 sacks.

Allen becomes the sixth HBCU player to win the award and the third Ohio Valley Conference player.

The Buchanan Award, first presented in 1995 and in its 29th season, is named for legendary defensive lineman Junious "Buck" Buchanan, who starred at Grambling **State** as part of his Hall of Fame career.

Past HBCU recipients of the award include North Carolina A&T linebacker/defensive end Chris McNeil in 1997. linebacker Isaiah Land of Florida A&M in 2021. Southern defensive end Jordan Lewis in 2020, Norfolk State linebacker Deon King in 2015 and Bethune-Cookman defensive back Rashean Mathis in 2002.

The award show will air Sunday afternoon on Bally Sports at 4:00 p.m. CT.

2023 Buck Buchanan Award Voting Results A first-place vote was worth five points, a second-place vote four

points, a third-place vote three points, a fourth-place vote two points and a fifth-place vote one point. The final number is the combined point total.

- 1. Terrell Allen, DE, Tennessee State: 33-5-2-3-2-199
- 2. Dylan Kelly, LB, UAlbany: 6-4-10-6-2-90
- 3. Billy Shaeffer, LB, Lafayette: 3-4-8-4-3-66 4. Ty French, DE, Gardner-Webb: 2-7-6-1-6-64

ADD HINES WARD TO TSU SEARCH: Add the name of former Super Bowl MVP and

Ward

Pittsburgh Steelers standout wide receiver Hines Ward to the list of possible candidates for the vacant head football coach position at Texas Southern.

While most of the attention and speculation has centered on former Alcorn State head coach Fred McNair and former NFL all-pro

receiver Andre Johnson, the school has also reached out to Ward according to Dave Campbell's Texas Football.

TSU has been without a coach since it announced in November that it would not renew the contract of **Clarence McKinney**, who spent five seasons with the program.

Ward had been one of the seven new head coaches in the XFL with the San Antonio Brahmas in 2021. He spent just one season leading the Brahams and the team finished with a 3-7 record. Ward had also taken positions with the New York Jets and Florida Atlantic Owls as an assistant coach. Ward also spent the 2017 season with the Steelers as an offensive intern. Ward earned four consecutive Pro Bowl selections and won two Super Bowls with the Steelers.

Hoop Notes

means black college basketball races can now get down to the all-important matter of intra-conference play. Here's how things look as we head into the men's season-defining games.

CIAA

In the CIAA, Winston-Salem State (11-3, 5-0 CIAA) enters the new year as the only undefeated team after winning all three of its conference games before the new year and two since it began. Cleo Hill Jr.'s troops posted a 76-51 win over Elizabeth City Thuursday and a 76-52 win over Virginia State Saturday to open its January schedule.

The Rams are being led in scoring by **Jaylen** Alston's 17.1 points per game and Isaac Parson's 14.1 ppg. Alston (8.0) and Image Dodd (7.6) are 1-2 in the league in rebounds per game.

WSSU is at Johnson C. Smith (8-4, 3-2) Saturday (4 p.m.).

MEAC

With a practically new roster, North Caro- ference play. In the most recent outings, the Ti-

The new year of 2024 is upon us and that lina Central is tied with surprising Delaware **State** in early **MEAC** results, both at 2-0.

> NCCU (10-7, 2-0 MEAC) knocked off the past two conference champions over the weekend as the Eagles defeated undermanned 2022-23 champion Howard Saturday 73-54 and took care of 2021-22 champ Norfolk State Monday, 60-58.

> The Eagles are being paced by point guard Fred Cleveland Jr. who is scoring 15.9 points

> The DelState Hornets (9-9, 2-0) have early wins over Coppin State (Sat., 55-53) and Morgan State (Mon, 78-66).

> DSU's Martaz Robinson is leading the league in scoring at 17.8 ppg.

> NCCU plays at South Carolina State Saturday (4 p.m.) while DelState hosts Maryland E. Shore (4 p.m) Saturday.

SIAC

Benedict continues as the only undefeated team in the SIAC at 12-0 overall and 7-0 in con-

gers easily handled Tuskegee (96-73) and Spring Hill (97-69)

Head coach Artis Maddox's troops return to action Thursday at Claffin and Saturday at Clark Atlanta.

Asanti Price's 17.2 ppg. leads the Tigers. **SWAC**

Southern, Alabama State and Alabama **A&M** are off to 2-0 starts in the **SWAC**.

Southern is coming off wins over Prairie View (79-58) and Texas Southern (58-51). Alabama State and Alabama A&M swept games against Miss. Valley State and Arkansas-Pine **Bluff** over the weekend.

Southern's Tai'reon Joseph leads the league in scoring at 19.1 ppg.

Alabama A&M hosts Alcorn State Thursday while Alabama State hosts Jackson State.

Southern is at Florida A&M Saturday while A&M and Alabama State switch opponents with the A&M Bulldogs facing JSU and 'Bama State hosting Alcorn State.

BCSP Notes

Grambling State facing possible sanctions from SWAC

Several Grambling State University sporting events have been



streamed on HBCU Plus in recent seasons, which has now drawn the ire of the Southwestern Athletic Conferences boss, according to

stories from Chris Stephens of HBCUsports.com and Stephen J. Gaither of HBCUGameday.com.



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rebounds, 3 blocks in win vs. Davis & Elkins.

and 6 rebounds in win vs. Davis & Elkins.

Aniyah Bryant, Jr., G, FSU - Aniyah had 6 steals

DEFENSIVE PLAYER

SWAC commissioner Charles McClelland issued a letter to Grambling interim president Connie Walton this past Friday, warning the university that a game that was scheduled to be streamed Saturday, Jan. 6, would possibly result in sanctions from the league office, including "forfeiture of conference distributions, ineligibility for the remaining SWAC-sanctioned championships for the season and pursuit of damages, expenses, and costs incurred by the conference from third-party media partners."

"Grambling is well aware that the SWAC bylaws grant the SWAC the exclusive right to negotiate national broadcast rights on behalf of SWAC member schools," McClelland said in the letter. "If you are not already aware, *HBCU Plus* is a national broadcasting platform. As such, Grambling is prohibited from negotiating such a broadcast agreement."

The HBCUsports.com story included a response drafted by Prometheus Partners, a law firm that represents Urban Edge Network, the parent company of HBCU Plus.

Eduardo G. Roy, an attorney who represents UEN wrote, "Your letter asserts that Grambling is a member of the SWAC and subject to its constitution, Bylaws, and Sports Regulation. Unfortunately, you did not identify any language in the identified documents that support your position. In order for Grambling to consider your letter properly, please provide citations to each document that supports your position."

Prometheus Partners also requested those documents be made available before Grambling's next basketball game, which was on Saturday. HBCU Plus did not stream Grambling's Jan. 6 basketball games in response to the commissioner's letter.

In 2023, Urban Edge Network, a fledgling broadcast entity that has only recently televised HBCU sporting events and programming, filed a \$250 million lawsuit against the SWAC for what it called "unfair business practices" regarding interference with media rights.

MEAC

PRYOR RESTRAINT!

Washington rookie defensive lineman JOSHUA PRYOR (#59, BOWIE STATE) breaks through to block a 32-yard field goal attempt by Dallas placekicker Brandon Aubrey (#17). Aubrey had converted an NFL-record 35 consecutive field goals before the block. Jace Whitaker returned the block 66 yards to the Cowboys' 14, setting up a Commanders' TD.



BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For games of January 4 - 7, 2024

SPECIAL TEAMS - #59 JOSHUA PRYOR, LB, Washington (1st season, BOWIE STATE) - In 38-10 loss to Dallas, Pryor blocked a field goal attempt that led to an eventual touchdown.

He got in on one (1%) defensive play and 20

(91%) of the special teams' plays.

SWAC

DEFENSIVE

DEFENSE

- #53 **SHAQUILLE LEONARD**, LB, Philadelphia (6th season, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE)** - In the Eagles 27-10 loss to the New York Giants, Leonard had five total tackles, three solos while playing 29 (43%) of the defensive snaps.

OFFENSE

- #72 TERRON ARMSTEAD, OT, Miami (10th season, ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF) - Started at left offensive tackle in Dolphins' 21-14 loss to Buffalo Sunday night. The Dolphins rushed for 108 yards and one TD and passed for 173 yards and one TD while giving up just one sack. Armstead was in for 64 (93%) of the offensive snaps.

WOMEN'S 2023-24 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

SIAC

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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	NORTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L		W	L	W	L	EAST	W	L
	Virginia State	5	1	13	1	Norfolk State	2	0	12	4	Savannah State	5	2
	Bowie State	4	2	10	6	Coppin State	2	0	5	11	Fort Valley State	4	3
	Virginia Union	3	2	10	5	N. C. Central	1	1	6	10	Clark Atlanta	2	5
	Bluefield State	3	3	9	5	Morgan State	1	1	6	11	Edward Waters	2	5
	Lincoln (PA)	3	3	7	6	Delaware State	1	1	5	10	Allen	1	5
	Elizabeth City State	2	3	8	5	Howard	1	1	4	12	Albany State	1	6
	SOUTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L	Md. E-Shore	0	2	7	9	Benedict	0	6
	Fayetteville State	5	0	12	1	S. C. State	0	2	1	16	WEST		
	Shaw	3	1	8	5						Kentucky State	7	0
	St. Augustine's	2	3	8	5	PLAYER OF THE WEEK					Miles	6	0
	Johnson C. Smith	2	3	5	7	Kiarra Wheeler, 6-1, Jr., F, NSU - Averaged					Tuskegee	5	2
	Livingstone	1	3	1	4	double-double of 25.0 points, 11.0 rebounds					LeMoyne-Owen	4	3
	Claflin	1	5	5	7	in two wins. She had 20 pts., 6 boards					Lane	4	3
	Winston-Salem State	0	5	6	9	vs. UNC-W, 30 points	, 16	reb	ound	ls vs.	Central State	3	4
						Longwood.					Spring Hill	3	4
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					ROOKIE								
Morgan Graham, Jr., F, FSU - 13 points, 14				Anjanae Richardson, 6-1, Jr., F, NSU - 11					PLAYER & DEFENSIVE OF THE				

Career-high 26 points vs. UNC-W, with 8 rebounds, 6 assists and 4 steals. Vs

Longwood had 21 points, 6 boards, 7 steals

PLAYER & DEFENSIVE OF THE WEEK Anjanae Richardson, 6-1, Jr., F, NSU - 11 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals vs. UNC-W. Averaged 8.0 ppg., 2.5 spg., 1.5 rpg., 1.0 apg. in two wins DEFENSE Diamond Johnson, 5-5, Fr., G, NSU -

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Arkansas-Pine Bliuff 0 Southern 0 Bethune-Cookman 0 10 4 Jackson State 0 Grambling State

Texas Southern Alabama State Prairie View A&M 2 4 Alcorn State 2 Florida A&M Miss. Valley State

Hailey Jordan, 5-10, Sr., F, LANG - Led win over Southwest Christian

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

INDEPENDENTS

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Langston with 18 points with 7 rebounds in 0 2 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Langston

NC A&T

Hampton

Florida Memorial

West Virginia State

Tennessee State

Lincoln (Mo.)