

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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EARLY SEASON RISERS

LOOKING FOR 3-0: Third-year head coach Maurice Flowers looking to get JC Smith to 3-0 Saturday hosting Lincoln (PA).

NFL WEEK 1 IN THE BOOKS; TWO HBCUs IN AFCA POLLS; SWAC HOOPS PREVIEW ON TAP

2024 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

CONF	W		L		ALL
	W	L	W	L	
Shaw	1	0	2	0	3
Winston-Salem State	1	0	1	1	2
Fayetteville State	0	0	1	0	1
Johnson C. Smith	0	0	2	0	2
Livingstone	0	0	1	1	2
Virginia Union	0	0	1	1	2
Virginia State	0	0	1	1	2
Bluefield State	0	1	1	1	2
Elizabeth City State	0	1	1	1	2
Bowie State	0	0	0	1	1
Lincoln (PA)	0	0	0	1	1

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OL - Dontae Carter, Sr., SHAW - Anchor QB - **Christian Peters, Jr., SHAW** - 20 of 42 for 322 yards and 5 TDs, 1 int. in win over Albany State.
OB - Jada Byers, Sr., VUU - 21 carries, 105 yards, 1- and 6-yard TDs in loss at Hampton.
WR - Brevin Caldwell, JCSU - 9 receptions, 140 yds., 3 TDs (8, 27, 27) in win vs. Morehouse.
DB - Shamar Baker, Fr., JCSU - 4 tackles, 3 solos, 2 ints., one returned 38 yards for TD vs. Morehouse.
LB - Shamar Graham, R-Jr., VUU - Game-high 17 tackles, 6 solos, in loss at Hampton.
DL - Shi Gaskins, R-Sr., DE, FSU - 9 tackles, 8 solos, 4 TFL for 18 yards, 2.0 sacks for 15 yards in win vs. UNC-Pembroke.
NEWCOMER - Darius Ocean, Jr., QB, JCSU - 14-23-0, 229 yards, 2 TDs vs. Morehouse.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	W		L		ALL
	W	L	W	L	
North Carolina Central	0	0	1	1	2
Morgan State	0	0	1	1	2
Delaware State	0	0	1	1	2
Howard	0	0	1	1	2
SC State	0	0	1	1	2
Norfolk State	0	0	1	2	3

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Jarett Hunter, Gr., RB, HOW - 27 carries, 126 yards, 3 TDs (11, 7, 1) vs. Mercyhurst.
Jaden Daniels, So., QB, NSU - 14-21-1, 210 yards, 2 TDs, 1 rushing TD vs. VSU.
DEFENSE & SPECIALIST
Terrence Hollon, Sr., LB, HOW - 8 tackles, 7 solos, 2 FF, 1 FR vs. Mercyhurst.
SPECIAL
Dylan West, Sr., PK, HOW - Game-winning 37-yard FG as time expired vs. Mercyhurst.
Kenny Gallop, Jr., Sr., DB, HOW - Team-high 10 tackles, 5 solos, blocked PAT return TD vs. Mercyhurst.
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Nick Taiste, Sr., SCSU - 92% grade and four pancakes vs. The Citadel.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	W		L		ALL
	W	L	W	L	
Clark Atlanta	2	0	2	0	4
Edward Waters	1	0	1	1	2
Savannah State	0	0	0	1	1
Lane	0	0	0	1	1
Allen	0	1	0	1	2
Benedict	0	0	0	1	1
Fort Valley State	0	1	0	1	2
Central State	0	0	0	2	2
Kentucky State	0	0	0	2	2
Albany State	0	0	0	2	2
Tuskegee	0	0	0	2	2
Miles	0	0	0	2	2
Morehouse	0	1	0	2	3

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Isaiah Knowles, R-So., QB, ALB - 20-26-2, 262 yards, 4 TDs (4, 23, 17, 33) in loss to Shaw.
DEFENSE
Tyson Freeman, Jr., DB, ALLEN - Three solos, 2 ints. in loss to CAU.
Rossie Grimes, So., DB, TUSK - 12 tackles, 9 solos, 1 TFL, 1 FF vs. Grambling.
NEWCOMER
Jamir Dismukes, So., QB, ALLEN - 21-28-0, 263 yards, 2 TDs (48, 24) vs. CAU.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

DIV	W		L		ALL
	W	L	W	L	
FLORIDA A&M	0	0	2	1	3
Alabama State	0	0	1	1	2
Jackson State	0	0	1	1	2
Alabama A&M	0	0	1	1	2
Bethune-Cookman	0	0	0	2	2
Miss. Valley State	0	0	0	2	2
TEXAS SOUTHERN	1	0	1	1	2
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	0	0	1	1	2
Grambling State	0	0	1	1	2
Southern	0	0	1	1	2
Prairie View A&M	0	1	1	1	3
Alcorn State	0	0	0	2	2

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Myles Crawley, R-Sr., QB, GRAM - 16-26-0, 304 yards, 4 TDs (2, 9, 4, 53) vs. Tuskegee.
DEFENSE
Treyvon Thomas, R-Jr., LB, ALST - 6 tackles, 4 solos, 3 TFL, 3 sacks for 14 yards vs. Miles.
NEWCOMERS
Czavian Teasett, R-Fr., QB, SOU - 17-29-0, 316 yds., 3 TDs (38, 31, 33) vs. Sav. State.
Cam/Ron McCoy, So., QB, JSU - 5-9-0, 100 yds., 2 TDs, 107 rush yds., 2 TDs vs. Lane.

INDEPENDENTS

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Walter Wilbon, Sr., RB, FMU - 21 carries, 170 yards, 4 TDs vs. Edward Waters.
DEFENSE
Jordan White, Gr., DB, HAMP - 7 tackles, 5 solos, 1 int. in win over VUU.
SPECIAL
Andrew Brown, R-Sr., PK, NC A&T - 31-yard FG at buzzer to tie WVSU. Also good on 52-yard FG, 3 of 3 PATs for 9 points.

SCORES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	
Grand Valley State 58, Central State 0	Jackson State 58, Lane 7
Clarion 20, Lincoln (PA) 9	Johnson C. Smith 37, Morehouse 13
West Virginia State 27, Barton 24	Lamar 28, Mississippi Valley State 14
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	
Alabama A&M 49, Kentucky State 7	Lenoir-Rhyne 32, Bowie State 19
Alabama State 24, Miles 3	Livingstone 37, VUL 9
Arkansas-Pine Bluff 73, Arkansas Baptist 0	Mercer 31, Bethune-Cookman 2
Bluefield State 22, Concord 13	Miami 56, Florida A&M 9
Central Oklahoma 72, Langston 0	Norfolk State 28, Virginia State 23
Clark Atlanta 26, Allen 22	North Carolina A&T 27, Winston-Salem State 20, OT
Elizabeth City State 12, Chowan 9	North Dakota State 52, Tennessee State 3
Elon 41, North Carolina Central 19	Prairie View A&M 37, Northwestern State 31
Fayetteville State 35, UNC Pembroke 31	Quincy 46, Lincoln (Mo.) 5
Florida Memorial 31, Edward Waters 21	Rice 69, Texas Southern 7
Grambling State 37, Tuskegee 20	Shaw 43, Albany State 40
Hampton 33, Virginia Union 21	South Carolina State 23, The Citadel 20
Howard 31, Mercyhurst 29	Towson 14, Morgan State 9
	Vanderbilt 55, Alcorn State 0

In- and out-of-league tilts in Week Three

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BCSP Editor
 There are a few intra-conference skirmishes as black college teams move into Week Three of the 2024 season.

Southern (1-1) and Jackson State (1-1) stage the 73rd meeting of their historic **SWAC** rivalry in Jackson, Ms. Saturday (6 p.m. on *ESPN+*). In the series that dates back to 1949, Southern leads 50-22. JSU prevailed last year in Baton Rouge, La. 27-21.

New Southern head coach **Terrance Graves** will be looking for his first **SWAC** win since being named to the permanent position after last season.

North Carolina A&T (1-1) has its first Coastal Athletic Association (CAA) game of the year as it hosts 1-0 Delaware Saturday (1 p.m. on *FloFootball*). Delaware has won both meetings between the schools including a 21-6 win last season in Newark, Del.

In the **CIAA**, undefeated **Johnson C. Smith (2-0)** plays host to **Lincoln (Pa.) (0-1)** Saturday (1 p.m. on *CIAA Sports Network*). The JCSU Golden Bulls, after finishing 7-4 last year under then second-year head coach and alum **Maurice Flowers**, are looking to thrust themselves into the CIAA championship picture.

Over in the **SIAC**, there are two in-conference match ups. **Kentucky State (0-2)** is at **Fort Valley State (0-1, 0-1)** on *TheGrio* at 1 p.m. and **Lane (0-1)** plays at **Benedict (0-1)** at 6 p.m. on *ESPN+*.

In a key regional battle **Hampton (1-1)** of the CAA is at **Norfolk State** of the **MEAC** in a game previously hyped as the *Battle of the Bay*. This will be new Hampton Interim Head Coach **Trent Boykin's** first battle with the Pirates' Hampton Roads rival. NSU won last year's contest 31-23.

There are two neutral site classics on this week's schedule.

Howard (1-1) of the **MEAC** faces **Morehouse (0-2, 0-1 SIAC)** of the **SIAC** in the *HBCU New York City Football Classic* in East Rutherford, New Jersey (3 p.m. on *CNBC*). A



TALL TASKS AHEAD: (L. to r.) **Prairie View A&M's Bubba McDowell**, **NC Central's Trei Oliver**, and **Morgan State's Damon Wilson** are among the coaches taking their FCS teams into hostile territory this week to face FBS opponents.

year ago, Howard easily dispatched the Maroon Tigers, 65-19 and has outscored them 161-65 in winning their last four meetings.

In **Memphis's Southern Heritage Classic** (6 p.m. on *HBCUGo*), **Tennessee State (1-1)** of the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) takes on the **SWAC's Arkansas-Pine Bluff (1-1)** at the Liberty Bowl. TSU jumped out to a 21-0 lead in last year's match up before settling for a 24-14 win.

The biggest challenges Saturday will be faced by **SWAC** contender **Prairie View A&M** and **MEAC** contender **North Carolina Central** as the FCS members 'play up' against FBS opponents.

Prairie View A&M (1-1) and head coach **Bubba McDowell** will travel over 1,000 miles North from Texas to East Lansing, Michigan to take on 2-0 Big Ten FBS member **Michigan State (2:30 p.m. on the Big Ten Network)**.

Trei Oliver's NCCU (1-1) Eagles from Durham, NC, have just a 20-mile trek over to Chapel Hill, NC to face 2-0 North Carolina of the FBS Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Saturday (6 p.m. on the *ACC Network*).

Morgan State (1-1) is in the same boat, having the unenviable task of facing an FBS opponent on the road. The Bears will be in Athens, Ohio Saturday (3:30 p.m. on *ESPN+*) to meet 1-1 Ohio U of the Mid-American Conference (MAC). Head coach **Damon Wilson** and the Bears had MAC member Akron on the ropes last year leading 21-17 with 17 seconds

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	
Carson-Newman at W. Virginia State in Institute, WV - <i>WVSU Stream</i>	6p
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	
Bluefield State at Emory & Henry in Emory, VA	1p
Clark Atlanta at Florida Memorial in Miami Gardens, FL	1p
Edward Waters at Alcorn State in Lorman, MS	6p
Allen at Livingstone in Salisbury, NC	6p
McKendree at Lincoln (MO) in Jefferson, MO	7p
STREAMING / TV GAMES	
Davenport at Bowie State in Bowie MD - <i>BSU Stream</i>	1p
Delaware at NC A&T in Greensboro, NC - <i>FloFootball</i>	1p
Lincoln (PA) at J. C. Smith in Charlotte, NC - <i>CIAA Sports Network</i>	1p
Kentucky State at Fort Valley State in Fort Valley, GA - <i>TheGrio</i>	1p
Elizabeth City State at Erskine in Greenwood, SC - <i>CIAA Sports Network</i>	1p
Prairie View A&M at Michigan State in East Lansing, MI - <i>Big Ten Network</i>	2:30p
Wagner at Delaware State in Dover, DE - <i>ESPN+</i>	3p
Morgan State at Ohio U. in Athens, OH - <i>ESPN+</i>	3:30p
Hampton at Norfolk State in Norfolk, VA - <i>ESPN+</i>	4p
NC Central at North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC - <i>ACC Network</i>	6p
SC State at Georgia Southern in Statesboro, GA - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
Catawba at Shaw in Durham, NC - <i>CIAA Sports Network</i>	6p
Ohio Dominican at Winston-Salem State in W-Salem, NC - <i>CIAASN</i>	6p
Lane at Benedict in Columbia, SC - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
Central State at Savannah State in Savannah, GA - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
Alabama State at Samford in Birmingham, AL - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
Georgetown (KY) at Alabama A&M in Huntsville, AL - <i>SDN</i>	6p
Southern at Jackson State in Jackson, MS - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
Mississippi Valley State at Murray State in Murray, KY - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
Grambling State at Texas A&M Comm. in Commerce, TX - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
Bethune-Cookman at W. Michigan in Kalamazoo, MI - <i>ESPN+</i>	6:30p
Fayetteville State at Valdosta State in Valdosta, GA - <i>FloFootball</i>	7p
CLASSICS	
<i>HBCU New York City Football Classic - CNBC</i>	
Howard vs. Morehouse in East Rutherford, NJ	3p
<i>Southern Heritage Classic - HBCUGo</i>	
Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Tennessee State in Memphis, TN	6p

left before the Zips got a scoop and score to come away with a stunning 24-17 win. Ditto for **Bethune-Cookman** and head coach **Raymond Woodie Jr.** whose 0-2 Wildcats travel to Kalamazoo, Michigan to face MAC member W. Michigan (0-2).

Shaw, one of just three black college teams that sit at 2-0, is hosting 0-1 Catawba in Durham, NC Saturday at 6 p.m. The *CIAA Sports Network* will carry the game.

The other 2-0 team, the **SIAC's Clark Atlanta**, travels to Miami Gardens, Florida to take on 1-1 **Florida Memorial** in a 1 p.m. affair.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

PREPPIN' FOR SWAC HOOPS:

ATLANTA, Ga.- The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** will host its annual Men's and Women's Basketball Media Days on Thursday, September 19 (WBB) and Friday, September 20 (MBB) at 9:00 a.m. CST at the Georgia International Convention Center located in Atlanta.

All **SWAC** head men's and women's basketball coaches and two student-athletes from each team will be in attendance to address the media regarding the upcoming 2024 basketball seasons.

The league will also announce the 2024 **SWAC** Men's and Women's Basketball Preseason all-SWAC teams as well as the Predicted Order of Finishes at the events.

Media one-on-one interviews with head coaches and student-athletes will begin at 9:00 a.m. CST on both days.

The student-athletes to be in attendance from each school are as follows:

ALABAMA A&M	ALABAMA A&M
Lorenzo Downey and Chad Moodie	Shelomi Sanders and Lauryn Pendleton
Alabama State	Alabama State
C.J. Hines and T.J. Madlock	O'Mariyah Tucker and Cordasia Harris
Alcorn State	Alcorn State
Michael Pajaud and Djahi Binet	Destiny Brown and Zy'nyia White
Bethune-Cookman	Bethune-Cookman
Brayon Freeman and Antwann Jones	Kayla White and Kayla Clark
Florida A&M	Florida A&M
Milton Matthews III and Jordan Chatman	Olivia Delancy and Tahnyia Purifoy
Grambling State	Grambling State
Kintavious Dozier and Antwan Burnett	Douthshine Prien and Kahia Warmesley
Jackson State	Jackson State
Shannon Grant and Romelle Mandsell	Jaileyah Cotton and Taleah Dilworth
Mississippi Valley State	Mississippi Valley State
Alvin Stredic and Donovan Sanders	Jaylia Reed and Sh'Diamond McKnight
Prairie View A&M	Prairie View A&M
Orlando Horton and Evan Williams	C.J. Wilson and Amauri Williams
Southern	Southern
Derrick Tezeno and Tidjane Dioumassi	Aleighyah Fontenot and Tionna Lidge
Texas Southern	Texas Southern
Grayson Carter and Kenny Hunter	Daeja Holmes and Jaida Belton
University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff	University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Zach Reinhart and Trejon Ware	Kristyna Boyd qne D'Arrah Allen

AFCA FCS AND NCAA DIV. II POLLS:

Despite the 56-9 loss to nationally-ranked (No. 12) ACC member Miami, **Florida A&M** moved up in the American Football Coaches FCS Top 25.

The Rattlers moved from 24th to 22nd in this week's poll.

NC Central (16), **Delaware State (13)**, **Alabama A&M (4)**, **Alabama State (4)** and **Prairie View A&M (1)** received votes.

Defending **CIAA** champion **Virginia Union** stayed in the AFCA NCAA Div. II poll despite its close loss (33-21) to **Hampton** Saturday. The Panthers dropped from 20th to 23rd in this week's poll. **Fayetteville State (3)**, **Shaw (2)**, **Virginia State (1)** and **Johnson C. Smith (1)** also received votes.

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) **NC CENTRAL (2-1)** Lost at Elon, 41-19. NEXT: At North Carolina.
- 2) **FLORIDA A&M (2-1)** Walloped at Miami, 56-9. NEXT: Idle.
- 3) **HOWARD (1-1)** Got last-second win over Mercyhurst, 31-29. NEXT: NY HBCU Classic vs. Morehouse in East Rutherford, NJ.
- 4) **MORGAN STATE (1-1)** Fell at Towson, 14-9. NEXT: On the road at Ohio U.
- 5) **ALABAMA STATE STATE (1-1)** Handled Miles, 24-3. NEXT: At Samford.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE