



JCSU Head Coach Maurice Flowers

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THE NEXT STEP

JCSU SEEKS VALIDATION vs. CIAA CHAMP; NEW AD AT ALCORN STATE, ONE HEADED TO FAMU

UNDEFEATED SO FAR: After three straight wins, J. C. Smith hosting CIAA defending champ Virginia Union in Charlotte.

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
QB - Darius Ocean, Jr., JCSU - 18-26-0 passing for 331 yards, 1 TD (80) in win vs. Lincoln Pa.
OB - Mohamed Nyanamukenga, Sr., LIV - 24 carries, 128 yards in win vs. Allen.
WR - Brevin Caldwell, JCSU - 9 receptions, 188 yds., 1 TD (80) in win vs. Lincoln Pa.
DB - D'Andre Tolson, So., ECSU - Had 3 pass break-ups in win vs. Erskine
LB - Jameson Alston, Jr., WSSU - 10 tackles, 7 solos, 1 sack (-14 yds.), 1 interception vs. ODU.
DL & NEWCOMER - Davion Watkins, Fr., DE, LIV - 9 tackles, 8 solos, 4 TFL for -18 yards, 2.0 sacks for -15 yards in win vs. Allen.
OL - Kyle Estep, So., JCSU - Helped Golden Bulls amass 496 total yards vs. Lincoln Pa.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Jaylon Tolbert, Sr., QB, HOW - 23-41-0, 267 passing yards, 4 TDs (12, 33, 20, 20) vs. Morehouse.
DEFENSE
Noah Miles, Jr., DE, HOW - 3 solo tackles, all sacks, for -27 yards in win vs. Morehouse.
ROOKIE
Ke'untae Mosley, Fr., TE, HOW - Had first collegiate TD on 33-yard catch vs. Morehouse.
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Antonio Williams, Gr., DSU - 90% grade with 5 pancakes vs. Wagner.
SPECIALIST
Dyson Roberts, P, SCSU - Averaged 42.8 yards on six punts, two downed inside the 20 vs. GSU.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Kevin Durham, Sr., QB, FVSU - 17-27-0, 283 yards, 4TDs (10, 10, 41 and 74 yards) vs. KSU.
Ike Brown, RB, LANE - 23 carries, 156 yards and 2 TDs (1, 4) in win over Benedict.
DEFENSE
Caleb Grant, Sr., LB, MHS - 12 tackles vs. Howard.
NEWCOMER
Charles Simmons, Jr., QB, BEN - 10 of 18 for 131 passing yards, 3 TDs, 120 rushing yards, 1 TD (73 yards) vs. Lane.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE **Mekhi Hagens, UAPP** - 276 passing yards, 3 TDs vs. Tennessee State. **Javonnie Gibson, R-SO., WR, UAPP** - 5 rec., 149 yards (29.8 ypc), 33-yard TD vs. TNST.
DEFENSE **Andrew Jones, GSU** - 13 tackles, 7 solos, 2 TFL vs. TA&M. **Joshua Nobles, Jr., DL, JSU** - 6 tackles, 3 solos, 2.5 sacks (-17 yards) vs. Southern.
SPECIALIST **Darnell Deas, R-Sr., RB/KR, B-CU** - Had kickoff return TDs of 95 and 98 yards vs. W. Michigan. Totalled 225 yards in KO returns.

INDEPENDENTS

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE **Chris Zellous, R-Jr., QB, HAMP** - 7 carries, 60 rushing yards, 2 TDs, 20-25-0, 185 passing yards vs. NSU. **DEFENSE** **Keandre Booker, Gr., DL, TENN STATE** - 5 tackles, 4 solos, 3 sacks, -14 yards vs. UAPP.
SPECIALIST **NA.**

SCORES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
 Carson-Newman 56, West Virginia State 25
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
 Alabama A&M 24, Georgetown (KY) 13
 Alcorn State 38, Edward Waters 7 - NO STATS
 Catawba 37, Shaw 28
 Central State 10, Savannah State 3
 Clark Atlanta 28, Florida Memorial 28 - Susp.
 Davenport 17, Bowie State 14
 Delaware 42, North Carolina A&T 13
 Elizabeth City State 20, Erskine 0
 Emory & Henry 40, Bluefield State 13
 Fort Valley State 42, Kentucky State 0
 Georgia Southern 42, SC State 14
 Grambling State 35, Texas A&M Comm. 28, OT
 Hampton 37, Norfolk State 7

Howard 35, Morehouse 21
 Jackson State 33, Southern 15
 Johnson C. Smith 52, Lincoln (PA) 6
 Lane 32, Benedict 27
 Livingstone 23, Allen 21
 McKendree 34, Lincoln (MO) 19
 Michigan State 40, Prairie View A&M 0
 Murray State 59, Mississippi Valley State 8
 North Carolina 45, NC Central 10
 Ohio U. 21, Morgan State 6
 Samford 12, Alabama State 7
 Tennessee State 41, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 28
 Valdosta State 34, Fayetteville State 0
 Wagner 30, Delaware State 7
 Western Michigan 59, Bethune-Cookman 31
 Winston-Salem State 19, Ohio Dominican 13

Early season intrigue in Charlotte

LUT WILLIAMS

Just three weeks into the 2024 football season and there are only two undefeated black college teams - 3-0 **Johnson C. Smith** and 2-0 **Texas College**.

Well, at least JCSU and TC are the only undefeated and untied teams after 2-0-1 **Clark Atlanta** had its game Saturday vs. **Florida Memorial** halted at halftime because of inclement weather with the teams tied at 28.

Headed into Week Four this week, the top match up has **Maurice Flowers'** undefeated JCSU Golden Bulls hosting defending CIAA champion **Dr. Alvin Parker's Virginia Union Panthers** (2-1) at 6 p.m. in Charlotte.

When Flowers took over at J. C. Smith, his alma mater, in 2022, he vowed to make the Golden Bulls relevant again. He hoped to rekindle the winning ways of legendary JCSU head coach **Eddie McGirt** who produced 16 winning seasons and led the Golden Bulls to a 118-73 record during a 20-year stint from 1958-1977. JCSU has had only seven winning seasons since and none since 2012.

After finishing 2-7 in his first season, Flowers led the squad to a 7-4 mark last season including a trip to a postseason bowl game.

He enters Saturday's game with the CIAA's passing leader, junior QB **Darius Ocean** (67 of 106, 982 yds., 7 TDs, 0 ints.), the league's top receiver, junior wideout **Brevin Caldwell** (38 receptions, 584 yds.) who has caught all seven of Ocean's TD tosses and team rushing leader junior RB **Quavaris Crouch** (38 carries, 274 yds., 7 TDs), all 6-2, 225 pounds of him.

JCSU (40.5 ppg.), with wins over **Tuskegee** (21-13), **Morehouse** (37-13) and **Lincoln (Pa.)** (52-6), is behind only VUU (45.3 ppg.) in CIAA scoring offense and trails only **Elizabeth City State** (8.0 ppg. to 9.5 ppg.) in scoring defense.

Crouch is a story within himself. He was one of North Carolina's and the nation's most sought-after players as a powerful LB/RB who signed with Tennessee out of high school in



CONTRASTING STYLES DISPLAY



GROUND ATTACKS: J. C. Smith's bruising 6-2, 225-pound running back Quavaris Crouch (l.) goes up against 5-7, 185-pound Virginia Union star RB Jada Byers (r.) Saturday in a key CIAA game in Charlotte, N.C.

Charlotte. He also played at Michigan State. But in 2022 and 2023, Crouch was no where to be found and battled several personal challenges before landing back home at JCSU.

Saturday, he'll be matched up against the league's top rusher and two-time offensive player of the year, 5-7, 185-pound VUU senior dynamo **Jada Byers** (35 carries, 315 yds., 9.0 yards per carry, 5 TDs). Other key 1 p.m. CIAA matches have **Virginia State** (1-1) hosting (2-1) **Winston-Salem State** (*TheGrio*) and **Shaw** (2-1) hosting (0-2) **Lincoln** in Durham, NC (*CIAN*).

In two important SWAC games Saturday, two 1-2 teams meet at **Southern** is at **Prairie View A&M** (6 p.m.) and two 2-1 teams meet as **Jackson State** is at **Grambling State** (6 p.m. on *ESPN+*).

A couple of intense non-conference rivalry games are also on tap Saturday.

North Carolina A&T (1-2) and **North Carolina Central** (1-2) renew their back-and-forth *Aggie-Eagle Classic* rivalry in Durham, NC at 7 p.m. This will be the 96th meeting between the schools separated by a mere 45 miles.

All time, A&T leads the series 54-36 with five ties. Since 1998, A&T has won 14 of 24 meetings. NCCU has won the last two with the Aggies winning four straight before that.

Hampton (2-1) is at Washington's Audi Field (3:30 p.m.) to meet **Howard** (2-1) in a game dubbed the *Truth & Service Classic* but

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
 Edward Waters at Benedict in Columbia, SC 8p

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
 William Jewell at Lincoln (MO) in Jefferson City, MO 12n
 Savannah State at Tuskegee in Tuskegee, AL 1p
 Florida Memorial at Cumberland in Lebanon, TN 1:30p
 Norfolk State at VMI in Lexington, VA 1:30p
 Tennessee State at Tenn. Tech in Cookeville, TN 1:30p
 Mississippi Valley State at Nicholls in Thibodaux, LA 3p
 Central Arkansas at Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Pine Bluff, AR 6p
 Langston at Louisiana Christian in Pineville, LA 6p
 Southern at Prairie View A&M in Prairie View, TX 6p
 Virginia Union at Johnson C. Smith in Charlotte, NC 6p
 West Liberty at West Virginia State in Institute, WV 6p
 NC A&T at NC Central in Durham, NC 7p
 Point at Allen in Columbia, SC 7p
 Va.-Lynchburg at Morgan State in Baltimore, MD 7p

STREAMING / TV GAMES
 Lincoln (PA) at Shaw in Durham, NC - *CIAA Sports Network* 1p
 Winston-Salem State at Virginia State in Ettrick, VA - *TheGrio* 1p
 Clark Atlanta at Bethune-Cookman in Daytona Beach, FL - *HBCUGo* 3p
 Lane at Miles in Fairfield, AL - *ESPN+* 4p
 Livingstone at Bowie State in Bowie, MD - *BSU Livestream* 4p
 Alabama A&M at Austin Peay in Clarksville, TN - *ESPN+* 6p
 Alcorn State at McNeese State in Lake Charles, LA - *ESPN+* 6p
 Fort Valley State at Delta State in Cleveland, MS - *FloFootball* 6p
 Jackson State at Grambling State in Grambling, LA - *ESPN+* 6p
 Richmond at Delaware State in Dover, DE - *ESPN+* 6p
 Texas Southern at Lamar in Beaumont, TX - *ESPN+* 6p
 Florida A&M at Troy in Troy, AL - *ESPN+* 7p

CLASSICS
Fredrick Douglass Classic
 Albany State vs. Central State in Rochester, NY 1p
Down East Viking Classic
 Eliz. City State vs. Fayetteville State in Rocky Mount, NC - *FSU Livestream* 1p
XXVI Chicago Football Classic
 Kentucky State vs. Morehouse in Chicago, IL 3p
Truth & Service Classic - Battle of the Real HU
 Hampton at Howard in Washington, DC 3:30p

reflects the rivalry in it's other name - *Battle of the Real HU*. Hampton has won eight of the last 14 meetings between the two including the last seven. The last two wins for the Pirates have been narrow 35-34 (2022) and 31-28 (2023) comeback victories over the Bison.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NEW AD PENDING AT FLORIDA A&M:

Florida A&M is on the way to naming **Angela Suggs** as its next leader of its athletics program.

According to the *Tallahassee Democrat*, the FAMU Board of Trustees will meet on Friday to discuss the contract for the new Vice President and Director of Athletics. The meeting is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be available on Zoom.

The newspaper says the contract, available on FAMU's website, is a three-year, \$750,000 deal (\$250,000 per year) with incentives.

Suggs, a 1992 FAMU graduate previously served in a variety of capacities for the Rattlers including marketing, promotions and communications positions. She also was the Rattlers' Senior Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs and Senior Woman Administrator (SWA). She has been the Florida Sports Foundation's President and Chief Executive Officer since 2017.

She will replace **Tiffani-Dawn Sykes**, who spent a tumultuous 19 months leading the program. Sykes departed last month amidst an administration shake-up that began with the resignation of former President **Larry Robinson** following a debacle related to a much ballyhooed donation to the school that turned out to be fraudulent. Sykes departed after FAMU interim president **Dr. Timothy Beard** called on the university's top leadership team to resign.

ALCORN STATE NAMES NEW AD:

LORMAN, Miss. - **Alcorn State** President **Tracy M. Cook** announced last week the appointment of **E. D'Wayne Robinson** as the new director of intercollegiate athletics, effective September 15.

Robinson returns to the Brave family after spending over 25 years of leadership experience in collegiate athletics administration.

An alumnus of Alcorn, Robinson has a proven track record of success in compliance, fiscal management, and student-athlete development. Robinson steps into the role after serving as deputy associate athletic director at Alcorn.

He previously served in leadership roles at **Florida A&M**, where he was interim director of athletics in 2015.

During his time at **Alabama A&M**, Robinson also served as senior associate athletic director for compliance from 2019 to 2023. He began his athletics career at Alcorn in 1999 as a golf coach and assistant director of athletics for internal operations.

Robinson holds a Master of Science in education from Alcorn State University and a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Tougaloo College. He is also a graduate of the NCAA Leadership Institute and a recognized expert in NCAA compliance.

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) **NC CENTRAL** (1-2) Beaten 45-10 by UNC. **NEXT:** Hosting North Carolina A&T.
- 2) **FLORIDA A&M** (2-1) Idle. **NEXT:** At Troy.
- 3) **HOWARD** (2-1) Handled Morehouse, 35-21. **NEXT:** Hosting Hampton in Battle of Real HU.
- 4) **MORGAN STATE** (1-2) Lost at Ohio U., 21-6. **NEXT:** Hosting Virginia-Lynchburg.
- 5) **ALABAMA STATE** (1-2) Lost 12-7 at Samford. **NEXT:** Idle.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

- 1) **J. C. SMITH** (3-0) Throttled Lincoln (PA) 52-6. **NEXT:** Hosting defending CIAA champ Virginia Union.
- 2) **CLARK ATLANTA** (2-0) Game vs. Florida Memorial halted for weather tied 28-28. **NEXT:** At Bethune-Cookman.
- 3) **VIRGINIA STATE** (1-1) Idle. **NEXT:** Hosting Winston-Salem State.
- 4) **VIRGINIA UNION** (1-1) Idle. **NEXT:** At undefeated J. C. Smith.
- 5) **SHAW** (2-1) Lost at Catawba, 37-28. **NEXT:** Hosting Lincoln (Pa.) in Durham.

TOP PERFORMANCES

FROM HBCU GAMES OF SEPT. 12 - 14, 2024
 TOP NUMBERS IN BOLD

PASSING

	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TDs (YDS)
Noah Bodden, SOU	17-29-2	352	1 (16)
Darius Ocean, JCSU	18-26-0	331	1 (80)
Kevin Durham, FVSU	17-27-0	283	4 (10, 10, 41, 74)
Mekhi Hagens, ARKPB	15-31-0	276	3 (33, 30, 5)
Jaylon Tolbert, HOW	23-41-1	267	4 (12, 33, 20, 20)
David Wright, CLATL	15-27-0	238	2 (10, 15)
Daylen Ellis, TNST	20-33-0	228	3 (22,12, 4)
Isaiah Bess, WVSU	14-34-1	221	1 (65)
Cedquan Smith, FLAMEM	18-20-0	211	1 (10)
Miles Scott, MHS	17-31-0	209	3 (16, 21, 27)
Eric Phoenix, SCSU	24 -38-1	206	0

RUSHING

	CAR	YDS	TDs (YDS)
Ike Brown, LANE	23	156	2 (1, 4)
Mohamed Nyanamukenga, LIV	24	138	0
Charles Simmons, BEN	10	120	1 (73)
Jareese Howard, LINC	10	111	1 (86)
Beau Harrington, ALL	14	100	1 (48)
Travon Teasley, SHAW	20	99	1 (2)
Jaden Sutton, DSU	8	92	0
Jarett Hunter, HOW	17	92	0
Bryant Williams, TNST	5	88	0
Brandon Marshall, FVSU	12	85	0

RECEIVING

	REC	YDS	TDs
Brevin Caldwell, JCSU	9	188	1 (80)
Anthony Evelyn, LANE	8	164	1 (25)
Javonnie Gibson, ARKPB	5	149	1 (33)
David Studstill, FLAMEM	6	132	1 (10)
Dejuan Bell, FVSU	4	126	2 (10, 74)
Trey Lyles, BLST	7	97	0
Trejon Spiller, PVA&M	7	91	0
Christian Edgerson, FLAMEM	3	94	0
Armani Turner, LINC	2	89	0
Caden High, SCSU	10	81	0