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A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

MOVING MILES: Head coach Sam Shade's Miles Golden Bears can take the SIAC lead win a Saturday vs. Albany State.

CLARK-ATLANTA UPSET SPURS NEW SIAC LEADERS; EARLY CIAA, MEAC BASKETBALL SELECTIONS

2024 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Johnson C. Smith	3	0	0	6	0	0
Virginia Union	2	0	3	2	2	2
Winston-Salem State	2	1	4	2	2	2
Livingstone	2	1	4	2	2	2
Shaw	2	1	4	2	2	2
Fayetteville State	2	1	3	2	2	2
Virginia State	1	1	2	3	2	2
Elizabeth City State	0	2	2	3	2	3
Bluefield State	0	2	1	4	2	4
Bowie State	0	2	1	4	2	4
Lincoln (PA)	0	2	0	5	2	5

BCSP/CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OL - Michael Todd Jr., r-Sr., FSU
QB - Joe Owens Jr., Jr., FSU - 26-41-0, 342 yards, 1 TD (33 yards) in win over Bowie State.
OB - Traven Tensley, So., SHAW - 11 carries, 125 yards (11.3 ypc), 74-yard TD run vs. Bluefield State.
WR - Kameron King, Jr., FSU - 8 receptions, 135 yards, 1 TD catch (33 yards) in win vs. Bowie State.
DB - Noah Gibson, So., SHAW - 6 tackles, 1 pick LB - Benari Black, Sr., JCSU - 16 tackles, 8 solos, 1.5 TFL (-6 yards) in win vs. Virginia State.
DL - Osmanis Aguilera, Fr., DE, LIV - 5 tackles, 4 solos, 2 sacks (-24 yards) in win over ECSU.
SPECIAL TEAMS - John Hernandez-Vargas, So., PK, FSU - 22-yard GW FG vs. BSU, 3 of 3 on PATs, 33-yard FG.
ROOKIE - Christian Rutledge, Fr., RB, SHAW - 96-yard KO return TD vs. Bluefield State.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF			
	W	L	T	ALL
North Carolina Central	1	0	4	2
SC State	0	0	3	2
Morgan State	0	0	3	3
Howard	0	0	2	3
Delaware State	0	0	1	5
Norfolk State	0	1	2	5

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Eric Phoenix, Gr., QB, SCSU - 17-31-2, 412 passing yards, 3 TDs (47, 7, 63) vs. Tenn. Tech.
DEFENSE
Aaron Smith, Gr., LB, SCSU - 10 tackles, 5 solos, 1 interception in win over Tenn. Tech.
ROOKIE
Nick Brown, r-Fr., TE, SCSU - 2 catches, 89 yards, 67-yard TD in win vs. Tenn. Tech.
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Nick Taiste, Sr., OL, SCSU - 88% grade, 5 pancakes anchored 465 yards of offense vs. TTU.
SPECIALIST
Darryl Taylor, So., WR, NCCU - 3 punt returns for 67 yards including a TD return of 68 yards vs. Campbell.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Albany State	3	0	3	2	2	2
Miles	3	0	3	2	2	2
Clark Atlanta	3	1	4	1-1	1-1	1-1
Fort Valley State	3	1	3	2	2	2
Benedict	2	1	2	3	3	3
Tuskegee	1	1	1	3	3	3
Savannah State	2	2	2	3	3	3
Central State	1	2	1	4	4	4
Edward Waters	1	2	1	4	4	4
Lane	1	3	1	4	4	4
Morehouse	1	3	1	5	5	5
Kentucky State	1	3	1	5	5	5
Allen	0	3	1	4	4	4

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Isaiah Knowles, Jr., QB, ALB - 15-20-0, 372 yards, 6 TDs (25, 41, 9, 72, 12, 39) in win over Allen.
DEFENSE
Demarcus Harris, Sr., LB, FVSU - 9t, 5s, 4.5 TFL (-23 yards), 2.0 sacks (-18 yards) vs. EWU.
NEWCOMER
Lashon Young, Fr., DB, MILES - 1 assisted tackle, 2 interceptions in win vs. Central State.
SPECIAL TEAMS
Dejuan Bell, Gr., WR, FVSU - 3 KO returns, 52 yards, 3 punt returns, 162 yards, 63- and 70-yard punt return TDs vs. EWU.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	DIV			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
EAST DIVISION						
Jackson State	2	0	4	2	2	2
Florida A&M	1	0	3	2	2	2
Alabama A&M	1	1	2	3	3	3
Bethune-Cookman	0	1	0	5	5	5
Miss. Valley State	0	1	0	5	5	5
WEST DIVISION						
Alcorn State	2	0	3	3	3	3
Southern	1	0	2	3	3	3
Texas Southern	1	1	2	3	3	3
Prairie View A&M	1	2	2	4	4	4
Grambling State	0	1	3	2	2	2
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	0	1	1	4	4	4

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Jacobian Morgan, Jr., QB, JSU - 11-16-1, 226 passing yds., 3 TDs (12, 20, 58) vs. Alabama A&M.
DEFENSE
Tru Thompson, Jr., DL, JSU - 4 tackles, 3.5 tackles for 6 yards, 1 QB hurry vs. Alabama A&M.
SPECIALIST
Travis Terrell Jr., Fr., RB/KR, JSU - 175 all-purpose yards, 96-yard KO return TD, 113 yards on kickoffs, 2 punt returns, 62 yards including a 44-yarder vs. Alabama A&M.

INDEPENDENTS

	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Texas College	0	0	2	2	2	2
Florida Memorial	1	1	2	2-1	2-1	2-1
Va.-Lynchburg	0	0	0	5	5	5
CAA						
Hampton	0	2	3	3	3	3
NC A&T State	0	2	1	5	5	5
OHIO VALLEY						
Tennessee State	2	1	4	2	2	2
MIAA						
Lincoln (Mo.)	1	4	1	4	4	4
MOUNTAIN EAST						
W. Va. State	3	0	4	1	1	1
SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference)						
Langston	2	1	2	2	2	2

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Isaiah Bess, QB, WVU - 26 of 38, 1 pick, 396 yards, 2 TDs (17, 48) in win vs. Fairmont State.
DEFENSE
Tru Odums, Jr., DB, LANG - 3 tackles, 1 solo, 2 picks returned 48 yards in win over Nelson.
SPECIAL TEAMS
Mike Nash, Jr., DB/KR, LANG - 4 KO returns for 140 yards including a 90-yard kickoff return TD vs. Nelson.

SCORES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5	
Albany State 57, Allen 17	Nicholls 51, Southern 7
Alcorn State 38, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 28	North Carolina Central 45, Campbell 14
Fayetteville State 27, Bowie State 24	North Greenville 38, Benedict 21
Florida A&M 28, Alabama State 13	Rhode Island 46, Hampton 44, 2 OTs
Florida Memorial 43, Warner 15	Richmond 20, North Carolina A&T 17
Fort Valley State 48, Edward Waters 14	Sacred Heart 10, Norfolk State 3
Incarinate Word 56, Prairie View A&M 38	Saint Francis 28, Delaware State 17
Jackson State 45, Alabama A&M 28	Savannah State 35, Clark Atlanta 28
Johnson C. Smith 21, Virginia State 17	Shaw 35, Bluefield State 17
Kentucky State 24, Lane 20	South Carolina State 22, Tennessee Tech 20
Langston 35, Nelson 29	Tennessee State 24, Lindenwood 20
Lincoln (MO) 40, Lincoln (CA) 14	Texas Southern 28, Virginia-Lynchburg 10
Livingstone 23, Elizabeth City State 17	Tuskegee 42, Morehouse 0
Miles 16, Central State 7	Virginia Union 31, Winston-Salem State 13
Morgan State 41, Lincoln (PA) 0	West Virginia State 45, Fairmont State 34

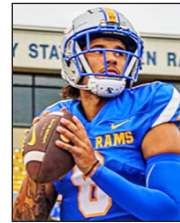
Golden Bears meet Golden Rams in SIAC

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BCSP Editor

With **Clark Atlanta** suffering its first loss of the season – a surprising 35-28 home defeat to **Savannah State** – there's a new leader in the **SIAC**.

Or rather, there are new leaders. They are preseason favorite **Albany State** and preseason third choice **Miles**. Both are 3-0 in conference play and 3-2 overall as they head to a showdown Saturday at Miles in Fairfield, Alabama (6 p.m., on *ESPN+*).



SIAC SHOWDOWN



BATTLE FOR SIAC SUPREMACY: The teams of SIAC passing leader **Isaiah Knowles** (I.) of Albany State and league rushing leader **Jonero Scott** (r.) of Miles meet in Fairfield, Alabama Saturday at 6 p.m. (*ESPN+*).

Head coach **Quinn Gray's** Albany State Golden Rams are coming off a 57-17 shellacking of **Allen** that saw junior QB **Isaiah Knowles** throw for six touchdowns. In league passing stats, Knowles (1,333 yards, 222.2 ypg., 73.2%, 16 TDs, 4 ints.) is just ahead of **Miles** redshirt junior QB **Kamren Ivory** (804 yds., 110.9 ypg., 50.8%, 6 TDs, 4 ints.). Both are behind conference leader **Kelvin Durham** (1,176 yds, 235.2 ypg., 63.8%, 11 TDs, 4 ints.) of **Fort Valley State**.

Miles sophomore running back **Jonero Scott** leads SIAC rushers. Scott averages 4.4 yards per carry and 88.0 yards per game. ASU counters with **Grambling State** grad transfer **Dajon Richard** who averages 5.7 ypc. and 60.2 ypg.

Albany State comes in with the league's stingiest defense, giving up just 272.3 yards per game. Head coach **Sam Shade's** Golden Bears' score 21.8 points per game and surrender 18.4 ppg.

Elsewhere in the SIAC, **Clark Atlanta** (4-1-1, 3-1 SIAC) looks to bounce back at **Central State's** homecoming (1 p.m., on *TheGrio*). Allen is at 3-1 FVSU's homecoming (2 p.m., on *ESPN+*). **Benedict** (2-1) is at 1-3 **Kentucky State** (1 p.m.) and **Tuskegee** (1-1) is at **Lane** (1-3).

In the CIAA, **Johnson C. Smith** moved to 6-0 overall, atop the league at 3-0, with a 21-17 home win over **Virginia State** Saturday. That gives head coach **Maurice Flowers'** Golden

Bears wins over both VSU and Virginia Union this season. JCSU is off this week.

VUU (2-0) is now in second place as it hosts **Elizabeth City State** (0-2) Saturday in Richmond (1 p.m.). **Winston-Salem State** (2-1), who suffered its first conference loss to VUU last week, is hosting 2-1 **Shaw** (1 p.m., *CIAA Network*). **Fayetteville State** and **Livingstone** are both at 2-1 as they face off at 2 p.m. in Salisbury, N.C. at the Blue Bears' homecoming. **Bowie State** (0-2) looks for its first conference win at 1-1 Virginia State's homecoming (2 p.m.).

At 2-0, **Jackson State** in the East and **Alcorn State** in the West are early SWAC division leaders.

In West match ups Saturday, Alcorn is at 0-1 **Grambling State** (2 p.m., on *ESPN+*), **Southern** (1-0) is at 1-1 **Texas Southern** (6 p.m.) and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (0-1) and **Prairie View A&M** (1-2) kick things off Friday (8:15 p.m.) in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

In the East, JSU and **Florida A&M** (1-0) have bye weeks. FAMU (3-2 overall) is ranked 19th in the latest AFCA FCS Top 25. **Bethune-Cookman** (0-1) is at **Alabama A&M's** homecoming (2 p.m., on *HBCUGo*) and **Alabama State** (0-1) hosts (0-1) **Mississippi Valley State** (2 p.m.).

North Carolina Central (4-2, 1-0 MEAC), coming off a 45-14 win at Campbell, is ranked 25th in the STATS Perform FCS national poll and 24th in the AFCA FCS poll. The Eagles are hosting winless **Virginia Lynchburg** (0-5) in Durham (2 p.m., *ESPN+*).

In other MEAC non-conference action, **Delaware State** is at Robert Morris (12 noon), **Howard** hosts Sacred Heart (1 p.m., *ESPN+*), **Morgan State** hosts Merrimack (3 p.m.), and **Norfolk State** hosts Towson (2 p.m., *ESPN+*).

Tennessee State, 4-2 after its close 24-20 win over Lindenwood Saturday, has its homecoming (5 p.m.) in Nashville vs. 1-5 Eastern Illinois. CAA members **Hampton** and **N. C. A&T** have bye weeks before meeting next week at A&T' GHOE (Greatest Homecoming on Earth).

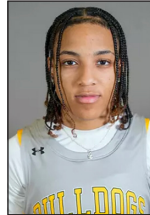
UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

2024-25 CIAA BASKETBALL PICKS:

CHARLOTTE, NC - The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** (CIAA) unveiled its selections and predictions for the 2024-25 men's and women's basketball seasons Monday in Baltimore, Md.

Defending men's tournament champion **Lincoln (Pa.)** and women's defending champ **Fayetteville State** were picked to repeat. **Bluefield State** guard **Jordan Hinds** (1., 19.0 ppg.) led the men's selectees and **Anii Harris** of **Bowie State** (r., 19.2 ppg.) led the women.



CIAA MEN

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1) Lincoln (PA) 2) Claflin 3) Fayetteville State 4) Virginia Union 5) Winston-Salem State 6) Virginia State 7) Johnson C. Smith 8) Elizabeth City State 9) Livingstone 10) Shaw 11) Bowie State 12) Bluefield State

PRESEASON TEAM – FRONT COURT Caleb Simmons, FSU; Michael Eads Jr., ECSU; John Whitehead III, CLAF; Freddie Young Jr., LINC; Bakir Cleveland, LINC; Jonathan Salazar, VUU; Zion Obanla, CLAF; **BACK COURT** Jordan Hinds, BLST; Tahj Harding, VUU; Reggie Hudson, LINC; Tairrell Fletcher, FSU; Ezekiel Cannery, FSU; Xavier Tubbs-Matthews, ECSU; *Returning 2023-24 All-CIAA Selection

CIAA WOMEN

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PRESEASON TEAM – FRONT COURT Ameshia Miller, VSU; Morgan Graham, FSU; Taniyah Green, VUU; Nyah Wilkins, FSU; Jayla Sample, BLST; Tatiana Jones, VUU; Jakaiya Mack, WSSU **BACK COURT** Anii Harris, VSU; Mihjae Hayes, VSU; Talia Trotter, FSU; Keayna McLaughlin, FSU; Jasmyn Jefferies, CLAF;

2024-25 MEAC BASKETBALL PICKS:

The defending champion **Howard** men and **Norfolk State** and **Howard's** women were the choices of the **MEAC** head coaches and sports information directors to in the league's 2024-25 basketball races. The picks were unveiled Tuesday's at the men's and women's Media Days in Norfolk, VA.

MEN

1) Howard (12) 121; 2) Norfolk State (3) 106 3; 3) NC Central (1) 85; 4) Morgan State (7) 75; 5) S.C. State (6) 75; 6) Delaware State (6) 73; 7) Maryland Eastern Shore (3) 33; 8) Coppin State (2) 29

FIRST TEAM

Martaz Robinson, DSU; Bryce Harris, HOW (POY); Winston Tabbs, MSU; Will Thomas, MSU; Po'Boigh King, NCCU;

WOMEN

T1) Norfolk State (11), 117; T1) Howard (5), 117; 3) Coppin State, 79; 4) NC Central, 78; 5) Morgan State, 63; 6) Maryland Eastern Shore, 57; 7) Delaware State, 43; 8) South Carolina State, 22

FIRST TEAM

Diamond Johnson, G, NSU (POY); Kierra Wheeler, F, NSU; Laila Lawrence, G, CSU; Tyan Walker, G, HOW; Destiny Howell, G, HOW

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) **N. C. CENTRAL** (4-2) Won at Campbell, 45-14. **NEXT:** Hosting Virginia-Lynchburg
- 2) **FLORIDA A&M** (3-2) Won at Alabama State's homecoming, 28-13. **NEXT:** Bye week.
- 3) **MORGAN STATE** (3-3) Shut out Lincoln (PA) 41-0 at Bears' homecoming. **NEXT:** Hosting 1-4 Merrimack.
- 4) **HAMPTON** (3-3) Took No. 21 Rhode Island to overtime before falling 46-44. **NEXT:** Bye week.
- 3) **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (3-2) Won on the road at Tennessee Tech, 22-20. **NEXT:** Bye week.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

- 1) **J. C. SMITH** (6-0) Held off Virginia State, 21-17. **NEXT:** Bye week.
- 2) **VIRGINIA UNION** (3-2) - Took care of Winston-Salem State, 31-13. **NEXT:** Hosting Elizabeth City State.
- 3) **CLARK ATLANTA** (4-1-1) Lost on its own turf to Savannah State, 35-28. **NEXT:** At Central State's homecoming.
- 4) **WEST VIRGINIA STATE** (4-1) Beat Fairmont State, 48-34. **NEXT:** Hosting Concord for homecoming.
- 5) **MILES** (3-2) Beat Central State, 16-7. **NEXT:** Hosting Albany State with SIAC lead going to the winner.

TOP PERFORMANCES

FROM HBCU GAMES OF OCTOBER 5, 2024

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TDs (YDS)
Eric Phoenix, SCSU	17-31-2	412	3 (47, 7, 63)
Isaiah Bess, WVU	26-38-1	396	2 (17, 48)
Isaiah Knowles, ALB	15-20-0	372	6 (25, 41, 9, 78, 12, 39)
Joe Owens Jr., FSU	26-41-0	342	1 (33)
Christian Solino, BLST	31-		