



Alcorn State Sports Photo

## SWAC DIVISION SHOWDOWNS

CONFERENCES BRACING FOR INTRIGUING FINISHES; FOUR BLACK COLLEGE TEAMS IN NATIONAL POLLS

**XZAVIER VAUGHN:** Six-six, 200-pound transfer QB has led Alcorn State to the top of the SWAC West standings.

### 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	4	2	2	2
Livingstone	3	1	5	2	2	2
Winston-Salem State	3	1	5	2	2	2
Virginia State	2	1	3	3	3	3
Shaw	2	2	4	3	3	3
Fayetteville State	2	2	3	3	3	3
Lincoln (PA)	1	2	1	5	5	5
Elizabeth City State	0	2	2	4	4	4
Bluefield State	0	3	1	5	5	5
Bowie State	0	3	1	5	5	5

#### BCSP/CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**OL - Dakota McLendon, Gr., WSSU** - Anchored 525 total offensive yards in win vs. Shaw.  
**QB - Romelo Williams, Gr., VSU** - 16-28-0, 291 yards, 2 TDs (37, 47) in win vs. Bowie State.  
**Daylin Lee, So., WSSU** - 22 of 32, no picks, 244 yards, 2 TDs (16, 8), 2 rushing TDs vs. Shaw.  
**QB - Trevon Hester, Jr., WSSU** - 19 carries, 185 yards (9.3 ypc.), 70-yard TD in win vs. Shaw.  
**WR - Malik Hunter, Jr., VSU** - 5 receptions, 110 yards (22.0 ypc.), 1 TD (47) in win vs. BSU.  
**DB - Kevin Larkin Jr., Fr., LIV** - 4 tackles, 2 solos, 2 interceptions, 25 return yards in win over FSU.  
**LB - Jayden Reeder, So., LIV** - 4t, 1s, 5 sack, 2 int., 1 returned for 77-yard TD vs. FSU.  
**DL - Osmanis Aguilera, Fr., DE, LIV** - 7 tackles, 4 solos, 1.5 sacks for -12 yards vs. FSU.

### MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
North Carolina Central	1	0	5	2	2	2
SC State	0	0	3	2	2	2
Howard	0	0	3	3	3	3
Morgan State	0	0	3	4	4	4
Delaware State	0	0	1	6	6	6
Norfolk State	0	1	2	6	6	6

#### MEAC / BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**OFFENSE**  
**JaShawn Scroggins, R-So., QB, HOW** - 238 total yards, 17-29-1, 153 yards, 12 carries, 85 yards (7.0 ypc.), 1 TD (5).  
**DEFENSE**  
**A. J. Richardson, So., LB, NSU** - 18 tackles, 7 solos, 5.5 tackles for loss (-20), two sacks (-12), 1 int. returned 32 yards vs. Towson.  
**ROOKIE**  
**Vinson Berry, Fr., QB, NSU** - 16 of 31, no picks, 221 yards 1 TD (43) vs. Towson.  
**Zion Dobson, Fr., RB, NCCU** - 12 carries, 98 yards (8.2 ypc.), 1 TD (5) vs. VUL  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**Trevon Humphrey, R-So., NCCU** - 96% grade, 1 pancake, vs. VUL

### SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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

#### BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**OFFENSE**  
**Khalil Anglin, R-Fr., QB, MILES** - 20-30-0, 225 yds., 1 TD (20), 5 car., 10 yds., vs. Albany State.  
**DEFENSE**  
**Malik Harp, Sr., LB, FVSU** - 7 tackles, 5 solos, 3 TFL (-15), 2.0 sacks (-14) in win over Allen.  
**NEWCOMER**  
**Khalil Anglin, QB, MILES**  
**SPECIAL TEAMS**  
**Dejuan Bell, Gr., WR, FVSU** - 3 KO returns, 144 yds., a 95-yard KO TD, 29-yard punt return, 1 car., 6 yds., 2 rec., 33 yards in win vs. Allen.

### SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	DIV			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>						
Jackson State	2	0	4	2	2	2
Florida A&M	1	0	3	2	2	2
Alabama State	2	1	3	3	3	3
Alabama A&M	1	1	3	3	3	3
Bethune-Cookman	0	2	0	6	6	6
Miss. Valley State	0	2	0	6	6	6
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>						
Alcorn State	3	0	4	3	3	3
Southern	2	0	3	3	3	3
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1	1	2	4	4	4
Texas Southern	1	2	2	4	4	4
Prairie View A&M	1	3	2	5	5	5
Grambling State	0	2	3	3	3	3

#### SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**OFFENSE** **Kareem Keye, R-Fr., QB, ALST** - 14-21-0, 326 yds., 4 TDs (21, 84, 38, 4) vs. MVSU.  
**Xavier Langford, Jr., QB, ALA&M** - 15-24-1, 315 yards, 1 TD (44), 15 car., 83 yards, 3 TDs vs. B-CU.  
**DEFENSE** **Stemarion Edwards, Sr., LB, ALC** - 12 tackles, 7 solos, 2.5 TFL (-12), 1 int., vs. GSU.  
**SPECIALIST** **Guillermo Garcia-Rodriguez, Gr., PK, PVA&M** - Hit on field goals of 50, 54 and 49 yards vs. UAPB.  
**NEWCOMER** **JaVonnie Gibson, Fr., RB/KR, UAPB** - 9 receptions, 183 yards, 1 TD (42) in win over Prairie View.

### 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	6	6	6
<b>CAA</b>						
Hampton	0	2	3	3	3	3
NC A&T State	0	2	1	5	5	5
<b>OHIO VALLEY</b>						
Tennessee State	3	1	5	2	2	2
<b>MIAA</b>						
Lincoln (Mo.)	1	5	1	5	5	5
<b>MOUNTAIN EAST</b>						
W. Va. State	4	0	5	1	1	1
<b>SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference)</b>						
Langston	3	1	3	2	2	2

#### BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**OFFENSE**  
**Terrence Bardell, Jr., QB, LANG** - 20-39-0, 465 yards, 4 TDs in win vs. OPS.  
**DEFENSE**  
**Keandre Booker, Gr., DE, TSU** - 4 tackles, 3 solos, 2.0 sacks, 1 FF, 1 QB hurry vs. EIU.  
**ROOKIE**  
**Josh Hancock, R-Fr., OLB, WVSU** - 2 solo tackles, both sacks for -14 yards vs. Concord.

# Conference races hit critical juncture

## LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Mid-October is the heart of homecoming season in black college football and there are 12 of the tradition-laden games on the schedule this week.

While the off-field attention will be on the various activities that accompany homecomings, on-field attention will be focused on the various conference races that are at critical junctures.

SWAC play begins in earnest this week with only three non-conference games between now and the Nov. 30 end of the regular season.

SIAC and CIAA races begin a four-week closeout to the regular season this week.

This is the last week of non-conference games before the MEAC plunges full bore into league play until the Nov. 23 end of the regular season schedule.

### SWAC

On Saturday, East Division leaders **Jackson State** (4-2, 2-0 E) and **Florida A&M** (3-2, 1-0 E) meet in Jackson, Ms. (2:30 p.m. ESPNU).

West leaders **Alcorn State** (4-3, 3-0 W) and **Southern** (3-3, 2-0) do battle Saturday (6 p.m., ESPN+) at the Jaguars' homecoming in Baton Rouge, La.

Second-year JSU head coach **T. C. Taylor** and first-year FAMU head man **James Colzie II** are the new guys at the helms of their respective programs. Taylor has the top scoring offense in the SWAC at 35.5 points per game spurred by the insertion of junior Syracuse transfer QB **Jacobian Morgan** into the starting line-up two games ago. The Tigers have averaged 45.5 points en route to winning those two games while Morgan has produced over 500 yards of total offense and 7 TDs.

Transfer QB **Daniel Richardson** (1,183 passing yards, 9 TDs) and WR **Jamari Gasset** (31 rec., 344 yds., 2 TDs) have been the offensive catalysts for the Rattlers who have only lost to two FBS opponents.

Alcorn State and Southern's coaches are just as new as those at JSU and FAMU. Both Alcorn's **Cedric Thomas** and Southern's **Terrence Graves** are in their first year.

Both of Southern's SWAC wins have been in

overtime – 31-24 over defending division champ **Prairie View A&M** and a comeback 22-19 win over **Texas Southern** last week. Two of Alcorn's league wins have been nearly as close – a last-seconds 17-15 win over **Grambling State** last week and a second-half rally that propelled the Braves over **Arkansas-Pine Bluff**, 38-28.

Six-six grad transfer QB (from **Lincoln Mo.**) **Xzavier Vaughn** has been the revelation for Alcorn. He currently leads the SWAC with 641 rushing yards (80.1 ypg.) and 10 TDs. Redshirt sophomore **Jacorian Sewell** is just behind Vaughn in rushing stats with 435 yards (72.9 ypg.) and four scores. On the strength of those two, Alcorn rushes for a league-best 202.4 ypg.

Southern will counter with the second-best overall defense (279.8 ypg.) and third-best scoring defense (26.3 ppg.).

### SIAC

The top match up in the SIAC has new conference leader **Miles** (4-2, 4-0 SIAC), No. 3 in the BCSP D2 Top Five, coming off a big win over **Albany State**, playing for homecoming (1 p.m., ESPN+) at No. 4 **Clark Atlanta** (4-1-1, 4-1).

Miles knocked off conference favorite Albany State 32-21 behind the play of redshirt freshman QB **Khalil Anglin** (20-30-0, 225 yds., 1 TD) and freshman RB **Roderick Thomas** (12 carries, 105 yds., 1 TD) and a defense that garnered six sacks and a pick six.

CAU, with new head coach **Teddy Keaton** and prolific QB **David Wright III**, had been the surprise leader in the league before it was felled by **Savannah State** two weeks ago. The Panthers pulled out a 25-20 win last week at **Central State's** homecoming.

In other games, **Tuskegee** (3-3, 3-1) is hosting (1 p.m.) **Kentucky State**, **Morehouse** (1-5, 1-3) is at homecoming (2 p.m.) at **Albany State** (3-3, 3-1), **Savannah State** (3-3, 2-2) is at (6 p.m.) **Edward Waters** (1-5, 1-3) and **Benedict** (2-4, 2-2) is at (7 p.m.) **Allen** (1-5, 0-4).

### CIAA

After a week off, CIAA leader **Johnson C. Smith** (6-0, 3-0 CIAA), the only undefeated team in black college football, returns to action at its homecoming Saturday (1 p.m., CIAA Sports

## GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19		
Upper Iowa vs. Lincoln MO	in Jefferson City, MO	12n
West Virginia State at Wheeling in Wheeling, WV		12n
Florida Memorial at Webber Int'l in Babson Park, FL		1:30p
Winston-Salem State at Livingstone in Salisbury NC		4p
Savannah State at Edward Waters in Jacksonville, FL		6p
<b>STREAMING / TV GAMES</b>		
Bluefield State at Bowie State in Bowie, MD	- <i>The Grid</i>	1p
Kentucky State at Tuskegee in Tuskegee, AL	- <i>TU Stream</i>	1p
Virginia State at Eliz. City State in Eliz. City, NC	- <i>CIAASN</i>	1p
Virginia Union at Lincoln (PA) in Lincoln, PA	- <i>LU Stream</i>	1p
Fort Valley State at S. C. State in Orangeburg, SC	- <i>ESPN+</i>	2p
Florida A&M at Jackson State in Jackson, MS	- <i>ESPNU</i>	2:30
Benedict at Allen in Columbia, SC	- <i>ESPN+</i>	7p
<b>HOMECOMINGS</b>		
Hampton at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, NC		1p
Miles at Clark Atlanta in Atlanta, GA	- <i>ESPN+</i>	1p
Shaw at Johnson C. Smith in Charlotte, NC	- <i>CIAASN</i>	1p
Arkansas Baptist at Texas College in Tyler, TX		2p
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Grambling State in Grambling, LA	- <i>HBCUGO</i>	2p
Bethune-Cookman at Miss. Valley State in Ita Bena, MS		2p
Morehouse at Albany State in Albany, GA	- <i>ASU Stream</i>	2p
North American at Langston in Langston, OK		2p
Texas College at Louisiana Christian in Pineville, LA		3p
Central State at Lane in Jackson, TN		3p
Tenn. State at Howard in Washington, DC	- <i>ESPN+</i>	3:30p
Alcorn State at Southern in Baton Rouge, LA	- <i>ESPN+</i>	6p

*Network*) against **Shaw** (4-3, 2-2).

The two teams behind JCSU in the standings, **Winston-Salem State** and **Livingstone**, both 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the CIAA, meet at Livingstone in Salisbury, N.C. at 4 p.m. Two of JCSU's victims, **Virginia State** (3-3, 2-1) and **Virginia Union** (4-2, 2-0) play at **Elizabeth City State** (2-4, 0-2) and **Lincoln Pa.** (1-5, 1-2) respectively at 1 p.m.

### MEAC

In non-conference action on ESPN+, **South Carolina State** (3-2) is entertaining (2 p.m.) **Fort Valley State** (4-2) and **Howard** (3-3) has **Tennessee State** (5-2) in for homecoming (3:30 p.m.).

Elsewhere, the two black colleges in the Coastal Athletic Association, **Hampton** (3-3, 0-2) and **North Carolina A&T** (1-5, 0-2), meet at the Aggies' *Greatest Homecoming on Earth* (GHOE) Saturday (1 p.m., FloFootball).



**BATTLE FOR THE TOP SPOTS:** (L. to r.) Jackson State's T. C. Taylor, Florida A&M's James Colzie III, Alcorn State's Cedric Thomas and Southern's Terrence Graves look for wins to keep their teams at the top of the SWAC division standings.

## SCORES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11	
Ark. Pine Bluff 21, Prairie View A&M 17	Miles 32, Albany State 21
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12	
Alabama A&M 56, Bethune-Cookman 12	N. C. Central 68, Virginia Lynchburg 0
Alabama State 54, Miss. Valley State 17	Northeastern State 55, Lincoln (MO) 7
Alcorn State 17, Grambling State 15	Robert Morris 23, Delaware State 0
Clark Atlanta 25, Central State 20	Savannah State 30, Lincoln (CA) 18
Fort Valley State 49, Allen 40	Southern 22, Texas Southern 19, OT
Howard 21, Sacred Heart 14	Tennessee State 41, Eastern Illinois 17
Kentucky State 23, Benedict 21	Towson 28, Norfolk State 23
Langston 35, Okla. Panhandle State 31	Tuskegee 27, Lane 17
Lincoln (PA) 37, Bluefield State 13	Virginia State 38, Bowie State 17
Livingstone 24, Fayetteville State 19	Virginia Union 35, Elizabeth City State 0
Merrimack 32, Morgan State 24	West Virginia State 44, Concord 14
	Winston-Salem State 34, Shaw 14
	Southeastern at Florida Memorial - Ppd.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### HBCUs IN NATIONAL FOOTBALL POLLS:

This week's American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) national poll includes three HBCUs in the Top 25.

Coming off a bye week, **Florida A&M** (3-2) is 18th. The Rattlers were 19th in the previous week. **North Carolina Central** (5-2), coming off a big 68-0 win over hapless **Virginia Lynchburg** and after an impressive 45-14 takedown of New Hampshire two weeks prior, is 21st. The Eagles were 24th in the previous poll. New entrant **Jackson State** (4-2) is the last team in the Top 25. JSU was off this past week.

One measure of the AFCA poll is that New Hampshire (4-2), despite its 45-14 loss to NCCU, is ahead of NCCU at 19th. Also, No. 15 Richmond is coming off a 20-17 win two weeks ago over 1-5 N. C. A&T and No. 17 Rhode Island defeated 3-3 **Hampton** 46-44 in two overtimes the same week.

The STATS Perform FCS Top 25 had NCCU at 20th and FAMU tied for 25th with UT-Martin. New Hampshire was 24th in that poll.

Undefeated **Johnson C. Smith** (6-0) is the only black college in either of the NCAA Div. II polls. The AFCA Div. II Coaches Poll has the Golden Bulls 20th and one of 13 undefeated teams in the poll. In the D2football.com Top 25, JCSU is 21st.

**AFCA FCS TOP 25** 1) South Dakota St. (21) 5-1-2) North Dakota State (2) 6-1 3) Montana State (3) 7-0-4) South Dakota 5-1 5) Villanova 5-1 6) UC Davis 6-1 7) Mercer 6-0 8) Southeast Missouri State 6-1 9) Tarleton State 6-1 10) North Dakota 4-2 11) Montana 5-2 12) Central Arkansas 5-2 13) Incarnate Word 4-2 14) Idaho 4-3 15) Richmond 4-2 16) William & Mary 4-2 17) Rhode Island 5-1 18) **Florida A&M** 3-2 19) New Hampshire 4-2 20) Missouri St. 4-2 21) **ACU** 4-3 22) **North Carolina Central** 5-2 23) Illinois St. 4-3 24) Dartmouth 4-