

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



PGA Tour Champions Photo

TRAGEDY AND TRIUMPH

SIGNATURE WIN: Former Jackson State star golfer Tim O'Neal gets first PGA Tour Champions win after 50 starts.

VSU AD PEGGY DAVIS PASSES; SIAC, CIAA RACES ENTER FINAL STRETCH; MEAC RACE GETS STARTED

2024 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Johnson C. Smith	4	0	7	0	2	2
Virginia Union	4	0	5	2	2	2
Winston-Salem State	4	1	6	2	2	2
Virginia State	3	1	4	3	3	3
Livingstone	3	2	5	3	3	3
Shaw	2	3	4	4	4	4
Fayetteville State	1	2	2	3	3	3
Bowie State	2	4	1	2	2	2
Lincoln (PA)	1	3	1	6	6	6
Elizabeth City State	0	4	2	5	5	5
Bluefield State	0	4	1	6	6	6

BCSP/CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OL - Bruno Onwuozor, Jr., VSU
QB - Mark Wright, Sr., VUU - 10-15-0, 210 yards, 4 TDs (43, 31, 47, 21) in win over Lincoln Pa.
OB - Jada Byers, Sr., VUU - 18 carries, 216 yards (12.0 ypc), 2 TDs (7, 45) in win vs. Lincoln.
WR - Brevin Caldwell, Jr., JCSU - 15 receptions, 182 yards (12.1 ypc), 1 TD (12) in win vs. Shaw.
Reginald Vick Jr., Jr., VUU - 4 catches, 108 yards, 3 TDs (43, 31, 27) in win vs. Lincoln.
DB - LaVonte Gater, Gr. VSU - 4 tackles, 2 solos, 2 interceptions, 25 return yards in win over ECSU.
LB - Benari Black, Sr., JCSU - 15 tackles, 8 solos in win over Shaw.
DL - Jayshaun Alston, Jr., Edge, VSU - 7 tackles, 6 solos, 4.0 sacks (-19 yds.) in win vs. Lincoln.

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	4	2	2	2
Howard	0	0	3	4	4	4
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
Elnaj Carter, Sr., WR, SCSU - 2 receptions, 82 yards, 2 TDs (43, 39) yards in win vs. FVSV.
DEFENSE
Ka'Von Chisholm, Fr., DL, SCSU - 5 solo tackles, 2 sacks for -22 yards in win over Fort Valley State.
ROOKIE
Kyle Gallegos, Fr., PK, SCSU - 25-yard field goal and 3-of-3 PAT kicks vs. FVSV.
SPECIALIST
Dyson Roberts, Sr., P, SCSU - 7 punts for 307 yards, 43.9-yard average, two downed inside the 20 with a long unt of 67 yards in win vs. FVSV.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Miles	5	0	5	2	2	2
Fort Valley State	4	1	4	3	3	3
Albany State	4	1	4	3	3	3
Tuskegee	4	1	4	3	3	3
Clark Atlanta	4	2	4	2-1	2-1	2-1
Savannah State	3	2	4	3	3	3
Benedict	3	2	3	4	4	4
Kentucky State	2	4	2	6	6	6
Lane	2	4	2	5	5	5
Central State	1	3	1	4	4	4
Edward Waters	1	4	1	6	6	6
Morehouse	1	4	1	6	6	6
Allen	0	5	1	6	6	6

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE **Ishaiah Knowles, R-SO, QB, ALB** - 17-27-0, 289 yards, 6 TDs vs. Morehouse.
DEFENSE **Ty'Metrious Patterson, Sr., LB, BEN** - 13t, 9s, 5.5 TFL, 1.0 sacks (-2) in win vs. Allen.
NEWCOMER **Raequan Beal, Jr., QB, TUSK** - 11-18-0, 253 yards, 2 TDs (63, 23) in win vs. Kentucky State.
SPECIAL TEAMS **Logan Ryans, So., PK, TUSK** - 43-yard FG and 5 of 5 on PAT kicks in win vs. KSU.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	DIV			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
EAST DIVISION						
Jackson State	3	0	5	2	2	2
Alabama State	2	1	3	3	3	3
Florida A&M	1	1	3	3	3	3
Alabama A&M	1	1	3	3	3	3
Bethune-Cookman	1	2	1	6	6	6
Miss. Valley State	0	3	0	7	7	7
WEST DIVISION						
Southern	3	0	4	3	3	3
Alcorn State	3	1	4	4	4	4
Grambling State	1	2	4	3	3	3
Texas Southern	1	2	2	4	4	4
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1	2	2	5	5	5
Prairie View A&M	1	3	2	5	5	5

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE **Irv Mulligan, Sr., RB, JSU** - 18 carries, 139 yards, 1 TD (54) vs. FAMU.
Kendric Rhymes, Sr., RB, SOU - 17 carries, 133 yards, 1 TD (51) in win vs. Alcorn State.
DEFENSE **Andrew Jones, R-Jr., LB, GSU** - 12 tackles, 7 solos, 4.5 TFL, 5 sacks vs. UAPB.
SPECIALIST **Johnny Schifano, GSU** - 6 punts, 42.0-yd. avg., long of 60 yds. vs. UAPB.
NEWCOMER
Dennis Palmer, Fr., RB, B-CU - 27 carries for 126 yards in win vs. MVSV.

INDEPENDENTS

	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Texas College	2	2	4	2	2	4
Florida Memorial	2	1	3	2-1	2-1	2-1
Va.-Lynchburg	0	0	0	6	6	6
CAA						
Hampton	1	2	4	3	3	3
NC A&T State	0	3	1	6	6	6
OHIO VALLEY						
Tennessee State	3	1	6	2	2	2
MIAA						
Lincoln (Mo.)	0	5	1	6	6	6
MOUNTAIN EAST						
W. Va. State	4	1	5	2	2	2
SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference)						
Langston	4	1	4	2	2	2

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Terrence Bardell, Jr., QB, LANG - 18-28-0, 316 yards, 5 TDs (29, 19, 12, 36, 43) in win vs. North American.
DEFENSE
LucRichard Rameau, Jr., LB, WVSVU - Led WVSVU with 12 tackles, 8 solos, 3.0 TFL (-5 yards) in loss vs. Wheeling.

SCORES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19	
Albany State 52, Morehouse 6	Miles 49, Clark Atlanta 28
Benedict 34, Allen 27, OT	Savannah State 27, Edward Waters 20
Bethune-Cookman 20, Miss. Valley State 10	S. C. State 30, Fort Valley State 3
Bowie State 54, Bluefield State 0	Southern 24, Alcorn State 14
Florida Memorial 50, Webber Int'l 27	Tennessee State 27, Howard 14
Grambling State 31, Ark.-Pine Bluff 21	Texas College 40, La. Christian 34
Hampton 59, North Carolina A&T 17	Tuskegee 38, Kentucky State 24
Jackson State 35, Florida A&M 21	Upper Iowa 31, Lincoln MO 3
Johnson C. Smith 21, Shaw 14	Virginia State 36, Eliz. City State 7
Lane 27, Central State 24	Virginia Union 63, Lincoln (PA) 12
Langston 48, North American 2	Wheeling 35, West Virginia State 33
	Winston-Salem State 31, Livingstone 17

The heat turns up across league races

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

The October homecoming vibe continues this week with 13 of the classic football match ups on the menu.

Several of those games have the added intrigue of being key to how the conference races will play out.

MEAC

No conference has more of these doubly consequential games than the three contests Saturday that officially kick off the six-team **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** race.

After only one conference game was contested in the first seven weeks of the season, all games from now thru the Nov. 23 end of the regular season will be between league foes.

This Saturday, 2023 champion **Howard** (3-4) is at homecoming (2 p.m., ESPN+) at **Norfolk State** (2-6, 0-1 MEAC). Conference favorite **North Carolina Central** (5-2, 1-0), the only team with a conference win, has **Morgan State** (3-4) in for homecoming (3 p.m., ESPN+) and **Delaware State** (1-6) is at homecoming (3:30 p.m., ESPN+) at **South Carolina State** (4-2).

With the seeming competitive balance in the league, the MEAC race will likely go down to the final week of the regular season. As it stands now, NC Central's 37-10 win over Norfolk State on Sept. 28 in Indianapolis's *Circle City Classic* is the only salvo registered so far.

Let the games begin!

CIAA

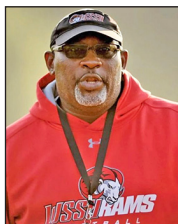
Though undefeated **Johnson C. Smith** (7-0, 4-0 CIAA) is setting the pace in the CIAA, the race is far from over. After this week, there will be just two more games to determine the top two teams that will face off in the Nov. 16 Championship Game in Salem, Va.,

The top match up in the CIAA is in Winston-Salem, N.C. where the resurgent **Winston-Salem State Rams** under head coach **Robert Massey**, at 6-2 overall and 4-1 in league play, take on surprising head coach **Maurice Flowers** and the **JCSU Golden Bulls**. The 1 p.m. game will be carried live on *TheGrio*.

WSSU has dominated games vs. JCSU



INTRIGUING MATCH UP IN CIAA



THE BIG QUESTION?: Can head coach Maurice Flowers (l.) lead undefeated J. C. Smith to a win over Robert Massey's (r.) Winston-Salem State Rams in Winston-Salem for the first time in 48 years?

recently, winning 13 of the last 14 contests. The lone win for JCSU came last season in a 35-31 home win in Charlotte, N. C. The last time the Golden Bulls beat the Rams in Winston-Salem was in 1976. This should be a good one!

Virginia Union lost to J. C. Smith back on Sept. 21, 21-16, but the loss did not count on the Panthers' conference ledger. That leaves VUU (5-2) with an unblemished 4-0 mark in league play, right in step with JCSU. The Panthers are (1 p.m. *BSU Stream*) at **Bowie State** (2-4, 1-2).

Virginia State (4-3), still in contention at 3-1 in CIAA play, is at **Bluefield State** (1-6, 0-4) at 6 p.m.

SWAC

Jackson State knocked off **Florida A&M** (35-21) last week to take the SWAC East lead and **Southern** downed **Alcorn State** (24-14) to grab first place in the West.

JSU (5-2, 3-0 E) is at homecoming (3 p.m., *HBCUGo*) at **Bethune-Cookman** (1-6, 1-2 E) while Southern (4-3, 3-0 W) travels to Tallahassee, FL, (7 p.m., ESPN+) to face FAMU (3-3, 1-1 E). Alcorn State (4-4, 3-1 W) has a bye week.

Alabama A&M (3-3, 1-1 E) and **Alabama State** (3-3, 2-1 E), both with one conference loss, tangle in Birmingham's *Magic City Classic* (2:30 p.m., ESPN+). **Grambling State** (4-3, 1-2 W) and **Texas Southern** (2-4, 1-2 W) have basically a West Division elimination game in Houston (2 p.m.).

SIAC

Miles made another strong case for SIAC supremacy with a 49-28 win at **Clark Atlanta's** homecoming Saturday. The Golden Bears (5-2,

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Allen at Kentucky State in Frankfort, KY	1p
Lincoln (MO) at Missouri S&T in Rolle, MO	1p
Edward Waters at Albany State in Albany, GA	2p
Grambling State at Texas Southern in Houston, TX	2p
Langston at Arkansas-Baptist in Langston, OK	2p
Oklahoma Panhandle State at Texas College in Tyler, TX	2p
W. Va. State at UNC-Pembroke in Pembroke, NC	4p

STREAMING / TV GAMES

J. C. Smith at Winston-Salem State in W-S, NC - <i>TheGrio</i>	1p
Tuskegee at Central State in Wilberforce, OH - <i>GTSN</i>	1p
Virginia Union at Bowie State in Bowie, MD - <i>BSU Stream</i>	1p
N. C. A&T at Campbell in Buies Creek, NC - <i>FloFootball</i>	4p
Virginia State at Bluefield State in Bluefield, WV - <i>BLST Stream</i>	6p
Southern at Florida A&M in Tallahassee, FL - <i>ESPN+</i>	7p

HOMECOMINGS

Ave Maria at Florida Memorial in Winter Gardens, FL	1p
Lincoln (PA) at Elizabeth City State in Eliz. City, NC - <i>CIAASN</i>	1p
Elon at Hampton in Hampton, VA - <i>FloFootball</i>	2p
Fort Valley State at Morehouse in Atlanta, GA - <i>ESPN+</i>	2p
Howard at Norfolk State in Norfolk VA - <i>ESPN+</i>	2p
Miles at Benedict in Columbia, SC	2p
Miss. Valley St. at Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Pine Bluff, AK	2p
Texas A&M-Comm. at Prairie View A&M in PV, TX - <i>ESPN+</i>	2p
Shaw at Fayetteville State in Fayetteville, NC	2:30p
Jackson State at Bethune-Cookman in Daytona Beach, FL - <i>HBCUGo</i>	3p
Lane at Savannah State in Savannah, GA - <i>ESPN+</i>	3p
Morgan State at N. C. Central in Durham, NC - <i>ESPN+</i>	3p
Delaware State at S. Carolina State in O'burg, SC - <i>ESPN+</i>	3:30p

CLASSICS

Alabama State vs. Alabama A&M in B'ham, AL - <i>ESPNU</i>	2:30p
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5-0 SIAC) begin their three-week march to end the season at two-time defending league champion **Benedict** (3-4, 3-2) and their new head coach **Ron Dickerson Jr.** at the Tigers' homecoming (2 p.m.).

Albany State, Fort Valley State and Tuskegee are all 4-3 overall, 4-1 in the SIAC behind Miles heading into the week.

Albany State is hosting (2 p.m.) **Edward Waters** (1-6, 1-4), Fort Valley State is at homecoming (2 p.m., ESPN+) at **Morehouse** (1-6, 1-4) and Tuskegee is at **Central State** (1-4, 1-3).

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

VIRGINIA STATE AD PEGGY DAVIS PASSES:

The Associate Vice President for Athletics at **Virginia State**, **Peggy Davis**, passed suddenly last Wednesday.

In a letter addressed to the public and to the Trojan family, VSU President **Dr. Makola M. Abdullah** began with the following statement:



Davis

"It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Virginia State University Associate Vice President for Athletics, Mrs. Peggy Davis. Mrs. Davis passed away early this morning. For more than 27 years, she has been an integral leader of our Athletics Department, leading with exceptional dedication and compassion for our student-athletes. Words cannot fully capture what Mrs. Davis meant to Virginia State University. She was a beacon of hope, an inspiring leader, and a champion for our student-athletes, always working to ensure their success in the classroom, in their athletic pursuits, and after graduation. Her unwavering dedication to the mission of our University, her extraordinary achievements, and her selflessness in always putting others first will never be forgotten. Mrs. Davis was one of the most highly respected professionals of her time and was held in the highest esteem on a local, regional, and national level."

Davis came to VSU in 1997 to be the head coach of the women's basketball team after leading women's programs at Angelo (Tx.) State and at her alma mater, Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. In 2004, she was named VSU's athletics director. In her 20 years at the helm of the VSU program she was named **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Athletic Director** of the Year seven times.

VSU earned 20 NCAA Division II tournament appearances, 26 CIAA Championship titles, 20 CIAA Divisional titles, and 44 Coach of the Year honors with Davis as its leader. She also oversaw the development and 2016 opening of the \$84 million VSU Multi-Purpose Center on campus.

She also served as interim commissioner of the CIAA after the resignation of **Leon Kerry**. She was the first woman to ever lead the 12-member conference.

TIM O'NEAL WINS ON CHAMPIONS TOUR:

Former **Jackson State** golfer **Tim O'Neal**, 52, earned the biggest victory of his career Sunday, winning the 2024 Dominion Energy Charity Classic on the PGA Tour Champions in his 50th start on the circuit.

O'Neal, a Savannah, Ga. native who has won on mini tours around the world but never in a major PGA event, closed with a final round 7-under 65 to win by two shots. With the win, O'Neal pocketed \$350,000, almost as much as the \$379,865 he had made thru 23 events this season.

The Dominion Energy Classic is the first leg of the three-event Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs. Only the top 54 golfers advance to Round 2. O'Neal's win catapulted him to 13th.

He advances to the Simmons Bank Championship in Little Rock, Arkansas on October 25-27.

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) **NC CENTRAL** (5-2) Bye week. NEXT: Morgan State for homecoming.
- 2) **HAMPTON** (4-3) Humbled Aggies at NC A&