

TRAGEDY **AND** TRIUMPH

PGA Tour Champions Photo 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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 Albany State 52, Morehouse 6 Benedict 34, Allen 27, OT Bethune-Cookman 20, Miss. Valley State 10 Bowie State 54. Bluefield State 0 Florida Memorial 50. Webber Int'll 27 Grambling State 31, Ark.-Pine Bluff 21 Hampton 59. North Carolina A&T 17 Jackson State 35, Florida A&M 21 Johnson C. Smith 21, Shaw 14 Lane 27, Central State 24 Langston 48, North American 2

Miles 49, Clark Atlanta 28 Wheeling 35, West Virginia State 33 Winston-Salem State 31, Livingstone 17

SCORES

Savannah State 27, Edward Waters 20 S. C. State 30, Fort Valley State 3 Southern 24. Alcorn State 14 Tennessee State 27, Howard 14 Texas College 40, La. Christian 34 Tuskegee 38, Kentucky State 24 Upper Iowa 31. Lincoln MO 3 Virginia State 36, Eliz. City State 7 Virginia Union 63, Lincoln (PA) 12

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



Davis

State, Peggy Davis, passed suddenly last

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

"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

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&T's homecoming, 59-17. NEXT: Elon in for homecomning.
- 3) JACKSON STATE (5-2) Beat Florida A&M, 35-21 to take over SWAC East S lead. NEXT: At Bethune-Cookman.
- 4) FLORIDA A&M (3-3) Fell to Jackson State 35-21. NEXT: Hosting Southern. T4) MORGAN STATE (3-4) - Bye week. NEXT: At N. C. Central's homecoming. 5) SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (4-2) Dusted Fort Valley State, 30-3. NEXT: Delaware State in for homecoming.
- T5) SOUTHERN (4-3) Beat Alcorn State 24-14 to take SWAC West lead. 0

NEXT: At Florida A&M. BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE 1) J. C. SMITH (7-0) Stayed undefeated with 21-14 win at homecoming over

- Shaw. NEXT: At Winston-Salem State. 2) VIRGINIA UNION (5-2) Easily trounced Lincoln PA, 63-12. NEXT: At Bowie
- 3) MILES (5-2) Won at Clark Atlanta's Homecoming, 49-28 to stay atop SIAC race. NEXT: At Benedict's Homecoming.
- 4) WINSTON-SALEM STATE (6-2) Won at Livingstone's homecoming, 31-17. NEXT: Hosting undefeated J. C. Smith.
- 5) VIRGINIA STATE (4-3) Got 36-7 win over Elizabeth City State. NEXT: At
- Bluefield State.

2024 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

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

BCSP/CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OL - Bruno Onwuazor, 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

DL - Jayshaun Alston, Jr., Edge, VSU - 7 tackles, 6 solos, 4.0 sacks (-19 yds.) in win vs. Lincoln.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CON	F /	ALL	
	W	L	W	L
North Carolina Central	1	0	5	2
SC State	0	0	4	2
Howard	0	0	3	4
Morgan State	0	0	3	4
Delaware State	0	0	1	6
Norfolk State	0	1	2	6

MEAC/BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Elnaj Carter, Sr., WR, SCSU - 2 receptions, 82 yards, 2 TDs (43, 39) yards in win vs. FVSU. 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. FVSU. **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

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE | SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CON	IF.	ALL	_	
	W	L	W	L	
Miles	5	0	5	2	
Fort Valley State	4	1	4	3	
Albany State	4	1	4	3	
Tuskegee	4	1	4	3	
Clark Atlanta	4	2	4	2-1	
Savannah State	3	2	4	3	
Benedict	3	2	3	4	
Kentucky State	2	4	2	6	
Lane	2	4	2	5	
Central State	1	3	1	4	
Edward Waters	1	4	1	6	
Morehouse	1	4	1	6	

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE Isaiah 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.

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NEWCOMER Raequan Beal, Jr., QB, TUSK - 11-18-0, 253 yards, 2 TDs (63, 23) in win vs.

SPECIAL TEAMS Lorcan Ryans, So., PK, TUSK - 43-yard FG and 5 of 5 on PAT kicks

INDEPENDENTS

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	CON	NF I	ALI W	-	EAST DIVISION	W	L	W	-
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te	4	1	4	3	Alabama State	2	1	3	(
ıc	4	1	4	3	Florida A&M	1	1	3	;
	4	1	4	3	Alabama A&M	1	1	3	(
	4	2	4	2-1	Bethune-Cookmar	n 1	2	1	(
e	3	2	4	3	Miss. Valley State	0	3	0	
C	3	2	3	4	WEST DIVISION				
	2	4	2	6	Southern	3	0	4	;
7	2	4	2	5	Alcorn State	3	1	4	4
	1	3	1	4	Grambling State	1	2	4	;
or	. 1	J	1	6	Texas Southern	1	2	2	-
ers	5 I	4	1	6	Arkansas-Pine Blu	iff 1	2	2	į
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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 sack vs. UAPB SPECIALIST Johnny Schifano, GSU - 6 $punts, 42.0\text{-}yd.\,avg., long\,of\,60\,yds., vs.\,UAPB.$ NEWCOMER

Dennis Palmer., Fr., RB, B-CU - 27 carries for 126 yards in win vs. MVSU

Texas College Florida Memorial Va.-Lynchburg CAA Hampton NC A&T State 3 1 Lincoln (Mo.) 0 5 1 6 MOUNTAIN EAST W. Va. State SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference)

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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, WVSU- LedWVSU with 12 tackles, 8 solos, 3.0 TFL (-5 yards) in loss vs. Wheeling.

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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

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*.



INTRIGUING **MATCH UP IN CIAA**

THE BIG QUESTION?: Can head coach Maurice Flowers (I.) 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. BSUStream) 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

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., ESPNU). 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

WSSU has dominated games vs. JCSU homecoming Saturday. The Golden Bears (5-2, 1-4) and Tuskegee is at Central State (1-4, 1-3).

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

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

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

Alabama State vs. Alabama A&M in B'ham, AL - ESPNU 2:30p

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 Miles made another strong case for SIAC Waters (1-6, 1-4), Fort Valley State is at supremacy with a 49-28 win at Clark Atlanta's homecoming (2 p.m., ESPN+) at Morehouse (1-6,

FROM HBCU GAMES OF OCTOBER 19, 2024 **TOP PERFORMANCES** TOP NUMBERS IN BOLD

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TDs (YDS)

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Amam Cilmore, TEXC	25-33-2	707	+ (21, 00, 13, 34)
Denim Johnson, KSU	28 -40-0	361	1 (23)
Terrence Bardell, LANG	18-28-0	316	5 (29, 19, 12, 36, 43)
David Wright III, CLATL	24-40-2	308	3 (38, 31, 23)
Isaiah Knowles, ALB	17-27-0	289	6 (3, 7, 42, 67, 10, 25)
Draylen Ellis, TNST	19-30-0	289	0
Isaiah Bess, WVSU	15-30- 3	271	2 (39, 75)
Darius Ocean, JCSU	24-31-0	265	3 (23, 8, 12)
Jhaydon Sullivan, SAVST	14-18-0	256	4 (15, 7, 63, 19)
Raequan Beal, TUSK	11-18-0	253	2 (63, 23)
RUSHING	CAR	YDS	TDs (YDS)
Jada Byers, VUU	18	216	2 (7, 45)
Justin Pessoa, WVSU	21	165	1 (39)
Jimmyl Williams, VSU	18	164	2 (45, 47)
Kentrelle Williams, EWU	18	146	1 (15)
Irv Mulligan, JSU	18	139	1 (54)
Kendric Rhymes, SOU	17	133	1 (51)
Marshall Brandon, FVSU	27	132	0
Dennis Palmer, B-CU	27	131	0
Jarett Hunter, HOW	15	102	1 (9)
Walter Wilbon, FLAMEM	15	102	1 (25)
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TDs
Brevin Caldwell, JCSU	15	182	1 (12)
Delontay Hill, TEXC	5	157	1 (94)
Karate Brenson, TNST	5	153	0
Javion Jackson, ALB	7	149	4 (7, 42, 67, 10)
Tyre Lindsey, TEXC	5	149	1 (88)
Kale Anderson, KSU	6	144	1 (27)
Ivory Wright, LANG	6	128	2 (36, 40)
Quavo Beckford, TUSK	3	125	2 (63, 23)
Carl Pitts, LANE	2	125	1 (64)

TACKLES

PASSING

Amani Gilmore, TEXC

Dylan Dubois, TEXC; 17

Devontay DeLoatch, LIV

Benari Black, JCSU; Zion Long, TEXC;

14 Terrance McPherson Jr., LIV; Stemarion Edwards, ALC; Jalil Lenore, CSU;

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Jayshaun Alston, VSU;

2.5 Drewvon Oxandine, ECSU; Chaz Hunter, CSU; Keith Green, MILES; Matthew Scarlett, VSU; Malik Moore, TUSK; Aaron Miller, BEN; Kavon Chisholm, SCSU; Osmanis Aguilera, LIV;

INTERCEPTIONS 2

LaVonte Gater, VSU;



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GO ON & FLEX!! Los Angeles Rams third-year defensive back COBIE DURANT (#14, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE) had plenty to flex about as he does here during his team's 20-15 win over Las Vegas Sunday. Durant forced two turnovers, grabbing an interception and forcing a strip sack that led to a Rams' touchdown in the win.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of October 17-21, 2024

DEFENSE - #14 COBIE DURANT, DB, Los Angeles Rams (3rd season, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE) - In the Rams' 20-15 win over the Las Vegas Raiders,

Durant was credited with two solo tackles,

including one strip sack of Vegas QB Gardner Minshew for -11 yards that was returned 33 yards by safety Kam Curl for a touchdown, and two passes defended including an interception. Durant played 44 defensive snaps (56%) and two on special teams (7%).



OFFENSE

- #31 EMANUEL WILSON, RB, Green Bay (2nd season, FORT VALLEY STATE) - In 24-22 win over Houston. Wilson had five carries for 11 yards but was not targeted as a receiver. He was in on 12 offensive plays (21%).

SPECIAL TEAMS - #29 **BRANDON CODRINGTON**, CB/KR, Buffalo (Rookie, NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL) - In Buffalo's 34-10 win over Tennessee, Codrington had one solo tackle on defense, five punt returns for 56 yards (11.2 yards per return) with a long run

of 14 yards and one kickoff return for 27 yards. He was in for three plays on defense (4%) and eight on special teams (29%)