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OCTOBER SURPRISES

LEADERS TANGLE IN CIAA, SWAC FOOTBALL; CIAA, MEAC HOLD BASKETBALL MEDIA EVENTS

ROBERT MASSEY: His Winston-Salem State Rams look to solidify their contender status facing Virginia Union in Richmond, VA.

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL
	W	L	W	L
Johnson C. Smith	2	0	4	1
Winston-Salem State	2	0	4	1
Virginia Union	1	0	2	2
Virginia State	1	0	2	2
Livingstone	1	1	3	2
Shaw	1	1	3	2
Fayetteville State	1	1	2	2
Elizabeth City State	0	1	2	2
Bluefield State	0	1	1	3
Bowie State	0	1	1	3
Lincoln (PA)	0	2	0	4

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OL - Justin Royes, So., VUU - 245 yards, 4 TDs (63, 4, 15, 12) vs. NSU.
QB - Mark Wright, Sr., VUU - 19-21-0 passing for 277 yards, 4 TDs in win vs. Shaw.
OB - Jada Byers, Sr., VUU - 20 carries, 173 yards, 53-yard TD run vs. Shaw.
WR - Kevin Gayles, Jr., VSU - 3 receptions, 149 yds, 3 TDs (18, 63, 68) in win vs. FSU.
DB - Dante Bowlding, Gr., WSSU - 9 tackles, 7 solos, 1 interception vs. BSU.
LB - K. J. McNeil, So., VSU - 8 tackles, 1.5 TFL (-14), 1 interception in win over FSU.
DL - Malik Head, Gr., FSU - 7 tackles, 2 solos, 2 TFL, 5 sack vs. VSU.
SPECIAL TEAMS - Jason Zapata, So., PK, L/V - 3 of 3 FGs difference in Bears' win vs. Lincoln.
ROOKIE - Marquis Edmond, R-Fr., LB, VSU - 8 tackles, 3 passes defended vs. FSU.

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL
	W	L	W	L
North Carolina Central	1	0	3	2
SC State	0	0	2	2
Howard	0	0	2	3
Morgan State	0	0	2	3
Delaware State	0	0	1	4
Norfolk State	0	1	2	4

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Walker Harris, R-Jr., QB, NCCU - 19-25-0, 245 yards, 4 TDs (63, 4, 15, 12) vs. NSU.
Eric Phoenix, Gr., QB, SCSU - 22-33-2, 367 yards, 3 TDs (33, 15, 41) in win vs. NCA&T.
DEFENSE
Aaron Smith, Gr., LB, SCSU - 10 tackles, 7 solos, 1 break-up in win vs. NCA&T.
ROOKIE
Kyle Gallegos, R-Fr., PK, SCSU - 6 of 6 PAT kicks, 42-yard FG in win over NCA&T. (-14), 1 interception in win over FSU.
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
Nick Taiste, Sr., OL, SCSU - 91% grade, 4 pancakes vs. A&T.
SPECIALIST
Juan Verlade, Sr., PK, NCCU - 3 PAT kicks, 23-yard FG vs. NSU.

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

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Isaiah Knowles, Jr., QB, ALB - 21-25-0, 274 yards, 2 TDs (3, 38) in win over SSU.
DEFENSE
Eric Searcy, LB, CAU - 16 tackles, 3 solos, 1.5 TFL, 5 sack in win vs. Lane.
NEWCOMER
Dajon Richard, Gr., RB, ALB - 21 carries, 168 yards, 3 TDs (3, 7, 2) in win vs. SSU.
SPECIAL TEAMS
Jamal Jones, WR/KR, CAU - 84-yard kickoff return TD, 9 catches, 87 yards vs. Lane.

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

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Jacobian Morgan, Jr., QB, JSU - 13-22-0, 185 yds., 2 TDs, 10 car., 96 yards, 2 TDs vs. TSU.
Jacorian Sewell, R-Sr., RB, ALC - 12 carries, 164 yards, 55-yard TD in win vs. MVSU.
DEFENSE & NEWCOMER
Edwin Summerour, R-Sr., DB, ALC - 3 ints., 1 break-up, 4 tackles vs. MVSU.
SPECIALIST
Brandon Gilliam, PK, ALS - 4 of 5 FGs (49, 28, 37, 23), 2 of 2 PAT kicks in win vs. B-CU.

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Terrence Bardell, Jr., QB, LANG - 16-27-0, 213 yards, 3 TDs (30, 37, 25) vs. TC.
DEFENSE
Zion Long, R-Sr., DE, TXCOL - 13t, 9s, 4 TFL, 2.0 sacks (-15 yds.) vs. Langston.
SPECIAL TEAMS
Brennen Schmitt, Sr., PK, WVSU - 37- and 33-yard FGs and 6 of 6 on PATs in win over WVU.

SCORES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28		Princeton 30, Howard 13	
Alabama State 26, Bethune-Cookman 21	Albany State 49, Kentucky State 21	Saint Thomas 35, Florida Memorial 17	S. C. State 45, N. C. A&T 25
Alcorn State 42, Miss. Valley State 21	Benedict 21, Morehouse 5	Southwest Baptist 17, Lincoln (MO) 13	Stony Brook 22, Morgan State 3
Butler 63, Virginia Lynchburg 0	Campbell 44, Delaware State 41	Tennessee State 13, Ch'ston Southern 9	Virginia State 35, Fayetteville State 18
Clark Atlanta 38, Lane 28	Jackson State 43, Texas Southern 14	J. C. Smith 42, Bluefield State 3	Langston 35, Texas College 25
Livingstone 15, Lincoln 14	Miles 33, Allen 13	N. C. Central 37, Norfolk State 10	Prairie View 36, Grambling State 34, 50Ts
		W. Va. State 48, W. Va. Wesleyan 22	William & Mary 49, Hampton 7
		Winston-Salem State 28, Bowie State 14	Fort Valley State 30, Savannah State 0
		Tuskegee 27, Edward Waters 13	Alabama A&M at Florida A&M - Ppd. to 11/29

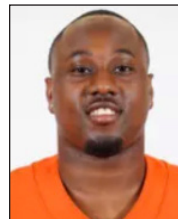
Salvos continue into October

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As the 2024 football season heads into October, there are plenty of headlines. Some new blood is making the CIAA race very interesting. The same can be said for the SIAC. The SWAC is a week away from all-out war though the skirmishes begin with three key games this weekend. There was an opening salvo in the MEAC but that league is still weeks away from getting down to its business.



SWAC SHOWDOWN



TOP SWAC MATCH UP: 2023 champion Florida A&M meets 2024 preseason favorite Alabama State at ASU's homecoming Saturday. ASU has turned to freshman Zach Sims (l.) at QB while FAMU features grad senior Daniel Richardson (r.)

GAMES THIS WEEK	
Albany State at Allen in Columbia, SC	1p
West Virginia State at Fairmont State in Fairmont, WV	1p
Winston-Salem State at Virginia Union in Richmond, VA	1p
N. C. A&T at Richmond in Richmond, VA	2p
Rhode Island at Hampton in Hampton, VA	2p
Savannah State at Clark Atlanta in Atlanta, GA	2p
North Greenville at Benedict in Columbia, SC	3p
Elizabeth City State at Livingstone in Salisbury, NC	4p
N. C. Central at Campbell in Buies Creek, NC	4p
Florida Memorial at Warner in Lake Wales, FL	6p
Nelson at Langston in Langston, OK	6p
Nicholls at Southern in Baton Rouge, LA	6p
STREAMING / TV GAMES	
Bluefield State at Shaw in Durham, NC - CIAASN	1p
Norfolk State at Sacred Heart in Fairfield, CN - ESPN+	1p
Tennessee State at Lindenwood in St. Charles, MO - ESPN+	1p
S. C. State at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, TN - ESPN+	1:30p
Bowie State at Fayetteville State in Fayetteville, NC - HBCUGo	2p
Virginia State at J. C. Smith in Charlotte, VA - CIAASN	2p
Edward Waters at Fort Valley State in Fort Vally, GA - ESPN+	4p
Prairie View A&M at Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX - ESPN+	6p
HOMECOMINGS	
Lincoln (PA) at Morgan State in Baltimore, MD - ESPN+	1p
Saint Francis at Delaware State in Dover, DE - ESPN+	1p
Florida A&M at Alabama State in Montgomery, AL - ESPN+	2p
Lane at Kentucky State in Frankfort, KY	2p
Lincoln (CA) at Lincoln (MO) in Jefferson City, MO	2p
Virginia-Lynchburg at Texas Southern in Houston, TX	2p
Central State at Miles in Fairfield, AL	5p
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Alcorn State in Lorman, MS	6p
CLASSICS	
Morehouse-Skeegge Classic	
Morehouse vs. Tuskegee in Columbus, GA	2p
Gulf Coast Challenge	
Alabama A&M vs. Jackson State in Mobile, AL - ESPN+	4p

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

2024-25 CIAA BASKETBALL TIPOFF:

CHARLOTTE, NC (Sept. 18, 2024) - The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) will tip off its 2024-25 basketball season with its annual Basketball Media Day on Monday, October 7th at the Under Armour Campus in Baltimore, Maryland.

All the CIAA men's and women's head basketball coaches and select players will be in Baltimore which is also the site of the 2025 CIAA Men's and Women's Basketball Championship Tournament.

The upcoming tournament marks a huge milestone for the women's basketball tournament, as it will be the 50th tournament played with the first one dating back to 1975.

Each of the CIAA's 26 head basketball coaches and select players from each program will be interviewed by Stan Lewter and Thai Floyd, who will serve as co-hosts, as the coaches and student-athletes discuss their outlook on their respective programs and expectations for the upcoming season.

In addition to being in-person, the event will be streamed live on the CIAA Sports Network beginning at 10:00 a.m. with an opening from Floyd & Lewter and the release of the CIAA preseason basketball all-conference team along with the predicted order of finish for the 2024-25 season. That will be followed up by a 15-minute focus on each school and media availability starting at 10:30 a.m.

2024-25 MEAC BASKETBALL TIPOFF:

NORFOLK, VA - The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) will host the 2024 Men's and Women's Basketball Media Day presented by Coca-Cola on Tuesday, October 8, at the Waterside Marriott Hotel in Norfolk, Va.

The preseason Media Day events will feature back-to-back live shows on ESPN+ that highlight conference head coaches and two student-athletes from each team.

The MEAC Women's Basketball Media Day presented by Coca-Cola will begin with a live ESPN+ show at 10:00 a.m. ET with the announcement of the 2024-25 women's preseason predictions and All-MEAC teams, including the Preseason Player of the Year.

The MEAC Men's Basketball Media Day presented by Coca-Cola will begin after the women's show at 12:00 noon, and will also highlight preseason conference accolades. The 2025 MEAC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament is slated for March 12-15, at Norfolk Scope Arena in Virginia.

Undefeated **Johnson C. Smith** (5-0, 2-0) and once-beaten **Winston-Salem State** (4-1, 2-0) are the interlopers currently atop the CIAA race. WSSU was last a conference champion in 2016. For JCSU, undefeated at 5-0 for the first time since 1969, it's been 55 years - back to 1969 - since the Golden Bulls took the title.

Two weeks ago, both pulled off stunners as JCSU knocked off 2023 champion **Virginia Union** (21-16) in Charlotte and WSSU went into 2024 preseason favorite **Virginia State** and got a last-second 15-14 win. Problem is, neither of the wins, or losses, counted on the conference's quirky seven-game league ledger.

Every CIAA game, beginning this week, will count as conference games in the league's new non-divisional race. That includes another showdown of the conference leaders.

WSSU, coming off a 28-14 takedown of **Bowie State**, travels to Richmond Saturday (1 p.m.) to take on VUU (2-2, 1-0), after its 42-7 shellacking of **Shaw** Saturday.

JCSU, after whipping **Bluefield State** 42-3, is hosting VSU (2-2, 1-0) in Charlotte, NC (2 p.m., CIAASN) after the Trojans' convincing 35-18 win over **Fayetteville State**.

Undefeated **Clark Atlanta** (4-0-1, 3-0 SIAC) is still the talk of the SIAC. The last time the Panthers' name appears in SIAC championship history is in a five-way tie with four others for the crown in 1991.

New head coach **David Keaton** and new

quarterback, league passing leader **David Wright III** (1,311 passing yards, 14 TDs, 3 ints.), appear ready to make new history. The Panthers host **Savannah State** (1-3, 1-2) Saturday in Atlanta (2 p.m.).

CAU is being chased by preseason favorite **Albany State** (2-2, 2-0) and **Miles** (2-2, 2-0). Albany State has a 1 p.m. date at **Allen** (1-3, 0-2) and Miles is hosting **Central State** (1-3, 1-1) at 5 p.m for homecoming.

Hurricane Helene caused the postponement of Saturday's **Alabama A&M** at **Florida A&M** game that has been pushed to the back of the schedule on Nov. 29. This week three SWAC games highlight the schedule.

The game to watch has 2023 champion FAMU (2-2) opening defense of its title at homecoming at preseason conference favorite **Alabama State** (2-2, 1-0) (2 p.m., ESPN+). ASU has had to turn to freshman QB **Zach Sims** while FAMU features vet **Daniel Richardson**.

Preseason West Division favorite **Alcorn State** (2-3, 1-0 W) has its homecoming (6 p.m.) vs. **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (1-3, 0-1 W). **Jackson State** (3-2, 1-0 E) meets **Alabama A&M** (2-2, 0-0 E) for the Bulldogs' conference opener in Mobile (AL) at the **Gulf Coast Challenge** (4 p.m., ESPN+).

Preseason favorite **N. C. Central** opened conference play with a convincing 37-10 win

TOP PERFORMANCES

PASSING	FROM HBCU GAMES OF SEPT. 28 - 29, 2024			
	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TDs (YDS)	TOP NUMBERS IN BOLD
Eric Phoenix, SCSU	22-33-2	367	3 (33, 15, 41)	
Kelvin Durham, FVSU	20-26-0	295	1 (15)	
Myles Crawley, GSU	29-48-2	286	2 (23, 12)	
David Buggs, FLMEM	12-31-2	283	1 (31)	
Isaiah Knowles, ALB	21-25-0	274	2 (3, 38)	
David Wright III, CLATL	24-43-1	268	2 (6, 15)	
Darius Ocean, JCSU	16-30-0	258	3 (27, 42, 7)	
Mark Wright, VUU	15-19-0	256	2 (52, 22)	
Marqui Adams, DELST	12-23-1	252	4 (60, 20, 4, 75)	
Walker Harris, NCCU	19-25-0	245	4 (63, 4, 15, 12)	
Romelo Williams, VSU	10-16-1	231	4 (18, 63, 68, 17)	
Terrence Bardell, LANG	16-27-0	213	3 (30, 37, 25)	
Justin Fomby, NCA&T	16-29-1	205	3 (26, 29, 9)	
Daylin Lee, WSSU	13-25-0	188	3 (52, 9, 27)	

RUSHING	FROM HBCU GAMES OF SEPT. 28 - 29, 2024			
	CAR	YDS	TDs (YDS)	TOP NUMBERS IN BOLD
Jaden Sutton, DELST	20	198	2 (62, 15)	
Jonero Scott, MILES	26	179	1 (20)	
Jada Byers, VUU	20	173	1 (53)	
Dajon Richard, ALB	21	168	3 (3, 7, 2)	
Jacorian Sewell, ALC	12	164	1 (55)	
Justin Pessoa, WVSU	17	133	1 (1)	
Kylan Duhe, LANE	22	128	2 (3, 32)	
Jamarie Hostzclaw, ALST	15	120	0	
Avante George, JCSU	19	116	1 (1)	
Jacobian Morgan, JSU	10	96	2 (2, 72)	

RECEIVING	FROM HBCU GAMES OF SEPT. 28 - 29, 2024			
	REC	YDS	TDs	TOP NUMBERS IN BOLD
Christian Edgerson, FLMEM	5	157	1 (31)	
Reginald Vick Jr., VUU	7	154	1 (22)	
Caden High, SCSU	8	152	1 (41)	
Kevin Gayles, VSU	3	149	3 (18, 63, 68)	
Terrell Hookfin, TEXCOL	10	127	1 (12)	
Markell Quick, NCCU	5	124	2 (63, 15)	