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## BATTLING TO THE WIRE

MILES IN, THREE BATTLE FOR FINAL SIAC SPOT; CIAA AT FINAL DAY WITH TITLE GAME SPOTS OPEN

**SAM SHADE:** His Miles Golden Bears are in and will host the Nov. 16 SIAC title game. Their opponent will be decided this weekend.

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					
	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Virginia Union	6	0	7	2	2	
Johnson C. Smith	5	1	8	1	1	
Virginia State	5	1	6	3		
Winston-Salem State	4	2	6	3		
Shaw	4	3	6	4		
Livingstone	3	3	5	4		
Fayetteville State	3	3	4	4		
Lincoln (PA)	2	4	2	7		
Bowie State	2	4	3	6		
Elizabeth City State	0	6	2	7		
Bluefield State	0	6	1	8		

**BCSP / CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OL - Jared Achuff, Sr., BSU**  
**QB - Mark Wright, Sr., VUU** - 11-15-0, 347 yds., 4 TDs (29, 41, 88, 90) in win over Bluefield State.  
**OB - Micah Robinson, Sr., BSU** - 22 carries, 171 yards, 3 TDs (16, 9, 32, 57) in win over ECSU.  
**WR - Reginald Vick Jr., Jr., VUU** - 6 receptions, 192 yards, 3 TDs (41, 90, 9) in win vs. Bluefield State.  
**LB - Benari Black, Sr., JCSU** - 16 tackles, 4 solos, 1 break-up in loss to FSU.  
**LB - K.J. McNeil, VSU** - 11 solos, 4 TFL (20), 2.0 sacks (-7), 1 fumble recovery vs. LINC.  
**DB - Jalen Mayo, VUU** - Two interceptions in win over Bluefield State.  
**SPECIAL TEAMS - John Hernandez-Vargas, So., PK, FSU** - 3 of 4 PAT kicks vs. JCSU.

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
South Carolina State	2	0	6	2		
North Carolina Central	2	1	6	3		
Howard	1	1	4	5		
Morgan State	1	1	4	5		
Norfolk State	1	2	3	7		
Delaware State	0	2	1	8		

**BCSP / MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE - Ja'Shawn Scroggins, R-So., QB, HOW** - 24-41-0, 304 yards, 4 TDs (26, 15, 5, 5), one rushing TD (12 yards) vs. DSU.  
**DEFENSE - Daylan Long, R-Jr., DB, NSU** - 4 tackles, 3 solos, 1 fumble recovery returned 27 yards for TD vs. MSU.  
**HOW - 2 ints. in win vs. DelState.**  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN - Cam Johnson, Sr., SCSU**  
**SPECIALIST - Jaydon Carter, R-Jr., DB, MSU** - Returned blocked field goal 77 yards for a TD in OT win vs. NSU.  
**NEWCOMER - Eric Phoenix, Sr., QB, SCSU** - 24-41-0, 304 yards, 4 TDs (26, 15, 5, 5) in win over NC Central.

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
^ Miles	7	0	7	2		
Fort Valley State	6	1	6	3		
Clark Atlanta	5	2	6	2-1		
Albany State	5	2	5	4		
Tuskegee	5	2	5	4		
Savannah State	4	3	5	4		
Lane	3	4	3	5		
Benedict	3	4	3	6		
Kentucky State	3	4	3	6		
Edward Waters	1	5	1	7		
Morehouse	1	5	1	8		
Central State	1	6	1	8		
Allen	1	6	1	8		

**BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE - Jhaydon Sullivan, Gr., QB, SSU** - 16-22-1, 261 yards, 2 TDs (13, 31) in win over Albany State.  
**DEFENSE & NEWCOMER - Lashon Young, Fr., DB, Miles** - Four solos, 1 int. returned 52 yards for a TD, 2 break-ups, in win vs. MHS.  
**SPECIAL TEAMS - Daniel Gibbs, Sr., PK, FVSU** - 46, 32- and 20-yard field goals, 5 of 5 PAT kicks, for 14 points in win vs. Benedict.  
 ^ Clinched title game berth

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	DIV			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>						
Jackson State	5	0	7	2		
Alabama State	4	1	5	3		
Florida A&M	3	1	5	3		
Bethune-Cookman	2	3	2	7		
Alabama A&M	1	3	3	5		
Miss. Valley State	0	5	0	9		
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>						
Southern	4	1	5	4		
Alcorn State	3	2	4	5		
Prairie View A&M	2	3	4	5		
Texas Southern	2	3	3	5		
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2	3	3	6		
Grambling State	1	4	4	5		

**BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE - Daniel Richardson, Gr., QB, FAMU** - 25-32-2, 267 yards, 5 TDs (1, 6, 17, 10, 22) vs. TSU.  
**DEFENSE - Shemar Hawkins, Jr., DB, JSU** - 8 solos, 2 sacks (-18) in win vs. UAPB.  
**SPECIALIST - Robert Lockhart, R-Fr., WR/KR, FAMU** - 3 KO returns, 91-yard return for a TD vs. TSU.  
**Chaunzavia Lewis, TSU** - 6 KO returns, 230 yards, 90-yard TD vs. FAMU.  
**NEWCOMER - Czavian Teasett, Fr., QB, SOU** - 24-37-0, 294 yards, 3 TDs in win over Alabama A&M.

INDEPENDENTS	CONF					
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Texas College	3	3	5	3		
Florida Memorial	4	1	5	2-1		
Va.-Lynchburg	0	0	2	6		
<b>CAA</b>						
Hampton	2	3	5	4		
NC A&T State	0	5	1	8		
<b>OHIO VALLEY</b>						
Tennessee State	3	2	6	3		
<b>MIAA</b>						
Lincoln (Mo.)	0	7	1	8		
<b>MOUNTAIN EAST</b>						
W. Va. State	5	2	6	3		
<b>SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference)</b>						
Langston	4	2	5	3		

**BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**OFFENSE - David Buggs, So., QB, FMU** - 18-26-0, 341 yards, 4 TDs (16, 63, 18, 49) in win vs. Thomas..  
**DEFENSE - Kade Moleodor, So., LB, NCA&T** - Led Aggies with 13 tackles, 7 solos in loss to W&M.  
**NEWCOMER - Shimmique Blizzard, So., RB, NCA&T** - 20 carries, 132 yards, 1 TD (4) vs. William & Mary.

## SCORES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31	Morgan State 38, Norfolk State 37, OT
S. C. State 24, North Carolina Central 21	Ottawa 42, Langston 32
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2	Prairie View A&M 17, Miss. Valley State 16
Alabama State 21, Alcorn State 17	Savannah State 28, Albany State 26
Allen 41, Central State 3 - NO STATS!	Shaw 24, Livingstone 17
Bethune-Cookman 24, Grambling State 21	Southern 25, Alabama A&M 20
Bowie State 48, Elizabeth City State 3	Texas Wesleyan 70, Texas College 7
Clark Atlanta 36, Tuskegee 28	Truman State 52, Lincoln (MO) 7
Fayetteville State 27, Johnson C. Smith 0	UT-Martin 28, Tennessee State 21
Florida A&M 52, Texas Southern 28	Villanova 20, Hampton 14
Florida Memorial 75, Thomas 21	Virginia State 55, Lincoln (PA) 0
Fort Valley State 44, Benedict 20	Virginia Union 91, Bluefield State 0
Howard 38, Delaware State 0	William & Mary 45, N. C. A&T 7
Jackson State 41, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 3	West Virginia State 38, Frostburg State 24
Miles 37, Morehouse 3	Edward Waters at Lane

# Title game spots come down to final day

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BCSP Editor

The last week of regular season play in the CIAA and SIAC is upon us and there are only a couple of things that are clear.

One is that Miles, at 7-2 overall, 7-0 in the SIAC, has clinched the top spot in the SIAC and is one of the teams to play in the Nov. 16 SIAC Championship game.

Additionally, head coach Sam Shade's Golden Bears will host the championship game at their home field - Sloan-Alumni Stadium in Fairfield, Alabama. Miles finishes out the regular season Saturday at homecoming (1 p.m., ESPN+) at Tuskegee (5-4 5-2).

Who Miles' opponent will be and which two teams will play in the Nov. 16 CIAA Championship Game in Salem, Virginia will be determined in this weekend's games.

### SIAC

Currently in the SIAC, Fort Valley State (6-3, 6-1 SIAC) is the only team with one conference loss and is in second place behind Miles. The Wildcats of head coach Shawn Gibbs can clinch the spot opposite the Golden Bears in the title game with a win Saturday vs. Albany State (5-4, 5-2).

Albany State and FVSU meet in Columbus, Ga. at their traditional season-ender, the Fountain City Classic at 2 p.m. (ESPN+).

A loss by FVSU however brings Albany State, Clark Atlanta and Tuskegee into the title-game picture.

Clark Atlanta (6-2-1, 5-2) closes Saturday (1 p.m.) at Atlanta neighbor Morehouse (1-8, 1-5. A CAU win against the Maroon Tigers coupled with an FVSU loss to Albany State gives the title game spot to the Panthers as they beat FVSU 45-42 to open the season. A win by CAU also eliminates Tuskegee as CAU beat Tuskegee 36-28 last week in Atlanta.

To earn the title game spot Albany State needs to beat FVSU, have Clark Atlanta lose to Morehouse and Tuskegee lose to Miles.

### CIAA

CIAA title game scenarios opened up when undefeated conference leader Johnson C. Smith was shockingly shut out at home 27-0 Saturday by



**AND THEN THERE WERE THREE:** Miles is in SIAC title game, Fort Valley State, Clark Atlanta and Albany State vying Saturday for the other spot. J. C. Smith, Virginia Union and Virginia State to decide Saturday which two will play for CIAA title.

Fayetteville State when a win would have clinched a championship game spot for JCSU.

As it is now, JCSU (8-1, 5-1 CIAA) has to win at Livingstone (5-4, 3-3) Saturday (2 p.m.) to punch its title-game ticket. A win puts the Golden Bulls in the championship game vs. the winner of Saturday's season-ending match up in Ettrick, Virginia between new conference leader Virginia Union (7-2, 6-0) and Virginia State (6-3, 5-1).

A loss by JCSU and a win by Virginia State eliminates the Golden Bulls and would set up a VSU vs. VUU rematch in the Nov. 16 title game.

A loss by JCSU and a win by Virginia Union would cast the Golden Bulls and VUU into the title game.

### MEAC

South Carolina State's 24-21 win over North Carolina Central Thursday in Orangeburg has put head coach Chennis Berry's Bulldogs (6-2, 2-0 MEAC) at the top of the conference race headed into the final three games of the regular season. SCSU travels to Howard (4-5, 1-1) this week (3:30 p.m., ESPN+).

Morgan State (4-5, 1-1) is at Delaware State (1-8, 0-2) in the only other MEAC contest (12 noon, ESPN+).

### SWAC

Jackson State (7-2, 5-0 E) enters the last three regular season games as the SWAC East Division leader while Southern (5-4, 4-1 W) leads the West.

JSU has a one-game lead over Alabama

## GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024	
Clark Atlanta at Morehouse in Atlanta, GA	1p
Hampton at Towson in Towson, MD	1p
Kentucky State at Central State in Wilberforce, OH	1p
North Carolina A&T at Villanova in Villanova, PA	1p
Virginia Union at Virginia State in Ettrick, VA	1p
West Virginia State at Glenville State in Glenville, WV	1p
Alabama A&M at Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Pine Bluff, AR	2p
Bethune-Cookman at Southern in Baton Rouge, LA	2p
Johnson C. Smith at Livingstone in Salisbury, NC	2p
Lane at Lincoln Mo. in Jefferson City, MO	2p
Langston at Texas Wesleyan in Fort Worth, TX	2p
Miss. Valley State at Jackson State in Jackson, MS	2p
Savannah State at Benedict in Columbia, SC	2p
Texas Southern at Alcorn State in Lorman, MS	2p
Wayland Baptist at Texas College in Tyler, TX	2p
Florida Memorial at Keiser in West Palm Beach, FL	6p
STREAMING / TV GAMES	
Lincoln Pa. at Bowie State in Bowie, MD - BSU Stream	12n
Morgan State at Delaware State in Dover, DE - ESPN+	12n
Tennessee State at Western Illinois in Macomb, IL - ESPN+	1p
Alabama State at Grambling State in Grambling, LA - ESPN+	2p
Florida A&M at Prairie View A&M in Prairie View, TX - ESPN+	2p
SC State at Howard in Washington, DC - ESPN+	3:30p
Elizabeth City State at Bluefield State in Bluefield, WV - BLStream	6p
HOMEcomings	
Fayetteville State at Winston-Salem State in W-Salem, NC - CIAASN	1p
Miles at Tuskegee in Tuskegee, AL - ESPN+	1p
Allen at Edward Waters in Jacksonville, FL - ESPN+	2p
CLASSICS	
34th Fountain City Classic - ESPN+	
Fort Valley State vs. Albany State in Columbus, GA	2p

State (5-3, 4-1 E) and a game-and-a-half lead over Florida A&M (5-3, 3-1 E). Alcorn State (4-5, 3-2 W) is a game behind Southern in the West.

JSU is hosting Mississippi Valley State (0-9, 0-5 E) Saturday (2 p.m.), Alabama State plays at Grambling State (4-5, 1-4 W) (2 p.m., ESPN+) and Florida A&M is at Prairie View A&M (4-5, 2-3 W).

Southern is hosting Bethune-Cookman (2-7, 2-3 E) and Alcorn State hosts Texas Southern (3-5, 2-3 W) both at 2 p.m.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### T. C. TAYLOR EXTENDED AT JACKSON STATE:

JACKSON, MS. | Jackson State University President, Dr. Marcus Thompson, and Vice President/Director of Athletics, Ashley Robinson, announced a contract extension for head football coach T.C. Taylor on Friday morning.

Taylor is in his second year as the head coach of the program at Jackson State after taking over from Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders who led the Tigers to back-to-back SWAC titles in 2021 and 2022. Taylor currently has JSU with a 7-2 overall record and 5-0 mark that leads the SWAC's East Division.

"It's truly a blessing and it lets me know that all the work I have done in the last year and a half as a head coach has not gone unnoticed by our great AD Ashley Robinson and our President, Dr. Thompson," Taylor said in the JSU press release. "It is truly a blessing to be the head coach of my alma mater, and now I can turn my focus to building this football program."

Taylor, who had a stellar career playing for the Tigers as both a quarterback and wide receiver, served as a tight ends and wide receivers coach under Sanders before ascending to lead the program.

His 2023 JSU squad finished 7-4 overall in second place in the SWAC East with a 5-3 mark.

### MOVEMENT IN NATIONAL POLLS:

Jackson State moved up from 23rd to 20th in this week's American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) FCS top 25.

The Tigers (7-2) are coming off a 41-3 homecoming win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff Saturday, their fourth straight win since a 41-20 non-conference loss to Grambling State on Sept. 21. Head coach T. C. Taylor's Tigers only other loss was to FBS Sun Belt Conference member Louisiana-Monroe (ULM) 30-14 to open the season.

North Carolina Central (6-3), who had been ranked 21st last week, dropped out of the Top 25 after losing at South Carolina State Saturday, 24-21. Head coach Chennis Berry's SC State Bulldogs (6-2) got 23 votes, the most votes outside the FCS Top 25.

In the AFCA NCAA Div. II Top 25, Johnson C. Smith (8-1), who had risen to 16th in the poll during an undefeated 8-0 run to start the season, dropped out after losing 27-0 to a 4-4 Fayetteville State team over the weekend.

The loss by JCSU also moved the Golden Bulls down to fourth from third in the Super Region II ranking of NCAA Div. II football released Tuesday. Virginia Union (7-1) is sixth in the region with Winston-Salem State (6-2) seventh and SIAC leader Miles (7-1) ninth.

## TOP PERFORMANCES

FROM HBCU GAMES OF OCT. 28 - NOV. 4, 2024  
TOP NUMBERS IN BOLD>

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	Yds	TDs (YDS)
Mark Wright, VUU	11-15-0	<b>347</b>	4 (29, 41, 88, 90)
David Buggs, FLAMEM	18-26-0	341	4 (16, 63, 18, 49)
Eric Phoenix, SCSU	26-36-1	321	2 (8, 42)
Draylen Ellis, TNST	<b>33-53-2</b>	312	2 (43, 2)
Ja'Shawn Scroggins, HOW	24-41-0	304	4 (26, 15, 5, 5)
David Wright III, CLATL	20-24-0	299	2 (68, 24)
Czavian Teasett, SOU	24-37-0	294	3 (11, 36, 14)
Isaiah Knowles, ALB	19-37-2	291	4 (22, 2, 25, 30)
Ty'Jarrian Williams, MVSU	15-24-0	287	2 (76, 24)
Daniel Richardson, FLAM	25-33-2	267	5 (1, 6, 17, 10, 22)

RUSHING	CAR	Yds	TDs (YDS)
Micah Robinson, BSU	22	<b>171</b>	4 (16, 9, 32, 57)
Brandon Marshall, FVSU	26	160	1 (3)
Walter Wilbon, FLAMEM	16	143	3 (17, 2, 38)
Irv Mulligan, JSU	19	141	1 (1)
Shamique Blizzard, NCAT	20	132	1 (4)
Lamagea McDowell, PVAM	21	130	2 (2, 2)
Alan Riggins, CLATL	13	119	2 (20, 3)
Kevon King, NSU	<b>24</b>	117	0
Jada Byers, VUU	19	97	3 (6, 2, 9)
Xavier Langford, ALAM	15</		