

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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WIN AND ADVANCE

EDDIE GEORGE: His Tigers of Tennessee State need win over SE Missouri, losses by others to win Big South/OVC title and earn FCS playoff berth.

MILES (SIAC), VA. UNION (CIAA), SC STATE (MEAC), JACKSON STATE (SWAC E), SOUTHERN (SWAC W) TAKE TITLES

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
^ Virginia Union	7	1	8	3
Virginia State	6	2	7	4

CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP
MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYERS
 VUU - Jada Byers, Sr., RB - 32 carries, 178 yards, 1 TD (2) vs. VSU.
 VSU - K. J. McNeil, So., LB - Led Trojans with 7 tackles, 3 solos vs. VUU

CIAA POSTSEASON HONORS
OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
 Jada Byers, Sr., RB, VUU - Led CIAA with 1,497 yards, 214 carries, 7.0 ypc, 24 TDs, 152.3 ypg.
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
 Benari Black, Sr., LB, JCSU - Led CIAA with 114 tackles, 49 solos, 65 assists, 11.4 tpg, 3 sacks

OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:
 Micah Robinson, Fr., RB, BSU - 10 games, 105 carries, 655 yards, 6.2 ypc, 65.5 ypg, 5 TDs
DEFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:
 Marquis Edmond, R-Fr., LB, VSU - 31 tackles, 1 forced fumble, 1 break-up in seven starts.

LINEMAN OF THE YEAR:
 Bruno Onwuazor, R-Jr., OL, VSU - 95% grade on season, allowed one pass pressure.
SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
 Zyaire Tart, So., WR/KR, LINC - 700 kick return yards, including a career-long 80-yard return.
COACH OF THE YEAR:
 Maurice Flowers, JCSU - Led Golden Bulls to 8 straight wins, national ranking, finished with 8-2 overall record.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
^ South Carolina State	4	0	8	2
North Carolina Central	3	1	7	3

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
J'Mari Taylor, R-Jr., RB, NCCU - 24 carries, career-high 208 yards, 3 TDs (61, 18, 40) in win vs. HU.
DEFENSE
Robert Jones III, Sr., DB, HOW - One pick and six solo tackles vs. NC Central.

NEWCOMER
John Hannibal, 6-3, 315, Sr., DL, SCSU - Benedict transfer led SCSU with 8 tackles, 5 solos, 2 TFL both sacks for -9 yards in win vs. MSU.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
A. C. McMoore, So., NCCU - 92% grade, 2 pancake vs. HU.
ROOKIE
Dwayne Carter, Fr., DB, DSU - 2 break-ups and two tackles vs. NSU.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
^ Miles	9	0	9	2
Clark Atlanta	6	3	7	3-1

SIAC POSTSEASON HONORS
OVERALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR (MVP):
David Wright III, Jr., QB, Clark Atlanta - SIAC passing leader, 248 of 402, 61.7%, 3,271 yards, 29.7 ypg, 31 TDs, 16 ints.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Isaiah Knowles, So., QB, Albany State - 190 of 289, 65.7%, 2,555 passing yards, 32 TDs, 8 ints., 255.5 ypg.
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Lashon Young, Fr., DB, Miles - 11 games, SIAC-best 8 ints., 1 TD, 40 tackles, 1 FF.

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:
Tiant Wyche, Fr., RB, Albany State - 10 games, 101 carries, 553 yards, 5.5 ypc., 3 TDs, 55.3 ypg.
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR:
Jamir Dismukes, Jr., QB, Allen - 113 of 192, 53.9%, 1,842 yards, 19 TDs, 10 ints.

COACH OF THE YEAR:
Sam Shade, Miles - Led Golden Bears to perfect 9-0 SIAC campaign, SIAC title D2 playoff berth.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EAST DIVISION	7	0	9	2
^ Jackson State	4	3	5	5

WEST DIVISION
 ^ Southern 6 1 7 4
 Alcorn State 5 2 6 5
 Prairie View A&M 3 4 5 6
 Texas Southern 3 4 4 6
 Grambling State 2 5 5 6
 Arkansas-Pine Bluff 2 5 3 8

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Ty Jarian Williams, So., QB, MVSU - 19-28-0, 251 yards, 2 TDs (4, 60) in win vs. FAMU.
DEFENSE
Malachi Bailey, Sr., DL, ALC - 7t, 4s, 3 TFL (-11 yards), 2.5 sacks for -10 yards in win vs. PVA&M.

SPECIALIST
Victor Barbosa, R-So, PK, ALA&M - 4 of 4 FGs (45, 38, 44, 19) for 12 points in win over GSU.
NEWCOMER
Athean Renfro, 5-9, 225, So., RB, TSU - 22 carries, 129 yards, 2 TDs (5, 28 yards) vs. B-CU.

INDEPENDENTS

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Va.-Lynchburg	0	0	2	6

CAA
 Hampton (12th) 2 5 5 6
 NC A&T State (16th) 0 7 1 10

GLVC
 Lincoln (Mo.) (9th) 0 8 1 10

MOUNTAIN EAST
 West Va. State (T5th) 5 4 6 5

OVC / BIG SOUTH
 Tennessee State (T2nd) 4 2 7 3
SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference)
 Texas College (3rd) 5 3 7 3
 Langston (4th) 4 3 6 4
SUN
 Florida Memorial (4th) 4 2 6 3-1

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Walter Wilbon, Sr., FB, FMU - 9 carries, 157 yards (17.5 ypc.), 2 TDs (64, 52) in win vs. Lincoln (CA).
DEFENSE
Jakai Linwood, R-Sr., LB, TEXC - 5 tackles, 4 solos, 2.0 TFL (-15 yards), 1 sack (-13 yards) vs. LINC.
SPECIAL TEAMS
NA

SCORES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024
Alabama A&M 22, Grambling State 17	North Carolina Central 26 Howard 3	Alcorn State 26, Prairie View A&M 13
Richmond 24, Hampton 21	Texas College 28, Nelson 7	Charleston 52, West Virginia State 17
South Carolina State 54, Morgan State 7	Texas Southern 17, Bethune-Cookman 14	Florida Memorial 48, Lincoln (CA) 8
Southern 31, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 9	Towson 31, North Carolina A&T 13	Indianapolis 52, Lincoln (MO) 0
Tennessee State 23, Gardner-Webb 20	Championship Games	Jackson State 16, Alabama State 10
Texas College 28, Nelson 7	SIAC Championship Game	Langston 21, Wayland Baptist 20
Texas Southern 17, Bethune-Cookman 14	Miles 53, Clark Atlanta 25i	Mississippi Valley State 24, Florida A&M 21
Towson 31, North Carolina A&T 13	CIAA Championship Game	Norfolk State 38, Delaware State 19
Championship Games	Virginia Union 17, Virginia State 13	
SIAC Championship Game		
Miles 53, Clark Atlanta 25i		
CIAA Championship Game		
Virginia Union 17, Virginia State 13		

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECAPS

SIAC

Miles 53, Clark Atlanta 25

FAIRFIELD, AL – The Miles defense picked off Clark Atlanta QB David Wright III four times, scored on a fumble by Wright and pounded out five rushing touchdowns en route to a 53-25 win in the SIAC Championship Game here early Saturday. It was the second big win for the Golden Bears vs. CAU as they defeated the Panthers 49-28 earlier in the season.

In CAU's first possession, Wright was sacked by Keith Green and fumbled with William Hardy picking it up and running 48 yards for a TD. After a CAU 3-and-out, the Golden Bears (9-2, 9-0 SIAC) drove 54 yards in nine plays to score on a 5-yard run by RB Jonero Scott for a 14-0 lead. They added a safety on a botched punt snap for a 16-0 lead after one quarter.



Scott

After the ensuing kickoff, Miles went 72 yards in six plays to score on Javonta Leatherwood's 3-yard run and a 23-0 lead. Wright (25-44, 356 yards) got the Panthers (7-4-1) back in it at 23-14 with 36- and 15-yard second-quarter TD passes to WR Jamal Jones (7 catches, 163 yards). Before the half ended, Wright threw his first interception and Miles drove 75 yards in five plays to score with :06 seconds left on a 2-yard pass from QB Kamren Ivory (9-21-1, 160 yards) to Leatherwood and a 29-14 lead at the break.

Wright threw his second and third picks in the first and second CAU second-half possessions. Miles cashed in with a 6-yard Scott TD run after the first pick and a 30-yard Roderick Smith field goal after the second for 39-14 lead. CAU scored on a Wright TD pass and safety in the fourth quarter while Miles added two rushing TDs.

Scott finished with 85 yards on 15 carries to pace the Miles ground game that accumulated 220 yards on 42 carries. CAU WR Arnone Harris had 10 catches for 146 yards without a score.

Miles was awarded a berth in the NCAA Div. II national playoffs when the 28-team field was announced Sunday evening. The Golden Bears are seeded fourth in Super Region II and will host fifth-seed Carson Newman (9-2) the South Atlantic Conference runner-up in Fairfield, AL on Sat., Nov. 23 at 11 a.m.

CIAA

Virginia Union 17, Virginia State 13

SALEM, VA – Virginia Union, tied at 10-10 with Virginia State entering the fourth quarter, scored a touchdown in the period and held VSU to a field goal to earn a 17-13 win and its second straight league title in the CIAA Championship Game Saturday evening here. VUU had lost 35-28 to VSU a week earlier to set up the title game rematch.

VUU (8-3) got its game-winning score on a 23-yard pass from QB Mark Wright to Reginald Vick Jr. with 10:57 left in the final stanza. The score came after a 32-yard VSU punt gave the Panthers the ball at the VSU 37.

On the ensuing drive, VSU (7-4) drove 53 yards in 10 plays to the VUU 7 before settling for a 21-yard Joshua Campbell field goal at the 6:25 mark, relying on its defense to get the ball back. VUU however ran off 13 plays and all but :27 seconds off the clock before turning the ball over on downs at the VSU 3.

Wright only threw 13 times completing 7 for just 96 yards. VUU relied on league Player of the Year Jada Byers who ran for 178 yards on 32 carries and scored the Panthers' first touchdown on a 2-yard first-quarter run. The teams exchanged second-quarter field goals for a 10-3 VUU lead at the break.



Byers

VSU got its only TD of the game on a third-quarter 7-yard pass from QB Romelo Williams (17-28-1, 149 yards) to Tylisque Ray. It came at the end of a 13-play, 61-yard drive.

VUU was awarded a berth in the NCAA Div. II national playoffs when the 28-team championship field was announced Sunday evening. The Panthers are seeded seventh and will play at No. 2 seed Wingate, the champion of the South Atlantic Conference (SAC), at 1 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 23.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

2024 ALL-SIAC FOOTBALL TEAM - FIRST TEAM

OL - Ahmed Brimah, Jr., ALB; Andrew Dorsey, So., FVSU; Jason Stovall, R-Sr., MC; Austin Euler, Gr., CAU; Christian Twymon, Sr., MC; TE - Travaunta Abner, Jr., MC; WR - Arnone Harris, Jr., CAU; Da'Shun Mitchell, Sr., SSU; RB - Ike Brown, Sr., LC; Brandon Marshall, Gr., FVSU; QB - David Wright III, Jr., CAU; DL - Israel Nwokocha, Jr., BEN; Robert Brown, Jr., LC; Roc Dowdell, R-Sr., MC; Adeon Farmer, Jr., FVSU; LB - Jaill Lenore, Sr., CSU; Caleb Grant, Sr., MHS; Ty'Metrius Patterson, Sr., BEN; DB - Lashon Young, So., MC; Dahill Wilkins, Sr., CAU; Stephan French, So., EWU; Malik Moore, Jr., TUSK; PK - Lorcan Ryan, So., TUSK; P - Lucas Wynn, So., BEN; PR - Dejuan Bell, Gr., FVSU; KR - Jaxon Williams, Fr., BEN

2024 ALL-CIAA FOOTBALL TEAM - FIRST TEAM

OL - Jared Achuff, Sr., BSU; Michael Todd, R-Sr., FSU; Bruno Onwuazor, R-Jr., VSU; Kyle Estep, So., JCSU; Larry Jones Jr., Gr., VUU; TE - Kameron King, R-Sr., FSU; WR - Reginald Vick Jr., R-So., VUU; Brevin Caldwell, Jr., JCSU; RB - Jada Byers, Sr., VUU; Travon Tensley, So., SU; QB - Romelo Williams, Gr., VSU; DL - Saevion Gibbs, Sr., SU; Lamonte Hill Jr, So., JCSU; Davion Watkins, Fr., LC; Isaac Anderson, R-Sr., VUU; LB - Benari Black, Sr., JCSU; Sadiq Salawu, BSU; Carl Poole Jr., Gr., VSU; DB - Shamar Baker, Fr., JCSU; Justin Fleming, Sr., WSSU; William Davis, Jr., VUU; Donovan Howard, R-So., VSU; PK - Brady Myers, Jr., VUU; P - Marvin Holmes, Sr., VUU; PR - Jahwan Stafford, Jr., WSSU; KR - Zyaire Tart, So., LINC

TOP PERFORMANCES

FROM HBCU GAMES OF NOV. 14-16, 2024
 TOP NUMBERS IN BOLD

PASSING COMP-ATT-INT	Yds	TDs (YDS)
David Wright III, CLATL	25-44-4	3 (6, 15, 6)
Walker Harris, NCCU	20-35-1	321
Terrence Bardell, LANG	21-40-0	303
Kendrick Connelly, TEXC	14-29-0	298
Daniel Richardson, FLAM	18-24-0	259
Ty'Jarian Williams, MVSU	19-28-0	251
Cornelius Brown, ALAM	20-35-0	228
Draylen Ellis, TNST	18-31-0	220
Mekhi Hagens, ARKPB	14-27-0	216

RUSHING	CAR	YDS	TDs (YDS)
J'Mari Taylor, NCCU	24	208	3 (61, 18, 40)
Jada Byers, VUU	32	178	1 (2)
Walter Wilbon, FLAMEM	9	157	2 (64, 52)
Jaden Sutton, DSU	22	146	1 (13)
Daquan Kincey, ALS	13	144	1 (48)
Athean Renfro, TXSOU	22	129	2 (5, 28)
Donovan Eaglin, ALAM	25	123	0
Tyler Smith, SCSU	3	118	1 (86)
Jaden McGill, TNST	15	100	1 (1)

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TDs
Jacquez Jones, CLATL	7	163	2 (36, 15)
Arnone Harries, CLATL	10	146	0
Gregory Donaldson, TEXC	3	142	1 (72)
Nathan Rember, MVSU	7	130	1 (60)
Kevin Allen, LANG	9	115	1 (9)
Maleek Huggins, B-CU	4	97	1 (62)
Andre Crawley, MSU	8	91	0
Keenan Hambrick, ALAM	8	89	1 (34)
Kam'Ryn Thomas, NSU	4	87	1 (24)

TACKLES	16	15	14
Kade Moledor, NCAT;			
Andrew Jones, GSU; Jaden Kelly, ARKPB; Dylan Dubois, TEXC;			
Robert McDaniel, JSU; Steven Davis II, NCAT;			

SACKS	2.5	2.0	1.5
Malachi Bailey, ALC; Novian Webb, TEXC;			
Keith Green, MILES; John Hannibal, SCSU; Chibuik Oguayo, MSU;			
Kendrick Lee, TEXC;			
Max U'Ren, Juju Williams, NCCU; Equandricx Ross, ALC;			

INTERCEPTIONS	2.0	1
Kevin Larkins Jr., Jayden Reeder, LIV; Jayden Smith, NSU;		

rusher Jayden Sullins who has two over 200-yard games among his 1,090 rushing yards with 10 touchdowns. Two others have rushed for over 380 yards. C-NU's 273.6 rushing yards per game is third in Div. II.

They have started three quarterbacks this season. None has passed for over 350 yards on the season. Freshman Justin Johnson started in the SAC title game and finished 2 of 3 passing for 16 yards.

Miles, 22nd in the d2football.com Top 25, boasts one of the top defenses in the nation, leading all of Division II in turnovers forced (33) and turnover margin (plus-21). Its only Div. II loss this season was 16-15 to West Alabama to open the season. West Alabama (9-1) is the third seed in Super Region II.

C-NU will test the Miles rush defense that surrenders just 128.7 yards per game. Redshirt junior LaMichael Rogers and Roc Dowdell anchor the defensive line. Freshman defensive back LaShon Young leads the nation in interceptions (7) and was voted the SIAC defensive player of the year.

Virginia Union at Wingate

Virginia Union is seeded seventh in the Region and will be on the road at second-seed Wingate (9-1) Saturday (1 p.m.) in Wingate, N.C. Wingate is 14th in the d2football.com Top 25. Wingate met VUU in the 2022 Div. II playoffs and came away with a relatively easy 34-7 win.

The Bulldogs surrender just 10 points per game, fifth-best in Div. II, and average 30.0 points on offense. Five rushers on the team topped 200 yards with 6-foot, 197-pound senior O'Brien Barnett leading the way with 528 yards and five TDs. QB Brooks Bentley has thrown for 1,586 yards and 12 touchdowns with five interceptions.

Expect VUU head coach Dr. Alvin Parker to utilize all his weapons to get some points up against the Bulldogs. Getting record-setting RB Jada Byers (1,540 yards, 23 TDs) going and unleashing the passing attack led by QB Mark Wright (1,965 yds., 18 TDs, 5 ints.) and featuring Reginald Vick Jr. (39 rec., 947

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024	
Alabama A&M at Mississippi Valley State at Itta Bena, MS	12n
Jackson State at Alcorn State in Lorman, MS	2p
Prairie View A&M at Alabama State in Montgomery, AL	2p
Texas Southern at Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Pine Bluff, AR	2p
Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M in Orlando, FL	3:30p
STREAMING / TV GAMES	
Elon at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, NC - FloFootball	1p
Hampton at Albany in Albany, NY - FloFootball	1p
Howard at Morgan State in Baltimore, MD - ESPN+	1p
NC Central at Delaware State in Dover, DE - ESPN+	1p
Norfolk State at SC State in Orangeburg, SC - ESPN+	1:30p
SE Missouri at Tennessee State in Nashville, TN - ESPN+	3:30p
CLASSICS	
Florida Blue Florida Classic	
Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M in Orlando, FL - ESPN+	3:30p
NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFF GAMES	
Carson Newman at Miles in Fairfield, AL	TBA
Virginia Union at Wingate in Wingate, NC	1p

yards, 9 TDs) and Ricky Key Jr. (30 rec., 416 yds., 3 TDs) will be key.

Still alive

Eddie George's Tigers of Tennessee State (7-3) are still alive as the Big South-OVC race comes down to the wire. TSU, currently tied for second at 4-2 with UT-Martin and Tennessee Tech, hosts conference leader SE Missouri (9-2, 6-1) Saturday (3:30 p.m.). TSU would win the league title and automatic berth in the FCS playoffs with a win over SEMO, a U-T Martin loss to Lindenwood and a Tennessee Tech loss to Eastern Illinois.

MEAC champ South Carolina State and SWAC division champs Jackson State and Southern will finish out regular season schedules over the next two weeks.

SC State hosts Norfolk State Saturday (1:30 p.m.) in its finale. Jackson State finishes up at rival Alcorn State Saturday (2 p.m.). Southern is off this week before facing Grambling State in New Orleans on Nov. 30 in the Bayou Classic. A week later SU is at JSU for the SWAC title.



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HEAD DOWN, MAN DOWN!!

Los Angeles defensive back COBIE DURANT (#14, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE) goes low to bring down New England running back Antonio Gibson (#4) in the Rams' 28-22 win Sunday. Durant had three total tackles, this solo, and defended two passes as the Rams improved to 5-5 on the season.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of November 14-18, 2024

