

PLAYOFF FEVER

JADABYERS: Virginia Union RB, second in NCAADiv. II football with 1,762 rushing yards and 24 TDs, leads the Panthers into the Super Region II semifinals Saturday.

MILES (D2), VIRGINIA UNION (D2), TENNESSEE STATE (FCS), IN CRITICAL PLAYOFF ACTION

SCORES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024 Alabama A&M 49, Mississippi Valley State 35 Alabama State 9, Prairie View A&M 6 Albany (NY), 41, Hampton 31 Elon 31, North Carolina A&T 21 Florida A&M 41, Bethune-Cookman 38 Jackson State 48, Alcorn State 10 Morgan State 35, Howard 21

NC Central 52, Delaware State 10 South Carolina State 53, Norfolk State 21 Tennessee State 28, SE Missouri 21 Texas Southern 31, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 23 NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFF GAMES Miles 24, Carson Newman 23 Virginia Union 34, Wingate, 31 OT

NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFF GAME RECAPS Super Region II - First Round

No. 4 Miles 14, No. 5 Carson-Newman 13

FAIRFIELD, AL - SIAC champion Miles scored touchdowns in each of the first two quarters and those scores held up as the Golden Bears secured their first-ever Div. II playoff win in a 14-13 home victory over South Athletic Conference (SAC) runners-up Carson-Newman Saturday. The win for the Golden Bears and third-year head coach Sam Shade comes after Miles came up short in two playoff trips under former coach Reginald Ruffin.

C-NU (9-3) was able to double up the Golden Bears (10-2) in total yards. 308 to 153, in this Super Region II first round match-up, but could only generate an early fourth-quarter field goal after trailing 14-10 at halftime.

The game came down to four stops by Miles in the fourth quarter after an early C-NU field goal in the stanza cut the lead to 14-13. The Eagles punted once, gave the ball up on downs twice after penetrating into Miles territory and had the final possession - after a Golden Bears' fumble got them the ball back with just over a minute left at the Miles 41 - halted as redshirt sophomore DB Malachi Oglen picked off a pass at the Miles 14-yard line with just :14 seconds left.



The Golden Bears scored in the 4:23 mark of the first quarter on an 11yard pass from QB Kamren Ivory to wideout Jaquel Fells. C-NU answered immediately with a 9-play, 60-yard drive that was capped by a 2-yard TD run early in the second quarter.

Miles got its second TD in the second stanza following a fumble by C-NU QB Justin Johnson at the Eagles' 24-yard line recovered by Miles freshman DE Keith Green with 5:02 left. After a 19-yard completion from Ivory to Travaunta Abner (4 receptions, 36 yards), RB Jonero Scott (10 carries, 48 yards) covered the final five yards for a 14-7 lead. C-NU drove for a 43-yard field goal at the halftime buzzer to cut the lead to 14-10.

Sophomore DB Jeremiah Hudson-Davis led the Golden Bears' defensive effort with nine tackles. Redshirt senior DE Roc Dowdell and junior LB William Hardy both had eight. Green and Ogden had the only turnovers. Miles was held to 10 first downs but did not turn the ball over.

The Golden Bears now advance to the Super Region II semifinals where they will travel to undefeated No. 1 seed Valdosta State (10-0), the champion of the Gulf South Conference (GSC) on Saturday at 1 p.m. Valdosta State, who had a first round bye, is also the top seed in the 28-team Div. II playoff field

No. 7 Virginia Union 34, No. 2 Wingate 31, OT

WINGATE, NC - CIAA champion Virginia Union needed late-game heroics from back-up QB R. J. Rosales to force overtime and in an extra period that enabled the Panthers to come away with their first-ever NCAA Div. II playoff win 34-31 in a tense battle on the road Saturday at South Atlantic Conference (SAC) champion Wingate.

It was the Panthers' first win in the D2 playoffs after losing in their previous ten trips. It is also the first playoff win for seventh-year head coach Dr. Alvin Parker who has led the Panthers to the playoffs in each of the last three seasons. Parker and the Panthers were easily handled by Wingate, 32-7, in the

VUU (9-3) came in seeded seventh, the last team to get into the NCAA Div. II Super Region II field, facing the No. 2 seed Bulldogs (9-2) whose only previous loss was in the SAC regular season to Carson-Newman. Wingate was ranked 17th nationally in the AFCA Div. II poll.

Rosales, a redshirt sophomore, entered Saturday's game at the beginning of the fourth guarter when starting QB Mark Wright (13-21-1, 208 yards, 2 TDs) went out with an injured shoulder with VUU trailing 26-21. In his first two possessions, Rosales was sacked three times, the final one coming in the VUU end zone resulting in a safety and a 28-21 Wingate lead at the 6:33 mark.



VUU got the ball back on an interception by sophomore safety Jayden Earley at the Wingate 48 with 5:16 to play. Rosales converted two fourth downs in a game-tying drive, running for 15 yards on 4thand-11 and 16 yards on 4th-and-14. He then hit senior running back star Jada Byers on a swing pass that carried 18 yards to the WU 9. On second down from there, Rosales connected with tight end Jeremi Francis for a touchdown with :11 seconds left in regulation. Placekicker Brady Myers kicked thru the extra point to tie the game at 28 and force the extra period.

Wingate won the overtime coin toss and elected to take the ball first. They ran off three plays before settling for a 39-yard field goal and a 34-31 lead.

On the VUU possession, after gaining six yards on their first two downs and facing 3rd-and-4 at the 19, Rosales took off up the middle and rambled 18 yards down to the WU 1. On the second try after a Wingate offsides call, Rosales scored on VUU's version of the 'Tush Push,' - a play popularized by the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles – for the winning score. It set off a wild VUU celebration.

In his one quarter of work, Rosales ran for 50 yards on nine carries and one score and completed 4 of 8 passes for 49 yards and another TD.

Before he went out, Wright had TD passes of 44 yards Reginald Vick Jr. (4 receptions, 97 yards) and 34 yards to WR Keon Davis. RB Curtis Allen (5 carries, 16 yards) had the other first-half score on a 2-yard run that capped a 7-play, 75-yard drive engineered by Wright. Byers, VUU's career rushing leader, again was the Panthers' workhorse carrying 23 times for 92 yards and catching 4 passes for 57 yards.

Senior LB Shamar Graham led the defensive effort with 10 tackles, four solos including two tackles for loss and one sack. Junior safety William Davis had eight tackles, four solos with two tackles for losses.

The Panthers now advance to the Super Region II semifinals where they will play Saturday, Nov. 30 at 1 p.m. at Lenoir-Rhyne (10-2) in Hickory, NC. L-RU advanced with a 37-34 first round win on the road at No. 3 West Alabama Saturday.

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2024 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

Virginia Union FIRST ROUND NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFFS Virginia Union 34, Wingate 31, OT

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYERS 13-21-1, 202 yds., 2 TDs (44, 34) **R. J. Rosales**, R-So., **VUU** 4-8-0, 48 yds., 1 TD (8), 9 carries, 50 yds., 1 TD (1) RB - Jada Byers, Sr., VUU 23 carries, 92 yards, 8 catches, 57 yards WR - Reginald Vick Jr., R-So., VUU 4 catches, 92 yards, 1 TD (44) LB - Shamar Graham, Sr., VUU 10 tackles, 4 solos, 1.5 TFL, 1.0 sack (-4) DB - Jacob Earley, R-So., VUU 5 tackles, 2 solos, 1 interception SPECIAL TEAMS Brady Myers, Jr., PK, VUU

4 of 4 on PAT kicks including tying PAT kick that

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
^ South Carolina State	5	0	9	2
North Carolina Central	4	1	8	3
Morgan State	3	2	6	6
Norfolk State	2	3	4	8
Howard	1	4	4	8
Delaware State	0	5	1	11
^ Clinched MEAC title				

OFFENSE

Ryan Stubblefield, R-Sr., QB, SCSU - 18 -25-0, 264 yards, 2 TDs (3, 10) in win vs. NSU. DEFENSE Lance Bryndon, So., DL, MSU - 4 tackles, 2 solos, 1.5 sacks for -13 yards vs. Howard.

passing, 199 yards, 1 TD (42 yards) vs. DSU.

Juan Velarde, Sr., PK, NCCU - Hit on career-long

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	W	L	W	L
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BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

NEWCOMER Jason Collins, R-Fr., RB, MSU - 203 all-purpose yards, 12 carries, 114 yards, 2 TDs (58, 5), 7 catches for 89 yards vs. HU. Joshua Jones, R-Fr., QB, NCCU - 10 carries, 57 yards, 3 TDs (6, 2, 2), 11-15-1,

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MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYERS:

vs. C-NU. RB - Jonero Scott, Jr., MILES 18 carries, 48 yards, 1 TD WR - Travauta Abner, Jr., MILES 4 receptions, 36 yards, 0 TD

DL - Roc Dowdell, R-Sr., MILES 8 tackles, 6 solos, .5 sack DB - Malachi Oglen, R-So., MILES 1 assisted tackle, 1 fourth-quarter pick SPECIALIST - Roderick Smith, P/PK, MC

LB - William Hardy, Jr.,LB, MILES

8 punts, 324 yards, 40.8 average, 2 of 2 on

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

FIRST ROUND NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFFS

 $\mbox{\bf QB}$ - Kamren Ivory, R-Jr., MILES 10-20-0, 84 yards, 1 TD (11 yards) in win

8 tackles, 4 solos, 2.0 TFL, 1 break-up vs.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

FAST DIVISION L W L 0 10 2 ^ Jackson State 6 5 Alabama State Florida A&M Alabama A&M Bethune-Cookman 6 2 10 Miss. Valley State WEST DIVISION Nouthern Alcorn State Texas Southern 5 6 Prairie View A&M Grambling State

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE - **Cornelius Brown**, Jr., QB, **ALAM** • 19-29-1, 252 yards, 5 TDs (29, 14, 35, 9, 13) in win vs. MVSU

Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Jacobian Morgan, JSU - 12-20-0, 211 2 TDs, 6 carries, 53 yards 1 TD vs. Alcorn State DEFENSE - Charles George Jr., Jr., TE/LB, TSU - Gamehigh 17 tackles, 4 solos in win over UAPB. Kaleb Dawson, R-Sr., DB, ALAM - Two picks, 5 tackles. 2 solos, 1 TFL (-8 yards) vs. MVSU. SPECIALIST & NEW-COMER/SPECIALIST - Maleek Huggins, R-So, WR/KR, B-CU - 77-yard punt return TD to go with 7 catches, 177

yards and 56-yard receiving TD vs. FAMU

INDEPENDENTS

	CO	NF	Al	LL
VaLynchburg	0	0	2	6
CAA				
Hampton (12th)	2	6	5	7
NC A&T State (16th)	0	8	1	11
GLVC				
Lincoln (Mo.) (9th)	0	8	1	10
MOUNTAIN EAST				
West Va. State (T5th)	5	4	6	5
OVC / BIG SOUTH				
Tennessee State (T2nd)	5	2	8	3
SAC (Sooner Athletic Conf	eren	ce)		
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 OFFENSE - Draylen Ellis, Sr., QB, TNST - 30-31-0, 232 yards, 2 TDs (7, 56) in win vs. SEMO.

DEFENSE-Sanders Ellis. Fr., LB, TNST-Led Tigers with 8 stops, 7 solos in win vs. SEMO NEWCOMER - C. J. Evans, R-Sr., RB, TNST - 3 carries for 8 yards, led TSU with 6 catches, 107 yards, 1 TD (56 yards).

SPECIAL TEAMS - James Lowery, R-Sr., PK, TNST - 4 of 4 on PAT kicks vs. SEMO.

Historic playoff match-ups for HBCU teams

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor Saturday was a momentous day for black

SIAC champion Miles under third-year head coach Sam Shade got the Golden Bears' first-ever NCAA Div. II playoff win with a 14-13 down-tothe wire Super Region II victory on its home turf over Carson-Newman.

CIAA champion Virginia Union with sevenyear head coach Dr. Alvin Parker at the helm, notched the Panthers' first NCAA Div. II playoff win in 11 tries with a thrilling 34-31 win in overtime at Wingate in another Super Region II battle (see

And Tennessee State under third-year head coach, former Heisman Trophy winner and NFL all-pro RB Eddie George, knocked off OVC/Big Saturday to earn a share of that conference crown with four others. On Sunday, TSU was selected into

There are potentially more historic moments in store this Saturday. Wins by Miles and VUU in second round games would mean the two HBCUs would meet for the Super Region II championship with the winner making the Div. II Final Four. No black college team has reached a regional final since Winston-Salem State made it to the Div. II

Miles (10-2) will try to put another notch on its belt when it plays on the road Saturday (12 noon) at 10-0 Gulf South Conference (GSC) champion Valdosta State, the No. 1 seed in Super Region II in the regional semifinals. VSU, ranked first in the AFCA Div. II national poll, was selected as the top

seed in the 28-team Div. II playoff field. Miles and VSU have two common opponents this season - SIAC member Albany State and GSC member West Alabama. VSU defeated Albany State 42-10 to open the season on Aug. 31. Miles defeated the Golden Rams 32-21 on Oct. 12. Miles lost on the road to West Alabama 16-15 in its season-opener on Aug. 31. VSU's much-anticipated game with West Alabama scheduled for Sept. 28 was cancelled due to threats from Hurricane second leading passer in the SAC (246 of 395, Helene. West Alabama (9-2) finished behind VSU 62.2%, 3,024 yards, 17 TDs, 10 ints.). His top in the Gulf South standings and was the No. 3 seed three receivers – sophomore Adonis McDaniel







head coach Sam Shade, Virginia Union head coach Dr. Alvin Parker and Tennessee State head man Eddie George lead their teams into playoff action Saturday looking for historic

37-34 Saturday.

Miles will have its hands full slowing down the Blazers who are in the top ten in a host of Div. II offensive and defensive categories. Among others, VSU averages 43.1 points per game (6th), gives up 9.1 ppg. (3rd) and converts 54% of its 3rd downs (3rd).

Senior QB Sammy Edwards is an efficient leader of the offense (169 of 249, 2,449 yards, 23 TDs, 2 ints.). Grad senior Blake Hester leads the ground game (762 yards, 6.7 ypc., 11 TDs) that averages 202 yards per game. The top receivers are grad seniors Graeson Malashevich (32 rec., 395 yds., 4 TDs), Rodney Bullard (31 rec., 766 yds., 9 TDs) and Tyler Ajero (31 rec., 446 yds., 5

Miles and Shade will counter with an opportunistic and stingy defense that leads all of Division II in turnovers gained (+35) and turnover margin (plus-23) after getting two more in its win vs. C-NU.

Virginia Union at No. 6 Lenoir-Rhyne

Virginia Union is on the road again, this time at Lenoir-Rhyne (10-2) another team out of the South Atlantic Conference.

VUU and L-RU have two common opponents - SAC member Wingate and CIAA member Bowie State. VUU got the win in overtime at Wingate Saturday. L-RU fell at home to Wingate 14-10 on Nov. 2. L-RU opened the season with a 32-19 win over BSU. VUU

defeated BSU 56-28 on Oct. 26. L-RU redshirt junior Jalen Ferguson was the

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024

Tuskegee at Alabama State in Montgomery, AL - ESPNU 2p FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024

Alabama A&M at Florida A&M in Tallahassee, FL - ESPN+ 4p SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

Southern vs. Grambling State in New Orleans, LA - NBC 2p NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFF GAMES - 2nd Round Miles at Valdosta State in Valdosta, GA - ESPN+

Virginia Union at Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory, NC - ESPN+ 1p

FCS PLAYOFFS - FIRST ROUND

Tennessee State at Montana in Missoula, MT - ESPN2 9:15p

(50 rec., 709 yds., 3 TDs) and redshirt soph DeAree Rogers (37 rec., 416 vds., 4 TDs) - all average double-digits per reception. The ground game is paced by redshirt junior Alex Boyd (399 yds., 8 TDs.). L-RU's prolific passing offense will face a stern VUU secondary led by junior defensive backs Jalen Mayo (36 tackles, 3 ints.) and William Davis (49 tackles, 2 picks) and sophomore safety Jayden Earley (31 tackles, 3 ints.).

Tennessee State at Montana

While former NFL great Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders has made plenty of noise while leading Jackson State and now Colorado, Eddie George has been quietly doing wonders at TSU.

His Tigers (8-3) are on the road in Missoula, Montana Saturday (9:15 p.m.)to face Montana (8-4), ranked 10th in the latest AFCA FCS Top 25. The Grizzlies, seeded 14th in the FCS playoff field, received an at-large bid to the playoffs from the Big Sky Conference. TSU is 25th in the AFCA poll.

The Grizzlies, who lost to South Dakota State 23-3 in last year's FCS title game, have a punishing ground attack led by redshirt sophomore Eli Gillman (996 yds., 7.0 ypc., 13 TDs) and grad senior Nick Ostmo (769 yds., 3 TDs). Redshirt junior QB Logan Fife has passed for 1,703 yards and 14 TDs with just two interceptions and completed 64.7% of his

Saturday's game marks the first time Montana and Tennessee State have ever faced each other. TSU's last FCS playoff appearance came in 2013. when it defeated Butler 31-0 in the opening round before falling to Eastern Illinois 51-10 in the second



STOP RIGHT HERE!! Kansas City safety BRYAN COOK (#6, HOWARD / Cincinnati) stops Carolina WR David Moore (#83) in his tracks for one of his seven tackles in the Chiefs 30-27 win over the Panthers Sunday. This was one of three solo tackles Cook had

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

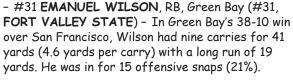
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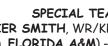


- #6 BRYAN COOK, S, Kansas City (3rd season, HOWARD / CINCINNATI) - In Kansas City's 30-27 win over Carolina, Cook started at strong safety and finished second on the team with seven total tackles, three solos, while playing all 62 defensive

DEFENSE

OFFENSE





- #19 XAVIER SMITH, WR/KR, Los Angeles Rams (3nd season, FLORIDA A&M) - In the Rams' 37-20 loss to Philadelphia Sunday night, Smith had one punt return for 11 yards and two kickoff returns for 62 yards (31.0-yard average) with a long return



SPECIAL TEAMS

of 32 yards. Smith was in on 13 snaps on special teams (46%).

Kaleb Dawson, ALAM;

53-yard field goal vs. DSU.

college football on three fronts.

PLAYOFF GAME RECAPS).

South Conference leader Southeast Missouri 28-21 the 24-team FCS national playoff field.

championship game in 2012.

Miles at No. 1 Valdosta State

in the playoffs but lost to 6th-seed Lenoir-Rhyne (48 rec., 865 yds., 4 TDs), junior Songa Yates FROM HBCU GAMES OF NOV. 23, 2024 **TOP PERFORMANCES** TOP NUMBERS IN BOLD

YDs

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Henry Daniel, NCAT; Lance Bryndon, MSU; Terique Miles, NSU;

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Ryan Stubblefield, SCSU	18-25-1	264	2 (3, 10)
Cornelius Brown, ALAM	19-29-1	252	5 (29, 14,
Draylen Ellis, TNST	20-31- 0	232	2 (7, 56)
Jacobian Morgan, JSU	12-20-0	211	2 (57, 44)
Mark Wright, VUU	13-21-1	202	2 (44, 34)
Kobe Mussau, MSU	19-24-0	202	2 (33, 7)
Joshua Jones, NCCU	11-15-1	199	1 (42)
CamRon Ransom, B-CU	11-21-1	196	1 (56)
Justin Fomby, NCAT	16-27-0	190	1 (2)

COMP-ATT-INT

12-28-2

Justin RUSHING CAR YDS TDs (YDS) Thad Franklin Jr., FLAM 26 **3** (17, 2, 70) 195 Dennis Palmer, B-CU 178 **3** (19, 1, 2) 37 2 (32, 75) Quintell Quinn, TSU 17 154 21 144 Kevon King, NSU 1 (29) 3 (7, 8, 10) KZ Adams, SCSU 18 128 Jacorian Sewell, ALC 14 119 1 (82)

Jason Collins, MSU 12 114 2(59, 4)Jaden Sutton, DSU 18 113 1 (7) 2 (37, 23) Donovan Eaglin, ALAM 14 105 Irv Mulligan, JSU 14 105 2 (5, 7) RECEIVING REC YDS TDs Maleek Huggins, B-CU 7 177 1 (56) 107 1 (38) Nathan Rembert, MVSU C. J. Evans, TNST 1 (56) Justin Smith-Brown, SCSU 101 0 92 Reginald Vick Jr., VUU 1 (44)

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Chance Peterson, NCCU

Jason Collins, MSU

PASSING

Ty'Jarian Williams, MVSU

TACKLES Charles George, TSU; Aric Horne, Nay'Ron Jenkins, FLAM; Deco Wilson, FLAM; Antwone Watts, B-CU;

INTERCEPTIONS

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