

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



Edward Waters Sports Photo

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN . . .

BRIAN JENKINS: Interim Edward Waters head coach takes his undefeated Tigers to face his former team, Bethune-Cookman.

BIG WINS FOLLOWED BY BIG MATCH UPS; ED WATERS NEW BCSP D2 NO. 1; QBs ON THE MOVE

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

BCSP CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
QB - Daylin Lee, Sr., JCSU - 15 of 17, 0 picks, 251 yards, 4 TDs (83, 8, 30 & 9 yds.) in win vs. LINC. Also rushed for 44 yards and a TD.
OB - Curtis Allen, R-Sr., VUU - 24 carries, 147 yards, TD runs of 2 and 12 yards vs. Edward Waters.
WR - Ka'Trez Bracey, R-Jr., ECSU - 2 receptions, 120 yds., (60.0 yards per catch), including 91-yard TD reception vs. JCSU.
DB - Samuel Graham, R-Sr., BSU - 11 tackles, 8 solos, 1 tackle for loss vs. DelState.
LB - Chris Calhoun, Sr., ECSU - 14 tackles, 6 solos, vs. JCSU.
DL - C. J. Brown, Jr., WSSU - 4 solo tackles, 2 TFL, 1 sack (-4 yards), 1 forced fumble vs. LINC.
ROOKIE - Keyshawn Richardson, Fr., LB, SHAW - 9 tackles, 5 solos, vs. Ferrum.

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

BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Walker Harris, R-Sr., QB, NCCU - Completed 23 of 36 passes for 387 yards and three TDs (7, 21, 63 yards) and ran for a score in win over Fayetteville State.
DEFENSE Thomas Johnson, R-Jr., DL, NCCU - 15 solo tackles and two sacks for -18 yards vs. FSU.
SPECIALIST Nico Cavanillas Alt, Fr., PK, SCSU - Connected on 7-of-7 PATS and 44- and 41-yard field goals in win over B-CU.
NEWCOMER Tyriq Starks, R-Sr., QB, HOW - Hit on 16 of 27 passes with an interception for 241 yards and 19- and 52-yard TDs while also rushing for a score vs. Morehouse.
ROOKIE Mason Pickett-Hicks, Fr., RB, SCSU - Led Bulldogs with 87 rushing yards in just four carries including 69-yard scoring run. Also completed a 31-yard pass.
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN Roger Smith, Sr. SCSU - 90% grade, seven pancakes, no sacks vs. B-CU.

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

BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Noah Bodden, Sr., QB, ED WATERS - Hit on 19 of 35 passes without a pick for 283 yards and a 53-yard TD in win over nationally-ranked Va. Union.
DEFENSE Isaiah Stephens, Gr., LB, BEN-9 - 9 tackles, 3 solos, fumble recovery in end zone in win over Central State.
SPECIAL TEAMS Kieren Jackson, So., RB/KR, EWU - Returned fourth-quarter kickoff 90 yards to paydirt in win over VUU.
NEWCOMER Don Hudson, Jr., Fr., QB, FVSU - 21 of 46, 142 yards, 2 TDs, 23 carries, 141 yards in loss to CAU.

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

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Andrew Body, R-Jr., QB, ALST - 14-16-0, 251 yards, 4 TDs (3, 61, 40, 15) in win over Miles.
Cornelius Brown IV, Sr., QB, ALA&M - 21-33-0 for 329 passing yards and 2 TDs (5, 30) in win vs. Tenn. State.
DEFENSE Tyrell Raby, Gr., DB, GSU - Six tackles, four solos, 1 strip sack returned 83 yards for winning TD in OT vs. Kentucky State.
SPECIALIST Victor Barbosa, R-Sr., PK, ALA&M - Three FGs (26, 28, game-winning 48-yarder), 2 of 2 on PATS vs. TSU.
NEWCOMER Jaylen Jennings, Jr., RB, UAPB - 26 carries, 225 yards, 4 TDs (21, 16, 25 and 11 yards) vs. Lincoln (CA).
Jared Lockhart, Fr., QB, JSU - 15 of 21 for 254 yards, 1 TD, 2 rushing TDs vs. Tuskegee.

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Wesley Graves, Gr., RB, NC A&T - 18 carries for 87 yards and 5-yard game-winning TD run in second OT in win vs. Hampton.
DEFENSE Harold O'Neal III, Sr., LB, HAMPTON - 18 tackles, 13 solos vs. NC A&T.
NEWCOMER Isaiah Freeman, R-Sr., QB, HAMP - Lincoln Pa. transfer was 12 of 24 passing for 153 and 2 TDs and 20 carries for 129 yards and one TD in 2OT loss to NC A&T.

SCORES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	SCORE
Clark Atlanta 26, Fort Valley State 21	Jackson State 30, Tuskegee 0
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	SCORE
Alabama A&M 23, Tennessee State 21	J. C. Smith 21, Elizabeth City State 17
Alabama State 37, Miles 9	Lamar 31, Texas Southern 7
Allen 29, Lane 21	Mississippi State 63, Alcorn State 0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff 34, Lincoln (CA) 8	N. Carolina A&T 33, Hampton 30, 2 OT
Benedict 10, Central State 0	N. Carolina Central 49, Fayetteville State 19
Delaware State 36, Bowie State 14	Rice 38, Prairie View A&M 17
Edward Waters 41, Virginia Union 38	Rutgers 60 Norfolk State 10
Ferrum 14, Shaw 6	S. Carolina State 55, Bethune-Cookman 41
Florida A&M 33, Albany State 25	SE Louisiana 56, Miss. Valley State 3
Fresno State 56, Southern 7	Texas Wesleyan 42, Texas College 20
Grambling State 37, Kentucky State 31, OT	Toledo 60, Morgan State 0
Howard 38, Morehouse 10	UT Rio Grand Valley 80, Langston 0
	Wingate 72, Bluefield State 7
	Winson-Salem State 51, Lincoln (PA) 14

New challenges await Week Three big winners

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Tuskegee vs. Benedict in Columbia, SC - ESPN+ 7p

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Central State vs. Morgan State in Baltimore, MD - ESPN+ 12p
South Carolina State vs. S. Florida in Tampa, FL - ESPN+ 12p
Delaware State vs. Saint Francis in Loretto, PA 1p
Fayetteville State vs. Eliz. City State in Rocky Mt., NC - CIAASN 1p
J. C. Smith at Virginia Union in Richmond, VA - CIAASN 1p
Kentucky State vs. Morehouse in Atlanta, GA - MaroonTigerSN 1p
Savannah State vs. Miles in Fairfield, AL - ESPN+ 1p
Shaw vs. Lincoln (PA) in Lincoln, PA - LincolnSN 1p
Virginia State at Winston-Salem State in W-Salem, NC 1p
W. Virginia State vs. W. V. Wesleyan in Buckhannon, WV - MECTV 1p
Delta State vs. Fort Valley State in Fort Valley, GA 3p
Edward Waters vs. B.-Cookman in Daytona Beach, FL - TheGrio 3p
Bowie State at Livingstone in Salisbury, NC - CIAASN 4p
Hampton vs. Howard in Washington, DC - HBCUGo.tv 4p
N. C. Central vs. N. C. A&T in Grboro, NC - FloCollege 4p
Sacred Heart vs. Norfolk State in Norfolk, VA - ESPN+ 4p
Clark Atlanta vs. Allen in Columbia, SC 6p
East Texas A&M vs. Grambling State in Grambling, LA - SWACTV 6p
Langston vs. Texas College in Tyler, TX 6p
NW State vs. Prairie View A&M in Pr. View, TX - SWACTV 6p
Quincy vs. Lincoln (MO) in Jefferson City, MO - GLVCSN 6:30p
Lane vs. Alabama A&M in Huntsville, AL - SWACTV 7p

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor
 The top challenge facing teams that got big wins this past week will be how they follow-up those victories.

One of the biggest wins saw **Edward Waters**, a team that just got full NCAA Div. II and SIAC status in 2024, take out back-to-back CIAA champion **Virginia Union** in an exciting down-to-the wire 41-38 win Saturday in Jacksonville, Florida.

It was the third 40-point-plus performance by interim head coach **Brian Jenkins'** Tigers after a 41-14 win over **Savannah State** to start the season and a 45-14 win over defending SIAC champ **Miles** in Week 2. EWU (3-0, 2-0 SIAC) can now brag wins over both the CIAA and SIAC defending champions as well a serious step-up in their contender status for SIAC honors.

It sets up an intriguing battle for Jenkins and the Tigers as they travel to meet winless (0-3) **Bethune-Cookman** Saturday on the road in Daytona Beach, Florida (3 p.m., *TheGrio*).

It was at B-CU in the **MEAC** from 2010-2014 that Jenkins established himself as a force to be reckoned with. He stunned the conference by turning the Wildcats into a perennial winner, posting a 46-14 mark over his five seasons and winning parts of four MEAC titles, earning three FCS playoff berths and taking home two national black college football titles. His 'Cats won 18 straight conference games between 2011 and 2013, the longest streak in MEAC history and defeated rival **Florida A&M** four straight times (2011-14) for the first time in school history.

So, intriguing is likely the best word to describe this SIAC vs. SWAC meeting of teams headed in opposite directions - EWU up and B-CU down. EWU is averaging an SIAC-best 42.7 points per game and has been led by se-

nior QB **Noah Bodden**, who had stints at both **Grambling State** and **Southern** of the **SWAC**. Bodden currently leads the SIAC averaging 243.0 passing yards per game with six TDs and no picks. Running back **Johntarrious Thomas** is second in the league averaging 84.0 yards per game, 5.9 yards per rush with three TDs.

The Wildcats, under third-year head coach **Raymond Woodie**, are coming off a high-scoring 55-41 loss at **South Carolina State** Saturday. QB **Cam'Ron Ransom** threw for 302 yards and four TDs in that affair and should challenge the EWU defense.

There is an argument that **North Carolina A&T's** 33-30 double overtime win vs. **Hampton** was last week's biggest win.

It was the first win for new head coach **Shawn Gibbs**, the first for the once-mighty Aggies in three years in the Coastal Athletic Association (CAA) and the first over an FCS opponent in three seasons.

The follow-up has the Aggies (1-2, 1-0 CAA) hosting fierce rival **N. C. Central** Saturday in what sets up as a hard-hitting affair in Greensboro, N.C. (4 p.m., *Flo-Football*).

NCCU (2-2) has won the last three meetings including a 66-24 beatdown in Durham last season. The Eagles are coming off a 49-19 win over CIAA member **Fayetteville State** that allowed them to flex their muscles after two straight losses.

Johnson C. Smith got a big, but expected 21-17 win over winless **Elizabeth City State** (0-3) last week. The win was big because it kept the Golden Bulls undefeated at 3-0 and sets up an early CIAA showdown with aforementioned two-time conference champ **Virginia Union** (1-1) Saturday in Richmond, Va. (1 p.m., *CIAA Sports Network*). JCSU beat VUU 21-16

TOP PERFORMANCES

FOR GAMES OF SEPTEMBER 11 - 13 2025

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	YDs	TDs (YDs)
Walker Harris, NCCU	23-36-1	387	3 (7, 21, 63)
Cornelius Brown IV, ALA&M	21-33-0	329	2 (5, 30)
Cam'Ron Ransom, B-CU	20-30-0	302	4 (19, 52, 21, 35)
Ryan Stubblefield, SCSU	21-35-0	286	1 (8)
Noah Bodden, EWU	19-35-0	283	1 (53)
R. J. Johnson III, FLAM	17-22-0	272	2 (71, 12)
Jared Lockhart, JSU	14-20-1	257	1 (21)
Jamir Dismukes, ALL	28-33-0	257	0
Andrew Body, ALST	14-16-0	251	4 (35, 61, 40, 15)
Tyriq Starks, HOW	16-27-0	241	2 (19, 52)

RUSHING	CAR	YDs	AVG	TDs (YDs)
Jaylen Jennings, ARKPB	26	225	8.7	4 (21, 16, 25, 11)
Curtis Allen, VUU	24	147	6.1	2 (2, 12)
Johntavious Thomas, EWU	18	132	7.3	2 (2, 70)
Isaiah Freeman, HAMP	19	126	6.6	1 (2)
Fabian Duncan, ALL	27	125	4.6	2 (16, 5)
Don Hudson, Jr., FVSU	23	119	5.2	0
Kendric Rhymes, TNST	24	113	4.6	1 (5)
James Jones, DSU	8	100	12.5	0
Czavian Ceasett, GRAM	9	99	11.0	2 (13, 17)
Bryce Council, FSU	11	94	9.5	1 (69)

RECEIVING	REC	YDs	AVG	TDs/YDs
Maleek Huggins, B-CU	8	148	18.5	2 (52, 35)
Kenari Wilcher, FLAM	5	121	24.2	1 (71)
Ka'Trez Bracey, ECSU	2	120	60.0	1 (91)
Jalen Jones, ALST	4	118	28.5	2 (35, 61)
Kobe Paul, JSU	5	113	22.6	0
I.Jean-Baptiste, EWU	5	112	22.4	2 (53, 15)
Travaunta Abner, ALA&M	6	104	17.3	0
Malik Mullins, BEN	4	92	23.0	0
Ilyzahiah Rockwell, PVA&M	6	92	15.3	0
Chance Peterson, NCCU	3	91	30.3	0

TACKLES

18 Harold O'Neal III, HAMP;
14 Chris Calhoun, ECSU;
11 Dominique Davis, CSU; Kaiki Baker, TNST; Samuel Graham, BSU; Deven Foster, ALB; Isaiah Bogerty, TXSOU; Darrell Staring, PVA&M; Cadarius Newcomb, LANE
10 Eric Searcy, CLATL; Israel Nwokocho, BEN; Kamren Amoo, PVA&M; Roderick Kelly, B-CU; Elijah West, Jamaro Campbell, SOU; Zxaequan Reeves, LANE;

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2.0 Thomas Johnson, NCCU;

INTERCEPTIONS

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



Bodden Teasett Freeman Bardell Peters

OLD QBs IN NEW PLACES:

The movement of quarterbacks from one black college program to another is one of the highlights of the still early 2025 black college football season.