

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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LEAGUE RACES BEGIN IN EARNEST

KEY CONFERENCE MATCH UPS SET; JENKINS HAS INTERIM TAG REMOVED; CROWDED PROFILE

RON DICKERSON JR.: Takes his Benedict Tigers, the only undefeated team left in black college football, into Clark Atlanta.

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

BCSP CIAAM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
QB - Demari Daniels, Sr., FSU - 14-24-0, 255 yards, 3 TDs (32, 6, 6) in win vs. ECSU.
OB - Curtis Allen, R-Sr., VUU - 23 carries, 108 yards, 4 TDs (4, 6, 12, 3) vs. JC Smith.
WR - Kayden Watson, Fr., FSU - 7 receptions, 134 yds., 2 TDs (6, 6) in win over ECSU.
DB - Jaden Perkins, R-Jr., SHAW - 4 solo tackles, 2 picks, 3 pass break-ups vs. LINCP.
DL - Kenyon Garner, DE, LIV - 7 tackles, 6 solos, 3 sacks for -18 yards in win over Bowie State
OL - Benjamin Hicks, R-So., FSU - Anchored 454-yard offensive effort.
LB - Matthew Leach, Jr., FSU - 6 tackles, 3 solos, 1 TFL vs. ECSU.
SPECIAL - John Hernandez-Vargas, R-So., PK, FSU - 3 FGs (35, 49, 32), 6 of 6 PATs vs. ECSU.
ROOKIE - Alexander Marsh, QB, SHAW - 165 passing yards, 2 TDs, rushing TD vs. LINCP.

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

BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Walker Harris, R-Sr., QB, NCCU - 22 of 29 for 380 yards and 3 TDs (30, 38, 50) in win over NC A&T. **Chris Mosley, Sr., RB, NCCU** - Had 258 all-purpose yards on 11 rushes to 168 yards and TD runs of 75, 14 and 53 yards and 4 receptions for 90 yards and TD receptions of 30 and 50 yards vs. NC A&T.
DEFENSE JaQuavion Smith, So., LB, HOW - 7 tackles, four solos, 3 tackles for loss, two sacks for -19 yards a forced fumble and pass break-up in win over Hampton.
NEWCOMER Tyng Starks, R-Sr., QB, HOW - Hit on 12 of 15 passes for 165 yards with no interception. Also had a rushing TD in win over Hampton
ROOKIE Randall Nauden, RB, MSU - 38 rushing yards, 1 TD vs. CSU.
O-LINEMAN Trevon Humphrey, R-Jr., NCCU
SPECIAL: Kaleb Robison, So., P/IK, NCCU - 21-yard FG and 7 of 7 on PATs vs. NC A&T.

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

BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Fabian Duncan, So., RB, ALLEN - 46 carries, 229 yards, 3 TDs (42, 4, 3) in win over Clark Atlanta. **Jamir Dismukes, Sr., QB, ALLEN** - 28 of 33, no picks, 237 yards, 3 TDs (83, 23, 31) in win over CAU. Also had a rushing TD.
DEFENSE Amarie Fleming, So., DL, ALLEN - 7 tackles, 4 solos, 3.5 sacks for -9 yards, forced a fumble vs. CAU.
SPECIAL TEAMS E. J. Hall, So., WR/KR, TUSK - 4 receptions, 117 yards, 2 TDs (32, 20), two punt returns for 21 yards, two KO returns for 108 yards including 92-yard TD.
NEWCOMER Darius Ocean, Jr., QB, BEN - JC Smith transfer was 19-29-0, 213 passing yards, 4 TDs (2, 28, 2, 1) in win over Tuskegee.

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

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Maleek Huggins, R-Sr., WR, B-CU - 6 receptions, 177 yards, 2 TDs (20, 82) vs. Edward Waters. **Cam Ron Ransom, R-Sr., QB, B-CU** - 10-20-1, 172 yards, 3 TDs (20, 9, 82) vs. EWU.
DEFENSE Travon Randle, Gr., S, PVA&M - Team-high 14 tackles, 4 solos, 1 interception with 32-yard return vs. NW State.
SPECIALIST Theodore Caballero, Jr., PK, GSU - 4 of 4 PATs and 41-yard FG in 3-point win over ET&M.
NEWCOMER Khamani Robinson, Fr., B-CU - 12 carries, 114 yds., 75-yard TD vs. EWU.

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Kaleb Jackson, Jr., QB, WVU - Was 16 of 23 for 309 yards and 3 TDs (37, 16, 65) in win over W. Va. Wesleyan.
DEFENSE Malik Brown, Jr., LB, WVU - 10 tackles, 2 solos, 5 sack vs. W. Va. Wesleyan.

SCORES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	Livingstone 17, Bowie State 16
Benedict 45, Tuskegee 24	Morgan State 27, Central State 0
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20	N. C. Central 62, N. C. A&T 20
Alabama A&M 49, Lane 7	Prairie View A&M 27, NW State 24
Allen 49, Clark Atlanta 38	Quincy 24, Lincoln (MO) 21
Bethune-Cookman 35, Edward Waters 9	Sacred Heart 31, Norfolk State 28
Delaware State 33, Saint Francis 10	Savannah State 45, Miles 19
Delta State 21, Fort Valley State 18	Shaw 36, Lincoln (PA) 21
Fayetteville State 51, Eliz. City State 8	South Florida 63, S. C. State 14
Grambling State 31, E. Texas A&M 28	Va. State 34, Winston-Salem State 33
Howard 34, Hampton 7	Virginia Union 28, J. C. Smith 10
Kentucky State 35, Morehouse 17	W. Va. State 45, W. V. Wesleyan 16
Langston 35, Texas College 28	

Races heat up at first month's end

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 With most of the preliminaries (non-conference games) out of the way, races in three of the four black college conferences will now heat up as the last week of September approaches.

Only the six-member MEAC, whose intra-conference schedule doesn't start until late October, is not embroiled in serious jockeying beginning this week.

All 12 schools in the SWAC do battle with each other this week. Ditto for 12 of the 13 SIAC members and 10 of the 11 CIAA programs.

The SIAC

Perhaps the conference trending towards the hottest race is the SIAC. So far, **Benedict** (3-0), **Edward Waters** (3-1) and **Allen** (2-2) are off to 2-0 starts in conference play with pre-season favorite **Albany State** (2-1) at 1-0 in the SIAC.

This week there are two big showdowns amongst the leaders with **Allen** at **Albany State** (1 p.m., *ASU Stream*) and undefeated **Benedict** at (2-2, 1-1) **Clark Atlanta** (3 p.m., *SIAC Network*).

Edward Waters is hosting winless **Morehouse** (0-3, 0-1 SIAC) at 6 p.m. (*SIAC Network*).

Amongst the one-loss teams, **Fort Valley State** (0-3, 0-1) travels to **Tuskegee** (2-2, 1-1) and **Savannah State** (2-1, 1-1) hosts **Kentucky State** (2-2, 2-1). Both are 6 p.m. starts streamed on *ESPN+*.

Central State (0-4, 0-3) and **Lane** (0-3, 0-1) will both look for their first win when they face off in Rochester, N. Y. at 1 p.m. in the *Frederick Douglass HBCU Football Classic* at

the Community Sports Plex. The match up will be streamed on the *Marauder Sports Network*.

Miles (0-4, 0-2) is the only SIAC member playing out of the conference facing MEAC member **Morgan State** (1-3) at the *41st Annual Circle City Classic* in Indianapolis (3 p.m.).

The SWAC

Prairie View A&M's down-to-the-wire 22-21 *Rival Day Classic* win over Houston-area rival **Texas Southern** is the only SWAC contest thus far.

The race ratchets up this week as defending champion **Jackson State** (2-1) is at **Southern** (1-3) for the 73rd meeting of the two SWAC titans (6 p.m., *ESPN+*). Southern leads the series 37-35 but JSU has taken the last six meetings including two last season, 41-13 in the 2024 SWAC Championship Game and 33-15 in the 2024 regular season.

East Division match ups have **Alabama State** (2-1) at **Florida A&M** (1-2) (2 p.m., *HB CUGo.tv*) and **Alabama A&M** (3-1) at **Bethune-Cookman** (1-3) (2 p.m., *SWAC TV*).

An inter-divisional battle has **Texas Southern** (0-3, 0-1) at **Mississippi Valley State** (0-3) at 4 p.m. on *SWAC TV*.

The West Division tilts have **Grambling State** (3-1) and **Prairie View A&M** (2-2, 1-0) hooking up at the 100th *State Fair Classic* at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas (6 p.m., *SWAC TV*) and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (1-2) at **Alcorn State** (6 p.m., *TheGrio*).

The CIAA

Five CIAA schools put their 1-0 conference marks on the line this week.

Virginia Union (2-1, 1-0) is at **Shaw** (1-2, 1-0) and **Virginia State** (2-1, 1-0) plays at

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	Norfolk State vs. Wagner in Staten Island, NY - <i>ESPN+</i>	12p
	Allen vs. Albany State in Albany, GA - <i>ASUStream</i>	1p
	Cumberland vs. Florida Memorial in Miami Gardens, FL	1p
	Delaware State vs. Sacred Heart in Fairfield, CT - <i>ESPN+</i>	1p
	Fairmont State vs. West Virginia State in Institute, WV	1p
	Lincoln (MO) vs. Upper Iowa in Fayette, IA	1p
	Va. State vs. Fayetteville State in FVille, NC - <i>FSSStream</i>	1p
	Virginia Union vs. Shaw in Durham, NC - <i>CIAASN</i>	1p
	Winston-Salem State vs. Bowie State in Bowie, MD - <i>BSSStream</i>	1p
	Alabama State vs. Florida A&M in Thassee, FL - <i>HBCUGo.tv</i>	2p
	Alabama A&M vs. B-Cookman in D. Beach, FL - <i>SWACTV</i>	2p
	Bluefield State vs. J. C. Smith in Charlotte, NC - <i>CIAASN</i>	2p
	Hampton vs. Elon in Elon, NC - <i>FloCollege</i>	2p
	Howard vs. Richmond in Richmond, VA - <i>ESPN+</i>	2p
	Fort Valley State vs. Tuskegee in Tuskegee, AL - <i>ESPN+</i>	3p
	Benedict vs. Clark Atlanta in Atlanta, GA - <i>SIAC Network</i>	3p
	Miles vs. Morgan State in Indianapolis, IN	3p
	Tenn. Tech vs. Tennessee State in Nashville, TN	3:30p
	Lincoln (PA) vs. Livingstone in Salisbury, NC	4p
	N. C. A&T vs. Maine in Orono, ME - <i>FloCollege</i>	4p
	Texas S'thern vs. Miss. Valley St. in Itta Bena, MS - <i>SWACTV</i>	4p
	Central State vs. Lane in Rochester, NY - <i>CSUStream</i>	5p
	Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Alcorn State in Memphis, TN - <i>TheGrio</i>	6p
	Grambling State vs. Prairie View A&M in Dallas - <i>SWACTV</i>	6p
	Jackson State vs. Southern in Baton Rouge, LA - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
	Kentucky State vs. Savannah State in Savannah, GA - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
	Morehouse vs. Edward Waters in Jacksonville, FL	6p
	S. C. State vs. Charleston S'thern in Ch'ston, SC - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
	N. C. Central vs. E. Texas A&M in Commerce, TX - <i>ESPN+</i>	7p

Fayetteville State (1-3, 1-0) in 1 p.m. starts carried on the *CAA Sports Network*. **Livingstone** (2-1, 1-0) hosts **Lincoln (Pa.)** (0-2, 0-1) at 4 p.m. **Winston-Salem State** (2-2, 0-1) is at **Bowie State** (1-2, 0-1) at 1 p.m. and **J. C. Smith** (3-1, 0-1) hosts **Bluefield State** (1-2) at 2 p.m.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

JENKINS HAS INTERIM TAG REMOVED:

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — **Edward Waters** officially announced Friday the promotion of **Brian Jenkins Sr.** from interim head coach to head football coach following a historic start to the 2025 season that had seen the Tigers surge to a 3-0 record for the first time since 1964.

Jenkins, who was originally named interim head coach on July 16, has wasted little time leaving his mark on the program. Under his leadership, the Tigers opened the season with a commanding 41-14 road win over **Savannah State**, followed by a decisive home-opening 46-14 victory against defending **SIAC** champion **Miles**, before capturing one of the biggest wins in program history in a 41-38 upset over Div. II No. 13 and back-to-back **CIAA** champion **Virginia Union** in the inaugural *Unity Classic*.

The Tigers' unbeaten start under Jenkins has energized the program and Tiger Nation alike. His emphasis on discipline, accountability, and high-energy play has translated into success on the field. They are currently No. 1 in the BCSP Div. II/NAIA Top Five (see below).

"Coach Jenkins has proven in just a short period of time that he is the right leader to guide Edward Waters football into the future," said Interim Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics, **Ashley Conner**.

Edward Waters' 3-0 start is the best for the program in more than 60 years, and it comes against one of the most challenging early-season schedules in program history. The Tigers have combined explosive offense, suffocating defense, and game-changing special teams plays to earn recognition as one of the hottest teams in the **SIAC** and NCAA Division II.

"I am humbled and honored to be officially named head coach of this program," said Jenkins. "This is about more than football — it's about our young men, our university, and our community. I'm proud of what we've accomplished so far, but we know the job is just beginning. Our best football is still ahead of us."

Jenkins and the Tigers dropped their first game of the season Saturday to **Bethune-Cookman**, 35-9

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) **JACKSON STATE** (2-1) Bye week. NEXT: At Southern.
- 2) **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (2-2) Lost at South Florida, 63-14. NEXT: At Charleston Southern.
- 3) **HOWARD** (3-1) Thumped Hampton, 34.7. NEXT: At Richmond.
- 4) **ALABAMA STATE** (2-1) Bye week. NEXT: At Florida A&M.
- 5) **ALABAMA A&M** (3-1) Dominant over Lane, 49-7. NEXT: At Bethune-Cookman.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

- 1) **EDWARD WATERS** (3-1) - Bethune-Cookman too much for Tigers, 35-9. NEXT: Hosting Morehouse.
- 2) **VIRGINIA STATE** (2-1) Squeaked by Winston-Salem State, 34-33. NEXT: At Fayetteville State.
- 3) **VIRGINIA UNION** (2-1) Got big 28-10 win over J. C. Smith. NEXT: At Shaw.
- 4) **JOHNSON C. SMITH** (3-1) Lost at Virginia Union, 28-10. NEXT: Hosting Bluefield State.
- 5) **ALBANY STATE** (2-1) Bye week. NEXT: Hosting Allen.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

(Highest Attended Games of Sept. 18 - 20, 2025)

Tuskegee at Jackson State	18,642
Miles at Alabama State	18,101
Howard vs. Morehouse in E. Rutherford, NJ	16,248
Hampton at North Carolina A&T	15,806
Alabama A&M at Tennessee State	10,208
Bethune-Cookman at South Carolina State	9,026
Fayetteville State at NC Central	7,639
Lincoln Pa. at Winston-Salem State	5,500

TOP PERFORMANCES

FOR GAMES OF SEPTEMBER 18 - 20, 2025

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	YDs	TDs (YDs)
Walker Harris, NCCU	22-29-0	380	3 (30, 38, 50)
Otto Kuhn, NSU	27-41-1	340	1 (29)
Daylin Lee, WSSU	21-30-1	338	2 (4, 19)
Miles Scott, MHS	25-31-1	334	2 (59, 1)
Kaleb Jackson, WVU	16-23-0	309	3 (37, 16, 65)
Hamas Duren, LINCP	23-43-3	269	2 (27, 14)
Demari Daniels, FSU	14-24-0	255	3 (32, 6, 6)
Xzavier Jackson, CLATL	15-23-0	244	4 (17, 3, 8, 6)
Jamir Dismukes, ALL	28-33-0	237	3 (83, 23, 31)
Kevin White, NCA&T	10-16-1	232	1 (9)
Brenley Vandiver, MILES	18-39-0	217	1 (44)
Darius Ocean, BEN	19-29-0	213	4 (2, 28, 2, 1)