

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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MUST-SEE FOOTBALL

13 HOMECOMINGS THIS WEEK, ASU AT JSU TOPS THE LIST; NCAA DIV. II STATS LEADERS FROM HBCUs

SHOWDOWN TIME: Alabama State QB Andrew Body (top) and Jackson State QB Jacobian Morgan (bottom) lead their teams into battle for SWAC East lead.

SCORES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4		Johnston C. Smith 31, Virginia State 20	
Alabama State 52, Bethune-Cookman 35	Kentucky State 38, Miles 17	Albany State 47, Lane 6	Monmouth 49, Delaware State 38
Benedict 38, Allen 28	Morehouse 27, Tuskegee 20	Bluefield State 35, Shaw 33	Ottawa-Arizona 52, Langston 10
Central State 18, Fort Valley State 14	Prairie View A&M 13, Alcorn State 12	Eastern Illinois 31, Tennessee State 7	S. C. 49, Savannah State 6
Elizabeth City State 39, Livingstone 27	Southwest Baptist 50, Lincoln (MO) 21	Fayetteville State 38, Bowie State 10	Texas Southern 51, Ark.-Pine Bluff 7
Florida Memorial 28, Southeastern 23	Virginia Union 44, Winston-Salem State 34	Georgetown 27, Morgan State 24	West Liberty 47, West Virginia State 41
Jackson State 57, Alabama A&M 24	William & Mary 38, N. Carolina A&T 34		

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

DIV. II FOOTBALL STAT LEADERS:

Virginia Union senior running back **Curtis Allen** is setting the pace in several Div. II statistical categories.

The 6-2, 215-pounder currently leads all of Div. II in rushing yards (941), rushing TDs (14), total TDs (14), total points scored (84) and scoring (16.8 points per game). The Petersburg, Va. native is second in rushing yards per game (188.2), fourth in rushing yards per carry (8.18) and his 962 yards and 192.5 yards per game is third in all-purpose yards. He is on pace to break **Jada Byers** VUU single-season rushing record of 2,061 yards in 14 games (147.2 ypg.) set in 2024.

Edward Waters freshman **Kieren Jackson** and **Albany State** junior **Cameron Watts** are tied for first with two kickoff return touchdowns. **Benedict** sophomore **Jaxon Williams** leads kickoff return stats at 50.3 yards per return. Jackson averages 45.7 yards (3rd) and Watts is fifth (39.6). **Lincoln (Mo.)** freshman **Jaden Holloway** is the punts return leader (18.5 ypr.).

Fort Valley State senior cornerback **Darnell Stephens** is tops in passes defended with 13, 2.6 per game in five games. **Kentucky State** senior QB **Torrance Bardell** leads in passing yards per completion (19.3) and is second in passing efficiency (196.5). **Winston-Salem State** junior QB **Daylin Lee** is fourth with 17 passing TDs.

West Virginia State junior receiver **Amare Ary** is first in receiving yards per game (123.0) and third in receiving yards (615). WSSU senior wide receiver **Jahari Mitchell** is third in yards per reception (25.5), Lincoln Mo. junior **Marcus Harris** is fourth (25.3) and Ary is fifth (24.6).

Livingstone sophomore defensive end **Kenyon Garner** is second in sacks with 7.0 (1.4 per game) and second in tackles for loss (12.5, 2.5 pg.). **Benedict** senior lineman **Israel Nwokocho** is tied for third (11.0, 2.20 pg.)

Central State senior linebacker **Domonique Davis II** is tied for sixth in total tackles with 66 (11.0 per game).

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) **JACKSON STATE** (4-1) - Beat Alabama A&M in Mobile, Ala., 57-24. NEXT: JSU homecoming SWAC East showdown vs. Alabama State.
- 2) **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (3-3) - Handled Savannah State, 49-6. NEXT: At North Carolina A&T homecoming.
- 3) **HOWARD** (3-2) - Bye week. NEXT: At Sacred Heart.
- 4) **ALABAMA STATE** (4-1) - Homecoming win over Bethune-Cookman, 52-35. NEXT: At No. 1 Jackson State's homecoming.
- 5) **N. C. CENTRAL** (3-2) - Bye week. NEXT: At Florida A&M.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

- 1) **EDWARD WATERS** (4-1) - Bye week. NEXT: At Kentucky State's homecoming
- 2) **VIRGINIA UNION** (4-1) - Ran past Winston-Salem State, 44-34. NEXT: At Elizabeth City State.
- 3) **JOHNSON C. SMITH** (5-1) - Won at Virginia State, 31-20. NEXT: Bye week.
- 4) **ALBANY STATE** (3-1) - Throttled Lane, 47-6. NEXT: Hosting Clark Atlanta.
- 5) **BENEDICT** (5-0) - Stayed unbeaten with 38-28 win over Allen. NEXT: Hosting Fort Valley State.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

(Highest Attended Games of Oct. 4, 2025)

Bethune-Cookman @ Alabama State Homecoming	24,736
Savannah State @ South Carolina State Homecoming	24,322
Morehouse vs. Tuskegee in Montgomery	14,586
Jackson State @ Alabama A&M	14,517
Norfolk State @ Hampton	9,710

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

CONF	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
Virginia Union	1	0	4	1
Fayetteville State	3	0	3	3
Livingstone	2	1	3	2
Johnson C. Smith	1	1	5	1
Winston-Salem State	1	1	3	3
Bluefield State	1	1	2	3
Elizabeth City State	1	1	1	4
Shaw	1	2	1	4
Virginia State	0	1	2	3
Bowie State	0	2	1	4
Lincoln (PA)	0	2	0	5

BCSP CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

QB - Christopher Perkins, Sr., ECSU - 17 of 20, 190 yards, 4 TDs (30, 5, 20, 34) vs. Livingstone
Kevin Durham, Sr., JCSU - 18-29-1, 251 yards, 4 TDs (3, 12, 42, 41) in win at Virginia State.
QB - Curtis Allen, R-Sr., VUU - 34 carries, 249 yards (7.3 ypc.), 4 TDs (5, 24, 4, 42) in win at WSSU.
WR - Jahari Mitchell, Sr., WSSU - 5 receptions, 151 yards (30.2 ypc.), 3 TDs (36, 19, 27) vs. VUU.
DB - Evan Powell, R-Sr., WSSU - Led Rams with 15 tackles, 6 solos vs. Va. Union.
DL - Cameron Davis, So., VSU - 13 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble vs. JCSU.
LB - Rashad Muhammad, Sr., BLST - 11 tackles, 7 solos, 3 TFL for -15 yards, 1 sack (-10) vs. Shaw.
OL - Christian Solomon, VUU

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
North Carolina Central	0	0	4	2
Howard	0	0	3	2
Delaware State	0	0	3	3
SC State	0	0	3	3
Morgan State	0	0	2	4
Norfolk State	0	0	1	5

BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE Ryan Stubblefield, Gr., QB, SCSU - 14-30-0, 206 yards, 2 TDs in HC win over Savannah State.
Darius Thompson, R-Jr., WR, SCSU - 2 receptions, 84 yards, 2 TDs (22, 62) vs. Savannah State.
DEFENSE Brian Bates, So., LB, DSU - 12 tackles, 5 solos, 5 TFL vs. Monmouth.
Eric Hunter, R-Sr., LB, MSU - 11 solo tackles, 1 TFL vs. Georgetown.
SPECIALIST Rasheen Duncan, Fr., DL, MSU - Blocked two FG attempts vs. Georgetown.
NEWCOMER Charles Arnold Jr., Gr., DB, SCSU - One solo tackle and one interception returned 91 yards for a TD vs. SSU.
William Atkins, Gr., QB, SCSU - 9 of 11, 162 passing yards, 3 TDs (10, 22, 62) vs. SSU.
ROOKIE Justin Perry, Fr., WR, MSU - 5 receptions, 127 yards, 1 TD vs. Georgetown.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
Benedict	3	0	4	0
Edward Waters	3	0	4	1
Albany State	2	0	3	1
Kentucky State	3	1	3	2
Allen	2	1	2	3
Fort Valley State	1	1	1	3
Savannah State	1	2	2	2
Clark Atlanta	1	2	2	3
Tuskegee	1	2	2	3
Central State	1	3	1	4
Morehouse	0	2	0	4
Lane	0	2	0	4
Miles	0	2	0	5

BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE Tristan Morgan, Jr., RB, BEN - Just 8 carries, 112 yards (14.0 yards per carry), 75-yard TD in win vs. Clark Atlanta.
DEFENSE Tymetrious Patterson, R-Jr., LB, BEN - 8 tackles, 7 solos, 4.0 tackles for loss (-33 yards), 3.0 sacks (-28 yards), 2 forced fumbles, 2 pass break-ups vs. CAU.
SPECIAL TEAMS Jaxon Williams, So., WR/KR, BEN - 92-yard KO return TD to open scoring vs. CAU. Also had 2 receptions for 55 yards including 42-yard TD reception.
NEWCOMER Xavier Jackson, Fr., QB, CAU - 28-47-1, 388 passing yards, 3 TDs (46, 70, 29) vs. Benedict.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

DIV	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
EAST DIVISION				
Alabama State	2	0	4	1
Jackson State	2	0	4	1
Bethune-Cookman	1	1	2	4
Alabama A&M	0	2	3	3
Florida A&M	0	1	1	3
Miss. Valley State	0	1	0	4
WEST DIVISION				
Prairie View A&M	3	0	4	2
Texas Southern	2	1	2	3
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1	1	2	3
Grambling State	0	1	3	2
Southern	0	1	1	4
Alcorn State	0	2	0	5

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE Jacobian Morgan, Gr., QB, JSU - 21-30-0, 314 yards, 4 TDs (22, 60, 19, 37) vs. Alabama A&M. Also ran for 120 yards (12 carries) and 1 TD.
DEFENSE Quincy Ivory, Sr., DL, JSU - Team-high 10 tackles, 3 solos, 3 QB hits, 1 TFL vs. ALA&M.
SPECIALIST Christian Avelar, TXSOU - 18-, 39- and 44-yard field goals and 5 of 5 on PATs for 14 points in win vs. UABP.
NEWCOMER K. J. Cooper, R-Jr., QB, TXSOU - 16 of 23, 1 interception, 197 yards, 2 TDs (11, 33), also had rushing TD in win over UABP.

INDEPENDENTS

CONF	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
Virginia-Lynchburg	0	0	0	2
SUN				
Florida Memorial	1	0	2	2
CAA				
Hampton	0	0	2	4
NC A&T State	0	0	1	5
OHIO VALLEY				
Tennessee State	0	0	1	4
MIAA				
Lincoln (Mo.)	0	0	1	4
MOUNTAIN EAST				
W. Va. State	0	0	3	1
SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference)				
Langston	0	0	1	3
Texas College	0	0	0	3

BCSP INDY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Amare Ary, Jr., WR, WWSU - 9 receptions, 173 yards (19.2 yards per catch), 2 TDs (59, 33) in loss to West Liberty.
Kevin White, R-So., QB, NC A&T - 20-28-0, 225 yards, 1 TD (16) and scored on a 10-yard run vs. William & Mary.
DEFENSE Andre Jackson Jr., Fr., CB, HAMP - Team-high 12 tackles, 8 solos, 1 sack (-5 yards) vs. NSU.
NEWCOMER Braden Davis, R-Jr., QB, HAMP - 16-28-1, 202 yards, 1 TD and scored on a 21-yard run vs. NSU.

Showdown in Jackson for SWAC East lead

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The 2025 season's largest homecoming schedule is on tap this week with 13 of the special games on the menu. The biggest battles feature conference leaders.

Alabama State at Jackson State's Homecoming

Many, many eyes will be on Jackson, Mississippi's Veterans Memorial Stadium Saturday (2:30 p.m. on ESPN) and many butts will be in seats when BCSP FCS No. 1 **Jackson State** and No. 4 **Alabama State** meet in a battle for SWAC East Division supremacy. The winner of this longtime rivalry will be the favorite to take the 2025 SWAC title.

The teams come in with identical 4-1 overall records and unblemished 2-0 marks in divisional play. They also feature the two hottest quarterbacks in the league in JSU's **Jacobian Morgan** and ASU's **Andrew Body**.

Statistically, Body is having the better season so far. In five games, the **Texas Southern** transfer has completed 91 of 131 passes (69.5%) for league highs of 1,380 yards, 276.0 passing yards per game and 18 touchdowns without an interception! His 18 TDs is tied for third in the FCS and his 203.3 efficiency rating is also tops in the league and third in the FCS. He is also the SWAC rushing leader with 520 yards (104.0 ypg.) with one TD.

Body had perhaps his best game in the Hornets' season-opening loss at BCS member UAB where he gave the Blazers fits. The 6-foot, 205-pound Corpus Christi, Tx. native completed 18 of 24 passes for 312 yards and four TDs - needless to say, without an interception - and rushed for 119 yards in 16 carries including a 60-yard TD run.

He has led the Hornets to a league-best 40.6 points per game and 450.8 yards of total offense per

game, second only to JSU's 506.4 ypg.

Morgan, however, the SWAC's preseason offensive player of the year and last year's *Celebration Bowl* MVP, has been no slouch.

The 6-4, 228-pound Syracuse transfer out of Canton, Miss. has passed for 929 yards (232.3 ypg.) and six touchdowns in four games with just one interception while completing 60.2 percent of his tosses.

Morgan has his best game last week in a 57-24 win over **Alabama A&M** where he completed 21 of 30 passes without a pick for 314 yards and four TDs while running for 120 yards including a 4-yard scoring run. The teams are 1-2 in rushing offense (JSU, 269.4, ASU 238.0). JSU sophomore **Ahmad Miller** is just behind Body in rushing stats with 455 yards (91.0 ypg.) and three TDs. ASU sophomore **Jahbari Kuykendall** is fourth with 436 yards (87.2 ypg.).

Livingstone at Fayetteville State Homecoming

After opening the season with three straight losses, **Fayetteville State** has put up three impressive wins to post the best record so far in the CIAA. The Broncos (3-3, 3-0 CIAA) have averaged 41 points per game in knocking off **Elizabeth City State** (51-8), **Virginia State** (34-14) and **Bowie State** (38-10).

They will host **Livingstone** (3-2, 2-1), coming off its first CIAA loss, 39-27 to ECSU, Saturday (1:30 p.m., FSU Sports Network) for their homecoming.

S. C. State at N. C. A&T Homecoming

Defending MEAC champion **South Carolina State** (3-3) is at homecoming (1 p.m., FloSports) at **N. C. A&T** (1-5) in a battle that hearkens back to a time when both were in the league.

Edward Waters at Kentucky State Homecoming

Edward Waters (4-1, 3-0 SIAC), one of three SIAC teams with unblemished conference records, plays in Frankfort, Ky. at homecoming (2

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11	
QUAZ vs. Texas College in Tyler, TX	11a
Northeastern State vs. Lincoln (MO) in Jeff. City, MO	12p
S. Connecticut State vs. Delaware State (HC) in Dover, DE - ESPN+	12p
Clark Atlanta vs. Albany State in Albany, GA - ESPN+	1p
Howard vs. Sacred Heart in Fairfield, CT - ESPN+	1p
Keiser vs. Florida Memorial in Miami Gardens, FL	1p
Lincoln (PA) at Bluefield State in Bluefield, WV - BigBlueSN	1p
Morehouse vs. Central State (HC) in Wilberforce, OH	1p
S. C. State vs. N. C. A&T (HC) in Gr'boro, NC - FloSports	1p
Va. Lynchburg vs. Morgan State (HC) in Baltimore, MD - ESPN+	1p
Virginia State vs. Bowie State in Bowie, MD - TheGrio	1p
Virginia Union vs. Eliz. City State in Eliz. City, NC - CIAASN	1p
West Virginia State vs. Concord in Athens, WV	1p
W-Salem State at Shaw in Raleigh, NC - CIAASN	1p
Livingstone at Fayetteville State (HC) in F'ville, NC - FSUSN	1:30p
Norfolk State vs. Wofford in Spartanburg, SC	1:30p
Arkansas-Baptist vs. Langston (HC) in Langston, OK	2p
Campbell vs. Hampton in Hampton, VA - FloCollege	2p
Edward Waters vs. Kentucky State (HC) in Frankfort, KY - KSUStream	2p
Fort Valley State vs. Benedict in Columbia, SC - SIACSN	2p
Lincoln (CA) vs. Alcorn State (HC) in Lorman, MS - SWAC TV	2p
Miss. Valley State vs. Alabama A&M (HC) in Huntsville, AL - SWAC TV	2p
Southern vs. Bethune-Cookman in Daytona Beach, FL - SWAC TV	2p
Westgate Christian vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (HC) in Pine Bluff, AR - SWAC TV	2p
Alabama State vs. Jackson State (HC) in Jackson, MS - ESPN	2:30p
Miles vs. Lane (HC) in Jackson, TN	3p
N. C. Central vs. Florida A&M in Tallahassee, FL - HBCUGo.tv	3p
Tennessee State vs. SE Missouri in Cape Girardeau, MO	3p
Savannah State vs. Allen in Columbia, SC	6p
Texas S'tern vs. Grambling State (HC) in Grambling, LA - ESPN+	6p

p.m., KSUStream) for **Kentucky State** (3-2, 3-1). Undefeated **Benedict** (4-0, 3-0) is entertaining (2 p.m., SIACSN) **Fort Valley State** (1-3, 1-1) and **Albany State** (3-1, 2-0) hosts (1 p.m., ESPN+) **Clark Atlanta** (2-3, 1-2).

J-CM SHINES!!

Washington rookie running back **JACORY CROSKY-MERRITT** (#22, ALABAMA STATE/Arizona) breaks a tackle en route to 150 all-purpose yards - 111 rushing and 39 receiving - and two TDs in Commanders' 27-10 win Sunday over the LA Chargers.

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TOP PERFORMANCES

FOR GAMES OF OCTOBER 4, 2025

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	Yds	TDs (Yds)
Kaleb Jackson, WVSU	20-32-2	374	3 (59, 33, 19)
Cornelius Brown III, ALA&M	26-39-1	341	2 (36, 41)
Miles Scott, MHS	22-35-1	326	4 (44, 25, 24, 14)
Jacobian Morgan, JSU	21-30-0	314	4 (22, 60, 19, 37)
Brinley Vandiver, MILES	23-41-3	299	2 (17, 66)
Tyquan Wiggins, FLAMEM	15-27-1	296	1 (50)
Torrance Bardell, KSU	21-33-1	294	3