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CLINCHING TIME IN CIAA/SIAC?

JC SMITH AT FAYETTEVILLE STATE, 'BAMA STATE AT PRAIRIE VIEW TOP MENU; OUR GOODBYE TO FRED WHITTED

RICHARD HAYES: Looks to earn FSU's seventh CIAA title game appearance in eight seasons and knock J. C. Smith out of contention in showdown in Charlotte.

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Virginia Union	5	0	7	1
Fayetteville State	5	0	5	3
Johnson C. Smith	4	1	7	1
Virginia State	3	2	5	3
Livingstone	2	3	4	4
Bluefield State	2	3	3	5
Elizabeth City State	2	3	2	6
Winston-Salem State	2	4	4	5
Shaw	2	4	2	6
Bowie State	1	4	2	6
Lincoln (PA)	0	5	0	8

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Delaware State	1	0	5	3
SC State	1	0	5	3
Howard	1	0	4	4
North Carolina Central	0	1	5	3
Morgan State	0	1	3	5
Norfolk State	0	1	1	7

BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE William Atkins IV, Gr., QB, SCSU - 24-35-1, 428 yards, 4 TDs (15, 75, 36, 8) in win vs. Norfolk State.
DEFENSE Jaydon Mifflin R-Jr., DL, DSU - 4 tackles, 2 solos, 1.5 sacks (4 yards), 1 interception in win vs. NCCU.

SPECIALIST
NA
NEWCOMER Kaiden Bennett, Gr., QB, DSU - 9-15-0, 212 yards, 3 TDs (5, 72, 25) in win vs. NC Central.
ROOKIE Raymond Moore III, R-Fr., QB, MSU - 13-25-0, 171 yards, 1 TD (14), 99 rushing yards, 11 carries, 81-yard TD run vs. Howard.

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Albany State	6	0	7	1
Benedict	6	1	7	1
Kentucky State	5	1	6	2
Edward Waters	4	2	5	3
Savannah State	3	3	4	4
Morehouse	3	3	3	5
Fort Valley State	3	3	3	5
Allen	3	3	3	5
Miles	3	3	3	6
Central State	2	5	2	7
Tuskegee	1	5	2	6
Clark Atlanta	1	5	2	6
Lane	0	6	0	8

BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Isaiah Knowles, Sr., QB, ALB - 22-37-1, 294 passing yards, 3 TDs (30, 20, 6) in win over Benedict.
DEFENSE Xavier Esquillen, Jr., DL, SAVST - Six tackles, all solos, 5 TFL, all sacks for -37 yards a forced fumble and a pass break-up in win vs. Morehouse.
NEWCOMER Noah Bodden, Sr., QB, EWU - 22-39-2, 368 yards, 4 TDs (16, 43, 47, 60) in win vs. CAU.
SPECIAL TEAMS
NA

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Albany State	3	1	5	2
Alabama State	3	1	5	2
Bethune-Cookman	3	1	4	4
Florida A&M	2	1	3	4
Alabama A&M	1	3	4	4
Miss. Valley State	0	3	1	6

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Andrew Body, Jr., QB, ALST - 19-24-0, 304 yards, 5 TDs (5, 16, 18, 4, 59) and a 4-yard TD run vs. Alabama A&M.
DEFENSE Geoffrey McKelton, R-So., DB, ALC - 10 tackles, 4 solos, 2.5 TFL (-4 yds.), one interception returned 20 yards vs. MVSU.
SPECIALIST Josh McCormick, Gr., PK, GSU - Kicked thru 44-yard FG to beat JSU.
NEWCOMER Jaylon Tolbert, Jr., QB, ALC - 23-32-0, 227 yards, 3 TDs (10, 16, 74) vs. MVSU.
Trey Holly, R-So., RB, SOU - 26 carries, 145 yards (5.4 ypc.), 2 TDs (2, 3) vs. FAMU.

INDEPENDENTS	W				L			
	CONF	W	L	W	CONF	W	L	W
Virginia-Lynchburg	0	0	3	5				
SUN								
Florida Memorial	3	1	3	4				
CAA								
NC A&T State	2	2	2	6				
Hampton	0	4	2	7				
OHIO VALLEY								
Tennessee State	0	4	2	6				
MIAA								
Lincoln (Mo.)	0	5	2	6				
MOUNTAIN EAST								
W. Va. State	3	2	4	4				
SAC (Sooner Athletic Conference)								
Langston	2	4	2	6				
Texas College	0	6	0	7				

BCSP INDY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE Tedric Wilcox, Fr., QB, FLAMEM - 17-29-1, 259 passing yards, 8 TDs vs. Thomas.
DEFENSE
Jeremiah Gill, Jr., LB, LINC - 7 tackles, 5 solos, 1 fumble recovery returned 84 yards for a TD vs. McKendree.
SPECIAL
Elijah Kennedy, Jr., WR/KR, NCA&T - 96-yard fourth quarter TD return, 85-yard fourth-period KO return game-winning TD. Also had 4 receptions for 27 yards vs. Campbell.

SCORES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25		J. C. Smith 52, Winston-Salem State 27	
Albany State 31, Benedict 3	Alabama State 56, Alabama A&M 13	Alcorn State 32, Miss. Valley State 10	Allen 28, Tuskegee 13
Bethune-Cookman (HC) 31, Ark.-Pine Bluff 14	Delaware State 35, N. C. Central (HC) 24	Edward Waters 55, Clark Atlanta 41	Elizabeth City State 62, Lincoln (PA) (HC) 14
Fayetteville State 31, Shaw 13	Florida A&M 43, Southern 35	Florida Memorial 85, Thomas 7	Fort Valley State 23, Lane 19
Grambling State 26, Jackson State 24	Howard (HC) 33, Morgan State 27, OT	Livingstone 44, Virginia Lynchburg 22	McKendree 54, Lincoln (MO) 48
Miles 28, Central State 24	Monmouth 28, Hampton (HC) 10	North Carolina A&T 28, Campbell 24	Prairie View A&M (HC) 38, Lincoln (CA) 0
Savannah State (HC) 24, Morehouse 16	South Carolina State 51, Norfolk State (HC) 20	Texas Wesleyan 42, Langston 28	Virginia State (HC) 51, Bluefield State 34
Virginia Union 24, Bowie State 7	Western Illinois 17, Tennessee State 16	West Florida 55, West Virginia State 6	

Clinching scenarios for CIAA and SIAC

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor
 Title-game matchups for the CIAA and SIAC can be decided this weekend.

The CIAA race

Virginia Union and Fayetteville State, both atop the CIAA race with 5-0 records with two games left in the regular season, can clinch berths in the Nov. 15 CIAA Championship Game in Durham, N. C. with wins Saturday.

VUU (7-1) is on the road for a 6 p.m. start at Bluefield State (3-5, 2-3 CIAA) looking to clinch the Panthers' third straight championship game appearance after back-to-back titles in 2023 and 2024. The Big Blue Sports Network is streaming the game. VUU beat Bluefield State 91-0 in the 2024 regular season.

Earlier Saturday, FSU (5-3) has a critical showdown at home vs. Johnson C. Smith (7-1, 4-1 CIAA) at 1 p.m. to be streamed on HBCUgo. tv. A Broncos' win would earn Richard Hayes's troops their seventh championship game appearance in eight seasons. A JCSU win however puts the Golden Bulls in the drivers' seat for the title game berth.

The SIAC race

After its' 31-13 win over Benedict Saturday knocked the Tigers from the unbeaten ranks, Albany State (7-1) is alone on top of the SIAC race at 6-0 as it hosts Savannah State (4-4, 3-3) Saturday (1 p.m., ESPN+). A win by Albany State clinches the home field for the Nov. 15 Championship game.

Benedict (7-1, 6-1 SIAC) is tied for second in the loss column but is a half-game ahead of Kentucky State (6-2, 5-1). Benedict has a non-conference homecoming game Saturday (2

p.m., SIAC Network) vs. Virginia-Lynchburg. KSU is hosting Clark Atlanta (2-6, 1-5),

ASU closes the regular season next week in Columbus, Ga. vs. Fort Valley State. Benedict closes the regular season at Savannah State while Kentucky State has a Nov. 8 date at Lane.

The MEAC race

The three winners in the first week of MEAC play all have home dates this week.

Delaware State (5-3, 1-0 MEAC) and first-year head coach DeSean Jackson, fresh off a stunning 35-26 win at North Carolina Central's homecoming, has moved its home date vs. Norfolk State to Thursday (7:30 p.m., ESPN+) at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field home of the NFL's Eagles. The game will match Jackson's Hornets against first-year NSU head coach Michael Vick's Spartans (1-7, 0-1). Jackson and Vick were teammates on the Eagles during their NFL careers.

NCCU (5-3, 0-1) looks to bounce back Saturday (1 p.m., ESPN+) at Howard (4-4, 1-0) who got a 33-27 win in overtime vs. Morgan State (3-5, 0-1) Saturday.

Defending champion South Carolina State (5-3, 1-0), who got a 51-20 win at NSU's homecoming, hosts MSU (2 p.m., ESPN+).

The SWAC race

Grambling State handed Jackson State its first conference loss in a last-second 26-24 win in Las Vegas Saturday evening. It leaves JSU (5-2, 3-1 SWAC E) tied with Alabama State (5-2, 3-1) for the East Division lead. JSU holds a head-to-head 38-34 win over 'Bama State.

This week JSU is at (6 p.m., ESPN+) Florida A&M (3-4, 2-1) likely playing without starting QB Jacobian Morgan who went out

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30		SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1	
Norfolk State vs. Delaware State in Philadelphia, PA - ESPN+	7:30p	Towson vs. North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, NC - FloCollege	12p
		Allen vs. Morehouse in Atlanta, GA - SIACN	1p
		J. C. Smith vs. Fayetteville State in Fayetteville, NC - HBCUgo.tv	1p
		North Carolina Central vs. Howard in Washington, DC - ESPN+	1p
		Savannah State vs. Albany State in Albany, GA - ESPN+	1p
		Webber vs. Florida Memorial in Miami Gardens, FL	1p
		Alabama A&M vs. Grambling State in Grambling, LA - SWACTV	2p
		Alabama State vs. Prairie View A&M in Prairie View, TX - SWACTV	2p
		Alcorn State vs. Texas Southern in Houston, TX	2p
		Central State vs. Edward Waters (HC) in Jacksonville, FL - SIACN	2p
		Eliz. City State vs. Bowie State (HC) in Bowie, MD - BSUStream	2p
		Lincoln (PA) vs. Virginia State in Ettrick, VA - CIAASN	2p
		Mississippi Valley State vs. Bethune-Cookman in D. Beach, FL - SWACTV	2p
		Morgan State vs. South Carolina State in Or'burg, SC - ESPN+	2p
		Shaw vs. Livingstone (HC) in Salisbury, NC	2p
		Southern vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Pine Bluff, AK - SWACTV	2p
		Truman State vs. Lincoln (MO) (HC) in Jefferson City, MO	2p
		Virginia Lynchburg vs. Benedict (HC) in Columbia, SC - SIACN	2p
		Clark Atlanta vs. Kentucky State in Frankfort, KY - SIACN	3p
		Lane vs. Tuskegee (HC) in Tuskegee, AL - GoldenTigerSN	3p
		Lindenwood vs. Tennessee State in Nashville, TN - ESPN+	3:30p
		Jackson State vs. Florida A&M in Tallahassee, FL - ESPN+	6p
		Miles vs. Fort Valley State in Fort Valley, GA	6p
		Virginia Union vs. Bluefield State in Bluefield, WV - BLSTSN	6p

late in the first quarter of the Grambling game. Alabama State has a game-to-watch (2 p.m., SWACTV) at West Division leader Prairie View A&M (6-2, 4-0). Bethune-Cookman (4-4, 3-1 E) is hosting (2 p.m., SWAC TV) Miss. Valley State (1-6, 0-3 E).

Texas Southern (4-3, 3-1 W) is hosting (2 p.m.) Alcorn State (2-6, 1-3 W) while Grambling (5-3, 2-2 W) hosts (2 p.m., SWAC TV) Alabama A&M (4-4, 1-3 E).

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BCSP MOURNS PASSING OF FRED WHITTED:

Esteemed black college historian and author Fred Whitted, 72, was laid to rest on Friday, October 17 in Fayetteville, N. C. after his passing on Oct. 3.

For decades, Whitted was a fixture in the world of HBCU athletics, a storyteller, researcher, and voice of remembrance whose work preserved the legacy of countless student athletes, coaches, and institutions. His life's mission was to ensure that the stories of black college sports were not only told but celebrated.

He authored and maintained *The Black College Sports Encyclopedia*, publishing editions that documented the rich athletic history of CIAA member institutions and other **Historically Black Colleges and Universities** across the country. His scholarship extended to *The Rams' House*, a detailed chronicle of **Winston Salem State University**, his alma mater, and its storied basketball tradition under legendary coach **Clarence "Big House" Gaines**.

Whitted also produced statistical and reference works such as the *Black College Stat Pak* and *Black College Answer Book*, providing valuable data and context that served as resources for journalists, historians, and educators. His meticulous research and deep knowledge were sought by filmmakers and media professionals, including contributors to ESPN's *"Black Magic"* documentary on the history of basketball at HBCUs.

Fred's passion for HBCUs was unparalleled as was his love for the **BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE** and numerous others trying to tell the story of HBCU excellence.

TSER NI ECAEP, Fred.

Excerpted from: *CIAA Remembers Historian and Longtime Media Member Fred Whitted.*

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (5-3) - Flew past Norfolk State, 51-20. EXT: Hosting Morgan State.
- 2) ALABAMA STATE (5-2) - Thrashed Alabama A&M in Magic City Classic, 56-13. NEXT: At No. 5 Prairie View A&M.
- 3) DELAWARE STATE (5-3) - Spoiled NC Central homecoming, 35-26. NEXT: Thursday vs. Norfolk State in Philadelphia.
- 4) JACKSON STATE (5-2) - Fell to Grambling State in Las Vegas, 26-24. NEXT: At Florida A&M.
- 5) N. C. CENTRAL (5-4) - Lost homecoming to now No. 3 Delaware State, 35-26. NEXT: At Howard.
- 5) PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (5-3) - Homecoming shutout of Lincoln (CA), 38-0. NEXT: Hosting No. 2 Alabama State.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

- 1) VIRGINIA UNION (7-1) - Handled Bowie State, 24-7. NEXT: At Bluefield State.
- 2) JOHNSON C. SMITH (7-1) - Golden Bulls all over WSSU, 52-27. NEXT: Key matchup at No. 5 Fayetteville State.
- 3) ALBANY STATE (6-1) - Trounced Benedict in SIAC showdown, 31-3. NEXT: Hosting Savannah State.
- 4) FAYETTEVILLE STATE (5-3) - Knocked off Shaw, 31-13. NEXT: Hosting No. 2 J. C. Smith
- 5) BENEDICT (7-1) - Fell from unbeaten ranks to Albany State, 31-3. NEXT: Virginia-Lynchburg for homecoming.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS		
(Highest Attended Games of October 25, 2025)		
Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State in Birmingham		69,372
S. C. State @ Norfolk State Homecoming		47,273
Grambling State vs. Jackson State in Las Vegas		29,655
Edward Waters @ Clark Atlanta Homecoming		23,462
Florida A&M @ Southern		17,180
Delaware State @ NC Central Homecoming		12,800
Lincoln (CA) @ Prairie View A&M Homecoming		11,427
Morgan State @ Howard Homecoming		9,995
Bluefield State @ Virginia State Homecoming		9,657
Monmouth @ Hampton Homecoming		8,693
Bowie State @ Virginia Union		7,611
Campbell @ N. C. A&T		7,468

TOP PERFORMANCES

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	YDs	FOR GAMES OF OCTOBER 25, 2025	
			TDs (YDs)	
Aden Hooper, LANG	32-54-0	467	5 (69, 9, 15, 11, 24)	
William Atkins IV, SCST	24-35-1	428	4 (15, 75, 36, 8)	
Jaylen Thomas, LINC	27-46-1	417	2 (44, 4)	
Noah Bodden, EWU	22-39-2	368	4 (16, 43, 47, 60)	
Brice Koontz, BLST	13-35-0	362	4 (74, 9, 32, 4)	
Walker Harris, NCCU	22-32-1	354	2 (32, 10)	
Kelvin Durham, JCSU	22-30-0	351	3 (1, 25, 60)	
Andrew Body, ALST	19-24-0	304	5 (5, 16, 18, 4, 59)	
Isaiah Knowles, ALB	22-37-1	294	3 (30, 20, 6)	
Xzavier Jackson, CLATL	23-44-1	292	0	

RUSHING	CAR	YDs	AVG	
			TDs (YDs)	
Curtis Allen, VUU	30	198	6.2	1 (34)
Brady Tillman, EWU	15	171	11.4	1 (57)
Jamal Hailey, FLA&M	19	157	8.3	3 (7, 39, 56)
Trey Holly, SOU	26	145	5.6	2 (2, 3)
Javen Parker, LIV	25	139	5.6	1 (25)
Ri'Jon Hammond, VSU	14	135	9.6	2 (53, 25)
Anthony Reagan Jr., HOW	18	123	6.8	2 (34, 25)
Noah Marshall, WSSU	15	122	8.1	0
Fabian Duncan, ALL	31	114	3.7	2 (1, 4)
Tyler Smith, SCSU	19	113	5.9	1 (1)

RECEIVING	REC	YDs	AVG	
			TDs/YDs	
Julian Crawley, BLST	7	208	29.6	3 (74, 32,