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CIAA / SIAC PUZZLES TO BE SOLVED

FINAL CIAA / SIAC PIECES TBD; SWAC RACE TIGHTENS; D2 REGIONAL RANKINGS OUT, HOOPS ACTION BEGINS

FELTON HUGGINS JR.: Third-year Kentucky State head coach has Thorobreds on brink of SIAC Championship Game berth as they face Lane Saturday.

2025 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

CONF	ALL			
	W	L	W	L
^ Virginia Union	6	0	8	1
Johnson C. Smith	5	1	8	1
Fayetteville State	5	1	5	4
Virginia State	4	2	6	3
Livingstone	3	3	5	4
Elizabeth City State	3	3	3	6
Winston-Salem State	2	4	4	5
Bluefield State	2	4	3	6
Shaw	2	5	2	7
Bowie State	1	5	2	7
Lincoln (PA)	0	6	0	9

* Clinched Championship Game berth

BCSP CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

QB - Rahaan Matthews Jr., Sr., VSU - 23-20-1, 272-passing yards, 4 TDs (2, 5, 30, 28) vs. LINC.
QB - Curtis Allen, Sr., VUU - 26 carries, 369 yards, 5 TDs (9, 84, 43, 1 85) vs. Bluefield State.
WR - Jaylen Prewlow, R-So., VSU - 5-rec., 80 yards (16.0 ypc.), 3 TDs (5, 30, 28) in win vs. LINC.
DL - Kofi Acheampong, Sr., DE, VSU - 6-tackles, 3 solos, 5 TFL, 1 fumble recovery vs. LINC.
Kenyon Garner, So., DE, LIV - 4 tackles, 3 solos, 3.0 TFL (-10), 1 sack (-12), 45-yard FR TD.
LB - Mekhi Johnson, R-Jr., VSU - Led Trojans with 11 tackles, 6 solos, vs. LINC.
SPECIAL TEAMS - Wyatt Jackson, PK, ECSU - 4 PAT kicks including game-winner vs. BSU.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	ALL			
	W	L	W	L
Delaware State	2	0	6	3
SC State	2	0	6	3
North Carolina Central	1	1	6	3
Howard	1	1	4	5
Morgan State	0	2	3	6
Norfolk State	0	2	1	8

BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Chauncey Spikes, Sr., WR, NCCU - 9 receptions, 208 yards, 3 TDs (13, 80, 8) in win at Howard.
James Jones, Jr., RB, DSU - 10 carries, 110 yards (10.9 ypc.), 76-yard TD run in win vs. NSU.
DEFENSE
Thomas Johnson, R-Jr., DL, NCCU - 5 tackles, 3 solos, 2.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks for -20 yards vs. Howard.
NEWCOMER
William Atkins IV, Gr., QB, SCSU - 21-32-1, 363 yards, 1 TD vs. MSU.
ROOKIE
Raymond Moore III, R-Fr., QB, MSU - 17 of 30, 2 picks, 229 passing yards, 3 TDs, 1 rushing TD vs. SC State.
SPECIALIST
NA

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	ALL			
	W	L	W	L
^ Albany State	7	0	8	1
Benedict	6	1	8	1
Kentucky State	6	1	7	2
Edward Waters	4	3	5	4
Allen	4	3	4	5
Fort Valley State	4	3	4	5
Savannah State	3	4	4	5
Morehouse	3	4	3	6
Miles	3	4	3	7
Central State	3	5	3	7
Tuskegee	2	5	3	6
Clark Atlanta	1	6	2	7
Lane	0	7	0	9

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BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE **Denim Johnson, Jr., QB, KSU - 16-21-0, 392 yards, 5 TDs (80, 54, 36, 81, 35) vs. CAU.**
Darius Cyprian, Jr., WR, KSU - 6 rec., 254 yards, 3 TDs (80, 81, 35) vs. CAU.
Armone Harris, Sr., WR, CLATL, 15 rec., 225 yards (15.0 ypc.), 4 TDs (10, 3, 19, 28) vs. KSU.
DEFENSE **TyMetrius Patterson, R-Jr., DL, BEN - 7 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 3 sacks (-33), 1 forced fumble vs. VUL.**
Dylan Purry, Sr., DB, CSU - 3 interceptions, 2 solo tackles, vs. EWU.
NEWCOMER **Xavier Jackson, Fr., QB, CAU - 22-39-1, 425 yards, 4 TDs (10, 3, 19, 28) vs. KSU.**

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

DIV	ALL			
	W	L	W	L
EAST DIVISION				
Jackson State	4	1	6	2
Alabama State	4	1	6	2
Bethune-Cookman	4	1	5	4
Florida A&M	2	2	3	5
Alabama A&M	1	4	4	5
Miss. Valley State	0	4	1	7
WEST DIVISION				
Prairie View A&M	4	1	6	3
Grambling State	3	2	6	3
Texas Southern	3	2	6	3
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2	3	4	5
Alcorn State	2	3	3	6
Southern	0	5	1	8

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE **Ahmad Miller, R-So., RB, JSU - 19 carries, 168 yards (8.7 ypc.), 1 TD in win vs. Florida A&M.**
DEFENSE **Deontre Morris, R-So., DB, ALST - 4 tackles, 3 solos, 2 interceptions with 14 return yards in win vs. PV A&M.**
SPECIALIST **Jeremiah Hixon, R-Jr., WR/KR, ALST - Three KO returns for 120 yards including 78-yarder that set up early TD vs. Prairie View.**
NEWCOMER **Jaylon Tolbert, Jr., QB, ALC - 20-24-0, 222 yards, 1 TD (2) in win vs. Texas Southern.**

INDEPENDENTS

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

BCSP INDY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Kaleb Jackson, Jr., QB, WVSU - 15-22-0, 222 yards 2 TDs in win vs. Glenville State.
DEFENSE
K. J. Libecca, Fr., CB, WVSU - 2 solo tackles, 1 interception returned 34 yards for TD vs. GSU.

SCORES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Delaware State 27, Norfolk State 20	Fort Valley State 24, Miles 14
Alabama A&M 13, Grambling State 10	Jackson State 41, Florida A&M 16
Alabama State 31, Prairie View A&M 28	J. C. Smith 17, Fayetteville State 14
Albany State 21, Savannah State 18	Kentucky State 43, Clark Atlanta 28
Alcorn State 33, Texas Southern 14	Lindenwood 35, Tennessee State 13
Allen 28, Morehouse 17	Livingstone (HC) 43, Shaw 13
Arkansas-Pine Bluff 40, Southern 21	North Carolina Central 35, Howard 14
Benedict (HC) 42, Virginia Lynchburg 10	South Carolina State 36, Morgan State 30
Bethune-Cookman 42, Miss. Valley State 34	Towson 62, North Carolina A&T 9
Central State 21, Edward Waters (HC) 17	Tuskegee (HC) 18, Lane 13
Elizabeth City State 28, Bowie State (HC) 27	Truman State 59, Lincoln (MO) (HC) 26
Florida Memorial 42, Webber 19	Virginia State 35, Lincoln (PA) 14
	Virginia Union 70, Bluefield State 28
	West Virginia State 52, Glenville State 28

Finales to determine title-game match ups

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BCSP Editor
 Half the participants for the Nov. 15 CIAA championship game in Durham, N.C. and SIAC championship game were decided last week.
 Two-time defending CIAA champion Virginia Union (8-1, 6-0 CIAA) stayed undefeated in CIAA play and earned its shot at a third straight league title with a 70-14 win at Bluefield State Saturday.
 Preseason SIAC favorite Albany State (8-1, 7-0 SIAC) proved the prognosticators true as the Golden Rams stayed unbeaten in conference play, earned the championship game berth and host designation with a tight 21-18 win at Savannah State Saturday.
 Who their opponents will be are to be determined in regular season finales this week.
The CIAA
Johnson C. Smith (8-1) and Fayetteville State (5-4) enter this week's final regular season games tied for second behind VUU at 5-1 in CIAA play. JCSU handed FSU its only league loss last week in a down-to-the-wire, dramatic 17-14 decision at FSU. The head-to-head win gives JCSU the upper hand going into Saturday's finales.
 A win for JCSU at home in Charlotte Saturday (1 p.m., *CIAA Sports Network*) in the *Commemorative Classic* vs. **Livingstone (5-4, 3-3)** would give the Golden Bulls the slot opposite VUU the following week in the title game. Livingstone knocked JC Smith out of a title game slot in 2024 with a 15-10 win in the regular season finale. The *Commemorative Classic* celebrates the first game between black college opponents when JCSU, then known as **Biddle College**, met Livingstone on December 27, 1892.
 A JCSU loss and win by FSU at home vs. **Winston-Salem State (1 p.m., FSU Stream)**

would put the Broncos in the title game.
 If both JCSU and FSU lose, **Virginia State (6-3, 4-2)** could tie both JCSU and FSU at 5-2 in CIAA play with a win in its finale Saturday at Virginia Union (1 p.m., *HBCUGo.tv*). In that scenario, JCSU would get the title game berth as VSU's two conference losses were to JCSU and FSU while JCSU has the head-to-head win over FSU.
The SIAC
Benedict (8-1) and Kentucky State (7-2) both enter Saturday's regular season finales tied for second behind Albany State with 6-1 conference records. Both KSU (49-21) and Benedict (31-3) have 28-point losses to Albany State this season.
 Benedict closes Saturday (3 p.m., *SIAC Network*) at **Savannah State (4-5, 3-4)**. KSU is also on the road (3 p.m., *SIACN*) at winless **Lane (0-9, 0-7)**. Wins by both SSU and KSU would trigger SIAC the tie-breaking procedures below:
 1) **Head-to-head competition** - Benedict and KSU did not face each other this season; 2) **A team's win-percentage against common opponents** - Both would be 4-1 vs. common opponents; 3) **Results against common opponents based on final SIAC standings order** - Same; 4) **The combined win-percentage of all conference opponents** - Both would be 7-1, .875; 5) **If a tie still exists, the team with the higher NCAA regional ranking advances** - Going into this week, Benedict is 3rd and KSU is sixth (see UNDER THE BANNER); 6) **If the tie continues, a random draw (coin flip?) will determine the representative.**

GAMES THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Delaware State vs. Morgan State in Baltimore MD - ESPN+ 12p	Missouri S&T vs. Lincoln (MO) in Jeff. City, MO - GLVC Sports Network 12p
	N. C. A&T vs. Stony Brook in Stony Brook, NY - FloCollege 12p
	West Virginia State vs. Frostburg State in Frostburg, MD - MEC TV 12p
	Bluefield State vs. Elizabeth City State in Eliz. City, NC - CIAASN 12p
	Bowie State vs. Lincoln (PA) in Lincoln, PA - Lincoln Stream 1p
	Livingstone vs. JC Smith in Charlotte, NC - CIAA Sports Network 1p
	Maine vs. Hampton in Hampton, VA - FloCollege 1p
	Shaw vs. Emory & Henry in Emory, VA 1p
	Tennessee State vs. UT Martin in Martin, TN - ESPN+ 1p
	Virginia State vs. Virginia Union in Richmond, VA - TheGrio 1p
	Winston-Salem State vs. Fayetteville State in F'ville, NC - FSUStream 1p
	Howard vs. South Carolina State in Orangeburg, SC - ESPN+ 1:30p
	Bethune-Cookman vs. Grambling State in Grambling, LA - SWAC TV 2p
	Edward Waters vs. Allen in Columbia, SC - SIAC Network 2p
	Florida A&M vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Pine Bluff, AK - HBCUGo.tv 2p
	Fort Valley State vs. Albany State in Columbus, GA - ESPN+ 2p
	Jackson State vs. Miss. Valley State in Itta Bena, MS - SWAC TV 2p
	Norfolk State vs. North Carolina Central in Durham, NC - ESPN+ 2p
	Prairie View A&M vs. Alabama A&M in Huntsville, AL - SWAC TV 2p
	Texas Southern vs. Alabama State in Montgomery, AL - SWAC TV 2p
	Benedict vs. Savannah State in Savannah GA - SIAC Network 3p
	Kentucky State vs. Lane in Jackson, TN - SIAC Network 3p
	Morehouse vs. Clark Atlanta in Atlanta, GA - SIAC Network 3p
	Southern vs. Alcorn State in Lorman, MS - ESPN+ 3p
	Tuskegee vs. Miles in Fairfield, AL - ESPN+ 3p
	Langston vs. Nelson in Waxahachie, TX 4p

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FIRST DIV. II REGIONAL RANKINGS RELEASED:

The first NCAA Div. II Regional Rankings for football which will help determine the teams that make it into the 32-team Div. II playoffs were released Monday.

As of 2025, there will now be automatic bids to all 16 Division II football-sponsoring conferences, allowing each conference champion to qualify directly. The remaining 16 spots will be filled with at-large selections, based on performance and regional rankings. There will be eight selections each from the four Super Regions.

CIAA schools are in Super Region I. SIAC schools are in Super Region II.

SUPER REGION II			SUPER REGION II		
Region Rank	Team	Overall D2	Region Rank	Team	Overall D2
1	Kutztown	9-0	1	West Florida	9-0
2	Virginia Union	8-1	2	Albany State	8-0
3	Johnson C. Smith	8-1	3	Benedict	7-1
4	Assumption	7-1	4	Newberry	7-1
5	Indiana (PA)	6-2	5	Wingate	7-2
6	California (PA)	6-3	6	Kentucky State	7-1
7	Slippery Rock	6-2	7	Delta State	7-2
8	Frostburg State	7-2	8	Carson-Newman	6-2
9	Fayetteville State	5-3	9	UNC Pembroke	8-2
10	Charleston (WV)	6-3	10	Emory & Henry	6-3

HOOPS ANYONE?:

While in the final month of regular season football, basketball season has begun across the black college basketball landscape. Here are some early season scores:

MEN	WOMEN
Arkansas 109, Southern 77	Arizona State 67, Coppin State 53
Auburn 95, Bethune-Cookman 90	Arkansas-Pine Bluff 69, Memphis 64
Detroit Mercy 75, Central State 67	Central Florida 66, Edward Waters 55
Easter Michigan 73, Tuskegee 65	Georgia 73, Alabama State 44
Illinois 113, Jackson State 55	Georgia Tech 56, Maryland E. Shore 52
Maryland 83, Coppin State 66	North Carolina 90, NC Central 42
Missouri 87, Howard 66	Ole Miss 87, Norfolk State 46
NC State 114, NC Central 66	UTEP 84, Prairie View A&M 60

TOP PERFORMANCES

FOR GAMES OF OCTOBER 30 - NOV. 1, 2025

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	YDs	TDs (YDs)
Xzavier Jackson, CLATL	32-49-1	425	4 (10, 3, 19, 28)
Josh Brown, MVSU	36-57-1	418	1 (35)
Denim Johnson, KSU	16-21-0	392	5 (80, 54, 36, 81, 35)
William Atkins IV, SCSU	21-32-1	363	1 (69)
Miles Scott, MHS	22-42-2	352	0
Otto Kuhns, NSU	22-34-1	311	3 (13, 70, 11)
Walker Harris, NCCU	17-29--	321	4 (13, 80, 30, 8)
K. J. Cooper, TXSOU	26-52-1	298	2 (43, 34)
Jaylen Thomas, LINC	21-35-0	276	2 (10, 34)
Rahaan Matthews Jr., VSU	23-30-1	272	4 (2, 5, 30, 28)
Jamir Dismukes, ALL	16-23-0	268	3 (45, 79, 29)

RUSHING	CAR	YDs	AVG	TDs (YDs)
Curtis Allen, VUU	26	369	14.2	5 (9, 84, 43, 1, 85)
Ahmad Miller, JSU	19	165	8.7	1 (1)
Devin Cox, WVSU	19	143	7.5	1 (45)
Jamarie Holtzclaw, ALST	21	127	6.0	0
Arthur Rodgers, NCCU	15	126	8.4	0
Javen Parker, LIV	21	125	6.0	0
Chase Bingmon, PVA&M	23	118	5.1	1 (2)
Donerio Davenport, JSU	16	112	7.0	1 (6)
Bobby Smith, JCSU	31	113	3.6	1 (6)
Tyler Smith, SCSU	18	110	6.1	2 (4, 1)

RECEIVING	REC	YDs	AVG	TDs/YDs
Darius Cyprian, KSU	6	254	42.3	3 (80, 81, 35)
Armone Harris, CLATL	15	225	15.0	4 (10, 3, 19, 28)
Chauncey Spikes, NCCU	9	208	23.1	3 (13, 80, 8)
Marcus Harris, LINC	8	189	23.6	2 (10, 54)
J. J. Evans, NSU	5	124	24.8	2 (13, 70)
Cameron Nelson, MVSU	12	124	10.3	1 (35)
Kyrie Tyson, LINC	9	124	13.8	0
DreSean Kendrick, NSU	9	112	12.5	1 (11)
Cinsere Clark, SAVST	9	111	12.3	0
Jordan Smith, SCSU				