



IT'S GOING DOWN IN DURHAM, ALBANY

SIAC/CIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE DECIDED; MEAC/SWAC RACES IN FINAL WEEKS; MASSEY OUT AT WSSU

CIAA / SIAC Championship Game logos
FINAL CHAPTERS: Virginia Union looks for three-peat in CIAA, Benedict looks for third SIAC title in four years.



ALBANY STATE GOLDEN RAMS (9-1)

FIRST PLACE
 SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach
QUINN GRAY

TEAM RECORD
 2025 Overall: 9-1
 2025 SIAC: 8-0
 2025 BCSP Ranking: 3rd, D2
 All-Time vs. BEN: 9-3, since '11
 Last Time vs. BEN: 31-3 W, '25
 SIAC Title Games: 2-6, Last '23
 SIAC Championships: 16 (Last '21)

COACH'S RECORD
 Alma Mater: Florida A&M ('06)
 Record vs. BEN: 1-1
 At ALB: 21-10, .677 (3rd year)
 Career Record: Same

2025 RESULTS
ALBANY STATE 9-1
 51.....@ Shaw.....7 W
 49.....@ Kentucky State.....21 W
 25.....@ Florida A&M.....33 L
 57.....@ Allen.....14 W
 47.....@ Lane.....6 W
 32.....@ Clark Atlanta.....7 W
 7.....@ Tuskegee (HC).....3 W
 31.....@ Benedict.....3 W
 42.....@ Savannah State.....18 W
 48.....@ Fort Valley State.....3 W



BENEDICT TIGERS (9-1)

TIE - SECOND PLACE
 SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach
RON DICKERSON, JR

2025 RESULTS
BENEDICT 9-1
 10.....Fayetteville State.....0 W
 10.....@ Central State.....0 W
 45.....@ Tuskegee.....24 W
 59.....@ Clark Atlanta.....24 W
 38.....@ Allen.....28 W
 14.....@ Fort Valley State.....7 W
 31.....@ Edward Waters.....27 W
 3.....@ Albany State.....31 L
 42.....@ Virginia Lynchburg.....10 W
 16.....@ Savannah State, 2 OT...13 W

TEAM RECORD
 2025 Overall: 9-1
 2025 SIAC: 7-1
 2025 BCSP Ranking: 4th, D2
 All-Time vs. ALB: 3-9, since '11
 Last Time vs. ALB: 31-3 L, '25
 SIAC Title Games: 2-0
 SIAC Championships: 2 (Last '23)

COACH'S RECORD
 Alma Mater: Arkansas ('96)
 Record vs. Albany State: 0-1
 At BEN: 13-7, .650 (2nd year)
 Career Record: 20-22 (4 years)

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Championship game-time in SIAC, CIAA

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The SIAC Championship game in Albany, Ga., (1 p.m., ESPN+) and the CIAA Championship Game in Durham, N. C. (3 p.m., HBCUGo.tv), both Saturday, will bring fitting ends to the 2025 races in both conferences. The contests will pair four 9-1 teams who are the top four teams in the BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE NCAA Div. II Top Five.

BCSP No. 3 **Albany State** (9-1, 8-0 SIAC) is hosting No. 4 **Benedict** (9-1, 7-1) in the SIAC finale while No. 1 **Virginia Union** (9-1, 7-0 CIAA) will take on No. 2 **Johnson C. Smith** (9-1, 6-1) in the CIAA title game.

Albany State, under third-year head coach **Quinn Gray**, and Virginia Union, back-to-back CIAA champs under **Dr. Alvin Parker**, come in as favorites after running thru their conference races with unblemished records. Additionally, both ASU and VUU handed their Saturday opponents decisive losses – their only losses in conference play and for the year – in meetings earlier this season.

Behind 294 passing yards and three touchdown passes from grad senior QB **Isaiah Knowles**, Albany State traveled to Columbia, S. C. and handed Benedict its only loss, 31-3 on Oct. 25. VUU hosted J. C. Smith on Sept. 21 and came away with a decisive 28-10 win behind 108 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns from senior star running back **Curtis Allen**.

The rematches should be interesting.

SIAC Title Game

Albany State enters the championship game ranked second in Super Region II of NCAA Div. II with Benedict fourth. The ranking means both are likely to advance to the Div. II playoffs regardless of the results of Saturday's game. SIAC member **Kentucky State** (8-2), who tied Benedict with a 7-1 league mark but lost to the Tigers in their head-to-head meeting, is seventh in the region and has an outside shot at getting into the playoffs.

Benedict, who won back-to-back SIAC titles under **Chenis Berry** in 2023 and 2024, is seeking its first title under second-year head man **Ron Dickerson Jr.**

To knock off Albany State, the Tigers need to slow down Knowles and get solid play from QB

Darius Ocean who completed just 10 of 28 passes without a touchdown and with one interception in their earlier meeting. Ocean was also picked off three times in last week's 16-13 overtime win vs. **Savannah State** that got them into the title game.

Albany State comes in leading the conference in scoring (36.8 points per game) and scoring defense (11.5 ppg.). Benedict gives up just 16.4 ppg., second behind the Golden Rams.

CIAA Championship Game

Virginia Union and J. C. Smith come in ranked ninth and 16th nationally in the AFCA NCAA Div. II poll and second and third in Super Region I. Both are all but sure to advance to the Div. II playoffs regardless of the outcome of their game Saturday. CIAA member **Fayetteville State** (6-4) enters the week on the bubble at eighth in the region.

Allen ran for four touchdowns in the earlier VUU/JCSU meeting but his 108 rushing yards was his lowest single-game total of the season. VUU QB **R. J. Rosales** threw only 12 times (completing five for 136 yards) in the first game but also ran for 63 yards. Allen had three 200-yard and one 300-yard rushing effort en route to a CIAA- and Div. II-best 2,098 rushing yards. His 27 rushing touchdowns, 162 points and 211.3 all-purpose yards per game also lead the nation.

JCSU will need to limit Allen even more than in their first meeting, and get better passing and rushing stats from senior QB **Kevin Durham** and redshirt freshman running back **Bobby Smith**. Durham threw for 193 yards (20 of 35) without a TD and with one pick in the earlier meeting while Smith ran for 53 yards on six carries. Durham scored the Golden Bulls' only TD on a 2-yard run. Smith has averaged 126 rushing yards per game over the last three games with four TDs. He finished behind Allen in CIAA rushing stats with 911 yards (91.1 ypg.).

VUU's 42.5 points per game leads the CIAA with JCSU's 35.1 ppg. second. The teams are also 1-2 in scoring defense (VUU, 15.8 ppg. and JCSU 16.5). They are also 1-2 in total defense (VUU 288.1 ypg., JCSU 290.2 ypg.) and 1-3 in total offense (VUU 481.0 ypg., JCSU 406.9 ypg.).

MEAC race narrows

Delaware State (7-3) and **South Carolina State** (7-3) both got league wins to stay on top

GAMES THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14		
S. C. State vs. N. C. Central in Durham, NC - ESPN2		12p
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15		
Bethune-Cookman vs. Jackson State in Jackson, MS - The Grid		12p
Monmouth vs. N. C. A&T in Greensboro, NC - FloCollege		12p
Charleston vs. West Virginia State in Institute, WV - MEC TV		12p
Morgan State vs. Norfolk State in Norfolk, VA - ESPN+		12p
St. Thomas vs. Florida Memorial in Miami Gardens, FL		12p
Howard vs. Delaware State in Dover, DE - ESPN+		1p
Lincoln (MO) vs. William Jewell in Liberty, MO - GLVCSN		1p
William & Mary vs. Hampton in Hampton, VA - FloCollege		1p
Gardner-Webb vs. Tenn. State in Nashville, TN - ESPN+		1:30p
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Prairie View A&M in Pr. View, TX - SWAC TV		2p
Florida A&M vs. Alabama A&M in Huntsville, AL - SWAC TV		2p
Grambling State vs. Alcorn State in Lorman, MS - SWAC TV		2p
Oklahoma Panhandle vs. Langston in Langston, OK		2p
Texas Southern vs. Southern in Baton Rouge, LA - SWAC TV		2p
Alabama State vs. Miss. Valley State in Mobile, AL - SWAC TV		4p
CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME		
Virginia Union vs. Johnson C. Smith in Durham, NC - HBCUGo.tv		3p
SIAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME		
Albany State vs. Benedict in Albany, GA - ESPN+		1p

of the conference with 3-0 marks. DSU hosts **Howard** (4-6, 1-2) Saturday (1 p.m., ESPN+) while SC State is at **N. C. Central** (7-3, 2-1).

Wins by DSU and SCSU this week would set up a showdown between the two on Nov. 15 in Dover, DE for the MEAC title and the league's berth in the season-ending *Celebration Bowl* in Atlanta vs. the SWAC champion.

SWAC races not over

The SWAC divisional races are far from over. **Jackson State** (7-2) and **Alabama State** (7-2) lead the East with 5-1 marks. **Bethune-Cookman** (5-5) fell to 4-2, a game back in the East, after a loss to **Grambling State** Saturday.

B-CU looks to make its mark on the race as it travels to JSU Saturday for a 12 noon start (*TheGrid*). 'Bama State plays (4 p.m., SWAC TV) in Mobile, AL vs. **Mississippi Valley State** (1-8, 0-6 E). **Florida A&M** (4-5, 3-2 E) is at **Alabama A&M** (4-5, 1-5 E) at 2 p.m. (*SWAC TV*).

Grambling State (7-3, 4-2 W), one game behind West leader **Prairie View A&M** (7-3, 5-1 W), is at **Alcorn State** (4-6, 3-3 W) while **Prairie View** is hosting **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (4-6, 2-4 W). Both games start at 2 p.m. and will be streamed on *SWAC TV*.



VIRGINIA UNION PANTHERS (9-1)

FIRST PLACE
 CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Head Coach
DR. ALVIN PARKER

TEAM RECORD
 2025 Overall: 9-1
 2025 CIAA: 7-0
 2025 BCSP Ranking: 1st, D2
 All-Time vs. JCSU: 10-2, since '07
 Last Time vs. JCSU: 28-10 W, '25
 CIAA Title Games: 11, 7-4
 CIAA Championships: 12 (Last '24)

COACH'S RECORD
 Alma Mater: Virginia Union ('99)
 Record vs. JCSU: 4-1
 Record at VUU: 58-17, .773 (8th year)
 Career Record: Same

2025 RESULTS
VIRGINIA UNION 9-1
 45.....Miles in Canton,OH.....3 W
 38.....@ Edward Waters.....41 L
 28.....Johnson C. Smith...10 W
 59.....@ Shaw.....7 W
 44.....@ Winston-Salem State...33 W
 37.....@ Elizabeth City State...18 W
 66.....Lincoln (PA) (HC).....21 W
 24.....@ Bowie State.....7 W
 70.....@ Bluefield State.....14 W
 14.....@ Virginia State.....3 W



JOHNSON C. SMITH GOLDEN BULLS (9-1)

TIE - SECOND PLACE
 CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Head Coach
MAURICE FLOWERS

2025 RESULTS
JOHNSON C. SMITH 9-1
 45.....Morehouse in C'bridge,MA.....9 W
 28.....@ Valdosta State.....16 W
 21.....@ Elizabeth City State...17 W
 28.....@ Virginia Union.....10 L
 31.....Winston-Salem State...13 W
 69.....@ Bluefield State (HC)...13 W
 31.....@ Virginia State.....20 W
 52.....@ Shaw.....0 W
 52.....Winston-Salem State...27 W
 17.....@ Fayetteville State...14 W

TEAM RECORD
 2025 Overall: 9-1
 2025 CIAA: 6-1
 2025 BCSP Ranking: 2nd, D2
 All-Time vs. VUU: 2-10, since '07
 Last Time vs. VUU: 28-10 L, '25
 CIAA Title Games: 2, 0-2
 CIAA Championships: 1, (Last '69)

COACH'S RECORD
 Alma Mater: J. C. Smith ('91)
 Record vs. VUU: 1-1
 Record at JCSU: 26-14, .650 (4th year)
 Career Record: 33-19, .634 (6th year)

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TOP PERFORMANCES

FOR GAMES OF NOVEMBER 7 - 8, 2025

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	Yds	TDs (YDs)	
Cameron Peters, PVA&M	17-22-0	394	5 (39, 39, 27, 9, 56)	
Tedric Wilcox, FLAMEM	30-48-1	390	3 (45, 51, 14)	
Miles Scott, MHS	20-41-0	344	4 (59, 19, 23, 22)	
RUSHING	CAR	YDs	AVG	TDs (YDs)
Traquan Johnson, ECSU	20	173	8.7	5 (10, 42, 11, 33)
Bobby Smith, JCSU	37	154	4.0	1 (8)
Kevon King, NSU	8	153	18.6	0
Curtis Allen, VUU	26	151	5.8	2 (4, 2)
RECEIVING	REC	YDs	AVG	TDs/YDs
Iyzaiah Rockwell, PVA&M	8	183	22.8	3 (39, 27, 9)
Davyn Reid, LIV	3	156	52.0	2 (80, 65)
Jalen Jones, ALST	3	148	49.3	1 (87)
TACKLES				
15	Danarious Hilliard, ARKPB; Joshua Iseah, NCA&T; Howard Lamumba, VUU; Jacobi Johnson, LANG;			
14	Jayvon Dean, LANG;			
SACKS				
3.0	Amarie Fleming, ALL; Marquis Hood, NCA&T;			
2.0	Quincy Robinson, DSU; Quinten Williams, JCSU; Jaylen Williams, NSU; Keion Mitchell, HOW; Jayden Cleveland, CLATL;			
INTERCEPTIONS				
2	Leroy Tellis, LINC; Jaydon Earley, VUU;			



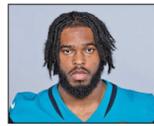
BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of November 6 - 10, 2025



56 snaps on defense (89%) and three on special teams (12%).

DEFENSE
 - **#14 COBIE DURANT**, CB, LA Rams (3rd season, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE) - In the Rams 42-26 win over San Francisco Sunday, Durant started at cornerback and finished with five total tackles, three solos with one defended pass. He was in for



He also carried four times for 5 yards with a long run of six yards and had one catch in two targets for 5 yards. He was in for 17 snaps on offense (27%) and six on special teams (23%).

SPECIAL TEAMS
 - **#33 BHAYSHATH TUTEN**, RB, Jacksonville (Rookie, NORTH CAROLINA A&T/Virginia Tech) - In the Jaguars' 36-29 loss to Houston Sunday, Tuten returned five kickoffs for 143 yards (28.6 yards per return) with a long return of 41 yards.



game. He was in for 24 snaps on offense (44%)

OFFENSE
 - **#22 JACORY CROSKY-MERRITT**, RB, Washington (Rookie, ALABAMA STATE/Arizona) - In 44-22 loss to Detroit, "Bill" had 11 carries for 30 yards (2.7 yards per carry) with a long run of 6 yards. He was not targeted in the passing

SCORES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7			
Delaware State 14, Morgan State 12			
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8			
Alabama State 42, Texas Southern 14			
Albany State 48, Fort Valley State 3			
Alcorn State 35, Southern 17			
Allen 53, Edward Waters 30			
Ave Maria 44, Florida Memorial 39			
Benedict 16, Savannah State 13, 2OT			
Bowie State 28, Lincoln (PA) 17			
Clark Atlanta 48, Morehouse 45			
Elizabeth City State 70, Bluefield State 30			
Emory & Henry 55, Shaw 7			
Fayetteville State 31, Winston-Salem State 21			
Florida A&M 31, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 28			
Frostburg State 29, West Virginia State 24			
Grambling State 31, Bethune-Cookman 23			
Jackson State 42, Miss. Valley State 3			
Johnson C. Smith 26, Livingstone 21			
Kentucky State 55, Lane 0			
Maine 35, Hampton 7			
Missouri S&T 59, Lincoln (MO) 0			
Nelson 52, Langston 50			
North Carolina Central 31, Norfolk State 28			
Prairie View A&M 48, Alabama A&M 5			
South Carolina State 42, Howard 12			
Stony Brook 38, North Carolina A&T 12			
Tuskegee 24, Miles 23			
UT Martin 26, Tennessee State 7			
Virginia Union 14, Virginia State 3			

MEAC

CONF	W		L		T	
	W	L	W	L	W	L
Delaware State	3	0	7	3		
SC State	3	0	7	3		
North Carolina Central	2	1	7	3		
Howard	1	2	4	6		
Morgan State	0	3	3	7		
Norfolk State	0	3	1	9		

BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
 OFFENSE **Walker Harris**, Sr., QB, NCCU - 24-33-1, 265 yards, 3 TDs (33, 5, 3) in win vs. Norfolk State.
 DEFENSE **Quincy Robinson**, Gr. DE, DSU - 4 solo tackles, 2.0 sacks (-23), 1 forced fumble, 2 BUs vs. MSU.
 ROOKIE **Randall Nauden**, Fr., RB, MSU - 7 carries, 105 yards (14.9 yards per carry), 1 TD (67 yards) vs. DSU.
 NEWCOMER **Williams Atkins IV**, Gr., QB, SCSU - 15-21-1, 213 yards, 1 TD (34 yards) vs. Howard.
 SPECIALIST **Jarod Washington**, Sr., DB, SCSU - Returned block field goal 77 yards for TD, interception 27 yards for TD and had four solo tackles and five pass break-ups.

SWAC

DIV	W		L		T	
	W	L	W	L	W	L
Jackson State	5	1	7	2		
Alabama State	5	1	7	2		
Bethune-Cookman	4	2	5	5		
Florida A&M	3	2	4	5		
Alabama A&M	1	5	4	6		
Miss. Valley State	0	6	1	8		

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
 OFFENSE **Cameron Peters**, Sr., QB, PVA&M - 17-22-0, 394 yards, 5 TDs (39, 39, 27, 9, 56) vs. ALA&M.
 DEFENSE **Danarious Hilliard**, Jr., LB, ARKPB - 15 tackles, 7 solos, 1 sack for 4 yards vs. FAMU.
 SPECIALIST **Jeremiah Hixon**, Fr., WR/KR, ALST - 99-yard kickoff return TD vs. Texas Southern.
 NEWCOMER **Hayden Benoit**, Fr., QB, GSU - 12-20-1, 220 yards, 4 TDs (38, 59, 5, 39) vs. B-CU.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

MASSEY STEPS DOWN AT WSSU:

Winston-Salem State University announced Monday that Head Football Coach **Robert Massey** will step down from his position, effective December 31, 2025. Massey, a N. C. Central alum, is 25-34 at WSSU and 41-78 overall as a head coach including stints at **Shaw** and **Livingstone**. His lone winning season at WSSU was in 2004 when