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SHEDEUR SANDERS: Rookie QB out of Jackson State shines in third NFL start with 364 passing yards, 3 TDs, 1 rushing TD for the Cleveland Browns.

FOR ALL THE MARBLES

SC STATE, PRAIRIE VIEW BATTLE FOR BLACK COLLEGE FCS TITLE; COLZIE OUT AT FAMU, WOODBURY IN AT WSSU



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BULLDOGS (9-3)

CHAMPION
MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach
CHENNIS BERRY

TEAM RECORD	2025 RESULTS
2025 Overall 9-3	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE 9-3
2025 MEAC 5-0	16.....Wofford.....15 W
2025 BCSP Ranking 1st	10.....@ South Carolina.....38 L
All-Time vs. Prairie View A&M 0-0	55.....Bethune-Cookman.....41 W
Last Time vs. Prairie View A&M First Meeting 14.....@ South Florida.....63 L	14.....@ South Florida.....63 L
MEAC Championships 20, '25	24.....@ Charleston Southern.....31 L
Celebration Bowls 3, 1-1 (Last '24)	38.....Savannah State.....34 W
	22.....@ North Carolina A&T.....16 W
	51.....@ Norfolk State.....20 W
	36.....Morgan State.....30 W
	42.....Howard.....12 W
	34.....@ N. C. Central.....27 W
	28.....@ Delaware State.....17 W

COACH'S RECORD
Alma Mater: Savannah State '94
Record vs. Prairie View A&M: 0-0
Record at SC State: 18-6, .750, 2nd year
Career Record: 45-13, .775 (5 years)



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M PANTHERS (10-3)

CHAMPION
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach
TREMAINE JACKSON

2025 RESULTS	TEAM RECORD
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 10-3	2025 Overall 10-3
22.....@ Texas Southern.....21 W	2025 SWAC West 8-1
17.....Texas Rio-Grande Valley.....21 L	2025 BCSP Ranking 3rd
17.....@ Rice.....38 L	All-Time vs. S. C. State 0-0
27.....Northwestern State.....24 W	Last Time vs. S. C. State First Meeting
28.....Grambling State in Dallas.....13 W	SWAC Championships 12 (Last '25)
13.....@ Alcorn State.....12 W	Celebration Bowls First
24.....@ Southern.....3 W	
38.....Lincoln (CA).....0 W	
25.....@ Alabama A&M.....20 W	
28.....Alabama State.....31 L	
48.....@ Alabama A&M.....5 W	
56.....Arkansas-Pine Bluff.....9 W	
23.....Jackson State.....21 W	

COACH'S RECORD
Alma Mater: Houston '06
Record vs. South Carolina State: 0-0
Record at Prairie View A&M: 10-3, .769, 1st year
Career Record: 49-15, .765, 6 years

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New team, new cast in Celebration Bowl X

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MEAC champion South Carolina State (9-3) and second-year head coach Chennis Berry are back in the Cricket Celebration Bowl for the second straight season this Saturday at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. But the Bulldogs are coming in with a new cast of star players.

They will face the SWAC champion Prairie View A&M Panthers under first-year head coach Tremaine Jackson who will, with their coach, be making their inaugural appearance in the season-ending spectacle.

The match-up (12 noon on ABC), the tenth in the meeting of MEAC and SWAC champions, promises to be intriguing in several ways.

CELEBRATION BOWL X

In the previous two times S. C. State has made it to the Celebration Bowl, stunning things have happened.

In the Bulldogs' first appearance in Celebration Bowl VII vs. SWAC champion Jackson State, then head coach Oliver "Buddy" Pough's 6-5 troops pulled off a 31-10 stunner over Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders' 11-1 JSU squad. It may have been the most stunning end to a black college season seen in years.

Last year in Celebration Bowl IX, the tables were turned on the 9-2 Bulldogs, then playing under first-year head coach Berry. JSU, at 11-2, and now led by second-year head coach T. C. Taylor, stifled the Bulldogs to come away with a dominating 28-7 win.

Jackson's Panthers now enter the fray trying to give the SWAC its third straight win in the series after Florida A&M defeated Howard 30-26 in Celebration Bowl VIII. The MEAC has won six of the nine meetings so far.

All the big names associated with S. C. State's 2024 MEAC title and Celebration Bowl run are gone. The new cast of standouts is led by 6-1, 215-pound grad (James Madison) transfer QB William Atkins IV. In going 5-0 vs. MEAC competition to close the regular season, Atkins averaged 322 passing yards per game with 13 TDs and only four interceptions while leading the Bulldogs to 38.2 points per game.

Prairie View counters with a unit, led by grad safety Trevor Randle that topped the SWAC in scoring defense (16.1 points per game), third-best in the FCS, and gave up only 128.7 passing yards per game, tops in the SWAC.

In many ways this year's game could mirror last year's contest that saw JSU control the line of scrimmage, rush for 164 yards and two TDs, and limit SC

CELEBRATION BOWL X YARDSTICK

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	TEAM STATS	SC STATE
31.1 ppg. (3rd)	SCORING OFFENSE	31.8 ppg. (3rd)
16.2 ppg. (1st)	SCORING DEFENSE	26.5 ppg. (4th)
430.8 ypg. (3rd)	TOTAL OFFENSE	420.8 ypg. (3rd)
267.6 ypg. (1st)	TOTAL DEFENSE	326.3 ypg. (1st)
197.2 ypg. (3rd)	RUSHING OFFENSE	134.8 ypg. (5th)
138.9 ypg. (3rd)	RUSHING DEFENSE	140.7 ypg. (4th)
233.7 ypg. (4th)	PASSING OFFENSE	286.0 ypg. (1st)
128.7 ypg. (1st)	PASSING DEFENSE	185.7 ypg. (2nd)

INDIVIDUAL STATS
RUSHING
Chase Bingmon (6th) 880 yds., 73.3 ypc., 5.7 ypc., 8 TDs
Cameron Peters (3rd) 162-255-7, 63.5%, 2,386 yds., 19 TDs
Isaiah Rockwell (2nd) 68 rec., 15.9 ypc., 1,084 yds., 7 TDs
Trevor Randle (LB - 6th) 89 tackles, 6.8 tpg.
Kennedy Parker (LB - 9th) 4.5, -17 yds.
Randle & Kamren Amao (8-9th) 3, 1 TD
Aiden Webb (10th) 25-26 PATS, 7-13 FGs, 46 pts.
RUSHING
Tyler Smith (10th) 490 yds., 40.8 ypg., 4.7 ypc., 5 TDs
William Atkins IV (2nd) 164-262-4, 62.6%, 2,323 yds, 17 TDs
Jordan Smith (1st) 50 rec., 15.8 ypc., 791 yds., 7 TDs
Jordan Franklin (LB - 17th) 44 tackles, 4.6 tpg.
Michael Lunz (DE - 2nd) 8.5, -39 yds.
Tyler Jones (T3rd) 2, 0 TD
Nico Cavanillas Alt (2nd) 34-34 PATS, 14-18 FGs, 76 pts

State to just 23 rushing yards on 19 carries and 148 passing yards, while picking off two passes. Whoever controls the line of scrimmage wins this game.

BCSP Notes

Winston-Salem State turns to Woodbury

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Winston-Salem State presented former standout quarterback Tory Woodbury as the next head football coach of the Rams on campus Monday.

Woodbury spent four years (1997-2000) as the starting QB at WSSU before racking up a prolific resume playing and coaching in the NFL and on the collegiate level.

His accolades include his induction into the WSSU Hall of Fame in 2008 and the CIAA Hall of Fame in 2016. He enjoyed an eight-year professional career playing for the New York Jets, New Orleans Saints, and Buffalo Bills of the NFL, as well as the Arena Football League's New Orleans Voodoo and Carolina

Speed. Following his playing career, Woodbury transitioned into coaching in 2007 at Carver High School in his native Winston-Salem. He later served as assistant offensive/wide receivers coach at Garinger High School and coached wide receivers at West Mecklenburg High School.

On the professional and collegiate levels, he previously served as assistant quarterbacks coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars, a scout and assistant special teams coach for the Los Angeles Rams with whom he won a ring for their Super Bowl LVI win, assistant offensive coordinator/running backs coach at Delaware State, offensive coordinator at Johnson C. Smith, special teams coordinator at Howard and most recently assistant head coach and special teams coordinator at Norfolk State.

Woodbury replaces Robert Massey who led the Rams to a 25-34

TOP PERFORMANCES

FOR GAMES OF
DECEMBER 6, 2025

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	Yds	TDs (Yds)
Cameron Peters, PVA&M	17-28-1	294	1 (40)
Xavier Irizarry, ALB	15-31-0	235	1 (14)
Jared Lockhart, JSU	6-9-1	156	1 (22)

RUSHING	CAR	Yds	AVG	TDs (Yds)
Cameron Peters, PVA&M	24	100	4.2	1 (7)
Tiant Wyche, ALB	21	91	4.3	2 ()
Roderick McCrary, ALB	14	55	3.9	0

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	AVG	TDs/Yds
lyzaiah Rockwell, PVA&M	4	96	24.0	0
Nate Rembert, JSU	4	80	20.0	0
Javion Jackson, ALB	3	67	22.3	0

TACKLES	Yds	AVG	TDs/Yds
14 Reid Pulliam, JSU;			
12 Kam Sallis, JSU			
8 Darrell Starling, PVA&M; Shemar Hawkins, JSU			

SACKS	Yds	AVG	TDs/Yds
1.0 4			

INTERCEPTIONS	Yds	AVG	TDs/Yds
2 Jonovan Carr, ALB			
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record over the last six seasons.

Colzie out after two years at Florida A&M

A 12-12 overall mark and 9-7 SWAC record over two years leading Florida A&M football was not enough as the school announced Monday that it was moving on from head coach James Colzie.

FAMU President Dr. Marva B. Johnson, J.D., announced the appointment of Henry Burris – FAMU's quarterbacks coach and oo-offensive coordinator in the 2024 and 2025 seasons – as acting head football coach, effective immediately until a permanent coach is named.

"This leadership transition reflects our commitment building on the proud legacy of FAMU athletics and its storied superstars, while transforming our programs to meet the demands of today's collegiate landscape—including competing in a dynamic recruiting environment shaped by NIL opportunities— and positioning FAMU at the championship level our community deserves."

Burris, a Spiro, Oklahoma native, played quarterback at Temple where he finished in 1997 with 20 school passing records. He went undrafted in the 1997 NFL Draft before 18 starring years in the Canadian Football League (CFL). In the CFL, he won three Grey Cup championships, two with the Calgary Stampeders, in 1998 and 2008, having spent 10 years of his career with them, and one with the Ottawa Redblacks in 2016. Burris won the CFL's Most Outstanding Player Award in 2010 and 2015.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of December 4 - 8, 2025



OFFENSE

- **#12 SHEDEUR SANDERS**, QB, Cleveland (Rookie, JACKSON STATE / Colorado) - In the Browns 31-29 loss to Tennessee Sunday, Sanders completed 23 of 42 passes for 364 yards and three touchdowns of 1, 60 and 7 yards with one interception. He also ran three times for 29 yards (9.7 yards per carry) including a 7-yard fourth-quarter touchdown run. He was sacked twice for -13 yards. He was in for 67 the Browns' offensive plays (97%).

DEFENSE

- **#90 GROVER STEWART**, DT, Indianapolis (9th season, ALBANY STATE) - In the Colts' 36-19 loss to Jacksonville Sunday, Stewart started at defensive tackle and had four total tackles, three solos, forced one fumble and batted down one pass. Stewart was in for 36 defensive snaps (56%) and seven on special teams (26%).

SPECIAL TEAMS

- **#19 XAVIER SMITH**, WR/KR, Los Angeles Rams (3rd season, FLORIDA A&M) - In the Rams' 45-17 win over Arizona Sunday, Smith started at wide receiver and had one reception in his only target for 6 yards. He also had three punt returns for 46 yards (15.3 yards per return) with a long return of 21 yards. He had two fair catches on punts. He was in for 21 plays on offense (30%) and nine on special teams (29%).



Peters

The win earns Prairie View (10-3) a league championship in head coach Tremaine Jackson's first year and a date with MEAC champion South Carolina State in this Saturday's Cricket Celebration Bowl in Atlanta.

Peters (24 carries, 100 yards) opened the scoring for the Panthers' on a 7-yard run in the first quarter and capped their scoring on a 40-yard third-quarter pass (17-28-1, 294 yards) to Cameron Bonner.

Between those scores, PV (10-3) added three field goals from Diego Alfaro of 19, 30 and 42 yards, the first two in the second quarter and the last in the third period.

JSU (9-3) tied the score at 7 early in the second quarter when starting senior QB Jacobian Morgan, who had not played since breaking a foot in late October, ran in from 29 yards out. On the run however, Morgan re-aggravated the injury and had to leave the game and did not return. Freshman Jared Lockhart (6-9-1, 156 yards) came in and threw the ball well, connecting with WR Ja'Naylor Dupree on a 22-yard TD connection with 5:29 left in the third period that pulled JSU within 16-14.

Peters' connection with Bonner stretched the Panthers' lead to 23-14 with 3:21 left in the third quarter. JSU needed just four plays to answer with Ahmad Miller scoring on a 2-yard run after Lockhart hit WR Nate Rembert on a 79-yard TD pass taken off the board by a blind-side block penalty. On the next play Lockhart hit Shemar Savage for a 41-yard reception to the PV 1. Miller scored two plays later cutting the lead to 23-21 with 1:37 left in the third period.

JSU picked off Peters on the ensuing possession but punted after a three-and-out as play moved into the fourth quarter. Peters then led the Panthers on a 16-play, 99-yard drive that took over nine minutes off the clock before he fumbled at the JSU 4 that was recovered at the 1 by JSU senior defensive back Shamar Hawkins with 4:18 to play.

JSU punted after another three-and-out and PV was able to run the final 2:18 off the clock aided by a 12-yard run by Peters on 3rd-and-8 just before the two-minute timeout.

Grad senior linebacker Darrell Starling Jr. led the PV defense with 8 stops, four solos, a half-sack and the Panthers' only interception.

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (9-3)** - MEAC champion. NEXT: Celebration Bowl in Atlanta's Mercedes Benz Stadium Saturday vs. SWAC champ Prairie View A&M.
 - 2) ALABAMA STATE (9-2)** - Defeated Tuskegee, 58-21. NEXT: Finished second in SWAC East.
 - 3) PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (10-3)** - Defeated Jackson State 23-21 for SWAC title. NEXT: Celebration Bowl vs. MEAC champ S. C. State Saturday.
 - 4) JACKSON STATE (9-3)** - SWAC East champion fell to Prairie View A&M, 23-21 in SWAC title game. NEXT: Season over.
 - 5) DELAWARE STATE (8-4)** - Finished second in MEAC. NEXT: Season over.
- ### BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE
- 1) ALBANY STATE (12-1)** - SIAC champ fell in NCAA Div. II Super Region II title game 31-24 to Newberry. NEXT: Season over.
 - 2) JOHNSON C. SMITH (10-2)** - CIAA champion lost in D2 playoffs first round. NEXT: Season over.
 - 3) VIRGINIA UNION (9-3)** - CIAA runners-up lost in D2 first round. NEXT: Season over.
 - 4) BENEDICT (10-3)** - SIAC runners-up lost third match of season to Albany State, 14-12 in D2 second round. NEXT: Season over.
 - 5) KENTUCKY STATE (9-3)** Lost in D2 first round. NEXT: Season over.