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NEW YEAR'S NEWS

JACKSON STATE FANS: Tiger fans lead in FCS home attendance for fifth straight year, tenth time overall.

FOOTBALL ATTENDANCE LEADERS; NEW COACH AT ALBANY STATE; STARS HITTING THE PORTAL

MEN'S 2025-26 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Standings)

CIAA
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
NORTH DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Virginia Union	2	0	11	1
Lincoln (PA)	2	0	5	7
Bowie State	2	1	4	10
Bluefield State	2	1	3	9
Virginia State	1	2	7	7
Elizabeth City State	1	2	1	7
SOUTH DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Claflin	3	0	6	6
Winston-Salem State	1	1	4	5
Shaw	1	2	9	2
Fayetteville State	1	2	6	6
Livingstone	0	3	5	7
Johnson C. Smith	0	2	2	5

MEAC
MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
Howard	0	0	9	5
Norfolk State	0	0	6	10
Delaware State	0	0	5	9
N. C. Central	0	0	4	10
Md. E-Shore	0	0	4	13
Morgan State	0	0	2	11
Coppin State	0	0	2	14
S. C. State	0	0	1	11

SIAC
SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
EAST				
Clark Atlanta	4	2	7	3
Albany State	4	2	4	5
Savannah State	5	3	5	5
Morehouse	4	3	4	7
Benedict	4	4	4	4
Edward Waters	4	4	6	6
Fort Valley State	3	4	4	4
Allen	1	7	2	8
WEST				
Miles	6	1	8	1
Tuskegee	6	1	7	3
Lane	3	3	3	5
LeMoyne-Owen	3	4	3	5
Kentucky State	2	3	2	5
Central State	2	5	3	6
Spring Hill	1	6	1	10

SWAC
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
Alabama A&M	0	0	6	6
Grambling State	0	0	5	7
Prairie View A&M	0	0	5	7
Southern	0	0	4	8
Bethune-Cookman	0	0	3	9
Alabama State	0	0	3	9
Arkansas-Pine Bliuff	0	0	3	10
Florida A&M	0	0	1	8
Texas Southern	0	0	1	9
Alcorn State	0	0	1	10
Jackson State	0	0	1	11
Miss. Valley State	0	0	1	12

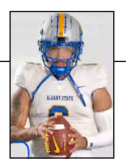
INDEPENDENTS

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
SAC				
Langston	6	1	11	2
MIAA				
Lincoln (Mo.)	1	3	7	5
FLORIDA SUN				
Florida Memorial	2	1	8	4
MEC				
West Virginia State	1	3	4	5
OVC				
Tennessee State	1	1	7	5
CAA				
N. C. A&T	0	0	7	4
Hampton	0	0	6	7

BCSP Notes

Body

Miller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David Bowser new head man at Albany State

Bowser

ALBANY, GA. — **Albany State** President, **Dr. Robert Scott**, and Director of Athletics, **Dr. Kristene Kelly,** announced last Wednesday the appointment of **David Bowser** as the University's next head football coach.

Bowser brings more than two decades of experience in collegiate athletics as a coach, administrator, and program builder at the NCAA Division II level.

Most recently, Bowser served as special assistant, director of player personnel and linebackers coach to Head Football Coach **Maurice Flowers** at **Johnson C. Smith**, where he played a key role in helping the Golden Bulls win their first **CIAA** championship this season, the first for the program in five decades.

Bowser will be replacing departed Golden Rams' Head Coach **Quinn Gray** who resigned after leading Albany State to new heights in three years at the helm. Gray, who was named new head coach last week at **Florida A&M**, compiled a 24-11 mark during his tenure including a 20-4 record vs. **SIAC** competition. He made two SIAC title game appearances, taking the 2025 title and setting a program record with 12 wins during a 12-2 outcome this season. Gray's 2025 team, as the top ranked team in Super Region II, won two NCAA Div. II playoff games to reach the national quarterfinals.

Prior to Johnson C. Smith, Bowser served as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at **Saint Augustine's,** where he led the department through a period of significant operational change. He spent nearly two decades at **Fayetteville State**, serving as associate head coach and linebackers coach, where he was part of multiple CIAA championship teams and helped develop student-athletes who advanced to professional football careers.

Attendance Matters! Jackson State leads FCS again, Classics top black college list again

Jackson State continued its streak of five years leading the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) in home attendance and was again a major factor in the largest attended black college games in 2025 (see STAT CORNER) with four of its home dates drawing over 20,000 fans.

According to the FCS, the Tigers attracted an average of 28,733 fans for five home games to lead all FCS programs for the fifth straight season. **Southern** finished third averaging 22,051 for its five home dates with **Norfolk State** fifth (21,211) and **Alabama State** seventh (20,618) giving black colleges four of the top 10.

The numbers for **Alabama A&M** (11th, 14,111), **Florida A&M** (12th, 14,093), **South Carolina State** (15th, 12,702) and **North Carolina A&T** (18th, 12,282) give HBCUs eight of the top 20 spots.

The largest Jackson turnout was for its Nov. 22 match up with in-state rival **Alcorn State**, often referred to as the *"Soul Bowl,"* that drew 44,097 fans. JSU also had the second largest homecoming attendance with the 44,000 it drew for its October 11 date vs. **Alabama State**.

Only **Norfolk State**, whose numbers increased substantially under first-year head coach **Michael Vick**, had better attendance at homecoming for the 47,273 on hand for its Oct. 25 date vs. **South Carolina State**.

Classic games continued as the highest attended black college contests. The Oct. 25 *Magic City Classic* the annual battle of Alabama State and **Alabama A&M** led the attendance numbers for the fourth straight season with 69,372 in attendance. The Nov. 29 *Bayou Classic* pitting Louisiana rivals Southern and **Grambling State** was second (63,000) with the Sept. 27 *State Fair Classic* at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas between Grambling and **Prairie View A&M** drawing 61,139.

There were 21 games that drew over 20,000 fans with an average of 37,485 fans per games for those contests. There were 19 homecoming games that topped 10,000 fans with an average of 21,803 between them.

BLACK COLLEGE FCS ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

1	**Jackson State**	**28,733**	**38**	**Grambling State**	**8,002**
2	Montana	26,464	**40**	**Alcorn State**	**7,724**
3	**Southern**	**22,051**	**42**	**Texas Southern**	**7,481**
4	Montana State	21,877	**51**	**Prairie View A&M**	**6,672**
5	**Norfolk State**	**21,212**	**52**	**Ark.-Pine Bluff**	**6,657**
6	Tarleton State	20,841	**53**	**Bethune-Cookman**	**6,640**
7	**Alabama State**	**20,618**	**54**	**Howard**	**6,538**
11	**Alabama A&M**	**14,111**	**55**	**Tennessee State**	**6,224**
12	**Florida A&M**	**14,093**	**67**	**Hampton**	**5,245**
15	**S, C State**	**12,702**	**76**	**Miss. Valley State**	**4,822**
18	**N.C. A&T**	**12,282**	**88**	**Morgan State**	**4,119**
36	**N.C. Central**	**8,262**	**102**	**Delaware State**	**3,389**

December Madness! - The Transfer Portal

Below is a list of outstanding 2025 black college football players who have entered the Transfer Portal.

• **Andrew Body**, Jr., QB, **Alabama State** - The 2025 SWAC offensive player and BCSP FCS offensive player of the year entered the portal last week. The talented 6-foot, 205-pound Corpus Christi, Texas native led the SWAC with 2,112 passing yards (264.0 ypg.) and 24 TDs with just one interception while completing 70.3 percent of his passes. He also led the SWAC in rushing yards per game (708 yards, 88.5 ypg.) with four TDs in just eight games in his second year with the Hornets after a year at **Texas Southern**. He missed the last five games with a shoulder injury this season, his second year at ASU with an injury-plagued season.

• **Ahmad Miller**, R-So., RB, **Jackson State** - Miller (6-0, 207), who was the SWAC rushing leader with 1,054 rushing yards - the only SWAC runner to top 1,000 rushing yards – announced his decision in early December. Miller's 6.4 yards per carry was second behind Body's (8.3 ypc.) among SWAC leaders and he ran for six TDs. The Whitehaven, Ms. native was named to the All-SWAC first team.

• **Isaiah Knowles**, Gr., QB, **Albany State** - Knowles (5-11, 180, Tampa, FL) announced his decision on Dec. 8. He spent three seasons at ASU after beginning his career at Navy. He was the 2025 **SIAC** offensive player of the year in 2025 after passing for 2,151 yards, 18 TDs with six interceptions and leading the Golden Rams to the SIAC championship and NCAA Div. II postseason. In 26 career games, Knowles recorded 5,585 passing yards on 63% completions, passing for 60 touchdowns to 17 interceptions. He also rushed for 577 yards and 11 touchdowns.

• **James Jones**, Jr., RB, **Delaware State** - Jones (6-2, 205), a Baltimore native, announced his decision last week. He averaged a whopping 9.8 yards per carry en route to amassing 971 yards and nine TDs for the Hornets. His yardage numbers were second-best in the MEAC to teammate **Marquis Gillis's** 1,217 yards. The tandem propelled DSU to the top of FCS team rushing stats at 291 yards per game. James had nine rushing touchdowns including a 90-yarder against Southern Connecticut State, a 76-yarder vs. Norfolk State and a 68-yarder vs. Morgan State. He played one year at Louisiana-Monroe.

• **Jyzaiah Rockwell**, Jr., WR, **Prairie View A&M** - One week after hauling in six catches for 77 yards including a 14-yard TD pass in Prairie View's 40-38 four overtime loss to **South Carolina State** in Celebration Bowl X, the Panthers' leading receiver announced his decision to enter the portal. The 6-2, 214-pound Rockwell from McKinney, Tx., topped the SWAC with 74 catches while his 1,161 receiving yards were second best and eight TD receptions tied for second. His 5.3 receptions per game led the league and his 82.9 yards per game were second. Rockwell had three 100-yard games with his best coming against Alabama A&M where he pulled in eight catches for 183 yards (22.8 ypc.) with TD receptions of 39, 27 and 9 yards.

• **Fabian Duncan**, So., RB, **Allen** - Duncan (5-10, 210), a Charlotte, N.C. native, decided to return to his hometown to join the **CIAA** champion Golden Bulls of **Johnson C. Smith**. Duncan is coming off an historic season for the Yellow Jackets where he was named the **SIAC's** overall player of the year, topping the league with 1,301 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns. Duncan averaged 118.3 rushing yards per game to only finish behind **Virginia Union's Curtis Allen** in rushing yards, rushing yards per game, touchdowns and scoring average.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of December 25 - 28, 2025

OFFENSE

– #22 **JACORY "BILL" CROSKEY-MERRITT**, RB, Washington (Rookie, **ALABAMA STATE**/Arizona) - In Washington's 30-23 loss to Dallas Thursday, JCM started at running back and carried 11 times for 105 yards (9.5 yards per carry) including TD runs of 10 yards in the second quarter and 72 yards in the third quarter. He was not targeted in the passing game. It was the rookie's second 100-yard game and second game with two rushing TDs. He was in for 28 (64%) of the Commanders' offensive snaps. He now has 776 rushing yards, 23rd-best in the NFL, on 162 carries (4.8 yards per carry) with eight touchdowns. Bill, a sevqenth-round selection by the Commanders in the 2025 NFL Draft, is fourth in rookie rushing yards behind Las Vegas's Ashton Jeanty (888 yards), New England's TreVeyon Henderson (858) and Cleveland's Quinshon Judkins (827). Jeanty was a first-round pick, sixth overall, while Judkins (fourth) and Henderson (sixth) were second-rounders.

DEFENSE

– #6 **BRYAN COOK**, S, Kansas City (3rd season, **HOWARD** / Cincinnati) - In Kansas City's 20-13 loss to Denver Thursday, Cook started at safety and finished with eight total tackles, four solos, and a defended pass. He was in for all 72 defensive snaps (100%) and three on special teams (14%).

SPECIAL TEAMS

– #23 **EMANUEL WILSON**, RB, Green Bay (3rd season, **FORT VALLEY STATE**) - In the Packers' 41-24 loss to Baltimore Saturday, Wilson had three carries for 16 yards (5.3 yards per carry) with a long run of 6 yards. He also had one catch for 8 yards and one kickoff return for 23 yards. He was in for 17 offensive snaps (36%) and six on special teams (24%).

THE STAT CORNER I

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE AT 2025 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES

RANK 2025 - 2024)

1 - 1) **MAGIC CITY CLASSIC** - Oct. 25, Legion Field, Birmingham, AL
Alabama State (56) vs. Alabama A&M (13) 69,372

2 - 2) **BAYOU CLASSIC** - Nov. 29, Ceasar's Superdome, New Orleans, LA
Southern (28) vs. Grambling State (27) 63,000

3 - 4) **STATE FAIR CLASSIC** - Sept. 27 - Cotton Bowl, Dallas
Grambling State (13) vs. Prairie View A&M (28) 61,139

4 - 3) **FLORIDA CLASSIC** - Nov. 22, Camping World Stadium, Orlando, FL
Florida A&M (34) vs. Bethune-Cookman (38) 55,528

5 - 10) **NORFOLK STATE HOMECOMING**, Oct. 26, Price Stadium, Norfolk, VA
South Carolina State (51) at Norfolk State (20) 47,273

6) **DELAWARE STATE HOME GAME (Philadelphia)** - Oct. 30, Lincoln Fin. Field
Delaware State (27) vs. Norfolk State (20) 47,266

7) **JACKSON STATE HOME GAME** - Nov. 22, Vet Stadium, Jackson MS
Alcorn State (21) at Jackson State (27) 44,097

8 - 7) **- JACKSON STATE HOMECOMING** - Oct. 11, Vet Stad., Jackson, MS
Alabama State (34) at Jackson State (38) 44,000

9 - 12) **FOUNTAIN CITY CLASSIC** - Nov., 8, McClung, Stadium, Columbus, GA
Fort Valley State (3) vs. Albany State (48) 40,175

10 - 19) **SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME** - Dec. 6, Vet Stadium, Jackson, MS
Prairie View A&M (23) at Jackson State (21) 32,187

11 - NR) **FAYETTEVILLE STATE HOMECOMING** - Oct. 11, Bronco Stad., Fayv., NC
Livingstone (14) at Fayetteville State (38) 30,487

12) **LAS VEGAS HBCU CLASSIC** - Oct. 25, Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, NV
Grambling State (26) vs. Jackson State (24) 29,655

13) **SOUTHERN HOME GAME** - Sept. 27, Mumford Stadium, Baton Rouge, LA
Jackson State (38) vs. Southern (13) 27,487

14 - 6) **CELEBRATION BOWL X** - Dec. 13, Mecedes Benz Dome, Atlanta, GA
South Carolina State (40) vs. Prairie View A&M (38), 4 OTs 26,703

15 - 8) **ALABAMA STATE HOMECOMING** - Oct. 4, ASU Stadium, M'gomery, AL
Bethune-Cookman (35) at Alabama State (52) 24,736

16) **SOUTHERN HOME GAME** - Nov. 15, Mumford Stadium, Baton Rouge, LA
Texas Southern (35) at Southern (30) 24,679

17 - 23) **SC STATE HOMECOMING**, Oct. 4, Dawson Stadium, Orangeburg, SC
Savannah State (6) at South Carolina State (49) 24,322

18 - 5) **TUSKEGEE HOMECOMING** - Nov. 1, Abbott Stadium, Tuskegee, AL
Lane (13) at Tuskegee (18) 24,128

19 - 16) **SOUTHERN HOMECOMING** - Oct. 18, Mumford Stadium, Baton Rouge, LA
Prairie View A&M (24) at Southern (3) 23,715

20) **LABOR DAY CLASSIC (NORFOLK) -** Sept. 6, Price Stadium, Norfolk, VA
Virginia State (31) at Norfolk State (34), OT 23,899

21) **JACKSON STATE HOME GAME** - Nov. 15, Vet Stadium, Jackson, MS
Bethune-Cookman (13) at Jackson State (28) 23,348

(2025) - 21 games over 20,000 - 37,485 average **TOTAL 787,196**
(2024) - 27 games over 20,000 - 32,535 average TOTAL 878,453
(2023) - 26 games over 20,000 - 33,341 average TOTAL 866,888
(2022) - 25 games over 20,000 - 38,165 average TOTAL 954,149

THE STAT CORNER II

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE AT 2025 BLACK COLLEGE HOMECOMING GAMES

RANK 2025 - 2024)

1 - 4) **NORFOLK STATE** vs. South Carolina State, October 25 47,273
2 - 2) **JACKSON STATE** vs. Alabama State - October 11 44,000
3 - NR) **FAYETTEVILLE STATE** vs. Livingstone - October 11 30,487
4 - 3) **ALABAMA STATE** vs. Bethune-Cookman - October 4 24,736
5 - 10) **S. CAROLINA STATE** vs. Savannah State - October 4 24,322
6 - 1) **TUSKEGEE** vs. Lane - November 1 24,128
7 - 6) **SOUTHERN** vs. Prairie View A&M - October 18 23,718
8 - 14) **CLARK ATLANTA** vs. Edward Waters - October 25 23,462
9 - 9) **N. C A&T** vs. South Carolina State - October 11 21,500
10 - 7) **ALABAMA A&M** vs. Mississippi Valley State - October 11 19,871
11 - 8) **FLORIDA A&M** vs. Alcorn State - October 18 19,465
12 - 18) **MOREHOUSE** vs. Lane - October 18 17,818
13 - 17) **WINSTON-SALEM STATE** vs. Livingstone - Oct. 18 16,500
14 - 11) **GRAMBLING STATE** vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff - October11 15,763
15 - NR) **TENNESSEE STATE** vs. Howard - October 18 14,056
16 - 15) **NC CENTRAL** vs. Delaware State - October 25 12,800
17 - NR) **MILES** vs. Clark Atlanta - October 18 11,518
18 - 13) **PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** vs. Lincoln (CA)- October 25 11,427
19 - 16) **ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF** vs. West Gate Christian - October 11 11,423

(2025) 19 games over 10,000 - 21,803 average **TOTAL - 414,267**
(2024) 18 games over 10,000 - 22,124 average TOTAL - 398,248
(2023) 18 Games over 10,000 - 18,773 average
(2022) 15 Games over 10,000 - 21,745 average

WOMEN'S 2025-26 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Women's Standings)

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Lane	6	1	7	1
Tuskegee	5	3	5	4
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Alcorn State	0	0	3	8
Texas Southern	0	0	3	8
Grambling State	0	0	3	10
Prairie View A&M	0	0	2	9
Jackson State	0	0	2	9
Bethune-Cookman	0	0	2	10
Miss. Valley State	0	0	1	10
Florida A&M	0	0	0	10

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OVC				
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CAA				
Hampton	0	0	6	5
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