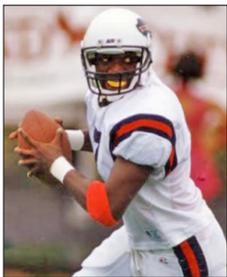


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SEVEN OF 11 VACANCIES FILLED

HOWARD'S TED WHITE SEVENTH HEAD COACH HIRED; MORE IN AND OUT OF TRANSFER PORTAL

"FLIGHT" HOME: Record-setting Howard QB Ted White returns home to lead the Bison.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NC A&T coach reprimanded by CAA

Coastal Athletic Association (CAA) Commissioner Joe D'Antonio has issued a public reprimand to North Carolina A&T men's basketball coach **Monté Ross** for violating the conference's sportsmanship policy during the Aggies' home game against Northeastern on December 31, 2025.

Ross received a technical foul with :25 seconds remaining in the contest against Northeastern and then confronted the game officials on their way off the floor and in the locker room area. The Aggies lost the game 85-74 to Northeastern. After losing to Stony Brook 81-80 at home Saturday, the Aggies are 7-7 overall, 0-3 in the CAA.

"I've spoken with Coach Ross and let him know that his actions toward the game officials were unacceptable and will not be tolerated," D'Antonio said. "Any further incidents during the remainder of the season will result in a more severe penalty."

Opening salvos in MEAC men's hoops

If results from the first week of men's play in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) are any indication, the 2025-26 race for league honors should be hotly contested.

Three of the four games on the opening week's slate of games Saturday were decided by two points or less.

Defending men's champion **Norfolk State** lost its MEAC season-opener at **North Carolina Central** Saturday, 69-67. A made free throw by **Maryland-Eastern Shore** transfer guard **Dionte Johnson** with :13 seconds left proved to be the difference. NCCU improved to 5-11 overall and 1-0 in conference play. NSU is at 6-11 overall.

2025 Tournament runners-up **South Carolina State** opened its 2025-26 MEAC season with a 58-57 home win vs. **Howard**. The Bulldogs were led by 6-1 sophomore guard **Jayden Johnson** who tallied 24 points and whose pull-up jumper with just :01 second left was the game winner. South Carolina State improved to 2-14 overall and 1-0 in MEAC play while Howard dropped to 9-7 and 0-1 in conference action.

Coppin State, in its first MEAC game under third-year head coach **Larry Stewart**, got a 53-51 road win at **Delaware State**. The Eagles fought from seven points down (38-31) in the second half to nip the Hornets. **Tahj Thweatt's** tip in with 1:33 to play gave the Eagles a lead they would not relinquish. CSU moved to 3-15 on the season while the Hornets fell to 5-11.

Maryland-Eastern Shore's 66-49 win over **Morgan State** was the only game decided by double-digits. **Dorian Staples'** 16 points led head coach **Cleo Hill Jr.'s** Hawks (5-13, 1-0). MSU fell to 3-12, 0-1.

GAME:

A pull-up jumper by SC State's 6-1 sophomore guard **Jayden Johnson** (#10) was the game winner vs. Howard. Johnson led all scorers with 24 points hitting 9 of 15 shots from the field.



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

CIAA				MEAC				SIAC				SWAC				INDEPENDENTS										
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION				MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE														
CONF	ALL	W	L	CONF	ALL	W	L	CONF	ALL	W	L	CONF	ALL	W	L	CONF	ALL	W	L							
NORTH DIVISION				N. C. Central	1	0	5	EAST																		
Virginia Union	2	0	12	1	0	5	11	Clark Atlanta	6	2	9	3	Grambling State	2	0	8	7	SAC								
Lincoln (PA)	2	1	7	8	Md. E-Shore	1	0	5	13	Morehouse	6	3	6	7	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2	0	5	10	Langston	6	1	12	2		
Bowie State	2	1	4	11	Coppin State	1	0	3	15	Albany State	5	3	6	6	Bethune-Cookman	1	0	4	10	MIAA						
Bluefield State	2	1	3	10	S. C. State	1	0	2	15	Fort Valley State	5	4	6	4	Jackson State	1	0	2	12	Lincoln (Mo.)	1	5	7	7		
Virginia State	1	2	8	7	Howard	0	1	9	7	Savannah State	5	4	5	6	Alabama A&M	1	1	8	7	FLORIDA SUN						
Elizabeth City State	1	2	2	7	Norfolk State	0	1	6	11	Edward Waters	4	5	6	7	Prairie View A&M	1	1	6	9	Florida Memorial	2	2	10	6		
SOUTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L	Delaware State	0	1	5	11	Benedict	4	6	4	6	Southern	1	1	5	10	MEC						
Clafin	3	0	6	6	Morgan State	0	1	3	12	Allen	1	9	2	10	Alabama State	1	1	4	11	West Virginia State	1	4	4	7		
Winston-Salem State	1	1	6	5						WEST					Florida A&M	0	1	3	9	OVC						
Johnson C. Smith	1	1	4	6	PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					Tuskegee	8	1	9	3	Texas Southern	0	2	2	11	Tennessee State	3	1	9	5		
Shaw	1	2	10	2	DEFENSE					Miles	7	2	9	2	Alcorn State	0	1	1	12	CAA						
Fayetteville State	1	2	6	6	Khouri Carney , 6-9, Sr., F, NCCU - Shot 9 of 16 from the field for team highs of 24 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in 69-67 home win vs. Norfolk State.					LeMoyne-Owen	4	5	4	6	Miss. Valley State	0	2	1	15	N. C. A&T	0	3	7	7		
Livingstone	0	3	5	9	OFFENSE					Lane	5	3	5	5	PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					Hampton	2	1	8	8		
					Jayden Johnson , SCSU - Shot 9 of 15 from the field for team-high 24 points in 58-57 home win vs. Howard.					Kentucky State	2	5	2	8	Roderick Coffee III, 6-4, Sr., F, GSU - In two home wins, averaged 16.5 ppg. and 7.5 rpg. with 12 points, 8 boards vs. PVA&M, 21 points, 7 boards vs. TSU.											
					OFFENSE					Spring Hill	1	8	1	12	Quion Williams , 6-5, Sr., G, UAPB - In two home wins, averaged 18.5 ppg., 6.5 rpg., and 6.5 apg. with 20 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists vs. ALA&M, 17 points, 10 rebounds, 8 assists vs. ALST.											
					Bobby Gardner , 6-1, So., G, VUU - Had 21 points, 5 rebounds and 5 steals in win over St. Thomas Aquinas.					OFFENSE																
										Elijah Lewis, LANE - Made 17 of 26 field goals, 7 of 11 3s and 8 of 11 FTs for week-high 49 points in win over Spring Hill. Also had 16 points in win over Albany State.																
										DEFENSE																
										Kusamae Draper , 6-9, Sr., F, TUSK - Averaged 13 points and 6.5 rebounds in two wins getting 14 pts., 7 rebs. vs. KSU and 12 and 6 vs. CSU.																

BCSP Notes

Former QB Ted White to lead Howard football

ALBANY, GA. — The Howard football program became the third black college to name a former standout quarterback as its new head football coach when **Ted White** was chosen last week to replace **Larry Scott** leading the Bison.

White, a record-setting QB for Howard from 1995 to 1998, follows former **Florida A&M** quarterback **Quinn Gray** who was named the Rattlers new head coach in late December and former **Winston-Salem State** QB **Tory Woodbury** who the Rams chose as their new leader in early December. Scott left Howard after five seasons to become the tight ends coach at Auburn.

In addition to his playing prowess, White brings an extensive coaching resume as he returns to lead Howard.

As a player, White, who earned the nickname "Sweet Flight" for his beautiful ball delivery, became the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference's** career passing yards (9,808) and passing touchdowns (92) leader during his four-year career. Those records still stand today.

The 6-2 rugged 225-pound Baton Rouge, La. native led the Bison to a 24-8 record in his three years as a starter including a *Heritage Bowl* win and black college national championship during a 10-2 1996 campaign. He was named the MEAC's offensive player of the year that season after passing for 36 TDs to 12 different receivers. The 36 passing touchdowns in a season is second all-time to Florida A&M's **Patrick Bonner** who threw for 28 TDs in 1998. In 1998, White set the MEAC single-game record as passed for 561 yards and eight touchdowns vs. **Florida A&M** in a game played in Jacksonville, Florida. In that game, he and Bonner (7 TDs) combined for 15 passing TDs in a 69-41 Howard win.

As a pro, White played in the NFL with four teams (Kansas City, Tampa Bay, Jacksonville and Oakland), had stints in NFL Europe with the Frankfurt Galaxy and the Barcelona Dragons before spending three seasons (2003-05) in the CFL with the Montreal Alouettes. He became a member of the MEAC Hall of Fame in 2010 and the Howard Hall Of Fame in 2014.

He began his coaching career as a quarterbacks and receivers coach at **Texas Southern** from 2006 to 2008 under his former head coach at Howard, **Steve Wilson**. It continued with stints at **Southern** as offensive coordinator (2010), back at Howard under former Bison standout **Gary "Flea" Harrell** as assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach (2011-2016) before assuming similar duties at **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (2016-18) and at **Prairie View A&M** (2019). That was before joining fellow former Howard QB and head coach **Pep Hamilton** with the XFL's DC Defenders (2020) as quarterbacks coach. He spent the 2022 season in the NFL with the Houston Texans as an offensive assistant and quarterbacks coach before returning to the college ranks at UCLA in 2024 as quarterbacks coach.

He spent the 2025 season as an offensive analyst at Maryland under head coach Mike Locksley.

SIAC offensive POY to join Gray at Florida A&M

Former **Albany State** quarterback **Isaiah Knowles** has decided to join his former Golden Rams head coach **Quinn Gray** at **Florida A&M**.

Knowles entered the transfer portal not long after Gray, a former standout quarterback at FAMU, was named the Rattlers' new head coach in late December. Under Gray, Knowles, who spent three seasons at ASU after transferring from Navy, led Albany State to two **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** (SIAC) championship game appearances and the 2025 SIAC title.

He was the 2025 SIAC offensive player of the year in 2025 after passing for 2,151 yards, 18 TDs with six interceptions. ASU finished 12-1 in the regular season and 8-0 in SIAC play to earn the conference title and No. 1 seed in the NCAA Div. II Super Region II playoffs.

In 26 career games for the Golden Rams, Knowles recorded 5,585 passing yards with a 63% completion percentage, passing for 60 touchdowns to 17 interceptions. He also rushed for 577 yards and 11 touchdowns.

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

CIAA				MEAC				SIAC				SWAC				INDEPENDENTS									
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION				MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE													
CONF	ALL	W	L	CONF	ALL	W	L	CONF	ALL	W	L	CONF	ALL	W	L	CONF	ALL	W	L						
NORTH DIVISION				Howard	1	0	11	6	EAST																
Virginia Union	2	1	7	2	Md. E-Shore	1	0	8	10	Edward Waters	7	2	9	3	Southern	2	0	6	7	SAC					
Virginia State	2	1	8	3	Norfolk State	1	0	6	10	Albany State	6	3	7	3	Alabama State	2	0	5	8	Langston	6	2	12	2	
Bowie State	1	2	8	4	Coppin State	1	0	3	13	Allen	7	4	8	5	Alcorn State	1	0	5	8	MIAA					
Bluefield State	1	2	7	5	N. C. Central	0	1	3	11	Clark Atlanta	6	4	6	7	Bethune-Cookman	1	0	3	11	Lincoln (Mo.)	2	4	4	9	
Elizabeth City State	0	4	3	9	Delaware State	0	1	3	13	Savannah State	5	4	6	4	Texas Southern	1	1	5	9	FLORIDA SUN					
Lincoln (PA)	0	1	3	11	Morgan State	0	1	3	13	Fort Valley State	6	5	6	5	Alabama A&M	1	1	5	9	Florida Memorial	2	2	6	4	
SOUTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L						Benedict	6	5	6	5	Grambling State	1	1	4	11	MEC					
Winston-Salem State	1	0	11	1	PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					Fort Valley State	1	9	1	11	Miss. Valley State	1	1	2	11	West Virginia State	1	4	3	6	
Clafin	3	0	7	2	DEFENSE					WEST					Arkansas-Pine Bluff	0	2	3	9	OVC					
Fayetteville State	2	1	8	2	Zennia Thomas , HOW - Team-highs of 19 points and 11 rebounds in 68-64 road win over SC State.					Miles	9	1	11	2	Prairie View A&M	0	2	2	11	Tennessee State	0	0	2	11	
Johnson C. Smith	2	1	5	5	OFFENSE					Tuskegee	7	3	7	4	Jackson State	0	1	2	11	CAA					
Shaw	2	2	4	6	Ashanti Lynch , UMES - Team-high 23 points on 10 of 17 shooting with 8 boards in win over MSU.					Kentucky State	2	6	2	8	Florida A&M	0	1	1	11	N. C. A&T	1	1	7	7	
Livingstone	0	2	2	8	DEFENSE					Spring Hill	2	7	4	8	PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					Hampton	0	2	5	8	
					Khila Morris , CSU - Was 11 of 23 from the field for 26 points with 13 rebounds and 3 steals and hit game-winning layup in 60-59 road win at DSU.					LeMoyne-Owen	1	8	1	8	Kiarra Henderson , 5-9, Sr., G/F, ALC - Had team-high 21 points on 7 of 11 shooting in win over JSU.										
					OFFENSE					Central State	1	10	2	11	DEFENSE										
					Maya Ellis , 5-8, Sr., G, VSU - Had 18 points on 6-of-7 shooting including 5-of-6 3s to go with 9 rebounds and 5 steals in win over Emory & Henry.					PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					Charlese McClendon , 5-11, Jr., F, ALST - Averaged 9.5 points, 10.5 rebounds in two road wins with 9 points with 13 rebounds vs. UAPB, 10 points, 8 rebounds vs. MVSV.										
					DEFENSE					Na'Hayya Paxton , 5-7, Sr., SF, ALB - 20 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals in win vs. LMO, 15 pts., 7 rebs., 6 steals in win over Lane.															
					Jasha Clinton , NSU - Had team highs of 21 points and six steals with six rebounds in 20-point win over NCCU.					DEFENSE															
										Ariana Durrell , 5-5, Sr., G, TUSK - In two wins averaged 14.5 ppg. and 7 rpg. with team-high 18 points with 7 rebounds, 4 steals vs. CSU, 11 pts., 7 rebounds, 3 steals vs. KSU.															

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FOOTBALL HEAD COACHING VACANCIES FILLED, STILL OPEN

FILLED

HOWARD	Ted White
FLORIDA A&M	Quinn Gray
SOUTHERN	Marshall Faulk
ALBANY STATE	David Bowser
HAMPTON	Van Malone
SAVANNAH STATE	Thomas Howard
WINSTON-SALEM STATE	Tory Woodbury

OPEN

CLARK ATLANTA
MOREHOUSE
BOWIE STATE
LANGSTON