

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2026



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STANDOUT PLAYERS AND GAMES

AARON JAMES OUT AT TUSKEGEE AFTER WEEK OF FANTASTIC FINISHES, BRILLIANT PERFORMANCES

TAVIAN FAULK: Edward Waters QB's 494 passing yards, 4 TDs lead Tigers to 61-42 win over Kentucky State into sole possession of SIAC lead.

SCORES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Ark.-Pine Bluff 41, Southern (HC) 10
Benedict 31, Clark Atlanta 3
Bethune-Cookman 16, Alabama State 10
Bowie State 34, Shaw 29
Bryant 31, North Carolina A&T 30
Campbell 38, North Carolina Central 31
Central State 45, Fort Valley State 32
Edward Waters 61, Kentucky State 42
Fayetteville State 28, Livingstone (HC) 20
Florida Atlantic 66, Texas Southern 10
Florida Memorial 31, Southeastern 16
Grambling State (HC) 63, Alcorn State 59
Howard 27, Hampton 13
Jackson State 31, Alabama A&M 28
J. C. Smith 51, Bluefield State (HC) 0

Miles (HC) 9, Lane 6
Miss. Valley State 28, Prairie View A&M 27
Morehouse 30, Tuskegee 28
Morgan State 38, Villanova 35
Ottawa-Arizona 27, Langston 0
Robert Morris 33, Norfolk State 31
Savannah State 38, Allen 36
Southwest Baptist 52, Lincoln (MO) 17
The Citadel 34, South Carolina State 31
UALbany 28, Delaware State 3
Virginia Lynchburg 55, SC Christian 12
Virginia State 42, Lincoln (PA) 32
Virginia Union 20, Elizabeth City State 7
Western Illinois 28, Tennessee State 21
W. Liberty 41, W. Virginia State (HC) 38

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

AARON JAMES OUT AT TUSKEGEE:

Tuskegee announced Sunday, following a 30-28 loss to **Morehouse** Saturday, that alumnus and head football coach **Aaron James** has been relieved of his duties. The university also announced Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Line Coach **Keith Higdon** will serve as interim head coach while a national search is conducted.

James was released one week after his Golden Tigers handed then **SIAC** leader **Benedict** its first loss of the season, 20-17 in Tuskegee. Morehouse came in to Saturday's contest in Montgomery, Alabama with just one win, a 44-0 win over **Lane**. Under James this season, the Tigers were 2-1 in SIAC play with wins over Benedict and **Fort Valley State** (24-23). and 2-3 overall with the other losses to West Alabama (27-17) to open the season and **Jackson State** of the **SWAC** (41-7).

James was 18-20 in his four years leading Tuskegee. "We are extremely grateful to Coach James for his leadership, dedication, and service to Tuskegee University," said **Reginald S. Ruffin**, vice president of intercollegiate athletics and director of athletics. Ruffin, who formerly spent nine years leading **Miles College** football, spent one year as head coach at Tuskegee before appointing James as his successor.

"Aaron is a proud Tuskegee alumnus who has represented his alma mater with tremendous pride. We thank him for his commitment to our student-athletes, our football program, and the Tuskegee community. We wish Coach James and his family nothing but success in the next chapter of their journey."

"Tuskegee football has a proud championship tradition, and our expectations remain high," Ruffin said. "Our commitment is to academic excellence, developing young men, competing for championships, graduating our student-athletes, and representing Tuskegee University with distinction. We will conduct a comprehensive national search to identify a leader who embraces those expectations and understands the standard associated with wearing the Crimson and Old Gold."

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) **JACKSON STATE** (5-0) - Come back 31-28 win over Alabama A&M. **NEXT:** At Grambling State.
- 2) **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (5-1) - From first to second after loss to The Citadel, 34-31. **NEXT:** At Charleson Southern.
- 3) **GRAMBLING STATE** (3-2) - Outscored Alcorn State, 63-59. **NEXT:** Hosting Jackson State.
- 4) **MORGAN STATE** (4-1) - Thrilling 38-35 win at Villanova. **NEXT:** Robert Morris in for homecoming.
- 5) **ALABAMA A&M** (4-2) - Took No. 1 Jackson State to the wire before losing, 31-28. **NEXT:** Hosting Southern.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

- 1) **EDWARD WATERS** (5-1) - Came back to claim 61-42 win over No 2 Kentucky State. **NEXT:** Bye week.
- 2) **VIRGINIA STATE** (5-1) - 42-32 over Lincoln (Pa.) in Rochester, NY. **NEXT:** VSU homecoming vs. Livingstone.
- 3) **JOHNSON C. SMITH** (4-1) - 51-0 shutout of Bluefield State. **NEXT:** Hosting Shaw.
- 4) **BENEDICT** (5-1) - Handled Clark Atlanta, 31-3. **NEXT:** At Allen.
- 5) **VIRGINIA UNION** (5-1) Defeated Elizabeth City State, 20-7. **NEXT:** Idle.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

For Games October 3, 2026

Arkansas-Pine Bluff @ Southern Homecoming	21, 890
Howard vs. Hampton at Audi Field (Wash., DC)	15,389
Jackson State vs. Alabama A&M in Mobile, AL	7,490
Alabama State @ Bethune-Cookman	4,055

2026 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA

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

BCSP CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

QB - Rahsaan Matthews, R-So., **VSU** - 19-31-0, 356 yds., 4 TDs (77, 16, 16, 73) vs. LINCIP.

OB - Fabian Duncan, R-Jr., **JCSU** - 25 carries, 224 yards (9.7 ypc.), 3 TDs (5, 2, 21) vs. BLST.

WR - Calvin Parker, R-Jr., **FSU**-2receptions., 117 yds., (58.5. ypr.), 1 TD (86) in win vs. Livingstone.

DB - Chase Francis, Fr., DB, **SHAW**-6 tackles, 5 solos, 3.5 TFL (-18), 2.0 sacks (-12) 1BU vs. ECSU.

LB - Manuel Montout, R-So., **ECSU**- 16 tackles, 7 solos in loss to VUU.

SPECIAL - Carlos Alvarez, So., WR/KR, **VSU** - KO returns for 189 yards including 91-yard KO return TD vs. LINCIP.

NEWCOMER - Jamir Dismukes, R-Sr., **FSU** - 17-24-0, 275 yards, 1 TD (31) vs. Livingstone.

MEAC

	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	W	L	ALL
SC State	0	0	5	1
Morgan State	0	0	4	1
Delaware State	0	0	3	3
Norfolk State	0	0	3	3
Howard	0	0	2	2
North Carolina Central	0	0	2	4

BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE & NEWCOMER

Cameron Edge, Sr., QB, **MSU** - 31 of 40, 1 pick, 444 passing yards, 3 TDs (45, 19, 64), two rushing TDs (5, 2) in win over Villanova.

DEFENSE

Justin McIlwain, Jr., DB, **MSU** - 9 tackles, 6 solos and an interception vs. Villanova.

NEWCOMER

Da'Jean Golmond, Fr., QB, **NSU** - 27-45-0, 371 yards, 3 TDs (17, 2, 3) vs. Robert Morris.

SPECIALIST

NA.

SIAC

	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	W	L	ALL
Edward Waters	4	0	5	1
Kentucky State	3	1	4	2
Central State	3	1	3	3
Miles	3	1	3	3
Benedict	2	1	4	1
Tuskegee	2	1	2	3
Albany State	2	1	2	3
Morehouse	2	3	2	4
Allen	1	2	2	3
Savannah State	1	3	1	4
Clark Atlanta	1	3	1	5
Fort Valley State	0	3	1	4
Lane	0	4	0	6

BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

Tavion Faulk, Sr., WR, **EWU** - 32-40-1, 498 yards, 4 TDs (48, 24, 11, 8), 1 rushing TD in win over KSU.

DEFENSE

Jordan Allen, Sr., DE, **EWU** - 3 tackles, 2 solos, 2.5 TFL (-13), 2.0 sacks (-12) vs. KSU.

SPECIAL TEAMS & ROOKIE

Kenny Gladden, Fr., WR/KR, **SAVST**- 1 punt return for 18 yards, 3 KO returns for 121 yards including a 98-yard KO return TD vs. Allen.

SWAC

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

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE **Rashon Brown**, R-Fr., RB, **B-CU**- 31 carries, 260 yards, 8.4 ypc., 1 TD (12) vs. ALST.

DEFENSE **Jon Horton**, Gr. DE, **GSU** - 8tackles, 7 solos, 5.5 TFL, 2 sacks, 2 FF vs. ALC.

NEWCOMER **Ashton Frye**, Fr., RB, **GSU** - 11 of 17, 203 yards, 2 TDs (15, 11) vs. Alcorn State.

Garrison Davis, R-Fr., QB, **UAPB** - 15-22-0, 154 yards, 4 TDs (12, 15, 30, 2) in win vs. Southern.

SPECIALIST **D. J. Hicks**, Fr., WR/KR, **ALST** - 2 KO returns, 127 yards , 98-yard KO return TD, one 38-yard TD reception vs. FAMU.

INDEPENDENTS

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

Nygel Osborne, Sr., RB, **FMU** -20 carries, 131 yards, 6.6 yards per carry, 1 TD in win vs. Southeastern.

Amare Ary, **WVSU** - 2 3 receptions, 103 yards, 34.3 yards per catch, 2 TDs (44 and 32 yards) vs. WLU.

DEFENSE

D. J. Harmon, LB, **WVSU** - Led Yellow Jackets with 7 tackles, 3 solos vs. WLU.

Jonathan Flowers, Sr., LB, **FMU** - 7 tackles, 5 solos, 1 sack for -5 yards vs. Southeastern

Conference races heatin' up

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Robert Morris vs. Morgan State (HC) in B'more, MD - *ESPN+* 12p
New Hampshire vs. N. C. A&T in Greensboro, NC - *FloSports* 12p
Franklin Pierce vs. Delaware State (HC) in Dover, DE - *MEACN* 1p
William & Mary vs. N. C. Central (HC) in Durham, NC - *ESPN+* 1p
Bowie State vs. Winston-Salem State in W-Salem, NC - *CIAASN* 1p
Livingstone vs. Virginia State (HC) in Ettrick, VA - *CIAASN* 1p
Lincoln (PA) vs. Elizabeth City State (HC) in Eliz. City, NC - *CIAASN* 1p
Shaw vs. Johnson C. Smith in Charlotte, NC - *CIAASN* 1p
Clark Atlanta vs. Fort Valley State in Fort Valley, GA - *ESPN+* 1p
Savannah State vs. Morehouse (HC) in Atlanta, GA - *SIACN* 1p
Tuskegee vs. Central State (HC) in Wilberforce, OH 1p
Concord vs. West Virginia State in Institute, WV - *MEDN* 1p
Howard vs. Penn in Philadelphia, PA - *ESPN+* 1p
Miles vs. Kentucky State (HC) in Frankfort, KY 1p
Miss. Valley State vs. Texas Southern (HC) in Houston, TX - *SWAC TV* 2p
Ark. Baptist vs. Alcorn State (HC) in Lorman, MS - *SWAC TV* 2p
Southern vs. Prairie View A&M in Prairie View, TX - *SWAC TV* 2p
Va.-Lynchburg vs. Norfolk State (HC) in Norfolk, VA - *ESPN+* 2p
Lane vs. Albany State (HC) in Albany, GA 2p
Benedict vs. Allen in Columbia, SC - *SIACN* 2p
UT Martin vs. Tennessee State in Nashville, TN - *ESPN+* 2:30p
Florida A&M vs. Alabama State (HC) in M'gomery, AL - *HBCUGO.tv* 3p
Jackson State vs. Grambling State in Grambling, LA - *SWAC TV* 4p
Bethune-Cookman vs. Alabama A&M in Huntsville, AL - *SWAC TV* 6p
S. C. State vs. Charleston Southern in N. Ch'ston, SC - *ESPN+* 6p
Florida Memorial vs. Keiser in West Palm Beach, FL - *SunDN* 6p

p.m., *ESPN+*) and **Howard** is at Penn (1 p.m., *ESPN+*).

Amongst CIAA leaders, Virginia State has homecoming vs. Livingstone, J. C. Smith hosts **Shaw**, and **Bowie State** (2-1) is at **Winston-Salem State**, all at 1 p.m. on the *CIAASN*. Virginia Union is off.

In the SIAC, while first-place Edward Waters is off, the jockeying continues at 1 p.m. with Tuskegee at Central State's homecoming and Miles at Kentucky State's homecoming, and at 2 p.m. with Lane at Albany State's homecoming and Benedict at Allen (*SIACN*).



WALK-IN TD!! - Seattle running back **EMANUEL WILSON** (#23, **FORT VALLEY STATE**) saunters into the end zone for his second TD of the day, an 8-yard run off the left side of the Seahawks line, during their 30-23 win over the Los Angeles Chargers Sunday. Wilson, who also scored on a 23-yard screen pass in the win, had 120 yards of total offense.



BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of October 1 - 5, 2026

OFFENSE

- **#23 EMANUEL WILSON**, RB, Seattle (4th season, **FORT VALLEY STATE**) - In the Seahawks' 30-23 win over the Los Angeles Chargers Sunday, Wilson started at running back and had 21 carries for 81 yards (3.9 yards per carry) including an 8-yard second quarter TD run. His long run was for 15 yards. He also had three catches in four targets for 39 yards including a 23-yard TD reception in the first quarter. He recovered his own fumble. Wilson, who finished with 120 yards of total offense and two TDs, was in for 36 offensive snaps (60%).
- **#71 TYTUS HOWARD**, OL, Cleveland (8th season, **ALABAMA STATE**) - Started at right tackle in 27-24 win Thursday over Pittsburgh and helped the Browns rush for 112 yards on 27 carries (4.1 yards per carry) and two touchdowns and hit on 24 of 33 passes for 258 yards and one score. The Browns gave up two sacks for -8 yards. Howard played all 64 snaps on offense (100%) and five on special teams (18%).

DEFENSE

- **#12 TRAVIS HUNTER**, CB/WR, Jacksonville (2nd season, **JACKSON STATE** / Colorado) - Started at cornerback in the Jaguars' 22-17 win over Cincinnati and finished with four tackles, three solos, with two passes defended. He was not targeted nor did he play on offense. He was in for all 76 defensive snaps (100%).
- **#90 GROVER STEWART**, DT, Indianapolis (10th season, **ALBANY STATE**) - Started at defensive tackle in 30-13 win over Washington Sunday in London and finished with six tackles, two solos with two tackles for losses. He was in for 32 defensive snaps (50%) and 11 on special teams (39%).

SPECIAL TEAMS

- **#49 ERICK HUNTER**, LB, New England (Rookie, **MORGAN STATE**) - In the Patriots 29-26 win over Buffalo, Hunter had two solo special teams' tackles and two special teams' assisted tackles. He was in for 19 snaps on special teams (73%).

