

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1 - 7, 2026

BLACK COLLEGE
SPORTS

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SEASONED VET: SC State product Javon Hargrave enters his 11th year in the NFL with his fifth team, Green Bay.

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NUMBERS

UNDER 30 ON NFL ROSTERS; WEEK ZERO RESULTS; BATTLES CONTINUE IN WEEK ONE

SCORES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27	Fort Valley St. 17, Elizabeth City State 14
Delaware State 41, Stony Brook 34	Grambling State 49, Clark Atlanta 7
Nichols 44, Mississippi Valley State 10	Hampton 45, Virginia-Lynchburg 0
Tusculum 42, Bluefield State 7	Howard 31, Alabama A&M 24
Virginia State 44, Barton 17	Jackson State 26, Tennessee State 24
	Kentucky State 41, Central State 14
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28	Lincoln (MO) 27, Central Methodist 11
Lenoir-Rhyne 45, Virginia Union 3	Morgan State 17, N. C. A&T 7
	Norfolk State 56, Winston-Salem State 0
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29	Roosevelt 44, Chicago State 28
Alabama State 30, Southern 17	S. Carolina State 87, Savannah State 0
Alcorn State 56, Miles 7	Tarleton State 49, Prairie View A&M 30
Allen 37, Livingstone 16	Texas Southern 32, N. C. Central 20
Arkansas-Pine Bluff 35, Morehouse 15	West Virginia State 56, Chowan 24
Benedict 32, Johnson C. Smith 10	
Bethel 16, Lane 3	SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
Edward Waters 42, Florida Memorial 28	West Alabama 27, Tuskegee 17
Fayetteville State 33, Shaw 20,	
Florida A&M 20, Albany State 7	

TOP PERFORMANCES

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	YDs	TDs (YDs)
Brent Upshaw Jr., ALL	17-25-0	333	2 (53, 37)
Ja'Shawn Scroggins, HOW	19-34-0	315	3 (1, 4, 51)
Tevin Carter, PVAM	25-40-0	309	1 (53)
Tavion Faulk, EWU	20-30-0	289	3 (10, 11, 10)
Miles Scott, MHS	25-36-0	284	0
Jackson Wasik, CSU	13-25-1	273	1 (53)
Daylin Lee, TNST	23-41-0	265	1 (5)
Jaylen Tolbert, ALC	25-28-0	265	5 (26, 4, 16, 36, 17)
Ashton Parnell, CHST	29-40-2	264	2 (27, 14)
Rahsaan Matthews, VSU	20-27-0	262	2 (5, 46)
Ui Ale, DSU	18-29-0	259	1 (72)
RUSHING	CAR	YDs	AVG TDs (YDs)
Fabian Duncan, JCSU	22	183	8.3 1 (64)
Athean Renfro Jr., TXSOU	18	163	9.1 1 (14)
Javis Floyd, ALL	29	158	5.4 3 (4, 1, 31)
Amari Pryear, HAMP	8	132	16.5 0
Tevin Carter, PVAM	14	130	9.3 1 (4)
David Smith, BEN	14	117	8.4 0
Nelson Layne, NCCU	13	116	8.9 2 (60, 2)
Jordan Barnett, MSU	12	114	9.5 1 (22)
Jalyn Daniels, NSU	15	104	6.0 1 (1)
Receiving IV, TNST	15	101	6.7 0
RECEIVING	REC	YDs	AVG TDs/YDs
Demetric Whitlock, UAPB	5	160	32.0 3 (94, 13, 39)
Jaylin Terzado, DSU	6	149	24.8 1 (72)
Jayden Guy, JSU	9	148	19.3 0
Izaiah Jean-Baptiste, EWU	7	140	20.0 2 (10, 31)
Caleb Riggs, BEN	4	129	32.3 1 (97)
Jae-Lijah Cochran, CSU	4	125	30.2 1 (53)
Deveon Williams, ALL	4	126	31.5 1 (53)
Avantae Burt, CSU	6	118	19.3 0
Jabari Jones, JSU	4	117	29.0 1 (88)
Jaquan McGee, TXSOU	4	115	28.7 2 (11, 25)

TACKLES

15	Trevon French, EWU;
13	Aykenon Rodgers, EWU;
12	Rossie Grimes, JCSU; Jeremiah Hudson-Davis, ALA&M;
11	Corin Powers, BEN; Artellious Edmond,
	Dwight Jacobs Jr., CLATL; Jermaine Dallas, FMU;
	Armani Itote, CHST;

SACKS

3.0	Antonio Camon, FLAM;
2.0	Carlos Bazert Jr., KSU; Zaron Walters, NCCU;
	Osiris Rhodes, FSU; Ja'Darius Cherry, ALL; Paul Gatley, FLAM;
	Donovan Moyer, MSU;

INTERCEPTIONS

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Jackson State @ Tenn. State - <i>John Merritt Classic</i>	32,467
Alabama State vs. Southern - <i>Birmingham Classic</i>	31,287
Howard vs. Alabama A&M - <i>SWAC/MEAC Challenge</i>	17,320
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Morehouse in Little Rock, AR	17,300
Morgan State @ North Carolina A&T	16,264
Winston-Salem State @ Norfolk State	15,572
Albany State @ Florida A&M	14,047
Tuskegee vs. West Alabama in <i>Red Tails Classic</i>	12,521
Savannah State @ SC State	12,000
Clark Atlanta @ Grambling State	11,337
NC Central @ Texas Southern	8,931

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE	BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE
B	1) SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (1-0) - Demolished Savannah State 87-0.
C	NEXT: At Florida A&M in Miami.
S	2) ALABAMA STATE (1-0) - Handled Southern 30-17 . NEXT: Hosting Lane in Montgomery.
P	3) JACKSON STATE (1-0) - Won at Tennessee State, 26-24. NEXT: Hosting Edward Waters.
T	4) PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (0-1) - Lost 49-30 at FCS No. 5 Tarleton State.
O	NEXT: Hosting rival Texas Southern.
P	5) TEXAS SOUTHERN (1-0) - Beat NC Central 32-20. NEXT: At No. 4 Prairie View A&M
F	1) BENEDICT (1-0) - Won at home vs. No. 1 J. C. Smith, 32-10. NEXT: At Shorter.
I	2) FAYETTEVILLE STATE (1-0) - Got by Shaw, 33-20. NEXT: Hosting UNC-Pembroke.
V	3) EDWARD WATERS (1-0) - Won at Florida Memorial, 42-28. NEXT: At Jackson State.
E	4) KENTUCKY STATE (1-0) - Won at Central State, 41-14. NEXT: At Southern.
S	5) VIRGINIA STATE (1-0) - Handled Barton, 44-17. NEXT: Hosting Bowie State.

Rivals, favorites in Labor Day battles

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BCSP Editor

A slate of 34 games is on the menu for Week One, Labor Day Weekend, if the 28 games from last week can be thought of as Week Zero.

There was plenty of excitement, fantastic finishes and some surprising outcomes in Week Zero.

Particularly, **Delaware State** started off year two under head coach **Desean Jackson** with a down-to-the wire 41-34 win at home over Stony Brook.

Howard scored with under two minutes left to pull out a 31-24 win over **Alabama A&M** in the tight real Week Zero game at the *SWAC/MEAC Challenge* in Atlanta. It gave new Bison head coach and former quarterback **Ted White** a win in his debut.

Amongst the most shocking outcomes was a 45-3 beatdown administered to **CIAA** power **Virginia Union** by Lenoir-Rhyne.

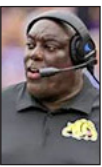
Perhaps equally shocking was 2025 CIAA champion and BCSP preseason Div. II No. 1 **Johnson C. Smith** being taken down by 2025 SIAC runners-up **Benedict**, 32-10.

Texas Southern evened the score in SWAC vs. MEAC battles with a 32-20 home win Saturday over **North Carolina Central**.

Week One Gems

Eight new coaches debuted last week, only three claimed victories (White, **Quinn Gray** at **Florida A&M** and **Van Malone** at **Hampton**).

The last of the nine newbies to debut will be new **Bowie State** head coach **Dawson Odums** who will take his Bulldogs to 1-0 **Virginia State** Saturday (1 p.m., *CIAA Network*). VSU behind QB **Rahsaan Matthews Jr.**'s 267 passing yards and two TDs defeated Barton 44-17.



Odums

Quinn Gray has the unenviable task of preparing his Rattlers to face defending two-time **MEAC** champion **South Carolina State** in Sunday's *Orange Blossom Classic* in Miami Gardens, Florida (3 p.m., *ESPN*). While FAMU struggled past 2025 SIAC champion **Albany State**, 20-7 Saturday, **Chennis Berry**'s SC State troops were putting a record-setting 87-0 thrashing on SIAC member **Savannah State** and new head coach **Thomas Howard**.

SIAC favorite **Edward Waters**, coming off a 42-28 win on the road over NAIA member **Florida Memorial**, heads to Jackson, Mississippi (6 p.m. *HBCUgo.tv*) to take on 1-0 **Jackson State**. JSU pulled out a late 26-24 win at **Tennessee State** Saturday in the *John Merritt Classic*. Coming off its big win in Atlanta, Howard is hosting Richmond Saturday (6 p.m., *MEAC Network*). Richmond beat Bucknell Saturday, 35-14.

Labor Day weekend will bring together neighborhood rivals in the SIAC and SWAC. After big losses last week, **Morehouse** and **Clark Atlanta** tangle at Morehouse Saturday (1 p.m., *SLAC Network*) each looking for its first win. SWAC rivals **Prairie View A&M** and Texas Southern match up Sunday (11 a.m., *ESPN2*) at Prairie View. The Panthers battled gamely with FCS No. 5 Tarleton State before falling on the road Saturday, 49-30.

2025 SIAC champion Albany State and 2025 CIAA champion J. C. Smith, both coming off losses, are in Canton, Ohio Sunday for the *Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic* (4 p.m. *NFL Network*).

North Carolina A&T, off a 17-7 home loss to **Morgan State** Saturday, travels to Atlanta Friday (7 p.m., *ESPN+*) to take on FBS Sun Belt Conference member Georgia

2026 BCSP NFL REPORT

NFL numbers dip below 30 for first time

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

The times they are a-changin' and the NFL numbers they are a-dwindlin'.

At least those were the realities this week as NFL teams announced their 53-man active rosters and 17-man practice squads before next week's kickoff

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON 2026 OPENING DAY NFL ROSTERS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (AFC, 13)				
NO.	NAME	POS	EXP	COLLEGE
BALTIMORE RAVENS (1)				
76	Carson Vinson	OT	2	Alabama A&M
CINCINNATI BENGALS (1)				
6	Bryan Cook	S	5	Howard / Cincinnati
CLEVELAND BROWNS (2)				
2	Shedeur Sanders	QB	2	Jackson State / Colorado
71	Tytus Howard	OL	8	Alabama State
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (1)				
90	Grover Stewart	DT	10	Albany State
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (4)				
12	Travis Hunter	WR/CB 2		Jackson State / Colorado
33	Bhayshul Tuten	RB	2	NC A&T / Virginia Tech
30	J'Mari Taylor (PS)	RB	R	NC Central / Virginia
42	Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig (PS)	DB	2	Jackson State / Colorado
MIAMI DOLPHINS (1)				
83	Kevin Coleman Jr.	WR	R	Jackson State / Missouri
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (2)				
21	Karon Prunty	CB	R	NC A&T / Wake Forest
26	Terrell Jennings	RB	2	Florida A&M
TENNESSEE TITANS (1)				
25	Joshua Williams	CB	5	Fayetteville State

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (NFC, 16)				
NO.	NAME	POS	EXP	COLLEGE
ATLANTA FALCONS (1)				
19	Chris Blair	WR	3	Alcorn State
CAROLINA PANTHERS (1)				
53	Claudin Chereilus	LB	4	Alcorn State
DALLAS COWBOYS (5)				
14	Markquese Bell	S	5	Florida A&M
2	Cobie Durant	CB	5	SC State
41	James Houston IV	EDGE 5		Jackson State
58	Isaiah Land (PS)	LB	4	Florida A&M
51	Nick Everett (PS)	OL	5	NC Central / Rice
GREEN BAY PACKERS (1)				
98	Javon Hargrave	DT	11	SC State
LOS ANGELES RAMS (1)				
19	Xavier Smith	WR	3	Florida A&M
MINNESOTA VIKINGS (1)				
99	Elijah Williams	DL	2	Morgan State
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2)				
61	Kion Smith	OT	4	Fayetteville State
4	Khadarel Hodge (PS)	WR	7	Prairie View A&M
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (2)				
27	Emanuel Wilson	RB	4	Fort Valley State
35	Andre Fuller (PS)	DB	R	Arkansas-Pine Bluff / Toledo
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS (2)				
22	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	RB	2	Alabama State / Arizona
73	Trent Scott (PS)	OL	9	Grambling State

TOTAL 29	(-4)	BY POSITION
AFC	13 (-2)	DB (-2)
NFC	16 (-2)	OL (-3)
		REC (+2)
		RB (+1)
BY HBCU	17 (NC)	DL (NC)
CONFERENCE	6 (-3)	LB (-1)
SWAC	2 (-1)	QB (NC)
MEAC	2 (NC)	Punter (NC)
INDYs	2 (NC)	
SIAC	2 (NC)	
CIAA	2 (NC)	

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Missouri in Columbia, MO - <i>SEC Network</i>	7p
	Bethune-Cookman vs. UCF in Orlando, FL - <i>ESPN+</i>	7p
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	North Carolina A&T vs. Georgia State in Atlanta, GA - <i>ESPN+</i>	7p
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	Bowie State vs. Virginia State in Ettrick, VA - <i>CIAA Network</i>	1p
	W. Chester vs. Lincoln (PA) in Lincoln (PA) - <i>Hudl live stream</i>	1p
	Bluefield State vs. Concord in Athens, WV - <i>MEC Network</i>	1p
	Clark Atlanta vs. Morehouse in Atlanta, GA - <i>SIAC Network</i>	1p
	Tennessee State vs. Georgia in Athens, GA - <i>SECN+</i>	3p
	Alcorn State vs. Southern Miss in Hattiesburg, MS - <i>ESPN+</i>	4p
	Fort Valley State vs. Tuskegee in Mobile, AL - <i>ESPN+</i>	4p
	Florida Memorial vs. Allen in Columbia, SC - <i>AllenYT/FB</i>	4p
	Lane vs. Alabama State in Montgomery, AL - <i>SWAC TV</i>	5p
	Benedict vs. Shorter in Rome, GA - <i>Shorter Network</i>	5p
	Miles vs. Alabama A&M in Huntsville, AL - <i>SWAC TV</i>	6p
	Edward Waters vs. Jackson State in Jackson, MS - <i>HBCU GO</i>	6p
	Kentucky State vs. Southern in Baton Rouge, LA - <i>SWAC TV</i>	6p
	Langston vs. Louisiana Christian in Pineville, LA - <i>LCU Stream</i>	6p
	Delaware State vs. William & Mary in Wmsburg, VA - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
	Norfolk State vs. Old Dominion in Norfolk, VA - <i>ESPN+</i>	6p
	Eliz. City State vs. N. C. Central in Durham, NC - <i>MEAC Network</i>	6p
	Livingstone vs. Virginia Union in Richmond, VA - <i>CIAA Network</i>	6p
	UNC-P vs. Fayetteville State in Fayetteville, NC - <i>Broncos Network</i>	6p
	W. Va. State vs. Robert Morris in Moon Township, PA	6p
	Central State vs. Grambling State in Grambling, LA - <i>SWAC TV</i>	6p
	Richmond vs. Howard in Washington, DC - <i>MEAC Network</i>	6p
	Roanoke vs. Va.-Lynchburg in Lynchburg, VA - <i>Hudl Stream</i>	6p
	Shaw vs. Barton in Wilson, NC - <i>Barton Network</i>	7p
	Miss.Valley State vs. Sacramento State in Sacramento, CA - <i>ESPN+</i>	7p
	Mars Hill vs. Winston-Salem State in W-S, NC - <i>CIAA Network</i>	8p
	Hampton vs. Maryland in College Park, MD - <i>Big Ten Network</i>	8p
	Morgan State vs. Arizona State in Tempe, AZ - <i>ESPN+</i>	9p
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	Texas Southern vs. Prairie View A&M in Prairie View, TX - <i>ESPN2</i>	11a
	S. C. State vs. Florida A&M in Miami Gardens, FL - <i>ESPN</i>	3p
	Johnson C. Smith vs. Albany State in Canton, OH - <i>NFL Network</i>	4p

State in its opener. **N. C. Central** looks to lick its wounds as it hosts (6 p.m., *MEAC Network*) CIAA member **Elizabeth City State** coming off a lost at home to **Fort Valley State**

Dallas (5) and Jacksonville (4) have the most HBCU products. Jackson State (5) and Florida A&M (4) have the most players in the NFL.

Defensive backs (7) is the position most manned by black college players. The **SWAC** leads HBCU conferences with 17 players in the league.

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS IN THE NFL BY SCHOOL

COLLEGE / NAME	NFL TEAM
JACKSON STATE (5)	
James Houston	Dallas
Travis Hunter	Jacksonville
Shedeur Sanders	Cleveland
Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig	Jacksonville
Kevin Coleman Jr.	Miami
FLORIDA A&M (4)	
Markquese Bell	Dallas
Terrell Jennings	New England
Isaiah Land	Dallas
Xavier Smith	LA Rams
ALABAMA STATE (2)	
Jacory Croskey-Merritt	Washington
Tytus Howard	Cleveland
ALCORN STATE (2)	
Claudin Chereilus	Carolina
Chris Blair	Atlanta
FAYETTEVILLE STATE (2)	
Kion Smith	San Francisco
Joshua Williams	Tennessee
NORTH CAROLINA A&T (2)	
Karon Prunty	New England
Bhayshul Tuten	Jacksonville
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL (2)	
Nick Leverett	Dallas
J'Mari Taylor	Jacksonville
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (2)	
Cobie Durant	Dallas
Javon Hargrave	Green Bay
ALABAMA A&M (1)	
Carson Vinson	Baltimore
ALBANY STATE (1)	
Grover Stewart	Indianapolis
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF (1)	
Andre Fuller	Seattle
FORT VALLEY STATE (1)	
Emanuel Wilson	Seattle
GRAMBLING STATE (1)	
Trent Scott	Washington
HOWARD (1)	
Bryan Cook	Cincinnati
MORGAN STATE (1)	
Elijah Williams	Minnesota
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (1)	
KhaDarel Hodge	San Francisco

HBCUs WITH MOST PLAYERS IN NFL	
Jackson State	5
Florida A&M	4
Alabama State, Alcorn State	
Fayetteville State, NC A&T,	
NC Central, SC State	2

BY NFL TEAM	
Dallas	5
Jacksonville	4
Cleveland, New England	
San Francisco, Seattle	
Washington	2
BY YEARS OF NFL EXPERIENCE	
Javon Hargrave	11
Grover Stewart	10
Trent Scott	9
Tytus Howard	8
Khadarel Hodge	7