

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22 - 28, 2026

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SWAC
JOINS
THE FRAY

BENEDICT, SC STATE IN AFCA TOP 25; SWAC
HOOPS MEDIA TO TIPOFF IN EARLY OCTOBER

Grambling State Sports Photo

R. J. JOHNSON: Florida A&M transfer QB to lead Grambling State into State Fair Classic battle against defending SWAC champion Prairie View A&M.

SCORES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	Miles 27, Clark Atlanta 14
Alabama A&M 45, Bowie State 3.	Morehouse 44, Lane 0
Albany State 32, Allen 21	Morgan State 41, Towson 26
Arkansas-Pine Bluff 41, Central State 35	Norfolk State 42, Hampton 21
Benedict 34, Fort Valley State 33, OT	North Alabama 38, Alcorn State 20
Bethune-Cookman 62, Va.-Lynchburg 3	Quincy 34, Lincoln (MO) 27
Campbell 42, North Carolina A&T 14	Shaw 49, Lincoln (PA) 27
Delta State 21, Mississippi Valley State 6	South Carolina State 20, Furman 17
Edward Waters 55, Savannah State 30	Southern 50, Louisiana Christian 31
Florida Memorial 64, Reinhardt 48	South Florida 59, Delaware State 17
Gardner-Webb 44, N. C. Central 20	S. F. Austin 31, Prairie View A&M 10
Jackson State 41, Tuskegee 7	Tennessee State 29, Florida A&M 26
J. C. Smith 20, Fayetteville State 14	Virginia State 28, Elizabeth City State 14
Kentucky State 21, Saginaw Valley St. 17	Virginia Union 42, Bluefield State 0,
Langston 53, Texas College 34	W. Va. Wesleyan 28, W. Va. State 23
Livingstone 21, Winston-Salem State 13	

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

SWAC HOOPS MEDIA DAYS, OCT. 6 -7:

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.- The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** will host its annual Men's and Women's Basketball Media Days on Tuesday, October 6 (WBB) and Wednesday, October 7 (MBB) at 10:00 a.m. CST on both days at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Birmingham, Ala.

All SWAC head men's and women's basketball coaches and two student-athletes from each team will be in attendance to address the media regarding the upcoming 2026-27 basketball seasons.

The league will also announce the 2026-27 SWAC Men's and Women's Basketball Predicted Order of Finishes at the events.

Media one-on-one interviews with head coaches and student-athletes will begin at 10:00 a.m. CST and both events will be streamed live on SWAC TV.

SC STATE, BENEDICT STAY IN TOP 25:

Two-time defending MEAC football champion **South Carolina State** (4-0) moved up from 16th to 14th in this week's AFCA FCS Top 25.

The Bulldogs got a big 20-17 win on the road over FCS No. 24 Furman Saturday. They play at **Bethune-Cookman** Saturday (7 p.m., *HBCUgo.tv*).

Benedict, undefeated at 3-0, moved up from 19th to 15th in the AFCA NCAA Div. II poll. The Tigers barely came away with a 34-33 overtime win on the road at **Fort Valley State**. They hit the road again to face **Tuskegee** on Thursday night (6 p.m., *ESPN2*).

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

- 1) **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (4-0) - Got by FCS No. 24 Furman, 20-17. **NEXT:** At Bethune-Cookman.
- 2) **ALABAMA STATE** (2-1) - Bye. **NEXT:** Hosting Miss. Valley State.
- 3) **JACKSON STATE** (3-0) - Handled Tuskegee, 41-7. **NEXT:** Hosting Southern.
- 4) **GRAMBLING STATE** (2-1) - Bye. **NEXT:** Prairie View A&M in Dallas
- 5) **PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** (1-3) - Fell at Stephen F. Austin, 31-10. **NEXT:** Grambling State in Dallas.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

- 1) **BENEDICT** (3-0) - Squeaked by Fort Valley State, 34-33 in overtime. **NEXT:** At Tuskegee.
- 2) **EDWARD WATERS** (3-1) - Ran by Savannah State, 55-30. **NEXT:** At Morehouse.
- 3) **KENTUCKY STATE** (3-1) - Beat Saginaw Valley State, 21-17. **NEXT:** At Albany State.
- 4) **VIRGINIA STATE** (3-1) - Squeaked by Elizabeth City State, 28-14. **NEXT:** Hosting Winston-Salem State.
- 5) **JOHNSON C. SMITH** (3-1) - Got by Fayetteville State, 20-14. **NEXT:** Bye week.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

For Games September 19, 2026

Louisiana Christian @ Southern	18,069
Hampton @ Norfolk State	17,239
Tennessee State @ Florida A&M	12,399
Tuskegee @ Jackson State	12,179
VUL @ Bethune-Cookman Homecoming	10,513
Central State @ Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7,325
Bluefield State @ Virginia Union	8,431
Bowie State @ Alabama A&M	6,266

2026 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA

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

BCSP CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

QB - Rahsaan Matthews Jr., R-So., **VSU** - 23-34-0, 264 yards, 2 TDs (51, 18) in win over ECSU.

OB - Fabian Duncan, R-Jr., **JCSU** - 31 carries, 157 yds., 5.1 ypc., in win over FSU.

WR - Kyrie Tyson, Sr., **LINCP** - 9 receptions., 145 yds., 16.1 ypr., 2 TDs (14, 68) vs. Shaw.

DL & ROOKIE - Ethan Cason-Guyton, Fr., DL, **SHAW** - 5 tackles, 4 solos, 2.5 sacks for -9 yards vs. LINCP.

LB-Charles Thompson, So., **LINCP**-13 tackles, 10 solos vs. Shaw.

SPECIAL -Zyair Tart, Sr., WR/KR, **VUU** -4 punt returns for 140 yards including 79-yard TD in win vs. Bluefield State.

MEAC

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

BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE & NEWCOMER
Cameron Edge, Sr., QB, **MSU** - 14-23-0, 209 yards, 2 TDs (6, 40) in win vs. Towson.

DEFENSE
Malik Moses, R-So., DL, **NSU** - Five tackles, 4 solos, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks (-12) vs. Hampton.

Joshua Truesdale, So., DB, **NCCU** - 17 tackles, 12 solos vs. Gardner-Webb.

SPECIALIST
Jason Wonodi, R-Sr., WR/KR, **NSU** -3 punt returns for 170 yards including TD returns of 76 and 57 yards vs. Hampton.

Marco Peery, R-Jr., PK, **NSU** - Five field goals (21, 48, 26, 46, 27) and 3 of 4 PATS vs. Hampton.

SIAC

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

BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Tavion Faulk, Sr., WR, **EWU** - 19-31-1, 417 yards, 6 TDs (42, 29, 52, 69, 17, 16) vs. SSU.

DEFENSE
Tyrese Williams, Jr., DL, **EWU** - 5 tackles, 4 solos, 2 sacks (-46 yards), 1 FF vs.SSU.

Daymon Polite, Sr., DB, **FVSU** - Led 'Cats with 9 solo tackles, 1 TFL and 2 interceptions vs. Benedict.

SPECIAL TEAMS
Cameron Watts, KR, **ALB** - 69-yard punt return TD vs. Allen.

NEWCOMER
Jayden Threatts, So., RB, **ALB** - 19 carries, 228 yards, 12.1 ypr., 1 TD (80) in win vs. Allen.

SWAC

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

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE - Jared Lockhart, So., QB, **JSU** - 21-30-0, 376 yards, 4 TDs (6, 84, 15, 39) vs. TU.

Trey Holly, R-Jr., RB, **SOU** -22 carries, 200 yards, 2 TDs (2, 69) vs. LCU.

DEFENSE- Denzel Johnson, Jr., LB, **FAMU** - 12 tackles, 7 solos, 1 FF, 1 FR vs. TnState.

NEWCOMER -Christian Johnson, Fr.,QB, **SOU** - 16-22-0, 172 yds, 4 TDs vs. LCU.

SPECIALIST - Bobby Engstler, So., P, **FAMU** - 6 punts, 42.8 avg., vs. LCU

INDEPENDENTS

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

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Nygel Osborne, **FMU** - 22 carries, 92 yards, 2 TDs vs. Reinhard.

Joshua McMullen, **FMU** - 3 tackles, 1 solo, 100-yard interception return TD vs. Reinhard.

SPECIAL TEAMS
NA -

Conference play moves to another gear

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Conference play is well underway in the **CIAA** and **SIAC**. It begins in earnest for the **SWAC** this week.

SWAC

Alcorn State (53-51 over **Arkansas-Pine Bluff**) and **Prairie View A&M** (52-14 over **Texas Southern**) are the only SWAC games played so far.

Five games this week begin a stretch where, with a couple of exceptions, all the remaining games of the season will be in-conference games.

The game to watch this week could be at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas where two prime contenders for SWAC West honors, defending conference champion **Prairie View A&M** (1-3, 1-0 W) and **Grambling State** (2-1, 0-0 W) meet in their annual *State Fair Classic* rivalry (6 p.m., *ESPN+*).

Also this week **Texas Southern** is at **Alcorn State** (3 p.m., *SWAC TV*) in another SWAC West battle, **Mississippi Valley State** is at **Alabama State** (5 p.m., *SWAC TV*) in a SWAC East opener for both teams, **Southern** renews its bitter rivalry at **Jackson State** (6 p.m., *ESPN+*) and **Alabama A&M** plays at **Florida A&M** (7 p.m., *SWAC TV*).

Bethune-Cookman (2-1) is the only SWAC team with a non-conference game, hosting undefeated FCS No. 14 and BCSP FCS No. 1 **S. C. State** (4-0) Saturday on *HBCUgo.tv* at 7 p.m.. **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** is off.

SIAC

SIAC continues this week when undefeated **Benedict** (3-0, 1-0 **SIAC**) travels to meet **Tuskegee** (1-2, 1-0) on Thursday at 6 p.m., *ESPN2*). **Benedict**, up to 15th in this week's AFCA Div. II Top 25 and No. 1 in the BCSP Div. II/NAIA Top Five, barely escaped with a 34-33 win in overtime vs. **Fort Valley State**.

On Saturday (1 p.m., *ESPN+*), BCSP D2 No. 3 **Kentucky State** (3-1, 2-0) is at **Albany State** (2-2, 2-0) in a battle of teams unbeaten



SWAC WEST BATTLE: The teams of **Prairie View A&M** head coach Tremaine Jackson (l.) and **Grambling** head coach Mickey Joseph (r.) battle at the Cotton Bowl Saturday (6 p.m., *ESPN+*) for SWAC West supremacy.

in **SIAC** play and at the top of the current conference standings.

Also, BCSP D2 No. 2 **Edward Waters** (2-1), also at the top of the **SIAC** standings at 2-0, is at (1 p.m., *SIACN*) **Morehouse** (1-3, 1-2), coming off its first win over **Lane**. **Central State** (1-3, 1-1) is at (4 p.m., *SIACN*) winless **Lane** (0-4, 0-2) and **Miles** (1-3, 1-1) is at winless (0-2, 0-2) **Savannah State** (6 p.m., *SIACN*).

FVSU (1-2, 0-2) is at West Georgia (4 p.m., *ESPN+*) and **Clark Atlanta** (1-3, 1-2) is hosting Warner in non-conference action.

CIAA

Three teams are tied at the top of the **CIAA** race with 2-0 records, the same three that were picked to finish at the top of the league in the preseason – **Virginia Union**, **J. C. Smith**, and **Virginia State**.

This week, JC Smith, after scoring with under a minute left to defeat **Fayetteville State** 20-14 Saturday, is off, **VSU** is hosting **Winston-Salem State** (1 pm., *CIAAN*) and **VUU** is at dangerous **Fayetteville State** (1 p.m., *Broncos Network*).

Livingstone travels to **Shaw** (1 p.m., *CIAA N*), **Bowie State** plays at **Elizabeth City State** (1 p.m., *CIAAN*) and **Bluefield State** is at **Lincoln Pa.**, both looking for a first win.

MEAC

Non-conference play will continue in the **MEAC** until the third week of October.

TOP PERFORMANCES

PASSING	COMP-ATT-INT	Yds	For Games of September 19, 2026	
			TDs (YDs)	
Jackson Wasik, CSU	30-43-1	464	4 (37, 9, 66, 12)	
Tavian Faulk, EWU	19-31-1	417	6 (42, 29, 52, 69, 17, 16)	
Jared Lockhart, JSU	21-30-0	376	4 (6, 84, 15, 39)	
Cornelius Brown IV, ALA&M	25-32-0	350	2 (16, 21)	
Steele Wasel, LANG	12-20-1	287	2 (56, 30)	
Jaylon Tolbert, ALC	22-44-1	270	1 (18)	
Armond Parker, FLA&M	14-25-1	267	2 (32)	
Rahsaan Matthews Jr., VSU	23-34-0	264	2 (51, 18)	
Daylin Lee, TNST	18-27-0	259	2 (4, 20)	

RUSHING	CAR	Yds	AVG	TDs (YDs)
Jayden Threatts, ALB	19	228	12.0	1 (80)
Trey Holly, SOU	22	200	9.1	2 (2, 69)
Anthony Mix, MILES	11	165	14.7	1 (67)
Fabian Duncan, JCSU	31	157	5.1	0
Mike Franklin, SOU	15	133	8.7	0
Abu Kamara, TEXC	11	119	10.8	1 (49)
Chase DeVaughn, MHS	15	117	7.8	1 (55)
Isaiah Daniel, B-CU	14	131	9.4	1 (9)
Gerion Traynor, B-CU	16	124	7.8	1 (9)

RECEIVING	REC	Yds	AVG	TDs/Yds
Nicholas Smith Jr., CSU	11	232	21.1	3 (37, 9, 66)
Jordan Chambers-Smith, ALA&M	7	147	21.0	2 (21, 15)
Kyrie Tyson, LINCP	9	145	16.1	2 (14, 68)
Cam Tucker, KSU	6	122	20.3	2 (22, 35)
Deveon Williams, ALL	6	119	19.8	0
D. J. Maultsby, SCSU	4	118	29.5	1 (65)
Ronald Vera, LANG	4	112	28.0	1 (56)
Brian Lane, JCSU	6	108	18.0	0
Jaden Lockhart, JSU	4	101	25.2	1 (84)

TACKLES

- 17 Joshua Truesdale, NCCU;
- 13 Charles Thompson, LINCP;
- 12 Cam Sturdivant, HAMP;
- 11 Vince Hill, JCSU; Marquae Willis, HAMP; Trevon French, EWU; Denzel Johnson, FLA&M; Jayshawn Smalls, ALL;

SACKS

- 2.5 Ethan Cason-Guyton, SHAW;</