FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 2, 2026

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE™



Central State Sports Photo

TURNING UP THE HEAT

TONY CARTER: Second-year Central State head coach has his Marauders tied for the SIAC lead headed to a home showdown this week with co-leader Edward Waters.

BIG GAMES SET IN ALL FOUR CONFERENCES; SIAC, CIAA TEAMS IN D2 REGIONAL RANKINGS

2026 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
Virginia State	6	0	7	1
Virginia Union	6	0	7	1
Johnson C. Smith	5	1	6	2
Fayetteville State	4	2	5	3
Bowie State	4	2	4	4
Elizabeth City State	2	4	2	6
Winston-Salem State	2	4	2	6
Shaw	2	5	4	5
Livingstone	2	5	2	6
Lincoln (PA)	1	5	1	7
Bluefield State	0	6	0	8

BCSP CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

QB - Keith Joshuah, Jr., **BSU -** 4-12-1, 44 yards with winning TD pass vs. JCSU. Also rushed for 37 yards and TD in upset 16-13 win at homecoming.
OB - Ramon Brown, Sr., **VUU -** 18 carries, 95 yards, 5.5 ypc., 1 TD (7) vs. Shaw.
WR - Montrell Wright, Jr., **VUU -** 4 receptions., 91 yds., (24.2. ypr.), 2 TDs (27, 41) vs. Shaw.
DB - Aaron Anderson, Sr., **BSU** - 14 tackles, 8 solos in win over JCSU.
LB - Zavion Lloyd, Sr., **LIV -** 15 tackles, 6 solos vs. ECSU.
SPECIAL - Daunte Stokes, Sr.,DB/KR, **WSSU -** 36-yard punt return TD vs. LINCP.
NEWCOMER - Jamir Dismukes, Gr.,QB, **FSU -** 11-17-0, 117 yards, 3 TDs, 70 rushing yards vs. BLST.

MEAC
Mid Eastern Athletic Conference

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
South Carolina-- State	1	0	6	2
Howard	1	0	4	4
North Carolina Central	1	0	3	5
Morgan State	0	1	5	3
Delaware State	0	1	4	4
Norfolk State	0	1	4	4

BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE & NEWCOMER
Gino Addison, Fr., RB, **NCCU -** 31 carries, 214 yards, 6.9 yards per carry, 2 TDs (6, 16) in Friday's win vs. DelState.
DEFENSE
Ben Chandler IV, So., DB, **HOW** - 3 assisted tackles and 87-yard game-winning pick six in OT in win at Morgan State.
SPECIALIST
Jett Jackson, So., PK, **SCSU -** Kicked thru 3 of 3 field goals of 28, 46 and 34 yards and had one PAT for 10 points vs. Norfolk State.

SIAC
Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
Kentucky State	6	1	7	2
Benedict	5	1	7	1
Edward Waters	5	1	6	2
Central State	5	1	5	3
Tuskegee	4	2	4	4
Miles	3	3	3	5
Albany State	3	3	3	5
Morehouse	3	3	3	5
Clark Atlanta	2	4	2	6
Fort Valley State	1	4	2	5
Allen	1	5	2	6
Savannah State	1	6	1	7
Lane	1	6	1	8

BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Tavion Faulk, Sr., QB, **EWU -** 19-22-0, 367 yards, 5 TDs (27, 23, 19, 20, 78) in homecoming win over Clark Atlanta.
DEFENSE
Joe Hudson, So., DE, **CSU -**13 tackles, 9 solos,4.0 TFL (-12), 3.0 sacks (-11) one forced fumble, one fumble recovery in win vs. Miles.
SPECIAL TEAMS
Zane Spires, So., PK, **BEN** - Two 50-plus yard field goals of 53, 50 and 48 yards in win vs. Albany State.

SWAC
Southwestern Athletic Conference

	DIV W	DIV L	ALL W	ALL L
EAST DIVISION				
Alabama A&M	3	1	6	2
Bethune-Cookman	3	1	5	3
Jackson State	3	2	6	2
Alabama State	2	2	4	3
Miss. Valley State	2	2	3	5
Florida A&M	1	3	2	6
WEST DIVISION				
Prairie View A&M	3	2	4	5
Grambling State	2	2	4	3
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2	2	4	3
Alcorn State	2	2	4	4
Southern	1	3	3	5
Texas Southern	1	3	2	5

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Athean Renfro, Sr., RB, **TXSOU** - 23 carries, 135 yards, 5.9 ypc., 1 TD (15 yards) vs. Southern.
DEFENSE
Tylan Cole, Sr., DL, **UAPB** - Five tackles, 4 solos, 3 TFL (-17 yards), 2.0 sacks (-15 yards) in win vs. Florida A&M.
SPECIALIST & NEWCOMER
Miguel Arana, Fr., PK, **TXSOU -** Kicked thru game-winning 46-yard FG at buzzer vs. Southern. Was 3 of 3 on PAT kicks.

INDEPENDENTS

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
Florida Memorial	2	2	4	4
Va.-Lynchburg	0	0	1	6
Chicago State	0	0	1	7
CAA				
NC A&T State	2	2	3	5
Hampton	0	4	1	7
OHIO VALLEY				
Tennessee State	0	3	2	6
MIAA				
Lincoln (Mo.)	1	4	2	5
MOUNTAIN EAST				
W. Va. State	1	4	3	5
SAC				
Langston	1	5	2	5
Texas College	0	6	0	7

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Joe Dailey, So, QB, **WVSU -** 14-19-0, 222 passing yards, 4 TDs (80, 3, 36, 6) in win vs. Monroe.
Malik Baker, WR, **WVSU** - 8 receptions, 110 yards, 13.7 ypr., 4 TDs (29, 3, 36, 6) vs. Monroe.
DEFENSE
Nick Booker-Brown, Fr., LB, **LANG -** 2 sacks vs. Monroe.

SCORES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
MEAC
N. C. Central 31, Delaware State 12
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
CIAA
Bowie State **(HC)** 16, J. C. Smith 13
Elizabeth City State 34, Livingstone 26
Fayetteville State 51, Bluefield State 13
Virginia Union **(HC)** 49, Shaw 6
Winston-Salem State 21, Lincoln (PA) **(HC)** 14
MEAC
S Carolina State **(HC)** 22, Norfolk State 7
Howard 26, Morgan State 20, OT
SIAC
Benedict 29, Albany State 8
Central State, 48, Miles 20
Edward Waters **(HC)** 62, Clark Atlanta 14
Kentucky State 27, Savannah State 24
Lane 16, Fort Valley State **(HC)** 6
Tuskegee 26, Allen 23
SWAC
Ark.-Pine Bluff 31, Florida A&M **(HC)** 28
Bethune-Cookman 24, Jackson State 21
Prairie View A&M 30, East Texas A&M 19
Texas Southern 24, Southern 21
INDEPENDENTS
Ch. Southern 20, Tennessee State 7
Florida Memorial **(HC)** 41, Thomas 14
Lindenwood 44, Chicago State 9
McKendree 30, Lincoln (MO) 20
Monmouth 49, Hampton **(HC)** 13
Newberry 48, Virginia-Lynchburg 10
Texas Wesleyan 69, Langston 25
West Virginia State 48, Monroe 14

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HBCUs IN NCAA DIV. II REGIONAL RANKINGS:

INDIANAPOLIS — The **SIAC** maintained its hold on the top three positions in Super Region Two as the NCAA released its updated Division II football *NCAA Power Index* (NPI) rankings on Sunday, Oct. 25.

Kentucky State (7-1) moved into the No. 1 position, followed by **Edward Waters** (5-1) at No. 2 and **Benedict** (7-1) at No. 3, while **Central State** (5-1) climbed three spots to No. 5, giving the SIAC four programs among the region's top five.

Tuskegee (4-3) also moved into the regional top 10, climbing one position to No. 10 with a 53.394 NPI. The movement gives the SIAC five programs among Super Region Two's top 10, compared with four in the previous rankings. The NPI replaces old-school regional advisory committees.

In Super Region One, **CIAA** members **Virginia State** (7-0) is fourth**, Virginia Union** fifth (7-1) and **Bowie State** is 7th. **Johnson C. Smith**, who lost Bowie State Saturday, fell to 10th.

The 32-team NCAA Div. II playoff field will have eight teams each from the four Super Regions. The field will include 16 conference champions (automatic qualifiers) and 16 at-large bids. The top four No. 1 seeds no longer receive first-round byes under the expanded format. The single-elimination tournament runs from November 21 to December 19, 2026, concluding with the national championship game at McKinney ISD Stadium in McKinney, Texas.

BCSP TOP FIVES

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE
1) **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (6-2) - Held off Norfolk State at homecoming, 22-7 in MEAC opener. **NEXT:** At Morgan State.
2) **ALABAMA A&M** (6-2) **-** Bye week. **NEXT:** Magic City Classic vs. Alabama State.
3) **JACKSON STATE** (6-2) **-** Fell on the road to Bethune-Cookman, 24-21. **NEXT:** Bye week. .
4) **GRAMBLING STATE** (4-3) - Bye week. **NEXT:** Texas Southern in La Porte, TX.
5) **BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (5-3) - Knocked off BCSP FCS No. 1 Jackson State, 16-13. **NEXT:** At Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE
1) **VIRGINIA STATE** (7-1) - Bye week. **NEXT:** Big CIAA showdown at Johnson C. Smith.
2) **BENEDICT** (7-1) - Ran by Albany State, 29-8. **NEXT:** Hosting Savannah State.
3) **VIRGINIA UNION** (7-1) Easily disposed of Shaw, 49-6. **NEXT:** Lincoln (Pa,.) in Philadelphia.
4) **EDWARD WATERS** (6-2) **-** 62-14 win over Clark Atlanta at homecoming. **NEXT:** Hosting SIAC co-leader Central State.
5) **JOHNSON C. SMITH** (6-2) - Fell at Bowie State's homecoming, 16-13. **NEXT:** Hosting No. 1 Virginia State.
T5) **KENTUCKY STATE** (6-2) - Survived against Savannah State, 27-24. **NEXT:** Bye week.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
For Games of October 23 - 24, 2026

Norfolk State @ SC State Homecoming	22,000
Southern @ Texas Southern	21,523
Arkansas-Pine Bluff @ Florida A&M Homecoming	20,549
Winston-Salem State @ Lincoln (Pa.) Homecoming	12,854
Shaw @ Virginia Union Homecoming	9,178
Monmouth @ Hampton Homecoming	7,992
Howard @ Morgan State	5,762
Lane @ Fort Valley State Homecoming	5,000

Races head to fanastic finishes

LUT WILLIAMS
BCSP Editor

Critical games are ahead this weekend for football races in all four major black college conferences.

Only two weeks remain in the **CIAA** and **SIAC** races with plenty left to be decided.

The **SWAC** and **MEAC** races are really just getting started with a host of teams still in the championship picture which won't likely be decided until late November.

SIAC

Four teams are tied at the top of the **SIAC** race with one loss in conference play – **Kentucky State** at 6-1 and **Benedict**, **Edward Waters** and **Central State** at 5-1 – with only two weeks to determine the two teams that will face off in the Nov. 14 Championship Game.

So far in SIAC play, Kentucky State gave Central State its lone loss (41-14), Edward Waters handed Kentucky State its lone loss (61-42), Benedict was the only program to down Edward Waters (42-24) and **Tuskegee** dealt Benedict its only loss (20-17).

On Saturday, two teams at the top – Edward Waters and Central State – have a showdown in Wilberforce, Ohio (1 p.m., *SIAC Network*). Benedict is hosting 1-7 **Savannah State** (2 p.m., *ESPN+*). SSU threw a real scare into Kentucky State Saturday before falling in the final minute 27-24. Kentucky State has a bye week.

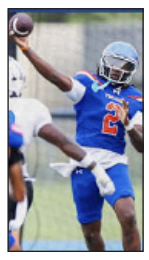
In next week's (Nov. 7) finales, KSU meets **Morehouse** in the Bahamas, Benedict hosts Central State and Edward Waters hosts **Allen**.

CIAA

The three teams with undefeated conference records in the **CIAA – Virginia State**, Virginia Union and **Johnson C. Smith** – were reduced to two Saturday as **Bowie State** (4-4, 4-2) got a big 20-17 upset win at its homecoming over JCSU.

The Golden Bulls (5-1) can put themselves right back in the championship game picture if they can get by Virginia State (6-0) Saturday at home in Charlotte, N. C. (1 p.m., *CIAA Network*). The game will match the top two offensive players in the league in VSU QB **Rahsaan Matthews Jr.**, the league's passing leader (2, 225 yards, 24 TDs, 3 ints.) and JCSU running back **Fabian Duncan**, the rushing leader (1,213 yards, 9 TDs). VUU (6-0) plays **Lincoln (Pa.)** (1-7, 1-5) Friday (1 p.m., *CIAAN*) in the first of two games in Philadelphia this week.

CIAA LEADERS: CIAA passing leader Rahsaan Matthews Jr. of Virginia State (l.) and league rushing leader Fabian Duncan of J. C. Smith (r.) clash Saturday when their contending teams meet in Charlotte, N. C. (1 p.m., *CIAA Sports Network*).





BROTHERLY RIVALS: Former Philadelphia Eagles' teammates DeSean Jackson (l.) of Delaware State and Michael Vick (r.) of Norfolk State bring their teams to the City of Brotherly Love for an MEAC game (Sat., 2 p.m., *ESPN+).* Last year's game drew over 47,000 fans.





VSU will host VUU in the Nov. 7 regular season finale while JCSU closes next week at **Livingstone** (2-6, 2-5).

Additionally, the CIAA's new *Friday Night Blitz Game* pitting the third- and fourth-place teams scheduled for Nov. 13 (6 p.m.) the day before the Saturday, Nov. 14 title game, is still to be decided. In addition to VSU, VUU and JCSU, Bowie State and Fayetteville State, both 4-2 in league play, are prime candidates for the fourth-place slot. FSU hosts BSU Saturday (1 p.m., *CIAAN*) in what amounts to an elimination game for the fourth-place slot.

SWAC

The five teams eligible for the SWAC East Division title are separated by just one game. The six teams still alive for the SWAC West crown are 1-1/2 games apart. In other words, the division races are for from over.

Bethune-Cookman got a big 24-21 win over **Jackson State** Saturday and is now tied with **Alabama A&M** atop the SWAC East at 3-1.

B-CU (5-3. 3-1 E) travels to **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (4-3, 2-2 W) Saturday (2 p.m., *SWAC TV*) while Alabama A&M (6-2, 3-1 E) meets traditional in-state rival **Alabama State** (4-3, 2-2 E) at Birmingham's Legion Field (2:30 p.m., *ESPN+)* in the 85th *Magic City Classic*.

In other SWAC East vs. West match ups, **Alcorn State** (4-4, 2-2 W) travels (2 p.m., *SWAC TV*) to **Mississippi Valley State** (3-5, 2-2 E) and **Southern** (3-5, 1-3 W) is at **Florida A&M** (3 p.m., *HBCUGO.tv*). **Grambling State** (4-3, 2-2 W) meets **Texas Southern** (2-5, 1-3) in a West Division meet-up Saturday in LaPorte, TX (7:30 p.m., *SWAC TV*).

MEAC

The five-week **MEAC** race is just getting started. Opening week winners were **South Carolina State**, **Howard** and **North Carolina Central.**

This week, S. C. State plays at **Morgan State** in a 7 p.m. Thursday night game on *ESPNU*.

On Saturday, North Carolina Central hosts Howard in Durham, N. C. and **Norfolk State** hosts **Delaware State** in Philadelphia with both games starting at 2 p.m. and streaming live on *ESPN+*.

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
SIAC
Fort Valley State vs. Miles in Fairfield, AL - *SIACN* 6p
MEAC
S. C. State vs. Morgan State in Baltimore, MD - *ESPNU* 7p
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 39
CIAA
Virginia Union vs. Lincoln (PA) in Philadelphia, PA - *CIAASN* 1p
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
CIAA
Bowie State vs. Fayetteville State in Fayetteville, NC - *CIAASN* 1p
Virginia State vs. J. C. Smith in Charlotte, NC - *CIAASN* 1p
W-Salem State vs. Elizabeth City State in Eliz. City, NC - *CIAASN* 1p
Bluefield State vs. Shaw **(HC)** in Durham, NC - *CIAASN* 1p
MEAC
Delaware State vs. Norfolk State in Philadelphia, PA- *ESPN+* 2p
Howard vs. North Carolina Central in Durham, NC - *ESPN+* 2p
SIAC
Edward Waters vs. Central State in Wilberforce, OH - *SIACN* 1p
Tuskegee vs. Lane **(HC)** in Jackson, TN - *SIACN* 2p
Savannah State vs. Benedict in Columbia, SC - *ESPN+* 2p
Morehouse vs. Allen **(HC)** in Columbia, SC - *SIACN* 2p
Albany State vs. Clark Atlanta in Atlanta, GA - *ESPN+* 6p
SWAC
Alcorn State vs. Miss.Valley State in Itta Bena, MS **-** *SWAC TV* 2p
Bethune-Cookman vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Pine Bluff, AR - *SWAC TV* 2p
Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State in B'ham, AL - *ESPN+* 2:30p
Southern vs. Florida A&M in Tallahassee, FL - *HBCUGO.tv* 3p
Grambling State vs. Texas Southern in La Porte, TX - *SWAC TV* 7:30p
INDEPENDENTS
Tennessee State vs. Lindenwood in St. Charles, MO - *ESPN+* 1p
Lincoln (MO) vs. Truman State in Kirksville, MO 1p
Hampton vs. Towson in Towson, MD - *FloSports* 1p
Elon vs. N. C. A&T **(HC)** in Greensboro, NC - *FloSports* 1p
W. Virginia State vs. Glenville State in Glenville, WV - *MEN* 1p
Florida Memorial vs. Webber Int'l in Babson Park, FL 1:30p
Northeastern State vs. Langston in Langston, OK 2p
Virginia-Lynchburg vs. Livingstone in Salisbury, NC 2p

TOP PERFORMANCES

For Games of October 23 - 24, 2026

PASSING

	COMP-ATT-INT	YDs	TDs (YDs)
Tavion Faulk, EWU	19-22-0	**367**	**5** (27, 23, 19, 20, 78)
Armond Parker, FLA&M	**23**-37-0	319	2 (17, 61)
Juan Gainous, KSU	**23**-32-**2**	283	3 (5, 14, 48)
Jackson Wasik, CSU	16-23-1	269	4 (6, 5, 48, 16)
Rishon Holmes, BLST	14-29-1	238	1 (16)
Joe Dailey, WVSU	14-19-0	222	4 (**80**, 3, 36, 6)

RUSHING

	CAR	YDs	AVG	TDs (YDs)
Gino Addison, NCCU	31	**214**	6.9	**2** (6, 16)
Trey Holly, SOU	**35**	156	4.5	1 (2)
Johntarrious Thomas, EWU	14	132	9.4	0
Ja'Khael Rowser, TUSK	22	131	6.0	1 (5)
David Smith, BEN	15	113	7.5	1 (**50**)
Fabian Duncan, JCSU	**35**	138	3.9	0

RECEIVING

	REC	YDs	AVG	TDs/YDs
Tylon Williams, EWU	6	**171**	28.5	1 (**78**)
Tritan Sizemore, SAVST	3	153	**51.0**	1 (77)
Seth Maldonado, LANG	8	132	16.5	2 (4, 36)
Brandon Wiley, BLST	3	128	42.6	0
Aiyon Carter, KSU	**10**	119	11.9	1 (48)
Nate Rembert, JSU	5	118	23.6	1 (43)
Sean Walker, WSSU	4	113	28.2	1 (75)
Malik Baker, WVSU	8	110	13.7	**4** (29, 3, 36, 6)

TACKLES
15 Zavion Lloyd, LIV; Jayshawn Smalls, ALL;
14 Aaron Anderson, BSU; Qwae Willis, HAMP;
13 Jaiden Roper, FLA&M; Joe Hudson, CSU;
12 Auadir McEachin, SHAW; Trevagne McCluskey LIV; Mark Gorbatenko, LINCM;

SACKS
3.0 Joe Hudson, CSU;
2.0 Tyan Cole, ARKPB; Tayton James, SOU; Ty'Metrius Patterson, BEN; Nick Booker-Brown, LANG;
1.5 Faisal Mass, HOW; Devin Smith, Tyranny McGowan, Braylon Jessie, TUSK;

INTERCEPTIONS
2 Lawrence McConnell, KSU;
1 27

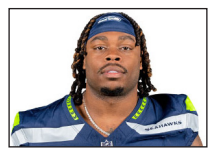


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BUSTIN' LOOSE!!
Seattle starting running back **EMANUEL WILSON** (#23, **FORT VALLEY STATE**) breaks clear from Kansas City defenders en route to his 21-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown run. Wilson had career-highs of 24 carries and 100 yards as the Seahawks handed the Chiefs their first loss of the NFL season, 20-3 Sunday night. Wilson also had a 15-yard catch. Wilson is replacing Super Bowl MVP, RB Kenneth Walker, in the Seattle line-up who now plays for KC.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of October 22 - 26, 2026



OFFENSE

– #23 **EMANUEL WILSON**, RB, Seattle (4th season, **FORT VALLEY STATE**) - In the Seahawks' 20-3 win over Kansas City Sunday night, the first loss for the Chiefs, Wilson started at running back and had career-highs of 24 carries and 100 yards (4.2 yards per carry) with a long 21-yard run that he scored on in the fourth quarter. He also had one 15-yard reception in his only target. Wilson, with 115 yards of total offense, was in for 33 offensive snaps (48%).

DEFENSE

– #6 **BRYAN COOK**, S, Cincinnati (4th season, **HOWARD/**Cincinnati) - In the Bengals' 35-13 win over Baltimore Sunday, Cook started at safety and led the team with nine total tackles, six solos, a half-sack for -2.5 yards and one hit on the quarterback. Cook was in for 63 snaps on defense (94%).

SPECIAL TEAMS

– #41 **JAMES HOUSTON**, LB, Dallas (5th season, **JACKSON STATE**) - In the Cowboys' 38-21 win over Philadelphia Monday night, Houston had two assisted special teams' tackles while playing 3 snaps on defense (5%) and 14 on special teams (56%).
– #90 **GROVER STEWART**, DT, Indianapolis (10th season, **ALBANY STATE**) - Started at defensive tackle in 16-10 loss to Minnesota and finished with two assisted tackles and one block of a PAT kick on special teams. He was in for 34 defensive snaps (58%) and 10 on special teams (43%).

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