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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE™



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TITLE-GAME PLOTS THICKEN

WIN AND IN: Head coach Dr. Alvin Parker's Virginia Union Panthers need a win Saturday at Virginia State to be sure of a spot in the November 14 CIAA title game in Durham, N.C.

SIX TEAMS ALIVE FOR SIAC, THREE FOR CIAA TITLE GAMES; TUTEN HAS TWO TDS IN JAGS WIN

2026 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

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

BCSP CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

QB - Rishon Holmes, Sr., **BLST -** 10-22-2, 172 yards, 3 TDs (59, 7 22), 11 carries, 158 rushing yards, 3 TDs (3, 67, 43) in win at Shaw homecoming.

OB - Ramon Brown, Sr., **VUU -** 22 carries, 150 yards, 6.8 ypc., 2 TDs (3, 11) vs. LINCP.

WR - Julian Crawley, Jr., **BLST -** 4 receptions., 95 yds., (23.7. ypr.), 2 TDs (59, 7) in win vs. Shaw.

DB - NA

DL - Davion Watkins, **LIV -** 6.5 sacks vs. VUL.

LB - James Melton II, So., **FSU -** 19 tackles, 8 solos, 2.5 TFL in win vs. Bowie State.

NEWCOMER - Fabian Duncan, Jr.,RB, **JCSU -** 39 carries, 216 yards, 5.2 yards per carry, 2 TDs (11, 19) in OT win vs. Virginia State.

MEAC
Mid Eastern Athletic Conference

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
SC State	2	0	7	2
North Carolina Central	2	0	4	5
Howard	1	1	4	5
Delaware State	1	1	5	4
Morgan State	0	2	5	4
Norfolk State	0	2	4	5

BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE & NEWCOMER

Keely Watson, Sr., QB, **SCSU -** 27 of 36, no picks, 279 yards, 4 TDs (5, 20, 10 ,10) in win at Morgan State.

DEFENSE

Carl Nesmith, Sr., OLB, **DSU -** 5 solo tackles, 4.0 TFL, -17 yards, 2.0 sacks for -9 yards vs. Norfolk State.

SPECIALIST

Maatteo Bracalenti, Fr., PK, **DSU -** Kicked thru game-winning field goal of 35 yards in last second win over NSU.

SIAC
Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

	CONF		ALL	
Benedict	6	1	8	1
Kentucky State	6	1	7	2
Central State	6	1	6	3
Edward Waters	5	2	6	3
Tuskegee	5	2	5	4
Miles	4	3	4	5
Albany State	4	3	4	5
Morehouse	3	4	3	6
Clark Atlanta	2	5	2	7
Allen	2	5	3	6
Fort Valley State	1	5	2	6
Savannah State	1	7	1	8
Lane	1	7	1	9

BCSP SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE & NEWCOMER

Jackson Wasik, Jr., QB, **CSU -** 18-28-0, 216 yards, 3 TDs (9, 18, 25), 12 carries, 59 rushing yards, 2 TDs (1, 10) in win vs. Edward Waters.

Don Hudson Jr., So, QB, **FVSU -** 25-42-0, 337 yards, 3 TDs (29, 16, 78), 14 carries, 166 yards, 11.9 ypc., 1 TD (77) vs. FVSU. Hudson had 503 total yards.

DEFENSE

Sean Johnson, Sr., LB, **MHS -**15 tackles, 7 solos, 1.5 TFL (-5 yards), 1 forced fumble vs. Allen.

SWAC
Southwestern Athletic Conference

	DIV		ALL	
EAST DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Alabama A&M	4	1	7	2
Bethune-Cookman	3	2	5	4
Jackson State	3	2	6	2
Alabama State	2	3	4	4
Miss. Valley State	2	3	3	6
Florida A&M	1	4	2	7
WEST DIVISION				
Prairie View A&M	3	2	4	5
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	3	2	5	3
Alcorn State	3	2	5	4
Southern	2	3	4	5
Texas Southern	2	3	3	5
Grambling State	2	3	4	3

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE **Athean Renfro**, Jr., RB, **TX-SOU** - 21 carries, 233 yards, 11.1 ypc., 2 TDs (75, 86) vs. GSU. **Trey Holly**, Jr., RB, **SOU -** 25 carries, 204 yards, 2 TDs (1, 65) in win vs. FAMU.

DEFENSE **Tylan Cole**, Sr., DL, **UAPB** - Seven tackles, 3 solos, 3 TFL (-16), 2.0 sacks (-14) vs. B-CU. **Michael Williams II**, DB, **SOU -** 3 tackles, 2 solos, 2 picks, 98-yard Int. return TD vs. FAMU.

NEWCOMER **Jack Schierholz**, So., QB, **UAPB -** 9-18-0, 118 yards, 3 TDs (7, 35, 2) in win vs. B-CU.

INDEPENDENTS

	CONF		ALL	
Florida Memorial	3	2	5	4
Va.-Lynchburg	0	0	1	7
Chicago State	0	0	1	7
CAA				
NC A&T State	3	2	4	5
Hampton	0	5	1	8
OHIO VALLEY				
Tennessee State	0	4	2	7
MIAA				
Lincoln (Mo.)	1	5	2	6
MOUNTAIN EAST				
W. Va. State	2	4	4	5
SAC				
Langston	1	6	2	6
Texas College	0	6	0	7

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

Devin Cox, RB, **WVSU -** 17 carries, 104 yards, 6.1 ypc., 1 TD (33) in win vs. Glenville State.

DEFENSE

Gregory Deloach, Jr., DB, **WVSU -** 11 tackles, 5 solos vs. Glenville State.

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SCORES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

SIAC
Miles 35, Fort Valley State 28

MEAC
South Carolina State 51, Morgan State 10

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

CIAA
Virginia Union 62, Lincoln (PA) 0

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

CIAA
Bluefield State 45, Shaw **(HC)** 42
Elizabeth City State 5, Winston-Salem State 0
Fayetteville State 21, Bowie State 17
Johnson C. Smith 39, Virginia State 33, OT
Livingstone 37, Virginia-Lynchburg 14

MEAC
North Carolina Central 34, Howard 0
Delaware State 36, Norfolk State 33

SIAC
Albany State 21, Clark Atlanta 17
Allen **(HC)** 26, Morehouse 23
Benedict 23, Savannah State 0
Central State 35, Edward Waters 28
Tuskegee 27, Lane **(HC)** 14

SWAC
Alcorn State 52, Mississippi Valley State 17
Alabama A&M 31, Alabama State 28 - no stats
Arkansas-Pine Bluff 63, Bethune-Cookman 21
Southern 42, Florida A&M 14
Texas Southern 23, Grambling State 20, OT

INDEPENDENTS
Florida Memorial 21, Webber International 14
Lindenwood 27, Tennessee State 0
North Carolina A&T **(HC)** 13, Elon 10
Northeastern State 38, Langston 10
Towson 44, Hampton 13
Truman State 48, Lincoln (MO) 3
West Virginia State 24, Glenville State 19

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HBCUs IN NCAA DIV. II REGIONAL RANKINGS:

INDIANAPOLIS — **Kentucky State** (7-1) is still No. 1 in this week's third NCAA Div. II Super Region II *NCAA Power Index* (NPI) rankings.

Central State (6-1), after its 35-28 win over **Edward Waters** Saturday has taken over second-place from EWU with **Benedict** (8-1) third. Edward Waters (5-2) is now fifth with **Tuskegee** (5-3) tenth.

In Super Region One where **CIAA** teams are located, **Virginia Union** (8-1) moved from fifth to fourth after its win at **Lincoln (Pa.)**. The Panthers are behind Slippery Rock (9-0), East Stroudsburg (7-1) and Kutztown (7-1) of the Pennsylvania State Athletics Conference (PSAC) in the rankings.

Johnson C. Smith (7-2), who defeated **Virginia State** 39-33 in overtime Saturday, is now fifth, replacing VSU (7-1) who is now sixth. **Fayetteville State** (6-3) is tenth.

The 32-team NCAA Div. II playoff field will be announced on Sunday, November 15, a day after the CIAA and SIAC championship games.

The field will have eight teams each from the four Super Regions and 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.

BCSP TOP FIVES

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

1) **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (7-2) - Throttled Morgan State, 51-10. **NEXT:** At Howard Thursday evening.

2) **ALABAMA A&M** (7-2) **-** Got by Alabama State 31-28 at Magic City Classic. **NEXT:** At Prairie View A&M.

3) **JACKSON STATE** (6-2) **-** Bye week. **NEXT:** Hosting Mississippi Valley State Saturday.

4) **ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF** (5-3) - Ran by No. 4 Bethune-Cookman, 63-21. **NEXT:** At Grambling State Saturday.

5) **BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (5-4) - Stuffed by Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 63-21. **NEXT:** At Southern.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

1) **BENEDICT** (7-1) - Handled Savannah State, 23-0. **NEXT:** Hosting Central State for spot in SIAC title game.

2) **VIRGINIA UNION** (8-1) Shut out Lincoln (Pa.) 62-0, Friday in Philly. **NEXT:** Critical season-ending showdown at Virginia State.

3) **JOHNSON C. SMITH** (7-2) - Got big 39-33 OT win vs. Virginia State. **NEXT:** Closes out regular season at Livingstone.

4) **KENTUCKY STATE** (6-2) - Bye week. **NEXT:** Hosting Morehouse to finish out regular season.

T4) **CENTRAL STATE** (6-3) - Squeaked by Edward Waters 35-28. **NEXT:** At No. 1 Benedict for spot in SIAC title game.

5) VIRGINIA STATE (7-2) - Fell in overtime at JC Smith, 39-33. **NEXT:** Hosting No. 2 Virginia Union in season finale.

T5) **EDWARD WATERS** (6-3) **-** Downed at Central State, 35-28. **NEXT:** Hosting Allen to close out regular season.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

For Games of October 29 - 31, 2026

Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State (Magic City Classid, Birmingham)	69,384
Norfolk State vs. Delaware State in Philadelphia	32,567
Virginia Union vs. Lincoln (PA) in Philadelphia, PA	21,854
Southern @ Florida A&M	10,224
Grambling State @ Texas Southern	7,115
NC Central @ Howard	5,932
Bethune-Cookman @ Arkansas-Pine Bluff	5,231
Virginia State @ Johnson C. Smith	3,573

Title-game berths on the line

LUT WILLIAMS
BCSP Editor

November 14 championship-game match ups for the **CIAA** and **SIAC** will come down to classic regular-season ending battles this Saturday (Nov. 7).

Unfortunately, as of press time Tuesday (Nov. 3), neither the CIAA or SIAC conference offices had put out championship game scenarios or tie-breaking procedures based on this weekend's outcomes.

Trying to explain all the possible scenarios based on wins and losses in either conferences is daunting. Perhaps that's why nothing has come out. But, here goes.

SIAC

In the SIAC, **Central State's** thrilling 35-28 home win over **Edward Waters** Saturday leaves head coach **Tony Carter's** Marauders (6-3 overall) tied atop the conference race with **Benedict** and **Kentucky State**, all at 6-1 in league play headed to Saturday's finales.

Edward Waters is now 6-3 overall, 5-2 in SIAC play. **Tuskegee** is also 5-2 in the SIAC headed into its homecoming finale vs. **Miles** (4-5, 4-3) Saturday (2:30 p.m.).

It appears that a weird combination of factors could earn any of the five – Benedict, Central State, Kentucky State, Edward Waters and Tuskegee – a spot in the title game.

Here's how.

CSU will play at Benedict Saturday (2 p.m., *ESPN+*) with the winner guaranteed a spot in next Saturday's title game. That's the simplest way one of the five reaches the championship game.

Meanwhile, KSU hosts **Morehouse** (3-6, 3-4) in Frankfort, Kentucky (1 p.m., *KSU Sports Network*) in a game originally scheduled to be played in Nassau, Bahamas. Edward Waters closes the season Saturday (2 p.m., *SIACN*) hosting **Allen** (3-6, 2-5) in Jacksonville, Fla.

With a win, Benedict would be 7-1 and host the championship game. With a CSU win, the Marauders would be in the title game but the location of that game and who they face will depend on the outcome of the other contests.

A Benedict loss would earn KSU the title-game berth provided the Thorobreds get by Morehouse and also be at 7-1. If both Benedict and KSU lose and Edward Waters defeats Allen, all three would be tied with 6-2 marks. A Tuskegee win over Miles also lands the Golden Tigers, who have the only conference win so far over Benedict, as one of four teams at 6-2 with their losses to CSU and Morehouse. Benedict has a win over Edward Waters in head-to-head play but did not play Kentucky State.

If all of that is confusing, welcome to the club. The outcomes and break outs will be anxiously awaited.

THE DECIDERS: In the SIAC, everything is triggered by the outcome of the Benedict/Cental State game in Columbia, S.C. Saturday (2 p.m, on *ESPN+*). Ditto for Virginia Union at Virginia State Saturday (1 p.m. on *CIAASN*) in the CIAA.

CIAA

Saturday, **J. C. Smith's** 39-33 home win in overtime vs. **Virginia State** coupled with **Virginia Union's** 51-10 win at **Lincoln (Pa.)** Friday leaves VUU on top of the conference at 7-0 and VSU and JCSU tied at 6-1.

VSU is hosting VUU in their traditional season-ending showdown Saturday (1 p.m., *CIAASN*) while JCSU is at **Livingstone** (3-6, 2-5) in Salisbury, N. C. (2 p.m.). Wins by VUU and JCSU will pit them in the Nov. 14 title game in Durham, N.C.

A VSU win and JCSU win forges a three-way tie at the top at 7-1 and triggers a series of CIAA-mandated three-team tie-breaking procedures. A VSU loss and JCSU win puts the Trojans in third place and in the CIAA's new *Friday Night Blitz Game* on Nov. 13 vs. **Fayetteville State**.

SWAC and MEAC

Outcomes over the next three to four weeks will tell whether the **SWAC** and **MEAC** races are headed to complicated similar tie-breaking scenarios. See the schedules above.

As of now, **Alabama A&M** leads the SWAC East at 4-1, a game ahead of **Bethune-Cookman** and **Jackson State**, both at 3-2. **Prairie View**, **Alcorn State** and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** are tied with 3-2 records in the West. Division leaders Alabama A&M and Prairie View A&M meet Saturday (2 p.m., *SWAC TV*) in Texas.

SC State and **N. C. Central** are first in the MEAC at 2-0. SCSU is at 1-1 **Howard** Thursday (7:30 p.m., *ESPNU*) while NCCU is at 0-2 **Norfolk State** Saturday **(**12n, *ESPN+*).

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

MEAC
South Carolina State vs. Howard in Wash., DC - *ESPNU* 7:30p

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

CIAA
Lincoln (PA) vs. Bowie State in Bowie, MD - *CIAASN* 1p
Virginia Union vs. Virginia State in Ettrick, VA - *CIAASN* 1p
Fayetteville State vs. Winston-Salem State **(HC)** in W-S, NC 1:30p
Elizabeth City State vs. Bluefield State in Bluefield, WV - *CIAASN* 2p
Johnson C. Smith vs. Livingstone in Salisbury, NC 2p

MEAC
N. Carolina Central vs. Norfolk State in Norfolk, VA - *ESPN+* 12p
Morgan State vs. Delaware State in Dover, DE - *ESPN+* 1p

SIAC
Morehouse vs. Kentucky State in Frankfort, KY 1p
Albany State vs. Fort Valley State in Columbus, GA - *ESPN+* 2p
Allen vs. Edward Waters in Jacksonville, FL - *SIACN* 2p
Central State vs. Benedict in Columbia, SC - *ESPN+* 2p
Miles vs. Tuskegee **(HC)** in Tuskegee, AL 2:30p

SWAC
Alabama A&M vs. Prairie View A&M in Pr. View, TX - *SWAC TV* 2p
Bethune-Cookman vs. Southern in Baton Rouge, LA - *SWAC TV* 2p
Miss. Valley State vs. Jackson State in Jackson, MS - *HBCU GO* 2p
Florida A&M vs. Alcorn State in Lorman, MS - *SWAC TV* 2p
Alabama State vs. Texas Southern in Houston, TX - *SWAC TV* 2p
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Grambling State in Grambling, LA - *SWAC TV* 2p

INDEPENDENTS
N. C. A&T vs. Monmouth in W. Long Branch, NJ - *FloSports* 12p
Frostburg State vs. W. Va. State in Institute, WV - *MEDN* 12p
Lincoln **(MO)** vs. Missouri S&T in Rolla, MO 1p
Ave Maria vs. Florida Memorial in Miami Gardens, FL 1p
Hampton vs. Elon in Elon, NC - *FloSports* 2p

TOP PERFORMANCES

For Games of October 29 - 31, 2026

PASSING

	COMP-ATT-INT	YDs	TDs (YDs)
Rahsaan Matthews Jr., VSU	25-38-1	476	3 (75, 3, 14)
Don Hudson, FVSU	25-42-0	337	3 (29, 16, 78)
Jaylon Tolbert, ALC	23-29-0	320	3 (22, 76, 1)
Keely Watson, SCSU	27-36-0	279	4 (5, 20, 10, 10)
DaJean Golmond, NSU	25-35-2	278	2 (11, 23)
Armond Parker, FLA&M	18-31-2	263	2 (23, 14)
Marqui Adams, DSU	17-23-0	243	4 (33, 40, 5, 20)
Damien Mazil, JCSU	14-28-1	220	2 (11, 64)
Jackson Wasik, CSU	18-28-0	216	3 (9, 18, 25)

RUSHING

	CAR	YDs	AVG	TDs (YDs)
Athean Renfro, TXSOU	21	233	11.1	2 (75, 86)
Fabian Duncan, JCSU	39	216	5.2	2 (11, 19)
Trey Holly, SOU	25	204	8.2	2 (1, 65)
Andrew McClain, LIV	22	167	7.6	2 (16, 6)
Don Hudson, FVSU	14	166	11.9	1 (77)
Rishon Holmes, BLST	11	158	14.4	3 (3, 67, 43)
Isaiah Thompson, CSU	25	154	6.2	0
Ramon Brown, VUU	22	150	6.8	2 (3, 11)
Demetri Simmons, ALL	27	126	4.7	1 (14)

RECEIVING

	REC	YDs	AVG	TDs/YDs
Mekhi Wall, NCCU	4	145	36.2	1 (88)
Solomon Burney, FVSU	6	140	23.3	1 (78)
Armon Wright, ALC	8	126	15.8	1 (22)
Corey Petty, FLA&M	7	118	16.9	1 (14)
Jaylen Pretlow, VSU	5	117	23.4	1 (75)
Trey Thorpe, SHAW	4	117	29.2	1 (51)
Malik Baker, WVSU	6	114	19.0	1 (14)
Noah Rhodes, MHS	3	107	35.6	2 (59, 15)

TACKLES

19 Jason Melton II, FSU;
15 Sean Johnson, MHS;
14 Keyshawn Washington, WVSU;
13 K. J. McNeil, VSU;

SACKS

6.5 Davion Watkins, LIV;
2.0 Kingston Lowe, MIL; Ajani Farmer, ECSU; Travis Burton, LIV; Braylon Jessie, TUSK; Trayvaughn Swanigan, NCCU; Trevor Strawbridge, SAVST; Trevon French, EWU; Tylan Cole, ARKPB; Jaylon Price, TNST; Carl Nesmith, DSU;

INTERCEPTIONS

2 Michael Williams II, SOU;
1 34



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ROOTIN' TUTEN!!

Jacksonville starting running back **BHAYSHUL TUTEN** (#33, **N. C. A&T** / Virginia Tech) breaks into the open during his 39-yard second-quarter TD run vs. Indianapolis Sunday. Tuten later added a fourth-quarter 25-yard TD reception and finished the day with 159 scrimmage yards, 104 rushing yards and 55 receiving yards in the 42-7 win.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of October 29 - November 2, 2026

OFFENSE

- #33 **BHAYSHUL TUTEN**, RB, Jacksonville (2nd year, **NORTH CAROLINA A&T**/Virginia - In the Jaguars 42-7 win over Indianapolis Sunday, Tuten started at running back and carried 16 times for a career-high 104 yards (6.5 yards per carry) with a long TD run of 39 yards for a second quarter score and had two catches in two targets for 55 yards (27.5 yards per catch) with a long reception of 30 yards and a 25-yard fourth-quarter TD reception. Tuten, who finished with 159 scrimmage yards, was in for 27 plays on offense (50%).



- #21 **KEVIN COLEMAN JR.**, WR, Miami (Rookie, **JACKSON STATE** / Missouri) - In the Dolphins' 24-19 loss to the New England Patriots Sunday, Coleman had three catches in three targets for 46 yards (15.3 yards per catch) including a 35-yard fourth-quarter touchdown, the second TD reception of the rookie's career. He played 17 offensive snaps (26%) and one on special teams (4%).

DEFENSE

- #6 **BRYAN COOK**, S, Cincinnati (4th season, **HOWARD**/Cincinnati) - In the Bengals' 43-36 win in overtime vs. Tennessee, Cook had five tackles, three solos. Cook was in for 76 snaps on defense (99%).
- #25 **JOSHUA WILLIAMS**, CB, Tennessee (4th season, **FAYETTEVILLE STATE**) - In the Titans' 43-36 loss in overtime to Cincinnati Sunday, Williams started at cornerback and had five total tackles, four solos. He was in for all 74 defensive snaps (100%) and eight on special teams (27%).

SPECIAL TEAMS

- #49 **ERICK HUNTER**, LB, New England (Rookie, **MORGAN STATE**) - In the Patriots 24-19 win over Miami Sunday, Hunter had one assisted tackle on special teams. He was in for 17 snaps on special teams (65%).

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