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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE™



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THE WILD, WILD WEST: Head coach Alonzo Hampton's Golden Lions of Arkansas-Pine Bluff host Prairie View A&M with a chance to grab first in the SWAC West.

THE POST SEASON BEGINS FOR SOME

KENTUCKY STATE AT BENEDICT FOR SIAC CROWN; VA. UNION VS. JC SMITH FOR CIAA TITLE

SCORES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

MEAC
South Carolina State 35, Howard 28

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

CIAA
Bowie State 47, Lincoln (PA) 21
Elizabeth City State 58, Bluefield State 12
Fayetteville State 23, Winston-Salem State **(HC)** 17
Johnson C. Smith 27, Livingstone 14
Virginia Union 36, Virginia State 14

MEAC
Delaware State 24, Morgan State 14
North Carolina Central 29, Norfolk State 28

SIAC
Albany State 49, Fort Valley State 0
Allen 31, Edward Waters 28
Benedict 45, Central State 38
Kentucky State 34, Morehouse 10
Miles 35, Tuskegee **(HC)** 27
Savannah State 35, Virginia-Lynchburg 0

SWAC
Alabama State 34, Texas Southern 31
Alcorn State 38, Florida A&M 20
Arkansas-Pine Bluff 35, Grambling State 32
Jackson State 38, Miss. Valley State 7
Prairie View A&M 31, Alabama A&M 10
Southern 45, Bethune-Cookman 17

INDEPENDENTS
Ave Maria 41, Florida Memorial 24
Elon 24, Hampton 6
Missouri S&T 56, Lincoln (MO) 28
Monmouth 21, North Carolina A&T 17
Nelson 34, Langston 0
Southeast Missouri 33, Tennessee State 14
West Virginia State 55, Frostburg State 37

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HBCUs IN NCAA DIV. II REGIONAL RANKINGS:

The four teams in **SIAC** and **CIAA** championship games – **Kentucky State** and **Benedict** of the SIAC and **Virginia Union** and **Johnson C. Smith** of the CIAA – are all but guaranteed to advance to the NCAA Div. II playoffs, regardless of the outcomes.

The NCAA Div. II 32-team championship field will be announced on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. The full 32-team championship bracket will be live-streamed on *NCAA.com*.

Eight teams from each of Div. II's four Super Regions will earn playoff berths. CIAA teams are in Super Region I while SIAC teams are in Super Region II. There are automatic berths in Super Region I that go to champions of the CIAA, PSAC, Mountain East and Northeast-10 Conferences. Super Region 2 automatic bids go to champions of the SIAC, Carolinas and South Atlantic Conferences. The remaining at-large berths will be determined by the NCAA Power Index (NPI) ranking.

Headed to Saturday's title games, based on NPI, Benedict is first in Super Region II with Kentucky State second. VUU is fourth and JCSU fifth in Super Region II.

Fayetteville State (7-3) faces **Virginia State** (7-2) in Durham, N. C. Friday in the CIAA's new *Friday Night Blitz*. FSU's NPI is seventh in Super Region I while VSU is ninth. In Super Region II, **Central State** (6-2) is fourth while **Edward Waters** (5-3) is ninth. EWU plays at Chowan Saturday (1 p.m.).

BCSP TOP FIVES

BLACK COLLEGE FCS TOP FIVE

1) **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (8-2) - Narrowly escaped with 35-28 win at Howard. **NEXT:** Hosting MEAC co-leader NC Central.
2) **JACKSON STATE** (7-2) **-** Rolled over Miss. Valley State, 38-7. **NEXT:** At Alabama State.
3) **ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF** (6-3) - Narrow 35-32 win over Grambling State. **NEXT:** SWAC co-leader battle with Prairie View A&M.
4) **PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** (5-5) - Knocked off East co-leader Alabama A&M, 31-10. **NEXT:** At co-leader Ark.-Pine Bluff.
5) **NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL** (5-5) - Squeaked by Norfolk State, 29-28. **NEXT:** At MEAC co-leader S. C. State.

BLACK COLLEGE NCAA DIV. II / NAIA TOP FIVE

1) **BENEDICT** (9-1) - Clinched SIAC title game berth, 45-38 over Central State. **NEXT:** Hosting SIAC title game vs. Kentucky State.
2) **VIRGINIA UNION** (9-1) Earned CIAA title game spot, 36-14 over Virginia State. **NEXT:** CIAA title game vs. J. C. Smith.
3) **JOHNSON C. SMITH** (8-2) - Downed Livingstone 27-14 to earn return trip to CIAA title game. **NEXT:** Virginia Union for CIAA title.
4) **KENTUCKY STATE** (8-2) - Knocked off Morehouse 34-10 to earn SIAC title game berth. **NEXT:** At Benedict for SIAC crown.
5) **CENTRAL STATE** (6-4) - Comeback came up just short at Benedict, 45-38. **NEXT:** Awaits Div. II playoff announcement.
T5) **VIRGINIA STATE** (7-3) - Lost at home vs. rival Va. Union, 36-14. **NEXT:** Fayetteville State in Friday's CIAA consolation game.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

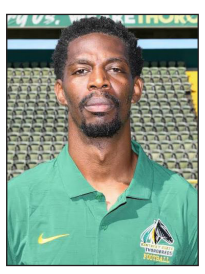
For Games of November 5 -7, 2026

Albany State vs. Fort Valley State (*Fountain City Classic*)	**21,347**
Miles @ Tuskegee Homecoming	20,363
Bethune-Cookman @ Southern	18,631
Mississippi Valley State @ Jackson State	16,386
Alabama A&M @ Prairie View A&M	8,409
North Carolina Central @ Norfolk State	7,521
Virginia Union @ Virginia State	6,857
Alabama State @ Texas Southern	5,921

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KENTUCKY STATE THOROBREDS (8-2)

TIE - FIRST PLACE
SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Head Coach
FELTON HUGGINS JR.

TEAM RECORD

2026 Overall:	8-2
2026 SIAC:	7-1
2026 BCSP Ranking:	4th, D2
All-Time vs. BEN:	9-10, since '11
Last Time vs. BEN:	23-21 W, '24
SIAC Title Games:	0-1
SIAC Championships:	0

COACH'S RECORD
Alma Mater: SE Louisiana ('05)
Record vs. BEN: 1-0
At KSU: 25-18, .581 (4th year)
Career Record: Same

2026 RESULTS

KENTUCKY STATE	8-2
41 @ Central State	14 W
15 @ Southern	34 L
30 @ Clark Atlanta	3 W
21 Saginaw Valley State	17 W
24 @ Albany State	16 W
42 Edward Waters	61 L
46 Miles (HC)	0 W
55 Lane	22 W
27 Savannah State	24 W
34 Morehouse	10 W

VS.

BENEDICT TIGERS (9-1)

TIE - FIRST PLACE
SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

2026 RESULTS

BENEDICT	9-1
32 Johnson C. Smith	10 W
24 @ Shorter	20 W
34 @ Fort Valley State	33, OT W
17 @ Tuskegee	20 L
31 Clark Atlanta	3 W
37 Allen	24 W
45 Edward Waters (HC)	24 W
29 @ Albany State	6 W
23 Savannah State	0 W
45 Central State	38 W

TEAM RECORD

2026 Overall:	9-1
2026 SIAC:	7-1
2026 BCSP Ranking:	1st, D2
All-Time vs. KSU:	10-9, since '11
Last Time vs. KSU:	21-23 L, '24
SIAC Title Games:	2-1
SIAC Championships:	2 (Last '23)

COACH'S RECORD
Alma Mater: Arkansas ('96)
Record vs. Kentucky State: 0-1
At BEN: 22-8, .733 (3rd year)
Career Record: 29-23, .557 (5 years)



Head Coach
RON DICKERSON, JR

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Title games and more on tap

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BCSP Editor

The **CIAA** and **SIAC** will determine their football champions in title games in Durham, N. C. and Columbia, S. C. respectively this Saturday.

In the SIAC title game at **Benedict's** Charlie Johnson Stadium (2 p.m., *ESPNU*), the homestanding Tigers (9-1, 7-1) square off against **Kentucky State** (8-2, 7-1).

In the CIAA championship game at Durham County's Memorial Stadium (3 p.m., *CIAA Sports Network*), **Virginia Union** (9-1, 8-0 CIAA) will face 2025 champion **Johnson C. Smith** (8-2, 7-1) in a rematch of last year's title game won by JCSU, 45-21.

SIAC TITLE GAME

Third-year head coach **Ron Dickerson Jr.** has Benedict back in the SIAC title game after falling to **Albany State** in last year's game, 22-16. The Tigers last won back-to-back titles in 2022 and 2023 under head coach **Chennis Berry**, now the head coach at **South Carolina State**.

Dickerson's 9-1 Tigers opened the 2026 season with a big 32-10 win over 2025 CIAA titlist J. C. Smith. The only blemish on their ledger is a 20-17 loss to SIAC member **Tuskegee** on Sept. 24. They went on to win their final six games including holding on for a 45-38 win over **Central State** Saturday, a team that could have knocked them out of the title game.

Fourth-year head coach **Felton Huggins Jr.** has the 8-2 KSU Thorobreds in the championship game after a 9-3 finish in 2025 earned them a Div. II playoff berth. KSU was last in the title game in 2016 under then head coach **John L. Smith**, a 33-30 double-overtime loss to **Fort Valley State**.

KSU's losses were to **SWAC** member **Southern** (34-15 on Sept. 5) and a 61-42 loss to conference member **Edward Waters** (Oct. 3). For what it's worth, Benedict beat Edward Waters, 45-24 on Oct. 17.

In team statistics, Benedict has the league's stingiest defense (17.8 ppg.) and top rushing offense (201.5 ypg.) while KSU is second in total offense (293.6 ypg.) and passing offense (293.6 ypg). Individually, Benedict's **David Smith** leads the league in rushing (836 yards, 83.6 ypg.) while KSU quarterback **Juan Gainous** has thrown for 1,631 yards and 14 TDs with just three interceptions.

CIAA TITLE GAME

After winning CIAA titles in 2023 and 2024, ninth-year VUU head coach **Dr. Alvin Parker Jr.** brings his Panthers to the CIAA finale after J. C. Smith prevented a three-peat last season. After a season-opening loss to Lenoir-Rhyne, the Panthers have run off nine straight wins, finishing 7-0 in league play including a title-game clinching 36-14 win Saturday against rival **Virginia State**.

Parker is back with a vaunted rushing attack but not one dominated over the past two seasons by 2,000-yard rushers **Jada Byers** and **Curtis Allen**. The Panther rushing leaders this season are **Ramon Brown** (816 yards, 8 TDs) and **Travon Tensley** (483 yards, 5 TDs). They both average over 5 yards per carry. J. C. Smith counters with the league's top rusher in junior **Fabian Duncan** (1,564 yards, 13 TDs). The Golden Bulls' workhouse has had 39 and 37 carries in their last two games. After losing its opener to Benedict, JCSU only lost 16-13 at **Bowie State's** Oct. 24 homecoming.

Senior QBs **R. J. Rosales** of VUU (1,573 yards, 17 TDs, 1 int.) and **Damien Mazil** of JCSU (1,846, 14 TDs, 3 ints.) are the field generals. VUU (10.0 ppg.) and JCSU (13.4 ppg.) have the top scoring defenses in the league and the top rushing offenses JCSU at 220.3 ypg. and VUU at 209.9 ypg.

MEAC and SWAC

The MEAC and SWAC races are headed to down-to-the wire finishes.

With two games left in the MEAC regular season, **South Carolina State** and **North Carolina Central** are 3-0 and in a showdown in Orangeburg (S.C.) Saturday (1:30 p.m., *ESPN+*). **Delaware State**, a game back at 2-1, is at **Howard** (1-2) while 0-3 **Norfolk State** is at 0-3 **Morgan State** (12 p.m., *ESPN+*).

After last week's results, **Jackson State** and **Alabama A&M** are on top of the **SWAC East** at 4-2, while **Prairie View A&M**, **Alcorn State** and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** lead the West at 4-2.

In games involving the East leaders, JSU is at 3-3 **Alabama State** (2 p.m., *ESPN+*), Alabama A&M hosts 2-4 **Texas Southern** (2 p.m., *SWAC TV*) and 3-3 **Bethune-Cookman** hosts 2-4 **Grambling State** (1 p.m., *SWAC TV*).

In a battle of West leaders, PVA&M plays at UAPB Saturday (2 p.m., *SWAC TV*) while Alcorn State is at 3-3 **Southern** (2 p.m., *HBCUgo.tv*).

GAMES THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

CIAA
Virginia State vs. Fayetteville State in Durham, NC - *CIAASN* 6p

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
J. C. Smith vs. Virginia Union in Durham, NC - *CIAASN* 3p

MEAC
Norfolk State vs. Morgan State in Baltimore, MD - *ESPN+* 12p
Delaware State vs. Howard in Washington, DC 1p
N. C. Central vs. S. C. State in Orangeburg, SC - *ESPN+* 1:30p

SIAC
Edward Waters vs Chowan in Murfreesboro, NC 1p
Albany State vs. Shorter in Rome, GA 1p

SIAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Kentucky State vs. Benedict in Columbia, SC - *ESPNU* 2p

SWAC
Grambling State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Daytona Beach, FL - *SWAC TV* 1p
Alcorn State vs. Southern in Baton Rouge, LA - *HBCU GO* 2p
Jackson State vs. Alabama State in Montgomery, AL - *ESPN+* 2p
Prairie View A&M vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Pine Bluff, AR - *SWAC TV* 2p
Texas Southern vs. Alabama A&M in Huntsville, AL - *SWAC TV* 2p
Mississippi Valley State vs. Florida A&M in Tallahassee, FL - *SWAC TV* 3p

INDEPENDENTS
W. Va. State vs. Charleston in Charleston, WV - *MECN* 12p
William Jewell vs. Lincoln (MO) in Jeff. City, MO - *GLVCSN* 12p
North Carolina A&T vs. Hampton in Hampton, VA - *FloCollege* 1p
St. Thomas (FL) vs. Florida Memorial in Miami Gardens, FL 1p
Langston vs. Oklahoma Panhandle in Goodwell, OK - *SACSN* 2p
E. Illinois vs. Tennessee State in Nashville, TN - *ESPN+* 2:30p

VIRGINIA UNION PANTHERS (9-1)

FIRST PLACE
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Head Coach
DR. ALVIN PARKER JR.

TEAM RECORD

2026 Overall:	9-1
2026 CIAA:	8-0
2026 BCSP Ranking:	2nd, D2
All-Time vs. JCSU:	10-3, since '07
Last Time vs. JCSU:	21-45 L, '25
CIAA Title Games:	12, 7-5
CIAA Championships:	12 (Last '24)

COACH'S RECORD
Alma Mater: Virginia Union ('99)
Record vs. JCSU: 4-2
Record at VUU: 67-19, .779 (9th year)
Career Record: Same

2026 RESULTS

VIRGINIA UNION	9-1
3 @ Lenoir-Rhyne	45 L
49 Livingstone	20 W
34 @ Chowan	19 W
42 Bluefield State	0 W
14 @ Fayetteville State	0 W
20 Elizabeth City State	7 W
66 @ Bowie State	21 W
49 Shaw (HC)	6 W
62 Lincoln (PA)	0 W
36 @ Virginia State	14 W

VS.

JOHNSON C. SMITH GOLDEN BULLS (8-2)

SECOND PLACE
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2026 RESULTS

JOHNSON C. SMITH	8-2
10 @ Benedict	32 L
27 Albany State in Canton, OH	7 W
31 @ Winston-Salem State	6 W
20 Fayetteville State	14 W
51 @ Bluefield State	0 W
49 Shaw	6 W
40 Lincoln (PA) (HC)	6 W
13 @ Bowie State	16 L
39 Virginia State	33, OT W
27 @ Livingstone	14 W

TEAM RECORD

2026 Overall:	8-2
2026 CIAA:	7-1
2026 BCSP Ranking:	3rd, D2
All-Time vs. VUU:	3-10, since '07
Last Time vs. VUU:	45-21 W, '25
CIAA Title Games:	3, 1-2
CIAA Championships:	2, (Last '25)

COACH'S RECORD
Alma Mater: J. C. Smith ('91)
Record vs. VUU: 2-1
Record at JCSU: 34-16, .680 (5th year)
Career Record: 41-21, .661 (7th year)



Head Coach
MAURICE FLOWERS

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TOP PERFORMANCES

For Games of November 5-7, 2026

PASSING

	COMP-ATT-INT	YDs	TDs (YDs)
Juan Gainous, KSU	21-31-0	**405**	**5** (54, 11, 24, 24, 9)
Jackson Wasik, CSU	15-25-**3**	329	2 (13, 15)
Jaylon Tolbert, ALC	16-23-1	314	4 (**92**, 10, 63, 7)

RUSHING

	CAR	YDs	AVG	TDs (YDs)
Trey Holly, SOU	16	**206**	12.9	**2** (44, 44)
Demetri Simmons, ALL	31	204	6.6	1 (24)
Gino Addison, NCCU	18	174	9.7	0

RECEIVING

	REC	YDs	AVG	TDs/YDs
Amare Ary, WVSU	**12**	**239**	19.9	**3** (32, 16, 15)
Malachi Augustus, ALC	4	171	**42.8**	**3** (**92**, 10, 63)
Kymani Clary, LINCM	10	165	16.5	2 (16, 23)

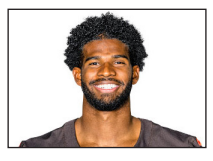
TACKLES
16 Jeremiah Hudson-Davis, AAMU; Aykenon Rodgers, EWU; Denzel Johnson, FLA&M; 14 Brosnan Dukes, LINCP; Charles Thompson, L INCP; Sahaaj Bennett, LINCP;
13 Jason Parrilla, VSU; D.J. Barber, AAMU; Trevon French, EWU; Devyn Curtis, TNST; Jermaine Dalias, FMU;

SACKS
3.5 Osirus Rhodes, FSU; 3.0 Adonis Brazil, SAVST;

INTERCEPTIONS
3 Ethan Nation, BEN;
2 Jordan Saunders, NSU; Christopher Bentley, FSU; Solomon Ford, ECSU; Cameron Watts, ALB; Nacari Johnson, AAMU; Jalen Foster, JSU;

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of November 5 - 9, 2026



OFFENSE

- #2 **SHEDEUR SANDERS**, QB, Cleveland (2nd year, **JACKSON STATE** / Colorado) - In the Browns 23-22 overtime loss at New Orleans Sunday, Sanders started at quarterback and completed 19 of 31 passes (61.3%) for 297 yards with two TDs and no interceptions for a 114.6 QB rating. He threw a 64-yard TD pass to K C Concepcion in the 4th quarter for a 13-9 Browns lead, and in overtime hit Harold Fannin Jr. with a 39-yard TD on 3rd-and-7 with 1:00 left before his two-point pass failed. He also ran 10 times for 28 yards (long of 11) and was sacked five times for 37 yards. He was in for all 73 plays on offense (100%).

DEFENSE

- #6 **BRYAN COOK**, S, Cincinnati (5th year, **HOWARD** /Cincinnati) - In the Bengals 34-17 win over Atlanta in Madrid, Spain Sunday, Cook started at safety and had 10 tackles (5 solo, 5 assists). He was in for 61 plays on defense (98%).



SPECIAL TEAMS

- #21 **KEVIN COLEMAN JR.**, WR, Miami (Rookie, **JACKSON STATE** / Missouri) - In the Dolphins 19-9 loss to Detroit Sunday, Coleman returned three kickoffs for 90 yards (30.0 yards per return) with a long of 32. He also had one carry for 16 yards. He was in for 11 plays on offense (19%) and six on special teams (25%).