





COLE: Made winners of Alabama State in just his first year on the job.

▼ TITANS HONORED BY NBA AND IN MOVIE; THOMPSON BREAKS RECORD

UNDER THE BANNER WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ONE DOWN, ONE TO GO: One of two

black college receivers on the verge of breaking all-time

Mississippi Valley State and NFL great Jerry Rice's all-time

Div. I-AA mark of 301 with five receptions Saturday against

Hampton. Nunnally, with 290 receptions over his four-year

career, has two games left to break the mark. The Rattlers face

Southern University this Saturday (Nov. 4) and have a sea-

son-ending Nov. 18 date vs. Bethune-Cookman in Orlando.

CROSSIN' THE COUNTRY: Cross Country championships were decided in all four black college

conferences over the weekend. In the SIAC, Morehouse

swept the first six places to win the men's title and Fort

Valley State's Lady Wildcats won their first women's title

placing four runners in the top ten. The SIAC was contested

in Albany, Ga. In Greensboro, N. C., Norfolk State placed

three runners in the top ten to take the men's title while the

Bethune-Cookman women finished 1-3 and placed four run-

ners in the top ten to take that title. The CIAA championship

was also staged at Greensboro's Hagan Stone Park. St.

Augustine's swept the first seven places to run away with the

men's title while Shaw's women placed three runners in the

top ten to pick up their first-ever title. On the campus of

Prairie View A&M just outside Houston, Texas, Alabama

State was also a first-time winner as their women's team

ended Grambling State's five-year hold on the title. On the

men's side, Grambling captured the crown by virtue of a

whopping 38-point win over second place Alcorn State.

NCAA reception marks got it done

Saturday. Virginia State senior wide

receiver Damon "Red" Thomp-

son's five receptions against Virginia

Union gave him 263 for his career

moving him past Glenville State's

Carlos Ferralls' Div. II mark of 262.

Thompson, a Richmond, Va., native,

ends his career this Saturday at

Bowie State. Meanwhile, Florida

A&M's Jacquay Nunnally moved

within 12 catches of breaking former

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#2 NO MORE: "Red"

Thompson gets Div.

Il receiving record.

2000 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

SCORES

Alabama A&M 34, Alabama State 27 Arkansas-Pine Bluff 48, Jackson State 41 Benedict 34, Elizabeth City State 0 Bowie State 37, Fayetteville State 31 Delaware State 57, S. C. State 32 E. Kentucky 28, Tenn. State 0 E. Stroudsburg 35, Cheyney 14 Florida A&M 53, Hampton 24 Grambling State 26. Texas Southern 17 Howard 14, Norfolk State 0 Lane 28, Miles 21 Langston 56, SW A, of God 12 Lincoln 42, Haskell 0 Livingstone 35, N. C. Central 20 Miss. Valley State 33, Prairie View 7 Morehouse 38, Kentucky State 21 N. C. A&T 30, Bethune-Cookman 19 Savannah State 37, Fort Valley State 13 Southern 44, Morris Brown 23 Stillman 35, Chowan 23 Tuskegee 23, Clark Atlanta 0 Va. Union 42, Virginia State 17

W. Illinois 73, Morgan State 17

Winston-Salem St. 44, J. C. Smith 12

W. Va. State 13, Concord 3

E. DIVISION Virginia Union Virginia State Bowie State Eliz. City State W. DIVISION W L W-Salem St. 5 1 J. C. Smith 2 3 N. C. Central 2 3 Fayetteville State 2 3 W 7 3 3

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK DAMONTHOMPSON, Sr., WR, Virglnia State -Five receptions for 125 yards and a TD. Set new

Livingstone

Div. Il career reception mark (263). ANDRE BRAXTON, Sr., RB, Va. Union - 36 caries for 249 yards and four TDs in win over Va DEFENSE (LINEMAN)
ALIK TILLERY, Jr., LB, NC Central - 15 tackles,

RALPH HUNTER, Jr., DB, Va. Union - Six tack-JULIUS JORDAN, Fr., FB, Bowie St. - Scored one -yard TD with :21 left for win over Fayv. State.

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Bethune-Cookman	4	1	0	7	1	0
Hampton	4	1	0	6	2	0
NC A&T	4	1	0	6	2	0
Howard	3	2	0	2	6	0
Delaware State	2	3	0	4	4	0
Norfolk State	1	5	0	2	6	0
SC State	0	5	0	1	7	0
Morgan State	0	5	0	1	7	0

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE ATAVEUS CASH, Sr., QB, Hampton Completed 12 of 22 passes for 253 yards and two TDs and rushed nine times for 81 yards and one TD vs. SC St. DEFENSE TRACEY WHITE, So., LB, Howard - Had 13

tackles, seven solos, one sack for -12, and an interception vs. NC A&T. LEON McCAMPBELL, Fr., QB, SC State - 12 of 17 for 151 yards and four TDs (28, 20, 16 and 9), tied team single-game TD passing mark, and

had 8 carries for 64 yards. LARRY VAUGHN , Sr., OG, Hampton - Helped Hampton amassed 599 yards of total offense.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

6 0 0 Fort Valley Clark Atlanta Albany State Lane Kentucky St.

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ALVON BROWN, Jr., RB, Kentucky State - 32 carries for 174 yards and one TD vs DAMON TOLSON, Jr., DE, Tuskegee - Five

WESLEY BONNER, Fr., LB, Ky. State - 10 tack-

les, eight solos, vs. Moreho SPECIAL TEAM

JEFFREY STANTON, So., KR, Tuskegee -Returned three punts for 140 yards and two TDs (48 and 81 yds.) vs. Clark Atlanta. LINEMAN

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE DIV E. DIVISION Alabama A&M 3 1 0

Jackson State 2 3 0 Miss. Valley St. Alcorn State 5 0 W. DIVISION Grambling State 5 Texas Southern Ark. Pine Bluff Southern Prairie View A&M 1 5 0

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SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ROBERT KENT, Fr., QB, Jackson State - Put UAPB including 26 of 51 passes for 461 yards and four TDs DEFENSE

JAMAL WARE, Jr., LB, Alabama A&M - 11 tackles, three sacks, five solos, two pass deflections vs. Alabama St. SPECIAL TEAMS

AARON WALL, So., P, Ark.-Pine Bluff Averaged 47.2 yards on six punts and had four

CIAA, SIAC set; MEAC, SWAC down

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2000 Tenn. Tech vs. Tennessee State in Cookeville, TN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2000 Benedict vs. Livingstone in Columbia, SC Bowie State vs. Virginia State in Bowie, MD Cheyney vs. West Chester in Cheyney, PA Delaware State vs. N.C. A&T in Dover, DE Glenville State vs. West Virginia St. in Glenville, WV Miss. Valley State vs. Alcom State in Itta Bena, MS Morehouse vs. Albany State in Atlanta, GA Morris Brown vs. Texas Southern in Atlanta, GA Peru State vs. Langston in Peru, NE S.C. State vs. Howard in Orangeburg, SC Southern vs. Florida A&M in Baton Rouge, LA Virginia Union vs. Fayetteville St. in Richmond, VA **HOMECOMINGS**

Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Prairie View A&M in Pine Bluff, AR Eliz. City St. vs. Winston-Salem St. in Eliz. City, NC Grambling State vs. Alabama State in Grambling, LA Jackson State vs. Alabama A&M in Jackson, MS N.C. Central vs. Johnson C. Smith in Durham, NC Norfolk State vs. Morgan State in Norfolk, VA Savannah State vs. Miles in Savannah, GA Tuskegee vs. Lane in Tuskegee, AL

MEAC Game of the Week (HTS, Sunshine, NUE TV) **Hampton vs. Bethune-Cookman in Hampton, VA

The SIAC title and champions of the two CIAA divisions were decided over the weekend while nothing is yet decided in the SWAC and MEAC.

Tuskegee (8-0, 6-0 SIAC), now the only black college unbeaten team, downed Clark-Atlanta 23-0 Saturday to claim their third consecutive SIAC championship and earn their third straight trip to the Pioneer Bowl. Pioneer Bowl IV, against a CIAA opponent to be determined, is slated for Dec. 16 at Atlanta's Georgia Dome.

Also on Saturday, Virginia Union's 42-17 win over Virginia State clinched the CIAA E. Div. title while Winston-Salem State's 44-12 win over J. C. Smith gave the Rams the W. Div. crown. The two division champs will meet in the CIAA Championship Game, Nov. 4 in Durham, N. C. The winner of that game will likely represent the conference in the Pioneer Bowl though there is an outside chance that the winner could receive a Div. II playoff invitation. If so, the loser will play in Pioneer Bowl IV.

The big games this weekend involve SWAC and MEAC schools who are both down to four contenders left for their

SWAC W. Div. leader Grambling hosts SWAC E. Div. leader Alabama State in a game that will count toward both teams' division records. Grambling is a half-game up on Texas Southern in the west while Alabama State has a halfgame lead on Alabama A&M in the east. A win by Grambling vs. Alabama State or against Southern on Nov.

25 would give them the West title. Al the East title by winning their three re ning this weekend at Jackson State.

Four MEAC teams now have one and therefore are virtually tied for a Cookman, Florida A&M, Hampton A&T. That will change this week Bethune-Cookman in the MEAC Delaware State while Florida A&M. affair at Southern. With wins in the be and Bethune-Cookman, defending ch driver's seat. But their three remaining from home. Like the SWAC, the ME down to the final weekend of the regu

BCSP TOP 10

1. GRAMBLING ST. (8-1) - KO'ed Texas Southern, 26-17 fo 3. FLORIDA A&M (6-2) - Upended Hampton, 53-24. NEXT. 4. TUSKEGEE (8-0) - Shut out Clark Atlanta, 23-0. NEXT: If 5. TEXAS SOUTHERN (7-1) - Fell to Grambling State, 26-6. BETHUNE-COOKMAN (7-1) - Defeated at NC A&T, 30-7. HAMPTON (6-2) - Clobbered at FAMU, 53-24. NEXT: Ho 8. WINSTON-SALEM ST. (7-2) - Ran by J. C. Smith to win 9. VIRGINIA UNION (7-2) - Hammered Va State, 42-17 to 10. ALABAMA ST. (5-3) - Denied SWAC E. title by Alaba

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LIVING LEGEND: SWAC Commissioner Rudy Washington (I.) accompanies baseball legend Willie Mays during ceremonies at Saturday's Magic City Classic in Birmingham which drew 61,197 fans to Legion Field. Mays, who served as grand marshall of the classic's parade and was honored at the game, was born in Fairfield, Alabama, played with the Birmingham Barons of the Negro Leagues and later became what many considered the greatest baseball player ever in the major leagues with the New York and San Francisco Giants.

Remember this Titan

The real-life coach played by Denzel Washington in the marvelous movie Remember the Titans is a black college gradu-

Herman "Ike" Boone, the man that in the face of heightened racial tensions molded a group of black and white kids into a state championship winning football team in 1971, is a 1958 graduate of North Carolina College in Durham, N. C., now known as North Carolina Central University.

Boone, who for a short time was a member of the 1955 NCC football team, says he learned valuable lessons during his stay at the school. Many of those lessons he imparted to his players and are depicted in the movie.

Boone, who is now retired, currently resides in Alexandria, Va. The movie is a must-see and along with Washington is certain to be nominated for an Academy Award.

And this Titan, too

On Oct. 31, 1950, a former CIAA basketball player, West Virginia State forward Earl

Lloyd, became the first; African-American to play in the NBA when he suited up for the Washington Capitals.

The league will honor the 50th anniversary of that historic accomplishment with a series of special events th off of the 2000 season or

Lloyd was honored Garden Tuesday before the New York Knicks game a piece for a number o appearances, videos, intel chats, commercials and p

Details of the comm a three-part interview NBA.com, the league's http://www.nba.com/hist ml. Lloyd was drafted | being scouted at the CI played at DC's United Ar

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WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HOW THEY DID IT -

- ALABAMA A&M 34, Alabama State 27

AA&M RB Curtis Donnell had four TD runs (32, 2, 3, and 9) and rang up 133 yards on 21 carries as the Bulldogs (5-3, 3-1 SWAC E) kept Alabama State (5-3, 4-1 SWAC E) from clinching the SWAC E. Div. title at Birmingham's Magic City Classic. A crowd of 61,147 fans at Legion Field watched ASU QB Darnell Kennedy put the ball up 60 times completing 28 for 370 yards and four TDs, but the Hornet running game netted only 52 yards in 21 carries. A&M, meanwhile, ran for 202 and passed for 230 while controlling the ball 35 minutes to only 25 for the Hornets.

GRAMBLING STATE 26, Texas Southern 17 Grambling (8-1, 5-0) came back from a 17-16 halftime deficit to score 10 unanswered second half points in knocking Texas Southern (7-1, 4-1 SWAC W) from the unbeaten ranks and keeping alive the G-Men's hopes for a berth in the SWAC championship game. A win by TSU would have clinched the SWAC W. Div. title. Grambling QB Randy Hymes threw for 226 yards and two scores but completed only 18 of 41 passes with two interceptions. GSU star WR Scotty Anderson had nine of those receptions for 156 yards and one TD.TSU QB Adam Lamb had 159 passing yards including a TD, all in the first half. He went out just before halftime with a bruised tailbone and returned for only one

- N. C. A&T 30, Bethune-Cookman 19

The NC A&T defense knocked Bethune-Cookman QB PaTell Troutman out of the game and went on to knock B-CC (7-1, 4-1 MEAC) from the unbeaten ranks before a crowd of 29,937 on hand for the Aggies' (6-2, 4-1 MEAC) homecoming. Troutman went down on the last play of the first quarter and two Wildcat replacements could not match Troutman's production or excitement. A&T RB Maurice Hicks was the offensive star, running for 168 yards on 30 carries and scoring a TD. A&T also got a 33-yard punt return by Chris Caldwell for a score. B-CC reserve QB Allen Suber ran 34-yards for a TD and Antonio Stanley returned a punt 64 yards for a score as the Wildcats made it interesting

- FLORIDA A&M 53, Hampton 24 Florida A&M (7-2, 6-1 MEAC) throttled Hampton (6-2, 4-1 MEAC) on the ground and through the air in a rout at the Rattlers' homecoming. RB O. J. Marchbanks rambled for 189 yards on 23 carries and scored two TDs (15 and 20 yards), while QB Quinn Gray completed 17 of 28 passes for 189 yards and four scores. The Rattlers scored 26 third quarter points to increase a 21-9 halftime lead to 47-17. Jacquay Nunnally (5 rec., 51 yds.) hauled in two of the scoring tosses (6 and 28 yards) during the third quarter blitz. VIRGINIA UNION 42, Virginia State 17

VUU (7-2, 5-1 CIAA E) claimed a spot in the Nov. 11 CIAA title game in Durham as they manhandled Virginia State (5-3, 3-2 CIAA E) in Richmond to grab the conference's E. Div. crown. VUU broke out from a 14-10 halftime lead to outscore the Trojans 28-7 down the stretch. RB Andre Braxton ran 36 times for 246 yards and scored four TDs as the Panther put up 548 yards of total offense.

- WINSTON-SALEM STATE 44, J. C. Smith 12

The WSSU Rams (7-2, 5-1 CIAA W) clinched the other spot in the Nov. 11 CIAA championship game as they routed JCSU (3-6, 2-3 CIAA W) to take the W. Div. title. WSSU RB Terrie Newkirk ran 27 times for 93 yards and had scoring runs of 9, 3, 1 and 3 yards while QB Tory Woodbury was nearly flawless, completing 13 of 16 passes for 237 yards and one TD while running one yard for another score. - TUSKEGEE 23, Clark-Atlanta 0

The Golden Tigers (8-0, 6-0 SIAC) clinched their third SIAC title in a row and third straight Pioneer Bowl berth with a shutout of CAU (4-5, 3-4 SIAC). Kick returner Jeffrey Stanton was the star, bringing back a first quarter punt 48 yards to paydirt and ng that up with an 81-yard fourth quarter punt return TD. The TU defense held CAU to 73 yards rushing on 33 attempts, had six sacks and one interception.

Attitude change brings winning to Alabama **ROSCOE NANCE** already on campus when

BCSP Correspondent

Put Alabama State at the top of the list of surprise teams in black college football this season.

The Hornets, who've had just one winning record since entering the Saturday's game against Southwestern Athletic Conference in 1983 – none since 1995 – are one victory away from playing in the conference championship game while sporting a 5-3 record. The victories already are the most in a season since they were 8-3 in

Along the way, they've exorcised several demons by defeating some opponents that have dominated them for years, and their success has first-year coach L.C. Cole pleasantly surprised.

"We're way ahead of where I thought we would be," says Cole, who took over the Hornets, 2-9 last season, after leading Tennessee State to an unbeaten regular season record and the top seed in the I-AA playoffs. "What they had experienced was a long time to be getting beat by somebody constantly. Our goal was to win more games than last year, beat teams we hadn't beaten in a long time and have the opportunity to play for SWAC (title)."

All three things have happened like clockwork. The Hornets, playing what has been billed as 'Cole-Blooded Football', surpassed their win total of a year ago when they got a big win over defending SWAC champ Southern, 37-33 in the season's fifth week. They then defeated Jackson State for the first the biggest difference this season was

time since 1991, the year they won their only SWAC championship. Their win over Southern was just the fourth in school history.

They head Grambling State leading the SWAC East by a half game over Alabama A&M in the race for a berth in the conference championship game in Birmingham, Ala., on Dec. 2.

"It goes to attitude," says in total offense. Cole, explaining the Hornets'

life is changing attitude. If you want to do something, change your attitude, and then make a commitment to it. The kids have bought into. They've made a commitment to it."

Having talented athletes has also

Cole, who wasn't hired until late January and was behind in recruiting when he came to Alabama State, looked at every junior college in the nation that had a winning record last season. He eventually signed 16 players from the JUCO ranks and four Division IA trans-

"I looked for attitude changes," says Cole, who also brought four assistant coaches with him from Tennessee State, including his brother Johnnie Cole who is offensive co-ordinator. "We wanted people who were used to winning."

However, the player who has made



Alabama State Photo KENNEDY: Trigger man of ASU's "Hobo" offense leads SWAC

Cole arrived. That would be junior quarterback Darnell Kennedy, who was injured last season and missed the entire year after being named All-SWAC in 1998.

Despite Kennedy's gaudy credentials, he had to win the starting job all over again, which he did.

"We came into the season with everything open," says Cole. "No one had a position. I think that's

sudden turnaround. "The No.1 priority in the way you have to start a program. With this wide open offense we have, it took a special person (to play quarterback). We weren't too sure if he was gong to make it back or not. When I first met him, if he hadn't had the injury, I thought he could do it. He's been through three head coaches. This is his third offense, and he has had a major injury. I can't say anything but good things about him. His strong point is his character. He has had adversity in his life, but he came around and prevailed."

Kennedy was still rehabilitating from his injury during spring practice and didn't participate in workouts. But he watched hours and hours of tape, just like the coaching staff.

The film study has paid huge dividends as Kennedy seems to have mastered the intricacies of the "Hobo" offense that the Cole brothers brought with them from Tennessee State. Through the Hornets' first seven games,



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