END OF THE ROAD **FOR MOST**

COOPER: Has Alabama A&M playing for SWAC division title after only two years in conference.

▼ MEAC TITLE ON LINE IN ORLANDO; **GRAMLING RETURNS TO ELITE STATUS**

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

entry. That's exactly what happened as they

thumped the Wildcats, 63-14. It was their

fifth straight win in the series and in all five

wins they've topped the 40-point mark. A

terback PaTell Troutman who went down

Wyatt looks to get back star quar-

them a berth in the Heritage Bowl.

will be competitive.

SCORES

Alabama A&M 27, Alcorn State 20 Alabama State 44, Miss. Valley State 28 Albany State 21, Fort Valley St. 14 Ark.-Pine Bluff 44, Lane 18 Bethune-Cookman 35, Howard 0 California (PA) 41, Cheyney 12 Delaware State 31, Norfolk State 28 Eastern Kentucky 52, Kentucky St. 0 Fairmont State 28, West Va. State 21 Jackson State 38, New Haven 37 Morehouse 45, Miles 14 Morris Brown 62, Benedict 20 Murray State 62, Tennessee State 40 N. C. A&T 31, Hampton 28 N. Iowa 60, Prairie View 14 N.W. Oklahoma St. 60, Lincoln (MO) 0 S.C. State 57, Morgan State 37

CIAA Championship Winston-Salem St. 31, Virginia Union 28

Southern 49, Texas Southern 29

Stillman 37, Clark Atlanta 0

Tuskegee 21, Savannah St. 0

E. DIVISION Virginia Union 5 1 0 Virginia State Bowie State Eliz. City State W. DIVISION N*W-Salem St. N. C. Central Fayetteville State 2 4 0 J. C. Smith

Livingstone

*Clinched division title

^Conference champion

CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME MVPs DAMEON WILKINS, Sr., LB - Had 13 tackles, a fumble recovery, an interception and a pass deflection in win over Virginia Union.

ANDRE BRAXTON, Sr., RB - Rushed for 168 yards on 32 carries and scored two TDs in loss to

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONF

	W	l.,	Ŧ	W	L	Т
Florida A&M	6	1	0	8	2	0
Bethune-Cookman	6	1,	0	9	1	0
NC A&T	5	2	0	7	3	0
Hampton	4	3	0	6	4	0
Delaware State	4	3	0	6	4	0
Howard	3	4	0	3	7	0
SC State	2	5	-0	3	7	0
Norfolk State	2	6	0	3	7	0
Morgan State	0	7	0	1	9	0

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MAURICE HICKS, Jr., RB, NC A&T - Accounted for 302 total yards, running for MEAC single game record 259 yards on 38 carries and scor ing two TDs (15 and 4 yards) and had five receptions for 43 yards in win over Hampton. ANTHONY HUBBARD, So., LB, Bethune

four for -19 yards in losses vs. Hampton. ALLEN SUBER, Fr., QB, Bethune-Cookman

vs. Howard. Also gained 53 rushing yards(12

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF			AL			
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*Tuskegee	7	0	0	10	0	0	
Morehouse	5	2	0	8	3	0	
Fort Valley	5	2	0	7	4	0	
Clark Atlanta	3	4	0	4	6	0	
Albany State	3	4	0	4	6	0	
Miles	2	5	0	4	6	0	
Lane	2	5	0	3	8	0	
Kentucky St.	1	6	0	4	7	0	
* Clinched title							

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CHAD WILLIAMS, RB, Tuskegee - Ran for TDs (9, 9 and one) as Tuskegee shut out Lane,

KELVIN POWELL, Sr., LB, Tuskegee - Led tackles, nine solos, one for loss of three vards. KAWASKEE TEEMER, RB, Albany State - 31 carries for 152 yards in win over Ft. Valley

JEFFREY STANTON, KR, Tuskegee - Returned two punts for 75 yards, one for 46 and

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Alabama A&M

Jackson State

W L T 6 4 0 Langston Benedict Morris Bro W. Va. Stat Lincoln Savannah Tenn. State Cheyney

Alcorn State W. DIVISION W L Grambling State 6 Ark. Pine Bluff PLAYERS O Southern OFFENSE JULIUS HL *Clinched division title

TERRANCE LEVY, Jr., QB, Southern Completed 24 of 40 passes for 396 yards and three TDs (56, 41 and five) in win over Texas EDWARD REESE, Sr., LB, Jackson State - 14

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

NEAL LINDSEY, So., KR, Alabama A&M - Six punts returned for 101 yards, including 64-yarder. Total of 134 yards on returns.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

AWARDS TIME: National ballots for postseason player and coach of the year honors in black college football



THE COACH: Awards bearing his name will be awarded at the Dec. 2 SWAC title game in Birmingham.

Inc., sponsors of the Eddie Robinson Coach and Player of the Year awards, mailed their ballots last week. The game in Birmingham and will be honored in January with a dinner and award ceremony in Atlanta. The Spirit Awards, sponsored by the Rutherford Group of Los Angeles, also sent out ballots last week. The winners in six Spirit Award categories (offensive back, offensive

have been sent out. Street & Smith's

sive back) will be named in December with the overall winner of the Paul "Tank" Younger Trophy, signalling the best player in black college football, to be announced during a show in Los Angeles in February. Spirit Award candidates by category are:

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN: Brian Andrews, Winston-Salem State; Quentin Briscoe, Southern; Marcus Bronson, Virginia Union; Lareko Elliot, Jackson State; Chris Kinloch, NC A&T; LaShaun Mack, Norfolk State; Victor Marte', NC A&T; Larry Metevia, Grambling State; Qasim Mitchell, NC A&T; Arthur Moore, Bowie State; Phillip Shiflett, Fort Valley State; Jason Reaves, Virginia Union; Kevin Thomas, Jackson State; Chance Turner, Alabama A&M; Courtney Van Buren, Arkansas-Pine Bluff;

OFFENSIVE BACK: Andre Braxton, RB, Virginia Union; Alvon Brown, RB, Kentucky St Montrell Coley, RB, Hampton; Robert Cummings, RB, Albany State; Quinn Gray, QB, Florida A&M; Antonio Hawkins, QB, Virginia State; Michael Hicks, RB, NC. A&T; Corey Holmes, RB, Miss. Valley State; Randy Hymes, QB, Grambling State; Ron Johnson, RB, Arkansas-Pine Bluff; Darnell Kennedy, QB, Alabama State; Adam Lamb, QB, Texas Southern; Rahsaan Matthews, QB, Delaware State; Dwight McKissick, RB, Arkansas-Pine Bluff; Terrie Newkirk, RB, Winston-Salem State; Jay Rogers, RB, Bethune-Cookman; Cleo Stinyard, RB, Fort Valley State; PaTell Troutman, QB, Bethune-Cookman; Brian Villanueva, QB, Fort Valley State; Tory Woodbury, QB, Winston-Salem State;

Patrick Burrows, Florida A&M; Donte Curry, Morris Brown; LaKunta Farmer, Kentucky State; John Grant, Morehouse; George Guidry, Grambling State; Anthony Hubbard, Bethune-Cookman; B. J. Little, NC A&T; Lernard Mack, Texas Southern; Ray Massey, NC A&T; Edward Reese, Jackson State; Kelvin Powell, Tuskegee; Robert Taylor, Grambling State; Maurice Thomas, Fort Val Michael Wall, Virginia State; Jamal Ware, Alabama A&M; Tracey White, Howard; Alvin Wilson,

Price, Tennessee State; Ed Sanders, Tennessee State; Calvin Spears, Grambling State; Ken

BASKETBALL TIP: The classic concept, which has had great success on the gridiron, makes a debut on the hardcourt in Baltimore at the Nov. 25 doubleheader dubbed the Harbor City Classic. At the city's downtown Baltimore Arena, cross-town MEAC rivals Coppin State and Morgan State will play the 7:30 pm second game after perennial CIAA contenders Virginia Union and Johnson C. Smith square off in the 5:30 pm opener. Another hoop special, this one with a CIAA vs. MEAC flavor, will be the Legacy Classic set for January 14 at the Charlotte (NC) Coliseum. There, N. C. A&T will battle N. C. Central (3:30 pm) followed by J. C. Smith and Winston-Salem State (5:30).

THE STAT CORNER

- BETHUNE-COOKMAN 35, Howard 0

TD passes and the B-CC defense shut down Howard to set up a clash this week (Nov. 18) with Florida A&M for the MEAC title. Suber, making his second start for injured QB PaTell Troutman, completed 11 of 21 passes for 212 yards and added 53 rushing yards

- TUSKEGEE 21, Savannah State 0

Tuskegee RB Chad Williams ran for 156 yards on 24 carries and scored all three TDs to keep the Golden Tigers (10-0, 7-0 SIAC) the only undefeated team in black college football. Savannah State dropped to 2-7

QB Darnell Kennedy (11-21, 213 yards) threw for three TDs and Alabama State (6-4, 5-2 SWAC E) scored 14 unanswered fourth quarter points to put away MVSU (2-9, 1-6 SWAC E). The win assures the Hornets of at least a second place finish in the SWAC E. Div. race. They will win the division and advance to the Dec. 2 SWAC Championship game if Alabama A&M loses Saturday (Nov. 18) to Arkansas-Pine Bluff. MVSU RB Corey Holmes ran 32 times for 213 yards and scored twice, his final one from 35 yards away

Torrey Day caught a 40-yard scoring pass from QB Kelvin Robinson with just 41 seconds to play to give Alabama A&M (6-4, 4-2 SWAC E.) a comefrom-behind 27-20 win over Alcorn State (0-10,0-6 SWAC), keeping alive their SWAC title hopes. The Bulldogs scored 20 points in the fourth quarter to rally for the win. If the Bulldogs can win their final game at Arkansas-Pine Bluff, they will win the SWAC E. Div. crown and face Grambling State in the Dec. 2 SWAC Championship game in Birmingham.

winners will be presented at halftime of the Dec. 2, SWAC championship

lineman, receiver, defensive lineman, linebacker and defen-

State

RECEIVER: Scotty Anderson, Grambling State; Xamon Glasper, Kentucky State; Kenyon Hambrick, Alabama A&M; Michael Hayes, Southern; Albert Horsey, Delaware State; Julius Hull, Tennessee State; Jerwade Lloyd, Virginia State; Jacquay Nunnally, Florida A&M; Kent Schoolfield, Fort Valley State; Damon Thompson, Virginia State; Kenard Williams, Alabama State DEFENSIVE LINEMEN: Ado Adwaters, Albany State; Oby Arah, Howard; Michael Bland, Hampton; Damion Cook, Bethune-Cookman; Jauron Dailey, Florida A&M; Robert Mathis, Alabama A&M; Yarvis Pringle, Fort Valley State; Leonard Reliford, NC A&T; Danny Roberson, Tennessee State; Greg Scott, Hampton; Damian Walker, Howard; Corey Williams, Winston-Salem State; Robert Williams, NC A&T

LINEBACKERS: Carnell Brown, Winston-Salem State; Calvin Bryant, Winston-Salem State;

DEFENSIVE BACK: Edrece Brown, Southern; Melvin Coleman, Morgan State; Willie Crite, Florida A&M; DaShane Dennis, Delaware State; Tommy Dawson, Virginia Union; Joe Giddens, Bethune-Cookman; Eric Hall, Albamy State; Ed Handsome, Virginia State; Ralph Hunter, Virginia Union; Devie King, Livingstone; Carlos Lawrence, Bethune-Cookman; Ontree Long, Howard; Rashean Mathis, Bethune-Cookman; Brian McDonald, Howard; Temell Perkett, NC A&T; Chane

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HOW THEY DID IT

Bethune-Cookman (9-1, 7-1 MEAC) freshman QB Allen Suber threw three

- ALABAMA STATE 44, Mississippi Valley State 28

pulled the Delta Devils within 30-28 entering the final stanza. - ALABAMA A&M 27, Alcorn State 20

It will take the last games of the regular

BCSP Correspondent

LUT WILLIAMS

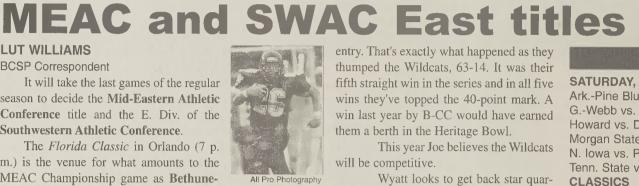
season to decide the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title and the E. Div. of the Southwestern Athletic Conference. The Florida Classic in Orlando (7 p.

m.) is the venue for what amounts to the MEAC Championship game as Bethune-Cookman (9-1, 6-1 MEAC) meets Florida McKISSICK: One A&M (8-2, 6-1 MEAC) before what should be a crowd of near 70,000. According to officials at Bethune-Cookman, the game is being offered on a pay-perview basis by Florida's Sunshine Network.

The winner will claim the MEAC title and the automatic NCAA Div. I-AA playoff bid that goes with it. The loser will await Sunday's NCAA Div. I-AA playoff selection show to see if their season will

FAMU head coach Billy Joe will be looking to take the Rattlers to the playoffs for the fifth straight year while B-CC head coach Alvin Wyatt seeks the Wildcats' first-ever foray into the big dance.

A year ago, the game also had postseason implications. FAMU entered the game needing a convincing win to vault them into the playoffs as an at-large



of UAPB's 1000-

three games ago with a separated shoulder. yard rushers. In his absence, freshman Allen Suber has been sensational. He took over after Troutman was injured at North Carolina A&T and led a spirited comeback. He then engineered key wins

> on the road against Hampton and Howard. Suber has shown poise well beyond his years and has demonstrated a better passing arm than Troutman. Even if Troutman returns, Suber could see action if the Wildcat offense doesn't put plenty of points on the board, which they'll need to do against FAMU's Gulf

Joe has cranked up the Rattlers' running game, behind O. J. Marchbanks, to better complement their already potent air attack. That spells trouble for Wyatt and the 'Cats.

PREDICTION: Don't bet against Billy Joe.

WSSU goes back-to-back in CIAA

DURHAM, NC - Winston-Salem State fought back from an early 14-0 deficit and held on down the stretch to defeat Virginia Union 31-28 and claim its second straight CIAA title in the conference's first

BCSP TOP 10

1. GRAMBLING (9-1) - Idle. NEXT: Idle until Nov. 25 vs. Southern. 2. FLORIDA A&M (8-2) - Idle. NEXT: Bethune-Cookman in Orlando

3. TUSKEGEE (10-0) - Shut out Savannah State, 21-0. NEXT: Idle until Turkey Day clash with Alabama State.

4. BETHUNE-COOKMAN (9-1) - Shut out Howard, 35-0. NEXT: In Orlando for MEAC title vs. Florida A&M.

5. N. C. A&T (7-3) - Last-minute field goal nips Hampton, 31-28. NEXT: S.C. State in Charlotte, N. C. 6. HAMPTON (6-4) - Lost at home to NC A&T, 31-28. NEXT: Morgan

State in Bowie, Maryland. 7. WINSTON-SALEM ST. (9-2) - Won CIAA title, 31-28 over Va.

Union. NEXT: Dec. 16 Pioneer Bowl vs. Tuskegee 8. ALABAMA STATE (6-4) - Downed Miss. Valley, 44-28. NEXT:

Tuskegee on Thanksgiving Day. 9. ALABAMA A&M (6-4) - Disposed of Alcorn State, 27-20. NEXT:

Goes for SWAC E. title against Ark.-Pine Bluff. 10. JACKSON STATE (6-4) - Dropped New Haven, 38-37. NEXT:

Alcorn State in Jackson

OTHERS: Virginia Union (8-3), Texas Southern (7-3),

championship game in eight years.

WSSU capitalized on four VUU turnovers, turning three of them into points, then stopped the Panthers on downs twice in the fourth quarter to preserve the victory.

"This was a true championship game, it went down to the wire" said victorious WSSU head coach Kermit Blount, who earned his team a second straight trip to the Pioneer Bowl (Dec. 16 in Atlanta vs. Tuskegee). "I told my guys that the defense was going to have to do it and that's exactly what they did."

VUU scored first to go up 7-0, and then converted WSSU's only turnover of the day, a muffed pitchout by QB Tory Woodbury, to go up 14-0. VUU's first turnover, a blocked punt late in the first quarter turned the tide for the Rams.

"That was a big turning point for us," Blount said. "Once we got that we got our feet under us."

"I said that the team that made the fewest mistakes would win and that's exactly how it turned out," said a gracious Willard Bailey in defeat. His team outgained WSSU by a near two-to-one margin, 325 to 161 yards but was done in by the turnovers.

VUU running back Andre Braxton wracked up 168 yards on 32 carries and scored twice to garner most valuable player honors for the Panthers. Linebacker Dameon Wilkins had 13 tackles, an interception and fumble recovery to win MVP for the Rams.

GAMES THIS WEE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2000

Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Alabama A&M in Pine G.-Webb vs. Savannah St. in Boiling Sprin win last year by B-CC would have earned Howard vs. Delaware State in Washington Morgan State vs. Hampton in Bowie, MD This year Joe believes the Wildcats N. Iowa vs. Prairie View A&M in Cedar Fa Tenn. State vs. S.E. Missouri St. in Nashv **CLASSICS**

21st Florida Classic

Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M in Orl 6th Carolinas Classic N. C. A&T vs. S.C. State in Charlotte, NC

Gold Coast Classic Norfolk State vs. Texas Southern in San I TV GAMES

6th Capital City Classic (BET) Alcorn State vs. Jackson State in Jackson

Suber could make things interesting but t have enough firepower. FAMU 40, B-CC 2

In Arkansas, Alabama A&M (6-4, 4-2 & to grab a spot in the 2nd Annual SWAC Char they travel to Arkansas-Pine Bluff (6-4, 4the conference's East Division title theirs for

A win by Alabama A&M would give tll mark and a tie with Alabama State (6-4, 5-5 division crown. A&M would get the nod by 27 win over ASU at the Oct. 28 Magic Birmingham.

They would meet W. Div. winner Gram conference championship game in Birmingh hands the division title to ASU, and sends the

If A&M gets the win, it would put the their first SWAC title in just their second y play – quite a feat for third-year head coach Hardman's UAPB squad meanwhile, squi win over Southern in four years with losses t and Grambling and a humiliating loss to I

What this game really comes down to trenches – am immovable force versus an ir

A&M, the immovable force, comes in yards per carry, 52.9 rushing yards per gam against the run in all of I-AA football. Arl the irresistible force, counters with 277.7 game, the best numbers in the SWAC, ninth ing two 1,000-yard rushers, juniors Dwight car, 1,222 yds., 7.0 ypc.) and Ron Johnson yds., 5.7 ypc.).

PREDICTION: A fierce battle with t something to prove. The home field gives the irresistible object and the title to SWAC Alabama State. In a close one that could go 33, Alabama A&M 32.

Grambling a Bayou Classic short of full comel

Eric Moore Photo

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It's like old times for the **Grambling State** football program.

The G-Men are the kings of black college football, sitting atop all the black college polls with a 9-1 record and ranked No. 12 in the USA TODAY/ESPN I-AA poll. But they have some unfinished

business to take care of against

Southern University in the Nov. 25

Bayou Classic before declaring the

2000 season a total success and the program back to where it was during its halcyon days. Southern has a seven-game winning streak in the Classic, including a 37-31 victory in last year's game that saw the Jaguars rally from a 31-10

third-quarter deficit. "Our kids have had a mission since last year's Bayou Classic," says coach

Doug Williams. Grambling has already wrapped up the Southwestern Athletic Conference Western Division championship. They go after their 18th conference title Dec. 2 against the East champion, Alabama State or Alabama A&M, at Legion Field in Birmingham.

A victory against Southern would

give Grambling its first 10-win season

since 1992, the year the Tigers' won

their eighth and final black college

national championship under Eddie

Robinson. The Tigers' success this season, Williams' third after succeeding Robinson, has been stunning even to him. They had four consecutive losing records, including each of Robinson's final three seasons, before finishing 6-5 last year. The only blemish on their record this season is a 52-0 loss to Div. I-A Louisville in their second game.

WE'RE BACK!: A confident Doug

Williams said before the season that his

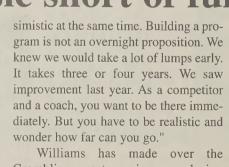
Grambling Tigers would be good. A win

Nov. 25 in the Bayou Classic vs.

Southern would give them a perfect

record against black college opponents.

'Basically, we knew what we were faced with when we took over," says Williams. "We were optimistic and pes-



Grambling roster since replacing Robinson. He let 31 players go his first season, and this season he has reshuffled his coaching staff. Mike Roach took over as defensive coordinator after Todd Bowles joined the New York Jets' staff. Marshall Hayes took over as offensive line coach. Chris Scott was brought to handle the defensive line, and Williams now coaches the quarterbacks.

"I felt it was time to make changes, and it paid off for the better," says Williams, who says he didn't make them earlier because he wanted to give everyone an opportunity to perform. "People were in those positions, and you don't want to make those decisions after two years. We had some growing pains."

Grambling's defense has been the foundation of its resurgence. The G-Men are No.2 in the SWAC in total defense (277 yards a game). They allow a paltry 2.7 yards per rushing attempt.

Offensively, the pass-catch combo of quarterback Randy Hymes and wide receiver Scotty Anderson has been deadly. Anderson holds virtually every

Grambling receiving son he has 55 reception and nine touchdow passed for 1,844 yard

The Tigers have improbable victories a they regained their plal football's elite. They e time deficit to defeat A 14. They defeated Jac after being down 26-11

"They are equally ly and defensively," sa coach Billy Joe who Grambling, 12-10. "T fine job offensively, d special teams. They football team. They do mistakes. They don't build on. They don't be

The Tigers will ha weeks before facing So danger of them losing Williams welcomes the ing 10 consecutive wee

"I feel great abou says. "We're not sitting our laurels. I think the ed enough to realize They will be mentally rested. I asked those k give me one more w them focused. We have play. You can't go to sle a lot of work to do."

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