

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

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14 THROUGH NOVEMBER 20,

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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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

SCORES

Table listing scores for various teams in the CIAA, MEAC, SIAC, and SWAC conferences.

CIAA

Table showing scores for CIAA teams in E. Division and W. Division.

MEAC

Table showing scores for MEAC teams in CONF and ALL divisions.

SIAC

Table showing scores for SIAC teams in CONF and ALL divisions.

SWAC

Table showing scores for SWAC teams in E. Division and W. Division.

OTHER

Table showing scores for other teams in the region.

CIAA Championship

Winston-Salem St. 31, Virginia Union 28

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 scoring two TDs (15 and 4 yards) and had five receptions for 43 yards in win over Hampton.

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CHAD WILLIAMS, RB, Tuskegee - Ran for 156 yards on 24 carries and scored all three TDs (9, 9 and one) as Tuskegee shut out Lane, 21-0.

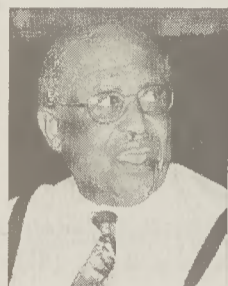
SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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

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



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THE COACH: Awards bearing his name will be awarded at the Dec. 2 SWAC title game in Birmingham. Street & Smith's Inc., sponsors of the Eddie Robinson Coach and Player of the Year awards, mailed their ballots last week.

have been sent out. 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 lineman, receiver, defensive lineman, linebacker and defensive 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.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN: Brian Andrews, Winston-Salem State; Quentin Briscoe, Southern; Marcus Brown, Virginia Union; Lareko Elliot, Jackson State; Chris Kinloch, NC A&T; LaShaun Mack, Norfolk State; Victor Martel, NC A&T; Larry Metevia, Grambling State; Qasim Mitchell, NC A&T; Arthur Moore, Bowie State; Phillip Shifflet, Fort Valley State; Jason Reaves, Virginia Union; Kevin Thomas, Jackson State; Chance Turner, Alabama A&M; Courtney Van Buren, Arkansas-Pine Bluff; Omar Williams, Albany State.

BASKETBALL TIP: The classic concept, which has had great success on the gridiron, makes a debut on the hardwood 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.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HOW THEY DID IT

- BETHUNE-COOKMAN 35, Howard 0
Bethune-Cookman (9-1, 7-1 MEAC) freshman QB Allen Suber threw three 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.

MEAC and SWAC East titles go to v

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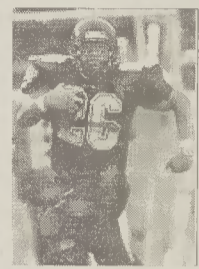
It will take the last games of the regular season to decide the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title and the E. Div. of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

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 A&M (8-2, 6-1 MEAC) before what should be a crowd of near 70,000.

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 continue.

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



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McKISSICK: One of UAPB's 1000-yard rushers.

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 win last year by B-CC would have earned them a berth in the Heritage Bowl.

This year Joe believes the Wildcats will be competitive.

Wyatt looks to get back star quarterback PaTell Troutman who went down three games ago with a separated shoulder. 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 Coast Offense.

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. GRAMLING (9-1) - Idle. NEXT: Idle until Nov. 25 vs. Southern.
2. FLORIDA A&M (8-2) - Idle. NEXT: Bethune-Cookman in Orlando for MEAC title.
3. TUSKEGEE (10-0) - Shut out Savannah State, 21-0. NEXT: Idle until Turkey Day clash with Alabama State.

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 Kermitt 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 Dameron Wilkins had 13 tackles, an interception and fumble recovery to win MVP for the Rams.

Grambling a Bayou Classic short of full comeback

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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



Eric Moore Photo

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.

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.

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

simistic at the same time. Building a program is not an overnight proposition. We knew we would take a lot of lumps early. It takes three or four years. We saw improvement last year. As a competitor and a coach, you want to be there immediately. But you have to be realistic and wonder how far can you go."

Williams has made over the 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.

Grambling receiving son he has 55 receptions and nine touchdowns passed for 1,844 yards.

The Tigers have improbable victories as they regained their place in football's elite. They earned a time deficit to defeat Alabama State 14. They defeated Jackson State after being down 26-11.

"They are equally offensively and defensively," says coach Billy Joe whose Grambling, 12-10. "They are special teams. They do special things. They do mistakes. They don't build on them. They don't build on them."

The Tigers will have weeks before facing Southern in the danger of them losing. Williams welcomes the challenge of 10 consecutive weeks.

"I feel great about our laurels. I think they've earned enough to realize they will be mentally rested. I asked those who give me more work than you focused. We have them. You can't go to sleep a lot of work to do."