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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



Grambling Sports Photo

WILLIAMS: Grambling coach can clinch third straight SWAC W. Div. title with win Saturday over Alabama State.

DECISION TIME

BOWIE STATE, VIRGINIA STATE SQUARE OFF FOR CIAA E. DIV. CROWN

2002 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

Table with columns for SCORES, CIAA, MEAC, SIAC, SWAC, and INDEPENDENTS. Includes sub-sections for CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK, MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK, SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK, and SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FOOTBALL COMING BACK:

Add the name of Texas College to the list of Historically Black Colleges and Universities bringing back football.

TC Seal and Mascot TEXAS COLLEGE: Steers ready to step back on to black college gridiron.

Brown worked with the defensive line, running backs, and defensive ends for several years at New Mexico State University and Stephen F. Austin University.

STILLMAN MOVING TO D-2:

Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Ala., which reinstated football in 1999 and is sporting a 7-2 record this year under head coach Theo Danzy.

Two races head to final week

LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor

At least two races in black college football will be decided this Saturday as both the CIAA and SIAC close out regular season play.

The CIAA East title will come down to the last regular season game between two teams. The SIAC title and berth in Pioneer Bowl VI will be decided on this last weekend of SIAC games.

Meanwhile, the West Division title in the Southwestern Athletic Conference can also be decided despite two more weeks of regular season play.

CIAA

The third annual CIAA Championship Game, scheduled for Nov. 16 in Winston-Salem, N.C., is destined to have new blood on both sides of the ball this year.

For the first time since the game was re-instituted in 2000, neither Winston-Salem State nor Virginia Union, who split the last two championships, will get back to the title game.

Instead, Fayetteville State (8-1, 6-0 CIAA W), under third-year head coach Kenny Phillips, has clinched the West Division title.

VSU first-year head coach Andrew Faison, a key cog as defensive coordinator in two titles (1999, 2000) for WSSU, has engineered the turnaround for the Trojans.



FRAZIER FAISON COMEGY

head coach Lou Anderson and has installed a stalwart defense to go with a productive offense.

VSU QB Kevin Jones (120-218, 1,726 yds.; 12 TDs, 5 ints.) is the most prolific passer in the CIAA and leads the league's top offense (344.3 yards per game).

BSU's defense (14.8 ppg.) has been steady all year led by linebacker Atchison Conway (8.9 tackles per game).

PREDICTION: Offensive edge to VSU, defensive edge to BSU. In a classic down-to-the wire finish, VSU prevails, 21-13.

In Frankfort, Ky., Tuskegee (8-1, 6-1 SIAC) can clinch its fourth straight SIAC title and fifth straight Pioneer Bowl berth with a win Saturday over Kentucky State.

Rick Comegy's Golden Tigers, winners of 31 of their last 33 games, have not been as dominant this year though they've toughed out wins.

KSU QB Shawn Johnson, who leads all SIAC passers averaging 259.3 passing yards per game, has to make up for a defense that gives up 427 yards and 36.7 points per game.

PREDICTION: TU can't get cocky because KSU can score some points. They won't. TU 42, KSU 30.

Doug Williams and Grambling State are in position to clinch their third straight SWAC W. Div. title and a spot in the Dec. 14 SWAC Championship Game in Birmingham when they face Alabama State.

Elsewhere, BCSP #1 Bethune-Cookman (9-0, 5-0 MEAC), up to tenth in the latest Sports Network I-AA poll, gets injured QB Allen Suber back and should take care of Hampton (5-4, 3-2).

GAMES THIS WEEK

Table listing games for Saturday, November 9, 2002 and Monday, November 11, 2002. Includes game times and locations.

2002 BCSP TOP TEN

- 1. BETHUNE-COOKMAN (9-0) - Squeaked by N. C. A&T, 13-12. NEXT: At Hampton. 2. GRAMBLING (8-1) - Won at Tex. Southern, 42-28. NEXT: Homecoming vs. Alabama State.

Phillips, Fayetteville State soaring, looking for more

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Handicappers didn't pay a whole lot of attention to Fayetteville State as they sized up the CIAA before the season began.

Even though coach Kenny Phillips warned everyone, "We're on the verge if all the pieces fall into the right place."

The Broncos are atop the CIAA with an 8-1 record, their best since joining the conference in 1954, and they clinched the Western Division title with two games to play.

But Phillips doesn't think the Broncos, up to No. 19 in Division II, have had a Cinderella season after guiding them to 3-7 and 6-4 records in his first two seasons.

One of those seniors is running back DeAngelo Bridges, who is No. 2 in the CIAA in rushing with 740 yards.

Bridges rushed for 215 yards and scored three TDs as the Broncos defeated Johnson C. Smith, 30-6 on Oct. 26 to clinch the West title. They will play

athletes he thought could play at the Division I level.

"In the long run, if you get four or five you think are Division I, they can make an instant impact."

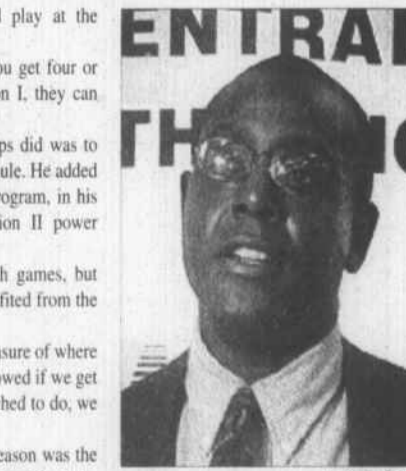
The other thing Phillips did was to upgrade the Broncos' schedule. He added Tennessee Tech, a I-AA program, in his second season and Division II power Catawba this year.

The Broncos lost both games, but Phillips says his team benefited from the contests.

"We used that as a measure of where we were," he says. "We showed if we get out and do what we're coached to do, we can play with anybody."

The highlight of the season was the Broncos' 30-26 quadruple overtime victory against former two-time defending CIAA champion Winston-Salem State.

Phillips did two things that were significant. Rather than recruiting Division II caliber players, he went after



Lut Williams Photo

PHILLIPS: Fayetteville State head coach Kenny Phillips has turned around the Broncos in less than three years leading them to their best record (8-1) ever and a CIAA West Division title.

their regular season finale and win the CIAA championship to have a shot at the playoffs.

"We have to win just about every game we play," he says. "At this point in the season you can't take a loss. If you take a loss you pretty much knock yourself out."

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN 2002 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BLACK COLLEGE TEAMS IN NATIONAL RANKINGS

Table showing national rankings for Black College Teams in NCAA Div. II and NCAA Div. I-AA through games of 11/2.