

DECISION TIME

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

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

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

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CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK SEAN WILLIAMS, So., QB, NC Central - 6-15 flor 315 yes., 1 TD, 15 car. 60 yes., 1 TD vs. LC. BRIAN HOLLIDAY, Sr., LB, PSU - 18t. St. 2 TFL FRANKLIN RHAMES, So., LB, LC - R. 3L. 1 ROOKIE
MARTIN HICKS, Fr., RB, WSSU - 2 Car., R3 yds.
SHEDRICK MOTEN, Sr., Florida A&M

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NC A&T State

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK CASEY PRINTERS, Sr., QB, Florida AAM - 26-

ROCKIE RASHARD POMPEY, Fr., RB, Florida AAM

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SWAC Alabama A&M Alabama State

Miss. Valley St. W. DIVISION **Texas Southern** Ark. Pine Bluff

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK BRUCE EUGENE, So-None», QB, Gra 24-54, 532 yds., 5 TDs. 1 TD rushing v OLIVER CELESTINE, Sr., DB, Texas Sou

SPECIAL TEAMS FRED AKON, Jr., PR., MVSU - FA KENNETH PEOPLES, Sc., RB, Southern - 1

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INDEPENDENTS

Morris Brown PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JAMES PATRICK, OB. Stillman - Tied at NCAA record with the enerceptions in 48-14 win over Edward Wahrs. Patrick now has 11

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





Steers ready to step back on to black college gridiron.

Colleges and Universities bringing back football. The small Tyler, Texas school with an enrollment of 725 students made the announcement recently and is expected to name Jay Brown to lead its gridiron fortunes. Dr. Billy C. Hawkins, president of Texas College, will officially make the introduction of Brown as Texas TEXAS COLLEGE: College's football coach and athletic director Wednesday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Martin Hall Auditorium on the school's campus.

Brown worked with the defensive line, running backs, and defensive ends for several years at New Mexico State University and Stephen F. Austin University. He was defensive coordinator at Mississippi Valley State University for three years. The Steers compete in the NAIA Div. I and in the Red River South Atlantic Conference. The football team will compete next year on the club level before joining the con-

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, has been approved to move from NCAA Div. III to Div. II status. Last summer Stillman requested the move from D-III affiliation to Division II reclassification. In early September the NCAA Division II Membership Committee accepted Stillman's request for reclassification as a provisional D-II member. Stillman President Dr. Ernest McNealey has guided the university through the re-institution process and constructed new athletic facilities for football, baseball and softball after the announcement. The move was mainly prompted by the difficulty in scheduling D-III* opponents in football. In 2000 Stillman played only three NCAA Division III football teams and none in 2001 or 2002. Stillman has played a mainly D-II football schedule with NAIA D-I teams included over the last two seasons. Another reason for the move was the disadvantage the Tigers had in facing D-II and NAIA programs that granted athletic scholarships and a football spring practice. The move allows Stillman to offer athletic scholarships in all sports that are sponsored by the college as well as have a spring training for football. On October 30 an NCAA Educational Assessment team came to Stillman to orientate college officials on Division II rules and regulations to prepare Stillman for active D-II membership. The educational assessment program for Division II requires provisional members to complete certain educational activities in order to be accepted as

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN 2002 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BLACK COLLEGE TEAMS IN NATIONAL RANKINGS

THROUGH GAMES OF 11/2

NCAA DIV. II

Grand Valley State (8-0) Valdosta State (9-0) UC Davis (7-1) Carson-Newman (9-0)

Catawba (7-1) Northwest Missouri (9-0) IUP (9-1)

Northern Colorado (8-1) Central Missouri (8-1) Saginaw Valley (7-2)

Tuskegee (8-1) Minnesota-Duluth (9-0) Central Washington (10-0) Texas A&M-Kingsville (6-2)

Nebraska-Kearney (8-1) Tarleton State (7-2) Pittsburg State (7-2) C.W. Post (9-0)

Fayetteville State (8-1) Southern Arkansas (7-2)

Emporia State (7-2) St. Cloud State (7-2)

Bloomsburg (7-2) Eastern New Mexico (7-2) 25 Findlay (8-1)

NCAA DIV. I-AA

 Montana (95) McNeese State (8) 7-1 3. Northwestern State 8-1

5. Maine 8-1 6. Eastern Illinois 6-2 Grambling State 8-1

8. Western Illinois 8-1 Georgia Southern 7-2 10. Bethune-Cookman (1) 9-0 11. Villanova 7-2

12. Massachusetts 7-2 13. Portland State Vikings 6-3 14. Appalachian State 6-3

15. Wolford 7-2 16. Lehigh 7-2 17. Eastern Kentucky 7-3 18. Northeastern 7-2

19. Western Kentucky 7-3 20. William & Mary 5-3 22. Nicholls State 6-3

23. Idaho State 5-3 24. Florida A&M 7-3 25. Gardner-Webb 7-1

Two races head to final week

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.

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

For the first time since the game was re-instituted 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. And in Bowie, Md., Saturday, Virginia State (7-2, 5-1 CIAA E) will take on Bowie State (6-3, 4-2 CIAA E) with the winner taking the CIAA E. Div. title and a berth opposite FSU for all the marbles. FSU has defeated both teams already.

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. Faison, a VSU graduate, took over from retired

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. 3. ALCORN STATE (5-2) - Beat Southern, 22-20.

NEXT: At Miss. Valley State. 4. ALABAMA A&M (6-2) - Idle. NEXT: At Jackson St. 5. TUSKEGEE (8-1) - Shutout Lane, 11-0. NEXT: At Kentucky State

6. S. C. STATE (6-3) - Lost at DelState, 27-21. **NEXT:**Hosting Howard.

7. HAMPTON (5-4) - Knocked off by Florida A&M, 25-13. NEXT: Entertains Bethune-Cookman 8. FAYETTEVILLE STATE (8-1) - Got by Bowie State, 13-7. NEXT: Hosting Virginia Union.

9. FORT VALLEY STATE (7-3) - Handled Savannah State, 25-6. NEXT: Idle 10. ALABAMA STATE (5-3) - Idle. NEXT: At

(Tie) FLORIDA A&M (7-3) - Knocked off Hampton, 25-13. NEXT: Troy State in Mobile

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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). The defense (14.3 ppg.), however, which stepped up to stop Virginia Union last week after falling behind 14-0 (en route to a 21-14 win), may be the key to the team.

BSU's defense (14.8 ppg.) has been steady all year in 2000, neither Winston-Salem State nor Virginia led by linebacker Atcheson Conway (8.9 tackles per game), tackle Charles Alston (8.6 tpg.) and defensive end Damien Walker (league-leading, 11.5 sacks), all likely all-CIAA performers. But the defense has had to compensate for third-year head coach Henry Frazier's nemic offense (16.8 ppg.).

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 (2-7, 1-5 SIAC) in a game to be carried live on MBC Television (see GAMES THIS WEEK).

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. They'll have to be careful against a dangerous KSU team.

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, both last in conference stats. Expect TU quarterback Terrance Jones (174.2 passing ypg.) and RB Cortlandt Florence (115.1 rushing ypg.) to take full advantage

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 at Grambling Saturday for homecoming (1:30 p.m.), BET will carry the game by tape delay at 6:30 p.m.

The G-Men (8-1), whose only loss came in their season-opener to McNeese State the second-ranked team in NCAA Div. I-AA, are undefeated (5-0) in games that count on the division ledger and have a two-game

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2002 Illen vs. North Greenville in Columbia, SC Bowie State vs. Virginia State in Bowie, MD Delaware State vs. N.C. A&T in Dover, DE 1:00pm 12:00pm Fairmont St. vs. W. Virginia St. in Fairmont, WV 1:00pm Florida Atlantic vs. Morris Brown in Miami, FL 4:00pm Hampton vs. Bethune-Cookman in Hampton, VA Jacksonville vs. Edward Waters in Jacksonville. FL 1:00pm Jackson St. vs. Alabama A&M in Jackson, MS :30pm Kutztown vs. Cheyney in Kutztown, PA Langston vs. Hastings in Guthrie, OK 1:00pm 1:00pm Lincoln (MO) vs. Lane in Jefferson City, MO 2:00pm Miss. Valley St vs. Alcom State in Itta Bena, MS 1:00pm Murray State vs. Tennessee State in Murray, KY N.C. Central vs. J.C. Smith in Durham, NC 2:00pm St. Augustine's vs. Livingstone in Raleigh, NC 1:30pm Shaw vs Bethel in Raleigh NC 1:30pm S.C. State vs. Howard in Orangeburg, SC 1:30pm Southern vs. Miles in Baton Rouge, LA Texas Southern vs. Clark Atlanta in Houston, TX 7:00pm 1:30pm Virginia Union vs. Fayetteville St. in Richmond, VA WSSU vs. Eliz. City St. in Winston-Salem, NC 1:00pm Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Pr. View A&M in Pine Bluff, AR 1:30pm Norfolk State vs. Morgan State in Norfolk, VA 1:00pm Stillman vs. Benedict in Tuscaloosa, AL 1:30pm CLASSICS Florida A&M vs. Troy State in Mobile, AL 4:00pm 6th Gold Coast Classic Morehouse vs. Albany State in San Diego, CA TV GAMES (On MBC Network) 3:00pm Kentucky State vs. Tuskegee in Frankfort, KY

(On BET) Grambling St. vs. Ala. St. in Grambling, LA (HC) Tape Delay at 7 pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2002 Mary-Hardin Baylor vs. Paul Quinn in Belton, TX 6:00pm

lead over Southern (3-6, 3-2 SWAC W) with just two divisional games left.

The Tigers are on a roll scoring 54, 52 and 42 points in their past three games and now lead all of I-AA at 39.22 points per game. Grambling QB Bruce Eugene has been particularly hot, passing for 1,279 yards and 16 touchdowns over those three games to take over the I-AA lead in TD passes (31) and total offense (380.2 ypg).

PREDICTION: All L. C. Cole's Hornets can do now is play spoiler for Grambling, a role he's sure to relish. But the Hornets don't have enough mustard. GSU 48,

SWAC East leader, Alabama A&M (6-2, 4-0 SWAC E) is at Jackson State (4-4, 2-2 SWA E) trying to eliminate the Tigers from the division race. JSU has struggled against teams that pressure QB Robert Kent and A&M may be the best at it in the SWAC.

PREDICTION: A&M 24, JSU 20.

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). B-CC 28, Hampton 18.

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

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

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. It is their first division or conference title ever.

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. He says the key to the season has been experience. He has a core group of seniors who have been with him since he took over.

One of those seniors is running back DeAngelo Bridges, who is No.2 in the CIAA in rushing with 740 yards. Bridges has scored 10 touchdowns and he averages 5.0 yards a carry.

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

Bowie State or Virginia State in the CIAA Championship game Nov. 16 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

"This year we were looking forward to having had guys for three years," he says. "It was time to break out and win some games that we lost last season. I wouldn't say it has been a Cinderella season. We're on schedule."

If anything, last year was a Cinderella season for the Broncos. The got off to a 6-2 start and had the division championship in their sights. But the clock struck midnight when they lost their last two games, and they didn't get to go to the ball.

"We didn't finish the season. The kids are more focused on finishing what we started this year."

Patience has been key for Phillips. He didn't come in trying to run athletes off and looking to bring in his own recruits.

"When we implemented our program, we knew we would be a success, Phillips says. "Those who believed stuck around. Others drifted. We recruited players that we thought could be the type of players we wanted. We got those

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

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 apgrade 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

"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

tory against former two-time defending CIAA champion Winston-Salem State. "That was one of the games we had to win in order to get to where want to

Broncos' 30-26 quadruple overtime vic-

get," says Phillips. The Broncos got to where they wanted to be, in the CIAA champiogship game, with their victory against Johnson C. Smith. Now they want more.

"Not only do we want to play in the CIAA championship game, we want to play n the Division II playoffs."

Phillips says the Broncos must defeat Virginia Union this weekend in



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. They want more.

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

"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 your-

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