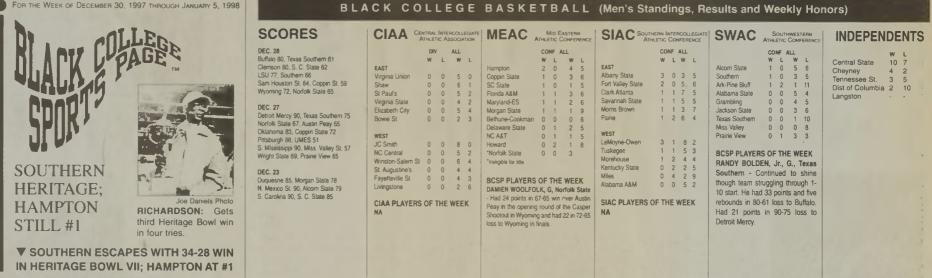
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FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 1997 THROUGH JANUARY 5, 1998



SPORTS/The Charlotte Post

Southern wins Heritage Bowl VII; Pirates retain #1

28:03, SCSU 31:57). The largest discrep-

ancy was in penalties. Southern suffered

only five for 66 yards while the Bulldogs

had a whopping 19 for 151 yards. Those

penalty yards figured significantly in the

close worked for most of the game as the

team's traded scores through three quar-

ters. SC State (9-3) led 21-20 at that point

only because they made good on more

extra points. SCSU cornerback Jami

Oats' interception of a Marcus Jacoby

pass just before the end of the third quar-

ter set the stage for the unpredictable fin-

Bulldog QB Reggie Curry broke loose

on a 40-yard TD. Cedric Oglesby's extra

point put them up 28-20. On the ensuing

kickoff, the pendulum swung right back

Southern's way as wide receiver/kick

returner Terrance Blackwell ran 98 vards

to paydirt up the left side of the field. An

excessive celebration penalty cost the

Jags 15 yards and their attempt to pass for

a PAT ended in a sack by SCSU defensive

lineman Chartric Darby. But that was

just the beginning of the Bulldogs trou-

Bulldogs penetrated to the Southern 32,

primarily on the strength of an 18-yard

After an exchange of punts, the

Two plays into the fourth quarter

Richardson's strategy of staying

outcome

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LUT WILLIAMS **BCSP Editor**

You couldn't have asked for a better game than what transpired at the McDonald's Heritage Bowl VII Saturday at the Georgia Dome

Before 32,629 fans and a national ESPN television audience, Southern University and S.C. State University engaged in an exciting see-saw affair that had all the makings of one of those "who gets the ball last" finishes.

As it turned out it was Southern who had the last word as they came up with the big plays down the stretch while SC State self-destructed, surrendering an eight-point (28-20) fourth quarter lead allowing the Jaguars to prevail, 34-28.

We knew we had to play a full sixty minutes against South Carolina State. They have a great football team," said Southern head coach Pete Richardson, who ran his Heritage Bowl record to 3-1 and his team's record on the year to 11-1.

'We had to try to control the line of scrimmage. They have a huge offensive line and if they get the lead they will start pounding you. So I thought the game had to be won in the pits on both sides.'

Statistically, the game was about dead even. Only 20 yards separated the teams in total offense (SU 318, SCSU 338), and there was less than four minutes difference in time of possession (SU

FINAL BCSP GRID TOP TEN

1. HAMPTON (10-2) - MEAC champ fell to eventual I-AA champ Youngstown State, 28-13, in first round of playoffs Wins BCSP national championship by virtue of no losses against black college opponents.

2. ALBANY STATE (11-1) - SIAC champ narrowly defeat ed at #1 ranked Carson-Newman, 23-22 in Div. II guarterfinals

4.SOUTHERN (11-1) - Defeated SC State 34-28 in

5. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (9-3) - Fell to Southern 34-28 in Heritage Bowl VII.

6. JACKSON STATE (9-3) - Lost at W. Illinois, 31-24, in opening round I-AA playoff game. 7. KENTUCKY STATE (7-5) - Upset Livingstone in inau-

gural Pioneer Bowl 30-26. 8. LIVINGSTONE (8-3) - Suffered first loss on field in

Pioneer Bowl I, 30-26 to Kentucky State. 9. VIRGINIA STATE (8-2) - Tied for second in CIAA

10. HOWARD (7-4) - Finished fourth in MEAC

10. (tie) ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF (8-3) - Third in SWAC.

Case for Hampton as BCSP champion

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MVP

Player Award. Wofford set a Heritage

Curry, who had been out the previous

series with leg cramps, returned just in

time to mishandle a snap from center.

Southern defensive lineman Joe

to cover the final 68 yards aided by three

key Bulldog penalties. FB Jermaine

West got his third short yardage TD to

give Southern their first second half lead,

32-28. Jacoby added a two-point conver-

more. The first drive was thwarted by a

15-yard personal foul penalty. In their

final possession, they committed another

The 'Dogs would get the ball twice

sion on a pass to Brian Turner.

From there the Jags needed six plays

Williams pounced on it.

Bowl record rushing for 169 yards.

▼ The McDonald's Heritage Bowl was not the MEAC in the Heritage Bowl though "the Black College Super Bowl" as far as the BCSP final ranking is concerned.

run by RB Chad Eaddy. That's when personal foul and a holding penalty that

SOUTHERN

Southern's win over South Carolina State in the final black college game of the year didn't measure up to the billing because, though Southern was the SWAC champion, SC State had losses to MEAC champion Hampton (20-14, OT) and Florida A&M (22-20) during the season. Both those teams went to the I-AA playoffs. Southern also lost at Florida A&M, 33-3.

Hampton gets the final BCSP top ranking by virtue of wins over both Florida A&M and SC State and no losses to other black college teams. SIAC champion Albany State (11-1) who made it to the Div. II quarterfinals, finished a close second. In the BCSP final rankings, Southern moves up the fifth to fourth, but still behind FAMU.

▼ The SWAC now has a 5-2 record against



Joe Daniels Photo BULLDOG MVP: SC State RB Chad Eaddy rushed for 118 yards and two TDs.

cost them 18 yards. On fourth and 29 from their own 25, Curry was sacked and fumbled on their last offensive play.

"There were two good football teams out there today," said SCSU head coach Willie Jeffries, whose Heritage Bowl record fell to 1-2. "We didn't make the big plays. Southern made the big plays. No excuses. We didn't make the plays when we needed to."

Eaddy (16 carries, 118 yds., 2 TDs) and Southern RB Steve Wofford, who set a Heritage Bowl record with 169 yards rushing, were named the outstanding players for their respective teams. Darby set a HB record with four sacks.

Southern's win was only the second in 1997 by a SWAC team in eight games against the MEAC.

▼ Other Heritage Bowl records set: Longest Kickoff Return - Terrance Blackwell, Southern, 98 yards; Most punts - Cedric Oglesby, SC State 7; Highest punting average - Southern, 49.0; Most kickoff return yardage - Southern, 179

BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

December 29, 1997 North Carolina at Bethune-Cookman - 7:30p Tennessee State vs. Dartmouth - 6:00p Prairie View at Dayton - 7:30p Mississippi Valley in Montana State Tournament Virginia Union in Californa PA Tournament Texas Southern in Cessna Classic @ Wichita St

December 30, 1997 Jackson State at Ala.-Birmingham - TBA Alabama State at Arkansas - 7:00p S.C. State at Charleston Southern - 7:30p Liberty vs. Florida A&M in Capitol City Classic St. Augustine's at Florida Southern - 6:00pm Southeastern La. at Grambling State - 7:00p Morehouse at Savannah State - 7:30p West Alabama at Southern - 7:30p Mississippi Valley in Montana State Tournament N.C. A&T at Tulane - 7:00p

two weeks ago, 'Would you be a head coach anywhere?' I probably would have said, No," Dickerson said. "But in the

DICKERSON: To

ASU

past week and a half, all this has developed. It's exciting to be back as a head coach again." Dickerson was expected to sign a five-year contract that will pay him a base salary of \$95,000 plus incentives. Markham's teams went 3-8 the past two years prompting the change.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

WHILE WE WERE AWAY: While the

BCSP devoted pages over the last two weeks to Pioneer Bowl

make \$95,000 at Alabama State and try to rebuild the

gram in five years at the helm. He was the first black head

football coach at the school. He posted a 8-47 record in his

five year stint including a 3-8 mark this year, the school's best

record during his tenure. "If anyone would have said to me

and McDonald's Heritage Bowl

Special Editions, one big move was

made on the black college football

coaching front. Former Temple head

football coach, Ron Dickerson, 49,

who resigned this year after five turbu-

lent seasons at Temple, was hired to

replace Houston Markham at

Hornets program. Dickerson had been

unable to turn around the Owls pro-

I-AA ALL-AMERICANS: Mid Eastern

Athletic Conference Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year were the only two black college players to make the Associated Press Div. I-AA All-American first team. North Carolina A&T defensive lineman Chris McNeil and Florida A&M quarterback Oteman Sampson both landed first team berths. Named to the second team were Southern offensive lineman, Chris Williams, Mississippi Valley State linebacker Terry Houzah and Hampton defensive back Cordell Taylor. Third team selections were Florida A&M freshman wide receiver Jacquay Nunnally, Hampton offensive lineman Lamont Turner, Howard defensive tackle Marques Douglas and Florida A&M placekicker, Juan Toro.

NCAA LEADERS: Three MEAC stars are among national leaders in NCAA Div. I statistics. Coppin State guard Antoine Brockington is tenth in scoring at 24.4 points per game and also ranked 12th in steals at 3.4 per game. Florida A&M seven-foot senior, Jerome James is the national leader in blocked shots at 5.4 per game. S. C State guard Roderick Blakney is 15th in steals (3.3).

THE STAT CORNER WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

McDONALD'S HERITAGE BOWL VII

3. FLORIDA A&M (9-3) - Outgunned at Ga. Southern 52-37 in opening round I-AA playoff game Heritage Bowl VII

SCORING SUMMARY AND STATS

isi Quarter	30	363
SU - West, 3-yard run - Kick failed (10:21)	6	0
2nd Quarter		
SCSU - Eaddy, 9-yard run- Demicott run (11:12)	6	8
SU - Foreman, 25-yard pass from Jacoby - Pass failed (9:27)	12	8
SCSU - McGowens, 7-yard pass from Curry - Oglesby kick (1	:10)	12
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3rd Quarte

SU - West, 3-yard run - West run (5:35	20
SCSU - Eaddy, 40-yard run - Pass failed (3:38)	20

4th Quarter

SCSU - Curry, 40-yard run - Oglesby kick (14:43)	20	3
SU - Blackwell, 98-yard kickoff return - Pass failed (14:24)	26	3
SU - West, 3-yard run - Turner, pass fro Jacoby (7:29)	34	3

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RUSHING

Southern - Wolford, 25-164; West, 6-12; Riley, 1-8; Lewis, 1-4; Mills, 1- (-5); Jacoby, 8-(136) SC State - Eaddy, 16-107; Curry, 17-72; Walker, 6-35; Wilson, 2-5; James, 2-(-1)

PASSING

Southern - Jacoby, 20-11-1, 155; Huston, 1-1-0, 16 SC State - Curry, 16-9-1, 98; Russ, 1-0-0, 0; Cantey, 1-1-0, 22

RECEIVING

Southern - Foreman, 2-73; Guye, 2-22; Blackwell, 2-21; Jacoby, 1-16; Hart, 1-13; Lewis, 1-12; Riley, 1-11; West, 1-6; Wolford, 1-(-3) SC State - Mitchell, 4-47; McGowens, 2-9; Mitts, 1-36; Love, 1-22; Walker, 1-4; James, 1-2

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Khalii Johnson, General Manager of the Georgia sorships are concerned." Dome on the official attendance

Heritage Bowl Notes

OVERHEARD AT THE HERITAGE BOWL

"The attendance for tonight was 32,629 people. This number includes everyone in the building including ticket takers, ushers, police, my staff, the game staff. It's a total attendance number '

- Craig Cason, Executive Director of the Heritage Bowl, on ideal dates for the game and its future.

"No question about it, this game needs to be held on a Saturday. Putting it on a Saturday and having a time slot that is consistent is the very first thing. ... All the teams of the SWAC and the MEAC can share in a milestone of progress. This game is going to ascend to one of the pinnacles of black college football and bowl games in gener-

- SWAC Commissioner, Dr. James Frank, who is retiring in June, on the attitude about attendance at the Heritage Bowl.

"We are, black colleges are, the envy of colleges on our level. We just left the I-AA (football) championship. (MEAC) Commissioner (Charles) Harris and I sit in meet ings with commissioners of other conferences. They ask us 'How do you do it.' When they get a crowd of 7-8,000 people, they're overjoyed. We're somewhat spoiled. We know that's not the kind of standard we want. We want a standard of 35, 40, 50,000 people. That's why I made the point that let's not make attendance the only yardstick.'

- Reggie Rutherford, producer of the Spirit and Tank Younger Awards, on attending his first Heritage Bowl. 1 thought the Heritage Bowl was very enlightening. I'm glad to see the support that's here. I think the Tank

stronger lateral position to all people who are supporting historically black colleges, especially as far as the spon-

Younger Trophy can bring exposure to both the games (the

Heritage and Pioneer Bowls). I think there needs to be a

- Roscoe Nance, USA Today sportswriter, on the progress of the Heritage Bowl and the attendance of 32.629.

"It's an improvement. There's something to build on. The additions to the crowd, the activities surrounding it and the organization seems to be a lot better. I think they've made some positive strides. They just have to continue building on it. The date is a lot better, the time is a lot better. They just have to keep fine tuning it."

Phil McAlpin, president of Focus Marketing and former HBCC Director, on the attendance, up from 18,000 a year ago.

"Clearly, it's an improvement over last year. It evidences the fact that a Saturday is key to this game. This is the first Saturday since four years ago when it first came to Atlanta and had over 36,000. Our audience needs the weekend to arrange their travel and get where they need to be. Saturday is the optimal day to put on an affair like this for African Americans.

Howie Evans, sports editor of the Amsterdam News, on the game, the organization and attendance.

"The one problem I have with these games is the officials. I don't think they move the game along swiftly enough. And it appears that they themselves try to become part of the game. You don't see this in other conferences and bowl games - the excessive amount of penalties some of them are not necessary. It's just plain, old-fashioned, hard-fought football. And those things they have to let go.'

Virginia Union in Californa PA Tournament MD-Eastern Shore at Wagner - 7:30p Tennessee State n Wis.-Green Bay Tournament

December 31, 1997 Detroit-Mercy at Bethune-Cookman - 8:00p

January 2, 1998 Johnson C. Smith in Queen's Marriott Classic

St. Paul's in Capital Key Classic

January 3, 1998

Southern at Alcom State - 7:30p Texas Southern at Ark.-Pine Bluff - 7:30p Howard at Bethune-Cookman - 8:00p Virginia State at Bowie State - 7:30p Coppin State at Delaware State - 4:00p Morgan State at Florida A&M - 4:00p Albany State at Georgia Southwestern - 8:00p S.C. State at Hampton - 4:00p Alabama State at Jackson State - 6:00p Johnson C. Smith in Queen's Marriott Classic N.C. A&T at MD-Eastern Shore - 7:30p Grambling State at Mississippi Valley - 7:30p Xavier at Morehouse - 7:00p Kentucky State at Morris Brown - 8:00p Fayetteville State at N.C. Central - 7:30p Alabama A&M at Paine - 7:30p Fort Valley at Savannah State - 8:00p St. Paul's in Capital Key Classic Austin Peag at Tennessee State - 7:45p Benedict vs. Virginia Union - 7:30p Elizabeth City State at West Chester - 7:30p Bluefield State at Winston-Salem State - 7:30p

January 4, 1998 Johnson C. Smith in Queens Marriott Classic

St. Paul's in Capital Key Classic