

FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 25 THROUGH NOV. 31, 2003

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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END OF SEASON DRAMA

▼ BCSP NO. 1 GRAMBLING PLAYS NO. 2 SOUTHERN WITH SWAC WEST, TOP RANKING ON LINE

WYATT: B-CC head coach gets his Wildcats into I-AA playoffs for second straight year and this time they get a game at home.

2003 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

SCORES

Alab. A&M 50, UAPB 0
Alab. St. 38, Tex. S'them 26
Alcorn St. 49, Jackson St. 25
B-CC 39, FAMU 35
Hampton 48, Sav. St. 13
Howard 21, DelState 6
Morgan St. 43, Norfolk St. 34
SC State 49, NC A&T 9
Tenn. St. 35, Murray St. 10

CIAA

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION	
DIV	ALL
W	L
E. DIVISION	W L W L
*Virginia Union	5 2 6 5
W. DIVISION	
*Fayetteville State	5 2 8 3

*Cinched Div. title
*Won die game - will represent conference in Dec. 20 Pioneer Bowl

SIAC

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	
CONF	ALL
W	L
*Albany State	7 1 9 2

*Cinched Conference title, Pioneer Bowl berth

MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	
CONF	ALL
W	L
*NC A&T State	6 1 10 2
Hampton	5 2 7 4
Bethune-Cookman	5 2 9 2
SC State	5 2 8 4
Morgan State	4 3 6 5
Howard	2 5 4 7
Delaware State	1 6 1 10
Norfolk State	0 7 1 11

*Cinched conference title
MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
HOWARD GILMORE, Jr., WR, NSU - 13 rec., for 305 yds., setting new school and MEAC single-game yardage mark. Most in I-AA this year.

DEFENSE
DEWITT ELLERBE, Sr., DB, SCSU - Scored two TDs, on 75-yard interception return and on 30-yard blocked FG return. Also had 8 tackles, 5 solos, and one fumble recov., in win over NC A&T.

ROOKIE
ERIC WEEMS, Fr., WR, B-CC - Rushed for two TDs, and caught game-winning 18-yard TD pass in last-second win over FAMU.

SPECIAL TEAMS
VAUGHN WATERS, So., P/K, HOWARD - Averaged 40 yards on nine punts, four inside the 20 vs. DelState.

SWAC

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	
DIV	ALL
W	L
E. DIVISION	W L W L
Alabama State	5 2 7 4
Alcorn State	5 2 7 5
Alabama A&M	4 3 8 4
Jackson State	2 5 2 10
Miss. Valley St.	1 6 2 9
W. DIVISION	
Grambling State	6 0 9 2
Southern	5 1 10 1
Texas Southern	3 4 5 6
Ark. Pine Bluff	3 4 4 7
Prairie View A&M	0 7 1 9

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
DONALD CARRIE, Jr., QB, ALCORN ST. - Completed 13 of 17 passes for 259 yards and 3 TDs. Also rushed for 3 TDs in win over Jackson State.

DEFENSE
RONALD DILLON, Jr., LB, ALAB. ST. - Game-high 16 tackles, 11 solos, 3 for losses, 1 sack, in win over Texas Southern.

SPECIAL TEAMS
RASHAD CYLAR, Sr., P/K, ALAB. A&M - 3 punts for 47.3 avg., 6-6 on PATs vs. UAPB.

NEWCOMER
KELDRICK WILLIAMS, So., RB, ALAB. ST. - 26 car., 139 yds., 1 TD vs. TSU.

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L
Tennessee State	7	5
Florida A&M	6	6
Edward Waters	7	4
Stillman	5	5
Lincoln (Mo.)	4	7
Allen	3	5
W. Va. State	3	8
Cheyney	2	9
Savannah State	0	12

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
CHARLES ANTHONY, Jr., RB, TSU - Rushed for 94 yards on a career-high 38 carries in win over Murray State. Anthony finished the season as the top rusher in black college football with 1,708 yards, 142.3 yards per game.

DEFENSE
NA

SPECIAL TEAMS
NA

GAMES THIS WEEK

HURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

urkey Day Classic

Alabama State vs. Tuskegee in Montgomery, AL 1:00pm

ATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

NCAA Div. I-AA First Round Game

Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida Atlantic in Daytona Beach, FL 2:00pm

V GAMES

0th Bayou Classic (NBC)

Grambling vs. Southern in New Orleans, LA 1:00pm

NCAA Div I-AA 1st Round Playoff Game (MBC)

V. C. A&T vs. Wofford in Spartanburg, SC 1:00pm

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



"DRUMLINE" LAWSUIT PRESS CONFERENCE: Darryl Lassiter (at the podium), producer of the movie "Pay The Price" is flanked by his legal team as they announce a lawsuit against 20th Century Fox and its film "Drumline" at an Atlanta press conference. Pictured (l. to r.) are Tom Weiksnar (Gary Law Firm), Paul Lucas (Gary Law Firm), Darryl D. Lassiter (writer, producer, director), David Gough, (Executive Producer), Willie Gary, Joseph Beckman (The Intellectual Property Law Firm).

TROUBLE WITH "DRUMLINE":

A lawsuit was filed in the Southern District of New York in early November against 20th Century Fox, Fox Entertainment Group and Rupert Murdoch (owner of Fox News Corporation), producers and distributors of the film, "Drumline," claiming that ideas from the film "Pay The Price," were stolen and included in their film. Famed Attorney Willie Gary, who represents Darryl D. Lassiter and David L. Gough, producers of "Pay The Price," was present at a press conference announcing the suit. Gary played a 40-minute videotape comparing 40 scenes from the two films. The plaintiffs say "Drumline," has nearly 30 scenes that resemble scenes in "Pay The Price," and includes three of the same cast members (J. Anthony Brown, Crystal Porter and Malcolm Spears). Both films are based in Atlanta focusing on students struggling to join a black college marching band. Both films used Clark Atlanta University and Morris Brown College bands, both featured band directors that loved classical music and both ended in a "battle of the bands" competition. The plaintiffs are seeking damages that could total \$450 million and an additional \$150 million for Lassiter's personal losses. "Pay The Price" was based on Lassiter's experience in Alabama State University's Marching Band where he was trumpet section leader for three years and band treasurer. Lassiter wrote his screenplay and registered it with the Library of Congress and Writers Guild of America in 1992. He produced "Pay The Price" in 1999 and won first place in the New York Film Festival in July, 2000. He has also produced and directed 37 music videos. Gough is the founder and president of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Known as "The Mayor of Gospel," he has recorded seven albums and the acclaimed hit "Highly Recommend" which is performed in the movie. He met Lassiter while in Las Vegas and they began working on a music video. Gough later financed PTP. "Drumline" was produced by Atlanta music mogul Dallas Austin for \$20 million and grossed \$54 million in domestic box office receipts. Lassiter said he met an assistant to Austin in 2000 proposing that Austin help finance distribution of "Pay The Price."

O'NEAL FALLS SHORT:

Former Jackson State golfer Tim O'Neal fell three shots short of making to the final stage of PGA Tour Qualifying School. Playing at the King and Bear Course of the World Golf Village in St. Augustine's, Fl., one of six sites for second stage qualifying, O'Neal shot 73-70-69-70-282 (-6). A score of 272 (-9) was needed to advance. The top 20 places and ties advanced to the final stage. O'Neal finished in a tie for 28th place.

NC A&T, B-CC get I-AA playoff bids

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Every game counts. That's the mantra coaches from both North Carolina A&T and Bethune-Cookman are likely reciting to their players after regular season finales for both teams.

Both Mid Eastern Athletic Conference squads were named to the 16-team NCAA Div. I-AA playoff field Sunday but where they are playing and how they were put there is a lot about how they finished the season.

MEAC champion A&T (10-2), who earned the conference automatic bid on Nov. 15 with a win over Hampton, ended its season Saturday with a lopsided 49-9 loss to South Carolina State. Perhaps because of that result, the Aggies will have to travel to Southern Conference champion Wofford (10-1) for their opening round playoff game Saturday in Spartanburg, S. C. (1 p.m. on MBC).

B-CC (9-2) on the other hand, ended its regular season Saturday with a dramatic, last-second 39-35 win over arch rival Florida A&M, the team that's left the MEAC to move up to Div. IA football. When the brackets came out Sunday, the Wildcats were rewarded with a home game in Daytona Beach vs. Florida Atlantic (9-2) Saturday to begin its championship run.

What this means is that the MEAC champ Aggies, who defeated B-CC, and lost only to SC State in conference play, have to hit the road while the conference runner-up, B-CC gets a home date.

"It just had a lot to do with regional matchups," said A&T coach George Small. "Wofford is the second-ranked team and we just happen to be in their region."

After seeding the top four teams (McNeese State, Wofford, Delaware and Colgate) the I-AA Selection Committee chooses what they determine are the best geographical matchups, said A&T Assistant

Athletic Director. Wheeler Brown.

"It just made more sense for us to go to Wofford and it made more sense for Florida Atlantic and Bethune-Cookman to play," said Brown. "We knew Bethune-Cookman had a bid in (to host). That was no secret. We didn't know whether Florida Atlantic put in a bid."

"Being the MEAC champions, naturally we think we deserve to host a first round game. The NCAA rules being what they are, we have no choice but to accept what came down the pipe. We thought we were deserving of a home game, even though we lost Saturday. But the NCAA or the selection committee saw things differently. If I'm Wofford, the No. 2 team in the country, you better believe I believe I should host a game, also. So, you have to look at it from that point of view."

A&T will be facing a Wofford team that Small said runs an option offense similar to the one his team faced against Bethune-Cookman.

"They have a time-of-possession, ball-control type offense with a very basic defense and very sound special teams. In all phases of the game, they're very sound. To be the No. 2 ranked team in the nation, they have to be doing some things right and they're doing plenty of things right."

Wofford has run for 2,799 yards and 34 touchdowns while passing for 680 yards and five TDs. The teams have one common opponent, South Carolina State. Wofford beat the Bulldogs 35-13 on Sept. 6. A&T lost Saturday to SCSU, 49-9. In the game against SCSU, Wofford was held to a season-low 224 yards.

"We have to start taking care of the little things that got us here," said Small. "We got away from that on Saturday."

Florida Atlantic enters its game against Bethune-Cookman on an eight-game winning streak. Their only losses of the season were to Valdosta State and Central Florida in the season's second and third weeks.

The Owls are led by junior QB Jared Allen (170-257, 66.1%, 2,305 yds., 18 TDs, 5

BCSP TOP TEN

1. GRAMBLING ST. (9-2) - Idle. NEXT: #2 Southern at Bayou Classic in New Orleans.
 2. SOUTHERN (10-1) - Idle. NEXT: Grambling in New Orleans at Bayou Classic.
 3. N. C. A&T (10-2) - Lost to SC State, 49-8. NEXT: First round I-AA playoff game at Wofford.
 4. BETHUNE-COOKMAN (9-2) - Got last-second win over Florida A&M, 39-35. NEXT: First round I-AA playoff game at home vs. Central Florida.
 5. ALABAMA STATE (7-4) - Beat Texas Southern to win SWAC East Division. NEXT: SWAC Championship Game, Dec. 13 vs. West Division champ.
 6. ALBANY STATE (9-2) - Idle. NEXT: Regular season over. Will play in Dec. 20 Pioneer Bowl.
 7. ALABAMA A&M (8-4) - Rolled over Ark.-Pine Bluff, 50-0. NEXT: Season over.
 8. HAMPTON (7-4) - Beat Savannah State, 38-13. NEXT: Season over. Tied for second in MEAC
 9. S. C. STATE (8-4) - Upended NC A&T, 49-9. NEXT: Season over. Tied for second in MEAC
 10. ALCORN STATE (7-5) - Beat Jackson State, 49-25. NEXT: Season over. Tied for first in SWAC East.
- (TIE) TENNESSEE STATE (6-5) - Defeated Murray State, 35-10. NEXT: Season over.

int.) one of the nation's most accurate passers. Anthony Jackson leads the rushing attack with 678 yards and six TDs.

Half of SWAC settled

Alabama State captured its second East Division title in three years and a berth in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Football Championship Game on December 13, 2003 at Birmingham's Legion Field with a 38-26 win over Texas Southern.

The West division title will be settled next week when BCSP No. 1 Grambling State and BCSP No. 2 meet in the 30th Bayou Classic in New Orleans, Saturday on NBC.

BCSP Notes

MEAC Volleyball

Florida A&M captured their third straight Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Volleyball Championship with a straight set victory over second seed Maryland-Eastern Shore 30-18, 30-21, 30-16, Saturday afternoon at the Greensboro Parks & Recreation Sportsplex.

Adriana Kostadinova received tournament outstanding performer honors as she compiled 45 kills and an average of 5.00 kills per game for the tournament.

Jayli Jackson led FAMU with 14 kills. Kostadinova added 13 for the Rattlers. Jana Milin led the Hawks with 14 kills and seven digs.

With the win the FAMU receives the leagues' automatic bid into the NCAA Division I Volleyball Championship. First and second round matches will be held on the campuses of participating institutions beginning December 4.

Maryland-Eastern Shore's Milin and Sanda Dzile were selected the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player and Rookie of the Year, as voted by the leagues' Head Volleyball Coaches and Sports Information Directors. Florida A&M's Tony Trifonov picked up Coach of the Year honors.

Trifonov led FAMU to a perfect 10-0 record in league play and their third straight championship. The Lady Rattlers, currently on a 21-match win streak, have won 66 consecutive matches against MEAC opponents. Their last loss to an MEAC team was in 1998 when they were swept 3-0 by North Carolina A&T.

Milin, who received Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors in 2002, led the Lady Hawks to a 24-11 overall record and 9-1 MEAC record. The 5-10 sophomore outside hitter from Pula, Croatia, was selected the MEAC Player of the Week five times this season. She leads the MEAC in kills per game, averaging 5.38.

Dzile, named Rookie of the Week five times in 2003, keeps the Rookie of the Year trophy at Maryland-Eastern Shore, giving the Lady Hawks their second straight Rookie honor. Dzile

(5-10, setter, Bauska, Latoria) leads the league in total assists 1224 and ranks second in assists per game (10.37).

2003 MEAC Volleyball all-conference teams

First Team

Andreina Ruiz, FAMU, OH, 5-10, So., Lima, Peru
Jana Milin, UMES, OH, 5-10, So., Pula, Croatia
Jayli Jackson, FAMU, MB, 6-3, Jr., San Diego, Calif.
Tiffany Oliver, Morgan St., MB, 6-2, Sr., Merced, Calif.
A. Kostadinova, FAMU, OH, 6-3, So., Sofia, Bulgaria
M. Portocarrero, FAMU, S, 6-0, Jr., Lima, Peru

Coach of the Year: Tony Trifonov, Florida A&M

Player of the Year: Jana Milin, UMES

Rookie of the Year: Sanda Dzile, UMES

Albany State falls

The Albany State University Lady Rams fell short of bringing a regional volleyball championship back to Albany. The Lady Rams lost to the Central Missouri State University Jennies, 3-0, in the opening round of the NCAA Division II South Central Volleyball Regional Tournament on Nov. 20. The Lady Rams led during the first game, but were unable to hold the lead as the Jennies won with scores of 30-26, 30-16 and 30-16 to advance to the regional semifinals. The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) champs were led by Janel Herring, who recorded 11 kills for the Lady Rams. Sandra Boyd added eight kills and 15 digs, and Eshovo Amune had seven digs. Setter Erica Nepote had 26 assists and nine digs, and Alona Brinson and Kierra Washington each had two blocks. The Lady Rams finish the 2003 season with a 28-9 record.

SAC Lady Falcons fall

Saint Augustine's College lost in opening round action at the NCAA Division II Volleyball Regionals. St. Aug fell to Indiana (PA), 3-1, in the Atlantic Regional Tournament.

No. 3 Indiana (Pa.) fought back after a first-game loss for the four-game victory over No. 6 St. Augustine's (25-5), 26-30, 30-25, 30-21, and

30-22.

St. Augustine's came out swinging in game one against Indiana, registering 17 kills en route to the 30-16 victory. Indiana battled back, winning a close 30-25 game after capitalizing on 10 attack errors by the Lady Falcons.

St. Aug's Katrina Johnson paced the Lady Falcons with 18 kills and totaled eight digs. Junior middle Magaly Gomez recorded 12 kills, 11 digs and three aces in the loss. Outside hitter Aurea Griffith added nine kills and nine assists.

Bayou Extension near

Southern Board of Supervisors member Ralph Slaughter said negotiations to keep the Bayou Classic in New Orleans could be finalized in two weeks.

The board at its Friday meeting in Shreveport adopted a resolution that will request the state to support the Bayou Classic in a tangible, financial way as they do with other big games in the state - such as the Independence Bowl and Sugar Bowl.

The 10-year agreement between both universities and the city of New Orleans expired last year.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
STEVE McNAIR, 6-2, 235, QB, Tennessee (9th year, ALCORN STATE) - Completed 9 of 11 passes for 95 yards and two TDs to Frank Wycheck before injuring his calf n win over Atlanta.

DEFENSE
BRETT ALEXANDER, 5-11, 200, FS, Pittsburgh (10th year, TENNESSEE STATE) - Four tackles and one assist, an end zone interception and a fumble recovery in win over Cleveland.