

FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 2 THROUGH DEC. 8, 2003

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



JAGUARS REGAIN TOP SPOT

▼ SOUTHERN WINS EXCITING BAYOU CLASSIC; A&T, B-CC FALL IN PLAYOFFS

RICHARD: Southern QB Quincy Richard threw for 552 yards and five TDs in 44-41 Bayou Classic win over Grambling.

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

SCORES

THUR., NOV. 27
Alabama State 48
Tuskegee 28

SAT., NOV. 29
Southern 44
Grambling St. 41

I-AA PLAYOFFS (FIRST ROUND)
Wofford 31
NC A&T 10

FL ATLANTIC 32
Bethune-Cookman 24

CIAA

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION		DIV	ALL	
E. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
*Virginia Union	5	2	6	5
Bowie State	5	2	6	4
Shaw	4	3	7	3
Virginia State	3	4	5	5
Eliz. City State	2	5	2	8
W. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
*Fayetteville State	5	2	8	3
W-Salem State	5	2	7	3
St. Augustine's	3	4	5	5
Livingstone	3	4	3	7
N. C. Central	2	5	4	6
J. C. Smith	1	6	1	9

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

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
NA
DEFENSE
NA

MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE		CONF	ALL	
W	L	W	L	
*NC A&T State	6	1	10	3
Hampton	5	2	7	4
Bethune-Cookman	5	2	9	3
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
SCOTT AUSTIN, Sr., QB, B-CC - Threw for 191 yards (16-33-2) and two TDs in relief of Allen Suber in playoff loss to Florida Atlantic.

DEFENSE
STEVE BAGGS, Sr., LB/DE, B-CC - Two sacks, a forced fumble and pass break-up in playoff loss to Florida Atlantic.

ROOKIE
ERIC WEEMS, Fr., WR, B-CC - 11 rec., for 124 yards and a TD in playoff loss to Florida Atlantic. Also ran the ball four times for 12 yards.

SPECIAL TEAMS
NA

SIAC

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE		CONF	ALL	
W	L	W	L	
*Albany State	7	1	9	2
Kentucky State	6	2	7	4
Miles	6	2	7	3
Fort Valley State	5	3	7	4
Benedict	4	4	6	5
Tuskegee	4	4	5	6
Morehouse	2	5	3	7
Lane	1	7	2	9
Clark Atlanta	0	8	0	11

*Cinched Conference title, Pioneer Bowl berth

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
NA
DEFENSE
NA

SWAC

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE		DIV	ALL	
E. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Alabama State	5	2	8	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	W	L	W	L
Grambling State	6	1	9	3
Southern	6	1	11	1
Texas Southern	3	4	5	6
Ark. Pine Bluff	3	4	4	7
Prairie View A&M	0	7	1	9

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SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
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DEFENSE
NA

INDEPEND.

W	L	
Tenn. State	7	5
Florida A&M	6	6
Edw. Waters	7	4
Stillman	5	5
Lynch (Mo.)	4	7
Allen	3	5
W. Va. State	3	8
Cheyney	2	9
Sav. State	0	12

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
NA
DEFENSE
NA
SPECIAL TEAMS
NA

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

SWAC TO HONOR LEGENDS:

The SWAC Alumni Association will present its Lifetime Achievement Award to **Davey L. Whitney, Sam Jefferson** and **William J. "Billy" Nicks** (posthumously) at its fourth annual Legends Reception Dec. 12 at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Ala. The award is given to individuals in recognition for their contributions to athletics in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Whitney, former men's basketball coach at **Alcorn State**, compiled a 567-357 career-record in 32 seasons, including five at **Texas Southern**. He led Alcorn State to 12 national postseason tournament appearances, including five trips to the NCAA tournament, two trips to the NIT and five NAIA appearances. Whitney retired following the 2002-03 season. Nicks, who was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in 1999, compiled a 189-55-9 record at **Prairie View** and **Morris Brown**. His teams at Prairie View won five black national championships, eight SWAC championships and were undefeated five times. He is the only college coach to win a national championship in each decade of his career (the 1940s, '50s and '60s). Nicks died in 1999 at age 94, shortly after his induction into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame. Jefferson was **Jackson State's** first full-time sports information director and held that position for 29 years before retiring in 2002. He was named SWAC Sports Information Director of the Year and unprecedented eight times, including six consecutive times from 1997-2002. He also served as president of the SWAC SIDs and Black College Sports Information Directors Association (BCSIDA) in addition to serving on the CoSida (College Sports Information Directors Association) Board of Directors being a member of several committees within that organization. The SWAC Alumni Association was founded four years ago. Its purpose is to support the Southwestern Athletic Conference events, promote its legacy, and preserve its athletic heritage. Former athletes in all sports from all member institutions are eligible for membership, as are head coaches, assistant coaches, athletic trainers and athletic administrators, referees and employees of the conference office. For information about becoming a member, contact Roscoe Nance, SWAC Alumni Association coordinator by phone at 800-872-3410, extension 3722 or by e-mail at scomobile@aol.com.

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BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



OFFENSE
JIMMY SMITH, 6-1, 213, WR, Jacksonville (13th year, JACKSON STATE) - Ten receptions for 136 yards including the game-deciding TD on a 48-yard pass from rookie QB Bryon Leftwich in the fourth quarter of a win over Tampa Bay. The winning catch was only one of the night's nice moments for Smith. In the first quarter, he caught three passes to become the 16th player in NFL history to reach 700 receptions.



DEFENSE
RASHEAN MATHIS, 6-2, 202, DB, Jacksonville (1st year, BETHUNE-COOKMAN) - Led Jags with nine tackles in upset win over Tampa Bay. Mathis was also credited with defending one pass.



GREG WESLEY, 6-2, 206, SS, Kansas City (4th year, ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF) - Five tackles, one assist, and an interception in win over San Diego.

LUT WILLIAMS

The top five teams in the BCSP Top Ten took to the field for important games over the weekend. The two winners have another game to play while the three losers saw their seasons come to an end.

Classic Rivalry
BCSP Nos. 1 and 2, **Grambling State** and **Southern**, staged a shootout for the ages at the 30th Bayou Classic Saturday with the Jaguars prevailing, 44-41.

Southern (11-1) and coach **Pete Richardson** not only got their tenth win in 11 games in the classic against Grambling (9-3), but this time halted the Tigers three-year stranglehold on the SWAC title by taking the West Division crown and a spot in the Dec. 13 SWAC Championship Game in Birmingham.

The Jaguars also moved back atop the BCSP Top Ten and in position to take their first black college national championship since 1998.

When the dust cleared Saturday in the offensive slugfest before the season's second largest black college crowd, 70,151 fans at the New Orleans Superdome, Southern and Grambling had combined for 1,136 yards and a classic-record 85 points.

Southern senior quarterback **Quincy Richard** and a host of his receivers were the stars. Richard (34-42-2 ints.) ran for one touchdown and threw for a career-high 552 yards and five touchdowns while three of his receivers (**Alfred Ard, Chris Davis** and **Drayton Bridges**) topped 100 receiving yards.

Grambling junior quarterback **Bruce Eugene**, who passed for 409 yards and three TDs (26-48-2), was in tears after the game. And as great as the contest was, perhaps the most outstanding highlight was the Southern players' reaction to Eugene.

As the New Orleans native shed tears profusely with NBC's cameras giving an up-close glimpse to millions on national TV, player after player from Southern came up to console him.

Perhaps the most poignant comment about the so-called "fiercer rivalry" between the two Louisiana schools came from Southern defensive back **Erin Damond**, who picked off Eugene's final pass as he attempted to lead Grambling to a last-minute victory.

"I've never experienced anything like this," said Damond, an LSU transfer. "It's a rivalry, but it's nothing but love, no hatred. You have to be a part of it to really feel how it is."

Playoff Debacles
BCSP No. 3, **North Carolina A&T** and No. 4, **Bethune-Cookman** battled gamely but went down to defeat in the first round of the NCAA Div. I-AA playoffs against higher ranked opponents.

BCSP Notes

MEAC Grid Stars

Bethune-Cookman quarterback **Allen Suber** has been named the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** Offensive Player of the Year and his teammate, defensive end **Steve Baggs** was named the Defensive Player of the Year, the league announced last week.

Hampton's freshman running back **Alonzo Coleman** picked up Rookie of the Year honors, while his teammate, **Patrick Cheatham** was named the MEAC Offensive Lineman of the Year. **North Carolina A&T** head coach **George Small** earned Coach of the Year honors.

This marks the second straight season that **Bethune-Cookman** produced the leagues' offensive and defensive players of the year. Last year, Suber and former teammate **RaShean Mathis** were the recipients of the two awards.

Suber, the preseason favorite, was named the MEAC player of the week three times this season. Suber led the MEAC in total offense, averaging 212.5 yards per game. He currently has 4,950 passing yards (15th all-time in MEAC) and 2,875 rushing yards (8th all-time in MEAC). Suber is a finalist for the coveted Walter Payton Award given to the top I-AA football player in the nation.

Baggs, a Buck Buchanan Award finalist, leads division I-AA and set a division record with 35 tackles for losses. He averages 3.00 tackles for losses per game. Baggs is also fifth nationally in sacks averaging 1.14 (14.5 total sacks). On November 15 Baggs became the Wildcats' all-time sack leader with 36.5 sacks, eclipsing the previous mark of 34 set in 1997. He currently has 37 sacks.

Coleman burst into the Hampton lineup as a



WINNERS: Charlie Coe (l.) and Pete Richardson (r.) emerged from their Thanksgiving weekend battles and will now face off Dec. 13 in Birmingham at the SWAC Championship Game.



The Aggies (10-3) fell at Wofford, 31-10, while the Wildcats (9-3) lost at home to Florida Atlantic, 32-24.

Wofford's methodical option attack rolled up 370 rushing yards on 58 attempts while getting none through the air (0-2, 0 yds.) in wearing down A&T.

Wofford QB Jeff Zolman did the most damage, getting most of his 141 yards on 12 carries through the middle of the Aggie defense. RB Kevious Johnson got most of his 106 yards on the edges as the Terriers varied their ground attack.

After trailing 10-0 at the half, and going down 17-0 early in the third period, the Aggies fought back to within 17-10 on a three-yard TD run by QB **Rico Watkins** and a 25-yard **Yonnick Matthews** field goal, both in the third quarter. But Wofford opened the fourth quarter with a 17-play, 85-yard drive consuming almost seven minutes and resulting in Zolman's four-yard TD run that effectively put the game away.

The Aggies rushed for 162 yards and netted 176 passing yards but were hurt by Watkins' four sacks for -44 yards.

Bethune-Cookman, playing without injured star QB **Allen Suber** for more than three quarters, battled back from 17-point deficits in the first and fourth quarters getting to within 27-24 late before FAU pulled away for the victory.

Suber, the Wildcats' versatile MEAC offensive player of the year, went out early in the first quarter with a bruised sternum and did not return. B-CC head coach **Alvin Wyatt** used three reserve QBs, using all three in some drives, as the Wildcats went away from their option attack choosing instead to put the ball in the air after trailing 17-0 in the first quarter and 27-10 in the last period.

Reserve **Scott Austin** (26-42-1 int., 191 yds., 2 TDs) was the most effective. After a 23-yard **Jesus Cortez** field goal got the 'Cats on the board before the half, Austin hit **Jonathan Summers** with a 53-yard TD pass to open the second half scoring and get them to within 17-10 early in the third quarter.

FAU came back to score 10 more points

BCSP TOP TEN

- SOUTHERN (11-1)** - 44-41 win over Grambling clinches SWAC West title. NEXT: Dec. 13 vs. Alabama State in SWAC Championship Game.
- GRAMBLING ST. (9-3)** - Lost to Southern, 44-41, in Bayou Classic. NEXT: Season over. Tied for first in SWAC West.
- N. C. A&T (10-3)** - Lost 31-10 at Wofford in first round of I-AA playoffs. NEXT: Season over. MEAC champ.
- BETHUNE-COOKMAN (9-3)** - Lost to Florida Atlantic, 32-24 in first round of I-AA playoffs. NEXT: Season over. Tied for second in MEAC.
- ALABAMA STATE (8-4)** - Beat Tuskegee, 48-28. NEXT: SWAC Championship Game, Dec. 13 vs. Southern in Birmingham.
- ALBANY STATE (9-2)** - SIAC champs. NEXT: Pioneer Bowl vs. CIAA champ, Fayetteville State.
- ALABAMA A&M (8-4)** - Season over. Third in SWAC East.
- HAMPTON (7-4)** - Season over. Tied for second in MEAC.
- S. C. STATE (8-4)** - Season over. Tied for second in MEAC.
- ALCORN STATE (7-5)** - Season over. Tied for first in SWAC East.
- TENNESSEE STATE (6-5)** - Season over.

before two quick B-CC touchdowns, Austin's six-yard scoring pass to **Eric Weems** (11 rec., 124 yds.) and a 19-yard TD run from **Brad Lee** got B-CC to within 27-24 midway through the fourth quarter. But they could not mount a scoring threat after that.

B-CC outgained the Owls 400 to 316 yards and sacked FAU QB Jared Allen six times but were done in by four lost fumbles, two interceptions and 16 penalties for 142 yards.

Holiday Treat
BCSP No. 5, **Alabama State**, who had already clinched the SWAC East title and a spot in the Dec. 13 SWAC Championship Game, ended four years of frustration by knocking off **Tuskegee** 48-28 Thursday at the 80th annual *Turkey Day Classic* in Montgomery, Al.

In getting the win, new head coach **Charlie Coe** accomplished something that **L. C. Cole**, the man he replaced barely a month before the season started, could not do in four tries.

After falling behind 14-0 in the first period, the Hornets scored 34 unanswered points to take control of the contest. ASU QB **Tavarus Jackson** (11-22-0, 230 yards) threw for three TDs while WR **Reginald Glover** (6 rec., 176 yds.) hauled in two scoring passes. RB **Keldrick Williams** ran for 112 yards and another two TDs (40 and 12 yards).

ASU will enter the SWAC title game with an 8-4 record. Tuskegee ends its season at 5-6.



BAGGS



SUBER

- DEFENSE**
DL - Steve Baggs, Sr., BCC
DL - Isaac Hilton, Sr., Hampton
DL - Paul White, Sr., Hampton
DL - Albert Gamble, Sr., MSU
LB - Kevin Talley, Jr., NSU
LB - Jamal Muhammad, Jr., BCC
LB - Kitwana Jones, Sr., Hampton
DB - Tor-Ei Robinson, Sr., BCC
DB - Antoine Bethea, So., Howard
DB - Eddie Ravenall, Sr., NCA&T
DB - Johnny Williams, Sr., SCSU
P - Cameron Muro, So., Hampton

- SECOND TEAM**
OFFENSE
WR - Thomas Bolden, Jr., DSU; Tommie Manus, Jr., MSU
OL - Julius Franklin, Jr., BCC; Kareem Sanders, Sr., NCA&T; Maurice Foster, Sr., MSU; Aaron Wiggins, Jr., MSU
C - Junius Coston, Jr., NCA&T
TE - Samuel Buck, So., Howard
QB - Reese McCampbell, Sr., SCSU
RB - Terrell Johnson, So., NSU; Coty Martin, Jr., SCSU
KR/PR - Jonathan Brewer, Sr., Howard
PK - Jon Voroshilin, Sr., MSU
DEFENSE
DL - Olufermi Oyedele, Jr., DSU; Samuel Murphy, Sr., Hampton; Rickie Lewis, So., NCA&T; Travis Kinloch, So., SCSU
LB - Vincent Brown, Fr., MSU; Herbert Dixon, Fr., NCA&T; Andrekos Pooler, Sr., SCSU
DB - Kenny Healy, Sr., BCC; Dewitt Ellerbe, Sr., SCSU; Travis Oliver, Sr., Hampton; Tyrone Greenwood, Sr., DSU
P - Jon Voroshilin, Sr., MSU