

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2005

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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THE BEAT GOES ON

▼ CIIA UNBEATENS, SC STATE vs. B-CC, MVSU vs. AA&M HIGHLIGHT SCHEDULE

EUGENE: Grambling QB faces big test in Seattle facing Div. I Washington State Saturday.

SCORES

SEPTEMBER 10

Alabama State 27, Texas Southern 11
Benedict 28, Johnson C. Smith 11
B-Cookman 31, Ark.-Pine Bluff 17
Bowie State 35, Morgan State 21
Catawba 37, Virginia State 18
Chapman 13, Saint Paul's 10
Concordia 75, Atlantic College 8
Delaware State 38, Millersville 6
Elon 48, Savannah State 14
Fayv. State 36, Elk City State 6
Fort Valley State 31, Lane 23
Grambling State 44, Alabama A&M 0
Hampton 22, Howard 12
Langston 45, Lincoln (MO) 3
Miss Valley State 31, Southern 28

NC A&T 16, Norfolk State 14
NC Central 28, Lenoir-Rhyne 21, OT
Prairie View A&M 39, Paul Quinn 12
Saint Augustine's 13, Mars Hill 6
Shaw 24, Edward Waters 6
SC State 52, Winston-Salem State 12
South Florida 37, Florida A&M 3
SE La 48, Alcorn State 21
Stillman 35, Morehouse 14
Tennessee College 28, Clark Atlanta 26
Tenn. State 20, Jackson State 14, OT
Tuskegee 36, Miles 7
Virginia Union 32, Livingston 15
W. Va. State 23, W. Va. West 15

SEPTEMBER 11

Albany State 17, Kentucky State 7

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

SMITH, HOOPS IN AT UDC:


University of the District of Columbia President William L. Pollard, has announced the appointment of Julius L. Smith, Jr. as the school's new men's basketball head coach. The appointment marks the reinstatement of the UDC Firebirds men's basketball program, which was suspended for the 2004-05 season because of concerns about reported ineligibility issues. Coach Smith, a native Washingtonian, graduated from Archbishop John Carroll High School in 1973. He then went on to attend Morehouse College graduating in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. After graduating from college, Smith served in various athletic related capacities, including working as assistant coach at several colleges. His last coaching position was at Indiana University where he was an assistant to Head Coach Mike Davis, during the 2000-01 season.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK


OFFENSE
JIMMY SMITH, 6-1, 213, WR, Jacksonville (13th year, JACKSON STATE) - Led Jaguars with seven receptions for 130 yards including TD grabs of 30 and 7 yards from QB Byron Leftwich in win 2-14 over Seattle.

DEFENSE
MICHAEL STRAHAN, 6-5, 275, DE, New York Giants (13th year, TEXAS SOUTHERN) - Six tackles, one assist and one sack in Giants 42-19 rout of Arizona.

Full list of black college players' performances in NFL games available on-line at BCSP at HBCU Sports.com



SMITH



STRAHAN

HOW THEY DID IT

Mississippi Valley State 31, Southern 28
QB Aries Nelson completed 31 of 43 passes for 343 yards and one TD and ran in for another as the Delta Devils (2-0, 2-0 SWAC E) came from 11 points down in the fourth quarter to get their first win over the Jaguars (0-1, 0-1 SWAC W) in 11 years. Trailing 21-10 entering the final period, Nelson scored on a one-yard run following a fumble deep in Southern territory to start the comeback. He then hooked up with WR Tyrone Timmons (13 rec., 177 yards) on four completions in an 80-yard six-play drive, the score coming on a 15-yard strike to put them up 24-21. Southern answered with an 8-yard TD pass from back-up QB Gerard Barrow to WR Gerard Landry (6 rec., 79 yds., 2 TDs) to go back ahead 28-24 at the 9:37 mark. Nelson then engineered an 11-play, 65-yard drive culminating in Walter Burnette's one-yard TD plunge with 4:35 to play that was the game-winner. Nelson passed for a career-high in yards and the Devils had no turnovers. SU starting QB J.C. Lewis was 224 of 39 for 312 yards and one TD before giving way to Barrow (4-4, 78 yds., 1 TD). Lewis threw one interception and the Jaguars lost two fumbles.

Bowie State 35, Morgan State 21
RB Isaac Redman rushed for a school record 209 yards and scored on first half touchdown runs of 9, 25, and 99 yards as Bowie State (3-0, 0-0 CIAA E) jumped out to a 28-0 lead and was never threatened vs. Morgan State (0-2 0-0 MEAC). BSU QB Iamar Manigo passed 49 yards to Glenn Thomas for a second quarter score and rushed for 113 yards in nine carries as the Bulldogs amassed 394 rushing yards against the Bears. Nathaniel Queen closed out the Bulldogs scoring with a nine-yard run 36 seconds before halftime. BSU picked off three passes from MSU QB Byron Selby (20 of 34, 236 yards), who scored on TD runs of 5 and 6 yards in the final 90 seconds before halftime to get the Bears on the board. The only second half score was a Jason Jackson two-yard run early in the fourth quarter for MSU.

North Carolina Central 28, Lenoir-Rhyne 21, OT
NCCU (3-0, 0-0 CIAAW) scored in overtime on a nine-yard run by RB Greg Pruitt and then forced a fumble on Lenoir-Rhyne's ensuing possession to pull out a hard-fought road win and stay undefeated. The Eagles, 3-0 for the first time since 1988, scored 21 first half points but were shut out until the overtime. They scored in the first half on Corey Brown's 2-yard run, a 15-yard scamper by Pruitt and Derrick Ray's 15-yard interception return. QB Adrian Warren finished 18 of 28 for 195 yards with one interception. WR Torrey Ross had nine receptions for 128 yards while Pruitt ran for 50 yards.

St. Augustine's 13, Mars Hill 6
St. Augustine's (3-0, 0-0 CIAA W) became the third CIAA team to reach 3-0 as the Falcons scored twice in the second half to survive a knock-down drag-out defensive battle at Mars Hill. The Lions (0-2) scored with 4:52 left in the first half but the Falcons blocked the PAT and trailed just 6-0 at the break. The first SAC score came via QB Darrell Nesbitt's 18-yard strike to Andre McGlone following the recovery of a fumbled punt. Arthur Lemon's PAT would prove to be the game-winner. Nesbitt added a fourth quarter TD on a six-yard run and the Falcons' Myron Miller picked off a pass on MHC's final possession.

Grambling State 44, Alabama A&M 0
In QB Bruce Eugene's first action since coming back from season-ending knee surgery after one game last season, the all-American QB showed some of his old team completing just eight passes covering 275 yards and getting three TD passes (39, 26, 70) in the rout of A&M (1-1, 0-1 SWAC E). WR Henry Tolbert had four receptions for 174 yards including the 70-yard TD strike, while WR Moses Harris hauled in the other two. FB Ab Kuanan had scoring runs of 9 and 2 yards. The Tigers (1-0, 1-0 SWAC W) held the Bulldogs to 157 total yards and registered 10 sacks, three by DE Jason Hatcher.

2005 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIIA
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	DIV	ALL		
E. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Bowie State	0	0	3	0
Elk City State	0	0	1	2
Virginia State	0	0	1	2
St. Paul's	0	0	1	2
Shaw	0	0	1	2
Virginia Union	0	0	1	2
W. DIVISION				
St. Augustine's	0	0	3	0
N. C. Central	0	0	3	0
Fayetteville State	0	0	2	1
W-Salem State	0	0	0	3
Livingstone	0	0	0	3
J. C. Smith	0	0	0	3

CIIA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
RECEIVER
VEON MCNAM, Sr., WR, FSU - 5 rec., 172 yds., 4 TDs (57, 15, 20, 34) in win over ECSU
OFFENSIVE BACK
ISAAC REDMAN, So., RB, BSU - 32 car., 209 yds., 3 TDs (9, 25, 99) in win over Morgan State
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
EMMANUEL PLUMMER, Jr., LB, ECSU - 13 tackles, 12 solo, 2 TFL, 1 forced fumble vs. FSU
SPECIAL TEAMS
FRITZ CHARLES, So., CB, SAC - Blocked FG in fourth qtr. in win over Mars Hill

MEAC
MID EASTERN
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF	ALL		
	W	L	W	L
Delaware State	1	0	2	0
Hampton	1	0	2	0
NC A&T State	1	0	1	1
SC State	0	0	2	0
Bethune-Cookman	0	0	2	0
Howard	0	1	1	1
Norfolk State	0	1	0	2
Florida A&M	0	1	0	2
Morgan State	0	0	0	2

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
ERIC WEEMS, Jr., WR, B-CC - 9 car., 80 yds., 2 TDs (5 rec., 53 yds.) vs. UABP
DEFENSE
KYLE WHITEHURST, Jr., SS, Hampton - Returned interception 99 yards for score vs. Howard also had five tackles
SPECIAL TEAMS
MARQUAY McDANIELS, Sr., WR, Hampton - 125 yards on 4 punt returns in win over Howard
ROOKIE
YASHON WINTON, R-Fr., QB, DSU - 14 of 18 for 193 yds., 1 TD including 77-yarder vs. Milesville
LINEBACKER
WALTER SITH, Sr., C.

SIAC
SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF	ALL		
	W	L	W	L
Tuskegee	2	0	2	0
Fort Valley State	2	0	2	1
Albany State	2	1	2	1
Stillman	2	1	2	1
Kentucky State	1	1	1	2
Clark Atlanta	1	1	1	2
Morehouse	1	2	1	2
Benedict	0	1	2	1
Lane	0	2	0	3
Miles	0	3	0	3

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
KEVIN HUFF, Sr., QB, TU - 16 of 24 for 317 yards and 3 TDs, 12 car., 60 yds., 1 TD in win over Miles
DEFENSE
TITUS CURRY, Jr., LB, BC - 12 tackles, 3 TFL, fumble rec. returned 40 yards for TD vs. JCSU
NEWCOMER
JUNIOR TALIAUL, Jr., QB, FVSU - 10 solo tackles, 2 TFL and fumble recovery in win over Lane
SPECIAL TEAMS
ROOSEVELT ECHEVERRY, Sr., PKP, TU - 4 punts, 40-yard avg., 4-4 on PATs vs. Miles
RASHAD MOULTIN, Fr., KR, FVSU - 3 punt ret., for 92 yards incl. a 62-yarder, 2 KOs for 47 yards
LINEBACKER

SWAC
SOUTHWESTERN
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	DIV	ALL		
E. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Miss. Valley St.	2	0	2	0
Alabama State	1	0	1	1
Alabama A&M	0	1	1	1
Alcorn State	0	0	0	1
Jackson State	0	0	0	2
W. DIVISION				
Grambling State	1	0	1	0
Ark. Pine Bluff	0	1	0	2
Southern	0	1	0	1
Texas Southern	0	1	0	1
Prairie View A&M	0	0	1	0

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
TAVARIS JACKSON, Sr., QB, Alab. St. - 16 of 27 for 323 yds., 2 TDs in win over TSU
DEFENSE
MICHAEL WILLIAMS, Fr., CB, SU - 12 tackles, 11 solos, vs. MVSU
SPECIAL TEAMS
SHAWN MILSON, Fr., PK, GSU - 5 of 6 PATs, 38-yard FG in win over Alabama A&M
NEWCOMER
WALTER BURNETTE, Jr., Fr., MVSU - 18 carries, 57 yards, 2 TDs including 1-yard game-winner vs. Southern

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L
Langston	1	0
Cheyney	2	1
Concordia	2	1
Paul Quinn	1	1
Tennessee State	1	1
Texas College	1	2
W. Va. State	1	2
Lincoln (Mo.)	1	2
Allan	0	1
Savannah State	0	2
Central State	0	2
Edward Waters	0	3

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
DAVID BOWIE, QB, Texas College - Hit on 8 of 16 passes for 192 yards and three TDs in win over Clark Atlanta
ROO DAVENPORT, WR, Texas Coll. - Five receptions for 158 yards and 3 TDs vs. CAU
DEFENSE
ROBERT SAVOY, FS, WYU - Six tackles, four assists and returned missed FG 85 yards for a TD in win over WV Wesleyan
SPECIAL TEAMS
JOHN RILEY, PK, Cheyney - Hit a 37-yard FG with no time on the clock to give the Wolves a 31-10 win over St. Paul's. Also had a 27-yard FG and a PAT

Things are already interesting three weeks in

It's only three weeks into the 2005 football season and there are already some interesting developments in the black college conferences.

CIIA

The CIIA, supposedly the weakest black college football conference, has fashioned an impressive 3-3 record against MEAC competition thus far.

Three CIIA teams are undefeated at 3-0 - Bowie State, St. Augustine's and North Carolina Central - and two of them, BSU (over Morgan State) and NCCU (over North Carolina A&T) have wins over MEAC teams. Virginia State is the other CIIA team with a win over an MEAC opponent (Norfolk State). Two of the CIIA's three losses to MEAC teams were by Winston-Salem State which has lost to Howard and South Carolina State. Elizabeth City also lost to Bethune-Cookman.

The biggest battle looming in the CIIA is in the West Division where it looks like St. Aug's, NCCU and three-time defending division champion Fayetteville State are headed for a showdown. FSU has to play both NCCU (Oct. 8) and St. Aug's (Oct. 22) on the road. NCCU hosts St. Aug's on Oct. 1.

Bowie State may have to search for a challenger in the East where all four other division teams are at 1-2 early in the season.

This week Bowie State hosts Livingstone (0-3), St. Aug's hosts Virginia State (1-2) and NCCU hosts defending champion Shaw, who's struggling at 1-2. FSU is in Martinsville, Va., to take on St. Paul's (1-2) in the game named for my uncle (no kidding), the Clyde Williams Classic.

MEAC

If the downside of the MEAC has been its play against the CIIA, the upside has been how it has fared against the SWAC.

So far, the MEAC is 3-0 vs. the SWAC with Labor Day weekend wins by South Carolina State over defending SWAC champ Alabama State and Hampton over Jackson State, and Bethune-Cookman with its win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff Saturday.

SC State has a big date this weekend with league championship contender Bethune-Cookman (2-0) in Jacksonville, Fla. (7 p.m.) at the 52nd Gateway Classic. The teams finished behind Hampton last year in the MEAC race and the winner will be considered the Pirates' chief competition this year. SCSU defeated B-CC 28-14 a year ago.

Delaware State, who already owns a win over Florida A&M, travels to defending I-AA national champion James Madison (1-1) Saturday (6 p.m.) for a severe test. The Hornets were the only MEAC team to defeat Hampton last year and finished in a tie with B-CC for third. JMU is coming off a loss to Coastal Carolina that knocked them out of the top ten in the I-AA national poll (Sports Network).

Howard (1-1), who threw a scare into Hampton Saturday before a late turnover sent them down to a 22-12 defeat, travels to Tallahassee for a 7 p.m. date with Florida A&M (0-2). Hampton (2-0) is in Greensboro for a nationally televised Thursday night game vs. N.C. A&T at 7:30 p.m. that will be carried on ESPN.

SWAC

The winds of change are blowing in the SWAC. Mississippi Valley State beat Southern 31-28 Saturday behind star QB Aries Nelson's 353 passing yards. It

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

TV GAME (ESPN)

NC A&T vs. Hampton in Greensboro, NC 7:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

Tennessee-Martin vs. Tenn. St. in Martin, TN 12 noon

St. Joseph vs. Lincoln (MO) in Rensselaer, IN 12noon

Bowie State vs. Livingstone in Bowie, MD 1:00pm

W. Va. St. vs. Fairmont St. in Institute, WV 1:00pm

Allen vs. Shorter in Columbia, SC 1:30pm

St. Augustine's vs. Virginia St. in Raleigh, NC 1:30pm

SW Assemblies vs. Paul Quinn in Waxchie, TX 2:00pm

Jackson St. vs. Cheyney in Thibodaux, LA 3:00pm

Alcorn St. vs. Langston in Alcorn State, MS 6:00pm

Benedict vs. Tuskegee in Columbia, SC 6:00pm

Jackson St. vs. Texas Southern in Jackson, MS 6:00pm

James Madison vs. Delaware St. in H'burg, VA 6:00pm

J. C. Smith vs. Va. Union in Charlotte, NC 6:00pm

Lane vs. Albany State in Jackson, TN 6:00pm

Miles vs. Tusculum in Fairfield, AL 6:00pm

Milaps vs. Concordia in Jackson, MS 6:00pm

Washington St. vs. Grambling St. in Seattle, WA 6:00pm

W-Salem St. vs. Eliz. City St. in W-Salem, NC 6:00pm

Alab. A&M vs. Miss Valley St. in Huntsville, AL 6:30pm

Florida A&M vs. Howard in Tallahassee, FL 7:00pm

Southern vs. Prairie View in Baton Rouge, LA 7:00pm

CLASSICS

Clyde Williams Classic

Saint Paul's vs. Fayv. St. in Martinsville, VA 1:00pm

Stan Lomax Classic

Cl-Atlanta vs. Fort Valley St. in Brunswick, GA 3:00pm

Heritage Classic

Kentucky State vs. Central St. in Lexington, KY 5:00pm

Willie Gary Triangle Classic

Shaw vs. NC Central in Durham, NC 5:00pm

Harvey Moore Azalea City Classic

Edward Waters vs. Morehouse in Valdosta, GA 5:00pm

Arkansas Classic

Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Alabama State in Pine Bluff, AR 6:00pm

52nd Gateway Classic

B-Cookman vs. SC State in Jacksonville, FL 7:00pm

TV GAMES

Ohio Classic (BET, 7 pm)

Morgan St. vs. Savannah State in Cleveland, OH 1:30pm

Hayes may hold keys to Classic's continuance

LUT WILLIAMS
BCSP Editor

This year's Aggie-Eagle Classic between North Carolina A&T and North Carolina Central on Sept. 5 in Raleigh brought out what's best in this Interstate-85 rivalry that dates back to 1924 - its intensity. Whether that has any bearing on the future of the rivalry could be determined sometime over the next few months.

The school's are in the final year of their contract for the game and promoters are looking to renew it for another five years. That's not a sure thing for NCAA Div. I-AA and Mid Eastern Athletic Conference-member A&T, who appreciates the heated matchup but has a different view of the game than the Div. II and CIAA-member Eagles.

"For them, being at that level (Division II), it's their Super Bowl game," said A&T head coach George Small in a postgame interview after the Aggies missed a 43-yard field goal with eight seconds left to come up on the short end of a 23-22 score at this year's contest. "This is one of the biggest games of the season that they're gonna play. Naturally they're going to be emotional. Intensity is going to be high. The game means a lot. It's tough to lose."

But the intensity is not just on the NCCU side of the field. The matchup has been one-sided - A&T-sided, you might say - with the Aggies winning ten of 12 since the game moved to N.C. State's Carter-Finley Stadium and became the Classic in 1994. A&T holds a 45-28-5 edge in the series that is the oldest for each school and more fierce than either school has in their present conferences.

For the last two years the games have had everything you'd want to see in a backyard rivalry - intensity, drama and thrilling, last-minute finishes. Last year, A&T converted a 50-yard field goal with no time left on the clock to pull out a miracle 16-15 win. This year the teams had five unsportsmanlike penalties in the first quarter alone and the outcome saw the NC Central team erupt in an on-field celebration that came dangerously close to becoming a brawl. The two schools staged a much-publicized fight involving players and fans during a basketball game at A&T back in 1990 that garnered a lot of national attention, most of it negative, and added more spice to the rivalry.

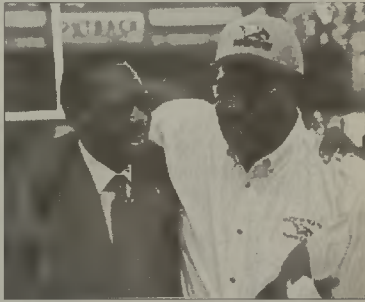
"I think the team that won last year (A&T) ran across the field," said N.C. Central head coach Rod Broadway after the victory. "It is an emotional game. I don't know anything about any fighting or any of that stuff. It was just a big win for the Eagles and we're glad to have it."

For her part, new A&T Athletics Director Delores "Dee" Todd is non-committal about the future of the game. She says she has a lot of factors to look at including a Division II team's impact on the Aggies' strength of schedule index, financials associated with accommodating an outside promoter and the fact that there's a real possibility the teams will have to play on Mondays for years to come. She said a decision should be made by the end of the month.

Standing somewhere in the middle of the future of the rivalry is a man with ties to both schools, Todd's counterpart at NCCU, Bill Hayes.

Hayes, a NCCU alum and former all-CIAA center during his playing days with the Eagles, coached the Aggies to great heights during a 15-year stay as head coach that ended unceremoniously in 2002 when he was fired. He re-emerged as the athletic director at his alma mater six months later and has lent his expertise to Broadway's turnaround of the Eagles' gridiron program. Hayes returned the game ball from the Eagles after this year's Classic win and ironically, the ball may be in his court as it relates to its future.

Hayes will present the athletic department's plans to move NCCU out of the CIAA and Division II classification into Division I to the institution's Board of



NCCU Sports Photo

CELEBRATION:

NCCU Chancellor James Ammons and Athletic Director Bill Hayes embrace after the Eagles' 23-22 win over rival NC A&T on Labor Day Monday.

Trustees' Student Relations Committee at the end of this month

"We've done a two-year study that completes this week," said Hayes. "They (the board) may vote at the end of this month or they may wait until November, but sometime this semester we're gonna know how they feel about the results of the study." Included in the study are the particulars of a move to Division I, I-AA in football, and outlooks on joining conferences like the MEAC where the Aggies now reside. Such a move would insure the future of the rivalry.

Hayes said he spoke to two or three conferences for the study but said as a reminder, "we're one of the original members of the MEAC," the conference he obviously feels is a natural fit for the Eagles. Even if the board accepts the study and decides to make the move to Division I and join the MEAC, the process could take at least five years. What happens to the Classic in the interim? "I'm sure they wouldn't want to see it end like this," said Hayes slyly after the win. "I think they'll want to play football. Don't you?"