

FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 30 - DEC. 5, 2005

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



BCSP Photo  
**SPEARS:** His Grambling Tigers at 9-1 now top the BCSP Top Ten with two more hurdles to clear.

## G-MEN BACK ON TOP

▼ PIONEER BOWL IN CHARLOTTE; SIAC HONORS; JSU NARROWS COACH CHOICES

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

#### SCORES

NOVEMBER 24  
Tuskegee 28, Alabama State 27 OT

NOVEMBER 25  
Prairie View 30, Texas Southern 27

NOVEMBER 26  
Grambling State 50, Southern 35  
NCAA Div. I-AA First Round  
#12 Richmond 38, #3 Hampton 10

#### CIAA

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

DIV	ALL	W	L	T
E. DIVISION		5	3	8
*#1 Bowie State		5	2	6
Virginia State		4	3	5
Shaw		3	4	4
St. Paul's*		2	5	3
Virginia Union		1	6	2
Elizabeth City State		1	6	2
W. DIVISION		7	2	10
*#1 N.C. Central		6	1	6
W-Salem State		5	2	8
St. Augustine's		4	3	6
Fayetteville State		1	6	2
Livingstone		0	7	0
J.C. Smith		0	7	0

\* Conf. Champion \* Clinched Div. title  
# Pioneer Bowl representative

#### CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

NA

#### MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	ALL	W	L	T
* Hampton		9	1	11
SC State		7	1	9
Delaware State		6	2	7
Florida A&M		5	3	6
Bethune-Cookman		4	4	7
NC A&T State		2	6	3
Norfolk State		3	6	5
Howard		1	7	4
Morgan State		1	7	2

\* Clinched conference title, I-AA playoff berth

#### MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

NA

#### SIAC

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	ALL	W	L	T
* Albany State		8	1	8
* Tuskegee		8	1	10
Fort Valley State		7	2	7
Kentucky State		5	4	6
Stilman		4	4	6
Benedict		4	5	6
Clark Atlanta		3	6	3
Miles		3	6	4
Morehouse		2	7	3
Lane		0	9	0

\* Clinched conference title, Div. II playoff berth  
\* Pioneer Bowl representative

#### SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

NA

#### SWAC

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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

\* Clinched Div. title

#### SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE  
**BRUCE EUGENE**, Sr., QB, GSU - 22 of 45 for 418 yds., 6 TDs, 10 carries, 63 yards, 1 TD in Bayou Classic with over Southern  
DEFENSE  
**HARRY DAWKINS**, So., LB, TSU - 15 tackles, 7 solos, vs. Prairie View  
SPECIAL TEAMS  
**MARIO SANCHEZ**, Fr., PK, PV - Nailed 3 field goals and 3 PATs in win over TSU.  
NEWCOMER  
**DARNELL LOVETT**, Jr., QB, TSU - 12 of 30 for 258 yards, 2 TDs, rushed for 1 TD vs. Prairie View

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

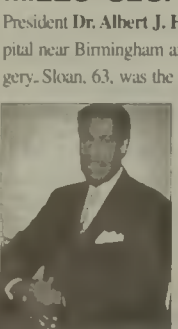
### SNUBBED, AGAIN: Grambling senior QB Bruce Eugene has to be wondering what it takes to win the Sports Network's Walter Payton Award given to the best offensive player in NCAA Div. I-AA football.



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**EUGENE:** Has thrown for over 3,600 yards, 46 TDs and only three ints., for 9-1 Tigers. His senior year, after missing all but one game of last season with a knee injury, he's putting up his best numbers yet but has been left off the final ballot. It was announced Monday that Eugene finished fourth in voting for the award. The three finalists, who will travel to Chattanooga, Tenn., on Dec. 15 for the I-AA College Football Awards, are Brown senior RB Nick Hartigan, the I-AA rushing leader who led Brown to a 9-1 record and Ivy League title rushing for 1,727 yards and 20 TDs, Eastern Washington senior QB Eric Meyer who passed for 3,616 yards and 26 TDs while leading the Eagles to a share of the Big Sky Conference title and New Hampshire sophomore QB Ricky Santos who has passed for 3,200 yards and 33 TDs while leading New Hampshire to the Atlantic 10 title, the No. 1 ranking and a spot in the I-AA quarterfinals. After Eugene's performance at Saturday's Bayou Classic where he threw for 418 yards and six TDs before a national TV audience on NBC, the New Orleans native has 3,693 passing yards, 46 touchdown passes and only four interceptions with one more regular season game to play. Eugene leads all of I-AA in passing efficiency and total offense. While all three Sports Network I-AA awards are named for black college products, only two black college players, Grambling State RB Walter Dean in 1990 and Alcorn State QB Steve McNair in 1994, have won the Payton Award since its inception in 1987. Two black college players, NC A&T defensive end Chris McNeil in 1997 and Bethune-Cookman safety Rashean Mathis in 2002, have won the Buck Buchanan Award that since 1995 has been given to the Division's best defensive player and named for the former great Grambling and NFL defensive lineman. The *Eddie Robinson Award*, since 1987 named for the legendary Grambling head coach, has never been won by a black college coach.

### MILES' SLOAN PASSES: Miles College President Dr. Albert J. H. Sloan died Friday, Nov. 25 at a hospital near Birmingham after complications from an earlier surgery. Sloan, 63, was the 12th president of Miles and chairman of the SIAC Council of Presidents.



Miles College Photo

Sloan earned the Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center. He pursued further studies at the Miles Law School in Birmingham, where he earned the degree Doctor of Jurisprudence. He returned to Miles in 1971 and served as professor of religion and philosophy, public relations director, team teacher for NASA, Dean of the Chapel and Dean of Students before assuming the presidency. Dr. William E. Lide, SIAC Commissioner stated "Dr. Sloan will be missed not only as my boss but also as a very close and dear friend. His vision not only for his institution but also for the conference is a precious gem, and it is our honor and duty to continue his mission of making this land a better face for the leaders of tomorrow. The SIAC Conference office and all the member institutions of the SIAC will surely miss him. Dr. Sloan was a great teacher, leader and most importantly a great friend." Services were to be held at 11 a.m. today at Boutwell Auditorium in downtown Birmingham. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery. All flowers should be sent to Smith and Gaston Funeral Home, 102 6th Avenue, SW, Birmingham, Al., 35211. For additional information please call the funeral home at 205-322-3581.

## Pioneer Bowl on; More work for Grambling

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BCSP Editor

SWAC West Division champion Grambling State (9-1) moved into the top spot of the BCSP Top Ten after its impressive 50-35 win over Southern in Saturday's Bayou Classic.

MEAC champion Hampton (11-1), who had held the top spot since the beginning of the season, had its undefeated season spoiled when it dropped its first game of the season Saturday, a 38-10 decision to Richmond (see story below) in a first round I-AA playoff game.

The G-Men, whose only loss this season was to Div. IA Washington State (48-7) back on Sept. 17, are now in position to claim the top spot in the final ranking but they still have some work to do.

The quest for head coach Melvin Spears' troops continues this week when they travel to Alcorn State to face the 6-4 Braves in a make-up game postponed on Sept. 3 by the effects of Hurricane Katrina. The Tigers then have a rematch with SWAC East Division champ, 9-2 Alabama A&M, the following Saturday (Dec. 10) at the SWAC Championship Game in Birmingham. In their first meeting on Sept. 10, Grambling dominated the Bulldogs in a 44-0 win.

Grambling enters Saturday's game as the most prolific offensive team in all of I-AA football. The G-Men lead the nation in total offense at 489.8 yards per game, lead in passing at 364.8 yards per game and are scoring leaders averaging 43.8 points per game. Senior Bruce Eugene is the trigger-man of the offense. He has passed for over 3,600 yards with 46 touchdowns and only four interceptions and leads the nation in total offense (379.1



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ypg.) and passing efficiency (176.9).

The Tigers' defense has been the second most stingy in the SWAC giving up just 21.1 points per game.

Alcorn State counters with the SWAC's top rusher in Jeremy McCoy, who has amassed 931 yards in eight games, averaging 116.4 yards per game and 6.0 yards per carry. Freshman Tony Hobson (201-95-14, 1,506 yds., 10 TDs) calls the signals for the Braves.

The only other game on this week's schedule pits the runners-up from the two black college Div. II conferences, 8-3 Bowie State of the CIAA vs. 10-1 Tuskegee of the SIAC, at the 8th Pioneer Bowl in Charlotte.

N.C., the annual bowl game between the conferences. The SIAC leads the series 5-2.

Tuskegee and head coach Rick Comegy will be making their fifth trip to the Pioneer Bowl where they have posted a 3-2 mark including last year's last-minute 30-28 loss to CIAA champ Shaw. BSU, the CIAA East Division champ, is making its first appearance in the game.

BSU fought through a four-team race to claim the CIAA East Division title this year before dropping a 20-17 last-second heart-breaker to North Carolina Central in the conference's championship game on Nov. 5. Third-year coach Mike Lynn's Bulldogs are led on offense by QB Lamar Manigo (1,256 yds., 15 TDs, 11 ints.) and all-conference stars in RB Isaac Redman (1,305 yds., 11 TDs, 118.6 ypg., 5.3 ypc.) and WR Glenn Thomas (38 rec., 906 yds., 14 TDs).

For the second year in a row, the only blot on Tuskegee's record is a loss to SIAC champ Albany State. This season it was a 31-21 loss to the Golden Rams on Oct. 1. SIAC MVP QB Kevin Huff (311-181-9, 2,511 yds., 13 TDs) leads the charge for the Golden Tigers. Richard Fitzhugh (166 car., 870 yds., 7 TDs) leads the ground attack while all-conference WR Kenneth Henderson (67 rec., 1,023 yds., 6 TDs) is the chief weapon through the air.

### 1st ROUND NCAA DIV. I-AA PLAYOFFS

## Hampton lays an egg, falls 38-10

Hampton's vaunted rushing attack, which came into Saturday's I-AA first round playoff game featuring two 1,000-yard rushers and averaging 251 yards per game, was held to just 100 yards by Richmond as the 12th-seeded Spiders brought an abrupt end to the third-seeded Pirates' undefeated season, 38-10 in Hampton.

The Spiders (9-3) broke from a 10-10 halftime tie to rush for four short second half TDs while shutting out the Pirates (11-1). UR running backs Tim Hightower (15 car., 73 yards) and David Freeman (21 car., 117 yards) each had two second half TD runs and combined with QB Stacy Tutt (15 car., 61 yards, 1 TD) to control the clock and pound the Pirates into submission. Richmond rushed for 251 yards in the game.

Hampton came back from a 7-0 first quarter deficit to take the lead in the second quarter behind back-up QB Antwan Smith (15 of 27, 221 yds., 1 TD, 1 int.). Smith replaced starter Princetion Shepherd and hooked up with wideout Onrea Jones (11 rec., 192 yards) to stake the Pirates to a 10-7 second quarter lead. Smith had completions of 39 and 15 yards to Jones to set up Andrew Paterini's 44-yard field goal early in the quarter. He came back to hit Jones with a 44-yard pass before the pair hooked up on a seven-yard scoring strike with 7:48 left in the period.

Richmond would tie the score at 10, 2:48 before the break on a 22-yard Joseph Fore field goal.

In its first second half possession, UR needed just five plays to cover 49 yards and go up 17-10 on a one-yard run by Hightower. Hampton failed to field the ensuing kickoff and the Spiders recovered at the Hampton 37. Four plays later, Freeman ran in from four yards out to put them up 24-10. They would later add two scoring drives, throwing only one pass en route to the TDs.

With Hampton RBs Alonzo Coleman (14 car., 34 yds.) and Ardell Daniels (6 car., 12 yds.) effectively bottled up, Jones was the Pirates' only offense, but it was hardly enough. Shepherd returned in the second half but neither he nor Smith could get the Pirates on the scoreboard.

### GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, DEC. 3  
Grambling St. vs. Alcorn State at Alcorn State, MS 1:00pm

BOWL / TV GAME  
Pioneer Bowl VIII (ESPN Classic)  
Tuskegee vs. Bowie State in Charlotte, NC 2:00pm

### BCSP TOP TEN

- GRAMBLING STATE (9-1) - Outscored Southern in Bayou Classic, 50-35. NEXT: Finishes regular season with make-up game at Alcorn State Saturday.
- HAMPTON (11-1) - Dropped first round I-AA playoff game to Richmond, 38-10. NEXT: MEAC champs season over.
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (9-2) - MEAC runners-up season over.
- NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL (10-2) - CIAA champs lost in second round of Div. II playoffs to North Alabama.
- ALABAMA A&M (9-2) - SWAC East Div. champs will face Grambling in Dec. 10 SWAC title game in Birmingham.
- ALBANY STATE (8-2) - SIAC champs' lost in first round of Div. II playoffs to Central Arkansas.
- TUSKEGEE (9-1) - SIAC runners-up finished regular season with 28-27 OT win vs. Alabama State at Turkey Day Classic. NEXT: Dec. 3 Pioneer Bowl in Charlotte vs. Bowie State.
- DELAWARE STATE (7-4) - Third place finish in MEAC.
- FORT VALLEY STATE (7-3) - Third place in SIAC.
- BOWIE STATE (8-3) - CIAA runner-up to face SIAC runner-up Tuskegee in Dec. 3 Pioneer Bowl.
- ST. AUGUSTINE'S (8-2) - Season completed.

## BCSP Notes

### SIAC Football Honorees

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion Albany State and runner-up Tuskegee each placed five players on the first team as the conference coaches chose the all-SIAC teams and award winners.

Tuskegee junior QB Kevin Huff took home the offensive player of the year and most valuable player awards. Huff threw for 2,511 yards and 13 TDs to lead the Golden Tigers to a 10-1 record and the spot representing the conference in the Pioneer Bowl.

Albany State junior defensive lineman Alton Pettway was named the defensive player of the year. Pettway led the conference with nine sacks. Lane freshman QB Sherrard Ellis who threw for 16 touchdowns and 244 yards per game, was named the league's top freshman.

Albany State head coach James "Mike" White, who led the Golden Tigers to an 8-1 record their second consecutive league title and Div. II playoff berth, was named the league's coach of the year.

### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB Kevin Huff, Jr., Tuskegee RB: Antwan Andrews, Sr., Albany State; John D. Washington, Sr., Morehouse WR: Kenneth Henderson, Sr., Tuskegee; Raymond Johnson, Jr., Morehouse TE: Marcus Moore, Lane OL: Claiborne Green, Morehouse; Terry Abrams, Fort Valley State, Ronald Simmons, Albany State; Felise Langi, Clark Atlanta; Bryant Ervin, Morehouse

### DEFENSE

DL: Franklin Turner, Sr., Albany State; Alton Pettway, Jr., Albany State; Michael Porter, So., Clark Atlanta; Johnny Williams, Tuskegee LB: Titus Curry, Fr., Benedict; Derrick White, Sr., Clark Atlanta; Torres Mozley, Sr., Tuskegee DB: Marcus Wright, Sr., Kentucky State; Demetrie McCray, Sr., Albany State, Gerard Washington, Benedict Johnny Eubanks, So., Morehouse KR/PR: Jacoby Jones, Jr., Lane; PK: Roosevelt Echevarry, Sr., Tuskegee P: Brandon Larkin, Jr., Clark Atlanta

### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Kevin Huff, Jr., QB, Tuskegee

### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Alton Pettway, Jr., DL, Albany State

### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Sherard Ellis, QB, Lane

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Kevin Huff, Jr., Tuskegee

### COACH OF THE YEAR

James "Mike" White, Albany State

### Jackson State interviewing for vacant head coaching spot

Tuskegee head coach Rick Comegy and Alcorn State offensive coordinator John McKenzie are reportedly two of the finalists for the vacant head football coaching position at Jackson State.

Unconfirmed reports out of Jackson Tuesday indicated that former JSU wide receiver and NFL standout Harold Jackson, now a receivers coach at Baylor, had withdrawn his name from consideration. There was also speculation that former Alabama State and Tennessee State head coach L.C. Cole, now defensive coordinator at Lane, would be interviewed.

Comegy, whose team is preparing for Saturday's Pioneer Bowl in Charlotte, was scheduled for an interview Tuesday, according to the *Jackson Clarion-Ledger*. The newspaper reported that Cole was also scheduled to be interviewed Tuesday with McKenzie's Wednesday.

According to the newspaper, the nine-member search committee is to meet after the interviews and make a recommendation to JSU President Ronald Mason, Jr., by Dec. 2.