

FINISH WITH A **FLOURISH**

BCSP PI **FUGENE:** Looks to close out brilliant career with win at SWAC Championship Game in Birmingham

▼ GRAMBLING PLAYS FOR SWAC, BLACK **COLLEGE TITLES; FOBBS IN AT NC A&T**

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

SCORES

CIAA	ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					
		DIV		ALL		
E. DIVISION		W	L	W	L	
*# Bowe State		5	3	B	4	
Virginia State		5	2	6	4	
Shaw		4	3	5	5	
St Paul's*		3	4	4	6	
Virginia Union		2	5	3	7	
Eliz City State		1	6	2	8	
W. DIVISION						
A" N C Central		7	2	10	2	
W-Salem State		6	1	8	4	
St Augustine's		5	2	8	2	
Fayetteville State		4	3	8	4	
Livingstone		1	8	1	9	
J C Smith		0	7	0	10	

YRONE PETTAWAY, Sr., LB, St. Augustine's lewport News, VA - 53 leckles 43 sclos

MEAC ATHLETIC CONFERE

Delaware State Florida A&M Bethune-Cool NC A&T State Norfolk State Howard Morgan State * Clinched conference title, I-AA playoff berd MEAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

ALONZO COLEMAN, Jr., RB, HAMPTON, South Boston, VA - Led MEAC with 1,309 rush-ing yards, 119 0 ypg, 8 9 ypc, 19 TDs

JUSTIN DURANT, Jr., LB, HAMPTON - 110 ackies 10 per perme 14.5 tackies for loss, 5

GERREL GOLIGHTLY, Sr. G. HAMPTON JOE TAYLOR, HAMPTON - 11-0 regular sea-

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLED

ALL W 8 11 * Albany State * Tuskegee Fort Valley State Kentucky State Shilman Clark Atlanta Miles

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR KEVIN HUFF, Jr., QB, TUSKEGEE - Led SIAC in

ALTON PETTWAY, Jr., DL, ALBANY STATE - 58 tackles, 24 solos, 5 8 tpg., Led SIAC with 9 sacks SHERARD ELLIS, Fr., QB, LANE - 2nd in page ing, 295-146-18, 49.5%, 1,832 yds , 13 TDs

JAMES "MIKE" WHITE, ALBANY STATE - Led Golden Rame to second straight SIAC title

SWAC E. DIVISION Alabama A&M Alabama State Alcom State Miss Valley St

Jackson State w. Division Grambling State Ark Pine Bluff
Praine View A&M
Texas Southern
* Clinched Div. title

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

OFFENSE BRUCE EUGENE, Sr., QB, GRAMBLING - 1-AA passing and total offense leader - Passed for 3,853 yds., 50 TDs and only 6 interceptions

TYLER KNIGHT, Jr., LB, MISS. VALLEY ST. -125 tackles, 43 solos, 17.5 tackles for loss, 9

MICKEY DEAN, Fr., RB, ARK-PINE BLUFF

SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP YARDSTICK

GSU		AA&M
1st - 493 2 ypg	TOTAL OFFENSE	4th - 389 2 ypg.
2nd - 322 8 ypg	TOTAL DEFENSE	1st - 274 6 ypg
1st - 44 0 ppg	SCORING OFFENSE	5th - 26.6 ppg
2nd - 20 9 ppg	SCORING DEFENSE	1st - 16 3 ppg
1st - 362 1 ypg	PASSING OFFENSE	5th - 182 5 ypg.
2nd - 181 7 ypg	PASSING DEFENSE	1st - 174 6 ypg
9th - 131 1 ypg	RUSHING OFFENSE	1st - 206 6 ypg
4th - 141 1 ypg	RUSHING DEFENSE	1st - 100 0 ypg.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NC A&T PICKS FOBBS: Lee Fobbs.

who has spent the last three years as a running backs coach



also to coach offense at A&T for \$165,000 per year

at Texas A&M, was introduced Friday as the new head football coach at North Carolina A&T. Fobbs, 55, a 1973 Grambling State graduate who played and coached under legendary GSU coach Eddie Robinson, has served as a high school head coach and as an assistant at seven Div. I programs including stints at FOBBS: New coach Alabama, Baylor, Minnesota, LSU and Tulane during his 30year career. He will be A&T's 16th head coach. Fobbs was intro-

duced by A&T Athletic Director Dee Todd Friday before a packed house of enthusiastic Aggie supporters which included A&T Chancellor James Renick, other administrators, faculty, staff and members of the football team at the Bryan Fitness and Wellness Center on campus. This is Fobbs' first collegiate head coaching job. He replaces Aggie alum George Small who was let go after compiling a 16-19 mark in three seasons, including back-to-back 3-8 campaigns after posting a 10-3 mark and winning the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference title in his first year in 2003. Todd said Fobbs came highly recommended including a glowing nod from former Grambling QB and head coach Doug Williams, now an executive in the front office of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Williams was on hand Saturday as Fobbs was introduced at an A&T basketball game. The new coach, who will also serve as the Aggies' offensive coordinator, reportedly signed a four-year contract at \$165,000 per year. Small's annual salary was \$110,000.

COMEGY GETS THE NOD. AGAIN?:

A Jackson State search committee has recommended that



Tuskegee, this time for Jackson State

the school hire Tuskegee head coach Rick Comegy as the Tigers' next head football coach, but the matter is far from decided. The 10-year Tuskegee head coach apparently beat out Alcorn State offensive coordinator John McKenzie, a JSU grad, and former Tennessee State and Alabama State head coach L. C. COMEGY: May get Cole, who is now defensive coorhis third offer to leave dinator at Lane, who were also interviewed by the committee. Comegy and his TU Golden

Tigers finished off an 11-1 record Saturday with a 28-26 win over Bowie State in the Pioneer Bowl in Charlotte and the wheels started turning immediately after. "I know the search committee has recommended me, but that's just one avenue." Comegy said to reporter Mark Alexander of the Jackson Clarion-Ledger after the game. "There's a lot of avenues to deal with to make something happen." He said he expected to hear from JSU on Sunday. The committee made its recommendation Wednesday to JSU President Ronald Mason, Jr., but Mason is not bound by the committee's choice. As of press time, it was not clear how Mason would move on the recommendation. Comegy, 52, who has won 90 games, four Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles and one black college national title in his ten years at Tuskegee, was sent a contract after being offered the head coaching position at Morgan State in 2001 only to decide to stay at Tuskegee for more money. He then was announced and made an appearance as the new head coach at Norfolk State in December 2002 only to hold a press conference at Tuskegee a month later, on the day he was to report to NSU, announcing he was again staying at Tuskegee. Stay tuned.

SWAC title game rematch to wrap 2005

LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor

Head coach Melvin Spears' West Division champion Grambling State Tigers can clinch their first Southwestern Athletic Conference championship since he took over from Doug Williams last year when they go up against East Division winner Alabama A&M for the second time this year at Saturday's 7th SWAC Championship Game in Birmingham.

The game will be the last game of the 2005 black college football season and will be carried live on ESPN Classic beginning at 1 p.m. Central

The 10-1 Tigers, whose only loss was 44-7 to Div. IA Washington State on Sept. 17, also have the black college national championship in their sights. They moved to the top of the BCSP Top Ten following their 50-35 Bayou Classic win over Southern on Nov. 22 and MEAC champion Hampton's 38-10 loss on the same day to Richmond in the first round of the I-AA playoffs. Grambling is second to Hampton (11-1) in the Sheridan noll.

The Tigers rolled to the West Division crown outscoring conference opponents by an average of 42-19. Their only scares were a 26-23 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Oct. 15 and a 37-22 decision a week earlier over Mississippi Valley State where they scored 24 fourth-quarter points to pull out the victory

Alabama A&M (9-2) began its run to the East title after an embarrassing 17-7 homecoming loss Grambling's customary prolific offense against the

GAME THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, DEC. 10 (ESPN Classic) 7th SWAC Championship Game (ESPN Cla Grambling St vs. Alabama A&M at Bham, AL

on Oct. 1 to lowly Texas Southern, TSU's only win in a 1-10 campaign. Since then the Bulldogs have won six straight games, including a 31-28 comefrom-behind win over defending division and SWAC champ Alabama State at the Magic City Classic Their 9-2 mark is the best in school history.

Grambling shutout and shellacked Anthony Jones' A&M Bulldogs in their first meeting on Sept. 10, getting ten sacks in a 44-0 rout.

There was no doubt after watching that game from the sidelines that they would be representing the West," said Jones. "I had to try to find a way to mature my team to try to have a rematch. We're a very, very much improved football team than then."

This will be the G-Men's fourth appearance in the title game. Under Williams, they won title game matchups in 2000, 2001 and 2002. A&M is making its third championship game appearance, the second under Jones, but has yet to win a title. Grambling beat then head coach Ron Cooper's Bulldogs in 2000, 14-6. Jones' troops lost to Williams' G-Men, 31-19 in 2002.

As it was in the teams' previous meetings in the title games and in the regular seasons, this game pits

Grambling looking for conference and black college national title





SPEARS

JONES

Bulldogs' perennially stingy defense.

This year, the Tigers will again be led by senior QB Bruce Eugene, recently named the conference's offensive player of the year on the strength of 3,953 passing yards, 50 TDs and only \$ix interceptions. Eugene's championship game appearance closes out a career that ranks as one of the best in SWAC and I-AA history. In three seasons at Grambling, Eugene has passed for over 13,000 yards and 134 TDs, shattering Williams' school records and threatening all-time I-AA marks held by former Alcorn State and now NFL star QB Steve McNair and former Mississippi Valley State QB and now MVSU head coach Willie Totten.

The nation's passing efficiency (172.0) and total offense (367.0 ypg.) leader, the 6-1, 270-pounder leads an offense that is tops in the SWAC and I-AA in scoring (44.0 ppg.), passing (357.7 ypg.) and total offense (493.2 ypg)... It features a bevy of talented receivers led by second team all-SWAC pass-catcher Henry Tolbert who led the conference with 63 receptions for 1,207 yards and 15 TDs, averaging 19.1 yards per catch. WR Clyde Edwards averaged another 19.8 yards on his 45 receptions and hauled in ten scoring tosses. In all, Eugene threw TD passes to 12 different recip-

Though the Tigers' running game doesn't get many opportunities, tailback Ab Kuaan has rushed for 837 yards and eight TDs while averaging a robust 5.1 yards per carry.

Alabama A&M's defense is once again the best in the SWAC, leading the conference in every major category; rushing defense (100.0 ypg.), passing defense (174.6 ypg.), total defense (274.6 ypg.), and scoring defense (16.3 ppg.). Even in Grambling's win earlier in the season, Eugene could manage just eight completions in 21 attempts though three of them went for touchdowns covering 39, 26 and 70 yards. It was Eugene's first game back after going out in the first game of the 2004 season

The A&M offense, which totalled just 157 yards in that meeting, has come to life since. yards, 13 TDs and 7 interceptions. The running attack, which was held to 34 yards in the first meeting, bounced back to lead the SWAC in rushing at 206.6 yards per game. Nic Luke

PIONEER BOWL VIII

Tuskegee survives Bowie State, 28-26

SIAC runner-up Tuskegee completed an 11- lead, 20-14, after Walls again missed the point I season Saturday preventing a last-minute twopoint conversion by CIAA runner-up Bowie State to pull out a 28-26 at the Pioneer Bowl Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Charlotte, N.C.

Tuskegee drew first blood in the see-saw contest as the Golden Lions' SIAC Player of the Year, OB Kevin Huff hit all-conference wide receiver Kenneth Henderson on a 28-yard scoring toss early in the second quarter. After a turnover, TU scored again on a three-yard run by RB Richard Fitzhugh to go up 14-0. Bowie State got on the board 17 seconds before halftime on QB Lamar Manigo's 19-yard toss to WR Glenn Thomas. Michael Walls' PAT was wide left leaving the Bulldogs trailing 14-6 at the half.

After rushing for just 21 first half yards, Tuskegee started the second half trying to establish its ground game. Instead, it was Bowie State that did work on the ground. First, fullback Olayenka Adeboyeku rumbled 34 yards for a score and tailback Isaac Redman ran in a twopoint conversion to tie the score at 14 with 9:41 left in the third period. Redman then capped a 10the fourth period that gave BSU its first and only

after kick.

Tuskegee went back to its passing attack and Huff and Henderson responded. They hooked up on a 48-yard scoring play and Roosevelt Echeverry's PAT put the Tigers back on top 21-20.

Tuskegee struck again with 3:51 to play as Fitzhugh ran in from 15 yards to give them a 28-20 lead and set up the final heroics.

With 19 seconds left, Thomas, BSU's all-conference receiver, outleapt a Tuskegee defender to haul in a six-yard fade pass from Manigo to bring the Bulldogs to within 28-26. After a delay-ofgame penalty pushed them back to the 8, Manigo checked from a fade route to Adeboveku who was stopped by TU's Jarod Simpson four yards short with a knee injury. of the goal line.

Redman rushed for 207 yards in 37 carries to win the game's offensive MVP award. Henderson QB Kelcy Luke finished the season complethauled in 11 passes for 194 yards and two TDs to ing 56.8% (138 of 243) of his passes for 1,975 win the game MVP award. TU linebacker Torres Mozley was the game's defensive MVP with 15

This was Tuskegee's fourth win in six Pioneer

P-Trey Butts, MVSU - 5-11, 190, Sr., Brandon, MS

BCSP Notes

SWAC Football Honorees

The Southwestern Athletic Conference announced its 2005 All-Conference Team with Grambling State quarterback Bruce Eugene and Mississippi Valley State linebacker Tyler Knight taking top honors. The team was selected by nominations and votes from the member schools' coaches and sports information contacts.

Eugene, the 2005 SWAC Offensive Player of the Year (6-1, 270, Sr., QB, New Orleans, LA) has had a season to remember during his senior campaign at Grambling State. He has completed 226of-409 passes for 3,953 yards and 50 touchdowns while rushing for 146 yards and three touchdowns. He is averaging 357.7 passing yards and 371.4 total offensive yards per game

Tabbed as the 2005 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year, Knight (6-0, 210, Jr., LB, North Little Rock, AR) has garnered 125 total tackles (43 solo) with 17.5 tackles for loss and 9.0 sacks.

The 2005 SWAC Newcomer of the Year is Hakeem Muhammad of Prairie View A&M. Muhammad (5-10, 175, So., DB, Dallas, TX) has 49 total tackles on the season and league-leading five interceptions on the season. He has 32 solo stops and one sack.

The 2005 SWAC Freshman of the Year is running back Mickey Dean of Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Dean (6-0, 200, Fr., RB, Little Rock, AR) is tied for the conference lead in scoring with 72 points (10 touchdowns). He has 127 carries for 712 yards (5.6 yards/carry) averaging 71.2 yards per game.

005 ALL-SWAC FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE
OL-Jonathan Lowe, Alcom State - 6-3, 330, Sr., Shreveport, LA
OL-SeDamin Freeman, Ark.-Pine Bluff - 6-4, 330, Sr., Easton, TX
OL-Jonathan Banks, Grambling St. - 6-8, 380, Sr., Easton, TX
OL-Jonathan Bunch, Miss Valley State - 6-5, 320, Sr., Drandon, MS
OL-Lunda Wells, Southern - 6-2, 230, Sr., Baler, LA
QB-Bruce Eugene Grambling State - 6-1, 213, Jr., Dallas, TX
RB-brent Wilson, Texas Southern - 5-11, 213, Jr., Dallas, TX
RB-brent Wilson, Texas Southern - 5-11, 100, So., Stv Spring, MD
TE-Tabert Lott, Alcom State - 6-6, 225, Jr., Gauther MS
WR-Alvance Robinson, Alabama State - 5-9, 165, Sr., Daylon, OH
WR-Tyrone Timmons, Mass Valley State - 6-3, 210, Jr., Tampa, FL
PK-Loseph Blanco, Miss Valley State - 5-9, 180, So., Houston, TX
KR-Chartie Spiller, Alcom State - 6-0, 183, Jr., Woodville, MS
DEFENSE

DEFENSE
DL-Marlan Jalabarna A&M - 6-4, 225, Sr., Stone Mountain, GA
DL-Marlan Jackson, Alcom State - 6-4, 250, Jr., New Orleans, LA
DL-Jason Hatcher, Grambling State - 6-6, 285, Sr., Jena, LA
DL-Jos Sykes, Southern - 6-5, 270, Sr., Grenada, MS
LB-Johnny Beldwin, Alab A&M - 6-1, 225, Jr., Bess, AL
LB-Tyler Knight, MVSU - 6-0, 210, Jr., North Little Rock, AR
LB-Jarette Prout, Miss Valley State - 6-0, 220, Sr., Boothville, LA
DB-Corey Harden, A. A&M - 6-0, 188, Sr., Macon, GA
DB-Lermane Mills, Grambling - 8-1, 180, Sr., BR, LA
DB-Cliete Gordon, Jackson State - 8-2, 195, Sr., Amrie, LA
DB-Vincent Dancy, JSU - 6-3, 218, Jr., Shuquelek, MS

PR-James Vernon, Southern - 6-0, 175, Sr., BR, LA

Six black college players to play in Cactus Bowl

Six players from HBCUs are among the 42 players that have been named to the East All-Star squad for the 13th annual Whataburger Cactus Bowl game, featuring the top NCAA Div. II senior players, on Friday. Jan. 6, 2006, in Texas A&M-Kingsville's Javelina Stadium.

Winston-Salem State running back Martin Hicks, Tuskegee wide receiver Kenneth Henderson, N. C. Central wide receiver Torey Ross, Cheyney tight end Jason Harris. Tuskegee center Robert Durham and Kentucky State defensive back Marcus Wright are on the East squad

FOX Sports Southwest will televise the game which will be carried also by FOX Sports Network nationally. The broadcast will begin at 6 p.m. and the kickoff is set for 6:35 p.m. The players in the game will report on Saturday, Dec. 31.