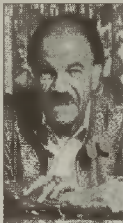


FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 19-25, 2006

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



NICHOLSON: Marketing genius who helped put Grambling band and football on the world map passes at 85.

ONE OF A KIND

SU/NCU TOP INTER-CONFERENCE GAME; FOUR BATTLES VS. I-A FOES

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION table with columns for DIV, ALL, W, L, W, L

MEAC MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE table with columns for CONF, ALL, W, L, W, L

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SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE table with columns for DIV, ALL, W, L, W, L

INDEPENDENTS table with columns for W, L, W, L

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: RECEIVER CHRIS CARTER, Sr., WR, ECSU...

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: JAROD RUCKER, Jr., QB, B-CC...

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: OFFENSE RONI ROBINSON, Sr., RB, KSU...

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: OFFENSE ARNELL FONTENOT Jr., RB, PV...

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: OFFENSE JAVARIS WILLIAMS, Sr., RB, TNST...

SCORES

Table of scores for Thursday, Sept. 14 and Saturday, Sept. 16 across various divisions.

Non-conference games highlight schedule

LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor The next-to-the-last weekend of September is filled with out-of-conference games for HBCUs...

suffered a tough overtime upset loss to Prairie View last week, hosts CIAA defending champion, undefeated North Carolina Central...

Elizabeth City State (3-0), Mars Hill (2-1) hosts St. Augustine's (1-2), who lost to SAC frontrunner Carson-Newman 24-14 last week...

HOW THEY DID IT

Six of the teams ranked in the BCSP Top Ten lost this week. - Prairie View 26, No. 5 Southern 23 RB Arnell Fontenot scored on a 14-yard TD run in overtime...

#2 vs. #3 This week's top inter-conference game is between teams ranked second and third in the latest BCSP Top Ten Southern (2-1, 1-1 SWAC W) ranked third, who

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23 Schedule of games including Vanderbilt vs. Tennessee, Jackson St. vs. Mississippi Valley State, etc.

NCU QB Stafford Brown is also this conference's leading passer and has numbers similar to Lewis. Brown has completed 58.5% of his tosses (38 of 65) for 690 yards with six TDs and two interceptions.

Without Howard (0-2) travels to Piscataway, N.J. to face unbeaten Rutgers (3-0) while Arkansas-Pine Bluff (1-2) gets a chance to host an IA program when it entertains unbeaten Southern Illinois (2-0).

BCSP Notes

Black college legend passes When the history of Grambling University football is written, the name of a non-football player will be near the top of the story.



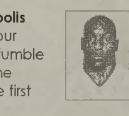
LEGENDS: Former Grambling coach Eddie Robinson (left) with his partner in GSU lore, former GSU SID and marketing genius, Collier Nicholson.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF 9/17-18

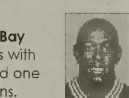
DEFENSE RASHEAN MATHIS, 6-1, 200, DB, Jacksonville (BETHUNE-COOKMAN) - Two interceptions, three tackles and one assist in shutout win over Pittsburgh.



ROBERT MATHIS, 6-2, 235, DE, Indianapolis (ALABAMA A&M) Two sacks among four tackles with two assists and a forced fumble in win over Houston. Mathis' sack came against Houston QB David Carr on the first play of the game.



OFFENSE DONALD DRIVER, 6-0, 188, WR, Green Bay (6th year, ALCORN STATE) Led Packers with eight receptions for 153 yards and had one carry for 16 yards in loss to New Orleans.



Shreveport after a lengthy illness. He was 85.

Nicholson, along with Robinson and late GSU President Dr. Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones, created a triumvirate that worked to, as Nicholson explained, "make Grambling to black America what Notre Dame was to American Catholics."

Today, Grambling is known as the gold standard in black college football because of the legacy built by the three.

Nicholson returned from a three-year stint as a writer in the Marines to finish Grambling in 1948 and assume the post of director of sports information. From that post he arranged for the band and the football team to appear in venues across the world.

He drove an hour after games at Grambling to Shreveport, La., to send game stories to over 400 African-American newspapers around the country. He beat the pavement in New York and cultivated corporate relationships that paved the way for Grambling to play Morgan State at Yankee Stadium in 1968, the first-ever televised game between two black colleges that aired on ABC.

But he went further, learning Japanese to converse with Japanese sponsors as he arranged a Grambling game played in Tokyo, Japan. He was also the brainchild of the successful Bayou Classic between Grambling and Southern.

He created the Grambling Football Highlight Show that at its peak was shown on over 120 TV stations around the country in the 1960s that as much as anything acquainted a national audience with the G-Men.

Nicholson's legacy was honored at Grambling State this past summer as the pressbox at Robinson Stadium was renamed in his honor.