

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2 - 8, 2016

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE TURNS 23

# We begin again! 2016 is year 23



NC A&T Photo  
**A MARKED MAN:** 5-9, 180-pound NC A&T RB Tarik Cohen is the highest profile player in 2016 black college football.

## A NEW BEGINNING

**NCA&T, COHEN, LEONARD TOP MEAC PICKS; 2016 TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES; BCSP AT 23**

### LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

The last of the four HBCU athletic conferences held its 2016 preseason football media affair Friday (see UNDER THE BANNER) just as the 22nd year of the BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE came to a close.

We began the BCSP in the first week of August 1994 and finished that first year at the end of July 1995.

And just as players report to their respective schools over the next week, making sure all their paperwork is in order, grabbing their gear and hitting the fields to begin preparation for the 2016 gridiron season, we too are ready to begin our 23rd year of publication by getting you ready for the coming festivities.

On the field, the start of the season is exactly a month away as the first week of games will

begin on Thursday, September 1 and run thru Sunday, September 4.

A full slate of 37 games will be contested that first week.

Before that, the BCSP will get you ready for the start of the season over the next five weeks leading up to that first week's games.



This week (below) we feature the team-by-team schedule of every black college football-playing institution, something we've done for all 23 years of our publication.

The list includes homecoming dates (HC, in parenthesis) so you can start plan-

ning for that special week right now!

Next week, we'll feature the top returning statistical leaders on the HBCU circuit so you'll know who to watch for as the season gets underway.

In subsequent weeks, we'll feature schedules for Homecoming games, Classic and Championship game dates, games to be televised and broadcasted over the internet, our BCSP preseason all-American team and our preseason BCSP Top Ten.

In early September, we'll feature the BCSP NFL Report highlighting the black college players on opening day NFL rosters.

We enter 2016, our 23rd year, just as excited about black college sports as we were in our first year of 1994. It's been a beautiful journey.

We hope to continue it and we want you along for the ride!

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### NC A&T THE PICK IN MEAC FOOTBALL:

NORFOLK, Va. - North Carolina A&T, who has earned a share of the last two MEAC football titles, has been picked by conference coaches and sports information directors to come away with the 2016 title in results unveiled during the league's Preseason Football Media day here Friday.

With 13 first-place votes and a total of 489 points, the Aggies were voted over 2015 co-champs Bethune-Cookman and North Carolina Central who finished second and third respectively. NCCU had four first-place votes to three for B-CU but the Wildcats garnered 447 points overall to outdistance the Eagles for second, who tallied 388 total points.

N.C. A&T running back Tarik Cohen was selected as the MEAC preseason Offensive Player of the Year, while South Carolina State linebacker Darius Leonard was selected as preseason Defensive Player of the Year.

Cohen, the two-time defending MEAC Player of the Year, tallied 1,543 rushing yards in 2015 leading the conference with 123.6 rushing yards per game, carrying the ball 264 times with 15 touchdowns in 12 games. He finished first in the MEAC all-purpose yards (148.8 ypg.). He capped the season with a 295-yard, three touchdown performance in the Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl.

Leonard was named to the 2015 All-MEAC First Team, as a linebacker. Leonard finished the season recording 70 total tackles, one forced fumble, one recovered fumble, two quarterback hurries, four passes deflected and two breakups. He notched two interceptions, one for a touchdown, and 13.5 tackles for a loss. Leonard was second on the team in sacks (5.0) and interceptions.

The voters picked first, second and third all-conference teams. Bethune-Cookman led the way with 15 selections, seven first teamers. NC A&T had 13 overall selections and six on the first team. NCCU had 10 total and four on the first team. SC State had nine overall selections and four first teamers.

Last week's MEAC Football Media Day wrapped up the four HBCU conference preseason events

### 2016 MEAC FOOTBALL

#### PRESEASON PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

| Rank / School / First-place votes | Points |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. North Carolina A&T State (13)  | 489    |
| 2. Bethune-Cookman (3)            | 447    |
| 3. North Carolina Central (4)     | 388    |
| 4. South Carolina State           | 351    |
| 5. Hampton (1)                    | 265    |
| 6. Norfolk State                  | 239    |
| 7. Morgan State                   | 192    |
| 8. Florida A&M                    | 164    |
| 9. Delaware State (1)             | 121    |
| 10. Howard                        | 90     |
| 11. Savannah State                | 48     |

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**  
Tarik Cohen, Sr., RB, North Carolina A&T State  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**  
Darius Leonard, Jr., LB, South Carolina State

#### FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

- QB - Malcolm Bell, r-Sr., NCCU
- RB - Tarik Cohen, Sr., NC A&T
- RB - Michael Jones, Sr., B-CU
- WR - Twam Mixson, r-Sr., HAM
- WR - Jawill Davis, r-Jr., B-CU
- TE - Ja-Quan Lumas, r-Jr., B-CU
- C - Carl Jones, r-Sr., NCCU
- OL - Brandon Parker, r-Jr., NC A&T
- OL\* - Javarius Leamon, r-Sr., SCSU
- OL\* - Trevin Huff, r-Sr., B-CU
- OL - Desmond Cooper, r-Sr., NCCU



Cohen

#### FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

- DL - Marquis Ragland, r-Sr., NC A&T
- DL - Angelo Keyes, r-Sr., NC A&T
- DL - Curtis Alexander, Sr., FAMU
- DL - Kevin Thompson, Jr., B-CU
- LB - Darius Leonard, r-Jr., SCSU
- LB - Dayshawn Taylor, r-Jr., SCSU
- LB - Jeremy Miles (Thompson), r-Sr., NCCU
- DB - Jacques Bryant, Sr., FAMU
- DB - Diquan Richardson, Jr., BCU
- DB - Phillip Henry, r-Sr., SCSU
- DB - Delonta Hall, r-Sr., MSU
- PK - Cody Jones, Sr., NC A&T
- P\* - Jonathan Cagle, Sr., B-CU
- P\* - Christian Faber-Kinney, r-Sr., HAM
- RS - Khris Gardin, Jr., NC A&T



Leonard



Bell Mixson Ragland Gardin

## BCSP Notes

### Alcorn AD Horne gets extension

LORMAN, Miss. - Alcorn State Athletics Director Derek Horne has received a three-year contract extension that will keep him at the helm of school's athletics program through 2019.

In three years under Horne's watch, Alcorn Braves has won a tennis title and two SWAC titles and a Black College National Championship in football. The Braves also appeared in the inaugural Celebration Bowl.

### Carter new Coppin State athletics director

BALTIMORE, Md. - Coppin State President Dr. Maria Thompson has appointed Derek Carter to the position of Director of Athletics effective September 1, 2016.



Horne

Carter succeeds Derrick Ramsey who resigned in November, 2015 after seven years on the job. Carter was AD at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md. He also served as AD at Delaware State University and Bowie State University.



Carter

### Wells new coach of Stillman women's hoops

Stillman College has announced the hiring of Michelle Wells as the new women's head basketball coach.

Wells, an Alabama graduate, has five years of experience with the Lady Tigers' program, including four as an assistant (2009-2011 and 2014-2016) and one partial season as the interim head coach in 2009 when she led Stillman to the SIAC Tournament Championship game.



Wells

## 2016 TEAM-BY-TEAM BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

| Team                            | Opponent                    | Date               | Location |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| BOWIE STATE                     | Seton Hill                  | 9/3                | @        |
|                                 | Johnson C. Smith            | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Central Connecticut State   | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Shaw                        | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Fayetteville State          | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | Chowan                      | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Virginia State (HC)         | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Virginia Union              | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Lincoln                     | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | Elizabeth City State        | 11/5               | @        |
|                                 | Lincoln                     | 11/3               | @        |
| CHOWAN                          | Fayetteville State          | 9/3                | @        |
|                                 | Campbell                    | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | West Florida                | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Livingstone                 | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Johnson C. Smith            | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | Virginia State (HC)         | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Virginia Union              | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Elizabeth City State        | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Virginia State              | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | Lincoln                     | 11/3               | @        |
|                                 | ELIZABETH CITY STATE        | Norfolk State      | 9/3      |
| Fordham                         |                             | 9/10               | @        |
| Morehouse in Rocky Mt., NC      |                             | 9/17               | @        |
| Johnson C. Smith                |                             | 9/24               | @        |
| Shaw                            |                             | 10/1               | @        |
| Bowie State                     |                             | 10/8               | @        |
| Lincoln                         |                             | 10/15              | @        |
| Chowan                          |                             | 10/22              | @        |
| Virginia Union (HC)             |                             | 10/29              | @        |
| Bowie State                     |                             | 11/5               | @        |
| FAYETTEVILLE STATE              |                             | Chowan             | 9/3      |
|                                 | UNC Pembroke                | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Wofford                     | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Virginia Union              | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Bowie State                 | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | Shaw                        | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Johnson C. Smith            | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Saint Augustine's           | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Livingstone (HC)            | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | Winston-Salem State         | 11/5               | @        |
|                                 | JOHNSON C. SMITH            | Wingate            | 9/3      |
| Bowie State State               |                             | 9/10               | @        |
| Wofford                         |                             | 9/17               | @        |
| Elizabeth City State            |                             | 9/24               | @        |
| Chowan                          |                             | 10/1               | @        |
| Winston-Salem State             |                             | 10/8               | @        |
| Fayetteville State              |                             | 10/15              | @        |
| Shaw                            |                             | 10/22              | @        |
| Saint Augustine's (HC)          |                             | 10/29              | @        |
| Livingstone                     |                             | 11/5               | @        |
| LINCOLN (PA)                    |                             | Cheney             | 9/3      |
|                                 | Lincoln (Mo.)               | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Morehead State              | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Saint Augustine's           | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Winston-Salem State         | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | Virginia Union              | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Elizabeth City State (HC)   | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Virginia State              | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Bowie State                 | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | Chowan                      | 11/5               | @        |
|                                 | LIVINGSTONE                 | Benedict           | 9/3      |
| Va. Union of Lynchburg          |                             | 9/12               | @        |
| Redemption Christian            |                             | 9/19               | @        |
| Bowie State                     |                             | 9/26               | @        |
| Elizabeth City State            |                             | 10/3               | @        |
| Saint Augustine's               |                             | 10/10              | @        |
| Shaw                            |                             | 10/17              | @        |
| Winston-Salem State             |                             | 10/24              | @        |
| Fayetteville State (HC)         |                             | 10/31              | @        |
| Johnson C. Smith                |                             | 11/7               | @        |
| ST. AUGUSTINE'S                 |                             | North Carolina A&T | 9/3      |
|                                 | Carson-Newman               | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina Central      | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Lincoln (Pa.)               | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Virginia Union              | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | Livingstone                 | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Winston-Salem State         | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Fayetteville State (HC)     | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Johnson C. Smith            | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | Winston-Salem State (HC)    | 11/2               | @        |
|                                 | Saint Augustine's           | 11/5               | @        |
| SHAW                            | Lincoln                     | 9/3                | @        |
|                                 | Wingate                     | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | UNC Pembroke                | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Bowie State                 | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Elizabeth City State        | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | Fayetteville State          | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Livingstone                 | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Johnson C. Smith            | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Winston-Salem State (HC)    | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | Shaw                        | 11/5               | @        |
|                                 | VIRGINIA STATE              | Lenoir-Rhyne       | 9/3      |
| Tusculum                        |                             | 9/10               | @        |
| Kentucky State                  |                             | 9/17               | @        |
| Winston-Salem State             |                             | 9/24               | @        |
| Livingstone                     |                             | 10/1               | @        |
| Elizabeth City State            |                             | 10/8               | @        |
| Bowie State                     |                             | 10/15              | @        |
| Lincoln (Pa.) (HC)              |                             | 10/22              | @        |
| Chowan                          |                             | 10/29              | @        |
| Virginia Union                  |                             | 11/5               | @        |
| VIRGINIA UNION                  |                             | LIU-Post           | 9/3      |
|                                 | Newberry                    | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Winston-Salem State         | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Fayetteville State          | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Saint Augustine's           | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | Lincoln (Pa.) (HC)          | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Chowan                      | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Bowie State                 | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Elizabeth City State        | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | Virginia State              | 11/5               | @        |
|                                 | WINSTON-SALEM STATE         | UNC Pembroke       | 9/3      |
| Valdosta State                  |                             | 9/10               | @        |
| Tuskegee                        |                             | 9/17               | @        |
| Eliz. City St. in Rocky Mt., NC |                             | 9/24               | @        |
| Chowan                          |                             | 10/1               | @        |
| Johnson C. Smith                |                             | 10/8               | @        |
| Saint Augustine's               |                             | 10/15              | @        |
| Livingstone                     |                             | 10/22              | @        |
| Shaw (HC)                       |                             | 10/29              | @        |
| Fayetteville State              |                             | 11/5               | @        |
| BETHUNE-COOKMAN                 |                             | Alabama State      | 9/3      |
|                                 | North Texas                 | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Tennessee State             | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Savannah State              | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina Central      | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | South Carolina State        | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina A&T          | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Norfolk State               | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Delaware State (HC)         | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | Morgan State                | 11/5               | @        |
|                                 | Florida A&M in Orlando      | 11/19              | @        |
| DELAWARE STATE                  | Delaware                    | 9/3                | @        |
|                                 | Monmouth                    | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Missouri                    | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Morgan State                | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Hampton                     | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | Florida A&M (HC)            | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | South Carolina State        | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Livingstone                 | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina Central      | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina A&T          | 11/2               | @        |
|                                 | Howard                      | 11/19              | @        |
| FLORIDA A&M                     | Miami                       | 9/3                | @        |
|                                 | Coastal Carolina            | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Tuskegee in Mobile, AL      | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | South Carolina State        | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Savannah State              | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina Central      | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Delaware State              | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Savannah State              | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina A&T          | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | Morgan State                | 11/2               | @        |
|                                 | Bethune-Cookman in Orlando  | 11/19              | @        |
| HAMPTON                         | Old Dominion                | 9/3                | TBA      |
|                                 | William & Mary              | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Howard                      | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina A&T          | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Delaware State              | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Morgan State (HC)           | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Florida A&M                 | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Savannah State              | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | South Carolina State        | 11/2               | @        |
|                                 | Norfolk State               | 11/19              | @        |
|                                 | Coastal Carolina            | 11/26              | @        |
| HOWARD                          | Maplewood                   | 9/3                | @        |
|                                 | Rutgers                     | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Hampton at RFK              | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Morgan State                | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Norfolk State               | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | Monmouth                    | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | South Carolina State        | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina A&T (HC)     | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Savannah State              | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina Central      | 11/2               | @        |
|                                 | Delaware State              | 11/19              | @        |
| MORGAN STATE                    | Holy Cross                  | 9/3                | @        |
|                                 | Marshall                    | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Howard                      | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Delaware State              | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Savannah State              | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Hampton                     | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina Central (HC) | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Norfolk State               | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | Bethune-Cookman             | 11/5               | @        |
|                                 | Florida A&M                 | 11/12              | @        |
|                                 | Army                        | 11/19              | @        |
| NORFOLK STATE                   | Elizabeth City State        | 9/3                | @        |
|                                 | Richmond                    | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | William & Mary              | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina Central      | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Howard                      | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina A&T          | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Bethune-Cookman             | 10/15              | @        |
|                                 | Morgan State (HC)           | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Savannah State              | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | South Carolina State        | 11/2               | @        |
|                                 | Hampton                     | 11/19              | @        |
| NORTH CAROLINA A&T              | Saint Augustine's           | 9/3                | @        |
|                                 | Kent State                  | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Tulsa                       | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Hampton                     | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Norfolk State               | 10/6               | @        |
|                                 | Bethune-Cookman             | 10/13              | @        |
|                                 | Howard                      | 10/22              | @        |
|                                 | Florida A&M (HC)            | 10/29              | @        |
|                                 | South Carolina State        | 11/5               | @        |
|                                 | Delaware State              | 11/12              | @        |
|                                 | North Carolina Central      | 11/19              | @        |
| NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL          | Duke                        | 9/3                | @        |
|                                 | Western Michigan            | 9/10               | @        |
|                                 | Saint Augustine's           | 9/17               | @        |
|                                 | Norfolk State               | 9/24               | @        |
|                                 | Bethune-Cookman             | 10/1               | @        |
|                                 | Florida A&M                 | 10/8               | @        |
|                                 | Savannah State (HC)         | 10/15              |          |