



## THE SHERIDAN POLL

1. Grambling	8-1-2	6. Fort Valley State	9-1-0
2. Central State	10-0-0	7. Jackson State	8-3-0
3. Virginia Union	10-2-0	8. Florida A&M	7-4-0
4. Tennessee State	8-2-1	9. N.C. Central	8-1-1
5. Mississippi Valley	7-2-1	tie S.C. State	7-3-0
		10. Alcorn State	7-3-0

### ...Not Even Close

Howard cornerback Tyrone Tripline breaks up a pass intended for Norfolk State's Kevin Watkins (photo by Brian Branch-Price).

goal with 5:06 left in the fourth quarter to provide the final margin.

"That punt return was the big play," Southern's dejected Washington said after the game. "The punt was high enough to cover, but we didn't do it."

"They (GSU) didn't do anything that we didn't expect them to do, but we just didn't execute," Washington added. "We had bad field position throughout the second half, too."

Statistically, Grambling's Pugh was indeed the hero of the day. In 20 carries, he gained a game-high 134 yards rushing, scored one touchdown and caught one pass for eight yards. GSU defensive back Darryl Chase was sensational, too, grabbing three interceptions for 17 yards.

Ervin Bennett led the Jaguar rushers with 51 yards in two carries, while teammate Coleman passed for 140 yards on eight of 25 attempts.

### Central State Moves On

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Central State of Ohio has beaten some of its opponents so badly that

the Good Lord has seen fit to mercifully intervene once in a while.

When, for instance, the Marauders were living up to their nickname by taking no prisoners against the University of the District of Columbia, sharp lightning forced the game to be called with 10:41 left in the fourth quarter.

Central State led 69-8 at that point.

The Marauders went on to complete a 10-0 regular season in which they outscored their opponents by an average score of 43.6 to 13.2.

Their closest call was a 21-41 win over Grand Valley State. Other scores suggest that Central State might be on the wrong level of competition: Salem College (33-7), Ferris State College (48-32), Liberty Baptist College (66-16), Lincoln University (Mo.) (50-12), Kentucky State (28-3) and Northeastern Illinois (24-0).

The two most impressive wins came at the end of the Marauders' season, 49-26 over Delaware State (a Division I-AA MEAC school that was ranked in the Top 10 at the time and was at least theoretically supposed to be superior) and 48-14 over Clarion State, which then was ranked seventh among Division II schools.

As for the skeptics who say Coach Billy Joe's team padded its record

and reputation against soft competition, Clarion Coach Gene Sobolewski begged to differ.

"That is an awesome team," Sobolewski said after the game. "People said they were beating bad teams, but today they beat a good team BAD."

Central State continued its storybook season with a 24-16 win over Southwest Texas State in an NCAA Division II playoff game at San Marcos, Texas.

Quarterback James Woody threw three touchdown passes in that win, including a 43-yard strike to tight end George Scott with 1:31 left after Southwest Texas had pulled to within a point with a safety.

### Another Heartbreak

Central State's victory entitled the Marauders to meet North Alabama, which edged CIAA champion Virginia Union 16-14 in Florence, Ala.

Virginia Union lost a playoff squeaker for the second year in a row on a 25-yard field goal by James Knowles midway through the fourth quarter.

However, Union earlier had quelled any doubt that the Panthers

are the class of their conference, mauling improved Winston-Salem State 34-7 in the CIAA championship game.

The Panthers matched the Rams strength against strength: the nation's best Division II defense against the nation's most productive Division II rushing offense and one of its best offensive lines.

Guess who won out?

"The bottom line is manpower," Union Coach Willard Bailey told reporters after the game, "and we had our share of talent on the field today. And when you come into a title game like this and have to change from those things you've done well all year, you're digging your own grave."

Not that WSSU didn't try to do what it does best.

The Rams tried running left, running right and running up the middle. All they got for their efforts was hit, dirty and very few yards.

So they picked up a shovel and began digging that grave Bailey spoke of by trying to pass.

Senior Ram quarterback Karlton Watson completed only one more pass to his teammates than he did to Union defenders, throwing six interceptions in a farewell performance he'd no doubt like to forget.

Combine those interceptions with

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