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## MEAC Football **FAMU Extends Conference Lead**

Florida A&M defeated Morgan State 47-9 Oct. 28 in Tallahassee as it racked up 531 yards of total offense, a good portion coming from Jerald Jackson and Kwame Vidal, who rushed for over 100 yards apiece.

The Rattlers took a 7-0 first-quarter lead when Robert Wilson grabbed a 39-yard scoring pass from Damian Slaughter and never trailed en route to their fourth conference victory without a loss.

Morgan State added drama. to the blowout when Michael Moore and Otis Covington hooked up on a 99-yard scoring pass to set a new MEAC record. The old mark of 98 yards was held, ironically, by FAMU quarterback Antoine Ezell and Tim Daniel.

FAMU stretched its lead in the conference to a full two games with help from Delaware State, which handed defending MEAC champion South Carolina State its first conference loss, 20-7. Other games from Oct. 28 had North Carolina A&T defeating Bethune-Cookman 24-21, leaving both teams at 2-2 in the league. In non-conference games, Hampton humbled Elizabeth City State 36-13 and Howard whipped Morehouse, 27-19.

FAMU, with its unblemished 4-0 MEAC mark, now leads DelState and S.C. State, both which are 2-1. FAMU has the best overall record in the MEAC at 7-1 and has won six consecutive contests. The lone loss was to Miami-Florida. Howard raised its record to 5-3. S.C. State is 4-3, NCA&T 4-4, B-CC 3-5, DelState 3-5, and Morgan 1-7. Howard remained 1-2 in the MEAC and Morgan fell to 0-5 in last place. Hampton, 6-2 overall and winners of four straight, is not eligible for the MEAC crown this season, but can be s

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**MEAC Players of the Week** 

The MEAC football players of the week are sponsored by Coca-Cola USA and were selected from games played October 28. Co-Offensive Players of the Week. Maceo Bolin of North Carolina A&T State University and Keith Brown of Bethune-Cookman College after competing against each other in NCA&T's 24-21 victory. Bolin, a 6-1, 185-pound senior quarterback from Gastonia, N.C., hit 27 of 27 passes for 205 yards and threw the winning pass with 1:24 left to play. Brown, a 5-11, 220-pound senior full-back from Avon Park, Fla., rushed for 178 yards on 21 carries. Defensive Player of the Week. Reggie Lee of Florida A&M University after recording 10 total tackles, including six solos, two sacks, and four stops behind the line, during a 47-9 win over Morgan State. Lee is a 6-3, 280-pound senior tackle from Sarasota, Fla.

Offensive Lineman of the Week. Cecil Risher of Bethune-Cookman after grading 95 percent on assignments and keying the blocking as the Wildcats amassed 487 yards of total offense against NCA&T. He is a 6-0, 250-pound senior guard.

post-season play.

The teams are jockeying for position not only for the MEAC title, but for post-season play as well. At-large entries to the NCAA Division I-AA championship are possibilities for all eight teams and the Heritage Bowl invitation would be a sparkling reward at season's end. The Bowl matches a premier MEAC team against one of the best from the Southwest-Athletic Conference ern (SWAC), and is scheduled for December 29.

Highlights from last weekend's action.

DELAWARE STATE quarterback Dennis Jones passed for a touchdown and scored in the third period to help down S.C. State 20-7 in Orangeburg. Del-State's Fabian Thorne opened the scoring on a 5-yard run in the second quarter, but S.C. State evened it by halftime.

NCA&T jumped out to a 17-0 advantage over homestanding Bethune-Cookman after one quarter, but had to come from behind to win 24-21 in Daytona Beach. B-CC drew within 17-14 at the half before cock bolted 47 yards with an Todd Walles hit I

with a 11-yard pass in the third to go up 21-17. With 1:24 left to play, A&T quarterback Maceo Bolin found Reggie Shufford in the end zone from 10 yards out for the win.

**HAMPTON** pounced on Elizabeth City 13-0 and never looked back on its way to a 36-13 homecoming win in Hampton. Pirate quarterback Sekou Wilson hit 10 of 14 passes for 212 yards and a TD, and running back Tyrone Mayer had 98 rushing yards, including the first score on a 37-yard run. MEAC receiving leader Michael Jenkins grabbed seven passes for 175 yards.

HOWARD celebrated its homecoming with a hard-fought 27-19 win over Morehouse in Washington. The teams grappled through a scoreless first half before Morehouse took a 7-0 lead in the third period. Howard quickly retaliated for a 13-7 advantage after three quarters, sparked by a 47-yard punt return by Cedric Redden. Howard also got two other defensive scores when Billy Jenkins recovered a fumble in the end zone and Clarence Pea-



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