

1999 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19 THROUGH OCTOBER 25, 1999



MAKE OR BREAK TIME

BREAKTHROUGH GAMES ON TAP IN ALL CONFERENCES; NEW MAG DEBUTS



BlackVoices.com cover RETURN TO ROOTS: Pittsburgh transfer Leon Murray of Tennessee State leads Div. I players finding homes at black colleges.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BLACKVOICES.COM: The much-awaited BlackVoices.com 1999 Guide to Black College Football

has made its debut. The magazine formerly known as SportsView appeared this week at several venues around the black college grid scene and should be available soon through the BlackVoices.com website.

BlackVoices.com photo FINALLY: Old magazine with new name debuts.

In addition to profiles of projected races and teams in the four black college conferences and the independents, there are opinion pieces on the future of the McDonald's Heritage Bowl in Atlanta by J. C. Clemons and the SWAC's move away from the I-AA playoffs by Roscoe Nance.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BLACK COLLEGE TEAM OFFENSIVE LEADERS

Table with columns: SCORING OFFENSE, G, TD, XP, 2XP, DXP, FG, Saf, Pts, Avg. Lists top 12 teams for scoring offense.

Table with columns: TOTAL OFFENSE, G, Rush, Pass, Plays, Yards, Avg/P, TD, Yds/G. Lists top 12 teams for total offense.

Table with columns: PASS OFFENSE, G, Att, Cmp, Int, Pct, Yds, Avg, TD, Yds/G. Lists top 6 teams for pass offense.

Table with columns: RUSHING OFFENSE, G, Att, Yds, Avg, TD, Yds/G. Lists top 12 teams for rushing offense.

SCORES

Table of scores for various teams including Alabama A&M, Albany State, Ark. Pine Bluff, etc.

CIAA

Table of scores for CIAA conference teams including W-Salem St, Virginia State, Virginia Union, etc.

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE (Receiver) DAMON THOMPSON - Jr., WR, Va. State - Had seven receptions for 161 yards and three TDs...

MEAC

Table of scores for MEAC conference teams including Florida A&M, NC A&T, Hampton, etc.

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JERMAINE HUTCHINSON, Jr., RB, Howard - Scored four TDs and gained 168 yards on 29 carries in loss to Towson State...

SIAC

Table of scores for SIAC conference teams including Fort Valley, Tuskegee, Albany State, etc.

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CHVALARIK DAUGHTRY, Soph., QB, Morehouse - Completed 16 of 30 passes for 271 yards and one TD and rushed for three TDs...

SWAC

Table of scores for SWAC conference teams including E. Division, Jackson State, Alabama A&M, etc.

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

RON JOHNSON, Jr., TE, Ark. Pine Bluff - 35-21 with over Alabama State, Johnson rushed for 212 yards on 23 carries...

INDEPENDENTS

Table of scores for independent teams including Tennessee State, Stillman, W. Va. State, etc.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

LEON MURRAY, Sr., QB, Tennessee State - Completed 17-of-31 passes for 289 yards and tied his career-high with five touchdowns...

Showdown time all around

It's make or break time around black college football this weekend as contenders in just about every black college conference have signature games on their schedules.

The only thing that kept Fort Valley State (3-0 SIAC, 7-0) from an undefeated regular season and their first SIAC title since 1992 last year was a controversial 23-21 homecoming loss to Tuskegee (3-0 SIAC, 5-1).

Both will again enter the contest undefeated in conference play. FVSU has risen to ninth in the latest Div. II poll while Tuskegee fell out of the top ten after their stunning 54-0 loss to Alabama A&M last week.



All Pro Photography THOMPSON: VSU kick returner/receiver key challenge to WSSU defense.

The Tigers may be looking ahead to this showdown. FVSU is averaging nearly 27 points per game behind the QB tandem of Brian Villanueva and Ryan Weiss.

In Winston-Salem, N. C., Winston-Salem State (4-0 CIAA, 4-2) hosts Virginia State (3-0 CIAA, 4-2) in a battle of CIAA conference unbeatens (6 pm).

The WSSU Ram defense has been the story this year in the CIAA as they have allowed just seven points in four conference games and are giving up an average of just 7.3 points in their six games.

Defending champion Hampton (2-1 MEAC, 4-2) hosts league leader Florida A&M (4-0 MEAC, 4-2), on the league's TV package (12 noon) while North Carolina A&T (2-0, 4-1) has fierce and dangerous rival Howard (1-2 MEAC, 2-3) for their homecoming.

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1999 BCSP TOP TEN

- 1. TENNESSEE STATE (6-0) - Throttled Tenn.-Martin 43-7 as Murray connected on five TD passes, Rose to #2 in both I-AA national polls. NEXT: At Western Kentucky.

OTHERS: GRAMBLING STATE (4-2), S. CAROLINA STATE (3-2), ALBANY STATE (4-2), VIRGINIA UNION (4-2), BETHUNE-COOKMAN (4-2)

The A&T/Howard rivalry is second to none in intensity so there should be plenty on display Saturday (12:30 pm). The Bison have close losses in conference to Hampton and Florida A&M but a win over the Aggies would make their season, especially since A&T is in position to challenge for the MEAC crown.

If there will be a challenge to Jackson State (2-0 SWAC East, 4-2) in the SWAC East it could come from Alabama A&M (1-0 SWAC East, 4-3) who host the Tigers Saturday (1:30 pm).

White QBs keying run at title

Surprising Fort Valley headed to SIAC showdown

By ROSCOE NANCE Special to the BCSP All things considered, Fort Valley State qualifies as one of the surprise teams of the 1999 season.

Even though the Wildcats lost the heart and soul of their offense when Renotto Solomon, a three-year starter at quarterback, was declared ineligible last spring, they are undefeated (7-0) and ranked ninth nationally (in Div. II) going into this weekend's showdown at Tuskegee (1 pm), a game that could determine the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) championship.

Solomon was named first team all-SIAC last year as he passed for 1,654 yards and 17 touchdowns and led Fort Valley to its first NCAA Division II playoff appearance in 13 years. The Wildcats were 11-2, including their first ever playoff victory, and set a school record for victories in a season.

"I wasn't looking at it in terms of what our record would be," says Fort Valley coach Kent Schoolfield. "My concern was for them to bond together as a team and play well. We've done that. I just wanted us to have a winning season when we had our open date, and we had that."

cats' 27-20 road victory against Kentucky State as a key to the Wildcats' success to date.

"That was the turnaround game for us in terms of us bonding and everyone feeling comfortable with each other," says Schoolfield. But the real key to Fort Valley's season has been the play of its quarterbacks, junior college transfers Brian Villanueva and Ryan Weiss.

Weiss, a former juco All-american at Holmes Junior College in Goodman, Miss., started the first two games of the season. Villanueva, a 26-year-old who played at Coalinga Junior College in California, has started the last five games.

Regardless of who starts, both play. "We were lucky to get them," says Schoolfield. "Being older guys, they have a feel for what to do. They've been under the gun before."

Schoolfield looked at tapes of 50 junior college quarterbacks before bringing in Weiss and Villanueva. Both are white, which was a mild concern for Schoolfield initially.

fit in with what we're doing and adjusted."

They have combined to duplicate Solomon's productivity by using different styles than their predecessor. Schoolfield describes Solomon as an athletic quarterback in the mold of Tennessee's Tee Martin and Georgia's Quincy Carter.

Villanueva, 6-4, 230, is a pure dropback passer. Weiss, 6-2, 230, is a scrambler.

"We've had to adjust some of our offense for them," says Schoolfield. "But they both have done well."

Villanueva and Weiss and the entire Fort Valley offense have been helped immensely by the Wildcats' kick return specialists Ken Schoolfield, the coach's son, and Cleo Stinyard.

Stinyard averaged 28.0 yards on kickoff returns last season and scored three touchdowns, including a school record 95-yarder against Albany State. He has one return for a TD this season and is averaging 26.1 yards per return.

The younger Schoolfield averaged 10.7 yards on punt returns last season and took one back 95 yards for a touchdown. He has brought back eight punts for a 9.8 yard average this season.

"Of all the teams I've been on I've never been on a team where two guys - the punt return guy and the kickoff return guy - could take



Fort Valley State Sports Photo SCHOOLFIELD: Has Wildcats undefeated and back in 'title contention despite losing offensive sparkplug to eligibility.

it back any time," says Schoolfield, who has been an assistant at Florida A&M, Florida State, Pittsburgh, James Madison, New Mexico State, North Carolina A&T and Temple during his 27-year coaching career.

In addition to his prowess as a punt returner, the younger Schoolfield has emerged as a big play receiver and leads the conference in receptions and receiving yards with 39 receptions for 618

yards and four touchdowns. He averages 15.8 yards a catch.

"He has turned it up," says his father. Running back LaVorris White has also been key averaging 81.5 yards per game and scoring six touchdowns.

Schoolfield scored three times last Saturday as the Wildcats tuned up for their matchup with Tuskegee with a 34-7 victory against Clark Atlanta. A win against Tuskegee, which defeated the Wildcats 23-21 on their homecoming last season, would put Fort Valley in excellent position to win at least a share of its first conference championship since 1992.

The Wildcats would have two conference games remaining, their homecoming contest against Savannah State on Oct. 30 and the season finale against arch-rival Albany State in Columbus, Ga., on Nov. 13.

Tuskegee, the defending conference champion and Fort Valley are undefeated in SIAC play. Albany State has one conference loss.

"I'm very optimistic about the rest of the season," says Schoolfield. "The remaining games are tough, beginning with Tuskegee. Coach (Rick) Comey does one of the best jobs of coaching in the country. He has a great staff and he has some great talent. It's going to be a helluva game."