

SEASON **PICTURE** CLEARING

All Pro Photography HAYES: Has Aggies on six-game winning streak as FAMU comes in:

FAMU / A&T BATTLE FOR MEAC TITLE; TENN STATE LOOKS TO REPEAT IN OVC

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

#### **SCORES**

Albany State 34, Livingstone 13 Ark. Pine Bluff-30, Prairie View 6 Bethune-Cookman 34, Hampton 27, OT Clark Atlanta 28, Morehouse 7 Florida A&M 65, Southern 18 Fort Valley State 24, Benedict 17 Grambling State 36, Alabama St. 13 Howard 49, S. C. State 42 Jackson State 41, Texas Southern 24 Kentucky State 47, Morris Brown 24 Langston 44, Peru State 37 Miss. Valley St. 30, Alcom State 26 Norfolk State 20, Morgan State 16 N. C. A&T 24. Delaware State 13 N. C. Central 35, J. C. Smith 7 Savannah State 49, Miles 12 Tennessee State 25, Tenn. Tech 19 Tuskegee 36, Lane 28 Virginia State 56, Bowie State 32 Virginia Union 49, Fayetteville State 14 West Chester 56, Cheyney 23 W. Va. State 32, Glanville State 24 W-Salem St. 21, Elizabeth City State 6

**LUT WILLIAMS** 

mined this weekend.

Several black college football teams

have clinched conference titles and are

assured of postseason play as the season

heads into its final three weeks. Still others

will have their bowl an playoff fate deter-

**INDEPENDENTS** 

the last two games without injured all-

absence, back-up Chris Perkins has

played admirably and he will lead them into battle

again this week against Murray State (5-1 OVC, 6-3),

the team most consider TSU's chief threat in the Ohio

Valley Conference. The winner will take the OVC title

and get the conference's automatic I-AA playoff berth.

TSU, with last-minute heroics from Murray, defeated

MSU 46-44 last year to win their first-ever OVC title.

of the Blue Tigers win over Western Kentucky but has

put off surgery. He has reportedly been fitted with a

the playoff picture because of their high ranking and

wins over ranked teams Florida A&M and Jackson

Alabama St. vs. Pr. View A&M in Montgomery, AL 1:00p

Alcorn St. vs. Alabama A&M in Lorman, MS

Benedict vs. Kentucky St. in Columbia, SC

Millersville vs. Cheyney in Millersville, PA

Morgan St. vs. Howard in Baltimore, MD N.C. A&T vs. Florida A&M in Greensboro, NC

Livingstone vs. Fayetteville St. in Greensboro, NC

Miss. Valley St. vs. Morris Brown in Itta Bena, MS

New Haven vs. Jackson St. in West Haven, CT

Norfolk St. vs. Bethune-Cookman in Norfolk, VA

S.C. St. vs. Delaware St. in Qrangeburg, SC

Tennessee St. vs. Murray St. in Nashville, TN

Texas Southern vs. Southern in Houston, TX

Tuskegee vs. Savannah St. in Tuskegee, AL

West Va. St. vs. Fairmont St. in Institute, WV

Fort Valley St. vs. Albany St. in Columbus, GA

W-Salem St. vs. Grambling St. in San Diego, CA

HOMECOMINGS (homecoming team listed first)

Johnson C. Smith vs. Va. Union in Charlotte, NC

Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Lane in Pine Bluff, AR

Virginia St. vs. Elizabeth City St.in Petersburg, VA 1:00p

special knee brace and will play if necessary.

Murray hurt his knee Oct. 23 in the third quarter

Even with a loss, the Tigers are probably still in

Tennessee State (5-0 OVC, 9-0) has

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W-Salem St. Virginia Union Virginia State Bowie State NC Central Livingstone

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK pleted 20 of 31 passes for 383 yards and four TDs in win over Bowle State. DAMON THOMPSON, Jr., WR, Va. State - Five-

DEFENSE (Lineman)
MARCUS BANKHEAD, Jr., LB, Livings
tackles, nine solos vs. Albany State DOUGLAS WELLS, Sr., D8, Fays. State - 17

in loss to Va. Union.

MEAC ATMETIC CONFERN

NC A&T

**BCSP MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK** 

on 30 of 45 passes for 295 yards and three scores and ran 17 times for 115 yards and two TDs in 65-16 rout of Southern. CHAD EADOY, Jr., RB, SC State - Ran 21 times for 187 yards and had TD runs of 66, 15 and five yards in 49-42 loss to Howard.

ROOKIE

JONATHAN BREWER, Fr., WR, Howard -Returned lockoff 96 yards for a score and had a five-yard TD run, both in third quarter as Howard accred 28 points in the quarter to tie SC State at 35 after trailing 28-14.

MEAC

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE

Lane Savannah St. Not eligible for con

JASON BROOKINS, Jr., TB, Lane - Gained es for 38 yards with one TD

JOHN GRANT, So., LB, Morehouse - Hed 20 hits (four solos) and two tackles for losses. NEWCOMER URICE THOMAS, Jr., WR. Pt. Valley St Had five tackles, four for loses of 28 yards. including two and a half sacks for -26. SPECIAL TEAMS

JASON LEE, Jr., PK, Tuskegee - Hit on three of four FGs and averaged 37.4 on five punts.

State. They end the regular season Nov. 20 at

in Greensboro (1 p. m.) between Florida

A&M (6-0 MEAC, 7-2) and North Carolina

A&T (6-0 MEAC, 8-1) will win the MEAC

championship and earn the conference's auto-

matic bid to the I-AA playoffs that begin Nov.

27. The loser is guaranteed at least the confer-

ence's McDonald's Heritage Bowl spot but has

an outside chance at an at-large berth to the I-

The winner of Saturday's showdown

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ADJUSTED CONFERENCE

Ark. Pine Bluff SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK COREY HOLMES, Jr., TB, Miss. Valley St.

TDs in win over Alcom State SPECIAL TEAMS IAN REYNOLDS, Jr., PK, Jackson State Hit on two FGs (28 and 39) and five PATs in wir

Holmes chosen for third straight week after rack-ing up 237 years on 49 carries and scoring fou

#### INDEPENDENTS

AH ROBB, Jr., TB, Tr orformance in Tennessee State histo-sting up a career-high 213 yards and children on 24 carries as the Tigers sted Tennessee Tech 25-19. Robb's 84-yard TD run put TSU ahead to stay in.

State - Recorded team-high 11 tackles and a QB sack in TSU's win over Tenn. Tech. Helped lead Tiger defense that lithilled Tech

# UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

WHERE TO BOWL?: With just over a month left before game time, no one knows where or when



Pioneer Bowl?

going to be played. Officials of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC), including Commissioners Leon Kerry and Wallace Jackson, scheduled a conference call Tuesday (Nov. 9) KERRY: Which way to work out the final loose ends. Herndon Stadium in Atlanta on

the third annual Pioneer Bowl is

the campus of Morris Brown College has been the site of the first two games but may not be the first choice this year. A proposal to play the game at the Georgia Dome on Dec. 18 after the McDonald's Heritage Bowl may be on the table as well as moving the game to another site in CIAA country (Virginia or North Carôlina).

#### DOUBLEHEADER, ANYONE:

Don't go to Salisbury, N. C., this Saturday looking for the Livingstone vs. Fayetteville State game. It's been switched to Greensboro, N. C., at Dudley High School. The game will be played at 5:00 p. m. Just down the street and around the corner at 1 p. m., North Carolina A&T will take on Florida A&M.

HOOP PACKAGE: The MEAC has announced that Home Team Sports (HTS) will televise 11 games, including two women's contests as part of their regular season conference TV package. Those games will be followed up by March telecasts of MEAC Tournament semi-finals and finals for both men and women. The package tips off Jan. 8 with either Coppin State vs. Bethune-Cookman or NC A&T vs. Howard at 4 p.m.

**GAMES SCHEDULED** 

1/8 - Coppin State at Beth.-Cookman or NC A&T at Howard, 4 pm 1/15 - Md. Eastern Shore at Morgan State, 4 pm 1/17 - Del State at Hampton (Men and Women) 1/22 - Norfolk State at Morgan State, 12 noon 1/29 - Del State at Morgan State, 12 noon 2/5 - Hampton at S. C. State, 12 noon 2/12 - Howard at NC A&T, 2 pm (Men and Women) 2/19 - S. C. State at Florida A&M, 12 noon

2/26 - Florida A&M vs. Bethune-Cookman, 9:30 pm

# THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

## HOW THEY DID IT

Florida A&M (6-0 MEAC, 7-2) jumped out to a 35-0 first quarter lead, led 42-12 at the half, and stunned Southern 65-18 before over 19,000 in Tallahassee. The Jaguars (2-0 SWAC West, 8-1) came into the game ranked third nationally in Div. I-AA polls with a defense giving up just 9.1 points per game. But FAMU QB JaJuan Selder threw for 295 yards (30 of 45) and three scores and ran (17 times) for 115 yards and another two TDs in the rout. Seider led FAMU to a score on their first possession and then the Rattlers returned a fumble on the ensuing kickoff for a score

Tennessee State (5-0 OVC, 9-0) scored on two long first half TDs and then held on to defeat Tennessee Tech. 25-19 before a homecoming record crowd of 41,132 at Titans. Stadium WR Avion Black hauled in a 78-yard second quarter pass from QB Chris Perkins for a TD and RB Amariah Robb scored from 84 yards away to help put the Blue Tigers up 22-7 at halftime. PK Seth Goodowens who kicked a 53-yard second quarter field goal added a 27-yarder after the break. On the day, Robb rushed for 213 vards on 24 carries while Perkins threw for 256 yards (15 of 30).

Bethune-Cookman QB PaTell Troutman, known more for his running than passing. threw for three touchdowns and ran for two as the Wildcats (3-3 MEAC, 6-3) got by Hampton, 34-27 in overtime. Troutman ran 27 times for 182 yards and two TDs including the game winner, a one-yard keeper in OT but his 23-yard TD pass to freshman WR Erik Lash forced the OT. For the day, Troutman was 13 of 19 passing for 138 yards. Hampton PK Acie Wyatt missed a field goal from 51 yards at the end of regulation that would have won it for the Pirates (4-3 MEAC, 6-4).

Mississippi Valley State RB Corey Holmes ran 49 times for 237 yards and three TDs to lead the Delta Devils (1-3 SWAC East, 3-7) past Alcorn State, 30-26. Holmes scored on runs of 2, 22 and one yards. Holmes has rushed for 682 yards in the last three weeks to take over the SWAC and black college rushing lead (141.3 ypg.) from Jackson State RB Destry Wright (137 ypg.)

North Carolina A&T (6-0 MEAC, 7-2) survived a scare from Delaware State (3-3 MEAC, 3-6), staging a fourth quarter comeback to pull out a 24-13 win and set up this week's showdown for the MEAC title with Florida A&M. Trailing 13-10 with Del State on the doorstep of another touchdown, A&T's defense knocked the ball loose and it travelled through the end zone for a touchback. The Aggies then drove 80 yards, taking the lead on a one-yard run from FB Erik Farmer. A&T QB Jason Battle RB then engineered another 85-yard drive culminating in his 13-yard run to paydirt. Battle complet ed nine of 17 passes for 123 yards on the day.

etteville St. J. C. Smith Elizabeth City St. 1

Playoff, bowl berths on the line Saturday

remained unbeaten, atop the BCSP rank- PERKINS: Tenn. St. ings and #2 in Div. I-AA despite playing QB on the hot seat as Tigers go for

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American QB Leon Murray. In Murray's OVC title.

AA championship tourney. FAMU, ranked eighth in the latest Sports Network poll, would have the best shot at getting in after a loss based on their high-ranking and two quality losses to Div. I Big-East power Miami and to I-AA's second-ranked team, Tennessee State. The Rattlers 65-18 drubbing of Southern, last week's thirdranked I-AA team, certainly helps their prospects.

Southeast Missouri Statte

A&T is ranked 23rd in the latest poll and probably has no shot at the playoffs with a loss. The only blemish on their record so far, an embarrassing 40-7 loss to Elon, a team sitting at 21st in the I-AA poll, is the chief reason.

Last year, FAMU defeated A&T 51-12 in Tallahassee. In that game, Rattler head coach Billy Joe called time with less than a minute left in the game with his team up 44-12 to give them time for another score A&T head coach Billy Hayes remembers.

The SWAC has the most work left before deciding who will be representing their East and West Divisions in the inaugural conference championship game Dec. 11 in Birmingham and in the Heritage Bowl a week later.

In the East, Jackson State (3-0 SWAC East, 7-2) has beaten all division opponents except Alcorn State (1-1 SWAC East, 3-5). If Alcorn loses Saturday vs. Alabama A&M (1:30 p. m.), the East title belongs to JSU. An Alcorn State win would set up a season-ending (Nov. 20) battle at Jackson State for the first SWAC East Division championship.

Texas Southern (3-0 SWAC West, 5-4) can capture the West Division title with a win Saturday at home against Southern (2-0 SWAC West, 8-1) A win by Southern, still smarting from a 65-18 defeat at Florida A&M, would mean the division title would come down to the season-ending (Nov. 27) Bayou Classic against Grambling State. A Southern win Saturday and a Grambling win at the BC would create a three-way tie for the division title and send SWAC officials rummaging for tiebreaking formulas.

## CIAA

Winston-Salem State (7-0 CIAA, 7-2) has claimed their first CIAA crown since 1991 and will represent the

1. TENNESSEE STATE (9-0) - Nine down, two to go after 25-19 win over Tenn. Tech. NEXT: Hosting Murray State for OVC title

2. FLORIDA A&M (7-2) - Gulf Coast offense in peak form in 65-18 win over Southern. NEXT: Showdown in Greensboro with NC A&T for MEAC

3. NORTH CAROLINA A&T (8-1) Escaped upset-minded Delaware State, 24-13. NEXT: Hosting veritable MEAC championship game vs.

4. SOUTHERN (8-1) - Drubbed by FAMU, 65-18. NEXT: At Texas Southem with SWAC West lead at stake.

5. FORT VALLEY STATE (10-0) - Downed Benedict, 24-17. NEXT: Looks for perfect regular season in Columbus, Ga. vs. Albany State.

6. JACKSON STATE (7-2) - Got by Texas Southern, 41-24. NEXT: At the University of New Haven (no kidding). 7. WINSTON-SALEM STATE (7-2) - CIAA champs completed perfect

CIAA season, 21-6 over Elizabeth City. NEXT: Ends regular season at San Diego's Gold Coast Classic vs. I-AA Grambling State. 8. VIRGINIA UNION (7-2) - Whipped Fayetteville State, 49-14. NEXT:

Ends season at J. C. Smith 9. TUSKEGEE (7-2) - Downed Lane, 36-28. NEXT: Hosting Savannah

10. BETHUNE-COOKMAN (5-3) Put away Hampton 34-27 in overtime. **NEXT:** At Norfolk State

OTHERS: GRAMBLING STATE (5-3), HAMPTON (6-4), HOWARD (4-5)

conference in December's Pioneer Bowl unless a minor, miracle occurs and they earn their way into the top four spots in the Div. II South Region. Headed into their regular season finale in San Diego vs. Grambling State, ( the Rams are ranked seventh and need to get into the top four to make the playoff field. That's not likely even if they beat the Tigers, a Div. I-AA and SWAC member. Look for the Rams in Atlanta or wherever the Pioneer Bowl is to be played.

#### SIAC

Like WSSU, Fort Valley State (5-0 SIAC, 10-0) has claimed their first conference title since 1991. But unlike the Rams, the Wildcats could conceivably lose their season-ender this Saturday (Columbus, Ga., 1:30 p. m.) to Albany State (3-2 SIAC, 6-3) and still make the playoffs which begin Nov. 20.

The 'Cats will be ranked (Tuesday) fifth or sixth in the nation and will remain behind national number one Carson-Newman in the South Region. Even with a loss. they should remain in the top four in the region. But, one never knows? Stranger things have happened. If the unthinkable happens and the 'Cats lose and are kept out of the playoffs, let the protests begin.

Tuskegee (5-1 SIAC, 7-2), who has locked up second place in the SIAC, is likely to return to the Pioneer Bowl representing the conference.

# Jaguar Nation goes wherever beloved Jags play

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CLASSICS

10th Fountain City Classic

3rd Gold Coast Classic

No distance is too great, no location too remote for Southern University football fans to travel to watch the

Jaguars play. If Southern were to schedule a game in East Hell, the Jaguar Nation, as its fans are known, would be there in full force.

"It's just the Southern spirit," says Karryl Stewart, a 1996 Southern graduate from Baton Rouge who has followed the Jaguars since she was two years old. "We're always going to bring a crowd."

The Jaguar Nation has been estimated to number 30,000-40,000 die-hard Southern fans who will hit the road in the blink of an eye to support their team. And when they reach their destination, they make their presence known. Many of them arrive the Friday evening before the game in RVs and set up camp. On game day, they rise early and start preparing food for tailgate parties and engaging in pregame revelry. It's a spectacle that can be unsettling for opposing teams and even some times negate their home-field

They were the greater part of a crowd of 50,000-plus in Indianapolis when Southern faced Hampton in the Circle City Classic on October 2. Close to 50 RVs and buses with Louisiana tags were in place Friday afternoon for the Saturday afternoon game.

They helped fill up Jackson, Mississippi's 62,000-seat Memorial Stadium

when the Jaguars did battle with Jackson State. They literally took over the parking lot prior to the Oct. 16 game including all the spaces for the media. And it was only 10:30 in the morning.

"It shakes a team up," says Mississippi Valley State athletic director Chuck Prophet. "You come out and see 15 or 20 RVs and people cooking and laughing and you know they're not your fans. Players haven't seen anything like that. It affects them.

Southern's opponents have a lovehate relationship with the Jaguar Nation. They hate the idea of Southern having as much or sometimes more fan support than they do, but they love the revenue that Jaguar fans generate.

We made a ton of money off the Southern game," says Prophet. Southern wasn't on Mississippi Valley's schedule this season because the schools are not in the same division as the Southwestern Athletic Conference went to a two-division format. But efforts are underway to renew the series. If and when it does resume, the Jaguar Nation can be counted on to come pouring into Itta Bena.

"It makes it a lot easier to play on the road when you know you have as many fans in the stadium as somebody else," says Southern coach Pete Richardson, "Our fans just like to travel."

Says quarterback Troy Williams: "It's great to go on a road trip and have more fans than the home team. It's a great motivation. It gets you pumped up."

Jewel Jefferson, better known as



Southern Sports Photo

EDMOND: Travelling Southern fans helped swell crowds at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis and Jackson's Memorial Stadium to over 50,000. Jaguars interim athletic director says fan support is evidence of the school's unity.

Mama Jag, is acknowledged as the queen of the Jaguar Nation. Jefferson, 73, has followed the Jaguars for the past 35 years beginning when she was manager of the athletic dining hall.

"I follow them because we have a coach who don't take no shucking and jiving and no bending and begging," says Jefferson, who can't remember the last time she missed a game. "I might not have many more (games)."

Jefferson epitomizes the Jaguar Nation. Win, lose or draw, she roots for Southern. She and the thousands of Southern fans who journeyed to Tallahassee Saturday and suffered through the Jaguars' 65-18 drubbing at the hands of Florida A&M stayed until the bitter end,

Even though the Rattlers dominated their beloved Jags, Southern fans were. unbowed. They even complained prior to the game that the school was not allotted enough tickets.

'We'll always be No.1," said Tarne-, sha Covington during a lively postgame, debate with Rattler fans. A senior from Houston, Covington has not missed a' game since enrolling at Southern.

Covington says she starts planning for road trips as soon as the season ends and saves money during the summer for her fall junkets.

'We come in packs," she says. "We just have love for our school."

And they are not averse to traveling to the four corners of the world to display

"It doesn't matter whether we win or lose," says Southern interim athletic director Brenda Edmond. "They still follow us. It's indescribable. Their support means so much to the staff and the student athletes. It makes it easy for us to do our jobs when we know we have the Jaguar Nation's support. There are several reasons they support us the way they do. They know we appreciate their support. Also, it's a show of support for the institution. Our fans have figured out we can do more when we come together."

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