

PIONEER BOWL IV (Box score, scoring summary and statistics)

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
Tuskegee	3	0	3	6	12
Winston-Salem State	0	6	3	0	9

SCORING SUMMARY

Time	Team	Player	Description	Yards	Plays	Score
1st 14:53	TU	LEE, Jason	28-yard field goal	28	10	0-00
2nd 6:56	WSSU	WOODBURY, Tory	3-yard run (kick failed)	3	8	3-31
3rd 11:50	WSSU	OAKLEY, Ashton	26-yard field goal	26	5	2-08
4th 6:40	TU	LEE, Jason	42-yard field goal	42	10	5-10
4th 10:06	TU	LEE, Jason	21-yard field goal	21	10	4-55
4th 2:16	TU	LEE, Jason	38-yard field goal	38	9	3-56

PASSING

TU - JAMES, Aaron 9-18-1, 115; DUPREE, Cedric 8-16-0 117
WSSU - WOODBURY 9-23-0 134

RUSHING

TU - ZACHERY, Severon 25-99; HAZEL, Matthew 8-54; DUPREE, Cedric 3-23; WILLIAMS, Chad 3-7; JAMES, Aaron 2-12
WSSU - WOODBURY, Tory 6-78; NEWKIRK, Terrie 18-32; WILKINS, Vincent 2-7; EDGE, Brian 1-2

RECEIVING

TU - KIMBLE, Kylin 4-44; BROWN, Samuel 4-41; WILLIAMS, Chad 2-25; JOHNSON, Lester 2-17; THOMAS, MarQuez 1-48;
ZACHERY, Severon 1-30; HAZEL, Matthew 1-15; CURRY, Gary 1-8
WSSU - RIGGSBEE, Sherm 4-77; NEWKIRK, Terrie 3-30; HINES, Anthony 1-15; SHEPHERD, Ollie 1-12;

	TU	WSSU
1st Downs	20	10
Rushes-Yds	41-171	27-119
Pass Yds	232	134
Passing	17-34-1	9-23-0
Plays	75-403	50-253
Avg/play	5.4	5.1
Kick ret	3-40	4-63
Punt ret	6-32	1-4
Int ret	0-0	1-0
Fumb ret	0-0	0-0
Fumb-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties	9-52	5-27
Punts	4-41.8	8-35.1
Possession	33:37	26:23
3rd-Dn Eff	5/17	2/12
4th-Dn Eff	2/2	0/1

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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

TUSKEGEE

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GOLDEN TIGERS FINISH 12-0, TAKE TITLE; SWEAT AT THE OLYMPICS

ER THE BANNER

ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ANNOUNCED: The Southwestern Athletic Conference announced Friday that **Prairie View A&M** head coach **Elwood Plummer** has been suspended for four conference games due to violation of conference rules. According to SWAC Commissioner **Rudy Washington**, the terms of Plummer's suspension are that he cannot participate in the four games in any manner, including being at the game site, travelling with the team or communicating with the team in any manner. The Panthers' next four conference games are a Saturday (Dec. 16) loss at **Alcorn State**, a loss Monday (Dec. 18) at **Southern**. The two games of the suspension are Jan. 13 against **Alabama State** and a Jan. 15 date vs. **Jackson State**.

BLACK VOICE: The fall issue of *Quarterly* magazine is out with a ton of interest for fans of black college sports and black college basketball. The 112-page edition is a conference-by-conference of teams competing for honors in black college sports this season. Also check out features by Herb **Black** on college basketball's uphill climb to the top alongside their football brethren and Bonita **Black** on how black college women products are not just in the WNBA. Also included are pieces on black Greek step shows and a profile of *Essence* magazine editor, a graduate of **Howard**. For subscription, call BlackVoices.com at 312-222-4326.

OF DISTINCTION: **Alabama** softball player **Kyetta Walker** has been named the *Black Sports* **Player of the Year**. The *Eddie* Awards, sponsored by Street & Smith's and Speedstick by Mennen, honor the nation's athletes from a historically black institution. Recognized with a presentation at the SWAC football game by **Phyllis Woolley**, director of marketing for Colgate-Palmolive. The Awards, in their third year, are voted on by coaches, athletic members of the media who cover women's athletics. Walker will accept her award at a gala dinner to be held in Atlanta. There she will be joined by this year's *Black Sports* **Player of the Year**, **Florida A&M** receiver **Marion Jones**, and Speedstick Coach of the Year, **Florida State's Doug Williams**. Walker has played a role in the Alabama A&M women's volleyball team as the Lady Bulldogs win their first SWAC title and securing the conference's automatic CAA tournament. Walker was sixth in the voting percentage (.299) and second on the team with 60 (15 solo). She is also a Dean's List student and while majoring in environmental science. "It is an honor and I am proud to join the list of other athletes that have received this distinction," said Walker.

OFF BOWS OUT: Former **Florida** star guard **Tyrone McGriff**, a college football star and a three-time All-America honoree, died Saturday in Melbourne, Florida at the age of 47. McGriff suffered a heart attack on December 25 and lapsed into a coma. He remained in the hospital until passing away last weekend. McGriff was the star guard of "The Mounties," the fabled offensive line of the **Rudy Hubbard**-coached teams of the late 1970s and two black college national titles (1977, 1978) and the first ever NCAA Division I-AA national title in 1978. He earned black college All-America honors in 1977 and Kodak Division I-AA All-America honors in 1978 and 1979. He was also a three-time All-American at the **Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC)** (1976-77-78). After his collegiate career ended, McGriff was drafted in the 12th round by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1980. In 1996, he was a member of the first group of black players (below Division 1-A) ever enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Takes Pioneer Bowl 12-9, final BCSP No. 1

Tuskegee finishes off perfect season

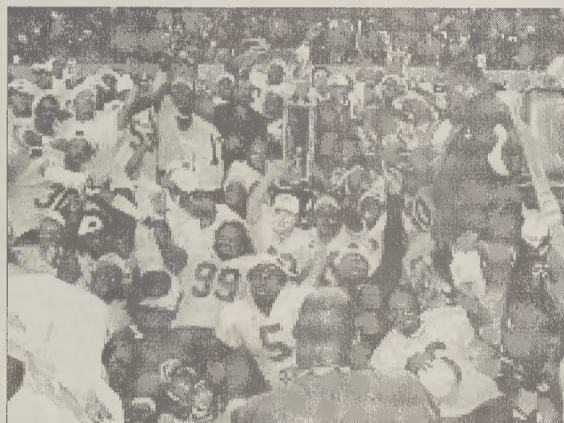
LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

ATLANTA — SIAC champion Tuskegee put the finishing touches on the first perfect season in black college football since 1993 as they downed CAA champion Winston-Salem State, 12-9 before a record crowd of 10,773 Saturday in *Pioneer Bowl IV* to claim the 2000 black college football national championship.

Four field goals by senior placekicker **Jason Lee**, the final one with 2:16 left, were the difference as the Golden Tigers became the first team in the 87-year history of the SIAC to go 12-0 and the first team from the conference to win the mythical black college national championship since **Florida A&M** in 1978.

"The undefeated season and national championship was our primary focus in this game," said victorious head coach **Rick Comegy**, whose team lost last year's Pioneer Bowl to WSSU, 23-7. "Revenge was truly not a factor. We wanted to show them we were



Richard Bowden photo

CELEBRATING: Tuskegee players and coaches celebrate after completing perfect 12-0 season.

better than we showed a year ago. But the main thing was to get the perfect season and show that we were the best."

Comegy adds the 2000 national championship to the NAIA national title he won while head coach at **Central State** in 1995.

Saturday's game was won by the Golden Tigers after they made a switch at quarterback to open the second half trailing 6-3 and after falling

behind 9-3 after a 26-yard field goal by WSSU placekicker **Oakley Ashton** early in the third quarter.

Cedric Dupree (8-16, 117 yards) replaced starter **Aaron James** (9-18, 115 yards) and engineered three drives resulting in field goals by Lee, one midway through the third quarter and two in the final stanza. Lee was chosen as the Tigers most valuable player for the game.

"I've dreamed about this day since I was very small," said Lee, a senior from Fort Wayne, Ind. "I owed everybody on this football team, This was the best game I've ever played."

BCSP TOP 10

1. **TUSKEGEE** (12-0) - SIAC champ takes Pioneer Bowl, 12-9, to complete first black college undefeated season since 1993 and finish as final BCSP No. 1.
 2. **GRAMBLING** (10-2) - SWAC champion.
 3. **FLORIDA A&M** (9-3) - MEAC champion.
 4. **NC A&T** (9-2) - MEAC runner-up.
 5. **BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (9-2) - MEAC runner-up.
 6. **HAMPTON** (7-4) - Fourth place MEAC team.
 7. **WINSTON-SALEM ST.** (9-3) - CAA champs fall in Pioneer Bowl to Tuskegee, 12-9.
 8. **ALABAMA A&M** (7-4) - SWAC E. Div. champ, championship runner-up.
 9. **ALABAMA STATE** (6-5) - SWAC E. Div. runner-up.
 10. **JACKSON STATE** (7-4) - Third place in SWAC East.
 10. **VIRGINIA UNION** (8-3) - CAA runner-up.
- OTHERS: Texas Southern (8-3), Morehouse (8-3), Delaware State (7-4)



Richard Bowden photo

COMEY: Adds 2000 national title to '95 NAIA title.

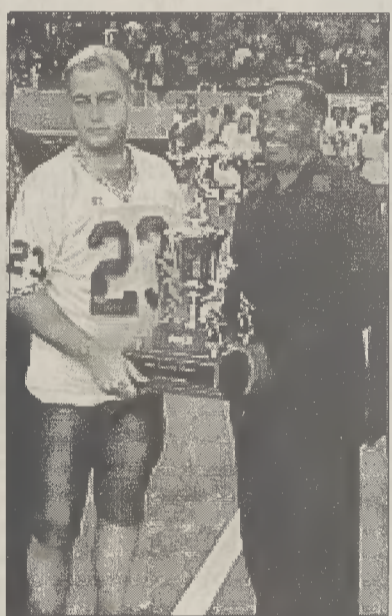
WSSU QB **Tory Woodbury** (9-23, 134 yards), who scored the game's only touchdown on a three-yard keeper midway through the second quarter, was named his team's MVP.

BCSP Notes

▼ SIAC Commissioner Robert C. Vowels' thoughts on Pioneer Bowl IV:

"I thought the crowd (a record 10,773), considering the horrible (rainy) weather, was very good. I'm happy, but not satisfied. It says a lot for the fan base of **Winston-Salem State** and **Tuskegee** that they came out the way they did. It doesn't take a marketing genius to know that when you have a team that's 11-0, with a chance to go 12-0 and win a national championship, and another

◆ Tuskegee placekicker **Jason Lee** receives his most valuable player trophy after kicking the Golden Tigers to a 12-9 win in Pioneer Bowl IV. Lee connected on kicks of 28, 42, 21 and 38 yards, the last with 2:16 to play.



Sweat joins unique company at 2000 Olympics

BONITA BEST

Special to the BCSP

While track and field sensation **Marion Jones** was trying to make history seeking five gold medals this summer at the Sydney Olympic games, **Norfolk State** women's track coach **LaVerne Sweat** was making some history of her own.

As one of the assistant U. S. women's track coaches at the Games, Sweat joined an elite group of men and women overseeing the effort of the nation's best athletes on the biggest of international stages. In doing so, she etched her name right up there with a celebrated group of coaches from historically black colleges that have served in that capacity.

Although she was an Olympic rookie among so many well-known and experienced athletes, Sweat wasn't, shall we say, in a sweat.

"I was excited but I wasn't nervous," said Sweat who has been coaching since 1959 and began coaching women's track in 1978. She spent ten years as head women's track coach at **Hampton** before coming to NSU in 1988. In Sydney, she was responsible for sprints and relays.

"I knew the majority of the athletes so it wasn't like I was going into a situation that I knew nothing about," she said. "The only thing that was a little nerve-racking was putting the relays together, especially the 4x100 which we hoped to win but didn't. It's always tough when you try to put people together who have never worked together before and you've got a short period of time to get that done."



Norfolk State photo

SWEAT: Norfolk State head track and field coach was responsible for women's sprints and relays at 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Olympic coaches are nominated by their peers which made Sweat's selection all the more special. Sweat, who had never been to the Olympics as a coach or spectator, did have international experience. She was a coach at the 1999 World University Games and the Junior Pan Am Games.

Chief among her black college predecessors is **Benedict** graduate and former **North Carolina Central** chancellor and head track coach, **Dr. Leroy Walker**, who was head track coach of the 1960 U. S. Olympic men's track and field team. Walker went on to serve as president of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) including holding

team that's 9-2, that you have the ingredients for a successful ballgame. Winning helps. The key to getting the attendance up is corporate support. We'll have to identify the companies and then sell them blocks of tickets so we can get more kids in the game. I'll be getting together with CAA Commissioner **Kerry** later this week critiquing the game. We will be talking about things like the venue. If we didn't play in the (Georgia) Dome this weekend we would have been in real trouble. But we will be talking about the best place for the game. Among the things I'd like to see are adding a parade, a pre-game event or

concert, a recruitment fair where we can bring in all the SIAC and CAA schools, a battle of the bands and an after-party where the alumni from both schools can get together."

Other Pioneer Bowl notes:

Tuskegee is losing only five seniors from this year's squad, quarterback **Aaron James**, running back **Severon Zachery**, defensive lineman **Tiesias McCall**, placekicker **Jason Lee** and offensive lineman **Wadell Bennitte**. Expect the Golden Tigers to be serious contenders next season for honors both in the SIAC and nationally.

that position during the 1996 Games in Atlanta.

Legendary **Tennessee State** track coach **Ed Temple** (1952-88) — whose TSU troops, led by his famed Tigerbelle, produced 29 Olympic medals (16 golds, eight silvers, five bronzes) — served as women's head track coach in 1960 and '64.

In recent history, former **Prairie View** women's track coach and athletic director **Barbara Jacket** served as the head women's track coach at the 1992 Games in Barcelona. Current **St. Augustine's** head track coach **George Williams** served as an assistant men's coach at the Atlanta games.

Williams says no one is more deserving of the honor than Sweat with whom he battled often when the two were rivals in the CAA.

"She is very deserving because she has worked hard," said Williams whose Falcons teams have won 19 national championships. "She's put a lot of young people through school and most of them have graduated. I got a chance to see her (in Sydney) a couple of times and I thought she did a very good job."

Unlike many skeptics, Sweat believed Jones could pull off her five-gold medal feat. Although the former North Carolina basketball and track star fell short — she came away with five medals (three golds, one silver and one bronze) — Sweat admits the tension got thick at times.

"The only coaching we did for Marion was with the relays," Sweat said. "In individual events, the majority of athletes have their own coaches. There's not

a lot of coaching unless they want you to time them or hold their blocks or let them know if they are doing this or that right."

As evidence of Sweat's deep impact on today's women of track, two of the runners on the gold medal-winning 4x100 relay team from the Bahamas were former students, **Norfolk State's Chandra Stirrup** and **Hampton's Eldece Clark-Lewis**.

Between Hampton and Norfolk State, she has won nearly 30 titles in indoor/outdoor track, and cross country. She led the Lady Spartans to 1999 women's indoor title in the MEAC.

Before Norfolk moved to Division I-AA in 1995, Sweat and Williams produced some of the most intense yet friendly rivalries in the CAA. Sweat's team was the last to defeat the Lady Falcons in track and field.

"In the conference, we both saw each other going someplace because our teams were always battling against each other and they were always friendly battles," said Williams who was the 1999 U.S. men's track and field coach at the World Championships in Seville, Spain.

"I hated to see Norfolk go to Division I because the pickings out there are real thin for HBCUs."

Hopefully, with Sweat's appearance on such a grand scale, Norfolk State will find it easier to find future Olympic hopefuls.

"It will definitely help with recruiting," Sweat said. "I was happy to have that Olympic experience as something that I've always wanted and that I will always cherish. I got to interact with some super athletes."