

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2 THROUGH JANUARY 8, 1996

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

## SOUTHERN FINISHES #1



**RANDALL:** Southern QB voted game's outstanding player.

▼ FREE OUT IN MEAC; DOUGLAS GRABS TOP ROOK DEFENSIVE HONORS IN NFL

### 1995-96 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Results, Standings and Outstanding Players)

#### SCORES

HOLIDAY SCORES UP TO DEC. 29

BYU 110, Morgan St. 69  
George Mason 87, Hampton 74  
Maryland 104, UMEs 66  
Ball State 78, Coppin St. 55  
Southern 98, UNC-Gboro 78

#### CIAA

(thru 12/17)

	CONF	ALL
<b>NORTH</b>		
Va. Union	2-0	8-0
Bowie St	2-3	4-4
Eliz. City	0-1	1-5
Norfolk State	0-0	3-0
Va State	0-2	4-5
St. Paul's	0-5	1-6
<b>SOUTH</b>		
Fayv. State	3-0	4-5
NCCU	1-0	4-1
Shaw	3-1	4-3
JC Smith	2-1	3-4
St Aug	2-1	3-3
WSSU	1-1	2-6
Livingstone	1-2	4-4

#### MEAC

(thru 12/29)

	CONF	ALL
Beth-Ckmm	0-0	4-2
SC State	0-0	4-2
Md-ES	0-0	5-4
Coppin	0-0	3-4
FAMU	0-0	3-4
NC A&T	0-0	1-6
Del State	0-0	1-7
Morgan St.	0-0	1-8
Howard	0-0	0-8
Hampton *	0-0	3-8

\* Not eligible for conference championship

#### SIAC

(thru 12/17)

	CONF	ALL
<b>EAST</b>		
Clark Atl	1-0	7-0
Morris Brwn	1-0	5-3
Sav. State	1-0	2-2
Albany St	1-1	4-3
Paine	1-3	4-3
Ft Valley	0-0	2-4
<b>WEST</b>		
LeM-Owen	3-0	6-1
Ala A&M	2-0	4-0
Morehouse	1-2	4-2
Tuskegee	1-1	4-2
Miles	0-3	1-5
Kentucky St	0-4	2-5

#### SWAC

(thru 12/29)

	CONF	ALL
Miss Valley	0-0	8-2
Grambling	0-0	5-4
Southern-BR	0-0	2-2
Tx Southern	0-0	4-5
Jackson State	0-0	3-5
Prairie View	0-0	3-7
Alcorn State	0-0	2-5
Alabama State	0-0	2-6

#### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CIAA

NA

MEAC

NA

SIAC

NA

SWAC

NA

#### COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

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## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### DOUBLE A, DOUBLE A's:

Black college players are well represented on NCAA Div. I-AA all-American teams. Named to the first team are Florida A&M senior linebacker Earl Holmes and Jackson State senior defensive back Picasso Nelson. Named to the second team are North Carolina A&T senior offensive tackle Jamain Stephens, Hampton defensive lineman Hugh Hunter, Florida A&M linebacker Reggie Lee and Southern linebacker Kenya Rounds. Third team selections are

South Carolina State running back Michael Hicks, Hampton wideout Michael Jenkins, Grambling offensive lineman Elliott Womack, defensive lineman Eric Austin of Jackson State, Alcorn State defensive back Kelvin Robinson and Bethune-Cookman defensive back Willie Oglesby.

### IT'S ALCORN STATE, SIR:

All-pro offensive tackle Bruce Matthews of the Houston Oilers' on his teammate, rookie quarterback Steve McNair. "Steve is so calm in the huddle that I'm not sure he knows this is the NFL and people are trying to take his head off. He thinks he's still at Podunk U. or wherever he played in college." Not Podunk, Mr. Matthews, but Alcorn State University is where McNair played. Why do these people continue to low-rate black college conferences and schools while black college graduates continue to prove how overrated so-called major college products are. Matthews is a Southern Cal grad. (See below)

### MORE RICE TO THE RECIPE:

San Francisco 49ers wideout Jerry Rice, already considered perhaps the greatest wide receiver of all time, added two more records this year to his portfolio. Rice broke the two standards in the just completed NFL regular season. His 1,848 yards receiving this year broke the single season NFL receiving yards mark of 1,746 formerly held by Charlie Hennigan of the Oilers. Rice also surpassed Art Monk as the career reception leader in NFL history. Rice finished the regular season with 742 catches breaking Monk's record (740) on the last day of the season. Monk was picked up late in the season by the New York Jets. Oh, by the way, Rice attended Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, MS, Mr. Matthews.

## STAT CORNER

HERITAGE BOWL GAME STATISTICS

### HERITAGE BOWL SCORING SUMMARY AND STATS

Quarter	Score	Time
<b>1st Quarter</b>		
SU - Williams, 67 pass from Randall - Leach kick (7:10)	7-0	
SU - Leach, 43-yard field goal (1:35)	10-0	
<b>Second Quarter</b>		
SU - Williams, 5-yard run, Leach kick (9:36)	17-0	
FAMU - Safety ball snapped out of end zone (6:10)	17-2	
FAMU - Vidal, 4-yard run, kick blocked (1:32)	17-8	
FAMU - Stephens, 31-yard field goal (:00)	17-11	
<b>Third Quarter</b>		
SU - Gales, 1-yard run - Leach kick (8:42)	24-11	
SU - Bailey, 6-yard pass from Randall - rush failed (:43)	30-11	
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>		
FAMU - Wilson, 66-yard pass from Allen - Stevens kick (14:07)	30-18	
FAMU - Allen, 2-yard run - Stevens kick (5:21)	30-25	

#### RUSHING

Southern - Williams, 14-41; Gales, 5-39; Randall, 14-28; Griffin, 4-18; Jones, 4-15; FAMU - Vidal, 19-81; Glover, 5-28; Jackson, 2-5; Allen, 9-14

#### PASSING

Southern - Randall, 25-16-0, 190; Williams, 1-0-0, 0; Johnson, 1-0-0, 0; FAMU - Allen, 38-17-2, 196

#### RECEIVING

Southern - Williams, 5-72; Sparks, 4-16; Bailey, 3-72; Baker, 2-9; Griffin, 1-11; Gales, 1-10; FAMU - Bell, 6-67; Taylor, 5-32; Jackson, 2-11; Vidal, 2-4; Wilson, 1-66; Bland, 1-16.

Source: Onnidan Group

## Southern survives FAMU 30-25, to claim Heritage Bowl V win

ATLANTA -- Southern could never shake Florida A&M but managed to stay just out of harm's way enough to claim their second Heritage Bowl title with a 30-25 win Friday before 22,164 at the Georgia Dome.

Southern (11-1) dominated the flow of the game but couldn't put away FAMU (9-3) despite leads of 17-0, and 30-11. The Rattler's ability to come up with big plays coupled with Jaguar mistakes helped keep the game from becoming a rout.

"We had our chances but couldn't get the big play that would put us over the hump," said FAMU head coach Billy Joe. "Offensively, we could never get going but we continued to scrap and almost pulled it out."

Indeed, whenever the Rattler's appeared on the verge of being blown out is when their fortunes changed. Down 17-0 past midway through the second quarter, the Jags snapped the ball over the punter's head and through the end zone to put FAMU on the board. Two series later, Southern fullback Donnie Gales fumbled giving the Rattler's possession on the Jaguar 31. Nine

plays later, RB Kwame Vidal ran four yards up the middle for the score bringing FAMU within 17-8.

A 34-yard punt return by FAMU's Tremayne Bridges set the Rattler's up for a field goal attempt with just :10 left before the half. Jeff Stevens converted a 31-yarder to send his squad to the break only trailing by 6.

Southern re-established control of the game with two scoring drives to open the second half. The first covered 76 yards in 13 plays capped off by Gales' 1-yard plunge. A 12-play 80-yard drive followed with Fred Bailey pulling in Eric Randall's toss from six yards out.

Trailing 30-11, and appearing out of it for the day, Allen found Robert Wilson on a 66-yard scoring pass :53 into the fourth quarter. The Rattler's scored again on their next possession, going 49 yards in 14 plays, culminating in a 2-yard run around left end by Allen.

Selected as the game's outstanding players for their respective teams were Randall, and FAMU linebacker Earl Holmes, who totalled 15 tackles on the day, three for losses of nine yards.

## Overheard at the Heritage Bowl

**Earl Holmes**, Florida A&M's outstanding linebacker - "I think I'm a Jack Lambert type of player with a Lawrence Taylor kind of attitude." In the game, Holmes set the record for the most tackles in a single season in Rattler history.

**SWAC Commissioner, James Frank** - Says Heritage Bowl would forego television coverage next year for a better time slot. (Translation) A better time slot will produce a better crowd than the over 22,000 that showed up for this year's contest. He says officials would like to keep the game in Atlanta but will take a look at other cities. Their first decision this year was to play the game at 7 pm but sponsors were tied to television and without TV the game would have lost 250-300,000. "If (next year's game) is not televised then we'll just forego TV. Franks estimates that live crowds could increase between 8-10,000 with a better time slot.

The win by Southern evens the season record between the SWAC and MEAC at 3-3. Southern had all three of the SWAC wins defeating Hampton, along with two wins over Florida A&M.

Southern improved to a perfect 5-0 in the Georgia Dome with their win in Heritage Bowl V.

The SWAC continued its mastery of the MEAC in the Heritage Bowl with the 30-25 win. The SWAC now leads 4-1, with the only MEAC win coming last year when SC State defeated Grambling.

## BCSP Notes

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**FREE TIME:** The Mid Eastern Athletic Conference board of directors, saying they have decided to go in another direction, voted recently not to renew the contract of



Commissioner **Ken Free**. The decision was made public Dec. 20 in Greensboro, site of the conference office though Free was present at the Dec. 29 Heritage Bowl in Atlanta. The position has been advertised in the NCAA News for the last two weeks. Free has been commissioner since 1978 and has served on the NCAA Div. I basketball selection committee. Speculation about Free's status has circulated for some time. Reports this summer placed him as a prime candidate for athletic director at South Carolina State.

### THE RIGHT PLACES:

What was Tennessee State athletic director, Howard Gentry, III doing at the Heritage Bowl symposium, banquet, game, etc. -- looking for a head football coach. Gentry was much in evidence as he tries to fill the vacancy created at his institution by the resignation of **Bill Davis** just after the season ended. Speculation has several deals in the works including a move by Alabama State head man **Houston Markham** to Nashville and Florida A&M assistant **Alonzo Highsmith** as his replacement in Montgomery. Don't count out former Grambling quarterback and NFL

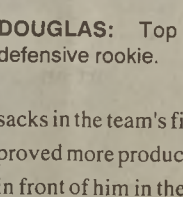
star **Doug Williams** from the list. Though Williams has not formally applied, there may be some interest in his services.

### MUSICAL COACHES:

**Joe Crosby** has been named as the third football coach at Morris Brown College in the last three years. He replaces **Joe Redmond** who left after just one year on the job. Crosby is familiar with the SIAC from coaching at Savannah State two years ago where his rebuilding of the program was halted unexpectedly in the wake of administrative difficulties related to the processing of student athletes financial aid. Redmond left Knoxville College to take over the Wolverines program a year ago following the firing of **Greg Thompson**.

### DOUGLAS FOR THE DEFENSE:

Central State product **Hugh Douglas**, a 1995 first round pick of the NFL's New York Jets was recently selected as the Associated Press defensive rookie of the year. Douglas led all black college players in sacks during his senior season with 16, and was taken by the Jets as the 16th pick of the opening round. During his first season he established himself as a



feared pass rusher, netting 10 sacks in the team's first 12 games. In doing so, Douglas proved more productive than the four defenders picked in front of him in the draft; Mike Mamula (Penn State), Kevin Carter (Florida), Warren Sapp (Miami) and Derrick Alexander (Florida State). Douglas sat out the final four games with a knee injury.

## Southern finishes atop final BCSP football poll

The Jaguars of Southern claimed the BCSP #1 ranking after their win over Florida A&M in Heritage Bowl V. Despite being ranked behind the NAIA champion Marauders of Central State prior to the bowl game, Southern earned the necessary points by virtue of their tougher schedule, and wins over ranked teams.

SC State won the inaugural BCSP national championship ranking after defeating Grambling in last year's Heritage Bowl.

### BCSP TOP TEN

- SOUTHERN (11-1)** - Two wins over FAMU, and convincing win against Hampton allows Jags to leap over Marauders.
- CENTRAL STATE (10-1)** - NAIA national champs but not a lot of quality wins against black college comp.
- FLORIDA A&M (9-3)** - Joe has led Rattlers up hill. Almost got to top.
- JACKSON STATE (9-3)** - Only team to defeat Southern but couldn't beat FAMU.
- HAMPTON (8-3)** - First year in I-AA was a learning experience. Now let's see.
- DELAWARE STATE (6-5)** - Started very slow. Finished very strongly.
- ALBANY STATE (8-4)** - Battled national champ N. Alabama to wire.
- VIRGINIA STATE (8-2)** - Coach Lou and Trojans were snubbed. Motivation next year.
- ARK-PINE BLUFF (6-4)** - Looking to move to SWAC.
- (tie) NORFOLK STATE (7-3)** - Great season but not good enough for CIAA crown.
- ALABAMA STATE (8-3)** - Hornets caught fire down stretch.