





Hampton U. Sports Photo TAYLOR: His Pirates face a formidable MEAC and Classic schedule.

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UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

DISSED: First it was Hampton and Grambling set for the 19th Whitney Young Urban League Classic at the Meadowlands, Sept. 28. That was before Eddie Robinson's Tigers found they had also scheduled Prairle View on the same date. So defending NAIA champion Central State was invited to replace Grambling. But wait a minute! Last week New York Urban League officials, citing recent negative publicity related to CSU, sent a letter to Athletic Director Ken Hudson, officially dis-inviting the Marauders. Spokesperson Anna Taylor-Clarke says the decision is "embarrassing ... a crushing blow and ...a slap in the face" given the fact that the school is "responding to current challenges." She said the institution is examining their options. The Wilberforce, Ohio school has endured the resignation of its board of trustees, a president's firing and the condemnation of all nine dormitories by the Fire Marshall recently in the wake of an \$8 million budget deficit. Ohio Gov. George Voinovich has pledged to keep the school open. For now, pencil in defending Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association champ Virgina State for the game that usually draws over 60,000 to the New Jersey meadow.

TV GAME OF THAT WEEK: Televi-

sion returns to black college football this year, (or is it black college football returns to television). Regardless of how you look at it, there's almost a black college television game of the week scheduled for the 1996 football season. This year it's a combination of BET, ABC and CIAA telecasts on the tube. Here's the schedule with at least two games (one ABC game and another CIAA telecast) to be added.

· SATURDAY., AUG. 31 -Norfolk State vs. Virginia State (Labor Day Classic, CIAA Regional) • SATURDAY, SEPT., 28 -Virginia State vs. Hampton (Whitney Young Classic, BET) • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 -W-S State vs. NC Central (Durham, NC - CIAA Region

· SATURDAY, SEPT., 14 -Tenn, State vs. Jackson State (Southern Heritage Classic, BET) • SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 5 -Hampton vs. Florida A&M (Circle City Classic, BET) · SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 -Southern vs. Jackson State (Baton Rouge, LA, ABC)

· SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 -Southern vs. Florida A&M (Baton Rouge, LA, ABC)

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FINAL 1995 INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATS

NAME	G	AT	YDS	AV	TD	YPG
Huntley, WSS, Sr	10	273	1889	6.9	16	188.9
Lane, Lane, So	9	233	1598	6.8	15	177.5
Porter, FVSt, Jr	11	274	1537	5.6	5	139.7
Brim, Lang, Sr	10	215	1327	6.1	10	132.7
Hicks, SCS, Sr	10	228	1299	5.7	13	129.9
Ryan, CIAtl, Sr	9	168	1162	6.9	8	129.1
Leroy, AlbSt, Jr	12	225	1426	6.3	21	118.8
PASSING						
NAME	G	A	C II	NT TI	YD:	S YPG
Sparrow NorfSt S	Sr 10	409	238 1	4 3	2 34	34 343.4

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Sparrow, NorfSt, Sr	10	409	238	14	32	3434	343.4
Granger, VaSt, Jr	9	312	161	13	20	2300	255.5
Davis, CnSt, Sr	10	269	153	8	28	2484	248.4
Walker, BCC, Jr	10	385	194	11	19	2408	240.8
Fletcher, AlcSt, Sr	10	354	178	15	10	2378	237.8
Moore, MorSt, Sr	11	369	178	18	14	2469	224.4
Pratt, JSU, So	11	345	191	14	21	2372	215.6
Bolin, NCAT, Sr	11	298	162	6	17	2257	205.1
Ruffin, VaUn, Sr	10	293	149	10	15	2044	204.4

RECEIVING							
NAME	G	R	YDS	TD	R/G	YDSG	
Roe, NorfSt, Sr	10	64	1248	15	6.4	124.8	
Lanier, VaSt, Jr	10	56	914	9	5.6	91.4	
Shelly, CnSt, Jr	10	52	896	10	5.2	89.6	
Jenkins, AlcSt, Jr	11	7	875	4	6.3	79.5	
Parson, VaUn, So	9	51	871	5	5.6	96.7	
Johnson, CnSt, Sr	10	41	855	11	4.1	85.5	
Brannon, NCCn, Sr	11	59	846	5	5.3	76.9	
Adderley, BCC, Fr	10	54	843	7	5.4	84.3	
Jenkins, Hamp, Jr	11	52	836	7	4.7	76.0	
Cameron, MorSt, Sr	11	49	797	6	4.4	72.4	

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SCORING								
NAME		G	TD	Х	2X	PTS	P/G	
Leroy, AlbSt, Jr		12	24	0	0	144	12.0	
Morgan, VaSt, Jr		10	18	0	3	114	11.4	
Surtain, AlaSt, Sr		10	18	0	2	112	11.2	
Lane, Lane, So		9	15	0	2	94	10.4	
Williams, SU, So		10	17	0	0	102	10.2	
Roe, NorfSt, Sr		10	15	0	5	100	10.0	
Huntley, WSS, Sr		10	15	0	0	90	9.0	
RETURNING PLAYERS IN BOLD								BOLD

Important shifts to mark 1996 grid season **LUT WILLIAMS**

BCSP Editor

milestone to reach, there appears to be no clear cut lead story for the 1996 black college football season

questions are up to be answered related to shifts in the game.

1) Is legendary Grambling through a damning NCAA investigation?

2) Is Hampton up to the NCAA Div. I-AA/Mid Eastern Athletic Conference schedule? Are the Spartans of Norfolk State prepared to make a similar shift upward?

3) Will changes at the head coaching position shift Tennessee State, Tuskegee and Morgan State back into the upper echelon of their respective connow that he commissioner's chair?

These are just a few linger-Instead, a lot of important of black college football begins.

With Hampton out and Norfolk State nearly out, Virginia State could be poised to coach Eddie Robinson about shift into the front seat of the luster off his sterling career league title a year ago and look to land their first ever NCAA Div. II playoff spot.

Robinson's Tigers may be challenge of a shift to a full on a free fall downward. Despite getting Coach Rob's 400th victory last year, the G-Men could only muster a 5-6 record, the Coach's sixth losing record in 55 years. This year pragnostictors have picked Grambling to finish in the middle of the Southwestern Athletic Conference pack. Meanwhile, the NCAA has announced an investigation of the

4) Is new commissioner school for changing grades of Charles S. Harris the man to 75 student/athletes over the last With no visible Heisman take the Mid Eastern Athletic two years. Robinson says it's no candidate and no 400-victory Conference to the next level big deal but some say it could has the cost him some of those 400+ victories.

Shifting into head coaching questions as the 104th year ing positions are seven newcomers, five of whom are beginning their head coaching careers while two have moved over from other programs.

Rick Comegy left Central to shift downward losing some CIAA. The Trojans took the State an NAIA championship last season before moving to Tuskegee while Joe Crosby returns to the SIAC at Morris Brown following a controversial departure from Savannah State. First-time head coaches are in place at Tennessee State (L. C. Cole), Morgan State (LaVonia "Stump" Mitchell), Central State (Jack Busch), West Virginia State (Carl Lee) and Elizabeth City State (Elisha Harris).

> With a television deal in place and all the makings of an exciting race in his conference, it looks as if Harris' first year as MEAC commish will get off to a good start. He's also fortunate to have Norfolk State waiting in the wings to join the conference and a deal already in place

ups

AND DOWNS





SMILES AND FROWNS: While Virginia State head coach Lou Anderson ponders a move up to the NCAA Div. II playoffs, legendary Grambling head coach Eddie Robinson has to deal with the downer of a looming NCAA investigation.

ball tournament to NSU's cam- apparent by early October. Joe pus this Spring. Harris brings a Taylor's troops face Howard, resume loaded with big-time college administrative experience but it's former commish Ken Free's work he inherits.

Whether Hampton is a con- play last season.

to take the conference basket- tender or pretender should be NC A&T, Virginia State and Florida A&M on successive weekends. It was Howard that rudely welcomed them to I-AA

MEAC hoops to Norfolk in '97

Conference announced last sioner Charles S. Harris anweek that the 1996-97 basket- nounced a one-year deal to play at ball tournament will return to Norfolk State's 7,600-seat Jo-Norfok, but not to the Scope seph G. Echols Memorial Arena.

The Mid Eastern Athletic Arena. Instead, new Commis-

The homecoming menu The objective is to win your homecoming game, maybe that's

why Bethune-Cookman and Knoxville have the most homecoming appearances in 1996.

BCC finished 3-8 a year ago, while Knoxville managed only one win in 12 games. They each have four homecoming dates this

Opponents better watch out for BCC. They are developing a reputation for ruining the festive affairs. Two years ago they upset North Carolina A&T's homecoming, and had two-point losses to South Carolina State and Howard on their special days. Last year they pulled the cover off the SIAC champion Albany State Rams, 40-28 on their homecoming...

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September 21, 1996	
Alabama A&M vs. Savannah St. at Huntsville, AL	1:00p
Virginia Union vs. Fayetteville St. at Richmond, VA	1:30p
September 28, 1996	4.00
Knoxville vs. Benedict at Knoxville, TN	1:00p
October 5, 1996	0.00
Bethune-Cookman vs. Delaware State at Daytona Beach, FL	2:00p
Jackson State vs. Texas Southern at Jackson, MS	3:00p
Langston vs. Prairie View A&M at Langston, OK	2:00p
Virginia State vs. Knoxville at Petersburg, VA	1:30p
Winston-Salem St. vs. Livingstone at Winston-Salem, NC	1:30p
October 12, 1996	
Bowie State vs. Elizabeth City St. at Bowie, MD	1:00p
Central State vs. Knoxville at Wilberforce, OH	2:00p
Kentucky St. vs. Lane at Frankfort, KY	1:45p
Miles vs. Fort Valley St. at Birmingham, AL	1:30p
Morris Brown vs. Savannah State at Atlanta, GA	1:00p
West Virginia St. vs. West Liberty at Institute, WV	1:00p
October 19, 1996	
Alcorn St. vs. Texas Southern at Lorman, MS	1:30p
Cheyney vs. American Internat'l at Cheyney, PA	1:00p
Elizabeth City St. vs. New Haven at Elizabeth City, NC	2:00p
Fort Valley St. vs. Alabama A&M at Fort Valley, GA	1:30p
Miss. Valley St. vs. Lane at Itta Bena, MS	2:00p
Morehouse vs. Howard at Atlanta, Ga	2:00p
Norfolk State vs. Virginia Union at Norfolk, VA	1:30p
S.C. State vs. Bethune-Cookman at Orangeburg, SC	1:30p
Tennessee State vs. Tennessee-Martin at Nashville, TN	6:00p
October 26, 1996	
Albany St. vs. Clark Atlanta at Albany, GA	1:00p
Fayetteville St. vs. Bowie State at Fayetteville, NC	1:30p
Howard vs. N.C. A&T at Washington, DC	1:30p
Johnson C. Smith vs. Winston-Salem St. at Charlotte, NC	1:30p
Lane vs. Knoxville at Jackson, TN	3:00p
Livingstone vs. N.C. Central at Salisbury, NC	1:30p
Morgan State vs. Delaware State at Baltimore, MD	2:00p
November 2, 1996	L.00P
Clark Atlanta vs. Tuskegee at Atlanta, GA	2:00p
Delaware State vs. S.C. State at Dover, DE	1:00p
Florida A&M vs. Morgan State at Tallahassee, FL	3:00p
N.C. A&T vs. Bethune-Cookman at Greensboro, NC	1:30p
N.C. Central vs. Johnson C. Smith at Durham, NC	1:00p
Savannah St. vs. Fort Valley St. at Savannah, GA	1:30p
Texas Southern vs. Grambling St. at Houston, TX	7:00p
November 9, 1996	1:200
Grambling St. vs. Alabama State at Grambling, LA	1:30p
Hampton vs. Bethune-Cookman at Hampton, VA	1:30p
Prairie View A&M vs. Midwestern St. at Prairie View, TX	2:00p
Tuskegee vs. Alabama A&M at Tuskegee, AL	1:00p
November 16, 1996	0.00
ArkPine Bluff vs. Knoxville at Pine Bluff, AR	2:00p
Southern vs. Texas Southern at Baton Rouge, LA	3:00p
November 28, 1996	4.00

A feast of Classic football

There'll be a feast of black college classic at the Whitney Young Classic in the New versity has supplanted Grambling as the main course.

Five exciting appearances in classic games, the most for any black college football squad, accentuate the Pirates first year of Mid Eastern Athletic Conference play. Perennial champ Grambling joins Alabama State with four classic game appearances.

Hampton opens Aug. 31 against Clark Atlanta in Atlanta's Labor Day Classic doubleheader at the Georgia Dome, faces Howard Sept. 13 in the Urban League Classic in Washington, DC, takes on Virgina State Sept. 28,

August 31, 1996 Honda City Classic - Columbus, OH Central State vs. Morgan St. - 2:00p Aggie-Eagle Classic - Raleigh, N.C. N.C. A&T vs. N.C. Central - 4:00p Labor Day Classic - Norfolk, VA Virginia State vs. Norfolk St. - 7:00p Regatta Bowl - Charleston, WV West Virginia St. vs. Bowie St. - 7:00p Arkansas Classic - Little Rock, AR Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Lane - 7:00p

September 1, 1996 Labor Day Classic - Birmingham, AL Alabama St. vs. Jackson St. - 7:00p Labor Day Classic - Atlanta, GA Clark Atlanta vs. Hampton - 3:00p Morris Brown vs. Miss. Valley St. - 7:00p

September 7, 1996 6th Sportsman's Classic - Wilmington, NC Elizabeth City St. vs. Fayetteville St. - 1:30p September 13, 1996 3rd Urban League Classic - Washington, DC

Howard vs. Hampton - 8:00p September 14, 1996 Motor City Classic - Pontiac, MI

Central State vs. Grambling St. - 7:00p 4th Southern Heritage Classic - Memphis, TN Tennessee State vs. Jackson State - 7:00p September 21, 1996

Approaching Storm Classic - Atlantic City, NJ Delaware State vs. N.C. Central - 12:30p Cheyney vs. Bowie State - 6:00p 4th Gateway Classic - St. Louis, MO Central State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff - 4:00p Queen City ClassicIV - Charlotte, NC Johnson C. Smith vs. Elizabeth City St. - 7:00p September 28, 1996

49th Annual Fish Bowl - Norfolk, VA Norfolk State vs. Delaware State - 2:30p Atlanta Football Classic - Atlanta, GA Tennessee State vs. Southern - 4:00p

football games in 1996 and Hampton Uni- Jersey Meadowlands, travels to Indianapolis Oct. 5, for a showdown with Florida A&M in the Circle City Classic and then finishes out their schedule Nov. 16, with the Battle of the Bay Classic against Norfolk State.

The doubleheader scheduled for Atlantic City's Convention Hall Sept. 21, could be called the Hemorroids Classic instead of the Approaching Storm Classic. NC Central and Delaware State play first followed by Bowle State and Cheyney. Fourteen tractor trailer loads of Kentucky Bluegrass will be brought in to conver the Convention Hall's concrete floor. Could be tough sledding for the guys.

19th Whitney Young Classic - East Rutherford, NJ Hampton vs. Virginia State - 6:00p 12th Al Lipscomb/State Fair Classic - Dallas, TX Grambling St. vs. Prairie View A&M - 7:00p October 5, 1996

13th Circle City Classic - Indianapolis, IN Hampton vs. Florida A&M - 4:00p October 12, 1996

61st M'house-'Skegee Classic - Columbus, GA Tuskegee vs. Morehouse - 7:00p 23rd Gulf Coast Classic - Mobile. AL Alabama St. vs. Clark Atlanta - 7:00p

October 19, 1996 4th Hed Hiver Classic - Shreveport, LA Grambling St. vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff - 7:00p October 26, 1996

55th Magic City Classic - Birmingham, AL Alabama A&M vs. Alabama St. - 1:00p 20th Gold Bowl Classic - Richmond, VA Virginia Union vs. Virginia State - 1:30p

November 9, 1996 7th Fountain City Classic - Columbus, GA Fort Valley St. vs. Albany State - 1:30p November 16, 1996 8th Battle of the Bay Classic - Hampton, VA

Hampton vs. Norfolk State - 1:30p November 23, 1996 2nd Capitol City Classic - Jackson, MS Jackson St. vs. Alcorn St. - 1:00p

2nd Carolinas Classic - Charlotte, NC N.C. A&T vs. S.C. State - 1:30p 17th Florida Classic - Tampa, FL Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M - 3:00p November 28, 1996

73rd Turkey Day Classic - Montgomery, AL. Alabama St. vs. Tuskegee - 1:00p November 30, 1996

Bayou Classic XXIII - New Orleans, LA Southern vs. Grambling State - 1:00p

THE WAY THEY FINISHED IN 1995 - FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS, YEARLY HONORS AND BCSP POLL

BCSP FINAL POLL

Alabama State vs. Tuskegee at Montgomery, AL:

1. SOUTHERN (11-1) 2. CENTRAL STATE (10-1) 3. FLORIDA A&M (9-3) 4. JACKSON STATE (9-3) 5. HAMPTON (8-3) 6. DELAWARE STATE (6-5) 7. ALBANY STATE (8-4) 8. VIRGINIA STATE (8-2) 9. ARK -PINE BLUFF (6-4) 10.(tie) NORFOLK STATE (7-3) ALABAMA STATE (8-3)

Central State 37, NE Oklahoma 7

NCAA DIV. I-AA PLAYOFFS

NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFFS HERITAGE BOWL

Southern 30, Florida A&M 25

CONF ALL

WLT WLT ^Va State Norfolk St 6 2 0 Eliz. City 6 2 0 Livingstone 4 3 1 NC Central 4 4 0 W-Salem St 3 3 2
Bowie St 2 6 0
JC Smith 2 6 0
Fayettev'l St 1 5 2 4 4 2 3 7 0

CIAA OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS

AARON SPARROW - Sr., QB, Norfolk State - Threw for 3,300 yards and 32 TDS. RICHARD HUNTLEY - Sr., RB, WSSU Set career and single season (1,889) rushing marks, #2 all-time collegiate rusher. TELLEY PRIESTER - So., DB, Va.

State - Led Va. State defense and conference with 8 interceptions LOU ANDERSON - Va. State - Led Trojans to conference championship.

MEAC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONF ALL

1:00p

WLT 6 0 0 ^FAMU Del State 5 1 0 SC State 4 2 0 2 4 0 6 5 0 2 4 0 4 7 0 mn 2 3 0 3 8 0 St 0 6 0 4 10 0 Howard NC A&T Beth-Ckmn 2 3 0 Morgan St 0 6 0 * - Not eligible for conf championship

MEAC OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS

MICHAEL HICKS-Sr., RB, SC State - Had 1,299 yards with 14 TDs. Set league all-time scoring record with 316 points and finished career as second all-time league rusher.

EARL HOLMES - Sr., LB, FAMU -In total tackles (146). BILLY JOE - FAMU - Led Rattlers to confer-

ence championship in his second year.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC COMPERENCE CONF ALL WLT ^Albany St 7 1 0 Ala A&M 5 3 0

Clark Atlanta 5 3 Morehouse 5 3 0 5 6 0 Savannah St 4 4 0 Tuskegee Morris Brown

Kentucky St * * - Not eligible for conf championship * Conference champion

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR **OFFENSE** ANTONIOLEROY-Jr., RB, Albany State Rushed for 1,426 yards averaging 6.3 yards per carry and scored 21 TDs. It was his third 1,000 yard season in a row. MARKCO MADDOX - Sr., DB, Albany State -

Led ASU defense (146). COACH GEORGE SMALL - Kentucky State Led KSU to 7-4 record in first year.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONF

*Jackson St 7 0 0 Southern 6 1 0 8 5 Ala. State 5 2 0 4 4 0 3 4 0 Grambling Alcorn St 3 4 0 4 Miss Valley 2 5 0 2 TX Southern Prairie Vw 0 7 0 0 11 0 ^Conference champion

SWAC OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS

MELVIN WILLIAMS, So, RB, Southern - Led the league in rushing, was second in receiving and lead in allpurpose yardage. DEFENSE

PICASSO NELSON - Sr., S, Jack son State - Led the league and I-AA in interceptions with eight. Also had 68 tackles and six pass break-ups. JAMES CARSON - Jackson State Led Tigers to SWAC title and I-AA playoff berth.

INDEPENDENTS

Lane Arkansas-PB Langston Tenn State W VA State 9 0 Cheyney

BCSP OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS OFFENSE

FRED LANE, Jr., RB, Lane Rushed for 1,598 yards averaging 6.8 yards per carry, 177.5 yards per game with 15 TDs. DEFENSE MICHAEL HOLCEY-Jr., LB, Ten

nessee State - Picked to all-OVC first team after leading TSU in tack les. Projected I-AA all-American. RICK COMEGY - Central State

Led Marauders to NAIA Div. I national crown.

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