

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 1996

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



**THE REAL HU:** Coach Steve Wilson leads Howard into MEAC battle with Hampton.

## MILES TO GO

▼ MILES SHOCKS SIAC, PLAYS FOR LEAD; HOWARD/HAMPTON IN DC CLASSIC

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

#### SCORES

Sept. 5  
Abil. Christ. 30, Prairie View 14

Sept. 7  
Alcorn St. 31, Grambling 6  
Ark. Pine Bluff 33, Miss. Vall. 20  
B-CC 23, Morris Brown 16  
Delaware SL 66, Lock Haven 19  
Eliz. City vs. Fayv. St. p.p.d.  
Florida A&M 56, Tuskegee 0  
Georgetown (KY) 21, Ky. St. 19  
Livingstone 40, Glenville St. 34  
Marshall 55, Howard 27  
Miles 29, Albany State 24  
Morehouse 14, Ft. Valley St. 13  
NC A&T 31, Winston-Salem St. 7  
NC Central 31, Gard-Webb 14  
Norfolk St. 20, Bowie St. 14  
N. Alabama 47, Alabama A&M 0  
NW Louisiana 27, Southern 10  
Sam Houston 27, Central St. 20  
Samford 28, Knoxville 13  
Savannah St. 54, Va. Union 7  
SC State vs. Chas. Southern p.p.d.  
Tenn. State 24, Middle Tenn. 14  
Tex. Southern 10, Alabama St. 3  
Virginia St. 19, JC Smith 15

#### CIAA

CONF	ALL	W	L	T
Livingstone	2	0	0	2
Virginia State	2	0	0	2
Norfolk St.	1	1	0	1
Fayetteville St.	0	0	0	1
Winston-Salem St.	0	0	0	1
Virginia Union	0	0	0	1
NC Central	0	1	0	1
JC Smith	0	1	0	1
Elizabeth City	0	1	0	1
Bowie St.	0	1	0	2

**CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
OFFENSE  
**PERNELL WILDER**, Soph., (QB) - Livingstone  
Completed 15 of 27 passes for 318 yards and one touchdown and rushed 15 times for 74 yards and three touchdowns.  
DEFENSE  
**CHRIS WATSON**, Sr. (SS) - Va. State  
Had 10 tackles (7 solos, 3 assists) and had a pass break up in win over Glenville St.

#### MEAC

CONF	ALL	W	L	T
NC A&T	0	0	0	2
Florida A&M	0	0	0	2
Hampton	0	0	0	1
Delaware State	0	0	0	1
Bethune-Cookman	0	0	0	1
Morgan State	0	0	0	1
SC State	0	0	0	1
Howard	0	0	0	1

**MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
OFFENSE  
**TED WHITE**, Soph., (QB) - Howard  
Completed 16 of 30 passes for 342 yards and three touchdowns (32, 31 and 65) in loss to Marshall.  
DEFENSE  
**MONTE KEY**, Sr., (P) - NC A&T  
Punted three times, for 56-yard average including 68-yarder that pinnacled WSSU near its goal line leading to A&T score.

#### SIAC

CONF	ALL	W	L	T
Miles	2	0	0	2
Morehouse	1	0	0	2
Savannah St.	1	0	0	1
Clark All.	0	0	0	1
Alabama A&M	0	0	0	1
Mor Brown	0	0	0	2
Albany State	0	1	0	1
Kentucky St.	0	1	0	2
Fort Valley	0	1	0	2
Tuskegee	0	1	0	2

**SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
OFFENSE  
**MICHAEL HOWARD**, Sr. (QB) - Miles  
Completed 18 of 31 passes for 238 yards and four touchdowns (31, 46, 9, 14) in upset of Albany State. Also rushed six times for 48 yards.  
DEFENSE  
**ROBERT CORKER**, Soph., (LB) - Miles  
Had 12 total tackles, 10 solos, and one sack in win over Albany State.

#### SWAC

CONF	ALL	W	L	T
Texas Southern	2	0	0	2
Jackson State	1	0	0	1
Alcorn State	1	0	0	1
Miss Valley	0	0	0	1
Southern	0	0	0	1
Grambling	0	1	0	1
Prairie View	0	1	0	2
Alabama State	0	2	0	2

**SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
OFFENSE  
**CEDRIC DOUGLAS**, Sr. (QB) - Texas Southern  
Completed 13 of 28 passes for 234 yards in TSU's 10-3 win over Alabama State. Also rushed 10 times for 45 yards and scored the game's only touchdown.  
DEFENSE  
**FRED HARPER**, Sr., (LB) Alcorn State  
Collected 11 tackles, six unassisted and five assists along with one sack and one fumble recovery.

#### INDEPENDENTS

W	L	T	
Ark-Pine Bluff	2	0	0
W. V. State	1	0	0
Langston	1	0	0
Tennessee State	1	1	0
Central State	1	1	0
Cheyney	0	1	0
Benedict	0	1	0
Lane	0	2	0
Knoxville	0	2	0

**BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
OFFENSE  
**ALONZO JOHNSON**, Sr. (WR) - Central State  
Caught another eight passes (after snaring eight in the opening week) this time for 180 yards and three touchdowns in 27-20 loss to Sam Houston State.  
DEFENSE  
**LAMAR CARTER**, Fr., (LB) Tenn. State  
Had blocked punt, five tackles, three for losses of 27 yards, including two sacks (21 yards) in upset of 18th ranked Middle Tennessee.

### UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

#### MOVIN' UP:

Loyalty has paid off for **Tommy Green**. The Baton Rouge, La. native has been named to replace **Ben Jobe** as head basketball coach at **Southern University**. Green, a Southern graduate and former All-SWAC performer during his playing days, was named to the position last week by Athletic Director **Marino Casem** just two weeks after Jobe left to take over the head coaching duties at **Tuskegee**. Green has served as a Jaguar assistant coach for ten seasons.



**GREEN:** Replaces Jobe as Jag's hoops coach.

#### START ME UP:

*Black College Sports Today* begins its eighth season on ESPN this week (Thursday, 1:00 pm) with its 1996 kickoff show. The show, with game highlights, scores, standings and features will air each Thursday at 1:00 pm following ESPN's SportsCenter. Sam Crenshaw is back for his third season as host of the program. This week's features include a profile of **Fort Valley State** head football coach **Doug Porter**, as well as a piece on the **Tuskegee vs. Florida A&M** matchup last week that brought former **Central State** coaching mates **Billy Joe** and **Rick Comegy** face-to-face.

#### A NEW TORCH:

**J. Michael Wilson**, a Maryland-Eastern Shore graduate and former sports information director at **North Carolina Central**, continues his climb up the United States Olympic Committee ladder. Wilson, who had served as assistant director in the USOC Public Information/Media Relations Office, has been named General Manager of the new USOC Olympic Committee Visitor Center currently under construction at the Colorado Springs Olympic Complex. The 20,475-square-foot Visitor Center is scheduled to open in mid-October. Wilson, 31, will oversee the tour program, which welcomes about 100,000 visitors each year, the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame exhibit and organizational meetings and community usage. "Michael Wilson has been a key member of the USOC staff for the past two years and his communications skills and personality will be invaluable as we welcome everyone to the new Visitor Center," said USOC Executive Director Richard D. Schultz.



**J. MIKE:** Former NCCU SID takes on another challenge.



**SHOCKER:** Miles QB Michael Howard has staked the Golden Bears to the early SIAC lead. They entertain Morehouse Saturday.

#### BCSP TOP TEN

- HAMPTON (1-0)** - Will find out if they belong here. NEXT: Howard at RFK
- JACKSON STATE (1-0)** - Could be class of the SWAC. NEXT: Dangerous Tenn. St.
- FLORIDA A&M (2-0)** - No problem with Tuskegee. NEXT: Idle
- VIRGINIA STATE (2-0)** - Limping along without Granger & Lanier. NEXT: W. Chester
- DELAWARE STATE (1-0)** - Destroyed Lock Haven. NEXT: Battle at Liberty.
- ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF (2-0)** - Two up, two down. NEXT: Langston in Okla. City.
- HOWARD (0-1)** - Strong showing at Marshall keeps them in poll. NEXT: Hampton in DC
- ALBANY STATE (1-1)** - Up high to fall down low. NEXT: A week to think about it.
- CENTRAL STATE (1-1)** - Stayed close to Sam Houston. NEXT: Grambling.
- SOUTHERN (0-1)** - Upset by NW Louisiana. NEXT: Alabama State.

### Things are heatin' up

#### LUT WILLIAMS

**BCSP Editor**  
As the kids say, black college football is about to blow up! Just two weeks into the 1996 football season and signs indicate things are getting interesting.

Take for example—**Howard University**—that may have the best young quarterback in the country in 6-4, 220-pound **Ted White**. Beginning the season at traditional NCAA I-AA powerhouse Marshall, White showed the kind of poise and skills reminiscent of former **Alcorn State** QB **Steve McNair** and former **Howard** signal caller **Jay Walker**, both of whom now play in the NFL. This week he leads the Bison (0-1-0) into battle against **MEAC** preseason favorite **Hampton (1-0-0)** at the *Washington DC Coca Cola Urban League Classic* at RFK Stadium (Fri., Sept. 13, 8:00 pm). Hampton has some offensive weapons of their own in **RB Tyrone Mayer** and **WR Michael Jenkins**. This could be an old fashioned, high-scoring shootout. You would want to be there.

Another example—take **Miles College** signal caller **Michael Howard** who led an improbable 29-24 upset of **Albany State**, the SIAC bully fresh off an upset of I-AA top dog **North Alabama**. Howard threw four touchdowns in the game and now leads the Golden Bears at home against **Morehouse (2-0-0)** for the early conference lead. **Albany State (1-1-0)** meanwhile has to regroup against a **Kentucky State (0-2-0)** team that has suffered two two-point losses, including a 14-12 squeaker to Miles to open the season.

**Tennessee State (1-1-0)** has played two games under new coach **L. C. Cole** and the Tigers were in both. They fell to defending **MEAC** champ **Florida A&M** by a respectable 35-20 score in week one, and then brought unmitigated joy to their Nashville partisans by beating nationally ranked **Ohio Valley Conference** power and annual nemesis **Middle Tennessee** last week. Now they face the formidable task of doing battle with defending **SWAC** champ **Jackson State** in Memphis, at the *Southern Heritage Classic* (7:00 pm). The game will be carried live on Black Entertainment Television (BET).

Who has less problems, **Grambling (0-1-0)** or **Central State (1-1-0)** who face each other in the Silverdome in Pontiac, MI (7:00pm)? Most of Central State's problems may be off the field, where the institution is trying to stay afloat.



**WHITE:** Howard QB shines at Marshall.

Grambling, on the other hand, faces an internal investigation of coach **Eddie Robinson's** program while the team struggles on the field. Their 31-6 season opening loss to **Alcorn** is the most uninspired opening game performance in years and does not bode well for the Tigers future. This could be a rout in CSU's favor.

**Arkansas Pine Bluff (2-0-0)** is showing why its looking to get back in the **SWAC** staging two early wins over quality opponents. The Golden Lions have a date this week against fellow NIAA power **Langston (1-0-0)** in Oklahoma City (6:00 pm). Also **Livingstone (2-0-0)** puts its unblemished record and early CIAA lead on the line at **Norfolk State (1-1-0)**.

#### GAMES THIS WEEK

**Sept 13**  
**DC Urban League Classic**  
Howard vs. Hampton at Washington, DC (RFK) 8:00

**Sept 14**  
Alabama A&M vs. Clark at Huntsville, AL 1:00p  
Benedict vs. Georgia Military at Columbia, SC 6:00p  
Bowie State vs. Johnson C. Smith at Bowie, MD 1:00p  
E. Tenn. St. vs. W. Virginia St. at Johnson City, TN 7:00p  
Eliz. City St. vs. WSSU at Elizabeth City, NC 7:00p  
Elon vs. N.C. Central at Elon, NC 7:00p  
Furman vs. S.C. State at Greenville, SC 1:30p  
Gardner-Webb vs. Fort Valley St. at Bowling Springs, NC 7:00p  
Hardin-Simmons vs. Prairie View at Abilene, TX 2:00p  
Kentucky St. vs. Albany St. at Frankfort, KY 7:00p  
Langston vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Oklahoma City, OK 6:00p  
Liberty vs. Delaware St. at Lynchburg, VA 7:30p  
Miles vs. Morehouse at Birmingham, AL 1:30p  
Morgan State vs. Bethune-Cookman at Baltimore, MD 1:30p  
N.C. A&T vs. Fayetteville St. at Greensboro, NC 1:30p  
Norfolk State vs. Livingstone at Norfolk, VA 7:00p  
Southern vs. Alabama State at Baton Rouge, LA 7:00p  
Tuskegee vs. Morris Brown at Tuskegee, AL 2:00p  
Union vs. Knoxville at Bourbonville, KY 1:30p  
Valdosta St. vs. Savannah St. at Valdosta, GA 2:00p  
Virginia State vs. West Chester at Petersburg, VA 1:30p  
Virginia Union vs. Cheyney at Richmond, VA 7:00p  
West Alabama vs. Lane at Livingston, AL 1:00p  
Western Illinois vs. Alcorn St. at Macomb, IL 1:30p

**CLASSICS**  
*Operation Education Classic*  
Central State vs. Grambling at Pontiac, MI 7:00p  
*Southern Heritage Classic*  
Tennessee State vs. Jackson State at Memphis, TN (BET) 7:00p

### THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

#### HOW THEY DID IT

RECAPS OF KEY GAMES FROM THE PAST WEEK

- Before 27,006 at Marshall Stadium in Huntington, WV **Howard QB Ted White** put on a show in the Bison's 1996 debut. The 6-4, 220 sophomore riddled the top ranked defense in Div. I-AA football a year ago that returned nine starters, for 342 yards completing 16 of 30 passes and three touchdowns. Despite losing 55-27 on the strength of White's pinpoint passing the Bison only trailed 24-20 at the half, and pulled within 34-27 when he threw his third TD of the game to junior wideout **MaeArthur Johnson**. Johnson broke the Howard single game yardage record with six catches for 216 yards.
- New **Tennessee State** coach **L. C. Cole** delighted Tiger fans in Nashville with a 24-14 upset of Middle Tennessee, ranked 18th in last week's Div. I-AA poll. Since joining the Ohio Valley conference in 1988, TSU had defeated MTSU only once. TSU junior wideout **Juan Hall** hauled in seven passes for 134 yards and a touchdown and redshirt freshman QB **Todd Valentine** completed 10 of 23 passes for 158 yards and two TDs.
- Preseason all-SIAC quarterback **Michael Howard** of Miles lived up to his advance billing engineering a 29-24 upset of **Albany State** one week after ASU upset the nation's top-ranked team. Howard completed 18 of 31 passes for 238 yards and four touchdowns, three of those scoring tosses to **WR Wayne Thomas** who had seven catches for 123 yards. In the preseason Miles was picked to finish ninth out of the ten-team SIAC. ASU RB **Antonio Leroy** tallied 155 rushing yards and scored a touchdown.
- **Virginia State** came back from a 15-0 deficit to edge **Johnson C. Smith** 19-15 in Charlotte. All-conference performers (QB) **Rodney Granger** and (WR) **Floyd Lanier** did not play while star RB **Bo Morgan** played sparingly. Smith capitalized battling the Trojans on even terms before surrendering the lead in the final quarter.
- **Alcorn State** added to **Grambling** and coach **Eddie Robinson's** woes with a 31-6 drubbing of the G-Men at Grambling.

### BCSP Notes

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- ▼ Other outstanding performances in Week Two:
  - ◆ Florida A&M wide receiver **Robert Wilson** snared nine passes for 144 yards in the win over **Tuskegee**. Wilson became the all-time reception leader in FAMU history and now has 150 career catches in his career. He needs 34 more receptions this year to break the MEAC mark held by former **Howard** flanker, **Gary "The Flea" Harrell**.
  - ◆ **Lane** running back **Fred Lane**, black college football's second leading rusher a year ago, got his first 100-yard game in a loss to **Carson-Newman**, Sept. 5. Lane had 22 carries for 110 yards.
  - ◆ **FAMU** QB **Oteman Sampson** had his second consecutive 300-yard passing day completing 15 of 28 for 300 yards against **Tuskegee**. Sampson also rushed for four TDs and threw for two scores.
- ▼ **Prairie View A&M** has placed Head Football Coach and Athletic Director **Hensley Sapenter** on suspension pending completion of an internal investigation regarding use ineligible players on the PVA&M football squad. Sources at the school indicate that Sapenter may have used ineligible players in the season opener against **Texas Southern**. Sapenter was reportedly informed of the players ineligibility but chose to use the players to shore up a young and thin offensive line. PV officials have informed the SWAC office about the investigation and the reasons surrounding it.
- ▼ **Danny Doss** has been appointed as the new supervisor of officials for the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference**. Doss has served in a similar capacity for the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association**.

### A new battle of the bands

#### Letter to the Editor:

Is there (or has there been) a consideration to add Black College Marching Band info to your sports page? I'm sure it would be a welcome addition to an already comprehensive web page. You all are doing a great job. Your arrival is long overdue.  
I realize marching bands don't constitute sports, but if you follow Black College football, you'll agree that the halftime "show" is a major attraction. If it sounds as though I'm partial to this cause, I am. Just this weekend, I travelled to Nashville (Tenn St/FAMU), then down the road to Birmingham (Jackson St/Ala St). I got to see four EXCELLENT bands that were surely worth the price of admission. By the way, the games were good too!! See my point?  
Keep up the good work.

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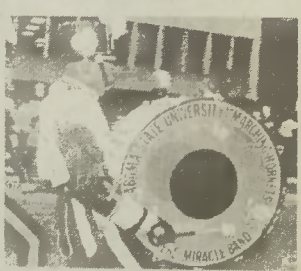
While this reader was entertained by the halftime and post game activities of the bands in Birmingham, she couldn't have known what followed.  
As if on cue following her letter, the bands at **Jackson State** and **Alabama State** brought the kind of attention to black college bands that neither they nor she was seeking.

After an intense *Magic City Classic* battle in Birmingham (Sept. 1), between the **Southwestern Athletic Conference** rivals (won by Jackson State 40-0), the two bands staged a post game battle, not involving any music, in the Legion Field parking lot.

The lot — according to official reports from the schools — four Alabama State band members were treated for minor bruises and released. Uncon-

### SONIC BOOM

The Alabama State/Jackson State Band Melee made more noise than the bands ever did.



firmed reports indicate that the incident began when members of one band would not let the other pass. Tempers flared resulting in the melee. An Associated Press story reported that a heavy police presence was required to quell the disturbance. Jackson State has issued an official statement displaying their regret for the incident and

the negative publicity surrounding it. In that statement, JSU refers to the outstanding reputation of the JSU "Sonic Boom of the South" for musicianship. Alabama State officials said this week that band members of the Hornet Marching Band regret the incident and are taking steps to prevent a recurrence of the behavior.