FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26 THROUGH DECEMBER 2, 1996 CLASSICS. PLAYOFFS. MARAUDER: Central

▼ ALBANY STATE FALLS; FLORIDA A&M, **JACKSON STATE MAKE I-AA PLAYOFFS** 

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

#### **SCORES**

Florida A&M 41, Bethune-Cookman 7 Howard 48, Delaware State 23 iJackson State 27, Alcorn State 17 Morehead State 60, W. V. State 22 Morgan State 23, Hampton 22 S. C. State 35, NC A&T 0 S. E. Missouri St. 24, Tenn. State 21

NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFFS Valdosto State 38, Albany State 28

#### CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION xVirginia State 7 1 0 Livingstone 7 1 0 Norfolk State 6 2 0 NC Central 5 3 0 JC Smith

Winston-Salem St. 3 5 0 Virginia Union 1 x - Champior CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DEFENSE

# MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

W L T 7 0 0 W L 9 2 xFlorida A&M Howard SC State Hampton Morgan State 2 Delaware State 2 5 0 Bethune-Cookman O 7 O MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE KENNY BYNUM, Sr., (RB) - s. C. State Ran 28 times for 307 yards and three TDs (83, 6 and 43) in 35-0 rout of NC A&T.

WILLIE THOMPSON, Sr., (LB) - Morgan State - Had eight total tackles including one sack and two other

## SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

xAlbany State 5 1 Miles Alabama A&M 3 3 0 Fort Valley 3 3 0 Savannah St. 3 3 0 Kentucky St. 3 3 0 Morris Brown 2 3 0 x - Champion

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK ANTONIO LEROY, Sr., (RB), Albany State - In his last game at ASU, rushed for 135 yards in 30 carries

banner into I-AA playoffs

### SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

W L 10 1 xJackson State Miss Valley Texas Southern Southern Alcorn State 3 Grambling 2 Alabama State 2 Prairie View 0 7 0 x - Champion

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CARLOS KNIGHT, Jr. (RB) - Jackson State - Rushed for a game-high 119 yards on 16 carries and scored on TD runs of 16 and three yards in 27-17 win over Alcom State

DEFENSE OTHA EVANS, Sr. (LB), Jackson State - Had 12 tackles, eight solos and four assisted, in JSU win

#### INDEPENDENTS

Central State W. V. State Lane Cheyney

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BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK **OFFENSE** 

#### UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

#### LIKELY TO SUCCED: Four black college players are among a group of "small college" players



Jackson St. Sports Photo WOODSON: Jackson State safety projected as early NFL pick

pegged in this week's (Nov. 25) Sports Illustrated as players to be taken early in next April's NFL draft. They are: Myron Elzy, a 6-6 300pound defensive tackle from Central State pegged by the mag as a "Leon Lett type impact player;" Sean Woodson, a 6-2, 200-pound Jackson State safety coveted because of his size; Raleigh Roundtree, South Carolina State's 6-5, 305-pound

State lineman Myron Elzy

among nation's best.

offensive tackle and Ray Nealy, Arkansas-Pine Bluff's 6-0,210-pound running back rated high for his blocking ability.

## CIAA COACHES, FALL: Livingstone

head coach Rudy Abrams was unanimously selected as the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association football coach of the year as the conference named their Fall coaches of the year. Abrams led the Fighting Bears to an 8-2 overall mark while tying Virginia State for the best conference mark at 7-1. Norfolk State cross country coaches Steve Riddick (men) and La Verne Sweat (women) also were unanimously picked as cross country coaches of the year. Their teams won the 1996 cross country championships. Elorine Hill of Fayetteville State won the volleyball coaches award after leading the Broncos to the tournament championship after a third place finish in the regular season.

BLACK GOLF: The National Black College Golf Coaches Association has unveiled their Fall 1996 rankings of black college golf programs. Hampton University golf coach Burl Bowens serves as the organization's president while Jackson State coach Eddie Payton is vice president. The organization ranks teams by NCAA Div. I and NCAA Div. II/NAIA categories. The rankings are:

**DIVISION TWO / NAIA** 

1. Talladega College

Kentucky State

4. St. Augustine<sup>t</sup>

5. Virginia Union

3. Fayetteville State

DIVISION ONE

- 1. Jackson State
- Florida A&M
- 3. Tennesse State
- 4. Hampton 5. Alabama State
- 6 Southern
- 7. South Carolina State
- 6. Grambling State

# CLASSIC SPONSOR: The Gillette Com-

pany has increased its sponsorship of the Bayou Classic to over \$130,000, according to a press release from the company. Gillette provides tickets to the game to 100 elementary school students, as well as tickets to the "Battle of the Bands / Battle of the Greeks" to essay contest winners. Proceeds from the game benefit the President's Scholarship Fund, which provides funding for students attending historically black colleges and universities. The company presents the Right Guard Lineman Award to a player from each school.

### THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

#### HOW THEY DID IT

RECAPS OF KEY GAMES FROM THE PAST WEEK

- QB Otis Covington threw a 34-yard desperation pass to sophomore tight end Tyrone Smith with four seconds remaining to give Morgan State a 23-22 win over Hampton.

- Howard (9-2, 6-1) sophomore QB Ted White threw for three more touchdowns while racking up 328 yards competing 23 of 34 passes to lead the Bison over Delaware State (2-5, 3-8) 48-23. White, the top-rated passer' in NCAA Div. I-AA football, now has 36 TD passes on the season, MEAC and HU records.

- South Carolina State running back Kenny Bynum rushed for 307 yards on 28 carries as the Bulldogs blew past the Aggies 35-0 in Charlotte, NC. Bynum's single game total was the second highest in MEAC history (to Delaware State's Gene Lake, 336 in 1994 vs. Liberty Baptist) and his 1,648 rushing yards on the season was also second best ever (to Lake's, 1,722 in '84). Bynum scored on an 83-yard run on SCSU's first play from scrimmage and added scoring runs of 3 and 47 yards.

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### sacks for losses. over Alcorn State.

#### BCSP TOP TEN

1. JACKSON STATE (10-1) - Survived Alcorn State, 27-17 to finish season as SWAC champion.. NEXT: First round NCAA Div. I-AA playoff assignment at William and Mary.

2. HOWARD (9-2) - Got by Delware State, 48-23 to clinch Heritage Bowl spot. NEXT: Dec. 31 matchup in Heritage Bowl VI vs. Southern or Mississippi Valley

3. FLORIDA A&M (9-2) - MEAC champ gets 41-7 win over Bethune-Cookman to end regular season. NEXT: MEAC automatic bid puts Ratters at #13 in playoffs at Troy State...

4. ALBANY STATE (8-3) - SIAC champ fell 38-28 to Valdosta State in first round of Div. II playoffs NEXT: Season over.

5. LIVINGSTONE (8-2) - Season over. 6. VIRGINIA STATE (8-3) - CIAA titleist. Season

7. SOUTHERN (6-4) - Idle. NEXT: Grambling at Bayou Classic. Win lands them in Heritage Bowl. Loss gives berth to Miss. Valley

8. NORTH CAROLINA A&T (8-3) - Humbled by S. C. State, 35-0. NEXT: Border battle with SC State to finish out regular season.

9. NC CENTRAL (8-3) - Season over

10. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY (7-4) - Season over pending Bayou Classic outcome. OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Texas Southern, JC Smith

In Div. II Playoffs

### Albany State bows, again

The Albany State Golden Rams battled gamely, again in the Div. II playoffs only to come up short,

The 38-28 loss Saturday to Valdosta State was a reminder of a 14-7 loss suffered by Hampton Smith's club two years ago in another first round DIv. II game against the Blazers as well as a loss by the same 38-28 score to eventual national champion North Alabama

This time one of the Rams blamed the men in

"It was tough enough playing them on their field 11-on-11, but when you have six in striped shirts, you don't stand a chance," said ASU all-conference running back Antonio Leroy, who rushed for 135 yards on 30 carries. "They were holding our defensive linemen all day and nothing was called. But we saw plenty on us." He was referring to his squad being whistled 13 times for 85 yards in penalties while Valdosta State was penalized only five times for 46.

Leroy and quarterback Purvis Jackson however, led a first half comeback that saw the Rams emerge from a 14-0 deficit to lead 21-16 at the half. Jackson threw two of his three scoring passes in the first half and also ran in from 15 yards out. "We knew all along, even when we were down by 14 that we had the ability to win

A Leroy fumble recovered by the Blazers at the Rams 43 led to one third quarter score for Valdosta and a fourth quarter blocked punt deep in Rams territory led to another. Valdosta scored the deciding touchdown with 2:18 to play on a one-yard run by running back Carlos Brown.

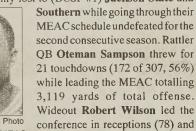
AA conferences have dates on the road as the NCAA Div. I-AA playoffs begin.

Jax State, FAMU to carry black college

Jackson State (10-1), champ of the Southwestern Athletic Conference and Florida A&M (9-2), Mid Eastern Athletic Conference titleist begin play this Saturday in the first round of the 16-team Div. I-AA championship.

Florida A&M (13) at Troy State (4) 1:00 pm at Troy, Alabama - 2:30 pm (Central)

The Rattlers (9-2, 7-0), under head coach Billy Joe, have only lost to (BCSP #1) Jackson State and



FAMU Sports Photo SAMPSON: MEAC total offense leader.

MEAC schedule undefeated for the second consecutive season. Rattler OB Oteman Sampson threw for 21 touchdowns (172 of 307, 56%) while leading the MEAC totalling 3,119 yards of total offense. Wideout Robert Wilson led the conference in receptions (78) and broke the conference career reception mark with 209 in his career.

He was the only receiver in the conference to break the 1,000-yard mark (1,161) and also snared ten scoring passes. Antoine Flowers led the Rattlers in rushing with 738 yards including 12 touchdowns. The FAMU defense is anchored by linebackers Cedric Liddell (81 tackles), Maurice Johnson (77 tackles) James Gibson (69) and Leonard Inge (59).

Troy State (10-1, 5-1) finished as the top team in the Southland Football League and is returning to the I-AA playoffs for the fourth consecutive year under coach Larry Blakeney. Their only loss was to Stephen F. Austin (13-10) and they enter as the fourth-ranked team. The Trojans rush for 261 yards per game led by senior tailback Arrid Gregory who set the school's season rushing mark this year with 1,072 yards (163 carries, 6.6 ypc.). Fullback Joe Jackson added 849 yards and bulled his way to 14 touchdowns. The Trojans average only 122 yards through the air and are led by QB Stan Davis (87-170, 1,233 yards, six TDs). The defensive star is defensive end Pratt Lyons listed

The champions of the two black college NCAA I- recently in Sports Illustrated as one of the best NFL prospects at non-Division IA schools (See, UNDER THE BANNER). Lyons has registered 89 tackles, second on the team, and ten sacks.

> Jackson State (9) at William and Mary (8) at Williamsburg, Virginia - 12.30 pm



PRATT: SWAC total offense leader.

Jackson State (10-1, 6-1), under coach James Carson, is the SWAC offensive (442.3 yards per game) and defensive leader (264.9 yards per game. They are making their second consecutive trip to the I-AA playoffs, their 11th since a 1978. The Tigers have never won & in the I-AA playoffs. JSU QB 13 Grailyn Pratt led the SWAC in ti passing (236.4 yards per game) s.

and total offense while throwing for a conference st leading 22 TDs. Teammate Carlos Knight led the SWAC in rushing with 899 yards on 177 carries (5.1 id ypc.) and scored nine TDs. Jerome Young was the leading receiver for the Tigers with 50 catches (652 yards, 8 TDs) while Quin Culberson (40 rec. ) and Dexter Thomas (37 rec.) provided receiving depth. JSU safety Sean Woodson led the SWAC with seven ? interceptions while linebacker Otha Evans was the conference's leading tackler (127 total).

William and Mary (9-2, 7-1) claimed then first Yankee conference title this year and is led by coach Jimmye Laycocke. Sophomore QB Mike Hill leads the offense and threw for 19 touchdowns this year (165-294, 56%). The Tribe's chief ground threat is Alvin Porch who ran for 1,124 yards on 253 carries (4.4 ypc.). 3 Wide receiver Josh Whipple (6-5, 215) hauled in 50 passes for 856 yards (17.1 yards per catch) and eight a touchdowns. Defensively, the Tribe is second in the d nation in total defense surrendering only 231.1 yards if per game. Free safety Darren Sharper picked off 10 3 passes while leading the team with 106 tackles. Linebacker Mike McGowan had 103 tackles and four sacks. 5 Defensive end Luke Cullinane leads the team with 12

### **BCSP Notes**

t With their 48-23 win over Delaware State Saturday, Howard (9-2, 6-1) has earned their first trip to the Heritage Bowl. The Bison must however await the outcome of Saturday's Bayou Classic matchup between Southern (6-4, 4-2) and Grambling (3-7, 2-4) to know who their opponent for Heritage Bowl VI will be. Southern must get by Grambling to secure their third trip to the season-ending black college bowl game. A

loss would give the spot to Mississippi Valley State (7-4, 5-2), who put on a late season charge (six-game winning streak) to tie for second in the conference with Texas Southern (7-4, 5-2). Southern owns a win 24- Southern and give MVSU their first bowl berth.

**GAMES THIS WEEK** 73rd Turkey Day Classic Alabama St. vs. Tuskegee at Montgomery, AL 1:00p Saturday, Nov. 30 -Southern vs. Grambling State at New Orleans, LA 1:00p NCAA DIV. I-AA PLAYOFFS (9) Jackson State at (8) William & Mary at Williamsburg, VA 12:30p (13) Florida A&M at (4) Troy State at Troy, AL 2:30p (CT)

> 0 over MVSU so a win would give the spot to the Jaguars by virtue of tie-breaking rules. A Southern loss however would leave the Delta Devils tied with Texas \$

### **Hairston and Leroy sweep** SIAC honors

Albany State 5-10, 200-pound running back Antonio Leroy, who racked up 1,345 yards and 12 touchdowns to lead the Golden Rams to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship was the top vote-getter in all-conference

voting and racked up three individual

awards in voting by the SIAC coaches. Leroy, who completed his fourth consecutive 1,000-yard season at ASU, was named Offensive Player of the Year, George H. Hobson Offensive Back of the Year and Player of the Year. Leroy finished his career with a total of 5,152 yards rushing, on the all-time NCAA Div. II list. Leroy's 378 career points lands him as the 11th all-time leading scorer.

Alabama A&M defensive lineman Tony Hairston, who anchored the SIAC's best defense against the rush (82.9 yards per game) was named the Defensive Player of the Year and W. S. M. Banks Lineman

Miles quarterback Michael Howard,

#### BEST OF THE SIAC





TOPS: Alabama A&M tackle Tony Hairston (left) and Albany State running back Antonio Leroy won all five SIAC individual Whorthew for 23 touchdowns was the first team signal caller while teammate Wayne Thomas, who hauled in 48 passes for 802 yards and 18 touchdowns joined Kentucky State's Anthony Arnett at the wide receiver position.

Hampton Smith, who led his Albany State Golden Rams to their fourth consecutive SIAC title and Div. II playoff berth, was selected SIAC Coach of the

Clark Atlanta had four.

### **SIAC All-Conference Selections**

#### **OFFENSE** Michael Howard QB 6-3, 190 Antonio Lerov 5-10, 200 Albany State Mesiah Porter 5-11, 220 Sr. Fort Valley St. RB Ederic Kerney Clark Atlanta 6-2, 250 Jr. TE WR Miles Wayne Thomas 6-2, 180 J۲. Fr. Kentucky St. WR Anthony Arnett 6--0, 195 6-0, 250 Alabama A&M Harry Lys Frank Hamlin 6-2, 306 Clark Atlanta OL Thad Crowell 6-4, 291 Alabama A&M OL 6-3, 290 Sr. Albany State Ed Christian OL 6-4.305 Sr. Savannah St. Jon Howard **Eddie Ramirez** 5-11, 165 Savannah St. RS Derek Patterson 5-10, 175 Tuskegee **DEFENSE** Anthony Henderson Fort Valley St. 6-3, 300 6-5, 275 Sr. Clark Atlanta Marcus Evans Alabama A&M Sr Tony Hairston 6-1, 280 Trent Hill 6-5, 290 Alabama A&M Roland Pugh 6-1, 225 Fort Valley St. LB LB Tim Rawls 6-1, 220 Savannah St.

6-2, 224

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6-3, 180

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Clark Atlanta

Savannah St.

Morris Brown

Savannah St.

Fort Valley St.

Alabama A&M

Shawn Mitchell

Britt Henderson

Hosea Laney

Shane Agee

Roosevelt Blackmon

Chris Gillam

LB

SS

Savannah State placed five players on the first team while Alabama A&M and