

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31 THROUGH JANUARY 6, 1996

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

HERITAGE BOWL

HERITAGE BOWL AND "BAAD TEAM" SPECIAL

SEASON RECAP, INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM STATS; 3RD "BAAD TEAM" PICKS

HERITAGE BOWL VI - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 - 12 NOON - GEORGIA DOME - LIVE ON ESPN



RUNNER-UP
MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Howard University Bison (9-2)



Howard
Head Coach
Steve Wilson

Team Record
1995 Overall: 9-2
1995 MEAC: 6-1
Heritage Bowl: 0-0
MEAC Championships: 1
BCSP Ranking: #1

Coach's Record
Head Coach: Steve Wilson, Howard '78
Career Record: 53-36 (8 years)
Record at Howard: Same



RUNNER-UP
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

vs. Southern University Jaguars (7-4)



Southern
Head Coach
Pete Richardson

Team Record
1995 Overall: 7-4
1995 SWAC: 5-2
Heritage Bowl: 2-0
SWAC Championships: 15
BCSP Ranking: #7

Coach's Record
Head Coach: Pete Richardson, Dayton '68
Career Record: 76-25-1 (9 years)
Record at Southern: 35-11 (4 years)

Last Meeting: November 4, 1990 - Howard 26, Southern 21
Series Record: 4-2-1 (Southern leads)

HOW THEY MADE IT

WEEK BY WEEK RECAP OF HOWARD'S AND SOUTHERN'S 1996 FOOTBALL SEASON

---WEEK ONE - September 7, 1996
Marshall 55, HOWARD 27 (0-1, 0-0)
In Howard and QB Ted White's 1996 debut, he totals 342 yards (16-30, 3 TDs) to score eventual Div. I-AA champion. WR MacArthur Johnson snares six aerials for 216 yards.
Northwest (La.) State 27, SOUTHERN 10 (0-1, 0-0)
Week after Jaguars find 1995 SWAC MVP RB Melvin Williams and five other starters academically ineligible, they are thumped by NW Louisiana.
---WEEK TWO - September 13, 1996
HOWARD 26, Hampton 7 (1-1, 1-0)
Bison used six Pirate turnovers and balanced offense (122 rushing, 203 passing). White threw for two more TDs.
Alabama State 16, SOUTHERN 14 (0-2, 0-1)
Alabama State scores with 44 remaining to keep SU winless. Jaguars could manage only 220 yards of offense.
---WEEK THREE - September 20, 1996
HOWARD 31, Virginia State 7 (2-1, 1-0)
RB Tyrone Lewis runs for 149 yards, while Bison pile up 329 rushing yards. White runs for two TDs and throws for another.
SOUTHERN 63, Prairie View A&M 0 (1-2, 1-1)
RB Leonce Griffin scored four times, two rushing and two receiving, and rushed for 109 yards as Jaguars get first win.
---WEEK FOUR - September 27, 1996
Florida A&M 21, HOWARD 20 (2-2, 1-1)
Three special teams miscues - an opening kickoff fumble which led to a TD, a fumbled punt which led to a score and finally a missed extra point with 6:28 to play - allowed Florida A&M to escape with the win. Only conference loss for Bison.
SOUTHERN 19, Tennessee State 18 (2-2, 1-1)
Before 45,894 at Georgia Dome, Jaguar PK Carlos Leach boots four field goals (37, 46, 44 and 36) to rescue inept Jag offense (93 total yards).
---WEEK FIVE - October 5, 1996
HOWARD - Open
SOUTHERN 24, Mississippi Valley 0 (3-2, 2-1)
Jaguars get offense untracked getting 364 yards while defense holds MVSU to 173 yards. QB Marcus Jacoby (13-20, 135 yds, 2 TDs) and RB Steve Wofford (15 rushes, 114 yds.) lead the offense.
---WEEK SIX - October 12, 1996
HOWARD 61, Bethune-Cookman 21 (3-2, 2-1)
MacArthur Johnson caught four passes from White for 157 yards and four TDs, part of six White (13-29, 384 yards) TD passes on the day.
SOUTHERN - Open
---WEEK SEVEN - October 19, 1996
HOWARD 49, Morehouse 0 (4-2, 2-1)
White (23-29, 297 yards) threw five TD passes to five different receivers. RB Williams rushes 15 times for 109 yards and one TD.
SOUTHERN 27, Jackson State 16 (4-2, 3-1)
Jaguars jumped up 14-0 and held on to forge SWAC first place tie with JSU. Two fourth quarter FGs by Leach and a second Donnie Gales scoring run provided the final margin. Wofford rushed for 126 yards on 25 carries and a score.
---WEEK EIGHT - October 26, 1996
HOWARD 38, North Carolina A&T 3 (5-2, 3-1)
The Bison jumped up 21-0 in first quarter and never looked back. Scored on 62-yard punt return, 18-yard fumble return and two Ted White TD passes.
SOUTHERN 21, Alcorn State 14 (5-2, 4-1)
Jags win fifth straight in come-from-behind win. RB Lance Griffin's four quarter score was the difference.
---WEEK NINE - November 2, 1996
HOWARD 42, Norfolk State 14 (6-2, 3-1)
White (18-32, 291 yds.) broke the school TD passing record as his four 2nd half passing scores led the Bison back from a 14-6 halftime deficit. White's 25 TD passes broke the HU and MEAC record of 24 held by former HU QB Jay Walker. Nicholls State 14, SOUTHERN 0 (5-3, 4-1)
Nicholls State limited the Jags to 63 rushing yards and 92 passing yards in the shutout while holding the ball for nearly 40 minutes.
---WEEK TEN - November 9, 1996
HOWARD 23, South Carolina State 3 (7-2, 4-1)
Two more White (12-18, 245 yards) TD passes lead Bison past Bulldogs.
SOUTHERN 21, Florida A&M 17 (6-3, 4-1)
Jacoby throws for two scores and 224 yards (19-30) to lead Jags past BCSP #1 Rattlers. Gales rushes 15 times for 72 yards and a score.
---WEEK ELEVEN - November 16, 1996
HOWARD 49, Morgan State 0 (8-2, 5-1)
Six White TD passes in only 12 completions for 239 yards leads Bison to blowout. HU also rushed for 253 yards and set school record with 13 sacks.
Texas Southern 34, SOUTHERN 30 (6-4, 4-2)
The TSU Tigers shocked the Jags coming from behind to score in the last minute to pull off the upset. Wofford rushed for 98 yards and 3 TDs to lead the offense.
---WEEK TWELVE - November 23, 1996
HOWARD 48, Delaware State 23 (9-2, 6-1)
White, the Div. I-AA top-rated passer, added 3 TD passes and 328 yards to his final numbers as Bison rise to #21 in I-AA poll.
SOUTHERN 17, Grambling 12 (7-4, 5-2)
Before 69,387 fans at the Super Dome, Southern came back from 6-0 halftime deficit on strength of two second half scoring passes.

Heritage Bowl winner to claim national title

LUT WILLIAMS
BCSP Editor

Though the Heritage Bowl does not generally pit the winner of the two black college Div. I-AA conferences, it seems that each year the only black college postseason bowl game has been able to present a matchup with black college national championship implications.

And the 1996 edition, Heritage Bowl VI, pitting

Mid Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) runner-up Howard against their Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) counterpart, Southern (Tuesday, Dec. 31, 12 noon, Georgia Dome, Atlanta, GA) is no exception.

Howard (9-2, 6-1 in MEAC), under eighth-year head coach Steve Wilson, dropped a season opening 55-27 decision to eventual undefeated NCAA Div. I-AA national champion Marshall. As it turned out, Howard played the Thundering Herd as well as any team did all year. The Bison fell an extra point short (21-20) of eventual conference champion Florida A&M in the season's fourth week but dominated the rest of their conference opponents, outscoring them 245 to 57. After the FAMU loss, the Bison outscored all opposition, 310 to 64 while going on a seven-game winning streak and rising to 21st in the I-AA poll. They were the hottest team in black college football at season's end.

Speaking of hot, Howard sophomore QB Ted White established himself as the premier offensive player in black college football, not to mention the #1 quarterback in Div. I-AA passing efficiency, over the season. White came back from an injury-shortened but promising rookie season to shatter school and MEAC records with 36 touchdown passes. He threw scoring tosses to 10 different receivers in displaying skills reminiscent of former black college quarterback standouts, Jay Walker of Howard and Steve McNair of Alcorn State.

With losses by Jackson State and Florida A&M in the Div. I-AA playoffs, Howard moved up from #3 in the BCSP rankings to the top spot in the final regular season poll.

In an up-and-down season, Southern (7-4, 5-2 in SWAC), under Pete Richardson, posted wins over the other top black college I-AA teams, Jackson State (27-16) and Florida A&M (21-17) while suffering setbacks to SWAC foes, Alabama State (16-14) and Texas Southern (34-30) as well as two other non-conference teams, Nicholls State (14-0) and NW Louisiana (27-10). But the biggest setback may have been the Jaguars preseason loss of 1995 SWAC MVP running back Melvin Williams and five other starters to academics.

Williams rushed for over 1,000 yards in '95 while scoring 15 TDs. It took a while but Steve Wofford emerged enough as Williams' replacement to earn SWAC Newcomer of the Year honors. QB Marcus Jacoby struggled early but put up better numbers down the stretch as the Jaguar offense started to produce. Still, their season-ending 17-12 win over Grambling gave them a tie for second with Texas Southern and Mississippi Valley, and a spot, by virtue of the SWAC's tie-breaking procedure, in Heritage Bowl VI.

So, a win over the Bison would give Southern a sweep of the consensus top three teams in black college football and a legitimate claim to the mythical black college national crown, a title the Jaguars earned last year during an 11-1 campaign. The Jags have a knack for coming up with wins in big games. They are 2-0 in Heritage Bowls, defeating Florida A&M 30-25 in last year's game and handing South Carolina State an 11-0 loss in Heritage Bowl III. The

HOWARD



Williams Johnson White

OFFENSIVE LEADERS

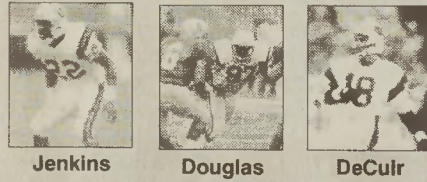
Rushing:
RB ARAY WILLIAMS - 108 carries, 591 yards, 5.5 ypc., 65.6 ypg., 5 TDs
Receiving:
WR MACARTHUR JOHNSON - 39 receptions, 906 yards, 23.2 ypc., 10 TDs
Passing:
QB TED WHITE - 174 of 289, 2,812 yards, 36 TDs, 10 interceptions (176.13 rating)

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Tackles:
SS BILLY JENKINS - 62 solo, 21 assists
Interceptions:
DB CURTIS JONES - 3
Sacks:
DT MARQUES DOUGLAS - 11

SPECIAL TEAMS LEADERS

Kicking
PK JASON DECUIR - 37 of 42 PATs, 10-14 FGs, 67 points
Punting
P RUBEN RUIZ - 30 punts, 1,135 yds., 37.8
Punt Returns
AKI WILSON - 16-222 yds., 16.1 ypr., 1 TD
Kick Returns
STEFAN CAMERON - 13-305, 23.4, 0 TDs



Jenkins Douglas DeCuir



Bynum Wilson Adams Key

"Sweet Flight" leads offense

After Howard University's Jay "Sky" Walker, Alcorn State's Steve "Air II" McNair and Norfolk State's Aaron "Airin" Sparrow it seems only fitting that the next great black college quarterback have a suitable moniker.

Enter Howard's Ted "Sweet Flight" White. That's the designation given the sophomore sensation by the school's sports information department. And the name fits.

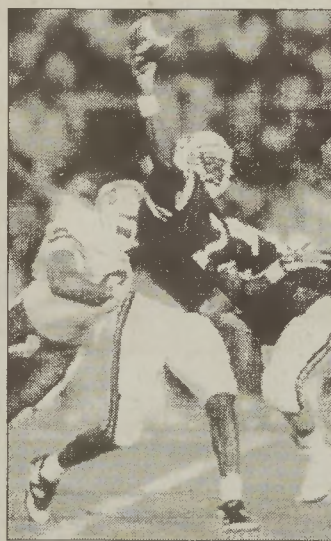
White, a prototype NFL quarterback at 6-4, 220 pounds, reminds many of Walker, now of the NFL's Minnesota Vikings, with his poise and field generalship. But White, who broke most of Walker's single season and Mid Eastern Athletic Conference marks this season and was named the conference's Offensive Player of the Year, may be a little more prolific. He spread out 36 scoring tosses to 10 different receivers this year and had 15 completions of over 60 yards. He also completed a 60.2% of his passes while throwing only 10 interceptions, a rating (176.2) that was the best in the NCAA Div. I-AA. Thus the handle.

The only reason his stats are not more gaudy is that Howard coach Steve Wilson employs a balanced offense. Still his prodigious talent and unlimited potential mark him as the 1996 BCSP Player of the Year and Third Annual "Baad Team" first-team quarterback. And he's only a sophomore.

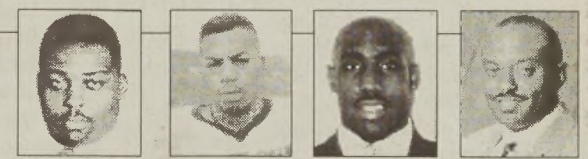
South Carolina State senior RB Kenny Bynum emerged this year as the top running back in black college football. In a year where the number of black college 1,000-yard rushers shrank to five (from 14 in 1995) Bynum was head and shoulders above the rest. He gained 1,648 yards, averaging 164.8 yards per game, with individual games of 307, 266, 295 and 204 on a 4-6 team. He is joined in the backfield by Albany State senior Antonio Leroy, who went over the 1,000-yard mark for the fourth consecutive year but claimed his first "Baad" first team selection. He repeated as SIAC Player of the Year. Leroy finished his career as the NCAA Div. II's sixth all-time rusher.

Florida A&M senior Robert Wilson and Central State senior Alonzo Johnson were arguably the most productive amongst a host of such players at wide receiver. Wilson led all black college receivers with 78 catches and 1,161 receiving yards while Johnson pulled in 11 scoring tosses of his 46 catches (for 913 yards in eight games). Norfolk State tight end Ronald Boone (6-5, 248) completed his transition from wideout to tight end pulling in 27 passes for 301 yards. Offensive linemen chosen to the "Baad"

3rd Annual "Baad Team" of Black College All-Stars



Howard University Sports Photo
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Howard QB Ted White nosed out SC State RB Kenny Bynum.



Green Woodson Flythe McNeill

Trio of studs leads defense

first team are: South Carolina State's Raleigh Roundtree (6-5, 305, Sr.); Jackson State's Rayfield Adams (6-3, 305, Sr.) Albany State's Ed Christian (6-3, 290, Sr.); and Florida A&M's tandem of Demetrius Billie (6-3, 303, Sr.) and Jamie Nails (6-8, 345, Jr.).

On the first team defense, Norfolk State tackle John Green (6-2, 315, Sr.) Winston-Salem State tackle LaTori Workman (6-4, 280, Sr.) and Jackson State safety Sean Woodson (6-2, 202, Sr.) are the leaders. Green led all black college players with 14 1/2 sacks though he finished behind Workman as CIAA Defensive Player of the Year. Workman registered 12 sacks and 47 unassisted tackles for the Rams. Woodson led the SWAC with eight interceptions and was named SWAC Defensive Player of the Year. His speed and hitting ability should make him a first or second round NFL draft pick. Also on the defensive line is Howard sophomore Marques Douglas (6-3, 280). Douglas led the MEAC with 23 tackles for losses while registering 11 sacks and Alabama A&M's Tony Hairston (6-1, 280, Sr.), who swept SIAC defensive honors while anchoring black college's top-rated defense.

Hampton linebacker Darrell Flythe (6-3, 240, Sr.) moved from running back to linebacker for the Pirates and used his speed to lead all black college tacklers with 110 solos, a new MEAC Defensive Player of the Year is joined at linebacker by Mississippi Valley's Terry Houzah (6-3, 225, Soph.) and Norfolk State's Robert Johnson (6-1, 235, Sr.). At the other safety is Britt Henderson (6-1, 190, Sr.) of Savannah State whose 12 interceptions led all black college defenders. The defensive backs are Adrian Jones (5-10, 180, Jr.) of North Carolina Central who led the CIAA with eight picks and Alphonso Pogue (5-11, 190, Sr.) of Alabama State.

Special teamers include North Carolina A&T senior punter Monte Key, who led all Div. I-AA punters with a 43.4 average and Southern senior placekicker Carlos Leach who is the sole repeater from last year's "Baad Team." Leach converted all 29 of his PAT attempts and made 13 of 19 field goal tries. Morris Brown's Roosevelt Blackmon (6-1, 180, Jr.) is the return specialist. He returned two punts for scores this season.

Rudy Abrams, who led Livingstone to an 8-2 season and Johnson C. Smith head coach Daryl McNeill who led the Golden Bulls from 2-8 a year ago to 7-3 this year are BCSP Co-Coaches of the Year.

STAT CORNER

HERITAGE BOWL TEAM YARDSTICK

HOWARD		SOUTHERN
195.0	RUSHING OFFENSE	126.9
264.1	PASSING OFFENSE	123.7
459.9	TOTAL OFFENSE	250.6
37.6	SCORING OFFENSE	22.4
119.2	RUSHING DEFENSE	122.7
145.3	PASSING DEFENSE	174.2
264.5	TOTAL DEFENSE	296.9
14.0	SCORING DEFENSE	15.3