

RISIN' FROM ASHES



▼ LANE, PRAIRIE VIEW LOOKING TO EARN RESULTS, RESPECT ON THE GRIDIRON



THE RISE

COLE: Second-year Lane coach has Dragons in the thick of the SIAC race with a 5-0 record, 2-0 in the league, after an 0-10 mark in his first

SCORES

SAURDAY, SEPT. 23
Alabama ARM 19, Texas Southern 14
Alabama State 33, Alconn State 28
B-Coolsman 29, Northin State 21
Carson-Neuman 27, Virginis St. 21
Carson-State State 21
Facilitator 26, Cheymay 6
Fairmont St. 14, W. Virginis State 9
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Hamplon 28, Morgan State 7
Howard Payme 16, Paul Quinn 9
Jackson St. 29, Miss Valley State 24
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Langston 29, Paratile View 7
Lenoi-Rhyne 17, Benedict 0

Liberty 28, Savannah State 0 Lincoh 22, Kertudoy Wesleyon 10 Livingshone 7, Bowie State 3 Mahne-Chrone 50, Shaw 12 Mars Hill 14, Saint Augustine's 7 Morehause 17, Concordie 13 Newbern 49, Eliz City State 33 No Camtra 12, Southern 20 N. Greenville 48, Edward Waters 19 Rulgers 56, Howard 7 S. Ilmois 49, Arth-Pre Bluff 16 St. Paul's 24, Fayetteville 51, 21 Tuskegee 34, For Malley State 20 Vanderbilt 38, Tennessee State 9

BCSP TOP TEN

- . HAMPTON (4-0) Beat Morgan State, 26-7. NEXT: At No
- 3 Delaware State.
 2. N. C. CENTRAL (4-0) Defeated No. 4 Southern, 27-20.
 NEXT: At Bowle State in CIAA title game rematch.
 3. DELAWARE STATE (2-1) Idle. NEXT: Hosting top-ranked
- and defending MEAC champ, Hampton.

 4. BETHUNE-COOKMAN (3-1) Beat Norfolk State on late
- FG, 22-21. NEXT: At Morgan State.
 5. ALABAMA A&M (3-1) Beat back Texas Southern, 19-14.
- NEAT: Idle.
 6, GRAMBLING STATE (0-3) Idle. NEXT: Looks for first win vs. Prairie View in Dallas at the Cotton Bowl.
 7, MILES (3-1) Beat Stillman, 21-14. NEXT: At Savannah
- 8. SOUTHERN (2-2) Lost to No. 2 NC Central, 27-20. NEXT:

- Hosting Alabama State.

 9. NORFOLK STATE (2-1) Lost to No. 4 Bethune-Cookman 22-21. NEXT: Hosting NC A&T.

 10. LANE (5-0) Earmed life fifth straight victory, 23-15 over Clark Atlanta. NEXT: At Stillman.

HOW THEY DID IT

FANTASTIC INISHES

– J.C. Smith 40, Virginia Union 37

It took five overtimes but JC Smith (3-1, 1-1) got a 22-yard TD run from Yannick Murray to come away with a victory in Richmond, W. VUU (2-2, 1-1) fought back from a 21-0 deficit to pull even at 28 with 1:18 left on a Lemar Little to Herb Jones seven-yard TD pass. The teams traded touchdowns and missed two-point conversions in one overtime. In the fifth OT, VUU got a 26-yard field goal before JCSU's game winner.

– No. 5 Alabama A&M 19. Texas Southern 14

A&M (3-1, 2-1) shutout TSU in the second half (2-2, 2-1) and scored once in the third and fourth quanters to stave off an upset bid from the Tigers who led 14-7 at the half.

– No. 4. Bethune-Cookman 22, Norfolk State 21

The Wildcats (3-1, 2-0) got a 35-yard field goal from PK Jesus Cortex with 3:29 to play capping a 12-play 71-yard drive to knock off NSU (2-1, 0-1).

– Florida A&M, 25, Winston-Salem State 21

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF 9/24-25

DEFENSE
ANTOINE BETHEA, S, Indianapolis
(HOWARD) - Rookie led the Colts with
eight solo tackles and four assists in win

NICK COLLINS, DB, Green Bay (BETHUNE-COOKMAN) - Led the Packers far the second week in a row in tackles, posting six with one assist, in win over Detroit.



2006 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTER

ROOKIE BRENT DAVIS, r-Fr., FS, B-CC - 7 tackes, 2 solos, 2.5 til. 1 sack for -10 vds.

SIAC

SWAC

SPECIAL TEAMS ZACK GILARSKI, Fr., K/P, MVSU - 20-yard field goal, 3 PATs, 4 punts, 40.5

INDEPENDENTS

Three undefeateds, one big surprise

Headou into the final week of september three are three undefenced chars in black college football. Two are no surprise – two-time defending MEAC champ Hampton (4-0), ranked 12th in this week's Sports Network NCAA Div. 1-AA poll, and defending CIAA champ North Carolina Central (4-0), ranked 7th nationally in the latest NCAA Div. II football poll at D2football com. They are 1-2 in the latest BCSP ranking.

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The other is 5-0 Lane. After a winless (0-10) 2005 campaign and not having a winning season since 1995, its unblemished mark is more than a surprise. Its close to a shock.

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Picked to finish last in the 10-team SIAC by the conference's coaches in the preseaton, second-year head coach Johmy Cole knew something they didn't. He can recruit. And that's just what he did bringing in a whopping 38 transfers, most from the junior college ranks and 10 from Div. IA programs, to lead a quick tumaround of the Dragons' fortunes. It also helped that Cole, who was hired in the summer of 2005, has had a full year to pull things together.

"We just didn't have the personnel," Cole said of-last year's struggles. "We got in here so late we didn't know what to expect. Our season turned out to be our spring practice. The end result was the 0-10."

The former Tennessee State and Alabama State offensive gunt while working under his brother, former

offensive guru while working under his brother, forme TSU and ASU head coach L.C. Cole, has the Dragon in the thick of the conference race with a 2-0 mark headed into this week's game at Stillman. In addition to its winless 2005 season, Lane hasn't finished with a winning record since 1995. Respect, Cole said he

understands, is a ways off.

We're probably the out 5-0 team in the country that's not ranked," said Cole Tuesday from his office.

"We're fighting for respect every week. I keep telling my guys that the teams we've beat, haven't beat many people. So we've got plenty of work to do."

Lane's offense currently leads the SIAC averaging 30.8 points per game, up significantly from the [9.1] points per contest it scored last year, next to last in the league Quarterback Sherard Ellis and wideouts Jacoby Jones and Edward Williams are the key

weapons. Cole said every NFL team in the league has been in to scout Jones and Williams. Jones, at 6-3, 198, has 4.4 speed and doubles as a dangerous kick returner. Through five games he leads the league in all purpose yards (173 ypg.) iacluding 26 receptions for four TDs and both a kickoff and punt return for scores. Williams is listed at 6-4, 210 and runs 4.5.

But the biggest improvement has been on defense where Cole sports eight new starters led by DT James Cooper and DB Anthony Jones. The Dragons are giving up 13 5 points per game, tops in the SIAC and down significantly from the league-worst 38.4 ppg. they surrendered last year.

Delaware State (2-1, 10) is the only MEAC team to beat Hampton (4-0, 3-0) during its two-year reign as champion. That 28-23 win in 2004 for the Hornets in head coach Al Lavan's first year however, was sprinkled with controversy.

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Though Lavan nor Hampton head coach Joe Taylor says they can track down where the rumor started, word spread that DSU had excessively watered the field and grew the grass to slow down the quick Pirates. Both coaches play down the truth or significance of the rumor but that doesn't make Saturday's return match in Dover (6 p.m.) any less intriguing.

In his third year, Lavan has the Homets looking as much like a challenger to the Pirates' as anyone. DSU muning back Emmanuel Mare is currently the leagues top rusher (121.7 ypg.) and the Homets (215.7 ypg.) rank just behind Hampton (215.8 ypg.) in rushing offense. DSU QB Vashon Winton is just behind Hampton QB Princeton Shepherd in league passing stats and both have thrown just one interception. Both defenses have given up just eight touchdowns though Hampton has played one more game.

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"We're going to have to slow Hampton's running game down, cut down on their big plays and contain their kick returners," said Lavan on Tuesday's teleconference.
"We've got to play well in all three areas of the game, offense, defense and special teams."

The CIAA has a showdown of its own Saturday as defending hamping. N.C. Cartal (4.0.2.0) and Boxis.

defending champion N.C. Central (4-0, 2-0) and Bowie State (2-2, 0-1), teams that met in last year's CIAA title game, square off at Bowie (2 p.m.) in the 3rd Prince

CLASSICS

3rd Prince Georgas Classic - NOCU Webcast
Bowie State vs. NC Central in Bowie, MD

13th Annual Gateway Classic

Afkanasa-Pine Bluff vs. Tuskegee in St. Louis, MO

State Fair Classic

Grambling State vs. Prairie View A&M in Dallas, TX

Slaver Dollar Classic

Acom State vs. Norehouse in Los Angeles, CA

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16th Allanta Foolbalf Classic - Fox Snarts Swuth-4:00pm

18th Atlanta Football Classic - Fox Sports Souti Fennessee State vs. Florida A&M in Atlanta, GA

3:00pm

George's Classic. BSU comes in smarting from two consecu-tive losses while NCCU is following a big road win (27-20) over a Div. I-AA opponent, SWAC power Southern.

Three other Classics are on tap this week. Defending SWAC champion Grambling State (0-3, 0-1) looks for its first win vs. Prairie View (2-1, 1-1) at the State Fair Classic at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Tuskegee (3-1) faces Arkansas-Pine Bluff (1-3) at the Edward Jones Dome for Linking in St. Louis Aloren State (0-3) faces 54th Gatewoy Classic in St. Louis Aloren State (0-3) faces 13th Gateway Classic in St. Louis, Alcorn State (0-3) faces Morrehouse (2-3) at the LA Coliseum in the revival of the Silver Dollar Classic and Tennessee State (2-2) and Florida A&M (2-2) tangle at the 18th Atlanta Classic to be televised live on Fox Sports South.

Frazier, Prairie View working on a plan

by ROSCOE NANCE

cial to the BCSP

Prairie View A&M coach Henry Frazier likes to say that his Panthers aren't the same football team that lost an NCAA record 80 consecutive games in the '90s and has been the doormat in the SWAC most of the last

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Exhibit A is Prairie View's 26-23 overtime victory against perennial SWAC power Southern two weekends ago, their first victory against the Jaguars since 1971.
The Panhers (2-1, 1-1) can forther state their case Saturday—and make amends for their lackluster performance against Langston last weekend in a game that was suspended due to thunderstorms with them trailing 28-7 in the third period—when they play defending conference champion Grambling State in the State Fair Classic at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

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"Beating Grambling would make us a legitimate contender (for the SWAC championship)," Frazier, in his third season at Prairie View, says.

Given the Panthers' recent history against Grambling, merely staying on the field with the G-Men should count for something. Grambling has scored at least 50 points in each of the last two games against Prairie View.

"Grambling has the best talent in SWAC," Frazier says. "They have the mystique and the nostalgia, if you will. If we can keep the game close, I think we have a chance of winning."

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Frazier says the Panthers' poor performance against
Langston may have been a blessing in disguise. It was "a
wakeup call" that didn't cost them a defeat.

"It let us know that we're not as good as we thought
we were after beating Southerm," Frazier says. "We're still
a work in progress."

Frazier doesn't expect the same type of letdown he

experienced against Langston, not in front of 50,000 fans in a game against the most storied team in black college This is what you play college football for," he says.
However, Frazier didn't expect a letdown going into
the Langston game either. The Panthers had a good week
of practice, and there were no signs of complacency after
beating Southern. In fact, he said the Panthers had 100%



which was unusual renormal.

"I guess we expended more energy against Southern than I thought we did," Frazer says, adding that in the past the Panthers had an open date the week before playing Grambling but he wanted to keep working and sustain the team's momentum.

Despite the Panthers misstep against Langston, an NAIA team that on paper they should have beaten, Frazier is confident that the program is gaining called footing.

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During his watch, Praine View:

This season defeated Southern for the first time since 1971.

This season had its first shutout since 1987 (37-0 vs. Edward Waters).

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* Last season had its first back to back conference wins (vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Jackson State) since 1971.

* Last season defeated Jackson State for the first time since 1971.

* Last season won its first conference game cinca 1089.

Frazier, 38, has a history of reviving down-trodden programs. He played quarterback at Bowie State University. When he arrived on campus, the Bulldogs had a 32-game losing streak, the longest in the nation at the time. He led them to the Division II playoffs in 1988. In 1989, he quarterbacked Bowie to the only CIAA championship in school

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In 1999, Frazier took over as head coach at his alma mater, which had had only one winning season since his last year as quarterback. He led the Bulldogs to a 5-4 record his first season even though he wasn't hired until July. He ended his tenure as the winningest coach in Bowie State history with a 26-24 record in five seasons, which included three consecutive winning campaigns.

"I see us being one of the top programs not just in SWAC, but in IAA football." he says. "That was my goal at Bowie, to have one of the top Division II programs in the nation. That's what we did, build a Top 20 program in five years."

Frazier uses a three-pronged approach to building a program. He calls it what, when and why.

"The first year we're teaching our philosophy," he says. "This is what our offense is. This is our defense. This is how we act in the locker room. This is how we act in the study hall, the dining hall.

"The second year we're teaching when — when you run this play, when you lift, when you go to study hall. The third year is why. Now they understand why we lift, why we condition at 2 o'clock in the aftermoon. Why we have study hall. Why we run his play when teams are in certain techniques, why we run a certain play when teams are in this coverage. Once you get them to understand the why, your job becomes a little easier. There is definitely a plan in place."

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How well Prairie View plays against
Grambling will provide some insight as to how well
that plan is working and if these indeed are not the
same cellar-dwelling Panthers of a decade ago.