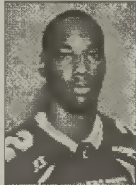


FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 26 - OCT. 2, 2006

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

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RISIN' FROM THE ASHES

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

DSU Sports Photo WINTON: DSU QB to lead Hornets' attempt to knock off BCSP top-ranked Hampton in Dover.

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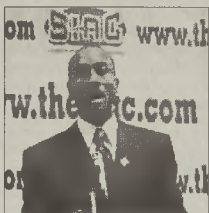
CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: RECEIVER CHARLES FITZELL, Sr., WR. NCCU - 4 rec., 49 yds., 1 pass TD reception...

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: OFFENSE PRINCETON SHEPHERD, Sr., QB, HAM - 12-of-18, 0 int., 121 yds., 3 TDs, 47 rush yds...

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: OFFENSE RUBEN DUPREE, Sr., QB, MHC - 17 of 24 for 209 yds...

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: OFFENSE JAY PECK, Jr., RB, ALAB. ST. - 31 car., 156 yards, 2 TDs...

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: OFFENSE JENSON, RB, CONCORDIA - 12 carries, 97 yards, 17-yard TD run...



ON THE RISE

COLE: Second-year Lane coach has Dragons in the thick of the SIAC race with a 5-0 record...

SCORES

- SATURDAY, SEPT. 23: Alabama A&M 19, Texas Southern 14; Alabama State 33, Alcorn State 28; B-Cookman 22, Norfolk State 21...

BCSP TOP TEN

- 1. 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...

HOW THEY DID IT

FANTASTIC FINISHES - J.C. Smith 40, Virginia Union 37. It took five overtimes but J.C. Smith (3-1, 1-1) got a 22-yard TD run from Yannick Murray to come away with a victory...

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

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



OFFENSE STEVE MCNAIR, 6-2, 235, QB, Tennessee (10th year, ALCORN STATE) - Completed 23 of 41 passes for 264 yards and one TD...

Three undefeateds, one big surprise

LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor Headed into the final week of September there are three undefeated teams in black college football...

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...

Picked to finish last in the 10-team SIAC by the conference's coaches in the preseason, second-year head coach Johnny Cole knew something they didn't. He can recruit...

"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..."

The former Tennessee State and Alabama State offensive guru while working under his brother, former TSU and ASU head coach L.C. Cole, has the Dragons in the thick of the conference race...

"We're probably the only 5-0 team in the country that's not ranked," said Cole Tuesday from his office. "We're fighting for respect every week..."

Lane's offense currently leads the SIAC averaging 30.8 points per game, up significantly from the 19.1 points per contest it scored last year...

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...

The biggest improvement has been on defense where Cole sports eight new starters led by DT James Cooper and DE Anthony Jones...

Delaware State (2-1, 1-0) is the only MEAC team to beat Hampton (4-0, 3-0) during its two-year reign as champion...

Though Lavan nor Hampton head coach Joe Taylor says they can track down where the rumor started...

"We're going to have to slow Hampton's running game down, cut out on their big plays and contain their kick returners," said Lavan on Tuesday's teleconference...

The CIAA has a showdown of its own Saturday as 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...

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GAMES THIS WEEK

- SATURDAY, SEPT. 30: Charleston (WV) vs. W. Va. State in Charleston, WV 1:00pm; Howard vs. Fort Valley State in Washington, DC 1:00pm; Kentucky State vs. Clark Atlanta in Frankfort, KY 1:00pm...

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

Frazier, Prairie View working on a plan

by ROSCOE NANCE Special to the BCSP

Prairie View A&M coach Henry Frazier likes to say that his Panthers aren't the same football team that has an NCAA record 80 consecutive games in the '90s...

Exhibit A is Prairie View's 26-23 overtime victory against perennial SWAC power Southern two weekends ago...

The Panthers (2-1, 1-1) can further state their case Saturday - and make amends for their lackluster performance against Langston last weekend in a game that was suspended due to thunderstorms...

"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."

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 Southern," 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 football.

"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...



SWAC Photo

FRAZIER: His three-year plan to revive Prairie View football and get the Panthers to challenge SWAC powers Grambling and Southern is a work in progress. Prairie View meets Grambling Saturday at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

participation at their Sunday meeting and session, which was unusual following a victory of that magnitude.

"I guess we expended more energy against Southern than I thought we did," Frazier says, adding that in the past five 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 solid footing.

During his watch, Prairie View: This season defeated Southern for the first time since 1971.

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

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 since 1988.

Last season beat cross-town rival Texas Southern in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1963-64.

Frazier, 38, has a history of reviving downtrodden 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...

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...

"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..."

"The second year we're teaching when - when you run this play, when you hit, 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 afternoon..."

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.