

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10-16, 2006



Hampton Sports Photo RECORD SETTER: RB Alonzo Coleman of Hampton needs 101 yards to add MEAC's all-time leading rusher to his list.

GETTIN' READY

14 HOMECOMING GAMES DOT THE SCHEDULE; '06-'07 HOOPS PREVIEWS SET

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

Table with columns for CIIA, MEAC, SIAC, SWAC, and INDEPENDENTS, showing conference standings with columns for DIV, ALL, W, L, T.

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SCORES

Table of scores for Thursday, Oct 5 and Saturday, Oct 7, listing games and final scores.

Big games include homecomings

LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor Homecomings take center stage this week as fourteen (14) of the special games that reunite classmates, friends, and even enemies are on tap, the most in any weekend this season.

CAU has played well despite its 2-4 record. Its biggest loss was a 13-point decision (22-9) to Kentucky State. The other losses were by single-digits to Fort Valley State (9-8), Lane (15-9) and Benedict (27-18).

ECSU quarterback Curtis Rich, Jr. is playing great for the Vikings so far and has put himself in the running for the conference's offensive player of the year award. The 6-3, 185 junior from Fort Washington, Md., has 14 touchdown passes with only one interception while completing 52.8% of his passes for 1,116 yards.

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UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

SIAC HOOPS: The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference held its annual preseason basketball luncheon last week outside Atlanta and named its 2006-07 men's and women's preseason picks as chosen by the league's coaches.

HARPER: Reigning SIAC POY averaged 16.4 ppg, last season. bowed out in last year's tournament semifinals, and the defending SIAC regular season champion Fort Valley State for the women.

CI/AA/MEAC/SWAC HOOPS: The CIAA will unveil its 2006-07 men's and women's basketball picks Thursday at the Charlotte Convention Center beginning with coaches interviews at 10:30 a.m.

GAMES THIS WEEK

Table of Saturday, Oct 14 games including Grambling vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, etc.

HOMECOMINGS

Table of homecoming games including Bowie State vs. Elizabeth City State, etc.

Albany State turned back-up sophomore QB Kisan Flakes, a transfer from Illinois, last week to pull out the win over Miles. Flakes completed all three of his passes, two that went for touchdowns, in relief of sophomore starter Terrence Ransom.

Albany State, always tough defensively, is also near the top in defensive stats. The Rams led the conference in scoring defense (9.5 points per game) and are third in total defense (250.8 yards per game).

Also in the SIAC, Miles (4-2, 3-1) is at Lane (6-1, 3-1), in a battle of two of the four teams with just one loss in conference play. The others are, Kentucky State (4-2, 3-1), who travels to Benedict (2-4, 1-3) and Tuskegee (4-2, 4-1), who has the week off before its big date next week with Albany State.

CIAA East Division leader Elizabeth City State (5-1, 3-0) also has a tough homecoming test, but its not its own. The Vikings, newly ranked 11th in the NCAA Division II Southeast Region, have a date at Bowie State (3-3, 1-2) for the dangerous Bulldogs' homecoming.

BSU entered the season as one of the favorites in the CIAA East but has been hampered by injuries

and off-field issues. ECSU quarterback Curtis Rich, Jr. is playing great for the Vikings so far and has put himself in the running for the conference's offensive player of the year award.

The other top CIAA games have defending conference champion and undefeated West Division leader North Carolina Central (6-0, 4-0) at former jockey Fayetteville State (2-4, 1-2).

In other games to watch, two-time defending MEAC champ, undefeated BCSP No. 1 Hampton (6-0, 4-0) has a key conference date at home with nearby rival Norfolk State (3-2, 1-2) in the Battle of the Bay Classic.

In the SWAC, Jackson State (4-1, 3-0), flying high atop the East Division under new coach Rick Conroy, has a key date at home vs. South Carolina State (2-3, 2-2) while West Division leader Grambling State (2-3, 2-1) travels to Little Rock, Ar. to face Arkansas-Pine Bluff (2-3, 1-2).

BCSP Notes

O'Neal finishes strong Former Jackson State golfer Tim O'Neal closed with a three-under par 68 Sunday to finish in a five-way tie for sixth at the Nationwide Tour's Mark Christopher Charity Classic in Rancho Cucamonga, Ca.

O'Neal shot himself into contention with opening rounds of 69-66 on the par-71 Empire Lakes Golf Club. He shot even-par 71 in Saturday's third round and entered the final round tied for 17th. He carded four birdies and an eagle Sunday along with three bogeys. His birdie on the final hole earned his third top ten finish of the season.

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Coleman began the season with 3,596 yards, fourth on the all-time list, and has rushed for 446 yards thru five games. His current total of 4,042 trails only Reed and former South Carolina State RB Michael Hicks, who is second all-time with 4,093 rushing yards. Coleman needs 52 yards to make past Hicks.

BCSP TOP TEN

- 1. HAMPTON (6-0) - Decimated Central State, 42-12. NEXT: Hosting Norfolk State. 2. N. C. CENTRAL (6-0) - Got by St. Augustine's, 27-18. NEXT: At Fayetteville State. 3. ALABAMA A&M (4-1) - Stuffed Southern, 28-21. NEXT: Hosting Stillman. 4. GRAMBLING STATE (2-3) Survived against Miss Valley St., 28-25. NEXT: Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Little Rock. 5. DELAWARE STATE (3-2) - Got big win over Bethune-Cookman, 33-31. NEXT: Hosting NC A&T for homecoming. 6. BETHUNE-COOKMAN (3-3) - Nipped by DelState, 33-31. NEXT: Homecoming vs. Winston-Salem State. 7. ALBANY STATE (4-2) - Beat Miles, 14-0, to take over first place in SIAC. NEXT: Hosting Clark Atlanta for homecoming. 8. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (2-3) - Thrashed Norfolk State, 47-10. NEXT: At Florida A&M. 9. JACKSON STATE (4-1) - Got by Alabama State, 19-13. NEXT: Hosting Southern. 10. ELIZABETH CITY STATE (5-1) - Shut out Virginia State, 27-0. NEXT: At Bowie State.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR GAMES OF 10/8-9

DEFENSE MICHAEL STRAHAN, DE, NY Giants (14th year, TEXAS SOUTHERN) - Two solo tackles, one a sack, and an assist in win over Washington. The sack was Strahan's first of the season, Strahan now has 130.5 sacks in his illustrious career. OFFENSE MAURICE HICKS, RB, San Francisco (fifth year, NORTH CAROLINA A&T) - One reception, a screen pass, that he took in for a 33-yard TD. He also returned two kickoffs for 51 yards in a win over Oakland. Hicks is fifth overall in the NFL in kickoff returns (27.0), first in the NFC.

