


FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11 - 17, 2007



NY Giants Photo CHALLENGER: Stilman QB Charles McCullum to lead his squad vs. four-time champ Albany State in an SIAC showdown.

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Early showdowms in SWAC, SIAC

MEAC teams hit the road to take on three BCS foes

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Tennessee Tech vs. Concordia in Cookeville, TN 7
ESPN - Live
Jackson State vs. Texas Southern in Jackson, MS 7

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Southern Va. Webcast
Southern Virginia vs. Lincoln (MO) in Morehead, KY 7

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Bowie State vs. Slippery Rock in Bowie, MD 1
Carson Newman vs. St. Augustine's in Jefferson City, TN 1
Cheyney vs. California (PA) in Cheyney, PA 1
Dayton vs. Central State in Dayton, OH 1
Savannah State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Savannah, GA 1
W. Virginia State vs. Fairmont State in Institute, WV 1
Belhaven vs. Texas College in Jackson, MS 1:30
Charleston Southern vs. JC Smith in Charleston, SC 1:30
Tusculum vs. Saint Paul's in Greenville, TN 1:30
Rutgers vs. Norfolk State in Piscataway, N.J. 3:30
Kent State vs. Delaware State in Kent, OH 4
Morgan State vs. W-Salem State in Baltimore, MD 4
Shaw vs. Morehouse in Durham, NC 4
Fort Valley State vs. Miles in Fort Valley, GA 5
Ala.-Birmingham vs. Alcorn State in Birmingham, AL 6
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Alabama State in Pine Bluff, AR 6
Austin Peay vs. Tennessee State in Clarksville, TN 6
Benedict vs. Tuskegee in Columbia, SC 6
Clark Atlanta vs. Kentucky State in Atlanta, GA 6
Florida A&M vs. Howard in Tallahassee, FL 6
Lane vs. Langston in Jackson, TN 6
Livingstone vs. Virginia Union in Salisbury, NC 6
Alabama A&M vs. Miss. Valley St. in Huntsville, AL 6:30
South Carolina vs. SC State in Columbia, SC 7

CLASSICS

37th New York Urban League Classic
NC Central vs. Elizabeth City St. in E. Rutherford, NJ 2

INTERNET

GSTV Broadband
Stillman vs. Albany State in Tuscaloosa, AL 5
Catawba Webcast
Catawba vs. Fayetteville State in Salisbury, NC 7

TV GAMES

ESPN - Delay 10p Eastern
NC A&T vs. Hampton in Greensboro, NC 6
Cox Sports Television
Southern vs. Prairie View A&M in Baton Rouge, LA 6

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Elsewhere in the MEAC, three-time defending champ and BCSP No. 1 Hampton (1-0, 1-0 MEAC) is at North Carolina A&T (0-2, 0-0 MEAC) in a 6 p.m. game to be carried by tape delay at 10 p.m. on ESPN2. The Aggies increased the nation's longest losing streak to 18 games with its loss to Prairie View last week. Hampton is up to 13th in the latest FCS poll. Howard (0-1, 0-1 MEAC) travels to Tallahassee, Fla. to take on Florida A&M (0-2, 0-0 MEAC). Bethune-Cookman (1-1, 0-1 MEAC) is at Savannah State (1-1) and Morgan State (1-1, 0-1 MEAC) hosts Winston-Salem State (1-1) in non-conference action.

There's also a showdown in the SIAC when four-time defending champion Albany State (2-1, 1-0 SIAC) travels to Tuscaloosa, Ala. to face Stillman (3-0, 0-0 SIAC).

The Stillman challenge will be led by quarterback Charles McCullum, who currently leads the SIAC in passing averaging 295 yards per game with nine TDs. ASU won last year's matchup 14-7. Elsewhere in the SIAC, Tuskegee (1-0, 1-0 SIAC) is at Benedict (0-1, 1-2) and Miles (1-2, 0-1 SIAC) is at Fort Valley State (1-0, 2-1). Morehouse (2-1, 2-1) is at Shaw (0-0, 1-1 CIAA W) and Lane (0-1, 0-1) hosts Langston (1-1) in out-of-conference play.

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There's an early season showdown in the SIAC and between underdogs in the SWAC West, while three MEAC teams hit the road to face BCS teams as the September football schedule hits the halfway point this weekend.

In the SWAC, Henry Frazier's upstart Prairie View (2-0, 1-0 SWAC W) squad travels to Baton Rouge to take on fellow unbeaten Southern (2-0, 1-0 SWAC W) with the early season West Division lead at stake.

Frazier, in his fourth year at Prairie View, got his first win over Southern last season, a 26-23 home win in overtime. While the Southern game was a breakthrough win for the Panthers, they went on to drop seven straight games before a season-ending victory over eventual conference champ Alabama A&M. Five of those seven losses however were by less than a touchdown with three three-point decisions.

Two early season wins have the Panthers on a three-game winning streak headed into this weekend's match-up. They're giving up just 10.5 points per game, second-best in the SWAC, but are last in total defense giving up 382.5 yards per game.

Those are not good numbers headed into a road game against Southern whose offense has been rejuvenated behind a strong running game and the passing of QB Bryant Lee. Both teams are averaging 28 points per game. Three games, Southern is averaging a league-best 265.5 rushing yards per game while Lee has thrown for 421 yards and four touchdowns without an interception.

PREDICTION: Southern by 10.

In other SWAC contests, both reigning division champs have conference tests against opponents that knocked them off last season.

Unbeaten Alabama State (2-0, 1-0



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FRAZIER: His Prairie View A&M squad looks to get to 3-0 in a date in Baton Rouge with the Southern Jags.

SWAC E) is at defending SWAC West Division champ Arkansas-Pine Bluff (6 p.m.). Last year, the Hornets beat UAPB 31-13. Defending East Division and conference champ Alabama A&M hosts Mississippi Valley State (6:30 p.m.) in a key division match-up. MVSU beat A&M last season 23-20.

Also, Alcorn State (0-2, 0-2 SWAC W) is at Alabama-Birmingham Saturday while winless Texas Southern (0-2, 0-2 SWAC W) and Jackson State (0-2, 0-0 SWAC E) meet Thursday in a 7 p.m. contest on ESPN2.

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MITCHELL: 19 of 36 for three TDs and 310 yards in three TDs vs. Howard.

The three top teams in the MEAC - Hampton, South Carolina State and Delaware State - each got conference wins but were challenged.

- Hampton 31, Howard 24

Three-time defending champion and BCSP No. 1 Hampton (1-0, 1-0 MEAC) broke from a 10-10 tie at the end of the third quarter to down Howard (0-1, 0-1 MEAC) in the debut of new Bison coach Carey Bailey. Hampton QB T. J. Mitchell (19-36-0, 310 yards) threw all three of his TD passes (38, 78, 19) in the fourth quarter though the Bison hung in scoring two TDs themselves in the final period. In the first half, Howard matched Hampton with 405 yards of total offense, outgaining the Pirates on the ground (161 to 95).

Howard QB Brian Johnson completed 21 of 37 passes for 244 yards and two TDs (1, 16) without an interception. Hampton WR Jeremy Gilchrist had eight receptions for 93 yards including a 61-yarder for a score. Kevin Teel had four receptions for 110 yards including a 78-yard TD. Jarrah Williams led Howard with nine receptions for 101 yards including a one-yard TD catch.

- Delaware State 20, Florida A&M 7

Delaware State (2-0, 1-0 MEAC) QB Yashon Union (17-25-1, 179 yards) threw two TD passes (11, 19) and the Hornets got two field goals from Peter Gaertner (34, 36) in downing Florida A&M (0-2, 0-1 MEAC) in another close MEAC contest. The Hornets scored first with a second quarter blocked punt which gave them the ball at the FAMU 1. Wilson hit Shaheer McBride (5 rec., 57 yards) from 11 yards out for the score. Wilson hit William Griggs with a 19-yard score in the third quarter. FAMU QB Albert Chester completed 19 of 34 passes for 172 yards with one interception. TJ Jenkins got the Realters' score on a 5-yard second quarter pass from Chester.

- South Carolina State 24, Bethune-Cookman 13

Two Bethune-Cookman fumbles by QB Jimmie Russell in his own territory led to South Carolina State scores and allowed the Bulldogs (1-1, 1-0 MEAC) to hold off the Wildcats (1-1, 0-1 MEAC). SCSU piled up 277 rushing yards and got two TD passes (11, 49) from QB Cleveland McCoy. After the Bulldogs converted a 35-yard field goal in the game's opening possession, Russell's first fumble led to Travil Jamison's three-yard TD run with 7:32 left in the first period. B-CU blocked two field goals to keep the game close and only trailed 17-13 when placekicker Luis Esquivel kicked thru his second field goal of the game, a 27-yarder with 2:12 left in the third quarter. Earlier in the quarter, Corey Council scored the Wildcats' only TD when he returned a kickoff 98 yards for a third quarter score. The Bulldog's final score came on McCoy's 49-yard pass to Oliver Young, early in the fourth quarter.

Four SWAC teams stayed unbeaten, with Southern and Alabama State getting conference wins.

- Alabama A&M 41, Clark Atlanta 10

Defending SWAC champ and BCSP No. 2 Alabama A&M (2-0, 0-0 SWAC E) rolled up 608 yards of total offense in routing Div. II Clark Atlanta (0-3, 0-1 SIAC). A&M QB Keicy Luke completed 21 of 33 passes for 301 yards and four TDs (65, 51, 20, 26) without an interception while RB Thyless Banks ran for 211 yards on 19 carries with TD runs of 3 and 4 yards. WR Morty Lighthorn was the lone bright spot for the Panthers catching five passes for 123 yards including their only TD on a 61-yard reception. A&M registered seven sacks and held the Panthers to -2 yards rushing in 24 attempts.

- Prairie View 22, NC A&T 7

Prairie View returned two second quarter blocked punts for TDs as Prairie View (2-0, 1-0 SWAC W) stayed unbeaten with a win before a crowd of 32,278 at the Los Angeles Coliseum in the Angel City Classic. The Panthers added a second half TD on QB Chris Gibson's nine-yard run at the end of the third quarter. A&T's TD came in the fourth quarter when back-up QB Shelton Morgan hit Giorgio Lawrence on a 32-yard hook up. A&T RB Michael Ferguson rushed for 181 yards on 22 carries.

- Southern 23, Mississippi Valley State 6

Southern (2-0, 1-0 SWAC W) racked up 293 rushing yards and got three TD passes (54, 12, 20) from QB Bryant Lee (16-28-0, 206 yards) as the Jags handed Mississippi Valley State (1-1, 1-1 SWAC E) its first loss. WR Kendrick Smith scored on his only two receptions and Brian Threat led Southern rushers with 102 yards on 11 carries as the Jags rolled up 499 yards of total offense. MVSU's only score came on Clarence Cotton's 20-yard reception from Paul Roberts (17-31-0, 121 yards) just before halftime.

- Alabama State 21, Texas Southern 10

Jay Peck ran for 141 yards and Rahmod Traylor added 97 rushing yards and both had late fourth quarter scores to allow the Hornets (2-0, 1-0 SWAC E) to rally past Texas Southern (0-2, 0-2 SWAC W). After trailing 7-0 at the half, TSU tied the score on a 13-yard Tino Edgecombe to Daniel Davis TD pass in the third quarter and took a 10-7 lead early in the fourth on Djavan Conway's 23-yard field goal. Peck ended a 4-play, 24-yard drive that following a 17-yard TSU punt with a three-yard TD run with 2:40 left to put ASU back on top. After stopping TSU on downs, Traylor ran in from 22 yards on the ensuing play. Brian Haith had six receptions for 118 yards to lead TSU.

Virginia Union 37, Central State 20

- QB Lamar Little (12-25-1, 232 yards) threw two TD passes (16, 97) to WR Michael Hampton and ran six yards for another score as Virginia Union (2-0, 0-0 CIAA E) stayed unbeaten with a win over Central State (1-1). RB Elihu Smith added 155 rushing yards on just ten carries and scored on a 45-yard TD run. Hampton finished with six receptions for 138 yards.

BCSP TOP TEN

1. HAMPTON (1-0) Held off Howard, 31-24. NEXT: At winless NC A&T on ESPN2.
2. ALABAMA A&M (2-0) - Easily disposed of Clark Atlanta, 41-10. NEXT: Hosting Mississippi Valley State.
3. DELAWARE STATE (2-0) - Got by Florida A&M, 20-7. NEXT: At Kent State.
4. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (1-1) - Defeated Bethune-Cookman, 24-13. NEXT: At South Carolina.
5. SOUTHERN (2-0) - Beat Miss. Valley State, 23-6. NEXT: Hosts BCSP No. 9 Prairie View.
6. GRAMBLING STATE (1-1) - Fell to Pittsburgh, 34-10. NEXT: Idle.
7. TUSKEGEE (1-0) - Idle. NEXT: At Benedict.
8. VIRGINIA UNION (2-0) - Defeated Central State, 37-12. NEXT: At Livingstone.
9. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (2-0) - Beat NC A&T, 22-7. NEXT: Big SWAC West game at BCSP No. 5 Southern.
10. ALABAMA STATE (2-0) - Rallied by Texas Southern, 21-10. NEXT: At Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

BCSP Notes

MEAC basketball luncheon

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference will host the annual Basketball Press Luncheon, Tuesday, October 9 at the Sheraton Raleigh (NC) Hotel in beginning at noon.

The press luncheon provides media and fans an opportunity to get first-hand news and updates on the 2007-08 basketball season from MEAC head coaches. Local media outlets are invited to participate in one-on-one interviews with head coaches prior to the luncheon. Head coaches of the women's programs will be available at 9:30 a.m., followed by the head coaches of the men's teams beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Tickets for the press luncheon are available to the public for \$20 per seat or \$200 per table. Members of the media may obtain a credential to the interview session by contacting the MEAC Media Relations Office at (757) 416-7100 in the Governor's Ballroom 1 & 2.

The 2007-08 MEAC basketball preseason is highlighted by the Delaware State basketball programs who will compete in both the men and women's preseason National Invitation Tournaments. The defending MEAC women's champion Lady Hornets will face the University of Delaware on Friday, Nov. 9. The men's team will face Columbia University in the opening round Nov. 12 on the campus of Ohio State University. The MEAC basketball tournament is slated for March 10-15, 2008 at the RBC Center in Raleigh.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

(FOR GAMES OF 9/8-9/9-10)

DEFENSE
ROBERT MATHIS, 6-2, 235, DE, Indianapolis (5th year, ALABAMA A&M) - Four solo tackles, one assist, one sack and one forced fumble in Colts' 41-10 win over Orleans.

OFFENSE
TAVARIS JACKSON, QB, Minnesota (2nd year, ALABAMA STATE) - Completed 13 of 23 passes for 163 yards including a 60-yard TD pass to Adrian Peterson with one interception in Vikings' 24-3 win over Atlanta. Jackson also had two carries for 10 yards.