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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE™

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DILLON: Play of Grambling QB, dangerous with both arm and legs, one of keys to fifth SWAC/MEAC Challenge.

CHALLENGE TIME

ORLANDO IS THE SITE OF SWAC/MEAC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWDOWN SUNDAY

2009 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

	DIV		ALL	
E. DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Virginia State	0	0	1	0
* Lincoln	0	0	1	0
St. Paul's	0	0	0	0
Virginia Union	0	0	0	1
Eliz. City State	0	0	0	1
Bowie State	0	0	0	1
W. DIVISION				
Shaw	0	0	1	0
Chowarn	0	0	0	1
J. C. Smith	0	0	0	1
St. Augustine's	0	0	0	1
Livingstone	0	0	0	1
Fayetteville State	0	0	0	1

* Not eligible for conference title

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFF. LINE **Broderick Custis, Jr., VSU**

RECEIVER **Kevin Robledo, So., WR, Chowan -** 7 rec., 106 yds., 2 TDs vs. Albany State.

OFF. BACK **Atwain Lide, So., RB, VSU** - 34 car., 145 yds., 2 TDs vs. Livingstone.

DEF. LINE **DeMarcus Roberson, So., Shaw -** 5 solos, 6 assists, 3.5 TFL, 1 sack vs. ECSU.

LB **Frederick Sparkman, Jr., Shaw -** 9 solos, 7 assists, 3.5 TFL, 1 sack vs. ECSU

DEF. BACK **Quintez Smith, Sr., Shaw -** 3 ints., all returned for TDs, 9 tackles vs. ECSU.

ROOKIE **Dedrick Anderson, Fr., RB, JCSU -**20 car., 167 yds., 1 TD vs. WV Tech.

SPECIALTY **Austin Turner, So., PK, FSU** - 2-of-2 FGs, 4-of-4 PATs, 7 punts - 45.7 avg.

MEAC
Mid Eastern Athletic Conference

	CONF		ALL	
	W	**L**	**W**	**L**
Hampton	0	0	0	0
SC State	0	0	0	0
Delaware State	0	0	0	0
NC A&T State	0	0	0	0
Bethune-Cookman	0	0	0	0
Florida A&M	0	0	0	0
Howard	0	0	0	0
Norfolk State	0	0	0	0
Morgan State	0	0	0	0
# W-Salem State	0	0	0	0

Not eligible for title

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

NA

SIAC
Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

	CONF		ALL	
	W	**L**	**W**	**L**
Miles	1	0	1	0
Morehouse	1	0	1	0
Clark Atlanta	1	0	1	0
Tuskegee	1	0	1	0
Kentucky State	1	0	1	0
Albany State	0	0	1	0
Fort Valley State	0	1	0	1
Stillman	0	1	0	1
Lane	0	1	0	1
Benedict	0	2	0	2

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

Carlton Hill, Jr., QB, Miles - 20 car., 120 yds., 3 TDs, 11-of-16 for 180 yds., 2 TDs vs. Lane

DEFENSE

Cordell Key, Sr., LB, KSU - 16 tackles, 11 solos, 2 tackles for loss vs. Stillman.

NEWCOMER

Justin Blash, Fr., DL, ASU - 6 tackles, 4 solos, 3 forced fumbles, 2.5 sacks, 1 break-up **David Carter, Fr., RB, MHC -** 18 car., 126 yds., 1 TD vs. Benedict.

SP. TEAMS

John Rodriguez, Sr., PK, Miles - Avgd. 41.6 yards on 5 punts

OFF. LINE

Ramon Harewood, Sr., OL, MHC - Graded at 93% on offense that put up 456 total yards, 276 on the ground.

SWAC
Southwestern Athletic Conference

	DIV		ALL	
E. DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Alabama State	0	0	0	0
Jackson State	0	0	0	0
Alabama A&M	0	0	0	0
Miss. Valley St.	0	0	0	0
Alcorn State	0	0	0	0
W. DIVISION				
Grambling State	0	0	0	0
Texas Southern	0	0	0	0
Ark. Pine Bluff	0	0	0	0
Southern	0	0	0	0
Prairie View A&M	0	0	0	0

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

NA

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L
W. Va. State	1	0
Langston	1	0
Concordia	1	0
Tennessee State	0	0
Savannah State	0	0
Lincoln (Mo.)	0	0
N. C. Central	0	0
Texas College	0	1
Edward Waters	0	1
Central State	0	1
Cheyney	0	1

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE **Carlos Ross, RB, Langston -** 12 carries for 90 yards, 2 TDs, 5 receptions, 79 yards vs. New Mexico Prep.

DEFENSE **Dominique Turner, So., DL, Langston -** Five tackles, 4 solos, 3.5 sacks, 1 forced fumble vs. NMP.

SPECIAL TEAMS **Tyler Wilkinson, PK, Cheyney** - Made field goals of 27 and 41 yards and was good on two PATs in loss to Lincoln.

SCORES

AUGUST 27
Albany State 36, Chowan 21
E. Stroudsburg 19, Va. Union 6

AUGUST 29
Brevard 51, Edward Waters 6
Catawba 25, St. Augustine's 7
Clark Atlanta 30, Ft. Valley St. 24, 2OT
Concordia 68, Texas College 0
Kentucky State 24, Stillman 15
Langston 43, NM Prep 0
Lincoln (PA) 41, Cheyney 20
Miles 35, Lane 18
Morehouse 34, Benedict 13
Shaw 54, Elizabeth City State 30
Slippery Rock 31, Bowie State 27
UNC Pembroke 41, Fayv. St. 34, 2OT
Upper Iowa 65, Lincoln (MO) 6
Virginia State 37, Livingstone 7
WV Tech 49, J. C. Smith 39
WV State 6, Central State 0

HOW THEY DID IT

– Shaw 54, Elizabeth City State 30

Shaw DB **Quintez Smith** picked off three passes and returned each for TDs (90, 70 and 34 yards), and the Bears (1-0, 0-0 CIAA W) brought back four interceptions for TDs, three in the fourth quarter to break from a 24-24 third-quarter tie and outscore **Elizabeth City State** 30-6 over the final 15 minutes in a 2008 CIAA Title Game rematch in Raleigh. ECSU (0-1, 0-0 CIAA E) amassed 488 yards of total offense against the vaunted Bears' defense but the four interceptions by QB **Creven Powell** (17-of-34, 246 yds.) doomed them. In a game of big plays, ECSU opened the scoring on **Reggie Smith's** 68-yard punt return before Smith scored the first of his three TDs on a 90-yard interception return. ECSU would get scoring runs of 6 and 47 yards from East Carolina transfer **Daronte McNeill**, who totalled 146 rushing yards on 24 carries. Shaw RB **Raymond Williams** (16 carries, 57 yards) scored on an 88-yard second-quarter kickoff return. Shaw starting QB **Travis Robinson** was just 1-for-12 for 9 yards with two interceptions before being spelled by former **Grambling** QB **Brandon Landers**, who threw for 161 yards (5-of 11) and 1 TD, a 53-yarder to **Julius Gregory**.

– Clark Atlanta 30, Fort Valley State 24, 2 OTs

Clark Atlanta all-conference RB **Winston Thompson** ran for 172 yards and the game-tying touchdown in regulation and the Panthers (1-0, 1-0 SIAC) scored on back-up QB **Mark Wright's** 10-yard pass to **Moe Lightburn** in the second overtime to knock off **Fort Valley State** (0-1, 0-1). Wright took over from struggling starter **Justin Greene** in the third quarter and finished 11-of-18 for 99 yards and 2 TDs. He engineered a nine-play, 78-yard drive that culminated in Thompson's 1-yard TD run with 2:08 left that tied the score in regulation. FVSU missed two game-winning FG attempts in the final two minutes of regulation. Neither team scored in the first OT.

– Virginia State 37, Livingstone 7

Virginia State RB **Antwain Lyde** ran 34 times for 145 yards and two scores (1, 4) and QB **Leonard Robinson** was nearly perfect completing 13 of 15 passes for 234 yards including a 24-yard scoring strike to **J. Norcombe** as the Trojans (1-0, 0-0 CIAA E) dominated **Livingstone** (0-1, 0-0 CIAA W). LC averted the shutout by scoring on the game's final play.

– Miles 35, Lane 18

Miles QB **Carlton Hill** amassed 300 yards of total offense, rushing for 120 yards on 20 carries and scoring 3 TDs (31, 38, 5) while passing for 180 yards (11-of-26) and two scores (55, 28) to lead the Bears (1-0, 1-0 SIAC) to a comeback victory. **Lane** led 18-15 at the half but was shutout in the second half.

– Lincoln (PA) 41, Cheyney 20

Lincoln (1-0) got an historic win, the first over an NCAA opponent since 1959, and just the second since it returned to playing college football last year in downing Cheyney (0-1). In the first meeting between the two schools since 1946, Lincoln scored three defensive touchdowns, two via fumble returns and one via an interception. Lincoln QB **Kareem Dennis** came off the bench to hit on 11 of 21 passes for 139 yards and 2 TDs.

– Morehouse 34, Benedict 13

Morehouse totalled 276 rushing yards and QB **William Brack** threw for one score and scored once himself as the Maroon Tigers (1-0, 1-0 SIAC) downed **Benedict** (0-2, 0-2 SIAC). **David Carter** led the Morehouse ground attack rushing for 126 yards on 18 carries and scoring from one-yard out. Brack (15-30-1, 180 yards) scored on a four-yard run in the fourth quarter and hit **Achille Hendje** on a four=yard second-quarter scoring pass.

– UNC-Pembroke 41, **Fayetteville State** 34, 2 OTs

In an exciting see-saw opener for both teams, UNC-Pembroke scored a touchdown in the second overtime and then kept **Fayetteville State** (0-1, 0-0 CIAA W) out of the end zone in its possession to eek out the win. The teams went back and forth over four quarters scoring touchdowns and adding PATs and then traded field goals over the last five minutes of the game to end regulation tied at 31. In the first OT, FSU placekicker **Austin Turner** connected from 19 yards out to put FSU up 34-31. But UNC-P placekicker Taylor Baskett tied the game at 34 when he hit from 21 yards away. On UNC-P's possession in the second OT, QB Cory Smith hit Jamal Williams from 21 yards away for the go-ahead score. Baskett added the PAT. On FSU's ensuing possession, QB **Benjamin Williams** was tackled on fourth down at the seven-yard line to end the game. Williams was brilliant in the game completing 16 of 23 passes for 235 yards and 3 TDs (25, 30, 61) FSU RB **Calvin Harris** caught one of the TD passes and also scored on a 26-yard second-quarter run. FSU's defense was pounded for 353 rushing yards including an 89-yard run by Travis Daniels who totalled 213 yards on 25 carries. Daniels also scored on a 3-yard run.

Tough early season *Challenges* on tap

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BCSP Editor

There's a little bit of everything on tap this weekend as the black college football season kicks into high gear with a full 31-game schedule.

While the majority of teams will play games out of the black college circle this weekend, there are some major inter-conference battles and some key intra-conference battles that will take center stage.

Enter the Inters

Topping the list of games between black college conferences is Sunday's aptly named *MEAC/SWAC Challenge* in Orlando's Citrus Bowl where the defending champions from both conferences – **South Carolina State** of the **MEAC** and **Grambling State** of the **SWAC** – square off in a game for bragging rights, national prestige and early season rankings. The 2 p.m. game will be carried live on ESPN2.

Not only are Grambling (25th) and South Carolina State (16th) the only black college teams ranked in the *Sports Network's Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Top 25,* but the teams are 1-2 (with GSU ahead of SCSU) in both the *Heritage Sports Radio Network* Div. I and *Sheridan Broadcasting Network* black college polls.

Both teams are tied for second behind **Florida A&M** in the BCSP ranking.

With a 3-1 series lead, the MEAC has the cachet headed into the match-up of defending champions – the first in the five-year history of the series.

In last year's contest, the first in Orlando after three years in Birmingham, the MEAC's **Hampton** downed the SWAC's **Jackson State**, 17-13. The only SWAC win in the series was **Southern's** 33-27 win over Florida A&M in 2007.

So the onus may be more on **Rod Broadway's** Grambling team to uphold the SWAC and Grambling name in Sunday's showdown.

The G-Men, who were a perfect 7-0 in the SWAC last season, return quarterback **Greg Dillon**, who led the SWAC in passing efficiency while throwing for nearly 1,400 yards including 18 TDs and just 8 interceptions. Dillon also rushed for 667 yards and 4 touchdowns. The running back tandem of **Cornelius Walker** and **Frank Warren**, who accounted for over 1,200 rushing yards and 8 TDs, also returns. The G-Men are led on defense by the SWAC's preseason Defensive Player of the Year, defensive end **Christian Anthony**, who had 8 sacks and 17 tackles for losses last year.

Buddy Pough's South Carolina State squad, who ran the table (8-0) in the MEAC a year ago, counters with last year's league offensive player of year in Bulldog senior running back **Will Ford**, who ran for 1,499 yards and 13 TDs. Ford needs less than 1,000 yards to become the league's all-time leading rusher. Junior QB **Malcolm Long** also returns after leading the Bulldogs to their first MEAC title since 1994. Long threw for 1,985 yards with 14 TDs and 9 interceptions.

The Bulldog defense, which lost leading tackler **Marshall McFadden** to a preseason injury, will be keyed by DB **Markhee Hamlin**.

Coming off last year's playoff loss to three-time FCS national champion and 2009 preseason No. 1 Appalachian State, a slight edge goes to SC State.

PREDICTION: SCSU 34, GSU 32 in a down-to-the-wire classic.

The MEAC has two black college inter-conference battles with the **CIAA** Saturday.

Darrell Asberry's two-time defending CIAA champ **Shaw** Bears (1-0) travel to Daytona Beach, Florida to tangle with **Alvin Wyatt's Bethune-Cookman** Wildcats (0-0) Saturday (4 p.m.) in another intriguing match-up. It's the first meeting ever between the two schools.

The MEAC's **Norfolk State** opens its season at home vs. former CIAA rival **Virginia State** (0-0, 1-0) at their traditional *Labor Day Classic* battle (6 p.m.).

Black college independent **Tennessee State** out of the Ohio Valley Conference plays at home Saturday (6 p.m.) in its *John Merritt Classic* vs. SWAC member **Alabama A&M** in the opener for both schools.

Rattlers' debut at No. 1

BCSP No. 1 **Florida A&M** gets to open its season at home Saturday (6 p.m.) in a critical MEAC date with **Delaware State**.

The highly touted Rattlers, who were voted second behind South Carolina State in the preseason MEAC coaches' poll and third behind Grambling and SCSU in the HSRN and Sheridan polls, are looking to break a four-game losing streak to the Hornets. DelState won last year's season-opener in FAMU head coach **Joe Taylor's** debut, 35-28 in overtime.

Look for Taylor and the Rattlers to get revenge on **Al Lavan's** rebuilding Hornets' squad.

PREDICTION: FAMU 42, DSU 20

In other conference battles, **Morehouse** (1-0, 1-0 SIAC) looks to follow crosstown rival **Clark Atlanta** into the winner's circle vs. **Fort Valley State** (0-1, 0-1). CAU knocked off FVSU 30-24 in double overtime Saturday while Morehouse took care of **Benedict**, 34-13. The two Atlanta schools are vying to challenge conference kingpins **Albany State** and **Tuskegee** in this year's SIAC race.

Tuskegee (1-0, 1-0) has a Sunday date in Birmingham with **Billy Joe's Miles'** team (1-0, 1-0) Sunday in that city's *Labor Day Golden Classic*. Miles was impressive last week in a 35-18 win over **Lane**.

Albany State (1-0, 0-0) hosts **Kentucky State** (1-0, 1-0) at 7 p.m. while Clark Atlanta (1-0, 1-0) plays at Stillman (0-1, 0-1) at 5 p.m.. KSU beat Stillman last week.

In the SWAC, **Prairie View A&M**, looking to capitalize on a 9-1 2008 campaign, takes on **Texas Southern** in the traditional *Labor Day Classic* opener (7 p.m.) for both schools. ESPNU will broadcast the game by tape delay at 10:30 p.m.

Other games to watch include **Alonzo Lee's** debut as **North Carolina A&T** head coach as the Aggies travel down I-40 to take on rival **Winston-Salem State** (6 p.m.) in both teams' opener. **Donovan Rose** also debuts as **Hampton's** third head coach in three years as the Pirates entertain **North Carolina Central** (6 p.m.)

SWAC Mississippi schools **Jackson State** and **Alcorn State** have tough openers against in-state BCS programs. **Rick Comegy's** JSU Tigers tangle with Mississippi State in Starkville (2:30 p.m.) in a game to be carried live by ESPNU. New Alcorn coach **Ernest Collins** debuts in Hattiesburg vs. Southern Mississippi (6 p.m.).

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Bowie State vs. Shepherd in Bowie, MD	1
Lincoln (PA) vs. New Haven in West Grove, PA	1
Mercyhurst vs. Cheyney in Erie, Pa.	1
St. Augustine's vs. Charleston (WV) in Raleigh, NC	1:30
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Ark.-Monticello in Pine Bluff, AR	4
Bethune-Cookman vs. Shaw in Daytona Beach, FL	4
Stillman vs. Clark Atlanta in Tuscaloosa, AL	5
Louisiana-Lafayette vs. Southern in Lafayette, LA	6
S. Mississippi vs. Alcorn State in Hattiesburg,MS	6
Fayetteville State vs. Catawba in Fayetteville, NC	6
Florida A&M vs. Delaware State in Tallahassee, FL	6
Hampton vs. NC Central in Hampton, VA	6
J. C. Smith vs. Elizabeth City State in Charlotte, NC	6
Old Dominion vs. Chowan in Norfolk, VA	6
UNC-Pembroke vs. Saint Paul's in Pembroke, NC	6
Winston-Salem State vs. NC A&T in W-S, NC	6
Ark. State vs. Miss Valley State in Jonesboro, AR	6:05
Alabama State vs. Concordia in Montgomery, AL	7
Lincoln (MO) vs. Langston in Jefferson City, MO	7
Albany State vs. Kentucky State in Albany, GA	7
Morehouse vs. Fort Valley State in Atlanta, GA	7
Texas College vs. Ouachita Baptist in Tyler, TX	TBA
CLASSIC GAMES	
Palmetto Capital City Classic	
Benedict vs. West Virginia State in Columbia, SC	4
John Merritt Classic	
Tennessee State vs. Alabama A&M in Nashville, TN	6
Greenville HBCU Classic	
Livingstone vs. Savannah State in Greenville, SC	6
Virginia Lottery Labor Day Classic	
Norfolk State vs. Virginia State in Norfolk, VA	6
TV GAMES	
ESPNU - Live	
Mississippi State vs. Jackson State in Starkville, MS	2:30
Labor Day Classic - ESPNU -delayed-10:30pm ET	
Texas Southern vs. Prairie View A&M in Houston, TX	7

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

CLASSIC GAMES	
Dayton Classic V	
Central State vs. Virginia Union in Dayton, OH	5
3rd Labor Day Golden Classic	
Miles vs. Tuskegee in Birmingham, AL	6
TV GAMES	
5th MEAC/SWAC Challenge - ESPN2 - Live	
South Carolina State vs. Grambling State in Orlando, FL	2

BCSP TOP TEN

1. **FLORIDA A&M** (0-0) - OPENING GAME: Key MEAC match-up Saturday hosting Delaware State.
2. (TIE) **GRAMBLING STATE** (0-0) - OPENING GAME: Sunday, vs. MEAC champ South Carolina State in Orlando's Citrus Stadium.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (0-0) - OPENING GAME: Sunday, SWAC champ. Grambling State at MEAC/SWAC Challenge.

4. **PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** (0-0) - OPENING GAME: Saturday at Reliant Stadium vs. Texas Southern in Labor Day Classic..
5. **SOUTHERN** (0-0) - OPENING GAME: On the road Saturday, at Louisiana-Lafayette.
6. **NORFOLK STATE** (0-0) - OPENING GAME: At home Saturday vs. Virginia State in Labor Day Classic.
7. **BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (0-0) - OPENING GAME: At home in Daytona Beach vs. two-time defending CIAA champ Shaw.
8. **SHAW** (1-0) - Beat Elizabeth City State, 54-30. NEXT: At Bethune-Cookman
9. **ALBANY STATE** (1-0) - Handled Chowan, 36-21. NEXT: Hosting Kentucky State in SIAC contest.
10. **TUSKEGEE** (1-0) - Idle. NEXT: Sunday vs. Miles in critical SIAC match in Birmingham.

BCSP Notes

Hall sees the end zone

From ClevelandBrowns.com

Cleveland Browns' second-year linebacker **Alex Hall** out of **St. Augustine's** repaid Head Coach Eric Mangini's faith with a touchdown.

Hall, starting in place of David Bowens at outside linebacker, intercepted a pass from Titans quarterback Vince Young and returned it 11 yards for a touchdown in the Browns 23-17 win over Tennessee Saturday in a preseason game. Hall's score gave the Browns a 13-point lead.

"I was just fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time," said Hall. "I made a read, a good read and intercepted the ball. I hadn't scored before, so that was new. Going in, it felt good. I was just trying to enjoy the moment."

On the turnover, Young dropped back and released the ball quickly because of pressure from Robaire Smith, who had beaten the left tackle and was approaching a sack in the end zone. "He flushed him out," Hall said of Smith. "He did a great job of rushing. He just let it go and I took it to the house."

Cleveland Browns Photo

HALL: Returning pick for TD vs. Titans Saturday.

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