



FOOTBALL IS IN THE AIR

ARE YOU READY?: All four HBCU conferences set Football Media Days; SWAC and MEAC announce games to be televised.

MORGAN STATE NAMES INTERIM WOMEN'S HOOPS COACH; NORFOLK STATE HIT WITH NCAA SANCTIONS

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

DAVIS INTERIM MSU WOMEN'S COACH:

BALTIMORE, Md. – **Morgan State University (MSU)** Athletic Director **Floyd Kerr** has announced the appointment of **Edward Davis Jr.** as interim head coach of MSU's women's basketball team.



Davis

Davis takes over for **Donald Beasley** who will take on another assignment at the university effective July 1, 2016.

For the past two years, Davis has been the assistant coach at Morgan. He formerly was head women's basketball coach at **Delaware State University** for 12 seasons. While at Delaware State, he led the team to its most successful run in the history of the program. He concluded his career there as the program's winningest coach with an overall record of 178-182 (.494), including a 121-85 (.587) **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** record. He also coached for eight years at Bowie State University.

Beasley had been head coach of the Lady Bears basketball team since 2005. In his 11 seasons at MSU, Beasley became the coach with the most wins in the history of the women's program.

"We are extremely grateful to Coach Beasley for what he has been able to achieve with our program. He is our most successful women's basketball coach and he leaves with our gratitude and best wishes," added Kerr.

NORFOLK STATE PLACED ON PROBATION:

Norfolk State University Athletics has been placed on probation for two years beginning June 16, 2016.



The sanctions are based on what the NCAA describes as "Level II - Standard" violations related to athlete eligibility from the 2008-09 through the 2010-11 academic years.

NSU was found to have allowed 48 student-athletes to compete while ineligible and receive impermissible travel expenses related to competition. The student-athletes were ineligible because the institution failed to ensure that they had met all NCAA progress-toward-degree requirements.

"The institution's eligibility certification process was substandard. The improvements and enhancements made to that system since the discovery of the violations should have been in place previously," the NCAA report stated.

In addition to facing probation, NSU must vacate all regular season and conference tournament wins in which the ineligible student-athletes competed. This includes the Spartans' 2011 MEAC football title.

Self-imposed scholarship reductions and a \$5,000 fine were also part of the announced penalty.

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SWAC announces football television schedule

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** released its 2016 football television schedule which includes 14 contests that will spread across six different networks.

Eight of the 10 member institutions will either be featured on ABC, ESPN, ESPNU, ESPN3 or NBC Sports Network. All games are available in standard high-definition.

The defending SWAC champions will open college football's slate of games Sunday, Sept. 4 in the annual MEAC/SWAC Challenge when **Alcorn State** faces **Bethune-Cookman**. The opener will be known as the Battle of the Beach in Daytona Beach, Fla. Kickoff for the **Fred McNair** era will air live at 12 p.m. CT. on ESPN. That same evening at 5 p.m. CT on ESPNU, **Texas Southern** will help rival **Prairie View A&M** break in its all new football stadium with the Labor Day Classic.

Alabama State second year head coach **Brian Jenkins** visits defending SWAC Champion **Alcorn State** Saturday, Sept 10 on ESPN3 at 6 p.m. CT. Rivals once again collide Saturday, Sept 17 when the league's runners-up in **Grambling State** travel to **Jackson State** for a battle on ESPN3

The Thursday night slate of ESPNU games start Sept. 15 when **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** travels to **Alcorn State** for a 6:30 p.m. CT. kickoff. After a two-year hiatus, the *Turkey Day Classic* returns to ESPN3 when Alabama State plays host to **Miles College** Thanksgiving Day at 3 p.m.

The postseason starts with the yearly SWAC Football Championship in Houston, Texas Saturday, Dec. 3 at NRG Stadium. The East and West Division Champions will meet on ESPNU. The time is TBD.

The TV line up concludes with the *Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl* Saturday, December 17, at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga. The kickoff is set for 11:00 a.m. CT on ABC

More games may potentially be added as the season progresses.

2016 SWAC FOOTBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME	NETWORK
Sun., 9/4 12 noon	Alcorn State at Bethune-Cookman Daytona Beach, Fla.	ESPN
Sun., 9/4 5 p.m.	Texas Southern at Prairie View A&M Prairie View, Texas	ESPNU
Sat., 9/10 11:00 a.m.	Prairie View A&M at Texas A&M College Station, Texas	SEC Network+
Sat., 9/10 6 p.m.	Alabama State at Alcorn State Lorman, Miss.	ESPN3*
Thurs, 9/15 6:30 p.m.	Arkansas Pine Bluff at Alcorn State Lorman, Miss.	ESPNU
Sat., 9/17 6 p.m.	Grambling State at Jackson State Jackson, Miss.	ESPN3*
Sat., 10/1 TBD	Alcorn State at Arkansas Fayetteville, Ark	SEC Network+
Sat. 10/29 3 p.m.	Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State Montgomery, Ala.	ESPN3*
Sat, 11/5 TBD	Alcorn State at Prairie View A&M Prairie View, Texas	ESPN3
Sat., 11/19 TBD	Alabama A&M at Auburn Auburn, Ala.	SEC Network+
Th., 11/24 3:00 p.m	Miles College at Alabama State Montgomery, Ala.	ESPN3
Sat., 11/26 4 p.m	Southern vs. Grambling State New Orleans, La.	NBC Sports Net
Sat., 12/3 TBD	SWAC Football Championship Houston, Texas	ESPNU

MEAC football television schedule announced

NORFOLK, Va. - The **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** announced its 2016 football schedule featuring eight regular season matchups scheduled to be televised on ESPN, ESPNU, and ESPN Classic, as well as carried on ESPN3. The nationally televised games are a part of the MEAC's ongoing partnership with ESPN.

"We are excited about the 2016 football television schedule that offers our fans many ways to stay tuned into their favorite MEAC football team," said MEAC Commissioner **Dennis Thomas**. "Our partnership with ESPN continues to showcase our talented student-athletes, coaches and institutions through multiple ESPN platforms and further illustrates this tremendous partnership we have built over the years with the Worldwide Leader in Sports."

The 2016 television schedule kicks off with the 12th annual MEAC/SWAC Football Challenge featuring **Bethune-Cookman** and the **Southwestern Athletic Conference's Alcorn State**. The game will be televised live on Sunday, September 4 beginning at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

The ESPNU Thursday night lineup includes matchups featuring **Hampton** at **North Carolina A&T State** on Sept. 29, **Norfolk State** at **North Carolina A&T State** on Oct. 6 and **North Carolina A&T State** at **Bethune-Cookman** on Oct. 13. All three games are slated to start at 7:30 p.m. and will air live on ESPNU and WatchESPN.

The Saturday slate begins with **Bethune-Cookman** visiting **South Carolina State** on Oct. 8 and **Bethune-Cookman** at **Norfolk State** on Oct. 22. Both games will air live on ESPN3 and replayed later on ESPNU.

The 2016 MEAC schedule wraps up with the *Florida Classic* featuring **Bethune-Cookman** and **Florida A&M**. The game will air live on ESPN Classic and ESPN3 on Nov. 19. There will be one game determined for the final week of the season between two teams in contention for the MEAC Championship that will also air live on ESPN3 and replayed later on ESPN3 on Nov. 19.

The MEAC will participate in the second annual *Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl* pitting the champion of the conference against the champion of the SWAC in a post season bowl game on Saturday, December 17 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Georgia Dome. The matchup will be televised live at Noon on ABC.

All games can also be viewed via live stream on computers, smartphones, tablets, Xbox and Apple TV via the WatchESPN application.

2016 MEAC FOOTBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME	NETWORK
Sun., 9/4 1 p.m.	MEAC/SWAC Challenge - Alcorn State at Bethune-Cookman Daytona Beach, FL	ESPN
Th., 9/29 7:30 p.m.	Hampton at North Carolina A&T Greensboro, N. C.	ESPNU
Th., 10/6 7:30 p.m.	Norfolk State at North Carolina A&T State Greensboro, N.C.	ESPNU
Sat., 10/8 1:30 p.m.	Bethune-Cookman at South Carolina State Orangeburg, S. C.	ESPN3 / Replayed on ESPNU
Th., 10/13 7:30 p.m.	North Carolina A&T at Bethune-Cookman Daytona Beach, FL	ESPNU
Sat., 10/22 2 p.m.	Bethune-Cookman at Norfolk State Norfolk, VA	ESPN3 / Replayed on ESPNU
Sat., 11/19 2 p.m.	Florida Classic - Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M Orlando, FL	ESPN Classic/ESPN3
Sat., 11/19 TBD	TBA TBD	ESPN3 / Replayed on ESPNU
Sat., 12/17 Noon	Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl - MEAC Champ vs. SWAC Champ Atlanta, GA	ABC

All four HBCU conferences announce preseason football events

2016 SWAC Football Media Day on for July 15 in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** date for the 2016 edition of Football Media Day is Friday, July 15. The event will be held at the Birmingham Marriott located at 3590 Grandview Pkwy.

Last season was the largest attended Media Day with of over 500 media members covering the event, its most since drawing more than 400 in 2014.

The official start to the 2016 football season will feature live video coverage via the SWAC Digital Network. The three-hour broadcast will include a stage session, one-on-one interviews on the set of SDN and featured guests.

In addition, league head coaches and student-athletes will also join the SDN live audio stream as part of the continuous coverage on www.swac.org.

Three new head coaches are set to attend including **Fred McNair (Alcorn State)** **Tony Hughes (Jackson State)**, and **Michael Haywood (Texas Southern)**.

A more detailed schedule with information on head coaches and student-athlete interview times will be released at a later date. The event production will include:

- SWAC Commissioner Address
- Photo Opportunities
- Season Preview by Head Coaches
- Championship Promo
- SWAC Preseason Teams Announced
- SDN Video Stream and SDN Radio
- SWAC Audio Drops
- Print Media Interviews
- One-on-one TV Interviews

SIAC to hold 2016 Football Media Day July 20 in Montgomery

ATLANTA – The **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC)** will host its annual Football Media Day on Wednesday, July 20 at the Doubletree by Hilton Montgomery Downtown (120 Madison Avenue, Montgom-

ery, AL 36104).

Head football coaches and two student-athletes from each team will be available to offer an up-close and personal look at the upcoming 2016 football season.

This year the SIAC will have a limited number of tickets available to the public for the press luncheon portion of the Media Day. Tickets can be purchased by calling Taunith Stephenson at (404) 221-1041 or e-mailing stephenson@thesiac.com. Tickets are \$40 per seat or \$300 per table (10 persons) and must be purchased by Friday, July 15.

Media members may obtain a credential for the luncheon and/or one-on-one interviews by completing an application found on www.thesiac.com. One-on-one interviews will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Ballroom.

CIAA Football Media Day set for July 21 in Durham

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (May 21, 2016) – The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)** will kick off the 2016 football season with its annual Football Media Day on Thursday, July 21st at 9:00 a.m. at the Marriott - Research Triangle Park in Durham, North Carolina.

Each of the CIAA's twelve head football coaches, accompanied by select student-athletes, will take the stage for discussion regarding their football program, athletes, and season schedule as teams anticipate the conference championship. This season's circuit will feature extended sessions for Q&A dialog between head coaches, student-athletes, and media. CIAA Football Media Day will open at 9:00 a.m. and close with remarks from Commissioner **Jacqie McWilliams** at 11:10 a.m.

This year, five new head coaches will be welcomed to the conference: **Reggie Barlow** of **Virginia State**, **Tim Chavous** of **St. Augustine's**, **Richard Hayes, Jr.** of **Fayetteville State**, **Adrian Jones** of **Shaw**, and **Earnest**

Wilson III of **Elizabeth City State**.

Media interested in attending the Media Day circuit must RSVP via theciaa.com. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, July 13.

The 2016 CIAA football season will open on Saturday, September 3rd. The *CIAA Football Championship* is scheduled for November 12, 2016 in Durham, North Carolina.

The nationally televised championship game will be played at Durham County Memorial Stadium and feature the CIAA Northern and Southern Division champions.

MEAC Press Luncheon kicks off July 29 in Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va. - The **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** will host the annual Football Press Luncheon, Friday, July 29 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel (235 E. Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510) (757) 627-4200).

MEAC head football coaches and two student-athletes from each team will be on hand to offer an inside view on the upcoming 2016 football season.

A limited number of tickets are available to the public for the press luncheon and can be purchased by calling Natiara Satsatin at (757) 951-2055 or emailing satsatin@thameac.com. Tickets are \$30 per seat or \$300 per table (10 persons) and must be purchased by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 22.

Media members may obtain a credential for the luncheon and/or one-on-one interviews by completing an application found on www.MEACSports.com. One-on-one interviews will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

The 2016 MEAC football season kicks off on Thursday, September 1 as **Delaware State** visits Delaware in a non-conference game.

Bethune-Cookman will compete against **Alcorn State** in the 12th annual *MEAC/SWAC Challenge* also on Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 4. Details and ticket information can be found on www.meacswacchallenge.com.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

UPCOMING PRESEASON FOOTBALL EVENTS



SWAC
Football Media Day
Friday, July 15
Birmingham Marriott
Birmingham, AL



SIAC
Football Media Day
Wednesday, July 20 - 10 a.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton
Montgomery, AL



CIAA
Football Media Day
Thursday, July 21 - 9 a.m.
Marriott Research Triangle Park
Durham, NC



MEAC
Football Press Luncheon
Friday, July 29 - 10 a.m.
Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel
Norfolk, VA