



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

DERRICK GRIFFIN: Two-sport star (football and basketball) picked as top NFL prospect in the SWAC this season.

EDDIE PAYTON RETIRES; TODD DAY AT PHILANDER SMITH; DORMOND OUT AT GRAMBLING STATE HOOPS

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

DAY TO LEAD PHILANDER SMITH HOOPS:

Former NBA first-round pick and all-American collegian **Todd Day** was last week named as the new head coach of **Philander Smith College's** men's basketball team.



Day

Day, who led the University of Arkansas Razorbacks to a Final Four appearance and became the team's all-time leading scorer, comes to Little Rock after coaching stints in Amateur Athletic Union leagues, and high schools in his native Memphis.

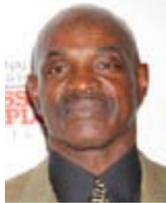
"I felt like coaching on the college level at Philander Smith College was a natural next step in my career," said Day. "Little Rock is like my second home, and it feels good to be able to come back and play a significant role in this community."

Philander Smith President **Roderick Smothers** praised Day's global exposure to the sport, and said that he will be able to offer student athletes a unique perspective on remaining as a competitive program in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference.

"Todd Day brings a wealth of knowledge and experiences to the men's basketball program at Philander Smith College. The game of basketball has taken him all over the world, so he enjoys a unique perspective that will benefit our student-athletes and serve to strengthen our athletic program," he said.

PAYTON RETIRES FROM JSU GOLF:

JACKSON, Miss. - Eddie Payton, Jackson State University's head golf coach, has retired from the position after leading the Tigers and Lady Tigers programs for 30 years.



Eddie Payton

During his tenure the trail-blazing men's golf team won 25 conference championships and eight National Minority titles. In 1995 the Tigers made history by becoming the first HBCU to compete in the NCAA Men's National Golf Championships.

"Following my professional football career, it was an honor and privilege to return to my alma mater as head golf coach," said Payton. "It was an opportunity for me to give back to the University that had given me so much."

Payton helped start the women's golf program in 1994 and the Lady Tigers went on to win 16 SWAC titles. The Lady Tigers program also holds a special place in history by becoming the first women's team from an HBCU to compete in the NCAA National Golf Championship in 1999.

"My goal when I returned to coach golf at JSU, was to win a National Title. Unfortunately we came up short. But it was not from a lack of trying."

Ninety percent of Payton's golfers graduated and program has received the NCAA's Public Recognition Award three times (men's golf in 2013-14 and women's golf in 2009-10 and 2010-11).

Tim O'Neal, AJ Montecinos, Shasta Averyhardt and **Clay Myers** are some of the standouts who went on to have professional golf careers during Payton's tenure.

Payton's retirement begins July 1. Jackson State will hold an official retirement party for Payton at a later date.

FVSU SEARCHING FOR NEW AD:

Fort Valley State announced Friday the resignation of athletics director **Joshua Murfree**, effective at the end of July.

No reason was stated in the university's release for Murfree's resignation. He became Fort Valley State's athletics director in 2013 after serving as the superintendent of the Dougherty County School District.

Previously, Murfree was the athletics director at **Albany State**.

"We are most appreciative of his accomplishments and loyalty to the institution and department during his tenure, and his upbeat personality and positive attitude will be missed," Fort Valley State president **Paul Jones** said in the release.

The release stated that an interim athletics director will be named.

BCSP Notes

Alcorn State's Tollete George felled



George

The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** mourns the loss of former **Alcorn State** receiver **Tollete 'Tonka' George**, who was shot to death in his hometown of New Orleans (Algiers) late Friday night, June 24).

A recent graduate, George played five years with the Braves, where in 2013 he led the team in receptions with 52, totaling 637 yards and three touchdowns. He is also known for his game-tying touchdown in the inaugural *Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl* last December.

George was the second fatal shooting victim in Algiers on Friday.

CIAA announces football television schedule

Charlotte, NC (June 23, 2016) – The 2016 **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)** football season is scheduled to include four televised games broadcast across TV platforms such as the **ASPIRE TV Network**, **ESPN3**, and available online via **WatchESPN**.

The **Virginia State** Trojans and the 2015 runner-up **Bulldogs of Bowie State** have been selected for this season's first CIAA televised football game on October 15. The contest, also the Bulldogs' homecoming will air live on the **ASPIRE TV Network**. Kickoff is slated for 2:00 p.m. EDT at **Bulldogs Stadium** in **Bowie, MD**. In their only meeting last year, the Bulldogs defeated the Trojans by only three points during **VSU's** homecoming game.

On October 22, **ESPN3** and **WatchESPN** will feature a CIAA contest between two teams who both appeared in the playoffs last year, the **Bowie State** Bulldogs and the **Virginia Union** Panthers. As one of the NCAA's twenty-two 2016 Division II football showcase games, the matchup will kick off at 2:00 p.m. EDT on the Panthers' home turf of **Hovey Field** in **Richmond, VA**.

The second CIAA/ASPIRE TV Network telecast will highlight a battle between the defending CIAA Football Champion **Rams of Winston-Salem State** versus the **Fayetteville State** Broncos. In their 2015 matchup, the Rams closed out the regular season with a 2-point victory over **FSU**.

The **FSU** football program has since taken new leadership with head coach **Richard Hayes, Jr.**, former **WSSU** defensive coordinator. This year's contest is scheduled for November 5 at 2:00 p.m. EDT at **Luther "Nick" Jeralds Stadium** in **Fayetteville, NC**.

The Conference television broadcast schedule will conclude with the 2016 **CIAA Football Championship** on November 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. EDT. The Northern Division and Southern Division Champions will face off for the title at **Durham County Memorial Stadium** in **Durham, NC**. The championship contest will air live on **ASPIRE**.

CIAA Regional Television Network is produced by **Urban Sports & Entertainment Group**.

2016 CIAA FOOTBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE		
DATE	GAME	NETWORK
Sat., 10/15 2 p.m.	Virginia State @ Bowie State (Homecoming) Bowie, MD	ASPIRE TV
Sat., 10/22 2 p.m.	Bowie State @ Virginia Union Richmond, VA	WatchESPN/ESPN3
Sat., 11/5 2 p.m.	Winston-Salem State @ Fayetteville State Fayetteville, N.C.	ASPIRE TV
Sat., 11/12 2 p.m.	CIAA Championship Game - N. Div. winner vs. S. Div. winner Durham, NC	ASPIRE

Three HBCU matchups to be featured on NCAA Div. II TV schedule

NCAA Division II announced last week 18 of the 22 regular-season football games that will be carried on **ESPN3**, **WatchESPN** and **American Sports Network (ASN)**.

Three of those games will feature **HBCUs**.

The schedule is a result of a three-year agreement in 2015 to deliver Division II athletics events.

Of the 22-game slate, 18 games have been predetermined. An additional four flex games (two per network) will be finalized later in the football season and played Nov. 5 and 12. The flex games are expected to highlight premier and pivotal matchups.

The 36 teams highlighted in the current 2016 TV schedule combined for 272 wins and just 121 losses (a .692 winning percentage) last season. Of those teams, 17 appeared in the Division II playoffs, and 14 finished the 2015 season ranked in the top 25 of the American Football Coaches Association Division II poll. All 18 games currently scheduled feature in-conference matchups.

Tuskegee out of the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC)**, fresh off a quarterfinal appearance in the 2015 NCAA Division II playoffs, will open its 2016 season when they travel to face **Clark Atlanta** on Sept. 3. The Golden Tigers have received top 15 rankings in two preseason polls (*Sporting News & Lindy's*).

On the Sept. 24, **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** members **Central State** and **Kentucky State** will converge at **Lucas Oil Stadium** in **Indianapolis** for the *33rd Circle City Classic* on **ESPN3** and **WatchESPN**.

As mentioned in the CIAA TV lineup (on this page), **Bowie State** and **Virginia Union** who both appeared in the playoffs last year, will meet in on Oct. 22 on **ESPN3** and **WatchESPN**. The Bulldogs defeated **VUU** last year, 23-19, at home. This year the two CIAA Northern Division rivals will meet in **Richmond**.

"We're excited to once again give fans an opportunity to watch Division II football on their mobile and handheld devices, on their computer and on TV," said **Michael McBroom**, incoming chair of the Division II Football Committee and director of intercollegiate athletics at **West Texas A&M**. "The schedule continues to feature some of the best teams in DII, and it should make for great games for our audience and our local communities."

2016 NCAA DIV. II FOOTBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE		
DATE	GAME	NETWORK
Sat., 9/3 7 p.m.	Tuskegee @ Clark Atlanta Atlanta, GA	ASN
Sat., 9/24 3 p.m.	33rd Circle City Classic - Kentucky State vs. Central State Indianapolis, IN	ESPN3/WatchESPN
Sat., 10/22 2 p.m.	Bowie State @ Virginia Union Richmond, VA	ESPN3/WatchESPN



Gardin



Thomas



Berry

Tuskegee, North Carolina A&T in preseason football rankings

With just 66 days before the college football season opens across the country, preseason polls are beginning to be released by several national publications.

Tuskegee, fresh off a quarterfinal appearance in the 2015 NCAA Division II playoffs, its second straight playoff appearance, has made an appearance in two publications that have been released in the last month.

The **Golden Tigers**, 10-3 a season ago, are ranked 13th in *The Sporting News Football Annual* preseason NCAA Div. II poll. They are the second-highest rated team from region, behind **West Georgia** who is ranked third in the preseason poll and the only HBCU team in the Preseason Top 25.

The **Golden Tigers** are ranked one spot ahead of **North Alabama** - who they defeated in the second round of the playoffs - and two spots ahead of the first round opponent from a season ago, **Catawba**.

North Carolina A&T, who finished in a three-way tie with **North Carolina Central** and **Bethune-Cookman** for the 2015 **MEAC** title and defeated **SWAC** champion **Alcorn State** in the inaugural *Celebration Bowl*, is the only HBCU team in the preseason **FCS** poll. The **Aggies** are ranked 22nd nationally.

The **Sporting News** also released its preseason Div. II and **FCS** All-American teams.

Johnson C. Smith junior defensive back **Carlo Thomas**, who led the nation in interceptions, and **Tuskegee** junior safety **Jonah McCutcheon** earned first team Div. II honors.

Three HBCU players were named to the **FCS** squad. **Texas Southern** wide receiver **Derrick Griffin** was selected as a tight end. **Alabama State** linebacker **Kourtney Berry**, last year's **SWAC** defensive player of the year is one of the linebackers. **North Carolina A&T** specialist **Khrist Gardin**, who broke the **FCS** season punt return record for yards, is the returner.

A&T is also selected as the favorite to take the 2016 **MEAC** title. **N. C. Central**, **Bethune-Cookman** and **South Carolina State** are expected to be the **Aggies** chief challengers. **Morgan State** and **Savannah State** will have new head coaches patrolling the sidelines this year.

A&T star running back senior **Tarik Cohen**, who ran for 1,543 yards a year ago and is within a little less than 650 yards from becoming the league's all-time leading rusher, is picked as the league's top NFL prospect.

Alcorn State in the East Division and **Grambling State** in the West Division, the two teams that met in last year's **SWAC** championship game, are picked to repeat this season. **Alabama State** in the East and **Prairie View A&M** in the West are picked second respectively.

Griffin, an outstanding athlete who won **SWAC** basketball player of the year, is considered the league's top pro prospect in football.

Alcorn State is transitioning from **Jay Hopson** to **Fred McNair** as head coach. **Tony Hughes** at **Jackson State** and **Michael Haywood** at **Texas Southern** are other new men at the helm.

Meanwhile, **Tuskegee** also makes an appearance in *Lindy's Sports Preseason Top 25*. The **Golden Tigers** are ranked 10th by *Lindy's* to open the season, five spots behind fellow region opponent **West Georgia** (fifth). They are ranked just ahead of **North Alabama** and **Valdosta State** in the poll.

SPORTING NEWS PRESEASON PREDICTIONS

MEAC	SWAC EAST
1. North Carolina A&T	1. Alcorn State
2. North Carolina Central	2. Alabama State
3. Bethune-Cookman	3. Jackson State
4. South Carolina State	4. Alabama A&M
5. Norfolk State	5. Mississippi Valley State
6. PrHampton	SWAC WEST
7. Morgan State	1. Grambling State
8. Delaware State	2. Prairie View A&M
9. Howard	3. Southern
10. Florida A&M	4. Texas Southern
11. Savannah State	5. Arkansas-Pine Bluff

TOP NFL PROSPECT	TOP NFL PROSPECT
Tarik Cohen, Sr., RB, NC A&T	Derrick Griffin, Jr., WR, Texas Southern

Former Benedict, SIAC basketball standout starring now in Australian Pro league

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Former **Benedict College** All-American **Marcus Goode** continues to succeed as a professional basketball player. He scored 35 points and grabbed 20 rebounds to help lead the **Cockburn Cougars** of the **State Basketball League** in **Australia** to a 100-93 victory over the **East Perth Eagles** last week.

Goode is averaging 21.5 points, 14.1 rebounds and 2.6 blocked shots per game for the **Cougars**, who are second in the league standings with a 13-3 record and have won four games in a row.

Goode is second in the league in rebounding and leads the **SBL** in blocked shots per game.

Grambling State's Dormond resigns

The 2016 **Southwestern Athletic Conference** Coach of the Year **Nadine Domond** has resigned and is reportedly accepting a job as an assistant at **Rutgers**.

Dormond submitted her resignation letter June 17 thus stepping down from her post as head women's basketball coach at **Grambling State**.



Dormond

For a coach who always mentioned changing the culture at **Grambling** and starting a rebirth of the **Lady Tigers'** program, **Dormond** leaves on a high note after orchestrating a noteworthy turnaround in 2016. **Domond** gets a chance to reunite with her mentor at **Rutgers** in **Vivian Stringer**, who coached **Dormond** at **Iowa** in the 1990s.

At **Grambling**, **Dormond** accrued a 27-34 record during her two seasons with a 20-16 record in conference play.

The former **WNBA** player took over for **Patricia Cage-Bibbs** in 2014 and was tasked with an uphill rebuilding effort. The **Lady Tigers** went 10-20 (7-11) in her first year before **Dormond** overhauled the roster and finished near the top of the **SWAC** standings. **Grambling** went 13-5 in league play, as **Domond** took home coach of the year honors.

Grambling's 17-14 record was the best mark in six-plus years **Domond** leaves behind a strong returning nucleus including **SWAC** Freshman of the Year **Jasmine Boyd** and fellow freshman **Shakyla Hill**. The **Lady Tigers** graduated just one player.