

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



Pro Football HOF photo

## ANOTHER ONE GETS IN

SILVER (25th year) FOR BCSP; JSU'S ROBERT BRAZILE INTO HOF; SIAC TO STREAM 50 GAMES

**ONE MORE IN:** Former Jackson State and NFL great Robert Brazile, 28th HBCU player inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



**PARTNERS, NOT RIVALIS:** Alabama State head football coach Donald Hill-Eley (l.) presents a check to Tuskegee Head Coach and Athletics Director Willie Slater (r.) for a fund for Tuskegee player Jabari Bailey, who was struck and lost his leg while aiding a driver on the side of a road.

### ALABAMA STATE CHIPS IN TO HELP:

MONTGOMERY, Ala. | **Alabama State** and **Tuskegee** put their football rivalry aside Friday, the opening day of camp for the Hornets, as head coach **Donald Hill-Eley** and Tuskegee head coach **Willie Slater** met in Montgomery.

Eley presented the Golden Tigers \$1,500 raised by the program and the Heritage Barber Shop this week to go towards the fund for injured Tuskegee linebacker **Jabari Bailey**.

On July 11, Memphis-area news outlets reported that Bailey, who was scheduled to join the Golden Tigers football team for football camp this summer, sustained a career-ending injury. His "Good Samaritan" act of helping a friend whose car left him stranded on the side of the road resulted in Bailey being struck by another car. The impact of the crash pinned Bailey between the two cars, instantly severing one of his legs.

"The entire university is heartbroken for Jabari, his family and for all of us who know him," Slater said. "There are no words to describe how it felt to hear this terrible news. The football team, athletic program and university will be there to support Jabari in any way we can throughout this incredibly difficult time in his life."

Tuskegee and Alabama State play each other to open the season on Saturday, September 1 in Montgomery.

"We are going to compete with them," Eley said. "We are going to play them hard just like any other game, but when it comes to one of our guys that is down, whether it is Alabama State or Tuskegee we are going to support our kids. My heart just goes out to that program and the family."

NCAA rules permit Tuskegee to pay directly for Jabari's actual and necessary expenses related to him and his family. A GoFundMe account has been set up and extends beyond that scope of covering rehabilitation and any other related expenses. The GoFundMe effort is in compliance with NCAA rules and allows all fans, donors and supporters to contribute to these particular expenses.

To make a donation to support the Bailey family, go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/jabari-bailey-prosthetic-rehab-fund>.

Donors should note that contributions to this fundraising effort are not considered donations to the university, and therefore are not considered tax-deductible university donations.

### 1st FEMALE DRUM MAJOR AT FAMU:

History was made on the campus of **Florida A&M University** as the Magnificent Marching 100 named **Cori Bostic** the first female drum major in the history of the iconic band.



Bostic

Bostic, an Atlanta native, is a junior in the School of Journalism and Graphic Communication. Bostic has played the piccolo with the Marching 100 for the past two years.

**Tay Malcolm**, a member of the Marching 100, tweeted:

"I don't think you all know how big this is and how hard she has been working to achieve everything she has achieved. She deserves every blessing coming her way."

Bostic is also a member of the Beta Alpha chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

After news broke on social media, her sorority sisters flooded social media showing how proud and ecstatic they were for her.

# Black College Sports Page begins 25th year

**LUT WILLIAMS**  
BCSP Editor

Back in August 1994, there was no weekly publication that covered black college sports.

And then, on a trip to Washington, D. C., a thought hit me.

Up to that point, I was a freelance writer who wrote a story at a time and distributed it to African-American newspapers around the country – usually by bus. I would literally write – or should I say type – the story – be it news, sports or feature – and then send it in a package from the bus station hurtling its way toward its destination city.

I developed a rapport with a host of African-American newspaper publishers covering everything from a Louis Farrakhan lecture to the CIAA Basketball Tournament and everything in between

That was until the thought hit me at 4 o'clock in the morning while traveling with my four children on a trip to Washington, D. C. in the spring of 1994.

My thought? Instead of writing a story at a time or a feature at a time, why not put together a full newspaper page of information on black college sports and distribute it to as many black newspapers as would accept it?



Moore

So, after consulting with Eric "The Guru" Moore, then and now the president of the Black College Sports Information Directors Association (BCSIDA), who provided me with the names, addresses, phone numbers and yes, fax numbers, of all the HBCU SIDs in the country, and running it by and getting input from my friend, mentor and Muslim brother, the incomparable Edward Hill, the SID at Howard, the *Black College Sports Page* was born.

The first publisher I ran it by was Dr. John Kilimanjaro, the founder, editor, publisher and chairman of the "doggone" board of the *Carolina Peacemaker* in Greensboro, N. C. Known for his ability to critique just about anything, Dr. K, as he is called, saw the BCSP and was speechless! That's when I knew I had something.



Hill

Fortunately for me, 1994 was also the senior year for the late, great **Steve McNair**, the fabulous quarterback at **Alcorn State** who was creating the greatest buzz for an HBCU athlete on the national level since the days of quarterback **Willie "Satellite" Totten** and wide receiver **Jerry "World" Rice** running the "Satellite Express" offense of head coach **Archie "The Gunslinger" Cooley** at **Mississippi Valley State**.

I literally rode McNair's record-breaking exploits during that first year. He was a constant every week, setting and breaking records, performing one impossible feat after another right through finishing an unprecedented third in the Heisman Trophy race.

The rest, as they say, is history.

This week – the first week of August 2018 – represents the amazing 25th anniversary of the birth of the Black College Sports Page. I'm proud to say that I've enjoyed every minute of it.

This is not a job. It's an adventure.

And I'd like to thank Eric, Ed, Dr. K, the numerous SIDs that have come and gone, the late Steve McNair along with the players, coaches, athletic directors and commissioners that have allowed me to cover them, the publishers who recognize the importance and value of the BCSP, and you the readers. Without you, this couldn't happen.

We hope to do this year what we've done for our previous 24 years and that's give you all the news, scores, standings and developments in black college sports as they happen in what I hope you believe is an attractive format.

There are plenty more Steve McNairs to cover.

We hope you'll join us.



McNair



Dr. K

# Brazile takes his place in Hall of Fame

**LUT WILLIAMS**  
BCSP Editor

**Robert Brazile** and former teammate **Walter Payton** are together again. And they're right where they belong.

The two former **Jackson State** teammates and buddies were drafted two places apart – Payton fourth to the Chicago Bears and Brazile sixth to the Houston Oilers – in the 1975 NFL draft.

Now, some 43 years, later they're both in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Payton, the dynamic running back who finished his career as the all-time leading rusher in NFL history with 16,726 yards, was a first ballot Hall of Fame selection in 1993. Brazile, who earned seven straight Pro Bowls (1977-83), was a five-time first-team All-Pro and the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in 1975, had to wait 34 years after his retirement in 1984 to receive the honor.

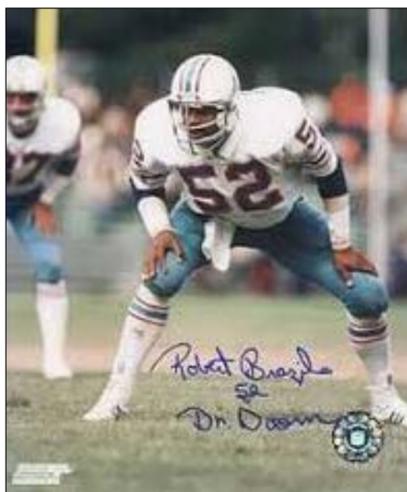
But he has it now.

"When they knocked on my door, all of my dreams came true, and after all these years, I'm at home!" Brazile shouted and walked away from the lectern at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.

"That's a phone call I'd been waiting on for years, to say that I'm being considered to go into the Pro Football Hall of Fame," Brazile said.

"It means so much to me to try to sum it up in one word, I just can't do it. I get all types of emotions with it, feelings that normally I don't have. I'm so excited, and not just for Robert Brazile. This award is going to touch the city of Mobile, my children, my family, my coaches, my teammates, my college. It's a lot of people involved in it."

Brazile, at 6-4, 241 pounds with 4.6



**DR. DOOM:** Hall of Famer linebacker Robert Brazile at Jackson State (top), during his nine-year pro career with the Houston Oilers (above) and Saturday at his induction to the Pro Football Hall of Fame (above r.).



speed in the 40-yard dash, was nicknamed "Dr. Doom" and was considered one of the league's supreme hitters and pass rushers.

He started and played 147 consecutive games (an Oilers record), and had 14 fumble recoveries, 13 interceptions for 201 yards and 11 sacks. The sacks came over the last three seasons of his career, from 1982 to 1984, as the NFL did not officially record them until 1982. Tackles were not recorded until 2001.

He piloted the stingy Oilers' defense to AFC title games in 1978 and 1979, as well as 10-win seasons from 1978 to 1980. Brazile (unofficially) had 95 solo and 98 assisted tackles for a career-best 185 tackles during the 1978 season, including nine tackles during that season's AFC championship game.

Brazile and Terrell Owens were joined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2018 by Bobby Beathard, Brian Dawkins, Jerry Kramer, Ray Lewis, Randy Moss and Brian Urlacher.

**NOTE:** Two other black college stars went in the first round of the 1975 draft, **Gary "Big Hands" Johnson** out of **Grambling**, eighth to the San Diego Chargers and **Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson**, 18th to the Dallas Cowboys.

# FloSports to stream SIAC football and basketball

AUSTIN, Texas -- The **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** and FloSports have announced a multi-year partnership to exclusively stream more than 50 football and basketball conference games on FloFootball.com and FloHoops.com, respectively. The deal was agreed to in collaboration with the Collegiate Sports Management Group.

"We are extremely pleased to embark on this new partnership with FloSports," said **Greg Moore**, SIAC Commissioner. "Flo's innovative approach to providing sports fans with convenient access to unique content is in direct alignment with our objective to provide broader exposure to SIAC member schools, athletic programs, and student-athletes."

FloSports produces live digital sports and original content through live streaming of premier events, original video programming, and weekly studio shows.

To access live and on-demand coverage of SIAC events, visit any of the sites in the FloSports network ([www.FloSports.tv](http://www.FloSports.tv)) and become a monthly or annual PRO subscriber. According to the website, a subscription paid monthly is \$19.99 per month. If paid annually the subscription is \$150 (\$12.25 per month).

Either subscription unlocks access to premium content across the entire FloSports network. The games can be watched on all screens by downloading the FloSports app on iOS, Roku, or Apple TV 4.

The SIAC joins several other NCAA conferences, including the Big 12, the Big Ten (via

the Big Ten Network), Mountain West, Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), Conference USA, and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF), to move regular season and championship events to FloSports' OTT platform.

As part of the agreement, FloSports will provide live and on-demand coverage of 20 college football games on FloFootball.com, as well as 10 regular season men's basketball games, and 12 men's and 12 women's conference basketball tournament games on FloHoops.com.

Founded more than 100 years ago, the SIAC is one of the nation's dynamic forces in intercollegiate athletics and has one of the most storied histories in all of the NCAA. Additionally, the SIAC has produced greats such as NFL all-Pro punter **Marquette King** out of **Fort Valley State**, Hall of Famer, Three-Time Super Bowl Champion, and SIAC Player of the Year **Shannon Sharpe** out of **Savannah State**, Super Bowl and Pro Bowl Champion **Jacoby Jones** of **Lane**, first-round NFL Draft Pick and Two-Time Super Bowl Champion **Tyrone Poole** from Fort Valley State, and Five-Time Pro Bowl and Black College Football Hall of Fame inductee **Gregory Lloyd Sr.** of Fort Valley State.

"The SIAC is one of the most historic intercollegiate conferences in the country," FloSports SVP, Global Rights Acquisition, Phil Wendler said. "Its rich history includes world class student-athletes, coaches, and fans. We are excited to globally distribute 30 regular season contests, as well as every game during the SIAC



men's and women's conference basketball tournament on FloHoops.com."

The schedule of basketball events will be announced later this year on FloHoops.com. The scheduled football events on FloFootball.com include:

- Sept. 8, 2018: Tuskegee at Alabama State
- Sept. 15, 2018: Fort Valley State at Miles
- Sept. 22, 2018: Miles College at Morehouse
- Sept. 22, 2018: Central State at Kentucky State
- Sept. 23, 2018: Fort Valley State at Benedict
- Sept. 29, 2018: Lane College at Tuskegee
- Sept. 29, 2018: Allen at Clark Atlanta
- Oct. 6, 2018: Clark Atlanta at Fort Valley State
- Oct. 6, 2018: Central State at Miles
- Oct. 6, 2018: Tuskegee at Morehouse
- Oct. 13, 2018: Benedict at Clark Atlanta
- Oct. 13, 2018: Miles at Kentucky State
- Oct. 20, 2018: Clark Atlanta at Albany State
- Oct. 20, 2018: Miles at Lane College
- Oct. 27, 2018: Fort Valley State at Morehouse
- Oct. 27, 2018: Tuskegee at Central State
- Oct. 27, 2018: Albany State at Benedict
- Nov. 3, 2018: Morehouse at Clark Atlanta
- Nov. 3, 2018: Tuskegee at Miles
- Nov. 3, 2018: Lane at Central State