



SHOW UP OR STAY QUIET TIME

LEAGUE PLAY, HOMECOMINGS RULE IN OCTOBER; VIRTUAL CIAA MEDIA DAY; SWAC NETWORK SCHED

Howard Sports Photo

JEQUEZ EZZARD: Howard sophomore wideout (#12) averaging 124.0 yards per game as Bison head to Durham to face North Carolina Central Saturday.

2018 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION				MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				INDEPENDENTS			
DIV		CONF		ALL		CONF		ALL		CONF		ALL		DIV		ALL		W	L
	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
NORTH DIVISION	0	0	2	0	4	1													
Bowie State	0	0	2	0	4	1													
Virginia Union	0	0	2	0	3	1													
Virginia State	0	0	2	0	2	2													
Elizabeth City State	0	0	0	1	1	2													
Chowan	0	0	0	1	1	3													
Lincoln	0	0	0	2	0	5													
SOUTH DIVISION	0	0	1	0	2	1													
Fayetteville State	0	0	1	0	2	1													
Livingstone	0	0	1	1	2	2													
Johnson C. Smith	0	0	1	1	1	3													
Saint Augustine's	0	0	1	1	1	3													
Shaw	0	0	0	1	1	3													
Winston-Salem State	0	0	2	1	1	3													

League jockeying begins in earnest

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As the 2018 football schedule turns to October, conference races – and a slew of homecomings – take center stage. Nine homecomings are on tap this week.

It's still early, too early for anyone to have distanced themselves from others in the league, but it is a time that teams can begin to separate themselves from the competition.

Florida A&M and new coach **Willie Simmons** are one outfit that got a big 55-14 win over perennial contender **North Carolina Central** Saturday that has the Rattlers in the MEAC championship mix.

The Rattlers (3-2, 2-0 MEAC) are at home for homecoming Saturday (4 p.m.) vs. another team on the come-up, the Spartans of **Norfolk State** (3-1, 1-0) coming off their own big win, a 54-28 MEAC victory Saturday over **Delaware State**.

FOOTBALL THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Johnson C. Smith vs. Winston-Salem State in Charlotte, NC	1p
Virginia Union vs. Lincoln (PA) in Richmond, VA	1p
Catawba vs. Albany State in Salisbury, NC	1:30p
Warner vs. Edward Waters in Lake Wales, FL	1:30p
Benedict vs. Va-Lynchburg in Columbia, SC	2p
Hampton vs. Lane in Hampton, VA - ESPN+ \$	2p
North Carolina Central vs. Howard in Durham, NC	2p
Virginia State vs. Elizabeth City State in Ettrick, VA	2p
Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Jackson State in Pine Bluff, AR	2:30p
Austin Peay vs. Tennessee State in Clarksville, TN	6p
Grambling State vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State in Grambling, LA	6p
SAGU vs. Texas College in Waxahachie, TX	6p
Texas Southern vs. Alabama A&M in Houston, TX	6p
Chowan vs. Bowie State in Murfreesboro, NC	6p
Fort Valley State vs. Clark Atlanta in Fort Valley, GA - FloFootball-\$	6p
Savannah State vs. Charleston Southern in Savannah, GA	6p
Texas Wesleyan vs. Langston in Ft. Worth, TX	7p
Delaware State vs. North Carolina A&T in Dover, DE	7p
HOMECOMINGS	
Morgan State vs. SC State in Baltimore, MD - SPORTS ever Network	1p
Shaw vs. Fayetteville State in Durham, NC	1p
Livingstone vs. St. Augustine's in Salisbury, NC	1:30p
West Virginia State vs. Kentucky State in Institute, WV	1:30p
Alcorn State vs. Alabama State in Lorman, MS	2p
Lincoln (MO) vs. Quincy in Jefferson City, MO	2p
Miles vs. Central State in Fairfield, AL - FloFootball-\$	2p
Bethune-Cookman vs. Mississippi Valley State in Daytona Beach, FL	4p
Florida A&M vs. Norfolk State in Tallahassee, FL - ESPN3	4p
CLASSICS	
83rd Tuskegee-Morehouse Classic - FloFootball-\$ ESPN3	
Morehouse vs. Tuskegee in Columbus, GA	2p

TOP PERFORMANCES

FROM GAMES OF SEPT. 27 & 29

PASSING	COMPIATT	YDS	SCORES	INT
Bryce Witt, CHOW	23-36	368 yards	4 TDs (31, 3, 21, 18)	0 int.
Cordelral Cook, VAST	31-45	357 yards	2 TDs (6, 1)	0 int.
Darius Taylor, VAUN	21-33	331 yards	6 TDs (28, 11, 34, 45, 39, 8)	1 int.
Juwan Carter, NORFST	22-31	318 yards	3 TDs (7, 51, 5)	0 int.
Keon Marsh, SHAW	20-36	298 yards	2 TDs (23, 78)	2 int.
Faustino Saucedo, WVST	19-33	285 yards	2 TDs (66, 26)	1 int.
Amir Hall, BOWST	28-52	281 yards	1 TD (34)	2 int.
Jalen Morton, PVA&M	23-34	269 yards	3 TDs (38, 80, 4)	1 int.
Demy Croft, TENNST	22-31	269 yards	3 TDs (8, 31, 1)	0 int.
Ryan Stanley, FAMU	13-18	254 yards	4 TDs (43, 28, 21, 10)	0 int.
Lamar Raynard, NCA&T	19-27	253 yards	3 TDs (9, 7, 44)	0 int.
RUSHING				
Stevie Green, FAYVST	32 carries	202 yards	2 TDs (11, 1)	
Marquell Cartwright, NCA&T	18 carries	157 yards	0 TD	
Deshawn Smith, FAMU	20 carries	152 yards	0 TD	
Justin Hardy, MILES	30 carries	144 yards	1 TD (2)	
McKinley Habersham, ALBST	15 carries	140 yards	0 TD	
Taeyler Porter, ARKPB	26 carries	137 yards	0 TD	
Roger Thomas, CLATL	18 carries	117 yards	1 TD (30)	
Calil Wilkins, WVST	27 carries	102 yards	1 TD (1)	
RECEIVING				
Tyrell Henderson, WVST	7 receptions	171 yards	2 TDs (66, 26)	
Trey Gross, DELST	9 receptions	162 yards	2 TDs (18, 16)	
Marcus Gorham, SHAW	5 receptions	151 yards	1 TD (78)	
Chad Hunter, FAMU	7 receptions	135 yards	3 TDs (28, 21, 10)	
Joshua Harris, VAST	9 receptions	132 yards	0 TD	
Marcus Taylor, NORFST	8 receptions	120 yards	1 TD (51)	
Lansana Sessay, BOWST	10 receptions	117 yards	1 TD (34)	
Anthony Faraimo, LIV	5 receptions	112 yards	1 TD (81)	
Brian Jenkins, ALA&M	10 receptions	112 yards	0 TD	
Treon Harris, TENNST	8 receptions	109 yards	1 TD (31)	
Zach Leslie, NC A&T	5 receptions	106 yards	1 TD (9)	
Desmond Smith, STAUG	3 receptions	106 yards	0 TD	
TACKLES				
21 Keilen Abrams, CENST;				
16 Marquise Baldwin, CHOW;				
15 Armoni Holloway, ALA&M				
13 Connor O'Brien, CHOW; Joe Stoneman, WVST;				
12 Q. Barnett, JSU; Bryce McKinzie, LANE; Davoris Thomas, TUSK;				
11 Keshawn Ward, LIV;				
Jacque Pearl, CHOW; Robert Branch, WVST; R. Wallace, JSU;				
10 Malik Hamner, ARKPB; D. Houston, C. Foster, SOU;				
SACKS				
3 Tyler Trexler, STAUG;				
2.5 Willie Green, PVA&M;				
2.0 Lawrence Brown, ECSU; Marquis Fairchild, VAUN; Joe Stoneman, WVST;				
Antefnee Mullins, GRAM; Kwabe Boateng, VAST; Kei'Jne Thomas, FVSU;				
INTERCEPTIONS				
2 Robert Cummings, BEN; Trevante Brown, BEN;				
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Norfolk State Sports Photo



Florida A&M Sports Photo

RECEIVERS TO WATCH: Norfolk State's Marcus Taylor (l.) and Florida A&M's Chad Hunter (r.) are keys to their teams passing games as they face off at FAMU's homecoming Saturday in Tallahassee.

State (4-1, 2-0 E) hosts an intra-division homecoming game (2 p.m.) vs. **Alabama State** (1-3, 0-1 E). Elsewhere, **Jackson State** (1-2, 0-1 E) is at (2:30 p.m.) **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (1-4, 0-1) and **Alabama A&M** (1-1, 2-3 E) is at (6 p.m.) **Texas Southern** (1-3, 0-0 W). No. 6 Grambling (1-3, 1-1 W) hosts (6 p.m.) Ok. Panhandle State.

CIAA
The CIAA moves to intra-divisional play this week in full force.

In the North, BCSP No. 10 **Bowie State** (4-1, 2-0 CIAA) is at **Chowan** (1-3, 0-1), **Lincoln** (0-5, 0-2) is at **Virginia Union** (3-1, 2-0) and **Elizabeth City State** (1-2, 0-1) is at **Virginia State** (2-2, 2-0).

In South Division match ups, **Fayetteville State** (2-1, 1-0) is at **Shaw** (1-3, 0-1), **St. Augustine's** (1-3, 1-1) is at **Livingstone** (2-2, 1-1) and **Winston-Salem State** (1-3, 0-2) is at **Johnson C. Smith** (1-3, 1-1).

SIAC
The big game in the SIAC has undefeated East Division leader **Morehouse** (5-0, 4-0 E) taking on defending conference champ and West leader **Tuskegee** (3-2, 3-0 W) in the 83rd *Classic* between the rivals in Columbus, Ga. (2 p.m.). The two teams have met a total of 113 times.

Clark Atlanta (1-4, 0-2 E) is at (6 p.m.) **Fort Valley State** (1-4, 1-1 E) and **Central State** (2-3, 2-2 W) is at **Miles** (0-5, 0-3 W) in SIAC divisional contests.

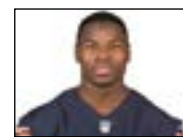
INDEPENDENTS
Tennessee State (2-1, 1-0 OVC), who suffered its first loss in a close 31-27 decision to Vanderbilt of the SEC Saturday, has an OVC match up at Austin Peay (2-3, 0-2).

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For games of September 27 - October 1, 2018

OFFENSE

- **TARIK COHEN**, RB, Chicago (2nd season, **NORTH CAROLINA A&T**) - Led the Bears in rushing with 53 yards on 13 carries and in receiving with 7 catches for 121 yards including a 9-yard TD catch in win over Tampa Bay. Also had 14 yards on 3 punt returns. It's the first 100-yard receiving day of his career.

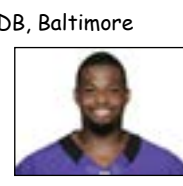


DEFENSE

- **DARIUS LEONARD**, LB, Indianapolis (1st season, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) - Led Colts again with 13 tackles, 8 solos, one sack in loss to Houston.



- **ANTHONY LEVINE SR.**, DB, Baltimore (7th season, **TENNESSEE STATE**) - Six tackles, four solos, and an interception returned for 16 yards in win over Pittsburgh.



SPECIAL TEAMS

- **MARQUETTE KING**, P, Denver (7th season, **FORT VALLEY STATE**) - Three punts for 123 yards, a 41.0-yard average, a long punt of 51 yards, one downed inside the 20 vs. Kansas City.



SCORES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	Indianapolis 41, Lincoln (Mo.) 17
NC A&T 31, SC State 16	J. C. Smith 50, Lincoln (PA) 13
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	Keiser 27, Edward Waters 23
Alabama A&M 21, Jackson State 16	Langston 31, Wayland Baptist 17
Albany State 30, Miles 24	Morehouse 23, Kentucky State 21
Alcorn State 20, Southern 3	Norfolk State 54, Delaware State 28
Arizona Christian 31, Texas College 27	Prairie View A&M 22, Grambling State 16
Benedict 24, Central State 14	St. Augustine's 24, Eliz. City State 17
Bethune-Cookman 35, Savannah St. 20	Tuskegee 17, Lane 8
Bowie State 20, Winston-Salem State 17	Vanderbilt 31, Tennessee State 27
Charleston Southern 48, Hampton 14	Virginia State 34, Shaw 17
Clark Atlanta 31, Allen 6	Va-Lynchburg 31, Fort Valley State 14
Fayetteville State 40, Chowan 38	Virginia Union 52, Livingstone 19
Florida A&M 55, NC Central 14	W. Va. State 31, Glenville State 17
Florida Int'l 55, Ark.-Pine Bluff 9	

BCSP FOOTBALL TOP TEN

1. **ALCORN STATE** (4-1) - Handled No. 7 Southern, 20-3. NEXT: Hosting Alabama State.
2. **PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** (3-3) - Defeated No. 5 Grambling State, 22-16. NEXT: Bye week.
3. **HOWARD** (1-2) - Idle. NEXT: At North Carolina Central.
4. **NORTH CAROLINA A&T** (4-1) - Came back to knock off SC State, 31-16. NEXT: At Del State.
5. **TENNESSEE STATE** (2-1) - Battled before falling to Vanderbilt, 31-27. NEXT: At Austin Peay.
6. **GRAMBLING STATE** (1-3) - Fell to No. 2 Prairie View, 22-16. NEXT: Hosting Okla. Panhandle State.
7. **BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (2-3) - Downed Savannah State, 35-20. NEXT: Hosting Mississippi Valley State.
8. **SOUTHERN** (2-3) - Knocked off by No. 1 Alcorn State, 20-3. NEXT: Bye week
9. **BOWIE STATE** (4-1) - Got by Winston-Salem State, 20-17. NEXT: At Chowan.
10. **MOREHOUSE** (5-0) - Slipped by Kentucky State, 23-21. NEXT: Tuskegee in Columbus, GA.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

VIRTUAL CIAA HOOPS MEDIA DAY:

CHARLOTTE, NC - The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** (CIAA) is changing the playbook for its annual basketball media day activities and will host its first-ever virtual press conference on Friday, October 5 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. ET on the CIAA Sports Network. The virtual media day tips off the basketball season leading to the 2019 CIAA Men's and Women's Basketball Championships.

The new format features a mix of traditional and modern ways to preview the upcoming basketball season.

On Thursday, October 4, a special Youth Basketball Clinic for children ages 7-13 will be hosted by CIAA coaches and student-athletes on the campus of **Johnson C. Smith University**. On Friday, October 5, the CIAA's inaugural Virtual Media Day invites members of the press, sports fans and the general public an opportunity to submit questions via Twitter for CIAA Commissioner **Jacqie McWilliams** and the assembled basketball coaches and student-athletes representing the 13 CIAA member schools. Questions can be submitted through Thursday on Twitter by tagging @CIAAForLife and using the hashtag #CIAAHoops. All interviews, hosted by **Stan Lewter**, will air live on the conference's new CIAA Sports Network.

SWAC DIGITAL NETWORK SET:

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** has announced its schedule of SWAC Digital Network programming, with potentially up to 17 games, and six SWAC championships including the soccer, softball and both the men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field championship events to be broadcast through the league's flagship content provider. The announcement was made by new Commissioner **Dr. Charles McClelland**.

"All 10 member institutions have increased their streaming capabilities," said McClelland. "In an effort not to overlap what the institutions have already made a commitment to broadcast, the conference office has made a shift toward showcasing our championship events."

SWAC DIGITAL NETWORK SCHEDULE

SOCCER: Sat., Nov. 3 – Semis; Sun., Nov. 4 – Championship at PV A&M
VOLLEYBALL: Sat., Nov. 17 – SWAC Volleyball Semis at MVSU
TRACK AND FIELD: Fri., Feb. 15 – Men's and Women's Indoors at Birmingham CrossPlex
BASKETBALL: Fri., March 15 – Women's & Men's Basketball Semis at Bill Harris Arena in Birmingham
TRACK AND FIELD: Sun., May 5 – Men's and Women's Outdoors in Prairie View, Texas
SOFTBALL: Fri., May 10 – Semis; Sat., May 11, 2019 – Championship at Alabama State (Montgomery, Ala.)
BASEBALL: Fri., May 17, 2019 – Semis; Sat., May 18 - Championship at Wesley Barrow Stadium (New Orleans, La.)