



Florida A&M Sports Photo

CHANGES AT THE TOP; FAMU NEW NO. 1

RATTLERS ARE BACK! Behind new head coach Willie Simmons and recent four-game win streak, Florida A&M ascends to top of BCSP Top Ten.

LEAGUE RACES TURN FOR HOME; AD NAMED AT ALABAMA STATE, NEW CONTRACT FOR MEAC COMMISH

2018 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					
	DIV		CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L	W	L
NORTH DIVISION	2	0	4	0	5	1
Virginia Union	1	1	3	1	5	2
Bowie State	1	1	3	1	3	3
Virginia State	1	1	1	2	1	4
Chowan	1	1	1	3	1	6
Lincoln	0	2	0	3	1	4
Elizabeth City State	0	2	0	3	1	4
SOUTH DIVISION	2	0	3	0	4	1
Fayetteville State	2	0	2	2	3	3
Winston-Salem State	1	1	2	2	2	4
Saint Augustine's	1	1	1	2	2	4
Shaw	1	1	1	2	2	4
Livingstone	0	2	1	3	2	4
Johnson C. Smith	0	2	1	3	1	5

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CONF		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	W	L
Florida A&M	4	0	5	2		
NC A&T State	2	1	5	2		
Bethune-Cookman	2	1	4	3		
Howard	2	1	2	3		
Norfolk State	1	1	3	2		
N. Carolina Central	1	1	2	3		
SC State	1	2	1	5		
Savannah State	0	3	1	5		
Delaware State	0	3	0	6		
* Morgan State	1	1	2	4		

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CONF		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	W	L
EAST DIVISION	3	0	5	1		
Benedict	3	0	5	1		
Morehouse	5	1	6	1		
Albany State	3	1	4	3		
Clark Atlanta	1	3	2	5		
Fort Valley State	1	3	1	6		
WEST DIVISION	4	1	4	3		
Tuskegee	2	3	3	4		
Central State	2	3	2	5		
Miles	2	3	2	5		
Lane	0	3	1	5		
Kentucky State	0	3	0	7		

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	DIV		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	W	L
EAST DIVISION	3	1	5	2		
Alcorn State	2	1	3	2		
Jackson State	1	1	2	4		
Alabama State	2	2	3	4		
Alabama A&M	0	2	0	5		
Miss. Valley State	0	2	0	5		
WEST DIVISION	2	1	3	4		
Prairie View A&M	2	1	3	3		
Southern	2	1	3	3		
Grambling State	0	2	1	5		
Texas Southern	0	2	1	5		
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	0	2	1	5		

INDEPENDENTS	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
Langston	5	1		
Edward Waters	4	3		
West Virginia State	4	3		
Hampton	3	3		
Tennessee State	2	3		
Va. Univ. of Lynchburg	2	4		
Lincoln (Mo.)	2	5		
Allen	1	3		
Texas College	0	4		

BCSP CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
QB - Keon Marsh, SHAW - 26 of 36 for 323 yards and 3 TDs (35, 36, 3) in win over Livingstone.
QB - Tabys Taylor, RB, VUU - 29 carries, 177 yards and four TDs vs. Chowan.
DL & ROOKIE - Keyshawn James, Fr., DE, FSU - 4 tackles, 2.5 for losses, 2 sacks in win over JCSU.
LB - Patrick Green, Sr., WSSU - Had 10 tackles, 6 solos in win over St. Augustine's.
DB - Elijah Johnson, VUU - 12 tackles and a forced fumble in win over Chowan.
WR - Jewison Dawkins, VUU - 4 rec., 119 yards, two TD receptions of 51 and 45 yards in win over Chowan.
SPECIAL TEAMS - Brandon Smith, KR, FSU - Returned opening kickoff 99 yards to paydirt vs. JCSU.
COACH - Dr. Alvin Parker, VUU - Led Panthers to win over Chowan that gives them first place in N. Div.

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Jequez Ezzard, So., WR, HOWARD - Four receptions for 191 yards (47.7 ypc.) and TD grabs of 47, 78 and 63 yards in win over DelState.
DEFENSE
Ian McCorrough, Jr., LB, MORGAN STATE - Led Bears with 7 tackles, 2 forced fumbles and 2 sacks vs. Savannah State.
ROOKIE
Herman Jackson, Fr., DB, FAMU - Forced fumble and returned it 55 yards for TD vs. NC A&T. Had 4 solo tackle and 1 break-up.
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
LDre Barnes, R-So., OL, B-CU - Graded at 93% vs. SC State.

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Kelias Williams, QB, ALBANY STATE - Hit on 16 of 18 passes for 254 yards and 3 TDs in win over Morehouse. Also had a 20-yard TD run.
DEFENSE
Chris Roberts, DL, KENTUCKY STATE - Had 12 tackles, 7 solos, 3 for losses.
SPECIAL TEAMS
Christian Taylor, OL, BENEDICT - Blocked two Clark Atlanta field goals in the final five minutes of the game to preserve win.
NEWCOMER
Kevin Greenhow, WR, CENTRAL STATE - 4 catches for 152 yards and 2 scores in win over UNC-Pembroke. His TDs were from 70 and 55 yards.

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Ladarius Skelton, R-So., QB, SOUTHERN - In his first start had 370 yards of total offense, rushing 27 times for 202 yards and 3 TDs and going 15 of 26 for 166 passing yards and one TD in win over Prairie View.
DEFENSE
Darius Christmas, Sr., LB, GRAMBLING STATE - Eight tackles, 7 solos, 2 sacks and one interception in win over Texas Southern.
SPECIALIST
Anthony Craven, Jr., P, ALABAMA STATE - 7 punts for 45.7-yard average with long of 80 yards, 3 downed inside the 20 vs. S. Alabama.
NEWCOMER
Bobby Hartzog, Gr., WR, TEXAS SOUTHERN - Caught 9 passes for 190 yards and a TD (75 yards) vs. GSU.

INDY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Cameron Booty, Jr., RB, LANGSTON - 8 carries for 103 yards and 3 receptions for 97 yards and TDs of 30 and 53 yards in win over Arizona Christian.
DEFENSE
Joe Stoneman, R-Sr., LB, WVU - Led Yellow Jackets with 11 tackles, 5 solos including a sack in win over Concord.
NEWCOMER
Henry Ogala, Fr., OL, LINCOLN MO - 11 of 22 for 201 yards and 2 TDs (77, 7) in loss to Truman State.
SPECIAL TEAMS
NA

SCORES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13	
Alcorn State 35, Alabama A&M 26	Miles 24, Kentucky State 21
Benedict 27, Clark Atlanta 24	Morgan State 18, Savannah State 11
Bethune-Cookman 28, South Carolina State 16	Murray State 45, Tennessee State 21
Bowie State 20, Virginia State 15	Ottawa 28, Texas College 7
Central State 44, UNC Pembroke 38	Shaw 37, Livingstone 28
Charleston Southern 58, Virginia-Lynchburg 6	South Alabama 45, Alabama State 7
Edward Waters 15, Faulkner 13	Southern 38, Prairie View A&M 0
Fayetteville State 70, Johnson C. Smith 6	Truman State 20, Lincoln (MO) 13
Florida A&M 22, North Carolina A&T 21	Tuskegee 17, Fort Valley State 6
Grambling State 34, Texas Southern 21	Virginia Union 48, Chowan 38
Hampton 24, Presbyterian 23	West Virginia State 52, Concord 24
Howard 55, Delaware State 13	Winston-Salem State 36, St. Augustine's 6
Jackson State 23, Mississippi Valley State 7	
Lane 13, Allen 3	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
Langston 17, Arizona Christian 7	Albany State 41, Morehouse 19
Lincoln (PA) 21, Elizabeth City State 20	

Upsets, stunners produce new No. 1

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There are no clear conference favorites and no clear BCSP No. 1 as the 2018 football season enters its final stretches.

For teams in the CIAA and SIAC, only three weeks of regular season play remain and the division races are far from decided.

In the MEAC and SWAC, there's a month left on the regular season schedule but with big upsets and stunners occurring every week those races also have been thrown into uncertainty.

Trying to pick a No. 1 team in the BCSP Top Ten is equally daunting. **North Carolina A&T, Alcorn State** and **Prairie View A&M** have taken their turns at the top over the last three weeks and have promptly fallen.

Based on its current four-game win streak, **Florida A&M** ascends to the No. 1 this week, and fortunately for the Rattlers, this is their bye week!

Let's take a look at how things are shaking out.

CIAA

A week after Chowan took down conference and division favorite **Bowie State** (42-23), **Virginia Union** took down Chowan 48-38 Saturday to place itself atop the North Division standings.

The Panthers (5-1, 4-0 CIAA, 2-0 N) are hosting **Bowie State** (5-2, 3-1, 1-1 N) this week in Richmond (1 p.m.) in the key game in the division. **Virginia State** (3-3, 3-1, 1-1 N), currently tied with **Bowie State** and **Chowan** behind **VUU**, has its homecoming Saturday (2 p.m.) vs. **Lincoln**. **Chowan** (1-4, 1-2, 1-1 N) plays (1:30 p.m.) at **Elizabeth City State**.

In the South Division, **Winston-Salem State** (3-3, 2-2, 2-0 S) is making its customary late-season run at the division title and has **Livingstone** in for homecoming Saturday (1:30 p.m.). **Fayetteville State** (4-1, 3-0, 2-0 S), tied with **WSSU** atop the division and on a collision course with the Rams for the division title, is on the road at **Saint Augustine's** homecoming in Raleigh, N.C. (1 p.m.).

FSU and WSSU meet on the last weekend of the regular season, Sat., Nov. 3, in Fayetteville.

SIAC

The hot and heavy race is in the SIAC East where **Morehouse**, **Benedict** and **Albany State** are jostling for the title.

Albany State (4-3, 4-1 SIAC, 1-0 E) knocked **Morehouse** (6-1, 5-1, 0-1) from the unbeaten ranks Sunday with a convincing 41-19 win over the Maroon Tigers on their home field in Atlanta. A day earlier at Panther Stadium across the street in Atlanta, **Benedict** survived a scare from **Clark Atlanta** in a 27-24 win. **Benedict** is 5-1 overall, 3-0 in the SIAC and 2-0 vs. East opponents.

In the East this week, the key match ups have **Morehouse** at **Benedict's** homecoming (2 p.m.) while **Clark Atlanta** is at **Albany State's** homecoming (2 p.m.).

TOP PERFORMANCES

FROM GAMES OF OCTOBER 13th & 14th

PASSING	21-36	397 yards	2 TDs (22, 11)	1 int.
Charles Stafford, CLATL	23-28	354 yards	3 TDs (19, 8, 17)	0 int.
Daniel Smith, MILES	29-44	345 yards	3 TDs (28, 24, 8)	2 int.
Jeremy Hickbottom, GRAM	26-36	323 yards	3 TDs (35, 36, 6)	1 int.
Keon Marsh, SHAW	28-53	313 yards	1 TD (11)	1 int.
Ryan Stanley, FAMU	10-24	313 yards	5 TDs (20, 78, 47, 63, 16)	1 int.
Caylin Newton, HOW				
RUSHING	27 carries	202 yards	3 TDs (2, 7, 9)	
Ladarius Skelton, SOU	19 carries	192 yards	1 TD (75)	
Tyrell Freeman, CHOW	14 carries	192 yards	0 TD	
Calli Wilkins, WVU	29 carries	177 yards	4 TDs (1, 1, 2, 1)	
Tabys Taylor, VAUN	24 carries	154 yards	1 TD (11)	
Will Robinson, HAMP	15 carries	154 yards	1 TD (92)	
Noah Johnson, ALC				
RECEIVING	4 receptions	191 yards	3 TDs (78, 47, 63)	
Jequez Ezzard, HOW	9 receptions	190 yards	1 TD (75)	
Bobby Hartzog, TEXS	5 receptions	175 yards	0 TD	
Quincy Jackson, WSSU	4 receptions	158 yards	1 TD (77)	
Blake Tibbs, LINM	4 receptions	152 yards	2 TDs (55, 70)	
Kevin Greenhow, CENST	8 receptions	140 yards	2 TDs (38, 6)	
Zach Leslie, NCA&T				
TACKLES	18	Zach Anderson, FVSU		
14	Mulik Simmons, SAVST; Cameron Young, FVSU;			
13	Anthony Stubbs, Willie Green, PVAM; Kailen Abrams, CENST;			
12	Armond Cox, LIV; Elijah Johnson, VAUN; D. Bowman, DELST; Amani Nelson, LINM;			
SACKS	2.5	Chris Fatogoma, MSU; Sterling Shippy, ALC		
2.0	Keyshawn James, FAYVST; Shawn Bridges, ECSU; DRico Cook, Solomon Bassett, LINP; Ian McCorrough, MSU; J. Castell, DELST; Anfernee Mullins, GRAM; Jordan Lewis, SOU; Rashad Allen, BEN			
INTERCEPTIONS	1	32 players		



CLARK ATLANTA QB Charles Stafford



SOUTHERN QB Ladarius Skelton



HOWARD WR Jequez Ezzard



FT. VALLEY STATE LB Zach Anderson

FOOTBALL THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20	
William Jewell vs. Lincoln (MO) in Liberty, MO	12n
Robert Morris vs. Central State in Moon Township, PA	12n
Texas College vs. Wayland Baptist in Tyler, TX	1p
Carson-Newman vs. Va-Lynchburg in Jefferson City, TN	1p
Shaw vs. Johnson C. Smith in Durham, NC	1p
West Liberty vs. West Virginia State in West Liberty, WV	1p
Elizabeth City State vs. Chowan in Elizabeth City, NC	1:30p
Alcorn State vs. Grambling State in Lorman, MS	2p
Jackson State vs. North Alabama in Jackson, MS	2p
Bethune-Cookman vs. NC A&T in Daytona Beach, FL	4p
CLASSICS	
<i>State Fair Showdown</i>	
Southern vs. Texas Southern in Dallas, TX	2p
HOMECOMINGS	
Langston vs. Lyon College in Langston, OK	12n
Tuskegee vs. Kentucky State in Tuskegee, AL	1p
Saint Augustine's vs. Fayetteville State in Raleigh, NC	1p
SC State vs. Delaware State in Orangeburg, SC	1:30p
Winston-Salem State vs. Livingstone in W-Salem, NC	1:30p
Miss Valley State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Ita Bena, MS	2p
Albany State vs. Clark Atlanta in Albany, GA- FloFootball-\$	2p
Benedict vs. Morehouse in Columbia, SC	2p
Fort Valley State vs. Lenoir-Rhyne in Fort Valley, GA	2p
Norfolk State vs. NC Central in Norfolk, VA	2p
Virginia State vs. Lincoln (aPA) in Ettrick, VA	2p
Edward Waters vs. Ave Maria in Jacksonville, FL	3p
Tennessee State vs. Tennessee Tech in Nashville, TN	4:30p
STREAMING BROADCASTS	
Virginia Union vs. Bowie State in Richmond, VA - <i>Aspire</i>	1p
Lane vs. Miles in Jackson, TN - <i>FloFootball-\$</i>	2p
Morgan State vs. Howard in Baltimore, MD - <i>SPORTSfever</i>	7p

one conference loss. **Alabama A&M** and **Alabama State** have bye weeks this week while **Jackson State** has an out-of-conference home game vs. **North Alabama**.

MEAC

BCSP No. 7 **Florida A&M** kicked a game-winning field goal with :04 seconds left to get a 22-21 road win over **North Carolina A&T** and take over sole possession of first place in the MEAC. **FAMU** (5-2, 4-0 MEAC) has a bye week and can watch this week as **A&T** (5-2, 2-1) battles one of five others with one conference loss, **Bethune-Cookman** (4-3, 2-1) in Daytona Beach, Fla. (4 p.m.).

In two other games involving teams with one loss in league play, **Howard** (2-3, 2-1) is at (7 p.m.) **Morgan State** (2-4, 1-1) but ineligible for conference title) and **Norfolk State** (3-2, 1-1) welcomes **North Carolina Central** (2-3, 1-1) in for homecoming (2 p.m.).

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For games of October 10-15, 2018

OFFENSE

- **TARIK COHEN, RB, Chicago** (2nd season, **NORTH CAROLINA A&T**) - Five carries for 31 yards including a 21-yard TD run and seven receptions for 90 yards including a 50-yard catch in overtime loss to Miami. He also returned one punt for five yards and lost a fumble.



DEFENSE

- **JAVON HARGRAVE, DT, Pittsburgh** (3rd season, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) - Five total tackles, two solos and one sack in win over Cincinnati.



SPECIAL TEAMS

- **CHE**