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## WIN AND YOU'RE IN

MEAC TITLE, PLAYOFF BERTH TO BE DECIDED; CIAA, SIAC CHAMPIONS HEAD TO D2 PLAYOFFS

**SAM WASHINGTON:** His NC A&T Aggies need a win at home Saturday over rival NC Central to take third straight MEAC title and Celebration Bowl berth.

# 2019 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	W	L	ALL	CONF	W	L	ALL	CONF	W	L	ALL	DIV	W	L	ALL	W	L
<b>NORTH DIVISION</b>								<b>EAST DIVISION</b>				<b>EAST DIVISION</b>				<b>Langston</b>	
* Bowie State	6	0	11	5	2	7	3	* Albany State	5	2	7	5	1	7	3	8	2
Virginia State	4	1	8	5	2	7	3	Fort Valley State	4	2	6	4	2	5	5	7	4
Virginia Union	3	2	5	4	3	6	4	Morehouse	2	4	4	3	3	4	7	5	6
Chowan	2	3	2	5	3	6	4	Benedict	1	5	1	3	3	6	5	2	6
Elizabeth City State	1	4	2	5	2	9	4	Clark Atlanta	0	6	0	1	6	2	9	2	9
Lincoln	0	5	0	7	0	10	3	* Savannah State	6	0	7	3	1	6	2	1	9
<b>SOUTH DIVISION</b>								<b>WEST DIVISION</b>				<b>WEST DIVISION</b>				<b>Va. Univ. of Lynchburg</b>	
* Fayetteville State	4	1	6	1	8	2	5	* Miles	6	1	9	5	1	7	4	1	9
Shaw	4	1	5	2	6	4	4	Tuskegee	4	2	5	4	2	6	4	1	9
Winston-Salem State	3	2	3	4	4	6	3	Kentucky State	3	3	6	3	3	5	5	1	9
Johnson C. Smith	2	3	3	4	4	6	3	Central State	2	4	3	2	4	5	5	1	9
Saint Augustine's	2	3	2	5	2	8	2	Lane	2	4	4	0	6	0	10	1	9
Livingstone	0	5	1	6	4	6	2					<b>Texas College</b>				1 10	
																<b>PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</b>	
																<b>OFFENSE</b>	
																<b>Tim Whitfield, Fr., RB, LANGSTON</b> - Had 24 carries for 175 yards and four TDs in win over Wayland Baptist that clinched third straight SAC title.	
																<b>DEFENSE</b>	
																<b>Dorian Williams, DB, LANGSTON</b> - Two interceptions in win over Wayland Baptist.	
																<b>SPECIAL TEAMS</b>	
																<b>NA</b>	
																<b>ROOKIE</b>	
																<b>NA</b>	

## FOOTBALL SCORES

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
 Allen 32, Elizabeth City State 29, OT  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
**CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
 Bowie State 23, Fayetteville State 7  
**SIAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
 Miles 21, Albany State 6  
**MEAC**  
 Florida A&M 39, Howard 7  
 Morgan State 59, Va-Lynchburg 26  
 Norfolk State 33, Delaware State 17  
 NC A&T 47, Bethune-Cookman 17

SC State 24, NC Central 0  
**SWAC**  
 Alcorn State 34, Alabama A&M 28  
 Florida State 49, Alabama State 12  
 Grambling State 40, Miss Valley State 0  
 Prairie View A&M 41, Edward Waters 14  
 Southern 40, Jackson State 34  
**INDEPENDENTS**  
 Arizona Christian 24, Texas College 20  
 Kennesaw State 50, Hampton 7  
 Langston 35, Wayland Baptist 20  
 Missouri Western 71, Lincoln (MO) 9  
 Notre Dame (OH) 31, W. Va. State 14  
 UT Martin 28, Tennessee State 17

## CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECAPS

### CIAA

#### Bowie State 23, Fayetteville State 7

SALEM, VA – Scoring early and late, BCSP No. 5 **BOWIE STATE** finished off an undefeated 11-0 season as the Northern Division champion Bulldogs defeated Southern Division champ **Fayetteville State** 23-7 in a CIAA Championship Game rematch at Salem Stadium.

BSU scored on the game's third play on a 33-yard fumble scoop and score by sophomore defensive back **Demetri Morsell**, the league's defensive player of the year, and put the Broncos (8-3) away with a 29-yard run by sophomore quarterback **Ja'rome Johnson**, the league's offensive player of the year, in the game's final minutes.

The Bulldogs built an early 14-0 lead as they scored on a 16-yard **Adam Gillis Jr.** 16-yard run at the end of an 11-play, 78-yard drive in their first offensive possession. That score stood through a scoreless second quarter.

FSU managed to pull within 14-7 on a late third-quarter 4-yard touchdown run by **Donshel Jetton** following a BSU turnover, but squandered several opportunities to pull closer. Bowie added a 29-yard field goal by **Gene Carson** midway through the fourth quarter before Johnson's TD run.

Johnson completed just 9 of 21 passes for 90 yards but rushed 13 times for a game-high 127 yards. RB **Calil Wilkins** added 108 yards on 21 carries. Defensive lineman **Joshua Pryor**, named the game's MVP, led the BSU defense with 10 tackles, 4.5 for -26 yards including three sacks. BSU defeated FSU in last year's CIAA title game, 30-13.

Bowie State, who went in ranked 11th nationally in the Div. II Coaches Poll and third in Super Region II, received its assignment and seed in the national playoffs when the field was announced Sunday around 5 p.m.

The Bulldogs will host sixth-seeded Carson Newman (8-2) in a Super Region II first round game next Saturday at 1 p.m.

### SIAC

#### Miles 21, Albany State 6

ALBANY, GA – Redshirt freshman RB **Donte Edwards** scored on touchdown runs of 1, 7 and 10 yards and the **MILES** defense dominated Saturday to help the Golden Bears (9-2) win their second consecutive title with a 21-6 win over **Albany State** in the SIAC Championship Game here.

The win set the school record for victories in a single season. Miles became the first team in the SIAC Championship Game era (since 2011) to win consecutive league titles and the first school to win consecutive titles since **Tuskegee** ended a run of four straight titles in 2009. The Golden Bears also closed out a decade of dominance with a fourth championship in nine years - three of them since 2015 - to go along with five Western Division crowns in that span. They won last year's title over Albany State, 50-23, and have won all four titles over the Golden Rams.

Edwards finished with 105 yards on 26 carries while teammate **Justin Ruiz** totalled 95 yards on 23 carries as the Bears outtrushed Albany State and its vaunted option attack, 229 to 111 yards. ASU's total was more than 100 yards below its average. Edwards went in for his 1-yard TD following an 11-play, 80-yard drive 1:11 before halftime. Those were the only points of the first half.

On ASU's first second-half possession, Miles linebacker **Ozzie Williams, Jr.** intercepted a pass from QB **Kelias Williams** and returned it to the Albany State 39-yard line. After Ruiz covered the first 32 yards (five runs and a reception), Edwards scored from seven yards out to push the Miles advantage to 14-0 less than six minutes into the third quarter.

Albany State finally got on the scoreboard on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Williams to **Ralph Lovett** on the second play of the fourth quarter but missed the extra point to trail 14-6. Edwards's final score, a 10-yard run with 3:08 to play, came after Miles QB **Daniel Smith** ran up the middle for 27 yards to the ASU 10.

# MEAC race down to the wire

## LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor  
**Bowie State** of the CIAA and **Miles** of the SIAC won conference titles Saturday (see Championship Game Recaps) while **Alcorn**

## BCSP FOOTBALL TOP TEN

- FLORIDA A&M** (9-1) - Easily handled Howard, 39-7. **NEXT:** Meets No. 6 Bethune-Cookman in season-ender in Orlando, Florida.
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (7-3) - Pitched a 24-0 shutout of NC Central to keep its MEAC title and FCS playoff hopes alive. **NEXT:** At Norfolk State to close out regular season.
- ALCORN STATE** (7-3) - Outscored Alabama A&M 34-28 to claim sixth straight SWAC East title. **NEXT:** At Jackson State to close out regular season.
- NORTH CAROLINA A&T** (7-3) - Throttled No. 6 Bethune-Cookman 47-17. **NEXT:** Entertaining NC Central with chance to clinch MEAC title and *Celebration Bowl* berth.
- BOWIE STATE** (11-0) - Subdued South Div. champ Fayetteville State in CIAA title game, 23-7. **NEXT:** To host first round NCAA Div. II playoff game vs. Carson-Newman.
- BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (6-4) - Handled by NC A&T, 47-17. **NEXT:** Regular season finale vs. No. 1 Florida A&M in Orlando.
- SOUTHERN** (7-4) - Survived in shootout vs. Jackson State, 40-34. **NEXT:** A week off before facing Grambling State for SWAC West crown on Nov. 30.
- VIRGINIA STATE** (8-2) - Regular season finished. **NEXT:** Did not receive a D2 playoff berth.
- SAVANNAH STATE** (7-3) - Season over.
- MILES** (9-2) - Defeated Albany State, 21-6 to claim second straight SIAC title. **NEXT:** At Lenoir-Rhyne in first round D2 playoff game.

### BOWIE STATE

Head coach **Damon Wilson's** undefeated CIAA champion **Bowie State** (11-0) heads into the NCAA Div. II championship playoffs this week for the third consecutive year looking to continue making progress. The Bulldogs, making their fourth appearance overall after getting their first shot in 2015, are seeded third in the regional playoff field.

They will host 6th-seed, 8-2 Carson Newman out of the South Atlantic Conference in Saturday's opening round at 1 p.m.

CNU's only losses are to teams in the seven-team regional field that it lost to in SAC play - 4th-seed Wingate (30-28 on Sept. 21) and 2nd seed Lenoir-Rhyne (36-23 on Oct. 19). The Eagles, who finished third in the SAC at 6-2, are making their first appearance in postseason play since 2015 and its first in third-year head coach Mike Turner's tenure as head coach. CNU has made the NCAA playoffs 16 times.

When the 9-1 Bulldogs made the playoff field in 2017 as a 3rd seed, they were led by record-breaking quarterback **Amir Hall** but lost in the first round to 6th-seeded Delta State, 45-35.

Last year, with Hall still in the fold, the 4th-seeded 9-2 Bulldogs won a first round game for the first time in their history with a 41-35 win over 5th-seed West Alabama before falling to eventual national champion and top seed Valdosta State in the second round, 66-16.

This year, BSU has turned to new quarterback **Ja'rome Johnson**, the CIAA offensive player of the year, who has passed for 1,597 yards and 21 TDs and rushed for 898 yards and 12 scores. He has led started for the Bulldogs since replacing **Gaston Cooper** in the season's fourth game.

They are looking to take another postseason step in this postseason. The run-heavy CNU offense is led by senior quarterback Derrick Evans (646 yards, 8 TDs, 46-83-3, 810 passing yards, 8 TDs), senior running back Antonio Wimbush (899 yards, 10 TD) and freshman speedster Troy Dendy (611 yds., 6 TDs). Braxton Westfield (24 rec. 466 yards) has snared eight of the teams' ten touchdown receptions. The Eagles have rushed for over 3,000 yards and for 40 rushing touchdowns. Junior linebacker Rondrow Peebles leads the defense with 77 tackles including seven sacks.

Defending national champion Valdosta State (11-0) is the top seed in the region.

### Fort Valley State dismisses Porter

FORT VALLEY, Ga. - Just three years after winning the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** (SIAC) Championship, **Fort Valley State** is parting ways with head football coach **Kevin Porter**. The Wildcats have announced the immediate start of a national search for Porter's replacement.

Porter finished 19-22 overall, won two Eastern Division Championships, won the 2016 SIAC Championship and hosted another SIAC championship game on FVU's campus in 2017. This year's team finished 6-4 overall.

The program will be headed in the interim by Director of Football Operations **Joel Hirsch**.

### 2020 BCFHOF Class named

The Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF) has announced its 11th Class - the Class of 2020. Six inductees were selected from a list of 26 finalists who had been determined earlier by the BCFHOF Selection Committee.

The Class of 2020 includes **Earl "Air" Harvey** (North Carolina Central), **James Hunter** (Grambling State), **Robert Mathis** (Alabama A&M), **Erik Williams** (Central State), Coach **Joe Taylor** (Howard, Hampton, Florida A&M, Virginia Union), and MEAC Commissioner **Dennis Thomas**.

The Class of 2020 will be honored at the 11th Annual BCFHOF Induction Ceremony, presented by

## GAMES THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Monmouth vs. Hampton in West Long Branch, NJ 12n  
 Alabama A&M vs. Miss Valley State in Huntsville, AL 1p  
 Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Texas Southern in Pine Bluff, AR 1p  
 Howard vs. Morgan State in Washington, DC 1p  
 Norfolk State vs. SC State in Norfolk, VA 1p  
 Tenn. Tech vs. Tennessee State in Cookeville, TN 1:30p  
 Delaware State vs. Saint Francis (PA) in Dover, DE 2p

### WEBCASTS

NC A&T vs. NC Central in Greensboro, NC (ESPN3) 1p  
 Jackson State vs. Alcorn State in Jackson, MS (ESPN3) 2p  
**CLASSICS**  
*Florida Classic* - ESPN News  
 Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M in Orlando, FL 3:30p  
**PLAYOFF GAMES**  
 Bowie State vs. Carson-Newman in Bowie, MD 12n  
 Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Miles in Hickory, NC 12n

### SWAC

With the **Alcorn State** Braves (7-3, 5-1 E) in representing the East Division for the Dec. 7 SWAC Championship Game, all that is left to be determined is who their opponent from the West will be.

And it will take two weeks before we find out.

That's because the possible representatives - **Southern** (7-4, 5-1 W) and **Grambling State** (6-4, 4-2 W) - are off this week and won't meet until their Nov. 30 date at the *Bayou Classic* in the New Orleans Super Dome that will decide the West Division champion.

### MILES

**Miles**, under head coach **Reginald Ruffin**, got into the NCAA Div. II playoff field off its win over **Albany State** in the SIAC Championship Game Saturday (see Championship Game Recaps).

The 9-2 Golden Bears got the seventh and final seed in the region which also includes CIAA champion **Bowie State**, the 3rd seed.

They will be on the road Saturday at 12 noon in Hickory, N.C. against 2nd-seed Lenoir-Rhyne (11-0), the champion of the South Atlantic Conference. If Bowie State and Miles prevail, they will meet in the second round.

Miles is in the playoffs for the second time in its history after its initial appearance in 2012 when they fell to West Alabama (41-7) in the opening round.

The Golden Bears set a school record for victories in a single season, going 9-2 this year culminating this past Saturday with a 21-6 win over **Albany State** to secure the program's second consecutive **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** championship.

Senior quarterback **Daniel Smith** leads the way passing (121-231-11) for 1,561 yards and 13 TDs while rushing for three other scores. Freshman **Donte Evans** (678 yds., 10 TDs) and junior **Justin Ruiz** (644 yds., 3 TDs) lead the ground attack. Redshirt senior **Leonard Tyree** is the top receiver (27 re., 499 yds., 3 TDs).

Lenoir-Rhyne enters the contest 11-0 and with back-to-back South Atlantic Conference titles. The Bears have won 21 straight regular season games and are making their fifth trip to the playoffs.

The L-R Bears average 42.2 points per game and give up just 15.7. Their passing attack is led by redshirt junior Grayson Willingham (106-173-6, 1,800 yds., 22 TDs) while sophomore Ameen Stevens (554 yds., 10 TDs) and senior Jaquay Mitchell (540 yds., 2 TDs) lead the ground game.

The game will feature two of the top defensive teams in Division II. Miles is 13th in total defense (275.7 yards per game) while Lenoir-Rhyne checks in at 23rd (292.8).

Both teams know how to get to the quarterback as well, tied for fourth in the nation in sacks (40). Jaquan Artis has 12 sacks to lead L-RU. **Maquel Shelton** leads Miles with 5.5.



the Atlanta Falcons on February 22, 2020 at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, Georgia.

The inductees will also be recognized at the *Celebration Bowl* in Atlanta on December 21st. For more information please visit [www.BlackCollegeFootballHOF.org](http://www.BlackCollegeFootballHOF.org).