



BAYOU SPOTLIGHT: Southern and Grambling State meet Saturday to determine Alcorn State's opponent in Dec. 7 SWAC Championship game.

SCORES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

PLAYOFF GAMES

NCAA Div. II - First Round

Carson-Newman 17, Bowie State 9

Lenoir-Rhyne 36, Miles 7

MEAC

Bethune-Cookman 31, Florida A&M 27

Howard 20, Morgan State 15

SC State 20, Norfolk State 17, OT

North Carolina A&T 54, North Carolina Central 0

Saint Francis (PA) 35, Delaware State 21

SWAC

Alcorn State 41, Jackson State 6

Alabama A&M 30, Miss Valley State 13

Arkansas-Pine Bluff 45, Texas Southern 13

INDEPENDENTS

Monmouth 48, Hampton 13

Tennessee State 37, Tennessee Tech 27

BIG WINNERS!

- NC A&T
- SC State
- Bethune-Cookman
- Alcorn State
- Howard

• **AGGIES THREE-PEAT IN MEAC!!** - BCSP No. 3 **NORTH CAROLINA A&T** scored early and often and held rival **North Carolina Central** to 9 offensive yards in shutting out the Eagles 54-0 to claim a share of its third straight **MEAC** title and earn a third straight trip to the *Celebration Bowl* (Dec. 21 in Atlanta's Mercedes Benz Stadium).

The Aggies (8-3, 6-2) share the MEAC title with **South Carolina State** who also finished 8-3 overall and 6-2 in MEAC play. A&T gets the bowl berth by virtue of its win over SCSU in head-to-head play.

A&T rolled up 520 yards of offense in the rout including 343 yards on the ground. MEAC rushing leader **Jah Maine-Martin** led the way running for 122 yards on 11 carries and scoring on runs of 20 and 55 yards. The latter was his ninth rushing touchdown of over 50 yards this season. Back-up running back **Kashon Baker** scored on 2- and 5-yard runs while back-up QB **Kinsgley Ifedi** (90 yards, 6 carries) scored on a 34-yard run.

Senior wide receiver **Elijah Bell** went out with a bang as he snared three passes for 109 yards including TD grabs of 68 and 32 yards (see XTRA!! Notes). His 68-yarder opened the scoring.

The A&T defense, that amassed five sacks and 13 tackles for losses, was led by senior defensive lineman **Leon "Tre" Smalls** with nine total tackles, six for -34 yards in losses including two sacks for -12 yards.



NC A&T RB
Jah-Maine Martin



NC A&T WR
Elijah Bell

• **SC STATE SHARES MEAC TITLE!!** - **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** earned a share of the MEAC title with a win over **Norfolk State** but the Bulldogs had to fight to the wire to pull it out.

SCSU placekicker **Dillon Bredsen** hit on a 29-yard field goal with :02 seconds left in regulation to force overtime in Norfolk and then was good on a 27-yarder in overtime giving the Bulldogs the 20-17 win when NSU's **Josh Nardone's** 35-yard field goal attempt in overtime was blocked.

The BCSP No. 2 Bulldogs (9-3, 6-2) led most of the game and were up 14-10 when Norfolk State got the ball on the SCSU 47 after a 10-yard punt with two minutes left. Behind back-up QB **D'Andre Thomas**, the Spartans (5-7, 4-4) covered the distance with **Gerald Hulett** going over from 8 yards away to put NSU up 17-14 with :58 ticks left. But the Bulldogs, with QB **Corey Fields** completing four critical passes, drove to the NSU 12 before Bredsen kicked thru the game-tying field goal.

Fields finished 20 of 35 for 286 yards without a pick, hooking up with **DeMontrez Burroughs** six times for 130 yards and with **Shaquan Davis** six times for 95 yards. Running back **Labron Morris** ran for 80 yards on 24 carries including two 1-yard TD runs.

Thomas replaced NSU starter **Juwan Carter** after he was injured in the final series of the first quarter. He finished just 3 of 20 passing for 37 yards but rushed 15 times for 93 yards to lead the Spartans. Hulett gained 84 yards on 20 carries and scored both NSU touchdowns.

• **ALCORN FINISHES STRONG!!** - SWAC East champion and BCSP No. 3 **ALCORN STATE** closed out its regular season with a dominating 41-6 win over rival **Jackson State**.



SC State RB
Labron Morris

QB **Felix Harper** (20-35-0) threw for 274 yards and four TDs and ran for a score. He spread his scoring tosses to **Chris Blair** (6 rec., 136 yards, 1 TD), **LeCharles Pringle** (4 rec., 63 yds., 2 TDs) and **Juan Anthony Jr.** (5 rec., 41 yds., 1TD).

The Alcorn defense picked off two passes from JSU QB **Jalon Jones** (7-16, 102 yds.) and limited the Tigers to 6 rushing yards and nine first downs.

As a result of the game, Alcorn State (8-3, 6-1 SWAC) finishes with the best conference record and therefore will host the Dec. 7 Championship Game against the West Division winner.

• **BETHUNE-COOKMAN TAKES NINTH STRAIGHT OVER FAMU!!** - BCSP No. 6

BETHUNE-COOKMAN defeated rival **Florida A&M** 31-27, the ninth straight win for the Wildcats (7-4, 5-3 MEAC) in the series, and the first defeat of the Rattlers (9-2, 7-1) in MEAC play this year. Because of NCAA violations, the Rattlers are ineligible for the MEAC title or postseason play

Down 27-24 with 5:38 to play, B-CU rallied behind QB **Akevious Williams** (22-35-1) who completed a 44-yard pass to a wide-open **Steffon Francois** that carried down to the FAMU 15. On the next play, **Isaac Washington** went in for the go-ahead touchdown. Washington finished with 104 rushing yards on 12 carries. Williams rushed for a 14-yard TD in the second quarter.

FAMU QB **Ryan Stanley** (19-32, 213 yards) had three touchdown passes but also threw two critical picks, the first to **Trevor Merritt** that was returned 23 yards for a TD to open the scoring with 7:18 left in the first quarter. Stanley's second pick came after B-CU's go-ahead TD run by Washington when **Devin James** picked him off with just under 90 seconds left.

Williams connected with Francois (3 rec., 83 yards) on a 28-yard scoring pass in the second quarter. Williams' TDs covered 12 yards to **Marcus Williams**, 28 yards to **David Manigo** and 4 yards to **Azende Rey**.

BISON WIN!! - **HOWARD** scored with :32 seconds left on an 8-yard pass from QB **Quinton Williams** to **Michael Cornwell** to pull out a 20-15 win over **Morgan State** - the first win for the Bison under Interim head coach **Aaron Kelton**.

Cornwell hauled in his game winner after MSU (3-9, 2-6 MEAC) had taken a 15-14 lead on a 7-yard run by **E'Munn Parker** with 3:16 to play. Williams engineered the 80-yard, 8-play game-winning drive. MSU got the ball back and penetrated to the Howard 30 before time expired.

The Bison (2-10, 2-6) rushed for 281 yards, led by 170 yards on 26 carries and a TD by **Dedrick Parson**, and got 202 passing yards and two TDs from Williams (13-25-1). Williams also connected with **Kyle Anthony** on a 6-yard scoring pass midway thru the third quarter.



Alcorn State QB
Felix Harper



B-CU QB
Akevious Williams



Howard RB
Dedrick Parson

BIG LOSERS!

• **Bowie State**

• **Miles**

• **CIAA CHAMP FALLS!!** - Undefeated CIAA champ **Bowie State** was held scoreless in the second half in falling to Carson-Newman 17-9 in a first round NCAA Div. II playoff game.

The Bulldogs (11-1) led 9-7 at the half after scoring on a 33-yard pass from QB **Ja'rome Johnson** to **DuShon David** (5 rec., 77 yds.) midway through the first quarter and on a safety near the end of the first quarter.

CNU drew first blood and went up 7-0 on a 53-yard pass from Tyler Thackerson to Braxton Westfield on the Eagles' second possession. They added a 47-yard field goal in the third quarter to take a 10-9 lead and then added a 10-yard Antonio Wimbush (18 car., 143 yds.) scoring run early in the fourth quarter to go up 17-9. That score followed a 62-yard third down screen pass from Thackerson to Wimbush that carried down to the BSU 22.

Down 17-9, BSU drove to the CNU 6 with under two minutes to play before Johnson (16-34-2, 253 yards) threw his second pick of the day, this time in the end zone. Johnson ran 22 times for 98 yards to lead the Bulldogs.

• **SIAC CHAMP GOES DOWN!!** - SIAC champion **Miles** was held to 125 yards and only seven first downs in falling to Lenoir-Rhyne 36-7 in the first round of an NCAA Div. II playoff game. LRU rushed for 323 yards.

Miles, seeded seventh in the region to 2nd-seed LRU, forced four turnovers but was unable to capitalize. Starting quarterback **Daniel Smith** went out late in the first quarter and did not return.

LRU scored early on a 21-yard run and then added a blocked punt for a TD to lead 14-0 after the first quarter. It added a touchdown, safety and field goal in the second quarter to lead 26-0 at the half.

The Golden Bears (9-3) got their only touchdown on a 38-yard run by **Donte' Edwards** (15 carries, 80 yards) in the third quarter.

TOP PERFORMANCES

PASSING

Corey Fields, SCST	20-35	286 yards	0 TD	0 int.
Felix Harper, ALC	20-35	274 yards	4 TDs (33, 21, 6, 14)	0 int.
Aqeel Glass, ALA&M	17-31	272 yards	3 TDs (47, 6, 36)	2 ints.
Akevious Williams, B-CU	22-35	269 yards	1 TD (28)	1 int.
Ja'rome Johnson, BOWST	15-34	263 yards	1 TD (33)	2 ints.
DeAndre Harris, MORGST	14-22	245 yards	1 TD (34)	0 int.
Cameron Rosendahl, TNST	23-30	225 yards	1 TD ()	0 int.
DeAndre Johnson, TEXSOU	29-44	221 yards	1 TD (11)	0 int.
Ryan Stanley, FLA&M	19-32	213 yards	3 TDs (12, 28, 4)	2 ints.
Quinton Williams, HOW	13-25	202 yards	2 TDs (6, 8)	1 int.
Kylil Carter, NCA&T	4-8	161 yards	2 TDs (68, 32)	0 int.



SC State QB
Corey Fields



Alcorn State QB
Felix Harper

RUSHING

Taylor Porter, ARKPB	30 carries	197 yards	2 TDs (5, 1)
Dedrick Parson, HOW	26 carries	170 yards	1 TD (9)
Shai McKenzie, HAMP	16 carries	167 yards	0 TD
Jah-Maine Martin, NCA&T	11 carries	123 yards	2 TDs (20, 55)
Jordan Bentley, ALA&M	21 carries	110 yards	1 TD (4)
Isaac Washington, B-CU	12 carries	104 yards	1 TD (15)
Ja'rome Johnson, BOWST	22 carries	98 yards	0 TD
D'Andre Thomas, NORFST	15 carries	93 yards	0 TD
Kingley Ifedi, NCA&T	6 carries	90 yards	1 TD (34)
Gerald Hulett, NORFST	20 carries	84 yards	2 TDs (14, 8)
Thomas Bertrand-Hudon, DSU	15 carries	82 yards	1 TD (17)
Labron Morris, SCST	24 carries	80 yards	2 TDs (1, 1)
Donte Edwards, MILES	15 carries	80 yards	1 TD ()



Arkansas-Pine Bluff RB
Taylor Porter



Howard RB
Dedrick Parson

RECEIVING

Chris Rowland, TNST	12 receptions	148 yards	1 TD (32)
Chris Blair, ALC	6 receptions	136 yards	1 TD (14)
De'Montrez Burroughs, SCST	6 receptions	130 yards	0 TD
Wes Norfolk, MORGST	4 receptions	116 yards	1 TD (34)
Elijah Bell, NCA&T	3 receptions	109 yards	2 TDs (68, 32)
Dejuan Miller, ARKPB	3 receptions	106 yards	1 TD (71)
Ibrahim, A, ALA&M	9 receptions	106 yards	1 TD (47)
Marcus Riley, B-CU	7 receptions	98 yards	0 TD
Harry Ballard III, ARKPB	3 receptions	96 yards	1 TD (41)
Xavier Smith, FLA&M	7 receptions	86 yards	0 TD
DuShon David, BOWST	5 receptions	77 yards	1 TD (33)
Zabrian Moore, ALA&M	3 receptions	73 yards	1 TD (36)
Jordan Aley, HOW	4 receptions	70 yards	0 TD
Donnie Corley, TEXSOU	7 receptions	69 yards	0 TD
Michael Cornwell, HOW	3 receptions	67 yards	1 TD (8)
Warren Newman, JCKST	2 receptions	67 yards	0 TD



Tennessee State WR
Chris Rowland



Alcorn State WR
Chris Blair

TACKLES

15	Ian McBorough, MORGST;
14	Mitchell Smiley, MILES;
13	Adrian Carter, TEXSOU; Jordan Brown, ARKPB;



Morgan State LB
Ian McBorough



Miles LB
Mitchell Smiley

- 12 Nhyre Quinerly, NORFST; Markquese Bell, FLA&M; Jadrian McGraw, TEXSOU;
Armoni Holloway, ALA&M;
- 11 Nigel Chavis, NORFST; Marquis Hendrix, B-CU; DeAndre Faulk, HAMP;
Justin Brown, Josh Green, TNST;
- 10 Cephas Harden, NORFST; Jerome Foster, NCCU; Kolby Watts, ARKPB;
Tracy Thompkins, Keonte' Daniels, MVSU; Dajour Nesbeth, TNST;
Ozzie Williams, MILES;

SACKS

- 2.5 Devin Harrell, NCA&T
- 2.0 Bruce Johnson, SCST; De'Shaan Dixon, NORFST; Leon Smalls, NCA&T;
Armoni Holloway, ALA&M;
- 1.5 Darr. BrokenBurr, HOW; Isaac Peppers, ARKPB;

INTERCEPTIONS

- 1 Many



NC A&T DL
Devin Harrell

BCSP FOOTBALL TOP TEN HOW THEY DID

- FLORIDA A&M** (9-2) - Fell to rival Bethune-Cookman 31-27 in season finale. **NEXT:** Season over
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (8-3) - Escaped with 20-17 victory in OT at Norfolk State to get share of MEAC title. **NEXT:** FCS playoff bid?
- ALCORN STATE** (8-3) - SWAC East champion disposed of Jackson State, 41-6 in regular season finale. **NEXT:** A week off before Dec. 7 SWAC title game vs. West Division champ.
- NORTH CAROLINA A&T** (8-3) - Shutout NC Central, 54-0 to claim share of MEAC title and earn third straight Celebration Bowl berth. **NEXT:** Off until Dec. 21 bowl game in Atlanta..
- BOWIE STATE** (11-1) - CIAA champ fell in Div. II first round playoff game to Carson-Newman, 17-9. **NEXT:** Season over.
- BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (7-4) - Knocked off rival Florida A&M, 31-27 in season finale. **NEXT:** Season over.
- SOUTHERN** (7-4) - Bye week. **NEXT:** Meets Grambling State at New Orleans Bayou Classic for SWAC West title and championship game berth.
- VIRGINIA STATE** (8-2) - Season over.
- SAVANNAH STATE** (7-3) - Season over.
- MILES** (9-3) - SIAC champion throttled by Lenoir-Rhyne in Div. II first round playoff game, 36-7. **NEXT:** Season over.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

For Games Last Week

- *Florida Classic* - Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M 55,730
- Alcorn State @ Jackson State 35,104
- North Carolina Central @ North Carolina A&T 19,853
- Texas Southern @ Arkansas-Pine Bluff 5,329

XTRA! NOTES

• THE SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP

PICTURE!! - With **Alcorn State** (8-3, 6-1 SWAC) in as the **SWAC** East Division champion and host of the Dec. 7 SWAC Championship Game by virtue of having the best conference record, the only matter left to be determined is who its opponent will be from the West Division.

That will come down to this Saturday's (Nov. 30) *Bayou Classic* at the New Orleans Super Dome between **Grambling State** (6-4, 5-2 W) and **Southern** (7-4, 5-1 W).

Currently, Southern has a half-game lead over Grambling State but the winner of the game will be the West Division champion by virtue of a head-to-head win.

Either Southern or Grambling has represented the West Division in the Championship Game since 2012 with Southern taking the division crown in 2013, 2014 and 2018 and Grambling State claiming the title in 2015-17.

Alcorn State has won six straight East Division titles and made six straight Championship Game appearances. The last team to take an E. Div. title other than Alcorn State was **Jackson State** in 2012 and 2013. Alcorn State won SWAC titles in 2014, 2015 and 2018. Grambling State won back-to-back titles in 2016 and 2017.

• CELEBRATION BOWL ALMOST SET!!

- MEAC champion **North Carolina A&T** awaits the winner of the Dec. 7 SWAC Championship Game to see who its opponent will be in *Celebration Bowl V* to be held at the Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta on Dec. 21.

With its 54-0 win over NC Central Saturday, NC A&T (8-3, 6-2 MEAC) claimed a share of the MEAC title with **South Carolina State** (8-3, 6-2) but the Aggies earn the *Celebration Bowl* berth because of its head-to-head win over SC State.

The Aggies will now have represented the MEAC in the *Celebration Bowl* in four of the five years it has been held. The MEAC holds a 3-1 edge over the SWAC in the series.

The Aggies (3-0) have all three MEAC wins, defeating Alcorn State in 2015 (41-35), Grambling State in 2017 (21-14) and Alcorn State in 2018 (24-22).

NC Central represented the MEAC in Celebration Bowl II (in 2016), losing to Grambling State (10-9).

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Turkey Day Classic

Alabama State vs. Prairie View A&M in Montgomery, AL 2p

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

46th Bayou Classic - NBC Sports

Grambling State vs. Southern in New Orleans, LA 4p

• **BELL COW!!** - With one game left, **North Carolina A&T** senior wide receiver **Elijah Bell** has team career records for receptions (200), receiving yardage (2,907) and touchdowns (31).

He will finish as only the sixth receiver in **MEAC** history with at least 200 catches in a career.

He needs 93 yards in the *Celebration Bowl* to become the fifth receiver in MEAC history to reach 3,000 receiving yards.

The MEAC career leaders in receptions are 1) **Jacquay Nunnally, Florida A&M** (318), 2) **James Adderly, Bethune-Cookman** (219), 3) **Robert Wilson, Florida A&M** (209), 4) **Cainon Lamb, Florida A&M** (204), **Shaheer McBride, Delaware State** (201) and Bell.

In career receiving yardage, Nunnally is first (4,245), Adderly is second (3,564), **Tracy Singleton** of **Howard** is third (3,187), McBride is fourth (3,007) and Lamb is fifth (2,909). Bell is currently sixth with 2,907.



Elijah Bell (#13).

2019 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	DIV		CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L	W	L
NORTH DIVISION						
* Bowie State	6	0	8	0	11	1
Virginia State	4	1	6	1	8	2
Virginia Union	3	2	5	2	7	3
Chowan	2	3	2	5	3	7
Elizabeth City State	1	4	2	5	2	9
Lincoln	0	5	0	7	0	10
SOUTH DIVISION						
* Fayetteville State	4	1	6	1	8	2
Shaw	4	1	5	2	6	4
Winston-Salem State	3	2	3	4	4	6
Johnson C. Smith	2	3	3	4	4	6
Saint Augustine's	2	3	2	5	2	8
Livingstone	0	5	1	6	4	6

* Clinched Division Title

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
NC A&T State	6	2	8	3
SC State	6	2	8	3
Bethune-Cookman	5	3	7	4
Norfolk State	4	4	5	7
North Carolina Central	3	4	4	7
Morgan State	2	6	3	8
Howard	2	6	2	10
Delaware State	1	7	2	10
^ Florida A&M	7	1	9	2

^ Not eligible for title

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

Jah-Maine Martin, Jr., RB, NC A&T - 11 carries for 123 yards and two TDs in win over NCCU.

DEFENSE

Leon Tre Smalls, Sr., DL, NCA&T - Nine tackles, five solos, six for -34 yards in losses, two sacks for -12 yards in win over NC Central.

SPECIALIST

Dillon Bredsen, So., PK, SC STATE - Was 2-of-2 on PATs and kicked thru game-tying 29-yard field goal in final seconds and 27-yard game-winner in overtime vs. Norfolk State.

ROOKIE

Corey Fields, Fr., QB, SC STATE - Completed 20 of 35 passes for 286 yards without a pick in win over Norfolk State.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

NCA&TOL - Paved the way for season-high 343 rushing yards in 54-0 win over NCCU.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EAST DIVISION				
* Albany State	5	2	7	4
Fort Valley State	4	2	6	4
Morehouse	2	4	4	6
Benedict	1	5	1	8
Clark Atlanta	0	6	0	10
^ Savannah State	6	0	7	3
WEST DIVISION				
* Miles	6	1	9	3
Tuskegee	4	2	5	5
Kentucky State	3	3	6	3
Central State	2	4	3	7
Lane	2	4	4	6

* Clinched Division Title

^ Not Eligible for title

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE & NEWCOMER

Donte Edwards, Fr., RB, MILES - 15 carries for 80 yards and the Golden Bears' only TD in loss to Lenoir-Rhyne in D2 playoffs.

DEFENSE

Mitchell Smiley, Soph., DB, MILES - 14 tackles, 10 solos, in loss to Lenoir-Rhyne.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EAST DIVISION				
* Alcorn State	6	1	8	3
Alabama State	4	2	5	5
Alabama A&M	4	4	7	5
Jackson State	3	4	4	8
Miss. Valley State	1	7	2	9
WEST DIVISION				
Southern	5	1	7	4
Grambling State	5	2	6	4
Prairie View A&M	3	3	5	5
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	3	4	6	5
Texas Southern	0	7	0	11

* Clinched Division Title

BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

Felix Harper, Jr., QB, ALCORN STATE - Completed 20 of 34 passes for 274 yards and four TDs in win over Jackson State to clinch home field for SWAC title game.

DEFENSE

Armoni Holloway, Jr., LB, ALABAMA A&M - Led Bulldogs with 12 tackles, 8 solos, 2.5 for -27 yards in losses including 2 sacks for -26 yards in win over MVSU.

SPECIALIST & NEWCOMER

Greg Blue, Fr., PK, ALCRON STATE - Kicked thru 34- and 21-yard field goals and was 5-of-5 on PATS vs. JSU.

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L
Langston	8	2
West Virginia State	7	4
Hampton	5	7
Allen	2	6
Tennessee State	3	9
Va. Univ. of Lynchburg	1	9
Edward Waters	1	9
Lincoln (Mo.)	1	9
Texas College	1	10

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

Chris Rowland, Sr., WR/KR, TENNESSEE STATE - Had 12 catches for 148 yards and a 32-yard TD reception in win over Tennessee Tech.

DEFENSE & ROOKIE

Josh Green, R-Fr., DB, TENNESSEE STATE - 11 tackles, seven solos, 1 tackle for loss in win over Tenn Tech.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Seth Rowland, Sr., RB, TENNESSEE STATE - Scored on a 35-yard run and blocked a punt that resulted in a TD. Finished with five carries for 56 yards.