



Bluefield State Sports photo

PLENTY OF CHALLENGES IN WEEK THREE

UNBLEMISHED RECORDS ON THE LINE FOR ALBANY STATE, JACKSON STATE; BCSP NFL PROFILE WEEK 1

HISTORIC WIN: Head coach Anthony Coaxum led Bluefield State to its first win since returning to football last year. The last win was in 1980.

2021 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA	MEAC	SIAC	SWAC	INDEPENDENTS
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	
DIV	CONF	ALL	DIV	ALL
W	L	W	L	W
L	W	L	L	L
NORTH DIVISION			EAST DIVISION	
Chowan 0 0 0 0 2 0			Jackson State 1 0 2 0	Va.-Lynchburg 0 0 0 0
Bowie State 0 0 0 0 1 1			Alabama A&M 0 0 1 0	Bluefield State 0 0 1 1
Virginia Union 0 0 0 0 0 2			Alabama State 0 0 1 0	Texas College 0 0 0 2
Virginia State 0 0 0 0 0 2			Miss. Valley State 0 0 0 1	Florida Memorial 0 0 0 3
Lincoln 0 0 0 0 0 2			Bethune-Cookman 0 0 0 2	
Elizabeth City State 0 0 0 0 0 2			Florida A&M 0 1 1 1	
SOUTH DIVISION			WEST DIVISION	
Fayetteville State 0 0 0 0 1 1			Prairie View A&M 1 0 1 1	
Johnson C. Smith 0 0 0 0 0 1			Arkansas-Pine Bluff 0 0 1 0	
Winston-Salem State 0 0 0 0 0 1			Grambling State 0 0 1 1	
Saint Augustine's 0 0 0 0 0 1			Southern 0 0 1 1	
Livingstone 0 0 0 0 0 2			Alcorn State 0 0 1 1	
Shaw 0 0 0 0 0 2			Texas Southern 0 1 0 2	
			SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	
			OFFENSE	
			Shedeur Sander, Fr., QB, JSU - 30 of 40 for 362 yds, three TDs vs. Tenn. State.	
			DEFENSE	
			James Houston, Jr., LB, JSU - 10 tackles, 4.5 sacks, -33 yards, five TFL vs. Tenn. State.	
			SPECIALIST	
			Warren Newman, WR/KR, JACKSON STATE - 81-yard punt return TD, 7 rer, 26 yds. vs. TSU.	
			NEWCOMER	
			Deonte Williams, Sr., DL, FLORIDA A&M - Three TFL, 2 sacks, a FF in win over FVSVU.	
			SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	
			OFFENSE	
			Eric Phoenix, Jr., QB, BENEDICT - 16 of 18, 292 yards, four TDs (60, 44, 51, 8) vs. EWC.	
			DEFENSE	
			Andrew Farmer, Jr., DB, LANE - Six tackles, four solos, 3.5 sacks, 4.5 TFL vs. Clark Atlanta.	
			SPECIAL TEAMS	
			Carlos Saldana, So., PK, CLARK ATLANT - Hit field goals of 36 and 50 yards and was 2 of 3 on PATs vs. Lane.	
			MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	
			OFFENSE	
			Juwon Carter, Sr., QB, NORFOLK STATE - 19 of 31 for 195 yards, 2TDs, 9 car., 37 yards vs. WFU.	
			DEFENSE	
			Decobie Duran, Gr., DB, SC STATE - Two picks, three tackles in loss to Clemson.	
			SPECIALIST	
			Juan Velarde, Fr., P, NC CENTRAL - 43.8 yard avg. on three punts, long of 54 vs. Marshall.	
			ROOKIE	
			Sy'veon Wilkerson, Fr., RB, DELSTATE - Rushed 19 times for 98 yards and a TD vs. Georgetown.	
			OFFENSIVE LINEMAN	
			Jalen Powell, r-Sr., LG, NORFOLK STATE - Graded at 95% with four pancakes, no sacks allowed vs. Wake Forest.	
			CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	
			OL - David Keck, Jr., CHOW - 460 yds. of total offense vs. Tusculum.	
			QB - Ja'rome Johnson, Sr., BSU - 27 of 35 for 409 yards, 3 TDs in win over Saginaw Valley.	
			WR - Darius Bowman, So., WR, BSU - 8 catches for 175 yards including 96-yard TD vs. SVSU.	
			OB - Sidney Gibbs, So., SHAW - 15 carries, 110 yards (7.3 ypc), 1 TD vs. Davidson.	
			DB - Joshua Williams, Sr., FSU - 10 tackles, 5 solos, 1 pass break-up vs. Wingate.	
			LB - Devon Hunt, Sr., SHAW - Game-high 15 tackles, 7 solos, 1 TFL, 2 break-ups vs. Davidson.	
			DL - Joshua Pryor, Jr., BSU - Game-high seven tackles, five solos, 3 TFL vs. SVSU.	

SCORES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
 Benedict 44, Edward Waters 3
 Northwest Missouri vs Lincoln - Cancelled
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
 Duke 45, NC A&T 17
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
 Albany State 28, Shorter 12
 Alcorn State 13, Northwestern State 10
 Allen 20, Johnson C. Smith 19
 Auburn 62, Alabama State 0
 Baylor 66, Texas Southern 7
 Bluefield State 35, Elizabeth City State 27
 Bowie State 28, Saginaw Valley State 19
 Catawba 28, Winston-Salem State 6
 Central Florida 63, Bethune-Cookman 14
 Central State 19, Lincoln Pa. 7
 Chowan 46, Tusculum 38, 2OT
 Clemson 49, SC State 3
 Cumberlands 56, Florida Memorial 12
 Davidson 28, Shaw 26

Florida A&M 34, Fort Valley State 7
 Frostburg State 34, West Virginia State 21
 Georgetown 20, Delaware State 14
 Incarnate Word 40, Prairie View A&M 9
 Jackson State 38, Tennessee State 16
 Kentucky Wesleyan 28, Kentucky State 25
 Lane 35, Clark Atlanta 26
 Langston 44, Texas College 6
 Limestone vs. Saint Augustine's - Cancelled
 Marshall 44, NC Central 10
 Maryland 62, Howard 0
 Ohio Dominican 10, Virginia State 7
 Old Dominion 47, Hampton 7
 Savannah State 50, Livingstone 6
 Southern 41, Miles 24
 Southern Miss 37, Grambling State 0
 Tulane 69, Morgan State 20
 Valdosta State 51, Virginia Union 7
 Wake Forest 41, Norfolk State 16
 West Alabama 33, Tuskegee 7

Pivotal games on tap in Week Three

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor
 It is hard to figure out where to start as Week 3 of the 2021 HBCU football season begins. There's a little of everything – conference tussles, intriguing out-of-conference matchups, FCS vs. FBS games, etc. Let's start in the conferences.

SIAC

Perhaps the most anticipated game in the SIAC this week is in Savannah, Ga. Saturday (6 p.m.) where East Division favorite **Savannah State** (1-1, 0-0 SIAC E) meets undefeated **Benedict** (2-0, 1-0 E). Savannah State was throttled by NCAA Div. II No. 5 Valdosta State (53-7) to open the season before putting a similar beating on **Livingstone** of the CIAA this past week (50-6).

Benedict has built its undefeated mark against the SIAC's newest additions **Edward Waters** (44-3) and **Allen** (45-12). We'll see if Savannah State brings the Tigers back down to earth. Two-time defending SIAC champion **Miles** (0-2, 0-0 SIAC W) is at **Morehouse** (0-2, 0-0 SIAC E) Saturday (2 p.m.) with each team looking for its first victory. Miles finally gets to play somebody on its own level after showing its mettle against two SWAC opponents, **Southern** (41-24 loss) and **Alabama State** (14-13, loss in OT). Morehouse, on the other hand, has been outscored 95-7 in losses to West Alabama (48-7) and West Georgia (47-0). Look out Morehouse!

But perhaps even more eyes will be on **Albany State** (2-0, 0-0 E) Saturday (7 p.m.) as it tries its hand at slowing down NCAA Div. II No. 5 Valdosta State (2-0). Valdosta State has so far run roughshod over contenders in both HBCU Div. II conferences. The Blazers humbled Savannah State (53-7) and then took down **Virginia Union** of the CIAA Saturday, 51-7. VSU, who sat out the 2020-21 season, won the Div. II national title in 2018 and lost in the second round of the playoffs in 2019. Head coach **Gabe Gardinia** and the Golden Rams will have their hands full with VSU. We should also find out Saturday (6 p.m.) what's going on with **Willie Slater's** Golden Tigers of **Tuskegee**, perennial SIAC West contenders. After big losses to West Alabama (33-7) and **Fort Valley State** (33-0), TU (0-2) hosts (1 p.m.) Edward Waters (1-1). FVSVU (1-1) and Lane (1-1) meet at 2 p.m. in Fort Valley, Ga.

SWAC

The race for SWAC supremacy, at least in the East Division, continues Thursday (7:30 p.m.) as defending division and conference champion **Alabama A&M** (1-0, 0-0 E) travels to Daytona Beach, Fla. for a date with new division



UNBEATEN?: Gabe Gardinia (l.) at Albany State and Coach Prime Sanders (r.) at Jackson State put their unblemished 2-0 records on the line vs. Valdosta State and Louisiana Monroe respectively.

and conference member **Bethune-Cookman** (0-2, 0-0 E).

While much of the attention has focused on **Florida A&M** joining the SWAC, B-CU is not to be overlooked. In fact, the Wildcats have beaten FAMU nine straight times.

Watch out Bulldogs! The rest of the SWAC teams have out-of-conference dates against FBS or FCS opponents. Topping that list is **Jackson State** (2-0, 1-0 E) and coach **Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders** hitting the road Saturday (7 p.m.) to test itself at Louisiana Monroe (0-1) of the FBS Sun Belt Conference. ULM's only game was a 45-10 loss at Kentucky.

Florida A&M (1-1, 0-1 E) will also be tested on the road Saturday (7 p.m.) at South Florida (0-2). USF, who competes in the FBS American Athletic Conference (AAC), is hungry for a win after losses to N. C. State (45-0) and Florida (42-20).

Alcorn State (1-1, 0-0 E) is at South Alabama (2-0), also a member of the Sun Belt at 7 p.m. Saturday. USA has defeated Southern Miss (31-7) and Bowling Green (21-19).

Grambling State (1-1) is at FBS AAC member Houston (1-1).

Two SWAC teams will take on FCS Southland Conference members Saturday and two face FCS Atlantic Sun members. All start at 6 p.m. CT.

Prairie View A&M (1-1, 1-0 W) hosts Houston Baptist (0-2) and **Southern** (1-1, 0-0 W) hosts 0-2 McNeese State in Southland match ups. **Mississippi Valley State** (0-1, 0-0 E) is at **Stephen F. Austin** (1-1) and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (1-0, 0-0 W) is at Central Arkansas (0-2) in tilts with the A-Sun.

MEAC

MEAC members continue their six-game non-conference schedule Saturday.

Howard (0-2) welcomes 1-1 **Hampton** of the Big South to Washington, D. C. The game is 12 noon and will be played at the 20,000-seat Audi Field, the home of MLS member D. C. United.

There are two MEAC vs. CIAA matches Saturday at 6 p.m. **North Carolina Central**

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16		
ESPN	Bethune-Cookman vs. Alabama A&M in Daytona Beach, FL	7:30 pm ET
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18		
	Clark Atlanta vs. Shorter in Atlanta, GA	12n ET
	Hampton vs. Howard in Washington, DC	12n ET
	Tuskegee vs. Edward Waters in Tuskegee, AL	1 pm CT
	Chowan vs. Erskine in Murfreesboro, NC	1 pm ET
	New Haven vs. Bowie State in West Haven, CT	1 pm ET
	Sacred Heart vs. Morgan State in Fairfield, CT	1 pm ET
	Shaw vs. Central State in Raleigh, NC	1 pm ET
	Morehouse vs. Miles in Atlanta, GA	2 pm ET
	Tennessee State vs. Kentucky State in Nashville, TN	2 pm CT
	Wayland Baptist vs. Langston in Plainville, TX	2 pm CT
	Faulkner vs. Florida Memorial in Montgomery, AL	2:30 pm CT
	Allen vs. Livingstone in Columbia, SC	5 pm ET
	Gardner-Webb vs. Lincoln (PA) in Boiling Springs, NC	6 pm ET
	Johnson C. Smith vs. Bluefield State in Charlotte, NC	6 pm ET
	Savannah State vs. Benedict in Savannah, GA	6 pm ET
	Central Arkansas vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Conway, AR	6 pm CT
	Southern vs. McNeese State in Baton Rouge, LA	6 pm CT
	Stephen F. Austin vs. Miss Valley State in Nacogdoches, TX	6 pm CT
	Prairie View A&M vs. Houston Baptist in Prairie View, TX	6 pm CT
	New Mexico State vs. SC State in Las Cruces, NM	6 pm MT
	Fort Hays State vs. Lincoln (MO) in Hays, KS	7 pm CT
	Valdosta State vs. Albany State in Valdosta, GA	7 pm ET
	E. Tenn. State vs. Delaware State in J'nson City, TN	7:30 pm ET
CLASSICS		
	Willard Bailey Classic	
	Virginia Union vs. Va.-Lynchburg in Richmond, VA	6 pm ET
TV GAMES / WEBCASTS		
	Fort Valley State vs. Lane in Fort Valley, GA - ESPN+	2 pm ET
	Houston vs. Grambling State in Houston, TX - ESPN+	6 pm CT
	NC Central vs. Winston-Salem State in Durham, NC - ESPN+	6 pm ET
	Norfolk State vs. Elizabeth City State in Norfolk, VA - ESPN+	6 pm ET
	Louisiana Monroe vs. Jackson State in Monroe, LA - ESPN3	7 pm CT
	South Alabama vs. Alcorn State in Mobile, AL - ESPN3	7 pm CT
	South Florida vs. Florida A&M in Tampa, FL - ESPN+	7 pm ET

(1-1) renews an old rivalry when it hosts 0-1 **Winston-Salem State** and **Norfolk State** (0-2) does the same hosting 0-2 **Elizabeth City State**.

Delaware State (1-1) is on the road (7:30 p.m.) at East Tennessee State (2-0). ETSU is 17th in the AFCA FCS poll. **Morgan State** (0-2) is at 1-1 Sacred Heart at 1 p.m. and **South Carolina State** (0-2) wanders out to New Mexico State (0-2) for a 6 p.m. MT start.

CIAA

Chowan (2-0, 0-0 N) has won two overtime games to kick off its season and is hosting 0-2 Erskine Saturday (1 p.m.). CIAA favorite **Bowie State** (1-1) travels to Connecticut to tackle New Haven (1-0).

In other games involving CIAA teams, **Shaw** (0-2) hosts SIAC member **Central State** (1-1), **Livingstone** (0-2) is at Allen (1-1), **Johnson C. Smith** (0-1) hosts 1-1 **Bluefield State** and **Lincoln (Pa.)** is at Gardner-Webb.

Bluefield State and head coach **Anthony Coaxum** got their first win last week since returning to competition last season, knocking off Elizabeth City State, 35-27. Before last season, Bluefield State last fielded a football team or had a win in 1980.

UNDER THE BANNER

AN OPINION, BY LUT WILLIAMS, BCSP EDITOR

MCNAIR: NO PRACTICE AT ALCORN STATE:

Alcorn State got a rare non-conference FCS win for the SWAC on Saturday as it came back to defeat Northwestern State. It has another game on the road Saturday against South Alabama. It's one that will pay the school \$300k.

But there was no practice on the Lorman, Mississippi campus on Monday night, head coach **Fred McNair** revealed on his weekly radio show. That's because there is no athletic training staff. The school does not have a full-time staff and, according to McNair, the part-time staff has been hit with COVID-19.

McNair called the situation heartbreaking. "We've got a big game (at South Alabama) that's going to make the university money, and we can't go out and get treatment for the young men and women. We can't get treatment or rehab on this day, not knowing what's going to happen tomorrow," he said. "This is something that needs to be fixed. This is an administration issue. I could talk about it all the way till I turn blue. This has got to be fixed."

ASU was the only SWAC school to opt-out of the 2021 spring football season, and issues with the training staff were part of the reason why.

"We've got to be able to pay somebody to be the Alcorn State athletic trainer, and we don't have one," McNair said. "That's disheartening. I told the players the reason we weren't going to practice this morning was because we didn't have a certified trainer and you could hear the room. It was a bad feeling for me to have to tell the guys."

Alcorn State Director of Athletics **Derek Horne** issued a statement that did not specifically state what the issue was.

"The Alcorn State University athletic teams have modified their practice schedules because of a COVID-19 related issue," Horne said in the statement. "Throughout the pandemic, the health and safety of our student-athletes remain our top priority."

BCSP TOP TENS

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION (FCS)

- ALABAMA A&M** (1-0) - Idle. NEXT: At Bethune-Cookman Thursday.
- JACKSON STATE** (2-0) - Defeated Tennessee State in Memphis, 38-16. NEXT: At Louisiana-Monroe.
- ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF** (1-0) - Idle. NEXT: At Central Arkansas.
- FLORIDA A&M** (1-1) - Beat Fort Valley State, 34-7. NEXT: At South Florida.
- NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL** (1-1) - Lost at Marshall, 44-10. NEXT: Hosting Winston-Salem State.
- ALCORN STATE** (1-1) - Defeated Northwestern State, 13-10. NEXT: At South Alabama.
- PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** (1-1) - Lost to Incarnate Word, 40-9. NEXT: Hosting Houston Baptist.
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (0-2) - Throttled at Clemson, 49-3. NEXT: At New Mexico State.
- BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (0-2) - Lost at Central Florida, 63-14. NEXT: Hosting Alabama A&M.
- NORTH CAROLINA A&T** (0-2) - Lost at Duke, 45-17. NEXT: Idle (TIE) **SOUTHERN** (1-1) - Defeated Miles, 421-24. NEXT: Hosting Miles.
- (TIE) **NORFOLK STATE** (0-2) - Fell at Wake Forest, 41-16. NEXT: Hosting Elizabeth City State.

NCAA DIV. II, NAIA

- ALBANY STATE** (2-0) - Beat Shorter, 28-12. NEXT: At AFCA NCAA Div. II No. 5 Valdosta State.
- CHOWAN** (2-0) - Got second straight win in overtime, 36-28 over Tusculum. NEXT: Erskine at home.
- BOWIE STATE** (1-1) - Beat Saginaw Valley State, 28-19. NEXT: At New Haven.
- MILES** (0-2) - Another tough SWAC loss at Southern, 41-24. NEXT: At Morehouse.
- SAVANNAH STATE** (1-1) - Beat Livingstone, 50-6. NEXT: Hosting Benedict.
- FAYETTEVILLE STATE** (1-1) - Fell to nationally-ranked Wingate, 40-21. NEXT: Idle.
- BENEDICT** (2-0) - No problem with Edward Waters, 44-3. NEXT: At Savannah State.
- LANGSTON** (2-0) - Easily handled Texas State, 44-6. NEXT: At Wayland Baptist.
- VIRGINIA UNION** (1-1) - Fell in Richmond to nationally-ranked Valdosta State, 51-7. NEXT: Hosting Virginia-Lynchburg.
- KENTUCKY STATE** (1-1) - Nipped by Kentucky Wesleyan, 26-25. NEXT: At Tennessee State.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For games of January 9 - 13, 2021

DEFENSE

- # 97 **JAVON HARGRAVE**, DT, Philadelphia (6th season, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) - In 32-6 win over Atlanta, Hargrave was a terror with six tackles, three solos, two sacks for -20 yards and three quarterback hits. He was in on 40 plays on defense (56%) and one play (4%) on special teams.



OFFENSE

- # 72 **TERRON ARMSTEAD**, LT, New Orleans (9th season, **ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF**) - The all-Pro offensive tackle was in on 62 offensive plays (100%) in Saints 38-3 win over Green Bay. The Saints with Jameis Winston at quarterback, ran for 171 yards and passed for 148 yards of offense. Green Bay had two sacks.



SPECIAL TEAMS

- #80 **CHESTER ROGERS**, WR, Tennessee (5th season, **GRAMBLING STATE**) - Led Titans with six receptions for 62 yards (10.5 yards per catch) in 38-13 loss to Arizona. Also had one kickoff return for 14 yards. Was in on 39 offensive plays (61%) and 10 special teams' plays (37%).



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SHAKEDOWN, TAKEDOWN!! Philadelphia defensive tackle **JAVON HARGRAVE** (#97, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) gets one of his two sacks in the Eagles' 32-6 win over Atlanta Sunday. Hargrave totalled six tackles, three solos and three hits on the QB.