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## FOR ALL THE MARBLES

**TARIK COHEN:** NC A&T will need a big game out of its star running back to knock off NC Central for the MEAC title.

**TUSKEGEE, WSSU IN D2 PLAYOFFS; NC A&T, NC CENTRAL BATTLE FOR MEAC SUPREMACY**

# NCCU, NC A&T show down again for MEAC title

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For the third straight year, the season-ending rivalry game between **North Carolina A&T** and **North Carolina Central** will determine the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** football champion.

"This is Florida/Florida State. This is North Carolina/North Carolina State," said sixth-year A&T head coach **Rod Broadway** who has coached in such big games at both Florida and UNC. Broadway was interviewed on the MEAC Coaches Teleconference Tuesday.

"Rivalry games are special all over the world no matter where you are," Broadway said. "It's no different at Alabama/Auburn than it is at North Carolina Central/North Carolina A&T."

He's right. But this Saturday's showdown in Durham (2 p.m.) has even a bit more spice.

That's because in the two years that head coach **Jerry Mack** has led the NCCU Eagles, they have knocked off Broadway's Aggies in the season finale to deny the Aggies the outright MEAC title and gain a share of the crown themselves.

In 2014, Mack's troops prevailed in Durham, 21-14 creating a five-way tie with the Aggies, **Bethune-Cookman**, **South Carolina State** and **Morgan State** for the MEAC crown. Last year, the Eagles came out on top again, 21-16 at A&T forging a three-way tie including B-CU.

This time around, both teams enter the contest at 7-0 in conference play with the winner not having to share the crown. The winner will take the outright championship and represent the league in the *2nd Annual Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl* in Atlanta on Dec. 17.

North Carolina A&T (9-1) enters the contest as the No. 1 team in the BCSP Top Ten and ranked ninth nationally in both the FCS STATS and FCS Coaches poll.

North Carolina Central (8-2) is third in the BCSP Top Ten, 20th in the Coaches Poll and 24th in the STATS poll.

A year ago, despite beating A&T in the finale and gaining a share of the title, NCCU did not advance to postseason play. The MEAC's tie-breaking procedures knocked the Eagles out of a berth in the Celebration Bowl by virtue



**ALL EYES ON DURHAM:** Jerry Mack's (l.) North Carolina Central Eagles and Rod Broadway's (r.) North Carolina A&T Aggies will determine the MEAC champ and the conference's Celebration Bowl representative in their showdown Saturday (2 p.m.) in Durham for the MEAC championship.

of their record vs. FCS opponents. A&T was awarded the bowl-game berth by virtue of having a higher rating than B-CU in Jeff Sagarin of USA Today's rating system.

Two years ago A&T running back **Tarik Cohen** ran for 203 yards on 20 carries but had a costly fumble late in the game near the NCCU goal line that allowed the Eagles to hold on for the 21-14 win.

Last year, Cohen, now the MEAC's career rushing leader, ran for 112 yards but was kept out of the end zone. He was upstaged by a 167-yard rushing performance by NCCU freshman **Dorrell McClain**.

Broadway admitted that last year NCCU's offensive and defensive lines dominated play up front and the Aggies will have to play better on both sides to pull out a win.

This year NCCU's ground attack has been led by sophomore **Ramone Simpson** who has totalled 615 rushing yards and five TDs. Cohen leads the MEAC with 1,436 yards and 17 TDs.

NCCU senior quarterback **Malcolm Bell** is second in the league in passing yards (200.7 ypg.) and first in total offense at 242.0 yards per game. Bell has thrown for 2,007 yards and 15 touchdowns with 11 interceptions. He has rushed for 413 yards and seven scores.

Who will start at quarterback is somewhat up in the air for the Aggies. Sophomore starter **Lamar Raynard** did not play in Saturday's

### GAMES THIS WEEK

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

SE Missouri vs. Tenn. State in Cape Girardeau, MO	1p
Howard vs. Delaware State in Washington, DC	1p
SC State vs. Savannah State in Orangeburg, SC	1:30p
Texas Southern vs. Grambling State in Houston, TX	2p
NC Central vs. NC A&T in Durham, NC	2p
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. PrairieView A&M in P. Bluff, AR	2:30p
Southern vs. Miss Valley State in Baton Rouge, La.	6p
Alcorn State vs. Jackson State in Lorman, MS	2p

**CLASSICS**  
*Battle of the Bay*  
Hampton vs. Norfolk State in Hampton, VA 1p

**TV GAMES**  
*CBS Sports Network*  
Army vs. Morgan State in West Point, NY 12n  
*Florida Blue Florida Classic - ESPN Classic / ESPN3*  
Florida A&M vs. Bethune-Cookman in Orlando, FL 2p  
*SEC Network*  
Auburn vs. Alabama A&M in Auburn, AL TBA

**PLAYOFF GAMES**  
**SUPER REGION 1**  
LIU-Post vs. Winston-Salem State in Brookville, NY 2p  
**SUPER REGION II**  
Newberry vs. Tuskegee in Newberry, SC 1p

## SCORES

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
W-Salem State 43, Bowie State 33  
Virginia State 45, Tuskegee 35

**SIAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
Fort Valley St. 33, Kentucky St. 30, 2 OTs

**MEAC**  
Florida A&M 22, Morgan State 21  
Hampton 28, Savannah State 24  
NC A&T 45, Delaware State 14  
NC Central 30, Howard 21  
Norfolk State 13, SC State 10

**SWAC**

Alabama A&M 27, Jackson State 10  
Alcorn State 61, Miss. Valley State 7  
Grambling State 21, Alabama State 0  
Southern 44, Prairie View 34

Texas Southern 27, Arkansas-PB 10

**INDEPENDENTS**  
Edinboro 66, Cheyney 8  
Edward Waters 42, Va.-Lynchburg 6  
Langston 54, Wayland Baptist 10  
Point 22, Benedict 7

SW Baptist 50, Lincoln (MO) 12  
Tenn. Tech 44, Tennessee St. 16  
W. Va. State 37, West Liberty 30

### SIAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECAP

**Fort Valley State 33, Kentucky State 30, 2 OTs**

MONTGOMERY, AL – **Fort Valley State** (5-6) won their fourth straight game, getting revenge for a regular season loss to **Kentucky State**, downing the Thorobreds 33-30 in two overtimes to claim the SIAC championship played in Montgomery, Alabama. It's FVSU first SIAC championship since 1999.

**Chauncey Jackson** caught an 11-yard TD pass from QB **Otis Brown** that proved to be the game winner in the second OT. KSU placekicker **Bill Rose** had put KSU up 30-27 on a 32-yard field goal. Both Rose and FVSU placekicker **Juan Serna** had kicked thru field goals in the first extra period.



Fort Valley State Sports Photo

KSU (4-7) was up 21-7 midway thru the second quarter before FVSU's **Brian Walker** returned a kickoff 90 yards to pull the Wildcats within 21-14 at the half. FVSU pulled even at 21 on Brown's TD pass to **Bolden Davis** midway thru the third period. The teams traded field goals to end regulation tied at 27.

Brown finished 17 of 32 for 254 yards and two TDs to lead FVSU. KSU got 119 rushing yards from **Lavelle Cloyd** while QB **Jules St. Ge** (8 of 23) threw for 90 yards and one score.

**MVP:** Fort Valley State QB Otis Brown passed for 254 yards in the title game win.

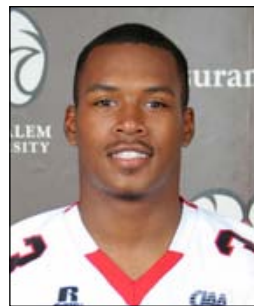
### CIAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECAP

**Winston-Salem State 43, Bowie State 33**

SALEM, VA – **Winston-Salem State** turned the tables on high-scoring **Bowie State** outscoring the Bulldogs 43-33 to take its second straight CIAA championship Saturday.

Unlike the defensive struggle in last year's 17-14 WSSU title-game win over BSU, this one had plenty of offensive fireworks.

WSSU scored on runs of 42 and 68 yards and scoring passes of 50, 39 and 36 yards from quarterback **Rod Tinsley** (11 of 25, 194 yards) to repeatedly answer BSU comeback attempts. The Rams also got an 87-yard kickoff return from **Canard Brown** in the second quarter just after BSU had tied the game at 14, the game's only tie.



WSSU Sports Photo

Running back **Kerrion Moore** led the Rams with 177 yards on 22 carries and scored the game-clinching TD on a fourth-quarter 68-yard run.

BSU (8-3) amassed a championship game record 610 yards of offense including 347 passing yards and three TDs from QB **Amir Hall**. But the Rams also picked off four of Hall's passes, three by freshman defensive back **Tyrell Flemmings** to thwart comeback attempts.

**MVP:** WSSU QB Rod Tinsley threw TD passes of 50, 39 and 36 yards.

**NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFFS**  
28-team field  
Seven from each of four Super Regions

**SUPER REGION I FIRST ROUND**  
(#7) **Winston-Salem State** (9-2) vs. (#2) LIU-Post (11-0) in Brookville, NY - 12n

**SUPER REGION II FIRST ROUND**  
(#7) **Tuskegee** (8-2) vs. (#2) Newberry (10-1) in Newberry, SC - 1p

# BCSP Notes

## CIAA names top football honorees

The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** (CIAA), with its Football Coaches Association and Sports Information Directors Association named quarterback **Amir Hall** of **Bowie State** as the offensive player of the year, defensive lineman **Bryant Frazier** of **Virginia State** defensive player of the year and **Will Johnson** of **Winston-Salem State** special teams player of the year.

Hall led the CIAA completions (161), attempts (259), was second in yards per game (305.1) completing 62.2% of his passes for 2,136 yards and 19 touchdowns this season.

Frazier had 10 sacks for 48 yards, 29 total tackles, including 22 solo tackles.

Johnson, scored 68 points for the Rams this season, on 11 of 20 (55%) field goal and 35-37 (95%) extra point attempts. He punted 43 times for 1,638 yards.

## SIAC names top football award winners

Junior running back **George Myers, Jr.** of **Benedict** was named the 2016 **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** (SIAC) football player of the year (MVP) as voted on by the league's head coaches and sports information directors.



**Hall Frazier Johnson Lacey Thompson**

Myers led the conference in all-purpose yards with 1,476 yards while rushing for 1,092 yards and scoring five touchdowns. He had two 200-yard rushing games this season.

**Tuskegee** senior quarterback **Kevin Lacey** passed for 1,277 yards and 11 touchdowns to win the offensive player of the year award. Teammate and linebacker **Osband Thompson** was tabbed defensive player of the year after posting 98 tackles, 10 for losses with 2.5 sacks.

**Kentucky State** quarterback **Jules St. Ge** earned the freshman of the year honor. St. Ge had 896 yards of total offense with six TDs. Senior quarterback **Johnathon McCrary** of **Clark Atlanta** was named the newcomer of the year. McCrary threw for 1,903 yards and a league-best 14 TDs while rushing for 456 yards and five scores.

First-year head coach **John L. Smith** of Kentucky State, whose Thorobreds won the SIAC West title, was selected Coach of the Year.



**St. Ge McCrary**

**BCSP TOP TEN**

- NORTH CAROLINA A&T** (9-1) - Ran past Delaware State, 45-10. **NEXT:** Season-ending showdown in Durham for MEAC title vs. No. 3 NC Central.
- GRAMBLING STATE** (7-1) - Shut out Alabama State, 21-0. **NEXT:** At Texas Southern.
- NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL** (8-2) - Got by Howard, 30-21. **NEXT:** Hosting No. 1 NC A&T for the MEAC title in season finale
- SOUTHERN** (7-2) - Outscored Prairie View, 44-34. **NEXT:** Hosting Mississippi Valley State.
- WINSTON-SALEM STATE** (9-2) - Beat Bowie State 43-33 to go back-to-back in CIAA title game. **NEXT:** First round Div. II playoff game at LIU-Post.
- PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** (6-4) - Fell to Southern, 44-34. **NEXT:** At Arkansas-Pine Bluff.
- TENNESSEE STATE** (6-4) - Knocked off by Tennessee Tech, 44-16. **NEXT:** At SE Missouri.
- BOWIE STATE** (8-3) - Fell to Winston-Salem State 43-33 in CIAA championship game. **NEXT:** Season over.
- VIRGINIA STATE** (9-2) - Knocked off Tuskegee, 35-25. **NEXT:** Season over.
- TUSKEGEE** (8-2) - Fell to Virginia State, 45-35. **NEXT:** Gets 7th seed in Div. II Super Region II. Plays at No. 2 Newberry.

2016 ALL-CIAA FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

TE - Victor Tabbs, Sr., ECSU  
OL - Jac'Que Polite, Sr., WSSU  
OL - Victor Tamba, R-Sr., BSU  
OL - Daris Johnson, R-Jr., BSU  
OL - Abraham Garcia, Sr., VUU  
OL - Justin Nestor, Sr., BSU  
WR - Nymne Manns, R-Sr., BSU  
WR - Lavataie Kelly, Jr., VUU  
QB - Amir Hall, So., BSU  
RB - Trenton Cannon, Jr., VUU  
RB - William Stanback, Sr., VUU  
KR - Lavataie Kelly, Jr., VUU  
PK - Will Johnson, Sr., WSSU

ALL-CIAA SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

TE - Jordan Garrison, R-Sr., BSU  
OL - Terry Johnson, Sr., VSU  
OL - Tim Samuels, So., WSSU  
OL - Brian Wells, Sr., ECSU  
OL - Jahmil Haley, Sr., VSU  
OL - Donald Boone, Fr., CHOW  
WR - Tyrone Carter, Sr., CHOW  
WR - Gedari Liverman, So., FSU  
QB - Randall Dixon, Sr., CHO  
RB - Stevie Green, R-Sr., FSU  
RB - Te'Vaughn Hurse, Jr., WSSU  
KR - Braxton Gambrell, Fr., JCSU  
PK - David Lamb, So., FSU

2016 ALL-SIAC FOOTBALL FIRST TEAM

QB - Kevin Lacey, Sr., Tuskegee  
TE - Leo Gilbert, Sr., Tuskegee  
WR - Otis Brown, Sr., FVSU  
WR - Trenton Earl, Sr., CAU  
RB - Marcus Holliday, Jr., LANE  
RB - George Myers, Jr., BEN  
RB - Javoris Wilburn, R-Sr., ASU  
OL - Tedrick Cofield, Jr., ASU  
OL - Leeward Brown, Jr., TU  
OL - Kelvin Shelton, Sr., TU  
OL - Tyshon Henderson, R-Jr., CAU

2016 ALL-SIAC FOOTBALL SECOND TEAM

QB - Johnathon McCrary, R-Jr., CAU  
TE - Lake McGuffie, Sr., MHC  
WR - Desmond Reece, Sr., TU  
WR - Okechi Niasagwe, Jr., BEN  
RB - De'Michael Jackson, Sr., CSU  
RB - Reginald Harris, Sr., KSU  
OL - Javoris Cornish, Sr., FVSU  
OL - Justin Brown, So., BEN  
OL - Howard Bush, Jr., LANE  
OL - Marc Campbell, Jr., So., KSU  
OL - Darius Thomas, Fr., CSU

DEFENSE

DL - Bryant Frazier, Sr., VSU  
DL - Jarrell Bright, So., WSSU  
DL - Dominique Hannibal, Sr., SHA  
DL - Miles Pace, Sr., VUU  
LB - Geo Feggins, Sr., VSU  
LB - Kevaughn Townsend, Gr., BSU  
LB - Brandon Lynch, Jr., VSU  
DB - Carlo Thomas, Jr., JCSU  
DB - Eric Henderson, Sr., FSU  
DB - Rahman Kamara, R-Jr., BSU  
DB - Malcolm Cherry, Sr., ECSU  
PR - Lavataie Kelly, Sr., VUU  
P - Will Johnson, Sr., WSSU

DEFENSE

DL - Sean Copeland, Jr., BSU  
DL - Nate Wyche, Jr., CHOW  
DL - Amyl Smith, Jr., WSSU  
DL - Tyler Bemby, So., CHOW  
LB - Keelan Jones, R-Sr., SHAW  
LB - Demetrius Newberry, Sr., CHOW  
LB - Devon Hunt, Fr., SHAW  
DB - Brian Walker, Sr., FSU  
DB - Rodeshawn Joseph, Sr., VUU  
DB - Deion Miller, So., LIN  
DB - Vicente' Stafford, Sr., CHOW  
PR - Bruce Parker, Jr., Sr., SHAW  
P - Matias Lambrecht, Sr., JCSU

DEFENSE

DL - Whitney Richardson, Jr., LAN.  
DL - Julian Morgan, Sr., TU  
DL - Grover Stewart, Sr., ASU.  
DL - Monte Taylor, Sr., ASU.  
LB - David Smith, Jr., MHC  
LB - Deonate Gary, Sr., CSU  
LB - Osband Thompson, Jr., TU  
DB - Brian Walker, Sr., FVSU  
DB - Jonah McCutcheon, Jr., TU  
DB - Brian Walker, Sr., MILES  
DB - Edward Kirkland, Jr., BEN  
PK - Nick Christiansen, Jr., MILES  
P - Juan Serna, Jr., FVSU.  
KR - Ricci Nuckles, Fr., MHC  
PR - Cedric Poole, Sr., MILES

DEFENSE

DL - Ashton McKenzie, Sr., MILES  
DL - Charles Williams, Jr., BEN  
DL - Rodriguez Jones, Jr., KSU  
DL - Sam Goode, Sr., FVSU  
LB - Travon Spencer, Sr., KSU  
LB - Jacob Mitchell, Sr., CAU  
LB - Javonte Kelly, Sr., LANE  
DB - Clim Robbins, Sr., CSU  
DB - Anthony Blackmon, Jr., LANE.  
DB - Caleb Duncan, Sr., MILES  
DB - Vincent Edwards, Jr., Sr., KSU  
PK - Bill Rose, R-Sr., KSU  
P - Nick Christiansen, Jr., MILES  
KR - Deandre Jackson, Sr., CAU  
PR - Jamion Dunning, Sr. LANE