

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



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## LET THE PLAYOFFS BEGIN

**NC A&T WINS MEAC, ALCORN WINS SWAC EAST; VIRGINIA STATE, BOWIE STATE IN D2 PLAYOFFS**

**REGGIE BARLOW:** Leads undefeated Virginia State into first round of NCAA Div. II playoff game vs. West Georgia.

## 2017 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION				
FINAL	DIV	CONF	ALL	
NORTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Virginia State	5	0	7	0
Bowie State	4	1	6	1
Virginia Union	3	2	5	2
Chowan	2	3	4	3
Elizabeth City State	1	4	2	5
Lincoln	0	5	0	7
SOUTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Fayetteville State	5	0	5	2
Saint Augustine's	4	1	5	2
Winston-Salem State	3	2	4	3
Shaw	1	4	2	5
Johnson C. Smith	2	3	2	5
Livingstone	0	5	0	7

**CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
**VSU - Trenton Cannon, Sr., RB, VA. STATE**  
**FSU - Stevie Green, So., RB, FAYV. STATE**

**CIAA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR OFFENSE**  
**Trenton Cannon, Sr., RB, VIRGINIA STATE** - Led CIAA with 1,531 rushing yards (153.1 ypg.) and 17 rushing TDs. Also led the league in KO returns averaging 34.1 yards per return with another 2 TDs.  
**DEFENSE**  
**Sterling Hammond, Sr., DB, VIRGINIA UNION** - Led CIAA in interceptions with 5, had 70 tackles, 46 solos.  
**COACH**  
**Reggie Barlow, VIRGINIA STATE** - Led Trojans to perfect 9-0 regular season record and North Division title.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
FINAL	CONF	ALL		
NC A&T State	7	0	10	0
Howard	6	1	7	3
Bethune-Cookman	5	2	6	4
North Carolina Central	5	2	7	3
Hampton	4	3	5	5
Norfolk State	3	4	3	7
SC State	2	5	3	6
Florida A&M	2	5	3	7
Savannah State	2	5	2	8
Delaware State	2	6	2	8
Morgan State	1	6	1	9

**MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE**  
**Anthony Philyay, Sr., RB, HOWARD** - 20 carries, 193 yards, TD runs of 7 and 3 yards in win over Norfolk State.  
**DEFENSE & ROOKIE**  
**Bryan Cook, Fr., DB, HOWARD** - Three tackles and two picks, one late in the game as Bison downed Norfolk State.  
**SPECIALIST**  
**Javuanie Fancis, Jr., P, B-CU** - Averaged 44.9 yards on 9 punts, long of 58 yards, 1 inside 20 vs. NCCU.  
**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN**  
**Brandon Parker, Sr., OT, NC A&T**

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
FINAL	CONF	ALL		
EAST DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Fort Valley State	5	2	5	5
Benedict	5	1	7	2
Albany State	4	2	6	4
Clark Atlanta	2	4	4	6
Morehouse	2	4	4	6
WEST DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Tuskegee	7	0	9	2
Miles	4	2	6	4
Kentucky State	2	4	3	7
Central State	0	6	1	9
Lane	1	5	2	8

**SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OFFENSE**  
**Hoderick Lowe, Sr., RB, TUSKEGEE**  
**DEFENSE**  
**Osband Thompson, Sr., LB, TUSKEGEE**

**SIAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR OFFENSE** - Justin Hardy, RB, Miles  
**DEFENSE** - Osband Thompson, LB, Tuskegee  
**FRESHMAN** - MarQuel Shelton, DL, Miles  
**NEWCOMER** - Slade Jarman, QB, FVSU  
**COACH** - Kevin Porter, FVSU

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
FINAL	CONF	ALL		
EAST DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Alcorn State	5	1	7	3
Alabama State	3	3	3	6
Alabama A&M	3	4	3	7
Jackson State	2	4	2	8
Miss. Valley State	1	5	2	8
WEST DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Grambling State	6	0	9	1
Southern	5	1	7	3
Prairie View A&M	3	3	4	5
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1	5	2	8
Texas Southern	1	5	1	8

**BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE**  
**Norlando Veals, Sr., WR, ALCORN STATE** - Hauled in 9 receptions for 253 yards and 3 TDs (16, 62, 66) in win over Mississippi Valley State.  
**DEFENSE**  
**Vernon Moland, R-Jr., DL, ALABAMA A&M** - 7 tackles, 5 solos, 4 sacks for -20 yards, 5 tackles for -25 yards, 1 forced fumble vs. JSU.  
**SPECIALIST**  
**Trevor Vincent, Sr., P/PK, ALABAMA STATE** - Averaged 43.5 yards on punts including 75-yarder, 3 downed inside the 20 vs. Grambling.  
**NEWCOMER**  
**Neiko Hollins, R-Fr., QB, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** - 25 of 43 for 410 yards and four TDs in win over UAPB.

INDEPENDENTS				
	W	L		
Langston	10	0		
Tennessee State	6	4		
W. Va. State	6	5		
Lincoln (Mo.)	1	9		
Texas College	1	9		
Edward Waters	1	9		
Cheyney	1	10		

**BCSP INDY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK OFFENSE & NEWCOMER**  
**Michael Hughes, QB, TENNESSEE STATE** - Completed 9 of 14 passes for 196 yards and two TDs (28, 9) in win over Tenn Tech.  
**DEFENSE**  
**Justin North, LB, TENNESSEE STATE** - 6 tackles, 3 solos, 2 tackles for loss, 1 forced fumble and 1 sack vs. Tenn. Tech.  
**SPECIAL TEAMS**  
**Lane Clark, PK, TENNESSEE STATE** - Was good on field goals of 37, 45 and 44 yards and kicked 2 PATs in win over Tenn. Tech.

## SCORES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11	SWAC
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES</b>	Alcorn State 59, Miss Valley State 0
<b>CIAA</b>	Grambling State 24, Alabama State 7
Virginia State 42, Fayetteville State 19	Jackson State 10, Alabama A&M 7
<b>SIAC</b>	Prairie View A&M 35, Ark.-Pine Bluff 12
Tuskegee 13, Fort Valley State 6	Southern 33, Texas Southern 7
<b>MEAC</b>	<b>INDEPENDENTS</b>
Bethune-Cookman 13, NC Central 10	Edinboro 63, Cheyney 0
Delaware State 33, Morgan State 30	Falkner 49, Edward Waters 3
Howard 28, Norfolk State 24	Langston 38, Wayland Baptist 19
NC A&T 36, Savannah State 17	Lyon College 41, Texas College 3
SC State 33, Hampton 15	SWBaptist 52, Lincoln (MO) 7
	W. Va. State 45, W. Va. Wesleyan 28
	Tenn. State 26, SE Missouri 23

## CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECAPS CIAA

### Virginia State 42, Fayetteville State 19

Undefeated North Division champ **Virginia State** scored on its first three possessions and were never headed in downing South champ **Fayetteville State** 42-19 in the **CIAA** Championship Game before a crowd of 3,766 in Salem, Va. Saturday.

VSU star running back **Trenton Cannon**, named earlier in the week as the league's offensive player of the year, opened the scoring on a 10-yard run and broke loose in the second half for 73- and 79-yard scoring jaunts as the Trojans (10-0) pulled away to the win.



Cannon

Cannon finished with 186 rushing yards on 16 carries, 88 yards on three kickoff returns and 37 receiving yards to total 311 all-purpose yards while winning the game's MVP award.

Trailing 21-0 at the break, FSU made a game of it in the second half getting two third-quarter touchdowns to pull within 21-7 and 28-13. But Cannon's 73-yarder late in the third quarter was followed by his back-breaking 79-yarder early in the final period that all but put the game away. FSU scored on the final play of the game for the final margin.

In addition to Cannon, VSU QB **Corderal Cook** (13-23-0) threw for 169 yards and one score and ran for 59 yards including a 26-yard third-quarter score. Senior LB **Branton Lynch** led the VSU defense with 12 tackles including 1.5 sacks. FSU running back **Stevie Green** totalled 144 rushing yards on 22 carries and scored on a 15-yard third quarter run to earn his team's MVP award. FSU freshman quarterback **Richard Latimer** (9-18-0, 154 yards) hit WR **Curtis Burston** (5 catches, 89 yards) with a 37-yard to open third quarter scoring and a 22-yarder on the game's final play.

The title is the 12th for VSU in CIAA history and the first for second-year head coach **Reggie Barlow**.

On Sunday the Trojans were seeded second in the NCAA Div. II Super Region II and will host 7th-seed West Georgia (8-3) in a first round game Saturday.

## SIAC

### Tuskegee 13, Fort Valley State 6

**Tuskegee** running back **Hoderick Lowe** scored on 6- and 5- yard touchdown runs and the Golden Tigers defense held **Fort Valley State** to just two **Juan Serna** field goals in pulling out a 13-6 win over Wildcats in the **SIAC** Championship Game in Fort Valley, Ga.

The grind-it-out affair saw neither TU quarterback **Jamarcus Ezell** (4-12-1, 55 passing yards) or FVSU QB **Slade Jarman** (6-16-0, 38 yards) pass for 100 yards or throw for a touchdown. Lowe scored his first TD on Tuskegee's second possession completing a 9-play, 46-yard drive with his 6-yard score with 5:26 left in the first period. The drive was kept alive by a FVSU face mask penalty after the Wildcats appeared to have it stopped on a third down play.

FVSU (5-5) got its only points of the first half following an interception of Ezell by **Cameron Young** early in the second quarter that carried into Tuskegee territory. The ensuing 9-play, 20-yard drive carried down to the Tuskegee 16 before Serna put thru a 33-yard kick to bring the 'Cats within 7-3 2:33 before the half.

FVSU got the ball back two plays after the kickoff when TU RB **Justice Owens'** fumble was recovered by **Aaron Dore** at the TU 49. But Serna's 41-yard field goal attempt at the halftime buzzer was no good.

The teams exchanged punts in a scoreless third quarter. On TU's first fourth-quarter possession, Lowe totalled 68 yards in an 8-play, 81-yard drive that he capped with his 5-yard TD run. The PAT was missed leaving the Tigers up 13-3. FVSU drove for a 36-yard field goal by Serna with just over 4 minutes to play but had just one more possession that didn't get beyond its own territory.

Lowe finished with 124 rushing yards on 25 carries with the two scores. **Jamari Clark** led the FVSU rushing attack with 20 carries for 80 yards. Linebacker **Osband Thompson** had 14 tackles to lead the TU defensive effort.

The Golden Tigers (9-2) were denied a Div. II playoff berth when the 28-team field was announced Sunday.

## THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

## HBCU FOOTBALL TEAMS IN NATIONAL POLLS

through games of November 11, 2017

### FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION (FCS) COACHES POLL

Tied 7th - North Carolina A&T (10-0) - Last week 7th

11th - Grambling State (9-1) - Last week 11th

### STATS POLL

8th - North Carolina A&T (10-0) - 9th last week

13th - Grambling State (9-1) - Same

**NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFFS**  
 28-team field  
 Seven from each of four Super Regions  
 Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017

**SUPER REGION II FIRST ROUND**

(#2) **Virginia State** (10-0) vs. (#7) West Georgia (8-3) in Ettrick, VA - 1 p.m.

(#4) **Bowie State** (9-1) vs. (#5) Delta State (8-3) in Bowie, MD - 1 p.m.

#3 Wingate (9-1) vs. #6 West Florida (7-3) in Wingate, N. C. - 1 p.m.

**ALL-CIAA FOOTBALL HONORS - FIRST TEAM OFFENSE**  
**TE** - Drew Buck, Sr., CHO; **OL** - Tyreek Bailey, Sr., FSU; Victor Tamba, R-Sr., BSU; Frank Ball, R-So., VSU; Shamdu Nalls, Jr., VUU; Bryan Redmond, r-Sr., BSU **WR** - Brandon Britton, r-Sr., BSU; Sam Boyd, Sr., SAU **QB** - Amir Hall, Jr., BSU **RB** - Trenton Cannon, Sr., VSU; Robert Cheson, r-Sr., BSU **KR** - Trenton Cannon, Sr., VSU; **PK** - Gene Carson, Jr., BSU

**DEFENSE**  
**DL** - Jarell Bright, Jr., WSSU; Derrick Tate, Jr., BSU; Sean Copeland, Sr., BSU; Chaz Cosby, Sr., SAU **LB** - James Hickman, Sr., SAU; Devon Hunt, So., SHAW; Karl Calhoun, Sr., VUU **DB** - Carlo Thomas, Sr., JCSU; Sterling Hammond, So., VUU; Jaleel Scroggins, Fr., SHAW; Rahman Kamara, r-Sr., BSU **PR** - William Flowers, So., BSU **P** - Matthew Trau, Sr., FSU

**ALL-CIAA SECOND TEAM - OFFENSE**  
**TE** - Carlton Campbell, Sr., VSU; **OL** - Greg Brooks, Fr., FSU; Dontae Jordan, r-Sr., BSU; Daris Johnson, r-Sr., BSU; Don Adams-Baggott, Sr., WSSU; Donald Boone, So., CHOW **WR** - Landan Sesay, Jr., BSU; Tony Baker, Jr., CHOW **QB** - Corderal Cook, r-So., VSU; **RB** - Stevie Green, So., FSU; Kerion Moore, r-Jr., WSSU; **KR** - Brandon Smith, Fr., FSU; **PK** - David Lamb, Jr., FSU;

**DEFENSE**  
**DL** - Jalen Couzar, Jr., FSU; Keith Alston, Jr., SHAW; Tyler Bembry, Jr., CHOW; Nate Wyche, r-Sr., CHOW; **LB** - Vincent Thomas, Jr., ECSU; Brandon Lynch, Sr., VSU; Anthony Harris, r-So., FSU; **DB** - Johnny Littlejohn, Sr., BSU; Randy Allen, Sr., CHOW; Will Adams, r-Fr., VSU; Jaelin Beugre, So., FSU **PR** - Canard Brown, Sr., WSSU; **P** - Lawrence Forbes, r-Sr., BSU

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**Trenton Cannon, Sr., RB, Virginia State**  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**Sterling Hammond, Sr., DB, Virginia Union**  
**SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**Gene Carson, PK, Bowie State**

**ALL-SIAC FIRST TEAM OFFENSE**  
**QB** - Johnathon McCrary, Sr., CAU; **TE** - Rodney Morris, CAU; **WR** - Deandre Jackson, CAU; Okechi Ntiagagwe, BEN; **RB** - Justin Hardy, MILES; Brett Sylve, KSU; **OL** - Jamie Glenn, ALB; Derrick Tucker, MILES; Justin Brown, BEN; Darrius Hicks, FVSU; Leward Brown, TUSK; **DEFENSE**  
**DL** - Kaelan Bonds, MILES; Marquel Shelton, MILES; Rodriguez Jones, KSU; Zavoronic Shingleton, ALB; **LB** - David Smith, MHOUSE; Osband Thompson, TUSK; Anthony Hardy, MILES; **DB** - Jonah McCutcheon, TUSK; Cameron Young, FVSU; Charles Dudley, LANE; Jawaski Randle, MILES; **PK & P** - Nick Christiansen, MILES; **KR** - Brett Sylve, KSU; **PR** - Lorenzo Smothers, FVSU

**SECOND TEAM OFFENSE**  
**QB** - Slade Jarman, FVSU; **TE** - Ryan Edwards, MHOUSE; **WR** - Amyr Smith, MHOUSE; Johnathan Sanders, CAU; **RB** - Hoderick Lowe, TUSK; McKinley Habersharn, ALB; **OL** - Marcus Campbell, KSU; Roger Womack, MILES; Craig Hinson, BEN; Max Williams, CAU; Tiedrick Cofer, ALB

**DEFENSE**  
**DL** - Demetrius Harris, FVSU; Antonio Johnson, MHOUSE; Bundrae Conway, MHOUSE; Walter Tucker, FVSU; **LB** - Kallen Abrams, CSU; Marquez Thomas, ALB; Austin Stephens, MILES; **DB** - Nicco Whigham, FVSU; Jaylin Boyd, ALB; Edward Kirkland, BEN; Quantavious Singleary, CAU; **PK** - Juan Serna, FVSU; **P** - Tony Mimbs, BEN; **KR** - Deandre Jackson, CAU; **PR** - Brett Sylve, KSU

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**Justin Hardy, RB, Miles**

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**  
**Osband Thompson, LB, Tuskegee**

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:**  
**MarQuel Shelton, DL, Miles**  
**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR:**  
**Slade Jarman, QB, FVSU**  
**COACH OF THE YEAR:**  
**Kevin Porter, FVSU**

# A&T, Alcorn punch postseason tickets

*North Carolina A&T Celebration Bowl bound; Alcorn State in fourth straight SWAC Championship Game*

## LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor

After last weekend's results, you can add **North Carolina A&T** and **Alcorn State** to the list of teams advancing to postseason play.

### NORTH CAROLINA A&T

The undefeated BCSP No. 1 Aggies defeated **Savannah State** 36-17 Saturday to move to 10-0 overall and 7-0 in the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference**. The win not only earned head coach **Rod Broadway** and A&T no less than a share of the MEAC regular season title but also clinched a berth in *Celebration Bowl III* against the **SWAC** champion on Dec. 16 in Atlanta.

A&T's win coupled with **North Carolina Central's** last-second 13-10 loss to **Bethune-Cookman** and **Howard's** 28-24 win over **Norfolk State** means only BCSP No. 5 Howard has a shot at tying the Aggies for the MEAC crown. For that to happen, Howard (7-3, 6-1 MEAC) would have to win Saturday (1 p.m.) in its regular season finale at **Hampton** (5-5, 4-3) while A&T loses its season-ending rivalry game (1 p.m.) vs. NCCU (7-3, 5-2). A win by the Aggies gives them the outright MEAC crown.

This will be the fourth straight season A&T enters the season-ending game with NC Central with a chance to take the outright title. The Aggie have come up short three straight times.

In 2014, first-year NCCU head coach **Jerry Mack** led the Eagles to a 21-14 upset win in Durham over the Aggies that combined with several other results from that day to create a five-way tie for the MEAC title between A&T, NCCU, **Bethune-Cookman**, **South Carolina State** and **Morgan State**.

In 2015, the first year of the *Celebration Bowl*, Mack's troops downed A&T 21-16 on the road in Greensboro resulting in a three-way tie for first place between A&T, NCCU and B-CU. Despite the loss, A&T got the inaugural berth in the Celebration Bowl based on conference tie-breaking procedures. A&T went on to win that first Celebration Bowl 41-34 over **SWAC** champion **Alcorn State**.

Last season, both teams came into the showdown in Durham undefeated (7-0) in conference play. NCCU downed the Aggies 42-21 to claim its first outright MEAC title and Celebration Bowl berth. The Eagles fell to **SWAC** champion **Grambling State** 10-9 in Celebration Bowl II.

So despite the fact that NCCU has no shot at a title this season, the Aggie-Eagle match up is still fraught with suspense.

Win and head coach **Rod Broadway** and the Aggies not only win their first outright title in his seven years leading the program but they get the proverbial monkey off their backs by beating their arch-rivals for the first time in four years. Lose, and well, it won't be pretty.

Even a loss by A&T and win by Howard would not knock the Aggies out of the coveted bowl game in Atlanta. The Aggies (over Charlotte) and Bison (over UNLV) both have wins over FBS opponents but A&T has an out-of-conference FCS win (over Gardner-Webb) while Howard does not have a non-conference FCS victory.

The MEAC tie-breaking procedure gives 4 points for an FBS win and 2 points for an out-of-conference FCS win. That formula gives A&T a 6-4 advantage over Howard. Howard and A&T did not meet in head-to-head competition this season, the first determinant in breaking a tie.

There's also plenty at stake in the Howard vs. Hampton match up.

Howard, picked in the preseason to finish eighth, can tie for the conference crown or finish alone in second place with a win in head coach **Mike London's** first season. The Bison's turnaround makes London a legitimate coach of the year candidate and freshman quarterback **Caylin Newton**, who has led the resurgence, a shoo-in for league freshman of the year honors and a legit player of the year candidate.

Hampton and head coach **Connell Maynor** are vying for their second 6-5 overall record in the past three seasons.

The **Bethune-Cookman** (6-4, 5-2) vs. **Florida A&M** (3-7, 2-5) season-ending show-

## GAMES THIS WEEK

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**SWAC**  
 Prairie View A&M vs. Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX 6p

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

MEAC		
Florida State vs. Delaware State in Tallahassee, FL		12n
Hampton vs. Howard in Hampton, VA		1p
Morgan State vs. Norfolk State in Baltimore, MD		1p
NC A&T vs. NC Central in Greensboro, NC		1p
Savannah State vs. S. Carolina State in Savannah, GA		1p
37th Florida Blue Florida Classic - TV- ESPN Classic		
Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M in Orlando, FL		2p