

40 games in Week 2 after a stirring Week 1



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RISE AND SHINE

BCSP NFL REPORT SEES HBCU NUMBERS RISE; 40 GAMES ON TAP IN WEEK 2; NFL SEASON TO BEGIN

NFL SENDOFF: The NC A&T Blue and Gold Marching Machine to perform Sunday at Ford Field in Detroit as the Lions open vs. Philadelphia.

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The big winners in Week One of the 2022 black college football season were few and far between.

They included SWAC favorite and defending conference champion **Jackson State**, who apparently took head coach **Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders'** message to 'dominate' to heart as they totally demolished **Florida A&M**, 59-3 at the *Orange Blossom Classic* in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Many considered FAMU the second-best HBCU team to JSU entering the season. If so, Sunday's decision shows a wide gap between JSU and the rest of the field.

North Carolina Central of the MEAC got its first win over rival **North Carolina A&T** in six years, 28-13 at the *Duke's Mayo Classic* in Charlotte, N.C.'s Panther Stadium, home of the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

Three-time defending CIAA champion **Bowie State** had a late 27-20 comeback win over **New Haven** to deliver new interim head coach **Kyle Jackson** his first win. BSU was ranked eighth in the AFCA Div. II poll while New Haven was 16th.

Defending SIAC champion **Albany State** started its season on the right foot with a 28-14 win over Mississippi College.

Others were not so fortunate, particularly the HBCU FCS teams playing FBS opponents. Miami thrashed **Bethune-Cookman** 70-13, UAB shut out **Alabama A&M** 59-0, and **Marshall** had its way with **Norfolk State** 55-3.

On the flip side, two HBCU FCS squads had their way with NAIA teams. **Southern** defeated **Florida Memorial** 86-0 in head coach **Eric Dooley's** debut and **Virginia Union** blanked **Virginia-Lynchburg** 77-0.

FCS vs. FBS match-ups

The FCS vs. FBS match-ups continue Saturday as **Alabama State** and new head coach **Eddie Robinson Jr.** take their 2-0 record out to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California Saturday (2 p.m. PT, *PAC-12 Network*) to take on UCLA.



Tennessee State Sports photo



Jackson State Sports photo

CAN EDDIE TACKLE DEION?: Eddie George's (l.) Tennessee State squad will try to slow down and knock off Deion Sanders' (r.) Jackson State team at Saturday's Southern Heritage Classic in Memphis. JSU is coming off a 59-3 thrashing for FAMU, TSU lost a close one to E. Washington.

It is Alabama State's first game in California and the first time UCLA has played an HBCU in football. Southern travels 11 miles in Baton Rouge, La to face LSU Saturday (6:30 p.m. CT, *SEC Network*) and **Howard** (0-2) plays at South Florida (7 p.m. ET, *ESPN+*).

Games to watch this week

Eddie George's Tigers of **Tennessee State** will see if they can slow down Jackson State and quarterback **Shedeur Sanders** who carved up FAMU (29 of 33) for 323 passing yards and five TDs. They meet in Memphis Saturday (6 p.m. CT) at the *Southern Heritage Classic*.

It will also be interesting to see how FAMU and head coach **Willie Simmons** respond after the beating it took from Jackson State when the Rattlers entertain Albany State and head coach **Gabe Gardina** Saturday in Tallahassee (6 p.m. ET). Albany State is up from 18th to 16th in the AFCA Div. II poll. It is the first game of the season to be shown on *HBCUGo TV*.

Bowie State, ninth in the D2 poll, travels to Saginaw Valley State for a 1 p.m. contest Saturday. SVSU was impressive in a 72-0 shellacking of West Virginia Wesleyan to open the season Saturday.

West Georgia is tenth in the D2 poll and plays at **Morehouse** Saturday (6 p.m. ET). Valdosta State, third in the D2 poll, is at

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10		
Lane vs. Benedict in Jackson, TN		
Central State vs. Lincoln (PA) in Lincoln (PA)		1 pm ET
Chowan vs. Tusculum in Murfreesboro, NC		1 pm ET
Frostburg State vs. West Virginia State in Frostburg, MD		1 pm ET
Saginaw Valley State vs. Bowie State in University Center, MI		1 pm ET
Saint Augustine's vs. Limestone in Raleigh, NC		1 pm ET
North Dakota State vs. NC A&T in Fargo, ND		1:30pm CT
Lincoln (MO) vs. NW Missouri State in Jefferson City, MO		2 pm CT
Clark Atlanta vs. Erskine in Atlanta, GA		4 pm ET
James Madison vs. Norfolk State in Harrisonburg, VA		4 pm ET
Valdosta State vs. Virginia Union in Valdosta, GA		5 pm ET
Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. North American in Pine Bluff, AR		6 pm CT
Grambling State vs. Northwestern State in Shreveport, LA		6 pm CT
Miles vs. West Alabama in Fairfield, AL		6 pm CT
Allen vs. Johnson C. Smith in Blythewood, SC		6 pm ET
Delaware vs. Delaware State in Newark, DE		6 pm ET
Morehouse vs. West Georgia in Atlanta, GA		6 pm ET
Virginia State vs. Bluefield State in Ettrick, VA		6 pm ET
Wayne State vs. Shaw in Detroit, MI		6 pm ET
Abilene Christian vs. Prairie View A&M in Abilene, TX		7 pm CT
Texas College vs. Langston in Tyler, TX		7 pm CT
Fayetteville State vs. Wingate in Fayetteville, NC		7 pm ET
Southeastern vs. Florida Memorial in Lakeland, FL		7 pm ET

CLASSICS		
<i>Down East Viking Classic</i>		
Elizabeth City State vs. Livingstone in Rocky Mount, NC		4 pm ET
<i>Southern Heritage Classic</i>		
Jackson State vs. Tennessee State in Memphis, TN		6 pm CT
TV / STREAMING GAMES		
Presbyterian vs. VA-Lynchburg in Clinton, SC - ESPN+		1 pm ET
UCLA vs. Alabama State in Pasadena, CA - PAC-12 Network		2 pm PT
Austin Peay vs. Miss Valley State in Clarksville, TN - ESPN+		3 pm CT
Bethune-Cookman vs. SC State in Daytona Beach, FL - ESPN+		4 pm ET
Troy vs. Alabama A&M in Troy, AL - ESPN3		6 pm CT
Tulane vs. Alcorn State in New Orleans, LA - ESPN+		6 pm CT
Edward Waters vs. Savannah State in Jacksonville, FL - ESPN+		6 pm ET
Florida A&M vs. Albany State in Tallahassee, FL - HBCUGO		6 pm ET
Hampton vs. Tuskegee in Hampton, VA - FloSports		6 pm ET
NC Central vs. W-Salem State in Durham, NC - ESPN+		6 pm ET
Towson vs. Morgan State in Towson, MD - MPT		6 pm ET
LSU vs. Southern in Baton Rouge, LA - SEC Network		6:30 pm CT
North Texas vs. Texas Southern in Denton, TX - ESPN3		6:30 pm CT
South Florida vs. Howard in Tampa, FL - ESPN+		7 pm ET
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11		
<i>Chattanooga Scenic City HBCU Football Classic</i>		
Fort Valley State vs. Kentucky State in Chattanooga, TN		3 pm CT

SCORES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	
Barton 17, Chowan 3	
Bluefield State 35, J. C. Smith 34, OT	
Central Florida 56, SC State 10	
Tarleton State 29, Miss. Valley State 18	
Tusculum 70, Saint Augustine's 13	
UAB 59, Alabama A&M 0	
Virginia Union 77, VA-Lynchburg 0	
Washburn 45, Lincoln (MO) 3	

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10	
Alabama State 21, Miles 13	
Albany State 28, Miss. College 14	
Arkansas-Pine Bluff 48, Lane 42	
Arkansas State 58, Grambling State 3	
Benedict 52, Elizabeth City State 14	
Bowie State 27, New Haven 20	
Catawba 44, Livingstone 19	
Clark Atlanta 39, Edward Waters 34	
Delaware State 34, Lincoln (PA) 0	
Delta State 39, Kentucky State 10	
E. Washington 36, Tennessee State 29	

Fayetteville State 15, UNC Pembroke 13
Ga. Southern 59, Morgan State 7
Hampton 31, Howard 28
Lenoir-Rhyne 38, Virginia State 19
Langston 48, Panhandle State 13
Marshall 55, Norfolk State 3
Miami 70, Bethune-Cookman 13
Newberry 40, Allen 6
NC Central 28, NC A&T 13
Prairie View A&M 40, Texas Southern 23
Southeastern 34, Savannah State 14
Southern 86, Florida Memorial 0
S. F. Austin 31, Alcorn State 27
West Alabama 24, Morehouse 16
W. Virginia State 29, Shippensburg 6
Wingate 21, Shaw
Ark. Baptist 31, Texas College 12

TOP PERFORMANCES

PASSING			
	ATT-COMP-INT	Yds	TDs (YDS)
Tyrell Jackson, JCSU	30-41-1	371	2 (27, 8)
Quinton Williams, HOW	21-31-1	339	4 (3, 25, 16, 2)
Michael Huntley, LANE	15-21-0	328	3 (70, 30, 49)
Shedeur Sanders, JSU	29-33-0	323	5 (8, 8, 29, 10, 2)
Jahkari Grant, VAUN	15-20-0	301	4 (17, 27, 36, 62)
Brandon Kyles, CENST	26-41-3	277	3 (7, 13, 21)
Zach Yeager, NCA&T	23-48-1	275	1 (55)
Silas Cruse, LIV	22-41-3	274	3 (51, 4, 19)
Dion Golatt Jr., BOWST	17-30-0	266	3 (18, 68, 9)
Ellis Draylen, TNST	17-27-1	257	2 (67, 57)

RUSHING			
	CAR	YDS	TDs (YDS)
Emanuel Wilson, FVSU	20	265	2 (3, 87)
Kayvon Britten, ARK-PB	31	237	3 (3, 12, 6)
Devon Starling, TNST	25	207	1 (43)
Jarveon Howard, ALC	21	199	1 (73)
Markell Scott, LANG	17	155	2 (11, 42)
Tajh Davidson, LANG	18	115	2 (8, 5)
Marcus Fulks, ALBST	16	115	1 (6)
Alonzo Graham, MORG	14	106	0
Asa Barnes, WSSU	19	107	0
Kendon Walker, KSU	16	101	1 (49)

RECEIVING			
	REC	YDS	TDs
Ah'Shaan Belcher, SHAW	6	143	1 (58)
Zack Dobson, TNST	5	132	1 (67)
Antoine Murray, HOW	3	125	0
Brevin Caldwell, JCSU	11	119	2 (27, 8)
Nah'Shawn Hezekiah, HOW	6	113	1 (16)
O'Joshua Bunton, LANE	5	110	1 (49)
Barry Hill, WVST	4	109	1 (44)
Jacquez Jones, LANE	4	106	1 (70)
Keshane Hinkley, BOWST	7	106	1 (18)
Reginald Harden, BEN	2	106	1 (68)
Twon Hines, CENST	7	104	1 (7)
John Jiles, VAUN	5	100	2 (17, 35)

TACKLES	
14 Jeremiah Brown, LANE; Lewis Matthews, GRAM; Qwahsin Townsel, HAMP;	
13 Jacob Roberts, NCA&T; Daylon Land, MHS;	
12 Andrew Farmer, LANE; RJ Coles, NORF; Jalil Lenore, CENST;	
11 Nijul Canada, LANE; Monroe Beard III, ARK-PB; Stephan Pierre, ALBST	

SACKS	
3.0 Al Joyce, WVST;	
2.0 A. Bundidge, MILES; Tahj Brown, SOU; Tim Alderman, FVSU;	
1.5 Trevor James, ALC; Kendarius Clark, Anas Luqman, ARK-PB; Armonii Burden, Devin Sanders, VAUN; Cameron Merrell, FAYVST; Corwyn Hurt, CENST;	

INTERCEPTIONS	
2 Elijah Wilson, SHAW; Justin Fleming, WSSU; Reginald Jones, ALLEN;	
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UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NC A&T BAND TO PLAY IN DETROIT:

The NFL's Detroit Lions football program is largely run by an NC A&T alumnus. Now NC A&T's band — the Blue and Gold Marching Machine — is heading to the Motor City to put on a show for its fans as the Lions open the regular season.

The Blue and Gold Marching Machine is set to perform at halftime of the Detroit Lions season opener Sunday against the Philadelphia Eagles. The game will take place at Ford Field on Sept. 11.

Lions general manager and NC A&T alumnus **Brad Holmes** delivered the news to the band via video last week after being introduced by director of bands **Kenneth Ruff**.

"You're coming to Detroit," said Holmes. "I know you're going to put on a show for Detroit and make us all proud. Our passionate fan base is "One Pride" and I can't wait for them to see "Aggie Pride."

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON 2021 OPENING DAY NFL ROSTERS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (NFC - 17 +3)			
ARIZONA (2)			
33 Antonio Hamilton (R/NFI) DB 7		South Carolina State	
66 Joshua Miles OT 4		Morgan State	
ATLANTA (1)			
56 Quinton Bell (PS) OLB 2		Prairie View A&M	
12 Khadarel Hodge WR 5		Prairie View A&M	
CAROLINA (0)			
CHICAGO (3)			
45 Joe Thomas (PS) LB 8		South Carolina State	
69 Ja'Tyre Carter OL R		Southern	
73 Lachavious Simmons (PS) OT 2		Tennessee State	
DALLAS (1)			
41 Markquese Bell S R		Florida A&M	
DETROIT (2)			
27 Bobby Price DB 3		Norfolk State	
59 James Houston (PS) DE R		Jackson State	
GREEN BAY (0)			
LA RAMS (1)			
14 Cobie Durant DB R		South Carolina State	
MINNESOTA (0)			
NEW ORLEANS (0)			
NEW YORK GIANTS (1)			
6 Jamie Gillan P 4		Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
PHILADELPHIA (2)			
97 Javon Hargrave DT 7		South Carolina State	
37 Mac McCain (PS) DB 2		North Carolina A&T	
SAN FRANCISCO (0)			
SEATTLE (1)			
40 Darryl Johnson Jr. DE 4		North Carolina A&T	
TAMPA BAY (1)			
60 Nick Leverette OG 2		Rice / NC Central	
WASHINGTON (1)			
36 Danny Johnson (PS) DB 5		Southern	

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (AFC - 14 +6)			
BALTIMORE (0)			
BUFFALO (0)			
CINCINNATI (0)			
CLEVELAND (4)			
17 Daylen Baldwin (PS) WR R		Michigan / Jackson State	
60 David Moore (PS) DT 1		Grambling State	
64 Roderick Perry II (PS) DT R		Illinois / SC State	
70 Alex Taylor (PS) OT 2		South Carolina State	
DENVER (0)			
HOUSTON (1)			
71 Tytus Howard OT 4		Alabama State	
INDIANAPOLIS (2)			
53 Darius Leonard LB 5		South Carolina State	
90 Grover Stewart DT 6		Albany State	
JACKSONVILLE (1)			
47 De'Shaan Dixon OLB R		Norfolk State	
KANSAS CITY (1)			
23 Joshua Williams DB R		Fayetteville State	
LAS VEGAS (1)			
75 Brandon Parker (RI) OT 5		North Carolina A&T	
LA CHARGERS (0)			
MIAMI (2)			
72 Terron Armstead OT 10		Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
76 Kion Smith (PS) OT 1		Fayetteville State	
NEW ENGLAND (0)			
NEW YORK JETS (0)			
PITTSBURGH (1)			
72 Trent Scott OT 5		Grambling State	
TENNESSEE (1)			
23 Trenton Cannon (PS) RB 5		Virginia State	

TOTAL 31 (+9)	BY TEAM	BY HBCU CONFERENCE	BY YEARS OF NFL EXPERIENCE
NFC 17 (+3)	Cleveland 4	SWAC 12 (+3)	Terron Armstead 10
AFC 14 (+6)	Chicago 3	MEAC 11 (+5)	Joe Thomas 8
	Miami, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Detroit, Atlanta, Arizona 2	INDYS 4 (-2)	Javon Hargrave 7
		SIAC 1 (NC)	Antonio Hamilton 7
		CIAA 3 (+3)	

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The number of former HBCU players on NFL rosters as the season begins this week is up to 31.

That number is up nine from last season when just 22 black college players were on rosters. It is the first increase of HBCU players in the league in quite some time.

Nineteen (19) HBCU players made 53-man opening day rosters when teams cut down to that number last Tuesday. All 19 are likely to be active when the NFL kicks off play this Thursday at 8:20 p.m. as the Super Bowl champion LA Rams host the Buffalo Bills on NBC.

Another twelve (12) of the players are either on practice squads or have injuries. The practice squad list includes four that have that designation with the Cleveland Browns. The two players with injury designations are **Brandon Parker** out of **North Carolina A&T** and **Antonio Hamilton** out of **South Carolina State**.

Parker, who is on the Las Vegas Raiders roster, is out for the season with a torn triceps. He reportedly was injured lifting weights. Hamilton, slated to start for Arizona this season, was placed on the reserve/non-football injury after a cooking accident in his home last week. He will miss at least four games.

SC State is the dominant HBCU program putting players on NFL rosters with seven this season. Besides Hamilton, three are on active rosters and three are on practice squads. The active players include rookie defensive back **DeCobie "Cobie" Bryant** who was taken by the Rams in the fourth round of this year's NFL draft.

Buddy Pough's program at SC State also has three of the four HBCU players who have played longest in the league behind 10-year veteran offensive lineman **Terron Armstead** out of **Arkansas-Pine Bluff**. The SC State veterans include linebacker **Joe Thomas** on Chicago's practice squad in his eighth season and **Javon Hargrave** of Philadelphia and Hamilton of Arizona, both in their seventh seasons.

Durant was one of four HBCU players taken in the NFL Draft that are on rosters. **Joshua Williams**, the defensive back out of **Fayetteville State** taken in the fourth round by Kansas City and **Ja'Tyre Carter** out of **Southern**, who went to Chicago in the seventh round, are on their teams' active rosters. Former **Jackson State** linebacker **James Houston**, taken in the sixth round by Detroit, is on the Lions' practice squad.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of those on active rosters is **Norfolk State** undrafted rookie free agent **De'Shaan Dixon**. Dixon, who led the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** with nine sacks a year ago, was so impressive in the preseason that he was signed to the Jacksonville Jaguars opening-day roster. It was the same for undrafted rookie **Markquese Bell** out of **Florida A&M** who made the active roster for Dallas.

Two **North Carolina A&T** products had roller coaster rides when the teams got down to 53 last week. Former MEAC Defensive Player of the Year for the Aggies, defensive end **Darryl Johnson Jr.**, was waived by Carolina and signed to Seattle's active roster.

Former A&T defensive back **Mac McCain III** was waived by Philadelphia only to be signed early this week to the Eagles' practice squad.

The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** (SWAC) has surged back into the lead among HBCU conferences with the most players in the league with 12. The **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) is just behind them with 11.

Offensive lineman continues to be the position manned most by former HBCU players. There are currently 10 linemen in the league. Defensive backs (7) and defensive linemen (6) are next.

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS IN THE NFL BY SCHOOL

COLLEGE / NAME	NFL TEAM
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (7)	
Javon Hargrave	Philadelphia
Darius Leonard	Indianapolis
Antonio Hamilton	Arizona
Cobie Durant	LA Rams
Joe Thomas	Chicago
Roderick Perry	Cleveland
Alex Taylor	Cleveland
NORTH CAROLINA A&T (3)	
Darryl Johnson Jr.	Carolina