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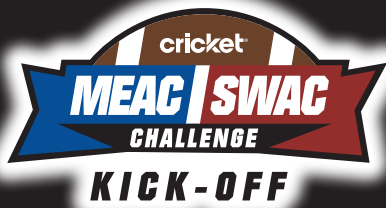
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## Welcome to Atlanta and the 2023 Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-off!

You've come to Atlanta from Mississippi, South Carolina, and places in between for today's game. We couldn't be more excited to welcome you to Cricket's hometown and kick off the season together.

Cricket has worked with ESPN, the MEAC, and the SWAC since 2018 to shine the national spotlight on HBCU football, and that mission is far from over. Earlier this summer, we announced that Cricket will continue as the title sponsor of the MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-off and the Celebration Bowl through 2027.

The purpose of this extended agreement is to drive a positive impact for schools, both on and off the field. On the field, we want to grow the visibility of this game with a national audience, so that the tradition, pageantry, and excitement of HBCU gameday is seen by an even larger number of people.

Off the field, we want to keep showing up in meaningful ways for the schools in each conference. You can find us on MEAC and SWAC campuses every day through our HBCU Campus Ambassador Program, which develops entrepreneurial and marketing skills for young leaders. We're proud to see graduates from this program already making an impact in the business world for our company and others, including their own!

Today's match-up between the Jackson State University Tigers and the South Carolina State University Bulldogs is the beginning of a season-long journey that culminates with the Cricket Celebration Bowl, which will be hosted here in December at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. We're excited to be with you every step of the way.

To all the students, alumni, and fans in attendance today, thank you for joining us as we start the season. Enjoy the game and all that Atlanta has to offer!

Sincerely,

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John Dwyer  
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**JOHN T. GRANT, JR.**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 18th annual Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff. This year's competitors are meeting in this game for the very first time in its history. The back-to-back conference champions Jackson State Tigers, representing the Southwestern Athletic Conference, and 2021 HBCU National Champions South Carolina State Bulldogs, representing the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference have storied championship football legacies. This game is sure to be full of excitement as it is a re-match of the 2021 Cricket Celebration Bowl. Coach T.C. Taylor is entering his first season as head coach of the Tigers while Coach Buddy Pough is the winningest coach in Bulldog history. This will surely be a high energy season opening game. We are equally excited as Jackson State Director of Bands Dr. Roderick Little, and the Sonic Boom of the South, and South Carolina State Director of Bands Dr. Patrick Moore and the Marching 101 provide fans with an entertaining halftime show opened by Disney on the Yard's Drum Major Mickey.

The Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff opens the college football season in week zero for the first time in prime time before a national television audience on ABC. There has never been a bigger stage for HBCUs to open the season. The Coca-Cola Fan Experience is ground zero for our pre-game fan engagement. We are pleased to have sponsor activations, with Disney on The Yard, and Cricket Wireless who hosted the Cricket Celebration Bowl Trophy Tour, with their featured guest Rashan Ali doing her podcast this year from the main stage. Honda, and US Army, round out the corporate activations. The Sprite/Cricket main stage anchored the Fan Experience, and as we celebrated 50 years of Hip Hop, it was the platform for one of the greatest Hip Hop artists ever, Doug E Fresh. The high school and college band jamborees rounded out the day and got everyone excited for the game. Alumni gatherings, food, music, and vendors made the Coca-Cola Fan Experience the place to be for everyone.

We want to acknowledge the conference commissioners, Sonja Stills of the MEAC and Dr. Charles McClelland of the SWAC. They are leaders who work tirelessly to create the best environments for student athletes to develop and compete on stages like this.

Thank you to our sponsors and partners, who are highlighted throughout this book. We ask that you support them as they are supporting us. Also, thank you to Georgia State University for partnering with us to host this extraordinary game. We extend a special thanks to our game Advisory Committee and our staff for their tireless work and commitment to helping create this world class experience.

Most of all we want to thank you, the Fans. You are what makes HBCU college football the great sporting experience that it is. We are thrilled to be your hosts and honored that you chose to be with us!

Earlier this month ESPN Events announced the launching of Band of the Year, a first of its kind, season long rankings of Division I and Division II HBCU marching bands. It will culminate with two bands from each division vying for a national championship in Atlanta prior to the Celebration Bowl. So, get ready because all roads lead to Atlanta. It starts here and ends here. Let's go!!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Grant, Jr." in a cursive script.

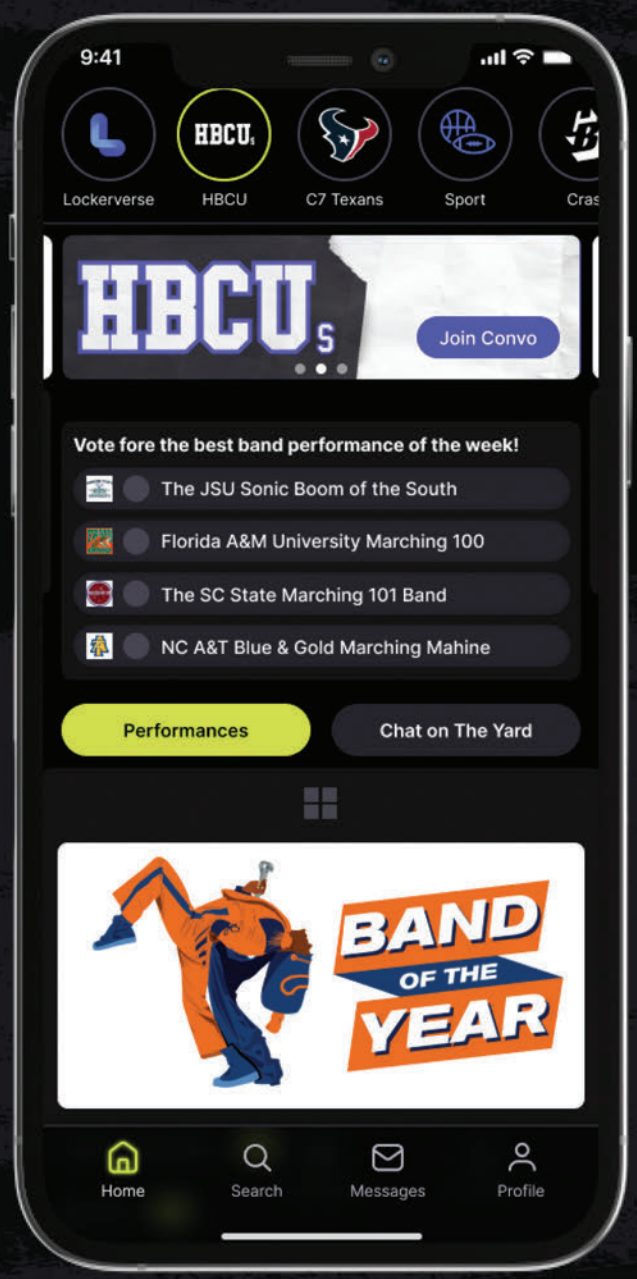
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**SONJA O. STILLS**  
COMMISSIONER



I am honored to bring greetings as Commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) from the elite eight outstanding academic institutions as we welcome you to Atlanta, Georgia, for the 18th Annual Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff. I am pleased that South Carolina State University will represent the MEAC in this year's game against the Southwestern Athletic Conference's (SWAC) Jackson State University. I anticipate a highly competitive match-up featuring the talented student-athletes and coaches of these two institutions. This event is magnified by the performances of the marching bands and cheerleaders of the respective institutions, all of which embodies every aspect of what makes the HBCU culture so special.

The 2023 Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff football game and the ancillary events will provide an excellent athletic, educational, and entertainment experience for participants and fans alike.



**DR. CHARLES McCLELLAND**  
COMMISSIONER



On behalf of the SWAC Council of Presidents and Chancellors, the SWAC Office and our twelve member institutions, it is with great honor that we welcome you to the 2023 MEAC/SWAC Challenge here in Atlanta.

This year's game features two historic programs as Jackson State University and South Carolina State University get set to add another chapter in the storied history of this rivalry between teams for the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

This past athletic year our student-athletes achieved a variety of milestones on the field of play and inside the classroom. It was truly gratifying to witness first-hand the hard work and determination of our student-athletes as they pushed through obstacles to achieve at the highest levels athletically and academically.

The hard work and determination that we saw displayed throughout the year on the field carried over equally into the classroom with a significant amount of our football student-athletes within the conference earning All-Academic honors.

As we seek to inspire our next generation of leaders both on and off the field, the rich contributions of the Southwestern Athletic Conference in the general scope of collegiate athletics have been well documented. Some of the greatest student-athletes to ever play the game of football, charted their initial paths while attending our member institutions.

Former student-athletes such as Walter Payton (Jackson State), Jerry Rice (Mississippi Valley State), Doug Williams (Grambling State), and Steve McNair (Alcorn State) are just a few of the names that competed in the SWAC before going on to achieve greatness at the professional level.

This game being broadcast live on ABC, a national platform, and in primetime, is a tremendous opportunity for both institutions and conferences. I would like to recognize Clint Overby, VP of ESPN Events, Nick Dawson, VP of ESPN Programming and Acquisitions, John Grant, Executive Director of the MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff, and the ESPN staff for their continued commitment to our two great HBCU conferences.

We also look forward to your return to Atlanta in December as we close the college football season at the eighth annual Cricket Celebration Bowl on December 16, 2023, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

In the meantime, enjoy the Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff, and may you have safe travels back to your respective destinations. Good luck to South Carolina and Jackson State in today's game.

Let's go, MEAC Nation!

The excellence within the Southwestern Athletic Conference does not stop with our student-athletes as our league has also seen some of the top coaches in the history of college football.

Eddie Robinson (Grambling State), W.C. Gorden (Jackson State), and Marino Casem (Alcorn State/Southern) are prime examples of outstanding football coaches from our conference that each made significant impacts within their respective programs at the institutions where they contributed so much.

2023-24 is truly shaping up to be a monumental academic year in the overall history of the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Our corporate sponsors – Pepsi, General Motors, Academy Sports and Outdoors, Home Depot, Nike and the City of Birmingham each play vital roles in making the SWAC an outstanding conference. Their continued support assists over 4,000 student-athletes throughout our conference to achieve their full academic and athletic potential.

The ESPN family of networks is once a significant broadcast partner for our league carrying SWAC programming into the homes of millions. We look forward to our partnership with ESPN this upcoming football season as we bring SWAC Football regular season games to viewers globally via ESPN's digital platforms. In addition, ESPN will once again serve as our broadcast partner for the 2023 Cricket SWAC Football Championship game set to be played on Saturday, Dec. 2.

In closing, we would like to thank the City of Atlanta along with all the volunteers, fans, and supporters for their unconditional support of both of these historic conferences and this game.



**MEAC**

**MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE HISTORY**

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) enters its 53rd year of intercollegiate competition with the 2023-24 academic school year. Located in Norfolk, Va., the MEAC is made up of eight outstanding historically black institutions across the Atlantic coastline: Coppin State University, Delaware State University, Howard University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University and South Carolina State University.

The MEAC sponsors 14 Division I (FCS) sports: women's bowling, men's and women's basketball,

men's and women's cross country, football, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track & field, softball and volleyball. The MEAC receives automatic NCAA qualification bids in seven sports – men's and women's basketball, women's bowling, men's and women's tennis, softball and volleyball. The MEAC's football champion is pitted against the champion of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) in the Cricket Celebration Bowl, which debuted in December 2015.

In 1969, a bold ad hoc group of innovators long associated with intercollegiate athletics met in Durham, N.C. to discuss the feasibility of organizing a new conference. From these discussions, they

formed a steering and planning committee to fully investigate the idea, presented a detailed report with recommendations to interested collegiate institutions, and constructed a workshop to outline proposals.

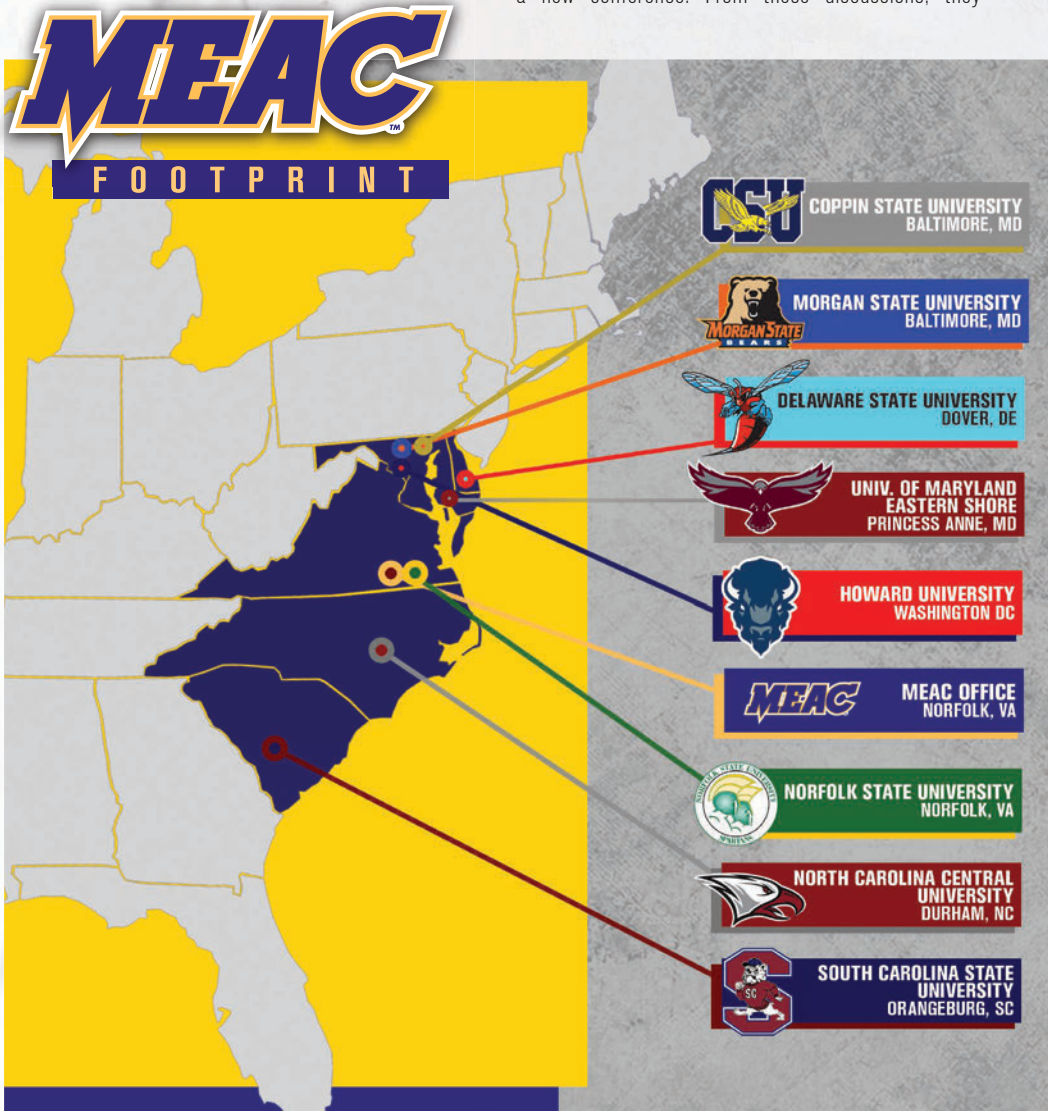
The conference was confirmed in 1970, kicking off its first season of competition in football in 1971.

On June 8, 1980, the MEAC was classified as a Division I conference by the NCAA; prior to that year, the conference had operated on the Division II level. The month after achieving Division I status, the MEAC received automatic qualification to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. Currently, the conference has automatic qualifying bids for NCAA postseason play in men's basketball (since 1981), women's basketball (since 1982), softball (since 1995), men's and women's tennis (since 1998), volleyball (since 1994) and women's bowling (since 2018).

In 2015, the MEAC combined with the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) for the Celebration Bowl in Atlanta, Ga. North Carolina A&T State defeated Alcorn State in the inaugural Celebration Bowl to determine the Black College National Champion in a game pitting the MEAC and SWAC champions. North Carolina Central represented the MEAC in the 2016 Celebration Bowl, taking on Grambling State.

North Carolina A&T State returned to the Celebration Bowl in 2017, defeating Grambling State 21-14 to complete the first undefeated season in MEAC history and claim the Aggies' second Black College National Championship in three years. In 2022, North Carolina Central defeated heavy favorite Jackson State 41-34 in overtime to claim the program's first-ever Celebration Bowl title and give the MEAC a 6-1 record in the bowl game.

The MEAC also has a strong presence in the National Football League (NFL), both throughout the league's history and today. For the start of the 2022 season, there were 12 former MEAC players on active NFL rosters – highlighted by South Carolina State's Darius Leonard (2018 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, two-time Pro Bowler) and Decobie Durant (2022 fourth-round draft pick).





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SWAC

## SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE HISTORY

**About the SWAC:** The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) is considered one of the premier HBCU conferences in the country and currently ranks among the elite in the nation in terms of HBCU alumni playing with professional sports teams.

Current championship competition offered by the league includes competition for men in Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field and Tennis.

Women's competition is offered in the sports of Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Golf, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field, Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball.

**SWAC Quick Facts:** The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) is a collegiate athletic conference headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, which is made up of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in the Southern United States. It participates in the NCAA's Division I for all sports; in football, it participates in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), formerly referred to as Division I-AA.

On the gridiron, the conference has been the biggest draw on the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level of the NCAA, leading the nation in average home attendance for 44 of the 45 seasons. In 1994, the SWAC fell just 40,000 fans short of becoming the first non-Football Bowl Subdivision conference to attract one million fans to its home games.

**The History of the SWAC:** In 1920, athletic officials from six Texas HBCUs – C.H. Fuller of Bishop College, Red Randolph and C.H. Patterson of Paul Quinn College, E.G. Evans, H.J. Evans and H.J. Starns of Prairie View A&M, D.C. Fuller of Texas College and G. Whitte Jordan of Wiley College – met in Houston, Texas, to discuss common interests. At this meeting, they agreed to form a new league, the SWAC.

Paul Quinn became the first of the original members to withdraw from the league when it did so in 1929. When Langston University of Oklahoma was admitted into the conference two years later, it began the migration of state-supported institutions into the SWAC. Southern University entered the ranks in 1934, followed by Arkansas AM&N (now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) in 1936 and Texas Southern University in 1954.

Rapid growth in enrollment of the state-supported schools made it difficult for the church-supported schools to finance their athletics programs, and one by one they fell victim to the growing prowess of the state-supported colleges. Bishop withdrew from the conference in 1956, Langston in 1957 and Huston-Tillotson (formerly Samuel Huston) in 1959, one year after the admittance of two more state-supported schools: Grambling College and Jackson State College.

The enter-exit cycle continued in 1961 when Texas College withdrew, followed by the admittance of Alcorn A&M (now Alcorn State University) in 1962. Wiley left in 1968, the same year Mississippi Valley State College entered. Arkansas AM&N exited in 1970 and Alabama State University entered in 1982.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff (formerly Arkansas AM&N) rejoined the SWAC on July 1, 1997, regaining full-member status one year later. Alabama A&M University became the conference's tenth member when it became a full member in September 1999, after a one year period as an affiliate SWAC member. Most of the former SWAC members that have left the conference are currently a part of the Red River Athletic Conference of the NAIA. Howard University became a charter member in women's soccer prior to the 2014 season.

In 2021, SWAC membership expanded to 12 institutions with the additions of Florida A&M University (Tallahassee, Fla.) and Bethune-Cookman University (Daytona Beach, Fla.).

### Our Vision for the Future of the SWAC:

1. Create collaborative process in which the "new vision" for the SWAC is a shared vision that is all inclusive.
2. Increase corporate partnerships.
3. Create Regional Television Network.
4. Engage with past SWAC "greats" to assist with branding of conference.
5. Strengthen officiating in all sports, with emphasis on revenue generating and high profile sports.
6. Improve championships for student-athletes and fans, so they can receive a "First Class Experience" (locations, gifts, entertainment).
7. Establish and maintain excellent relationships with city, state, and corporate partners.

**Legendary Former SWAC Athletes:** The Southwestern Athletic Conference for decades has produced some of the most legendary athletes to play major professional sports.

Eddie Robinson, Walter Payton, Jerry Rice, Doug Williams, Deacon Jones, Robert Brazille, Steve McNair, Aeneas Williams, and Michael Strahan are just a few of the legendary names of the game that attended SWAC member institutions, and the list doesn't stop there.

On the hardwood, the SWAC helped foster the talents of Naithsmith Hall of Fame member Willis Reed (Grambling State), Avery Johnson (Southern), Bobby Phills (Southern), Zelmo Beaty (Prairie View A&M), Lindsey Hunter (Jackson State) and legendary coaches Ben Jobe and Dave Whitney, just to name a few.





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## ESPN COVERAGE TEAM



**TIFFANY GREENE**  
PLAY-BY-PLAY

Tiffany Greene is a play-by-play commentator for ESPN, covering a variety of collegiate sports including basketball, football, softball and volleyball. She is the first African-American woman to serve as a play-by-play commentator for college football on ESPN.

Greene has called a number of postseason games including the NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Tournament, NCAA Softball Regional and Super Regionals, as well as NCAA Volleyball Regionals.

Greene originally began working with ESPN as a college football sideline reporter in 2012. She has since worked on the Women's College World Series, Air Force Reserve Bowl on ABC and multiple bowl games.

Prior to ESPN, Greene honed her skills as a play-by-play announcer and sports reporter at Bright House Sports Network in the Orlando and Tampa Bay markets. During that time, she was the play-by-play announcer for the inaugural season of BIG EAST women's basketball on Fox Sports 1.

Greene is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Links Incorporated and the National Association of Black Journalists. She began her on-air career in 2004 as a one-man band reporter at WJCL/WTGS, and later, WTOG in Savannah, Georgia.

Greene earned her Bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism from the Florida A&M University. She serves as the FAMU School of Journalism & Graphic Communication Board of Visitors co-chair.



**JAY WALKER**  
ANALYST

Jay Walker joined ESPN in 2005 as a college football analyst. He has called the ESPN Thursday Night games for the last four years, in addition to a studio analyst for the last two years. He has also been an analyst on College Football Overdrive.

Walker started his television career with BET and then joined the now defunct MBC Network from 2002-05.

Out of college, Walker was drafted in the seventh round in 1994 by the New England Patriots, where he played for two seasons. He also spent two years with the Minnesota Vikings.

Walker was drafted out of high school to be a pitcher in the California Angels organization's minor league team, one of a handful of players to play both minor league baseball and in the NFL. While playing in the minors, Walker decided to pursue his passion for football and was recruited as a quarterback to Long Beach State and eventually transferred to Howard University after football was cut as a sport at Long Beach. At Howard, Walker led the team to their first playoff berth in team history and was named an All-American, to the All-MEAC Team twice and was the I-AA football player of the year by Sports Illustrated. That year, 1993, Howard earned its only undefeated season in program history.

A native of Los Angeles, Walker is a 1994 graduate from Howard with a political science degree. In 2005, he was inducted into the Howard University Athletics Hall of Fame, and most recently, he was named to the MEAC/SWAC All-Time Greatest Team.

Currently, Walker is CEO and President of Walker Financial Services and has been a member of the House of Delegates in Maryland since 1997. He serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and its education and finance resources subcommittees. He is also a member of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland.



**QUINT KESSENICH**  
REPORTER

Quint Kessenich began at ESPN in 1993 covering men's lacrosse. He currently serves as a lacrosse analyst and college sports reporter, working on football and wrestling.

Kessenich works on television's most extensive college lacrosse package - featuring regular-season action and the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship, an event he has covered since 1995. He also works as an analyst on Major League Lacrosse games on ESPN2 and ESPN3.

Under his reporting duties, Kessenich covers college football and the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championship.

Since joining the company, his responsibilities

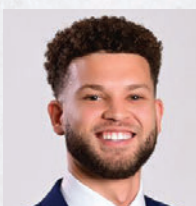
expanded to high school football, men's college basketball and various NCAA championships, including track and field, and soccer. He established the ESPN Lacrosse Podcast in 2010, and it quickly became the industry leader for lacrosse news. He was also a frequent contributor to ESPN.com. In addition, he has covered the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes for ESPN and ABC.

Kessenich contributes to Inside Lacrosse Magazine, and is actively involved with "First Stick", a non-profit that introduces urban schools and athletes to the game of lacrosse. He was also a columnist on college lacrosse for the Baltimore Sun.

Kessenich played one year of professional lacrosse with the Baltimore Thunder in 1999, and at the amateur level for the storied Mount Washington Lacrosse Club.

A four-time all-American goalkeeper, Kessenich was a two-time winner of the Ensign C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Award as the nation's best goalie. A 1990 graduate of Johns Hopkins University, Kessenich remained in Baltimore where he has been an assistant lacrosse coach at the Boys' Latin School, a perennial national power since 1992.

He is a member of the Johns Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as the Long Island Chapter and the Baltimore Chapter of USA Lacrosse Hall of Fame.



**HARRY LYLES, JR.**  
REPORTER

Harry Lyles Jr. joined ESPN in March of 2020, serving as both a staff writer for ESPN.com, a host/commentator across ESPN studio and digital programming, and a sideline reporter for ESPN college sports. For ESPN.com, Lyles Jr. reports on college football and the intersection of culture and college sports.

Lyles Jr. is the longtime co-host of Countdown

to GameDay on all ESPN digital platforms. The show, airing Saturdays throughout the fall and winter, serves as the pregame coverage to College GameDay Built by The Home Depot. He is a mainstay on all ESPN digital programming across the ESPN App, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and more. Additionally, he is the sideline reporter for ESPN Thursday Night Football with play-by-play

commentator Matt Barrie and analyst Dan Mullen. Lyles Jr. appears regularly on Around The Horn, SportsCenter and more.

Prior to his time at ESPN, Lyles Jr. spent four years at SB Nation as a reporter and columnist, with additional stops at various outlets, including The Comeback. A proud Georgia State alum, he resides in his hometown of Atlanta, Ga.





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# MEAC/SWAC 2023

THE REMATCH WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR

BY DONALD HUNT

Two familiar teams will clash for bragging rights among historically black colleges and universities at the Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff, as South Carolina State from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the defending Southwestern Athletic Conference champion Jackson State face off at Center Parc Stadium in Atlanta, Ga.

This should be an interesting contest. The last time the Bulldogs and the Tigers faced each other was

in the 2021 Celebration Bowl. South Carolina State topped Jackson State, 31-10, to capture the black college national championship.

South Carolina State was picked third in the preseason MEAC standings. Bulldogs head coach Buddy Pough is one of the best coaches in FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) football. Pough has put together a great defense led by senior defensive lineman Patrick Godbolt and junior linebacker Aaron Smith.

Godbolt is a terrific all-around defensive player and a great run stopper. Godbolt had 45 total and 33 solo tackles.

He is also one of the MEAC's best pass rushers. The 6-3, 235-pounder, used his sharp footwork, strength and quickness to get to the quarterback, finishing with 4.5 sacks last season.

Smith brings outstanding playmaking skills to the Bulldogs' defense. He can tackle in the open field and



**OLIVER "BUDDY" POUGH** (HEAD COACH, SC STATE)



**T.C. TAYLOR** (HEAD COACH, JACKSON STATE)



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## MEAC PREDICTED FINISH

SCHOOL	(first place votes)	PTS
North Carolina Central	(9)	124
Howard	(1)	98
<b>South Carolina State</b>		<b>74</b>
Morgan State	(1)	68
Norfolk State		40
Delaware State	(1)	28

## SWAC PREDICTED FINISH

SWAC EAST	(first place votes)	PTS	SWAC WEST	(first place votes)	PTS
Florida A&M	(16)	116	Southern	(13)	122
<b>Jackson State</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>94</b>	Alcorn State	(6)	94
Alabama State	(2)	80	Texas Southern	(1)	73
Alabama A&M	(2)	73	Grambling State	(2)	69
Mississippi Valley State	(2)	35	Prairie View A&M	(2)	68
Bethune-Cookman		34	Arkansas-Pine Bluff		33

rush the passer. Smith, a 6-2, 218-pounder, had 63 total and 46 solo tackles with five sacks last season.

Godbolt and Smith have already earned preseason first-team all-conference honors. Both should be players to watch in this contest.

T.C. Taylor will be making his debut as Jackson State's head coach. Taylor replaces Deion Sanders who is now the head coach at the University of Colorado. Taylor coached the tight ends and wide receivers for the last three years under Coach Sanders.

Coach Taylor will lead a far different team than the one he worked with for the last three years. Those Tigers led the nation in defense. Coach

Taylor is hoping he can continue to put forth a top defensive unit in 2023. He plans to play physical and discipline defense.

Devonta Davis, a 6-3, junior will lead this year's defense. Davis finished 2022 with 2.5 sacks and 4.0 tackles for loss.

The Tigers have been picked to finish second in the SWAC East. Taylor has a major player on offense with tight end D.J. Stevens who received first-team All-SWAC preseason recognition.

Stevens, a 6-4, 235-pound senior, can make the big catch in the middle of the field. He played a significant role in the Tigers' high-scoring offense

last season. He had 37 catches for 376 yards and four touchdowns. He averaged 28.9 yards a reception.

A year ago, Alabama State edged Howard University, 23-13 giving the SWAC only its fifth win in the MEAC/SWAC Challenge. South Carolina State and Jackson State are household names in black college football. Both schools have a lot of experience playing on the big stage and it doesn't get any bigger than ABC at 7:30 p.m. For an early season game between these two Division I (FCS) HBCU conferences, it doesn't get any better than this one. The winner usually carries some momentum into the regular season. ■

## PRESEASON ALL-MEAC HONORS

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
<b>First Team Offense</b>			<b>First Team Defense</b>		
QB	Davius Richard	NC Central	<b>DL</b>	<b>Patrick Godbolt</b>	<b>SC State</b>
RB	Marquis Gillis	Delaware State	DL	Jevin Jackson	Howard
RB	Latrell Collier	NC Central	DL	Darrian Brokenburr	Howard
WR	Devin Smith	NC Central	DL	Elijah Williams	Morgan State
WR	Kasey Hawthorne	Howard	LB	Lawrence Richardson	Morgan State
TE	Brennan Brown	Howard	<b>LB</b>	<b>Aaron Smith</b>	<b>SC State</b>
C	Toricelli Simpkins III	NC Central	LB	Jaki Brevard	NC Central
OL	Darius Fox	Howard	DB	Khalil Baker	NC Central
OL	Sam Pearson	Delaware State	DB	Romell Harris-Freeman	Delaware State
OL	Anim Dankwah	Howard	DB	Kenny Gallop, Jr.	Howard
<b>OL</b>	<b>Nick Taiste</b>	<b>SC State</b>	DB	Jae Veyon Morton	Morgan State

## PRESEASON ALL-SWAC HONORS

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
<b>First Team Offense</b>			<b>First Team Defense</b>		
QB	Jeremy Moussa	Florida A&M	DL	Malachi Bailey	Alcorn State
RB	Jarveon Howard	Alcorn State	DL	Sundiata Anderson	Grambling State
RB	Donovan Eaglin	Alabama A&M	DL	Tahj Brown	Southern
OL	Jalen Goss	Florida A&M	DL	Zareon Hayes	Alabama A&M
OL	Jonathan Williams	Alabama A&M	LB	Colton Adams	Alabama State
OL	Will Ready	Alcorn State	LB	Lewis Matthews	Grambling State
OL	Cameron Covin	Florida A&M	LB	Isaiah Major	Florida A&M
OL	T.J. Yarbrough	Alcorn State	DB	Omari Hill-Robinson	Bethune-Cookman
WR	Jah'Marae Sheread	Florida A&M	DB	Javan Morgan	Florida A&M
WR	Derek Morton	Texas Southern	DB	Jordan Carter	Southern
<b>TE</b>	<b>D.J. Stevens</b>	<b>Jackson State</b>	DB	Kendall Bohler	Florida A&M

### PRESEASON OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**DAVIUS RICHARD**  
(North Carolina Central)

### PRESEASON DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**KHALIL BAKER**  
(North Carolina Central)

### First Team Specialists

<b>P</b>	<b>Dyson Roberts</b>	<b>SC State</b>
PK	Adrian Olivo	NC Central
RS	Keith Jenkins, Jr.	Morgan State

### PRESEASON OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**JEREMY MOUSSA**  
(Florida A&M)

### PRESEASON DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**SUNDIATA ANDERSON**  
(Grambling State)

### First Team Specialists

PK	Joshua Griffin	Southern
P	Jimmy Iles	Grambling State
RS	Darnell Deas	Bethune-Cookman
LS	Jason Longcor	Alcorn State



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**QUICK FACTS**

- Founded** | 1896
- Location** | Orangeburg, S.C.
- Enrollment** | 2,937
- Mascot** | Bulldogs
- Colors** | Garnet & Blue
- Conference** | Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)
- Affiliation** | NCAA - FCS
- President** | COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers
- Director of Athletics** | Keisha Campbell
- Band** | Marching 101
- Stadium** | Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium
- Capacity** | 22,000
- Surface** | Poly Turf
- Website** | www.SCSU.edu

**FOOTBALL HISTORY**

- First Year** | 1907
- All-Time Football** | 454-301-28
- All-Time Bowl/Playoff Record** | 7-12
- Years in Postseason** | 17
- Last Post-Season Appearance** | 2021 (W)
- MEAC Championships** | 18  
(2021, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2004, 1994, 1983, 1982, 1981, 1980, 1978, 1977, 1976, 1975, 1974)
- Black National Champions** | 8  
(2021, 2009, 2008, 1994, 1982, 1981, 1977, 1976)

**TEAM INFORMATION**

- 2022 Overall Record** | 3-8
- 2022 MEAC Record (Finish)** | 1-4 (6th)
- Basic Offense** | Multiple/Pro I
- Basic Defense** | Multiple 4

**2023 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**  
 (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug 26	Jackson State	7:30 p.m.
Sept 2	at Charlotte	6:00 p.m.
Sept 9	at Georgia Tech	1:00 p.m.
Sept 23	The Citadel	6:00 p.m.
Oct 7	Virginia-Lynchburg	2:00 p.m.
Oct 14	Tennessee Tech	1:30 p.m.
Oct 21	at Delaware State	12:00 p.m.
Oct 26	at North Carolina Central	7:30 p.m.
Nov 4	Howard	3:30 p.m.
Nov 11	Morgan State	12:00 p.m.
Nov 18	at Norfolk State	2:00 p.m.
Dec 16	Celebration Bowl	12:00 p.m.

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**ALEXANDER CONYERS**  
**PRESIDENT**

Alma Mater:  
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COL (Ret.) Alexander Conyers is the 13th president of South Carolina State University. Prior to this role, he served the university as interim president, acting president and vice president for strategic alliances and initiatives.

President Conyers is an experienced servant leader having served over 28 years in the U.S. Army. He is a proven leader who has led complex organizations in areas of leadership, recruitment, retention, training, human resources, finance and budget, safety, and accreditation. His assignments consisted of many stateside locations including two tours at the Pentagon and South Korea, Canada, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

President Conyers previously served in Washington, D.C., in the Senior Executive Service (federal government just below presidential appointees) as the deputy assistant secretary of the Army (Review Boards), a two-star general equivalent. In this capacity, he led the Army Review Boards Agency, which on behalf of the secretary of the Army serves as the highest administrative level for review and appeal of personnel actions taken by lower levels of the Army. The agency administers 12 different boards and adjudicates over 20,000 cases annually from soldiers, veterans, and family members. He was responsible for boards that adjudicate cases involving evaluation and promotions, discharge upgrades, physical disability, eliminations, the parole board for military prisoners, and other cases.

He completed his military career in 2016 after rising from private to colonel as the leader of the Army's largest and most complex

military police brigade. He led over 3,600 soldiers and civilians across four military installations: Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Ft. Stewart, Georgia, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, and Ft. Drum, New York. He was also responsible for the safety of the Ft. Bragg community with a population of over 100,000 personnel.

President Conyers remained intimately involved with SC State while serving in the Army. He served as a member of the SCSU Board of Visitors, chairman of the Student Relations Committee for the SCSU National Alumni Association, and a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. He was featured as a 2016 honoree on the Stellar Alumni Calendar. He has also been inducted into SC State ROTC Hall of Fame and most recently served as the president of the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the National Alumni Association.

A Manning, South Carolina, native, President Conyers holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from SC State, a master's degree in corrections from the University of South Carolina, and a master's degree in public administration from Troy University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and The University of North Carolina's Leadership, Excellence and Development (LEAD) program. He is a member of several professional associations, including the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education, and a former adjunct professor at Upper Iowa University.

He is married to First Lady Agatha Conyers, and they have two children, Ace and Aly.



**KEISHA CAMPBELL**  
**DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

Alma Mater:  
**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**

South Carolina State Hall of famer Keisha Campbell is entering her second year as acting director of athletics at her alma mater.

Campbell, the second female athletics director to lead the SC State Program, brings a wealth of experience in athletics administration to the university, a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

She returns to Orangeburg after serving several years in education in the public sector in South Carolina. She previously served as a senior associate commissioner at the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA).

Prior to her stint at the CIAA, she was director of business affairs and lead coordinator at the University of Texas at Dallas and was promoted from assistant to associate director of championships at the NCAA (2006-2009).

Campbell is no stranger to the MEAC, as she formerly was employed at former MEAC member Hampton University,

where she served as an assistant director of athletics, then was promoted to associate director of athletics for the Pirates (2004-2006). She returned to Hampton in 2011 as the director of athletics.

An SCSU Athletics Hall of Famer, the Blenheim, S.C., native was named Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year while playing for the Lady Bulldogs and is a member of the MEAC 50th Anniversary All-Time Team. She also served seven years as head women's basketball coach at SC State and was named MEAC Coach of the Year in 2001.

Campbell earned both a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's in rehabilitation counseling at SC State.

Campbell, valedictorian at Blenheim (Marlboro County, S.C.) High School in 1987, is a 2008 graduate of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA) HERS Institute and a 2006 graduate of the NCAA's Inaugural Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Females.



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**COACHING STAFF**



**OLIVER "BUDDY" POUGH**  
HEAD COACH

Alma Mater: **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE, 1975**

**OLIVER "BUDDY" POUGH** wrapped up his 21st season as head football coach at South Carolina State, his alma mater, and is the all-time winningest coach in school history.

During his 21-year tenure at the school where he earned a bachelor's and a master's, as well as All-MEAC honors as an offensive lineman, Pough has compiled an overall record of 146-87 and a 112-42 MEAC worksheet.

His teams captured three MEAC titles (2008, 2009 and 2021) outright, shared four others (2004, 2010, 2013, 2014 and 2019), and made four trips to the prestigious FCS playoffs (2008, 2009, 2010 and 2013).

Pough captured his first Celebration Bowl Championship in 2021 knocking off top-ranked Jackson State to win his fifth (5th) HBCU National Crown.

SC State had its best turnaround in 2013 with a 9-4 overall, 7-1 MEAC record after suffering their first losing season under Pough at 5-6 overall and 4-4 in the MEAC in 2012. In 2011, the Bulldogs compiled a 7-4 overall worksheet and were 6-2 in the MEAC. During the 2010 season, Pough's team finished 9-3 and was 7-1 in the MEAC to tie for the championship after winning the title outright in both 2009 and 2008. His squad also earned its third straight berth to the FCS playoffs and finished the 2010 campaign ranked high in all the HBCU and Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) polls.

In 2009, SC State was named National Black Champion by the Sheridan Broadcasting Network, the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta, the Washington (DC) Pigskin Club and the Box-to-Row/BASN. In addition, the Bulldogs finished number seven in all three major FCS polls – The Sports Network, the FCS Coaches Poll and Any Given Saturday.

Pough's 2009 squad finished 10-3 overall, captured its second consecutive MEAC crown with an unblemished 8-0 record and made back-to-back appearances in the FCS playoffs. The Orangeburg native reaped Coach of the Year honors in the MEAC – his second in as many seasons – and also earned the accolade from the (Columbia, S.C.) State newspaper, the Washington Pigskin Club, the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta and the Orangeburg Touchdown Club.

His 2008 squad was just as impressive, finishing 10-2 and winning the MEAC title with an 8-0 mark, the team's first outright title in 14 seasons, and returning to the FCS playoffs for the first time since the 1982 campaign.

Pough became the 14th head football coach at South Carolina State, while posting a 7-5 overall record and a 4-4 mark in the MEAC in his inaugural season in 2002. In 2003, he guided the Bulldogs to an 8-4 overall record

and a 6-2 mark in MEAC play, losing only to Hampton and Bethune- Cookman.

The 2004 season can be considered another one of the team's best under Pough, as the Bulldogs produced the first-of-two consecutive 9-2 seasons. SC State was 6-2 in MEAC play that season, tying the Hampton Pirates for the 2004 championship.

In 2005, Pough's team duplicated the 9-2 record of the previous year and improved to 7-1 in the MEAC, with the lone league loss coming at the hands of eventual champion and nationally ranked Hampton.

Followed by a couple of 7-4 records in 2006 and 2007, the Bulldogs had 10-win seasons in each of the next two campaigns – 2008 (10-3) and 2009 (10-2). SC State was also a perfect 8-0 in the MEAC both years.

Pough has coached several players who have gone on to play in the National Football League, including nine who are currently on NFL rosters – Joe Thomas (Chicago Bears), Pro Bowl nose tackle Javon Hargrave (San Francisco 49ers), Alex Taylor (Cleveland Browns), Antonio Hamilton (Arizona Cardinals), Decobie Durant (L.A. Rams) and NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and Pro Bowl linebacker Darius Leonard (Indianapolis Colts).

Prior to taking the reins at South Carolina State, Pough spent five seasons as an assistant at the University of South Carolina (USC), the last three as a running backs coach under Lou Holtz. During his stint at USC, he helped build the Gamecocks into one of the top offensive teams in the SEC. USC made back-to-back appearances in the Outback Bowl in 2000 and 2001. Before going to USC, Pough was one of the top high school coaches in the Palmetto State, leading Fairfield-Central to a perfect 15-0 record in 1996 and claiming the Class AAA state title. He earned South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Coach-of-the-Year honors for his efforts, the first of three such honors. Pough also had coaching stints at Keenan High in Columbia, where he built the Raiders into one of the top-Class AAA teams in the state.

In his final two seasons (1973 and 1974) as a player for SC State, the Orangeburg native and former offensive lineman helped the Bulldogs to a 15-7-1 record, a league crown and back-to-back postseason appearances. After graduating in 1975, he joined the staff at nearby Orangeburg-Wilkinson High (1976-79), before returning to his alma mater as an assistant coach in 1979. The Bulldogs made consecutive trips to the Div. 1-AA playoffs (1981 and 1982) during his tenure as an assistant.

Pough and his wife, Josie are the parents of two sons – Oliver "Bud" IV and Lee Judson – and a daughter-in-law, Dr. Natalie Odom Pough.

Pough has two granddaughters, Taylor Michelle and Olivia Grace.





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**PLAYERS TO WATCH**



**PATRICK GODBOLT** (DL - GRADUATE)



**COREY FIELDS, JR.** (QB - GRADUATE)



**JEBLONSKI GREEN** (DL - GRADUATE)



**NICK TAISTE** (OL - REDSHIRT JUNIOR)



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### 2023 ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	CL	HT	WT	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	#	NAME	POS	CL	HT	WT	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Malcom Magee	DB	Gr.	6-0	190	Collins, MS / Alcorn State	44	DJ Bethea	DB	r-Fr.	6-2	180	Lake View, SC / Lake View HS
1	Jaylen Evans	DB	Gr.	6-0	185	Hartsville, SC / Hartsville HS	45	Justen Brunson	DB	Fr.	6-0	185	West Columbia, SC / Gray Collegiate Acad.
2	Corey Fields, Jr.	QB	Gr.	6-0	188	Hollywood, SC / Baptist Hill HS	46	Jayvion Snow	LB	r-So.	5-11	220	Monks Corner, SC / Burke HS
3	Marquise Bradley	DB	r-Fr.	6-2	190	Gaffney, SC / Gaffney HS	47	Lawson Danley	TE	r-Sr.	6-2	225	Irmo, SC / Dutch Fork HS
4	Demarkis Doe	DB	Gr.	6-3	200	Williston, SC / Williston Elko HS	48	Jordan Franklin	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	Waynesboro, GA / Burke County HS (GA)
5	Keshawn Toney	TE	Gr.	6-2	237	Williston, SC / Chattanooga College	49	Khalil Ellis	TE	r-Jr.	6-2	261	Rock Hill, SC / York HS
6	Justin Smith-Brown	WR	r-Jr.	6-1	190	CoCo, FL / Space Coast HS	50	Tamorye Thompson	DL	r-Fr.	6-1	240	Greensboro, NC / Grimsley HS
7	Andre Washington	QB	r-Fr.	6-4	195	Ridge View, SC / Ridge View HS	51	Moses Umoren	OL	r-Fr.	6-5	285	Columbus, GA / Carver HS (GA)
8	Aiden Weber	LB	r-So.	6-2	210	Pottstown, PA / Delaware State	52	Jayden Johnson	OL	So.	6-3	325	Goose Creek, SC / Goose Creek
9	Jordan Watkins	DB	So.	6-2	195	Greensboro, NC / Grimsley HS	53	Xavier Barr	DL	r-Fr.	6-2	255	Florence, SC / So. Florence, SC
10	Tyler Smith	RB	r-Fr.	5-10	185	Gaffney, SC / Gaffney HS	54	Karrlen Waymyers	DL	r-So.	6-2	245	Neeses, SC / Hunter-Kinard-Tyler HS
11	Aaron Smith	LB	r-Jr.	6-2	218	Manning, SC / Manning HS	55	Joel Kashila	LB	Jr.	6-1	220	Lynn, MA / Southern Connecticut
12	Nigel Johnson	WR	Fr.	6-5	190	Sumter, SC / Crestwood HS	56	Ashaad Hall	DL	So.	6-4	234	St. Petersburg, FL / Gibbs HS
13	Jordan Smith	WR	r-So.	5-10	175	Columbia, SC / Ridge View HS	57	Nathaniel Wilcox	DE	r-Jr.	6-1	242	Cutler Bay, SC / Southridge HS
14	Cyrus Ellison	WR	r-Fr.	6-4	200	Pamplico, SC / Hannah Pamplico HS	58	Tray Franklin	OL	r-Fr.	6-6	335	Columbia, SC / Ridge View HS
15	Bryce McIntosh	DB	r-So.	5-11	175	Lake City, SC / Lake City HS	59	Omari Davis	DL	Fr.	6-3	215	Clover, SC / Clover HS
15	Marcus Freeman	QB	r-Fr.	6-1	185	Brooklyn Park, MN / Park Center Senior HS	60	Lee Davis	OL	r-Fr.	6-1	320	Hopkins, SC / Lower Richland HS
16	Jaeson Allen	DB	r-Fr.	6-3	200	Bluffton, SC / May River HS	61	Nick Williams	OL	Fr.	6-5	300	North Augusta, SC / Fox Creek HS
17	Zan Dunham	LB	So.	6-2	215	Chester, SC / Chester HS	62	Chandler Muller	OL	r-Jr.	6-2	338	Columbia, SC / Ridge View HS
18	Jaylin Linder	WR	Fr.	6-4	190	Bluffton, SC / Bluffton HS	65	Kanann Ligons	OL	Fr.	6-4	290	Monetta, SC / Ridge Spring-Monetta
19	Rakim White	WR	r-Jr.	6-4	181	Bluffton, SC / Bluffton HS	67	Jeremie Brown	OL	Fr.	6-5	320	Anderson, SC / Westside HS
20	Aaron Bowens	DB	Fr.	6-2	190	Mauldin, SC / Mauldin HS	68	Eli Young	DL	r-So.	6-4	330	Hopkins, SC / Grey Collegiate
20	Kacy Fields	RB	Fr.	5-11	195	Beaufort, SC / Beaufort HS	69	Chandler Robertson	DL	Fr.	6-1	275	Columbia, SC / Ridge View HS
21	Prometheus Franklin II	QB	r-Fr.	6-3	190	Greenville, SC / Greenville HS	71	Marcus Macon	OL	Fr.	6-3	285	Rock Hill, SC / Northwestern HS
21	Sharod Burroughs	DB	r-Jr.	6-2	200	Mullins, SC / Mullins HS	72	Ian Shark	OL	r-So.	6-3	325	Walterboro, SC / Colleton County
22	Jawarn Howell	RB	Fr.	6-1	204	Mooresville, NC / Mooresville HS (NC)	73	Cam Johnson	OL	r-Jr.	6-2	285	Irmo, SC / Dutch Fork HS
23	Tykesa Walker	RB	r-Jr.	5-11	185	Gilbert, SC / Gilbert HS	74	Wheslen McCleod	OL	r-Jr.	6-2	319	W. Columbia, SC / Grey Collegiate
24	Kwantre Harry	DB	Fr.	5-10	177	Bishopville, SC / Lee Central HS	76	Eric Brown, Jr.	OL	r-Jr.	6-3	336	Hartsville, SC / Hartsville HS
25	Demetri Simmons	RB	r-Fr.	5-10	185	Goose Creek, SC / Goose Creek HS	77	Dallas Foard	OL	r-Sr.	6-4	270	Concord, NC / Central Cabarrus
25	Jamare Benjamin	DB	r-Jr.	6-2	180	Spartanburg, SC / Spartanburg HS	78	Nick Taiste	OL	r-Jr.	6-1	295	West Columbia, SC / White Knoll HS
26	Tyler Smith	RB	Fr.	6-1	190	Barnwell, SC / Barnwell HS	79	Justin Jackson	OL	r-Fr.	6-5	320	Greenville, SC / Greenville HS
27	Patrick Anderson	DB	r-Fr.	5-11	170	Lamar, SC / Lamar HS	80	Rickey Bryant	WR	Fr.	5-10	185	Miami, FL / Miami Killian Senior HS
28	Michael Brunson	DB	r-Jr.	5-9	165	St. Matthews, SC / Calhoun County	81	Jordan Springs	TE	r-Sr.	6-2	237	Irmo, SC / Dutch Fork HS
29	Jadin Jones	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	Camden County, GA / Camden County (GA)	82	Treyvion Houston	WR	r-Jr.	6-2	190	Milledgeville, GA / Georgia Military
30	Gavyn Zimmerman	K	Jr.	5-11	150	Sumter, SC / Crestwood HS	83	Shamontae Burgess	WR	r-Fr.	5-10	175	Lake City, SC / Lake City HS
32	Dyson Roberts	P/K	r-Jr.	5-11	187	Sumter, SC / Sumter HS	84	Jakari Williams	TE	Gr.	6-2	215	Jacksonville, FL / Oak Leaf HS
32	Josh Shaw	RB	r-Fr.	5-10	185	Hanahan, SC / Hanahan HS	85	Nicolas Brown	TE	Fr.	6-3	225	Kingstree, SC / Kingstree HS
33	Chris Austin	LB	r-Fr.	6-0	200	Orangeburg, SC / Orangeburg-Wilkinson	86	Richard Bailey	WR	Gr.	5-10	148	Hollywood, SC / Baptist Hill HS
33	Dhani Dixon	RB	r-So.	5-9	205	Blythewood, SC / Blythewood HS	87	Hezekiah Massey	WR	r-Jr.	6-2	190	Clover, SC / Clover HS
34	Jablonski Green	DL	Gr.	6-2	285	Lamar, SC / Lamar HS	88	Tauren Singletary	WR	r-Sr.	6-2	175	Dorchester, SC / Woodland HS
35	JaQuan Toney	DB	Fr.	5-11	175	Lamar, SC / Lamar HS	91	Ricardo Sprinkle	DL	r-Fr.	6-1	260	Orangeburg, SC / Orangeburg-Wilkinson
36	Max/Leon Cobb	K/P	Fr.	5-10	185	Orlando, FL / Jones High School	92	Brandon Tucker	DL	Gr.	6-2	285	Columbia, SC / Blythewood HS
37	Sean Artiss	DB	r-Fr.	5-11	180	Blythewood, SC / Westwood HS	93	Sedrick Smith	DL	Fr.	6-4	280	Atlanta, GA / South Atlanta HS (GA)
38	Adonis Davis	LB	r-So.	6-0	200	Blackville, SC / Blackville-Hilda HS	95	Naejuan Barber	DL	r-So.	6-3	290	Hopkins, SC / Ridge View HS
39	Caleb Brown	LS	Gr.	6-2	190	Florence, SC / Wilson HS	96	Micaiah Settles	DL	So.	6-2	280	Columbia, SC / A.C. Flora HS
40	Jordan Dollard	DL	Fr.	6-5	250	Greensboro, NC / SE Guilford HS (NC)	97	Jamal McKinley	DL	Jr.	6-1	230	St. Stephens, SC / Timberland HS
41	TJ Williams	LB	Fr.	6-2	205	Denmark, SC / Denmark-Olar HS	98	Octaveon Minter	DL	Jr.	6-2	245	Chester, SC / Chester HS
42	Hunter Puckett	DL	Fr.	6-3	245	Anderson, SC / Westside HS	99	Jared Kirksey	DL	r-Jr.	6-2	268	Clemson, SC / Daniel HS
43	Patrick Godbolt	DL	Gr.	6-3	235	Blythewood, SC / Blythewood HS							





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Ida's story and HBCU family legacy dates back to the 1930s when her parents met in a biology class at Claflin University. Ida went on to graduate from North Carolina Central University where she also played saxophone in the band, the NCCU Marching Sound. When she later became a professor, Ida's legacy extended into classrooms of several HBCUs by instilling values such as discipline, respect, self-confidence, and a sense of community in future generations of Black leaders.

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## QUICK FACTS

- Founded** | 1877
- Location** | Natchez, Miss.
- Enrollment** | 7,000
- Mascot** | Tigers
- Colors** | Navy & White
- Conference** | Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)
- Affiliation** | NCAA Division I FCS
- President** | Elayne Hayes Anthony
- V.P. / Director of Athletics** | Ashley Robinson
- Band** | Sonic Boom of the South
- Stadium** | Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium
- Capacity** | 60,000
- Surface** | Natural Grass
- Website** | [www.jsu.edu](http://www.jsu.edu)

## FOOTBALL HISTORY

- First Year** | 1911
- Black College Championships** | 3  
(1962, 1985, 1996)
- SWAC Championships** | 18  
(1961, 1962, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1995, 1996, 2007, 2021, 2022)
- SWAC Eastern Division Championships** | 7  
(1999, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2021, 2022)
- SWAC Championship Game Record** | 3-4
- Last Post-Season Appearance** | 2022

## TEAM INFORMATION

- 2022 Overall Record** | 12-1
- 2022 SWAC Record (Finish)** | 9-0 (1st, SWAC East)
- Basic Offense** | Multiple
- Basic Defense** | 4-2-5

## 2023 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES CENTRAL)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept 3	v. Florida A&M	2:00 p.m.
Sept 9	at Southern	6:00 p.m.
Sept 16	at Texas State	6:00 p.m.
Sept 23	Bethune-Cookman	2:00 p.m.
Oct 7	at Alabama A&M	3:00 p.m.
Oct 14	Alabama State	2:00 p.m.
Oct 21	at Mississippi Valley State	TBA
Oct 28	at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2:00 p.m.
Nov 4	Texas Southern	2:00 p.m.
Nov 18	Alcorn State	2:00 p.m.
Dec 2	SWAC Championship	3:00 p.m.
Dec 16	Celebration Bowl	11:00 a.m.

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**ELAYNE HAYES ANTHONY**  
**PRESIDENT**

Alma Mater:  
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Elayne Hayes Anthony, Ph.D., was named acting president of Jackson State University in March 2023. A native of Jackson, Mississippi, she was the first African American female anchor, producer and reporter for WJTV-TV12, the CBS affiliate in Jackson.

Anthony is the former dean of JSU's School of Journalism and chair of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies. Under her leadership, the department received national accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Additionally, she expanded their sequence offerings to include public relations and advertising, and added an additional radio station "The Sipp." She also helped to garner close to \$1 million in grants for WJSU.

Anthony has been appointed the assistant superintendent of Public Information and Staff Development for the Jackson Public School District. Anthony later joined

Belhaven University as the founding head of the Department of Communication.

A former tenured full professor at Belhaven University, Anthony is currently a tenured full professor at JSU. She has served on more than 15 accreditation teams for the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Anthony was appointed to the Mississippi Education Task Force. She was also appointed by Governor Haley Barbour and Governor Phil Bryant to the State Department of Health, where she serves on the Audit Committee, CON and Communication Committee.

Anthony is the first African American to serve on the Board of the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters, where she is the vice president. She will assume the position of MAB president in Fall 2023. Anthony will be the first African American female and educator to hold the statewide position.



**ASHLEY ROBINSON**  
**VICE PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

Alma Mater:  
**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**

Entering his sixth year at Jackson State University, Vice President / Director of Athletics Ashley Robinson continues to lead Tiger Athletics to new heights.

A two-time National Athletic Director of the Year (2023) Black Student-Athlete Summit AD of The Year; 2022 Cushman & Wakefield AD of the Year awarded by the National Association of College Directors of Athletics (NACDA), Robinson's leadership helped JSU Athletics win the C.D. Henry Award for the best all-around men's sports programs in the SWAC in 2022-23.

A trio of Robinson's football hires, all first-time college head coaches at the time, earned postseason play in Fall 2021. Willie Simmons led Florida A&M to an at-large berth in the FCS Playoffs. Eric Dooley led Prairie View A&M to a SWAC Championship game appearance in 2021.

Robinson and JSU leadership's decision to name Pro Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders as head coach transformed college football, as JSU went 27-6 in three seasons, with back-to-back SWAC titles and consecutive Celebration Bowl Appearances.

Robinson has led JSU Athletics to 19 championships during his tenure, highlighted by men's basketball (2021),

baseball (2021), football (fall 2021 and 2022), and women's basketball (2022), each going undefeated in conference play.

A native of Jackson, Miss., Robinson spent five years at Prairie View A&M, where he was named Director of Athletics in June 2013, and promoted to Vice President and Director of Athletics in November 2016.

A former student-athlete, he was a four-year letterman in basketball and is the single-season and career record-holder in assists after playing point guard for Mississippi Valley State.

Robinson was named athletic director at Mississippi Valley State in 2012, where he spent nine months leading Delta Devil Athletics, leading MVSU to five conference titles and designing the Harrison HPER Complex.

Robinson currently serves as chair of SWAC's Athletic Directors Committee. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He received a bachelor's degree from MVSU and master's degree at the United States Sports Academy.

Robinson has three daughters, Ashlynn, Paisley and Promise, and a son Jalen.



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**COACHING STAFF**



**T.C. TAYLOR**  
**HEAD COACH**

Alma Mater: **JACKSON STATE, 2005**

One of the greatest Jackson State Football Tigers to ever don the Blue and White has ascended to the position of Head Coach at his alma mater.

**T.C. TAYLOR** has been named the 22nd head coach for JSU football. He officially took the reins of the program following the conclusion of the Celebration Bowl.

The former JSU quarterback and wide receiver has been a part of the Jackson State football staff since 2019, coaching tight ends and wide receivers, and has played a key role in an historic run over the past two seasons of Tiger football.

JSU has posted a 23-3 record over the past two seasons, winning back-to-back Southwestern Athletic Conference championships and posting consecutive undefeated conference seasons.

As an assistant coach at JSU, Taylor has helped develop some of the best receivers in the SWAC. During the abbreviated Spring 2021 season, he tutored WR Daylen Baldwin, who led the SWAC in receiving yards (540) and touchdowns (seven). During the Fall 2021 season, Malachi Wideman tied for the conference lead with 12 touchdown receptions, while Keith Corbin ranked second in both receptions (69) and yards (921) and tied for seventh in touchdowns.

In 2022, Dallas Daniels ranks second in the SWAC in receptions (60), third in receiving yards (666), and fourth in touchdowns (six). Shane Hooks ranks third in the SWAC in receptions (59) and third in both receiving yards (705) and receiving touchdowns (10). Prior to the 2022 season, Taylor was selected for an NFL coaching fellowship with the Tennessee Titans.

A native of McComb, Miss., Taylor played quarterback and wide receiver at Jackson State from 1998-2001, starting off as a signal caller for two-and-a-half seasons before switching to wide receiver. In just 19 games as a receiver, he amassed 188 catches for 1,793 yards.

As a senior at Jackson State, Taylor broke the JSU single-season record with 84 receptions for 1,234 yards and 11 touchdowns, earning NCAA Division I-AA Third-Team All-America honors from The Sports Network and First-Team Black College All-America recognition from Sheridan Broadcasting Network. He

was also the runner-up for the 2001 Conerly Trophy, presented to Mississippi's top college football player, behind Eli Manning.

Prior to returning to JSU as assistant coach in 2019, Taylor coached at North Carolina Central from 2014-18, where he coached quarterbacks and served as offensive coordinator.

At NCCU, Taylor helped guide the Eagles to three MEAC championships (2014, 2015, 2016), and in 2016 went unbeaten in conference play and qualified for the Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl.

In 2016 and under Taylor's guidance, NCCU set a record for total offense in a single season (4,614). Also, in 2014, Taylor's unit set a program record for passes completed in a season (227).

From 2014 to 2018, Taylor coached 28 All-MEAC offensive players and five All-Americans. In 2016 and under Taylor's tutoring, Malcolm Bell was a finalist for the 2016 Black College Football Player of the Year. Bell was also a three-time All-MEAC quarterback (2014, 2015, 2016) and set the program record for total offense (7,844 yards) and career completion percentage (56.6 percent) and was second in passing yards (6,340).

Taylor spent the prior two seasons (2012-13) at Texas Southern University as wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator.

From 2005-11, he coached at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Miss., starting as the quarterbacks and wide receivers coach and spending the final six years as offensive coordinator. His offenses ranked among the top five in Mississippi junior colleges in total yards for four straight seasons from 2007-10.

Taylor signed as a rookie free agent with the New England Patriots in 2002, played wide receiver for the NFL Europe World Bowl XI champion Frankfurt Galaxy in 2003, and participated in the 2003 NFL preseason with the Detroit Lions before a nagging injury ended his playing career.

Taylor graduated from Jackson State with a bachelor's degree in health, physical education, and recreation in 2005. He is married to Dawn, and they have two sons, Tre and Tylan.





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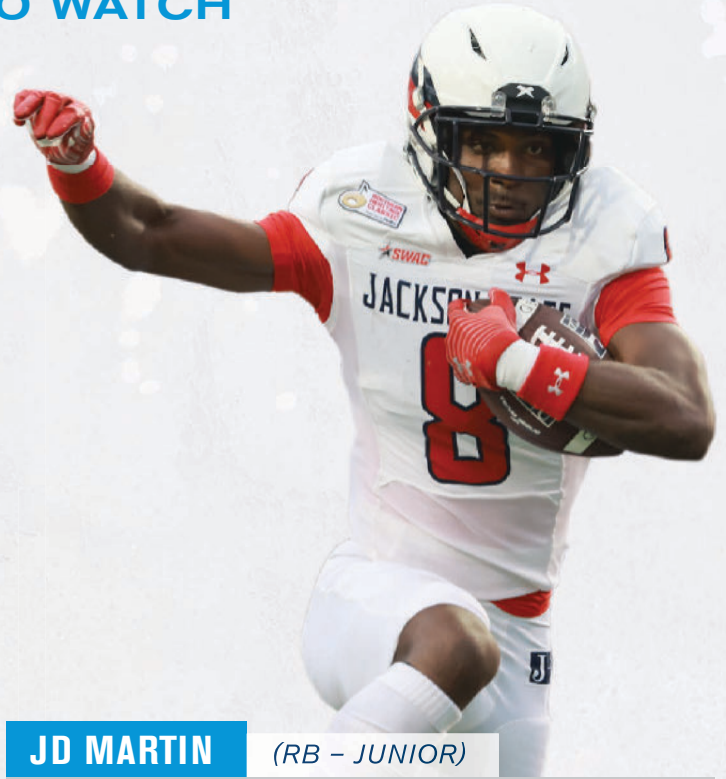


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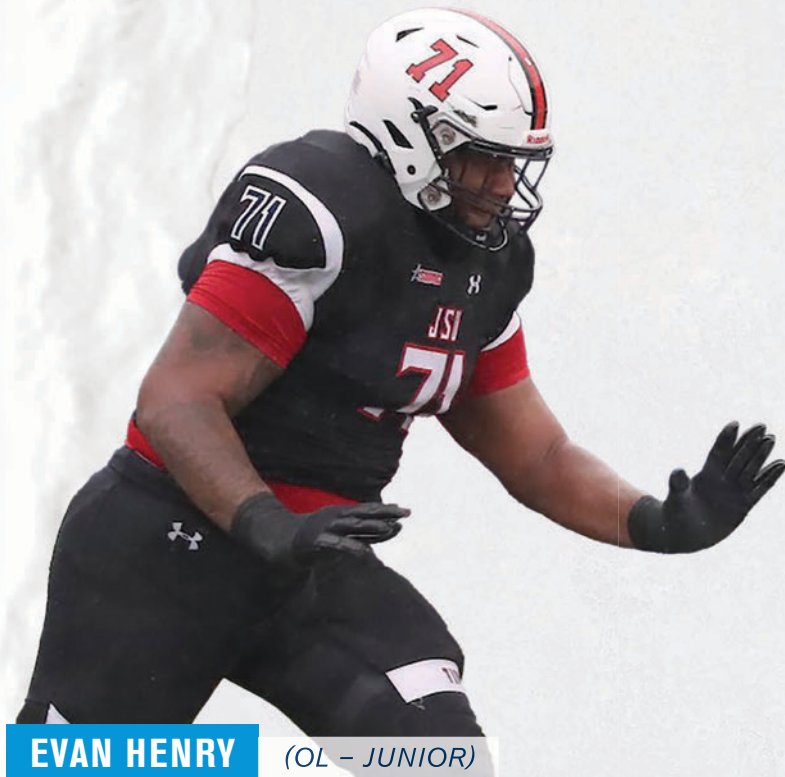
**DJ STEVENS**

(TE - SENIOR)



**JD MARTIN**

(RB - JUNIOR)



**EVAN HENRY**

(OL - JUNIOR)



**DEVONTA DAVIS**

(DL - JUNIOR)



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### 2023 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Allen Walker	LB	6-2	234	R-Jr.	Alpharetta, GA / Louisiana Tech	39	Phillip Webb	DL	6-5	265	Jr.	Buford, GA / LSU
1	Rico Powers	WR	6-2	187	Jr.	Atlanta, GA / South Carolina	40	Braxton Barney	DL	6-3	223	Fr.	Madison, MS / Madison Central HS
2	Joshua Clarke	LB	6-2	225	Gr.	New Orleans, LA / Northwestern State	41	Avery Salerno	LS	6-0	220	So.	Clemmons, NC / Chowan
2	George McCorley	WR	6-3	215	Gr.	San Diego, CA / Central Missouri	42	Jahman McNeil	LB	6-2	215	Jr.	Plainfield, NJ / Lackawanna College
3	Jaheem Hazel	CB	6-0	190	Gr.	Beaufort, SC / Wofford	43	Jace Ward	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	Carrollton, GA / Carrollton HS
3	Arterrious 'Duke' Miller	WR	6-0	178	Jr.	Raleigh, MS / East Mississippi CC   New Mexico	44	Reginald Swinton	RB	5-10	204	So.	Little Rock, AR / Mills University Studies HS
4	Jason Brown	QB	6-2	230	Gr.	Fredericksburg, VA / Virginia Tech	44	Derek Scott	TE	6-3	215	Fr.	Clinton, MS / Clinton HS
4	Solomon Rogers	S	5-10	197	Gr.	Wake Forest, NC / Charlotte	46	Dazerick Patton	S	5-9	204	So.	Hattiesburg, MS / Dak Grove HS
5	Ke'Vric Wiggins Jr.	CB	6-0	178	So.	Spring, TX / Louisiana Monroe	48	Matt Noll	K	6-0	200	Jr.	Robeson, PA / Delaware State
5	Irv Mulligan	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	Beaufort, SC / Wofford	49	Hunter Burns	LS	6-0	207	R-So.	Charleston, WV / Marshall
6	Zy McDonald	QB	6-0	185	R-So.	Ridgeland, MS / Louisiana Lafayette	50	Charlton Goodell	DL	6-1	250	Jr.	Alexandria, VA / IMG Academy
6	Esaias Guthrie	S	6-1	183	R-So.	Middletown, DE / Delaware State	51	Jackson Barry	LB	6-1	237	Fr.	Prosper, TX / Dallas Christian HS
7	Keydrain Calligan	S	6-1	200	Jr.	New Iberia, LA / Louisiana Monroe	52	J.D. Granger	DL	6-1	230	Fr.	Natchez, MS / Adams County Christian HS
7	Seven McGee	WR	5-9	185	R-So.	Rochester, NY / Oregon	54	Ashton Taylor	LB	6-1	223	So.	Hoover, AL / Tennessee Tech
8	JD Martin	RB	6-1	195	Jr.	Wetumpka, AL / East Central CC	55	Douglas Fowler	OL	6-3	315	Jr.	Dunnellon, FL / Dodge City CC
8	Jalin Hughes	CB	6-1	165	So.	Fort Worth, TX / Snow College	56	Athen Smith	DL	6-2	260	Gr.	Lexa, AR / Arkansas-Pine Bluff
9	Broderick "BJ" Washington	S	6-0	195	So.	Flora, MS / Northwest Mississippi CC	57	Bryce Owens	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	Raymond, MS / Jackson Academy
9	Fabian McCray	WR	6-2	192	R-Jr.	Chicago, IL / Northern Illinois	58	Cameron James	DL	6-8	320	R-So.	Chicago, IL / Minnesota
10	Isaiah Kendall	WR	6-4	180	Fr.	Newport, AR / Newport HS	59	Bobby Ragas	LB	6-3	215	So.	New Orleans, LA / John Curtis Christian HS
11	Tim Steward	S	5-9	194	R-Sr.	Hazelhurst, MS / Troy	60	Damien Terry	LS	6-0	265	Fr.	Houston, TX / Sterling HS
11	Isaiah Spencer	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	Flora, MS / Madison Central HS	61	Zyon Gilmore	OL	6-3	360	So.	McComb, MS / North Pike HS
12	Nireek Sharpe	CB	6-0	165	Fr.	Stockbridge, GA / Stockbridge HS	62	Almetrius Smith	OL	6-1	284	Jr.	Clarksdale, MS / Coahoma CC
12	Greyson Thompson	QB	6-3	205	R-So.	Denton, TX / North Texas	63	Christian Walker	OL	6-3	281	Fr.	Stonecrest, GA / Arabia Mountain HS
13	Brandon Johnson	WR	6-4	218	Jr.	Oceanside, CA / Idaho State	64	Deontae Graham	OL	6-5	307	R-Sr.	St. Louis, MO / Quincy
13	Isaac Peppers	LB	6-0	215	Gr.	Greenville, MS / Arkansas-Pine Bluff	65	Jackson King	OL	6-3	300	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI / Rufus King HS
14	Hayden Hagler	TE	6-4	250	R-Jr.	Sulphur, LA / Marshall	67	Success Chikezie	OL	6-2	292	Fr.	Ontario, Canada / St. Pius X HS
15	Khalil Arrington	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Montgomery, AL / Lee HS	68	Josiah Roa	OL	6-3	328	So.	Davis, CA / Santa Barbara City College
15	Jacobian Morgan	QB	6-4	229	R-So.	Canton, MS / Syracuse	69	Dequarius White	OL	6-4	333	Fr.	Lexington, MS / Holmes Central HS
16	Joanes Fortilien	WR	6-5	220	R-So.	Orlando, FL / Dr. Phillips HS	70	Kirk Ford Jr.	OL	6-5	308	R-So.	Keller, TX / Navarro College
17	Erick Simmons	WR	6-0	185	R-So.	Greenville, MS / Greenville HS	71	Evan Henry	OL	6-4	324	Jr.	Dallas, TX / Louisiana Monroe
17	Ehmad Dabney	CB	5-8	165	Jr.	Jackson, MS / Callaway HS	72	Syr Riley	OL	6-4	318	Gr.	Inglewood, CA / Idaho State
18	Phillip Short	QB	6-2	210	Jr.	Madison, MS / Madison-Ridgeland Academy	74	D'Andre Townes-Blue	OL	6-5	329	Jr.	Willow Grove, PA / Lackawanna College
19	Kobe Paul	WR	6-0	171	R-Fr.	Cedar Hill, TX / Trinity Christian HS	77	Chris Gonzales	OL	6-5	310	Jr.	Albuquerque, NM / San Diego Mesa CC
19	Joe Perkins	S	6-0	196	Jr.	Madison, MS / Florida International	78	Quaveon Davis	OL	6-7	350	Gr.	Lewisville, TX / Lewisville HS
21	Desmond Moultrie	RB	6-0	200	So.	Arlington, TX / Lamar HS	81	Jency Riley	TE	6-3	225	Jr.	Greensburg, LA / St. Helena Coll. & Career Academy
21	Jordan Harris	CB	6-2	180	Jr.	Jackson, MS / Coahoma CC	82	Lester Miller	WR	6-0	165	Fr.	Brandon, MS / Brandon HS
22	Antonio Doyle Jr.	DL	6-4	258	Sr.	St. Louis, MO / Texas A&M	83	Sebastian Saint-Louis	TE	6-5	225	Fr.	Boca Raton, FL / Boca Raton HS
23	Javarian Jenkins	LB	6-3	215	Jr.	Hattiesburg, MS / Jones JC	84	Mike Williams	WR	6-0	160	Fr.	Natchez, MS / Natchez HS
24	Anthony Petty	CB	5-9	177	So.	Wiggins, MS / Stone Hill HS	85	Andre Hunt	WR	6-0	188	So.	Palmdale, CA / College Of The Canyons
25	Josh Short	CB	5-11	188	So.	Greenville, MS / Southern	86	DJ Stevens	TE	6-4	235	Sr.	Ridgeland, MS / Ridgeland HS
26	Tristen Sion	CB	6-1	172	Fr.	Tallahassee, FL / Rickards HS	88	Coynis Miller Jr.	DL	6-2	300	Sr.	Birmingham, AL / Auburn
26	Tavarious Jones	CB	5-11	190	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN / Dodge City CC	89	Julian Smith	WR	5-6	145	Jr.	Glenwood, IL / Trine University
27	Ahmad Miller	RB	6-0	210	Fr.	Memphis, TN / Whitehaven HS	90	Tru Thompson	DL	6-1	281	R-Jr.	Grayson, GA / Florida State
28	Bruce Mitchell	S	6-0	200	Fr.	Lone Star, TX / Lone Star HS	93	Zyon Walker	DL	6-1	290	R-So.	Memphis, TN / South Alabama
29	Frankie Dunn	CB	5-8	168	R-So.	Jackson, LA / Feliciana HS	94	Stanley Cooks	DL	6-2	314	Fr.	Gainesville, FL / Hawthorne HS
31	Kevin May	RB	5-10	183	R-Fr.	Jackson, MS / St. Joseph HS	95	Julius Reynolds	DL	6-5	270	So.	Modesto, CA / Fresno State
32	Noah Boulieu	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Lancaster, TX / Lancaster HS	97	Devonta Davis	DL	6-3	305	Jr.	Union Springs, AL / Bullock County HS
36	Ezequiel Johnson	RB	5-9	190	R-Fr.	Brunswick, NJ / Southern Connecticut State	98	Tyas Martin	DL	6-4	330	So.	Helena, AR / Colorado
38	Gerardo Baeza	K	5-8	175	Jr.	Boaz, AL / Kentucky State	99	Jeremiah Williams	DL	6-3	285	R-So.	Lexington, MS / Holmes County Central HS



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**MARCHING 101**



**BAND DIRECTOR DR. PATRICK MOORE**

The South Carolina State “Marching 101” band is known from coast to coast. The members have entertained tens of thousands of spectators throughout the Southeast and millions by way of nationally televised events – including professional football games – with a unique style of marching that takes hours of practice to master.

Band members play without music scores, although only a percentage of the members are music majors. They are perpetually in motion with dance routines and geometric designs while remaining in step, and of course, playing music all the time.

The band’s name, the “Marching 101” is a misnomer as the 2008 edition of the renowned group.

For many youngsters throughout the state, the band is South Carolina State University. They may not be aware of all of the academic opportunities of the institution, but they respond to the exciting music of the “Marching 101.”

The band, which is currently under the direction of Dr. Patrick Moore, was organized in 1918 as a “regimental band,” performing military drills and assisting with music in the college Sunday School and other special occasions.

In 1924, the late Reginald Thomason influenced the music presentation with concerts. From 1924 on, a succession of directors, including Thomason, influenced the growth of the band as it became a part of the Department of Music at the university. In the 1940s, the band shared uniforms with the ROTC brigade, and played in military ceremonies as well as collegiate functions. In 1955, the college band numbered around 45 members – about one-seventh of today’s number – and sported its own garnet and blue uniforms.

Moore, who took over as director five years ago, has continued the tradition of fine entertainment, especially at football games.

While other college football fans head for the concession stands at halftime, followers of the Bulldogs remain seated to enjoy the next exciting routines of the “Marching 101,” which are always appropriate for the game.

The band learns a completely new show for every home game. Fans enthusiastically reward their excellent and breathtaking performances with applause and cheers.

Although most of the members hang up their uniforms when the football season is over, many of them will contribute their musical skills in various ways the remainder of the year, including participation in the pep band, concert choir and jazz band.



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THE SONIC BOOM OF THE SOUTH

## BAND DIRECTOR DR. RODERICK LITTLE

Although Dr. F. D. Hall served as director of the band, chorus, and orchestra in the 1920s, the marching band began in the 1940s with students from both Jackson State College and Lanier High School under Mr. Kermit Holly, Sr. The Jackson State University Marching Band, affectionately known as the "Sonic Boom of the South," is known for intricate, precision marching and the big band sound. The "Sonic Boom," also referred to as "Hollywood's Band of Choice," has performed many halftime appearances for the NFL/NBA, including the Atlanta Falcons, Detroit Lions, New Orleans Saints, Cincinnati Bengals, and the NBA All-Star game in 1991.

The "Boom" was featured in a television special for Motown's 30th Anniversary and the 34th NAACP Image Awards, with a special guest performance by "Cedric the Entertainer." In May 2013, the band was featured in a Headline News (HLN) special chronicling what it takes to become a Drum Major at Jackson State University. Since 2020, the band has been featured in several media outlets, a nationally televised Pepsi commercial, the YouTube (company) platform, and President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris's (virtual) Inauguration.

Students in the band dubbed the Jackson State University Marching Band "The Sonic Boom of the South" in 1971. "The thrill of a thousand eyes" were the words Dr. Jimmie James, Jr., spoke at the onset of the "Prancing Jaycettes" in 1971. Shirley Middleton, a former majorette, initiated the concept of the majorettes abandoning their batons and dancing to popular musical selections. As the majorette sponsor, Shirley Middleton and the majorettes met with Dr. John A. Peoples, the University's sixth president, and requested that they be permitted to "put down their batons." In 1974, the band's theme song, "Get Ready," an old Motown favorite, was selected, and three years after that, the "Tiger Run-On" was perfected. The "Tiger Run-On" is a fast, eye-catching shuffle that brings fans to their feet during halftime performances.

The band is under the direction of Dr. Roderick Little, and the Prancing J-Settes is under the direction of Mrs. Chloe Ashley-Crowley. The Jackson State University Marching Band, "The Sonic Boom of the South," is an ensemble of the Department of Music, Dr. Beckley-Roberts, Chair.





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### PAST CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION	COACH	SCORE	OPPONENT	SITE	ATTENDANCE
2005	South Carolina State	Buddy Pough	27-14	Alabama State	Birmingham, Ala. (Legion Field)	18,452
2006	Hampton	Joe Taylor	27-26 OT	Grambling State	Birmingham, Ala. (Legion Field)	19,174
2007	Southern	Pete Richardson	33-27	Florida A&M	Birmingham, Ala. (Legion Field)	30,106
2008	Hampton	Jerry Holmes	17-13	Jackson State	Orlando, Fla. (Citrus Bowl)	10,723
2009	South Carolina State	Buddy Pough	34-31	Grambling State	Orlando, Fla. (Citrus Bowl)	21,367
2010	Southern	Stump Mitchell	37-27	Delaware State	Orlando, Fla. (Citrus Bowl)	16,327
2011	Bethune-Cookman	Brian Jenkins	63-14	Prairie View	Orlando, Fla. (Citrus Bowl)	17,337
2012	Bethune-Cookman	Brian Jenkins	38-28	Alabama State	Orlando, Fla. (Citrus Bowl)	17,410
2013	Florida A&M	Earl Holmes	27-10	Mississippi Valley State	Orlando, Fla. (Citrus Bowl)	24,376
2014	North Carolina A&T	Rod Broadway	47-13	Alabama A&M	Orlando, Fla. (Bright House Networks Stadium)	8,210
2015	South Carolina State	Buddy Pough	35-7	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Orlando, Fla. (Citrus Bowl)	7,257
2016	No Contest due to inclement weather - South Carolina State and Bethune-Cookman				Daytona Beach, Fla. (Municipal Stadium)	6,000
2017	Southern	Dawson Odums	14-8	South Carolina State	Baton Rouge, La. (Ace W. Mumford Stadium)	10,006
2018	Prairie View	Eric Dooley	40-24	North Carolina Central	Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia State Stadium)	10,274
2019	Bethune-Cookman	Terry Sims	36-15	Jackson State	Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia State Stadium)	23,333
2020	Did Not Play due to pandemic - Grambling State and South Carolina State				Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia State Stadium)	n/a
2021	North Carolina Central	Trei Oliver	23-14	Alcorn State	Atlanta, Ga. (Center Parc Stadium)	15,215
2022	Alabama State	Eddie Robinson, Jr.	23-13	Howard	Atlanta, Ga. (Center Parc Stadium)	20,088

### PLAYER HONORS

YEAR	HONOR	PLAYER	POS.	SCHOOL	YEAR	HONOR	PLAYER	POS.	SCHOOL
2005	MVP	Cleveland McCoy	QB	South Carolina State	2013	MVP	Damien Fleming	QB	Florida A&M
	MVP	Tarvaris Jackson	QB	Alabama State		MVP	Jeremy Johnson	QB	Mississippi Valley State
2006	MVP	TJ Mitchell	QB	Hampton	2014	MVP	Tarik Cohen	RB	North Carolina A&T
	MVP	Brandon Landers	QB	Grambling		MVP	Jaymason Lee	QB	Alabama A&M
2007	MVP	Bryant Lee	QB	Southern	2015	MVP	Javon Hargrave	DE	South Carolina State
	MVP	Philip Sylvester	RB	Florida A&M		MVP	Brian Handley	RB	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
2008	MVP	Herbert Bynes	QB	Hampton	2017	MVP	Darius Leonard	LB	South Carolina State
	MVP	Marcellus Speaks	LB	Jackson State		MVP	Montavious Gaines	DB	Southern
2009	MVP	Derrick Wiley	QB	South Carolina State	2018	MVP	Jalen Morton	QB	Prairie View A&M
	MVP	Christian Anthony	DL	Grambling		MVP	Chauncey Caldwell	QB	North Carolina Central
2010	MVP	Dray Joseph	QB	Southern	2019	MVP	Akevious Williams	QB	Bethune-Cookman
	MVP	Larrone Moore	WR	Delaware State		MVP	Trevor Merritt	DB	Bethune-Cookman
2011	MVP	Jamar Robinson	QB	Bethune-Cookman	2021	MVP	Davius Richards	QB	North Carolina Central
	MVP	Jerry Lovelock	QB	Prairie View A&M		MVP	Shaq Davis	DB	North Carolina Central
2012	MVP	Broderick Waters	QB	Bethune-Cookman	2022	MVP	Demetrius Davis	QB	Alabama State
	MVP	Greg Jenkins	QB	Alabama State		MVP	Jevin Jakson	DT	Howard

### SCHOOL RECORDS

(by Appearance)

Bethune-Cookman:	3-0
Southern:	3-0
South Carolina State:	3-1
Hampton:	2-0
North Carolina A&T:	1-0
Florida A&M:	1-1
North Carolina Central:	1-1
Prairie View:	1-1
Alabama State:	1-2
Grambling State:	0-2
Jackson State:	0-2
Alabama A&M:	0-1
Alcorn State:	0-1
Arkansas-Pine Bluff:	0-1
Delaware State:	0-1
Mississippi Valley State:	0-1
Howard:	0-1





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### INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

#### OFFENSE

##### **MOST RUSHING YARDS**

224 - Dawonya Tucker (Prairie View)  
v. N.C. Central, 2018

##### **MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS**

2 - Five players tied

##### **MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS**

24 - Herbert Edwards (Southern) v. S.C. State, 2017

##### **LONGEST RUSHING TD (YARDS)**

90 - Darren Coates (Southern) v. Florida A&M, 2007

##### **MOST PASSING YARDS**

295 - Jalen Morton (Prairie View)  
v. N.C. Central, 2018

##### **MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS**

4 - Brandon Landers (Grambling), v. Hampton, 2006

##### **LONGEST PASSING TD (YARDS)**

85 - Anthony Glaud (Delaware State)  
v. Southern, 2010

##### **MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS**

45 - Chauncey Caldwell (N.C. Central)  
v. Prairie View, 2018

##### **MOST COMPLETIONS**

25 - Chauncey Caldwell (N.C. Central)  
v. Prairie View, 2018

##### **MOST PASSING INTERCEPTIONS**

2 - Nolen Sorenson (Arkansas-Pine Bluff)  
v. S.C. State, 2015  
2 - Adrien Kollock (S.C. State)  
v. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 2015

##### **MOST TIMES SACKED**

4 - Greg Jenkins (Alabama State)  
v. Bethune-Cookman, 2012

133 - Lorenzo Hoffman (Alabama State)  
v. S.C. State, 2005

##### **MOST RECEPTIONS**

7 - Richie Ilarraza (Howard) v. Alabama State, 2022  
7 - Gerard Landry (Southern) v. Florida A&M, 2007  
7 - Alvanse Robinson (Alabama State)  
v. S.C. State, 2005

##### **MOST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS**

2 - Markus Hardy (Prairie View) v. N.C. Central, 2018

##### **MOST YARDS PER RECEPTION**

46.0 - Larrone Moore (Delaware State)  
v. Southern, 2010

##### **LONGEST RECEIVING TD (YARDS)**

85 - Larrone Moore (Delaware State)  
v. Southern, 2010

#### DEFENSE

##### **MOST TACKLES**

13 - Jeremy Johnson (Mississippi Valley State)  
v. Florida A&M, 2013

##### **MOST SACKS**

2.5 - Javon Hargrave (S.C. State)  
v. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 2015

##### **MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS**

6.0 - Darius Royster (N.C. Central)  
v. Prairie View, 2018

##### **MOST INTERCEPTIONS**

1 - 24 players tied

##### **LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD**

50 - Trevor Merritt (Bethune-Cookman)  
v. Jackson State, 2019

##### **LONGEST FUMBLE RETURN FOR TD**

96 - Sam Marc (Bethune-Cookman)  
v. Jackson State, 2019

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

##### **MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS**

82 - Brandon Codrington (N.C. Central)  
v. Alcorn State, 2021

##### **LONGEST PUNT RETURN (YARDS)**

77 - Brandon Codrington (N.C. Central)  
v. Alcorn State, 2021

##### **MOST PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS**

1 - (77yds) Brandon Codrington (N.C. Central)  
v. Alcorn State, 2021

1 - (64yds) Corey Cushingberry (Southern)  
v. Delaware State, 2010

##### **MOST KICK RETURNS**

5 - Tiquan Watson (N.C. Central) v. Prairie View, 2018  
5 - Larrone Moore (Delaware State)  
v. Southern, 2010

##### **MOST KICK RETURN YARDS**

120 - Tony McRae (N.C. A&T) v. Alabama A&M, 2014

##### **LONGEST KICK RETURN (YARDS)**

95 - Tony McRae (N.C. A&T) v. Alabama A&M, 2014

##### **MOST KICK RETURN TOUCHDOWNS**

1 - (95yds) Tony McRae (N.C. A&T)  
v. Alabama A&M, 2014  
1 - (90yds) Larrone Moore (Delaware State)  
v. Southern, 2010

##### **MOST PUNTS**

12 - Matthew Guth (Arkansas-Pine Bluff)  
v. S.C. State, 2015

##### **MOST PUNTING YARDS**

443 - Matthew Guth (Arkansas-Pine Bluff)  
v. S.C. State, 2015

##### **LONGEST PUNT (YARDS)**

55 - Matthew Guth (Arkansas-Pine Bluff)  
v. S.C. State, 2015

##### **BEST PUNTING AVG**

44.6 - Joshua Duran (Southern)  
v. Delaware State, 2010

##### **MOST FIELD GOALS MADE**

2 - Six players tied

##### **LONGEST FIELD GOAL MADE**

47 - Leigh Manley (S.C. State) v. Grambling, 2009

### TEAM STATS

##### **MOST RUSHING YARDS**

367 - Bethune-Cookman v. Alabama State, 2012

##### **FEWEST RUSHING YARDS**

24 - Alabama State v. South Carolina State, 2005

##### **MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS**

60 - Bethune-Cookman v. Alabama State, 2012

##### **MOST YARDS RUSHING PER RUSH**

7.5 - Prairie View v. North Carolina Central, 2018

##### **MOST RUSHING TD**

5 - North Carolina A&T v. Alabama A&M, 2014

##### **MOST PASSING YARDS**

273 - Jackson State v. Bethune-Cookman, 2019  
273 - Grambling State v. Hampton, 2006

##### **FEWEST PASSING YARDS**

39 - Arkansas-Pine Bluff v. S.C. State, 2015

##### **MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS**

45 - North Carolina Central v. Prairie View, 2018

##### **MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS**

26 - Bethune-Cookman v. Prairie View, 2011

##### **MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS**

4 - Grambling State v. Hampton, 2016

##### **MOST PASSING YARDS PER COMPLETION**

27.0 - Delaware State v. Southern, 2010

##### **MOST TOTAL YARDS (GAME)**

633 - Prairie View v. North Carolina Central, 2018

##### **FEWEST TOTAL YARDS (GAME)**

150 - Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
v. South Carolina State, 2015

##### **LONGEST TIME OF POSSESSION**

36:10 - Bethune-Cookman v. Prairie View, 2011

##### **LONGEST TIME OF POSSESSION (QUARTER)**

10:45 (1) - Alabama A&M  
v. North Carolina A&T, 2014

##### **MOST FUMBLES**

5 (4) - Prairie View v. Bethune-Cookman, 2011  
5 (4) - Southern v. Florida A&M, 2007

##### **MOST INTERCEPTIONS**

3 - South Carolina State v. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 2015  
3 - Florida A&M v. Mississippi Valley State, 2013

##### **MOST TOTAL TACKLES**

88 - Delaware State v. Southern, 2010

##### **MOST SOLO TACKLES**

52 - Arkansas-Pine Bluff v. South Carolina State, 2015

##### **MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS**

13.5 - Jackson State v. Bethune-Cookman, 2009

##### **MOST SACKS**

5 - Alcorn State v. North Carolina Central, 2021  
5 - North Carolina Central v. Alcorn State, 2021  
5 - South Carolina State v. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 2015  
5 - Bethune-Cookman v. Alabama State, 2012

##### **MOST PENALTIES**

15 - Florida A&M v. Mississippi Valley State, 2013  
15 - Bethune-Cookman v. Alabama State, 2012

##### **MOST PENALTY YARDS**

160 - Florida A&M v. Mississippi Valley State, 2013

##### **FEWEST PENALTIES**

3 - Alabama State v. Bethune-Cookman, 2012

##### **FEWEST PENALTY YARDS**

31 - Alabama State v. Bethune-Cookman, 2012

##### **LONGEST POSSESSION DRIVE**

8:07 - Florida A&M (16 plays, 96 yds. TD)  
v. Mississippi Valley State, 2013

##### **LONGEST DRIVE (YARDS)**

99 - Alabama State (9 plays, TD) v. Howard, 2022

##### **LONGEST DRIVE (PLAYS)**

16 - Florida A&M v. Mississippi Valley State, 2013  
16 - Grambling State v. South Carolina State, 2009

##### **MOST FIRST DOWNS**

26 - Grambling State v. South Carolina State, 2009

##### **FEWEST FIRST DOWNS**

10 - Arkansas-Pine Bluff v. South Carolina State, 2015

### GAME STATS

##### **ATTENDANCE**

30,106 - Southern v. FAMU-Birmingham, 2017

##### **WINS**

3 - Bethune-Cookman (3-0)  
Southern (3-0)  
S.C. State (3-1)

##### **WINNINGEST COACH**

Oliver "Buddy" Pough (S.C. State), 3-1

##### **LONGEST GAME**

4h, 00 min, Prairie View v. N.C. Central, 2018

##### **MOST POINTS SCORED (BY A TEAM)**

Game: 63, Bethune-Cookman, 2011  
Qtr: 28, (2nd qtr), Bethune-Cookman, 2011  
Half: 42, (1st half), Bethune-Cookman, 2011

##### **LARGEST WIN MARGIN**

63-14 (49), Bethune-Cookman  
over Prairie View, 2011

##### **MOST COMBINED PENALTIES**

36 - Mississippi Valley State v. Florida A&M, 2013

##### **LARGEST POINT DEFICIT**

Game: 49, Bethune-Cookman over Prairie View, 2011  
Half: 35, Bethune-Cookman over Prairie View, 2011  
Qtr: 42, (3rd Qtr), Bethune-Cookman  
over Prairie View, 2011

20, (1st Qtr), Prairie View over N.C. Central, 2018

##### **FEWEST POINTS SCORED**

Game: 7, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 2015  
Half: 0, (2nd half), Southern, 2017  
(1st half), Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 2015  
(1st half), Mississippi Valley State, 2013

##### **TOTAL COMBINED POINTS SCORED (GAME)**

77 - Bethune-Cookman v. Prairie View, 2011

##### **FEWEST COMBINE POINTS SCORED (GAME)**

22 - Southern v. S.C. State, 2017

##### **MOST COMBINED RUSHING TD (GAME)**

6 - Alabama State v. Bethune-Cookman, 2012

##### **MOST COMBINED PASSING TOUCHDOWNS**

7 - Grambling State v. Hampton, 2006

##### **FEWEST COMBINED POINTS SCORED (QUARTER)**

0, (2nd Qtr), Bethune-Cookman  
v. Jackson State, 2019  
(4th Qtr), Southern v. S.C. State, 2017  
(2nd Qtr), S.C. State  
v. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 2015

2, (3rd Qtr), Southern v. S.C. State, 2017

3, (1st Qtr), Bethune-Cookman  
v. Jackson State, 2019

##### **MOST TOTAL COMBINED POINTS SCORED (QUARTER)**

35, (2nd Qtr), Bethune-Cookman  
v. Prairie View A&M, 2011

34, (3rd Qtr), Bethune-Cookman  
v. Jackson State, 2019

21, (4th Qtr), Bethune-Cookman  
v. Alabama State, 2012

Southern v. Delaware State, 2010

20, (1st Qtr), Prairie View v. N.C. Central, 2018

N.C. A&T v. Alabama A&M, 2014

13, (OT), Hampton v. Grambling State, 2006



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## STATISTICAL LEADERS

### PASSING YARDS

- 295 - Jalen Morton (PVAM), 2018
- 273 - Chauncey Caldwell (NCCU), 2018
- 273 - Brandon Landers (GSU), 2006
- 269 - Greg Dillon (GSU), 2009
- 255 - Tarvaris Jackson (ASU), 2005
- 251 - Jamarr Robinson (BCU), 2011
- 215 - Lee Bryant (SU), 2007
- 198 - Austin Howard (SU), 2017
- 198 - Trae Rutland (JSU), 2008
- 196 - Greg Jenkins (ASU), 2012

### PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

- 4 - Brandon Landers (GSU), 2006
- 2 - Felix Harper (ALCN), 2021
- 2 - Jalen Morton (PVAM), 2018
- 2 - Chauncey Caldwell (NCCU), 2018
- 2 - Tarik Cohen (NCAT), 2014
- 2 - Kwashaun Quick (NCAT), 2014
- 2 - Anthony Glaud (DSU), 2010
- 2 - Greg Dillon (GSU), 2009
- 2 - Malcolm Long (SCSU), 2009
- 2 - TJ Mitchell (HAM), 2006

### RUSHING YARDS

- 224 - Dawonya Tucker (PVAM), 2018
- 161 - Tarik Cohen (NCAT), 2014
- 142 - Darren Coates (SU), 2007
- 128 - Stafford Anderson (ALCN), 2021
- 123 - Isidore Jackson (BCU), 2012
- 111 - Kwashaun Quick (NCAT), 2014
- 103 - Rodney Scott (BCU), 2012
- 101 - Phillip Sylvester (FAMU), 2007
- 100 - Brodrick Waters (BCU), 2012
- 99 - Kwashaun Quick (NCAT), 2014

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

- 24 - Herbert Edwards (SU), 2017
- 22 - Dawonya Tucker (PVAM), 2018
- 21 - Isidore Jackson (BCU), 2012
- 18 - Brand Eldemire (AAMU), 2014
- 18 - Bryant Lee (SU), 2007
- 18 - Deshawn Baker (SCSU), 2005
- 17 - Bryan Brower (AAMU), 2014
- 17 - Greg Dillon (GSU), 2009
- 17 - Ab Kuan (GSU), 2006
- 16 - Gary Hollimon (SU), 2010
- 16 - Frank Warren (GSU), 2009
- 16 - LaMarcus Coker (HAM), 2008
- 15 - Jordan Johnson (JSU), 2019
- 15 - Greg Jenkins (ASU), 2012
- 15 - Sylvester Nzekwe (SU), 2010
- 15 - Dennis Mathis (HAM), 2008
- 14 - Trey Samuel (SCSU), 2015
- 14 - Travil Jamison (SCSU), 2009
- 14 - Phil Sylvester (FAMU), 2007
- 14 - Van Morgan (HAM), 2006
- 14 - Troy McFadden (SCSU), 2005
- 13 - Brian Handley (UAPB), 2015
- 13 - M. Cartwright (NCAT), 2014
- 13 - Le'Darr Groover (PVAM), 2011
- 13 - Derrick Wiley (SCSU), 2009
- 13 - William Ford (SCSU), 2009
- 12 - Cornelius Walker (GSU), 2009
- 12 - Alonzo Coleman (HAM), 2006
- 11 - Stafford Anderson (ALCN), 2021
- 11 - Akevious Williams (BCU), 2019
- 11 - Jaashawn Johnson (DSU), 2010
- 10 - Jonathan Woods (SCSU), 2006



JALEN MORTON (PVAM)

### RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

- 2 - Davius Richard (NCCU), 2021
- 2 - Jamarr Robinson (BCU), 2011
- 2 - Isidore Jackson (BCU), 2011
- 2 - Anthony Jordan (BCU), 2011
- 2 - Darren Coates (SU), 2007

### RECEIVING YARDS

- 133 - Lorenzo Hoffman (ASU), 2005
- 113 - Marquay McDaniel (HAM), 2006
- 105 - DD Bowie (JSU), 2019
- 102 - Eddie Poole (BCU), 2012
- 98 - Jeffery Rector (PVAM), 2018
- 94 - Lakeldrick Bridges (GSU), 2006
- 92 - Larrone Moore (DSU), 2010
- 89 - T.C. McWilliams (ASU), 2012
- 88 - Van Phillips (GSU), 2009
- 84 - Kelley King (SCSU), 2005
- 83 - Tristan Wallace (PVAM), 2018
- 81 - Gerard Landry (SU), 2007
- 81 - Javares Knight (FAMU), 2007
- 80 - Alvance Robinson (ASU), 2005

### TOTAL RECEPTIONS

- 7 - Gerard Landry (SU), 2007
- 7 - Alvance Robinson (ASU), 2005
- 6 - Ryan McDaniel (NCCU), 2021
- 6 - Tristan Wallace (PVAM), 2018
- 6 - T.C. McWilliams (ASU), 2012
- 6 - Marquay McDaniel (HAM), 2006
- 6 - Lakeldrick Bridges (GSU), 2006
- 6 - Clyde Edwards (GSU), 2006
- 5 - Juan Anthony, Jr. (ALCN), 2021
- 5 - DD Bowie (JSU), 2019
- 5 - Warren Newman (JSU), 2019
- 5 - Jimmie Robinson (BCU), 2019
- 5 - Daesha Stephens (NCCU), 2018
- 5 - De'Mo Burroughs (SCSU), 2017
- 5 - Keenan Tillman (JSU), 2008
- 5 - Jarvis Funderburk (FAMU), 2007
- 5 - Phil Sylvester (FAMU), 2007

### RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

- 2 - Markus Hardy (PVAM), 2018
- 1 - 33 players tied

### TACKLES

- 13 - Jeremy Johnson (MVSU), 2013
- 12 - Darius Leonard (SCSU), 2017
- 12 - Marc Speaks (JSU), 2008
- 11 - Keonte Hampton (JSU), 2019
- 11 - Davante Reynolds (NCCU), 2018
- 11 - Elton Holmes (PVAM), 2011
- 11 - Wakeem Goode (HAM), 2008
- 10 - Rashon McNeil (BCU), 2019
- 10 - Darius Royster (NCCU), 2018
- 10 - Branden Bailey (NCCU), 2018
- 10 - Isaac Claiborne (PVAM), 2018
- 10 - Denzel Jones (NCAT), 2014
- 10 - D'Vonte Grant (NCAT), 2014
- 10 - Jarkevis Fields (BCU), 2012
- 10 - Dannel Shepard (FAMU), 2007
- 10 - Lymon Reed (FAMU), 2007

### SACKS

- 2.5 - Javon Hargrave (SCSU), 2015
- 2.0 - LeBranden Richardson (BCU), 2012
- 1.5 - Harold Love (BCU), 2013
- 1.5 - Lymon Reed (FAMU), 2007
- 1.5 - Alden Blizzard (HAM), 2006
- 1.0 - 26 players tied

### INTERCEPTIONS

- 1 - Keyron Kinsler, Jr. (ALCN), 2021
- 1 - Devuntray Hampton (BCU), 2019
- 1 - Trevor Merritt (BCU), 2019
- 1 - Ju'Anthony Parker (PVAM), 2018
- 1 - Dershaw Taylor (SCSU), 2017
- 1 - Kevin Rucker (UAPB), 2015
- 1 - Reggie Rayford (UAPB), 2015
- 1 - Avery Boykin (MVSU), 2013
- 1 - John Ojo (FAMU), 2013
- 1 - Darren Parker (FAMU), 2013
- 1 - Patrick Aiken (FAMU), 2013
- 1 - Donald Law (PVAM), 2011
- 1 - Jarkevis Fields (BCU), 2011
- 1 - D.J. Howard (BCU), 2011
- 1 - Demetric Rogers (SU), 2010
- 1 - Jason House (SU), 2010
- 1 - Semaj Moody (SCSU), 2009
- 1 - Rasoul Wilson (HAM), 2008
- 1 - Bryan Lanford (GSU), 2006
- 1 - Calvin Bannister (HAM), 2006
- 1 - Jamaul George (SU), 2007
- 1 - Glenn Bell (SU), 2007
- 1 - Travis Kinlock (SCSU), 2005
- 1 - Brandon Averett (ASU), 2005



DAWONYA TUCKER (PVAM)



**GAME HISTORY**

**2005** Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala.

**27-14**

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**

**ALABAMA STATE**



South Carolina State quarterback Cleveland McCoy earned Most Valuable Player as he racked up 240 yards of total offense in their 27-14 win over Alabama State in the inaugural MEAC/SWAC Challenge, in front of an announced crowd of 18,452 at Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala. Opposing Alabama State quarterback Tarvaris Jackson threw for 255 yards and two touchdowns to take MVP honors for the Hornets. McCoy finished off a five-play, 70-yard drive with an 11-yd TD run to give the Bulldogs a 7-0 advantage on their first series. They added a 28-yard field goal by Stephen Grantham on the next series to go up 10-0. Deshawn Baker scored from one yard out 41 seconds into the second quarter as SCSU built a 17-0 lead. ASU scored before the half to cut the lead 17-7, but they had trouble moving the ball all game.

**SCORE BY QUARTER**

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>SCST</b>	10	7	7	3	<b>27</b>
<b>ASU</b>	0	7	0	7	<b>14</b>

**TOP PERFORMERS**

**PASSING:**

**Tarvaris Jackson (ASU)**  
16-33-1, 255 YDS, 2 TD

**RUSHING:**

**Deshawn Baker (SCSU)**  
18 CAR, 71 YDS, 1 TD

**RECEIVING:**

**Lorenzo Hoffman (ASU)**  
5 REC, 133 YDS, 1 TD

**2006** Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala.

**27-26 (OT)**

**HAMPTON**

**GRAMBLING**



Derius Swinton blocked Grambling State's point after attempt in overtime to preserve Hampton's 27-26 victory. Hampton dominated on the ground, running for 203 yards while limiting Grambling to just 30 yards rushing. Van Morgan ran for 82 yards and Alonzo Coleman gained 72 yards for Hampton. Kevin Beverly scored on a 10-yard pass from TJ Mitchell to open the overtime scoring for Hampton. Grambling State answered with Tim Agney's 12-yard scoring pass from Brandon Landers, but Swinton averted a second OT. Hampton tied the game with Mitchell's 9-yard TD pass to Onrea Jones with 1:10 left in regulation, a drive that began with Landers fumbling at Grambling's 13-yard line. Grambling moved downfield, but Tim Manuel's 44-yard field goal attempt went wide left as time expired.

**SCORE BY QUARTER**

	1	2	3	4	OT	T
<b>HAMP</b>	7	3	3	7	7	<b>27</b>
<b>GRAM</b>	7	0	13	0	6	<b>26</b>

**TOP PERFORMERS**

**PASSING:**

**Brandon Landers (GRAM)**  
21-41-1, 273 YDS, 4 TD

**RUSHING:**

**Van Morgan (HAMP)**  
14 CAR, 82 YDS,

**RECEIVING:**

**Marquay McDaniel (HAMP)**  
6 REC, 113 YDS, 1 TD



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## GAME HISTORY

**2007** Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala.

**33-27**

SOUTHERN

FLORIDA A&M



Bryant Lee completed 22-of-29 passes for 215 yards and one touchdown, and Darren Coates rushed for 142 yards and two scores to lead Southern to a 33-27 victory over Florida A&M in the third annual MEAC/SWAC Challenge. The Jaguars trailed 20-12 at halftime but scored three touchdowns on their first four possessions of the second half to jump to a 33-20 lead. Lee put Southern in front 26-20 with a 3-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter, and then Coates' 1-yard plunge early in the fourth made the score 33-20. The Rattlers were unable to overcome injuries to their top two quarterbacks. Backup Leon Camel played most of the first half because of a shoulder injury to starter Albert Chester. Camel then left the game with a foot injury in the third quarter, forcing Chester to return.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>SU</b>	6	6	14	7	<b>33</b>
<b>FAMU</b>	7	13	0	7	<b>27</b>

### TOP PERFORMERS

**PASSING:**  
**Bryant Lee (SU)**  
 22-29-0, 215 YDS, 1 TD, 1 RTD

**RUSHING:**  
**Darren Coates (SU)**  
 10 CAR, 142 YDS, 2 TD  
**Philip Sylvester (FAMU)**  
 14 CAR, 102, 2 TD

**RECEIVING:**  
**Gerald Landry (SU)**  
 7 REC, 81 YDS, 1 TD

**2008** Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

**17-13**

HAMPTON

JACKSON STATE



Hampton converted a pair of second half turnovers into touchdowns to rally past Jackson State, 17-13. Kendrick Ellis set up Hampton's first touchdown by recovering a fumble at JSU's 11-yard line. Hampton's Jerry Cummings slammed in from a yard out three plays later. Cummings scored on a 1-yard run and Jeremy Gilchrist caught a 12-yard scoring pass from Herbert Byes to rally the Pirates from 7-3 halftime deficit. JSU's Trae Rutland hit Rodney Gray with a 31-yard scoring pass on the Tiger's first possession of the game but didn't score again until the fourth quarter when Rashad Smith dove into the end zone with a 10-yard scoring toss from backup QB Michael Mosley. Turnovers plagued the Tigers throughout the game. Herbert Bynes completed 14-of-23 passes for 151 yards. Rutland finished 14-of-23 for 198 yards and a touchdown for Jackson State but got pulled in favor of Mosley after the third quarter errors.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>JSU</b>	7	0	0	6	<b>13</b>
<b>HAMP</b>	0	3	7	7	<b>17</b>

### TOP PERFORMERS

**PASSING:**  
**Trae Rutland (JSU)**  
 14-23-1, 198 YDS, 1 TD

**RUSHING:**  
**Dennis Mathis (HAMP)**  
 15 CAR, 47 YDS

**RECEIVING:**  
**Rodney Gray (JSU)**  
 2 REC, 57 YDS, 1 TD



**GAME HISTORY**

**2009** Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

**34-31**

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**

**GRAMBLING**



South Carolina State quarterbacks Malcolm Long and Derrick Wiley combined to throw three touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs to a 34-31 win over Grambling in the fifth annual MEAC/SWAC Challenge. The Bulldogs jumped to a 14-0 lead behind two touchdown passes from Long and never trailed in the game. Wiley, who replaced Long in the first half after he went down with cramps, made his impact in the second half. He had a 39-yard run on a designed quarterback draw to set up a short touchdown run by Travil Johnson, giving the Bulldogs a 28-17 lead. But South Carolina State needed an interception from Semaj Moody in the final minute to stop a late rally by Grambling. Grambling quarterback Greg Dillon threw for 268 yards and two touchdowns but also lost two fumbles.

**SCORE BY QUARTER**

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>GRAM</b>	0	10	14	7	<b>31</b>
<b>SCSU</b>	14	7	13	0	<b>34</b>

**TOP PERFORMERS**

**PASSING:**  
**Greg Dillon (GRAM)**  
 17-28-1, 269 YDS, 2 TD

**RUSHING:**  
**Derrick Wiley (SCSU)**  
 13 CAR, 77 YDS, 1 TD

**RECEIVING:**  
**Van Phillips (GRAM)**  
 4 REC, 88 YDS, 1 TD

**2010** Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

**37-27**

**SOUTHERN**

**DELAWARE STATE**



Dray Joseph threw for 162 yards and a touchdown, and Southern scored 21 fourth-quarter points for a 37-27 victory over Delaware State in the sixth annual MEAC/SWAC Challenge. The victory gave Southern coach Stump Mitchell a successful debut, while giving the SWAC its second victory in the series with the MEAC. Delaware state led 19-16 at halftime behind two long touchdowns by Larrone Moore - an 85-yard pass from Anthony Glaud and a 90-yard kickoff return. Nick Elko's 38-yards pass to Justin Williams five minutes into the third quarter put Delaware State up 27-16. Joseph accounted for two of the three Jaguars' fourth quarter scores as Southern erased a 27-16 deficit. Joseph's 5-yard run cut the lead to 27-23 with 7:59 remaining. Southern took a 30-27 lead with 4:43 left on Corey Cushingberry's 64-yard punt return.

**SCORE BY QUARTER**

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>SU</b>	0	16	0	21	<b>37</b>
<b>DSU</b>	7	12	8	0	<b>27</b>

**TOP PERFORMERS**

**PASSING:**  
**Anthony Glaud (DSU)**  
 7-17-1, 198 YDS, 2 TD

**RUSHING:**  
**Sylvester Nzekwe (SU)**  
 15 CAR, 98 YDS, 1 TD

**RECEIVING:**  
**Larrone Moore (DSU)**  
 2 REC, 92 YDS, 1 TD



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## GAME HISTORY

**2011** Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

**63-14**

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M



Jamarr Robinson ran for two touchdowns and passed for another to lead Bethune-Cookman past Prairie View A&M 63-14. Isidore Jackson and Anthony Jordan scored two touchdowns each for the defending MEAC co-champs. Robinson began the scoring with a 10-yard run on BCU's first possession. After a 9-yd TD run by Robinson at 13:03 of the second quarter, the Wildcats scored two defensive touchdowns 95 seconds apart. D.J. Howard went 31 yards with a fumble and Reggie Sandilands scooted 51 yards for another. The Wildcats forced five first half turnovers and six overall, with three leading directly to BCU touchdowns. Robinson completed 22-of-31 passes for 251 yards. BCU took a 42-0 lead late in the second quarter and finished with 500 total yards. Robinson went to the bench after a 76-yard TD drive to start the third quarter.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>PVAM</b>	0	7	7	0	<b>14</b>
<b>BCU</b>	14	28	7	14	<b>63</b>

### TOP PERFORMERS

#### PASSING:

**Jamarr Robinson (BCU)**  
22-31-0, 251 YDS, 1 TD

#### RUSHING:

**Isidore Jackson (BCU)**  
9 CAR, 59 YDS, 2 TD

#### RECEIVING:

**Maurice Francois (BCU)**  
4 REC, 74 YDS

**2012** Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

**38-28**

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

ALABAMA STATE



Alabama State scored on three of their first four possessions to take a 21-0 second quarter lead. Greg Jenkins scored two touchdowns to cap off drives of 75 and 72 yards, and Isaiah Crowell's 2-yd run was set up by a fumbled punt on Bethune-Cookman's own 20-yard line. Broderick Waters threw two touchdowns and ran for another as Bethune-Cookman erased a three-touchdown, first-half deficit and defeated Alabama State 38-28. Waters came off the bench to help BCU score 38 straight points. He completed six of nine passes for 109 yards and rushed for an additional 100. BCU took a 24-21 lead on Waters' 6-yd run with 4:28 remaining in the third quarter after instant replay overturned a call on a fumbled kickoff return and gave the Wildcats the ball on the Alabama State 25.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>ASU</b>	14	7	0	7	<b>28</b>
<b>BCU</b>	0	10	14	14	<b>38</b>

### TOP PERFORMERS

#### PASSING:

**Broderick Waters (BCU)**  
6-9-0, 110 YDS, 2 YD, 110 RUSH YDS, 1 RTD

#### RUSHING:

**Rodney Scott (BCU)**  
13 CAR, 103 YDS, 1 TD

#### RECEIVING:

**T.C. McWilliams (ASU)**  
6 REC, 89 YDS, 1 TD



**GAME HISTORY**

**2013** Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

**27-10**

FLORIDA A&M

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE



Damien Fleming, Omari Albert and Al-Terek McBurse of the Rattlers ran for touchdowns as Florida A&M beat Mississippi Valley State 27-10. Fleming passed for 110 yards and ran for 38 yds, before leaving in the third quarter because of leg cramps. The Delta Devils struggled with the Rattlers defense as quarterbacks Patrick Ivy and Jeremy Collins combined to throw three interceptions and were held to 88 yards passing. Ivy ran for 74 yards, including a 64-yarder. FAMU took a 20-0 lead going into halftime behind touchdown runs from Fleming and Albert and two short field goals by Chase Varnadore. MVSU closed to 20-10 after Collins scored on a 2-yards sneak with 10:21 remaining in the fourth quarter.

**SCORE BY QUARTER**

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>MVSU</b>	0	0	3	7	<b>10</b>
<b>FAMU</b>	7	13	0	7	<b>27</b>

**TOP PERFORMERS**

**PASSING:**

**Damien Fleming (FAMU)**  
 8-18-1, 110 YDS, 0 YD

**RUSHING:**

**Al-Terek McBurse (FAMU)**  
 6 CAR, 55 YDS, 1 TD

**RECEIVING:**

**Lenworth Lennon (FAMU)**  
 4 REC, 85 YDS

**2014** Bright House Networks Stadium, Orlando, Fla.

**47-13**

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

ALABAMA A&M



Speed was Alabama A&M's undoing at Bright House Networks Stadium Sunday afternoon as the North Carolina A&T Aggies sprinted to touchdown runs of 26, 59, and 80 as well as a 95-yard kickoff return by junior Tony McRae, all in the first half, to cruise to a 47-13 win in the 10th annual MEAC/SWAC Challenge presented by Disney. NC A&T sophomore Tarik Cohen was named the game's MVP after rushing for 166 yards and two TDs on 11 carries. The Aggies' 32-point win was their most lopsided win over a SWAC opponent in school history, surpassing the Aggies' 28-12 win over Grambling in 1991. Fifth-year linebacker D'Vonte Grant and redshirt junior Denzel Jones led the Aggies defensively with 10 tackles each.

**SCORE BY QUARTER**

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>NCAT</b>	14	24	7	2	<b>47</b>
<b>AAMU</b>	6	0	0	7	<b>13</b>

**TOP PERFORMERS**

**PASSING:**

**Jaymason Lee (AAMU)**  
 9-21-0, 129 YDS

**RUSHING:**

**Tarik Cohen (NCAT)**  
 10 CAR, 161 YDS, 2 TD

**RECEIVING:**

**Tevin McKenzie (AAMU)**  
 3 REC, 53 YDS



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## GAME HISTORY

**2015** Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

**35-7**

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**

**ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF**



The South Carolina State defense allowed just 140 total yards to help the Bulldogs overcome five turnovers and beat Arkansas-Pine Bluff 35-7 in the 11th annual event. Senior defensive end Javon Hargrave was the star, posting seven tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks while picking up MVP honors. The Bulldogs were balanced on the offensive side of the ball, picking up 163 yards through the air and 173 yards on the ground. They only took a 7-0 lead into halftime, but quickly stretched their lead to 21-0 in the opening minutes of the 3rd quarter by way of two defensive touchdowns. The Golden Lions responded with a 20-yard TD run by Draylon Willis, but it was all Bulldogs from there as rain started falling at the Citrus Bowl. The scoring was capped off with a 13-yard run by Justin Taylor on the first play of the 4th quarter. South Carolina State moved to 3-0 all-time in the event and improved the MEAC's mark to 9-2.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>UAPB</b>	0	0	7	0	7
<b>SCSU</b>	7	0	21	7	35

### TOP PERFORMERS

**PASSING:**

**Caleb York (SCSU)**  
11-20-0, 123 YDS

**RUSHING:**

**Adrian Kollock, Jr. (SCSU)**  
6 CAR, 40 YDS, 1 TD

**RECEIVING:**

**Taquan West (SCSU)**  
3 REC, 45 YDS

**2017** Ace W. Mumford Stadium, Baton Rouge, La.

**14-8**

**SOUTHERN**

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**



Defense dominated the day in the lowest scoring game in MEAC/SWAC Challenge history. South Carolina State outgained Southern 347-297 and hit a number of big plays, but the Bulldogs couldn't sustain drives as they were held to 0-10 on third down. Southern took a 14-3 lead early in the 2nd quarter on QB Austin Howard's 6-yard TD run, but the Bulldogs fought back to make it 14-6 at the break. A blocked field goal by SC State in the third quarter resulted in a safety to make the score 14-8, which ended up being the final margin. SC State drove down to the Southern 27-yard line in the final minute, but Dewann Ford's pass was broken up by Danny Johnson with just 19 seconds left.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>SCSU</b>	3	3	2	0	8
<b>SU</b>	7	7	0	0	14

### TOP PERFORMERS

**PASSING:**

**Austin Howard (SU)**  
18-31-1, 198 YDS

**RUSHING:**

**Herbert Edwards (SU)**  
24-65, 65 YDS

**RECEIVING:**

**Tra'Quan Dubose (SCSU)**  
4 CAR, 70 YDS

**2016** No contest due to inclement weather



**GAME HISTORY**

**2018** Georgia State Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

**40-24**

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M**

**NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL**



Prairie View A&M opened fast and closed strong to defeat North Carolina Central, 40-24 in the 14th annual MEAC/SWAC Challenge. The Panthers jumped out to a 23-0 lead behind strong play from QB Jalen Morton and its defense. The Eagles then scored 21 straight to pull within 23-21 midway through the 3rd quarter, and again came within two at 26-24 with 11:17 left. But Panthers RB Dawonya Tucker ripped off a couple of huge runs to seal it, including a 50-yard TD with 6:03 to go. Tucker had a huge day on the ground, posting 223 yards on 23 carries, a MEAC/SWAC Challenge record. The Panthers' 633 yards of total offense was also a MEAC/SWAC Challenge record. Morton was the SWAC MVP for the game, and QB Chauncey Caldwell earned MVP honors for the MEAC.

**SCORE BY QUARTER**

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>PVAM</b>	20	3	3	14	<b>40</b>
<b>NCCU</b>	0	7	14	3	<b>24</b>

**TOP PERFORMERS**

**PASSING:**  
**Jalen Morton (PVAM)**  
 21-36, 295 YDS, 2 TD

**RUSHING:**  
**Dawonya Tucker (PVAM)**  
 22 CAR, 224 YDS, 1 TD

**RECEIVING:**  
**Sonny Richardson (NCCU)**  
 4 REC, 79 YDS, 1 TD

**2019** Georgia State Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

**36-15**

**BETHUNE-COOKMAN**

**JACKSON STATE**



Bethune-Cookman overcame a 9-0 deficit, scoring 36 points in the second half to run away from Jackson State 36-15. After the Wildcats cut the lead to 9-7, The Tigers answered with a 33-yard Warren Newman pass from Jalon Jones, but BCU's offense came to life with a 57-yard drive of its own after a penalty on the JSU mascot and Jimmie Robinson's kickoff return put the Wildcats in solid field position. BCU QB Akevious Williams capped off the drive with a 20-yard run that closed it to 15-14 with 4:09 left in the third. The Wildcats separated themselves with two defensive touchdowns, including a 96-yard fumble return as Jackson State was threatening to make it a one score game in the 4th Quarter. The Tigers outgained the Wildcats 506-277 but couldn't overcome four turnovers to Bethune-Cookman's zero. Williams was named Offensive MVP after posting 197 total yards (144 passing, 53 rushing) and two touchdowns.

**SCORE BY QUARTER**

	1	2	3	4	T
<b>JSU</b>	3	0	12	0	<b>15</b>
<b>BCU</b>	0	0	22	14	<b>36</b>

**TOP PERFORMERS**

**PASSING:**  
**Akevious Williams, (BCU)**  
 16-29-0, 244 YDS, TD

**RUSHING:**  
**Jordan Johnson (JSU)**  
 15 CAR, 81 YDS, TD

**RECEIVING:**  
**DD Bowie (JSU)**  
 5 REC, 105 YDS

**2020** Canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic



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## GAME HISTORY

### 2021

Center Parc Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

23-14

NORTH CAROLINA  
CENTRAL

ALCORN STATE



In the first game for both teams in over a year, Alcorn State jumped out early but fell 23-14 to North Carolina Central in the Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff in Atlanta. The win by North Carolina Central gave the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) an 11-4 edge over the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) in the annual contest. NCCU quarterback Davius Richard earned MVP honors, completing 16 of 25 passes for 184 and scoring on two short runs. Alcorn took the opening drive 65 yards to take an early 7-0 lead on a 20-yd pass from Felix Harper to Juan Anthony. But a 6-yard run by Richard in the second and a 1-yd run by Richard in third put NCCU up 13-7. Alcorn would retake the lead, 14-13 when Harper hit Niko Duffy in the third quarter. NCCU added a 28-yd FG in the fourth quarter to go ahead 16-14. Perhaps the play of the game would follow, after an Alcorn State punt, as returner Brandon Codrington returned the punt 77-yards for a 23-14 lead.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
ALCN	7	0	7	0	14
NCCU	0	7	6	10	23

### TOP PERFORMERS

**PASSING:**

**Davius Richard (NCCU)**  
16-25-1, 184 YDS, 0 TD, 2 RUSH TDs

**RUSHING:**

**Stadford Anderson (ALCN)**  
11 CAR, 128 YDS, 0 TD

**RECEIVING:**

**Ryan McDaniel (NCCU)**  
6-72, 0 TD  
**Juan Anthony (ALCN)**  
5-66, 1 TD

### 2022

Center Parc Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

23-13

ALABAMA  
STATE

HOWARD



With a final score of 23-13, the Alabama State Hornets defeated the Howard University Bison in front of 21,088 enthusiastic fans in the 2022 Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff at Center Parc Stadium in Atlanta. The game was marred with delays due to lightning in the area. At approximately 1:18 a.m. on Sunday morning roughly five and a half hours later, the contest was inevitably called over with 2:12 remaining in the fourth after a fourth lightning strike was observed in the downtown Atlanta area. MEAC/SWAC MVP Dematrius Davis, led the Hornets attack with 224 yards of total offense (187 passing 1 TD, 1 INT, 37 rushing). The Hornets engineered a MEAC/SWAC Challenge record setting 99-yard drive, highlighted by a 61-yard pitch and catch from backup quarterback Myles Crawley to Isaiah Scott. Two plays later, Jacory Merritt raced untouched from 21 yards out to give the Hornets a commanding 20-6 lead with 4:06 remaining in the third quarter.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
HWD	3	3	0	7	13
ASU	6	7	7	3	23

### TOP PERFORMERS

**PASSING:**

**Dematrius Davis (ASU)**  
6-23-1, 184 YDS, 1 TD

**RUSHING:**

**Jacory Merritt (ASU)**  
15 CAR, 55 YDS, 1 TD

**RECEIVING:**

**Isaiah Scott (ASU)**  
4 REC, 83 YDS, 1 TD



# ESPN EVENTS

**30+**  
Owned and Operated Events

**400+**  
Programming Hours Each Year

**4000+**  
Student-Athletes Served Each Year

## 2023 FOOTBALL EVENTS

KICKOFF GAMES



**CRICKET MEAC/SWAC CHALLENGE**  
AUGUST 26, 2023 - ABC  
South Carolina State vs. Jackson State  
Center Parc Stadium | Atlanta, Georgia  
[www.meacswacchallenge.com](http://www.meacswacchallenge.com)



**FCS KICKOFF**  
AUGUST 26, 2023 - ESPN  
North Alabama vs. Mercer  
Cramton Bowl | Montgomery, Alabama  
[www.fcskickoff.com](http://www.fcskickoff.com)



**CAMPING WORLD KICKOFF**  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 - ABC  
LSU vs. Florida State  
Camping World Stadium | Orlando, Florida  
[www.campingworldkickoff.com](http://www.campingworldkickoff.com)



**BOEING RED TAILS CLASSIC**  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 - ESPN  
Fort Valley State University vs. Tuskegee University  
Cramton Bowl | Montgomery, Alabama  
[www.redtailsclassic.com](http://www.redtailsclassic.com)



**BAND OF THE YEAR**  
DECEMBER 15, 2023 - ESPN+  
Four top HBCU Marching Bands  
Mercedes-Benz Stadium | Atlanta, Georgia  
[www.espnbandoftheyear.com](http://www.espnbandoftheyear.com)



**BAHAMAS BOWL**  
DECEMBER 16, 2023 - ESPN  
CUSA vs. MAC  
Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium | Nassau, Bahamas  
[www.bahamasbowl.com](http://www.bahamasbowl.com)



**CRICKET CELEBRATION BOWL**  
DECEMBER 16, 2023 - ABC  
MEAC Champion vs. SWAC Champion  
Mercedes-Benz Stadium | Atlanta, Georgia  
[www.thecelebrationbowl.com](http://www.thecelebrationbowl.com)



**CURE BOWL**  
DECEMBER 16, 2023 - ABC  
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt  
Orlando, Florida  
[www.curebowl.com](http://www.curebowl.com)



**NEW MEXICO BOWL**  
DECEMBER 16, 2023 - ESPN  
Mountain West vs. AAC, C-USA, MAC, Sun Belt  
University Stadium | Albuquerque, New Mexico  
[www.newmexicobowl.com](http://www.newmexicobowl.com)



**MYRTLE BEACH BOWL**  
DECEMBER 18, 2023 - ESPN  
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt  
Brooks Stadium | Conway, South Carolina  
[www.myrtlebeachbowlgame.com](http://www.myrtlebeachbowlgame.com)



**SCOOTER'S COFFEE FRISCO BOWL**  
DECEMBER 19, 2023 - ESPN  
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt  
Toyota Stadium | Frisco, Texas  
[www.thefriscobowl.com](http://www.thefriscobowl.com)



**ROOFCLAIM.COM BOCA RATON BOWL**  
DECEMBER 21, 2023 - ESPN  
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt  
FAU Stadium | Boca Raton, Florida  
[www.roofclaimbocaratonbowl.com](http://www.roofclaimbocaratonbowl.com)



**UNION HOME MORTGAGE GASPARILLA BOWL**  
DECEMBER 22, 2023 - ESPN  
SEC vs. American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt  
Raymond James Stadium | Tampa, Florida  
[www.gasparillabowl.com](http://www.gasparillabowl.com)



**CAMELLIA BOWL**  
DECEMBER 23, 2023 - ESPN  
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt  
Cramton Bowl | Montgomery, Alabama  
[www.camelliabowl.com](http://www.camelliabowl.com)



**BIRMINGHAM BOWL**  
DECEMBER 23, 2023 - ABC  
SEC vs. American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt  
Protective Stadium | Birmingham, Alabama  
[www.BirminghamBowl.com](http://www.BirminghamBowl.com)



**FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL**  
DECEMBER 23, 2023 - ESPN  
MAC vs. Mountain West  
Albertsons Stadium | Boise, Idaho  
[www.famousidahopotatobowl.com](http://www.famousidahopotatobowl.com)



**LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES BOWL**  
DECEMBER 23, 2023 - ABC  
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt  
Amon G. Carter Stadium | Ft. Worth, Texas  
[www.armedforcesbowl.com](http://www.armedforcesbowl.com)



**SRS DISTRIBUTION LAS VEGAS BOWL**  
DECEMBER 23, 2023 - ABC  
Big Ten vs. PAC-12  
Allegiant Stadium | Las Vegas, Nevada  
[www.lvbowl.com](http://www.lvbowl.com)



**EASYPST HAWAII BOWL**  
DECEMBER 23, 2023 - ESPN  
American vs. Mountain West  
Clarence T.C. Ching Athletics Complex | Honolulu, Hawaii  
[www.thehawaiibowl.com](http://www.thehawaiibowl.com)



**SERVPRO FIRST RESPONDER BOWL**  
DECEMBER 26, 2023 - ESPN  
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt  
Gerald J. Ford Stadium | Dallas, Texas  
[www.firstresponderbowl.com](http://www.firstresponderbowl.com)



**TAXACT TEXAS BOWL**  
DECEMBER 27, 2023 - ESPN  
Big 12 vs. SEC  
NRG Stadium | Houston, Texas  
[www.texasbowl.com](http://www.texasbowl.com)



**WASABI FENWAY BOWL**  
DECEMBER 28, 2023 - ESPN  
ACC vs. American  
Fenway Park | Boston, Massachusetts  
[www.fenwaybowl.com](http://www.fenwaybowl.com)

## 2023 BASKETBALL EVENTS



**STATE FARM CHAMPIONS CLASSIC**  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023  
United Center | Chicago, Illinois  
Michigan State vs. Duke | Kentucky vs. Kansas



**SHRINERS CHILDREN'S CHARLESTON CLASSIC**  
NOVEMBER 16, 17 & 19, 2023  
TD Arena | Charleston, South Carolina  
Dayton, Houston, LSU, North Texas, St. John's, Towson, Utah, Wake Forest



**MYRTLE BEACH INVITATIONAL**  
NOVEMBER 16, 17 & 19, 2023  
HTC Center | Conway, South Carolina  
Coastal Carolina, Charleston, Furman, Liberty, Saint Louis, Vermont, Wichita State, Wyoming



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NOVEMBER 22 & 24, 2023  
Barclays Center | Brooklyn, NY  
Baylor, Florida, Pittsburgh, Oregon State



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Michelob ULTRA Arena | Las Vegas, Nevada  
Arizona State, BYU, NC State, Vanderbilt



**ESPN EVENTS INVITATIONAL**  
NOVEMBER 23, 24 & 26, 2023  
ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex | Kissimmee, Florida  
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DECEMBER 21, 22 & 24, 2023  
SimpliFi Arena at Stan Sheriff Center | Honolulu, Hawaii  
Georgia Tech, Hawaii, Nevada, Old Dominion, Portland, TCU, Temple, UMass

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FEBRUARY 16-19, 2023 - ESPN NETWORKS  
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