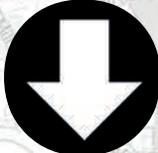


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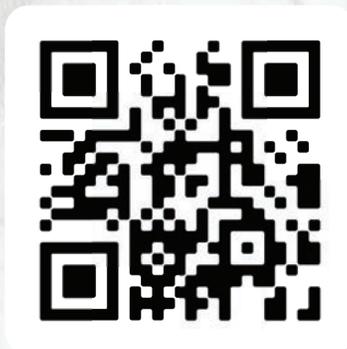


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**JOHN T. GRANT, JR.**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Dear Fans,**

Welcome to the 2025 Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-Off! We are thrilled to have you here with us as we celebrate the excitement of college football in its Week 0 matchup. This year marks a significant milestone, as we commemorate the 20th anniversary of this iconic event, proudly owned and operated by ESPN and broadcast live on ABC.

We are excited to witness an electrifying showdown between the North Carolina Central University Eagles, led by the dynamic head coach Trei Oliver, and the Southern University Jaguars, under the expert guidance of head coach Terrence Graves. Both teams represent the rich traditions and fierce competition of their respective conferences—the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

As we revel in the spirit of this matchup, we also look forward to the incredible performances from their talented marching bands. The NCCU Sound Machine, directed by J. Alexander Wilson, will bring their signature sound and energy to the field. Meanwhile, the Southern Human Jukebox, led by the esteemed Dr. Kedric Taylor, will wow the crowd fresh off their remarkable Super Bowl LIX pregame performance. Together, they will set the stage for a halftime show that marks the kickoff of the Red Lobster Band of the Year season.

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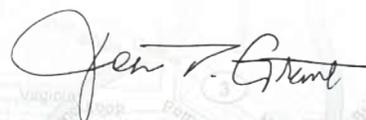
We are proud to highlight our Beyond the Field initiative, which connects this event to the community, demonstrating our commitment to fostering positive relationships and opportunities for growth. Our event partners play a crucial role in supporting this initiative, and we are thankful for their dedication to making a difference.

To our conference partners and loyal fans, thank you for your unwavering support. Your enthusiasm and passion for college football are what make this event truly special. We are committed to providing you with a world-class experience, both in person and for those tuning in from home.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to our dedicated staff and volunteers, whose hard work and commitment ensure that this event is unforgettable for everyone. Your efforts are the backbone of this occasion, and we are grateful for all that you do.

Enjoy the game, the festivities, and the celebration of college football! It starts here!

Warm regards,



**John T. Grant** ■ Executive Director



**Welcome to the 2025 Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-off game!**

Football season is finally here, and what better way to kick things off than with a historic primetime showdown! We couldn't be more excited to present the 20th anniversary of the Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-off between the Southern University Jaguars and the North Carolina Central University Eagles, and we sincerely hope you are enjoying the vibrant culture that our hometown of Atlanta offers.

Today is all about the rich tradition of HBCUs, filled with an unmatched level of pride, passion, and a sense of community that is unlike anything else in college football. That unbreakable bond goes far beyond the gridiron; lifetime friendships are forged that unite alumni all over the country and the world.

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To all of the students, alumni, and fans in attendance, we hope today provides a memorable experience in the stadium and throughout our great city of Atlanta. Enjoy the game!

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**SONJA O. STILLS**  
**MEAC COMMISSIONER**

I am honored to bring greetings as the Commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) on behalf of our elite eight outstanding academic institutions. We welcome you to Atlanta, Georgia, for the 20th Annual Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-Off.

This anniversary year is especially meaningful, as we celebrate two decades of showcasing HBCU excellence, tradition, and competition on one of college football's biggest opening-weekend stages. We are proud to have North Carolina Central University representing the MEAC in the year's matchup against Southern University of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC). Fans can anticipate a highly competitive game featuring exceptional student-athletes and coaches, amplified by the unmatched energy of our marching bands and cheerleaders, embodying the true hallmarks of HBCU culture.

We are also excited that this year's game will once again broadcast live on ABC in primetime. I would like to acknowledge Clint Overby, VP of ESPN Events; Nick Dawson, SVP of ESPN College Sports Programming and Acquisitions; Rosalyn Durant, Executive VP of Programming and Acquisitions; John Grant, Executive Director of the Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-Off; and the entire ESPN team for their continued commitment to elevating our HBCU conferences.

Looking ahead, we invite you to return to Atlanta in December for the 10th Annual Cricket Celebration Bowl on December 13, 2025, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, marking the close of the MEAC football season.

In the meantime, please enjoy this historic anniversary edition of the Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-Off, and may you have safe travels back to your respective destinations. Best of luck to North Carolina Central and Southern in today's game. Let's go, MEAC Nation!



**DR. CHARLES McCLELLAND**  
**SWAC 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 2025 Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-Off here in Atlanta.

This year's game features two historic programs as Southern and North Carolina Central 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.

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.

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.

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.

2025-26 is truly shaping up to be a monumental academic year in the overall history of the Southwestern Athletic Conference. The Southwestern Athletic Conference recently announced the creation of SWAC TV, an exclusive streaming platform that will deliver users league athletics content across all 18 conference sponsored sports.

The debut of SWAC TV is undoubtedly a game changer for the Southwestern Athletic Conference. For the first time in history our fans and supporters will have a high quality, technologically advanced streaming platform solely dedicated to broadcasting live events and delivering high-definition on-demand league content.

SWAC TV is officially available for download on Roku, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Google Play, and Android TV. The free platform will feature preseason, regular season and post-season live events across 18 league sponsored sports, while also featuring unique feature content, sports talk shows and podcasts.

With over century of profound history and even brighter days ahead, we look forward to effectively utilizing SWAC TV as a catalyst to tell the impactful stories and legacies both past and present that have helped shape the SWAC into what it is today, which is one of the premiere athletic associations in the nation.

SWAC TV is slated to make its live-streaming debut with the week one kickoff of the 2025 Football season on Saturday, August 30th as the network will have a tripleheader of games featuring Southern at Mississippi Valley State (4 pm CST), Langston vs. Grambling State (7 pm CST), and Texas Southern at Prairie View A&M (7 pm CST).

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.



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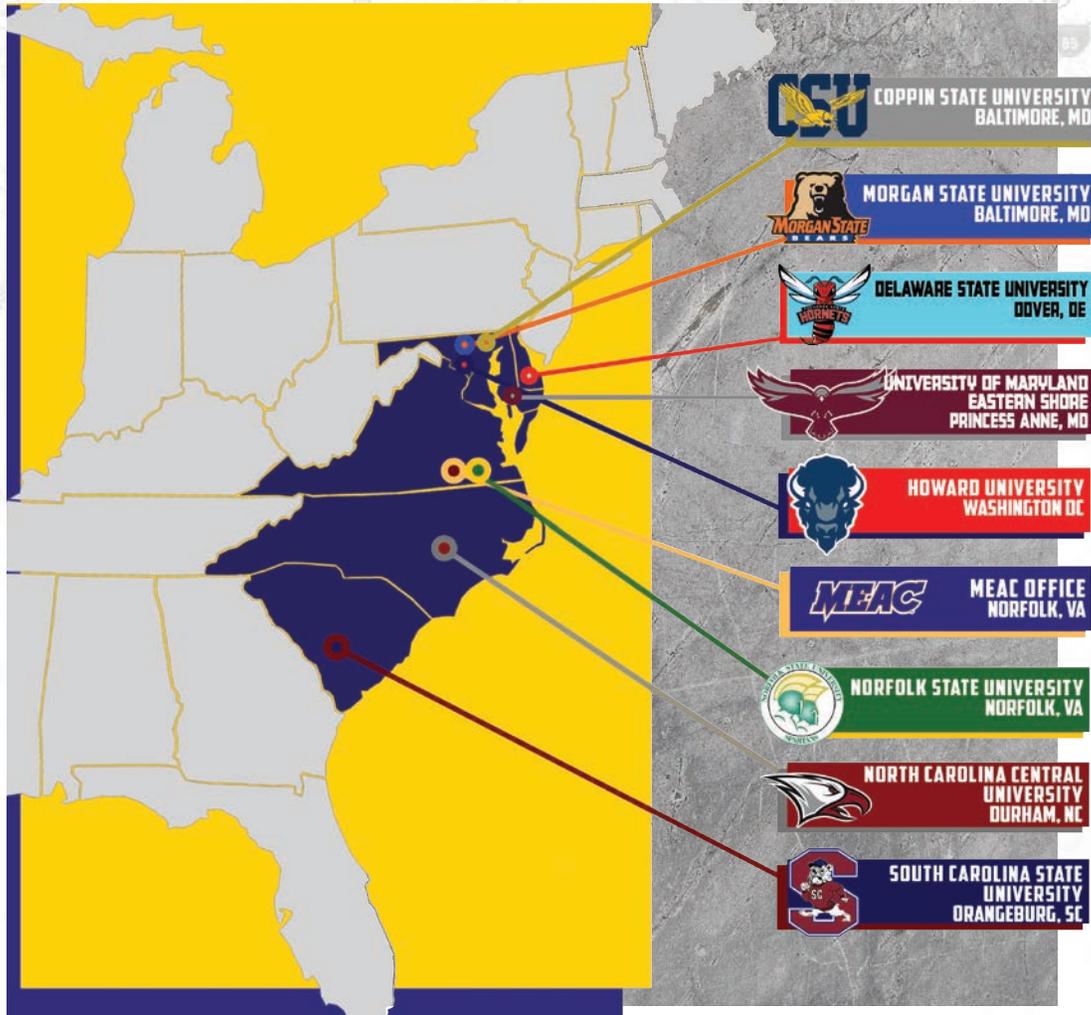
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### MEAC NOTABLE ALUMNI

#### COPPIN STATE

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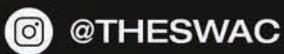
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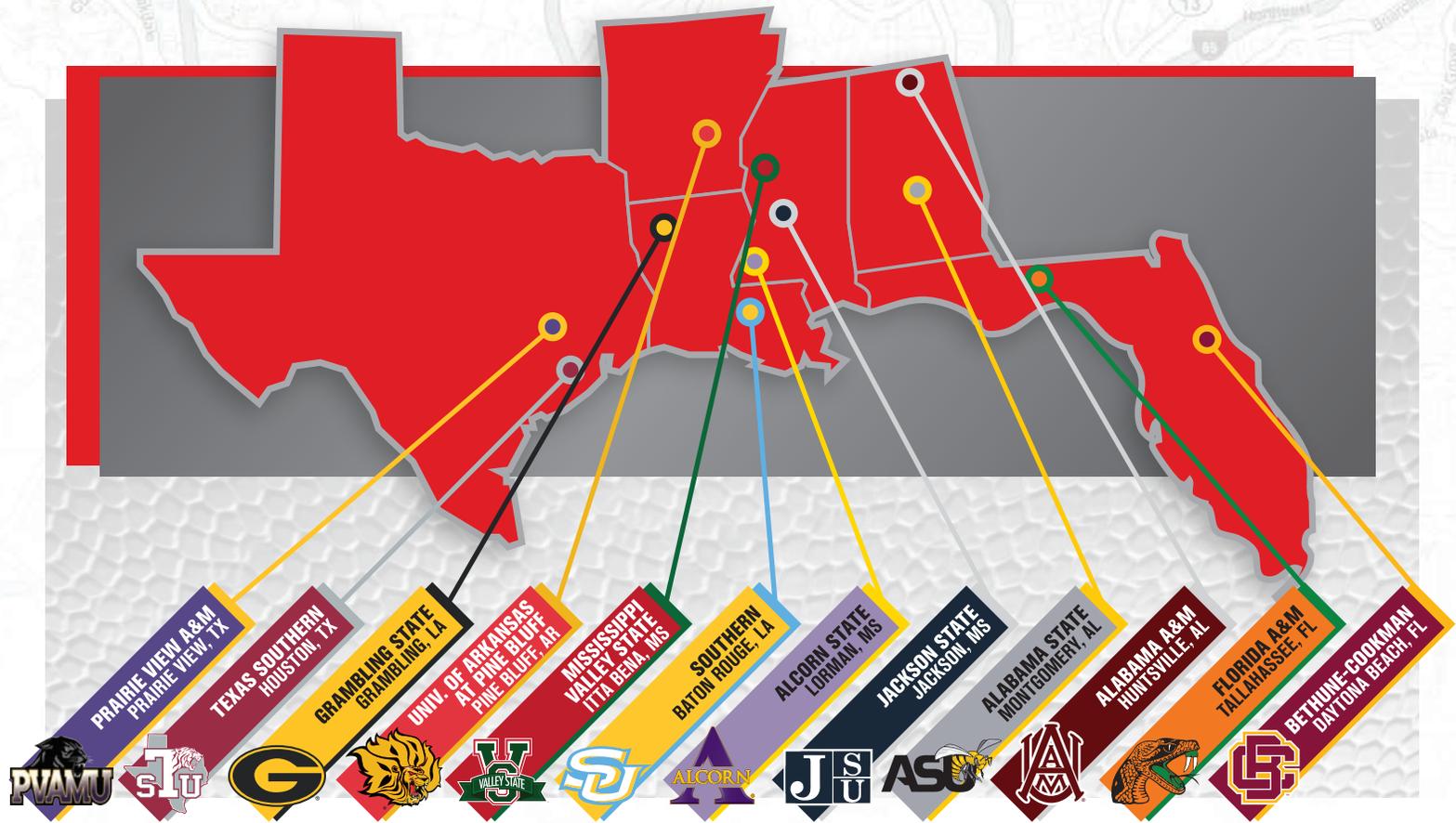
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### SWAC SPORTS

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#### WOMEN | TEN

Women's Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field (Indoor), Track & Field (Outdoor), Volleyball

### SWAC NOTABLE ALUMNI

#### ALABAMA A&M

**JOHN STALLWORTH**  
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#### ALABAMA STATE

**TAVARIS JACKSON**  
 Super Bowl Champion

#### ALCORN STATE

**STEVE McNAIR**  
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#### BETHUNE-COOKMAN

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**ROBERT "BULLET BOB" HAYES**  
 NFL Hall of Famer & Olympic Gold Medalist

#### GRAMBLING STATE

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**TIFFANY GREENE**  
PLAY-BY-PLAY

Tiffany Greene is a pioneering play-by-play commentator for ESPN. Greene is the first African-American woman to serve as a play-by-play commentator for college football on a major network.

Greene covers a variety of collegiate sports including football, basketball, softball, and volleyball. She has called games for the WNBA and NBAG-League, along with several postseason contests including the Celebration Bowl, FCS Playoffs, Division II Football National Championship, and the NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Tournament.

Greene originally began working with ESPN as a college football sideline reporter in 2012. In addition to covering multiple bowl games, Greene also served as a sideline reporter at the Women's College World Series.

Prior to ESPN, Greene honed her skills as a commentator and 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 earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Journalism from Florida A&M University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, Florida. She is the recipient of the 2021 Dawn Staley Excellence in Broadcasting Award and the FAMU School of Journalism and Graphic Communication Distinguished Alumni Award.

Greene also serves on the School's Board of Visitors. She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Links Incorporated. Greene resides in Tampa, Florida with her husband, Aaron Berry, and their sons, Bryson and Aaron "Deuce."



**JAY WALKER**  
ANALYST

Jay Walker joined ESPN in 2005 as a college football analyst, and calls HBCU games alongside play-by-play commentator Tiffany Greene.

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 and reporter on Premier League Lacrosse games across ESPN platforms.

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 ESPNU Lacrosse Podcast in 2010, and it quickly became the industry leader for lacrosse news. He was also a frequent contributor to ESPNU.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.

**KICK-OFF PREVIEW: WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN**

BY A.D. DREW



**ATLANTA, GA** - The **20th Annual Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-Off** promises to be a primetime showcase of HBCU football excellence as **North Carolina Central University** and **Southern University** clash under the lights at Center Parc Stadium. This nationally televised event on **ABC at 7:30 PM ET** will feature two perennial powers with championship pedigrees and unfinished business.

The 20th annual Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-Off brings together these two storied HBCU programs in Atlanta. This marks only the second-ever meeting between the Eagles and Jaguars—their first came in 2006, when NCCU edged Southern 27-20 in Baton Rouge. Nineteen years later, they face off again—this time with national eyes watching and season-defining momentum at stake.

**MEAC/SWAC CHALLENGE RECORDS**

Southern has never lost in the MEAC/SWAC Challenge, with victories spanning Birmingham, Orlando, and campus sites.

NCCU, meanwhile, returns to Center Parc Stadium, where they previously defeated Alcorn State and also won the 2022 Celebration Bowl at nearby Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

**SOUTHERN JAGUARS: WEST DIVISION CHAMPS READY FOR MORE**

Southern enters the 2025 campaign after a 7-1 SWAC record and a SWAC Western Division title in 2024 under head coach Terrence Graves, now in his second season. The Jaguars finished 8-5 overall, falling in the SWAC Championship game but surpassing expectations in Graves' debut year.

Southern is a perfect 3-0 in MEAC/SWAC Challenge history, including:

- 2007 - Def. Florida A&M 33-27 at Legion Field (Birmingham)
- 2010 - Def. Delaware State 37-27 at the Citrus Bowl (Orlando)
- 2017 - Def. South Carolina State 14-8 at Ace W. Mumford Stadium (Baton Rouge)

With a physical defense and disciplined special teams, the Jaguars aim to preserve their unbeaten streak in the Challenge, while seeking redemption for the 2006 loss to NCCU.

- **Head Coach:** Terrence Graves (2nd season)
- **2024 Recap:** 8-5 overall, 7-1 SWAC, SWAC West Division Champions
- **2025 Predicted Finish:** 1st in SWAC West (17 first-place votes)

**Key Players—First Team All-SWAC & Award Watch:**

- **Ckelby Givens**, DE - 2025 SWAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year, 1st Team
- **Vincent Paige Jr.**, LB - 1st Team All-SWAC
- **Horacio Johnson**, DB - 1st Team All-SWAC
- **Herman Brister III**, DB - 2nd Team All-SWAC
- **Dupree Fuller**, TE - 2nd Team All-SWAC

Southern enters with a ferocious front seven, anchored by All-American candidate



## MEAC PREDICTED FINISH

SCHOOL	(1st place votes)	PTS
S.C. State	(5)	63
<b>N.C. Central</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>61</b>
Morgan State		39
Norfolk State	(1)	36
Howard	(1)	33
Delaware State	(1)	20

## SWAC PREDICTED FINISH

SWAC EAST	(1st place votes)	PTS	SWAC WEST	(1st place votes)	PTS
Jackson State	(16)	126	<b>Southern</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>120</b>
Florida A&M	(3)	99	Alcorn State	(2)	90
Alabama State	(2)	91	Prairie View A&M	(1)	72
Alabama A&M		62	Texas Southern		60
Bethune-Cookman	(1)	45	Grambling State		55
Mississippi Valley State		24	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	(1)	28

Kelby Givens, and a seasoned secondary. The Jaguars are **3-0 all-time in the MEAC/SWAC Challenge**, including victories over Florida A&M (2007), Delaware State (2010), and South Carolina State (2017).

### NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL EAGLES: BACK IN ATLANTA, BACK ON THE BIG STAGE

Head coach Trei Oliver has turned NCCU into a MEAC powerhouse, highlighted by a 41-34 overtime win over Jackson State in the 2022 Cricket Celebration Bowl at nearby Mercedes-Benz Stadium. That championship effort remains one of the signature moments in recent HBCU football history.

- **Head Coach:** Trei Oliver (6th season)
- **2024 Recap:** 8-3 overall, 2nd in MEAC
- **2025 Predicted Finish:** 2nd in MEAC (4 first-place votes)

### Key Players—First Team All-MEAC:

- **Walker Harris**, QB – 1st Team All-MEAC
- **Luke Bracey**, TE – 1st Team All-MEAC
- **Noah McKinney**, OL – 1st Team All-MEAC
- **Trevon Humphrey**, OL – 1st Team All-MEAC
- **AC McMoore**, OL – 1st Team All-MEAC
- **Max U'Ren**, LB – 1st Team All-MEAC
- **Malcolm Reed**, DB – 1st Team All-MEAC
- **Jelani Vassell**, DB – 1st Team All-MEAC

### Second Team All-MEAC Notables:

- **Christian Smith**, DL – 2nd Team All-MEAC
- **Chance Peterson**, WR – 2nd Team All-MEAC
- **Kaleb Robison**, PK – 2nd Team All-MEAC

NCCU returns to Atlanta for the first time since winning the 2022 Cricket Celebration Bowl in overtime over Jackson State, 41-34.

NCCU is also 1-1 all-time in the Celebration Bowl, having narrowly lost the 2016 edition to Grambling State 10-9 at the Georgia Dome. The Eagles are **1-1 in the MEAC/SWAC Challenge**, with a 2021 win over Alcorn State (23-14) and a 2018 loss to Prairie View A&M (40-24).

### COACHING MATCHUP

**Terrence Graves** (Southern): Entering his second season, Graves led the Jaguars to a 7-1 SWAC record and a Western Division title last year.

**Trei Oliver** (NCCU): A former Southern assistant (2016-2018), Oliver has transformed NCCU into a postseason powerhouse, including a thrilling 41-34 OT win over Jackson State in the 2022 Celebration Bowl.

### STORYLINES TO WATCH

**What If:** Both NCCU and Southern finished the 2024 regular season just one game short

of meeting in last season's Celebration Bowl, making this showdown a compelling "what-if" matchup finally realized.

**Trenches Battle:** Both teams boast elite offensive and defensive line play, including four 1st Team All-MEAC offensive linemen for NCCU and the SWAC's top pass rusher in Givens.

**Revenge:** Southern seeks to avenge its 2006 loss to NCCU, while the Eagles aim to end the Jaguars' undefeated MEAC/SWAC Challenge streak.

**Redemption:** Both teams were one win away from meeting in last season's Celebration Bowl. Now, they finally collide under the lights.

**Atlanta Familiarity:** NCCU returns to Atlanta for the third time in four years, while Southern looks to remain perfect in the Challenge.

**Classic Kings:** NCCU boasts a 6-0 record in HBCU classics and showcase games under Oliver. Can they extend that streak against a Southern squad that's never lost in this event?

## NCCU'S 6-0 RECORD IN HBCU CLASSICS & SHOWCASE GAMES (UNDER TREI OLIVER)

DATE	EVENT/GAME	OPPONENT	RESULT	LOCATION
Dec 17, 2022	<b>Celebration Bowl</b>	Jackson State	W 41-34 (OT)	Mercedes-Benz Stadium, ATL
Aug 26, 2023	<b>MEAC/SWAC Challenge</b>	Alcorn State	W 23-14	Center Parc Stadium, ATL
Sept 2, 2023	Duke's Mayo Classic	Winston-Salem State	W 47-21	Bank of America Stadium, CLT
Sept 23, 2023	Circle City Classic	Mississippi Valley St.	W 45-3	Lucas Oil Stadium, IND
Sept 1, 2024	Orange Blossom Classic	Alabama State	W 31-17	Hard Rock Stadium, Miami
Sept 28, 2024	Circle City Classic	Norfolk State	W 37-10	Lucas Oil Stadium, IND
Aug 23, 2025	<b>MEAC/SWAC Challenge</b>	Southern University	TBD	Center Parc Stadium, ATL

## 2025 CONFERENCE PRESEASON HONORS

### PRESEASON ALL-MEAC HONORS

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
<b>FIRST TEAM OFFENSE</b>					
QB	Walker Harris	NC Central	DL	Noah Miles	Howard
RB	Kevon King	Norfolk State	DL	Ishaun Abdul-Ali	Howard
RB	Eden James	Howard	DL	Dashawn Fields	Morgan State
WR	Kam'Ryn Thomas	Norfolk State	DL	Marquise Brunson	Delaware State
WR	NyGhee Lolley	Delaware State	<b>LB</b>	<b>Max U'Ren</b>	<b>NC Central</b>
<b>TE</b>	<b>Luke Bracey</b>	<b>NC Central</b>	LB	Erick Hunter	Morgan State
<b>OL</b>	<b>Noah McKinney</b>	<b>NC Central</b>	LB	Daylan Long	Norfolk State
<b>OL</b>	<b>Trevon Humphrey</b>	<b>NC Central</b>	<b>DB</b>	<b>Malcolm Reed</b>	<b>NC Central</b>
OL	Tim Artis Jr.	Howard	DB	Jarod Washington	SC State
OL	Vincent Byrd Jr.	Norfolk State	DB	Jadon Carter	Morgan State
<b>OL</b>	<b>AC McMoore</b>	<b>NC Central</b>	<b>DB</b>	<b>Jelani Vassell</b>	<b>NC Central</b>

### PRESEASON ALL-SWAC HONORS

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
<b>FIRST TEAM OFFENSE</b>					
QB	Jacobian Morgan	Jackson State	<b>DE</b>	<b>Ckelby Givens</b>	<b>Southern</b>
RB	Jacorian Sewel	Alcorn State	DL	Jeremiah Williams	Jackson State
RB	Thad Franklin Jr.	Florida A&M	DL	Bryce Cage	Grambling State
OL	D'Andre Townes-Blue	Jackson State	DL	Davion Westmoreland	Florida A&M
OL	Charles Davis	Florida A&M	LB	Stemarion Edwards	Alcorn State
OL	Ashton Grable	Florida A&M	<b>LB</b>	<b>Vincent Paige Jr.</b>	<b>Southern</b>
OL	Ronald Brown	Alcorn State	LB	Nay'Ron Jenkins	Florida A&M
OL	Desmond Daniels	Alabama State	DB	Keane Lewis	Alabama State
WR	Nate Rembert	Jackson State	DB	Antwone Watts	Bethune-Cookman
WR	Joanes Fortilien	Jackson State	DB	TJ Huggins	Florida A&M
TE	Marvin Landy	Jackson State	<b>DB</b>	<b>Horacio Johnson</b>	<b>Southern</b>

**PRESEASON  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**JASON  
COLLINS JR.**  
(Morgan State)

**PRESEASON DEFENSIVE  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**ERICK  
HUNTER**  
(Morgan State)

#### FIRST TEAM SPECIALIST

P	Shane Messenger	Morgan State
PK	Sahr Gbundema	Morgan State
RS	Jaylen White *	Norfolk State
RS	Malique Leatherbury *	Morgan State

#### SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Anthony Johnson	Delaware State
DL	Keshawn Lynch	Norfolk State
DL	Josh Barker	SC State
<b>DL</b>	<b>Christian Smith</b>	<b>NC Central</b>
LB	Terique Miles	Norfolk State
LB	Arturo Mattocks	Morgan State
LB	Brian Bates	Delaware State
DB	Kahleef Jimmison	Norfolk State
DB	Jayden Smith	Norfolk State

#### SECOND TEAM SPECIALIST

P	Noah Tracey	Norfolk State
<b>PK</b>	<b>Kaleb Robison</b>	<b>NC Central</b>
RS	Anthony Reagan Jr.	Howard

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
<b>SECOND TEAM OFFENSE</b>		
QB	Ja'Shawn Scroggins	Howard
RB	Jason Collins Jr.	Morgan State
RB	Marquis Gillis	Delaware State
WR	Malique Leatherbury	Morgan State
<b>WR</b>	<b>Chance Peterson</b>	<b>NC Central</b>
TE	Edward Core	Delaware State
C	Daniel Casillas	Morgan State
OL	Kahari Finley	Morgan State
OL	Treyvon Branch	Morgan State
OL	Isaiah Cook	Delaware State
OL	Roger Smith	SC State

**PRESEASON OFFENSIVE  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**JACOBIAN  
MORGAN**  
(Jackson State)

**PRESEASON DEFENSIVE  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**CKELBY  
GIVENS**  
(Southern)

#### FIRST TEAM SPECIALIST

PK	Gerardo Baeza	Jackson State
P	Johnny Schifano	Grambling State
RS	Travis Terrell Jr.	Jackson State

#### SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Damarcus Thompson	Texas Southern
DL	Adrian Hall	Bethune-Cookman
DL	James Gardner Jr.	Florida A&M
DL	Nick Glenn	Alabama A&M
LB	Reid Pulliam	Jackson State
LB	Ashton Taylor	Jackson State
LB	Malik Stinnett	Bethune-Cookman
DB	Shamar Hawkins	Jackson State
DB	Blake Davis	Grambling State
<b>DB</b>	<b>Herman Brister III</b>	<b>Southern</b>
DB	Jameel Sanders	Florida A&M

#### SECOND TEAM SPECIALIST

PK	Trey Glymph	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
P	Jeremy Ramirez	Texas Southern

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## QUICK FACTS

- FOUNDED** | 1910
- LOCATION** | Durham, North Carolina
- ENROLLMENT** | 8,568
- MASCOT** | Eagles
- COLORS** | Maroon & Gray
- CONFERENCE** | MEAC  
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
- BAND** | The Sound Machine
- WEBSITE** | [www.nccu.edu](http://www.nccu.edu)

## FOOTBALL HISTORY

- FIRST YEAR** | 1923
- ALL-TIME RECORD** | 511-411-30
- ALL-TIME PLAYOFFS RECORD** | 0-1
- MEAC CHAMPIONSHIPS** | 4  
(1972, 1973, 2016, 2022)
- CIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS** | 8  
(1953, 1954, 1956, 1961, 1963, 1980, 2005, 2006)
- HBCU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** | 4  
(1954, 2005, 2006, 2022)

## TEAM INFORMATION

- 2024 OVERALL RECORD** | 8-3
- 2024 MEAC RECORD** | 4-1
- MEAC FINISH** | 2nd
- BASIC OFFENSE** | Spread
- BASIC DEFENSE** | 4-2-5

## ATHLETICS

- NATIONAL AFFILIATION** | NCAA Division I - FCS
- CONFERENCE** | MEAC
- STADIUM** | O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium
- CAPACITY** | 10,000
- SURFACE** | Mondoturf

## ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

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## 2025 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Aug. 23	v. Southern	Atlanta, GA
Aug. 30	New Hampshire	Durham, NC
Sep. 6	at Old Dominion	Norfolk, VA
Sep. 13	Fayetteville State	Durham, NC
Sep. 20	at North Carolina A&T	Greensboro, NC
Sep. 27	at East Texas A&M	Commerce, TX
Oct. 11	at Florida A&M	Tallahassee, FL
Oct. 25	Delaware State	Durham, NC
Nov. 1	at Howard	Washington, DC
Nov. 8	Norfolk State	Durham, NC
Nov. 14	South Carolina State	Durham, NC
Nov. 22	at Morgan State	Baltimore, MD
Dec. 13	<i>THE CELEBRATION BOWL</i>	Atlanta, GA

# NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

## ADMINISTRATION



**DR. KARRIE G. DIXON**  
**CHANCELLOR**

Dr. Karrie G. Dixon was named the 13th chancellor of North Carolina Central University on June 6, 2024. She was elected by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors following her nomination by the University of North Carolina System President Peter Hans. She began her appointment on July 1, 2024.

Dr. Dixon served as the 12th chief executive officer and 7th chancellor of Elizabeth City State University, where she was appointed on December 14, 2018. Before her appointment, Dr. Dixon served as the interim chancellor from April 9, 2018, after having played a crucial role as co-lead on the ECSU New Directions Phase 2 Operational Team since early 2017.

As a seasoned senior administrator in the University of North Carolina System, Dr. Dixon has served in a higher education leadership role since 2008. In 2014, she was

promoted to vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, overseeing the Division of Academic and Student Affairs across the System's 17 institutions. During her tenure, she played a crucial role in shaping policy and guiding best practices within academic and student affairs divisions by providing expert guidance on academic policy to the UNC System Office while spearheading initiatives to improve student success, increase access and enrollment, and boost retention and graduation rates. Her collaborative efforts fostered innovative partnerships between the UNC System, the NC Community College System, independent colleges and universities, and the NC Department of Public Instruction, driving significant policy changes and projects that have profoundly impacted students across the University of North Carolina System and beyond.

As the chief student affairs officer for the UNC System, Dr. Dixon played a crucial role in shaping the system's approach to student affairs. She worked closely with vice chancellors and other university leaders to develop and implement initiatives to improve community college transfers, enrollment and minimum admission requirements, campus safety, and military student success. Under her leadership, statewide programs such as the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) Pathways and the federally funded NC State Approving Agency were established.

Before joining the UNC System, she spent a decade at two other UNC campuses. Most recently, she held the position of assistant vice provost at North Carolina State University, where she continues to serve as an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Leadership,

Policy, Adult and Higher Education at the College of Education. In this role, she takes pleasure in mentoring graduate students interested in pursuing careers in higher education leadership and serving as a mentor on dissertation committees.

Dr. Dixon is a highly engaged and respected leader in the higher education community. She serves on the Board of Directors for Project Kitty Hawk and is a charter member of the Black Women Collegiate Presidents and Chancellors. In 2022, she was appointed to the Campus Compact Board of Directors and the North Carolina Campus Engagement Executive Board. Additionally, she was elected to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Board of Trustees in 2021. Dr. Dixon was also appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) for a three-year term and to the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Council of Presidents. Other notable appointments include the 2020 appointment by U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao to the national Women In Aviation Advisory Board (WIAAB).

Before her appointment at ECSU, she was a 2016-17 American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow, hosted by Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC.

Dr. Dixon's impressive list of accolades includes several significant awards and recognitions for her outstanding service, including the Old North State Award, one of the highest honors granted by the State of North Carolina. In 2013, she received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Education and the Black Alumni Legacy Award from North Carolina State University (NCSU) in 2014. She is also a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Millennium Leadership Initiative, class of 2013. Additionally, Dr. Dixon was recognized as one of the "40 Under 40" leaders by the Triangle Business Journal in 2014, received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2015, and was named one of "The Ten Most Dominant HBCU Leaders of 2020" by the HBCU Campaign Fund. In recent years, Dr. Dixon has received the Toastmaster D117 Award for Communication & Leadership in 2023, was named a Black Business Ink Magazine Power 100 honoree in 2023, and in 2024, she was awarded the prestigious William C. Friday Lifetime Achievement Award by the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments (UNC ASG) and the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for her leadership in higher education.

Dr. Dixon is the first woman to lead two University of North Carolina System campuses as permanent chancellor.

Dr. Dixon earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University, a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a doctorate from North Carolina State University. In addition to her academic achievements, she is also a devoted mother of two daughters.



## NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

### ADMINISTRATION



**DR. LOUIS PERKINS**  
 DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Veteran athletics administrator and North Carolina Central University alumnus Dr. Louis “Skip” Perkins began his tenure as the university’s Director of Athletics on June 1, 2022.

A dynamic higher education leader with more than 20 years of experience in intercollegiate athletics and institutional advancement, Perkins has served as Director of Athletics at four different NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions with teams capturing 12 conference championships during his tenure, including two MEAC titles at NCCU.

A 1994 graduate of NCCU, Perkins holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and master’s degrees in public administration and instructional media, also from NCCU. He earned his Doctor of Education from Delaware State University, with a focus on educational leadership.

As a four-year team captain on NCCU’s tennis team, Perkins received multiple academic all-conference honors. He was also a recipient of NCCU’s inaugural Forty Under Forty Alumni Awards in 2012, and is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the NCCU Alumni Association, Inc., and the United States Professional Tennis Association.

“I am truly thankful and excited to be back where I started my journey in intercollegiate athletics, as a student-athlete on North Carolina Central’s tennis team,” Perkins said. “The foundation that was instilled in me during my time competing on and off the court at NC Central has helped me become the person and leader I am today.

“One of my goals when I left NCCU in 2007 was to one day return to ‘The Nest,’ bringing back with me all of the experiences and knowledge I gained from afar to help return NC Central to its championship ways,” added Perkins. “I look forward to not only helping my alma mater win on its various fields of play, but to continue its focus on turning student-athletes into scholar-athletes.”

During his first year as Director of Athletics at NCCU in 2022-23, the Eagles won their first MEAC football championship since

2016 and secured the university’s fourth HBCU national championship title, the softball team secured its first-ever MEAC softball championship crown and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, and the men’s tennis team advanced to the MEAC championship match for the first time in the program’s Division I era. Under his supervision, the weight room in the LeRoy T. Walker Complex received major upgrades and a new weight room was created in McDougald-McLendon Arena.

Perkins joined NCCU from his role as assistant vice president for development at Morgan State University since 2020. Under his leadership, he worked in conjunction with the president of the university and the MSU Foundation Board to secure more than \$67 million in fundraising contributions during the 2020-21 academic year, which set a new university record.

Prior to his role as senior development officer at Coppin State University, Perkins was the associate vice president and director of athletics at Delaware State University from 2015-17. During that time, the Hornets secured four Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships, boasted the highest grade point average (3.1) in the athletics program history, and more than \$5 million was raised in athletics development.

As director of athletics at Howard University from 2010-15, Perkins oversaw more than \$10 million of renovations to Burr Gymnasium, while the Bison added another conference title to his ledger. In the same role at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff from 2007-10, the Golden Lions achieved one of the highest graduation rates in school history and won five conference championships under his leadership.

Perkins also served as an assistant athletics director for development at NCCU from 2006-07, and as executive director of communications and external affairs at Saint Augustine’s University from 2005-06.

He is the proud father of three children, Alexia Perkins, Peri Perkins and Louis Tripp Perkins, along with a granddaughter, Anastasia.

# NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

## COACHING STAFF



**TREI OLIVER**  
HEAD COACH

Decorated alumnus Trei Oliver returned to North Carolina Central University to serve as the program's 24th head football coach on December 13, 2018.

Oliver has led the Eagles to a 37-21 record in five seasons at the helm. They won a share of the 2022 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) title before defeating No. 5 Jackson State in the Cricket Celebration Bowl for the HBCU national championship, and NCCU has gone 4-1 in MEAC play in each of the last four seasons.

NCCU finished the 2022 season ranked No. 17 in the AFCA Coaches Poll, the program's highest national ranking at the FCS level. The Eagles won 10 games that season, for just the third time in program history, and they boasted seven First Team All-MEAC honorees—including two-time MEAC Offensive Player of the Year Davius Richard, 2022 Offensive Lineman of the Year Robert Mitchell and 2022 Defensive Player of the Year Khalil Baker.

In addition to the overtime victory over Jackson State, the Eagles racked up non-conference wins against No. 25 New Hampshire, Tennessee Tech, and rival North Carolina A&T State that season.

In the championship season, Oliver was named MEAC Coach of the Year.

Richard repeated as Offensive Player of the Year in 2023, as the Eagles went 9-3 overall and were again in the thick of the conference

race. Oliver was again named MEAC Coach of the Year after the Eagles made their first-ever appearance in the FCS Playoffs and ended the season ranked 20th in the FCS poll.

The 2024 season saw the Eagles go 8-3 overall and 4-1 yet again in MEAC play, coming in second in the league standings. The campaign featured non-conference wins over rival North Carolina A&T, Campbell and Alabama State. Six Eagles earned First Team All-MEAC honors, including running back J'Mari Taylor and punter Juan Velarde.

NCCU has a 19-9 conference record in five seasons under Oliver.

Before returning to Durham, Oliver spent three seasons as defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Southern University. In his last season, the Jaguars won the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) West Division championship and advanced to the conference title game.

From 2011-15, Oliver was outside linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator at North Carolina A&T State. The Aggies shared the MEAC crown in 2014 and 2015 and were the Black College national champions in 2015 after winning the inaugural Celebration Bowl.

Oliver was the outside linebackers coach, recruiting coordinator, and special teams coordinator at Grambling State University from 2007-10, helping the Tigers win two SWAC West Division championships and the 2008 SWAC championship game.

Oliver's first coaching stint in Durham came from 2003-06, when he served as defensive backs and wide receivers coach, as well as recruiting coordinator and special teams coordinator. The Eagles won back-to-back Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) championships in 2005 and 2006.

2006 also saw NCCU go 11-1 and earn the Black College national title.

Oliver, a Yorktown, Virginia, native, earned all-conference and all-region honors as a defensive back and punter in his four-year playing career (1994-97). He led the CIAA in punting twice (including a 41.7 average in 1997, the fifth-best in program history). As a junior in 1996, he was part of an Eagles defensive backfield that led all of NCAA Division II in pass defense efficiency.

Among NCCU's career leaders, Oliver sits fourth all-time in punting average (39.3), 12th with 31 passes defended (24 break-ups, seven interceptions), and 13th in tackles with 234 (126 solo). He was named either first or second-team All-CIAA in each of his four seasons.

Oliver earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from NCCU in 1998, and he later earned a master's degree in criminal justice from Grambling State in 2010.

The maroon and gray run in the Oliver family: both his parents, Colon and Evelyn Oliver, and his wife, Yvette, are Eagle graduates. Colon also played football for the Eagles as a wide receiver from 1963-66. ■



**MATT LEONE**  
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH /  
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR



**JESSE THOMPSON**  
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR /  
SAFETIES



**CLAUDE CLAYBORNE**  
LINEBACKERS



**TONY SPENCER**  
TIGHT ENDS



**ERIK HIGHSMITH**  
WIDE RECEIVERS



**CHARLES BANKINS**  
RUNNING BACKS



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DEFENSIVE LINE



**MACANDER DIEUDONNE**  
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**MICHAEL SEWELL**  
CORNERBACKS



**DAVIUS RICHARD**  
QUARTERBACKS

**MARVIN REED**  
DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT

**TRE'JON LEWIS**  
DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT

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OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT

**KRIS MATTHEWS**  
DIRECTOR OF PLAYER  
PERSONNEL

**ETHAN FAME**  
GENERAL MANAGER

**NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY**



PLAYERS TO WATCH



**JA'QUAN SPRINKLE**  
OL ■ Junior ■ 6'3" 315 lbs



**CHANCE PETERSON**  
WR ■ Redshirt Senior ■ 5'8" 160 lbs



**THOMAS JOHNSON**  
DL ■ Senior ■ 6'3" 240 lbs



**MALCOLM REED**  
DB ■ Senior ■ 6'3" 180 lbs



# NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

## 2025 ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Christian Smith	DL	6'2	270	r-Sr.	Jacksonville, NC / Northside HS	43	William Brown	TE	6'1	215	So.	Charlotte, NC / Independence HS
0	Chauncey Spikes	WR	6'2	205	Sr.	Burtonsville, MD / Rock Creek Christian	43	Emmanuel Hill	LB	6'2	215	Fr.	Colorado Springs, CO / Pine Creek HS
1	Christian Mosley	RB	5'11	180	r-Sr.	Fort Worth, TX / Centennial HS	44	Albert Redd	LB	6'2	225	Sr.	Kernersville, NC / Glenn HS
2	Malcolm Reed	DB	6'3	180	Sr.	Raleigh, NC / Cardinal Gibbons HS	45	Isaiah Merritt	LB	6'1	189	Fr.	Chesapeake, VA / Indian River HS
3	Walker Harris	QB	6'1	195	r-Sr.	Wake Forest, NC / Heritage HS	46	Tyler Cooks	LB	5'11	221	So.	Houston, TX / Blinn College
3	Makai McCall	DL	6'4	200	r-Sr.	Snellville, GA / Shiloh HS	47	Darryl Veal	LB	6'2	200	Fr.	Virginia Beach, VA / Kempsville HS
4	Refeno Vangates	WR	5'11	190	Jr.	Hialeah, FL / Keiser	48	Jahzir Dukes	DB	6'3	173	So.	Charlotte, NC / Hickory Grove Christian
5	Chance Peterson	WR	5'8	160	r-So.	Wake Forest, NC / Heritage HS	49	Ryan Ziegler	LB	6'4	225	So.	Durham, NC / Cardinal Gibbons HS
6	Zahir Favors	RB	5'10	210	So.	St. Petersburg, FL / NM Military Institute	50	Holly Saint-Melus	OL	6'0	295	Jr.	Orlando, FL / Livingstone
6	Jakarri Martin	DB	5'10	184	Jr.	Atlanta, GA / Catawba	51	AC Moore	OL	6'2	305	Jr.	Rock Hill, SC / South Pointe HS
7	Anthony Fisher	DB	5'11	180	r-So.	Richmond, VA / Bluefield State	52	David Jacobs	OL	6'2	245	r-So.	Charlotte, NC / Julius L. Chambers HS
8	Javion Martin	QB	6'2	180	r-Fr.	Sumter, SC / Crestwood HS	53	Ja'Quan Sprinkle	OL	6'3	315	Jr.	Orangeburg, SC / Orangeburg-Wilkinson HS
9	Joshua Crabtree	WR	6'3	205	Gr.	Wake Forest, NC / Murray State	54	Max U'Ren	LB	6'2	230	r-Sr.	Winston-Salem, NC / Mount Tarbor HS
10	Thomas Johnson	DL	6'3	240	Sr.	Lawndale, CA / Lawndale HS	55	Trevon Humphrey	OL	6'5	255	r-Jr.	Greensboro, NC / Dudley HS
10	Josh Jones	QB	6'0	185	r-So.	Fayetteville, NC / Westover HS	56	Jonathan Kuriyan	SP	5'10	240	So.	Pearland, TX / Cisco College
11	Mehki Wall	WR	5'9	173	r-Jr.	Greensboro, NC / Duke	57	Marvin Campbell	DL	6'0	250	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN / Louisville
12	Quentin McCall	WR	6'4	195	r-Sr.	Charlotte, NC / Ardey Kell HS	58	Victor Goree	OL	6'2	275	Fr.	Rock Hill, SC / South Pointe HS
13	Kendall Wilson II	LB	5'9	225	Sr.	Orlando, FL / St. Thomas	59	Jalen Morris	OL	6'3	310	Fr.	Clemons, NC / West Forsyth HS
14	Demarius Tolen	WR	6'4	193	So.	Johnston, SC / Strom Thurmond HS	60	Kavon Poteat	OL	6'3	260	So.	Burlington, NC / Cummings HS
15	Donquarius Parker	DL	6'1	220	r-Jr.	Durham, NC / Bucknell	61	Tyshon Holland	OL	5'11	320	r-So.	Winston-Salem, NC / Glenn HS
16	Zarion Walters	DL	6'2	250	r-So.	Richlands, NC / Richlands HS	62	Noah McKinney	OL	6'4	285	Sr.	Duncan, SC / Byrnes HS
17	Chanston Crosby	QB	6'4	185	Fr.	Bamburg, SC / Bamburg-Ehrhardt HS	64	Tyler Clark	OL	6'4	285	So.	Durham, NC / Jordan HS
17	Ayden Davis	DB	6'2	200	So.	York, SC / York Comprehensive HS	65	Lincoln Frederick	LS	6'1	198	Fr.	Durham, NC / Jordan HS
18	Carter Merck	QB	6'1	185	Fr.	Raleigh, NC / Wakefield HS	66	Shawn Burton Jr.	OL	6'3	245	r-So.	Morrisville, NC / Georgia State
19	RJ Lancaster	WR	6'1	175	Fr.	Vanceboro, NC / West Craven HS	67	Cicero Leak	DL	5'9	220	Jr.	Cary, NC / Green Level HS
19	Kaleb Robison	K/P	6'2	185	So.	Middleburg, FL / Middleburg HS	68	Anthony Prevalon	OL	6'4	280	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL / Harrison HS
20	Eric Adams	DB	6'1	195	r-So.	Ronda, NC / East Wilkes HS	69	Savion Best	DL	6'2	280	Fr.	Charlotte, NC / Mallard Creek HS
21	Toddreis Baltimore	DB	5'10	175	r-Fr.	Gaithersburg, MD / Central CT State	70	Taron Williams	OL	6'7	350	r-Jr.	Charlotte, NC / South Mecklenburg HS
21	Josh Pullen	LB	6'1	230	r-Sr.	Rolesville, NC / Rolesville HS	71	Bruce Fomy	OL	6'3	295	So.	Detroit, MI / Ecorse HS
22	Zion Dobson	RB	5'10	170	So.	Hampton, SC / Hampton County HS	72	Brian Hardy	OL	6'1	295	r-Jr.	Greenville, NC / South Central HS
23	Jovon Wright	DB	6'0	175	Fr.	Rolesville, NC / Rolesville HS	73	Marcus Smith	OL	6'4	290	Fr.	Palmetto, FL / Palmetto HS
24	Wade Harris	DB	6'3	205	r-So.	Southern Pines, NC / Pinecrest HS	76	Marvenly Felix	DL	6'2	240	Sr.	Port-Au-Prince, Haiti / Limestone
24	LeBron Sharpe	RB	5'10	185	Fr.	Havelock, NC / Havelock HS	77	Cody Alston	DL	6'2	245	Fr.	Rolesville, NC / Rolesville HS
25	Tomondrey Braxton	DB	5'10	160	So.	Highland Springs, VA / Highland Springs HS	78	Kino Glover	OL	6'2	285	r-So.	Baltimore, MD / St. Francis Academy
26	Joshua Truesdale	DB	6'4	190	So.	Charlotte, NC / Palisades HS	79	Brendin Benoit	DL	6'1	285	r-Jr.	Compton, CA / Corona HS
27	Cameron Williams	DB	5'8	180	r-So.	Greensboro, NC / Southeast Guilford HS	80	Gerald Lawton	WR	5'9	168	Fr.	Ocala, FL / Vanguard HS
28	Jelani Vassell	DB	5'11	180	r-Sr.	Tampa, FL / Jireh Prep (NC)	81	Darryl Taylor	WR	5'9	160	Jr.	Charlotte, NC / Hough HS
29	DJ Estes	DB	5'9	180	r-So.	Birmingham, AL / Hoover HS	82	Sterling Greene	WR	5'9	160	r-So.	Charlotte, NC / Olympic HS
30	Lionel Burns	DB	6'0	170	Fr.	Nocross, GA / Nocross HS	83	Luke Bracey	TE	6'4	250	Sr.	Rock Hill, SC / Rock Hill HS
30	Aleni Mageo	RB	5'9	194	r-So.	Jacksonville, NC / White Oak HS	84	Kyle Morgan	TE	6'3	240	r-Sr.	Holly Springs, NC / Holly Springs HS
31	Arthur Rodgers Jr.	RB	5'10	200	r-Sr.	Snellville, GA / Shiloh HS	85	Sy'ree Livingston	WR	6'3	215	So.	Florence, SC / South Florence HS
32	CJ Dickerson	RB	5'11	190	r-So.	Thomasville, NC / Thomasville HS	86	Austan Perry	WR	5'11	165	Fr.	Acworth, GA / Harrison HS
33	Jackson Gibbs	DB	6'1	180	So.	Waxhaw, NC / Marvin Ridge HS	87	Nasim Cosby	WR	6'0	160	r-So.	Plainfield, NJ / Don Bosco HS
33	Marlon Allen	WR	5'9	145	Fr.	Raleigh, NC / Southeast Raleigh HS	88	Trey Goodridge	WR	5'11	185	r-So.	Baltimore, MD / Mount St. Joseph HS
34	Bubba Camp	DB	5'10	183	r-So.	Charlotte, NC / Old Dominion	89	Connor Everett	TE	6'5	235	Fr.	Fuquay, NC / Fuquay-Varina HS
35	Nyzir Bostick	DB	6'2	175	So.	Fayetteville, NC / Pine Forest HS	90	Xzavier Fields	DL	6'1	310	Sr.	Zebulon, NC / Louisburg College
36	Ontario Thompson	DB	6'3	174	So.	Durham, NC / Frenso City College	91	Carl Fulmer	DL	6'4	280	Fr.	Irmo, SC / Dutch Fork HS
37	Daunte Hall	DB	5'9	185	r-So.	Beulaville, NC / East Duplin HS	92	Richard "Wink" James	DL	6'1	265	So.	Philadelphia, PA / Camden HS
38	Jalen Graves	DB	5'10	185	Fr.	Greensboro, NC / North Guilford HS	93	Jaden Warren	DL	6'2	225	Fr.	Salisbury, NC / Salisbury HS
38	Kamari Houze	DB	5'9	170	So.	Kings Mountain, NC / Kings Mountain HS	94	Gary Dorsey	DL	6'5	240	So.	Cincinnati, OH / Eastern Michigan
39	Akil Williams	RB	5'9	175	r-So.	Charlotte, NC / Charlotte Catholic HS	95	Elijah Clark	DL	6'2	285	r-So.	Durham, NC / Riverside HS
40	Brandon Bowman	K	6'2	200	So.	Harrisburg, NC / North Greenville	96	Ryan Wynn	DL	6'3	275	r-Sr.	Anderson, SC / Western Michigan
40	Chase Heath	DB	5'10	180	Fr.	Rolesville, NC / Rolesville HS	97	Wisdom Simms	DL	6'4	315	r-Jr.	Kannapolis, NC / Western Carolina
41	Isaiah Lawson	DB	6'1	200	r-Sr.	Queens, NY / Butler HS	98	Jasiah Harper	DL	6'3	240	r-So.	Fayetteville, NC / Seventy-First HS
42	Mekhi Bigelow	LB	6'0	210	r-Jr.	Charlotte, NC / Tennessee	99	Khareem Thompson	DL	6'6	236	Fr.	Harrisburg, NC / Lenoir Rhyne
42	Rodney Lesane	TE	6'1	245	So.	Florence, SC / South Florence HS							



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SWAC

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY



QUICK FACTS

- FOUNDED | 1880
- LOCATION | Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- ENROLLMENT | 7,091
- MASCOT | Jaguars
- COLORS | Columbia Blue & Gold
- CONFERENCE | SWAC (West Division)  
Southwestern Athletic Conference
- BAND | Human Jukebox
- WEBSITE | www.subr.edu

FOOTBALL HISTORY

- FIRST YEAR | 1916
- ALL-TIME RECORD | 562-346-28
- ALL-TIME BOWL RECORD | 8-3
- SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS | 19  
(2013, 2003, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1993, 1975, 1966, 1960, 1959, 1955, 1950, 1949, 1948, 1947, 1946, 1940, 1938, 1937)
- HBCU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | 9  
(2003, 1997, 1995, 1993, 1960, 1954, 1950, 1949, 1948)

TEAM INFORMATION

- 2024 OVERALL RECORD | 8-5
- 2024 SWAC RECORD | 7-1
- SWAC FINISH | 3rd, West
- BASIC OFFENSE | Spread
- BASIC DEFENSE | 4-2-5 or 4-3

ATHLETICS

- NATIONAL AFFILIATION | NCAA Division I – FCS
- CONFERENCE | SWAC
- STADIUM | A. W. Mumford Stadium
- CAPACITY | 29,000
- SURFACE | Synthetic Turf

ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

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- YOUTUBE | SouthernUAthletics
- INSTAGRAM | SouthernUSports
- RADIO | Q106.5 in New Roads

2025 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Aug. 23	v. North Carolina Central	Atlanta, GA
Aug. 30	at Mississippi Valley State	Itta Bena, MS
Sep. 6	Alabama State	Baton Rouge, LA
Sep. 13	at Fresno State	Fresno, CA
Sep. 27	Jackson State	Baton Rouge, LA
Oct. 11	at Bethune-Cookman	Daytona Beach, FL
Oct. 18	Prairie View A&M	Baton Rouge, LA
Oct. 25	Florida A&M	Baton Rouge, LA
Nov. 1	at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, AR
Nov. 8	at Alcorn State	Lorman, MS
Nov. 15	Texas Southern	Baton Rouge, LA
Nov. 29	v. Grambling State	New Orleans, LA
Dec. 6	SWAC Championship	TBD
Dec. 13	THE CELEBRATION BOWL	Atlanta, GA



## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

### ADMINISTRATION



**JOHN K. PIERRE**  
CHANCELLOR

John K. Pierre, who was named chancellor of Southern University and A&M College in July 2024, has dedicated his career to education and championing innovation. He is married to Antoinette Pierre, and they are the proud parents of two adult sons.

Pierre received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Southern in 1980, a master's degree in tax accounting from Texas Tech University in 1982, and a juris doctor degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1985.

After graduating from law school, from 1986-90, Pierre served his country as a Judge Advocate General Corps Officer, or JAG, for the United States Army. In 1990, his next assignment led him to the classroom, as he began serving as a faculty member at the Southern University Law Center, where he taught courses such as tax law, security devices, local government law, and more. In addition, he has previous teaching experience as a visiting and adjunct professor at California State University, Southern Methodist University School of Law, Loyola University Law School, Southern University's College of Business, Saint Leo's College, Webster University, Louisiana State University, and Baton Rouge Community College. Beyond the classroom, Pierre has published numerous articles on tax law, sales and contracts, real estate, and commercial law, ranging from magazine features to legal journal and law review articles.

In 2006, he transitioned to a leadership role at the Law Center, becoming the vice chancellor of institutional accountability and the evening division. He served as the Law Center's chancellor from 2016 to spring 2024. Under his tutelage, the Southern University Law Center thrived as a global legal institution, recognized for its diversity, world-class faculty, and efforts in racial justice.

As a progressive leader and visionary, Pierre advocates for technology advancements, community outreach initiatives, and strategic partnerships that ensure access and opportunity are provided to all. In 2023, the Southern University System Board of Supervisors appointed Pierre as the interim executive vice president of Southern University and A&M College.

Beyond the education field, Pierre was involved in the Baton Rouge school desegregation case as co-counsel for the Baton Rouge Branch of the NAACP in *Davis v. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board*. He was also co-counsel in the landmark case of *McWaters v. FEMA*.

Pierre fervently serves as a transformational change agent and inspiration to legal professionals and thought leaders around the globe. He has earned numerous awards for his leadership, innovative strategy, and tireless efforts within the legal and professional realm, including Educator of the Year from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund and Ten Most Dominant HBCU Leaders from The HBCU Campaign Fund. Hampton University, the Baton Rouge Bar Association, and the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus are just a few of the organizations that have bestowed honors upon Pierre throughout his career. Also, his alma mater, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, has named him a Distinguished Alumnus. Pierre has served as a contributing panelist during national discussions with the Peggy Browning Fund, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, the National Pre-Law Summit, and more.

Pierre remains a member of numerous state and national organizations, including the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Texas Bar Association.



**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**

ADMINISTRATION



**ROMAN BANKS**  
 DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Entering in his 14th year at Southern University and eighth as the Director of Athletics, Coach Roman Banks continues to elevate the standard of Jaguars Athletics.

He previously served as both the Interim Director of Athletics and Head Men's Basketball Coach from 2015-17.

Banks and his team helped coin the motto "Southern is The Standard, Where Champions are Made and Legends are Forged," and he has made sure that the Standard has been restored on the bluff and more.

Coach Banks has been distinguished by many accomplishments, including successfully restructuring and redefining the mission of the athletic department, adding personnel in numerous administrative/support areas, and recruiting a highly skilled team of coaches, administrators, and support staff.

During his tenure, Banks has led SU Athletics to 24 championships and eight NCAA postseason appearances. For the first time since the 2013-14 academic calendar, Southern University Athletics reached or won the SWAC Championship in all four of the major revenue sports.

Southern student-athletes are excelling academically under Banks' leadership. The cumulative grade point average for all Southern Athletics teams has risen from 2.63 to 3.24 during his tenure, with nearly 68 percent of student-athletes earning 3.0 or higher GPAs during the 2023-24 academic year. Several teams earned perfect 1,000 Academic Progress Rates between 2018-24 with seven programs earning multi-year APRs of 1,000. In 2023-24, 133 Southern student-athletes earned recognition on the SWAC Academic Honor Roll.

During Banks' time at Southern, 712 student athletes have earned their degrees and 865 have been named to the SWAC Academic Honor Roll.

He has been working hard to improve the standard of Jaguars Athletics through corporate sponsorship and other fundraising initiatives, highlighted by season ticket sales increasing yearly, SU Athletics Gala, SU Golf Tournament and leading the SWAC in attendance in basketball for the past five seasons.

Among the facilities highlights and numerous upgrades plans for the future, were the completion of the \$1.2 million new track inside A.W. Mumford Stadium, which entailed foundation work, leveling and installation of a new track surface, steeple chase and new runways surface for field events helping to bring back the Pelican Relays; upgrading

the facility at Lady Jaguar Field with new netting system and structural improvements; the new Student-Athlete Development Center (SADC) located next to the JK Haynes School of Nursing building, featuring meeting space, offices for members of the SU Athletics Academic and Compliance Staffs, a computer lab, quiet study rooms, mental health wellness areas and a fueling station perfect for student-athletes to grab a nutritious snack in between practice and going to class; new soccer locker room space inside A.W. Mumford Fieldhouse; new playing surface for the men's and women's basketball teams and video scores tables inside the F.G. Clark Activity Center.

The Shreveport, Louisiana, native was named the 12th head coach in Jaguar Men's Basketball History on May 1, 2011. He guided the Jaguars for 7 years, compiling a 114-85 overall record, .573 winning percentage and 77-31 SWAC Record .713 winning percentage. In that time, he never lost to in-state rival Grambling State going 12-0 versus the Tigers. He accomplished two NCAA Tournament appearances in 2013 and 2016, two SWAC Tournament Championships 2013 and 2016, one SWAC Tournament Championship Runner-Up 2015, one SWAC Regular Season Championship 2014 and one HBCU National Championship 2013.

Banks started his coaching career at Shreveport's Green Oaks High School before spending two years at Southern University-Shreveport, where he was the athletic director and head men's basketball coach. Before coming to Southern, Banks had served as Southeastern Louisiana University associate head basketball coach. Regarded as one of the top recruiters in the state of Louisiana, Banks spent six seasons as an assistant coach at Southern University where he served as the Jaguars' chief recruiter. Coach Banks' overall coaching record is 270-224 at Southern 114-85 (77-31).

Banks played at Northwestern State and is remembered for sinking a decisive free throw with 12 seconds left in the Demons' December 7, 1988, 85-82 upset over the University of Kentucky at Rupp Arena. Banks was an All-Southland Conference selection (second team) in 1990, when he was also on the six-man All-Southland Tournament team. In 1991-92, he led the Demons in scoring (16.2 ppg) and helped lead NSU to their first winning season in five years. Banks was named honorable mention All-Southland Conference and was a third-team All-Louisiana selection by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association. He was inducted into the Northwestern State "N" Club Hall of Fame in October of 2011.

Banks, a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association (MOAA), the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches (LABC), the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and the Black Coaches Association, is married to the former Tiffany McCoy, a guidance counselor at Baton Rouge Magnet High School. They are the parents of two children, son Tre'lun (28) and daughter Kennedi (24).



## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

### COACHING STAFF



**TERRENCE GRAVES**  
HEAD COACH

Southern University Athletics named Coach Terrence Graves as the 21st Head Coach of the Southern Jaguars Football program on December 13, 2023.

A 31-year veteran in collegiate football, he is entering his second season as head coach and fourth year on the bluff.

Coach Graves led Southern to an 8-5 overall record and 7-1 SWAC record during the 2024 season, capturing the 2024 SWAC Western Division Championship and their ninth appearance in the SWAC Championship Game.

The Jaguars finished first nationally in the FCS statistics in team tackles for a loss at 8.3 per game, fourth in 3rd down conversion pct defense 0.287, fifth in passing yards allowed 152.3, sixth in time of possession 32:44, ninth in total defense 298.1 and ninth in team passing efficiency defense 112.55. Ckelby Givens was named the 2024 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year, lead the nation in tackles for loss (26.5) and was eighth in sacks.

Graves previously served as Interim Head Coach for the 50th Bayou Classic, and prior to that he was the Assistant Head Coach / Special Teams Coordinator / Linebackers Coach.

He has the distinction as the only coach to serve as the Interim Head Coach for both Grambling State and Southern in the Bayou Classic and led both schools to victory.

Before coming to Southern, Graves was the Interim Head Coach and Special Teams Coordinator / Linebackers Coach at Grambling State.

Prior to his arrival at Grambling, Graves spent four years at Mississippi Valley State University as the Assistant Head Coach and Linebackers Coach. The Norfolk, Virginia, native later became the Pass Defensive Coordinator in 2012-14. In 2013, Graves would later serve as the Interim Head Football Coach at the end of the season. During his stint at MVSU, Graves was instrumental in constructing some of the best defenses in the SWAC and NCAA. MVSU was ranked No. 1 SWAC and No. 4 nationally in total defense. They also led the SWAC and NCAA in tackles for loss. In 2013, MVSU led the SWAC in interceptions and finished eighth the NCAA.

Prior to his time at MVSU, Graves spent 15 years at Southern University under the legendary Coach Pete Richardson. During his time with the Jaguars, he assisted the team with three SWAC Championships and four HBCU National Championships. He was the Co-Defensive Coordinator from 2000-02. In 2001, Southern led the SWAC in total defense and scoring defense and also led the NCAA in turnovers. The football program also finished eighth nationally in total defense. From 2005-09, Graves served as the Defensive Coordinator at Southern. In 2009, the Jaguars' defense led

the SWAC in turnover margin and ranked number No. 2 nationally. In 2007, Graves led Southern to a NCAA Top 25 Defense, which led the SWAC in pass defense efficiency.

In 2003, Graves served as the Defensive Coordinator and Linebackers Coach at Norfolk State, where he coached All-MEAC 1st Team and FCS All-American linebacker Kevin Talley. Talley still holds the NCAA record in tackles in a single season (195). That same year, Graves' defense led the MEAC in pass defense and was ranked No. 2 in the NCAA.

Graves played as a true freshman at Wake Forest University before transferring to Winston-Salem State University, where he was a part of two CIAA Conference Championships (1990 and 1991). He was an HBCU Preseason All-American and a 1st Team All-CIAA Defensive Back in 1992. He finished No. 2 in the conference and No. 5 nationally in interceptions. He finished his career with 12 interceptions. He is a 1994 graduate of Winston-Salem State University. He earned a degree in Political Science/History.

Coach Graves has been a member of the American Football Coaches Association since 1995. He is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and a member of Garden of Prayer Worship Center COGIC.

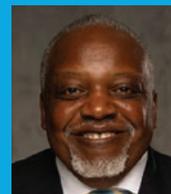
He is a proud father to China, his daughter, and a grandfather of two grandchildren. ■



**MARK FREDERICK**  
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH /  
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR



**HENRY MILLER**  
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR /  
CORNERS



**EVERETT TODD**  
SPECIAL TEAMS COORD. /  
DEFENSIVE ENDS



**FRED McNAIR**  
QUARTERBACKS



**DAMON NIVENS**  
OFFENSIVE LINE



**CHRIS SCOTT**  
LINEBACKERS



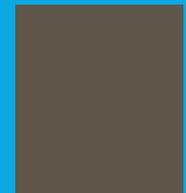
**QUENTIN BURRELL**  
WIDE RECEIVERS



**LEMUEL STINSON**  
SAFETIES



**DAMARCUS MILLER**  
DEFENSIVE LINE



**MARCUS BRADLEY**  
RUNNING BACKS

**CHANS JONES**  
OFFENSIVE ANALYST

**KALEB WILLIAMS**  
DEFENSIVE ANALYST

**RANDALL MOORE**  
FOOTBALL STRENGTH &  
CONDITIONING COACH

**RICKY JACKSON**  
DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS /  
GENERAL MANAGER



**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**

PLAYERS TO WATCH



VINCENT PAIGE JR.  
LB ■ Senior ■ 6'2" 225 lbs



CKELBY GIVENS  
DE ■ Senior ■ 6'2" 245 lbs



DUPREE FULLER  
TE ■ Graduated ■ 6'3" 225 lbs



HORACIO JOHNSON  
DB ■ Graduated ■ 6'0" 195 lbs



## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

### 2025 ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Cam'Ron McCoy	QB	6-2	195	Jr.	St. Louis, MO / Jackson State	43	Maverick Harrington	LS			Fr.	
0	Vincent Paige Jr.	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Denton, TX / Kilgore CC	44	Austin Appiah	DT	6-3	290	Jr.	Denver, CO / Coffeyville CC
1	Ckelby Givens	DE	6-2	245	Sr.	Shreveport, LA / Captain Shreve HS	45	Christian Doyle	LB	6-2	195	Fr.	New Orleans, LA / King Charter HS
2	Jalen Woods	QB	6-1	200	r-So.	College Park, GA / Woodward Academy	46	Markeis Batiste	LB	6-2	210	r-So.	Baton Rouge, LA / Madison Prep Acad.
2	Horacio Johnson	DB	6-0	195	Gr.	Miami, FL / Booker T. Washington HS	47	Marquette Duncan	S	5-11	185	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA / Southern Lab
3	Herman Brister III	S	6-2	205	r-So.	Baton Rouge, LA / Southern Lab	48	Kai Brown	DE	6-3	250	Jr.	New Orleans, LA / Trinity Valley CC
3	Dillon Compton	QB	6-1	200	Fr.	Bunkie, LA / Bunkie HS	49	Micheal Thomas Jr.	LB	5-10	230	r-So.	New Orleans, LA / De La Salle HS
4	Darren Morris	WR	6-2	190	r-Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA / Southern Lab	50	Edwin Wilson	OL	6-5	303	r-Fr.	Kentwood, LA / Kentwood HS
4	Elijah West	S	6-1	188	Jr.	Albany, GA / Western Illinois	52	Justin Hillard	DE	6-3	254	So.	Central, LA / Central HS
5	Dupree Fuller	TE	6-3	225	Gr.	Rojeda, CA / LA Valley CC	53	Edric Williams	LB	6-0	225	So.	New Orleans, LA / Booker T. Washington HS
5	Treytan James	S	6-3	190	r-So.	Baton Rouge, LA / Prairie View	54	Kadavious Mays	LB	5-11	205	Fr.	Central, LA / Central HS
6	Trey Holly	RB	5-9	192	So.	Farmerville, LA / LSU	55	Joshua Trask Jr.	OL	6-5	315	Gr.	Natchez, MS / Copiah-Lincoln CC
6	Xavier Spencer	CB	6-2	195	Gr.	Leesville, LA / UTSA	56	Mason Warren	LB	6-0	222	r-Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA / Parkview Baptist HS
7	Mike Franklin	RB	6-2	225	Sr.	Daphne, AL / Jacksonville State	57	Clifton Webb	OL	6-3	300	Fr.	Zachary, LA / Zachary HS
7	Xavier Franks	CB	6-3	200	Gr.	Magee, MS / Southern Miss	58	Jerome Wallace	DT	6-3	278	Jr.	Miami, FL / Clark Atlanta
8	Khalil Harris	WR	5-9	180	Sr.	Queens, NY / Grambling	59	Lance Joseph	DE	6-2	235	So.	New Orleans, LA / De La Salle HS
8	Paul-Anthony Stephens	DB	5-11	185	r-So.	Spring, TX / Rice	60	Raul Aguilar	OL	6-5	330	So.	Scottsdale, AZ / Garden City CC
9	Jamarlo Campbell	LB	6-0	223	Sr.	Goodyear, AZ / Long Beach City College	62	Juan Gonzales	OL	6-3	315	Sr.	New Orleans, LA / McNeese State
10	Princeton Cahee	RB	5-10	190	r-So.	Lafayette, LA / Louisiana Tech	63	Carlus Griffin	DL	6-2	260	Jr.	Mansfield, LA / Mansfield HS
11	Jarrod Hicks	WR	5-10	170	r-Fr.	Killeen, TX / Shoemaker HS	65	Christian Garcia	OL	6-3	299	Sr.	Pasadena, CA / Golden West College
13	Eric Reed Jr.	CB	6-1	190	Gr.	Shreveport, LA	66	Mikyal Trotter	OL	6-2	305	Jr.	Laurel, MS / Gulf Coast CC
14	Kobe Brown	WR	5-10	170	So.	St. James, LA / St. James HS	67	Jayden Rogers	DT	6-2	375	r-So.	Plaquemine, LA / Plaquemine HS
15	Ty Lee	S	5-11	190	r-Fr.	Lafayette, LA / Lafayette Christian Acad.	68	Jeron Lewis	OL	6-4	340	r-Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA / Woodlawn HS
16	Herman Batiste	WR	6-0	190	Fr.	Jackson, LA / West Feliciana HS	69	Shane Gardner	OL	6-1	275	r-Fr.	Hammond, LA / Hammond HS
17	Cam Jefferson	WR	5-10	190	r-So.	Shreveport, LA / Airline HS	70	Jarvis Brookshire	OL	6-2	275	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA / University Lab
18	Malachi Jackson	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	Atlanta, GA / Navarro College	73	Tremayne Hart	OL	6-3	302	r-Fr.	Palm Beach, FL / Palm Beach Gardens HS
20	Christian Smith	RB	5-9	195	So.	Amite, LA / Alcorn State	74	Bryan Wallace	OL	6-3	305	So.	Miami, FL / Miami Killian Senior HS
21	Cayden Jones	CB	6-0	190	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA / Catholic HS	77	Antonio Sanders	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Hawkins, GA / GA Military College
22	Amariyon Asberry	RB	6-0	210	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA / Southern Lab	78	James Wright	OL	6-4	315	So.	Centerville, TX / Prairie View
23	Landon Carter	CB	6-2	199	r-Fr.	Plaquemine, LA / Plaquemine HS	79	Micheal Washington	OL	6-5	310	Jr.	Chicago, IL / Arkansas Monticello
24	Micheal Williams II	CB	5-11	190	r-So.	Brownsburg, IN / Butler	80	Zackeus Malveaux	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	Opelousas, LA / Opelousas HS
25	Jason Gabriel	RB	5-8	190	r-Fr.	New Orleans, LA / John Curtis HS	81	Jordan Dupre	WR	5-10	164	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA / Dunham HS
26	Tyrik Brigalia	S	5-11	185	Fr.	New Orleans, LA / Edna Karr HS	82	Daylon Williams	WR	6-2	165	Fr.	Lake Charles, LA / Washington-Marion HS
27	Christopher Hall	CB	6-0	185	r-So.	College Park, GA / Woodward Academy	83	Jeremiah Valdry	WR	6-3	215	Fr.	Opelousas, LA
28	Kiamary Murray	CB	6-0	188	So.	Baton Rouge, LA / Madison Prep Acad. HS	84	Jermaine Minor Jr.	TE	6-5	225	Jr.	Alexandria, LA / Arkansas Tech
29	Antonio Dyson	CB	5-11	170	So.	Baton Rouge, LA	85	Carnell Weatherspoon	WR	6-1	190	r-Fr.	San Antonio, TX / Reagan HS
30	Zaccheus Cooper	RB	5-10	210	r-Fr.	Scottsdale, AZ / Alcorn State	86	David Prince	TE	6-4	230	r-Fr.	Brunswick, GA / Georgia Tech
31	Cody Morris	S	6-0	175	Fr.	New Orleans, LA / Edna Karr HS	87	Davontae Brown	TE	6-3	215	Fr.	Opelousas, LA / Louisiana Christian
32	Jeremiah Coleman	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA / Istrouma HS	88	Damien Knighten	WR	5-10	178	So.	Baton Rouge, LA / Scotlandville HS
33	Michael Jones Jr.	LB	6-1	230	r-Sr.	Houston, TX / Kilgore CC	89	Hubert Caliste	TE	6-5	232	r-Fr.	New Orleans, LA / St. Augustine HS
34	Greyson Lafleur	LB	6-0	220	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA / College of the Desert	91	Zac Yassine	DT	6-1	285	Sr.	Sugarland, TX / Lamar
35	Barry Remo	RB	5-9	195	So.	Baton Rouge, LA / Catholic HS	92	Johnathan Ford	DT	6-2	260	Fr.	Opelousas, LA / Opelousas HS
36	Ricky Brutus	LB	6-0	225	Gr.	Methuen, MA / Anna Maria College	93	Darren Scott	DT	6-3	260	Jr.	Folsom, CA / Riverside CC
37	Patrick Spiller	S	5-10	177	Fr.	Houston, TX / Alief Taylor HS	94	Sean Hamilton	DT	6-2	270	Fr.	Zachary, LA / Zachary HS
38	Nathan Zimmer	K/P	6-2	200	Fr.	Central, LA / Central HS	95	Habib Bello	DT	6-3	315	Jr.	Bensenville, IL / Garden City CC
39	Conner Perritt	LS	6-0	205	So.	Winnsboro, LA / Millsaps College	96	Sukaric Mitchell	DE	6-3	220	So.	New Iberia, LA / Westgate HS
40	Kenny Pham	P/K	5-10	177	Jr.	Port Arthur, TX / Alcorn State	97	De'Myrion Johnson	DT	6-2	295	r-Fr.	New Iberia, LA / LSU
41	Jylon Jackson	CB	5-11	170	Fr.	Franklin, LA / Franklin Senior HS	98	Lyndon Vallery	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	New Orleans, LA / McDonogh 35 HS
42	Demetrios Walker II	DE	6-3	256	Sr.	Kansas City, MO / McNeese State							



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**NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY**



THE SOUND MACHINE



The Sound Machine is the official marching band of North Carolina Central University (NCCU), a master's level comprehensive institution located in Durham, North Carolina, that offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees in the arts, sciences, business, law and education programs. The band has been led by Jovan Alexander Wilson since 2022.

The history of NCCU's marching band dates back to the 1930s, when Dr. Stephen Junius Wright, an assistant professor of education at then North Carolina College in Durham, was asked to organize the first marching band with 25 musicians. Since inception, The Sound Machine has experienced substantial growth and national recognition through performances, including the 1960 inauguration for then Governor of North Carolina, James Terry Stanford, 1961 half-time game for New York Giants-Dallas Cowboys, six appearances at the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta, Georgia, participation in the 122nd Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, and the 100th Anniversary of the Aggie-Eagle Classic, the Duke's Mayo Classic game, in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2022.

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### HUMAN JUKEBOX



The Southern University marching band, better known as the Human Jukebox, a 170 piece ensemble of greatness, unique in impact, precise in execution and enormous repetitious success can only be described with words such as astounding and majestic. The name, Human Jukebox, was applied to the band because they could play the current "top 40's." Its symbols, the Columbia blue and gold uniforms with a cape, the gold and white caps, the white gloves, the white spats and the 360 steps per minute cadence work together to produce the energy charged atmosphere that attracts admiration from its many fans. An opportunity to witness the Southern University Marching Band is an opportunity to witness music in motion. This band has raised the bar and set precedents for other collegiate marching bands and ensembles. **OFTEN IMITATED BUT NEVER DUPLICATED**, the band prides itself on the unique ability to execute precision drills better than any other marching ensemble in the country.

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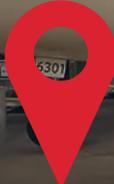
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### ALL-TIME STATISTICAL LEADERS

#### PASSING YARDS

- 356 - Jason Brown (JSU), 2023
- 295 - Jalen Morton (PVAM), 2018
- 286 - Daniel Richardson (FLAM), 2024
- 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

#### PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

- 4 - Brandon Landers (GSU), 2006
- 3 - Daniel Richardson (FLAM), 2024
- 3 - Jason Brown (JSU), 2023
- 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 - T.J. Mitchell (HAM), 2006

#### RUSHING YARDS

- 224 - Dawonya Tucker (PVAM), 2018
- 161 - Tarik Cohen (NCAT), 2014
- 142 - Darren Coates (SU), 2007
- 128 - Stadford Anderson (ALCN), 2021
- 123 - Isidore Jackson (BCU), 2012
- 111 - Kwashaun Quick (NCAT), 2014
- 109 - Irv Mulligan (JSU), 2023
- 103 - Rodney Scott (BCU), 2012
- 101 - Phillip Sylvester (FAMU), 2007
- 100 - Brodrick Waters (BCU), 2012

#### 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 Kwaan (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

#### 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



JASON BROWN (JSU)

- 83 - Tristan Wallace (PVAM), 2018
- 81 - Gerard Landry (SU), 2007
- 81 - Javares Knight (FAMU), 2007
- 80 - Alvan Robinson (ASU), 2005

- 10 - D'Vonte Grant (NCAT), 2014
- 10 - Jarkevis Fields (BCU), 2012
- 10 - Dannel Shepard (FAMU), 2007
- 10 - Lymon Reed (FAMU), 2007

#### TOTAL RECEPTIONS

- 9 - Duke Miller (JSU), 2023
- 8 - Jamari Gassett (FLAM), 2024
- 7 - Gerard Landry (SU), 2007
- 7 - Alvan 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 - Isaiah Spencer (JSU), 2023
- 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

#### SACKS

- 2.5 - Javon Hargrave (SCSU), 2015
- 2.0 - Patrick Godbolt (SCSU), 2023
- 2.0 - LeBranden Richardson (BCU), 2012
- 1.5 - Harold Love (BCU), 2013
- 1.5 - Lymon Reed (FAMU), 2007
- 1.5 - Alden Blizzard (HAM), 2006

#### TACKLES FOR LOSS

- 2.0 - Isaac Peppers (JSU), 2023
- 2.0 - Patrick Godbolt (SCSU), 2023
- 2.0 - Jared Kirskey (SCSU), 2023

#### INTERCEPTIONS

- 1 - Tim Steward (JSU), 2023
- 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

#### RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

- 2 - Jamari Gassett (FLAM), 2024
- 2 - Markus Hardy (PVAM), 2018
- 1 - 37 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



DAWONYA TUCKER (PVAM)



## RECORD BOOK

### 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**

356 – Jason Brown (Jackson State) v. S.C. State, 2023

##### **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**

26 – Jason Brown (Jackson State) v. S.C. State, 2023

##### **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

##### **MOST RECEIVING YARDS**

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

##### **MOST RECEPTIONS**

9 – Duke Miller (Jackson State) v. S.C. State, 2023  
7 – Three players tied

##### **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 – 25 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 – (77 yds) Brandon Codrington (N.C. Central) v. Alcorn State, 2021

1 – (64 yds) 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**

3 – Gerardo Baeza (Jackson State) v. S.C. State, 2023

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

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

### GAME RECORDS

#### ATTENDANCE

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

#### WINS

3 – Bethune-Cookman (3-0)  
Southern (3-0)  
South Carolina State (3-1)

#### WINNINGEST COACH

Oliver "Buddy" Pough (South Carolina State), 3-2

#### LONGEST GAME

4h, 40 min, Howard v. Alabama State, 2022

#### 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, South Carolina State, 2023  
Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 2015  
Half: 0, (2nd half), Southern, 2017  
(1st half), South Carolina State, 2023  
(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. South Carolina 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. South Carolina State, 2017  
(2nd Qtr), South Carolina State v. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 2015

2, (3rd Qtr), Southern v. South Carolina 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  
(4th Qtr), Southern v. Delaware State, 2010  
20, (1st Qtr), Prairie View v. N.C. Central, 2018  
(1st Qtr), N.C. A&T v. Alabama A&M, 2014  
13, (OT), Hampton v. Grambling State, 2006

### TEAM RECORDS

#### 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

356 – Jackson State v. South Carolina State, 2023

#### FEWEST PASSING YARDS

39 – Arkansas-Pine Bluff v. South Carolina State, 2015

#### MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS

45 – North Carolina Central v. Prairie View, 2018

#### MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS

26 – Jackson State v. South Carolina State, 2023

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)

772 – Florida A&M v. Norfolk State, 2024

#### 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

8:16 – Jackson State (14 plays, 49 yds, FG) v. South Carolina State, 2023

#### 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



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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
2023	Jackson State	T.C. Taylor	37-7	South Carolina State	Atlanta, Ga. (Center Parc Stadium)	24,238
2024	Florida A&M	James Colzie III	24-23	Norfolk State	Atlanta, Ga. (Center Parc Stadium)	22,210

### PLAYER HONORS

YEAR	HONOR	PLAYER	POS.	SCHOOL
2005	MVP	Cleveland McCoy	QB	South Carolina State
	MVP	Tarvaris Jackson	QB	Alabama State
2006	MVP	TJ Mitchell	QB	Hampton
	MVP	Brandon Landers	QB	Grambling
2007	MVP	Bryant Lee	QB	Southern
	MVP	Philip Sylvester	RB	Florida A&M
2008	MVP	Herbert Bynes	QB	Hampton
	MVP	Marcellus Speaks	LB	Jackson State
2009	MVP	Derrick Wiley	QB	South Carolina State
	MVP	Christian Anthony	DL	Grambling
2010	MVP	Dray Joseph	QB	Southern
	MVP	Larrone Moore	WR	Delaware State
2011	MVP	Jamar Robinson	QB	Bethune-Cookman
	MVP	Jerry Lovelock	QB	Prairie View A&M
2012	MVP	Broderick Waters	QB	Bethune-Cookman
	MVP	Greg Jenkins	QB	Alabama State
2013	MVP	Damien Fleming	QB	Florida A&M
	MVP	Jeremy Johnson	QB	Mississippi Valley State

YEAR	HONOR	PLAYER	POS.	SCHOOL
2014	MVP	Tarik Cohen	RB	North Carolina A&T
	MVP	Jaymason Lee	QB	Alabama A&M
2015	MVP	Javon Hargrave	DE	South Carolina State
	MVP	Brian Handley	RB	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
2017	MVP	Darius Leonard	LB	South Carolina State
	MVP	Montavius Gaines	DB	Southern
2018	MVP	Jalen Morton	QB	Prairie View A&M
	MVP	Chauncey Caldwell	QB	North Carolina Central
2019	MVP	Akevious Williams	QB	Bethune-Cookman
	MVP	DD Bowie	WR	Jackson State
2021	MVP	Davius Richard	QB	North Carolina Central
	MVP	Shaq Davis	DB	North Carolina Central
2022	MVP	Demetrius Davis	QB	Alabama State
	MVP	Jevin Jackson	DL	Howard
2023	MVP	Jason Brown	QB	Jackson State
2024	MVP	Daniel Richardson	QB	Florida A&M

### SCHOOL RECORDS

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

## 2025 FOOTBALL EVENTS



**CRICKET MEAC/SWAC CHALLENGE KICK-OFF**  
ABC | AUG. 23, 2025 | CENTER PARC STADIUM | ATLANTA, GA  
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL VS SOUTHERN



**MYRTLE BEACH BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 19, 2025 | BROOKS STADIUM | CONWAY, SC  
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



**WASABI FENWAY BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 27, 2025 | FENWAY PARK | BOSTON, MA  
ACC VS AMERICAN



**FCS KICKOFF**  
ESPN | AUG. 23, 2025 | CRAMTON BOWL | MONTGOMERY, AL  
UC DAVIS VS MERCER



**UNION HOME MORTGAGE GASPARILLA BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 19, 2025 | RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM | TAMPA, FL  
SEC, AMERICAN, ACC, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



**ISLETA NEW MEXICO BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 27, 2025 | DREAMSTYLE STADIUM | ALBUQUERQUE, NM  
MOUNTAIN WEST VS AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, SUN BELT



**RED TAILS CLASSIC**  
ESPN | AUG. 31, 2025 | CRAMTON BOWL | MONTGOMERY, AL  
WINSTON-SALEM STATE VS TUSKEGEE



**FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 22, 2025 | ALBERTSONS STADIUM | BOISE, ID  
MAC VS MOUNTAIN WEST



**KINDER'S TEXAS BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 31, 2025 | NRG STADIUM | HOUSTON, TX  
BIG 12 VS SEC



**RED LOBSTER BAND OF THE YEAR**  
ESPN+ | DEC. 12, 2025 | MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM | ATLANTA, GA  
TOP-RANKED HBCU MARCHING BANDS



**BOCA RATON BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 23, 2025 | FAU STADIUM | BOCA RATON, FL  
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



**BIRMINGHAM BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 29, 2025 | PROTECTIVE STADIUM | BIRMINGHAM, AL  
SEC VS AMERICAN, CUSA, ACC, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



**CRICKET CELEBRATION BOWL**  
ABC | DEC. 13, 2025 | MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM | ATLANTA, GA  
MEAC CHAMPION VS SWAC CHAMPION



**SCOOTER'S COFFEE FRISCO BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 23, 2025 | VENUE TBA | FRISCO, TX  
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



**SRS DISTRIBUTION LAS VEGAS BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 31, 2025 | ALLEGiant STADIUM | LAS VEGAS, NV  
BIG TEN VS PAC-12



**IS4S SALUTE TO VETERANS BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 16, 2025 | CRAMTON BOWL | MONTGOMERY, AL  
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



**SHERATON HAWAI'I BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 24, 2025 | CLARENCE T.C. CHING ATHLETICS COMPLEX | HONOLULU, HI  
AMERICAN VS MOUNTAIN WEST



**LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES BOWL**  
ESPN | JAN. 2, 2026 | AMON G. CARTER STADIUM | FORT WORTH, TX  
BOWL FOR THE GRAVE  
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



**STAFFDNA CURE BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 17, 2025 | CAMPING WORLD STADIUM | ORLANDO, FL  
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT



**SERVPRO FIRST RESPONDER BOWL**  
ESPN | DEC. 26, 2025 | GERALD J. FORD STADIUM | DALLAS, TX  
AMERICAN, CUSA, MAC, MOUNTAIN WEST, SUN BELT

**35 OWNED & OPERATED EVENTS**  
**400+ PROGRAMMING HOURS EACH YEAR**  
**60M+ VIEWERS EACH YEAR**  
**4K+ PARTICIPATING STUDENT-ATHLETES**

## 2025 BASKETBALL EVENTS



**DICK VITALE INVITATIONAL**  
ESPN | NOV. 4, 2025 | SPECTRUM CENTER | CHARLOTTE, NC  
TEXAS VS DUKE



**TERRY'S CHOCOLATE ESPN EVENTS INVITATIONAL**  
ESPN NETWORKS | NOV. 24 - 26, 2025 | ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX | WISSIMMEE, FL  
ADVENTURE BRACKET: BRADLEY, LIBERTY, PRINCETON, RHODE ISLAND, TEMPLE, TOWSON, UC SAN DIEGO, VERMONT  
MAGIC BRACKET: BYU, DAYTON, GEORGETOWN, MIAMI (FL)  
IMAGINATION BRACKET: CHARLOTTE, FURMAN, ILLINOIS STATE, RICHMOND



**PERATON ARMED FORCES CLASSIC**  
ESPN | NOV. 4, 2025 | RAMSTEIN AIR BASE | GERMANY  
LOUISVILLE VS UCONN (WOMEN'S)



**JIMMY V MEN'S CLASSIC PRESENTED BY MODELO**  
ESPN | DEC. 9, 2025 | MADISON SQUARE GARDEN | NEW YORK, NY  
CLEMSON VS BYU | FLORIDA VS UCONN



**STATE FARM CHAMPIONS CLASSIC**  
ESPN | NOV. 18, 2025 | MADISON SQUARE GARDEN | NY  
MICHIGAN STATE VS KENTUCKY | KANSAS VS DUKE

## 2026 SOFTBALL EVENTS



**SHRINERS CHILDREN'S CLEARWATER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY EVOSHIELD**  
ESPN NETWORKS | FEB. 12 - 15, 2026 | EDDIE C. MOORE COMPLEX | CLEARWATER, FL  
DUKE, FLORIDA ATLANTIC, FLORIDA STATE, GEORGIA, JAMES MADISON, LSU, MISSOURI, NC STATE, NEBRASKA, NORTH-WESTERN, OKLAHOMA STATE, TENNESSEE, TEXAS A&M, TEXAS TECH, UCF, UCLA



**SHRINERS CHILDREN'S CHARLESTON CLASSIC**  
ESPN NETWORKS | NOV. 21 & 23, 2025 | TD ARENA | CHARLESTON, SC  
PALMETTO BRACKET: CLEMSON, GEORGIA, WEST VIRGINIA, XAVIER  
LOWCOUNTRY BRACKET: BOSTON COLLEGE, DAVIDSON, TULANE, UTAH STATE

## 2025 VOLLEYBALL EVENTS



**SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET BROADWAY BLOCK PARTY**  
ESPN NETWORKS | AUG. 31, 2025 | BRIDGESTONE ARENA | NASHVILLE, TN  
NEBRASKA VS KENTUCKY | PURDUE VS TENNESSEE | ILLINOIS VS VANDERBILT

## 2026 GYMNASTICS EVENTS



**SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET COLLEGIATE QUAD**  
ESPN NETWORKS | JAN. 10, 2026 | MAVERICK CENTER | WEST VALLEY CITY, UT  
CALIFORNIA, KENTUCKY, LSU, MICHIGAN STATE, MICHIGAN, UCLA, OKLAHOMA, UTAH



**SHRINERS CHILDREN'S SHOWDOWN AT THE NET**  
ESPN NETWORKS | SEP. 10, 2025 | DICKIES ARENA | FORT WORTH, TX  
PITT VS KENTUCKY | LOUISVILLE VS TEXAS

## 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

## 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 Byes 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



## 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
PVAM	0	7	7	0	14
BCU	14	28	7	14	63

#### 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
ASU	14	7	0	7	28
BCU	0	10	14	14	38

#### 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
MVSU	0	0	3	7	10
FAMU	7	13	0	7	27

### 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
NCAT	14	24	7	2	47
AAMU	6	0	0	7	13

### 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

## 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	<b>7</b>
<b>SCSU</b>	7	0	21	7	<b>35</b>

#### 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	<b>8</b>
<b>SU</b>	7	7	0	0	<b>14</b>

#### 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

## 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 Kick-Off 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
<b>ALCN</b>	7	0	7	0	<b>14</b>
<b>NCCU</b>	0	7	6	10	<b>23</b>

### TOP PERFORMERS

**PASSING:**

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

**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 Kick-Off 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 Demetrius 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
<b>HWD</b>	3	3	0	7	<b>13</b>
<b>ASU</b>	6	7	7	3	<b>23</b>

### TOP PERFORMERS

**PASSING:**

**Demetrius 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

## GAME HISTORY

# 2023

Center Parc Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

## 37-7

JACKSON STATE

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE



# 2024

Center Parc Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

## 24-23

FLORIDA A&M

NORFOLK STATE



Following a three-and-out by the defense, it took the offense only three plays to score. Irv Mulligan's 46-yard touchdown run gave JSU a 7-0 lead just two-and-a-half minutes into the game. In the second quarter, Jason Brown threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Jency Riley, completing a seven-play, 92-yard drive to give Jackson State a 14-0 lead. Late in the half, a 10-play, 74-yard drive ended with a Gerardo Baeza 31-yard field goal to give JSU a 17-0 halftime lead. JSU came out of the locker room and marched to the end zone. Brown's 21-yard touchdown pass to D.J. Stevens capped a 6-play, 63-yard drive to make the score 24-0 less than three minutes into the third quarter. Brown's final scoring pass of the night, a 44-yard strike to Andre Hunt, put the game away at 31-0. Field goals of 27 and 38 yards by Baeza in the third and fourth quarters capped the scoring for JSU, which scored on six consecutive possessions before taking a knee to end the game.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
SCSU	0	0	0	7	7
JSU	7	10	17	3	37

### TOP PERFORMERS

#### PASSING

**Jason Brown (JSU)**  
26-30-0, 356 YDS, 3 TD

#### RUSHING

**Irv Mulligan (JSU)**  
14 CAR, 109 YDS, 1 TD

#### RECEIVING

**Duke Miller (JSU)**  
9 REC, 56 YDS

Reigning HBCU national champion Florida A&M snuffed out a potential go-ahead two-point play with six minutes left in the game to preserve a thrilling 24-23 come-from-behind victory over Norfolk State in the season-opening Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge before 22,210 fans at Center Parc Stadium. Florida A&M quarterback Daniel Richardson completed 22-of-30 passes (73%) for 286 yards and three touchdowns, and rushed for 32 yards on three attempts, to earn MVP honors in the contest. The Rattlers also presented first-year head coach James Colzie III with a win in his debut. FAMU won the total yardage battle 403-369. In addition to the 286 passing yards, the Rattlers collected 117 on the ground. Norfolk rushed for 227 yards, led by a game-high 146 from Kevon King, although he was held to just 41 in the second half. The win by FAMU was the third in a row for the SWAC, cutting the MEAC lead to 11-7 in the history of the challenge.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
FAMU	7	3	14	0	24
NORF	14	0	3	6	23

### TOP PERFORMERS

#### PASSING

**Daniel Richardson (FAMU)**  
22/30, 286 YDS, 3 TD

#### RUSHING

**Kevon King (NORF)**  
14 ATT, 146 YDS, 2 TD

#### RECEIVING

**Jamari Gassett (FAMU)**  
8 REC, 110 YDS, 2 TD



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