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JOHN T. GRANT, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Cricket Celebration Bowl Fans,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the highly anticipated 2024 Cricket Celebration Bowl, where we proudly showcase the best of HBCU football. This year's championship game once again opens the college football bowl season. It features an electrifying rematch from 2021, pitting the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) champion South Carolina State Bulldogs, led by first-year head coach Chennis Berry, against the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) champion Jackson State Tigers, under the guidance of second-year head coach T.C. Taylor, and is broadcast live on ABC.

As we gather at the iconic Mercedes-Benz Stadium here in Atlanta, Georgia, we are excited not only for the fierce competition on the field but also for the incredible performances by our beloved marching bands. Get ready to be captivated by the South Carolina State Marching 101 and the Jackson State Sonic Boom of The South, who will undoubtedly elevate the atmosphere with their vibrant displays of talent and spirit.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our title sponsor, Cricket Wireless, and our major sponsors: Disney on The Yard, AllState, The Coca Cola Company, Truist, U.S. Army, and our new partner Red Lobster. Your support plays a crucial role in making this event possible and memorable for everyone involved.

A special thank you goes to our conference commissioners, Sonja Stills of the MEAC and Charles McClelland of the SWAC, for their leadership and commitment to promoting HBCU athletics. We also acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our staff and the many volunteers who contribute their time and energy to ensure a seamless and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

Lastly, to our passionate fans — you are the heartbeat of this event. Your energy and enthusiasm create an atmosphere like no other, and we are grateful for your unwavering support. Together, let's make this year's Cricket Celebration Bowl a celebration of excellence, pride, and unity.

Enjoy the experience!



Welcome to Atlanta and the Cricket Celebration Bowl!

We kicked off the season together in August at the Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-off, and we're thrilled to be here kicking off college bowl season with you today.

Gameday in the MEAC and SWAC is about more than just football – it's about the sense of community that you feel from the tailgates to the stands to the sidelines. It's these long-lasting relationships between students, alumni, and schools that make HBCU football so unique, and it's what draws all of us at Cricket to this game in particular.

You've followed your school all season long, and today's game is a testament to your dedication throughout the season. Both programs have shown incredible talent and heart. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, staff and families for making it here to the HBCU National Championship Game.

Although the 2024 season wraps up today, Cricket's commitment to HBCUs continues year-round. We're on-campus throughout the year supporting all conference sports and a variety of student activities.

One of the most meaningful activities we support with HBCUs is the Cricket Campus Ambassador program. Through this program, we help student leaders build business skills and gain real-world experiences that can shape their futures. These are future business leaders that will make an impact in communities across the country, and we are proud to be a part of their journey.

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To all of the students, alumni, and fans in attendance today, thank you for joining us. Enjoy the game and all the sights and sounds that make Atlanta unique!

Sincerely,

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**TIFFANY
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PLAY-BY-PLAY

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

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

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

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

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

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



**JAY
WALKER**
ANALYST

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

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

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

Walker was drafted out of high school to be a pitcher in the California Angels organization's minor league team, one of a handful of players to play both minor league baseball and in the NFL. While playing in the minors, Walker decided to pursue his passion for football and was recruited as a quarterback to Long Beach State and even-

tually transferred to Howard University after football was cut as a sport at Long Beach. At Howard, Walker led the team to their first playoff berth in team history and was named an All-American, to the All-MEAC Team twice and was the I-AA football player of the year by Sports Illustrated. That year, 1993, Howard earned its only undefeated season in program history.

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

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



**QUINT
KESSENICH**
REPORTER

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

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

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

Since joining the company, his responsibilities expanded to high school football, men's college basketball and various NCAA championships, including track and field, and soccer. He established the 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.

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On behalf of the Southwestern Athletic Conference and the SWAC Council of Presidents and Chancellors, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 Cricket Celebration Bowl.

This year's game features two historic programs that most recently completed impressive regular season schedules in conference play to win their respective leagues. Jackson State versus South Carolina State will undoubtedly be a competitive game that will add its own chapter in the storied history of the Celebration Bowl.

Participating in this event each year would not be possible without the unwavering efforts and exceptional drive of our student-athletes, coaches, institutional administrators and the unconditional support of our SWAC fans, supporters and alumni.

This past fall semester our student-athletes persevered through a variety of challenges on and off the field of play. It was truly gratifying to witness first-hand the hard work and determination of our student-athletes, as they pushed through obstacles to achieve at the highest levels athletically and academically.

The hard work and determination that we saw displayed throughout the season on the field carried over equally into the classroom, with a significant amount of our football student-athletes within the conference set to earn academic honors.

As we continue to honor the heritage and legacy of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, we want to extend special congratulations to the student-athletes of the competing institutions that are led by Coach Chennis Berry of South Carolina State and Coach T.C. Taylor of Jackson State.

We'd also like to extend sincere gratitude and thanks to the title sponsor of the game, Cricket, as well as to all of our corporate partners for the tremendous support they provide our conference on a yearly basis.

Our corporate sponsors — Pepsi, General Motors, JPMorganChase, Google, Academy Sports + Outdoors, Nike, Home Depot, Cricket, and the City of Atlanta each play vital roles in making the SWAC an outstanding conference. Their continued support assists over 4,000 student-athletes throughout our conference to achieve their full academic and athletic potential.

In addition, we'd like to applaud and recognize the tireless efforts of the members and staff of the City of Atlanta and Mercedes-Benz Stadium during the planning and execution of hosting the bowl game at this state-of-the art venue.

It is our hope that everyone in attendance at today's event leaves with fond memories and unforgettable moments as we seek to continue to elevate the collective profiles of our beloved HBCUs across the country.

Dr. Charles McClelland



DR. CHARLES McCLELLAND
SWAC COMMISSIONER

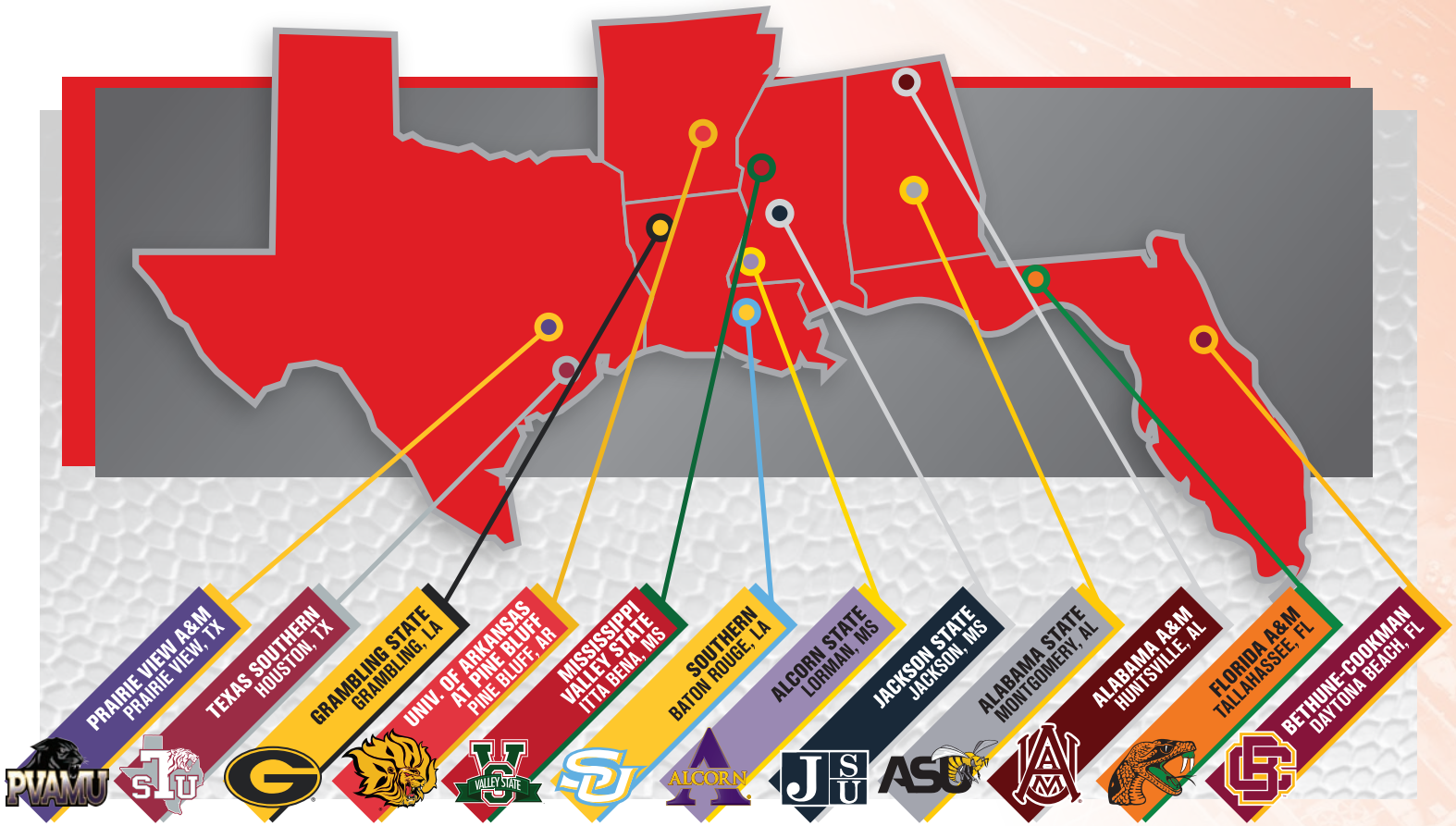


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SONJA O. STILLS
MEAC COMMISSIONER

I am honored to bring greetings, as Commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), from "The Elite Eight" outstanding academic institutions as we welcome you to Atlanta, Georgia, for the ninth annual Cricket Celebration Bowl.

This year, we are proud to have South Carolina State University represent the MEAC as they face the Southwestern Athletic Conference's (SWAC) Jackson State University. I anticipate a thrilling matchup that will highlight the incredible talents of our student-athletes, coaches, marching bands, and cheerleaders. This game is a true celebration of the vibrant culture that makes HBCUs so special.

The Cricket Celebration Bowl, along with its exciting ancillary events, promises to deliver an unparalleled athletic, educational, and entertainment experience for both participants and fans. I extend my sincere gratitude to Cricket for their invaluable support and for serving as the title sponsor of this exceptional event.

With this game once again broadcast live on ABC, it provides a powerful platform for our institutions and conferences. At a time when HBCUs are receiving unprecedented attention, this moment serves as an extraordinary opportunity to shine a national spotlight on the excellence and legacy of HBCUs.

As you enjoy the game and the festivities, I wish everyone safe travels back to their destinations. Good luck to South Carolina State and Jackson State. May this be a memorable occasion for all, and happy holidays!

Let's go, MEAC Nation!

Sincerely,

Sonja O. Stills



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MEAC NOTABLE ALUMNI

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STEPHANIE READY
First Female Coach in Men's Basketball

DELAWARE STATE

JOHN TAYLOR
Black College Football Hall of Famer

HOWARD

KAMALA HARRIS
Vice President of the United States

MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

ART SHELL
Pro Football Hall of Famer

MORGAN STATE

WILLIAM C. RHODEN
Writer, ESPN's Andscape

NORFOLK STATE

BREHANNA DANIELS
First African-American female pit crew member in NASCAR history

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T.C. TAYLOR, CHENNIS BERRY LEAD THEIR PROGRAMS TO A CLASSIC REMATCH

BY ED HILL, JR.



This year's matchup has the makings of what could be one of the most exciting Cricket Celebration Bowls in its nine-year history. It features two programs in South Carolina State from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and Jackson State from the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), with storied pasts, who come in playing some of the best football at the right time. It should be a special treat for HBCU football fans, who will find out who is the 2024 Black National champion. The game will take place on Saturday, December 14, at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, GA. It will be broadcast live on ABC.

For starters, there are a number of intriguing story lines in this marquee matchup. The two coaches, SC State's Chennis Berry and Jackson State's TC

Taylor, are both Coaches of the Year in their respective conferences, and they are also finalists for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year that goes to the top FCS coach.

South Carolina State (9-2 overall, 5-0 in the MEAC), ranked Number 23 in the FCS national poll, reached this game in surprising fashion. The Bulldogs were picked to finish fourth in the MEAC in the preseason polls. Much of the doubt was predicated on the hiring of a new coach in Chennis Berry, who succeeded the legendary Oliver "Buddy" Pough, who had set a high standard for football in the HBCUs.

It must be noted that Berry had much success at Benedict College, where he led the program to back-to-back SIAC titles and NCAA Division 2 playoff appearances the past two years.

Still, to some, there was doubt that he could make the transition from Division 2 to the Division 1 FCS level. Well, apparently Berry did not get that memo. Never once lacking in confidence, Berry had other ideas. Knowing that there was a need to have players who knew his system to turn things around, he brought in several transfers, including a key in graduate quarterback Eric Phoenix, a finalist for the prestigious Walter Payton Award, given to the top offensive player in the FCS.

Much to everyone's surprise, except Berry's, the Bulldogs not just won the MEAC, they pretty much dominated it, going undefeated (5-0) in league play. They come into the game, riding an eight-game win streak, during which they are averaging over 42 points during that stretch.



They showcased impressive growth, exceeding preseason expectations and revitalizing the program's national relevance. This season also secured SC State's first Celebration Bowl game appearance since 2021.

Berry notes that the defining moment for SC State's success was its win over state rival, the Citadel at the Citadel early in the season.

The Bulldogs have done it with a balanced and explosive attack on offense and a solid all-around defense, led by one of the top defensive linemen in the country.

The high-flying offense combines the running of junior running backs KZ Adams and Deondra Duehart and Phoenix, who have accounted for almost 1,200 yards and 14 TDs on the ground. The offensive front is one of the best in the FCS and is anchored by seniors Nick Taiste and Eric Brown, Jr., and sophomore Tray Franklin. Taiste was named the MEAC offensive Lineman of the Year.

Phoenix has been the key to having this high-octane offense run on all cylinders. He came to SC State from Murray State, but he was familiar with Coach Berry's system after having played for him at Benedict before his transfer to Murray State. The graduate signal caller completed 170 of 261 for

2,460 yards, 20 TDs and only seven interceptions. He is a first team All-MEAC selection and a strong favorite for Offensive Player of the Year.

Phoenix has had the luxury of having four dangerous receivers in sophomore Caden High, seniors Justin Smith-Brown and Einaj Carter, and graduate tight end Keshawn Toney, who as a quartet combined for almost 2,500 yards and 20 TDs on the season. High, Smith-Brown and Toney were first team All-MEAC selections.

The SC State defense has been equally dominant, led by All-American candidate Ashaad Hall. The Buck Buchanan finalist and a first team All-MEAC selection is one of the top defensive linemen in the FCS. On the season, he wreaked havoc against opposing offenses, recording 40 tackles, 14 tackles for loss, 11 sacks, 3 forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

His strong supporting cast includes senior Jayden Broughton (23 solos, 13.5 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks), graduate linebacker Aaron Smith (78 tackles 7.5 tackles for loss and a sack) and junior defensive back Diego Addison, a ballhawk in the secondary who has 44 tackles to go along 7 pass breakups and 3 interceptions.

The Bulldogs' special teams are solid with senior punter Dyson Roberts and

red-shirt freshman placekicker Kyle Gallegos having fine seasons. Roberts averaged 42 yards per punt, with 14 landing inside the opponents' 20-yard line. A first team All-MEAC selection, Gallegos converted on 9 of 14 attempts with a long of 42 yards.

The Tigers are back in the Celebration Bowl after a two-year hiatus. Jackson State (11-2 overall, 8-0 in the SWAC) also comes into the game, playing its best football after defeating Southern University 41-13 in the SWAC championship last Saturday. The Tigers have won nine in a row and are averaging 40 points per game during the streak to rank among the best in the FCS in scoring.

This is Taylor's third appearance as a coach in the Celebration Bowl, but his first as a head coach. Under his leadership, the former Tiger standout, has led the Tigers to a 13-3 SWAC record since he took over the reins.

The Tigers are similar to the Bulldogs, as they have combined an effective and balanced offense, one of the top defenses in the FCS and a lethal weapon on special teams.

On the offensive side of the ball, JSU relies on the running of graduate running back Irv Mulligan, who led the SWAC in rushing with 1,088 yards on 157 carries for 16 TDs. The native from Beaufort, SC, was named the SWAC Offensive Player of the Year. Freshman Travis Terrell, Jr. (64 carries, 412 yards, 3 TDs) and junior quarterback Jacobian Morgan of Canton, MS, added 299 yards and 6 TDs to keep the defenses honest.

But it was as a passer where Morgan was most efficient, completing 146 of 231 for almost 2,000 yards, 19 TDs and only six interceptions.

A Syracuse transfer, Morgan was able to spread the ball around to receivers, red-shirt sophomore Joanes Fortilien, Isaiah Spencer and Ja'Naylon Dupree, who combined for over 1,400 yards and 17 TDs.

Mulligan and Morgan have had the luxury of operating behind a veteran offensive line, anchored by All-SWAC performers, junior D'Andre Townes-





Blue, graduate Evan Henry and senior Kirk Ford, Jr.

Jackson State is led on defense by Joshua Nobles and senior defensive back Ke'Vric Wiggins, Jr., first team All-SWAC selections. Nobles, a junior defensive lineman from Camden, NJ, proved to be one of the most dominant players on the unit with 51 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, 9 sacks and 2 fumble recoveries. Teammates junior defensive lineman Tru Thompson, graduate defensive back Robert McDaniel and Wiggins give the Tigers a stout defense that was ranked in the Top 10 in several FCS statistical categories.

Graduate punter/placekicker Matt Noll and red-shirt punter/placekicker Gerardo Baeza, both second team All-SWAC selections, combine to give the Tigers a solid kicking game. Noll averaged over 42 yards per punts, with six of 50 yards or more and 15 landing inside the opponents' 20-yards line. Baeza connected on 20 of 26 field goal attempts including a long of 48 yards.

Yet the most potent weapon in the Tigers' arsenal and a possible X factor in this game could be Terrell, Jr. The freshman running back from Atlanta, GA, finished 3rd in the nation in punt returns with a 17.3 yard per return average and 4th in the country in both kick returns and combined kick returns. He is one of only two players in the FCS to have returned two kicks for TDs and is a threat to take it to the house any time he touches the ball. He is a finalist for the Jerry Rice Award, presented to the Top freshman in the FCS.

OTHER NOTES: This is Jackson State's third appearance in the Cricket Celebration Bowl. The Tigers last played in 2022 and dropped a 41-34 decision to North Carolina Central. This is SC State's second trip. The Bulldogs played Jackson State in 2021 and came away with a 31-10 decision. The MEAC holds a 6-2 advantage in the series which started in 2015. The Florida A&M win over Howard in the Celebration Bowl last year snapped a six-game win streak by the MEAC. The game features outstanding individual players who are in the running for National Players of the Year at their positions.

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SWAC

COACH OF THE YEAR

T.C. TAYLOR, Jackson State

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

IRV MULLIGAN, Jackson State

CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

CKELBY GIVENS, Southern

ANDREW JONES, Grambling State

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

DANIEL RICHARDSON, Florida A&M

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

TRAVIS TERRELL, JR., Jackson State

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

POS. NAME	SCHOOL
QB Daniel Richardson	Florida A&M
RB Irv Mulligan	Jackson State
RB Donovan Eaglin	Alabama A&M
OL Carson Vinson	Alabama A&M
OL Arelious Dunn	Alabama State
OL D'Andre Townes-Blue	Jackson State
OL Charles Davis	Florida A&M
OL Ashton Grable	Florida A&M
WR JaVonnie Gibson	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
WR Nathan Rembert	Mississippi Valley State
TE Tavarious Griffin	Alcorn State

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

POS. NAME	SCHOOL
DL Ckelby Givens	Southern
DL Treqwan Thomas	Alabama State
DL Malachi Bailey	Alcorn State
DL Joshua Nobles	Jackson State
LB Andrew Jones	Grambling State
LB Rico Dozier	Alabama State
LB Demarkus Cunningham	Alabama State
DB James Burgess	Alabama State
DB Amon Scarbrough	Alabama State
DB Ke'Vric Wiggins, Jr.	Jackson State
DB M.J. Hinson	Texas Southern

FIRST TEAM SPECIALIST

POS. NAME	SCHOOL
PK Guillermo Garcia Rodriguez	Prairie View A&M
P Anthony Frederique	Bethune-Cookman
RS Travis Terrell, Jr.	Jackson State
LS Avery Salerno	Jackson State

SERIES RECORD: This is the third meeting between the two powers. SC State defeated the Tigers, 31-10 in the 2021 HBCU Cricket Wireless Celebration Bowl. The Tigers bested the Bulldogs, 37-7 in the MEAC/SWAC Challenge in 2023.

PEDIGREE: SC State boasts a whopping 125 former players who have played in

MEAC

COACH OF THE YEAR

CHENNIS BERRY, South Carolina State

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ERIC PHOENIX, South Carolina State

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ELIJAH WILLIAMS, Morgan State

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR

NICK TAISTE, South Carolina State

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

JASON COLLINS, JR., Morgan State

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

POS. NAME	SCHOOL
QB Eric Phoenix	South Carolina State
RB Jaden Sutton	Delaware State
RB J'Mari Taylor	North Carolina Central
WR Caden High	South Carolina State
WR Justin Smith-Brown	South Carolina State
TE Keshawn Toney	South Carolina State
C Eric Brown, Jr.	South Carolina State
OL Darius Fox	Howard
OL Trevon Humphrey	North Carolina Central
OL Nick Taiste	South Carolina State
OL Cam Johnson	South Carolina State

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

POS. NAME	SCHOOL
DL Noah Miles	Howard
DL Elijah Williams	Morgan State
DL Ashaad Hall	South Carolina State
DL Jayden Broughton	South Carolina State
LB AJ Richardson	Norfolk State
LB Jaki Brevard	North Carolina Central
LB Aaron Smith	South Carolina State
DB Kenny Gallop, Jr.	Howard
DB Carlwinsky Decius	Morgan State
DB Kole Jones	North Carolina Central
DB Malcolm Reed	North Carolina Central
DB Jarod Washington	South Carolina State

FIRST TEAM SPECIALIST

POS. NAME	SCHOOL
P Juan Velarde	North Carolina Central
PK Kyle Gallegos	South Carolina State
RS Malique Leatherbury	Morgan State
RS Jaylen White	Norfolk State

the NFL, including four in the NFL Hall of Fame. Four Bulldogs currently are on NFL rosters. Jackson State has been equally impactful, having 96 players in the NFL including NFL Hall of Famers, the late Walter Payton and Lem Barney.



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LOCATION ▷ Jackson, Miss.
FOUNDED ▷ 1877
ENROLLMENT ▷ 9,811
NICKNAME ▷ Tigers
COLORS ▷ Navy & White
WEBSITE ▷ www.JSUMS.edu



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One of the greatest Jackson State Football Tigers to ever don the Blue and White has ascended to the position of Head Coach at his alma mater. T.C. Taylor was been named the 22nd head coach for JSU football. He officially took the reins of the program following the conclusion of the 2022 Celebration Bowl.

The former JSU quarterback and wide receiver has been a part of the Jackson State football staff since 2019, coaching tight ends and wide receivers, and has played a key role in an historic run over the past two seasons of Tiger football. JSU posted a 23-3 record over the previous two seasons prior to Taylor taking over the program, winning back-to-back Southwestern Athletic Conference championships and posting consecutive undefeated conference seasons before finishing 7-4 in 2023.

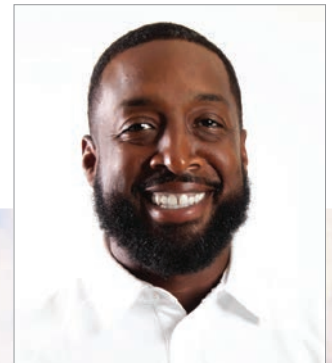
In his first season at the helm of the Tigers, Taylor led the team to a second-place finish in the East Division. They finished fourth in the conference in scoring at 27.3 points per game and third in rushing with 1,778 yards on 397 attempts for an average of 161.6 yards per game. They also finished second in passing at 227.7 yards per game, and were the best team offensively in the conference at 389.4 yards per game. Defensively, the team finished fifth in the conference in scoring and fourth in total defense.

As an assistant coach at JSU, Taylor has helped develop some of the best receivers in the SWAC. During the abbreviated Spring 2021 season, he tutored WR Daylen Baldwin, who led the SWAC in receiving yards (540) and touchdowns (seven). During the Fall 2021 season, Malachi Wideman tied for the conference lead with 12 touchdown receptions, while Keith Corbin ranked second in both receptions (69) and yards (921) and tied for seventh in touchdowns. In 2022, Dallas Daniels ranked second in the SWAC in receptions (60), third in receiving yards (666), and fourth in touchdowns (six). Shane Hooks

ranked third in the SWAC in receptions (59) and third in both receiving yards (705) and receiving touchdowns (10). Prior to the 2022 season, Taylor was selected for an NFL coaching fellowship with the Tennessee Titans.

A native of McComb, Miss., Taylor played quarterback and wide receiver at Jackson State from 1998-2001, starting off as a signal caller for two-and-a-half seasons before switching to wide receiver. In just 19 games as a receiver, he amassed 188 catches for 1,793 yards. As a senior at Jackson State, Taylor broke the JSU single-season record with 84 receptions for 1,234 yards and 11 touchdowns, earning NCAA Division I-AA Third-Team All-America honors from The Sports Network and First-Team Black College All-America recognition from Sheridan Broadcasting Network. He was also the runner-up for the 2001 Conerly Trophy, presented to Mississippi's top college football player, behind Eli Manning.

Prior to returning to JSU as assistant coach in 2019,



T.C. TAYLOR

HEAD COACH

Alma Mater
Jackson State (2005)

Record at JSU
18-6 (2nd Season)

Career Record
18-6 (2nd Season)

Taylor coached at North Carolina Central from 2014-18, where he coached quarterbacks and served as offensive coordinator.

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

In 2016 and under Taylor's guidance, NCCU set a record for total offense in a single season (4,614). Also, in 2014, Taylor's unit set a program record for passes completed in a season (227). From 2014-18, Taylor coached 28 All-MEAC offensive players and five All-Americans. In 2016 and under Taylor's tutoring, Malcolm Bell was a finalist for the 2016 Black College Football Player of the Year.

Bell was also a three-time All-MEAC quarterback (2014, 2015, 2016) and set the program record for total offense (7,844 yards) and career completion percentage (56.6 percent) and was second in passing yards (6,340).

Taylor spent the prior two seasons (2012-13) at Texas Southern University as wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator. From 2005-11, he coached at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Miss., starting as the quarterbacks and wide receivers coach and spending the final six years as offensive coordinator. His offenses ranked among the top five in Mississippi junior colleges in total yards for four straight seasons from 2007-10.

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

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

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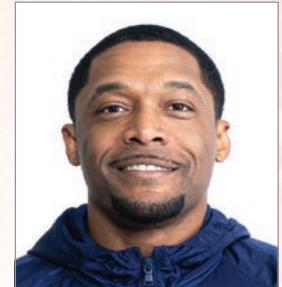
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SEASON RECAP



Jackson State entered the 2024 season picked in the middle of the pack, not in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), but in the SWAC East Division behind Alabama State and Florida A&M. How did they respond? The Tigers won eight consecutive games, once conference play started, finishing 8-0 in conference play and finished the regular season with nine straight wins on their way to capturing the conference championship and a berth in the 2024 Cricket Celebration Bowl.

The Tigers split the first four games of the season, all non-conference games, with several players sitting out parts of those four games rehabbing injuries before conference play started. Following a non-conference loss to Grambling State, Jackson State responded with a healthy Irv Mulligan at running back and Jacobian Morgan at quarterback on offense paired with a stingy second-half defense. And they did so missing three starting receivers (Fabian McCray, Kobe Paul, and Rico Powers, Jr.), two

of the top running backs (J.D. Martin and Ahmad Miller), a projected starter at tight end (Jency Riley), and a starting defensive tackle (Athen Smith), all lost to season-ending injuries.

Mulligan finished the year with 1,174 yards on 180 carries with 11 touchdowns, averaging 106.7 yards per game to lead a Tiger offense that rushed for 2,815 yards on the ground — averaging 216.5 yards per game. Morgan led four quarterbacks with 2,003 yards passing on

148-of-235 with 19 touchdowns and seven interceptions, while Cam'Ron McCoy — the starter in three of the first games — added 310 yards, and SWAC Championship Offensive MVP Zy McDonald added 104 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Joanes Fortilien and Isaiah Spencer led a receiving corps that helped Jackson State average 37.1 points per game and 402.5 yards of total offense per game.

Meanwhile, on defense, the Tigers used a balanced attack that resulted in 21 turnovers, 34 sacks, and 91 tackles for loss. Reid Pulliam led the team with 63 tackles, while Joshua Nobles added 56 (10 sacks), Jeremiah Williams 55, and Robert McDaniel 53 (three interceptions). The defense held opponents to just 17.9 points per game over 13 games. They also held their eight opponents to just 13 total points in the fourth quarter, holding five of their opponents scoreless in the final quarter. They also held five opponents to under 100 yards

rushing including a season-low 29 allowed against Southern, and also held Alabama State to just four yards passing in a win.

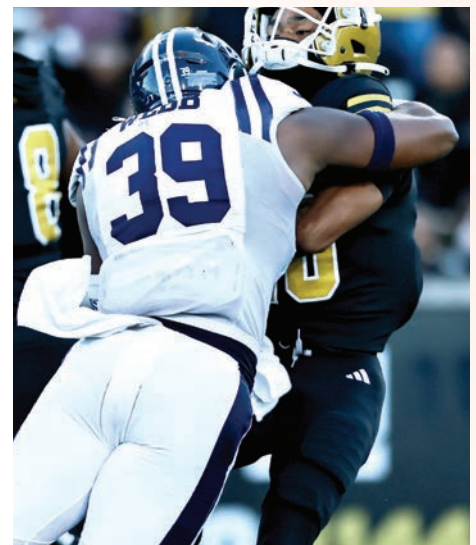
Jackson State averaged 39.7 points per game over the last nine games, including scoring 30 or more points in eight of the nine, with five of those games scoring 40 or more. Defensively, the Tigers held opponents to 17 or fewer points in the last six games, including a season-low three against UAPB. Not to mention, the Tigers on special teams have been just that — special. Travis Terrell, Jr., led the nation with a pair of kick returns for touchdowns, Matt Noll landed nearly half of his punts inside the 20, and Gerardo Baeza set a new single-season record with 22 field goals.

The season has been full of rewards for the Tigers with 11 players named all-conference, the SWAC Coach of the Year (T.C. Taylor), Offensive Player of the Year (Mulligan), and Freshman of the Year (Terrell). They also

had three players named All-American, an Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Finalist (Taylor), Walter Payton Player of the Year Finalist (Mulligan), Jerry Rice Freshman of the Year Finalist (Terrell), and HBCU+ National Player of the Year Finalist (Mulligan).

The conference championship is the third in four years for Jackson State and the first under Taylor, who will be coaching in his fourth Celebration Bowl after coaching in one as an assistant at North Carolina Central and another two as an assistant at Jackson State. The second-year head coach has rebuilt a program decimated by transfers with 18 victories in two years including 13 in conference play.

The Tigers enter the weekend looking for their first Celebration Bowl victory after losses to South Carolina State and North Carolina Central, and are in search of their fourth HBCU National Championship.





FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

ATHLETICS

- NATIONAL AFFILIATION** ▷ NCAA Division I – FCS
- CONFERENCE** ▷ SWAC (East Division)
Southwestern Athletic Conference
- STADIUM** ▷ Miss. Veterans Memorial Stadium
- CAPACITY / SURFACE** ▷ 60,000 / Natural Grass

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(*Play-by-Play*: Rob Jay)
(*Analyst*: Darrell Asberry)
- WATCH/LISTEN ONLINE** ▷ gojsutigers.com

FOOTBALL HISTORY

- FIRST YEAR** ▷ 1911
- ALL-TIME RECORD** ▷ 502-338-2
- ALL-TIME BOWL RECORD** ▷ 3-2
- PLAYOFF RECORD** ▷ 0-12
- YEARS IN POSTSEASON** ▷ 17
- LAST POSTSEASON APPEARANCE** ▷ 2022
- SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS** ▷ 19
(2022, 2021, 2007, 1996, 1995, 1990, 1988, 1987, 1986, 1985, 1982, 1981, 1980, 1975, 1973, 1972, 1971, 1962, 1961)
- HBCU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** ▷ 4
(2021, 1996, 1985, 1962)

TEAM INFORMATION

- 2024 OVERALL RECORD** ▷ 11-2
- 2024 SWAC RECORD / FINISH** ▷ 8-0 / 1st, East
- BASIC OFFENSE** ▷ Multiple
- BASIC DEFENSE** ▷ 4-2-5



2024 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE | 11-2 OVERALL, 8-0 SWAC East

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	RESULT
Aug. 29	at ULM	Monroe, La.	L, 14-30
Sep. 7	Lane	Jackson, Miss.	W, 58-7
Sep. 14	Southern	Jackson, Miss.	W, 33-15
Sep. 21	at Grambling State	Grambling, La.	L, 20-41
Sep. 28	at Texas Southern	Houston, Texas	W, 43-14
Oct. 5	vs. Alabama A&M	Mobile, Ala.	W, 45-38
Oct. 19	Florida A&M	Jackson, Miss.	W, 35-21
Oct. 26	at Bethune-Cookman	Daytona Beach, Fla.	W, 37-17
Nov. 2	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Jackson, Miss.	W, 41-3
Nov. 9	Mississippi Valley St.	Jackson, Miss.	W, 51-14
Nov. 16	at Alabama State	Montgomery, Ala.	W, 16-10
Nov. 23	at Alcorn State	Lorman, Miss.	W, 48-10
Dec. 7	SWAC Championship	Jackson, Miss.	W, 41-13

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL STATS

#	RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
5	Irv Mulligan	10	157	1095	37	1058	6.7	10	54	105.80
0	Travis Terrell, Jr.	11	64	419	7	412	6.4	3	60	37.45
15	Jacobian Morgan	12	83	428	129	299	3.6	6	72	24.92

#	PASSING	GP	RATING	COMP	ATT	INT	%	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
15	Jacobian Morgan	12	156.72	146	231	6	63.20	1968	19	66	164.00

#	RECEIVING	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
16	Joanes Fortilien	12	33	561	17.00	8	70	46.75
11	Isaiah Spencer	12	32	537	16.78	4	58	44.75
2	Ja'Naylon Dupree	10	18	325	18.06	5	66	32.50
4	Tyquan Henderson	7	14	238	17.00	1	46	34.00
88	Marvin Landy	11	16	222	13.88	3	42	20.18

#	DEFENSE	GP	SOLO	ASST	TOT	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	INT	BU	QBH	FR	FF
7	Reid Pulliam	12	32	27	59.0	7.0-34	3.5-29	0	1	3	1	1
2	Joshua Nobles	12	25	26	51.0	11.0-77	9.0-74	0	1	5	0	2
0	Jeremiah Williams	11	18	32	50.0	5.5-20	1.0-10	0	0	3	0	0
3	Robert McDaniel	11	29	20	49.0	10.0-37	4.5-28	1	4	1	0	2
6	Esaias Guthrie	12	24	16	40.0	4.0-14	1.0-8	2	4	2	1	0
4	Tru Thompson	12	16	24	40.0	10.0-25	2.0-7	0	0	5	0	1
1	Ke'Vric Wiggins, Jr.	12	23	4	27.0	1.0-2	0-0	3	8	0	0	0

#	FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	%	120	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
38	Gerardo Baeza	20-26	76.92	0-0	9-9	8-9	3-6	0-2	48	0



TEAM STATS

SCORE BY QTRS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
JSU	120	147	111	63	441
Opponents	72	41	44	63	220

SCORING	JSU	OPP
Points Per Game	36.75	18.33
Total	441	220

FIRST DOWNS	JSU	OPP
Rushing	126	71
Passing	94	96
Penalty	19	24
Total	239	191

RUSHING	JSU	OPP
Yards Gained	2833	1694
Yards Lost	268	318
Attempts	470	396
Avg. Per Attempt	5.5	3.5
Avg. Per Game	213.8	114.7
Touchdowns	27	12
Total	2565	137

PASSING	JSU	OPP
Att-Comp-Int	272-165-7	326-172-11
Avg. Per Attempt	8.48	5.98
Avg. Per Game	192.25	162.33
Touchdowns	24	14
Total	2307	1948

TOTAL OFFENSE	JSU	OPP
Total Plays	742	722
Avg. Per Play	6.6	4.6
Avg. Per Game	406.0	277.0
Total Yards	4872	3324
Touchdowns	54	28

PENALTIES	JSU	OPP
Avg. Yds/Game	63.75	55.25
Total-Yards	80-765	77-663

TIME OF POSSESSION	JSU	OPP
Avg. Per Game	29:36	29:51
Total	05:55:08	05:58:07





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ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CL.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	NO.	NAME	POS.	CL.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Jeremiah Williams	DL	R-Sr.	6-2	285	Lexington, MS / Holmes County CC	35	Leilani Armenta	K/P	So.	5-7	170	Ventura, CA / St. Bonaventure HS
0	Travis Terrell, Jr.	RB	Fr.	5-8	165	Atlanta, GA / Creekside HS	36	Ezequiel Johnson	RB	Sr.	5-9	190	Brunswick, NJ / Southern CT State
1	Ke'Vric Wiggins, Jr.	CB	Sr.	6-0	178	Spring, TX / ULM	37	Donovan Warren	P/K	Sr.	6-1	208	Santa Cruz, CA / Gannon
1	Rico Powers	WR	Sr.	6-2	175	Atlanta, GA / South Carolina	38	Gerardo Baeza	K/P	Jr.	5-8	175	Boaz, AL / Kentucky State
2	Joshua Nobles	DL	Sr.	6-4	225	Camden, NJ / Western Michigan	39	Phillip Webb	DL	Sr.	6-5	265	Sugar Hill, GA / LSU
2	Ja'Naylon Dupree	WR	Fr.	5-9	160	Philadelphia, MS / Neshoba Ctrl HS	40	Braxton Barney	DL	Fr.	6-3	223	Madison, MS / Madison Central HS
3	Robert McDaniel	S	Gr.	6-2	205	Jackson, MS / Mississippi College	41	Avery Salerno	K/P	So.	6-0	220	Clemmons, NC / Chowan
3	Zy McDonald	QB	Jr.	6-0	185	Ridgeland, MS / Louisiana	43	Jace Ward	DL	Fr.	6-3	220	Carrollton, GA / Carrollton HS
4	Tyquan Henderson	WR	Jr.	6-3	200	Canton, MS / Southern Miss	44	Hunter Burns	LS	R-Jr.	6-0	207	Charleston, WV / Marshall
4	Tru Thompson	DL	Jr.	6-1	281	Loganville, GA / Florida State	45	Kenneth Jiles, Jr.	TE	R-So.	6-5	235	Springfield, OH / San Diego State
5	Cameron Smith	S	Sr.	6-2	198	Cleveland, OH / Eastern Michigan	46	Derrell Holston	DB	Gr.	6-2	190	Stone Mountain, GA / UAPB
5	Irv Mulligan	RB	Gr.	5-10	205	Beaufort, SC / Wofford	48	Matt Noll	K/P	Gr.	6-0	200	Robesonia, PA / Delaware State
6	Cam'Ron McCoy	QB	So.	6-1	192	St. Louis, MO / Eastern Michigan	49	Emari Matthews	RB	Jr.	5-7	220	Midlothian, TX / Trinity Christian HS
6	Esaias Guthrie	S	5th	6-1	183	Wilmington, DE / Delaware State	50	Tymon Wells	DL	Jr.	6-1	275	Hollandale, MS / Coahoma CC
7	Jameel Gardner	WR	So.	6-1	172	Detroit, MI / Kent State	51	J'Cori Hargon	LB	So.	6-1	215	Frisco, TX / Mary Hardin-Baylor
7	Reid Pulliam	LB	Jr.	6-3	220	Belton, TX / Trinity Valley CC	55	Douglas Fowler	OL	Jr.	6-3	315	Dunnellon, FL / Dodge City CC
8	JD Martin	RB	Sr.	6-1	195	Wetumpka, AL / East Central CC	56	Athen Smith	DL	Gr.	6-2	260	Lexa, AR / UAPB
8	Jaeden Ward	LB	Sr.	6-1	230	Wallis, TX / Northwestern State	57	Bryce Owens	LB	Fr.	6-0	225	Raymond, MS / Jackson Academy
9	BJ Washington	S	So.	6-0	195	Flora, MS / NW Mississippi CC	58	Cameron James	OL	Jr.	6-8	320	Chicago, IL / Minnesota
9	Fabian McCray	WR	Gr.	6-2	192	Chicago, IL / Northern Illinois	60	Devin Love	OL	Fr.	6-4	317	Shreveport, LA / Lewisville HS
10	Mike Smith	DB	Fr.	5-10	170	Dayton, OH / Trotwood-Mason HS	61	Cyson Burk	OL	Fr.	6-3	270	Ridgeland, MS / Ridgeland HS
11	Allen Walker	DL	Gr.	6-2	234	Alpharetta, GA / Louisiana Tech	62	Almetris Smith, Jr.	OL	Sr.	6-0	285	Clarksdale, MS / Coahoma CC
11	Isaiah Spencer	WR	Fr.	6-2	185	Flora, MS / Madison Central HS	64	Brian Williams, Jr.	OL	Gr.	6-1	320	Atlanta, GA / Southern
12	Nireek Sharpe	CB	Fr.	6-0	165	Atlanta, GA / Stockbridge HS	65	Mason Barton	OL	Fr.	6-4	310	West Memphis, AR / W. Memphis HS
12	Parker Stofa	QB	Fr.	6-2	210	Converse, TX / Judson HS	66	Jackson King	OL	Fr.	6-3	300	Milwaukee, WI / Rufus King HS
13	Richard Mays	WR	Sr.	6-1	200	Ridgeland, MS / Copiah-Lincoln CC	67	Success Chikezie	OL	Fr.	6-2	292	Ottawa, Canada / St. Pius X HS
13	Day-Day Bright	CB	Sr.	5-11	170	Lancaster, CA / Portland State	68	Zyon Walker	DL	Sr.	6-1	290	Memphis, TN / South Alabama
14	Bryson Moss	RB	Sr.	5-10	194	Newnan, GA / Eastern Michigan	69	Dequarious White	OL	Fr.	6-4	333	Lexington, MS / Holmes Central HS
15	Jacobian Morgan	QB	Sr.	6-4	229	Canton, MS / Syracuse	70	Kirk Ford, Jr.	OL	Sr.	6-5	308	Keller, TX / Navarro College
16	Micah Cherry	CB	Jr.	6-3	172	Petal, MS / Toledo	71	Evan Henry	OL	Gr.	6-4	324	Dallas, TX / ULM
16	Joanes Fortilien	WR	R-So.	6-5	220	Orlando, FL / Dr. Phillips HS	72	Isaiah Villanneuva	OL	Jr.	6-2	279	Houston, TX / North Texas
17	KJ Chisholm	CB	Fr.	6-0	160	Beaufort, SC / Whale Branch HS	73	Kai Gadson	OL	R-Fr.	6-3	295	Tampa, FL / Bethune-Cookman
17	Errick Simmons	WR	Sr.	6-0	185	Greenville, MS / Greenville HS	74	D'Andre Townes-Blue	OL	Jr.	6-5	329	Willow Grove, PA / Lackawanna Coll.
18	Austin Edmonds	LB	Sr.	6-1	231	Wilmington, DE / Bryant	75	Xavion Davis	OL	Fr.	6-5	360	Port St. Lucie, FL / Lewisville HS
19	Kobe Paul	WR	R-Jr.	6-0	171	Dallas, TX / Trinity Christian HS	76	Antonio Ross, Jr.	OL	Fr.	6-5	332	Flowood, MS / Hartfield Academy
19	Brandon Mitchell	CB	Fr.	6-3	180	Memphis, TN / Middle College HS	77	Bruno Zandamela	OL	Fr.	6-8	310	Clearwater, FL / Clearwater Academy
21	Desmond Moultrie	RB	Sr.	5-11	208	Arlington, TX / Lamar HS	79	Quaveon Davis	OL	Fr.	6-7	350	Port St. Lucie, FL / Lewisville HS
22	Nate Blount, IV	RB	Fr.	5-10	230	Brandon, MS / Brandon HS	81	Jency Riley	TE	Jr.	6-3	225	Greensburg, LA / St. Helena Academy
23	Javarian Jenkins	LB	Sr.	6-3	215	Hattiesburg, MS / Jones College	83	Sebastien Saint-Louis	TE	Fr.	6-3	225	Boca Raton, FL / Boca Raton HS
24	Anthony Petty	CB	Sr.	5-9	177	Wiggins, MS / Stone HS	85	Darren Bennett	TE	R-Jr.	6-4	250	Elkins Park, PA / North Carolina A&T
25	Shamar Hawkins	DB	Jr.	5-11	190	Chicago, IL / Mt. San Antonio	86	Derek Scott	TE	R-Fr.	6-3	215	Clinton, MS / Clinton HS
26	Josh Higgins	DB	Gr.	6-0	180	Fresno, CA / Weber State	88	Marvin Landy	TE	Sr.	6-4	235	Lakeland, FL / Florida Atlantic
27	Ahmad Miller	RB	So.	6-0	210	Memphis, TN / Whitehaven HS	89	Macardi Johnson	WR	So.	5-10	180	Macon, MS / Hinds CC
28	Javion Posey	WR	Gr.	6-1	215	Greenville, AL / Florida Atlantic	90	Dimonyai Lacey	DL	Jr.	6-3	288	Eufaula, AL / NW Mississippi CC
29	Kobe Boykin	RB	Fr.	5-8	155	Orange, CA / Orange HS	93	Zalan Barrett	DL	Jr.	5-11	260	Morton, MS / Mississippi Delta CC
30	Ashton Taylor	LB	So.	6-1	223	Hoover, AL / Tennessee Tech	94	Stanley Cooks	DL	Fr.	6-2	314	Gainesville, FL / Hawthorne HS
31	Frankie Dunn, Jr.	CB	R-Jr.	5-8	168	Clinton, MS / Feliciana HS	95	Kazarius Bowie	DL	Sr.	6-1	265	Jackson, MS / Mississippi College
32	Daved Jones, Jr.	LB	R-Jr.	6-1	228	Cincinnati, OH / Cincinnati	96	Zyon Gilmore	DL	So.	6-1	360	McComb, MS / McComb HS
33	John Brown	DL	Fr.	6-1	258	Jackson, MS / Provine HS	98	Tyas Martin	DL	Jr.	6-4	330	Helena, AR / Colorado

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3 | S
ROBERT
McDANIEL



3 | QB
ZY
McDONALD



4 | WR
TYQUAN
HENDERSON



4 | DL
TRU
THOMPSON



5 | S
CAMERON
SMITH



5 | RB
IRV
MULLIGAN



6 | QB
CAM'RON
McCOY



6 | S
ESAIAS
GUTHRIE



7 | WR
JAMEEL
GARDNER



7 | LB
REID
PULLIAM



8 | RB
JD
MARTIN



8 | LB
JAEDEN
WARD



9 | S
BJ
WASHINGTON



9 | WR
FABIAN
McCRAY



10 | DB
MIKE
SMITH



11 | DL
ALLEN
WALKER



11 | WR
ISAIAH
SPENCER



12 | CB
NIREEK
SHARPE



12 | QB
PARKER
STOFA



13 | WR
RICHARD
MAYS



13 | CB
DAY-DAY
BRIGHT



14 | RB
BRYSON
MOSS



15 | QB
JACOBIAN
MORGAN



16 | CB
MICAH
CHERRY



16 | WR
JOANES
FORTILIEN



17 | CB
KJ
CHISHOLM



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ERRICK
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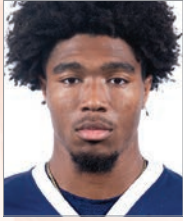
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ROSTER



19 | CB
BRANDON
MITCHELL



21 | RB
DESMOND
MOULTRIE



22 | RB
NATE
BLOUNT, IV



23 | LB
JAVARIAN
JENKINS



24 | CB
ANTHONY
PETTY



25 | DB
SHAMAR
HAWKINS



26 | DB
JOSH
HIGGINS



27 | RB
AHMAD
MILLER



28 | WR
JAVION
POSEY



29 | RB
KOBÉ
BOYKIN



30 | LB
ASHTON
TAYLOR



31 | CB
FRANKIE
DUNN, JR.



32 | LB
DAVED
JONES, JR.



33 | DL
JOHN
BROWN



35 | K/P
LEILANI
ARMENTA



36 | RB
EZEQUIEL
JOHNSON



37 | P/K
DONOVAN
WARREN



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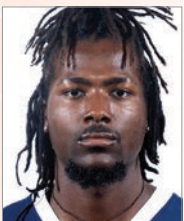
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40 | DL
BRAXTON
BARNEY



41 | K/P
AVERY
SALERNO



43 | DL
JACE
WARD



44 | LS
HUNTER
BURNS



45 | TE
KENNETH
JILES, JR.



46 | DB
DERRELL
HOLSTON



48 | K/P
MATT
NOLL



49 | RB
EMARI
MATTHEWS



50 | DL
TYMON
WELLS



51 | LB
J'CORI
HARGON



55 | OL
DOUGLAS
FOWLER



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ATHEN
SMITH



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BRYCE
OWENS



58 | OL
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JAMES



60 | OL
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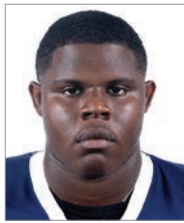


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CYSON
BURK

ROSTER



62 | OL
ALMETRIS
SMITH, JR.



64 | OL
BRIAN
WILLIAMS, JR.



65 | OL
MASON
BARTON



66 | OL
JACKSON
KING



67 | OL
SUCCESS
CHIKEZIE



68 | DL
ZYON
WALKER



69 | OL
DEQUARIOUS
WHITE



70 | OL
KIRK
FORD, JR.



71 | OL
EVAN
HENRY



72 | OL
ISAIAH
VILLANNEUVA



73 | OL
KAI
GADSON



74 | OL
D'ANDRE
TOWNES-BLUE



75 | OL
XAVION
DAVIS



76 | OL
ANTONIO
ROSS, JR.



77 | OL
BRUNO
ZANDAMELA



79 | OL
QUAVEON
DAVIS



81 | TE
JENCY
RILEY



83 | TE
SEBASTIEN
SAINT-LOUIS



85 | TE
DARREN
BENNETT



86 | TE
DEREK
SCOTT



88 | TE
MARVIN
LANDY



89 | WR
MACARDI
JOHNSON



90 | DL
DIMONYAI
LACEY



93 | DL
ZALAN
BARRETT



94 | DL
STANLEY
COOKS



95 | DL
KAZARIUS
BOWIE



96 | DL
ZYON
GILMORE



98 | DL
TYAS
MARTIN



2024 HIGHLIGHTS

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

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LOCATION ▷ Orangeburg, S.C.
FOUNDED ▷ 1896
ENROLLMENT ▷ 2,937
NICKNAME ▷ Bulldogs
COLORS ▷ Garnet & Blue
WEBSITE ▷ www.SCSU.edu



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Chennis Berry was named head football coach at South Carolina State University on December 16th, 2023. The former Benedict College (Columbia, SC) head coach succeeded the iconic Coach Oliver "Buddy" Pough, the winningest coach in Bulldog football history, who retired as head football coach at the end of the 2023 season after 22 seasons at the helm and 151 wins.

"Go Bulldogs," Berry said at the press conference announcing his hiring. "My family and I are super excited to be joining the SC State Bulldog family. The proud history, tradition, and commitment to excellence, both on and off the field, are the driving forces to our excitement! It's a great day to be a Bulldog."

No stranger to Historically Black Colleges, Berry takes over at SC State after three seasons at Benedict, where he amassed a 27-7 record, went undefeated in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) and earned postseason berths in the Division II playoffs each of the last two seasons.

Prior to his stint at Benedict, he served seven seasons from 2013-19 as assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at Southern University. The Jaguars had a winning record every season and the offense under Berry's guidance set numerous schools and SWAC conference records.

His coaching resume also includes stops at Howard University, North Carolina A&T, Morris Brown, Kentucky State and Fort Valley State. He also served internships with six different NFL teams.

While at Southern, Berry helped direct one of the most prolific offenses in the country. The Jaguars led the SWAC in rushing and ranked 13th in the nation. Southern also averaged more than 33 points per game, ranking 25th in the nation in scoring. In 2016, the Jaguars ranked fifth in the nation in scoring with 39.8 points per game and were 11th nationally in total offense. Individually, running back Lenard Tillery set the SWAC single-season rushing record and became the all-time leading runner in conference history. As an of-

fensive line coach, Berry guided the Jaguars to no lower than 12th in the nation in sacks allowed over three seasons. During his time at Southern, Berry mentored ten offensive linemen who earned All-SWAC recognition and five who garnered All-America honors.

Before joining Southern, Berry spent two seasons from 2011-12 as the co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Howard University. The offensive line was key to the Bison's success as Howard finished second in the MEAC with a 365.4 yards per game average. Howard was also second in the league in rushing with 221.5 yards per game. Those accomplishments led to four Howard offensive linemen earning All-MEAC honors, and the offensive line blocked for the MEAC's leading rusher.

Prior to Howard, Berry served two years from 2009-10 as the associate head coach/offensive coordinator/offensive line coach at North Carolina A&T. Berry's offense had one of the top rushing attacks in the MEAC during both his seasons with the Aggies. He also had one of his early coaching stops at NC A&T, serving as offensive line coach from 2003-05. Over his first two seasons with the Aggies, he served as the offensive line coach. A strong running game led the Aggies to the 2003 MEAC



CHENNIS BERRY

HEAD COACH

Alma Mater
Savannah State (1994)

Record at SCSU
9-2 (1st Season)

Career Record
36-9 (4th Season)

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Championship and a NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision playoff berth.

As part of the NFL's Minority Internship Program, Berry interned with six different NFL teams, including the Jacksonville Jaguars, Indianapolis Colts, Cleveland Browns, Detroit Lions, San Diego Chargers and Chicago Bears. In 2009, he participated in the NCAA Expert Coaches Academy Forum. The program prepares young minority assistant coaches for head coaching positions.

Berry served as Morgan State's offensive coordinator and offensive line coach from 2006-2008. During Berry's time there, the Bears possessed one of the most envied running games in the MEAC. In each of his three seasons with Morgan State, the Bears' rushing offense ranked in the top 50 nationally.

Berry began his career at Morris Brown College in Atlanta in 1996 where he coached under Joe Crosby. After one season with Morris Brown, Berry became the offensive line and tight ends coach, as well as the strength and conditioning coordinator, at Kentucky State under George Small in 1997.

Behind Berry's strong offensive line at Kentucky State, Alvon Brown broke several school and national Division II records.

Brown broke the single-season rushing record at KSU twice and finished his career as the school's all-time leading rusher. He also rushed for 405 yards in a game on September 16, 2000, which at the time, was a Division II single-game record. Berry's offensive line also helped Brown win the SIAC Player and Back of the Year awards on two occasions.

In 2001, Berry became the assistant head coach at Fort Valley State. He was responsible for coaching the Wildcats' offensive linemen and tight ends. His impact at FVSU was immediately felt as Philip Shiflet earned SIAC Offensive Lineman of the Year and first-team Sheridan All-American honors in 2001.

Berry holds a master's degree in public administration from Kentucky State University and received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Savannah State University. As a player at Savannah State, he earned First Team All-SIAC accolades at offensive tackle and was named a Black College Honorable Mention All-American in 1994. He also served as Savannah State's team captain.

Berry is married to Mrs. Ramille Berry, and they have four children, Jasmin, Mia, Chennis III and Channing.

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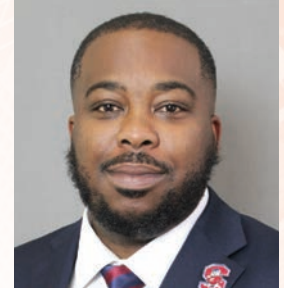
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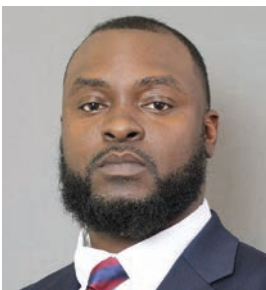
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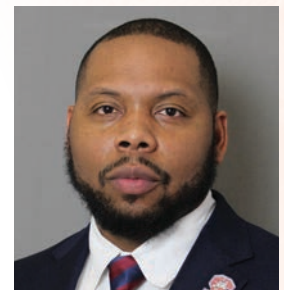
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SEASON RECAP



South Carolina State University captured its 19th Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Championship this season with a perfect 5-0 league mark and had a 9-2 overall record under first-year head coach Chennis Berry.

The Bulldogs immediately clinched a berth in the Celebration Bowl, beating every conference contender that came their way. The dominant victories, defensive proficiency, balanced offensive attack, and a conference-clinching regular-season victory against the second-best team in the conference is a story we have seen played out before.

A host of Bulldogs were named to the All-MEAC postseason team and earned numerous other accolades, including All-America honors, in this historic run back to championship dominance and a second appearance in four seasons in the prestigious Celebration Bowl, which crowns the HBCU Division I Champion.

SC State is led by All-American offensive lineman Nick Taiste, named the 2024 MEAC Offensive Lineman of the Year. His dominance upfront this year proved to be a pivotal driving force behind the Bulldogs' prolific offense, teaming with fellow senior

linemen Cam Johnson and Eric Brown, Jr. The three of them have over 48 consecutive starts under their belt during their careers.

This trio is returning to the scene (Mercedes-Benz Stadium) of one of SC State's most impressive victories where, as freshmen, they helped South Carolina State knock off perennial power and heavily-favored Jackson State 31-10 to claim their first Cricket Wireless Celebration Bowl Championship under legendary coach Buddy Pough, who retired after the 2023 campaign after 21 years at the helm.

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The offense alone has racked up 4,609-yards (426.24 yards per game) and 53 touchdowns, led by MEAC Offensive Player of the Year, Eric Phoenix. Phoenix alone set historic marks and is bidding to add his name in the Bulldog Record books, as he is on pace to break the single-season passing yard record – 2,507 yards – established by current SC State Hall of Fame quarterback Malcolm in 2009.

The top signal caller for the Bulldogs this season played in 10 games and has completed 170-of-261-7 (65.13%) for 2,460-yards and 20 touchdowns, with a long of 75-yards, averaging 246.0 yards passing per game. Backup quarterback Ryan Stubblefield proved to be a solid contributor for Coach Berry's team, connecting on 33-of-46 for 454-yards and 5 TDs in six games.

Sophomore Caden High, leader of a talented trio that also includes Justin Smith-Brown and Einaj Carter, ranks among the best in the MEAC. High is the league leader with 58 catches for 892-yards and 7 TDs, while Smith-Brown is 2nd with 49 catches for 725-yards and 4 TDs, followed by Carter with 38 receptions for 592-yards and 6 TDs.

The Bulldog backfield this season has loads of talent and depth, giving SC State an outstanding running attack. The MEAC's most powerful ground game features the likes of KZ Adams with 95 carries for 497-yards and 5 TDs, along with Deondra Duehart with 111 rushes for 444-yards and 7 TDs. Mix in Phoenix, a dual threat quarterback, who has 77 rushes for 225-yards and two touchdowns, along with heralded runner Tyler Smith, who came on strong down the stretch for the Bulldogs.

When you think of South Carolina State dominance throughout the years, look no further than the Bulldog defense led by All-MEAC linebacker Aaron Smith, the leader on the team in tackles with 78 (41 solo), 75 tackles for loss for 19-yards, and defensive back Diego Addison, the leader in the Bulldog secondary with 44.0 (28 solo) tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, a team-leading 3 interceptions and seven (7) pass breakups.

Defensive end Ashaad "Bill" Hall leads the defensive front and is the nation's leader in sacks with 11.0 (1st in FCS and MEAC) for 56-yards along with 14.0 (1st in MEAC) tackles for loss for 82-yards. Also

playing a major role on the Bulldog defense is senior defensive tackle Jayden Broughton with 34 tackles (23 solo) and 13.5 tackles for loss for 48-yards and 8 sacks.

Other key members of the defensive unit are Linebacker Jadin Jones, who is third on the team in tackles with 43.0 (21 solo), and defensive lineman John Hannibal, who made an immediate impact upon arrival with 37.0 (22 solo) tackles, 8.0 tackles for loss and 3 sacks.

Redshirt senior punter Dyson Roberts leads the special team's unit and ranks among the best in the conference with 44 punts for 1,847-yards, an average of 41.98 yards per punt with a long of 72-yards with five touchbacks, 14 punts inside the 20-yard line and seven (7) over 50+.

The future is looking bright with redshirt freshman placekicker Kyle Gallegos, an Arkansas transfer, who in his first year has earned several All-MEAC honors and was a First Team All-MEAC selection, finishing the season 9-of-14 on field goals, with a long of 42-yards, and 41-of-48 for PATs.





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FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

ATHLETICS

NATIONAL AFFILIATION ▷ NCAA Division I – FCS

CONFERENCE ▷ MEAC
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

STADIUM ▷ Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium

CAPACITY / SURFACE ▷ 22,000 / Poly Turf

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(*Play-by-Play*: Ernest Robinson)
(*Analyst*: William “Bill” Hamilton)

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FOOTBALL HISTORY

FIRST YEAR ▷ 1907

ALL-TIME RECORD ▷ 564-358-28

ALL-TIME BOWL RECORD ▷ 7-7

PLAYOFFS RECORD ▷ 2-6

YEARS IN POSTSEASON ▷ 17

LAST POSTSEASON APPEARANCE ▷ 2021

MEAC CHAMPIONSHIPS ▷ 19
(2024, 2021, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2010,
2009, 2008, 2004, 1994, 1983, 1982,
1981, 1980, 1978, 1977, 1976, 1975, 1974)

SBN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ▷ 5
(2021, 2009, 1994, 1980, 1974)

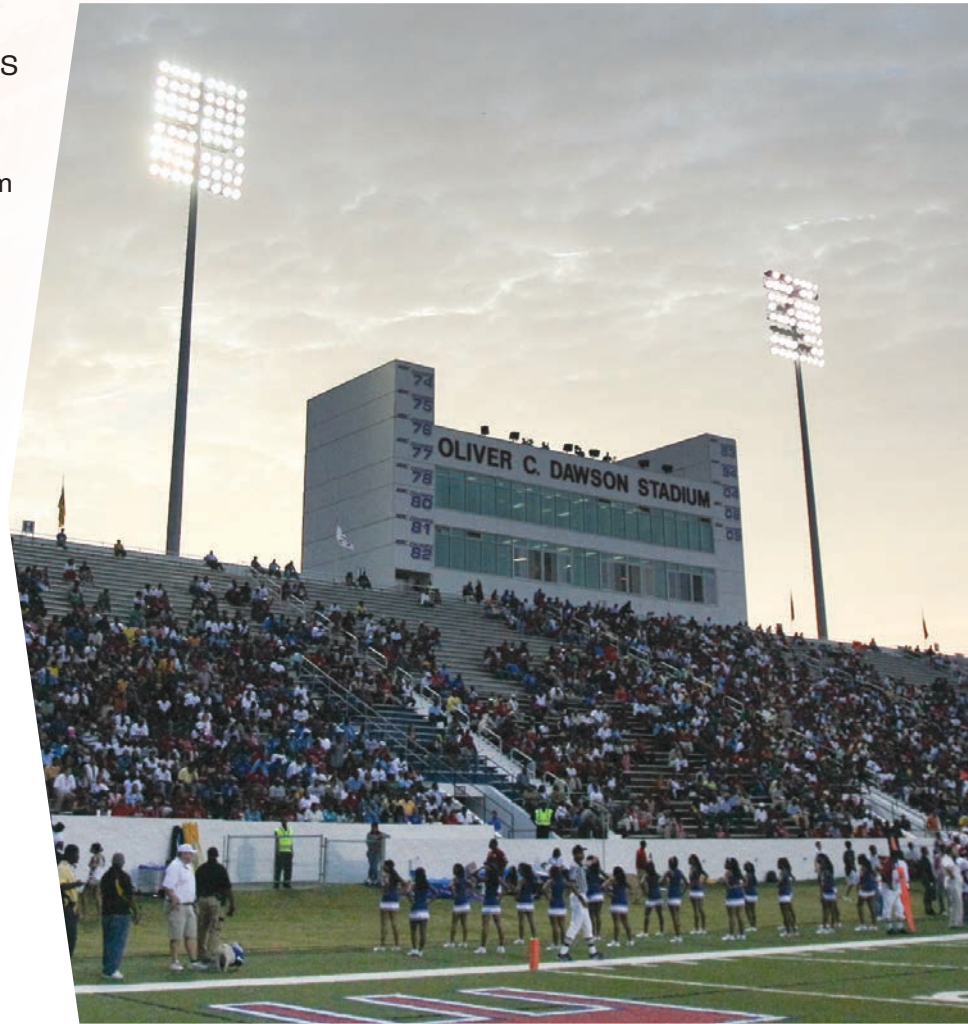
TEAM INFORMATION

2024 OVERALL RECORD ▷ 9-2

2024 MEAC RECORD / FINISH ▷ 5-0 / 1st

BASIC OFFENSE ▷ Multiple/Pro I

BASIC DEFENSE ▷ Multiple 4



2024 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE | 9-2 OVERALL, 5-0 MEAC

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	RESULT
Aug 31	at Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.	L, 18-22
Sep. 7	at The Citadel	Charleston, S.C.	W, 23-20
Sep. 14	at Georgia Southern	Statesboro, Ga.	L, 14-42
Sep. 28	North Carolina A&T	Orangeburg, S.C.	W, 45-25
Oct. 5	at Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	W, 22-20
Oct. 19	Fort Valley State	Orangeburg, S.C.	W, 30-3
Oct. 26	Delaware State	Orangeburg, S.C.	W, 69-35
Oct. 31	North Carolina Central	Orangeburg, S.C.	W, 24-21
Nov. 9	at Howard	Washington, D.C.	W, 38-14
Nov. 16	Morgan State	Orangeburg, S.C.	W, 54-7
Nov. 23	Norfolk State	Orangeburg, S.C.	W, 53-21

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2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL STATS

#	RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
17	Kazarius Adams	11	95	529	32	497	5.2	5	46	45.18
3	Deondra Duehart	9	111	472	29	443	4.0	7	30	49.22
7	Eric Phoenix	10	77	368	143	225	2.9	2	40	22.50

#	PASSING	GP	RATING	COMP	ATT	INT	%	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
7	Eric Phoenix	10	164.23	170	261	7	65.13	2460	20	75	246.00

#	RECEIVING	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
0	Caden High	11	58	892	15.38	7	70	81.09
6	Justin Smith-Brown	11	49	725	14.80	4	63	65.9
1	Einaj Carter	11	38	592	15.58	6	75	53.82
5	Keshawn Toney	10	26	287	11.04	3	27	28.70

#	DEFENSE	GP	SOLO	ASST	TOT	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	INT	BU	QBH	FR	FF
11	Aaron Smith	9	41	37	78.0	7.5-19	0.5-3	1	2	1	0	1
2	Diego Addison	11	28	16	44.0	4.0-6	0-0	3	7	0	1	0
29	Jadin Jones	11	21	22	43.0	3.0-4	0-0	0	0	1	1	0
19	Ashaad Hall	11	24	16	40.0	14.0-82	11.0-56	0	0	4	1	3
4	Daythan Peterson	9	30	4	34.0	3.0-21	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
41	John Hannibal	11	22	15	37.0	8.0-20	3.0-12	0	1	1	1	1
12	Jarod Washington	12	24	6	30.0	0-0	0-0	2	12	0	0	0
1	Jayden Broughton	10	22	7	29.0	13.0-47	8.5-34	0	0	7	1	2

#	FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	%	120	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
33	Kyle Gallegos	9-14	64.29	0-0	2-2	4-7	3-5	0-0	42	1



TEAM STATS

SCORE BY QTRS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
SCSU	88	114	111	77	390
Opponents	38	58	52	82	230

SCORING	SCSU	OPP
Points Per Game	35.45	20.91
Total	390	230

FIRST DOWNS	SCSU	OPP
Rushing	97	64
Passing	125	85
Penalty	238	22
Total	190	171

RUSHING	SCSU	OPP
Yards Gained	2038	1651
Yards Lost	349	387
Attempts	399	365
Avg. Per Attempt	4.2	3.5
Avg. Per Game	163.5	114.9
Touchdowns	24	11
Total	1689	1264

PASSING	SCSU	OPP
Att-Comp-Int	320-211-8	303-159-14
Avg. Per Attempt	9.38	6.53
Avg. Per Game	272.82	179.91
Touchdowns	25	18
Total	3001	1979

TOTAL OFFENSE	SCSU	OPP
Total Plays	719	668
Avg. Per Play	6.5	4.9
Avg. Per Game	426.4	294.8
Total Yards	4690	3243
Touchdowns	53	30

PENALTIES	SCSU	OPP
Avg. Yds/Game	63.73	52.64
Total-Yards	83-701	68-579

TIME OF POSSESSION	SCSU	OPP
Avg. Per Game	30:45	28:25
Total	05:38:19	05:12:35





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ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CL.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	NO.	NAME	POS.	CL.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Josh Barker	DL	So.	5-9	255	Kennesaw, GA / Benedict College	40	Jordan Dollard	DL	So.	6-5	260	Greensboro, NC / SE Guilford HS
0	Caden High	WR	So.	5-11	176	Grayson, GA / Grayson/Benedict	41	John Hannibal	DL	Sr.	6-3	315	Hopkins, SC / Benedict
1	Einaj Carter	WR	Sr.	5-8	178	Poughkeepsie, NY / East Tenn. St.	42	Hunter Puckett	DL	r-Fr.	6-3	245	Anderson, SC / Westside HS
1	Jayden Broughton	DL	Sr.	6-2	235	Monks Corner, SC / Benedict	43	Dylan Boone	TE	Jr.	6-5	235	Savannah, GA / Presbyterian
2	Diego Addison	DB	Sr.	6-2	195	Columbia, SC / AC Flora/Benedict	44	Rashawn Washington	DL	Jr.	6-3	280	Suffolk, VA / Hampton
2	Ryan Stubblefield	QB	Sr.	6-0	205	Houston, TX / UIW-Incarnate Word	45	Derrick "DJ" Bethea	LB	Jr.	6-2	205	Lake View, SC / Lake View HS
3	Marquise Bradley	DB	So.	6-2	190	Gaffney, SC / Gaffney HS	46	Jayvion Snow	LB	Sr.	6-0	215	Monks Corner, SC / Burke HS
3	Deondra Duehart	RB	Jr.	6-0	215	Macon, GA / Palmetto Prep/Benedict	47	Ka'Von Chisolm	DL	Fr.	6-5	260	Estill, SC / Hampton Co. HS
4	Daythan Peterson	DB	Sr.	5-10	190	Merritt Island, FL / Benedict	48	Jordan Franklin	LB	So.	6-2	205	Waynesboro, GA / Burke County HS
4	Deyandre Ruffin	WR	Gr.	6-2	215	Savannah, GA / Allen	49	Khalil Ellis	TE	Sr.	6-3	235	Rock Hill, SC / York HS
5	Keshawn Toney	TE	Gr.	6-3	255	Williston, SC / Chattanooga	50	Donqua Wilson	LB	So.	6-1	190	West Columbia, SC / Palmetto Prep
6	Justin Smith-Brown	WR	Sr.	6-1	190	Cocoa, FL / Space Coast HS	51	Moses Umoren	OL	So.	6-5	285	Columbus, GA / Carver HS (GA)
6	Brenyen Scott	DB	Jr.	6-1	205	Ruskin, FL / Temple	53	Konnor Lucas	LS	Fr.	6-1	225	Orlando, FL / First Academy
7	Eric Phoenix	QB	Sr.	6-3	210	Savannah, GA / Murray State	56	Jake Maggio	LS	Sr.	5-10	185	Bridgewater, NJ / West Liberty
7	Zan Dunham	LB	Jr.	6-2	225	Chester, SC / Chester HS	57	Joel Kashila	LB	Jr.	6-1	225	Rosenberg, TX / So. Connecticut St.
8	Aiden Weber	LB	Sr.	6-2	225	Leesport, PA / Delaware State	58	Tray Franklin	OL	So.	6-6	330	Columbia, SC / Ridge View HS
9	Malik Richardson	DL	Sr.	6-4	240	Sumter, SC / Western Carolina	59	Omari Davis	DL	Fr.	6-3	215	Clover, SC / Clover HS
9	Nicholas Sowell	WR	So.	6-5	200	Irmo, SC / Dutch Fork/Benedict	60	Lee Davis	OL	Jr.	6-1	295	Eastover, SC / Lower Richland
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11	Aaron Smith	LB	Gr.	6-2	230	Manning, SC / Manning HS	63	Nehemiahus Wardlaw	LB	So.	6-2	220	Greenwood, SC / Greenwood HS
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14	Jai' Que Hart	QB	So.	6-2	198	Douglasville, GA / Bluefield State	70	Chris "Eli" Williams	OL	Fr.	6-6	280	Irmo, SC / Irmo HS
15	Tyron Moore	QB	Fr.	6-2	215	Deland, FL / Deland HS	71	Roger Smith	OL	Jr.	6-4	340	Maple Heights, OH / Benedict
15	Bryce McIntosh	DB	Sr.	5-11	175	Lake City, SC / Lake City HS	72	Ian Shark	OL	Sr.	6-3	325	Walterboro, SC / Colleton County
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19	Ashaad Hall	DL	Jr.	6-4	235	St. Petersburg, FL / Gibbs HS	76	Eric Brown, Jr.	OL	Sr.	6-3	305	Hartsville, SC / Hartsville HS
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21	Marcus Samuels	DB	So.	6-1	180	Jacksonville, FL / Benedict	79	Justin Jackson	OL	So.	6-5	320	Greenville, SC / Greenville HS
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24	Kwantre Harry	DB	Jr.	5-9	177	Bishopville, SC / Lee Central HS	82	Zai Offord	WR	Fr.	5-11	170	Forest Acres, SC / Gray Collegiate
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38	Adonis Davis, Jr.	LB	r-So.	6-0	225	Blackville, SC / Blackville-Hilda	99	Jared Kirksey	DL	Sr.	6-2	245	Central, SC / Daniel HS
39	Dhani Dixon	RB	Jr.	5-9	205	Blythewood, SC / Blythewood HS							

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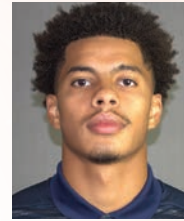
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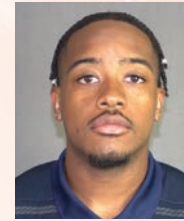
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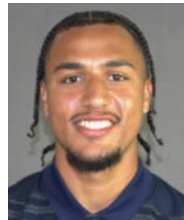
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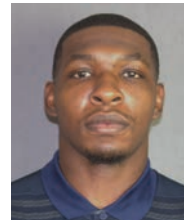
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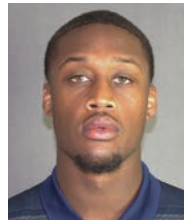
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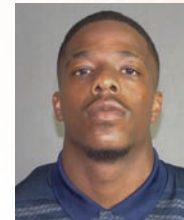
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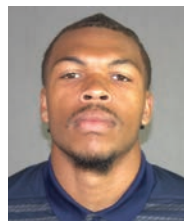
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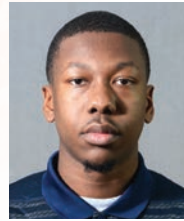
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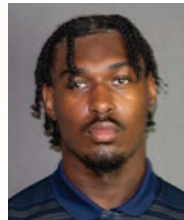
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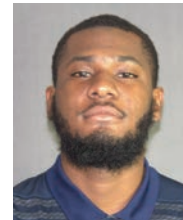
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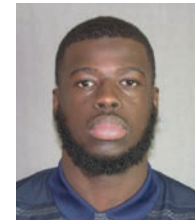
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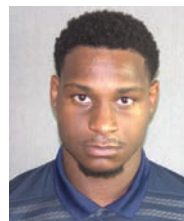
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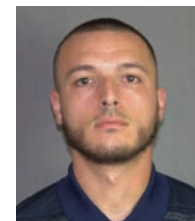
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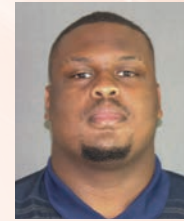
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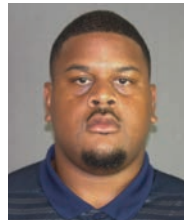
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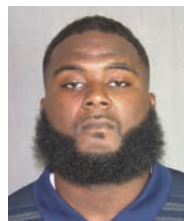
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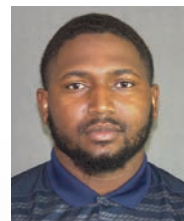
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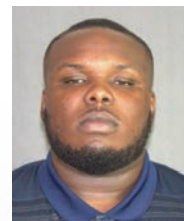
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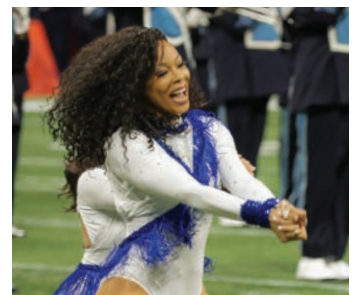
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SONIC BOOM OF THE SOUTH



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

television special for Motown's 30th Anniversary and the 34th NAACP Image Awards, with a special guest performance by "Cedric the Entertainer." In May 2013, the band was featured in a *HeadlineNews* special chronicling what it takes to become a drum major at Jackson State University. Since 2020, the band has been featured in several media outlets, a nationally televised Pepsi commercial, featured on YouTube, and the virtual inauguration of President Joseph R. Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

Students in the band dubbed the Jackson State University Marching Band the "Sonic Boom of the South" in 1971. "The thrill of a thousand

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

BAND DIRECTOR ▶ DR. RODERICK LITTLE

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MARCHING 101



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

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

The band's name, the "Marching 101" is a misnomer as the 2008 edition of the renowned group.

For many youngsters throughout the state, the band is South Carolina State University. They may not be aware of all of the academic opportunities of the institution,

but they respond to the exciting music of the "Marching 101."

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

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

of today's number — and sported its own garnet and blue uniforms.

Moore, who took over as director in 2018, has continued the tradition of fine entertainment, especially at football games.

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

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

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

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CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

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BOWL CHAMPION: FLORIDA A&M
CONFERENCE WINNER: SWAC (2-6)



Florida A&M quarterback Jeremy Moussa tossed three fourth-period touchdowns, two to wideout Kelvin Dean Jr., to lift the Rattlers to a 30-26 win over Howard in the Cricket Celebration Bowl at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Moussa completed 19-of-32 passes for 289 yards and 3 TD. He found Dean with back-to-back scoring passes of 21 and 53 yards early, in a wild fourth quarter that featured three lead changes and a combined 30 points by the two teams, to give the Rattlers a 24-16 advantage with 10:58 to play. The underdog Bison got off to a fast start, taking an early 14-0 lead in the first five minutes of the game. Set up by a 66-yard kickoff return by Ian Wheeler, Jarett Hunter capped off a four-play, 27-yard drive with an eight-yard touchdown run. The lead stretched to 14, when Kasey Hawthorne scored from three yards out following a Moussa fumble. After a touchdown run by FAMU's Terrell Jennings, Howard's Darrian Brokenburr sacked Moussa in the endzone for a safety and a 16-7 lead. Howard led 16-10 at the half but found themselves down by eight early in the fourth. The Bison reclaimed the lead 26-24 on a 34-yard field goal by Aaron Bickerton and a 27-yard interception return by Carson Hinton. But Moussa connected on a 38-yard strike to Jah'Marae Sheread to go up 30-26. An interception by the Rattlers' Isaiah Major ended Howard's comeback attempt. Howard was led by QB Quinton Williams (14-17, 106 yards, 3 INTs). Dean, who finished with three catches for 87 yards and two touchdowns, was named the Offensive MVP of the game, while his teammate Isaiah Major garnered Defensive MVP honors.

SCORE BY QUARTER

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FL A&M	0	10	0	20	30

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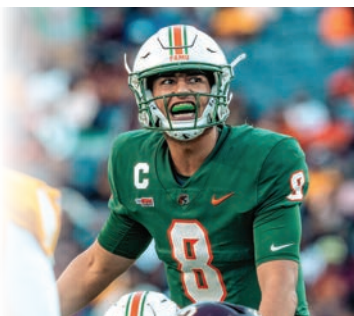
BOWL CHAMPION: NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (6-1)



North Carolina Central quarterback Davius Richard scored on a one-yard sneak in overtime to put the Eagles ahead 41-34, as the Eagles held on for their first championship win in the Cricket Celebration Bowl. The underdog Eagles rolled up 482 yards of total offense in the contest, with 276 coming on the ground. In front of a record crowd of 49,670, the Eagles took a 10-0 lead in the first seven minutes of the contest, before Jackson fought back to go ahead 14-10 early in the second period and led 21-17 at the half, in the contest that featured six lead changes. NCCU took a 34-27 lead on Davius Richard's one-yard run and a successful two-point conversion pass with 4:31 left in the fourth period, but Shedeur Sanders directed JSU on a 15-play, 81-yard scoring drive in the final four minutes of regulation, connecting with Travis Hunter on a 19-yard scoring pass with no time left on the clock to tie the game and force overtime. The Eagles scored a TD on their first possession in overtime, but Jackson State fell one-yard short in their attempt to tie the game. Richard completed 15 of 20 passes for 175 yards and a TD, while also rushing for 97 yards and two scores in the victory. The Eagle defense was paced by linebacker Khalil Baker with 10 tackles. Richard was named the game's Offensive MVP and Baker the Defensive MVP in the contest. JSU quarterback Sanders had an impressive outing for the Tigers, completing 30 of 40 attempts for 349 yards and four touchdowns.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	T
Jackson	7	14	0	13	0	34
NC Central	10	7	9	8	7	41





CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

12.18
2021

BOWL CHAMPION: SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (5-1)



In a stunning turn of events in the 2021 Cricket Celebration Bowl, the favorite Jackson State Tigers went down to the South Carolina State Bulldogs, 31-10 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium before a bowl record 48,653 fans. Traditionally known for their great defensive units, South Carolina State held Jackson to Celebration Bowl lows in team rushing yards (19) and total yards (194), and their defensive effort resulted in the largest victory margin (21 points). The Tigers bolted out to a 7-0 first quarter lead on Shedeur Sanders' seven-yard strike to Keith Corbin III, with 7:24 left. S.C. State would then catch fire, outscoring the Tigers, 31-3 over the final three periods, seizing control of the game for good in the second quarter with a 10-point flurry in the final minutes, on a Corey Fields six-yard strike to Shaquan Davis with 2:08 left, followed by a 26-yard field goal by Gayvn Zimmerman with eight seconds left in the half. SCSU's Fields tossed four scoring passes, finishing with 164 yards (12 of 31, one INT), while JSU's Sanders passed for 175 yards (16 of 36, two INTs). SCSU's Shaquan Davis was the Bowl's Offensive MVP with five catches for 95 yards and three scores — a Celebration Bowl record. Decobie Durant earned Defensive MVP honors. Records fell Saturday as Celebration Bowl history was rewritten.... SCSU's punter Dyson Roberts set four Bowl records: Longest Punt (74 yards), Most Punts (8), Most Punt Yardage (392) and Best Average (49.0).

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
SC State	0	10	14	7	31
Jackson	7	0	3	0	10

12.21
2019

BOWL CHAMPION: NORTH CAROLINA A&T
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (4-1)



North Carolina A&T and Alcorn State combined to set several records at the 2019 Celebration Bowl at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, which the Aggies won 64-44. N.C. A&T captured its second straight win and its fourth overall championship title. N.C. A&T and Alcorn were meeting for the second consecutive year and the third time in the five-year history of the event. Celebration Bowl records established, among others, were most points combined (108), most points in a quarter (49), most touchdown passes in a quarter (4 by NC A&T's Kyliil Carter), most TDs in a game (6 by Carter), and most combined total yards (1,034). A&T quarterback Kyliil Carter, the Celebration Bowl offensive MVP, had six touchdown passes — three in the third period — to tie an Aggie program record in leading his squad to the victory. He finished 18-30 for 364 yards, hitting four different receivers for touchdowns. Jacob Roberts, with six tackles including one for a loss, and an interception, was the game's defensive MVP. Alcorn scored first in this contest and led 10-7 with 10:16 left in the half. After the Aggies took a 24-10 lead into halftime, both teams exploded for a combined 49 points (seven TDs) in the third quarter. The Aggies, who scored on eight straight possessions, including seven touchdowns, needed only 13 seconds in the second half to add to their lead, when running back Jah-Maine Martin raced 75 yards on the first play of the third quarter for a score and a 31-17 lead. From there, each team would score three touchdowns apiece to end the quarter at 52-31.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
Alcorn	3	7	21	13	44
NC A&T	0	24	28	12	64

NO GAME PLAYED IN 2020 DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.





CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

12.15
2018

BOWL CHAMPION: NORTH CAROLINA A&T
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (3-1)



In a rematch of the 2015 Inaugural Celebration Bowl, North Carolina A&T captured their second straight title and third overall, with a 24-22 win over Alcorn State, this time under first-year head coach Sam Washington. The Aggies win gave the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) a 3-1 advantage in the bowl. The Aggies jumped out to a 17-6 lead through the first half of play, but Alcorn state scored 10 unanswered points in the third quarter to pull within one at 17-16. But just as the Braves appeared to have momentum, the Aggies' Malik Wilson took the kickoff at his 12, got to the outside and raced untouched for an 88-yard touchdown that put his team ahead 24-16. Alcorn State QB Noah Johnson led his team on a nine-play, 92-yard touchdown drive to move to 24-22 and put the Braves in a position to tie with a successful two-point conversion. On a run-pass option, Johnson rolled out and found Chris Blair for what appeared to be the tying 2-point conversion; however, it was called no good as he juggled the ball while going out of bounds. The Braves, despite the loss, rolled up 451 yards total offense, including 328 yards on the ground. Johnson completed 12-21 passes for 123 yards and ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns on 14 rushing attempts. De'Shawn Waller led the Alcorn running attack with 167 yards. A&T's Raynard was named Offensive MVP, while Aggies free safety Richie Kittles picked up Defensive MVP honors.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
NC A&T	7	10	7	0	24
Alcorn	3	3	10	6	22

12.16
2017

BOWL CHAMPION: NORTH CAROLINA A&T
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (2-1)



North Carolina A&T State capped off an historic season with a 21-14 win over Grambling State in the 2017 Celebration Bowl. It was one of the most highly anticipated matchups of the year. The Aggies were undefeated (11-0) heading into the Celebration Bowl, with staple wins on the road over non-conference opponents Gardner-Webb and UNC-Charlotte. Grambling, riding an 11-game win streak after dropping their first game of the season, was returning to the Celebration Bowl for a second straight season, defeating North Carolina Central in 2016. After a scoreless first quarter, both teams were able to put seven points on the board in the final five minutes of the half. But it was the Aggies who would strike first and last in the second half. Marquell Cartwright, who earned Offensive MVP honors, raced 29-yards for his second touchdown of the game, to give North Carolina A&T a 14-7 lead in the third. They would seal the victory in the final 1:42 with a seven-play, 56-yard drive, capped off by a one-yard touchdown run by quarterback Lamar Raynard. Franklin McClain III was the defensive MVP. With the win, the Aggies completed a perfect 12-0 season, while the loss dropped Grambling's final 2017 record to 11-2. The Aggies became the first MEAC team to compile a 12-0 campaign, including the postseason.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
Grambling	0	7	0	7	14
NC A&T	0	7	7	7	21



CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

12.17
2016

BOWL CHAMPION: GRAMBLING STATE
CONFERENCE WINNER: SWAC (1-1)



Defense was the name of the game in this 2016 Celebration Bowl showdown between two teams riding nine-game win streaks. Grambling State's Joseph McWilliams blocked a potential game-tying extra point by North Carolina Central's Brandon McLaren with 2:14 remaining and the Tigers held on for a 10-9 win over North Carolina Central in a wild finish at the Georgia Dome. The Eagles, hindered by poor field position most of the second half, drove 59 yards in five plays, with quarterback Malcolm Bell linking up with a wide-open Quentin Atkinson from 39 yards out to pull NCCU within 10-9 with 2:14 on the fourth-period clock. But a costly penalty by Atkinson for removing his helmet in celebration drew a 15-yard penalty assessed on the extra point try. Grambling State's Martez Carter and Jameer Jackson were named the Offensive and Defensive Most Valuable Players. Carter led the GSU ground game with 12 carries for 109 yards, including a 32-yard scoring run that put Grambling ahead 7-3 midway in the third. Jackson recorded five unassisted tackles and a key interception.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
NC Central	3	0	0	6	9
Grambling	0	0	10	0	10

12.19
2015

BOWL CHAMPION: NORTH CAROLINA A&T
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (1-0)



There couldn't have been a better beginning to the inaugural Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, which kicked-off the 2015 college football post season. Alcorn State (SWAC Champion) erased a 24-6 deficit in the second half but fell short to North Carolina A&T (MEAC Champion) 41-34 in a thrilling victory by the Aggies. The game started with a bang and never looked back, as both teams scored early in the first quarter on special teams plays — a 74-yard punt return for A&T and an 83-yard kick-off return for Alcorn State. When North Carolina A&T finally put their offense on the field it was clear why Tarik Cohen was the topic of discussion heading into this game. Cohen had five carries for 166 yards in the first quarter, scoring on back-to-back touchdown runs of 74-yards and 83-yards. Cohen earned offensive Most Valuable Player honors as he rushed for a game-high 295 yards and three touchdowns, including the game winner. Denzel Jones was selected as defensive Most Valuable Player. He led the Aggies with seven tackles and one interception.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
Alcorn	6	7	7	14	34
NC A&T	21	3	3	14	41



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CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

YEAR-BY-YEAR CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION (RECORD)	COACH	SCORE	RUNNER-UP	COACH	SITE	ATTENDANCE
2023	Florida A&M (12-2)	Willie Simmons	30-26	Howard	Larry Scott	Atlanta, Ga. (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)	41,108
2022	North Carolina Central (10-2)	Trei Oliver	41-34 OT	Jackson State	Deion Sanders	Atlanta, Ga. (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)	49,670
2021	South Carolina State (7-5)	Buddy Pough	31-10	Jackson State	Deion Sanders	Atlanta, Ga. (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)	48,653
2019*	North Carolina A&T (9-3)	Sam Washington	64-44	Alcorn State	Fred McNair	Atlanta, Ga. (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)	32,968
2018	North Carolina A&T (10-2)	Sam Washington	24-22	Alcorn State	Fred McNair	Atlanta, Ga. (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)	31,672
2017	North Carolina A&T (12-0)	Rod Broadway	21-14	Grambling St.	Broderick Fobbs	Atlanta, Ga. (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)	25,873
2016	Grambling State (11-1)	Broderick Fobbs	10-9	N.C. Central	Jerry Mack	Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia Dome)	31,096
2015	North Carolina A&T (10-2)	Rod Broadway	41-34	Alcorn State	Jay Hopson	Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia Dome)	35,528

*No game played in 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.





CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY



BOWL HONORS: MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Offensive MVP Year-By-Year

YEAR	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
2023	Kelvin Dean, Jr.	WR	Florida A&M
2022	Davius Richard	QB	North Carolina Central
2021	Shaquan Davis	WR	South Carolina State
2019*	Kylil Carter	QB	North Carolina A&T
2018	Lamar Raynard	QB	North Carolina A&T
2017	Marquell Cartwright	RB	North Carolina A&T
2016	Martez Carter	RB	Grambling State
2015	Tarik Cohen	RB	North Carolina A&T

Defensive MVP Year-By-Year

PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
Isaiah Major	LB	Florida A&M
Khalil Baker	DB	North Carolina Central
Decobie Durant	DB	South Carolina State
Jacob Roberts	DB	North Carolina A&T
Richie Kittles	FS	North Carolina A&T
Franklin McCain III	DB	North Carolina A&T
Jameer Jackson	DB	Grambling State
Denzel Jones	LB	North Carolina A&T

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GAME RECORDS

LONGEST GAME

3h, 48 min, Howard
v. Florida A&M (2023)

ATTENDANCE

49,670, NC Central
v. Jackson St. (2022)

TOTAL COMBINED POINTS SCORED (GAME)

108, Alcorn St. v. NC A&T (2019)

FEWEST COMBINE POINTS SCORED (GAME)

19, NC Central
v. Grambling (2016)

TOTAL COMBINED POINTS SCORED (QUARTER)

49, (3rd Qtr) Alcorn St.
v. NC A&T (2019)

FEWEST COMBINED POINTS SCORED (QUARTER)

0, Howard v. Florida A&M (2023)
Grambling v. NC A&T (2017)
NC Central v. Grambling (2016)

MOST POINTS SCORED BY A TEAM (QUARTER)

28, (3rd Qtr) NC A&T
v. Alcorn St. (2019)

LARGEST POINT DEFICIT (GAME)

21 points (4th Qtr), Jackson St.
v. SC State (2021)

MOST PUNT RETURNS FOR A TOUCHDOWN

2, Alcorn St. v. NC A&T (2015)



TEAM RECORDS

POINTS SCORED

64, NC A&T (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

FEWEST POINTS SCORED

9, NC Central (v. Grambling, 2016)

MOST POINTS IN A QUARTER

28, NC A&T (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

LARGEST WIN MARGIN

21, SC State (v. Jackson St., 2021)

MOST RUSHING YARDS

366, NC A&T (v. Alcorn St., 2015)

FEWEST RUSHING YARDS

19, Jackson St.
(v. SC State, 2021)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

44, NC Central
(v. Jackson St., 2022)
Grambling
(v. NC Central, 2016)

MOST YARDS RUSHING PER RUSH

8.7 ypc, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST RUSHING TDS

4, NC Central
(v. Jackson St., 2022)
NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST PASSING YARDS

364, NC A&T (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

FEWEST PASSING YARDS

123, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T, 2018)

MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS

44, NC A&T (v. Grambling, 2017)

MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS

30, Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)

MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

6, NC A&T (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

MOST PASSING YARDS PER COMPLETION

20.2, NC A&T (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

FEWEST PASSING YARDS PER COMPLETION

9.8, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T, 2015)

MOST TOTAL YARDS (GAME)

574, NC A&T (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

FEWEST TOTAL YARDS (GAME)

187, Howard (v. Florida A&M, 2023)

LONGEST TIME OF POSSESSION

38:09, NC Central
(v. Jackson St., 2022)

LONGEST TIME OF POSSESSION (QUARTER)

11:05 (3rd Qtr), NC Central
(v. Jackson St., 2022)

MOST FUMBLES

2, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T, 2015)

MOST INTERCEPTIONS

3, Florida A&M (v. Howard, 2023)

MOST SACKS

3.0, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)
NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2019)
NC A&T
(v. Grambling, 2017)
NC Central
(v. Grambling, 2016)

MOST SOLO TACKLES

48, Grambling (v. NC A&T, 2017)

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

13.0, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T, 2018)

MOST TOTAL TACKLES

78, NC Central
(v. Grambling, 2016)

MOST PENALTIES

10, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

FEWEST PENALTIES

2, NC A&T (v. Grambling, 2017)

MOST PENALTY YARDS

122, NC Central
(v. Grambling, 2016)

FEWEST PENALTY YARDS

9, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T, 2015)

LONGEST POSSESSION DRIVE

7:21, NC Central
(v. Jackson St., 2022)

LONGEST DRIVE (YARDS)

96, Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)

LONGEST DRIVE (PLAYS)

15, Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)
Grambling
(v. NC Central, 2016)

MOST FIRST DOWNS

24, NC Central
(v. Jackson St., 2022)
Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)
Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2019)

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS

11, Howard
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INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

MOST RUSHING YARDS

295, Tarik Cohen, NC A&T
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MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

3, Tarik Cohen, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

22, Davius Richard, NC Central
(v. Jackson St., 2022)

22, Tarik Cohen, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST RUSHING YARDS PER ATTEMPT

13.4, Tarik Cohen, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST PASSING YARDS

364, Kyllil Carter, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2019)

FEWEST PASSING YARDS

106, Quinton Williams, Howard
(v. Florida A&M, 2023)

MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

6, Kyllil Carter, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2019)

MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS

42, Felix Harper, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2019)

FEWEST PASSING ATTEMPTS

16, Kwashaun Quick, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST COMPLETIONS

30, Shedeur Sanders, Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)

FEWEST COMPLETIONS

11, Noah Johnson, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2018)

11, Kwashaun Quick, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST YARDS PER COMPLETION

13.5, Kwashaun Quick, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST PASSING INTERCEPTIONS

3, Quinton Williams, Howard
(v. Florida A&M, 2023)

MOST RECEIVING YARDS

137, Kevin Coleman Jr., Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)

MOST RECEPTIONS

8, Kevin Coleman Jr., Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)

8, Raidarious Anderson, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2019)

MOST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

3, Shaquan Davis, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

MOST YARDS PER RECEPTION

26.5, Tarik Cohen, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST TACKLES

11.0, Aubrey Miller Jr., Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)

11.0, Reggie Hunter, NC Central
(v. Grambling, 2016)

MOST SACKS

2.0, James Houston, Jackson St.
(v. SC State, 2021)



MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

4.0, Richie Kittles, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2018)

MOST INTERCEPTIONS

1, 13 players tied

BLOCKS MADE (FIELD GOALS)

1, Warren Gatewood, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2015)

BLOCKS MADE (EXTRA POINT)

1, Joseph McWilliams, Grambling
(v. NC Central, 2016)

MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS

84, Anthony Williams, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2015)

MOST PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1, Anthony Williams, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2015)

1, Khris Gardin, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (YARDS)

84, Anthony Williams, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2015)

MOST KICK RETURNS

6, Kevin Coleman Jr., Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)

MOST KICK RETURN YARDS

125, Kevin Coleman Jr., Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)

LONGEST KICK RETURN (YARDS)

79, Malik Wilson, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2018)

MOST KICK RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1, Malik Wilson, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2018)

MOST PUNTS

8, Dyson Roberts, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

MOST PUNTING YARDS

392, Dyson Roberts, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

LONGEST PUNT

74 yds, Dyson Roberts, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

BEST PUNTING AVG

49.0, Dyson Roberts, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

3, Corey McCullough, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2018)

LONGEST FIELD GOAL MADE

45, Cody Jones, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

FIELD GOALS BLOCKED

1, Brandon McLaren, NC Central
(v. Grambling, 2016)

1, Cody Jones, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

KICKOFF AVG

63.8, Gerardo Baeza, Jackson St.
(v. NC Central, 2022)





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www.fenwaybowl.com



ISLETA NEW MEXICO BOWL

DECEMBER 28, 2024 - ESPN
Mountain West vs AAC, CUSA, MAC, Sun Belt
University Stadium | Albuquerque, New Mexico
www.newmexicobowl.com



TEXAS BOWL

DECEMBER 31, 2024 - ESPN
Big 12 vs SEC
NRG Stadium | Houston, Texas
www.texasbowl.com



SERVPRO FIRST RESPONDER BOWL

JANUARY 3, 2025 - ESPN
American, CUSA, MAC, Mountain West, Sun Belt
Gerald J. Ford Stadium | Dallas, Texas
www.firstresponderbowl.com



BAHAMAS BOWL

JANUARY 4, 2025 - ESPN2
C-USA vs MAC
Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium | Nassau, Bahamas
www.bahamasbowl.com

2024 BASKETBALL EVENTS



STATE FARM CHAMPIONS CLASSIC

NOVEMBER 12, 2024 - ESPN
State Farm Arena | Atlanta, Georgia
Kansas vs. Michigan State, Kentucky vs. Duke



SHRINERS CHILDREN'S CHARLESTON CLASSIC

NOVEMBER 21, 22 & 24, 2024 - ESPN NETWORKS
TD Arena | Charleston, South Carolina
Drake, FAU, Miami, Nevada, Oklahoma State, Seton Hall, Vanderbilt, VCU



MYRTLE BEACH INVITATIONAL

NOVEMBER 21, 22 & 24, 2024 - ESPN NETWORKS
HTC Center | Conway, South Carolina
Bradley, Middle Tennessee, Ohio, Princeton, Portland, South Florida, Texas State, Wright State



TERRY'S CHOCOLATE VEGAS SHOWDOWN

NOVEMBER 26, 2024 - ESPN NETWORKS
T-Mobile Arena | Las Vegas, Nevada
Duke vs. Kansas, Seattle vs. Furman



ESPN EVENTS INVITATIONAL

NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 2024 - ESPN NETWORKS
ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex | Kissimmee, Florida
Florida, Wake Forest, Minnesota, Wichita State



NIT SEASON TIP-OFF

NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 2024 - ESPN NETWORKS
ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex | Kissimmee, Florida
North Texas, St. Bonaventure, Utah State, Northern Iowa



JIMMY V MEN'S CLASSIC PRESENTED BY CORONA

DECEMBER 10, 2024 - ESPN
Madison Square Garden | New York, New York
Miami vs. Tennessee, Michigan vs. Arkansas



JIMMY V WOMEN'S CLASSIC PRESENTED BY CORONA

DECEMBER 15, 2024 - ABC
KFC Yum! Center | Louisville, Kentucky
NC State vs. Louisville



JUMPMAN INVITATIONAL

DECEMBER 17 & 18, 2024 - ESPN NETWORKS
Spectrum Center | Charlotte, North Carolina
Oklahoma vs. Michigan, North Carolina vs. Florida (Men's & Women's)



HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC

DECEMBER 22, 23 & 25, 2024 - ESPN NETWORKS
SimpliFi Arena at Stan Sheriff Center | Honolulu, Hawaii
Charleston, Charlotte, Hawaii, Loyola Chicago, Murray State, Nebraska Oakland, Oregon State

2025 GYMNASTICS EVENT



SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET COLLEGIATE QUAD

JANUARY 10 & 11, 2025 - ESPN NETWORKS
Paycom Center | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Arizona, Arkansas, California, Clemson, Kentucky, LSU, Michigan, NC State, Ohio State, Oklahoma, UCLA, Utah

2025 SOFTBALL EVENT



SHRINERS CHILDREN'S INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY EVOSHIELD

FEBRUARY 13-16, 2025 - ESPN NETWORKS
Eddie C. Moore Complex | Clearwater, Florida
Alabama, Auburn, Charlotte, Clemson, FSU, Kentucky, Liberty, Missouri, Ohio State, Oklahoma State, San Diego State, Texas A&M, UCF, UCLA, Virginia, Wichita State

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