

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



South Carolina State Sports Photo

**FIRST OFF:** Dynamic South Carolina State LB Darius Leonard first of three HBCU players taken in NFL Draft.

## GETTIN' OUR SHOT

**PARKER (NC A&T) AND CANNON (VA. STATE) DRAFTED; 10 UDFAs, NINE GET CAMP INVITES**

## 2018 BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

### SCORES

SUNDAY, 4/29	NSU 11, UMES 6
<b>MEAC</b>	ALAB. ST. 5, FAMU 4
NCCU 10, SAV. ST. 3	CSU 4, DSU 1
NC A&T 8, B-CU 5	<b>SWAC</b>
NSU 6, UMES 2	TSU 7, UAPB 4
FAMU 5, ALAB. ST. 2	PV A&M 6, SU 4
DSU 14, CSU 12	JSU 6, SU 4
CSU 12, DSU 8	JSU 7, ALC 3
<b>SIAC</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 4/27</b>
CAU 17, LANE 10	<b>MEAC</b>
<b>SWAC</b>	ALAB. ST. 8, FAMU 2
JSU 7, ALC ST. 4	<b>SIAC</b>
TSU 13, UAPB 3	KSU 19, PNE 2
PV A&M 8, SU 7	PNE 11, KSU 2
AL. A&M 15, MVSU 5	MILES 14, BEN 4
<b>SATURDAY, 4/28</b>	SHC 14, CLAF 8
<b>MEAC</b>	<b>SWAC</b>
NCCU 3, SAV. ST. 2	AL. A&M 12, MVSU 2
NCCU 15, SAV. ST. 5	SU 13, PV A&M 3
B-CU 6, NC A&T 4	UAPB 6, TSU 3
NC A&T 4, B-CU 3	ALC 10, JSU 3
NSU 5, UMES 4	AL. A&M 7, MVSU 2

### MEAC

	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
	CONF	ALL	W	L	T
<b>NORTHERN</b>	16	4	17	20	1
Coppin State	13	8	16	23	0
Norfolk State	7	13	9	32	0
Delaware State	5	16	9	35	0
Maryland-E. Shore					
<b>SOUTHERN</b>	12	5	20	24	0
Florida A&M	11	6	24	20	0
North Carolina A&T	12	9	18	27	0
Bethune-Cookman	10	11	26	21	0
North Carolina Central	2	16	5	29	0
Savannah State					

### SIAC

	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
	CONF	ALL	W	L	T
<b>EAST</b>	14	4	23	16	
Albany State	11	5	15	29	
Claffin	10	12	17	23	
Paine	9	11	16	23	
Clark Atlanta	7	12	17	20	
Benedict	5	13	14	27	
Morehouse					
<b>WEST</b>	18	1	29	17	
Miles	18	1	27	17	
Spring Hill	9	10	18	22	
Kentucky State	7	12	13	30	
Tuskegee	3	14	4	28	
LeMoyné-Owen	1	19	6	36	
Lane					

### SWAC

	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
	DIV	ALL	W	L	T
<b>EAST</b>	15	6	24	20	
Alabama State	17	7	28	15	
Jackson State	9	12	11	28	
Miss. Valley State	7	14	10	32	
Alabama A&M	6	15	11	35	
Alcorn State					
<b>WEST</b>	15	5	21	24	
Texas Southern	13	8	22	19	
Grambling State	10	9	18	19	
Arkansas Pine Bluff	7	14	12	29	
Prairie View A&M	6	15	9	30	
Southern					

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**HITTER**  
**Justin Barna**, Sr., of **ALBANY STATE** - Was 7 for 13 with 2 doubles, 3 RBI, 6 runs scored, 9 total bases, 2 SBs.  
**PITCHER**  
**Darius Wright**, Jr., of **ALABAMA STATE** - Went 6.0 innings vs. FAMU allowing one hit, 1 run, 1 K in win. Improved to 7-1.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### CLARK ATLANTA CHOOSES LYNCH:

Clark Atlanta has turned from one NBA-player-turned-coach to another.



The Panthers introduced 12-year NBA veteran **George Lynch** Monday as the new head men's basketball coach replacing former NBA veteran **Darrell Walker** who left after two years to become the head coach at Arkansas-Little Rock.

Lynch, a standout at North Carolina before his NBA career, was coaching with the Grand Rapids Drive, the Detroit Pistons' G-League affiliate, last season.

# Trio goes early, late in NFL Draft

### LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Three of the most highly decorated and highly rated black college players, two on offense and one on defense, went off the boards last week as the NFL held its annual 7-round draft of college players.

**South Carolina State** linebacker **Darius Leonard**, **North Carolina A&T** offensive lineman **Brandon Parker** and **Virginia State** running back **Trenton Cannon** were selected in that order on Friday and Saturday when the league went through rounds two through seven.

The three selections continue a trend that has not seen HBCU products reach double-digits in the draft since 2000.

### BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS IN 2018 NFL DRAFT



**INDIANAPOLIS**  
**Darius Leonard**  
 6-2, 234, Outside LB  
**South Carolina State**  
 2nd Round - 4th pick  
 36th overall



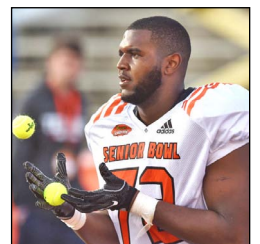
**OAKLAND**  
**Brandon Parker**  
 6-8, 305, Offensive Lineman  
**North Carolina A&T**  
 3rd Round - 1st pick  
 65th overall



**NEW YORK JETS**  
**Trenton Cannon**  
 5-11, 185, Running Back  
**Virginia State**  
 6th Round - 30th pick  
 204th overall

### DRAFTEES IN ACTION:

(Clockwise, from r.) Leonard and Parker at the Senior Bowl where they made their money. Cannon (below) pulling away and running to daylight.



went to the New York Giants in the fourth round.

Jets head coach **Todd Bowles** and general manager **Mike Maccagnan** are hoping Cannon develops into a quality running back, but he might help fill the need at returner as a rookie. The return game has recently been a problem area for the Jets so it would be a big help if the sixth round pick could fill it.

Cannon was one of the most exciting and prolific rushers in NCAA Div. II football last year en route to earning the **CIAA** offensive player of the year award and leading his team to the CIAA championship and playoff berth.

Cannon led NCAA Div. II football and all black college performers in all-purpose yards (2,686 yards, 244.1 ypg.). He also led all black college rushers and was third in Div. II with 1,638 rushing yards (148.1 ypg.), a per game average that was fourth in Div. II.

His 7.3 yards per carry average was second in Div. II and best in the black college ranks. He was also first in Div. II and among black colleges in kickoff returns averaging 33.7 yards per return with two touchdowns. His 22 touchdowns overall were second among black college players and fourth in Div. II.

### Others

Several others who had relatively high draft grades signed undrafted free agent contracts (See STAT CORNER).

**Southern** defensive back **Danny Johnson** and **Grambling State** running back **Martez Carter** were signed by top personnel man **Doug Williams** of Washington. Grambling defensive back **Montrel Meander** and **Texas Southern** wide receiver **Darvin Kiddy** signed with Cleveland.

**SWAC** rushing leader **De'Lance Turner** and **South Carolina State** offensive tackle **Justin Evans** inked with the Baltimore Ravens. Grambling offensive lineman **Trent Scott** (Los Angeles Chargers), **Hampton** defensive tackle **Owen Obasuyi** (Arizona), **Bethune-Cookman** wide receiver **Jawill Davis** (NY Giants) and **N. C. Central** LB **Reggie Hunter** (Jacksonville) also were undrafted free agent signings.

The **Tennessee State** duo of wide receiver **Patrick Smith** (Detroit Lions or NY Jets) and defensive end **Ebenezer Ogundeko** are among 10 other HBCU players that have received camp invites and will have tryouts with NFL teams.

## HBCU NFL UNRAFTED ROOKE FREE AGENTS

- ARIZONA CARDINALS**  
Owen Obasuyi, DT, Hampton
- BALTIMORE RAVENS**  
De'Lance Turner, RB, Alcorn State  
Justin Evans, OT, South Carolina State
- CLEVELAND BROWNS**  
Montrel Meander, DB, Grambling  
Darvin Kiddy, WR, Texas Southern
- JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**  
Reggie Hunter, LB, North Carolina Central
- LOS ANGELES CHARGERS**  
Trent Scott, OL, Grambling State
- NEW YORK GIANTS**  
Jawill Davis, WR, Bethune-Cookman
- WASHINGTON REDSKINS**  
Martez Carter, RB, Grambling  
Danny Johnson, CB, Southern

### - TRYOUTS -

- ATLANTA FALCONS**  
D Tere' Calloway, SS, Alabama A&M
- CHICAGO BEARS**  
Khrist Gardin, WR/KR, North Carolina A&T
- DETROIT LIONS and NEW YORK JETS**  
Patrick Smith, WR, Tennessee State
- KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**  
Ebenezer Ogundeko, DE, Tennessee State  
Jaypee Philbert, OL, Alabama State
- OAKLAND RAIDERS**  
Terrell Bonds, DB, Tennessee State
- PITTSBURGH STEELERS**  
Jeremy Taylor, LB, North Carolina A&T
- SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**  
Ty Allen, OL, Tennessee State
- WASHINGTON**  
Chris Lee, DE, Norfolk State

## THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### NUMBER OF BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS TAKEN IN EACH NFL DRAFT SINCE 1994

Year	3	'09	4	'01	4
'16	3	'08	5	'00	13
'15	4	'07	5	1999	7
'14	2	'06	3	'98	8
'13	2	'05	6	'97	13
'12	1	'04	2	'96	17
'11	4	'03	8	'95	13
'10	2	'02	5	'94	13*

\* The year the BCSP began

## 2018 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

### CIAA

	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION				
	DIV	CONF	ALL	W	L
<b>NORTH</b>	10	0	16	0	27
Chowan	7	3	10	6	15
Virginia Union	6	4	12	4	17
Bowie State	5	5	7	9	13
Elizabeth City State	1	9	2	14	28
Lincoln	1	9	1	15	5
<b>SOUTH</b>	9	1	13	3	16
St. Augustine's	7	3	10	6	11
Fayetteville State	6	4	9	7	11
Winston-Salem State	6	4	8	8	10
Shaw	4	6	7	9	17
J. C. Smith	0	6	7	9	17
Livingstone	0	10	1	15	3

**PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**  
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**Kris Neal**, Sr., of **CHOWAN** - Hit .394 with league-best 50 hits, 17 SBs (3rd).  
**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**  
**Beth Walker**, Fr., **CHOWAN** - Hit .382 with 10 HRs, Led Hawks in HRs and RBI.  
**PITCHER OF THE YEAR**  
**Shannon Buchanan**, So, **CHOWAN** - Led league with 13 wins, 8-0 in CIAA. Averaged 7.8 Ks per game with 1.91 ERA.  
**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**Brian DeWitt**, **CHOWAN**

### MEAC

	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
	CONF	ALL	W	L	T
<b>NORTHERN</b>	15	3	27	15	0
Morgan State	9	6	20	24	0
Hampton	9	6	11	31	0
Delaware State	10	8	21	29	0
Norfolk State	9	8	13	22	0
Coppin State	6	11	8	36	0
Howard	1	17	4	35	0
Maryland-E. Shore					
<b>SOUTHERN</b>	12	3	27	24	0
Bethune-Cookman	11	4	20	27	0
Florida A&M	8	7	17	24	0
North Carolina Central	8	7	13	20	0
Savannah State	4	11	7	36	0
North Carolina A&T	2	13	2	27	0
South Carolina State					

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**PLAYER** **Isha Waters**, 1B., Sr., **B-CU** - Hit .600 (6-for-10) with 6 RBI, 5 runs, 3 doubles, 2 SBs in sweep of FAMU.  
**Cortni Jones**, Jr., **SSU** - Hit .778 with 7 hits, 7 RBI, 5 runs, 2 BBs.  
**PITCHERS** **Amy Begg**, Sr., **MSU** - 2-0 week, 0.00 ERA with 12 Ks, 2 complete game shutouts. **MSU** clinched N. Div.  
**Courtney Mirabella**, Sr., **NCCU** - Led league with 18 Ks in 2-0 week. Allowed 1 run in 2 appearances, 0.50 ERA.  
**ROOKIE**  
**Briana Robinson**, Fr., **C. HOW** - Hit .600 in sweep of UMES with 3 runs, 4 RBI, 3 doubles, 1 SB.  
**Tanisha Williams**, Fr., **P. SSU** - Won both stats with 0.00 ERA holding batters to 0.93 avg., with 5 Ks only allowing 4 hits.

### SIAC

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**PLAYER**  
**NA**  
**PITCHER**  
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### SWAC

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Southern	1	15	11	26	
Grambling State					

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**HITTER**  
**Laurisa Hernandez**, Jr., IF, **PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** - Hit .363 (4 for 11), 7 RBI, 3 extra-base hits.  
**PITCHER**  
**Justine Jean**, So., **ALABAMA STATE** - Picked up two wins vs. Jackson State. Had two complete games, a one-hit shutout with 7 Ks and allowed four earned runs in second game with 6 Ks. Posted 3.00 ERA. Leads SWAC in Ks (80) and innings (125.2).