Jackson State is working on a possible dynasty

Southwestern

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Conference

Jackson State secured another conference championship by getting r past stubborn Alcorn State 7-0. The victory added credence to the fact that the Tigers are indeed the team of the decade in SWAC.

The Braves (6-4, 4-3) have played tough defensively all season. The led the league in total defense, holding opponents to an average of 219.5 yards a game. Theo Danzy's team was bullish against the rush. Alcorn allowed only 990 rushing yards in 10 games.

Jackson State running back Lewis Tillman, the No. 2 rusher in 1-AA, found the Braves defense very uninviting. The Payton Award candidate was held to 71 yards on 25 carries. Jackson State, which had averaged over 340 yards a game, was only able to get 192 yards.

Victor Lyons, Bennie Goods, and Jack Phillips led Alcorn's effort in outting the brakes on Jackson's offense.

The Tigers scored the game's lone TD with 55 seconds left in the first half on a pass from Shawn Gregory to Daryl Jones.

Tillman and Alabama State's Brad Baxter waged a battle for the rushing title. Tillman won out, finishing the regular season with 1,436 yards and 13 TDs. Baxter, who missed his final game because of a suspension, ended the year with 817 yards and eight touchdowns.

Grambling had a much better season this time around. The Tigers had awesome offense, but in key games they couldn't come up with the big play when they needed it the most.

Southern started out badly when several of their players were ruled to be academically ineligible. They recovered enough to have a respectable season. For more on Grambling and

In their season finale, the Hornets downed Tuskegee 17-0 in the

became the prime weapon for coach Houston Markham's squad. Jones ran for 135 yards and passed for 79 yards and a touchdown. His performance earned him MVP honors for the game.

Prairie View is coming around and can no longer be considered a pushover (see page 5).

Mississippi Valley State also showed signs that their program is reviving itself. They were 3-8, 1-6, which isn't anything to shout about. But it beat going 1-9 like they did last season. Ron Humphrey put some excitement in the Delta Devils running attack, gaining 767 yards and averaging 5.4 yards a carry. Aundra Lambert was also productive, grinding out 437 yards. On defense, Tony Haggie and Kenny Jackson were among the top hitsmen in SWAC (126 and 103 tackles respectively), while Clarence Alexander had the most kickoff return yardage (578).

Texas Southern found themselves trapped in the valley of defeat. Brian Wiggins was among the league's top receivers with 42 catches, TSU, however, was the least effective offensive unit in the league. Their ground game generated just 915 yards in 11 games.

-Shawn Connors

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onverted 17 of 23 field goal attempts and was successful on 35 of 38 PATs.

Newcomer Tim Dudley was a big-play man for Hampton's Pirates. The Virginia Tech transfer made his prescence around the league felt from the opening weekend of play. Dudley rushed play runner that enjoyed a 1,000 yards season. Nevertheless, Savannah had 1,712 rushing on the for 1,004 yards and scored 12 TDs.

The conference featured some outstanding defensive units this season. Winston, Bowie | back got the yards in big chunks, but collectively they got the job done. State, and North Carolina Central held opponents to less than 16 points a game. The Trojans were esecially tough against the run, allowing an average of 79.2 yards per contest. Norfolk State proved to be the best at pass defense. Their secondary only allowed five TD passes to be completed on them and Larry Bryant ranked among league leaders in interceptions with seven.

-Rolando Simmons

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ing Winston the potential to score anytime they reached an opponent's 30-yard line. Belegrinis | charts in total offense, accounting for 1,754 yards. He led the SIAC in TD passes with 16 and completed nearly 56 percent of his passes (113 of 203) for 1,497 yards. In the process, Basil was stingy on giveaways. He threw only five interceptions.

The Tigers had a more than respectable running attack even though they didn't have a big year. Edwin Ford, Corey Ladson, and Tony Simmons combined for 934 rushing yards. No one

Not to be overlooked is the effective running of Albany State's Willie Conway who averaged 5.8 yards a carry and scored 12 touchdowns.

Now all this league needs is some respect from the playoff selection committee to get their teams in post-season play. In recent years, the SIAC teams have been no-shows, even though they've fared well against non-conference competition and in the national polls.

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-Phil Dunlap

Northern Division Delaware State Bethune-Cookman Florida A & M Howard University South Carolina Stat North Carolina A & T Morgan State Albany State Alabama A & M Winston-Salem State*** North Carolina Central Fort Valley State Tuskegee Universit Morehouse College Morris Brown College Savannah State * Clark/Atlanta U. * Knoxville College* Miles College* Lane College* ** Northern Division champions *** CIAA, Southern Division champions * Teams were not eligible for SIAC football title.

West Virginia State

Black College Football Final Regular Season Standings

Arkansas-Pine Bluff Central State (Ohio) Cheney State Kentucky State



Southern University
Prairie View
Mississippi Valley
Texas Southern

THE CLASSICS

Freshmen guide Jaguars to Bayou triumph

A couple of freshmen came to triumph was complete for coach Mari-Southern University's rescue and led no Casem's squad. the Jaguars to a 10-3 victory over Grambling in the Bayou Classic in New Orleans. And like last year's down to a match-up of defenses. Grambling the wire finish, this season's contest produced the same kind of ending.

The Superdome crowd of 55,450 watched in amazement as quarterback Milowe Kleinpeter booted a 45-yard Charles Wright and fullback Curtis Pat- field goal to tie the game for Southern. terson went to work and put Southern on top for good with 1:53 left to play in the game.

yard keeper which put the ball on able to move the ball against SU, Grambling's 23. Two plays later, Patter- amassing 305 total yards. son scooted in from 17 yards out for the deciding margin of victory.

on 17 carries) suffered an injury late in had 19 in the second half. the fourth quarter.

However, the suspense continued until the final whistle. Grambling started the game's last scoring drive on their own 40. And in six plays, the Tigers were on the SU 13 after a 36-yard pass from Clemente Gordon to Fred Jones.

Four seconds remained and Grambling had no time outs left. In an he still had a few seconds left for one final shot at victory.

But the clock had expired by the time the play was completed and the

This year's Bayou contest featured took a 3-0 lead midway through the first quarter on a 31-yard field goal by Shawn Kramer. The score stayed that way until 4:21 to play in the game.

The Tigers entered this game as SWAC's top rated offense (398.7 total Wright set up the score on a 29- offensive yards per game). They were

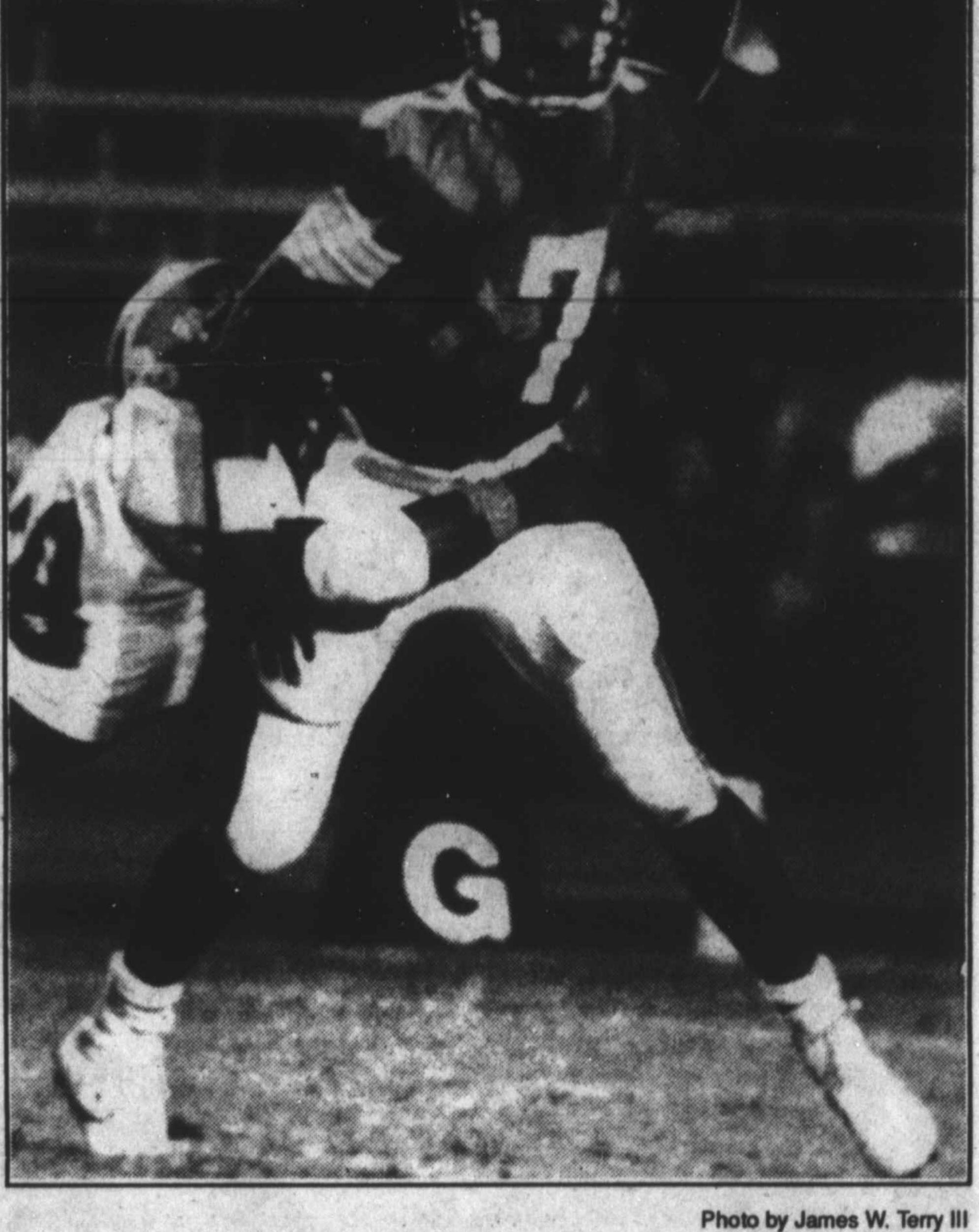
But the second half proved to be all Southern. They limited the Tigers to Wright started the season as the 108 yards during the final 30 minutes third-string QB and entered the game in (including just 18 rushing yards). GSU the second half when starting quarter- running back Brian Tobey has held in back Robert Zeigler was shaken up. check. Tobey was on his way to having Patterson got his opportunity the same a big day in the rushing department. He way as starter Quinn Navarre (81 yards had 84 yards in the first half, but only

Turnovers plagued coach Eddie Robinson's team. The Tigers lost four fumbles, including two inside the Jaguars 10-yard line.

Gordon had an off day as the Grambling passer, completing nine of 30 passes for 153 yards and no TDs.

This was the second straight year attempt to stop the clock, Gordon that Southern has won the Bayou Clasimmediately threw the ball out of sic, making it only the second time that bounds on the next play thinking that the Jags have won two in a row (the last

Grambling leads the series 20-17



Frosh QB Charles White came off the bench to spark Southern to Bayou win.

Bethune stomps Florida A&M 25-0 in Tampa

game completely healthy and they on page 12). proved what kind of potential they had by whipping Florida A & M 25-0 in the Florida Classic in Tampa, Fla.

continue their heated football rivalry.

a Delaware State player, the Wildcats ing yards and two touchdowns. feel that they should be the conference

It took an entire season, but Florida A & M. (For more details, Michael Thompson ran it in from seven tion return to the Rattlers' seven-yard

The final score didn't reveal how was a success at the gate. Over 50,000 belonged to Bethune for the greater ered. people attended to witness Florida's portion of the contest. B-CC's time of two most prominent black colleges possession was 40:52 to A & M's

will wind up. Because there have been Finney's one-yard run in the first quar- ceptions. questions raised about the eligibility of ter. Finney ended the day with 69 rush-

In the second quarter, the Wildcats

Bethune-Cookman finally entered a please see the MEAC football wrap-up yards out. The first half scoring ended line, put the Wildcats in position for when quarterback Anthony Thomas ran that score. for an eight-yard TD. That drive was dominating the Wildcats really were. set up when Bethune punted to the Rat-They had 283 yards of total offense to tlers. The ball took a bad hop, hit A & dismal season for the Wildcats was A & M's 115; recovered three fumbles M's Marcus Boston, who was trying to waverted with the win over their biggest The season finale for both teams and intercepted three passes. The ball get out of the way, and B-CC recov- rival. Perhaps the stage was set the

Thomas didn't post his usual numbers. But he was very effective, icant because A & M is viewed as one The Wildcats (5-6, 4-2) bolted to a nonetheless. He didn't throw a touch- of the powerhouse teams in MEAC Bethune's win provided intrigue as comfortable 18-0 lead at halftime. down pass, but completed 14 of 24 hoops this season. to how the final conference standings Their first score came on Kevin passes for 159 yards, with zero inter-

on the board late in the third quarter on '89 season. Finney's second TD, a seven-yard champs since they beat Del State and drove 80 yards for their second tally as sprint. Joe Jackson's 43-yard intercep-

What had appeared to be another night before the two teams met. In a basketball game, Bethune upset the Rattlers 81-76. That victory was signif-

If coach Larry Little can get more depth for his squad, the Wildcats could The Wildcats put the final points wind up being the surprise team for the

-Brandon Shane

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