

THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

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2009 FOOTBALL REPORT - WEEK 5

2009 SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS (Through matches played on Saturday, September 26)

TEAM	SAC	PCT	ALL	PCT	H	A	N	ST
Brevard	1-0	1.000	5-0	1.000	2-0	3-0	0-0	W5
Mars Hill	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750	1-0	2-1	0-0	W2
Wingate	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750	2-0	1-1	0-0	W1
Carson-Newman	1-0	1.000	3-2	.600	3-0	0-2	0-0	W3
Catawba	0-1	.000	3-1	.750	1-1	2-0	0-0	L1
Lenoir-Rhyne	0-1	.000	3-2	.600	2-1	1-1	0-0	L1
Newberry	0-1	.000	2-2	.500	1-0	1-2	0-0	L1
Tusculum	0-1	.000	1-3	.250	0-1	1-2	0-0	L1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Thursday, September 24
WINGATE 42, TUSCULUM 31

Saturday, September 26
CARSON-NEWMAN 23, NEWBERRY 20
MARS HILL 14, CATAWBA 12
BREVARD 14, LENOIR-RHYNE 9

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday, October 3
BREVARD AT WINGATE, 1:30 p.m.
CARSON-NEWMAN AT MARS HILL, 1:30 p.m.
NEWBERRY AT CATAWBA, 1:30 p.m.
LENOIR-RHYNE AT TUSCULUM, 7 p.m.

2009 SAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

Date	Player, Position	School
8/31	Brandon Gantt, QB	Newberry
9/7	Brandon Gantt, QB	Newberry
9/14	Jonas Randolph, RB	Mars Hill
9/21	Bo Cordell, QB	Tusculum
9/28	Jonas Randolph, RB Alex Good, QB	Mars Hill Carson-Newman

DEFENSE

Date	Player, Position	School
8/31	Robert Fletcher, S	Wingate
9/7	Marqus Davis, DE	Catawba
9/14	Stanley Jones, LB	Brevard
9/21	Miles Washington, LB	Tusculum
9/28	Tylan Merckerson, S	Wingate

SPECIAL TEAMS

Date	Player, Position	School
8/31	Cam Thompkins, DB	Lenoir-Rhyne
9/7	Jamont Jones, RS	Lenoir-Rhyne
9/14	Demetrius Smedley, WR	Mars Hill
9/21	Chris Jones, P	Carson-Newman
9/28	Carlos Lopez, PK	Carson-Newman



Carson-Newman's Good, Lopez, Mars Hill's Randolph, Wingate's Merckerson named Football Players Of The Week



ROCK HILL, S.C. --- The South Atlantic Conference Football Players of the Week have been announced for the week ending September 28, 2009. Mars Hill College running back Jonas Randolph and Carson-Newman quarterback Alex Good were named Co-Offensive Players of the Week; Wingate safety Tylan Merckerson was named Defensive Player of the Week; and Carson-Newman kicker Carlos Lopez was named Special Teams Player of the Week.

Randolph, a sophomore running back from Daleville, Ala. (Daleville HS), rushed for 232 yards with a pair of first-half touchdowns. Randolph got his 232 yards on 44 attempts to lead the Lions. The 44 rushes broke Randolph's previous school record of 43 rushing attempts set against St. Augustine's College on August 14, 2009.

Good, a senior from Greensboro, N.C. (Southern Guilford) rushed for 203 yards on 25 carries and one touchdown to lead the Carson-Newman Eagles to a 23-20 win over visiting Newberry in torrential rains on Saturday in Burke-Tarr Stadium. Good rushed for 82 yards in the fourth quarter, including carries of 34 and 25 yards, as well as setting up the Eagles game-winning field goal with 37 seconds left. He also had a 6-yard TD run in the second quarter to give the Eagles a 17-0 lead. He became the first Eagle to rush for over 200 yards since he went for 209 against Newberry in the 2008 meeting.

Merckerson, a senior from Oxford, Ga. (The Asheville School) had two huge interceptions in the Tusculum end zone Thursday, helping the Bulldogs take a 42-31 victory on national television. He added six tackles and one pass break-up.

Lopez, a sophomore from Seymour, Tenn. (Seymour HS) drilled a 35-yard game winning field goal to help the Eagles top Newberry, 23-20, on Saturday afternoon at Burke-Tarr Stadium. He went 3-for-3 on field goals and 2-for-2 on PATs in a torrential downpour. He was good on kicks from 23, 27, and 35 yards, all from the right side. He became the first Eagle to boot a game-winning kick since 2003, when Angel Gonzalez helped C-N beat Presbyterian, 24-21, as time expired. Lopez also had two touchbacks on six kickoffs. He is 6-for-6 on field goals this season.



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2009 SAC FOOTBALL RESULTS

BREVARD (1-0 SAC, 5-0)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Aug 29	at Edward Waters	W, 51-6
Sep 5	at Pikeville (Ky.)	W, 40-3
Sep 12	Chowan	W, 27-24
Sep 19	Southern Virginia	W, 42-7
Sep 26	AT LENOIR-RHYNE	W, 14-9
Oct 3	AT WINGATE	1:30 pm
Oct 10	TUSCULUM	6 pm
Oct 17	MARS HILL	6 pm
Oct 24	AT CARSON-NEWMAN	1 pm
Oct 31	CATAWBA	1 pm
Nov 7	AT NEWBERRY	7 pm

SAC games in ALL CAPS

CARSON-NEWMAN (1-0 SAC, 3-2)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Aug 27	at Winona St.	L, 12-17
Sep 5	at North Alabama	L, 14-31
Sep 10	Campbellsville	W, 38-10
Sep 19	UNC Pembroke	W, 35-22
Sep 26	NEWBERRY	W, 23-20
Oct 3	AT MARS HILL	1:30 pm
Oct 10	CATAWBA	3 pm
Oct 17	AT LENOIR-RHYNE	7 pm
Oct 24	BREVARD	1 pm
Oct 31	AT WINGATE	1:30 pm
Nov 7	TUSCULUM	1 pm

SAC games in ALL CAPS

CATAWBA (0-1 SAC, 3-1)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Aug 29	at St. Augustine's	W, 25-7
Sep 5	at Fayetteville St.	W, 21-20
Sep 12	Livingstone	W, 51-0
Sep 26	MARS HILL	L, 12-14
Oct 3	NEWBERRY	1:30 pm
Oct 10	AT CARSON-NEWMAN	3 pm
Oct 17	AT TUSCULUM	2 pm
Oct 24	WINGATE	1:30 pm
Oct 31	AT BREVARD	1 pm
Nov 7	LENOIR-RHYNE	1:30 pm

SAC games in ALL CAPS

LENOIR-RHYNE (0-1 SAC, 3-2)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Aug 29	Shorter	W, 21-14
Sep 5	at Concord	L, 45-52, (OT)
Sep 12	at Davidson	W, 42-0
Sep 19	North Greenville	W, 32-16
Sep 26	BREVARD	L, 9-14
Oct 3	AT TUSCULUM	7 pm
Oct 10	WINGATE	2 pm
Oct 17	CARSON-NEWMAN	7 pm
Oct 24	AT MARS HILL	2:30 pm
Oct 31	NEWBERRY	2 pm
Nov 7	AT CATAWBA	1:30 pm

SAC games in ALL CAPS

MARS HILL (1-0 SAC, 3-1)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Aug 29	at North Greenville	W, 28-0
Sep 5	at Gardner-Webb	L, 14-58
Sep 12	St. Augustine's	W, 20-14
Sep 26	AT CATAWBA	W, 14-12
Oct 3	CARSON-NEWMAN	1:30 pm
Oct 10	AT NEWBERRY	7 pm
Oct 17	AT BREVARD	6 pm
Oct 24	LENOIR-RHYNE	2:30 pm
Oct 31	AT TUSCULUM	2:30 pm
Nov 7	WINGATE	1:30 pm

SAC games in all CAPS

NEWBERRY (0-1 SAC, 2-2)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Aug 29	at Valdosta St.	W, 31-24
Sep 5	at Austin Peay St.	L, 23-34
Sep 19	Cumberland (Tenn.)	W, 20-3
Sep 26	at CARSON-NEWMAN	L, 20-23
Oct 3	AT CATAWBA	1:30 pm
Oct 10	MARS HILL	7 pm
Oct 17	AT WINGATE	1:30 pm
Oct 24	TUSCULUM	7 pm
Oct 31	AT LENOIR-RHYNE	2 pm
Nov 7	BREVARD	7 pm

SAC games in ALL CAPS

2009 SAC FOOTBALL RESULTS

TUSCULUM (0-1 SAC, 1-3)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug 29	at Charleston (W.Va.)	L, 14-31
Sep 12	at Elizabeth City St.	L, 29-49
Sep 19	at Urbana	W, 45-35
Sep 24	WINGATE	L, 31-42
Oct 3	LENOIR-RHYNE	7 pm
Oct 10	AT BREVARD	6 pm
Oct 17	CATAWBA	2 pm
Oct 24	AT NEWBERRY	7 pm
Oct 31	MARS HILL	2:30 pm
Nov 7	AT CARSON-NEWMAN	1 pm

SAC games in all CAPS

WINGATE (1-0 SAC, 3-1)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug 29	West Georgia	W, 38-17
Sep 5	North Greenville	W, 33-14
Sep 12	at UNC Pembroke	L, 13-24
Sep 24	AT TUSCULUM	W, 42-31
Oct 3	BREVARD	1:30 pm
Oct 10	AT LENOIR-RHYNE	2 pm
Oct 17	NEWBERRY	1:30 pm
Oct 24	AT CATAWBA	1:30 pm
Oct 31	CARSON-NEWMAN	1:30 pm
Nov 7	AT MARS HILL	1:30 pm

SAC games in ALL CAPS



SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE
CHAMPIONSHIPS

AFCA Coaches Poll

September 21, 2009

Rank	School (1st votes)	2009 Rec.	Pts	Previous
1.	Grand Valley St. (Mich.) (24)	4-0	624	1
2.	Abilene Christian (Texas)	4-0	593	2
3.	North Alabama (1)	4-0	577	3
4.	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	4-0	542	4
5.	Central Washington	4-0	508	5
6.	Northwest Missouri St.	3-1	484	6
7.	Minnesota St.-Mankato	4-0	464	7
8.	Minnesota-Duluth	3-1	443	8
9.	Delta St. (Miss.)	2-1	423	9
10.	Texas A&M-Kingsville	4-0	413	10
11.	Central Missouri	4-0	378	12
12.	Albany St. (Ga.)	3-0	327	13
13.	Catawba (N.C.)	3-0	319	14
14.	Tarleton St. (Texas)	4-0	269	19
15.	Ashland (Ohio)	3-1	258	18
16.	Tuskegee (Ala.)	3-1	223	17
17.	Midwestern St. (Texas)	4-0	210	24
18.	Missouri Western St.	4-0	203	NR
19.	Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.)	3-1	175	23
20.	Charleston (W.Va.)	4-0	148	NR
21.	Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)	3-0	116	NR
22.	Wayne St. (Neb.)	3-1	75	20
23.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	2-2	67	11
24.	Edinboro (Pa.)	3-1	56	NR
25.	Winona St. (Minn.)	3-1	47	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Washburn (Kan.), 44; Wayne St. (Mich.), 38; Augustana (S.D.), 15; Indiana (Pa.), 14; California (Pa.), 13; Hillsdale (Mich.), 9; North Carolina-Pembroke, 8; Nebraska-Kearney, 7; Valdosta St. (Ga.), 7; **Newberry (S.C.), 5**; Lincoln (Pa.), 4; West Liberty St. (W.Va.), 4; Chadron St. (Neb.), 3; Colorado St.-Pueblo, 3; West Alabama, 3; Shaw (N.C.), 2; Bentley (Mass.), 1; Carson-Newman (Tenn.), 1; Findlay (Ohio), 1; **Wingate (N.C.), 1.**

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September 22, 2009

Rank	School	2009
1	Grand Valley	4-0
2	Abilene Christian	4-0
3	North Alabama	4-0
4	Central Washington	4-0
5	Bloomsburg	4-0
6	Northwest Missouri	3-1
7	Texas A&M-Kingsville	4-0
8	Minnesota State	4-0
9	Minnesota-Duluth	3-1
10	Delta State	2-1
11	Catawba	3-0
12	Ashland	3-1
13	Central Missouri	4-0
14	Tarleton State	4-0
15	Missouri Western	4-0
16	Newberry	2-1
17	Albany State	3-0
18	Saginaw Valley	3-1
19	Pittsburg State	2-2
20	Wayne State (Ne)	3-1
21	Midwestern State	4-0
22	Tuskegee	3-1
23	IUP	3-1
24	Nebraska-Kearney	3-1
25	Charleston	4-0