

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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A NEW HERITAGE BOWL

NEW ALL-STAR GAME IN CALI; MEAC TOURNEY OUT OF RALEIGH AFTER 2008

COMEY: Head coach of SWAC champion Jackson State to coach Southwest squad in inaugural American Heritage Bowl.

2007-08 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	DIV		ALL	
E. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Virginia Union	2	0	9	2
Bowie State	2	1	9	5
Virginia State	1	1	5	10
Eliz. City State	0	1	7	4
St. Paul's	0	2	2	5
W. DIVISION				
St. Augustine's	2	0	10	2
J. C. Smith	2	0	9	4
Livingstone	1	1	7	6
Fayetteville State	0	1	6	8
Shaw	0	3	3	10

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Hampton	3	0	8	6
Norfolk State	3	0	6	8
Delaware State	2	0	5	9
Morgan State	2	1	7	8
SC State	1	1	5	11
NC A&T State	1	2	6	9
Bethune-Cookman	1	2	6	10
Florida A&M	1	2	5	10
Howard	1	2	4	12
Md.-Eastern Shore	0	2	2	14
Coppin State	0	3	3	13

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Benedict	5	1	7	3
Albany State	5	1	7	3
Kentucky State	6	2	7	4
Morehouse	4	2	7	3
LeMoyne Owen	3	2	3	7
Miles	5	4	7	6
Clark Atlanta	3	3	4	6
Tuskegee	2	2	2	6
Paine	2	5	3	8
Fort Valley State	1	5	2	9
Lane	1	6	1	9
Stillman	0	4	0	8

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Texas Southern	3	0	4	12
Jackson State	3	1	5	12
Alabama State	3	1	7	7
Southern	3	1	5	10
Ark. Pine Bluff	2	1	6	8
Alcorn State	2	2	3	14
Miss. Valley St.	1	2	3	11
Alabama A&M	1	3	4	10
Prairie View A&M	0	3	2	13
Grambling State	0	4	0	11

INDEPENDENTS	W		L	
Central State	13	1		
Xavier (La.)	13	3		
Edward Waters	8	5		
Univ. District of Columbia	8	4		
Cheyney	7	4		
Florida Memorial	6	6		
West Virginia State	6	7		
Winston-Salem State	6	8		
Tennessee State	6	10		
Savannah State	9	13		
Lincoln (Mo.)	4	9		
Lincoln (Pa.)	1	13		
N. C. Central	1	21		

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
BRAD BYERSON, 6-6, Sr., F, VCU, Colonial Hts., VA - In 3 games, Byerson scored 69 points (23.0 ppg.), had 15 rebounds (5.0 rpg.) while making 30 of 52 (57.6) shots from the field. Topped out at 27 points, 8 rebounds in win over Chowan.
ADRIAN MOFFATT, 6-4, Fr., G, SPC, Newport News, VA - Tallied 43 points (14.3 ppg.) in 3 games, including earning 8 of 17 3-pointers. Totalled 19 points vs. Lincoln.
COACH DAVE ROBBINS, VUU - Collected 3 wins, notching his 700th victory in win over St. Paul's. 26th coach in NCAA history to reach plateau, fifth in Div. II.

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
JAMAR SMITH, 6-3, Sr., G, MSU, Brooklyn Park, MN - Had game-high 26 points on 11-of-18 shooting in win over NC A&T, added 9 rebounds. Had 12 points in loss Monday to Norfolk State.
ROOKIE BRANDON MONROE, 6-7, So., F, NSU, Raeford, NC - Averaged 7.5 points and 7.0 rebounds as Spartans ran win streak to three games. Was 5 of 6 from the field for career-high 11 points vs. NCCU.
BOUBACAR COLY, 6-8, Sr., C, MSU, Senegal - Third consecutive award. Had 16 points, 9 rebounds and 2 blocks vs. NC A&T, 24 points, 12 rebounds, 3 blocks in loss to Norfolk State.

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
SCHERARON KING, 6-3, Jr., G, ALBANY STATE, Staten Island, NY - Averaged 17.5 points, 7.5 rebounds and 1.5 blocked shots in wins over Lane and Kentucky State.

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
CHRIS DAVIS, 6-1, Jr., G, SOUTHERN, Baton Rouge, LA - Averaged 17 points in each win over Jackson State and Grambling State adding 4 rebounds vs. JSU and 5 vs. GSU. Shot 7 of 11 from the field in both games.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
SHAUN DUMAS, 5-11, Jr., G, XAVIER, New Orleans, LA - Tallied 18 points and dished out 7 assists in Thursday's 76-74 win over SUNO and was held to 8 points in Monday's 52-49 loss to Tougaloo.

THRU GAMES OF MONDAY, JAN. 14

SCORES

MON., JAN. 14 MEN	MON., JAN. 14 WOMEN
MEAC Delaware St. 66, WSSU 59 Hampton 69, Florida A&M 63 Howard 54, B-Cookman 53 Norfolk St. 71, Morgan St. 69 NC A&T 59, Coppin State 56 SC State 68, UMES 60 SWAC Alabama St. 69, UAPB 40 Alcorn St. 72, Grambling St. 68 MVSU 68, Alabama A&M 63 Southern 85, Jackson State 69 SIAC Claflin 67, Ft. Valley St. 63 Miles 65, Clark Atlanta 62	MEAC Delaware St. 49, WSSU 27 Hampton 80, Florida A&M 72 Howard 79, B-Cookman 70 Morgan St. 84, Norfolk St. 54 NC A&T 61, Coppin State 50 SC State 65, UMES 62 SWAC Alabama A&M 70, MVSU 59 Alabama St. 60, UAPB 55 Alcorn St. 68, Grambling St. 49 Jackson St. 58, Southern 46 SIAC Claflin 67, Ft. Valley St. 63 Miles 65, Clark Atlanta 62

MEAC tourney looks for traction, home

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BCSP Correspondent

The Mid Eastern Athletic Conference basketball tournament is looking for a future home after Raleigh, N.C., mayor Meeker informed Commissioner Dennis Thomas by fax last month that his city was not interested in hosting the weeklong event after this year.

The MEAC brought its men's and women's tournament to Raleigh two years ago, signing a three-year contract, after the city lost the highly successful CIAA tournament to Charlotte.

Thomas says he "was totally surprised" to receive the fax from Meeker since the mayor had indicated over the summer that he wanted to extend the contract. Thomas says when he met with Meeker in October the extent of the conversation was to extend the contract.

The tournament is scheduled this year for March 10-15.

Thomas said the conference stopped looking for a new site for the tournament based on his discussions with Meeker. The manner in which Meeker informed Thomas that Raleigh was no longer interested in hosting the MEAC tournament was as upsetting to the commissioner as the news itself.

"I didn't get a phone call or anything," Thomas says. "I was disappointed not to get a courtesy call. I let him know that I at least deserved a call."

When Meeker and Thomas spoke, the mayor told him that Gale Force, which operates the RBC

Center - the site of the tournament - wanted additional money from the contract.

Thomas now turns his attention to finding a new home for the tournament. Norfolk (Va.), Richmond (Va.), Winston-Salem (N.C.) and Fayetteville (N.C.) have been mentioned, but Thomas says he is unable to comment beyond saying several cities are interested in hosting it.

"The future is bright for the MEAC Tournament," he says, adding that he hopes to have identified a new home by summer.

Winston-Salem State University athletic director **Chico Caldwell**, a member of the Greater Winston-Salem Sports Commission, told the *Winston-Salem Journal* he is in favor of Winston-Salem hosting the tournament. He also said the commission hadn't discussed the MEAC tournament. If Winston-Salem lands the tournament, games would be played at the 14,500-seat Joel Coliseum.

The *Virginian-Pilot* of Newport News, Va., reported that Mayor Paul Fraim of Norfolk wants his city to bid for the tournament, which would be played at The Scope, which seats 10,000.

The MEAC tournament has failed to generate the excitement and fan interest that is associated with the older and more established CIAA tournament, which attracted 100,000 fans for the 2005 tournament, its last over a six-year stay in Raleigh, before moving to Charlotte where it has continued its success.



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COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Faces finding a new home for the MEAC Basketball Tournament after Raleigh belatedly informed him that the city would not renew.

Attendance for the MEAC tournament has increased in its two years in Raleigh. The week-long tournament drew 23,000 fans in 2006, its first year in Raleigh. That figure increased to about 30,000 last year. The RBC Center seats more than 19,000.

"We've been very pleased with our growth and how we've increased attendance since we left Richmond (previous host of the tournament)," Thomas says. "We're getting there."

Still, the CIAA tournament, with its more than 60-year history and rich tradition, is the yardstick by which black college tournaments are measured. The MEAC tournament compares poorly to it as it struggles with attendance and

stability. "People are going to compare what they compare," Thomas says. "We have no control over that. Commissioner (Leon) Kerry and the CIAA have done an outstanding job. We applaud them for the work they've done over the years. We're trying to make the MEAC tournament the best it can be."

In the meantime, the CIAA tournament remains the hotter of the two tickets, and the popularity gap between the postseason events isn't showing any signs of decreasing.

A fraternity in Southern Maryland, for example, is sponsoring a \$5 raffle to benefit its scholarship fund. First prize is a trip to the CIAA tournament, which includes airfare, hotel accommodations and \$300 cash. Second prize is a 42-inch plasma TV. Third prize is \$500 cash. Fourth prize is two tickets to the MEAC tournament.

Hoping to boost attendance and interest for this year's tournament, the MEAC has arranged for arch-rivals **Winston-Salem State** and **North Carolina Central** to play a game between the men's and women's championship games on March 15. Winston-Salem State will become eligible for the MEAC tournament during the 2009-10 season. North Carolina Central also hopes to join the MEAC and would be eligible for the tournament in 2010-2011.

Thomas said other entertainment and ancillary events aimed at making the tournament more attractive will be announced in the near future.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FOOTBALL ALL-STAR GAME:

An all-star football game for black college seniors will debut later this month at Titan Field at Cal State Fullerton. The Fight On Foundation's inaugural *Navy - Army American Heritage Bowl* will be played on January 26 at 6:15 p.m. and will be televised by tape delay on ESPNU on Friday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m. **Delaware State** Head Coach **Al Lavan** and **Jackson State** Head Coach **Rick Comegy** have agreed to coach the two teams, with Lavan coaching the Navy Northeast Team and Comegy handling the Marine Corps Southwest team. Lavan, who guided the Hornets to the 2007 Mid Eastern Athletic Conference championship, will bring his coaching staff along with seven Hornet seniors - CB **Akeem Green**, MLB **Russell Reeves**, OG **Jeremy Breath**, DE **Kelly Rouse**, PK **Peter Gaertner**, P **Josh Bright** and TE **Jeff Postell**, Comegy, who led Jackson State to the 2007 Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship will also be joined by his staff. JSU all-SWAC linebacker **Daniel Brooks** is the only Tiger confirmed so far to play in the game, according to JSU Sports Information Director **Wesley Peterson** who expects full rosters to be named this week. The game is presented by the Henry Nicholas III Foundation and the Fight On! Foundation. The players and coaches will be spending the week prior to the game at Disneyland's Paradise Pier Hotel. The weeks activities include dinner at the ESPN Zone, visits to Disneyland, California Adventure, San Diego Navy Facility and Camp Pendleton, participation in the "Rib Bowl" sponsored by Bad To The Bone; as well as Media and Combine Day at Titan Field. The Rib Bowl will be hosted by the Nicholas Foundation. According to organizers, the event is partnering with the Navy and Marines because it is the Fight On! Foundation's goal and primary purpose is to support youth development through education and athletic endeavors with secured partnerships in the public, private and military sectors.



SWAC Photo

LAVAN: Delaware State head coach to lead Navy Northeast team in inaugural American Heritage Bowl.

BCSP Notes

Simpson headed to Combine

Morgan State decorated senior running back **Chad Simpson** has been invited to the 2008 NFL Draft Combine.

Simpson becomes the first Bear to earn a spot in the NFL Combine since current Minnesota Viking tight end **Visanthe Shiancoe** in 2003. Shiancoe was a 3rd round selection by the New York Giants.

Simpson, a first-team **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** selection, was named MEAC Player of the Year after breaking Morgan State's single season record for rushing yards. He became Morgan State's third MEAC MVP in 28 years (**Darrell Coulter**, 1979), and the second in four years (**Bradshaw Littlejohn**, 2003) after running for 1,402 yards.

The Miami native also became the ninth All-American selection at Morgan State and the first in almost 15 years (**Matthew Steeple**, 1993) when he was selected to the American Football Coaches Association Football Championship Subdivision Coaches' All-America Team.

Nearly 300 of the top college football players are invited annually to participate in the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis, set



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for February 20-26. Top Executives, Coaching Staffs, Player Personnel Departments and Medical Personnel from all 32 NFL teams will be on hand to evaluate the eligible players for the upcoming NFL Draft.

SIAC hoops on TV

The **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** recently announced its list of nationally televised basketball games for the 2007-08 hoops season. Those games began Sunday with the **Albany State** vs. **Fort Valley State** men's and women's contests televised by ESPNU. The remaining schedule includes these games.

ESPN
Feb. 16 - Albany State @ Fort Valley State 12:00 pm (Men)
March 9 - SIAC Women's Championship (tape delay 3/10/08 at 2:00 pm)
March 9 - SIAC Men's Championship Game (tape delay 3/9/08 at 10:30 pm)

CSTV
February 23 - Lane @ Stillman (live) 6:00 pm (Women), 8:30 pm (Men)

CSTV Broadband Games:
March 1- Tuskegee @ Stillman (live) 2:00 p T (Men)

STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS ON BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS IN NFL CONFERENCE FINALS

AFC			
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (2)			
29	Drayton Florence	CB	5 Tuskegee
24	Cletis Gordon	CB	2 Jackson State
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (0)			
NFC			
NEW YORK GIANTS (2)			
33	Geoffrey Pope	CB	R Howard
92	Michael Strahan	DE	15 Texas Southern
GREEN BAY PACKERS (5)			
36	Nick Collins	FS	3 Bethune-Cookman
62	Junious Coston	G	3 NC A&T
80	Donald Driver	WR	9 Alcorn State
41	Frank Walker	DB	5 Tuskegee
59	Tracy White	LB	5 Howard

SOURCE: NFL Team Rosters, NFL.com

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