

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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## PANTHERS ON TOP IN CIAA

**ROBBINS:** Has led Panthers back to top of CIAA standings and likely into national rankings

**MEAC, SWAC, CIAA LEADERS FACE CHALLENGES; BIG TRANSFER TO TSU**

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

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	DIV	ALL	W	L
E. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Virginia Union	3	0	12	2
Bowie State	2	1	11	5
Virginia State	1	2	6	11
Eliz. City State	0	1	9	4
St. Paul's	0	2	4	6
W. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
St. Augustine's	3	0	11	3
J. C. Smith	2	0	10	5
Livingstone	1	1	7	7
Fayetteville State	0	1	6	10
Shaw	0	4	3	12

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	PLAYER	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
		DIV	ALL	W	L
ANTHONY HILLIARD, 6-3, Jr., G, ECSU, Fayetteville, NC - In 2 games, Hilliard hit 25 of 41 shots and 15 of 17 FGs, averaged 32.5 points and 14.5 rebounds per game. He tallied a career-high 42 points in win over Lincoln.	ROY BRIGHT, 6-6, Sr., F, DSU, Durham, NC - Averaged 22 ppg., shooting 57% from the field in 2-0 week. Against WSSU, he had 24 points, 4 rebounds and 2 blocks. Followed with 20 points, 6 rebounds vs. NSU. Had 23 points vs NC A&T.				
	LUKE D'ALESSIO, BSU - His Bulldogs went 2-0 to run their win streak to five with wins over JC Smith and Livingstone.				

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Hampton	4	0	10	6
Norfolk State	4	1	7	9
Morgan State	4	1	9	8
Delaware State	3	1	6	10
NC A&T State	3	2	8	9
SC State	2	2	6	12
Bethune-Cookman	2	3	7	11
Florida A&M	2	3	6	11
Howard	1	3	4	14
Md.-Eastern Shore	0	4	2	16
Coppin State	0	5	4	15

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	PLAYER	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
		CONF	ALL	W	L
THOMAS COLEMAN, 6-9, Fr., C, NCA&T, Louisville, KY - Had 11 boards, 9 blocks vs. Coppin State, averaged 6 points, 8 rebounds, 5.5 blocks in 2 games.	BOUBACAR COLY, 6-8, Sr., C, MSU, Senegal - 24 points, 12 rebounds, 3 blocks vs. NSU, 19 rebounds, 6 blocks vs. FAMU.				

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Benedict	8	1	10	3
LeMoyné Owen	7	3	7	8
Morehouse	6	3	9	4
Albany State	5	3	7	5
Miles	6	4	8	6
Kentucky State	6	4	7	6
Paine	5	5	6	8
Clark Atlanta	4	4	5	7
Tuskegee	3	3	3	7
Fort Valley State	1	7	2	11
Lane	1	9	1	12
Stillman	0	6	0	10

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	PLAYER	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
		CONF	ALL	W	L
KENNY BOYD, 6-8, Jr., C, MOREHOUSE, Meridian, MS - Averaged 15.3 points per game, 10.7 rebounds, 4 assists and 5 blocks in 3 games.	LEON MCKINNEY, 6-3, Jr., G, MILES, Birmingham, AL - In wins over LeMoyné-Owen and Clark Atlanta, averaged 23.5 points, 7 rebounds, 2.5 steals and 1.5 assists.				

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	DIV	ALL	W	L
Alabama State	4	1	8	7
Southern	4	2	6	11
Jackson State	4	2	6	13
Ark. Pine Bluff	3	2	7	9
Texas Southern	3	2	4	14
Miss. Valley St.	3	2	5	11
Prairie View A&M	2	3	4	13
Alcorn State	2	4	3	16
Alabama A&M	1	4	4	11
Grambling State	1	5	1	12

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	PLAYER	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
		DIV	ALL	W	L
BRIAN EZEHE, 6-5, Sr., G/F, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M, Houston, TX - Scored 21 points on 9 of 13 shooting from the field and had 13 rebounds and 6 steals as the Panthers knocked out Jackson State Saturday. Came back to get 14 in win Monday over Grambling State.	LEON MCKINNEY, 6-3, Jr., G, MILES, Birmingham, AL - In wins over LeMoyné-Owen and Clark Atlanta, averaged 23.5 points, 7 rebounds, 2.5 steals and 1.5 assists.				

INDEPENDENTS	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
Central State	14	2		
Xavier (La.)	13	3		
Edward Waters	10	6		
Univ. District of Columbia	9	5		
Cheyney	8	6		
Florida Memorial	9	7		
West Virginia State	8	7		
Winston-Salem State	7	9		
Tennessee State	8	10		
Savannah State	10	14		
Lincoln (Mo.)	5	10		
Lincoln (Pa.)	1	16		
N. C. Central	1	22		

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	PLAYER	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
		DIV	ALL	W	L
ANTWON HAWKINGS, 6-5, Sr., G, UDC, Mitchellville, MD - Scored 18 points and pulled down a game-high 19 rebounds in a 75-73 loss vs. Virginia Union Friday. Came back to get 14 points and five boards in 66-63 win over Cheyney Sunday.	JARRYN CLEAVES, XAVIER (La.) - Scored 17 points as the No. 21 Gold Nuggets held off Mobile 73-60.				

THRU GAMES OF MONDAY, JAN. 21

## SCORES

MON., JAN. 21 MEN	MON., JAN. 21 WOMEN
MEAC Florida A&M 63, Coppin St. 48 Hampton 64, W-Salem St. 62 Morgan St. 59, B-Cookman 50 Norfolk State 84, Md. E-Shore 65 NC A&T 63, Delaware State 61 SC State 60, Howard 58	MEAC Coppin State 90, Florida A&M 62 Hampton 58, W-Salem State 38 Md.-E. Shore 88, Norfolk State 65 Morgan St. 54, B-Cookman 51 NC A&T 64, Delaware State 57 SC State 97, Howard 45
SWAC Ark.-Pine Bluff 74, Alcorn St. 68 Jackson St. 69, Texas S'tern 57 Miss. Valley St. 61, Southern 58 Prairie View 76, Grambling St. 69	SWAC Alabama St. 59, Savannah St. 56 Ark. Pine Bluff 62, Alcorn State 57 Jackson St. 62, Tex S'tern 54, OT Prairie View 66, Grambling St. 50 Southern 60, MVSU 46
SIAC LeMoyné-Owen 66, Tuskegee 60 Stillman 83, Miles 69	SIAC Miles 57, Stillman 52 Tuskegee 84, Lemoyne-Owen 60

# Hoops leaders in for tough tests

### LUT WILLIAMS

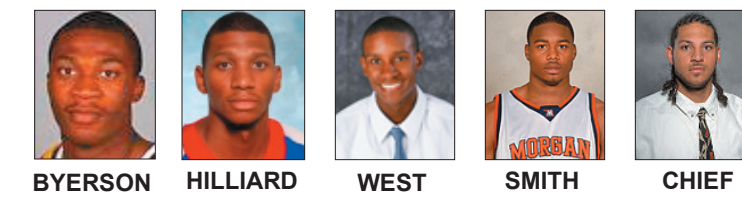
BCSP Editor  
With its convincing 85-61 win over previously nationally-ranked **St. Augustine's** on Jan. 15, **Virginia Union** (12-2, 3-0) should join the nation's top ranked teams when the NCAA Div. II men's basketball Top 25 coaches poll is announced.

The Panthers were unranked last week while St. Aug.'s was ranked 23rd. The poll is released Tuesday afternoon.

Brothers, senior **Brad** (16.8 ppg., 8.2 rpg.) and sophomore **Brandon** (12.3 ppg.) **Byerson**, are leading the Panthers, whose only losses this season were a 74-69 home loss to **Fayetteville State** early in the campaign and a two-point loss (76-74) to nationally ranked (18th) **Augusta State** in mid-December. VUU avenged that FSU loss with a 72-68 road win on Jan. 8.

The Panthers will travel Sunday to face off against CIAA East Division rival **Elizabeth City State** in a rematch of last year's CIAA Tournament championship game and the featured games on this week's CIAA schedule. The game will be televised on the CIAA TV Network beginning at 4:05 p.m. The Vikings (9-4, 0-1) have a loss in the division to **Virginia State** (6-11, 1-2).

ECSU senior forward **Anthony Hilliard** is having a great season following up on his CIAA Tournament most valuable player award from last year. Hilliard is currently second



BYERSON HILLIARD WEST SMITH CHIEF

in CIAA scoring stats (18.3 ppg.), just ahead of Byerson, and leads the league pulling down 11.5 rebounds per game. Byerson is fifth in that category.

Elsewhere in the CIAA, In the MEAC, all eyes are likely to be on Hampton Monday when the league-leading **Hampton Pirates** (10-6, 4-0) host the Bears of **Morgan State** (9-8, 4-1) at 8 p.m.

The match-up not only features two of the top scorers in the conference in Hampton senior guard **Rashad West** (18.1 ppg.) and Morgan State senior forward **Jamar Smith** (17.4 ppg.) but also will feature second-year coaches **Kevin Nickelberry** (HU) and **Todd Bozeman** (MSU) matching wits.

Both coaches have burst on the MEAC scene bringing fresh talent and new playing styles that have taken the conference by storm. Nickelberry's Pirates were the pre-season pick of coaches to win this year's title with Bozeman's Bears fourth. Many feel this could be a prelude to the teams meeting in the tournament finals.

The only conference blemish on either's ledger so far is a last-second 71-69 loss by MSU at **Norfolk State**

on Jan. 14.  
Prior to their meeting Monday, Hampton hosts **Coppin State** (4-15, 0-5) while MSU is at **Howard** (4-14, 1-3).

Among other MEAC leaders, **N. C. A&T** (8-9, 3-2), fresh off a win over three-time regular season champ **Delaware State** Monday, has a non-conference game at nearby rival **Winston-Salem State** Saturday before hosting **S. C. State** Monday.

DSU (6-10, 3-1) is at **Bethune-Cookman** Saturday and at **Florida A&M** Monday. **Norfolk State** (7-9, 4-1) hosts SC State Saturday and plays at WSSU on Monday.

**Alabama State** (8-7, 4-1), who has gotten off to the best start and currently sits atop a tightly-bunched **SWAC** race, has two games on the road over the next week where wins in the SWAC are hard to come by.

The Hornets travel to **Alcorn State** (3-16, 2-4) Saturday before facing one of their closest pursuers, **Southern** (6-11, 4-2) Monday.

The Hornets are scoring at a 69.3 points per game clip, best in the conference, and are led by sophomore guard **Andrew Hayles** 13.1 points per game. Senior **Brandon Gordon** is also scoring in double

### GAMES THIS WEEK

1 SATURDAY, JANUARY 26	
CIAA SAC @ Morris BSU @ JCSU SPC @ FSU LC @ SU	SIAC BC @ LOC CAU @ SC KSU @ Central St MC vs. Paine MHC @ TU
MEAC DSU @ BCU UMES @ FAMU NC A&T @ WSSU CSU @ Hampton SCSU @ NSU MSU @ Howard	SWAC AA&M @ SU GSU @ JSU ALST @ ALC UAPB @ PV MVSU @ TSU
CIAA SAC @ VSSU BSU @ ECSU LC @ SPC SU @ VUU	SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 VUU @ ECSU
MEAC UMES @ BCU DSU @ FAMU SCSU @ NC A&T CSU @ Howard MSU @ Hampton WSSU @ NSU	MONDAY, JANUARY 28 SWAC ALST @ SU AA&M @ ALC UAPB @ TSU MVSU @ PV
CIAA SAC @ VSSU BSU @ ECSU LC @ SPC SU @ VUU	TUESDAY, JANUARY 29 SIAC ASU vs. LOC BC @ PC CAU vs. Clafin FVSSU vs. MC KSU vs. TU LC vs. Stillman

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### FOOTBALL ALL-AMERICANS:

Kick returner **De'Audra Dix** of **Johnson C. Smith** and defensive linemen **Alex Hall** of **St. Augustine's** and **Curtis Johnson** of **Clark Atlanta** were named to the D2Football.com All-America first team announced last week. Defensive tackle **Louis Ellis** of **Shaw**, the CIAA defensive player of the year, was named to the second team. Dix topped the black college charts and finished fourth nationally (31.2 ypr.) in kickoff returns. Johnson led the nation with 1.2 sacks per game, 13.5 overall in 11 games. Hall posted seven sacks and 15 tackles for loss in nine games. Clark Atlanta punter **Brandon Larkin**, the top black college punter rated third nationally (43.6 avg.) amongst D2 punters, received honorable mention.



St. Aug.'s Photo

**HALL:** St. Augustine's prospect got 1.5 sacks and a fumble recovery in last week's Cactus Bowl.

## BCSP Notes

### Former Steeler Holmes felled in car accident

**Ernie Holmes**, a product of **Texas Southern** and a two-time Super Bowl champion with the Pittsburgh Steelers, died last week after his car left a road and rolled several times near Lumberton, about 80 miles from Houston, a Texas Department of Public Safety dispatcher said. He was 59. Holmes, driving alone and not wearing a seat belt, was ejected and died at the scene, the department said.

Holmes, drafted out of TSU in the eighth round of the 1971 draft, was part of a defense that held Minnesota to 17 yards rushing and 119 total yards in the 1975 Super Bowl. The Steelers won their first title, 16-6. They were back a year later, beating Dallas 21-17 for the championship. He played five of his six years in the NFL with Pittsburgh.

The Steelers remembered him as a devastating and intimidating force on a defense full of them. He was part of a famous front four that included "Mean" Joe Greene, **L.C. Greenwood** (**Arkansas-Pine Bluff**) and Dwight White.

"Ernie was a very colorful person that you couldn't help but like off the football field — a little different on the field as we well know," White said. "Ernie had gotten into the ministry and ... was a true inspiration to Joe, L.C., and myself when we were together. You know, it's all about where you end up, and Ernie blossomed into an individual that I respected, admired and will miss."



HOLMES

### Former Oklahoma State QB transferring to Texas Southern

Former Oklahoma State quarterback **Bobby Reid** said Friday he will join new head coach **Johnny Cole** at **Texas Southern** for his final season rather than keep himself eligible for the NFL draft.

Reid, who decided to leave the Cowboys after a season in which he was benched after two games, made the decision hours after the NCAA granted him a waiver to transfer to a Championship Subdivision school. Reid's decision was first reported by Houston television station KRIV. He graduated from OSU in December.

Reid entered last season seemingly entrenched as the Cowboys' starter, having held the job since midway through his freshman season. But he left a Sept. 8 game against Florida Atlantic with an injury, opening the door for Zac Robinson, who started Oklahoma State's last 11 games. Reid played sparingly for the rest of the season.

Reid went to high school at Galena Park North Shore in suburban Houston and was one of the most highly touted recruits in OSU history. Reid sat out his freshman year after he suffered a shoulder injury in OSU's 2004 spring game, an injury that went undetected in high school. He started all 13 games as a sophomore, passing for 2,266 yards, 24 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. He rushed for 500 yards and five scores. After leading OSU to a 7-6 season in 2005, capped by a win in the Independence Bowl, Reid was considered one of the top quarterbacks in the Big 12.



REID

## STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS ON BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### ROSTERS FOR AMERICAN HERITAGE BOWL

The best black college senior football players will take the field Saturday in the inaugural American Heritage Bowl. The game at Cal State Fullerton's Titan Field will be part of a football doubleheader, dubbed the NAVY Marine Corps All-Star Classic with the Heritage Bowl preceded by the Southern California Bowl, a high school all-star contest. The AHB will be taped for broadcast on ESPNU on Friday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m. Below are the rosters for the two teams.

#### MARINE CORPS SOUTHWEST

Gerard Landry, WR, Southern  
Ivan Diggs Jr., LB, Ft. Valley St.  
Tim Manuel, K/P, Grambling  
Corey Clark, DT, Jackson State  
Lester Mosley, LB, Alcorn State  
Clarence Smith, CB, Langston  
Nate Hughes, WR, Alcorn State  
Lorenzo Breland, OL, Jackson St.  
Antonio Cooper, LB, Alcorn State  
Reginald Jackson, WR, Grambling  
Kelcy Luke, QB, Alabama A&M  
Jay Peck, RB, Alabama State  
Randall Bennett, OT, Grambling  
Tavarus Cockrell, C, Grambling  
Jon Johnson, LB, Prairie View  
Lavarus Giles, RB/KR, Jackson St.  
Chris Johnson, WR, Jackson St.  
Jarmal George, DB, Southern  
Charles Moody, TE, Alabama A&M  
Tim Abney, TE, Grambling  
Jaymar Johnson, WR, Jackson St.  
Daniel Brooks, LB, Jackson St.  
Jimmy Oliver, QB, Jackson State  
Michael Figgers, LB, Alabama St.  
Idrees Rasheed, LB/DE, Jackson St.  
Thaddeus Coleman, OT, MVSU  
Maurice Robinson, OL, Prairie View  
Daylan Deal, OL, Prairie View A&M  
Ernest Williams, DB, Florida A&M  
Harvey Logan, LB, Stillman  
Darren Coates, RB, Southern  
John Scroggins, DL, Grambling  
Trent Thomas, TE, Southern  
Chris Salvant, DB, Texas Southern  
Terrence Stringer, DB, Tuskegee  
Larry Peoples, OT, Tuskegee

#### NAVY NORTHEAST

Frederick Williams, LB, JC Smith  
DeAudra Dix, DB/KR, JC Smith  
Akeem Green, CB, Delaware St.  
Russell Reeves, LB, Delaware St.  
Jeremy Breath, OL, Delaware St.  
Kelly Rouse, DE, Delaware State  
Marquez Davis, LB, Norfolk State  
Maguel Davis, LB, Norfolk State  
Casey Hansen, QB, Norfolk State  
Larry Shipp, WR, Tennessee State  
Josh Brite, P/K, Delaware State  
Jeff Postell, TE, Delaware State  
Broder. Jamison, SS/LB, Tenn. Tech  
Curtis Walls, WR, N. Carolina A&T  
Peter Gaertner, K, Delaware State  
Jason Kressen, OL, Norfolk State  
Nartavious Mitchell, OL, Kentucky St.  
Brian Johnson, QB, Howard  
Robert Dowdy, LB, Howard  
Randell Means, DB, Howard  
Jarrah Williams, WR, Howard  
Dexter Bailey, TE, Norfolk State  
Garry Battle, OL, Fayetteville State  
Greg Moore, DE, Elizabeth City St.  
Daryl Jones, RB, Norfolk State  
Jeremy Carthen, LB, Eliz. City St.  
Raiph Manns, C/G, JCSmith  
Zack Davis, TE, Kentucky State  
Shawn Richardson, DE, Tenn. St.  
DiMarques Floyd, OL, Howard  
Jarrett Jackson, DT, Virginia Union  
Chris Wallace, QB, Ark.-Pine Bluff  
Jason Jones, WR, Ark.-Pine Bluff  
Lennox Norville, RB, Delaware St.  
Pat Kapunia, OL, Ark.-Pine Bluff  
Elihu Smith, RB, Virginia Union  
Andre Lemont Kennard, Delaware St.

HEAD COACH  
Rick Comegy, Jackson State

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