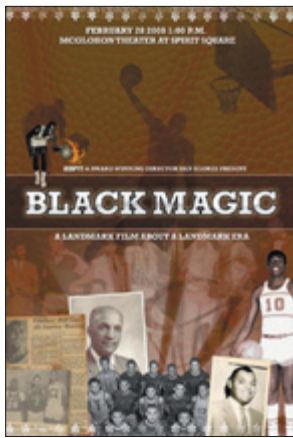


# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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## PEARLS OF WISDOM

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**HOOPS AND HISTORY:** Documentary to chronicle parallel between HBCUs and Civil Rights struggle.

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Virginia Union (E)	12	4	5	1	17	6	Norfolk State	10	2	14	10	LeMoyne Owen	13	6	13	11	Jackson State	8	5	10	16	Xavier (La.)	20	4	Cheyney	16	7	West Virginia State	17	8		
Bowie State (E)	12	5	4	3	18	7	Hampton	8	3	15	9	Miles	11	7	13	10	Ark. Pine Bluff	7	6	11	13	Cheyney	16	7	Edward Waters	17	9	Univ. District of Columbia	14	8		
St. Augustine's (W)	11	6	5	2	15	8	Delaware State	8	4	11	13	Paine	11	7	12	11	Miss. Valley St.	7	6	9	15	West Virginia State	17	8	Florida Memorial	12	13	Tennessee State	13	15		
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Fayetteville St. (W)	8	8	5	1	12	12	Florida A&M	5	7	9	16	Kentucky State	10	7	11	11	Grambling State	6	7	6	14	Univ. District of Columbia	14	8	Florida Memorial	12	13	Tennessee State	13	15		
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Livingstone (W)	6	10	1	5	12	13	Bethune-Cookman	4	8	10	16	Albany State	8	11	10	13	Alabama A&M	5	7	8	14	Winston-Salem State	9	15	Winston-Salem State	9	15	Lincoln (Mo.)	7	16		
St. Paul's (E)	3	13	0	6	7	21	Coppin State	4	8	9	19	Tuskegee	7	11	7	16	Prairie View A&M	5	7	7	17	Alcorn State	4	9	5	21	Lincoln (Pa.)	3	20	N. C. Central	3	23
Shaw (W)	1	16	1	7	4	24	Howard	2	9	5	21	Morehouse	8	12	11	13	Alcorn State	4	9	5	21	Lincoln (Pa.)	3	20	N. C. Central	3	23					
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## Last go-round in CIAA

**LUT WILLIAMS**  
BCSP Editor

CIAA basketball is in its last week of regular season play before next week's (Feb. 25-March 1) Tournament in Charlotte, and though brackets won't be announced until Sunday, Feb. 24, the top teams and opening round pairings are all but set.

On the men's side, head coach **Shawn Walker** and his first-place **Elizabeth City State** (20-4, 13-3) Vikings take a 13-game winning streak into the final week with games against their closest pursuers. The Vikings played Tuesday (2/19) at third-place **Bowie State** (18-7, 12-5) before wrapping up the first part of its season Thursday (Feb. 21) at second-place **Virginia Union** (17-6, 12-4).

Regardless of the outcomes of those games, ECSU, VUU, BSU, **St. Augustine's** (15-8, 11-6), **Johnson C. Smith** (16-9, 10-7) and **Fayetteville State** (12-12, 8-8) will enter the tournament as the top six seeds and avoid

the Wednesday, Feb. 27 opening round games.

The only seeds left to be determined on the men's side are sixth and seventh with **Livingstone** and **Virginia State** entering the week tied with 6-10 league marks. Both have two games this week that will determine their final seeding.

The only question about the top six seeds on the women's side is at No. 6, where the battle between **Elizabeth City State** (5-11), **Livingstone** (5-12), **St. Paul's** (5-12) and **Virginia State** (4-12) will go down to the wire.

**SIAC**  
With the **SIAC** Tournament (March 5-8) scheduled a week after the CIAA Tourney this season, conference teams have two weeks of regular season play left.

**Benedict** (19-4, 16-2) has a commanding four-game lead on its men's counterparts with four games left on its schedule. All four games are on the road but against teams at the bottom half of the current standings.

**Tuskegee** (13-6, 12-2) has a slim half-game lead over **Fort Valley State** (15-7, 12-3) in the women's race. **Kentucky State** (13-7, 10-3) is lurking just behind in third place. Tuskegee hosts **Kentucky State** Saturday (3 p.m.) in a key matchup of conference leaders.

**MEAC and SWAC**  
Play over the last week in the **SWAC** and **MEAC** was marked by slip-ups by two teams at the top of the standings.

The women of **Prairie View** had their 12-game conference win streak snapped by **Jackson State** (70-60, OT) Saturday. The Lady Panthers (16-8, 11-1) still hold a slim half-game lead over **JSU** headed into games this week at **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** and at **Mississippi Valley State**.

In the **MEAC**, the men of **Morgan State** (16-9, 10-2) could not avoid the upset bug as they also fell in overtime on their home floor to **Florida A&M**, 90-89. The Bears



**HOT COACHES:** NSU's Anthony Evans (l., MEAC) and ECSU's Shawn Walker (r., CIAA) have their teams atop the standings.

have fallen into a tie for the top spot with new head coach **Anthony Evans'** squad at **Norfolk State** (14-10, 10-2). **Morgan State** will host **Howard** and **Hampton** this week while **Norfolk State** hits the road to play at **S. C. State** (Sat.) and at **Winston-Salem State** (Mon.). The women of **N. C. A&T** (19-5, 12-0) kept their conference record clean with victories over **UMES** and **Delaware State**. The Lady Aggies lead is at three games with its only conference matchup this week is at **SC State** Monday.

**SWAC** men's leader **Alabama State** (14-8, 10-2) has home dates against **Alcorn State** (Sat.) and **Southern** (Mon.)

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



All photos by Willie Tucker

**ALL-TIME GREATS HONORED:** The 34th Annual SBN Sports Black College All-American Awards Banquet was held Saturday at the Atlanta Marriot Marquis honoring the 24 black college all-American football stars of 2008. (Top left) Black college legends and current NFL executives Doug Williams (l.) and James Harris (r.) surround event host, actor Anthony Anderson. (Top right) AURN President Jerry Lopes (l.) and Co-Chairman Ron Davenport (r.) congratulate actor Bill Nunn, Jr., (c.) who accepted the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of his father, Bill Nunn, Sr., a longtime and pioneering scout of the Pittsburgh Steelers. (Bottom left) NFL Hall of Famer Mel Blount presents the Defensive Player of the Year award to Bethune-Cookman linebacker Ronnie McCullough. (Bottom r.) SBN Coach of the Year, Willie Slater of Tuskegee (c.) and Offensive Player of the Year, QB Jacary Atkinson (r.) share the National Championship Trophy with all-American offensive lineman and teammate Larry Peoples (l.). View the 24 honorees at <http://www.aurn.com/promotions/collegiate.asp>



## SEVEN HEADED TO COMBINE:

Seven black college seniors are among the over 300 NFL prospects that will descend on Indianapolis this week to be measured, tested and worked out by top executives, coaches, scouts and medical personnel from all 32 NFL teams at the NFL Draft Combine (Wednesday Feb. 20 thru Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis).

**Delaware State** record-setting wide receiver **Shaheer McBride**, **Kendall Langford** and **Marcus Dixon**, stalwarts on the defensive line for **Hampton**, and Offensive Player of the Year **Chad Simpson**, running back from **Morgan State**, are the four players invited from the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference**. **Jaymar Johnson**, a wide receiver for champion **Jackson State**, is the lone **Southwestern Athletic Conference** invitee as is conference Defensive Player of the Year **Curtis Johnson** of **Clark Atlanta** representing the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference**. Perhaps at the head of the list is **Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie**, an outstanding defensive back/kick returner from **Tennessee State**.

McBride (6-3, 200) finished as the Hornets all-time leader in receptions (201) and receiving yards (3,001) and tied **John Taylor's** career touchdown mark (33). **Langford** (6-6, 294, Petersburg, Va.) and **Dixon** (6-4, 295, Rome, Ga.) both finished as first team all-MEAC picks with **Langford** posting 71 tackles and five sacks with **Dixon** getting 58 tackles and six sacks. **Simpson**, a Miami native, led the MEAC and broke **MSU's** single-season rushing total with 1,402 yards.

**Curtis Johnson** (6-4, 245, Lauderhill, Fl.) totalled 13.5 sacks for 99 yards in losses to lead the **SIAC** and all black college players. **Jaymar Johnson** (6-1, 180, Gary, In.) finished among the top receivers and kick returners in the **SWAC** with 36 receptions for 613 yards and 7 TDs.

**Rodgers-Cromartie** (6-2, 185, Brentdonton, Fl.) picked off just two passes but returned both for touchdowns. He totalled 37 tackles, 28 solos, and blocked four kicks (3 field goals and one PAT). He was named a first team AP all-, was the BCSP Defensive Player of the Year and is considered the top black college pro prospect.



McBRIDE



DIXON



J. JOHNSON

## BCSP Notes

### Coppin State, McKee featured in ESPN The Magazine prelude to "Black Magic" documentary

**Coppin State's** all-MEAC guard **Tywan McKee** out of Philadelphia is the subject of a feature in this week's (Feb. 25) edition of **ESPN The Magazine**.

The story, entitled "The Good Fight," focuses on how **McKee** was recruited to play for **Coppin State** and head coach **Ron "Fang" Mitchell** by legendary former **Temple** and **Cheyney State** head coach **John Chaney**. A 6-2 senior now, **McKee** leads the **Eagles** in scoring (15.3 ppg.), seventh best in the conference, steals (1.76 pg.), assists (3.08 pg.) and free throw percentage (87.7%), which is best in the MEAC.

The story is a prelude to the **ESPN** documentary, **Black Magic**, about the injustices of the Civil Rights Movement as told through the lives of former Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) basketball coaching and playing greats such as **Clarence "Big House" Gaines**, **Earl "The Pearl" Monroe**, **Richard "Pee Wee" Kirkland**, **Avery Johnson** and **Ben Wallace** and a host of others.

The four-hour documentary by acclaimed director **Dan Flores** and co-produced by **Monroe**, is narrated by actor **Samuel L. Jackson**, jazz trumpeter **Wynton Marsalis** and young **NBA** star **Chris Paul**, and airs in two parts on **ESPN** without commercial interruption on Sunday, March 16 just after the **NCAA Men's Tournament Selection Special** and on Monday, March 17 following the **NCAA Women's Selection Special**.

Several special screenings of an edited version of the documentary have been held before its network debut and more are scheduled as follows:

Friday., Feb. 22	Winston Salem State University (Winston Salem, NC, 7 p.m., Williams Auditorium)
Saturday, Feb. 23	Cheyney University (Cheyney, PA, 6:30 p.m., Duckrey Auditorium)
Monday, Feb. 25	The Apollo Theater (Invitation Only) (New York City, 7 p.m.)
Tuesday, Feb. 26	Riverside Church (New York City, 6:30 p.m.)
Thursday, February 28	CIAA Tournament (Full Version) (Charlotte, NC, 1 p.m., McGlohon Theatre)
Tuesday, March 4	University South Carolina/Benedict



McKEE

### Lincoln readies for first grid season in 57 years

The **Lincoln University** of Pennsylvania, returning to football for the first time since 1960, inked 16 players during last week's national signing period and will begin its 2008 schedule with a home game vs. **George Mason** on August 30.

Other 2008 opponents for **Lincoln** include away games against **Southern Virginia**, **Bowie State**, **Shaw**, **Virginia State** and **Virginia Union**. In addition to **George Mason**, **Lincoln** will host **Elizabeth City State**, **Livingstone** and **Saint Paul's**. Dates and times will be announced later.

**Lincoln** will play all of its home games at **Avon Grove High School** including the first annual **Blue-and-Orange Spring Game** on Saturday April 5, 2008 beginning at 1:00 p.m. **Avon Grove High** is located eight miles from **Lincoln's** campus.

**Lincoln** last played football in 1960. According to school records, **Lincoln**, which began playing football in 1894, has compiled a 163-166-27 record. **Lincoln** won the **CIAA** championship in 1918, 1919 and 1924. **Lincoln** was one of the original founding members of the **CIAA** in 1912 along with **Howard**, **Virginia Union**, **Hampton** and **Shaw**.

### Blackwell out as Texas Southern AD

**Texas Southern** President **John Rudley** announced last week that **Alois Blackwell** has been released as the university's athletic director, effectively immediately.

New head football coach **Johnny Cole** will serve as interim athletic director while a search is conducted for a successor. **Blackwell** will remain on staff and assist during the transition.

**Blackwell** served in the position since 2001 and is credited with a number of achievements, including the 2005 opening of an **Academic Enhancement Center**. During his tenure, the **TSU** **Tigers** earned seven **SWAC** championships in various sports.



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