

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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CIAA TOURNEYS TIP IN CHARLOTTE WITH PLAYOFF BERTHS ON THE LINE

"DRC": Tennessee State defensive back blazes to second-fastest time at NFL Combine.

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

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					
	CONF		DIV		ALL	
FINAL	W	L	W	L	W	L
1-Virginia Union (E)	14	4	7	1	21	6
2-Bowie State (E)	13	5	5	3	20	7
3-Eliz. City St. (E)	13	5	3	20	6	
4-J. C. Smith (W)	11	7	6	2	18	9
5-St. Aug's (W)	11	7	5	3	16	9
6-Fayv. St. (W)	8	10	6	2	12	14
7-Livingstone (W)	8	10	3	5	14	13
8-Virginia State (E)	8	10	3	5	10	17
9-St. Paul's (E)	3	15	0	8	8	16
10-Shaw (W)	1	17	1	7	4	22

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

ANTHONY HILLIARD, Jr., G, ECSU, Fayetteville, NC - Led the league in both scoring (20.1 ppg.) and rebounding (11.1 rpg.) while shooting 49.9% from the floor. Also averaged 3.4 assists and shot 74.1% from the free throw line while finishing second in minutes played.

BRAD BYERSON, 6-7, Sr., F, VUU, Colonial Heights, VA - Finished third in the conference in rebounding (7.9) and blocks (1.25) while scoring 16.4 ppg.

HAYWARD FAIN, 6-4, Fr., F, SAC, Akron, OH - Averaged 10.7 points and 5.5 rebounds.

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CONF		ALL		ALL	
FINAL	W	L	W	L	W	L
Morgan State	12	2	18	9		
Norfolk State	10	3	14	12		
Delaware State	9	5	12	14		
Hampton	8	5	15	11		
NC A&T State	8	5	14	13		
Florida A&M	7	7	11	16		
SC State	6	8	10	18		
Coppin State	6	8	11	19		
Bethune-Cookman	5	9	11	17		
Howard	2	11	5	23		
Md.-Eastern Shore	2	12	4	25		

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

TYWAIN MCKEE, 6-2, Sr., G, CSU, Philadelphia, PA - Averaged 17.5 points and 7.5 rebounds as Eagles' win streak reached six. Had 19 pts. and 12 rebs. vs. Hampton. Shot 48% from the field and 36% from long range, with 8 assists and 3 steals.

CARRIO BENNETT, 6-1, Sr., G, SCSU, Greenville, SC - In two wins, averaged 11.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 3 assists.

BOUBACAR COLY, 6-9, Sr., C, MSU, Senegal - In 2-0 week, had 10 points, 14 rebounds vs. B-CU, and another 14 boards vs. Howard. Also had 6 blocks and 2 steals.

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CONF		ALL		ALL	
FINAL	W	L	W	L	W	L
Benedict	19	2	22	4		
LeMoyne Owen	17	7	14	12		
Miles	12	8	14	11		
Kentucky State	11	8	12	12		
Fort Valley State	12	9	13	13		
Clark Atlanta	11	9	12	13		
Paine	11	10	12	14		
Tuskegee	9	11	9	16		
Morehouse	9	12	12	13		
Albany State	9	12	11	15		
Lane	4	16	4	21		
Stilman	1	18	1	23		

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

KEITH FLOURNOY, 6-1, Jr., G, TUSKEGEE, Detroit, MI - Averaged 12.7 points, 6.0 assists and 3.3 steals in wins over Morehouse, Lane and Kentucky State.

KENNY JONES, KSU - Averaged 19.0 points and 10.5 rebounds in two games.

MARTINEZ SCOTT, FVSU - Averaged 15.0 points, 3.7 assists and 4.7 steals in two games.

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CONF		ALL		ALL	
FINAL	W	L	W	L	W	L
Alabama State	11	3	15	9		
Jackson State	9	5	11	16		
Miss. Valley State	9	6	11	15		
Alabama A&M	7	7	10	14		
Ark. Pine Bluff	8	7	12	14		
Grambling State	6	8	6	15		
Texas Southern	6	8	7	20		
Southern	6	9	8	18		
Prairie View A&M	5	9	7	19		
Alcorn State	5	10	6	22		

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

STANFORD SPEECH, 6-3, Sr., G, MVSU, Jackson, MS - Had game-highs of 19 points and 10 rebounds in win over Prairie View Monday and had 20 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and 4 steals in Saturday's win over Texas Southern.

MICKELL GLADNESS, 6-11, Sr., F, AA&M, Sylvania, AL - Had 12 points, 19 rebounds and 5 blocks in Saturday's win over Southern and came back to get 13 points, nine rebounds and six blocks in Monday's win over Alcorn State.

INDEPENDENTS	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
Clafin	23	2		
Central State	20	3		
Xavier (La.)	20	8		
Cheyney	17	8		
West Virginia State	18	9		
Univ. District of Columbia	14	8		
Edward Waters	17	11		
Florida Memorial	12	15		
Tennessee State	12	15		
Savannah State	13	17		
Winston-Salem State	11	15		
Lincoln (Mo.)	7	16		
Lincoln (Pa.)	4	22		
N. C. Central	3	26		

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JAMAL DURHAM, 6-6, Jr., F, WSSU, Winston-Salem, NC - Durham scored 17 points each in wins over MEAC contenders NC A&T (Sat.) and Norfolk State (Mon.). Over the two games, he shot 13 of 25 from the field and canned 5 of 8 free throws. He was 3 of 4 from behind the arc vs. NSU.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



HILLIARD TRAHAN SIKES FAIN

CIAA HOOPS HONORS:

A pair of Elizabeth City State players who dominated conference stats this season and a pair of St. Augustine's newcomers were selected as the top individual players as the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association announced its 2007-08 men's and women's basketball award winners last week.

ECSU junior forward Anthony Hilliard, whose 20.1 points per game and 11.9 rebounds per game led all men's players, and senior center Celeste Trahan, whose averages of 23.7 points and 15.9 rebounds per game topped the ladies statistics, took home the league's players of the year awards as selected by members of the men's and women's Basketball Coaches Associations.

The double awards mark the third time in CIAA history that players from the same program earned that honor, but a first for ECSU. Norfolk State in 1995 and Bowie State in 2005 were the others. This also marks Trahan's second year in a row as the CIAA's top player.

Trahan, who broke ground this season as the first NCAA Division II women's basketball student-athlete to score 2,000 career points and grab 1,500 career rebounds, is also the 2008 CIAA Defensive Player of the Year. She also leads the conference in blocked shots (2.13 bpg.) and field goal percentage (.522). Virginia Union senior forward Brad Byerson was selected as the Men's Defensive Player of the Year. Byerson, also a member of the league's 12-man all-conference team, ranks third in the conference in rebounding (7.9 rpg.), third in blocked shots (1.25 bpg.) and averages 16.4 points per contest (fourth best).

St. Aug's first-year players Hayward Fain (men) and Allison Sikes (women) took home the rookie of the year awards. Fain averaged 10.7 points and 6.5 rebounds per game while Sikes led a contingent of three Lady Falcons on the all-rookie team, averaging team bests of 10.1 points and 8.4 rebounds per game.

Bowie State, Virginia Union, Johnson C. Smith and Fayetteville State led the men's all-CIAA team with two selections each. BSU and JCSU with three selections and Shaw with two paced the women's team. The All-CIAA Teams and Players of the Year were honored at the Women's and Men's Tip-Off Banquets on February 24th and 26th, respectively.

2008 MEN'S ALL-CIAA BASKETBALL TEAM

- FRONTCOURT**
Joshua Johnson, 6-6, Sr., F, BSU, Annapolis, MD (12.8 ppg., 8.4 rpg.)
David Paris, 6-9, Sr., C, BSU, San Jose, CA (13.3 ppg., 7.8 rpg.)
Anthony Hilliard, 6-3, Jr., F, ECSU, Fayv., NC (20.1 ppg., 11.1 rpg.)
Jerry Hollis, 6-5, So., F, JCSU, Charlotte, NC (11.6 ppg., 7.3 rpg.)
Damola Obadina, 6-5, Sr., F, Shaw, Minn., MN (12.6 ppg., 6.9 rpg.)
Brad Byerson, 6-7, Sr., F, VUU, Colonial Hts., VA (16.4 ppg., 7.9 rpg.)
LaKeith Blanks, 6-6, Sr., F, VUU, Capital Hgts., MD (13.5 ppg., 6.0 rpg.)
- BACKCOURT**
Phillippe Harris, 5-11, Sr., G, FSU, Fayv., NC (17.7 ppg., .856 FT%)
Andy Gebru, 6-3, Jr., G, FSU, Orlando, FL (16.9 ppg., 3.1 3pg.)
Maurus Hooper, 6-3, Sr., G, JCSU, Reidsville, NC (11.5 ppg., 3.5 apg.)
William Gill, 6-0, Jr., G, SAC, Clinton, MD (13.7 ppg., 2.4 3pg.)
Trey Mines, 6-2, So., G, VSU, Chester, VA (16.2 ppg., 2.5 3pg.)

2008 WOMEN'S ALL-CIAA BASKETBALL TEAM

- FRONTCOURT**
Markeya Watson, 6-0, Jr., F, BSU, Clinton, MD (8.8 ppg., 7.8 rpg.)
Allyson Swailes, 6-2, Sr., F, BSU, Silver Spr., MD (11.8 ppg., .840 FT%)
Celeste Trahan, 6-1, Sr., C, ECSU, Stockton, CA (23.7 ppg., 15.9 rpg.)
Kyria Buford, 6-2, So., F, JCSU, Charleston, SC (15.4 ppg., 7.2 rpg.)
Rochelle Bodie, 6-0, Sr., F, JCSU, Raleigh, NC (7.0 rpg., 0.9 bpg.)
Nicky Souter, 6-0, Sr., F, Shaw, Brookly, NY (4.9 ppg., 8.4 rpg.)
Katchona Johnson, 6-1, Sr., F/C, VUU, Grmvl., VA (15.3 ppg., 7.4 rpg.)
- BACKCOURT**
Bianca Lee, 5-8, So., G, BSU, Temple Hills, MD (13.2 ppg., 2.7 spg.)
Leticia Dickson, 5-3, Sr., G, FSU, Raleigh, NC (15.6 ppg., 2.4 3 pg.)
Ashley Chase, 5-7, Sr., G, JCSU, Baltimore, MD (7.1 ppg., 4.2 apg.)
Jamie Goshen, 5-11, Sr., G, Shaw, Chesap., VA (13.2 ppg., .816 FT%)
Katania Walker, 5-6, Jr., G, VSU, Va. Beach, VA (15.1 ppg., 2.25 3 pg.)

- 2008 CIAA WOMEN'S ALL-ROOKIE TEAM**
Whitney Griffis, 5-10, G/F, SAC, Richmond, VA; **Teunisha Robinson**, 6-4, F, BSU; **Allison Sikes**, 5-11, G/F, SAC, Richmond, VA; **Lakisha Walker**, 5-9, G, BSU, Baltimore, MD; **LaKeisha White**, 5-9, F, SAC, Richmond, VA
- 2008 CIAA MEN'S ALL-ROOKIE TEAM**
Haywood Fain, 6-4, F, SAC, Akron, OH; **Derek Holmes**, 6-5, F, FSU, Washington, DC; **Adrian Moffatt**, 6-4, G, SPC, Newport News, VA; **Maurice Reevey**, 6-6, F, SPC, Richmond, VA; **Ronald Thornhill**, 5-10, G, JCSU, Alberta VA

CIAA tips off Tournament season

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BCSP Editor

Upsets marked early round games as the CIAA tipped off its tournament and the basketball tournament season Monday with women's play at Bobcats Arena in downtown Charlotte, N. C.

Over 100,000 spectators are expected to come to North Carolina's Queen City for the ultra-successful week-long affair which mixes the excitement of black college basketball with a full menu of things to do and places to be.

That package of activities has been enhanced this year as the conference celebrates its 63rd Men's and 33rd Women's Tournaments.

Virginia Union and Virginia State, seeded tenth and ninth respectively at the bottom of the women's bracket, got things going Monday with wins over higher-seeds Elizabeth City State and Livingstone to advance to Tuesday's quarterfinal round.

The Shaw (18-11, 15-3) Lady Bears of head coach Jacques Curtis are at the top of the women's bracket but should have plenty of competition as they try to win their fifth tournament crown in the last six years.

Two teams, second seed Bowie State (21-5, 14-4) and third-seed Johnson C. Smith (18-8, 14-4), finished a game behind Shaw, followed closely by St. Augustine's (18-9,

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT		
MONDAY, FEB. 25,		
(10) VUU 69, (7) ECSU 65	(9) VSU 54, (8) LC 49	
TUES., FEB. 26		
(4) SAC vs (5) FSU		1p
(10) VUU vs (2) BSU		3p
(9) VSU vs (1) Shaw		7p
(6) SPC vs (3) JCSU		9p
FRI., FEB. 29		
SAC/FSU vs VSU/Shaw winners		1p
VUU/BSU vs. SPC/JCSU winners		3p
SAT., MARCH 1		
Women's Championship Game		5p
MEN'S TOURNAMENT		
WED., FEB. 27		
(8) VSU vs (9) SPC		7p
(7) LC vs (10) Shaw		9p
THURS., FEB. 28		
(6) FSU vs (3) ECSU		1p
VSU/SPC vs (1) VUU		3p
(4) JCSU vs (5) SAC		7p
LC/SU vs (2) BSU		9p
FRI., FEB. 29		
First Semifinal		7p
Second Semifinal		9p
SAT., MARCH 1		
Men's Championship Game		8p



to fall out of first place and into a second-place tie with BSU. The Vikings then lost Sunday's coin-flip and will enter the tournament seeded behind VUU and BSU. ECSU opens tournament play Thursday at 1 p.m. vs. fifth-seed Fayetteville State.

Both men's and women's teams are playing for the league's automatic berth into the South Atlantic Regionals that goes to the tournament champion. Live scores and statistics of all tournament games are available on the CIAA website (theciaa.com) and the men's tournament quarters, semis and championship and the women's championship game will be televised nationally on ESPN Classic.

Off the court, the CIAA has its usual plethora of activity with its hub at the downtown Charlotte Convention Center. Floor space of 150,000 square feet will accommodate the "CIAA Fan Experience," which begins with Thursday afternoon's (2 p.m.) Career Expo and ends Sunday morning (11 a.m.) with a Gospel Explosion, all free and open to the public.

The Convention Center will host concerts with Old School

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- THURS., FEB. 28
- Career Expo
 - CIAA Old School Party
 - CIAA Ford Fan Experience
 - Black Magic Film Premier
- FRI., FEB. 29
- Steve Harvey Morning Show
 - JMI Telecom CIAA Inv'1 Golf Tournament
 - CIAA Ford Fan Experience
 - CIAA McDonald's Step Show
 - CIAA & NASA Education Workshop
- SAT., MARCH 1
- McDonald's Superstar Saturday
 - LeRoy Walker 5K Fun/Walk A Thon/UNCF
 - CIAA Fashion Show presented by EBONY
 - CIAA Ford Fan Experience
 - CIAA & NASA Education Workshop
 - CIAA Post Tournament Party
- SUN., MARCH 2
- Gospel Explosion

(Philly Intruders, Bloodstone, CeCe Winans, John P. Kee), New School (Fabulous, Rick Ross, BowWow, Omarion) and spoken word recording artists, comedians, talent and cooking shows, the Steve Harvey Morning Show on Friday morning and a host of corporate and consumer booths with gifts and prizes for visitors and competitors.

In addition to a packed line-up at the CCC, this year the newly named "Superstar Saturday" will feature a (12:30 p.m.) high school game at Bobcats Arena between prep super squads Oak Hill (31-4) and Montrose Christian (see BCSP Notes). The Arena will also host a Cheerleading Exhibition, a Battle of the Bands, the Miss CIAA crowning and a Slam Dunk Contest.

BCSP Notes

Coaches to go shoeless at CIAA event to aid charity

Two time National Coach of the Year, Stu Vetter, Head Coach of Montrose Christian (Rockville, Md.) and Steve Smith, Head Coach of Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, Va.) will coach against each other in their bare feet on Saturday, March 1st at Bobcats Arena to contribute to a Charlotte area charity that is collecting shoes to aid needy people throughout the world.



The 12:30 p.m. game, free and open to the public, has been dubbed "The Battle of the Best" and is part of the CIAA Tournament's "Superstar Saturday" festivities. Coach Vetter and Coach Smith hope to raise 10,000 pairs of shoes for a Samaritan's Feet shoe distribution in Virginia and Maryland on March 14-18. Specifically, some of the shoes that are raised will go towards thousands of children in the poorest areas of Washington, D.C.

Samaritan's Feet gained national attention recently when Indiana University-Purdue University head coach Ron Hunter coached a game barefoot to bring awareness to the plight of children in Africa. That effort, aimed at raising 40,000 pairs of shoes, instead raised 110,000 pairs that Hunter and his team hope to help distribute this summer on a tour of Africa.

Rodgers-Cromartie excels at Combine

Tennessee State defensive back Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie ran a super-fast time of 4.28 seconds Tuesday at the NFL Combine being held at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. "DRC," as he is known, had the second fastest time of any of the over 300 participants at the yearly gathering of top NFL

prospects and the best time amongst defensive backs. Before he ran his blazing time, he reportedly gave a nod to Deion "Prime Time" Sanders, who was covering the event for the NFL Network. Rodgers-Cromartie reportedly worked out with Sanders before the Combine.

Rodgers-Cromartie, is a superb athlete who in addition to playing football is the reigning Ohio Valley Conference track champion in the 60-meters, long jump and high jump. He is considered this year's top prospect from an HBCU.

FAMU's Amin swims NCAA qualifying time

Florida A&M's Mujahid El-Amin earned his second gold medal in the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Championship last week, turning in an NCAA qualifying time in the 100-yard butterfly.

El-Amin, a 6-0 junior from Atlanta's W.D. Mohammed High School, swam an impressive 48.17 in the men's 100-yard butterfly, earning him an NCAA Division I B cut time in the event. The B cut standard is 48.50. The Rattler ace will swim in at least one additional event to better his time to a possible "A" cut time, which is 47.09. El-Amin, who is unbeaten in the 100-yard butterfly this season, also competes in both butterfly and freestyle events at various distances from 50 to 400 yards.



AMIN

From high school, El-Amin was the second-fastest American teenager in the 100-meter butterfly, and a prime prospect for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team. He was twice named the National AAU's Most Outstanding Swimmer for his scintillating performances, setting 10 Georgia state records. In January 2004, he won three medals in Australia during a tour with the American Junior National Team.

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