

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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HOOPS ON CENTER STAGE

TIME FOR INTRA-LEAGUE PLAY IN HOOPS; BLACK COLLEGE HOOPSTERS IN NAT'L STATS

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2008-09 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	DIV	ALL	W	L
EAST	W	L	W	L
Virginia Union	1	0	4	3
Bowie State	1	1	5	5
Elizabeth City State	0	0	9	1
Virginia State	0	0	5	6
St. Paul's	0	1	2	5
WEST	W	L	W	L
Johnson C. Smith	1	0	9	1
Fayetteville State	1	0	6	2
St. Augustine's	1	1	6	4
Shaw	1	2	3	7
Livingstone	0	1	5	3

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	PLAYER
ROOKIE	PLAYER
COACH	PLAYER

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

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	PLAYER
ROOKIE	PLAYER
DEFENSE	PLAYER

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

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	PLAYER

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
E. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Alabama A&M	0	0	2	5
Prairie View A&M	0	0	3	9
Alabama State	0	0	2	7
Grambling State	0	0	2	8
Alcorn State	0	0	2	10
Ark. Pine Bluff	0	0	1	9
Jackson State	0	0	1	10
Southern	0	0	0	12
Miss. Valley St.	0	0	0	13
Texas Southern	0	0	0	13

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	OFFENSE

INDEPENDENTS	W	L
Edward Waters	10	2
W. Va. State	5	3
Central State	7	5
Savannah State	7	5
UDC	4	8
Tennessee State	3	8
Lincoln (Mo.)	3	8
Winston-Salem State	3	7
Lincoln (Pa.)	2	6
Florida Memorial	1	7
N. C. Central	0	14

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK	OFFENSE

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

KELLY TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S:

St. Augustine's has announced the appointment of **Kristene Kelly** as Associate Athletic Director. The former Sports Information Director at **Johnson C. Smith** will join the Falcon staff in January.



KELLY

Her responsibilities will include assisting the Athletic Director, **George Williams**, in providing oversight and supervision in the areas of staffing, team travel, planning and academics; developing the budgets, departmental policies; and serving as sports supervisor for men's basketball, softball, bowling and baseball; and sports information and compliance.

She will also join the college's faculty in the Department of Human Performance and Wellness.

Ms. Kelly received a Bachelors of Science and a Bachelors of Arts Degree from J.C. Smith and a Masters of Science from the University of Tennessee. She is currently completing requirements for a Doctorate of Education Degree at the United States Sports Academy.

WVSU SHIFTS ATHLETICS:

West Virginia State officials have announced that **Sean Loyd** has been named interim director of athletics. He replaces **Robert Parker** who has served in the dual capacity of Athletics Director and Vice President for Finance since 2002. Parker will continue in his role as vice president focusing on the school's finances.

Loyd, a former Yellow Jacket baseball student-athlete, is a 1995 graduate of WVSU. He has served as the department's Assistant Director of Athletics since 2003, where he handled day-to-day operations. The Sutton, W. Va. native will also continue his duties as an assistant coach with the highly-successful WVSU baseball program.

WVSU Vice-President for Student Affairs **Bryce Casto** explained that the Athletic Department had previously been housed under the auspices of Student Affairs from 1988 to 1996. Casto further explained that the move corresponds with President **Hazo W. Carter, Jr.**'s examination of where athletics best fits in the school's organizational structure in relation to WVSU's relatively new University designation.

HINSON FROM FSU TO JCSU:

Lamont M. Hinson has been named sports information director at **Johnson C. Smith** effective January 2, 2009. Hinson comes to JCSU from **Fayetteville State** where he served as the assistant sports information director since November 2006. Prior to his stint at FSU, Hinson worked as an associate marketing manager at Twin Marketing Incorporated (Doral, Fla.) and then with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) as the player development intern from January-May, 2006.

"JCSU and the athletics department are extremely fortunate to hire Lamont as our sports information director," said **Steve Joyner, Sr.**, athletics director.

SYKES LEAVES VUU:

After serving as **Virginia Union's** Sports Information Director for two years, **Tiffani Sykes** has resigned effective January 5, 2009. During her tenure at VUU, she also served one year as the athletic department's Senior Woman Administrator. She has chosen to pursue a master's degree in Sports Administration from **Grambling State**.

Prior to joining the staff at VUU, Sykes served as the Assistant Athletic Director, Senior Woman Administrator and Sports Information Director at **Saint Paul's** from 2002-2006. Sykes also graduated from the NCAA's Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Females in the summer of 2007. In addition, she has served as a member of NCAA Regional Ranking Committees for various sports. The Chesapeake, VA native earned her bachelor's degree in Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance from Virginia State University (Petersburg, VA) in 2001.



SYKES

Basketball emerges from its doldrums

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BCSP Editor

The months leading up to the new year are usually the most depressing for black college basketball fans. That's particularly the case in Div. I basketball.

That's because during the months of November and December black college teams and their fans have little to cheer about. They withstand something on the scale of body blows – huge losses against Div. I foes which all but suck the life out of their programs. Time after time and in game after game, black college teams have taken it on their collective chins.

I'll spare you the scores. There's been a glimmer of hope here and there, like **Morgan State** defeating **DePaul**, a Big East program, 79-75 back on Dec. 10. Or **Hampton** getting a 50-44 Nov. 20th win over **George Mason**, a team that made it to the Final Four in 2006. But those successes have been few and far between.

Thru games of Sunday, Dec. 28, black college Div. I men's programs in the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** and the **Southwestern Athletic Conference** have posted combined records of 51 wins and 181 losses.

Someone please call the President Elect. These guys qualify for a bailout!

The MEAC has been the more respectable of the two – if you call a 38-85 record and .308 winning percentage respectable. The SWAC checks in at a woeful 13-96 (.119).

At 5-4, Hampton is the only men's team in the MEAC with a winning record so far. The most wins for a SWAC team is three with no team above .500.

It's actually not much better on the women's side where the MEAC (29-65, .304) and the SWAC (18-66, .214) are all but keeping up (or down) with their male

counterparts. Two MEAC women's teams have winning records. None in the SWAC.

The teams, both men and women, will mercifully complete this brutal stretch of their seasons this week and begin what should be a very competitive (let's hope) intra-conference schedule.

Despite the fact that **Dave Robbins**, who kept **Virginia Union** and the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** in the national limelight for most of his 30 years, has retired, there's a bit of fresh air on the NCAA Div. II side.

The men of **Claffin**, a new member of the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference**, are in the top 25 in the nation in the Dec. 23rd National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Div. II poll. Head coach **Ron "Bootsy" Woodard** has the Panthers off to a 9-0 start and ranked 21st in the poll. They're coming off a 24-2 2007 campaign that heralded them as a power-to-be in the SIAC and perhaps nationally.

While Claffin is the only black college team currently ranked, both **Elizabeth City State** and defending CIAA champion **Johnson C. Smith** are off to 9-1 starts and showing signs of being the teams to beat in that conference. Their only losses so far were to each other, splitting two close games since the season began.

For us at the BCSP, it's good that football overshadows basketball thru December. That means we're mostly spared the infrequent ups and too common downs of the early basketball season.

As we turn our attention to the hoops scene, we do so knowing that the conference schedule will re-invigorate these teams, restore their confidence and give their fans plenty to cheer about. That's what we're looking forward to. As for the national scene, that's at least another two months away. We'll enjoy this while it lasts.

GAMES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DEC. 30	
Savannah State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Sav., GA	6
Hampton vs. Yale in Hampton, VA	7
Loyola Chicago vs. Alcorn State in Chicago, IL	7
Nebraska vs. SC State in Lincoln, NE	7
Prairie View A&M vs. Schreiner in Prairie View, TX	7
Georgia Tech vs. Tennessee State in Atlanta, GA	7:30
LeMoyn-Owen vs. Paine in Memphis, TN	7:30
Miles vs. Claffin in Fairfield, AL	7:30
Washington vs. Morgan State in Seattle WA	TBA
Wyoming vs. Howard in Logan Utah	7:30
Pepperdine vs. Coppin State in Honolulu, Hawaii	TBA
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31	
Baylor vs. Jackson State in Waco, TX	7
Houston Baptist vs. Howard in Logan Utah	7:30
Old Dominion vs. W-Salem State in Norfolk, VA	TBA
THURSDAY, JAN. 1	
Miles vs. Paine in Fairfield, AL	3
LeMoyn-Owen vs. Benedict in Memphis, TN	5
FRIDAY, JAN. 2	
St. Louis vs. NC A&T in St. Louis, MO	TBA
SATURDAY, JAN. 3	
Miami vs. NC Central in Coral Gables, FL	1
Oklahoma vs. Coppin State in	1:30
La Salle vs. Howard in Philadelphia, PA	2
Kentucky State vs. Lane in Frankfort, K	3
Cheyney vs. Slippery Rock in Cheyney, PA	3
Nebraska vs. UMES in Lincoln, NE	3
Paine vs. Clark Atlanta in Augusta, GA	3
Southern vs. Texas Southern in Baton Rouge, LA	4
The Citadel vs. B-Cookman in Charleston SC	4
Alabama State vs. Jackson State in Montgomery, AL	5
Albany State vs. Tuskegee in Albany, GA	5
Alabama A&M vs. Grambling State in Huntsville, AL	6
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Miss Valley State in Pine Bluff, AR	7
Hampton vs. Kent State in Hampton, VA	7
Alcorn State vs. Prairie View A&M in Alcorn State, MS	7:30
JC Smith vs. Virginia Union in Charlotte, NC	7:30
LeMoyn-Owen vs. Claffin in Memphis, TN	7:30
Prairie View A&M vs. Alcorn State in Alcorn State, MS	7:30
Fayetteville State vs. Lincoln (PA) in Fayetteville, NC	7:30
St. Augustine's vs. Shaw in Raleigh, NC	7:30
Tennessee State vs. E. Kentucky in Nashville, TN	7:30
Virginia State vs. Bowie State in Ettrick, VA	7:30
Fort Valley State vs. Stillman in Fort Valley, GA	8
Ala-Birm. vs. Savannah State in Birmingham, AL	TBA
Savannah State vs. Ala.-Birmingham in B'ham, AL	TBA
SUNDAY, JAN. 4	
Cheyney vs. Mercyhurst in Cheyney, PA	3

BCSP Notes

Early hoops round-up

Black college players are off to relatively good starts when it comes to NCAA stats.

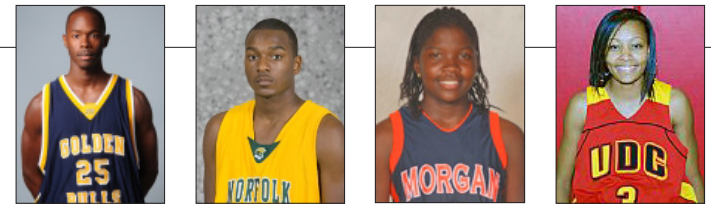
MEN

On the men's Div. I side, **Alcorn State** junior guard **Troy Jackson** and **Norfolk State** guard **Michael Deloach** are setting the scoring pace. Jackson leads the SWAC and is 17th in the nation averaging 21.1 points per game. Deloach is pacing the MEAC with a 20.8 ppg. average thru nine games. Deloach is 21st in the nation.

South Carolina State has two players among the nation's best shooters from the field. Senior center **Jason Johnson** is hitting on 65.4% of his shots, ninth best in the nation, while junior forward **Jason Flagler** is shooting at a 62.7% clip, 14th best nationwide.

Talented 5-10 **Alabama State** junior guard **Trant Simpson's** 91.3% free throw shooting ties him for 10th in the nation while backcourt mate 6-2 senior **Brandon Brooks'** 6.9 assists per game is seventh best. Not to be left out of the stats parade for the Hornets is 7-foot center **Chief Kickingstallionsims**, whose 3.4 blocks per game places him 10th nationally.

On the Div. II level, **Johnson C. Smith** 6-5 junior center **James Dillard** is a legitimate stat stuffer. Dillard averages 20.8 points, 9.3 rebounds and 3.4 blocks while shooting 74.7% from the field for the 9-1 Golden Bulls. His field goal percentage numbers are seventh best in the nation. **Elizabeth City's** do-everything 6-4 forward **Anthony Hilliard's** 25.2 points per game are third best in the nation while he chimes in with 11.1 rebound per contest which is ninth.



DILLARD

DELOACH

ADAMS

BRANDON

West Virginia State 6-2 senior sharpshooter **Ted Scott** is scoring 26 points per game, second best in Div. II. Among other standouts, **Morehouse** forward **Jerry Felder** leads the nation in field goal percentage (80.5%), **Albany State** senior guard **Scheraun King** is sixth in 3-point percentage (55.6%) while **Albany State** guard **Flawaan Flagg** is 12th in 3s per game (3.7). **St. Paul's** center **Anthony Wynn** is third in rebounds (11.1) and **Fort Valley** guard **Martrez Scott** is fourth in steals (3.7).

WOMEN

On the ladies side, **St. Paul's** forward **Tatiana Ellis** (24.9 ppg.) is fifth, **Clark Atlanta** senior guard **Shantrell Moss** (22.6 ppg.) is eighth and **Fort Valley State** freshman **Shekeya Tarpley** (22.0) is 12th in Div. II scoring.

Morgan State junior guard **Corin Adams** checks in at fourth in steals (4.0 pg.) while shooting 50% (26 of 52) from 3-point range, good for a fourth-place tie in Div. I. **Tuskegee** freshman **Delisha Page** leads Div. II in blocks (4.8) while **Miles** guard **Ashley Orphey** leads in assists (8.4) and is second in steals (4.9). **Laquanda Brandon** of UDC shoots a sizzling 96.3% (26 of 27) from the free throw line, second best in Div. II.

In rebounding stats, **Sarah Bolden** of **Bethune-Cookman** is 11th in Div. I at 11.1 per game while **Tuskegee's** **Rishaunda Gartrell** is 5th in Div. II at 12 per game.

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