

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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DRC: Look for the rookie out of Tennessee State to make plays for Arizona in its NFC semifinal match-up with Carolina.

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BLACK COLLEGE PROS IN NBA, NFL PLAYOFFS; NATIONWIDE HOOKS UP WITH THE CIAA

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NATIONWIDE BECOMES CIAA CORPORATE SPONSOR:

Nationwide, one of the country's largest insurance, financial services and investment management organizations, announced today an agreement to become the "Official Insurance Provider of the Central Inter-collegiate Athletic Association (CIAA). The company's commitment is a multi-year agreement that includes Nationwide serving as presenting sponsor of the CIAA Football Championship Game, sponsorship of the CIAA Men's Tournament Most Valuable Player Trophy, and as a Corporate Sponsor of all sixteen CIAA Conference Championships.

"We are excited about the connection of these two brands, which are committed to educational excellence and which build future leaders," said John Aman, associate vice president of Strategic Partnerships for Nationwide. "Our relationship with the CIAA is another demonstration of our support to local communities and an opportunity to engage with several historically black colleges and universities."

Under the terms of the agreement, Nationwide will receive exclusive branding opportunities including signage, and on-field/on-court promotions. In addition, Nationwide will support the CIAA Scholarship Fund each year for the multi-year agreement, participate in the CIAA Tournament Fan Experience, and hold on-site job fairs on all CIAA school campuses to focus on career opportunities at Nationwide.

"The CIAA is excited to welcome Nationwide to this greater level of partnership and the creation of recruitment opportunities for students of our member institutions," said CIAA Commissioner **Leon G. Kerry**. "Relationships like this are important to the continued growth of the conference while supporting the academic missions of our member institutions," Kerry says. The sponsorship also includes advertising in all CIAA televised events, including the Men's Basketball Tournament on ESPN Classic.

Competition, celebrations, celebrities, entertainment, exhibitions-for the more than 160,000 attendees-the CIAA is non-stop excitement on a world-class level.

"We believe our sponsorship is a way to connect with the long-standing history and heritage that others have seen in the 96 year existence of the CIAA," says Aman.

SBN ALL-STAR WEEKEND:

The Sheridan Broadcasting Network Black College All-American Football Awards Weekend will celebrate its 35th anniversary this year with festivities in Pittsburgh, home of SBN. This year's event, entitled "35 Years of Honor and Glory," will be held on Friday Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 14 at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Saturday evening's 35th Annual Awards Banquet will present the members of the 2008 SBN All-American team and individual offensive (Doug Williams Award) and defensive (Mel Blount Award) player of the year and the coach (Eddie Robison Award) of the year awards. The No. 1 team in the final SBN Football poll, the **Southwestern Athletic Conference** champion **Grambling State** Tigers, will also be honored. Noted comedian Michael Colyar will serve as Master of Ceremonies with SBN Sports Anchor **Ty Miller** and Anji Corley of Pittsburgh's WAMO-FM as hosts.

The NFL "Skull Session," a chance for the black college all-Americans to learn from and ask questions from former NFL greats, will be led by Billy "White Shoes" Johnson and Rick Upchurch. A host of former black college greats including **Lem Barney**, **Robert Brazille**, **Everson Walls**, **Rayfield Wright** and **Harry Carson** are also expected to be on hand to participate. The Skull Session starts at 9 a.m. Saturday. Saturday's events will be preceded by Friday's Welcoming Reception and Party with entertainment provided by the Kevin Howard Group.

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

CIAA

EAST	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	DIV	ALL	W	L
Virginia Union	1	0	5	3
Bowie State	2	1	6	6
Elizabeth City State	0	0	9	1
Virginia State	0	0	5	7
St. Paul's	0	1	2	5
WEST				
Fayetteville State	1	0	8	2
Johnson C. Smith	1	0	9	2
St. Augustine's	2	1	7	4
Shaw	1	3	3	8
Livingstone	0	1	5	3

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
DARSHAWN JOHNSON, Sr., G, FSU, Brooklyn, NY - Scored 21 points and grabbed 8 rebounds in win over Lincoln.
ROOKIE
NA
COACH
LONNIE BLOW, JR., SAC - Got sixth straight win in 69-80 win over Shaw, their seventh straight win over the Bears.

MEAC

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

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
C. J. REED, Fr., G, BCU, Daytona Beach, FL - Averaged 18.5 points in two non-conference games. Vs. Savannah State, Reed had 14 points, 3 rebounds and 4 steals. Vs. The Citadel, he had 23 points, 2 rebounds and 3 assists.
ROOKIE
CHRIS MCHENRY, Fr., G, HOWARD, Milwaukee, WI - Had 54 points in four games including season-high 29 vs. Wyoming and 18 vs. LaSalle. Was 13-for-13 from the FT line during the stretch.
DEFENSE
BRANDON MONROE, Jr., F, NSU, Raeford, NC - Had career high 13 boards and 13 points in win vs. Lethbridge.

SIAC

Benedict	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Clark Atlanta	3	0	5	1
Cliffin	10	1	10	1
Clark Atlanta	3	1	5	2
Fort Valley State	3	1	3	4
Lane	2	1	4	2
Albany State	2	2	3	4
Miles	3	3	3	6
Morehouse	1	2	3	3
Tuskegee	1	2	1	5
Kentucky State	1	4	2	4
Paine	1	5	2	7
LeMoyn-Owen	1	5	1	7
Stillman	0	4	1	5

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
LEON MCKINNEY, Sr., G, MILES, Birmingham, AL - Averaged 20.5 points, 11.5 rebounds and 2.0 assists as the Golden Bears upset Cliffin before losing in double OT to Paine. His best performance was 23 points and 14 rebounds vs. Paine.
GREG LOTT, So., F, LANE, Hempstead, NY - Scored 22 points and grabbed 7 boards as the Dragons topped Kentucky State.

SWAC

Alabama State	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Prairie View A&M	2	0	6	9
Ark. Pine Bluff	1	0	2	10
Alabama A&M	1	1	3	7
Jackson State	1	1	2	12
Southern	1	1	1	13
Texas Southern	1	1	1	14
Miss. Valley St.	0	1	0	14
Grambling State	0	2	2	11
Alcorn State	0	2	2	13

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
CHIEF KINGKINGSTALLIONSIMS, 7-1, Sr., C, ALABAMA ST., Boynton Beach, FL - Had 23 points, 4 rebounds and 2 blocks in Monday's win over Grambling and 12 points, 6 rebounds and 1 block in win over Jackson State Saturday.

INDEPENDENTS

Edward Waters	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
Cheyney	7	2		
W. Va. State	6	3		
Central State	8	5		
Savannah State	7	7		
UDC	4	8		
Winston-Salem State	4	8		
Tennessee State	5	9		
Lincoln (Mo.)	3	8		
Lincoln (Pa.)	2	8		
Florida Memorial	1	9		
N. C. Central	0	16		

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
TED SCOTT, 6-2, Sr., G, WVU, Columbus, OH - Threw in 31 points as Yellow Jackets beat Bowie State of the CIAA, 69-66. Scott shot 10 of 16 from the field, 3 of 7 from behind the arc and 8 of 9 at the charity stripe.
JERRELL HOUSTON, TSU - Had his fourth double-double of the season, 14 points and 12 rebounds, in Monday's win over Morehead State, the Tigers third OVC win in a row. TSU now tied for OVC lead at 3-1.

BCSP Tidbits

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JAN. 8		
Chowan vs. Virginia Union in Murfreesboro, NC	7:30	7
Columbia Union vs. St. Paul's in Tacoma Park, MD	7:30	7
Kentucky State vs. Albany State in Frankfort, KY	7:30	7:30
Lane vs. Fort Valley State in Jackson, TN	7:30	7:30
Murray State vs. Tennessee State in Murray, KY	7:30	7:30
Shaw vs. Lincoln (PA) in Raleigh, NC	7:30	7:30
St. Augustine's vs. Livingstone in Raleigh, NC	7:30	7:30
Tuskegee vs. LeMoyn-Owen in Tuskegee, AL	7:30	7:30
Virginia State vs. Fayetteville State in Ettrick, VA	7:30	7:30
SATURDAY, JAN. 10		
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Alabama State in Pine Bluff, Ark	7:30	3
Benedict vs. Lane in Columbia, SC	7:30	4
Bethune-Cookman vs. Hampton in Daytona Beach, FL	7:30	7:30
Bowie State vs. Shaw in Bowie, MD	7:30	3
California vs. Cheyney in California, PA	7:30	3:30
Cliffin vs. Stillman in Orangeburg, SC	7:30	8
Clark Atlanta vs. LeM-Owen in Atlanta, GA	7:30	4
Coppin State vs. Norfolk State in Baltimore MD	7:30	4
Delaware State vs. SC State in Dover, DE	7:30	7:30
Eliz. City State vs. Virginia State in Elizabeth City, NC	7:30	4
Florida A&M vs. Howard in Tallahassee, FL	7:30	8
Fort Valley State vs. Albany State in Fort Valley, GA	7:30	7:30
Grambling State vs. Southern in Grambling, LA	7:30	5:30
Jackson State vs. Alcorn State in Jackson, MS	7:30	7:30
J. C. Smith vs. Fayetteville State in Charlotte, NC	7:30	4
UMES vs. W-Salem State in Princess Anne, MD	7:30	7:30
Miss Valley State vs. Alabama A&M in Itta Bena, MS	7:30	3
Morehouse vs. Miles in Atlanta, GA	7:30	4
Morgan State vs. NC A&T in Baltimore MD	7:30	7:30
NC Central vs. Chicago State in Durham, NC	7:30	3
Paine vs. Kentucky State in Augusta, GA	7:30	7
Pr. View A&M vs. Texas Southern in Pr. View, TX	7:30	7:30
St. Augustine's vs. Lincoln (PA) in Raleigh, NC	7:30	7:30
St. Paul's vs. Virginia Union in Lawrenceville, VA	7:30	6
UT Martin vs. Tennessee State in Martin, TN	7:30	3
SUNDAY, JAN. 11		
Indiana (PA) vs. Cheyney in Indiana, PA	7:30	7:30
MONDAY, JAN. 12		
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Alabama A&M in Pine Bluff, AR	7:30	7:30
Benedict vs. Kentucky State in Columbia, SC	7:30	8
B-Cookman vs. Howard in Daytona Beach, FL	7:30	7:30
Clark Atlanta vs. Miles in Atlanta, GA	7:30	7:30
Coppin State vs. NC A&T in Baltimore MD	7:30	7:30
Delaware State vs. W-Salem State in Dover, DE	7:30	7:30
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Fort Valley State vs. Cliffin in Fort Valley, GA	7:30	7:30
Grambling State vs. Alcorn State in Grambling, LA	7:30	7:30
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Morgan State vs. Norfolk State in Baltimore MD	7:30	7:30
Paine vs. Lane in Augusta, GA	7:30	7
Savannah State vs. Talladega in Savannah, GA	7:30	7:30
Stillman vs. Tuskegee in Tuscaloosa, AL	7:30	8
TUESDAY, JAN. 13		
Eliz. City State vs. St. Aug's in Elizabeth City, NC	7:30	7:30
Fayetteville State vs. St. Paul's in Fayetteville, NC	7:30	7:30
Lincoln (PA) vs. Livingstone in Lincoln, PA	7:30	7:30
Shaw vs. Virginia State in Raleigh, NC	7:30	7:30

NBA Watch

Four former black college players are currently on NBA rosters as the 2008-09 season nears the halfway point.

Lindsey Hunter (Jackson State '93) of the Chicago Bulls, **Ben Wallace** (Virginia Union '96) of the Cleveland Cavaliers, **Ronald Murray** (Shaw '02) of the Atlanta Hawks and **Jerome James** (Florida A&M '98) are those plying their trade on the NBA hardwood.

Of the quartet, Wallace, a 6-9 center for Lebron James' 27-6 Cavaliers, is the only starter. In his 13th year in the league and with his fifth team, the 33-year-old is a long way off the double-digit rebound numbers he posted in six years with the Detroit Pistons. Wallace is averaging 3.2 points per game and 7.0 rebounds for the Cavs.

The other bright spot of the quartet is former Shaw and CIAA standout **Ronald Murray**, who has become a key contributor with the Hawks.

Playing as a back-up to back-court ace Joe Johnson, Murray has been a solid scorer, averaging 8.9 points per game while playing right at 20 minutes per contest. Murray, the leading scorer outside the teams' starters, is shooting 42% from the field and 36.3% from 3-point range for the 22-11 Hawks.

Murray, who is with his sixth team in seven years, averaged 11 points in 23 games last year for Indiana and 7.5 ppg. in 19 games for Detroit.

The dean of former black college players in the league is Hunter, who is in his 16th season and joined his fifth team when he signed a one-year, non-guaranteed contract with Chicago in November.

Hunter, who has picked up two NBA Championship rings in stints with Detroit and the Los Angeles Lakers, has played in 17 games this season for the Bulls and is averaging 3.7 points per game.

A spot on the Bulls opened up for Hunter, one of the best on-ball defenders



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CONTRIBUTING: Former CIAA star getting minutes, buckets for Hawks.

in the league, by virtue of injuries to Bulls' backcourt-ers Larry Hughes and Kirk Hinrich.

James is in his fourth injury-plagued year with the Knicks and has only seen action in two games this season after playing in just a pair of games last season. The 7-footer, beset by knee problems, has never played in more than 45 games in any of his years in New York.

NFL Watch

Black colleges will be well represented when the NFL stages its conference semifinal contests this weekend.

The Baltimore Ravens and Tennessee Titans square off in one AFC semi and each will sport three former black college players.

Baltimore's trio includes former **Howard DL Marques Douglas**, OL **Chad Slaughter** out of **Alcorn State** and former **Tuskegee DB Frank Walker**. Tennessee counters with two **Fort Valley State** products, DBs **Nick Harper** and **Tyrone Poole** and Winston-Salem State rookie linebacker **William Hayes**.

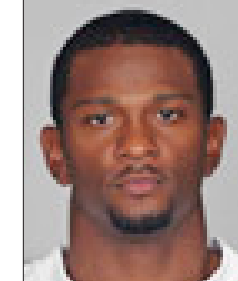
The only black college product in the other AFC semifinal between Pittsburgh and San Diego is former **Jackson State DB Cletis Gordon** of the Chargers.

The NFC semifinal games have a total of five black college products.

Carolina, who faces Arizona, has LB **Donte Curry** out of **Morris Brown** and DB

Dante Wesley of **Arkansas-Pine Bluff**. The Cardinals lone black college product is rookie DB **Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie** out of **Tennessee State**.

Philadelphia will bring the only two former black college players into its match-up with the New York Giants in the other semifinal. Former **Delaware State** center **Jamaal Jackson** will give the snaps to Eagles' QB Donovan McNabb while former **Howard** standout **Tracy White** will be featured on Eagles' special teams.



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HARPER: Former Indianapolis starter has two picks for the Titans this year.

BCSP Notes

Two TSU Tigers in East/West game

Record-setting **Tennessee State** running back **Javarris Williams** has been added to the roster of the 84th East-West Shrine Game, which is scheduled for January 17, 2009 at the University of Houston's Robertson Stadium.

Williams, a 5-11, 220 lb. native of Richmond, Texas (Foster HS), was named to the 2008 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Coaches All-America 1st team. He is the 2008 Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year after leading the conference in rushing average (103.7 ypg) last season and will join teammate, offensive lineman, **Cecil Newton** on the East team.



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Johnson C. Smith	0	1	6	4
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CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
TATIANA ELLIS, Jr., G, SPC, Harlem, NY - Scored 27 points and had four rebounds in win over L-R. Added two steals.
ROOKIE
KEYONA BRYANT, Fr., C, SAC, Springdale, MD - Had 22 points, 8 boards in win over Pfeiffer. Shot 8-of-13 from the field, 6-of-12 from the FT line.
COACH
MARGARET RICHARDS, SAC - Led Lady Falcons to 88-86 win over Pfeiffer

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Norfolk State	0	1	0	