

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



Prairie View A&M Sports Photo  
**COOPER:** WNBA legend has Prairie View on top of SWAC women's race.

## LINING UP FOR TOURNNEY TIME

**JC SMITH GETS NEW FOOTBALL COACH; ALCORN TRYING TO GET RID OF THEIRS**

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

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Virginia Union	5	0	15	3
Bowie State	3	2	11	9
Virginia State	2	2	10	12
Elizabeth City State	1	3	15	5
St. Paul's	0	4	5	13

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

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Benedict	13	1	15	2
Claffin	15	2	16	2
Lane	10	4	12	5
Clark Atlanta	8	6	10	7
LeMoyne-Owen	10	8	10	10
Fort Valley State	8	7	8	10
Albany State	7	7	8	9
Miles	7	9	7	12
Kentucky State	5	11	6	12
Paine	5	11	6	13
Stillman	4	10	5	11
Tuskegee	3	10	3	13
Morehouse	2	11	4	12

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Alabama State	8	1	11	8
Jackson State	7	2	8	13
Ark. Pine Bluff	6	3	7	13
Prairie View A&M	5	4	9	13
Alabama A&M	4	5	6	11
Grambling State	4	5	6	14
Southern	4	5	4	17
Miss. Valley St.	3	6	3	19
Alcorn State	2	7	4	18
Texas Southern	2	7	2	20

INDEPENDENTS	W		L	
W. Va. State	15	4		
Cheyney	12	5		
Central State	14	7		
Edward Waters	11	10		
Savannah State	12	11		
Lincoln (Pa.)	7	13		
UDC	7	14		
Winston-Salem State	6	14		
Florida Memorial	5	13		
Tennessee State	6	15		
Lincoln (Mo.)	3	15		
N. C. Central	2	22		

**CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
PLAYER  
**HAYWARD FAIN, So., F, SAC, Akron, OH** - Averaged a double-double, scoring 35 points (11.7 ppg.) and gathering 33 rebounds (8.0 rpg.) in three games including a 15-point, 15-rebound effort in a win over Virginia State.  
ROOKIE  
**HARVEY MILLS, Fr., G, VSU, Richmond, VA** - Had a career-high 20 points vs. St. Aug's, and averaged 10.3 ppg. thru three games.  
COACH  
**WILLARD COKER, VUU** - Has Panthers on 13-game win streak dating back to Dec. 6 and on top of East Division.

**MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
PLAYER  
**JASON JOHNSON, Sr., CF, SCSU, Bronx, NY** - Led Bulldogs to 2-0 week with 15-point, 13-rebound averages, added 5 blocks, 3 steals and 2 assists.  
ROOKIE  
**MICHAEL HARPER, Fr., G, CSU, Milwaukee, WI** - Helped Eagles to 2-0 mark getting 21 points vs. DelState and 16 vs. Howard.  
DEFENSE  
**BRANDON MONROE, Jr., F, NSU, Raeford, NC** - Grabbed game-high 17 rebounds vs. WSSU, added 2 blocks. Got 23 rebounds and 3 blocks in two games.

**SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
PLAYER  
**GREG LOTT, So., F, LANE, Hempstead, NY** - Averaged 17 points, 4 rebounds and 3 steals in wins over Tuskegee and Stillman. His best game was 19 points, 5 boards vs. Tuskegee.  
**RASUL BULU, Sr., F, LOC, Memphis, TN** - Averaged 16 points, 11 rebounds and 3 assists in wins over FVSU, KSU and loss to ASU. His best was 20 points, 13 boards vs. FVSU.

**SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
PLAYER  
**DARRION GRIFFIN, Sr., G, JSU, Toledo, OH** - Talled 18 points each in big wins over UAPB and MVSU. Added 12 boards for a double-double vs. MVSU and 5 rebounds vs. UAPB.

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**DARREN JONES, Jr., G, WVU, Cleveland, OH** - Jones averaged 21.7 points, 6.7 rebounds, and 4.7 assists per game in three State victories. He also hit on 19 of 31 field goal tries. He had 24 points vs. Charleston, 26 vs. Glenville State and 8 points, 5 assists vs. Bluefield State.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### AYCOCK GETS JCSU POST:

**Johnson C. Smith** has named **Steven Aycock** as the 20th Head Football Coach in Golden Bull history, according to JCSU Director of Athletics, **Steve Joyner, Sr.**



JCSU Sports Photo

**AYCOCK:** Promoted from offensive line to head coach.

"I am confident that Coach Aycock will deliver a winning program that captures the best of our athletic tradition, forms strategic alliances in Charlotte's diverse communities, and meets the University's standards for a highly motivated, highly talented student-athlete."

Aycock enters his fifth season as part of the JCSU football staff. This will be his first as head coach. Aycock had served as interim coach since November 2008. He spent the previous four seasons supervising football operations, recruiting, and coaching the offensive line.

"Steven definitely deserves this opportunity," said Joyner. "He has held our football student-athletes together and served as an excellent leader during some tumultuous times." Earlier this month, JCSU junior offensive lineman **Stephen Seard** passed away from complications caused by a seizure and former Golden Bulls' head coach **Daryl McNeill** was suddenly dismissed on November 5, 2008. Aycock has continued to provide structure for the returning football players during the off-season and maintained recruiting efforts with the 2009 signing day quickly approaching.

"I learned a lot from my mentor Coach **Bill Davis** and Coach **McNeill**," said Aycock. "I am ready to make Johnson C. Smith football a powerhouse in the CIAA and in Division II football."

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Aycock was an All-SIAC offensive lineman at **Savannah State** in 1991 and '92, under the late **Bill Davis**. Aycock continued to learn from Davis at **Tennessee State** as a student assistant from 1993-95, then joined **McNeill's** J.C. Smith staff in 1995. When **McNeill** returned to Savannah State in 1997, he sought out Aycock to join his staff.

When **McNeill** came back to JCSU in 2005, he hired Aycock as line coach and the Golden Bulls advanced to the **Pioneer Bowl** the next season with a 7-4 overall record. The team has yet to have a winning season since, prompting the university to seek new leadership for the football program.

### JONES QUESTIONS ALCORN FIRING:

In a short statement released last Friday (Jan. 27), **Alcorn State** announced that head football coach **Ernest Jones's** termination has been officially confirmed on the grounds of "malfeasance and contumacious conduct," but the coach says it's not over.



Alcorn Sports Photo

**JONES:** To appeal firing to higher body.

The school's decision was reached after ASU said it fulfilled due process procedures as indicated under the terms of Jones' employment contract.

"Our focus has been and continues to be the success of our student-athletes," said ASU President **Dr. George E. Ross**. "Alcorn's football program is firmly rooted in honesty and integrity, and I have great confidence in our ability to grow and strengthen our academic and athletic offerings."

After the university's decision was made known, Jones, in published reports, said that he will ask the state College Board and a Mississippi court for the impartial hearing he said he failed to receive from the university's grievance committee. The school has not released details of Jones's alleged unlawful misconduct but his lawyers say it relates to a personal bank account Jones set up for his television show. Lawyers for Jones also say Ross, who appoints members to the grievance committee, had a conflict of interest in the outcome of the appeal. Jones has filed a \$3 million breach of contract lawsuit against Ross, the university, athletic director **Darren Hamilton** and the state College Board.

Jones, a former Alcorn State receiver in his playing days, was hired in December 2007 and went 2-10 in this past season, his first year on the job. He was fired on Dec. 11, 2008.

The school named former defensive coordinator **Earnest Collins Jr.** as the interim head coach. Collins was one of seven assistant coaches fired by the university in November before being reinstated days before firing Jones.

# Tournament time 'round the corner

### LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

As the hoops season enters its final month or so, here's how the conference races are looking.

#### CIAA

**Virginia Union** in the East and **Johnson C. Smith** in the West are both undefeated in divisional play and setting the pace in the men's competition as the conference enters the final three weeks of the regular season. The CIAA Tournament will be held Feb. 24-28 in Charlotte, N.C.

VUU (5-0, 15-3) is on a 13-game winning streak while JCSU (4-0, 14-6) is headed in the opposite direction, losing two of its last three games and four of its last seven. The two leaders will meet Thursday nite (7:30 p.m.) in Charlotte in what could be a preview of the tournament's championship game. At 11 a.m. Thursday, the conference will hold a press conference at the downtown Convention Center to make announcements of new tournament sponsors, events and celebrity appearances.

On the women's side, a hot battle is raging in the East between **Bowie State** (3-1, 10-9), **St. Paul's** (3-1, 9-11) and **Virginia State** (2-2, 17-4). **Eric Tucker's** Lady Broncos of **Fayetteville State** (3-0, 15-6) have a two-game lead in the West.

## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DATES

**CIAA**  
Feb. 24 - 28 • Charlotte, NC  
Time Warner Cable Arena

**SIAC**  
March 4 - 8 • Birmingham, AL  
Fair Park Arena

**MEAC**  
March 9 - 14 • Winston-Salem, NC  
Joel Coliseum

**SWAC**  
March 11 - 14 • Birmingham, AL  
Fair Park Arena



TUCKER



BIBBS



BARTLEY

#### SIAC

After defending champion **Benedict's** 55-45 win at **Claffin** last Thursday, the two SIAC men's leaders have now exchanged wins on each other's home court.

**Benedict** (13-1, 15-2) has now moved past **Claffin** (15-2, 16-2) into first place as the teams head for a likely showdown at the league's tournament set for March 4-8 at Fair Park Arena in Birmingham.

Head coach **Lonnie Bartley's Fort Valley State** (15-0, 16-4) **Lady Wildcats** and **Clark Atlanta** (12-1, 16-2) are locked in a similar battle on the women's side. The only loss on CAU's conference ledger is a 93-77 decision to FVSU Saturday.

#### MEAC

The **North Carolina A&T** Lady Aggies sit atop the MEAC with an unblemished 8-0 mark in league play. **Patricia Bibbs'** troops (15-5 overall) have won nine straight including a 56-51 victory over their nearest pursuer, **Delaware State** (7-1, 11-10) on Jan. 19.

The men's race is customarily bunched with **Morgan State** (7-2, 12-10) and surprising **Bethune-Cookman** (5-2, 11-9) setting the pace. **Norfolk State** (5-3, 8-12) is another game back in the loss column but four others, **Hampton**, **Coppin State**, **Florida A&M** and **S. C. State** all have four league losses.

Could be another surprise winner in the MEAC like seventh-seed **Coppin State** a year ago come tournament time, March 9-14 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

#### SWAC

**Alabama State** (8-1, 11-8) is holding off defending champion **Jackson State** (7-2, 8-13) in the SWAC men's race and the two appear headed for a showdown at the March 11-14 Tournament in Birmingham's Fair Park Arena. They'll meet again in the regular season on March 5.

**Cynthia Cooper's Prairie View A&M** (8-1,

### GAMES THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 7

CIAA	Shaw vs. Bowie State in Raleigh, N	3
	St. Paul's vs. Elizabeth City State in Lawrenceville, VA	4
	Livingstone vs. Lincoln (PA) in Salisbury, NC	7:30
MEAC	SC State vs. Coppin State in Orangeburg, SC	12n
	Howard vs. MD-Eastern Shore in Washington, DC	4
	NC A&T vs. Florida A&M in Greensboro, N.C.	4
	Norfolk State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Norfolk, VA	4
	Hampton vs. Delaware State in Hampton, VA	6
	W-Salem State vs. Morgan State in Winston-Salem, NC	4
SWAC	Alabama State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Montgomery, AL	5
	Alabama A&M vs. Miss Valley State in Huntsville, AL	6
	Alcorn State vs. Jackson State in Lorman, MS	5:30
	Texas Southern vs. Prairie View A&M in Houston, TX	7
	Jackson State vs. Alcorn State in Alcorn State, MS	7:30
	Southern vs. Grambling State in Baton Rouge, LA	7:30
SIAC	Clark Atlanta vs. Benedict in Atlanta, GA	3
	Miles vs. Kentucky State in Birmingham, AL	3
	Stillman vs. Fort Valley State in Tuscaloosa, AL	3
	Tuskegee vs. Albany State in Tuskegee, AL	3
	Claffin vs. Morehouse in Orangeburg, SC	3:30
	L-Owen vs. Lane in Memphis, TN	7:30
INDEPENDENTS	Savannah State vs. Longwood in Savannah, GA	1
	Cheyney vs. Bloomsburg in Cheyney, PA	3
	UDC vs. Apprentice School in Washington, DC	3
	Tennessee State vs. UT Martin in Nashville, TN	7:30

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 8

	Fayv. St. vs. St. Augustine's in Fayv, NC CIAA Network	5
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#### MONDAY, FEB. 9

CIAA	Virginia Union vs. Virginia State in Richmond, VA	7:30
MEAC	NC A&T vs. B-Cookman in Greensboro, N.C	7:30
	SC State vs. Morgan State in Orangeburg, SC	7:30
	Norfolk State vs. Florida A&M in Norfolk, VA	8
	Hampton vs. UMES in Hampton, VA	8
	Howard vs. Delaware State in Washington, DC	8
SWAC	Alabama A&M vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff in Huntsville, AL	7
	Jackson State vs. Southern in Jackson, M	7:30
	Alcorn State vs. Grambling State in Alcorn State, MS	7:30
	Grambling State vs. Alcorn State in Alcorn State, MS	7:30
	Southern vs. Jackson State in Baton Rouge, LA	7:30
	Alab.St. vs. Miss Valley St.in Montgomery, AL ESPNU	8
INDEPENDENTS	W-Salem State vs. Coppin State in Winston-Salem, NC	7:30

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 10

CIAA	Bowie State vs. Virginia State in Bowie, MD	7:30
	Lincoln (PA) vs. Elizabeth City State in Lincoln, PA	7:30
	St. Augustine's vs. J. C. Smith in Raleigh, NC	7:30
	St. Paul's vs. Livingstone in Lawrenceville, VA	7:30
	Virginia Union vs. Shaw in Richmond, VA	7:30
SIAC	Albany State vs. Clark Atlanta in Albany, GA	7:30
	Fort Valley State vs. Morehouse in Fort Valley, GA	7:30
	Lane vs. Kentucky State in Jackson, TN	7:30
	Miles vs. Benedict in Birmingham, AL	7:30
	Tuskegee vs. Claffin in Tuskegee, AL	7:30

11-10) Lady Panthers have a one-game lead over **Southern** (7-2, 10-7) in the ladies race.

# BCSP Notes

### Seven to be inducted into CIAA Hall

The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** will welcome seven honorees for induction into the **John B. McLendon, Jr. Hall of Fame** in a ceremony and brunch on Friday, Feb. 27 at 11 am at the Charlotte Westin Hotel as part of the CIAA Tournament week of events.

The honorees include: **John D. "J. D." Marshall** (posthumous) a graduate of **South Carolina State** and pioneer in coaching and athletic administration; **James Sweat** a **Virginia State** grad whose **Hampton** women's basketball coach won the 1987-88 NCAA Division II national championship, with a record of 33-1. Also coached women's basketball at **Norfolk State**; **Virginia State** grad **Ronald W. Davis** distinguished himself, both as a successful former professional athlete in the National Football League and as a sought-after senior executive in several important marketing, administrative and financial positions; **Carlos Terry** (posthumous) one of the CIAA's "60 Greatest Players," a former NBA Player and one of **Big House Gaines's** most dominant players for **Winston-Salem State University** in the

late seventies; **Norfolk State** alum **April Holmes** was a former Spartan track and field star, who won the Gold medal in the women's 100 meter T44 class 2008 Paralympics Games in Beijing; **Chandra Sturup**, a **Norfolk State** University graduate, competed in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing in the 100m sprint for her native Bahamas. She was a 10-time NCAA Division II National Champion at **Norfolk State** from 1992-95, dominating the sprints (60, 100, 200) as well as the long jump. Sturup has seven individual titles from NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships; **Leo Miles, Sr. (posthumous)**, a native Washingtonian, and **Virginia State** grad played professional football with the **New York Giants**, won four divisional and three city football championships as a high school coach in D.C., continued his career at **Howard University** Director of Athletics for 17 years. In 1974, he was the first African-American to officiate a Super Bowl Game. Upon retiring from **Howard University**, Leo continued as an official for 22 years as head linesman, then culminated his career as a Supervisor of Officials in the **New York City Main NFL** Office.

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