

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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NORFOLK STATE'S PRICE SUCCEDES; MEAC LIFTS MORATORIUM ON EXPANSION

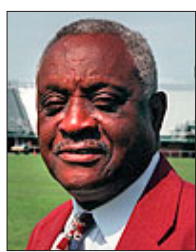
STEVE HARVEY: The comedian among celebrities expected to help pack over 150,000 guests into Charlotte for the CIAA Tournament.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NORFOLK STATE LOSES ICON:

Longtime former Norfolk State football coach and administrator **Dick Price** died Monday at 75 after a long battle with cancer.



PRICE

Price took over the NSU grid program in 1974 after 11 consecutive losing seasons and guided the Spartans over the next ten years (1974-83) to a 61-42 mark including winning three consecutive Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles in the mid 70s. He retired as the winningest coach in NSU history

Price, who later became athletic director at the school, also led the track team to the NCAA Div. II national championship in 1973 and '74. In 1997, the school named its new football stadium after him.

Price also was honored and served in many capacities in the Hampton Roads area. In 2003 he became the first African American to serve as president of the Norfolk Sports Club and in 2008 he received the Club's Lifetime Achievement Award. He served as chairman of the Hampton Roads African American Sports Hall of Fame and was the first recipient of the Virginia Beach Sports Club's "Director's Award," given to the person who demonstrates integrity and character. In 1979, the *Virginian-Pilot* named Price the "Sports Figure of the Decade."

In 2001 he was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

"I think Dick is going to be known as the most prolific athletic personality we've had at Norfolk State," said **Marty Miller**, the school's current athletic director in an interview with the *Pilot*.

Price graduated from **Hampton Institute** (now Hampton University) in 1957 and began his coaching career at the high school level. He was at Union Kempsville High School in Virginia Beach before coming to Norfolk State. At the time, the campus featured only two buildings and no dormitories.

MEAC LIFTS EXPANSION BAN:

Commissioner **Dennis Thomas** of the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) has announced that the MEAC Council of Chief Executive Officers has ended the moratorium on membership expansion effective immediately.

The moratorium was implemented to provide the conference a planned approach for membership expansion. A strategic and long range plan was developed and approved by the Council.

Using the strategic and long range plan document as a guideline, MEAC expansion will focus on increasing the membership to fourteen members, resulting in twelve (12) football playing institutions.

The MEAC will immediately begin reviewing applications for membership. Currently the MEAC has received and are reviewing applications from **North Carolina Central University** (Durham) and **Savannah** (Ga.) **State University**.

SWAC/MEAC GRID CHAMPS TO MEET:

The fifth annual *MEAC/SWAC Challenge* will pit the champions of the respective conferences in an early season 2009 gridiron showdown on ESPN2. The matchup was announced this week.

MEAC champ **South Carolina State** will face off against SWAC champ **Grambling State** on Sunday, Sept. 6 at Orlando's Citrus Bowl.

South Carolina State is coming off its most productive season in 14 years. The Bulldogs, under the tutelage of seven-year head coach **Oliver "Buddy" Pough**, compiled a 10-3 overall mark -- the school's most wins since the 1994 campaign -- and went undefeated at 8-0 to capture the MEAC Championship and a berth in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs.

"It should be an exciting game matching two teams that had outstanding years and won their league and were ranked 1-2 among HBCUs in the polls," said Coach Pough.

Head Coach **Rod Broadway's** second season at Grambling State was a memorable one as the Tigers overcame a 1-2 start and reeled off nine straight wins en route to earning its 22nd SWAC Football Championship and 14th Black College National Championship in school history. Grambling won the SBN National Championship Trophy. Grambling and SCSU tied for the top spot in the final BCSP ranking.

"We're looking forward to competing against South Carolina State in the MEAC-SWAC Challenge," said Broadway. "The opportunity to open the year on national television, in a venue as storied as the Citrus Bowl, will be a memory our players and staff will cherish."

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

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
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2) Elizabeth City State	13	5	21	6
3) Johnson C. Smith	12	6	20	7
4) St. Augustine's	11	7	18	9
5) Bowie State	10	8	15	12
6) Shaw	8	10	12	15
7) Virginia State	7	11	12	17
8) Livingstone	6	12	14	13
9) Fayetteville State	6	12	14	14
10) St. Paul's	3	15	6	21

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR
 PLAYER
ANTHONY HILLIARD, Sr., F, ECU, Fayetteville, NC - Repeat winner led CIAA and among national leaders in scoring (23.6 ppg.) and rebounding (11.6 rpg.) while pacing Vikings to 21-6 record, second seed in tournament.
DEFENSIVE PLAYER
JAMES DILLARD, Jr., F, JCSU, Apex, NC - Led CIAA in blocks (2.27 bpg.), was fifth in rebounding (8.2 rpg.) and shot 69.1% from the field.
ROOKIE
J. C. CHANEY, Fr., F, VSU, Danville, VA - Averaged 10.5 points and 5.0 rebounds per game, second best for Trojans, while shooting 58.5% from the field, second best in the conference.

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
	W	L	W	L
Morgan State	11	3	18	11
NC A&T State	8	5	15	13
Coppin State	8	6	11	17
SC State	8	6	13	13
Bethune-Cookman	8	6	14	14
Norfolk State	6	7	8	16
Hampton	6	7	13	14
Howard	6	7	8	19
Florida A&M	6	8	8	18
Delaware State	5	9	7	22
Md.-E. Shore	3	11	7	20

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
 PLAYER
TYWAN MCKEE, Sr., G, CSU, Philadelphia, PA - Averaged 19 points, 9.5 rebounds, 7.0 assists and 4.0 steals in two wins including 28 points and 10 boards vs. Florida A&M.
ROOKIE
MICHAEL HARPER, CSU - Averaged 13 points and 4 rebounds in two games.
DEFENSE
JOSH JACKSON, Sr., C, SCSU, Haines, FL - Averaged 10.5 rebounds in two wins for the Bulldogs. Had game-high 13 rebounds in win over Norfolk State. Also had 24 points and six assists in the two games.

SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
	W	L	W	L
Cliffell	21	2	22	2
Benedict	20	3	22	4
Lane	16	5	18	6
LeMoyne-Owen	12	11	13	13
Clark Atlanta	11	11	13	12
Miles	11	11	11	14
Albany State	11	12	12	14
Fort Valley State	11	12	11	15
Kentucky State	7	14	8	16
Morehouse	6	15	8	16
Tuskegee	6	15	6	18
Stillman	6	16	7	17
Paine	6	17	7	19

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
 PLAYER
DARRELL AIKEN, Jr., F, VSU, Marietta, GA - Averaged 14.3 points, 7.0 rebounds and 2.8 steals in wins over Paine and Clark Atlanta and double OT loss to Benedict. Scored 19 points vs. Paine, 17 with 12 boards vs. CAU.

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
	W	L	W	L
Alabama State	13	1	16	8
Jackson State	12	2	13	13
Prairie View A&M	9	5	13	14
Ark. Pine Bluff	9	6	10	16
Southern	7	8	7	20
Alabama A&M	5	9	7	15
Miss. Valley St.	5	10	5	23
Grambling State	4	10	6	19
Texas Southern	4	10	4	23
Alcorn State	4	11	6	22

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
 PLAYER
BRANDON BROOKS, 6-2, Sr., G, ALABAMA STATE, Dallas, TX - Scored season-high 33 points on 16 of 19 shooting from the field, 7 of 9 from 3-point range, and added five assists in shellacking (89-52) of Southern Saturday. Added 15 points on 6 of 11 shooting (3-of-5 from behind the arc) on Monday in win over Alcorn State. Averaged 24.0 ppg. in two games.

INDEPENDENTS	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
W. Va. State	22	4		
Central State	19	7		
Cheyney	16	7		
Savannah State	13	14		
Edward Waters	11	17		
UDC	10	16		
Tennessee State	10	17		
Florida Memorial	7	17		
Lincoln (Pa.)	8	18		
Winston-Salem State	8	18		
Lincoln (Mo.)	5	20		
N. C. Central	2	25		

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
HENSLEY CHARLES, 6-8, Sr., WVU, Edison, NJ - Posted triple-double with 24 points, 11 rebounds and 10 blocks in win over Bluefield State which clinched WVIAC regular season crown.
RICKY JACKSON, 6-7, Jr., F, WVU, Canton, OH - Had 25 points, 10 boards in win over Concord, and same numbers in win over Davis & Elkins.
BRYANT LEACH, Jr., G, LINCOLN, Philadelphia - Had 21 points on 9 of 12 shooting and pulled down team- and game-high 9 boards in win over St. Paul's, the team's fifth win over a CIAA school.

CIAA Tourney tips in Charlotte



CIAA TOURNAMENT BRACKET

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
 W - #8 Livingstone vs #9 Virginia Union 7
 W - #7 St. Augustine's vs #10 Eliz. City State 9

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 W - #4 Virginia State vs #5 St. Paul's 11a
 W - #3 J. C. Smith vs #6 Shaw 1
 W - #1 Bowie State vs #9 winner 3
 W - #2 Fayetteville State vs #7/10 winner 5
 M - #7 Virginia State vs #10 St. Paul's 7
 M - #8 Livingstone vs #9 Fayetteville State 9

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
 M - #4 St. Augustine's vs #5 Bowie State 1
 M - #2 Elizabeth City State vs #7/10 winner 3
 M - #3 J. C. Smith vs #6 Shaw 7
 M - #1 Virginia Union vs #8/9 winner 9

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
 SEMIFINALS
 W - BSU/8/9 winner vs. VSU/SPC winner 1
 W - FSU/7-10 winner vs. JCSU/Shaw winner 3
 M - ECU/7-10 winner vs. JCSU/Shaw winner 7
 M - VUU/8-9 winner vs. BSU/SAC winner 9

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
 Food Lion Women's Championship Game 5
 Ford Men's Championship Game 8

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Whether you call it "The C-I" like the youngsters or the "Double-A" like the oldheads, the time for the largest and most successful hoops event in black college sports has arrived.

The 34th addition of the Women's CIAA Basketball Tournament tipped off Tuesday and the 64th Men's Basketball Tournament tipped Wednesday at the NBA Charlotte Bobcats' home, the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, N. C.

The Tournament pits teams from the ten conference institutions competing thru the week for the coveted CIAA Tournament Championship with Saturday's title game winners getting automatic bids to continue playing in the NCAA Div. II national tournaments.

But the CIAA Tournament is much more. It's also the setting for a modern-day celebration of African-American culture that plays out in a series of social, entertainment, marketing and networking events tied to its long history as a February destination spot for a host of black people.

Over 181,000 fans were drawn to Charlotte a year ago to witness the eclectic mix of events. And despite troubling economic times, the hosts are looking to attract just as many this time around.

Virginia Union (19-5, 14-4) comes in as the men's top seed but without head coach **Dave Robbins**, who hung up his whistle last year after 30 precedent-setting seasons.

In his first season at the helm, former



TOP COACHES: In just their first year as head coaches, Willard Coker (l.) of Virginia Union and Donna Polk (r.) of Bowie State guided their teams to first-place regular season finishes and top seeds in this week's CIAA Tournaments.

Robbins' assistant **Willard Coker** has continued the Panther's tradition of earning the tournament's top seed, earning the honor for the fourth year in a row.

On the women's side, another first-year coach will lead the top seed. Former Columbia Union head coach **Donna Polk**, who took over in October just before the start of the season at **Bowie State**, guided the Lady Bulldogs to a 17-10 overall mark and league-best 14-4 mark in conference play.

Second men's seed **Elizabeth City State** (21-6, 13-5), who handed VUU a loss to end the regular season and boasts the league's two-time player of the year in forward **Anthony Hilliard**, is expected to be the Panthers' chief challenger.

St. Paul's, with women's Player of the Year **Tatiana Ellis** and Rookie of the Year **Keyona Bryant**, handed Bowie State its last regular season loss, 57-54 on Feb. 14.

BCSP Notes

CIAA hoops awards

Elizabeth City State senior forward **Anthony Hilliard** has repeated as the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** men's player of the year and **St. Paul's College** high-scoring junior guard **Tatiana Ellis** has been named the women's award winner as the CIAA announced its basketball awards winners this week.

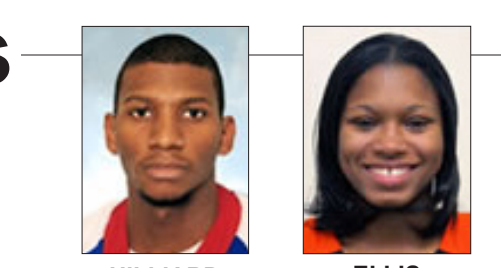
For the second year in a row, Hillard, a 6-4 Fayetteville, N.C. native, led the conference in scoring (23.6 ppg.) and rebounding (11.6 rpg.) in sweeping to the award in back-to-back seasons. Those numbers place him fifth nationally in scoring stats and third in rebounding.

Hilliard becomes the seventh CIAA player to win the award at least twice and the first back-to-back winner since **St. Paul's** forward **Antwain Smith** won three straight POY awards from 1997-99.

Ellis, who hails from Harlem, N. Y., led the conference in scoring (22.2 ppg.) and was also the top 3-point producer hitting on 2.2 3s per game.

They both are the top stars of 12-person all-conference teams named by the conference and selected respectively by the members of the men's and women's basketball coaches associations.

The men's defensive player of the year went to talented **Johnson C. Smith** junior forward **James Dillard**. The 6-8 leaper from Apex, N.C. led the conference in blocks (2.27 per game) and was among the rebounding leaders pulling down 8.2 boards per contest. Dillard, also a member of the all-conference team, shot 69.1% from the field, tops in the CIAA



HILLIARD

ELLIS

and third best in the nation, and averaged a hefty 17.8 points per game.

Virginia Union, J. C. Smith and **St. Augustine's** each had three players voted to the men's all-conference team. J. C. Smith, **Fayetteville State**, **Virginia State**, **Bowie State** and **St. Augustine's** each had two selections to the women's team.

The women's defensive award was won by **Bowie State** senior guard **Denisha Kenion** who led the conference in steals (3.12 per game) and assists (4.2 per game).

The CIAA's Sports Information Directors Association earlier picked **Virginia State** freshman forward **J. C. Chaney** as the men's top rookie and **St. Augustine's** freshman center **Keyona Bryant** as the women's top freshman. Chaney averaged 10.5 points and 5 rebounds for the Trojans while Bryant put up 17.8 points and 7.3 boards for the Lady Falcons.

MEN
 Brandon Byerson, Jr., G, VUU; Braxton Byerson, So., G, VUU; Ryan Scott, Sr., G, JCSU; Will Gill, Sr., G, SAC; Taylor Taylor, Sr., G, LC; Gregg Thonique, Sr., F, VUU; James Dillard, Sr., F, JCSU; Anthony Hilliard, Sr., F, ECU; Duke Crews, Jr., F, BSU; Hayward Fain, So., F, SAC; Anthony Wynn, Sr., F, SPC; Jerry Hollis, Jr., F, JCSU
WOMEN
 L'Oreal Price, Jr., G, FSU; Tatiana Ellis, Jr., G, SPC; Katania Walker, Sr., G, VSU; Bianco Lee, Jr., G, BSU; Wendy Stywalt,

GAMES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

SWAC
 Alabama State vs. Prairie View in Montgomery, AL 3
 Miss Valley State vs. Jackson State in Itta Bena, MS 5:30
 Alabama A&M vs. Texas Southern in Huntsville, AL 6
 Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Grambling State in Pine Bluff, AR 7
 Southern vs. Alcorn State in Baton Rouge, LA 4

MEAC
 Coppin State vs. UMES in Baltimore MD 4
 Morgan State vs. Delaware State in Baltimore MD 4
 NC A&T vs. Howard in Greensboro, N.C 4
 SC State vs. Bethune-Cookman in Orangeburg, SC 4
 Norfolk State vs. Hampton in Norfolk, VA 6

SIAC
 LeMoyne-Owen vs. Lane in Memphis, TN 7:30
 Morehouse vs. Kentucky State in Atlanta, GA 3

MONDAY, MARCH 2

SWAC
 Miss Valley State vs. Grambling State in Itta Bena, MS 6
 Alabama State vs. Texas Southern in Montgomery, AL 7
 Alabama A&M vs. Prairie View in Huntsville, AL 7:30
 Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Jackson St. in PB, AR ESPNU 8

MEAC
 SC State vs. Florida A&M in Orangeburg, SC 7:30
 NC A&T vs. Hampton in Greensboro, N.C 7:30
 Norfolk State vs. Howard in Norfolk, VA 8

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

MEAC
 Coppin State vs. Morgan State in Baltimore MD 4
 Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M in D. Beach, FL 7:30
 UMES vs. Delaware State in Princess Anne, MD 7:30
 Howard vs. Hampton in Washington, DC 8
 Norfolk State vs. NC A&T in Norfolk, VA 8

SWAC
 Miss Valley State vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff in Itta Bena, MS 7
 Texas Southern vs. Southern in Houston, TX 7:30
 Prairie View vs. Alcorn State in Prairie View, TX 7:30
 Grambling St. vs. Alabama A&M in Grambling, LA 7:30
 Jackson State vs. Alabama State in Jackson, MS 7:30

Jr., G, JCSU; Chelsea Jeter, Sr., G, FSU; Keyona Bryant, Fr., F, SAC; Allison Sikes, So., F, SAC; Angela Brown, Jr., F, VSU; Teanusha Robinson, So., F, BSU; Demetria Bell, Jr., F, JCSU; Tonyae Smith, Jr., C, VUU

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CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
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TATIANA ELLIS, Jr., G, SPC, Harlem, NY - Led CIAA in scoring (22.2 ppg.) and 3-pointers made (2.20 ppg.).
DEFENSIVE PLAYER
DENISHA KENION, Sr., G, BSU, Washington, MD - Led CIAA in steals (3.12 spg.) and assists (4.2 spg.).
ROOKIE
KEYONA BRYANT, Fr., C, SAC, Springdale, MD - Led Lady Falcons in scoring at 17.8 ppg., second best in the CIAA, also averaged 7.3 rebounds per game.

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