

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



BRAND NEW HEAVY

TOURNEY TIME CONTINUES IN B'HAM; JC SMITH SHINES AT CIAA IN CHARLOTTE

WOODARD: Clafin coach has new Panthers of the SIAC on top of South Region rankings and seventh in Div. II national poll.

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

MEN	MEAC			MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE		
	CONF	ALL	W L W L	CONF	ALL	W L W L
# Morgan State	12	3	19	11	22	6
SC State	10	6	15	13	11	4
NC A&T State	9	6	16	14	11	4
Coppin State	9	6	12	17	9	6
Bethune-Cookman	8	7	15	15	9	6
Norfolk State	8	7	10	17	9	6
Hampton	7	8	14	15	6	9
Howard	6	9	8	21	6	9
Florida A&M	6	9	9	19	4	11
Delaware State	5	10	7	23	3	13
Md.-E. Shore	3	12	7	21	1	14

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

EUGENE MYATT, Sr., F, HOWARD, Philadelphia - Averaged 28 points, 3.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.0 steals in two games. Had MEAC season-high 41 points vs. Coppin State.

MICHAEL HARPER, Fr., G, CSU, Milwaukee, WI - Had 22 points, five 3s, 5 rebounds vs. UMEs. Averaged 14.0 points, 4 rebounds in 1-1 week.

KANDI MUKOLE, Jr., F, HOWARD, Brussels, Belgium - Averaged 9.5 rebounds, 1 block and 1 steal in 2 games. Had 9 boards vs. Coppin State, 10 vs. A&T.

WOMEN	MEAC			MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE		
	CONF	ALL	W L W L	CONF	ALL	W L W L
# NC A&T State	14	1	22	6	14	1
Delaware State	11	4	15	13	11	4
Coppin State	11	4	13	13	9	6
Morgan State	9	6	17	11	9	6
Md.-E. Shore	9	6	13	13	9	6
Hampton	9	6	13	14	6	9
Florida A&M	6	9	11	16	6	9
Howard	6	9	7	21	4	11
Bethune-Cookman	4	11	12	15	3	13
SC State	3	13	6	21	1	14
Norfolk State	1	14	1	25		

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

BRITTANY TAYLOR-JAMES, Sr., F, NC A&T, Evanston, IL - Averaged 22 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3 assists in two victories that netted Lady Aggies regular season title. Shot 89% (17 of 19) FTs, with 2 blocks and 2 steals.

NAKIA DEBLANC, Fr., C, NC A&T, Rankin, PA - Averaged 8 points, 5 rebounds in 2 games while shooting 54% from the floor with 2 assists.

WHITNEY CUNNINGHAM, Sr., C, CSU, Baltimore - Averaged 8 rebounds, 3 blocks and 1 steal in 2-0 week.

MEN	SWAC			SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE		
	CONF	ALL	W L W L	CONF	ALL	W L W L
Alabama State	15	1	18	8	13	3
Jackson State	13	3	14	14	10	6
Prairie View A&M	10	6	14	15	10	7
Ark. Pine Bluff	10	7	11	17	8	8
Southern	8	8	8	20	7	10
Miss. Valley St.	7	10	7	23	5	11
Alabama A&M	5	11	7	17	5	11
Texas Southern	5	11	5	24	4	12
Grambling State	4	12	6	21	4	12
Alcorn State	4	12	6	23		

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ERIC PETTY, Sr., F, MVSU, Salinas, CA - Got 18 points and 8 rebounds as Delta Devils upset second-place Jackson State Saturday. Came back to get 11 in win over Grambling on Monday.

WOMEN	SWAC			SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE		
	CONF	ALL	W L W L	CONF	ALL	W L W L
Prairie View A&M	15	1	18	10	11	5
Southern	11	5	14	10	10	7
Ark. Pine Bluff	10	7	11	17	9	7
Alabama State	9	7	12	15	8	8
Alabama A&M	8	8	10	16	8	9
Miss. Valley St.	8	9	11	18	6	10
Grambling State	6	10	8	18	6	10
Texas Southern	6	10	8	19	4	12
Jackson State	4	12	7	19	4	12
Alcorn State	4	12	5	24		

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

GAATI WEREMA, PRAIRIE VIEW - Tallied 24 points and pulled down 9 rebounds in Lady Panthers win over Alabama A&M Monday, its 14th straight win. Werem scored 11 in Saturday's win over Alabama State.

WOMEN	INDEPENDENTS			W	L
	CONF	ALL	W L W L		
UDC	24	4	24	4	24
Central State	16	7	16	7	16
Florida Memorial	19	9	19	9	19
Tennessee State	17	12	17	12	17
West Va. State	15	13	15	13	15
Cheyney	12	12	12	12	12
N. C. Central	10	17	10	17	10
Savannah State	8	20	8	20	8
Lincoln (Mo.)	5	19	5	19	5
Edward Waters	2	16	2	16	2
Winston-Salem State	5	23	5	23	5
Lincoln (Pa.)	2	25	2	25	2

INDEPENDENTS

MEN	INDEPENDENTS			W	L
	CONF	ALL	W L W L		
W. Va. State	23	4	23	4	23
Central State	19	8	19	8	19
Cheyney	17	8	17	8	17
Savannah State	13	14	13	14	13
Edward Waters	12	17	12	17	12
UDC	10	16	10	16	10
Tennessee State	7	17	7	17	7
Florida Memorial	8	18	8	18	8
Lincoln (Pa.)	8	20	8	20	8
Winston-Salem State	5	20	5	20	5
Lincoln (Mo.)	3	27	3	27	3

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FLORIDA MEMORIAL WINS:

The 3rd seed **Florida Memorial** Lady Lions edged out the 1st seed St. Thomas Bobcats 61-59 to capture the Sun Conference Tournament Championship and an automatic bid to the NAIA National Championship Saturday at **Edward Waters College**.

The Sun Conference Player of the Year, **Kiesha Alexander**, led the Lady Lions with 19 points and 11 rebounds while playing in all 40 minutes of the championship game. Alexander finished the tournament recording a double-double in all three tournament games, the only player to achieve such a feat.

Florida Memorial will next travel to the NAIA National Tournament in Point Lookout, Michigan.

SCOTT, WVSU TAKE WVIAC AWARDS:

WVIAC men's basketball coaches have selected **West Virginia State** senior guard **Ted Scott** as the league's 2008-09 Player of the Year. West Virginia State head coach **Bryan Poore** was recognized by his peers as the WVIAC Coach of the Year after leading the Yellow Jackets to the regular season title.

Scott, the 2006-07 WVIAC Player of the Year, bounced back from a serious knee injury that caused him to miss last season. His 23.5 points per game rank second in the WVIAC and among the top five nationally in Division II. The Columbus, Ohio native tallied more than 30 points on five occasions this season as the Jackets have rolled to a 23-4 overall record entering this week's WVIAC Tournament.

The 6-1 guard is shooting just over 50 percent on the season. He also contributes 3.0 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game for the WVIAC regular season champions. Scott's 2,301 career points rank him second all-time in the rich history of West Virginia State basketball.

"It's rewarding to see him come back to full strength after the knee injury and surgery," said Poore of his star pupil. "His hard work deserves a lot of credit and a lot of credit goes to the rest of our players. The year off helped Ted in some ways. He sees the game better. We told him that he didn't have score 28 points per game for us to succeed this year. He's really done a great job in making his team better."

Joining Scott on the All-WVIAC first team was teammate **Ricky Jackson**, a 6-6 forward who averaged 17.2 points and 8.3 rebounds for the Yellow Jackets.

TRAMBLE OUT AT CENTRAL STATE:

Central State Athletic Director **Kellen B. Winslow** has announced that **Patricia Tramble** has been released as the Lady Marauders head women's basketball coach.

"We thank Coach Pat for her years of service and dedication to CSU Women's Basketball," Winslow said, "As we continue to move forward in the revitalization of CSU Athletics, I thought it best to make this move at this juncture of our growth."

Tramble, a 1986 alum, was promoted to head coach when **Theresa Check** gave up her coaching duties in 2001 to concentrate on her duties as AD. Check had served in both roles since 1998 and Tramble was her top assistant. Tramble took on the additional duties of Senior Woman Administrator in 2004.

In her seven years as head coach Tramble's Lady Marauders had posted a record of 152-68. This year's squad finished 16-7.

SWAC INDOOR TRACK CHAMPS:

The 2009 **Southwestern Athletic Conference** Indoor Track & Field Championships concluded Sunday with the **Alabama State** women and **Grambling State** men garnering the 2009 Indoor Track and Field Champions.

The Lady Hornets of Alabama State tallied 144 points during the two-day competition. They were led by **Kristin Hart**, who accumulated 16 individual points and won the women's outstanding field performer award.

Grambling State registered 162.50 team points for the weekend. **Darwin Price** led the way for the Tigers as he recorded 30 individual points while being named the men's outstanding track performer. Other awards given out on Sunday included the women's outstanding track performer, which went to **Jackline Chumo** of **Arkansas-Pine Bluff**. Alabama State's **Kameral Kendrick** received the men's outstanding field performer honors.

SIAC, Birmingham take center stage

All eyes will be on Birmingham this week as the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** crowns its men's and women's basketball tournament champions.

Nationally and regionally ranked **Clafin** and **Benedict**, the latter the tournament's defending champion, are expected to battle for the men's title.

Fort Valley State and **Clark Atlanta** have staged a season-long battle for women's bragging rights and come in as heavy favorites to meet in the tournament's Sunday, March 8 final game.

The 76th edition of the men's tournament makes it not just the oldest in black college basketball but the longest continuously held post season affair in the history of the NCAA. The tournament was started by SIAC visionary **Cleve Abbott** in Tuskegee in 1934.

This will be the 31st edition of the annual women's tournament. Both tourneys are being held at Birmingham's Fair Park Arena Wednesday, March 4 thru Sunday, March 8.

Leading from the men's side is conference newcomer Clafin under seven-year head coach **Ron**



TOURNAMENT BRACKET

WED., MARCH 4

W - #6 Albany State vs. #11 Paine	10a
W - #5 Tuskegee vs. #12 Lane	12n
M - #12 Stillman vs. #13 Paine	2
W - #8 Stillman vs. #9 LeMoyn-Owen	4
W - #7 Miles vs. #10 Benedict	6
M - #8 Miles vs. #9 Tuskegee	8

THUR., MARCH 5

W - #4 Clafin vs. TUI/LC winner	10a
M - #6 Clark Atlanta vs. #11 Morehouse	12n
M - #7 Albany St. vs. #10 Kentucky St.	2
W - #1 Fort Valley St. vs. SC/LOC winner	4
M - #5 Fort Valley State vs. SC/PC winner	6
M - #1 Clafin vs. MC/TU winner	8

FRI., MARCH 6

W - #3 Kentucky St. vs. ASU/PC winner	12n
M - #3 Lane vs. CAU/MHC winner	2
W - #2 Clark Atlanta vs. MC/BC winner	4
M - #2 Benedict vs. ASU/KSU winner	6
M - #4 LeMoyn-Owen vs. FVSU winner	8

SAT., MARCH 7

W - CAU winner vs. KSU winner	2
M - Benedict winner vs. Lane winner	4
W - FVSU winner vs. Clafin winner	6
M - Clafin winner vs. LOC winner	8

SUN., MARCH 8

Women's Championship Game	1
Men's Championship Game	4

only two losses coming to #2 seed Benedict and #8 seed Miles.

Benedict comes in with an equally impressive 23-4 overall record and 21-3 SIAC mark with losses to Clafin, Miles and **Fort Valley State**, the latter two in overtime.

Clafin was ranked first and Benedict third in last week's NCAA Div. II South Region and both are likely to move on to Regional play regardless of their tournament outcomes. Nationally in Div. II rankings, Clafin is seventh and Benedict 14th.

The women's bracket is topped by perennial SIAC favorite **Fort Valley State**, who went undefeated in SIAC (22-0) play this season. **Clark Atlanta**, led by SIAC scoring leader **Shantrell Moss**, is a strong second seed. Moss helped propel CAU to a 24-3 overall record, 20-2 in the SIAC with both losses coming at the hands of Fort Valley State. FVSU (2nd) and CAU (8th) are both ranked in the NCAA Div. II women's South Region.

The women's championship game is set for Sunday at 1 p.m. with the men's title game to follow at 4 p.m. Both championship games will air by tape delay on ESPNU.

FINAL SIAC STANDINGS				
WOMEN	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Fort Valley State	22	0	23	4
Clark Atlanta	20	2	24	3
Kentucky State	15	7	17	10
Clafin	12	10	14	11
Tuskegee	11	11	11	16
Albany State	11	11	11	16
Miles	10	12	13	14
Stillman	9	13	9	15
Benedict	8	14	10	16
LeMoyn-Owen	8	14	11	16
Paine	5	17	6	20
Lane	1	21	3	23

MEN	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Clafin	22	2	23	2
Benedict	21	3	23	4
Lane	18	6	20	7
LeMoyn-Owen	13	11	14	13
Fort Valley State	12	12	12	15
Clark Atlanta	12	12	14	13
Miles	12	12	13	14
Albany State	12	12	13	14
Tuskegee	8	16	8	19
Kentucky State	7	17	8	19
Morehouse	7	17	9	18
Stillman	6	18	7	19
Paine	6	18	7	20

The women's championship will air at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9 and the men's game will air at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 8.

The SIAC will also broadcast the early rounds of the tournament live or on-demand on www.siacbas-ketballtournament.com.

J. C. Smith sweeps in Charlotte

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The men and women of **Johnson C. Smith** followed similar routes to claiming 2009 CIAA Basketball Tournament titles in Charlotte, N. C. Saturday.

The homestanding Golden Bulls and Lady Golden Bulls both were third seeds and knocked off top seeds in claiming their crowns.

The defending champion men's team got on top early and kept **Virginia Union** at bay en route to taking down the Panthers 70-63 to claim the program's first-ever back-to-back tournament titles.

It was the third tournament title in nine seasons for victorious 23-year JCSU head coach **Steve Joyner**, after the Bulls never winning a championship in the tournament's history.

The JCSU ladies rode **Wendy Stywalt's** 30 points and a stifling second-half defense that held **Bowie State** to just 10 points after the break in subduing the Lady Bulldogs 49-36.

It was the first-ever title for the women's program which is in its second year under head coach **Vanessa Taylor**.

"This is huge," said Joyner, also athletic director at JCSU, of the sweep. "We encourage each other all the time and support each other."

"As far as back