

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



MEAC Sports Photo
Hampton Lady Pirates take seventh consecutive MEAC Outdoor track title.

SWEEPS ON TRACK

MEAC/SWAC CHALLENGE GOES HIGH DEF; FOUR THURSDAY FB GAMES FOR SWAC

NCAA DIVISION II TENNIS PLAYOFFS (WOMEN)

ATLANTIC REGION I in California, PA
May 7 > **West Virginia State** vs. West Virginia Wesleyan
May 8 > **Shaw** vs. Charleston
ATLANTIC REGION II in Bloomsburg, PA
May 7 > **Virginia State** vs. **Elizabeth City State**
South Regional II in Valdosta, GA
May 7 > **Tuskegee** men vs. Nova Southeastern

(MEN)

ATLANTIC REGION II in Kutztown, PA
May 7 > **Shaw** vs. Concord
ATLANTIC REGION II in Buckhannon, WV
May 7 > **Virginia State** vs. West Virginia Wesleyan
SOUTH REGION I in Miami Shores, FL
May 7 > **Morehouse** vs. West Florida

NCAA DIVISION I TENNIS PLAYOFFS (WOMEN)

In Atlanta, GA
May 8 > **Jackson State** vs. Georgia Tech
In Athens, GA
May 8 > **South Carolina State** vs. Georgia
(MEN)
In Baton Rouge, LA
May 8 > **Alcorn State** vs. Mississippi
In Athens, GA
May 8 > **South Carolina State** vs. Georgia

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

SOFTBALL	CONF	ALL
NORTH	W L W L	
Howard	9 4 20 26	
Delaware State	8 6 22 20	
Hampton	8 6 23 21	
UMES	7 7 20 16	
NORTH	W L W L	
Florida A&M	12 0 25 27	
Bethune-Cookman	7 5 17 32	
Norfolk State	6 6 21 23	
NC A&T State	5 7 23 19	

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
JENNIFER LUPER, So., **P, NC A&T, Fort Mill, SC** - 1.88 ERA in four games, 26 innings, struck out 17, also had home run vs. NCCU and was 2-2 at the plate.
ROOKIE
DANIELLE WRIGHT, Fr., **OF, NSU, Safety Harbor, FL** - Hit .500 for the week with 3 triples, 2 doubles and 10 RBI. Also had 3 SB.
PITCHER
AMANDA REYES, Jr., **P, FAMU, Scott Valley, CA** - Back-to-back wins in doubleheader vs. SCSU, complete game shutout in first game, 8 Ks in second game allowing only two hits.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

BASEBALL	CONF	ALL
Bethune-Cookman	16 2 26 24	
Delaware State	10 8 19 21	
Florida A&M	9 8 20 25	
NC A&T State	9 8 17 31	
Norfolk State	9 9 18 20	
Md.-Eastern Shore	9 9 11 39	
Coppin State	0 18 0 29	

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
JASON NEAL, Sr., **1B, NC A&T, Asheboro, NC** - Hit .440 (11 for 25) to lead Aggies to 4-2 week. Had 3 HRs, 1 triple, 1 double and 8 RBI.
ROOKIE
ALI SIMPSON, Fr., **LHP, B-CU, Campbell River, BC** - Struck out 11 in seven innings of work for Wildcats last week.
PITCHER
BEN VASCO, Fr., **C, UMES, San Diego, CA** - Hit .333 (2 for 6) with one double.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

BASEBALL	DIV	ALL
EAST	W L W L	
Miss. Valley St.	15 5 20 23	
Jackson State	15 9 35 19	
Alcorn State	10 9 23 16	
Alabama A&M	10 12 14 25	
Alabama State	3 18 12 26	
WEST		
Southern	17 6 24 14	
Ark. Pine Bluff	13 11 20 22	
Texas Southern	10 14 20 24	
Grambling State	9 13 12 30	
Prairie View A&M	9 14 21 23	

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
C. DERKOWSKI, **1B, TSU**, - Went 6 for 11 (.545) while TSU took two of three games from Prairie View. Totalled 2 home runs, 5 RBI and 5 runs scored.
PITCHER
JACKSON STATE HURLERS - In a three-game sweep of Alabama State, JSU starting pitchers M. Zachary, C. Huggins and J. Fronberger game up just 8 hits and 2 runs in 17 innings with 19 strike outs. Fronberger and Zachary hurled complete games.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HARVEY NAMED TO NCAA BOARD:

The Division I Board of Directors approved the appointment of three new presidents: **William Harvey of Hampton**, **Judy Genshaft of South Florida** and **William Meehan of Jacksonville State**.

The 18-member board that oversees management and sets policies for the organization is comprised on chief executive officers (CEOs) of institutions. All 11 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conferences have a permanent seat. Seven Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and Div. I conferences rotate seats.

Harvey has served as president at Hampton since 1978, overseeing increases in student enrollment, academic programs offered and average SAT scores for entering freshman. Before taking over as president, Harvey served three years in the Army. He also worked at Harvard, **Fisk** and **Tuskegee**. He holds degrees from **Talladega College** and Harvard.

All terms began at the end of the April 30 Board meeting.

HIGH DEF CHALLENGE:

ESPN Regional Television (ERT) has announced that the fifth annual **MEAC/SWAC Challenge** presented by Disney will air on ESPN2/ESPN2 HD and ESPN360.com on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m. ET. This will mark the first time the game will be offered in high definition and on ESPN's broadband digital sports television network.

This year's event will pit **MEAC** defending champion **South Carolina State** against 2008 **SWAC** title winner **Grambling State** for the first time since 1994. The yearly event, which features teams from two prominent HBCU (Historically Black College/University) leagues, will return to Citrus Bowl Stadium in Orlando, Fla.

South Carolina State and Grambling have previously met 14 times. The Grambling Tigers lead the series 10-4. However, the Bulldogs won the last meeting 31-27 in the 1994 *Heritage Bowl*. Both teams have also participated in the MEAC/SWAC Challenge before this year's scheduled appearance. South Carolina State played in the inaugural game in 2005 vs. **Alabama State** and Grambling in 2006 against **Hampton**.

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THURSDAY SWAC GAMES SET:

The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** has announced its four-game Thursday football schedule for the upcoming 2009 season.

All televised Thursday games will be shown live on ESPNU, beginning on Oct. 1 with **Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff** hosting **Alcorn State** at Golden Lion Stadium. In 2008, the teams played on Thursday night, with the Braves taking a 13-3 home win on Sept. 18.

On Oct. 22, **Prairie View A&M** will travel to Baton Rouge to face **Southern** at A.W. Mumford Stadium. Last season, the Panthers rallied from a double-digit deficit to defeat Southern 24-23 in Houston on Oct. 25.

Robinson Stadium in Grambling, LA is the scene on Nov. 12 as the defending SWAC champion **Grambling State** Tigers host **Texas Southern** at 8 p.m. CT, the second straight year this 'Battle of Tigers' will be staged on Thursday. Grambling won at TSU 33-7 last year.

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26 will feature the 86th Turkey Day Classic between **Alabama State** and **Tuskegee** at 3 p.m. in Montgomery, AL. The Hornets last ended Tuskegee's 26-game winning streak, 17-13.

All the games will be carried live. Kickoff times for the 10/1 and 10/22 games, as well as the SWAC Saturday Schedule, will be announced later this spring.

2009 SWAC Thursday Football TV Schedule on ESPNU

Thur. Oct. 1	Alcorn State at Univ. Arkansas-Pine Bluff - TBA
Thur. Oct. 22	Prairie View A&M at Southern - TBA
Thur. Nov. 12	Texas Southern at Grambling State - 8 p.m.
Thur. Nov. 26	Alabama State vs. Tuskegee - 3 p.m.

Spring Sports Roundup

SWAC

Jackson State women, Grambling State men claim outdoor Track & Field titles

The Jackson State Lady Tigers and Grambling State Tigers were crowned the 2009 SWAC Outdoor Track and Field Champions at Texas Southern's Durlay Stadium on Sunday.

Jackson State, who won the 2008 Outdoor title as well, solidified this year's victory by tallying 207 total points over three days of competition.

The Lady Tigers were led by Danielle Miller and Jemu Zar Zar, who were named Outstanding Female Field Events Athlete and Outstanding Female Running Events Athlete, respectively.

Miller had two first place finishes during the meet, including the shot put (13.72m) and the discus throw (43.67m). Miller also finished sixth in the javelin event (32.86m).

Zar Zar competed in four different events over the weekend. She placed second in the 5000 meter run (19:28.87) and 10000 meter run (40:51.78), third in the 3000 meter steeplechase (11:31.35), and fourth in the 1500 meter run (5:00.95).

For the men, Grambling State claimed the 2009 Outdoor crown by collecting 159.50 points during the meet. The Tigers, who also took home the 2009 Indoor title, were led by Darwin Price, the 2009 Outdoor Outstanding Male Running Events Athlete.

Participating in four events, Price finished first in the 1500 meter run (3:54.26), second in the 5000 meter run (15:40.86), third in the 3000 steeplechase (9:11.58), and sixth in the 800 meter run (2:00.97).

Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Arthur Thomas was named the 2009 Outstanding Male Field Events Athlete. He placed first in the discus throw (47.91m) and hammer throw (48.24m) and fourth in the shot put (14.38m).

Women

1. Jackson State - 207
2. Grambling State - 180
3. Alabama State - 164
4. Southern - 72
5. Prairie View A&M - 69
6. Texas Southern - 54
7. Arkansas-Pine Bluff - 32
8. Alcorn State - 12
9. Alabama A&M - 11
10. Mississippi Valley State - 5

Men

1. Grambling State - 159.50
2. Jackson State - 142
3. Southern - 123.50
4. Prairie View A&M - 115
5. Alabama State - 82
6. Arkansas-Pine Bluff - 55
7. Texas Southern - 51.50
8. Alcorn State - 35
9. Alabama A&M - 26
10. Mississippi Valley State - 23.50



WINNERS: Jackson State Lady Tigers celebrate victory in SWAC Track and Field Championships

Jackson State golfers get NCAA assignments

The Jackson State men's golf team will travel to Austin, Tx. to participate in one of six 54-hole regional tournaments from May 14-16 in the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships.

The tournament will be hosted by the University of Texas Longhorns. The Tigers are participating in their 11th NCAA tournament under head coach Eddie Payton. The low five teams and the low individual not on those teams will advance to the finals from each regional.

The championships will be conducted May 26-30 at the Inverness Club in Toledo, OH. The University of Toledo is the host institution for this year's championships.

The Jackson State women's golf team will compete in the NCAA Golf East Regional May 7-9 at the Mark Bostick Golf Course in Gainesville, Florida, hosted by the University of Florida.

MEAC

Hampton women, Norfolk State men repeat for outdoor Track & Field titles

The Hampton Lady Pirates and Norfolk State Spartans won the 2009 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the Irwin Belk Track on the campus of North Carolina A&T State this past weekend.

The Lady Pirates tallied 119 points en route to their seventh consecutive MEAC outdoor track and field title. Hampton's Krystle Medlin and Francena McCorory led Hampton with 24 and 22.5 points, respectively.

Coppin State's Natoya Baird earned Outstanding Performer accolades after tallying 29 points. Baird won the heptathlon during day-two action. She also scored in the high jump, long jump, triple jump and javelin during the competition.

Lady Pirates Head Coach Maurice Pierce earned Outstanding Coach accolades for the sixth consecutive year.

Maryland Eastern Shore finished second



FOUR STRAIGHT: Members of the Norfolk State squad celebrate their fourth straight MEAC Outdoor Track and Field title.

with 109 points followed by Norfolk State (106), North Carolina A&T (82) and Bethune-Cookman (70).

On the men's side the Norfolk State won its fourth straight team title and sixth overall with 133.5 points. Junior Marlon Woods earned Outstanding Performer honors after tallying 27.25 total points. Woods won the high jump with a 2.15m leap and was second in the long jump and triple jump. He also ran the anchor leg of the 4x100m relay that placed fourth.

Spartans' Head Coach, Kenneth Giles, earned MEAC Outdoor Track and Field Outstanding Coaching honors for the fourth time in his career.

Hampton recorded 104 points to finish as runners-up to the Spartans. Maryland Eastern Shore (93.5), North Carolina A&T (84) and Morgan State (73) rounded out the top five.

Softball championships this weekend

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) will host the 2009 MEAC Softball Championship beginning Thursday, May 7 through Saturday, May 9 at the Ormond Beach (Florida) Sports Complex. Howard and Florida A&M finished as the divisional leaders and will enter tournament play as the number one seeds.

Howard earned the top spot in the north with a 9-4 conference mark and 20-26 overall record. The Lady Bison won the conference title in 2007 but fell short of a title repeat in 2008 after falling to Delaware State and Norfolk State in back-to-back games.

Florida A&M cruised through divisional play posting a 12-0 record. FAMU earned the most total wins of the season with 25 and was the only team to post an unblemished record in conference play. In addition, head coach Veronica Wiggins, who has guided the Lady Rattlers for 18 years, recorded her 500th career victory this season.

The Delaware State Lady Hornets completed a four-game tournament sweep to capture the title and the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA tournament.

The softball championship gets underway Thursday, May 7 beginning at 10 a.m.

BCSP Notes

Fayetteville State leads NCAA

Div. II Golf Regional after first day

CIAA golf champion **Fayetteville State** was first and **Virginia State** was 20th in the 21-team field after Day One (Mon., May 4) of the Atlantic Region NCAA Div. II Super Regional University Men's Golf Tournament.

The Regional is being hosted by Concord University at the Resort at Glade Springs in Daniel, West Virginia.

The Broncos' squad posted a 16-over par 304 to lead after one day over West Liberty State (309) and Adelphi (312). **Derek Scott** and **Joel Lynn** led the Broncos with three over par scores. They were both tied at fifth with two others in a 108-player field. **Kevin Lyles** scored two birdies on his way to a +5 score (77). FSU teed off the second round Tuesday at 12:50 pm. CIAA runner-up Virginia State was ranked 20th for the day with a 333 score.

NCAA Div. I and Div. II Men's and Women's Tennis Regionals get under way this weekend

CIAA champion **Shaw** and SIAC champ **Tuskegee** will be joined by **Virginia State**, **Elizabeth City State** and **West Virginia State** in the NCAA Div. II Women's Tennis Championship regionals which begin this weekend. The 16 regional winners will advance to the finals in Altamonte Springs, Florida, hosted by the Central Florida Sports Commission and Rollins College, May 13-16.

Shaw (19-2) meets Charleston (WV) (18-8) at California, PA on May 8 after West Va State (14-9) plays West Va Wesleyan (14-4) the

previous day in Atlantic Regional I, a five-team Preliminary Round. The WVSU/WVW winner will face host California (PA).

VSU (14-4) will play CIAA rival Elizabeth City State (12-6) in the Preliminary Round of the NCAA's Atlantic Region II at Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pa. on May 7. The winner of the VSU-Elizabeth City State match will advance to meet host Bloomsburg the following day.

Tuskegee (21-7) faces Nova Southeastern (16-7) on May 7 will the winner meeting host Valdosta State the following day in the South Region II Preliminary Round.

On the men's side, CIAA champion **Shaw** (20-2) will face Concord (14-5) in Kutztown, PA in Atlantic Regional #1 and **Virginia State** (13-6) meets West Virginia Wesleyan (17-4) in Buckhannon, W.V. in the Preliminary Round of Atlantic Regional #2.

Morehouse (11-7) will face West Florida (13-9) Thursday (May 7) in Miami Shores, FL during South Regional #1 hosted by Barry University.

In the Div. I championships, **SWAC** women's champion **Jackson State** will travel to Atlanta to face host Georgia Tech in the first round of the tournament.

Alcorn State, who the claimed the SWAC men's title, will square off against Mississippi in the first round of its regional. The Braves will head to the campus of LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to face the Rebels.

The MEAC Champion **South Carolina State** men's and women's tennis teams will take on nationally ranked University of Georgia in the opening round of 2009 NCAA Tennis Championship, beginning May 8-9 at Dan Magill Tennis Complex in Athens, GA.