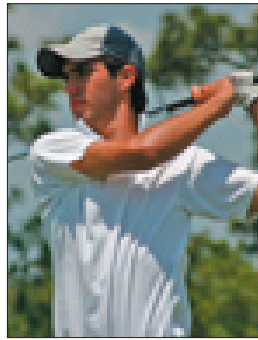


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SC State photo

FRESHMAN TALENT: First-time player Roberto Cacho leads Div. I golfers at Minority Championship in Florida.

STRONG SWINGS

CIAA CHAMP FAYETTEVILLE STATE MOVES ON IN NCAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

TSU, FSU claim Minority Golf titles

By Randy Stutzman
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PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. - **Tennessee State** made a furious comeback in the final round to capture the Division I men's title and the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg cruised to victory to claim the women's team division crown at the 23rd PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship.

Tennessee State made up ten-strokes on the final day, with three of their five players firing under-par rounds. **Chris Seibel** fired a final round 1-under par 71, birdied the 17th hole and saved par on No. 18 to seal the victory. **Ryan Smith** shot a final round 69 and had the low overall score for TSU with a three-round total of 212 (70-73-69).

The Tigers won the division by one-stroke (860-861) over defending champion **Bethune-Cookman**. The two HBCUs were the only teams to finish under par (TSU -4, BCU -3). The University of Texas-Pan American finished in third place overall (879).

"We had a feeling it would be close and could feel the tension building the whole day," said Seibel, a junior. "Our team is young and has been struggling all year but we came out and played well and can not wait to come back next year."

TSU head Coach **Chip Taylor**, a PGA Professional, knew his team would have to be aggressive all day.

"We had a rough start, really," said Taylor, who is in his third year with the program. "I knew going into the final round there was going to be some pressure but I told them go out and play their game. They finished very strong."

Taylor understood how close the competition was heading into the final few holes.

"I knew our team was either one ahead or tied, and we just happened to be one ahead," said Taylor. "I do not see why our team, which is so young, can not come out again and do this again next year."

Roberto Cacho of **South Carolina State**, a freshman playing in his first Minority Championship, won the Division I men's individual standings title with a 13-under par 203 score. Cacho, from Morelos, Mexico carded a final round even-par 72 after earlier under-par rounds of 68 and 63. Cacho, who has been the medalist in several tournaments SCSU has played in this year, was one stroke better than Armen Kirakosian (204) of Texas Pan American. Shane Pearce of UTPA was third at 206. Cacho is the first SC State player to win medalist honors in the tournament since 1991 (**Martin Roache**, who won in 1990 and 1991).

In the women's division, the University of Texas-Pan-American (922) won for the first time since 2005, defeating Bethune-Cookman, a double runner-up (944) by 22-strokes. **Hampton** finished in third place overall (1027).

Majo Camey from the University of Texas-Pan American claimed the women's individual medalist honors with a three-day-total of 225.

Fayetteville State, fresh off earning a berth in the NCAA Div. II second round, took home its fourth consecutive Division II title with a three-day total of 6-under-par 858. **Lincoln** (Mo.), finished in second place, 34-strokes behind. **Virginia**



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MEDALIST: South Carolina State freshman Roberto Cacho, flanked by Vice President of The PGA of America Allen Wronowski (l.) and PGA Director of Business and Commerce Ernie Ellison (r.), shot the lowest score for the tournament with a 13-under-par 203.

State finished in third place overall.

Joel Lynn, from Sanford, N.C., led the Broncos with a 7-under-par 209 total.

Head Coach **Raymond McDougal** was very proud of how his team fared. "This is probably the best group we have ever had at this university," said McDougal. "We had a full schedule of tournaments leading up to this event but my players wanted to make it here to compete and win."

Edward Waters, the only team competing in the NAIA division, cruised to the 2009 title after carding a final round 329. The Tigers were led by **Kipp Jones** who recorded a three-day total of 236.

Sara Young of Florida State captured the women's independent division with a final-round 76, defeating first-round leader Etivise Latu from California State University, Monterey Bay.

"I would recommend this Championship to anyone who gets invited," said Young, who was competing in her third and final Championship. "It has given me confidence throughout my college career. They treat us like celebrities and it was a really positive experience."

In the Independent men's division, Dustin Thompson from the University of North Carolina, carded a final round 71 to win the men's independent division. Christian Heavens of Georgetown College finished in second place, two-strokes behind. Amit Odaiyar of Florida Atlantic University finished in third place overall.

Nearly 150 contestants from 30 colleges and universities comprised the field for the 2009 PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship.

The debut broadcast of the 2009 highlight show on Golf Channel will air on Thursday, July 9 at 7:30 pm ET. Additional airing times will be released at a later date.

DIV. I FINAL SCORES

- TENNESSEE STATE** (-4) 288-290-282---860
Chris McKay 84-70-83-237
Chris Seibel 70-72-71-213
Dorian Vauls 79-77-69-225
Richard Gill 69-75-73-217
Ryan Smith 70-73-69-212
- BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (-3) 287-281-293---861
Andrew Heessom 70-69-71-210
Dan Venema 70-77-73-220
Juan Ronderos 74-72-81-227
Sean Edey 77-74-74-225
Willie Mack III 73-66-75-214
- FLORIDA A&M** (+25) 301-298-290---889
Elijah Jackson 77-77-79-233
Gallop Franklin 80-81-87-248
James Petty 70-71-70-211
Shephard Archie III 74-75-67-216
Wesley Yates 80-75-74-229
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (+28) 301-293-298---892
Alejandro Bernardini 76-80-74-230
Bryon Bush 85-89-85-269



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DIV. I WINNERS: Tennessee State made up ten strokes on the final day to win the Div. I championship of the 23rd PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship in Port St. Lucie, Fl.

- Hector Manuel Arroyave 78-71-73-222
Robert Biggers 79-79-79-237
Roberto Cacho 68-63-72-203
T5 NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL 296-294-302---892
Braden Cox 78-74-76-228
Chris Winters 70-69-72-211
Josue Garza 74-75-77-226
Juan Pablo Sanchez 74-76-77-227
Ronald Royster 82-86-83-251
7 SAVANNAH STATE (+43) 294-298-315---907
Corey Brown 73-72-79-224
Jamie Montgomery 80-78-81-239
Ricky Williams 73-84-86-243
Riley Baxter 75-79-74-228
Tripp Walker 73-69-81-223
8 ALABAMA STATE (+85) 327-302-320---949
Brendan Prouse 85-80-83-248
Greg Keafer 84-81-91-256
John Montgomery 81-72-74-227
Kyle Demeester 77-69-72-218
9 ALABAMA A&M (+92) 323-320-313---956
Andrew Chase Kennedy 73-75-74-222
A.J. Gonzalez 77-82-77-236
Cody Calvert 76-78-78-232
Matthew Lay 87-93-84-264
Tyler Kirby 94-86-80-260
William Miller III 87-81-81-249
10 HAMPTON (+102) 321-327-318---966
Arturo Saro 80-85-86-251
Geoffrey Napper 81-78-79-238
Jason Sherer 82-85-83-250
Javier Lopez 85-79-81-245
Sidney Fields 78-90-75-243
11 WINSTON-SALEM STATE 320-319-329---968
Devin Cherry 83-75-87-245
Jerrell Fields 75-81-78-234
Kenneth Lathan 78-82-78-238
Michael Asbury 84-81-92-257
teven Mason 86-82-86-254

DIV. II FINAL SCORES

- FAYETTEVILLE STATE** (-6) 280-283-295---858
Derek Scott 74-69-73-216
Jeremy Ringled 68-75-73-216
Joel Chip Lynn 67-67-75-209
Kevin Lyles 71-72-74-217
William McClure 85-76-86-247
- LINCOLN** (+28) 298-292-302---892
Aaron Murphy 73-71-77-221
Anisul Huq 77-76-79-232
Josh Roller 74-75-78-227
Justin Watkins 75-74-72-221
Kortland Ware 76-72-75-223
- VIRGINIA STATE** (+31) 305-298-292---895
Brian Wood 78-76-74-228
Dustin Kelley 74-77-70-221
Greg Hunt 72-69-74-215
Kalani Britos 81-76-74-231
Tommie Sides 81-77-76-234
- MOREHOUSE** (+41) 302-289-314---905
Bryan McClellery 76-70-76-222
Darian Bouie 83-90-101-274
Olajuwon Ajanaku 74-71-80-225
Phillip Allen 77-73-78-228
Thaddaeus Hill 75-75-80-230
- BENEDICT** (+85) 324-311-314---949
Calvin Mason 78-80-81-239
Devereaux Burnett 113-116-105-334
Galen Aldrich 77-72-75-224
Kevin Burroughs 87-82-83-252
Shane Phillips 82-77-75-234
- PAINE** (+155) 348-336-335---1019
Brad Freeman 88-85-80-253
Chauncey Davis 88-80-79-247
Jerry Rapp 85-75-89-249
Justin Hines 100-96-97-293
Kyle Radford 87-162-87-336

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FSU advances in NCAA golf:

Fayetteville State led the first two rounds of the NCAA DII East/Atlantic Regional Golf Tournament but Indiana (Pa.) rallied in the final round to capture a three-stroke Super Regional Title over the Broncos (915-918).

FSU shot a 16 over par (304) for the first round and a 21 over (309) after a soggy morning second day. The Broncos improved on it its third round of play with a 305 to finish at 918. Indiana was four strokes behind after the second round and played seven stokes better in the third to capture the victory.

The Broncos had two golfers to finish in the top ten while the other two scores rounded out the top 25. **Joel Lynn** finished in a two-way tie for second with a nine-over-par (225) score. **Derek Scott** began the final round tied for third but finished with a 228 score for a five-way tie for fifth place.

The top five teams advanced to the finals May 19-22 at Loomis Trail Golf Club in Blaine, Washington. The finals will be hosted by Western Washington University. Fayetteville State, IUP, Concord, Fairmont State and St. Thomas Aquinas will represent the East/Atlantic Region at the National Championships.

FSU's **Jeremy Ringled** finished 14th overall with a +14 (77, 77 and 76). **Kevin Lyles** (Charlotte, NC) rounded out the top 25 with a total score of 235 (+19). **Virginia State** finished with a three-day team total of 974, tying the Trojans with Southern New Hampshire University for 17th. The highest individual VSU finisher was junior **Greg Hunt**, who finished tied for 45th at 241 (25-over-par). **Dustin Kelley** was tied for 51st with a three-day score of 242 while **Wes Sides** was tied for 64th at 244. Senior **Kalani Britos** was tied for 85th at 250 and Brian Wood was tied for 92nd at 252.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NCAA TENNIS & SOFTBALL PLALYOFF RESULTS

DIVISION II TENNIS PLAYOFFS

• (WOMEN)

ATLANTIC REGION I IN CALIFORNIA, PA
May 6 > **West Virginia State** 5, West Virginia Wesleyan 0
May 7 > Charleston 5, **Shaw** 0 (Shaw eliminated)
>California (PA) 5, WVVSU 0 (WVVSU eliminated)

ATLANTIC REGION II IN BLOOMSBURG, PA
May 6 > **Virginia St.** 5, **Eliz. City St.** 0 (ECSU eliminated)
May 7 > Bloomsburg 5, Virginia State 0 (VSU eliminated)

SOUTH REGIONAL II IN VALDOSTA, GA
May 7 > Nova SE 5, **Tuskegee** 0 (TU eliminated)

• (MEN)

ATLANTIC REGION II IN KUTZTOWN, PA
May 7 > **Shaw** 5, Concord 0
May 8 > Kutztown 5, **Shaw** 1 (Shaw eliminated)

ATLANTIC REGION II IN BUCKHANNON, WV
May 7 > W. Va. Westl. 5, **Virginia State** 0 (VSU eliminated)

SOUTH REGION I IN MIAMI SHORES, FL
May 7 > West Florida 5, **Morehouse** 0 (MHC eliminated)

DIVISION I TENNIS PLAYOFFS

• (WOMEN)

IN ATLANTA, GA
May 8 > Georgia Tech 4, **Jackson State** 0 (JSU eliminated)

IN ATHENS, GA

May 9 > Georgia 4, **S. Carolina State** 0 (SCSU eliminated)

• (MEN)

IN BATON ROUGE, LA
May 8 > Mississippi 4, **Alcorn State** 0 (ALCN eliminated)

IN ATHENS, GA

May 8 > Georgia 4, **S. C. State** 0 (SCSU Eliminated)

DIVISION II SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

IN LOCK HAVEN, PA

May 8 > Lock Haven 8, **Bowie State** 0
May 9 > Shippensburg 2, **Bowie State** 0 (BSU eliminated)

IN HUNTSVILLE, AL

May 8 > Ala-Huntsville 11, **Miles** 1
May 9 > West Florida 6, **Miles** 0 (MC eliminated)

Spring Sports Round-Up

Florida A&M claims MEAC softball title; Moves on with Miss. Valley State to play-offs

Florida A&M came out of the loser's bracket to win two games as they defeated **Bethune-Cookman** 4-0 in game one and 9-1 in game two in five innings to win their third **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) title in the decade and their ninth overall. The final games were played Saturday afternoon at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Lady Rattlers and **Southwestern Athletic Conference** winner **Mississippi Valley State** were then among the 64 teams named Sunday to compete for the NCAA Div.I Softball Championship that begins this weekend.

Florida A&M will travel to Gainesville, Fla., to face the No. 1 seed Gators of the University of Florida on Saturday. The Gators, champions of the Southeastern Conference, are 55-3. FAMU earned the NCAA automatic bid as a result of its tournament title.

The Lady Rattlers will be making their fourth regional appearance (1999, 2005, 2006, 2009) all-time and their seventh NCAA postseason appearance all-time including play-in series (1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2005, 2006, 2009).

The Mississippi Valley State Devilettes – six-time defending SWAC softball champions – will take on University of Alabama in their opening game of the 2009 NCAA Tournament. The Devilettes will participate in the Tuscaloosa, Alabama regional. Action will take place May 15-17 in Tuscaloosa.

Gainesville Regional – May 15-17 at Gainesville, Florida
*No. 1 Florida (55-3) vs. **Florida A&M** (30-30)

Lehigh (36-16-1) vs. Texas A&M (31-20)
Tuscaloosa Regional – May 15-17 at Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Texas (38-18) vs. Chattanooga (30-22)
Mississippi Val. (37-14) vs. *No. 4 Alabama (47-9)

MEAC Baseball Championship gets under way Thursday

The **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) will host the 2009 MEAC Baseball Championship beginning Thursday, May 14 through Sunday, May 17 at the Jackie Robinson Ballpark in Daytona Beach, Florida. The defending MEAC champion **Bethune-Cookman** Wildcats will enter tournament play as the number one seed.



MEAC Sports Photo

LADY RATTLEERS WIN, AGAIN: Florida A&M won two games from Bethune-Cookman to take home the MEAC Softball title from the loser's bracket Saturday in Daytona Beach.

The Wildcats clinched the top seed and the MEAC regular season title with a 16-2 mark in conference play, 29-26 record overall. Bethune-Cookman has won 12 MEAC baseball crowns and will vie for their fourth consecutive title.

Delaware State and **Florida A&M** finished the regular season tied at 10-8 in conference play. The Hornets of Delaware State secured the number two seed while the Rattlers earned the third seed following the conference tiebreaker.

Maryland Eastern Shore, **North Carolina A&T** and **Norfolk State** all tallied a 9-9 conference mark. The Hawks claimed the fourth seed, while the Aggies of North Carolina A&T and the Norfolk State Spartans finished fifth and sixth, respectively based on the conference tiebreaker.

The 2009 MEAC Baseball Championship Tournament begins at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, with #1 Bethune-Cookman against #6 Norfolk State. #2 Delaware State drew #5 North Carolina A&T for game two at 2 p.m., while #3 Florida A&M will take on #4 Maryland Eastern Shore in game three beginning at 6 p.m. The championship finale is set for Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m.

Only the top six teams qualify to compete for the MEAC tournament title. The winner will earn an automatic berth to the NCAA Division I Baseball Regional scheduled for May 29-June 1. **Coppin State** (0-18) was eliminated from tournament play based on its conference finish.