

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



SIAC Sports Photo

TIME FOR SOME HOOPS

GRANT-ED: Head coach Michael Grant has the Stillman Tigers ranked nationally in just his second year at the helm.

JENKINS TO LEAD BETHUNE-COOKMAN; SOUTHERN PURSUES DOUG WILLIAMS??

2009-10 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

| CIAA | CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION | | | |
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| | DIV | ALL | W | L |
| E. DIVISION | W | L | W | L |
| Virginia Union | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Bowie State | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Eliz. City State | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| St. Paul's | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Virginia State | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| W. DIVISION | W | L | W | L |
| St. Augustine's | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Shaw | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Livingstone | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Chowan | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| J. C. Smith | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| Fayetteville State | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 |

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER Raheem Smith, 6-2, Jr., G, SHAW - Scored 21 points to lead Bears to win over Clayton State. Made 3 of 6 3-pointers also had 2 assists and 3 steals.
NEWCOMER Jeremy Burke, 6-3, So., G, SAC - Shot 81% from the floor in three games averaging 8 points per game. Had 13 points in win over Mount Olive.
COACH Lonnie Blow, ST. AUGUSTINE'S - Directed Falcons to 3-0 record during the last week.

| MEAC | MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----|---|----|
| | CONF | ALL | W | L |
| Morgan State | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4 |
| Bethune-Cookman | 1 | 0 | 7 | 5 |
| NC A&T State | 1 | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| Md. Eastern Shore | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| Howard | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| Coppin State | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Delaware State | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Hampton | 0 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Florida A&M | 0 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Norfolk State | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| SC State | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 |

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER Kevin Thompson, 6-8, Jr., F, MSU - Threw in 23 points on 10 of 19 shooting from the field in a Bears' win over Towson.
ROOKIE Michael Phillips, 6-7, Fr., F, HOWARD - Had 12 points and team-best 8 boards in loss to Middle Tennessee.
DEFENSE Kevin Thompson, 6-8, Jr., F, MSU - Grabbed a career-high 25 rebounds, 13 off the offensive glass, to go with his team-high 23 points as the Bears defeated Towson, 87-80.

| SIAC | SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE | | | |
|-------------------|--|-----|---|---|
| | CONF | ALL | W | L |
| Stillman | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Benedict | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Ciaflin | 5 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Clark Atlanta | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Paine | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Lane | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| LeMoyn-Owen | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Albany State | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Fort Valley State | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Miles | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Tuskegee | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Morehouse | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Kentucky State | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER NA
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| SWAC | SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE | | | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----|---|----|
| | DIV | ALL | W | L |
| Prairie View A&M | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Alabama A&M | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Texas Southern | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| Grambling State | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Alabama State | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Southern | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Jackson State | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| Miss. Valley St. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 |
| Ark. Pine Bluff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Alcorn State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER Donald Qualls, 5-7, Jr., G, GSU - Scored a season-high 25 points including the game-winning free throws with 11 seconds left in a win over Northwestern State. Also had 4 rebounds and 2 steals.
NEWCOMER Michael Webb, 6-7, Fr., F, PRAIRIE VIEW - Scored 11 points and 8 rebounds in win over Dallas Christian.

| INDEPENDENTS | W | | L | |
|------------------|----|----|---|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Central State | 11 | 2 | | |
| W. Va. State | 8 | 1 | | |
| Cheyney | 5 | 1 | | |
| Savannah State | 5 | 8 | | |
| Tennessee State | 3 | 9 | | |
| W-Salem State | 2 | 7 | | |
| Lincoln (Mo.) | 2 | 8 | | |
| Florida Memorial | 2 | 9 | | |
| Lincoln (Pa.) | 1 | 5 | | |
| N. C. Central | 2 | 10 | | |
| UDC | 0 | 10 | | |

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER Anthony Passley, CSU - Led the Marauders with 16 points and 10 rebounds in win over Lincoln (Pa.).

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

JENKINS NEW B-CU FB COACH:

Bethune-Cookman named Ft. Lauderdale, Florida native **Brian Jenkins** its tenth head football coach last week. Jenkins was an assistant coach at Rutgers in the 2009 season and will begin his duties with the B-CU football program immediately. He replaces B-CU product **Alvin Wyatt** who led the Wildcats for the past 11 seasons.

Jenkins joined the Rutgers University football staff in March of 2009 and he was wide receivers coach on Head Coach Greg Schiano's Scarlet Knights' team that won the St. Petersburg Bowl with a 45-24 win over the University of Central Florida last Saturday.

Prior to Rutgers, Jenkins served as running backs coach and special team's coordinator at Louisiana-Lafayette for seven seasons (2002-2008). Jenkins has also coached for the Frankfurt Galaxy of NFL Europe, Bowling Green, Eastern Illinois and Western Kentucky.

He played college football as both a wide receiver and running back at the University of Cincinnati where he graduated in 1993 with an associate's degree in education and bachelor's degree in social work. After college, Jenkins spent six months running his own social work business.

"It is an honor to be selected at such a prestigious university as Bethune-Cookman University," said Jenkins. "I am excited about it and looking forward to getting started. I am ready to go to work and have the opportunity to work with the student-athletes in the football program."

"Brian Jenkins has been a critical part of the success in several major football programs in his journey to become a head coach," said B-CU Athletics Director **Lynn Thompson**. "He clearly understands that in order to build a championship program you must commit first to building young men. He is a relentless recruiter who is well connected and highly respected. I look forward to watching our tradition rich program grow under his watch."

DOUG WILLIAMS TO SOUTHERN?:

Former **Grambling** quarterback and head coach **Doug Williams** is among three candidates that have interviewed for the vacant head coaching position at **Southern University** and highly-placed sources say the current Tampa Bay Buccaneers' executive is likely to be named this week to the position.

According to a story Sunday in the *Baton Rouge Advocate*, Williams, Director of Pro Personnel for the Bucs, confirmed that he had a two-hour off-campus meeting with **Tony Clayton**, Chairman of the Southern Board of Supervisors, prior to the Bucs game Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

"There was no resolution," Williams said in the *Advocate* story of the meeting with Clayton. "We talked about the goals for the programs and all the things that need to be done. Southern University is a very good job and for me it's chance to stay home." Williams is from Zacary, La.

Williams, who played and starred for legendary coach **Eddie Robinson** at Grambling, succeeded his mentor at the Louisiana school in 1998 and spent six seasons as the Tigers' head coach. GSU went 52-18 during his tenure and won three consecutive **Southwestern Athletic Conference** championships (2000-02). Williams was the league's coach of the year in those three championship seasons. He is in his first season as the Bucs' Director of Pro Personnel after spending five years as a personnel executive. His contract is up in February.

Southern AD **Greg LaFleur** met Wednesday with **Shaw** head coach **Darrell Asberry**, one of the candidates to replace **Pete Richardson**, who was fired earlier this month. LaFleur has also interviewed **Prairie View A&M** defensive coordinator **Heishma Northern**, a former Southern safety, and Washington Redskins assistant **Stump Mitchell**.

New year's hoops breakdown

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

The holiday break gives the BCSP a chance to catch up on some of the basketball news that's been happening around the black college ranks.

On the Div. I men's and women's sides, it's been the usual beatdowns handed out pre-New Year's by the upper-level programs. None was worse than the 72-20 drubbing **Delaware State's** women suffered at the hands of Syracuse last week (Jan. 22). The Lady Hornets scored 10 points in each half.

On the men's side, only **Morgan State** (7-4), **Bethune-Cookman** (7-5) and **South Carolina State** (6-3) will enter the new year with winning records. Keep in mind that the records for both B-CU, with four of its wins, and SCSU, with three of its victories, have come on the backs of Div. II programs.

Todd Bozeman's Morgan State squad, on the other hand, has gotten seven Div. I wins en route to its winning record including a big win on the road at Arkansas (Nov. 24).

MSU senior guard **Reggie Holmes** will enter the new year fourth in the nation in scoring at 24.9 points per game. Sophomore forward **Kevin Thompson** is currently second in the nation in rebounding at 13.4 per game. Thompson has posted double-doubles in nine of the Bears' 11 games including their last eight. Thompson had career-highs of 23 points and 25 rebounds vs. Towson on Dec. 22 and is averaging 14.5 points per game.

On the women's Div. I side, **Florida A&M** (6-3) of the **MEAC** and **Southern** (6-4) of the **SWAC** have winning marks.

FAMU, under second-year coach **LeDawn Gibson**, may have given a signal that it will challenge for MEAC honors as the Lady Rattlers have wins over Alabama and Florida of the SEC and South Florida en route to its 6-3 mark.

Southern, under ten-year coach **Sandy Pugh**, has three wins against Louisiana schools but lost to Florida, 62-35.

On the Div. II level, with so many new coaches, the men's **CIAA** race is taking on a new



Photo by Carroll Smith

SETTING THE PACE: Morgan State sophomore Kevin Thompson (l.) is second in the nation in rebounding at 13.4 rpg. while averaging 14.5 points per game for head coach Todd Bozeman (inset r.).

look. Second-year coaches **Lonnie Blow Jr.** at **St. Augustine's** (8-1) and **Cleo Hill Jr.** at **Shaw** (5-2) have their teams off to the best starts. St. Aug's only loss was an overtime decision to Armstrong Atlantic to open the season. Shaw has losses to West Alabama and Montevallo.



BLOW

But the old-timers are not doing so bad. **Steve Joyner** of **Johnson C. Smith**, the dean of the league's coaches entering his 23rd season, has his CIAA defending champion Golden Bulls at 6-3 with losses already on the ledger to **Bowie State** and **Elizabeth City State**.

Eighth-year head coach **Shawn Walker** has the ECSU Vikings at 5-4 with close losses to **Livingstone**, **Clark Atlanta** and **Shaw**. Fifth-year coach **James Stinson** has Livingstone off to a 5-2 start with wins over ECSU, **Bowie State** and **St. Paul's**.

New coaches are in this year at **Bowie State**, **Virginia State** and **Fayetteville State**

On the CIAA women's side, J. C. Smith (9-1), under ninth-year head coach **Vanessa Taylor**, and Virginia State (8-1), under fourth-year head



BARTLEY

RIGGS: Versatile FVSU guard/forward Takesha Riggs was a key performer on last year's title squad and is currently leading the SIAC in scoring.

man **James Hill**, are setting the early pace with **Shaw** (6-1) and **Elizabeth City State** (6-2) not far behind.

VSU's only loss was just before the break to Felician by one point (52-51). JC Smith's loss was to **Bowie State**. **Shaw**, under **Jacques Curtis**, suffered its only loss to Virginia State. ECSU, under interim head coach **Alico Dunk**, has lost to JCSU and **Shaw**.

The **SIAC** sports the only team in national rankings. The **Stillman** men, 5-0 under second-year head coach **Michael Grant**, were ranked 25th in the Dec. 15th NABC Coaches Poll. The Tigers have defeated four SIAC teams and own a 77-75 win over SWAC member **Alabama A&M**.

Benedict (3-2), under veteran coach **Fred Watson**, is the only other SIAC team undefeated in conference play (2-0). The BC Tigers have losses to USC Aiken (82-74) and Augusta State (68-58). Augusta State is ranked third nationally.

Defending champion **Fort Valley State** (5-0, 3-0) under 25-year head coach **Lonnie Bartley** is setting the pace on the women's side, again. FVSU wing scorer **Takesha Riggs** (17.4 ppg.) is setting the scoring pace.

BCSP Notes

Stillman cracks Top 25 for first time

The **Stillman College** men's basketball team has made its first ever appearance in the NABC/Division II Coaches Poll. Stillman received 14 votes in the latest poll, placing SC tied for 25th.

The Tigers made an unprecedented jump into the poll, after not receiving any votes in last weeks poll. "Anytime our school can be recognized nationally, among our peers in DII, it's a great accomplishment," Stillman Coach **Michael Grant** said.

Stillman is off to its best start since 2005 after its 79-77 victory over **Fort Valley State** on Dec. 5. With the win, the Tigers are 5-0 overall and 4-0 in SIAC play for the first time in school history.

Stillman will look to improve to 6-0 when it plays the defending conference champions **Lemoyne-Owen** on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 in Memphis, TN.

"I am so proud of our team and what they have done so far this season, looking back at the dismal year we had last year. This is just the tip of the iceberg; we have a very, very long way to go," said Grant.

Eagles' veteran center lost for season

Philadelphia Eagles veteran center **Jamaal Jackson** out of **Delaware State** tore a knee ligament in Sunday's win over Denver and will miss the rest of the season.

Jackson anchored an offensive line that has been shuffled numerous times because of several injuries to starters. He made his 71st consecutive start and had been Philadelphia's only offensive player to play every snap until he got hurt in the first half.

Coach Andy Reid said an MRI exam on Monday revealed Jackson had a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Right guard **Nick Cole** replaced Jackson at center, and **Max Jean-Gilles** took Cole's spot.

Injuries have plagued the Eagles' offensive line since training camp. The projected starters didn't play a single down together.



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| | DIV | ALL | W | L |
| E. DIVISION | W | L | W | L |
| Virginia State | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| Bowie State | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Eliz. City State | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 |
| St. Paul's | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Virginia Union | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| W. DIVISION | W | L | W | L |
| J. C. Smith | 1 | 0 | 9 | 1 |
| Shaw | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| Fayetteville State | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| St. Augustine's | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Livingstone | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Chowan | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 |

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER Keyona Bryant, 6-0, Sr., F, SAC - Led Lady Falcons with 21 points and 9 rebounds in win over Central State.
ROOKIE Scharlawn Hubbard, 5-10, Fr., F, SAC - Had 12 points and 9 rebounds in win over Central State.
NEWCOMER Janelle Harrison, 5-10, Jr., G, SHAW - In two wins, scored 27 points (13.5 ppg.) including 16 vs. UDC. Got 5 steals and 4 assists in the two games.
COACH Jacques Curtis, SHAW - Led Lady Bears to 2-0 week with wins over UDC and Central State.

| MEAC | MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----|---|----|
| | CONF | ALL | W | L |
| Florida A&M | 1 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| NC A&T State | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Howard | 1 | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| Md. Eastern Shore | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| SC State | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| Morgan State | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Coppin State | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Bethune-Cookman | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Hampton | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Norfolk State | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Delaware State | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10 |

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER Quaneisha Perry, 5-10, Jr., F, HAMPTON - Led the Lady Pirates with 16 points, 7 rebounds and 5 steals in win over Radford.
ROOKIE Brenna Jones, 6-0, Fr., F, HAMPTON - Recorded her third double-double of the season with 15 points and 10 rebounds in win over Radford.
DEFENSE Brenna Jones, 6-0, Fr., F, HAMPTON - Recorded her third double-double of the season with 15 points and 10 rebounds in win over Radford.

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| | CONF | ALL | W | L |
| Fort Valley State | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Benedict | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| LeMoyn-Owen | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Tuskegee | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Kentucky State | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Miles | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Lane | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Paine | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Stillman | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Ciaflin | 1 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Albany State | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Clark Atlanta | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 |

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| SWAC | SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE | | | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----|---|---|
| | DIV | ALL | W | L |
| Southern | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| Alabama A&M | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Prairie View A&M | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Grambling State | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Miss. Valley St. | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Alabama State | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Texas Southern | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| Jackson State | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Ark. Pine Bluff | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| Alcorn State | 0 | | | |