

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



STRETCH DRIVE BEGINS

MEACHOOPS LEADERS SAFELY IN FRONT; TIGHT RACE IN SWAC; D2's JOCKEYING

PR A&M Sports Photo
THOMAS: Praire View scoring leader has Lady Panthers right back at the top of SWAC race.

SCORES

MONDAY, FEB. 1

MEN
CIAA

Chowan 64, Livingstone 58
St. Augustine's 67, Shaw 48
Va. Union 56, Eliz. City St. 43

SIAC

Benedict 63, Stillman 56

MEAC

B-Cookman 74, WSSU 48
DelState 54, Howard 45
Hampton 79, UMES 65
Morgan State 74, NC A&T 65
Norfolk State 80, Coppin St. 71
SC State 77, FAMU 62

SWAC

Jackson State 72, Ark. PB 67
Miss. Valley St. 93, Grambling 83
Prairie View 56, Alabama St. 55
Tex. Southern 67, Alab. A&M 62

MONDAY, FEB. 1

WOMEN
CIAA

Livingstone 91, Chowan 86
Shaw 53, St. Augustine's 52
Va. Union 57, Eliz. City St. 52

SIAC

Benedict 66, Stillman 56

MEAC

B-Cookman 74, WSSU 40
Coppin St. 75, Norfolk St. 55
Florida A&M 68, SC State 53
Hampton 64, UMES 48
Howard 48, DelState 44
NC A&T 67, Morgan State 56

SWAC

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CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
St. Augustine's	8	2	14	3
Chowan	8	3	12	5
Virginia Union	12	4	15	6
Bowie State	9	4	11	6
Shaw	7	4	10	8
J. C. Smith	6	5	12	6
Livingstone	6	5	9	8
Eliz. City State	5	8	10	9
Fayetteville State	2	8	5	11
Virginia State	2	11	3	15
St. Paul's	1	12	2	13

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Rodney Callwood, 6-6, Sr., F, SHAW - Had career-high 38 points and 10 rebounds vs. Bowie State and 22 points vs. Livingstone. Was 21 of 37 from the field and 16 of 22 from the line.
ROOKIE
Nick Chamblee, 6-0, Fr., G, SAC - Averaged 10 points and 4 assists in two games.
NEWCOMER
Travis Hyman, 6-11, So., C, BSU - Got 13 blocks vs. ECSU. Averaged 11 points, 8 blocks and 7 rebounds in 2 games while shooting 50% (9 of 18) from the field.
COACH
Lonnie Blow, St. Augustine's - Led team to 2-0 week including a win over JC Smith. Ranked 8th in Atlantic Region.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Morgan State	8	0	16	7
Delaware State	6	2	11	8
Bethune-Cookman	5	3	13	9
SC State	5	3	11	8
Howard	5	4	6	17
Md. Eastern Shore	4	4	6	15
Hampton	4	5	7	14
Norfolk State	3	5	4	16
NC A&T State	3	5	7	15
Florida A&M	2	6	5	16
Coppin State	0	8	5	15

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Reggie Holmes, 6-4, Sr., G, MSU - Had 25 points in win over UMES and 19 in win over Norfolk State. Also had 8 rebounds, 2 steals and 3 assists.
ROOKIE
DeWayne Jackson, 6-8, Fr., F, MSU - Averaged 14 points and 4.5 rebounds in two wins, getting 18 points vs. NSU and 14 vs. UMES.
DEFENSE
Michael Freeman, 6-8, Sr., F, HAMPTON - Back-to-back double-doubles of 17 points, 10 rebounds vs. FAMU and 13 points, 10 rebounds vs. DelState while Pirates had 1-1 week.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Clark Atlanta	12	2	15	2
Lane	9	5	11	5
Tuskegee	9	5	10	7
Benedict	9	6	10	8
Albany State	8	6	8	9
LeMoyne-Owen	10	7	11	8
Claffin	10	7	10	8
Stillman	8	7	9	7
Paine	7	10	7	13
Morehouse	5	8	5	10
Fort Valley State	4	11	6	12
Kentucky State	4	11	4	13
Miles	3	13	3	16

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Rodney Chatman, LANE - Tallied team-high 15 points in 69-65 win over Tuskegee. The Dragons defeated Claffin, Stillman and Tuskegee to move into tie for second place with Tuskegee behind Clark Atlanta. Lane has won five straight games.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Jackson State	8	1	10	11
Texas Southern	7	2	11	10
Ark. Pine Bluff	6	3	6	14
Prairie View A&M	6	3	11	9
Alabama State	6	3	9	11
Alabama A&M	4	5	7	10
Miss. Valley St.	4	5	5	17
Grambling State	2	7	4	13
Southern	2	7	4	17
Alcorn State	0	9	0	22

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Garrison Johnson, 6-5, Sr., G, JSU - Averaged 23.5 points in two wins that propelled Tigers to first place in the league. Tallied team- and career-high 30 points on 11 of 20 shooting, including 6 of 12 3-pointers in win over Miss. Valley State. Tied for team-high of 17 points in win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff that propelled JSU past Texas Southern into first place.

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L
W. Va. State	15	2
Central State	16	4
Cheyney	11	8
Xavier (La.)	11	9
W-Salem State	7	12
Savannah State	9	13
Edward Waters	8	13
Florida Memorial	6	17
Tennessee State	4	19
N. C. Central	4	19
Lincoln (Mo.)	3	16
Lincoln (Pa.)	2	15
UDC	1	16

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Jason Emerson, 6-1, Sr., G, WVU - Led Jackets with 25 points in come-from-behind win over Concord. Canned 7 of 15 3-pointers in the win. Got just six in win over Bluefield State.
Tyrone Smith, CHEYNEY - Averaged 14.3 points and 7.3 rebounds in three Wolves' wins, getting 13 points, 9 boards vs. Millersville, 12 points, 6 rebounds vs. Shippensburg and 18 points, 7 rebounds vs. Lincoln.

MEAC, SWAC leaders take charge

LUT WILLIAMS
BCSP Editor

The leaders in the MEAC have established themselves as solid favorites for conference honors while the SWAC race is much tighter as the 2009-10 basketball season heads for home.

The men of **Morgan State** (16-7, 8-0) and the women of **North Carolina A&T** (14-7, 8-0), both defending champions and pre-season favorites, are both undefeated and relatively unchallenged in conference play with a little over a month left in the MEAC regular season.



BOZEMAN



BIBBS



COOPER



ANDERSON

In the SWAC, **Jackson State** (10-11, 8-1) has moved past **Texas Southern** (11-10, 7-2) into the first place in a tight men's race while defending women's champion **Prairie View A&M** (11-7, 8-1) has a half-game lead over **Southern** (13-6, 7-2).

Morgan State, seeking its third regular season title in a row under fourth-year head coach **Todd Bozeman**, is taking everybody's best shot and beating them back. The Bears' closest decisions have been a five-point win (72-67) on the road at **South Carolina State** and a 100-94 win in overtime Saturday at **Norfolk State**.

Seven of the Bears' final nine conference games are in the friendly confines of Hill Field House at home in Baltimore, a distinct advantage for Bozeman's talented bunch led by league scoring leader **Reggie Holmes** (22.8 ppg.) and rebounding leader **Kevin Thompson** (12.4 rpg.).

Patricia Bibbs's Lady Aggies results have been similar but not as

dominant as MSU's. They have four-single digit wins in conference play the closest being an 82-81 win over **Hampton** at home on Jan. 18.

Bibbs has three players scoring in double figures led by senior guard **Tawana Cook's** 15. 8 ppg. Five of the Lady Aggies' nine remaining games are at home.

Texas Southern fell 62-61 to **Alabama State** Saturday, a loss that knocked the Tigers out of first place in the SWAC. **Tevester Anderson's** Jackson State squad got wins over **Mississippi Valley State** (77-59) Saturday and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (72-67) Monday to take over the top spot. JSU has won four SWAC games in a row. Its only loss is to TSU, 51-44 at home on Jan. 18.

JSU has games coming up on the road Feb. 13 at third-place **Prairie View A&M** and the rematch on Feb. 15 at Texas Southern. Six-five senior guard **Garrison Johnson** is the Tigers' scoring leader at 15.6 points

per game. Alabama A&M handed **Cynthia Cooper's** Prairie View Lady Panthers their first conference loss of the season Saturday, 68-62. Cooper's troops bounced back to knock off Alabama State, 69-50 Monday to retain its slim lead over Southern.

Prairie View is led by its dynamic duo of **Candice Thomas** (15.9 ppg.) and **Latara Darrett** (15.2 ppg.) who are second and third in SWAC scoring. Last year's tournament MVP **Gaati Werema** (13.5 ppg.), gives Cooper three players scoring in double figures. Werema is second in the league in rebounding at 8.8 per game.



A&T's Cook



JSU's Johnson



PV's Darrett



PV's Werema

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

GILES OUT AT MILES' HOOPS:

Miles College Interim Athletic Director **Dr. Chico Caldwell** announced this week that **Christopher Giles** has been released as the Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective immediately. Assistant Coach **Will Cotchery** will assume the duties and responsibilities as interim head coach of the basketball program for the remainder of the season. The search for a new head coach will get underway.

Cotchery has spent the past two seasons as the assistant coach of the men's team. Previously, he served as an assistant basketball coach and recruiting coordinator at **Southern** and four seasons at **Jackson State** as an assistant. Cotchery was also a graduate assistant coach at his alma-mater at the University of West Alabama for two years.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, he attended the University of West Alabama, where he was drafted by the Atlanta Hawks in 1983 and later played professional basketball in the CBA in Lima, Ohio. While, at the University of West Alabama, Cotchery was named three times 1st Team All-Gulf South Conference Player, Gulf South Conference Player of the Year in 1982, named Gulf South Conference Tournament Most Valuable Player in 1982, selected to the Alabama All-State and All-Regional Small College Teams and NABC Division II All-American 2nd Team. In 1992, Cotchery was inducted into the University of West Alabama Hall of Fame.

Giles coached the Golden Bears to an overall record of 14-81 during his four years at the helm. Indicated in these figures are 14 wins in 2006-07 and 15 wins in 2007-08 that had to be forfeited. Giles record for this season was 1-9 and 1-6 in the SIAC.

WELLS RESIGNS AT SSU:

Robby Wells has resigned as head football coach at **Savannah State University** for personal reasons. Wells' resignation is effective immediately.

"At this point I have to think about my family and my health before I can think about anything else," said Wells. "I wish the players well as they pursue their dreams on and off the field. My thoughts and prayers will be with them as they continue to progress in their collegiate career."

Marilynn Suggs, interim athletics director, has appointed **Julius Dixon** to serve as interim head football coach. Dixon served as the Tigers' defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach for the past two seasons. He was recently moved to defensive line coach.

Wells became SSU's 21st head football and compiled a 7-15 record over the span of two seasons. The Tigers finished with a 5-7 record in 2008 and a 2-8 record in 2009.

Wells came to SSU after serving as defensive coordinator and football marketing director for one season at **Benedict College**. Wells also served as the General Manager for the Augusta Spartans Arena Football Team in 2006. Wells got his first coaching job at an HBCU in 2002 serving as the defensive coordinator at **South Carolina State** from 2002-2005. SSU will begin a nationwide search to find a replacement immediately.

BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

SAT., FEB. 6

CIAA
Shaw @ Chowan
St. Paul's @ Lincoln
Virginia State @ Eliz. City State
Bowie State @ Virginia Union
St. Augustine's @ Fayetteville State
J. C. Smith @ Livingstone

MEAC
Florida A&M @ Morgan State
Howard @ WSSU
Delaware State @ NC A&T
Hampton @ SC State
MD. E-Shore @ Norfolk State

SIAC
Tuskegee @ Albany State
Stillman @ Fort Valley State
Claffin @ Morehouse
Miles @ Kentucky State
Clark Atlanta @ Benedict
Rust @ Lemoyne-Owen

SWAC
Southern @ Grambling State
Alabama State @ Miss. Valley State
Alcorn State @ Jackson State
Alabama A&M @ Ark. Pine Bluff
Texas Southern @ Prairie View A&M

MON., FEB. 8

CIAA
Virginia Union @ St. Paul's
Chowan @ Fayetteville State
Bowie State @ Eliz. City State
St. Augustine's @ J. C. Smith
Livingstone @ Shaw
Virginia State @ Lincoln

MEAC
Hampton @ WSSU
UMES @ NC A&T
Bethune-Cookman @ Morgan State
Florida A&M @ Coppin State
Delaware State @ Norfolk State

SIAC
Fisk @ Stillman
Claffin @ Paine

SWAC
Alabama A&M @ Miss. Valley State
Alabama State @ Ark. Pine Bluff
Southern @ Jackson State
Alcorn State @ Grambling State

TUES., FEB. 9

SIAC
Tuskegee @ Claffin
Fort Valley State @ Morehouse
Lane @ Kentucky State
Albany State @ Clark Atlanta
Miles @ Benedict

THURS., FEB. 11

CIAA
J. C. Smith @ Chowan
Virginia State @ St. Paul's
Bowie State @ Lincoln
Eliz. City State @ Virginia Union
Shaw @ Fayetteville State
St. Augustine's @ Livingstone

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CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Brittany Wright, Jr., F, LC - Had 22 points, 9 boards vs. Va. Union, 13 points, 5 boards vs. Shaw.
NEWCOMER
Ariel Brown, 5-8, Jr., G, SAC - Averaged 8.5 points and shot 50% from the floor in two games.
COACH
Donna Polk, BSU - Won seven of eight beating Shaw and ECSU this week.

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SC State	1	7	6	14
Delaware State	1	7	3	18
Norfolk State	0	8	3	14

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Quaneisha Perry, 5-10, Jr., F, HAMPTON - Averaged a double-double of 17.5 points and 16 rebounds in two conference victories. She had 19 points and 19 rebounds vs. FAMU, 16 points, 13 rebounds vs. DelState.
ROOKIE
Saadia Doyle, 5-11, Fr., F, HOWARD - Averaged 21 points, 12 rebounds in two games, 10 points, 14 rebounds and 2 steals vs. B-CU, career-high 32 points, 10 rebounds vs. UMES.
DEFENSE
Kriline Rosario, 6-2, Sr., C/F, MSU - 23 rebounds, 1 block, 2 steals in 2-0 week.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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Fort Valley State	14	1	19	1
Kentucky State	11	3	11	6
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Tuskegee	8	5	8	10
Stillman	7	6	7	7
LeMoyne-Owen	8	8	9	11
Lane	6	7	6	11
Albany State	4	9	4	14
Clark Atlanta	2	11	2	16
Paine	3	12	4	14
Claffin	3	13	3	14

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Bianca Thornton, 5-7, Fr., G, FVSV - Led Lady Cats in scoring in two wins getting 15 in win over Lemoyne Owen and 13 in win over Clark Atlanta.

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