

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

## LET THE DANCIN' BEGIN

NO NCAA DIV. II HOOP TEAMS LEFT; SEVEN BEGIN NCAA DIV. I TOURNEYS



Hampton Sports Photo  
**SIX:** Wins MEAC Tourney and NCAA berth Saturday, gets new contract Monday.

# MEAC AND SWAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## MEAC TOURNAMENT

**MEN**  
**OPENING ROUND**  
Maryland-E. Shore 64, Coppin State 58  
Bethune-Cookman 64, Florida A&M 53  
NC A&T 65, Howard 55  
**QUARTERFINALS**  
Morgan State 84, NC A&T 57  
Delaware State 57, Bethune-Cookman 55  
SC State 59, Maryland E-Shore 53  
Hampton 73, Norfolk State 70  
**SEMIFINALS**  
Morgan State 74, Hampton 67  
SC State 70, Delaware State 66, OT  
**FINALS**  
Morgan State 68, SC State 61

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**  
Kevin Thompson, Morgan State  
Reggie Holmes, Morgan State  
Jason Flagler, SC State  
Hillary Haley, UMES  
Nic Simpson, NC A&T

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMER AWARD**  
Kevin Thompson, Morgan State  
**OUTSTANDING COACH**  
Todd Bozeman, Morgan State

**WOMEN**  
**OPENING ROUND**  
Bethune-Cookman 76, Norfolk State 66  
Maryland E-Shore 52, Delaware State 45  
SC State 54, Coppin State 49  
**QUARTERFINALS**  
Hampton 65, Maryland E-Shore 41  
SC State 61, NC A&T 60  
Bethune-Cookman 63, Morgan State 52  
Howard 56, Florida A&M 54  
**SEMIFINALS**  
Hampton 58, Bethune-Cookman 38  
SC State 63, Howard 50  
**FINALS**  
Hampton 57, SC State 46

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**  
Quanneisha Perry, Hampton  
Melanie Warner, Hampton  
Sophilia Higgs, SC State  
Sarah Bolden, Bethune-Cookman  
Wiley,

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMER AWARD**  
Melanie Warner, Hampton  
**OUTSTANDING COACH**  
David Six, Hampton

## SWAC TOURNAMENT

**MEN**  
**QUARTERFINALS**  
Alabama State 56, Alabama A&M 45  
Texas Southern 66, Prairie View A&M 49  
Grambling State 65, Jackson State 57  
Arkansas Pine Bluff 69, Miss. Valley State 66  
**SEMIFINALS**  
Arkansas Pine Bluff 46, Alabama State 44  
Texas Southern 60, Grambling State 57  
**FINALS**  
Arkansas Pine Bluff 50, Texas Southern 38

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**  
Garrison Johnson, Jackson State  
Tramayne Moore, Alabama State  
Junior Treasure, Texas Southern  
Deandre Hall, Texas Southern  
Allen Smith, Arkansas Pine Bluff

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**  
Allen Smith, Arkansas Pine Bluff

**WOMEN**  
**QUARTERFINALS**  
Alabama State 50, Prairie View A&M 48  
Southern 64, Arkansas Pine Bluff 60  
Alabama A&M 66, Alcorn State 63  
Texas Southern 63, Grambling State 57  
**SEMIFINALS**  
Alabama State 61, Alabama A&M 53  
Southern 67, Texas Southern 55  
**FINALS**  
Southern 60, Alabama State 47

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**  
Gabrielle Rosigi, Texas Southern  
Katrice Williams, Alabama A&M  
Shanice Merritt, Alabama State  
Hannah Kador, Southern  
Ashley Augerson, Southern

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**  
Hannah Kador, Southern

## MEAC / SWAC FINALS RECAPS

### MEAC MEN

Morgan State 68, SC State 61

All-MEAC sophomore forward and Tournament MVP **Kevin Thompson** had 18 points, 10 rebounds and 5 blocks in leading four players in double figures as the top seeded Bears of **Morgan State** played most of the game with the lead and downed **South Carolina State** to claim its second straight MEAC title Saturday and automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament that goes with it.



MSU Sports Photo  
**THOMPSON:** Soph's dominant inside play led to Bears' repeat, MVP honors.

MEAC Player of the Year **Reggie Holmes** added 17 while reserves **Joe Davis** and **DeWayne Jackson** had 10 and 12 respectively. SCSU (17-13) led briefly in the first half and just once early in the second half before the talented Bears (27-9) pulled away.

SCSU was led by 15 points from freshman point guard **Khalif Toombs** and 12 from senior all-MEAC forward. **Jason Flagler**.

### MEAC WOMEN

Hampton 57, SC State 46

Most Outstanding Performer, sophomore forward **Melanie Warner**, scored 17 points and pulled down a career-high 16 rebounds to lead second-seed **Hampton** (20-11) past upstart eighth-seeded **South Carolina State** to their first title under interim head coach **David Six**. Six was rewarded Monday by having the interim tag removed and signing a new three-year contract.



Hampton Sports Photo  
**WARNER:** Averaged 18.3 points and 9.6 rebounds over three tournament games.

Warner and junior forward **Quanneisha Perry** (15 points, 13 rebounds) controlled play inside while sophomore guards **Jerika Jenkins** (5 points) and **Bernadette Fortune** (12 points) harassed the SC State offense.

The Lady Bulldogs (14-19), who knocked off top seed **North Carolina A&T** in the quarterfinals, were led by **Sophilia Higgs** with 12 points and **Tiara Knotts** with 10.

### SWAC MEN

Arkansas-Pine Bluff 50, Texas Southern 38

**Tavaris Washington** 14 points and tournament MVP **Allen Smith** added 11 as the **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** defeated **Texas Southern** in the Farmers Insurance SWAC Basketball Tournament Men's Championship Saturday.



UAPB Sports Photo  
**ALLEN SMITH**

Second-seed UAPB (17-15) qualifies for the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. Texas Southern, the fifth-seed, finished 17-16.

The lead changed hands seven times early with one tie, but the Golden Lions took the lead for good at the 5:53 mark on a three-pointer by **George Davis** and never trailed again. UAPB led 26-20 at halftime.

In the second half, UAPB extended to a double-digit lead at 41-31 on a pair of free throws by Washington with 8:45 to play and maintained its double-digit lead the remainder of the game. UAPB had earned its way to the finals on a last-second basket by senior guard **Terrance Calvin** that gave it a 46-44 win over Alabama State in the semis. **Deandre Hall** and **Junior Treasure** led Texas Southern with 14 points each.

### SWAC WOMEN

Southern 60, Alabama State 47

**Ashley Augerson** scored 19 points to lead three teammates in double figures as top-seeded **Southern** won the SWAC Tournament Women's Title over #7 seed **Alabama State** Saturday. Southern (23-8) earns the Conference's automatic berth to the NCAA Women's Tournament. Upset-minded Alabama State, which knocked off the second and third seeds en route to the title game, ends its season 13-17.



Southern Sports Photo  
**HANNAH KADOR**

With the score tied at 19-all late in the first half, Southern scored 17 consecutive points over an eight-minute span to take a commanding 36-19 lead with 16:08 to play in the game. The lead never dropped below 11 after that.

**Hannah Kador**, the women's tournament MVP, scored 15 points and **Tiffany Foster** 10 for Southern. Alabama State's **Tanika Jackson** led all scorers with 22 points.

# Seven get DI postseason berths

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Because of the expanded WNIT and NIT fields, there will be more black college teams than ever playing in the season after their conference tournaments.

Tournament champions **Morgan State** (MEAC men), **Hampton** (MEAC women), **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (SWAC men) and **Southern** (SWAC women) received automatic bids to their respective NCAA Big Dances (see TOURNEY FINALS RECAPS).

But they will be joined on the courts by the women of **Prairie View A&M** and **North Carolina A&T** and the men of **Jackson State** who made the WNIT and NIT fields respectively based on their regular season finishes.

Second-year coach **George Ivory's** **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** squad (17-15) won its first-ever SWAC Tournament championship and NCAA Tournament berth Saturday after being seeded second behind Jackson State.

The Golden Lions played Tuesday night in Akron, Ohio in the play-in game vs. Big South Conference tournament champ **Winthrop** (19-13). A win there will land UAPB a spot opposite South Region top seed and ACC Tournament champion **Duke** on Saturday (7:25 p.m.). UAPB is the fifth SWAC team to play in the opening round game since 2002 and looked for the league's first win.

Fourth-year head coach **Todd Bozeman's** back-to-back MEAC Tournament champion Bears of **Morgan State** and new **Hampton** head coach **David Six**, who won the MEAC women's title in his first year leading the Lady Pirates, both received 15th seeds in their respective regions.

MSU (27-9) will be facing 2nd-seeded Big East Tournament champion **West Virginia** (27-6) in the men's East Region first round game in Buffalo, N.Y. on Friday (12:15 p.m.).

Six's Lady Pirates (20-11) will tangle with ACC Tournament champion **Duke** (27-5) on

<b>COOPER</b>	<b>CAGE-BIBBS</b>	<b>ANDERSON</b>
<b>MEN</b>		
Tuesday, March 16 - Starkville, MS - 9 pm CT		
<b>Jackson State</b> (19-12) vs. <b>Mississippi State</b> (23-11)		
<b>WOMEN</b>		
Wednesday, March 17 - Lawrence, KS - 7 pm		
<b>Prairie View A&amp;M</b> (15-13) at <b>Kansas</b> (15-15)		
Thursday, March 18 - Winston-Salem, NC - 7 pm		
<b>N. C. A&amp;T</b> (21-10) at <b>Wake Forest</b> (18-13)		

Saturday (2:30 p.m.) in Durham, N.C. in the opening round of the Memphis Region.

Bozeman and the Bears were seeded 15th a year ago after winning their first-ever MEAC tourney title and faced No. 2 seed Oklahoma in the South Regional. The Bears were done in by the Blake Griffin-led Sooners, 82-54. This will be MSU's second trip to the Big Dance and Bozeman's fifth. He took three Cal teams in the 90's to the NCAA Tournament before scandal cost him his job.

This is Six's first trip to the Big Dance but the fourth time Hampton is in the field. The Lady Pirates won three MEAC tournament titles and NCAA berths under the direction of former coach **Patricia Cage-Bibbs**, now the coach at **North Carolina A&T**.

Head coach **Sandy Pugh** will be leading her Lady Jaguars of Southern (23-8) into the NCAA Tourney for the fourth time. The Lady Jags have the unenviable task of taking on the undefeated and overall No. 1 seed, Connecticut (33-0), Sunday (12:16 p.m.) in Norfolk, Va.

Bibbs leads the regular season MEAC

<b>IVORY</b>	<b>PUGH</b>	<b>BOZEMAN</b>
<b>NCAA DIV. I PLAYOFFS</b>		
<b>MEN</b>		
<b>SOUTH REGION</b>		
<b>OPENING ROUND</b>		
Tuesday, March 16 - Akron, OH - 7:30 pm		
<b>Arkansas-Pine Bluff</b> (17-15) vs. <b>Winthrop</b> (19-13)		
winner to play		
Friday, March 19 - Jacksonville, FL - 7:25 pm		
vs. 1) <b>Duke</b> (29-5)		
<b>EAST REGION</b>		
Friday, March 19 - Buffalo, NY - 12:15 pm		
15) <b>Morgan State</b> (27-9) vs. 2) <b>West Virginia</b> (27-6)		
<b>WOMEN</b>		
<b>DAYTON REGION</b>		
Sunday, March 21 - Norfolk, VA - 12:16 pm		
<b>Southern</b> (23-8) vs. <b>UConn</b> (33-0)		
<b>MEMPHIS REGION</b>		
Saturday, March 20 - Durham, NC - 2:30 pm		
15) <b>Hampton</b> (20-11) vs 2) <b>Duke</b> (27-5)		

champ Lady Aggies (21-10) into battle Thursday in Winston-Salem vs. Wake Forest (18-13) in a first round Postseason WNIT game.

Prairie View A&M head coach **Cynthia Cooper** and her Lady Panthers (15-13) tied for first place in the SWAC regular season with Southern. They headed to Lawrence, Kansas Wednesday (7 p.m.) to face Kansas (15-15) also in a first round WNIT contest.

**Tevester Anderson's** Tigers of Jackson State (19-12) earned an automatic NIT bid by winning the SWAC regular season men's title. They played Tuesday in Starkville, Ms. vs. in-state rival Mississippi State (23-11).

# Postseason Hoops Notes

## NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFFS

**WOMEN**  
ATLANTIC REGION - QUARTERFINALS  
California (PA0 72, **Virginia State** 60  
Seton Hill 73, **Fayetteville State** 64

SOUTH REGION - QUARTERFINALS  
Arkansas Tech 65, **Benedict** 48  
Valdosta State 50, **Fort Valley State** 49

**MEN**  
ATLANTIC REGION - QUARTERFINALS  
**St. Augustine's** 70, **Kutztown** 54  
**West Virginia State** 89, **East Stroudsburg** 79  
SEMIFINALS  
West Liberty 90, **St. Augustine's** 83  
Indiana (PA) 91, **West Virginia State** 76

SOUTH REGION - QUARTERFINALS  
Arkansas Tech 92, **Tuskegee** 58  
Valdosta State 74, **Clark Atlanta** 67

MIDWEST REGION - QUARTERFINALS  
Bellarmine 70, **Central State** 66

## St. Aug's, W. Va. State get to semis of D2 regionals

CIAA Men's Regular Season and Tournament champ **St. Augustine's** and WVIAC Men's Tournament champ **West Virginia State** were the only two black college teams to get wins last week in the NCAA Div. II regional basketball playoffs.

Four women's teams went down to defeat in Friday's regional quarterfinals and three men's teams suffered regional quarterfinal losses Saturday.

St. Aug's, playing in the Atlantic sub-Regional in Wheeling, W. Va., got by Kutztown 70-54 Saturday in the quarterfinals before falling to West Liberty 90-83 in Sunday's regional semifinal.

St. Aug's got 18 points and 9 rebounds from all-CIAA forward **Hayward Fain** and 12 points from fellow all-CIAA guard **Chris Jordan** in the quarterfinal win. Fain added 17 points and 16 rebounds to Jordan's team- and season-high 34 points in the semifinal loss. Jordan canned six

of 13 3-pointers. Head coach **Lonnie Blow, Jr's** Falcons, who had six seniors, end the season with a sparkling 27-5 record, setting a modern school record for victories.

W. Va. State, playing in the other Atlantic sub-Regional in Indiana, Pa., got a 89-79 quarterfinal win Saturday over East Stroudsburg but fell Sunday to host Indiana (PA), 91-76.

Senior guard **Jason Emerson** canned 9 of 17 3-pointers and finished with a game-high 31 points in WVU's quarterfinal win. Three other Yellow Jackets scored in double figures. Fellow senior guard **Darren Jones** came thru with a career-high 40 points but it was not enough in the semifinal loss. **Bryan Poore's** Yellow Jackets finished their season at 29-4.

The closest any of the quarterfinal losers came was **Fort Valley State's** 50-49 loss to Valdosta State in the women's South Region. The 3rd-seeded Lady Wildcats fell on a shot with 6.7 seconds to go. **Takesha Riggs** and **Yasheeka Jones** led FVSU with 13 points each.

# Savannah State provisionally joins the MEAC

The **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) announced during its basketball tournament last week that **Savannah State University** has been extended provisional membership to the MEAC beginning July 1, 2010, as voted on by the conference's Council of Chief Executive Officers (CCEO's).

An additional press conference will take place on Wednesday, March 24 in Savannah, Georgia.

"We are pleased to extend membership and welcome Savannah State University to the MEAC family," said MEAC Commissioner **Dennis E. Thomas**. "The addition of SSU keeps us in compliance with our long range

and strategic plan of adding up to 14 members. Adding SSU to the membership completes the geographical footprint that bridges our South Carolina and Florida institutions."

As a provisional member, SSU must be in compliance with three (3) stipulations by September 1, 2011 before full membership status into the MEAC is granted. The stipulations include (1) student-athlete scholarships, (2) athletic budget, and (3) staffing.

"We are very proud to be admitted to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The MEAC affiliation will enhance our status in terms of athletic competitions while building valuable relationships that will go

well beyond the playing fields and courts," said **Earl G. Yarbrough Sr., Ph.D.**, president of Savannah State.

Savannah State originally applied for membership in 2006 but the membership application was deferred until the completion of an NCAA probation that ended in May 2009. Savannah State resubmitted the application again in 2009. The Tigers will become the only MEAC institution to compete from the state of Georgia.

The addition of SSU marks the second expansion for the MEAC this academic year. **North Carolina Central University** was announced as a new conference member to the conference in September, 2009. The



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**IN THE FOLD:** MEAC Commissioner Dr. Dennis Thomas dons the Savannah State cap while SSU President, Dr. Earl Yarbrough dons the MEAC cap as the league announces the addition of the Georgia institution.

MEAC expanded in the 90's with the inclusion of **Norfolk State** in 1997 and **Hampton** in 1995.