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Virginia State Sports Photo

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BCSP Notes

Hampton sailing makes history; Qualifies first time for nationals

BRONX, N.Y. — The **Hampton University** sailing team has qualified for the College Sailing Nationals for the first time in program history. The Pirates finished a program-best ninth in the America Trophy recently.

The top nine teams qualified for the national regatta, which will be held in San Diego, Calif., hosted by the San Diego Yacht Club May 24-June 4.

The Gill Co-Ed Championships are scheduled for May 31-June 3.

"It's like a dream come true," head coach **Alessandro Ambrosi** said. "We finally made it after all these years that I've been here. It was very tough, because like always we were the underdog. But I'm incredibly proud of my team."

The Pirates finished with 300 points, finishing ahead of such schools as Cornell (11th, 317), NY Maritime (12th, 370), Virginia (13th, 388), Christopher Newport (15th, 450), Maryland (16th, 474), and Syracuse (18th, 539). St. Mary's College (Md.) won the regatta — and the MAISA championship — with 192 points.



Ambrosi

Maximilian Kuester, Giuditta Di Laghi, and Joshua Williams sailed in the A Division, racking up 170 points while recording a second-place finish and two third-place efforts.

The B Division — **Luca Taglialegne** and **Elisabeth Kuester** — tallied 130 points. The duo recorded one second-place finish, two third-place finishes, and a pair of fifth-place efforts.

Hampton is the nation's only HBCU co-ed sailing program, and the Pirates compete in MAISA (Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association). MAISA is one of four conferences within the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA), the sport's governing body, and each conference sends nine teams to nationals.

The program is in its seventh season under Ambrosi, and the team has won 18 regattas over that span — including seven this season. Prior to the America Trophy, the Pirates had won three straight regattas and four out of five.

"This isn't the regatta you want to win," Ambrosi said with a chuckle. "This is the regatta where you want to qualify onto the national stage, then you want to win."

Though this will be Hampton's first time competing in the College Sailing Nationals, it is not the program's first time experiencing the event;

in 2013, Hampton and Old Dominion co-hosted the regatta at Strawberry Banks.

Bethune-Cookman sweeps PGA Minority Golf titles

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — **Bethune-Cookman** swept the Men's Division I and Women's Team competitions at the **30th PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship**, contested at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida, but not without the Wildcat men requiring an extra hole of work.

After three days and 216 holes, Bethune-Cookman and **Tennessee State** were tied at 907.

Both programs reported to the first hole of the Wanamaker Course, where everything started on Friday morning and 25 minutes later, B-CU emerged as champions, having required only 20 shots to TSU's 21 on the 487-yard, par-5 opening hole.

Tennessee State's bid was led by freshman **Drew Owens**, who was the Division I Men's medalist at 221.

At 897, Bethune-Cookman's women again asserted their dominance in the Women's Team Division, claiming their record fifth consecutive title. The victory was also the Wildcats' 13th in the 19-year history of the Women's Division. Freshman **Shamiso Hatchard** set the tone for Bethune-Cookman's 30-stroke victory over runner-up Chicago State University (927).

Hatchard's three-day total of 222 made her the Women's Team Division medalist and earned an exemption into an upcoming Symetra Tour event. She will choose from either Island Resort Championship in Harris, Michigan (June 24-26) or the Tullymore Classic in Canadian Lakes, Michigan, (July 1-3).

Hatchard edged out **Tiana Jones** of the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore**, although Jones's three-day total of 223 made her the Women's Individual Invitational Champion. **Rachele Orme** (241) of **Savannah State** was the runner-up.

The PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship has elevated golf in minority colleges and universities by providing opportunities for players to compete in a national championship. In 2006, the PGA of America was granted complete ownership and management by the National Minority Collegiate Golf Scholarship Fund.



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BCSP Spring Notes

Alabama State wins seventh straight SWAC women's Outdoor Track & Field title

NORMAL, Ala. — For the seventh straight year and the 11th time overall, the **Alabama State** Lady Hornets have won the **Southwestern Athletic Conference** Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championship. It marks the fifth consecutive season that the Hornet women have won the SWAC Triple Crown (Cross Country, Indoor Track/Field and Outdoor Track/Field).

The runner up was **Grambling State** with 127 points. **Prairie View** was third (103.50).

Alabama State's **Sade Lavallias** (22 points through three events) shared the Most Outstanding Track Performer award with Grambling's **Halima Chepkwony** (22 points through four events), and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Sireta Roach** won the Most Outstanding Field Performer, racking up 25 points through four events.

Ritchie Beene from Alabama State was named Women's Outdoor Track and Field Coach of the Year.

FINAL STANDINGS

1. Alabama State — 176.5, 2. Grambling - 127, 3. Prairie View — 103.5, 4. Texas Southern — 96, 5. Southern — 76, 6. Alabama A&M — 62, 7. Alcorn State - 53, 8. Arkansas-Pine Bluff - 51, 9. Jackson State - 45, 10. Mississippi Valley - 24

ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM

ALABAMA STATE - Lori Davis, Sade Lavallias, Quinta Collier, Tatiana Etienne, Brandee Ebert, Kadajah Gordon, Monica Howard and Artraiia Lesane; SOUTHERN - Jamira Russ; ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF - Sireta Roach; JACKSON STATE - Latoya Gilding; PRAIRIE VIEW - Jada Curbeam and Deonca Bookman; ALABAMA A&M - Keanna McIntyre; GRAMBLING - Creshonda Carter, Chellane Jones, Takyra Beverly, Ja'lyn Simon and Dana Broadnax.

Texas Southern takes SWAC men's Outdoor Track & Field crown

NORMAL, Ala. — The **Texas Southern** Tigers won the **Southwestern Athletic Conference** Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championships making a clean sweep of the SWAC's 2016 Track and Field Championships. TSU won the Indoor Title earlier this season.

For head coach **Clyde Duncan** and his Flying Tigers Track team it also marked the program's third title in two seasons. TSU's Duncan was subsequently named Men's Outdoor Track and Field Coach of the Year, an honor he's received for the third time in two seasons.

FINAL STANDINGS

1. Texas Southern — 150.5, 2. Jackson State — 106.50, 3. Alabama State - 106, 4. Southern - 102, 5. Grambling State - 89, 6. Prairie View A&M - 80, 7. Arkansas-Pine Bluff - 60, 8. Alabama A&M — 55, 9. Mississippi Valley - 48, 10. Alcorn State -12

2016 BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL

MEAC

	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL
NORTHERN	W	L	W	L
Norfolk State	19	5	27	18
Delaware State	13	10	13	33
Coppin State	8	15	11	35
Maryland-E. Shore	6	16	15	32
SOUTHERN				
Florida A&M	16	5	26	18
Bethune-Cookman	15	6	23	23
NC Central	11	13	24	27
NC A&T	6	15	11	37
Savannah State	6	15	11	37

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER
Darnell Maisonet, Fr., OF, **DSU** - Hit .727 (8 of 11) with one double, 3 RBI, 3 runs in 3 games.
Alex Mauricio, SS/3B, **NSU** - Hit .625 (5-of-8) with 1 HR, 2 doubles, 3 RBI, 2 SBs in three wins.
PITCHER
Ricky Paige, Fr., P, **FAMU** - Tossed a complete-game 5-hit shutout vs. NCCU. Had 8 Ks, no BBs.
ROOKIE
Chase Anderson, Fr., 2B/3B/P, **NSU** - Earned two wins in relief vs. Richmond and CSU. Scattered three hits, fanned two and allowed one earned run.

SWAC

	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	DIV	ALL	DIV	ALL
EASTERN	W	L	W	L
Alabama State	24	0	34	15
Jackson State	14	10	29	24
Alcorn State	10	14	15	32
Alabama A&M	8	16	13	41
Miss. Valley State	4	20	6	35
WESTERN				
Arkansas Pine Bluff	16	5	20	22
Grambling State	15	8	22	23
Texas Southern	13	10	21	24
Southern	6	14	12	28
Prairie View	5	18	10	32

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HITTER
Dillon Cooper, Sr., OF, **ALABAMA STATE** - Hit .462 (6 for 13) with three runs scored, two doubles, one grand slam HR and six RBI. Had .611 on base pct. and .846 slugging pct.
PITCHER
Jamal Wilson, Jr., RHP, **JACKSON STATE** - Pitched complete nine-inning game scattering five hits and allowed one earned run with 11 Ks vs. MVSU.

2016 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL

MEAC

	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL
NORTHERN	W	L	W	L
Delaware State	16	2	27	16
Norfolk State	11	6	17	23
Hampton	11	7	19	25
Morgan State	8	8	13	26
Howard	5	12	9	32
Coppin State	5	12	5	31
Maryland-E. Shore	4	13	11	30
SOUTHERN				
Savannah State	12	2	24	21
Florida A&M	11	4	23	27
Bethune-Cookman	11	4	17	30
North Carolina A&T	6	9	17	30
South Carolina State	2	12	5	26
North Carolina Central	2	13	8	42

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

PLAYER
Torrian Wright, So., OF, **SAV. ST.** - Wins third POY award after leading MEAC in on-base pct. (.662), walks (50), fifth in batting (.411) and third in slugging pct. (.699).
PITCHER
Kenya Pereira, Jr., P, **FAMU** - 12 wins in 38 appearances with 3.33 ERA (3rd), 1st in opponents avg. (.234), second in innings, fourth in Ks (117).
ROOKIE
Cortni Jones, Fr., OF, **SSU** - Finishes 2nd in RBI (37), tied for 1st in HRs (8), lead team in runs scored (33).
COACH
Amber Jackson, **DSU** - Led Hornets to 16-2 MEAC record, 1st in N. Div., 25-16 overall record.

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PLAYER & HITTER
Canessa Swanson, INF, **JACKSON STATE** - 2nd in batting (.436), 1st in runs scored (38), 1st in triples (5), had 51 hits, 11 doubles.
PITCHER
Maddie Phelps, P, **ALABAMA STATE** - Led SWAC in victories with 16-12 record. Posted 3.07 ERA with .269 opponents' batting avg., pitched 164 innings with 124 Ks.
FRESHMEN
Charlene Castro, **ALABAMA STATE** and **Shelby Williams**, **PV**
PITCHER
Paige Breal, **ALCORN STATE** - 154 Ks, 12-11 record, 3.78 ERA, 23 complete games in 28 appearances, 6.66 Ks per game.
COACH
Josef Rankin, **ALCORN STATE**

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

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