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FINAL GRID AWARDS AS TOURNEY TIME ARRIVES

AMIR HALL, TARIK COHEN, DARIUS LEONARD EARN TOP BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARDS

BACK-2-BACK: Bowie State QB Amir Hall clutches his second straight black college player of the year award at BCHOF dinner.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HALL REPEATS AS BLACK COLLEGE POY:

Atlanta, GA – The Black College Football Hall of Fame announced that **Bowie State** senior quarterback **Amir Hall** has once again won the *Deacon Jones Trophy*, being named the 2018 Black College Football Player of the Year.

Black College Football Hall of Fame Trustees **James "Shack" Harris** and **Doug Williams** made the announcement during the 2019 Black College Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Atlanta on Saturday night (Feb 16). The Award recognizes the most outstanding football player from a Historically Black College & University (HBCU) that embodies the rich tradition of athletic excellence and integrity associated with HBCUs.

Hall led the Bulldogs to the **CIAA** championship and a second consecutive berth in the NCAA Division II playoffs and a first round win, in what was the most successful season Bulldogs Football history. He threw for 4,152 yards and 38 total touchdowns, and set the CIAA all-time leading passing record in yards and touchdowns along the way. Hall was named the CIAA Offensive Player of the Year and was invited to play in the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl.

After three years as the Bulldogs starting quarterback, Hall owns nearly every school passing record, including passing yards, touchdowns and passing efficiency. Additionally, he is a two-time winner of the *SBN Doug Williams Offensive Player of the Year Award*.

The Player of the Year was voted on by a five-member Selection Committee, which is composed of Black College Football Hall of Fame Co-Founders James "Shack" Harris and Doug Williams, Sheridan Broadcast Network's Director of Sports **Ty Miller**, former USA Today sports writer **Roscoe Nance** and ESPN College Football Analyst **Jay Walker**.

Hall was also the recipient of the Deacon Jones Trophy for the 2017 season.

Other Black College Football Player of the Year Award finalists included DE **Darryl Johnson Jr.** of North Carolina A&T, QB **Noah Johnson of Alcorn State** and QB **Caylin Newton of Howard**.



Tarik Cohen (l.)
Darius Leonard (r.)

COHEN, LEONARD WIN PRO POY:

WASHINGTON D.C. – Chicago Bears running back/kick returner **Tarik Cohen** and Indianapolis Colts linebacker **Darius Leonard** have been selected as the 2019 Black College Football Pro Player of the Year recipients. Presented by the NFL Players Association, the award is given annually to the top professional football player who attended an Historically Black College and University (HBCU).

The electrifying Cohen won the award following his second NFL season, during which he totaled 1,580 all-purpose yards and eight touchdowns as a rusher, receiver and kick returner for the Bears. As a result, the 2017 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl participant and **North Carolina A&T** alum earned first-team All-Pro honors as a return specialist and a spot in the Pro Bowl.

Leonard made an immediate impact as a rookie. The former **South Carolina State** standout registered 163 combined tackles (111 solo), eight pass deflections, seven sacks and one interception. His tackle count led the NFL and broke the Colts' franchise record, earning him NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year honors along with spots on the first-team All-Pro and in the Pro Bowl.

Cohen and Leonard were recognized as this year's recipient at the Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF) Induction Ceremony Saturday. The 2019 BCFHOF class featured **Emerson Boozer, Hugh Douglas, Rich "Tombstone" Jackson, Frank Lewis, Timmy Newsome, John Taylor** and Coach **Arnett "Ace" Mumford**.

In recognition of February's Black History Month, the NFL Players Association partnered with the Black College Football Hall of Fame to create the annual award. Each honoree is selected by a six-member committee.

MEN'S 2018-19 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Top Players)

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Virginia State	6	2	12	3	16	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Bowie State	5	3	11	4	16	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Virginia Union	2	5	8	7	12	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	
Elizabeth City State	2	6	5	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
Lincoln	2	4	5	8	12	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
SOUTH DIVISION	7	3	9	7	16	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	
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Winston-Salem State	4	6	5	11	8	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
J. C. Smith	4	6	5	11	8	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
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CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK																								
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Autwan Miles, Fr., G, VSU - Helped lead Trojans to wins over Chowan and ECSU. Had total of 10 points, 2 steals, 4 assists and 4 rebounds.																								
NEWCOMER																								
Jalrik Moore, Jr., G, CLAFLIN - In 2-0 week, had 9 points, 6 rebounds vs. JCSU, 19 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists in win over Morehouse.																								
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Stars Aligned at Black College Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony



Hollywood Henderson, **Ed "Too Tall" Jones**, **Willie Lanier**, **John Taylor**, **Elvin Bethea**, **James "Shack" Harris and Art Shell**, **Mel Blount**

CIAA, SIAC tourneys ready; SWAC, MEAC winding down

HOOPS THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21	
SIAAC	Benedict @ Cliflin 7:30 pm
INDEPENDENTS	Longwood @ Hampton 7 pm
	Shepherd @ W. Va. State 7:30 pm
	SU-Edwardsville @ Tennessee State 7:30 pm
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23	
CIAA	Virginia State @ Lincoln 4 pm
	Winston-Salem State @ Livingstone 4 pm
	Fayetteville State @ St. Augustine's 4 pm
	Virginia Union @ Chowan 4 pm
	J. C. Smith @ Shaw 4 pm
	Bowie State @ Elizabeth City State 6 pm
MEAC	Norfolk State @ Morgan State 4 pm
	Savannah State @ NC Central 4 pm
	SC State @ NC A&T 4 pm
	Bethune-Cookman @ Florida A&M 4 pm
	Md. E. Shore @ Delaware State 4 pm
	Howard @ Coppin State 4 pm
SIAAC	Tuskegee @ Central State 3 pm
	Spring Hill @ LeMoyne-Owen 4 pm
	Benedict @ Clark Atlanta 4 pm
	Fort Valley State @ Albany State 8 pm
	Paine @ Morehouse 1 pm
	Miles @ Kentucky State 3 pm
SWAC	Miss. Valley State @ Prairie View A&M 6 pm
	Alabama State @ Alcorn State 6:30 pm
	Grambling State @ Jackson State 6:30 pm
	Arkansas-Pine Bluff @ Texas Southern 8:30 pm
	Alabama A&M @ Southern 8:30 pm
INDEPENDENTS	Hampton @ Radford 5 pm
	Eastern Illinois @ Tennessee State 7:30 pm
	Washington @ Lincoln 7:30 pm
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25	
CIAA	Tournament (M & W) 6p, 8p
MEAC	Howard @ Morgan State 7:30 pm
	S. C. State @ N. C. Central 7:30 pm
	Savannah State @ N. C. A&T 7:30 pm
	Delaware State @ Coppin State TBA
SIAAC	Tournament (M & W) 1p, 3:15p, 5:30p, 7:45p
SWAC	Alabama State @ Southern 6:30 pm
	Miss. Valley State @ Texas Southern 8:30 pm
	Arkansas-Pine Bluff @ Prairie View A&M 8:30 pm
	Alabama A&M @ Alcorn State 8:30 pm
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
CIAA	Tournament (M&W) 10a, 12:10p, 2:20p, 4:30p, 6:40p, 8:40p
SIAAC	Tournament (M&W) 12:15p, 2:30p, 4:45p, 7p, 9:15p
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
CIAA	Tournament (M&W) 2:20p, 4:30p, 6:40p, 8:40p
SIAAC	Tournament (M&W) 1p, 3:15p, 5:30p, 7:45p

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There's not much left to be decided as the basketball regular season for the CIAA and SIAC comes to a screeching halt this week with Tournament play to begin next week in Charlotte and Birmingham respectively.

Barring some unforeseen circumstance like a major injury to a key player, the favorites are clear.

The Virginia State men and Virginia Union women are the clear CIAA favorites. In the SIAC, it's the Morehouse men and Benedict women.

CIAA

The Virginia State men (22-4, 14-1, 7-1 N) have just one loss vs. CIAA competition and are ranked 23rd nationally in last week's NABC Div. II poll. The Trojans, who will be the overall top seed in next week's tournament, close the season Saturday at Lincoln.

Like the VSU men, the Virginia Union women have dominated play in the conference winning 14 of their 16 conference games. But the Lady Panthers (22-2, 14-2, 7-1 N) do have a major injury. Fifteen freshman forward **Iffy Okoye**, the team's second leading scorer (10.9 ppg.) and rebounder (6.8 rpg.) could have been lost for the rest of the season recently with a knee injury. Okoye was out last Wednesday as VUU lost to second-place **Bowie State**, 58-46, its first loss in 13 games.

The Lady Panthers close out regular season play Saturday on the road at **Chowan**.

The CIAA Tournament in Charlotte (N. C.) tips off on Monday, Feb. 25 and ends on Saturday, March 2.

SIAC

Morehouse (20-4, 14-3) has finished its regular season with the best record in the SIAC East and among the men's teams.

But the Maroon Tigers have been challenged. They lost to nearby rival **Clark Atlanta** (68-60) in late January before squeaking by the Panthers (70-67) Feb. 9 at Forbes Arena.

SWAC

They also lost to **Benedict** and W. Div. leader **Miles**. On the ladies side, Benedict completed a perfect 15-0 mark in regular season SIAC play with its 89-55 win over **Clark Atlanta** Saturday. The Lady Tigers (20-5) have just a non-conference game on its schedule against former conference member **Cliflin** Thursday, a team that gave them one of their five losses.

The SIAC tourney also begins Monday and runs thru Saturday at the Bill Harris Arena in Birmingham.

MEAC

Norfolk State (16-11, 11-1 MEAC) took a big step towards taking the MEAC regular season title sweeping contenders **North Carolina A&T** and **North Carolina Central** over this weekend.

The Spartans had the toughest time with third-place NCCU, needing overtime to down the Eagles 75-71 Saturday. They raced out to a 38-21 first half lead en route to handling second-place A&T, 76-58 Monday. NSU travels to Baltimore Saturday to face Morgan State.

The A&T women stretched their record to 12-0 in conference play with road wins at Howard and Norfolk State. The Lady Aggies (15-10) host **South Carolina State** (Sat.) and **Savannah State** (Mon.)

SWAC

Prairie View A&M (13-12, 11-1 SWAC) kept a two-game lead in the SWAC men's race over **Texas Southern** (14-11, 9-3) with wins on the road over **Grambling State** (92-87) and **Jackson State** (79-66). This week, the Panthers host MVSU (Sat.) and UAPB (Mon.).

Southern (13-11, 10-3 SWAC) stayed atop the tight SWAC women's race posting wins over **MVSU** (Sat.) and **UAPB** (Mon.).

The Lady Jags are just a game in the last column ahead of Grambling (9-4), Prairie View (8-4) and **Alabama A&M** (8-4).

BCSP Notes

Hampton sweeps Big South indoor track

LYNCHBURG, Va. – The **Hampton University** men's and women's indoor track and field teams swept the titles in their first Big South Conference Championship. The men's team scored 169 points to outscore Campbell who finished a close second with 160 points. The Hampton women scored 162.50 points to edge out High Point with 159, while Charleston Southern took third with 95 points.

Hampton became only the second school in the history of the conference to win the title on the men's side. Liberty had won the previous titles from 1999-2018.

In the 400 meters, Hampton put up 27 points as **Jaelen Williams** won the event in 47.92 to edge out **Jerrick Powell** who ran 47.95. **Moffat Wanjiru** took fourth in 49.26 and **Derrick Price** was fifth in 49.37.

The 800 meters saw Hampton put up 16 points with **Tayvon Burris** winning in 1:52.49 and **Geoffrey McCullough** taking third in 1:54.08. The Pirates got 25 points in the 200 meters as four Pirates finished in the top seven with Wanjiru winning in 21.60 to edge out Powell (21.63). **Douglas Sessoms** took fourth in 21.9 and Price ran 22.22 for seventh place.

The Lady Pirates got on the board on Saturday with a 1-3-6 finish in the 60 hurdles as **Autumn Smith** won the race in 8.55 with **Mallory Pitchford** coming in third (8.71) and **Kaitlin Scott** in sixth (9.01) for a total of 19 points.

Head Coach **Maurice Pierce** was named Coach of the Year for the first time in the Big South and has a share of a Coach of the Year title now 15 times.

WOMEN'S 2018-19 BLACK COLLEGE BASKET