

## HBCU TOURNAMENT

# Golden Bulls, Claflin women reign supreme

Johnson C. Smith and Claflin College emerged as respective winners at the Historically Black Colleges And Universities Basketball Classic held at Petersburg, Va. at the start of the month.

The Golden Bulls benefitted from some sizzling shooting to register an 80-78 win over Morehouse College in the men's finals. Claflin College overcame an 11-point halftime deficit to defeat Virginia State 77-72 in the

45-39.

Morehouse, in the meantime, had trouble finding the basket during the first 20 minutes of action. The Maroon Tigers put themselves in an early hole by hitting just 12 of 32 shots (37.5 percent). The main factor that kept Smith from building an insurmountable lead was Morehouse's 14 for 15 free throw shooting.

The Maroonies also helped their cause by working hard on the glass. They outrebounded the Golden Bulls 41-34, but could never get over the hump in the second half. Smith kept Morehouse at a distance by hitting 10 of 13 foul shots in the final 20 minutes.

Harold Ellis led the Maroon Tigers attack with 26 points and 7 rebounds. Lewis Lawrence turned in a complete performance with 12 points, 12 boards and five assists. Roderick Stubbs, Richard Winfrey and Matthew Thompson all scored 10 points each. Stubbs also had 11 rebounds.

## MEN'S CONSOLATION

Virginia State's Trojans did as they pleased in body slamming Claflin College by a sizeable margin.

The Trojans cruised to a 44-33 lead at the half and never looked back. Five VSU players scored in double figures. Robert Lovett was the top scorer with 16 points, followed by Charles Jefferson's 15. Kevin Holleman, Toraine Sears and Rahn Dade scored 11 points each. Holleman and Dade were very impressive on the glass, which helped VSU gain a substantial 51-38 rebounding edge.

Holleman recorded a game high 14 rebounds and had three blocks. Dade pulled down 11 caroms.

Claflin never got out of the starting gate in this contest. The Trojans defense put the handcuffs on CC which resulted in a lowly team shooting percentage of .301 for the game.

Russell Johnson was Claflin's top scorer with 18 points. Johnny Irving had 12 points and 8 rebounds. Randy Simpson and James Howard tallied 10 points apiece.

## WOMEN'S FINALS

Claflin put on a serious second half surge that produced a comeback win against Virginia State. After trailing 41-30 at intermission, CC's ladies turned the tables, outscoring the Trojanettes 47-31 in the second half.

The key to CC's second half run

## All-Tournament Teams

### MEN'S DIVISION

Harold Ellis - Morehouse College  
Richard Winfrey - Morehouse College  
Marcus Whitfield - Norfolk State  
Charles Jefferson - Virginia State  
Kevin Holleman - Virginia State  
Russell Johnson - Claflin College  
Harvey Lacount - Paul Quinn College  
Royce Turner - Morris Brown College  
Columbus Parker - Johnson C. Smith

### Most Outstanding Player

Mark Sherrill - Johnson C. Smith

### WOMEN'S DIVISION

Rolanda Dent - Virginia State  
Jackie Carter - Virginia State  
Daphne Trusty - St. Paul's College  
Wanda Niles - Claflin College

### Most Outstanding Player

Precious Morris - Claflin College

women's finals.

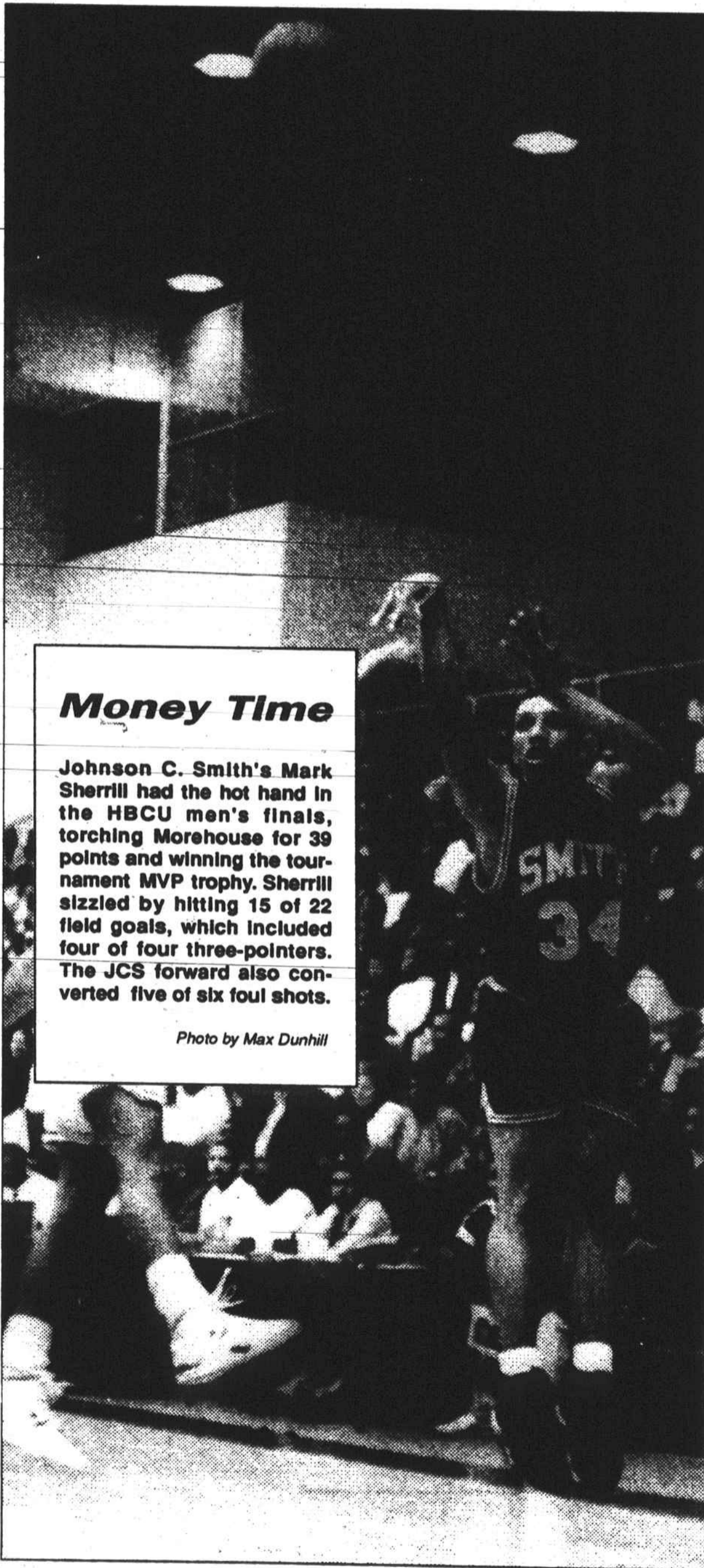
In the consolation games, Virginia State routed Claflin 88-61 for the men's third place trophy, while Spelman College nipped St. Paul's College 52-49 in the women's division. Here's a recap of the action that took place on the campus of Virginia State University.

## MEN'S FINALS

Mark Sherrill was hot as a laser beam, scoring 39 points to lead Johnson C. Smith to the tournament title. The Golden Bulls burly forward put on a one-man show, hitting 68.1 percent of his shots in the finals. Sherrill's efforts netted him the tournament MVP award.

Columbus Parker, the other half of the JCS scoring duo, didn't get his usual 20 points. He finished with 16 points and 6 rebounds. Reginald Torrence contributed 8 points and 8 boards to the cause and Shawn Jackson pulled down 8 rebounds.

Smith set the pace for the game in the first half by shooting 55.9 percent from the field, which also included 4 of 5 shooting from three-point distance. At intermission, the Golden Bulls led



## Money Time

Johnson C. Smith's Mark Sherrill had the hot hand in the HBCU men's finals, torching Morehouse for 39 points and winning the tournament MVP trophy. Sherrill sizzled by hitting 15 of 22 field goals, which included four of four three-pointers. The JCS forward also converted five of six foul shots.

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