

FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 9 THROUGH JAN. 15, 2001

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

WOMEN HAVE IT THEIR WAY

▼ FIRST BCSP WOMEN'S HOOPS TOP TEN, ALL-STAR GAME AND NFL PLAYOFF PLAYERS



MEAC Photo

PARSON: Inherited 19-10 Howard team, that went 16-2 in MEAC a year ago.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

SEEING STARS: Tennessee State senior defensive back Ligarius Jennings will join Grambling wide receiver Scotty Anderson in the Jan. 20 Delchamps Senior Bowl in Mobile, Al.



Tenn. State photo

JENNINGS: TSU DB second black college player in Senior Bowl.

Jennings (5-10, 195), a native of Birmingham, Al., and a four-year starter for the Tigers, is a two-time all-Ohio Valley Conference selection. This season he ranked third on the team in tackles with 42 solos and had two interceptions. He was named to the second team All-OVC squad. Jennings reportedly ran a 4.4 time in the 40-yard dash in spring

workouts earlier this year. Also, seven SIAC players are on the East squad for the Cactus Bowl (formerly the Snow Bowl) to be played Friday (Jan. 12) in Kingsville, Texas (78:30 pm). The game pits senior stars from NCAA Div. II football in an all-star game format. The former SIAC players are CB Carey Scott and OT Rod Joseph of Kentucky State, OT Jerry Jackson and WR Trammel Pryor of Fort Valley State, OG Bennitte Waddell and DT Ahmad Whitehead of Tuskegee and DT Ronald Smith of Lane.

FOUR IN THREE: The 2001 regular season black college basketball television schedule kicked off on Monday (Jan. 8) with the first of four SWAC games, this one between Southern and Jackson State. But the real full court press begins this weekend when four games will be televised in three days. Saturday, January 13, the MEAC package tips off with a matchup between Coppin State and S. C. State (noon). That's followed by the first CIAA game, a rival game Sunday (Jan. 14) at the *Legacy Classic* in Charlotte, N. C., between Winston-Salem State and Johnson C. Smith. The MEAC comes back with a men's and women's doubleheader on Monday (Jan. 15) involving Howard and Bethune-Cookman. A total of four SWAC games, five CIAA contests and 15 from the MEAC are scheduled before all three conferences televise parts of their postseason tournaments. Here are the regular season schedules by conferences.

CIAA

- 1) Sunday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.
WSSU vs. J. C. Smith
- 2) Saturday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.
Virginia Union vs. Elizabeth City State
- 3) Saturday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.
Winston-Salem State vs. N. Carolina Central
- 4) Saturday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.
St. Augustine's vs. Fayetteville State
- 5) Saturday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.
Fayetteville State vs. Winston-Salem State

SWAC

- 1) Monday, January 8
Southern at Jackson State,
- 2) Saturday, January 20
Texas Southern at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- 3) Monday, Jan. 22
Alcorn State at Alabama State
- 4) Monday, Feb. 5
Miss. Valley State at Alabama State

MEAC

- 1) Saturday, January 13, 12 noon
S. C. State vs. Coppin State
- 2&3) Monday, January 15, 12 noon and 2 pm
Howard vs. B-Cookman (men and women)
- 4) Saturday, January 20, 12 noon
Hampton and N. C. A&T
- 5&6) Saturday, January 27, 2 and 4 pm
FAMU vs. Norfolk St. (men and women)
- 7) Monday, January 29, 7 pm
Morgan State vs. Delaware State
- 8) Saturday, February 3, 12 noon
Hampton vs. Md.-E. Shore
- 9&10) Saturday, February 10, 4 and 6 pm
Coppin St. vs. Norfolk St. (men and women)
- 11) Saturday, February 17, 4 pm
Coppin State vs. S. C. State
- 12&13) Saturday, February 24, 12 noon and 2 pm
Howard vs. Morgan St. (men and women)
- 14&15) Saturday, March 3, 4 and 6 pm
Norfolk State vs. Hampton (men and women)

SWAC SITES: The Southwestern Athletic Conference has decided upon Shreveport, La., and Birmingham, Al., as sites for key championships. Shreveport will host the SWAC's annual Spring Sports Festival in both 2001 and 2002. The Spring Sports Festival will determine conference champions in men's and women's tennis (April 27-29), men's and women's outdoor track and field, baseball and softball (May 3-6). Birmingham, home of the SWAC office and the conference's football championship game, now will also host the men's and women's basketball championships for the next three years. The city's Fair Park Arena will host the semi-finals (March 9) and finals (March 10) of tournament play this year after opening round games are held on campus sites (March 6).

SCORES

JAN. 8
Alabama A&M 74, Ark-PB 71, OT
Alabama St 80, Miss Valley St 49
Bethune-Cookman 78, NC A&T 62
Coppin St 79, Hampton 76
Grambling St 74, Alcorn St 63
Howard 78, Delaware St 66
Norfolk St 70, Morgan St 59
SC State 71, Florida A&M 63
Southern 69, Jackson St 55
Tex.-Arlington 57, Prairie View 45
Tuskegee 76, Clark Atlanta 55

JAN. 6
Alabama A&M 54, Miss Valley St 47
Alabama St 60, Ark-Pine Bluff 56
Alcorn St 69, Jackson St 64
Delaware St 58, UMES 46
Florida A&M 76, NC A&T 72
Fort Valley St 105, Spelman 53
Johnson C. Smith 94, Va Union 58
LeMoyne-Owen 63, Albany St 59
Livingstone 70, Gardner Webb 64
Morgan St 93, Hampton 90
NC Central 56, St Augustine's 41
Norfolk St 75, Coppin St 74
SC State 85, Bethune-Cookman 63
Southern 80, Grambling St 70
Tennessee St 87, E. Illinois 52
Tuskegee 87, Prairie 40
Virginia St 75, Dist of Columbia 48

CIAA

| THRU 18 | | DIV | | ALL | |
|-----------------|---|-----|----|-----|---|
| | | W | L | W | L |
| E. Div. | | | | | |
| Virginia State | 1 | 0 | 8 | 5 | |
| Bowie State | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 | |
| Elizabeth City | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | |
| Shaw | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | |
| Virginia Union | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | |
| St Paul's | 0 | 1 | 9 | 2 | |
| W. Div. | | | | | |
| N. C. Central | 2 | 0 | 10 | 2 | |
| W-Salem State | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | |
| Livingstone | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | |
| J. C. Smith | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3 | |
| St. Augustine's | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 | |
| Fayvt. State | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | |

CIAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK
ZAKIA VANHOUSE, Jr., G, NC Central - Averaged 16 points four rebounds as Eagles went 2-0.

CIAA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK
JOI SURRATT, JC Smith - Had 22 points, seven rebounds and five assists in two games.

MEAC

| THRU 18 | | CONF | | ALL | |
|-----------------|---|------|---|-----|---|
| | | W | L | W | L |
| Howard | 3 | 0 | 6 | 4 | |
| SC State | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | |
| Delaware State | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | |
| Florida A&M | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | |
| Morgan State | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | |
| Bethune-Cookman | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | |
| Coppin State | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 | |
| Hampton | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 | |
| Norfolk State | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | |
| NC A&T | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | |
| Maryland-ES | 0 | 1 | 2 | 7 | |

MEAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
SHAVONNE BURKE, S-B, Jr., G, Norfolk State (New Castle, DE) - In wins over Chicago-Illinois and Coppin State, Burke tallied 14 and 21 points respectively to lead the Lady Spartans. She finished the week with 35 points, 13 rebounds, six assists and four steals.

MEAC ROOKIE OF THE WEEK
NICOLE RHEM, S-B, So., G, S. C. State (Brooklyn, NY) - Had 27 pts., 8 reb., 3 steals and 2 assists in win over DelState, 15 pts., 13 reb., 5 assists in win at B-CC.

SIAC

| THRU 18 | | CONF | | ALL | |
|-------------------|---|------|---|-----|---|
| | | W | L | W | L |
| Fort Valley State | 5 | 0 | 8 | 2 | |
| Albany State | 5 | 0 | 5 | 6 | |
| Tuskegee | 1 | 0 | 6 | 3 | |
| Clark Atlanta | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | |
| Paine | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | |
| Lane | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | |
| Kentucky State | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | |
| Miles | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 | |
| LeMoyne-Owen | 0 | 4 | 4 | 8 | |

SIAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
NAKESHA HAYES, S-11, F/C, Tuskegee (Letohatchee, Al.) - In only game of the week, Hayes had 15 points, nine rebounds, one assist, four steals and two blocks in a win.

SWAC

| THRU 18 | | CONF | | ALL | |
|-----------------|---|------|----|-----|---|
| | | W | L | W | L |
| Southern | 4 | 0 | 9 | 4 | |
| Alabama State | 4 | 0 | 10 | 3 | |
| Alcorn State | 3 | 1 | 9 | 3 | |
| Grambling | 2 | 2 | 6 | 7 | |
| Alabama A&M | 2 | 2 | 3 | 9 | |
| Ark. Pine Bluff | 1 | 2 | 1 | 10 | |
| Jackson State | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | |
| Texas Southern | 0 | 2 | 5 | 6 | |
| Prairie View | 0 | 2 | 3 | 7 | |
| Miss Valley | 0 | 3 | 1 | 10 | |

SWAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
SHAMEKA JACKSON, Alabama State - In wins over Miss. Valley State and Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Jackson averaged 24.5 points and 10.5 rebounds at the Lady Hornets improved to 4-0 in conference play, 9-4 overall.

OTHERS

| THRU 18 | | W | | L | |
|-----------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| | | | | | |
| Tennessee State | 3 | 9 | | | |
| Cheyney | 1 | 6 | | | |
| Benedict | 2 | 5 | | | |
| Central State | - | - | | | |
| UDC | - | - | | | |

IND. PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Howard at top of women's food

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Talk about women's teams in black college basketball this year begins with Howard.

The Lady Bison (6-4), one of the beasts of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, took a hit in October when long-time head coach Sanya Tyler was fired after an internal investigation. New coach Cathy Parson was fortunate to inherit a team that went 19-10 overall a year ago, 16-2 in the conference before being upset in the league's tournament semifinals. Tyler also left a tiger in the Lady Bison tank.

She is Andrea Gardner, a 6-3 junior from Washington, D. C., that currently leads all Div. I rebounders pulling down 16.4 boards per game while averaging 17.2 points per contest.

This year Gardner has led the Lady Bison into some hostile



All Pro Photo

ANDREA GARDNER: Howard 6-3 junior center, who leads nation with 16.4 rebounds per game, also puts up 17.2 points per contest.

territory and more than held her own. Against Maryland in the season opener Gardner had 18 points and 17 rebounds. In a win over Stouy Brook at the Lady Bulldog Classic in Starkville, Ms., she had 23 points and a

career-high 27 rebounds. She poured in 23 points and had 15 boards in the finals of the P&C Wildcat Classic vs. Villanova and added a career-high 24 points and 13 boards at defending MEAC tournament champion Hampton.

Senior swing guard Chanell Washington (16.0 ppg.) and freshman guard Essence Coggins (10.2 ppg.) join Gardner scoring in double figures. They will be hard to handle in the MEAC. The loss of two inside players, Courtney Kirk to an injury and Mona Gail Baker as a result of the internal investigation, probably keeps Howard from being more of a force on the national scene.

Alcorn State (9-3) was the preseason pick to win the SWAC race while Grambling State, the most dominant team in the conference for the last five years, entered the season with a national

best home winning streak. That steak reached 68, one short of Tennessee's all-time record, before Southern ended it with a 80-70 win over the Lady Tigers on Jan. 6.

Grambling, under head coach Rusty Ponton, also has a one-point loss to Alabama State as well as a win Monday over Alcorn State. Any of four or five teams could contend for the SWAC title.

Since Livingstone ended Bowie State's three-year title run in last year's CIAA tournament final, it appears the balance of power has shifted to the Western Division. Livingstone's Lady Bears (10-1), the Lady Rams of Winston-Salem State (10-1) and the Lady Eagles of North Carolina Central (10-2) look like the cream of the crop right now. Despite their sterling records, none of the three is

BCSP WOMEN'S TOP TEN

1. Howard (6-4)
2. Southern (9-4)
3. Alabama State (10-3)
4. Alcorn State (9-3)
5. N. C. Central (10-2)
6. S. C. State (5-3)
7. W-Salem State (10-1)
8. Livingstone (10-1)
9. J. C. Smith (7-3)
10. Fort Valley State (9-2)

ranked in the Div. II South Atlantic Regional poll released this week.

Defending SIAC tournament champion Fort Valley State is the only team from that conference ranked in the top ten of the South Region. The Lady Wildcats (9-2) are ranked 10th.

BCSP Notes

Difference Makers

▼ Black college players left their mark in the NFL Divisional Playoffs over the weekend.

In one NFC matchup, New York defensive end Michael Strahan (Texas Southern) had a monster game as his Giants team defeated Philadelphia 20-10 on Sunday. Strahan overpowered Eagles tackle Jon Runyan, registering two sacks on Philly QB Donovan McNabb and forcing one fumble. In a losing effort, Eagle wide receiver Torrance Small (Alcorn State) had four receptions for 39 yards and Philadelphia's lone touchdown on a 10-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter.

Tuskegee product Anthony Mitchell, a third string safety for the Baltimore Ravens, may have had the biggest play of their 24-10 win over the Tennessee Titans Sunday in an AFC matchup. Mitchell fielded a blocked fourth quarter field goal attempt and raced 90 yards for a TD, breaking a 10-10 tie and putting the Ravens up 17-10. Mitchell was inserted onto the field goal team after a player was hurt earlier in the game. Baltimore tight end Shannon Sharpe (Savannah State) also had a big play, catching his only pass of the day for 56 yards to set up the Ravens first score.

Tennessee QB Steve McNair (Alcorn State) completed 24 of 46 passes for 176 yards and wide receiver



JACKSON



MITCHELL



STRAHAN

Yancey Thigpen (Winston-Salem State) caught three of his aeriels for 25 yards as the defending Super Bowl runners-up went down to defeat.

Defensive end Fernando Smith (Jackson State) registered three tackles for the Minnesota Vikings as they defeated the New Orleans Saints 34-16 on Saturday. The Saints got contributions from receivers Jake Reed (Grambling, 2 rec., 29 yds.), Robert Wilson (Florida A&M, 1 rec., 14 yds.), and Andrew Glover (Grambling, 1 rec., five yds.)

Oakland's Grady Jackson (Knoxville) had only one tackle in the Raiders' 27-0 whitewash of Miami Saturday, but was part of the defensive unit that held the Dolphins to only 40 rushing yards.

Look out for the black college products listed below as their teams battle in this week's conference title games looking for spots in Super Bowl XXXV.

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | DOB | EXP | COLLEGE | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------|------|-----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|----------------------------|
| BALTIMORE RAVENS | | | | | | | | S H A R P E |
| 81 | Coates, Ben | TE | 6'5" | 245 | August 16, 1969 | 10 | Livingstone | |
| 29 | Evans, Chuck | RB | 6'1" | 245 | April 16, 1967 | 8 | Clark Atlanta | |
| 42 | Mitchell, Anthony | DB | 6'1" | 211 | December 13, 1974 | 1 | Tuskegee | |
| 82 | Sharpe, Shannon | TE | 6'2" | 232 | June 26, 1968 | 11 | Savannah State | |
| OAKLAND RAIDERS | | | | | | | | |
| 90 | Jackson, Grady | DT | 6'2" | 325 | January 21, 1973 | 4 | Knoxville | |
| 77 | Myles, Toby | OT | 6'5" | 320 | July 23, 1975 | 3 | Jackson State | |
| MINNESOTA VIKINGS | | | | | | | | S M I T H |
| 89 | Hatchette, Matt | WR | 6'2" | 204 | May 1, 1974 | 4 | Langston | |
| 61 | Kelly, Lewis | OG | 6'4" | 272 | April 21, 1977 | R | S. Carolina State | |
| 92 | Smith, Fernando | DE | 6'6" | 287 | August 2, 1971 | 7 | Jackson State | |
| NEW YORK GIANTS | | | | | | | | |
| 92 | Strahan, Michael | DE | 6'5" | 275 | November 21, 1971 | 8 | Texas Southern | |

2000 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings, and Weekly Honors)

SCORES

JAN. 8
Alabama A&M 61, Ark-Pine Bluff 58
Alcorn St 108, Grambling St 105
Clark Atlanta 93, Tuskegee 87
Fayetteville St 71, Va Union 65
Hampton 61, Coppin St 60
Howard 64, Delaware St 63
Miss Valley St 78, Alabama St 70
NC A&T 68, Bethune-Cookman 58
Norfolk St 83, Morgan St 77
SC State 82, Florida A&M 74
Southern 89, Jackson St 77

JAN. 6
Alabama St 69, Ark-Pine Bluff 63
Alcorn St 63, Jackson St 60
Dist of Columbia 70, Virginia St 69
Gonzaga 93, Prairie View 50
Grambling St 89, Southern 86
Hampton 72, Morgan St 67
LeMoyne-Owen 72, Albany St 70
UMES 59, Delaware St 54
Malone 80, Wilberforce 74
Miss Valley 72, Alabama A&M 62
Morehouse 77, F. Valley St 73
NC A&T 73, Florida A&M 58
Norfolk St 67, Coppin St 56
Nova Southeastern 52, Sav. St 40
Paine 98, Tuskegee 75
Pitt-Johnstown 83, Bowie St 65
Point Park 88, Central St 82
SC State 69, B-Cookman 66, OT
St Augustine's 87, NC Central 66
WSSU 79, S. Connecticut 62

CIAA

| THRU 18 | | DIV | | ALL | |
|----------------------|---|-----|----|-----|---|
| | | W | L | W | L |
| EAST DIVISION | | | | | |
| Virginia State | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 | |
| Bowie State | 1 | 1 | 9 | 3 | |
| Shaw | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | |
| Virginia Union | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 | |
| Elizabeth City | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | |
| St Paul's | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 | |
| WEST DIVISION | | | | | |
| N. C. Central | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 | |
| J. C. Smith | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | |
| Winston-Salem State | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | |
| St. Augustine's | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | |
| Livingstone | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | |
| Fayetteville State | 0 | 1 | 8 | 3 | |

CIAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK
JIMMY BOSTON, 6-4, Sr., F, NC Central Scored career-high 33 points in win over Fayvt. State. Averaged 20 points, 12.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and passed the 1,000-point mark for his career during the week.

CIAA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK
KENNY HAYWOOD, 6-3, Fr., F, Fayetteville State (Fayetteville, NC) - 11

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