

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



CLASSIC HOOPS IN GLASSY ARENAS

NEW YEAR OPENS WITH HOOPS CLASSICS IN NORFOLK, RALEIGH, CHARLOTTE & RICHMOND

NEW RECORD: Texas Southern product Michael Strahan sets new NFL sack record en route to Pro Bowl berth.

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2001-02 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

SCORES

MONDAY, JAN. 7
Alabama 86, UAPB 73
Alcorn St. 89, Grambling 67
B-CC 71, NC A&T 67, OT
Central 89, LRU 84
DelState 77, Morgan 57
Delaware 76, Morris Brown 50
Howard 84, Coppin 51 67
Jackson 81, Southern 60
Louisiana 81, Morehouse 75
LSU 81, North 86, OT
MVU 81, Alabama A&M 60
Morehouse 70, Prairie 68
SC 72, FAMU 69
Tenn. 84, SCSU 62
WV 81, 82, Bluefield 59

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

Alabama A&M 80, UAPB 66
Alb. St. 57, MVU 52
Alcorn St. 86, Virginia 78
Bowling Green 40, DelState 57, Coppin 51 48
Delaware 85, Chesney 63
Eliz. City 76, FUSU 63
FAMU 70, NC A&T 64
Hampton 80, LRU 71
Howard 80, Morgan 57 78
Lincoln 81, 87, WV 75
Morehouse 85, Fla. State 75
SC 87, 71, Louisiana 67
SC State 76, B-CC 59
Southern 138, Grambling 97
St. Aug. 83, 39, Paul 78, OT
Tenn. 81, 89, E. Ky 69
WV St. 115, 5, 104, 207

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

CONF	ALL	W	L	T
E. DIVISION				
Bowling Green	2	0	8	3
Shaw	0	0	9	1
Virginia Union	0	0	7	3
Eliz. City State	0	0	5	6
Virginia State	0	1	3	6
St. Paul's	0	1	1	9
W. DIVISION				
St. Augustine's	0	0	7	0
W-Salem State	0	0	9	2
J. C. Smith	0	0	9	3
Fayetteville State	0	0	5	3
Livingstone	0	0	3	9
N. C. Central	0	0	1	9

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

TYRONE SMITH, Sr., G, Elizabeth City State - Averaged 25 points, 7.5 assists and four rebounds in two wins. Vs. N. Florida Smith had a career-high 32 points, eight assists, six steals and four rebounds. Smith is 5-11, 175 from Chesapeake, Va.

TORY CLARK, Fr., G, Elizabeth City State - In two games, Clark averaged 10 points, six rebounds and two assists. He had 12 points and nine rebounds vs. Fort Valley State. Clark is 6-4, 180 from Nashville, NC.

MEAC MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	ALL	W	L	T
Hampton	4	0	9	5
Howard	3	1	8	8
SC State	3	1	6	9
Delaware State	2	1	5	6
Norfolk State	2	2	3	10
Florida A&M	2	2	2	11
Maryland-E. S.	2	2	5	8
Bethune-Cookman	2	2	3	7
NC A&T State	1	3	1	10
Coppin State	1	3	3	12
Morgan State	0	5	0	12

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ANDRE RIVERA, Sr., G, SC State - Averaged 21 points as the Bulldogs split two games in a loss to The Citadel. Rivera had 17 points and four rebounds. In a win over Bethune-Cookman, he tallied 25 points, had six rebounds and two assists. He is a 6-5 point guard from Brooklyn, NY.

DEVIN GREEN, Fr., F, Hampton - Green had 13 points, four rebounds, four assists and three steals in an 86-71 win over Maryland-Eastern Shore.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	ALL	W	L	T
Fort Valley State	2	0	5	4
Clark Atlanta	2	0	3	4
LeMoyne Owen	2	0	4	4
Lane	1	1	4	3
Miles	1	1	5	5
Kentucky State	1	1	2	5
Morehouse	2	2	8	4
Paine	1	2	2	6
Albany State	0	2	1	8
Tuskegee	0	3	1	9

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ROBERT PRINGLE, Jr., G, Fort Valley State - Averaged 14.0 points, 10.0 rebounds, two assists, two steals and a blocked shot in games last week for the Wildcats. Pringle is a 6-3, 195-pounder from Marietta, Ga.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONF	ALL	W	L	T
Alcorn State	5	0	6	5
Alabama State	4	0	9	6
Miss. Valley State	2	1	5	6
Prairie View	1	1	2	8
Texas Southern	1	1	1	9
Alabama A&M	2	2	4	5
Southern	2	3	2	11
Grambling State	1	4	3	11
Jackson State	1	4	2	12
Ark. Pine Bluff	0	3	0	13

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

TYRONE LEVETT, Sr., F, Alabama State - In wins over Mississippi Valley State and Ark. Pine Bluff, Levett posted back-to-back double-doubles totaling 34 points and 30 rebounds. He had 18 points and 13 rebounds in a 96-73 win over UAPB Monday after getting 16 points and 14 boards in a 57-52 win over MVU on Saturday. The 6-5 senior from Nottoway, Ala., currently leads the SWAC in rebounding at 8.2 per game and puts in 12.8 points per contest.

INDEPENDENTS

CONF	ALL	W	L
Southern (NC)	8	2	2
Dillard	13	3	3
Xavier	7	5	5
Central State	9	7	7
Cheyney	5	5	5
West Virginia State	3	7	7
Tennessee State	5	9	9
Morris Brown	1	11	11
Savannah State	1	12	12

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OLUSHULA AJANAKU, So. F, Tennessee State - Ajanaku scored a team-high 24 points as the Blue Tigers got their second OVC win Monday, 94-82 over S. E. Missouri. Ajanaku is a 6-5 forward from Memphis.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

This season's Florida Classic in Orlando reclaimed the top spot among black college football games with the largest attendance. Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference rivals Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman drew 70,112 fans on Nov. 17 to Orlando's Citrus Bowl (See STAT CORNER, below)

unseating the Nov. 24 Bayou Classic which packed a crowd of 67,435 to the New Orleans SuperDome. The 2000 Florida Classic drew a record crowd of 70,712 but was topped by the 72,000 that attended the Grambling/Southern game in New Orleans. The Atlanta Classic (Florida A&M vs. Tennessee State) moved up to third from fourth a year ago with a crowd this year of 61,022. Moving from fifth to fourth this season was the Magic City Classic (Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State) which had 53,133 in attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS II:

Southwestern Athletic Conference members Jackson State and Grambling State finished 1-2 in NCAA Div. I-AA home attendance for the 2001 football season. Jackson State's first place finish, averaging 29,067 fans for five home dates this year, was the 12th time in 24 years that the Tigers finished on top of the attendance stats. Grambling finished second averaging 27,172 fans for three home dates. Southern (19,370 avg., 4g) placed fifth, Florida A&M (19,088, 4g) was sixth and Norfolk State (16,254 avg., 5g) was tenth.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BEST ATTENDED BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES IN 2001

1. FLORIDA CLASSIC, Nov. 17, Orlando, FL (Citrus Bowl) Florida A&M vs. Bethune-Cookman	70,112
2. BAYOU CLASSIC, Nov. 24, New Orleans, LA (Super Dome) Southern vs. Grambling State	67,435
3. ATLANTA CLASSIC, Sept. 22, Atlanta, GA (Georgia Dome) Florida A&M vs. Tennessee State	61,022
4. MAGIC CITY CLASSIC, Oct. 27, Birmingham, AL (Legion Field) Alabama State vs. Alabama A&M	53,133
5. AL LIPSOMB CLASSIC, Sept. 29, Dallas, TX (Cotton Bowl) Grambling State vs. Prairie View	51,149
6. CIRCLE CITY CLASSIC, Oct. 6, Indianapolis, IN (RCA Dome) Howard vs. Tennessee State	51,060
9. CHICAGO CLASSIC, Sept. 1, Chicago, IL (Soldier Field) Jackson State vs. Howard	50,000
10. CAPITAL CITY CLASSIC, Nov. 17, Jackson, MS (Miss. Mem. Stadium) Alcorn State at Jackson State	49,873
11. SEPT. 29, New Orleans (Super Dome) Southern vs. Tulane	41,319
12. SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP, Dec. 1, Birmingham, AL (Legion Field) Grambling vs. Alabama State	38,487
13. SEPT. 8, at El Paso, Texas Texas Southern at Texas El-Paso	37,741
14. AGGIE-EAGLE CLASSIC, Sept. 1, Raleigh, NC (Carter-Finley Stadium) NC A&T vs. NC Central	36,438
15. PEACH STATE CLASSIC, Nov. 3, Atlanta, GA (Georgia Dome) Jackson State vs. N. C. A&T	35,742
16. WHITNEY YOUNG CLASSIC, Sept. 22, E. Rutherford, NJ (Giants Stadium) Hampton vs. Virginia State	35,681
17. NC A&T HOMECOMING, Oct. 13, Greensboro, NC Florida A&M at N. C. A&T	34,769
18. GATEWAY CLASSIC, Sept. 29, St. Louis, MO (TWA Dome) Kentucky State vs. Arkansas Pine Bluff	33,500
19. OCT. 13, Jackson, MS (Mississippi Memorial Stadium) Southern at Jackson State	32,746
20. FLORIDA A&M HOMECOMING, Oct. 20, Tallahassee, FL Hampton at Florida A&M	28,987
21. TUSKEGEE HOMECOMING, Oct. 27, Tuskegee, AL Clark-Atlanta at Tuskegee	28,889
22. SOUTHERN HERITAGE CLASSIC, Nov. 22, Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl) Jackson State vs. Tennessee State	28,690
23. SOUTHERN HOMECOMING, Oct. 6, Baton Rouge, LA Alabama A&M at Southern	27,500
24. GULF COAST CLASSIC, Sept. 22, Mobile, AL (Ladd-Peebles Stadium) Southern vs. Alabama State	26,453
25. OCT. 20, Jackson, MS (Mississippi Memorial Stadium) Grambling at Jackson State	25,600
26. LABOR DAY CLASSIC, Sept. 1, Houston, TX (Astrodome) Texas Southern vs. Prairie View	25,044
27. MOREHOUSE-SKEEGE CLASSIC, Oct. 13, Columbus, GA Morehouse vs. Tuskegee	24,401
28. TURKEY DAY CLASSIC, Thur., Nov. 22, Montg., AL (Cramton Bowl) Alabama State vs. Tuskegee	23,912
29. GRAMBLING HOMECOMING, Oct. 27, Grambling, LA Texas Southern at Grambling	22,736
30. FOUNTAIN CITY CLASSIC, Nov. 10, Columbus, GA Fort Valley State vs. Albany State	22,379
31. BIG JOHN MERRITT CLASSIC, Sept. 1, N.ville, TN (Adelphi Stadium) Alabama A&M at Tennessee State	22,000
32. OCT. 6, Jackson, MS (Mississippi Memorial Stadium) Alabama State at Jackson State	21,617
33. NORFOLK STATE HOMECOMING, Oct. 27 Howard at Norfolk State	21,119
34. LABOR DAY CLASSIC, Sept. 1, Norfolk, VA (Dick Price Stadium) Virginia State at Norfolk State	20,562
35. SEPT. 9, Little Rock, AR Ark. Pine Bluff vs. Southern	20,153
TOTAL	1,112,429
Average (35 games)	32,069.4

Basketball classics invade Big Houses

LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor

Black college basketball usually fills up big arenas at tournament time, but fans can get an early dose of what's to come, particularly in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), as a host of classic matchups come to large venues over the next couple of weeks.

This Saturday afternoon (Jan. 12), CIAA basketball returns to the Virginia Tidewater when the second annual Legends Classic, now re-named the Legacy Classic, tips off at Norfolk's 10,000-seat Scope Arena in a doubleheader showcase.

Virginia Union faces St. Paul's in the 6 p.m. opener before Elizabeth City State battles Virginia State at 8 p.m. The Classic, which will honor former CIAA greats Ernie Fears, Jocelyn Goss, Laverne Sweat and Willie Gary with a banquet on Friday, benefits the Southside Boys and Girls Club of Norfolk.

That same night at the 18,000-seat Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena (ESA), site of the Feb. 25-March 2 CIAA tournament, four more CIAA teams take the court for a doubleheader in the Carolinas Freedom Classic.

MEN'S BCSP HOOPS TOP TEN

1. SHAW (9-1) - Talented Bears move up to 14th in the NABC NCAA Div. II poll. KEY GAME: Thursday (1/10) vs. St. Augustine's.
2. HAMPTON (9-5) - Pirates lost four straight out of conference games but are undefeated (4-0) in MEAC play. KEY GAME: At South Carolina State Saturday (1/12).
3. ALABAMA STATE (9-6) - Hornets have won seven of eight to get back on the winning track. KEY GAME: Sat. (1/12) vs. Alabama A&M.
4. HOWARD (8-6) - High-scoring backcourt fueling Bison surge. KEY GAME: Hosting Bethune-Cookman Monday (1/14).
5. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (6-9) - Moses Malone, Jr., setting pace for tough Bulldogs. KEY GAME: Hosting Hampton Saturday.
6. ALCORN STATE (6-5) - Braves keeping pace with Alabama State in SWAC. KEY GAME: At Mississippi Valley State Saturday (1/12).
7. ST. AUGUSTINE'S (7-0) - Falcons have gotten tough wins en route to unblemished record. KEY GAME: Thursday (1/10) vs. Shaw.
8. JOHNSON C. SMITH (9-3) - Defending CIAA champs working out the kinks. KEY GAME: CIAA title rematch Saturday (1/12) vs. Fayetteville State.
9. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE (5-6) - Delta Devils should challenge for SWAC title. KEY GAME: Hosting Alcorn State Saturday (1/12).
10. BOWIE STATE (8-3) - Bulldogs making strong bid for CIAA East honors. KEY GAME: At Shaw Saturday (1/12).

BCSP Tidbits

All Pros

Seven former black college players, including all three at one position for the National Football Conference (NFC), were selected to the 2001-02 NFL Pro Bowl to be played Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002 in Hawaii.

Detroit's Robert Porcher (South Carolina State), Philadelphia's Hugh Douglas (Central State) and Michael Strahan (Texas Southern) of the New York Giants were the three players selected at defensive end for the NFC. With 22.5 sacks, Strahan set a new NFL single-season record this year. Porcher had 11 sacks for the Lions to finish seventh in the NFC while Douglas' nine sacks was ninth best.

Offensive tackle James Williams (Cheyney) of Chicago and St. Louis defensive back Aeneas Williams (Southern) were the other NFC picks. Both of their teams, along with Douglas' Eagles, are headed to the playoffs. Williams, acquired in a trade from Arizona before the season, solidified the Rams' defense, picking off four passes and returning two of them for touchdowns. Williams led the 13-3 Bears' resurgent ground attack. Both of

Last season's CIAA tournament finalists, Fayetteville State and Johnson C. Smith face off at 6 p.m., with St. Augustine's and North Carolina Central tangling at 8. Doors open at 3 p.m., with a gospel concert featuring Kim Burrell to kick things off at 4 p.m.

Eight days later (Sun., Jan. 20), the 10,000-seat Richmond Coliseum, which will host the March 4-9 MEAC Tournament, has its own Freedom Classic pitting Virginia Union against Virginia State. The game coincides with the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday weekend.

The granddaddy of them all is the third annual Legacy Classic which comes to the 17,000-seat Charlotte Coliseum on Sunday, Jan. 20.

Last year, the games, played each year on the Martin Luther King holiday weekend, drew over 12,000 fans for the classic involving three CIAA rivals and an old CIAA member, North Carolina A&T, now in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

A&T faces N. C. Central at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, with hometown team J. C. Smith taking on Winston-Salem State in the 5:30 finale. But the games are the climax of activities that begin on Thursday.

Motown recording star Brian McKnight tips the weekend off with a concert Thursday night (7 p.m.) at Charlotte's Ovens Auditorium with RCA star Tyrese. Friday night (7 p.m.) at J. C. Smith's Brayboy Gymnasium, a celebrity team of stars including Chris Spencer and Alex Thomas of the Jamie Foxx Show, ESPN anchor Stuart Scott and Boris Kodjoe of the Showtime TV show Soul Food will play a charity basketball game against safety Deon Grant and members of the Carolina Panthers football team.

Glenda Hatchett of the TV show Judge Hatchett, comes in on Saturday morning (11:30 a.m.) for a Teen Summit benefiting local youth organizations and gospel recording star Donnie McClurkin performs Saturday night 7:30 p.m. Among other celebrity guests expected to be in attendance are actress Lisa Ray, Norfolk State graduate Tim and his wife, Daphne Reed, and DJ and recording star Biz Markee, who will perform at the games and at after-parties.



PORCHER SMITH WILLIAMS WALLACE

their teams are in the playoffs. In the AFC, Jacksonville wide receiver Jimmy Smith and Baltimore tight end Shannon Sharpe were named.

Smith, a 6-1, 205-pounder in his ninth-year out of Jackson State, finished second in the NFL in receptions with 112 and second in receiving yardage with 1,373. He had eight touchdowns.

Sharpe, in his 12th year out of Savannah State, finished the season with 73 receptions and also set a new career record for receptions by a tight end (692).

NBA Report

Seven black college players, led by two unheralded CIAA products, are playing their trade in the National Basketball Association (NBA) this season.

Six-foot point guard Darrell Armstrong (Fayetteville State) of Orlando and Detroit forward Ben Wallace (Virginia Union) are having the greatest impact on their respective teams through the first half of the season.

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Fayetteville State	0	0	5	4
W-Salem State	0	0	6	7
Livingstone	0	0	2	9
St. Augustine's	0	0	2	10

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

BLANCHE DOCTOR, Sr., F, J. C. Smith - Scored 29 points and had 12 rebounds in a victory over Paige College. Doctor stands 5-10 and hails from Goldsboro, NC.

ROOKIE LASHONDA HORTON, Fr., F, Winston-Salem State - Recorded her sixth double-double of the season, scoring 12 points and pulling down 15 rebounds against West Liberty. Horton, a Greenville, NC native, is an even 5-foot-11.

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