

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



Guards lead 2002 "Baad Team" of all-stars

BEST IN HOOPS IN 2002

▼ BACKCOURT STARS LEAD 2002 BAAD TEAM ALL-STARS; FINAL INDIVIDUAL HOOP STATS

MURRAY: Receives Div. II player of the year award at ceremonies during the Final Four weekend in Atlanta.

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THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FINAL MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOP SCORERS AND REBOUNDERS

MEN SCORING						
	G	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG.
Ronald Murray, Shaw	33	256	45	220	777	23.5
Levar Griffin, Virginia State	25	214	73	68	569	22.8
Antoine Sims, JC Smith	31	231	110	108	680	21.9
Richard Toussaint, B-CC	29	197	2	229	625	21.6
Desmond Cambridge, Al A&M	29	175	80	170	600	20.7
Paul Haynes, Grambling	28	195	41	135	566	20.2
Yari Scott, Paine	30	220	74	86	600	20.0
William Rice, Clark Atlanta	25	173	74	76	496	19.8
Tommy Adams, Hampton	32	206	101	116	629	19.7
Larry Boykin, LeMoyn-Owen	27	188	40	106	522	19.3
Tim Washington, Bowie State	25	168	0	145	481	19.2
Kyle Williams, Howard	31	211	64	95	581	18.7
Bruce Jenkins, NC A&T	27	163	23	157	506	18.7
Tyrone Smith, ECSU	28	159	44	156	518	18.5
Patrick Pope, St. Aug's	25	153	71	82	459	18.4
Ra'Kim Hollis, Texas S'thm	26	143	52	132	470	18.1
Shawn Alexander, WSSU	27	164	47	108	483	17.9
Kenny Mickens, Virginia State	19	120	18	79	337	17.7
Gregory Burks, Prairie View	29	167	51	124	509	17.6
Marco Spears, JC Smith	31	200	26	121	547	17.6
Tim Henderson, Jackson State	28	175	61	80	491	17.5

WOMEN SCORING						
	G	TFG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG.
Kelly Adams, Central State	26				619	23.8
Jacklyn Winfield, Southern	31	218	84	146	666	21.5
Shameka Jackson, Alab. State	29	219	20	141	599	20.7
Kristy Scott, Claflin	25				508	20.3
Amba Kongolo, NC Central	21	167	2	89	425	20.2
Maria Coleman, Miles	27	219	7	87	532	19.7
Larissa Thomas, Tenn. State	25	160	12	125	457	18.3
Lashondra Dixon, Hampton	30	169	47	142	527	17.6
Myquita Mackey, LeMoyn-Owen	28	193	7	94	487	17.4
Blanche Doctor, JC Smith	26	152	15	128	447	17.2
Daniella Jones, Shaw	25	151	37	85	424	17.0
Dominica Moody, ECSU	26	145	0	147	437	16.8
Jamie McDonald, Shaw	26	161	41	72	435	16.7
Suwanna Taylor, Norfolk State	30	150	21	168	489	16.3
Mona-Gail Baker, Bowie State	26	144	10	123	421	16.2
Genina Johnson, Jackson St.	29	159	79	88	465	16.0
Andrea Gardner, Howard	28	170	0	97	437	15.6
Maria Willis, Fort Valley St.	33	186	40	144	516	15.6
April Love, Fort Valley St.	33	194	2	109	499	15.1
Shanka Tarbins, Fort Valley St.	33	163	50	120	496	15.0

MEN REBOUNDING						
	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	
Bruce Jenkins, NC A&T	27	106	210	316	11.7	
Dexter Hall, SC State	30	127	166	293	9.8	
Tyrone Levett, Alabama State	32	88	220	308	9.6	
Isaac Jefferson, Hampton	31	80	210	290	9.4	
John Harden, Albany State	26	95	145	240	9.2	
Tim Washington, Bowie State	25	70	158	228	9.1	
Derrick Singleton, St. Paul's	25	74	143	217	8.7	
Nicholas Eglund, Southern	26	97	122	219	8.4	
Paul Haynes, Grambling	28	61	173	234	8.4	
Wayne Taylor, Virginia Union	26	82	130	212	8.2	
Ryan Bennett, Lane	21	80	92	172	8.2	
Aki Thomas, Howard	31	81	169	250	8.1	
Stephen Moss-Kelley, Bowie St.	28	68	157	225	8.0	
Marcus Fleming, Alcorn State	31	91	154	245	7.9	
Willie Neal, Miss. Valley St.	29	107	120	227	7.8	
Charles Ward, St. Augustine's	25	70	121	191	7.6	
Roderick Riley, Prairie View	28	65	147	212	7.6	
Robert Pringle, Fort Valley St.	27	77	125	202	7.5	
Michael Boyd, Norfolk State	29	77	138	215	7.4	
Keith Branch, Albany State	28	79	127	206	7.4	
Steve Bynes, Shaw	33	71	171	242	7.3	
Darius Goodwin, Morehouse	29	75	136	211	7.3	
Desmond Peoples, St. Aug's	25	62	120	182	7.3	
Khadiri Richard, Virginia Union	26	56	133	189	7.3	
Isaac Sanders, Miles	18	50	77	127	7.1	
Willie Atkinson, Paine	28	71	129	200	7.1	

WOMEN REBOUNDING						
	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	
Andrea Gardner, Howard	28	138	187	325	11.6	
Charesse Hill, Albany State	27	97	199	296	11.0	
Myquita Mackey, LeMoyn-Owen	28	134	172	306	10.9	
Litreece Hum, Lane	26	116	167	283	10.9	
Maria Coleman, Miles	27	143	149	292	10.8	
Lauren Forsthoff, Bethune-Cknn.	27	103	180	283	10.5	
Dominica Moody, Elk. City St.	26	122	142	264	10.2	
Garmelatta Dyson, Paine	26	104	159	263	10.1	
Amba Kongolo, NC Central	21	72	139	211	10.0	
Blanche Doctor, JC Smith	26	98	151	249	9.6	
Tiffany Whitted, WSSU	26	105	140	245	9.4	
Mona-Gail Baker, Bowie State	26	75	163	238	9.2	
Chovanique Kibble, Grambling	28	86	170	256	9.1	
April Love, Fort Valley State	33	100	196	296	9.0	
LaToya Daniels, Virginia Union	25	64	158	222	8.9	
Lashondra Horton, WSSU	26	92	126	218	8.4	
Tenelia Grays, Miss. Vall. State	27	52	175	227	8.4	
Calibra Alston, Morgan State	28	76	153	229	8.2	
Suwanna Taylor, Norfolk State	30	87	160	247	8.2	
Sheba Fullwood, St. Augustine's	24	90	108	198	8.2	
Crystal Kitt, Alabama State	27	89	130	219	8.1	
Artoinette Daniels, UMS	29	98	134	232	8.0	
Larissa Thomas, Tenn. State	25	72	128	200	8.0	

LUT WILLIAMS

Three high-scoring and efficient senior guards lead the 2002 BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE men's first team of basketball all-stars while a scintillating senior backcourt player also heads the women's squad.

Ronald Murray of Shaw, Tommy Adams of Hampton and Desmond Cambridge of Alabama A&M distinguished themselves in their respective conferences and in the nation with their outstanding play. They are the true standouts on the men's 2002 "Baad Team." Southern's 5-8 sparkplug, Southwestern Athletic Conference player of the year Jacklyn Winfield, is the baaddest of the women players.

MEN

Murray showed off a variety of skills as he led Shaw to its first CIAA championship and first South Atlantic Region title. The 28-5 Bears rode the 6-4 Philadelphia native's 23-point, six-rebound and six-assist average all the way to the Div. II national semifinals becoming the first black college team to get that far since the 1998 Virginia Union team.

Leading the CIAA in both scoring and assists, Murray was named the conference's player of the year and took home both the CIAA tournament and regional most valuable player awards. He later added both the Daktronics and National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Div. II player of the year awards becoming the first black college player to win the NABC award since Virginia Union's Derrick Johnson in 1994. Murray's outstanding play earns him the 2002 BCSP men's player of the year designation.

Adams, a 6-2 point guard from Woodbridge, Va., stepped into a leadership vacuum for the 2002 Pirates after playing a supporting role in Hampton's 2001 Mid Eastern Athletic Conference title run. His 19.7 points per game average which included a league-best 3.16 three-pointers per game propelled the 26-7 Pirates to a repeat title run and return trip to the NCAA tournament. Adams copped the MEAC player of the year and added the conference tournament's most valuable player trophy.

Shaw and Hampton tied for the top spot in the final BCSP rankings.

Cambridge, a 6-1 guard from Nashville, Tn., distinguished himself in a variety of ways for the 19-10 Bulldogs. He led the SWAC in scoring at 20.7 points per game, finished third in assists at 5.72 per game, was second in three pointers made at 2.76 per game and led the conference and all of Div. I in steals at 5.52 per outing. The latter stat

helped him earn the conference's defensive player of the year award. Cambridge dropped a black college-high 50 points on Texas Southern on Feb. 25.

While no true big men made the BCSP first team, the two remaining members certainly played big for their respective teams.

North Carolina A&T senior forward Bruce Jenkins only stands six-foot, six-inches tall, but his stats tell a different story about the size of his heart. The hard-working Silver Spring, Md., native finished second in the nation in rebounding at 11.7 per game while leading the Aggies and finishing tied for third in the conference averaging 18.7 points per game. He was a first team all-MEAC selection.

Six-eight senior Marcus Fleming capped his outstanding four-year career at Alcorn State by leading the Braves to their second SWAC title during his stay. Fleming, an undersized center from Fayette, Ms., averaged 14.5 points and 8.0 rebounds per game for the 21-10 Braves.

It's taken Shaw head coach Joel Hopkins only two years to make the Bears a beast on the national scene. By attracting Div. I talent to the small Raleigh, N.C. school and molding them into winners, the former Mt. Zion Christian Academy mentor is our 2002 black college coach of the year.

SECOND TEAM

- Kyle Williams, 6-3, Jr., G, Howard 18.7 ppg., 42% 3-pt. FG, 1st Team all-MEAC
- Antoine Sims, 6-0, Sr., G, Johnson C. Smith 21.9 ppg., 3.53-spg., 1st Team all-CIAA
- Paul Haynes, 6-8, Soph., F, Grambling 20.2 ppg., 8.4 rpg., SWAC POY
- Richard Toussaint, 6-3, F, Bethune-Cookman 21.6 ppg., 79.5% FT, 1st Team all-MEAC
- Tim Washington, 6-9, Sr., C, Bowie State 19.2 ppg., 9.1 rpg., all-CIAA

WOMEN

Winfield was easily the most dominant player in the black college women's game.

Not only did the Wesson, Ms., native lead the Jags to the best record (26-5) among black college teams, Southern's first women's hoops title in 20 years and the top spot in the final BCSP rankings, but she also topped the Div. I black college scoring charts (21.5 ppg.) and was the best from the free throw line (82.5%).

Her ability to control the game from her guard position tabs her as the BCSP 2002 player of the year and a likely WNBA draft choice.

Alabama State and forward Shemeka Jackson literally chased Winfield and the Jags for SWAC team and individual honors.

The 5-10 Jackson battled Winfield all season long for the conference scoring lead while her Lady Hornets fought all the way to the tournament cham-

ampionship game before losing out to the Jags.

Jackson's 20.7 points per game finished just behind Winfield in the SWAC scoring stats while her 6.4 rebounds per game and 50.6% shooting from the field were better than her rival's. Jackson also shot 75.8% from the line as the 23-7 Lady Hornets finished just behind Southern in the final BCSP rankings. Jackson is a junior from Saginaw, Michigan.

Howard's 6-3 center Andrea Gardner was nearly as dominant this year as she was in 2001 when she won the MEAC and BCSP player of the year awards. With a little more size in the Lady Bison line-up, the Washington, D. C. native could not match last year's 14.4 rebounds per game total that led the nation nor the 19.4 points she got each time out. This season Gardner's 11.6 rebounds topped the MEAC and all black college players and was seventh best nationally while she scored 15.6 points per game. Howard (19-10) won the MEAC regular season title but was upset in the tournament semi-finals.

Senior center Suwanna Taylor's 22-9 Norfolk State squad was able to unseat the Lady Bison as MEAC champs primarily behind her 16.3 points and 8.2 rebounds per contest. Taylor was named first team all-MEAC and took home the tournament's most valuable player award after the Spartans knocked off Hampton in the championship game. Taylor, who stands 6-1, hails from Virginia Beach, Va.

North Carolina Central's 6-3 senior center Amba Kongolo joins Gardner as a repeater from last year's "Baad" first team. As did Gardner, Kongolo repeated as her league's (CIAA) player of the year putting up averages of 20.2 points, 10.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocks per game. The former Olympic player from Kinshasha, Zaire led the 24-7 Lady Eagles to the finals of the South Atlantic Region for the second year in a row.

Southern head coach Sandy Pugh, who like Hopkins led her team to the conference (SWAC) championship in her second year on the job, is the 2002 women's coach of the year.

SECOND TEAM

- LaShondra Dixon, 5-5, Jr., G, Hampton 17.6 ppg., 3.2 spg., 1st Team all-MEAC
- Shrieka Evans, 5-10, Jr., G, Grambling State 14.1 ppg., 5.0 spg., 1st Team all-SWAC
- Kelly Adams, 5-7, Jr., G, Central State 23.8 ppg., NAIA all-American
- Myquita Mackey, 6-1, Jr., C, LeMoyn-Owen 17.4 ppg., 10.9 rpg., SIAC POY
- LaRissa Thomas, 5-11, Sr., F, Tennessee State 18.3 ppg., 8.0 rpg., 1st Team all-OVC

BCSP Notes

Whitney Staying On

Alcorn State President Dr. Clinton Bristow Jr. has invited head basketball coach Davey Whitney back for his 27th year guiding the Braves' fortunes and the venerable coach has decided to accept.

"I am enthusiastic and pleased about coming back for another year of coaching at Alcorn," Whitney said about returning next season.

Whitney was named the Southwestern Athletic Conference's Coach-of-the-Year as a result of his team's championship drive during this season. This marks the tenth time in his career that he has picked up this award.

Whitney guided the Braves to a 21-10 overall record which included a 16-2 mark in league play en route to both the SWAC regular season and tournament titles. The Braves lost a first round game in the NCAA Tournament's East Regional to Siena.

In 26 seasons at Alcorn State Whitney has compiled a record of 495 wins and 283 losses. His career record, which includes five years at Texas Southern, is 550-337.

During Whitney's tenure as head coach, Alcorn State has won twelve SWAC regular season titles and seven SWAC tournament titles. He also led the team to the NCAA tournament seven times and the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) twice. Alcorn State was the first Historically Black College or University (HBCU) to participate in the NIT recording a 80-78 victory over in-state rival Mississippi State in 1979. In 1980, Alcorn State became the first HBCU to ever record a victory in the NCAA tournament with a 70-62 victory over South Alabama. In addition, the team currently has a 3-6 overall record in the NCAA tournament.

Alcorn State has posted 14 20-win seasons under Whitney's guidance including streaks of eight and four consecutive seasons. The team has also won 25 or more games six times during this span.

Whitney has reached a pair of milestones during his career by winning his

500th career game with a 91-72 victory over Prairie View A&M on December 20, 1999 and guiding the team to the school's 1000th overall victory with a 88-77 win over Mississippi Valley State this season on January 12.

Whitney's coaching ledger includes being a member of the United States Olympic Coaching and Trial Selection Committee when the United States won the Gold Medal at the 1984 Olympics. He served as the head coach for the South Team in the USA Olympic Committee National Sports Festival in 1985, where his team won the Silver Medal. Whitney served on the Olympic Selection Committee for the 1986 World Games where the United States won their first Gold Medal since 1953.

A 1953 graduate of Kentucky State, Whitney earned more athletic letters than any other athlete in school history, including letters in basketball, baseball, football and track. For his accomplishments, he was inducted into the Kentucky State University Hall of Fame.

After finishing college, Whitney served in the Armed Forces and later played professional baseball with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Baseball League.

Prior to joining the collegiate ranks, he compiled a 217-72 record at Burt High School in Clarksville, Tennessee where he won two state championships. Whitney was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1992 and to the Alcorn State Hall of Fame in 1996. He is married to the former Bernice Thomas of Lexington, Kentucky and they are the proud parents of Gail, Danita, Lisa, Doreen and Davey Jr.

Honored by the NABC

Shaw guard extraordinaire Ronald Murray was not the only person with black college ties to be honored at Sunday's National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Guardians of the Game Awards Show in Atlanta.

Murray, who picked up the organization's Div. II Player of the Year award,



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HONOREES: Alcorn State head basketball coach Davey Whitney (above l.) will return for his 27th year leading the Braves. (Above r.) Shaw head coach Joel Hopkins (l.) and Bears star Ronald Murray (r.) await Murray's introduction as NCAA Div. II player of the year at the NABC awards ceremony Sunday in Atlanta. (Right) Former Morehouse basketball coach Arthur McAfee accepts the Cliff Wells Appreciation Award at the NABC Guardians of the Game Awards Show Sunday in Atlanta.

shared the moment with his coach, Shaw head coach Joel Hopkins.

Also in attendance and honored was longtime Morehouse basketball coach and athletic director, Arthur McAfee. McAfee, who spent 38 years at the head of the Morehouse men's hoops program, was presented the Cliff Wells Appreciation Award by the NABC.

McAfee took over the Maroon Tigers' basketball program in 1966 and won 519 games before stepping down after the 2000 season. He became athletic director in 1971 and held that post with the exception of one year through his retirement.

The award is named for Wells who coached Tulane University from 1945-63 and became executive secretary of the NABP after his retirement. He is a member of the NABC Hall of Fame.

Murray was also picked by the NABC as a first team Div. II All-American.

Hampton head coach Steve Merfeld was named the outstanding coach of the NABC's District 4.

Savannah State names Interim Football Coach

Michael Wallace has been named interim head football coach at Savannah State by athletics director Hank Ford following the recent unexpected death of head coach Bill Davis. This marks the second time that Wallace has assumed the role as interim head coach.

He was interim head coach from January until March 20, 2000. While serving as interim head coach, Wallace will also retain his former football coaching duties. His appointment is effective immediately.