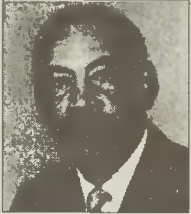


FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30 THROUGH FEBRUARY 5

BLACK COLLEGE
SPORTS PAGE



SWAC Photo
COVINGTON: Jackson St. Athletic Director will appeal NCAA ineligibility decision.

JACKSON STATE WINS, LOSES


TIGERS WIN ATTENDANCE TITLE, LOSE HOOPSTER; CIAA TIX AVAILABLE

1995-96 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Results, Standings and Outstanding Players)											
SCORES			CIAA			MEAC			SIAC		
JANUARY 27, 1996			(thru 1/27)			(thru 1/27)			(thru 1/27)		
Alabama A&M 126, Tuskegee 82			NORTH			CONF			CONF		
Beth-Ckman 64, NC A&T 63 (OT)			DIV			ALL			ALL		
Coppin St 78, Morgan St 77			Va. Union			SC State			EAST		
Eliz City St 76, St Paul's 63			Norfolk State			Coppin			Clark Atl		
Howard 58, MD-Eastern Shore 55			Eliz. City			NC A&T			Albany St		
Jackson St 85, Alabama St 81			Bowie St			Morgan St.*			Fl Valley		
JC Smith 82, Shaw 77			St. Paul's			Del State			Sav. State		
Kentucky St 68, Morehouse 66			Va State			Md-ES			Morris Brwn		
LeMoyne-Owen 78, Ft Valley 73			SOUTH			Beth-Ckman			Paine		
Livingstone 81, St Augustine's 77			NCCU			Howard			WEST		
Miles 96, Lane 71			Shaw			FAMU			Ala A&M		
Miss Valley St 76, Grambling 70			St Aug			Hampton**			LeM-Owen		
Morris Brown 65, Paine 60			Livingstone			*not eligible for post season play			Miles		
NC Central 62, Fayetteville St 54			Fayv. State			*not eligible for conf. championship			Morehouse		
Norfolk St 87, Virginia St 63			JC Smith			MEAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK			Kentucky St		
Savannah St 78, Clark Atlanta 67			WSSU			TERQUIN MOTT, Jr., F, Coppin St			Tuskegee		
SC State 56, Florida A&M 47			CIAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK			Averaged 23.7 points and 6.7 rebounds in wins over FAMU, UMES and Morgan St.			SIAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK		
Southern 96, Alcorn St 87			WILLIAM GRAY, Sr., G, WSSU			Finished three-game week with 71 pts, 13 rebs and 8 assists.			BETHEL HENDRICKS, Jr., F, Alabama A&M		
Tennessee St 72, Eastern KY 69									Led Bulldogs to 3-0 slate for the week averaging 20.3 points and 8.7 rebounds. He totalled five blocked shots, six steals and six assists.		
Tx Southern 77, Prairie View 69									SWAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK		
Virginia Union 93, Bowie St 71									KEVIN GRANGER, Sr., G, Texas Southern		
									Just topped his nation leading scoring average of 26.9, scoring 27 in a 77-69 win over Prairie View.		

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS


MUST BE THE SHOES: Detroit Pistons guard Lindsay Hunter's purchase of shoes and shorts for Jackson State basketball player Fidel Woods has resulted in Woods being declared ineligible for the remainder of the season by the NCAA. The 6-7 Woods had started nine games for the Tigers at forward. Hunter, a Jackson State grad, bought the articles on a 1994 mall trip. JSU Athletic Director Paul Covington said the school will appeal the decision.



JSU Sports Photo
HUNTER: Sharing the wealth costs Tigers a player.

GET 'EM NOW: The always-sold out **CIAA Basketball Tournament**, scheduled for February 26 through March 2 in Winston-Salem, NC, still has tickets available. A CIAA office release says ticket booklets (\$85 per) are still available as well as single session tickets for Monday through Thursday games. For additional information, contact CIAA Business Manager **Martha Marcolini** at 804-865-0071. Credit card orders can be accepted at the Lawrence Joel Coliseum box office at (910)725-5635.

PACE SETTER: Howard University head track and field coach William P. Moultrie has been selected as the Running Referee for the 1996 Olympic games by the U. S. Olympic Committee. Moultrie, in his 23rd season over the Howard program, was selected as one of seven referees out of more than 1,000 applicants. He will be directly responsible for all of the running events that take place on the track, specifically the hurdles, relay and running events. He will be one of 175 officials from across the country who will work the games. The games are scheduled for July 19 through August 6 in Atlanta.



HU Sports Photo
MOULTRIE: Will call shots for Olympic running events.

PAY FOR PLAY: Origins Marketing and Management Company is conducting a national survey to determine if fans would support pay-for-view black college football games in the 1996-97 season. The company, led by Ronald Bethea, has set up a 900 number to indicate your support for the concept. For additional information contact Origins president Ron Bethea at 1-800-201-4215. Origins proposes to put on weekly matchups of CIAA, MEAC, SIAC and SWAC schools and independents.

TYLER TWO HUNDRED: Howard University head women's basketball coach **Sanya Tyler** became the winningest coach in school history and the second best ever in **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** history with a win last week over **Maryland-Eastern Shore**. The win was the 200th of her 16 years at the helm of the Lady Bison program.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NCAA DIV. I LEADERS

SCORING

Player, Team	GP	AVG.
Kevin Granger, Texas Southern	16	26.9
Bubba Wells, Austin Peay	14	26.9
JaFonde Williams, Hampton	17	26.1
Marcus Brown, Murray State	15	25.4
Bonzi Wells, Ball State	14	24.9

REBOUNDING

Player, Team	GP	AVG.
Marcus Mann, Mississippi Valley	18	13.2
Malik Rose, Drexel	14	12.6
Adonal Foyle, Colgate	16	12.6
Chris Ensminger, Valparaiso	17	12.4
Tim Duncan, Wake Forest	14	12.0

SOURCE: Team Rosters



Clark Atlanta Sports Photo
WITHERSPOON: Has Clark on top of SIAC East and in top ten of NCAA Div. II national poll.

BCSP Notes

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▼ **St. Paul's College** freshman center **Lakeisha Phifer** is making her first year of collegiate basketball competition one for the books. First she broke the NCAA Div. II record for blocks in a game by registering 15, breaking the old record of 12, on Dec. 5 against **St. Augustine's**. Then she tied the record when she matched that number against **Norfolk State** on Jan. 13. But she wasn't finished. She broke her own record a little more than a week later (Jan. 23) against the same **Norfolk State**

BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1996

Elizabeth City St at Bowie St - 7:30p

Hampton at Liberty - 7:30p

Tuskegee at Morris Brown - 8:00p

Tennessee St at Tenn Tech - 7:45p

St Augustine's at Va. Union - 7:30p

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1996

Fort Valley St at Albany St - 8:00p

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1996

Miss. Valley St at Alcorn St - 7:30p

Florida A&M at Beth.-Ckman - 8:00p

Norfolk St at Bowie St - 7:30p

Alabama A&M at Central St - 4:00p

Morris Brown at Clark Atlanta - 8:00p

NC A&T at Delaware St - 4:00p

Cheyney at East Stroudsburg - 8:00p

Virginia St at Elizabeth City St - 7:30p

Shaw at Fayetteville St - 7:30p

LeMoyne-Owen at Kentucky St - 5:15p

SC State at Md.-Eastern Shore - 7:30p

Savannah St at Miles - 7:30p

Coppin St at Morgan St - 12:00p

(SportSouth & HTS)

Livingstone at NC Central - 7:30p

Alabama St at Prairie View - 7:30p

Grambling at Southern - 7:30p

Dist of Columbia at St Aug's - 7:30p

Tennessee St at Tenn-Martin - 7:30p

Jackson St at Texas Southern - 4:00p

Morehouse at Tuskegee - 4:00p

JC Smith vs. Winston-Salem St - 4:00p

(Naismith Classic @ GBO Coliseum)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1996

Fort Valley St at Alabama A&M - 7:00p

Grambling at Alcorn St - 7:30p

SC State at Delaware St - 7:30p

Kutztown at Dist of Columbia - 7:30p

Clafin at Fayetteville St - 7:30p

Barton College at Hampton - 7:30p

Morgan St at Howard - 8:00p

Queens at JC Smith - 7:30p

Union (Ky) at Kentucky St - 7:30p

NC A&T at Md-Eastern Shore - 7:30p

Miles at Morehouse - 7:30p

Albany St at Morris Brown - 8:00p

Tennessee St at Murray State - 8:00p

(SportSouth)

Virginia Union at Norfolk St - 7:00p

(CIAA TV Network)

Jackson St at Prairie View - 7:30p

Paine at Savannah St - 8:00p

NC Central at Shaw - 7:30p

Miss Valley Sta at Southern - 7:30p

Winston-Salem St at St. Aug's - 7:30p

Alabama St at Texas Southern - 7:30p

Birmingham-So at Tuskegee - 7:00p

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1996

Bethune-Cookman at Dayton - 7:30p

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1996

Livingstone at Barber Scotia - 7:30p

Bloomsburg at Cheyney - 8:00p

Morgan St at Delaware St - 7:30p

Shaw at Elizabeth City St - 7:30p

S.C. State at Hampton - 7:30p

IU/PU-Indianapolis at Ky. St - 7:30p

Lane at LeMoyne-Owen - 7:30p

JC Smith at St. Augustine's - 7:30p

Norfolk St at St. Paul's - 7:30p

Miles at Tuskegee - 7:00p

Clark turns it around with defense

By Mark Gray
BCSP Correspondent

Clark Atlanta University men's basketball coach **Anthony Witherspoon** returned to his alma mater on a mission three years ago and has begun to make a mark on the program. Witherspoon had the Panthers a spotless 13-0, with a big win over then nationally #2 ranked **Alabama A&M**, and ranked number seven in last

week's NCAA Div. II poll. That was before a loss Saturday night to **Savanna State** 78-67. Nevertheless, their eyes are still clearly fixed on winning the **SIAC** championship. Twelve months have made a world of difference in the Clark Atlanta program. Last season began with an aberration losing nine straight to open the season. However, the Panthers finished strong before ultimately losing

in the first round of the **SIAC** Tournament to **Alabama A&M**. "With any adversity in life the key is how you respond to it," Witherspoon says. "The experience benefitted me as a coach. I had to reevaluate personnel as well as strategy." Clark was once an offensive team. While this edition of the Panthers does boast several major offensive weapons, the team is winning with defense.

"The players have accepted their roles and the defense has intensified," said Weather-spoon. "It has been especially evident with our whole court pressure defense." However, the biggest key to Clark's success has been the synergy between the domestics and the imports. Witherspoon has blended a group of junior college transfers with the Panthers' returning veterans into a solid unit with unprecedented depth.

Junior guard **William Burr** is Clark's big weapon averaging 17 points per game from mostly long range where he is shooting 47 percent from beyond the arc. Forward **Kavonte Ivery** is chipping in 11 points and keys their defense.

The two-head point guard tandem of **JUCO's Montavious Jackson** and **Dwight Williams** would be an all-conference performer if they were an individual. Jackson and Williams are combining for around 20 points and nine assists per game.

The Panthers are solid inside as well. Juniors **German Samory** and **Vincent Alston** continue to give them consistent inside production and stellar defense.

Unlike years past Clark now has depth. The Panthers now go seven-deep off the pine with quality players making solid contributions. **Darren Mitchell**, **Jerome Baker**, **Glen Catchings**, **Anthony Paul**, **Kevin Williams** and **Kevin Ross** give Witherspoon an advantage he hasn't been accustomed to.

"Several players have stepped up," Witherspoon said. "Instead of giving our starters rest, we expect quality substitutions from the bench."

Football attendance down, but still atop Divisions

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BCSP Correspondent

The good news is historically black colleges once again led NCAA Divisions I-AA and II in attendance for the 1995 football season. But the bad news is attendance for black college football games, like overall attendance for Divisions I-AA and II, was down. **Jackson State** led black colleges and I-AA with a record attendance of 34,849 per game, a total increase of 11,448. The Tigers broke their I-AA record of 32,734 they set in 1987 and led the division in attendance for the second time in the last three years.

The **Southwestern Athletic Conference**, despite a drop of 329,806 fans from the '94 season, an average of 6,833 a game, topped I-AA by drawing 16,545 fans a game. **SWAC** has led I-AA in attendance every year except one since the division was created in 1978.

Norfolk State led Division II in attendance for the fifth time in six years, averaging 16,593 a game, a total increase of 3,965 fans.

The **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** and the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** were 1-2, respectively, among the conference attendance leaders for Division II even though both suffered dropoffs. The **SIAC** drew 321,751 (6,846 a game), down 148,438 from '94. The **CIAA** drew 295,384 (6,028 a game) down 22,746.

Even though **Jackson State**, **Norfolk State**, **Tennessee State** and **South Carolina State** were the only black schools with attendance increases, athletic officials aren't concerned that a trend is developing. But neither are they ignoring the figures.

"We've had increases consistently the last four or five years," says **SIAC** commissioner **Wallace Jackson**. "It's natural to have a decline. I'm not too thrilled to be down. I am thrilled we won the attendance title for the fourth straight year and the fifth time in six years. There's not one factor for the decline. If we had two or three years of down attendance, it would be cause for concern. The law of averages says you will have a down year from time to time."

There seems to be neither rhyme nor reason for the dropoffs. **Alcorn State's** decline was not unexpected. The Braves were a top draw the previous four years because of quarterback **Steve "Air II" McNair**. Without him their total attendance was down by 15,777 to 41,705 (10,426 a game).

However, **Tennessee State** experienced an increase despite one of the worst seasons in school history. On the other hand, **Southern**, which won the black national championship with an 11-1 record and runner-up **Florida A&M** both had attendance dropoffs.

"We had a stellar season and great weather," says **Southern** athletic director **Marino H. Casem**. "I think the reason **Southern's** attendance was not as good (as '94) was the folks we played at home didn't bring fans. I don't think it's a trend or sign we're losing our appeal."

The **Jaguars** played **Northwestern State**, **Prairie View**, **Hampton** and **Nicholls State** home. Outgoing **Mid-Eastern Athletic**



SWAC Photo
PROPHET: Too much TV hurts.

Conference Commissioner Ken Free, whose league's attendance total was down 182,535 for an average of 9,480 a game, says the situation needs to be looked at long and hard before it becomes a real problem.

"The same things that confuse commissioners confuse fans," he says. "With our need to bring in more revenue, it's become necessary to move games. A lot of it is last minute. Fans don't know when and where games are going to be played." Free says schools may be guilty of not playing games at times that are most convenient to the greatest numbers of fans, taking them for granted and not promoting games.

"As long as **Ringling Brothers** has been around, they still promote and let people know they're in town," he says. "We need to court fans a little better so they will bring others, and once we get them to games, we need to treat them with a little more courtesy. Fans are something black colleges toy with and feel will be there. That's not necessarily the case."

Mississippi Valley State athletic director **Chuck Prophet** concurs.

"It's the same kind of thing when blacks first started going to the major schools," says **Prophet**. "A lot of blacks who live near those schools are going to their games now. Plus, there are so many games on TV, it tires you out. On Mondays I talk to people and ask them if they went to the game that Saturday. They say they stayed home and watched a game on TV. That's hurting us. A lot of people just aren't going to games."