

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 12

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

## PIONEERS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS

### SHOWDOWN FOR SIAC MEN, MEAC WOMEN ; PREVIEW OF NFL COMBINE



SWAC Photo

**JACKET:** SWAC Hall of Famer leads list of Women's Sports honorees.

# 1995-96 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Results, Standings and Outstanding Players)

SCORES			CIAA (thru 2/5)			MEAC (thru 2/5)			SIAC (thru 2/5)			SWAC (thru 1/27)			COMMENTS / QUESTIONS			
<b>FEBRUARY 1, 1996</b>																		
Eliz. City 74, Bowie St. 72 Hampton 77, Liberty 72			Tenn. St. 75, Tenn. Tech 71 Tuskegee 72, Morris Brown 65			Va. Union 95, St. Aug 71												
<b>FEBRUARY 2, 1996</b>																		
Howard 81, Loyola MD. 69 Fort Valley 75, Albany St. 72																		
<b>FEBRUARY 3, 1996</b>																		
Alabama A&M 89, Central St. 69 Alcorn St. 77, Miss. Valley 74			Alabama St. 92, Prairie View 87			Beth-Ckman 60, FAMU 45 Bowie St. 81, Norfolk St. 69			Clark 89, Morris Brown 78 Coppin State 91, Morgan State 68			Del State 82, NC A&T 78 Jackson St. 80, Tex. Southern 77			LeMoyne Owen 72, Ky. St. 60 SC State 69, UMES 56 Tenn-Martin 71, Tenn. St. 67			
<b>NORTH</b>			<b>SOUTH</b>			<b>EAST</b>			<b>WEST</b>									
Va. Union	7-0	18-0	NCCU	8-0	16-1	Ala A&M	12-1	17-2	Ala A&M	12-1	17-2	Miss Valley	7-1	16-4	<p>Write The Black College Sports Page at 407 Holbrook St., Danville, VA 24541</p> <p>or e-mail us at AZEEZ@aol.com.</p>			
Norfolk State	4-2	14-23	Shaw	5-3	11-7	LeM-Owen	7-4	11-6	Clark Atti	8-3	16-3	Southern	5-2	11-7				
Eliz. City	4-2	11-9	St Aug	4-3	8-9	Morehouse	6-5	11-7	Albany St	7-3	11-8	Jackson State	5-3	9-12				
St. Paul's	2-4	7-12	Livingstone	4-3	8-11	Miles	4-5	8-10	Sav State	6-4	8-8	Tx Southern	4-4	9-11				
Bowie St	2-3	6-12	Fayv. State	2-6	6-12	Tuskegee	3-8	6-10	Morris Brwn	4-6	8-11	Alabama State*	4-4	7-11				
Va State	0-6	6-12	JC Smith	1-5	6-11	Kentucky St	3-9	6-12	Fl Valley	4-6	6-11	Alcorn State	4-4	7-12				
			WSSU	1-5	4-12				Paine	1-11	5-13	Grambling	2-5	7-12				
												Prairie View	0-8	4-16				

**BCSP PLAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**MARQUIS MELTON, Sr., F, Bowie State**  
In four games had 70 points, 46 rebounds and nine assists. Against Norfolk State he had 23 points and 13 rebounds.

**MEAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**JAFONDE WILLIAMS, Sr., G, Hampton**  
In two games last week he had 65 points including 43 against Maine. The Pirates beat Liberty and lost to Maine.

**SIAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**TROY MCGEE, Jr., F, Tuskegee**  
In two games averaged 14 points, four rebounds, 7.5 assists and 3.5 steals in two key victories.

**BCSP PLAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**RUBEN STIFF, Fr., G, Alcorn State**  
Had 27 points, six assists and eight rebounds as Alcorn upset league leading Mississippi Valley 77-74.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### UP, UP AND AWAY:

Little known Orlando Magic guard **Darrel I. Armstrong** is going to win the National Basketball Association Slam Dunk title Feb. 10 during the league's All-Star Weekend in San Antonio! That is, if you believe such authorities as Shaquille O'Neal and Anfernee Hardaway, his Magic teammates. The two Magic All-Stars say it's all but guaranteed that the 6-1 180-pound backcourt sub out of Fayetteville State will fly away with the pro slam, bam, jam title. You see, they've helped Armstrong get ready for the competition and watched him fine tune his aerial gymnastics for the annual leaping showdown. Armstrong, a former two-time CIAA Slam Dunk champion, has played in only ten games for the Magic this year, averaging 2.7 points per contest. He is the smallest player in the competition that includes 6-7 Grant Hill of Detroit, 6-6 Jerry Stackhouse of Philadelphia, 6-6 Brent Barry of the Los Angeles Clippers, 6-6 Doug Christie of New York, 6-4 Micheal Finley of Phoenix and 6-5 Greg Minor of Boston. Armstrong was never drafted by an NBA team but made the big show after stints in the GBL, USBL, CBA, and finally in Spain where he averaged over 24 points and was named a European All-Star. He averaged 14.3 ppg in three seasons at Fayetteville State.

**'BOUT TIME:** Former Grambling wide receiver **Charlie Joiner**, who retired after 16 years in the National Football League in 1986 as the league's all-time career reception leader was among a class of five voted in to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in voting just before Super Bowl XXX. Joiner finished with 750 catches for 12,146 yards and 65 touchdowns. That's over six miles of receptions.

**TROUBLE IN PARADISE:** After posting only 15 wins in nearly three seasons, Florida A&M announced last week that men's basketball coach **Ron Brown** was being reassigned. Athletic Director **Ken Riley** named former women's coach **Mickey Clayton** to replace Brown for the rest of the season. Clayton who reassigned after the 1989-90 season, now serves as the school's assistant athletic director. He had posted a 199-138 record in 13 years as the Rattlerettes coach. Brown's three year record included 59 losses. He was starting three sophomores and two freshmen and appeared on the way to building a solid nucleus. The middle of the season move was criticized by Rattler assistant Alan Perry. In the Tallahassee Democrat, Perry called the move "absurd" and "asinine." Not surprisingly, Perry is also being reassigned.



by Bernard Baird, Jr.  
**ARMSTRONG:** Six-one guard has the longest way to fly.

## Combine to test mental and physical skills

**Elliot S. A. Robinson, III**  
BCSP Correspondent  
It's that time again!  
The atrium of the hotel looks almost festive in nature. Banners and pennants from the 30 NFL teams hang from doorways and on windows. As you walk around the Indianapolis Marriott, you run into such NFL notables as Ray Rhodes, Jimmy Johnson, Jerry Jones, Tony Dungy, Doug Williams and Mean Joe Greene. There are representatives from all 30 teams and in some cases the entourage includes everyone from the owner to the ball boy. This can only mean one thing, the National Invitation Camp. You may know it by its more popular name, the NFL Combine.

The city of Indianapolis this year will once again play host Feb. 6-13 to the 329 best college college football draft eligible players in the country. The Combine is one of the most anticipated events on the NFL calendar. It provides NFL personnel with an opportunity to meet NFL prospects in one-on-one interviews. They also get to run the players through a series of both physical and written tests. The players are now required to take I.Q. tests for each team. Most importantly however, the players are given a comprehensive all day physical exam. Last year, I had the

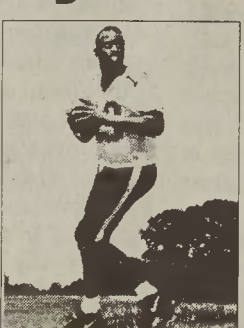
opportunity to speak to several players and their biggest complaint was that the exam was too tiring. The exam takes place before both the position drills and the speed/strength tests.

Last year this column provided you with an up close and personal look at one of the top performers at the NFL Combine, AFC Defensive Rookie of the Year **Hugh Douglas** of the New York Jets, a **Central State** product. Douglas led a stellar cast of black college players at last year's NFL Combine including **Alcorn State** quarterback **Steve McNair**, who proved his mettle at the Combine and went on to be the third pick in the entire draft by the Houston Oilers. This year black colleges will have their largest participation in recent memory with 23 players, eclipsing last year's mark of 16.

As usual the black college charge into Indianapolis will be led by the **Southwestern Athletic Conference**. The SWAC is responsible for ten players making the trip to Indy d by **Alcorn State's** all-world defensive end **Bryant Mix**. Mix is joined at defensive end by the big fella from **Texas Southern** **Eric Johnson** and **Southern University's** **Kendell Shello**. The defensive secondary is

also well represented with strong safety **Eric Austin** from **Jackson State**, **Frederic Ford** from **Mississippi Valley State** and the other slobber knocker from Jackson State, **Picasso Nelson**. Strong arm quarterback **Kendrick Nord** of **Grambling State** got an invitation despite a subpar season. will be joined by his teammate and offensive partner, wide receiver **Jeff Nichols**. Joining them are two of the best wide receivers in the country, **Reggie Barlow** of **Alabama State** and **Gregory Spann** from **Jackson State**.

Offensive tackle **Jamain Stephens** from NC A&T heads the list of five **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** players invited. Stephens is a sure-fire first round pick and rated the second best lineman in the draft. Linebacker Earl "The Hitman" **Holmes**, the I-AA All-American selection will strut his stuff at Indy along with **Florida A&M** teammate **Anthony Bland**, a wide receiver. Bland made acrobatic catches look like blowing your nose, which may explain his invitation. Running back **Michael Hicks** of **SC State** and dominant defensive end **Hugh**



Grambling Sports Photo  
**NORD:** Grambling QB one of two black college signal callers at Combine.

**Hunter** from **Hampton** round out the MEAC contingent.

**Eddie Robinson Award** winning wide receiver **James Roe**, quarterback **Aaron Sparrow** and offensive lineman **Ken McDaniel** of **Norfolk State** are three of the four CIAA members in attendance. **Richard Huntley** of **Winston-Salem State** has shown his talents at two different post season games (Blue-Gray Game and the

Senior Bowl) and should continue to show the NFL that he is one of the best running backs available for the 1996 NFL draft.

**Albany State** bruising fullback, **Ed Hobbs** and cornerback extraordinaire **Marco Maddox** are the SIAC reps. Wide receivers **Clarence Jones** of **Tennessee State** and **Jason Shelley** of **Central State's** round out the field of black college talent on display. As of press time, there was no word on invitations to tight end **Clarence Benford** of **Albany State** or defensive lineman **Albert Reese** of **Grambling State**.

### BCSP HOOP TOP TEN

- VIRGINIA UNION (18-0)** - Overtime win over Eliz. City may have been wake-up call.
- NC CENTRAL (16-1)** - Extended winning streak to 14 games with wins over Paine and JC Smith.
- MISSISSIPPI VALLEY (16-4)** - Nipped by Alcorn State Sunday. First conference loss.
- ALABAMA A&M (17-2)** - Have regrouped from mid-season stumble. Beat Central State in snow.
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (13-5)** - Upset by Bethune-Cookman before handling UMES.
- COPPIN STATE (11-8)** - Ran into Howard buzzsaw. Came back to spank Morgan on TV.
- NORFOLK STATE (14-3)** - Beat Knoxville by 50. Va. Union scheduled for 2/5 weather permitting.
- CLARK ATLANTA (16-3)** - Lost twice before beating Morris Brown.
- ALBANY STATE (11-9)** - Whipped Clark and Valdosta State before falling to Fort Valley.
- SOUTHERN (11-7)** - Lost to Rice in only game of week.

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: NC A&T, Elizabeth City, LeMoyne-Owen, Morehouse, and Jackson State.

### BCSP Notes

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**SHOWDOWN TIME:** Big games are on tap this week in men's and women's black college basketball. In the **SIAC** men's competition, West leader **Alabama A&M** (12-1, 17-2) tries to avenge its only conference loss when they host East leader **Clark** (8-3, 16-3) Thursday in Huntsville, Al. After getting off to a 13-0 start, Clark lost three of its last four games. Clark defeated Alabama A&M 66-63 on Jan. 15. Alabama A&M is the defending conference regular season and conference champion. In an **MEAC** women's showdown for first place, the Rattlerettes of **Florida A&M** travel to Chocolate City to take on the second place Lady Bison of Howard. In the first meeting in Tallahassee, the Rattlerettes came from behind to defeat Howard 86-85 in overtime in what was one of the classic matchups of the season. Howard (7-1, 12-7) has dominated play since that 1/18 game with a six-game winning streak. Florida A&M (10-0, 16-4) has an 18-game MEAC winning streak, and a 13-game current win streak. The game features four of the top MEAC players in Howard sophomores **Amanda Hayes** (18 ppg.), **Alisha Hill** (18 ppg, 10 rpg) and **Denique Graves** (18 ppg). The Rattlerettes feature pre-season player of the year **Cathy Robinson** (21 ppg.) and a deep squad of up-tempo thoroughbreds.

### BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1996**  
Clark Atlanta at Alabama A&M - 7:30p  
Savannah St at Albany St - 8:00p  
Bethune-Cookman at Coppin St - 7:30p  
Clayton St at Fort Valley State - 7:30p  
Florida A&M at Howard - 8:00p  
Winston-Salem St at NC Central - 7:30p  
Alabama St at Troy St - 7:30p

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
College of WVA at St Paul's - 7:30p

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
Savannah St at Alabama A&M - 7:30p  
Southern at Alabama St - 7:30p  
Virginia Union at Bowie St - 7:30p  
Kentucky St at Central St - 8:00p  
Fort Valley St at Clark Atlanta - 8:00p  
St Paul's at Dist Columbia - 4:00p  
NC Central at Elizabeth City St - 7:30p  
Texas Southern at Grambling - 7:30p  
Bethune-Cookman at Howard - 7:30p  
Alcorn St at Jackson St - 7:30p  
Fayetteville St at JC Smith - 7:30p  
Tuskegee at LeMoyne-Owen - 7:30p  
WSSU at Livingstone - 7:30p  
Del St at Mid-Eastern Shore - 4:30p  
(SportsSouth & HTS Cable Networks)  
Prairie View at Miss Valley St - 7:30p  
Morris Brown at Morehouse - 2:00p  
Florida A&M at Morgan St - 7:30p  
Virginia St at Norfolk St - 7:30p  
Miles at Paine - 7:30p  
NC A&T at SC State - 7:30p  
Shaw at St Augustine's - 2:00p  
Middle Tenn St at Tennessee St - 7:45p  
Cheyney at West Chester - 3:00p

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**  
Morehouse at Alabama A&M - 8:00p  
Alcorn St at Alabama St - 7:30p  
Clark Atlanta at Albany St - 8:00p  
Florida A&M at Coppin St - 7:30p  
Prairie View at Grambling - 7:30p  
Delaware St at Howard - 8:00p  
Southern at Jackson St - 7:30p  
Fort Valley St at Kentucky St - 8:00p  
Savannah St at LeMoyne-Owen - 8:00p  
Texas South. at Miss Valley St - 7:30p  
Bethune-Cookman at Morgan St - 7:30p  
St Augustine's at NC Central - 7:00p  
(CIAA TV Network)  
Bowie St at Virginia St - 7:30p  
Cheyney at Wilmington (Del) - 8:00p  
St Paul's at Winston-Salem St - 7:30p

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
Virginia Union at Eliz. City St - 7:30p  
Clafin at Fayetteville St - 7:30p  
Shaw at JC Smith - 7:30p  
Hampton at Maine - 7:30p

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
Dist Columbia at Bowie St - 7:30p  
Millersville at Cheyney - 8:00p  
Paine at Fort Valley St - 8:00p  
St Augustine's at Norfolk St - 7:30p  
Clark Atlanta at Tuskegee - 7:00p

### THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

#### WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES IN BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Coach, Team	Record
Jerry Johnson, LeMoyne Owen	693-319
Ben Jobe, Southern	462-224
Arthur McAfee, Morehouse	452-457
Dave Robbins, Va. Union	441-98
Oliver Jones, Albany State	350-300
Robert Moreland, Tex. Southern	338-261
Ron Spry, Paine	314-165
Elwood Plummer, Prairie View	274-322
Ajac Triplett, Morris Brown	232-245
Vann Pettaway, Alabama A&M	228-65

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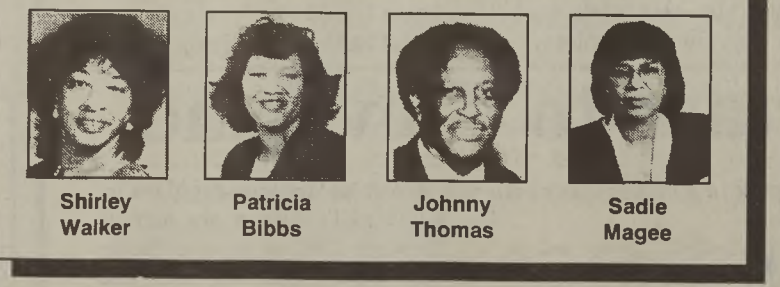
## SWAC celebrates women in sports

As part of its 75th Anniversary Celebration, the Southwestern Athletic Conference will honor eight individual trailblazers with "Excellence in Women's Sports Awards" Feb. 8 in Jackson, Ms.

The stars of women's collegiate sports will take center stage as part of Jackson State's fourth annual **Girls and Women in Sports Seminar and Awards Program**. This year's seminar and awards program is dedicated to the SWAC, which is celebrating it's diamond anniversary this school year.

The honorees are:  
**BARBARA WILLIAMS** - a 1975 graduate of **Alabama State**, created all of the ASU women's sports programs. She eventually served as head coach of basketball and track and field while serving as coordinator of women's athletics.  
**SHIRLEY WALKER** - is currently in her 18th season as head coach of **Alcorn State's** women's basketball program. She has led the Lady Braves to eight conference championships, including a record five consecutive titles from 1990-95.  
**PATRICIA BIBBS** - a 1972 graduate of **Grambling State**, she has coached the Lady Tigers of Grambling to four regular season SWAC championships and two tournament titles. Her 1994 team was the

### ARCHITECTS OF EXCELLENCE



first from the conference to receive an automatic berth in the NCAA Women's Championship Tournament.  
**SAIDE MAGEE** - a 1954 graduate of **Alcorn State** has become synonymous with women's athletics since joining the staff at **Jackson State** in 1975. She coached the basketball Lady Tigers for 14 years winning two league championships and four tournament crowns.  
**PATRICIA HOSKINS** - a 1990 **Mississippi Valley** grad, is one of the NCAA's all-time leading scorers and arguably the most renowned female basketball player in SWAC history. She scored 3,126 points during her career, an average of 26.7 per game winning

three player of the year awards.  
**BARBARA JACKET** - she is the first woman inducted into the SWAC Hall of Fame after a 25-year career as track coach at **Prairie View** where she brought international recognition to the conference. In 1992, she served as head coach of the US women's Olympic track and field team.  
**JOHNNY THOMAS** - a 1963 graduate of **Southern** and a 25-year track coaching veteran won eight conference track championships.  
**AUDREY FORD** - a 1957 **Texas Southern** grad, captured five SWAC championships, more than any other league school, during his career from 1986-94.