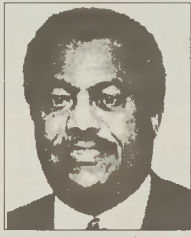


FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13 THROUGH FEBRUARY 19

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



SWAC Photo

COUNT DOWN TO HOOP TOURNAMENTS

SWEAT: Coach leads Norfolk State women to sixth straight Div. crown.

▼ JOCKEYING INTENSIFIES HEADED FOR SEASON FINALES; TOURNEY SCHEDULES

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

SCORES

FEBRUARY 10, 1996

Alabama A&M 92, Savannah St 84
Central St 81, Kentucky St 77
Clark Atlanta 87, Ft Valley St 63
Elizabeth City 83, NC Central 80
Grambling 77, Tx Southern 61
Howard 72, Bethune-Cookman 58
Jackson St 75, Alcorn St 59
LeMoyn-Owen 99, Tuskegee 96
Md-Eastern Shore 70, Del St 67
Middle Tenn St 75, Tennessee St 74
Miles 75, Paine 63
Miss Valley 96, Prairie View 76
Morehouse 80, Morris Brown 70
Morgan St 61, Florida A&M 74
Norfolk St 101, Virginia St 83
St Paul's 74, Dist Columbia 68
SC State 74, NC A&T 53
Shaw 97, St Augustine's 77
Southern 96, Alabama St 66
Virginia Union 82, Bowie St 51
W-Salem St 80, Livingstone 71

CIAA

(thru 2/11)

	DIV	ALL
NORTH		
Va. Union	8-1	19-1
Norfolk State	7-2	17-3
Eliz. City	5-2	14-9
St. Paul's	2-5	9-12
Bowie St	2-6	7-15
Va State	0-8	6-14
SOUTH		
NCCU	10-0	18-2
Shaw	6-4	12-9
Livingstone	4-4	8-13
St Aug	4-5	8-11
JC Smith	3-5	9-11
WSSU	2-6	5-13
Fayv. State	2-7	6-13

BCSP PLAYER OF THE WEEK
DERRICK BRYANT, Sr., F, Norfolk State
Scored 75 points and grabbed 38 boards in three games. Dropped 33 pts vs. Va. State

MEAC

(thru 2/11)

	CONF	ALL
SC State	10-1	15-6
Coppin	9-1	12-8
NC A&T	6-4	8-11
Del State	6-6	7-14
Howard	5-6	6-15
Beth-Ckmm	5-7	9-12
Md-ES	5-8	10-13
Morgan St.*	4-7	5-17
FAMU	1-11	6-16
Hampton**		7-15

*not eligible for post season play
**not eligible for conf. championship
MEAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
JEROME JAMES, Soph., C, Florida A&M
Scored 43 points, pulled down 23 rebounds and blocked ten shots in two games. Had nine of the blocks against Morgan State.

SIAC

(thru 2/11)

	CONF	ALL
EAST		
Albany St	9-3	13-8
Clark Atl	9-4	17-4
Sav. State	7-6	9-10
Ft Valley	4-7	7-12
Morris Brwn	4-8	8-13
Paine	1-13	5-15
WEST		
Ala A&M	14-1	19-2
LeM-Owen	8-4	12-6
Morehouse	7-5	12-7
Miles	5-6	9-12
Tuskegee	4-9	7-11
Kentucky St	3-9	7-14

SIAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
NA

SWAC

(thru 2/11)

	CONF	ALL
Miss Valley	8-2	17-5
Southern	7-2	12-7
Jackson State	7-3	12-12
Alabama State*	5-5	8-13
Grambling	4-5	9-12
Tx Southern	4-6	9-13
Alcorn State	4-6	7-14
Prairie View	0-10	4-18

*not eligible for post season play

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
James Hannah, Jr., G, Grambling State
Had 25 points including five of eight three-pointers and got five assists in a 77-61 win over Texas Southern.

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UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BLACK COLLEGE CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DATES and PRICES

51st CIAA • Feb. 26 - March 2 • Lawrence Joel Coliseum • Winston-Salem, NC • \$85 per book all sessions (804) 865-3071

25th MEAC • Feb. 28 - March 2 • Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center and (semifinals) Gaither Athletic Center (Florida A&M Univ.) • Tallahassee, FL • \$50 per book (adults), \$22 per book (students) (910) 275-9961

63rd SIAC • Feb. 28 - March 2 • Elmore Health Science Bldg. (Alab. A&M Univ.) • Huntsville, AL • \$35 per book all sessions (404) 659-3380

29th SWAC • March 6-9 • Joe. L. Reed Acadome (Alabama State Univ.) • Montgomery, AL • \$35 per book all sessions (504) 523-7574

Phone numbers are conference office phone number for further information on ticket availability.

COPPIN HONORS: Coppin State Associate Athletic Director for Communications and Administration



Coppin State Photo

MOTT: LaSalle transfer leading Coppin charge.

Jesse Batten called to see if the BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE was keeping up with honors earned by the Coppin State basketball program this year. They are: 1) The longest NCAA Division I home court winning streak in the nation is held by the Coppin State men's team with 37 consecutive victories. 2) The Eagles have the best won-lost conference record in all of Division I basketball over the last three years at 56 wins and two losses in MEAC competition. 3) Coppin's 6-8, 230 lb. center **Terquin Mott** leads the nation in field goal percentage with an incredible 70.4 per cent accuracy (159 of 226) in 19 games. Mott is also among the top 50 scorers in the nation at 20.9 points per game - second in the MEAC to Hampton's **Jafonde "JJ" Williams**, who leads the nation, and 4) Coppin State men's coach **Ron "Fang" Mitchell** picked up his 400th career victory Jan. 25 against Maryland-Eastern Shore. Thanks Jesse.

SWEEPIN' INDOORS: Norfolk State's men (166-115) and women (1244-122) held off their counterparts from **St. Augustine's** to claim both titles at the CIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Richmond, Va. **Ted Williams** of St. Aug's and **Kareem Pierre** of Norfolk State shared Most Valuable Men's Field Athlete honors. **Junior Mitchell** of Norfolk State was the most valuable field performer. **Pamona Pierce** of Norfolk State was named the top women's field performer while **Jennifer Fisher** of St. Aug's won the track award.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES IN BLACK COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach, Team	Record
Nelson Brownlee, Claflin	534-124
James Sweat, Norfolk State	385-84
Jesse Harris, Miss Valley	308-253
Andrew Pennington, Jackson St	283-193
Shirley Walker, Alcorn St	284-194
Press Parham, Alabama A&M	254-127
Bev Downing, St. Augustine's	230-144
Lonnie Bartley, Ft. Valley	226-104
Robert Skinner, Albany St.	213-148
Patricia Bibbs, Grambling	212-117

SOURCE: Resources 2000 and The Omnidan Group

Tournament tickets: Hot property

Looking for tickets to black college basketball tournaments? Well, you're in luck. With less than two weeks to go before three of the four black college conference tourneys kick off, tickets are still available.

CIAA

Ticket availability is hot news in the CIAA for sure, where tournament sellouts are the norm. Conference Business Manager, **Martha Marcolini** reports that as of Feb. 12, there were still a limited number of upper level books available for the \$85 asking price. Individual game and session tickets are sold at the Lawrence Joel Coliseum, site of the tournament for the last four years.

"We expect a sellout," said Marcolini, who described sales as brisk.

SIAC

The oldest black college tournament has moved this year to **Alabama A&M's** 6,500 seat capacity Elmore Health Science Building for one year before going to the new Columbus (Ga.) Civic Center next year.

Commissioner **Wallace Jackson** says ticket sales are moderate and andusally pick

up over the two weeks prior to the start of the tourney.

MEAC

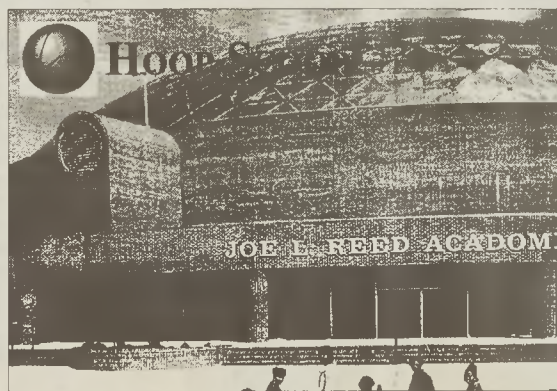
Tallahassee, Florida is the new sight for the MEAC tournament this year shared between the Leon County Civic Center and Florida A&M University's Gaither Center.

MEAC Tournament Manager **Brenda McCoy** says ticket sales are not where the conference had

hoped but said "we're very optimistic" that the new site will bring satisfactory results.

SWAC

Still nearly three weeks away, the SWAC affair will be held at the **Reed Acadome** on the campus of **Alabama State University**. Commissioner **James Frank** was unavailable for comment at press time.



Alabama State University Photo

ON-CAMPUS TOURNEYS: Three of the four black conference basketball tournaments will be played in whole or in part at on-campus facilities. The Joe L. Reed Acadome, on the campus of Alabama State University, will host the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament March 6-9.

MEN'S OUTLOOK

Few league titles decided as races enter final weeks

Just when you thought it was safe to name the favorites for the black college conference basketball tournaments, a rash of upsets and unexpected outcomes have muddied the waters.

The start of the black college tournament season is less than two short weeks away and it appears most regular season races will go down to the wire. The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** tournament is nearly three weeks away and will be previewed next week.

CIAA

Virginia Union (19-1, 9-1), ranked #1 in the NCAA Div. II poll last week, suffered their first defeat of the season at **Norfolk State** Feb. 5. Still coach **Dave Robbins'** Panthers can claim their ninth consecutive Northern Division title, and the first round tournament bye that goes with it, with a win at **Elizabeth City** Feb. 13. **Big Ben Wallace**, the Panther's 6-9 center, leads the conference in blocks (3.8 per game), is second in rebounding (9.5 per game) and fifth in field goal percentage (.545). **Norfolk State** (17-3, 7-2) is ineligible for NCAA post season play because of their impending move to Div. I, but can break Va. Union's stranglehold on the regular season crown with a little help. As usual, the Panthers (63.8) and Spartans (68.4) rank one-two in scoring defense.

Elizabeth City (5-2, 14-9) played Union tough before losing 55-22 in overtime two weeks ago and then handed **North Carolina Central** their only CIAA defeat (83-80) Feb. 10. A win over Union (Feb. 13) would not only throw the N. Div. race into a tizzy but would give the Vikings momentum headed into the tournament.

Despite the loss to Eliz. City, N. C. Central (10-0, 18-2) has clinched the Southern Division title and the first round tournament bye. Guard **Levell Moton** leads the Eagles with a 21.4 points per game average.

MEAC

South Carolina State (10-1, 15-6) and **Coppin State** (9-1, 12-8) are headed for a showdown next week for the MEAC crown. Both have one conference loss. Coppin lost to **Howard** (5-6, 6-15) and South Carolina State fell to **Bethune-Cookman** (5-7, 9-12). Coppin, who may have the player of the year in 6-8 center **Terquin Mott**, has won the regular season championship for three consecutive years (See UNDER THE BANNER). The Eagles travel to Orangeburg Feb. 19 before returning to host the Bulldogs on Feb. 22. S. C. State has rallied behind coach **Cy Alexander**, deposed during last year's tournament because of questions regarding a player's eligibility. It's another three games back to third place where tourney-dangerous **North Carolina A&T** (6-4, 8-11) lurks.

SIAC

After running out to a quick lead in the SIAC East, **Clark** (9-4, 13-8) has been overtaken by **Albany State** (9-3, 13-8). Their meeting Feb. 12 could determine the outcome of the divisional race. ASU is led by **Irvin Jockey** (19.1 ppg). **William Burr** leads Clark with a 19.2 average. **Savannah State** fell out of the running with two losses last week.

In the West, **Alabama A&M** has moved out to a nearly insurmountable 4 1/2 game lead over **LeMoyn Owen** (8-4, 12-6). The Bulldogs, two time defending Western Division and conference champs made it to the NCAA Div. II Elite Eight a year ago. Guard **Deatrus Goodman** leads the conference in scoring at 19.9 points and is also tops in steals at 2.7 per game.

BCSP HOOP TOP TEN

- VIRGINIA UNION (19-1)** - Overtime loss at Norfolk State but still on top.
- ALABAMA A&M (19-2)** - Two games this week without a loss.
- NORFOLK STATE (17-3)** - Knocked off Va. Union in drive for CIAA N. Div. crown.
- MISSISSIPPI VALLEY (17-5)** - Split two games to fall into tie for SWAC lead.
- SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (15-6)** - Loss to Hampton last week. Get ready for Coppin.
- COPPIN STATE (12-8)** - One win. Showdown with SC State 2/19 and 2/22.
- NC CENTRAL (18-2)** - Loss to Elizabeth City first in CIAA.
- SOUTHERN (12-7)** - Knocked off Mississippi Valley and Alabama State.
- (tie) ALBANY STATE (13-8)** - Two wins to vault over Clark in SIAC East.
- ELIZABETH CITY (11-9)** - Upset of NC Central vaults Vikings into poll.
- CLARK ATLANTA (17-4)** - Split two games to fall out of E. Div. lead.

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: LeMoyn-Owen, Morehouse, Jackson State and Shaw.

WOMEN'S OUTLOOK

Women's races heat up as conference tourneys near

ERIC MOORE
BCSP Co-Editor

Women's races have begun to tighten as teams jockey for position entering the final week before three of the four black college conference basketball tournaments.

CIAA

Norfolk State's Spartannes have wrapped up their sixth straight **Northern Division** title. Coach **James Sweat** also picked up his 200th career win at Norfolk State and 385th overall as NSU completed another undefeated week with wins over **Virginia Union**, **St. Paul's** and **Virginia State**. Junior forward **LaTina Bullock** (23.7 ppg) and center **Michelle Sessoms** (16.6 p, 11.7 rpg) lead the Spartannes.

Bowie State, Virginia State and **Virginia Union** are jockeying for second position.

One of the closest races in conference history is taking place in the CIAA Southern Division. Surprising **Winston-Salem State** holds a slim one-game lead over **Shaw** and **Fayetteville State**. Junior swing player **Chellia Nelson** (20.8 ppg) leads a young WSSU squad that features seven freshmen and only two seniors. Shaw may be in the best position to claim its second straight Southern Division title. Coach **Bobby Sanders'** Lady Bears handed Norfolk State its only loss of the season two weeks ago and are only down one game in the loss column with just two divisional games to play. All-CIAA forward **Stephanica Greer** (20.3 ppg, 10.3 rpg) leads the Shaw attack.

Fayetteville State controls its own destiny with games against **Shaw**, **St. Augustine's** and **Winston-Salem State** still remaining.

MEAC

The Rattlerettes of **Florida A&M** (12-0, 18-4) made a significant move toward clinching their second straight regular season championship with a convincing 71-65 win over second place **Howard** (9-2, 13-8) last week. The Rattlerettes have won 15 straight following a 90-65 drubbing from cross-town foe, **Florida State** back in December. **Cathy Robinson** is the team leader averaging 20.4 points per game and perhaps the loop's best player.

SIAC

Fort Valley State is on its way to another SIAC Eastern Region Championship with the best overall record in the conference and a convincing 75-61 win over second place **Clark Atlanta** last Saturday. The Lady Wildcats are led by senior guard and All-SIAC performer **Natoshia Williams** averaging 17.8 points per game. **Alabama A&M** is in the driver's seat for another West Region crown. The Lady Bulldogs lead the slumping second place **Kentucky State** Thorobrettes by two games entering the final two weeks of the season.



FAMU Sports Photo
ROBINSON: FAMU star class of MEAC