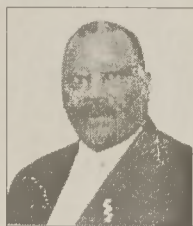


FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 4 THROUGH MARCH 10, 1997

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

NEW CHAMPS CROWNED

TEN TEAMS FROM SIAC AND CIAA IN REGIONALS; MEAC, SWAC BEGIN TOURNEYS



CIAA Photo
LEE: 1959 St. Aug's graduate gets school's first CIAA tourney title.

BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (CIAA and SIAC Tournament Results)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

52ND ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MEN 1st Round

W-Salem St. 67, Va. Union 54
Va. State 75, J. C. Smith 64
Norfolk State 101, Shaw 79
Fayetteville St. 58, Bowie St. 53
St. Aug's 68, Livingstone 44

Quarterfinals

St. Aug's 67, Norfolk State 65
Fayetteville St. 77, St. Paul's 57
Elizabeth City 77, Va. State 65
W-S State 66, NC Central 64, OT

Semifinals

Fayv. State 73, W-Salem St. 66
St. Aug's 65, Elizabeth City 64

Championship

St. Augustine's 70, Fayetteville State 64

Most Valuable Player

Bernard Heard, St. Augustine's

Outstanding Coach

Norvell Lee, St. Augustine's

WOMEN 1st Round

Virginia Union 51, Livingstone 44
J. C. Smith 76, Elizabeth City 70
St. Aug's 81, Virginia State 60
Shaw 88, Saint Paul's 59
W-S State 66, N.C. Central 40

Quarterfinals

St. Aug's 61, W-Salem State 55
Norfolk State 72, Shaw 68
Bowie State 78, J. C. Smith 52
Fayv. State 70, Va. Union 63

Semifinals

Fayv. State 86, Norfolk State 76
Bowie State 58, St. Aug's 57

Championship

Bowie State 60, Fayv. State 37

Most Valuable Player

Brandey Lemons, Bowie State

Outstanding Coach

Ed Davis, Bowie State

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

64TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MEN 1st Round

Paine 63, Morris Brown 51
Savannah St. 66, Fort Valley 59
Miles 72, Tuskegee 65

Quarterfinals

Paine 73, Kentucky St. 58
Alabama A&M 91, Sav. St. 88
Albany State 76, Morehouse 63
Clark Atlanta 92, Miles 63

Semifinals

Clark Atlanta 67, Paine 60
Albany St. 79, Alabama A&M 72

Championship

Albany St. 64, Clark Atlanta 56

Most Valuable Player

Ervin Josey, Albany State

Outstanding Coach

Oliver Jones, Albany State

WOMEN 1st Round

Albany State 64, Sav. State 31
Clark Atlanta 80, Paine 72

Quarterfinals

Morris Brown 88, Tuskegee 44
Kentucky St. 77, Clark Atlanta 68
Alabama A&M 57, Albany St. 55
Fort Valley 73, Miles 42

Semifinals

Kentucky St. 77, Morris Brown 64
Alabama A&M 84, Fort Valley 77

Championship

Kentucky St. 64, Alab. A&M 62

Most Valuable Player

Missy Jackson, Kentucky State

Outstanding Coach

Antonio Davis, Kentucky State

MEN'S ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

Montavious Jackson, Clark Atlanta
Rasha Williams, Sav. State
Ervin Josey, Albany State
William Surr, Clark Atlanta
Bethel Hendricks, Alab. A&M
Sam Lopez, Albany State
Leroy Grant, Paine
ShaDrach Qawiy, Paine
Tavaras Campbell, Miles
Fabian Spencer, Tuskegee

WOMEN'S ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

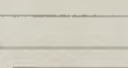
Kasha Doomes, Morris Brown
Wendy Wallace, Alabama A&M
Patricia Scaggs, Kentucky St.
Angel Lewis, Kentucky St.
Chiquita Wright, Albany State
LaShanda White, Fort Valley
Exzandra Wilson, Albany St.
Pamela Sealey, Alabama A&M
Fornesia Brewster, Alab. A&M
Lori Robinson, Paine

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

MAKIN' TRACKS: Black college products made some noise at the U. S. Indoor Track Championships

held this weekend in Atlanta's Georgia Dome. Former Alabama A&M sprinter and 1996 Olympic 1,600-meter relay gold medalist **Jearl Miles-Clark** won the 400 meters in 51.31, the fastest time by an American this year. Former Texas Southern hurdler **Cheryl Dickey** won the 60-meter hurdles in 7.91 and former St. Augustine's sprinter **Randall Evans** took home the 60-meters title in 6.49. That time equalled the fastest in the world this year. The top two finishers in each event qualified for the U. S. team for the World Indoors Championships to be held in Paris, France next weekend.



SIAC Photo
MILES-CLARK: Off to Paris.

Changing of the guard in SIAC, CIAA

NCAA DIV. II CHAMPIONSHIP

MEN South Atlantic Regional at Durham, NC

Thurs., March 6
Ga. College (25-4) vs. St. Augustine's (23-7) - 8 pm
Elizabeth City (19-8) vs. Elon (16-13) - 6 pm

South Regional at Huntsville, AL

Thurs., March 6
Delta State (22-6) vs. Albany State (20-9) - 8 pm
Tampa (22-6) vs. W. Georgia (23-5) - 6 pm

Delta St./Alb. St. winner vs. Alabama A&M (23-5) - 8 pm

Tampa/W. Ga. winner vs. Lynn (25-2) - 6 pm

New champions were crowned as the CIAA and SIAC completed their conference tournaments over the weekend. A total of ten teams from the two conferences will advance to NCAA Div. II regional championship play.

SIAC

Albany State knocked off four-time defending champion Alabama A&M in the semifinals and went on to down Clark Atlanta 64-56 in the finals to capture the men's title in Columbus, Ga. Golden Rams guard **Ervin Josey**, who scored 20 points in the win over A&M, threw in 13 in the finals to claim the tournament Most Valuable Player award. Both Albany State (20-9) and Alabama A&M

advanced to Div. II championship regional play in pairings announced Sunday night. Alabama A&M (Huntsville, AL) will host the regional and received a first round bye.

In the women's final, Kentucky State got two free throws from senior guard **Missy Jackson** with just six seconds remaining to eek out a 64-62 win over Alabama A&M. Jackson, who also dished out eight assists in the final, was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player. Kentucky State (23-6), Alabama A&M (20-9) and E. Div. regular season titleist, Fort Valley State (23-5) received invitations to the South Regional at Melbourne, FL.

NCAA DIV. II CHAMPIONSHIP

WOMEN South Atlantic Regional at Marietta, GA

Thurs., March 6
Fayv. St. (24-4) vs. Francis Marion (21-7) - 8 pm
Wingate (20-8) vs. Ga. College (22-7)

South Regional at Melbourne, FL

Thurs., March 6 or Fri., March 7
Valdosta St. (19-9) vs. Fort Valley St. (23-5) - 8 pm
Alabama A&M (20-9) vs. Kentucky St. (23-5) - 6 pm

Delta St./Alb. St. winner vs. Florida Tech (27-2) - 8 pm

Alab. A&M/Ky. St. winner vs. Delta State (23-5) - 6 pm

BCSP HOOP RANKINGS

MEN

1. COPPIN STATE (18-8) - MEAC top seed.
2. MISS. VALLEY (17-8) - SWAC top seed.
3. ST. AUGUSTINE'S (23-7) - CIAA Tourney champ.
4. ELIZABETH CITY (19-8) - Lost in CIAA semis, in D-II playoffs.
5. ALBANY STATE (20-9) - SIAC Tourney champ.
6. ALABAMA A&M (23-5) - Fell in SIAC semis but in S. Regional.
7. NC CENTRAL (20-5) - Loser in CIAA quarters. In NCAA field.
8. CLARK (19-10) - Lost in SIAC finals. Did not get D-II bid.
9. ST. PAUL'S (15-9) - Loser in CIAA quarters. Not in NCAA field.
10. JACKSON STATE (11-15) - Coming on in SWAC.

WOMEN

1. GRAMBLING (21-5) - Top SWAC seed.
2. BOWIE STATE (28-1) - CIAA champ on 27-game win streak.
3. HOWARD (21-5) - 20-game win streak on line in MEAC tourney.
4. KENTUCKY STATE (21-5) - Swept to SIAC tourney title.
5. FAYETTEVILLE STATE (24-4) - CIAA runner-up in S. Atlantic playoffs.
6. FORT VALLEY (23-5) - Fell in SIAC semis but advanced.
7. CENTRAL STATE (23-2) -
8. FLORIDA A&M (18-8) - Dangerous team in MEAC tourney.
9. ALCORN STATE (16-8) - SWAC runner-up.
10. ALABAMA A&M (20-9) - Made SIAC final and advanced.

SWAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Loos Fieldhouse, Dallas, TX

WED., MARCH 5	FRI., MARCH 7	SAT., MARCH 8
6 pm Grambling (1) vs. Tex. Southern (8)	6 pm Semifinal	2 pm Final
12 n Miss. Valley (4) vs. Southern (5)	12 n Semifinal	
4 pm Alcorn State (2) vs. Prairie View (7)		
2 pm Jackson State (3) vs. Alabama State (6)		

MEN'S PAIRINGS

THUR., MARCH 6	FRI., MARCH 7	SAT., MARCH 8
8 pm Miss. Valley (1) vs. Grambling (8)	8 pm Semifinal	
12 n Tex. Southern (4) vs. Prairie View (5)		
6 pm Jackson St. (2) vs. Alabama St. (7)	2 pm Semifinal SAM DAVIS	5:30 pm Final
2 pm Alcorn State (3) vs. Southern (6)		

MEAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Echols Memorial Hall, Norfolk, VA

WED., MARCH 5 & THUR. MARCH 6	FRI., MARCH 7	SAT., MARCH 8
1 pm (W) Howard (1) vs. SC State (10) or Del St (7)	1 pm Semifinal	
6 pm (W) Florida A&M (2) vs. BCC (9) or Hampton (8)		
1 pm (TH) Morgan State (3) vs. Coppin State (6)	3 pm Semifinal	1 pm Final
6 pm (TH) UMES (4) vs. NC A&T (5)		

MEN'S PAIRINGS

WED., MARCH 5 & THUR. MARCH 6	FRI., MARCH 7	SAT., MARCH 8
3 pm (W) Coppin St. (1) vs. Howard (8) or UMES (9)	8 pm Semifinal	
8 pm (W) SC State (2) vs. Delaware State (7)		
3 pm (TH) NC A&T (3) vs. Morgan State (6)	2 pm Semifinal	9 pm Final
8 pm (TH) Beth-Cookman (4) vs. Florida A&M (5)		

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
MEN	CONF	ALL	WOMEN	CONF	ALL
	W	L	W	L	W
Coppin State	15	3	18	8	18
SC State	12	6	13	13	13
NC A&T	11	7	13	12	12
Bethune-Cookman	9	9	11	15	15
Florida A&M	8	10	8	18	18
Morgan State	8	10	9	17	17
Delaware State	7	11	7	19	19
Hampton	7	11	8	19	19
Howard	7	11	7	19	19
Maryland-ES	6	12	10	16	16

MEAC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
RDERICK BLAKNEY - Soph., G. South Carolina State - Unselfish player led the league in scoring at 23.1 ppg., shot 74.5% from the line, was second in three-pointers made averaging 2.23 per game and was seventh in assists (3.7). Also finished second in steals (2.4).

MEAC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
AMANDA HAYES - Sr., G. Howard - Was a key cog in the Lady Bison's balanced attack appearing at or near the top of every conference statistical category. She averaged 14.9 ppg (8th), 8.6 rpg (4th), led the league with 4.9 assists per game, while shooting 73.2% from the line.

ALL CONFERENCE
First Team
Roderick Blakney, SC State
Antonie Brockington, Coppin State
Jerome James, Florida A&M
Terquin Mott, Coppin State
Kmani Stewart, NC A&T

COACH OF THE YEAR
ROY THOMAS - NC A&T

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
MEN	CONF	ALL	WOMEN	CONF	ALL
	W	L	W	L	W
* Miss Valley	11	3	17	8	15
Jackson State	9	5	11	15	15
Alcorn State	8	6	10	15	15
Texas Southern	7	7	12	14	14
Prairie View	7	7	10	16	16
Southern	5	9	15	16	16
Alabama State	5	9	7	20	20
Grambling	4	10	16	16	16

* Clinches championship

1967 NCAA Championship team returns home

SAM DAVIS BCSP Correspondent

The CIAA Basketball Tournament is always a reunion of sorts, but this year it took on a more special meaning for eleven former Winston-Salem State players.

Thirty years ago, led by legendary coach **Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines** from the bench and **Earl "The Pearl" Monroe** on the court, these players brought home the 1967 NCAA College Division championship.

The championship win, 77-74 over Southwest Missouri, closed out a remarkable 31-1 season and made WSSU the first black college team to win an NCAA basketball title. They returned to Winston-Salem, site of this year's tournament to be honored again for their accomplishment.

Monroe was the team's superstar. He led the nation and the team in scoring during the '67 season with a 43.4 average. He went on to a long professional career in the NBA with the Baltimore Bullets and New York Knicks and was named one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA history earlier this year. Coach Gaines said though there had always been talented players in the CIAA before Monroe's arrival, he was the one

who really put the conference on the map.

"He was the guy who everyone wanted to see play," Gaines said. "Wherever we went to play the opposing team would be guaranteed a sellout. He took the league to another level."

Still 30 years later Gaines said the fans have an appreciation for this team and the outgrowth of it, the spawning of Monroe's pro career. Monroe remains the leading scorer in CIAA basketball history with more than 2,900 career points.

"You could tell by the applause of the fans at the game," Gaines said referring to a half-time ceremony honoring the team at a Friday night semifinal game. The team was also honored at WSSU campus celebration. "They remembered what this team meant to the conference and they really respect it. These guys laid the groundwork for a lot of other players who have come after them. They helped get us into a lot of areas where we hadn't been before."

Gaines, who retired four years ago, ranks third on the all-time win list, behind only Adolph Rupp and Dean Smith. Monroe, who still lives in the New York metropolitan area, commented on the gathering. "I feel privileged to have played in the CIAA and to have



CHAMPS

Pictured above: (1st row, l-r) Coach Gaines, John Michael, Bill English, John Lathan, and James Reid. (2nd row) Johnny Watkins, Earl Monroe, Vaughn Kimbrough, Ernest Browne, Brent Cromwell and Eugene Smiley. Pictured right: (l-r) Monroe, Coach Gaines, WSSU President Alvin Schexneider, English, Frank Hadley, Smiley, Browne, Donald Williams, Sahib Abdul-Kabir (formerly Steve Smith), Reid, Kimbrough and Michael.

been a part of the team that won the national championship," Monroe said. "Although I averaged over 40 points, the other starters played a big part in our success," he said. "We had five players to average in double figures."

The other four starters were **Eugene Smiley**, who averaged 20 points per game, **William English**, who averaged 18, **James Reid**, who averaged 13

MEAC, SWAC get under way

Coppin State (MEAC men) and Howard (MEAC women) Mississippi Valley (SWAC men) and Grambling (SWAC women) enter their respective tournaments this week with the most to lose.

Each has put in the hard work to claim regular season titles but it all goes for naught if they can't win their conference tournaments. Automatic bids to the NCAA Div. I tournament will only go to the tournament champs.

The Howard women (16-0,

21-5) enter the MEAC tournament in Norfolk, VA on a 20-game winning streak, fourth best in the nation. Coppin State (15-3, 18-8) beat back challenges from NC A&T and SC State down the stretch to claim the men's crown.

Mississippi Valley (11-3, 17-8) and Grambling (14-0, 21-5) repeated as SWAC regular season champs and look to repeat in the tournament held for the first time at the Loos Arena in Dallas, TX.

host the regionals at McDougal-McClendon Gym on campus.

Bowie State was the only pre-tournament favorite to make it through unblemished as they claimed their first CIAA tournament title in a 60-37 rout of Fayetteville State. CIAA Player of the Year **Brandey Lemons** added the tournament MVP trophy to her collection as she tallied a game-high 21 points. The Lady Bulldogs (28-1) will travel to Marietta, Ga. for the South Atlantic Regional and will be joined by the Lady Broncos (24-4). Bowie State has a first round bye.

Thirty Years Later

CIAA honors first black college team to win NCAA basketball championship



made it to Friday's semifinals. Not only did the team set the standard because of its accomplishments on the court. It helped soothe a lot of the racial problems that were happening in the South during the '60s. "This team sort of brought this city together," Gaines said. "That helped draw the races closer together and open doors for a lot of us."

The lone member of the starting five not present at the celebration was Watkins, who died in 1992 of complications from diabetes. Watkins' son, **Johnny Watkins, Jr.**, is a member of the 1997 Rams team which