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# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

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**STOGLIN: Gets Jackson State shot at #1 Kansas in Southeast Regional.**

## BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEAC, SWAC and NCAA Div. II Regional Tournament Results)

MEAC	27TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	SWAC	26TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	NCAA Div. II	
<b>MEN</b> <b>Play-In</b> UMES 76, Howard 60  <b>Quarterfinals</b> Coppin State 90, UMES 88 OT Beth-Cookman 70, Fla. A&M 61 SC State 85, Delaware St. 82, OT NC A&T, Morgan State  <b>Semifinals</b> Coppin St. 76, Beth-Cookman 60 NC A&T 54, SC State 49  <b>Championship</b> Coppin State 81, NC A&T 74, OT  <b>Most Valuable Player</b> Terquin Mott, Coppin State  <b>All Tournament</b> Mott, Reggie Welch, Antoine Brockington, Coppin State; Marcus Williams, NC A&T; Roderick Blakney, SC State  <b>Outstanding Coach</b> Ron "Fang" Mitchell, Coppin St.	<b>WOMEN</b> <b>Quarterfinals</b> Howard 83, Hampton 59 UMES 60, NC A&T 49 Morgan State 54, Coppin St. 48 Florida A&M 78, Delaware St. 58  <b>Semifinals</b> Howard 88, UMES 63 Florida A&M 64, Morgan State 49  <b>Championship</b> Howard 84, Florida A&M 53  <b>Most Valuable Player</b> Alisha Hill, Howard  <b>All Tournament</b> Hill, Amanda Hayes, Denique Graves, Candice Hynes, Howard; Delicia Walker, Florida A&M  <b>Outstanding Coach</b> Sonya Tyler, Howard	<b>MEN</b> <b>Quarterfinals</b> Tex. Southern 90, Pr. View 74 Alcorn St. 78, Ala. St. 72, OT Jackson St. 82, Southern 77 Miss. Valley 81, Grambling 54  <b>Semifinals</b> Jackson State 72, Alcorn St. 68 Miss. Valley 87, Tex. S'thrn 78  <b>Championship</b> Jackson St. 81, Miss. Valley 74  <b>Most Valuable Player</b> Trent Pulliam, Jackson State  <b>All Tournament</b> 1st Team - Pulliam; Randy Bolden, Tex. Southern; Mark Jennings, Miss. Valley; Karl Jones, Alcorn State; Kenyon Ross, Miss. Valley  2nd Team - Fairley, Jackson St.; Anyanwu, Tex. Southern; Fource, Southern; Williams, Jackson St.; Phillips, Miss. Valley	<b>WOMEN</b> <b>Quarterfinals</b> Grambling 106, Tex. Southern 48 Miss. Valley 65, Southern 56 Alcorn St. 57, Prairie View 37 Jackson State 69, Alabama St. 31  <b>Semifinals</b> Grambling 89, Miss. Valley 72 Alcorn State 79, Jackson State 54  <b>Championship</b> Grambling 66, Alcorn State 55  <b>Most Valuable Player</b> Shiakrea Carter, Grambling State  <b>All Tournament</b> 1st Team - Carter; Alesha Causey, Alcorn St.; Frederica Wills, Grambling; Tamika Mitchell, Grambling; Tenicka Brown, Miss. Valley  2nd Team - Spann, Jackson St.; Martin, Jackson St.; Frost, Alcorn St.; James, Grambling; Glover, Alcorn St.	<b>(Men)</b> SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL First Round - Elizabeth City 77, Elon 70 St. Aug.'s 93, Ga. College 87  Semifinals Eliz. City 76, Presbyterian 64 St. Aug.'s 78, NC Central 66  Finals Eliz. City 90, St. Aug.'s 73  SOUTH REGIONAL First Round Delta State 88, Albany State 64  Semifinals Alabama A&M 81, Delta St. 80  Finals Lynn 87, Alabama A&M 82	<b>(Women)</b> SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL First Round Fayv. State 85, Fr. Marion 83  Semifinals Bowie St. 75, Ga. Coll. 63, OT Kennesaw St. 99, Fayv. St. 64  Finals Kenn. St. 74, Bowie State 68  SOUTH REGIONAL First Round Ky. State 78, Alabama A&M 63 Ft. Valley 70, Valdosta St. 58  Semifinals Delta St. 83, Ky. State 61 Ft. Valley 67, Florida Tech 59  Finals Delta State 81, Ft. Valley 58

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

**WHEN IT RAINS . . .** The NAIA has partially lifted a ban that two weeks ago would have barred any of the Central State University's athletic teams from competing in national playoffs. "Every team except for baseball this year and football next year can compete in the postseason," NAIA spokesman Kevin Henry said. The ban had been placed because CSU reportedly used 15 ineligible players during the 1996 football season. The team's baseball team was found guilty of infractions last year. However, the entire sports program remains on probation, a less severe sanction, through the spring of 1998. Ohio black legislators along with men's basketball coach Michael Grant had said the ban punished innocent student/athletes. Grant's basketball team had posted a 7-20 record this year. "NAIA infractions are so far down the list of priorities right now, it's not worth discussion," Fred Ransier, chairman of the school's board of trustees said. "The main issue is our financial status. We're not focusing on the football program. The NAIA may end up suspending a football team that may not exist in the near future." Since 1990, Central State football teams have won three NAIA national championships. Additionally, the school's women's basketball team had compiled a 23-2 record this year. The women were not invited to the NAIA playoffs but there was some discussion about the team receiving an at-large berth. The NAIA sanctions came as legislators are trying to decide whether to continue to fund Ohio's only historically black public university beyond July 1. State Inspector General Richard Ward said Friday that his investigation has uncovered numerous instances of fraud, waste and abuse at Central State. The school has been plagued by financial problems and may be as much as \$20 million in debt, according to state estimates.

**D-2 TRACK: St. Augustine's Shanaka Walker,** a freshman, won the national title in the women's long jump edging teammate Nicole Irving by two inches. Walker's best jump was her sixth and final try of 6.00 meters (19' 8 1/4") after fouling on her two previous attempts. "I can't believe it", Walker said after winning the event. "I wasn't jumping well coming in and I was just thinking 'Lord help me' on that last jump." Walker and Irving also finished fourth and fifth in the triple jump to give the Lady Falcons 24 of their 61 total points. Lincoln's Bev Grant and NC Central's Elisha Marshall provided some excitement in the women's 55 meter dash. After overtaking third place finisher Delloreen Ennis of Abilene Christian, Grant and Marshall battled from 40 meters in. Grant won by 2/1000th of a second. She was timed at 6.903 to Marshall's 6.905. "I got a bad start. I stumbled a bit out of the blocks, so I had to catch up after that", Grant said. "I was pretty confident that I had won, but wasn't sure until they flashed the results on the screen." Grant's teammate Lorraine Graham defended her national title in the 400 meter dash setting a new meet record at 52.22 seconds. "I'm very pleased", she said following the awards ceremony. "I am surprised by the time, of course. I didn't know what to expect, but I usually go out very fast and did that today." Grant and Graham joined Yvonne Andrews and Shelly Berth to capture the 4X400 meter relay, Lincoln's third title of the day. Morehouse College maximized its participation in the men's competition as Charlie Thomas captured the 55 meter hurdle crown and Gregory Roberts finished first in the high jump setting a meet record in the process. Thomas recovered from a poor start and pulled even with the leaders by the second hurdle. He took the lead at the third hurdle and held on to the finish. "I have been working on strength with my coach so when I crashed the first hurdle, I was able to run through it", he said. "I altered my step pattern a little, but I feel good about my race. It was a personal best." Roberts broke a nine year old meet record for the high jump, clearing 7' 3" on his first attempt at that height. He missed all three attempts at 7'5". "I didn't feel as consistent today as I like", he said. "I had a lot of misses at lower heights. I really wanted 7'5". Maybe it's a mental block."

## Slim chances for conference champs

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For three of the four coaches advancing to the NCAA Div. I championship field it's a case of—been there, done that.

For Howard's Sonya Tyler (MEAC women), Grambling's Patricia Bibbs (SWAC women) and Coppin State's Ron "Fang" Mitchell (MEAC men) the routine is pretty familiar. Win your conference tournament and await a match-up against Goliath.

And that's exactly what they got as Tyler's Lady Bison (24-5), tournament-bound for the third time, drew a last place 16th slot in the West Regional and will travel to play #1 Stanford (30-1) on the Cardinal home floor.

Mitchell's Eagles (21-8), who will make their third appearance, were seeded 15th in the East Region and will travel to Pittsburgh to battle #2 South Carolina (24-7).

Gibbs' Lady Tigers (24-5), seeded 14th in the Midwest, also dancin' for the third time, get perennial women's power Tennessee (23-10), a third seed this year on their home court in Knoxville.

The scenario has to be particularly



**THIRD TIME'S A CHARM?:** Grambling's Patricia Bibbs (top left), Coppin State's "Fang" Mitchell and Howard's Sonya Tyler lead their team to the NCAA Div. I tournament for the third time. Tyler may have a beef, with her team seeded 16th and travelling to the West Coast to face Stanford.

troubling for Howard and coach Tyler. The Lady Bison's five losses are all road losses to teams in the 64-team field (Maryland twice, Vanderbilt, Carolina and Marshall). And Tyler's troops hold a win over St. Peter's, a #15 Midwest Region seed, in that team's own regular season tournament.

"It seems like they are penalizing Howard for sweeping their conference instead of rewarding them for their non-conference schedule," said Howard Sports Information Director, Ed Hill.

Mitchell, after his MEAC tournament win Saturday, said he knew what to

expect. "We lost at Oklahoma, took Kansas State to overtime and lost to Nebraska on the road, beat Colgate and killed Duquesne at our place and our RPI (power index rating) went down," Mitchell said. "As long as that happens we know we're going to get a 15 or 16 seed."

Jackson State head coach Andy Stoglin, who has his Tigers (14-15) in the so-called Big Dance for the first time in his eight years at the helm, expected and got the biggest giant of all, #1 ranked Kansas in Memphis. But

### WHERE AND WHEN BLACK COLLEGE TEAMS PLAY

**NCAA DIV. II (Men)**  
ELITE EIGHT  
Louisville, KY - Wednesday, March 19 - 3 pm  
S. Dakota State (25-4) vs. Elizabeth City (22-6)

**NCAA DIV. I (Men)**  
SOUTHEAST REGION  
Memphis, TN - Thursday, March 13 - TBA  
(1) Kansas (32-1) vs. (16) Jackson St. (14-15)

**EAST REGION**  
Pittsburgh, PA - Friday, March 14 - TBA  
(2) S. Carolina (24-7) vs. (15) Coppin St. (21-8)

**(Women)**  
WEST REGION  
Stanford, CA - Saturday, March 15 - 6:36 pm (Pacific Time)  
(1) Stanford (30-1) vs. (16) Howard (24-5)

**MIDWEST REGION**  
Knoxville, TN - Saturday, March 15 - TBA  
(3) Tennessee (23-10) vs. (14) Grambling (24-5)

he could care less. "If they told us to play the (New York) Knicks it wouldn't matter since it's our first time in," Stoglin said of a team that may be on a par with the top-ranked Jayhawks. His team, which started the season 2-12, won seven of their last eight knocking off SWAC regular season and defending champion Mississippi Valley in the conference tournament final.

The only other black college team alive is Elizabeth City with head coach Barry Hamler. His Vikings handled CIAA tournament champion St. Augustine's in the Div. II South Atlantic Regional final to earn a berth in the Elite Eight (March 19) in Louisville, Ky. The Vikings closed out their regular season with a loss to St. Aug's and fell to the Falcons again 66-65 in the CIAA tournament. They will face S. Dakota State next Wednesday. S. Dakota State knocked off top-ranked and defending Div. II champ Fort Hayes State in the Regional final.

## Elizabeth City repeats as bridesmaid in D-2 track

Three black colleges produced national champions and one other captured All-American honors at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis, March 7-8.

CIAA powerhouse St. Augustine's finished second in both the men's and women's team competition behind Abilene Christian just as they did a year ago. The Falcon men scored in six events for a total of 43 points while the women picked up 61 points in seven events to

secure their runner-up spots. Abilene Christian easily outdistanced the field scoring 128 points in the men's competition and 76 points in the women's events. Lincoln (Mo.) University was third in the women's competition on the strength of three first place finishes. North Carolina Central placed 11th with 12 points. Morehouse College produced national champions in two men's events and finished fifth overall.

## Women repeat, new men's champs in SWAC, MEAC

Coppin State forward Reggie Welch scored his team's last six points in regulation including two free throws with sixteen seconds to play, then added seven points in overtime to propel the Eagles past North Carolina A&T 81-74 in the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference men's championship game.

"We knew we had to keep our composure and play Coppin State basketball," said Welch whose team stayed calm despite a second half A&T comeback and a noisy pro-A&T crowd.

In the opening round, the top-seeded Eagles (21-8) survived a quarterfinal scare from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. CSU junior point guard Danny Singletary came off the bench to score 28, while Welch added 22 as the Eagles made up an 18-point second half deficit to pull out a 90-88 overtime win.

Howard's women didn't have to work overtime at all in destroying the women's tournament field, completing an undefeated season in conference play and repeating as conference champion.

The top-seeded Lady Bison (24-5) broke the tournament points total, tallying 255 points (85 ppg.) in three games winning by totals of 24, 25 and 31 points. In the finals the Lady Bison drubbed Florida A&M 84-53.

All-conference junior forward Alisha Hill came off the bench in the final two contests but came within three points of breaking the tournament scoring record. She was named the



Howard Sports Photo  
**HILL: Came within two points of tournament scoring record.**

tournament's Most Valuable Player tallying a total of 78 points (26 ppg.) in the three games.

Jackson State got 19 points and 13 rebounds from tournament Valuable Player Trent Pulliam as they handed regular season winner Mississippi Valley an 81-74 whipping in the SWAC finals in Dallas. The Tigers beat Miss. Valley in the last week of the regular season and entered the tournament as winners of seven of their last eight games.

"I thought the key was rebounding" said JSU head coach Andy Stoglin, whose team will be making their first NCAA tournament appearance. The undersized Tigers (14-15) outrebounded the Delta Devils 41-36. "We had balance," said Stoglin, "and they were a lot better than people thought. We played some tough schools early on. We just weren't ready." The Tigers are one of two teams to enter the NCAA tournament with a losing record.

Grambling State's women's team completed the conference's first ever perfect season with their 66-55 win over Alcorn State in the SWAC women's final. Frederica Wills had 18 points and Temika Mitchell got 15 as the Lady Tigers repeated as conference champs.

GSU guard Shiakrea Carter, who had 25 points and six assists in their semifinal win over Miss. Valley, added just five points and six assists in the final but was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. "We'll go into the tournament with the attitude of not caring who we play," said head coach Patricia Bibbs.

## Elizabeth City only one to emerge from Regionals

In Div. II Regional play, four black college teams reached the final round but only one could advance to the national quarterfinals.

Elizabeth City (22-6) who fell in the CIAA semifinals to St. Augustine's got revenge Saturday 90-73 in the Div. II South Atlantic Regional final and earned their first ever trip to the NCAA Div. II quarterfinals, dubbed the Elite Eight in Louisville, Kentucky.

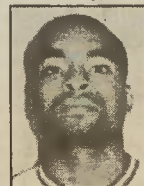
The Vikes, after establishing themselves as CIAA favorites down the stretch of the regular season, lost their final game of the season to St. Aug's (95-78) before dropping a one-point decision (65-64) to the Falcons in the CIAA tournament semifinal.

This time the Vikings never trailed after all-CIAA forward Maurice Mincey hit a three to open the game. Mincey, who was named the Regional Most Valuable Player, had 17 points for the Vikings while Marcus Riddick led the attack with 25 points and 11 rebounds. The Vikings defeated Elon and Presbyterian to reach the finals while St. Aug's downed Georgia College and North Carolina Central.

Three times in the second half St. Augustine's cut the lead to four but could never tie the game or take the lead.

CIAA tournament MVP Bernard Heard led the Falcons with 21 points while Eric Harris and Michael Harrington had 12 each.

In women's South Atlantic Regional play in Marietta, Ga., CIAA champion Bowie State battled gamely



CIAA Photo  
**MINCEY: MVP of S. Atlantic Region tournament.**

before falling to #9 Kennesaw State 74-68. Kennesaw State routed CIAA runner-up Fayetteville State 99-64 in the semifinals to set up the matchup of schools with identical 29-1 marks.

In men's South Region play in Huntsville, Alabama, host Alabama A&M, seeking their fourth consecutive Elite Eight berth, came up just short against Lynn College of Boca Raton, Fla., 87-82. The win stopped the Bulldogs 33-game home winning streak.

"It's a tough way to lose to end your season," said A&M coach L. Vann Pettaway.

The score was tied at 75 with just over three minutes left when a critical charging call against Bulldog forward Marcus McCall wiped out an A&M basket. The Bulldogs scored only seven points the rest of the way.

"It was a judgment call," Pettaway said. "The determining factor is what happened after that."

Chris Davis, an Auburn transfer, led Lynn with 28 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Albany State was ousted in the first round by Delta State, 88-64. A&M defeated Delta State in the semifinals, 81-80.

In women's South Region play, Delta State, the 19th ranked team in the nation handled SIAC East champ Fort Valley, 81-58. Kentucky State defeated Alabama A&M 78-63 in first round play but was defeated 83-61 by Delta State. Fort Valley defeated Florida Tech 67-59 in the semifinals.