FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 24 THROUGH MARCH 1, 2004

ROCKIN' AND **ROLLIN' IN RALEIGH** 

HARDY: Bowie State allguard jumpstarts CIAA tournament with 50point outburst Monday.

GRAMBLING SPEARS SPEARS; CIAA NAMES ALL-STARS, STARTS TOURNAMENT

### 2003-04 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

## SCORES CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATH ETIC ASSOCIATION E. DIVISION \*Bowie State \*Virginia Union Shaw

Shaw Virginia State Eliz, City St. St. Paul's W. DIVISION 'SI. Augustine's 'Fayetteville State-J. C. Smith N. C. Central W-Salem State Livingstone SATURDAY, FEB. 21 CIAA CIAA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

DESMOND PEOPLES, Sr., F. SAC, Clinton, ANTHONY GREENUP, Sr., C/F, Shaw, Baton

LUKE D'ALESSIO, BSU - Led Buildogs to 22-4 overall record. E. Dry. crown. #16 national rank.

Benedict Morehouse SC State Delaware State Hampton Florida A&M Norfolk State Morgan State Maryland-E. S Bethune-Cook Albany State Tuskegee NC A&T State MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

THURMAN ZIMMERMAN, Jr., F, SCSU.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERE

KELVIN GREEN, Fr., F, CSC, Philadelphia, PA

SIAC SOUTHERN INTER Jackson State Texas Southern Alcom State Alabama A&M Alabama State Grambling State Southern Prairie View Ark. Pine Bluff

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFEREN INDEPENDENTS Central State

PLAYER
EDWARD MACK, Sr., G, MVSU, Jackson, MS
Had 16 points Monday as Delta Devils

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
BRUCE PRICE, Fr., G, Tenn. St.,
Minneapolis, MN - Had 31 points as
Tigers defeated Tenn-Martin Saturday.
Had six three-pointers.
NEWCOMER
NA

### UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### SPEARS IN AT GRAMBLING:



SPEARS: Takes over the NFL's Bucs.

Grambling State has named Melvin Spears, the team's assistant head coach and offensive coordinator for the last six seasons, to succeed Doug Williams on an interim basis at the helm of the Tigers' football fortunes. Williams abruptly resigned Feb. 11 after six seasons at Grambling to take a personnel executive's position with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Spears, who was after Doug Williams a standout quarterback and wide leaves Grambling for receiver during his playing days at Alcorn State, is the architect of

the potent and high-scoring Grambling offense that has propelled the Tigers to the top of the NCAA Div. I-AA offensive charts and helped the G-Men claim three straight Southwestern Athletic Conference titles from 2000 through 2002. This season Grambling's passing offense led I-AA at 321.8 yards per game while quarterback Bruce Eugene was the I-AA leader in total offense with 351 yards per contest. In addition to his duties with the offense, Spears also implemented a strength and conditioning program for the team. "I view the opportunity as a challenge and I strongly believe that my work compounded with my dedication, talent and commitment will answer the call and I will live up to the expectation," Spears said at the press conference announcing his appointment.

### TOP CIAA PLAYERS: St. Augustine's forward Desmond Peoples and Shaw guard Jessica



PEOPLES: His scoring and rebounding key as West Division title.

Hawkins have been named 2004 men's and women's CIAA Basketball Players of the Year as the conference named its top award winners. Peoples, a 6-7 senior, topped the CIAA in rebounding at 11.1 caroms per game and was fourth in the conference in scoring at 20.6 points per game as the 19-8 Falcons claimed the top spot in the league's Aug's claimed CIAA West Division. Peoples also finished eighth in field goal percent-

age (54.3%) and fourth in blocked shots (1.3 bpg.). Hawkins ran the show as point guard for the East Division champs and nationally ranked Lady Bears averaging 11.4 points, 4.9 rebounds and leading the league in assists (5.8 apg.) and steals (4.9 spg.). Hawkins was also named the league's top defender. The men's award went to Shaw forward Anthony Greenup who finished second in blocks (2.59 pg.) and rebounds (10.4 pg.) while averaging 21.9 points and 10.8 rebounds per game. Bowie State head coach Luke D'Alessio was named the men's top coach for leading the 22-4 Bulldogs to the East Division title and a #16 ranking in the latest NCAA Div. II poll. Shaw's Jacques Curtis won the women's coaches award after guiding the Lady Bears to a perfect 16-0 league mark, 10-0 record in winning the East Division and a 24-2 overall mark that has them ranked 11th in Div. II basketball. Winston-Salem State's Audly Wehner (14.9 ppg., 57.7 FG%) and Shalonda Carter (12.9 ppg., 8.1 rpg) were named the top rookies.

2	2004 ALL-CIAA MEN				
Name, School	CI	Ht.	Pos	Hometown	
Lee Cook, BSU	J٢	6-10	C/F	Omaha, NE	
Anton Jenifer, BSU	Sr	5' 9"	G	Baltimore, MD	
Jonathan Harris, ECSU	Sr	6' 4"	F	Charlotte, NC	
Kenny Haywood, FSU	Sr	6' 4"	F	Fayetteville, NC	
Donell Williams, FSU	J٢	6' 3"	G	Los Angeles, CA	
David Young, NCCU	Sr	6' 5"	G	Pittsburg, PA	
Desmond Peoples, SAC	Sr	6' 7"	F	Clinton, MD	
Anthony Greenup, SU	Sr	6' 8"	C/F	Baton Rouge, LA	
Ralph Brown, VUU	Jr	6' 4"	F	Richmond, VA	
Lugman Jaaber, VUU	J٢	5' 10"	G	Richmond, VA	
Darius Hargrove, VUU	So	6' 4"	G	Warfield, VA	
Audly Wehner, WSSU	Fr	6' 6"	F	Fayetteville, NC	
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Name, School	O4 ALL-CIAA WOME! Cl. Ht. Pos.		Pos.	Hometown	
Allyson Hardy, BSU	Jr	5' 6"	G G		
	Jr	6'1"	F	Germantown, MD	
Rachill Robinson, BSU Joi Surratt, JCSU	Sr	5' 5"	G	Fort Washington,	
Lauren Goss, JCSU	Jr	5' 10"	F	Charlotte, NC	
		5' 5"	G	Morrow, GA	
Tiona Beatty, NCCU	Sr		_	Queens, NY	
Kiarsha Curtis, SU	Jr	5' 8"	G F	Capital Heights, I	
LaTasha Shipman, SU	Sr	6' 1"		Rigelwood, NC	
Jessica Hawkins, SU	Sr	5' 4"	F	Raleigh, NC	
Margiella Mobley, SU	Sr	6' 1"	F	Jacksonville, FL	
Alonna Marble, VSU	Sr	5' 8"	F	Capital Heights, I	
Pria Stellmacher, VUU	Jr	5' 5"	G	Suitland, MD	

Charlotte, NC Morrow, GA Queens, NY Capital Heights, MD Rigelwood, NC Raleigh, NC Jacksonville, FL Capital Heights, MD Suitland, MD

5' 10" 5' 5" 5' 8" 6' 1" 5' 4" 6' 1" 5' 8" 5' 5" 6' 5" Danielle Hoggard, VUU

# CIAA tips off tournament season

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**LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor** 

The men of Bowie State and the women of Shaw, defending Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball champions, enter the 59th Tournament this week at Raleigh's RBC Center (Feb. 23-28) as the odds-on favorites to

The Tournament got off to a rousing start Monday in women's first round action as Bowie State's Allyson Hardy poured in 50 points as the Lady Bulldogs downed St. Augustine's 84-60. Women's quarterfinal play continued on Tuesday with men's play beginning Wednesday with quarterfinals Thursday. Men's and women's semifinals are scheduled for Friday followed by Saturday evening finals.

When all is said and done, most expect the two favorites to cut down the nets

Bowie State head coach Luke D'Alessio, who got the Bulldogs' their first-ever CIAA and South Atlantic Region titles and trip to the NCAA Div. II national semifinals last year with a senior-laden squad, has put together another talented bunch that enters this year's tourney as the team to beat.

Their 22-4 overall record, East Division title and #13 national ranking this season has been earned with an almost entirely new cast of stars led by sharp-shooting CIAA scoring leader, guard Anton Jennifer (22.4 ppg.) and powerful center Lee

D'ALESSIO

year's team and last year's is experience," D'Alessio said Monday as his team travelled to the tournament. The Bulldogs have a bye in Wednesday's first round.

"Last year's team was three years in the making. We have only three reserves back from that squad But this group is just as hungry and talented.

'We believe we can go just as far. We had four losses coming into the tournament last year and we have four losses this year. We didn't win the East Division last year. We're a pretty confident team, but the biggest difference is experi-

D'Alessio's primary concern is the health of Cook and power forward Shawn Hampton. Cook has not practiced for two weeks while rehabilitating an injured knee. Hampton is injured and did not play in BSU's 88-87 loss Friday to the University of the District of Columbia that ended the regular

"With them at 100 per cent, we'd not have to many worries," said D'Alessio. "We need consistent inside play (from them) to advance the way we did last year."

Shaw head coach Jacques Curtis's Lady Bears followed up last year's 31-3 mark, CIAA title

(19.4 record this season which included Cook ppg., 10.6 rpg.). running roughshod through CIAA "The biggest opponents posting a perfect 16-0 difference league record. They received a bye in Monday's first round play.

Bowie State men, Shaw women favored to repeat

Curtis's squad is led by CIAA Player of the Year, point guard Jessica Hawkins, an N. C. State transfer who topped the league in assists (5.8 apg) and steals (4.8 spg.) while scoring 11.9 points per game. Three other Lady Bears, Kiarsha Curtis (18.1 ppg.), LaTasha Shipman (13.1 ppg.) and Margiella Mobley (11.9 ppg.) are double-figure scorers and joined Hawkins on the all-conference team. Chrystal Baptist, a 6-1 North Carolina transfer, has averaged 12 points and 11 rebounds since joining the team in mid-January.

Both Bowie State and Shaw are all but assured of advancing to regional play regardless of their performance in the tournament. Bowie State is ranked second in the men's South Atlantic Region while Shaw tops the women's regional rankings. The CIAA Tournament champ gets an automatic bid to South Atlantic Regional play.

Both the men and women of Virginia Union received first round byes as runners-up in the East Division and appear the most likely challengers to BSU and Shaw.

Dave Robbins's Panthers matched BSU's 22-4 mark but suffered two close losses to the Bulldogs in the regular season (87-82 and 91-83). Moses Golatt's 21-5 and regional final berth with a 24-2 Pantherettes also lost twice to the



Shaw Univ. Sports Photo CURTIS: His 22-4 Lady Bears of Shaw are 16-0 this season against CIAA competition.

Lady Bears taking 74-51 and 70-48 drubbings.

St. Augustine's (19-8) and Fayetteville State (19-10) emerged from the hotly contested men's West Division with the top two seeds and first round byes. They along with 15-12 Johnson C. Smith and 13-12 North Carolina Central are considered have longshot chances at the

Fayetteville State (14-11) and Johnson C. Smith (15-12), the top two seeds from the women's West Division, also received first round byes and are the teams that have played Shaw the closest this season, both dropping nine-point decisions.

CIAA TOURNAMENT INFO ON-LINE N'S TOURNAMENT BRACKET WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT BRACKET bpair04.htm TOURNAMENT EVENTS SCHEDULE

### **GAMES THIS WEEK** SAT., FEB. 28

5, 8pm

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NC A&I @ FAMU	4:00pm					
SCSU @ B-CC	4:00pm					
HOW @ HAM	4:00pm					
DSU @ NSU	4:00pm					
UMES @ CSC	7:30pm					
SWAC						
SU @ Alcorn St.	7:30pm					
UAPB @ GSU	7:30pm					
MVSU @ JSU	7:30pm					
AA&M @ PV	7:30pm					
Alab. St. @ TSU -	7:30pm					
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Times are for men's game Women's games usually start two hours before men's contests

# **BCSP Notes**

### Combine This!

Only two black college players made it into the NFL's National Combine in Indianapolis this week but a Who's Who of black college senior gridiron stars will descend on New Orleans Thursday through Sunday.

Jackson State quarterback Robert Kent and Hampton defensive end Isaac Hilton got to strut their stuff before a bevy of NFL scouts in Indianapolis while over 66 black college players are taking part in the first HBCU All-Star Classic, an event held at Zephyr Stadium in New Orleans with the goal of preparing black college prospects for opportunities in professional football.

Former NFL linebacker Richard Harvey, who spent 13 seasons in the league with Buffalo, New Orleans and Oakland believes the Classic is the right step to take for these aspiring professionals.

Though no game will be played and few scouts are expected this week. Harvey and his staff will take the players through a series of drills, tests and workouts and study playbooks just like players at the Combine.

We want them to be ready when they do get the opportunity," said Harvey, a Tulane graduate who started his company, Electronic Sports, with his brother Antonio, an

NBA veteran now playing overseas. The company prepares videos of the players' workouts for prospective pro teams.

'We're not concerned with whether it's the NFL, AFL or NFL Europe. This is what they'll have to face at any level. We just want them to be prepared," said Harvey. Players from 33 of the 43 black college football programs are on the  $\,$ roster for this year's Classic. The roster can be viewed online at hbcuallstarclassic.com.

The company has already scheduled a game for next year on Jan. 17, 2005 at Tad Gormley Stadium in New

### FAMU, Hampton take **MEAC Indoor Track Titles**

The Florida A&M men and Hampton women captured the 2004 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship titles, Saturday in Landover, Md. Hampton women won their second straight title, while the Rattlers earned their first title in five years. Florida A&M' men led with 97 team points, while Hampton women

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