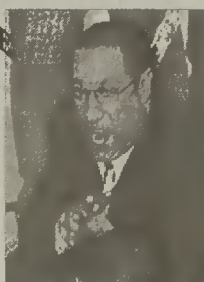


FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2004

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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LET'S GO D-2 DANCIN'

▼ DOZEN TEAMS IN DIV. II TITLE CHASE;
MEAC, SWAC TOURNEYS; BSU NAMES LYNN

McLEESE: Former Howard coach and Elizabeth City State alum, leads UDC to NCAA Div. II playoffs for the first time since 1987.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

LYNN IN AT BOWIE STATE:

The last black college football head coaching vacancy was filled last week when **Bowie State** named **Michael J. Lynn Jr.** as its new head man. Lynn comes to BSU from just up the road in Baltimore at **Morgan State** where he served as director of football operations and offensive line coach for the past two seasons. Lynn, 35, lettered four years as a guard on the Morgan State football team before graduating in 1990 with a degree in political science. He served as a high school assistant before returning to his alma mater as an assistant in 2000. He is replacing **Henry Frazier** who resigned in November to become head coach at **Prairie View A&M** of the **Southwestern Athletic Conference**.



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LYNN: Taking football reins at Bowie State.

BASKETBALL HONORS: The **Southwestern Athletic Conference**, **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** and **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** named their all-league basketball players on the eve of their postseason tournaments. MEAC and SWAC honorees are listed in the top box. SIAC honorees are listed below.

SWAC: SWAC coaches and sports information directors named 6-7 **Mississippi Valley State** senior forward **Attarrius Norwood** as the men's player of the year and **Alabama State** junior forward **Crystal Kitt** as the women's top player. Norwood led the Delta Devils to the regular season title averaging 14.5 points and 5.1 rebounds. His teammate, junior guard **Edward Mack** (13.3 ppg., 3.2 apg., 2.4 spg.) was named defensive player of the year and to the second team. MVSU forward **Solomon Forbes**, who averaged 14.2 points per game, joined Norwood on the first team. Kitt edged Defensive Player of the Year, center **Amie Williams** of **Jackson State**, for the player of the year honor. Kitt led the SWAC in scoring at 20.9 points per game, in rebounding at 12 per game, and in field goal percentage (57.8%) while posting 18 double-doubles. Williams leads the nation in blocked shots (4.22 bpg.) while averaging 18.1 points and finishing just behind Kitt at 9.3 rebounds per game and shooting 49.6% from the field.

MEAC: Individuals who led their teams to regular season women's and men's titles in the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference**, guard **Mandy Clark** of the **Delaware State** Lady Hornets and forward **Thurman Zimmerman** of the **South Carolina State** Bulldogs, were named the top players in the league in voting by coaches and sports information directors. Clark garnered all 60 first place votes to sweep to the women's award. She averaged 15.3 points per game, second best in the conference, while dishing out 3.1 assists and getting 3.0 steals per game. Teammate **Terrelle Waller** (12.9 ppg.) joins Clark on the first team. **Hampton** guard **Sharema Dean**, who led all freshman scorers at 12 points per game, was named the league's top freshman. Zimmerman, a versatile 6-5 forward, averaged 18.8 points and led the MEAC with 8.4 rebounds per game to power the Bulldogs to a 14-4 regular season conference record. His teammate, freshman swingman **Brian Mason**, garnered the top rookie award by virtue of his 13.2 points and 5.0 rebounds per game.

SIAC: Albany State guard **Flem Tucker** and **Clark Atlanta's** **Jennifer Stegall** won the SIAC player of the year awards.

MEN FIRST TEAM
Nick Wallery, Jr., C, Albany State
Flem Tucker, Sr., G, Albany State
Allen Early, Sr., G, Ft. Valley State
Jason Williams, Jr., F, Lane
Nate Lewis, Sr., F, Benedict
Joshua Obajuriwa, Jr., C, Benedict

COACH OF THE YEAR
Fred Watson, Benedict
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
Joshua Obajuriwa, Jr., Benedict
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Zachary Bright, Lane

WOMEN FIRST TEAM
Sherika Tarplins, Jr., G, Ft. Val. St.
Litreece Hum, Jr., G, Lane
Kisha Lucette, So., F, Paine
Kim Cue, Sr., F, Benedict
Pamela Butler, Sr., G/F, Albany St.
Jennifer Stegall, Sr., G, Cl.-Atlanta

COACH OF THE YEAR
Vanessa White-Moore, Cl.-Atlanta
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
Amanda Ray, Fort Valley State
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
Jennifer King, Clark Atlanta

2003-04 BASKETBALL (SWAC and MEAC All-Conference and Season Honors)

2004 MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-SWAC TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Obie Trotter, So., G, Alabama A&M
Brion Rush, So., G, Grambling State
Attarrius Norwood, Sr., F, Miss. Valley State
Paul Haynes, Sr., F, Grambling State
Solomon Forbes, Sr., F, Miss. Valley State

SECOND TEAM

Ishmael Joyce, Sr., G/F, Jackson State
Edward Mack, Sr., G, Miss. Valley State
Terry Horton, Sr., F, Alabama A&M
Tyrone Nelson, Jr., F, Prairie View A&M
Lionel Willis, Sr., F, Texas Southern

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Attarrius Norwood, Sr., F, Miss. Valley State

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Edward Mack, Sr., G, Miss. Valley State

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Deon Saunders, Jr., F, Southern

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Tyrone Nelson, Jr., F, Prairie View A&M

COACH OF THE YEAR

Lafayette Stribling, Miss. Valley State

2004 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-SWAC TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Scherwanda Boston, Sr., F, Grambling St.
Rolanda Monroe, So., Southern
Crystal Kitt, Jr., C, Alabama Stat
Amie Williams, Sr., C, Jackson State
LaShawn Smith, Jr., F, Alabama A&M

SECOND TEAM

Latesha Lee, Sr., Jackson State
Latoya Johnson, Sr., Alcorn State
Carolyn Hopkins, Sr., Prairie View A&M
Ashley Blake, So., Southern
Crystal Robinson, Jr., Texas Southern

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Crystal Kitt, Jr., C, Alabama State

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Amie Williams, Sr., Jackson State

CO-NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Latoya Johnson, Jr., G, Alabama State

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Fredrika Lewis, Jr., Southern

COACH OF THE YEAR

Denise Taylor, Jackson State

2004 MEN'S ALL-MEAC BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Thurman Zimmerman, Jr., F, S. C. State
Jimmy Boykin, Sr., F, Coppin State
Devin Green, Jr., G/F, Hampton
Chakowby Hicks, Jr., G, Norfolk State
Terrence Woods, Sr., G, Florida A&M

SECOND TEAM

Brian Mason, Jr., F, S. C. State
Tee Trotter, Sr., G, Maryland E. Shore
Jeff Granger, So., G, Hampton
Terrence Hunter, Jr., F, Delaware State
James Wilkerson, Sr., F, Howard

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Thurman Zimmerman, Jr., F, S. C. State

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Brian Mason, Jr., F, S. C. State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ron "Fang" Mitchell, Coppin State
Butch Beard, Morgan State

2004 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-MEAC TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Mandy Clark, Jr., G, Delaware State
Terrelle Waller, Sr., F, Delaware State
Yolanda Dixon, Sr., G, Florida A&M
Leisel Harry, Sr., C, Coppin State
Tiffany Wakelield, Sr., F, Maryland E. Shore
Nicole Brathwaite, Sr., F/C, Hampton

SECOND TEAM

Katie Clark, So., G, Bethune-Cookman
Antoinette Reese, Sr., G/F, Coppin State
Elana Greene, Jr., F/C, Florida A&M
Lynetta Sullivan, Sr., G, Hampton
Yomika Corbitt, Jr., C, Norfolk State

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mandy Clark, Jr., G, Delaware State

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Sharema Dean, Jr., G, Hampton

COACH OF THE YEAR

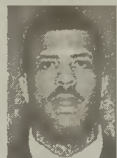
Ed Davis, Delaware State

MEAC, SWAC tournaments under way

First-year men's head basketball coach **Benjamin Betts** has **S. C. State** right where former coach **Cy Alexander** left them — atop the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** as the league's postseason tournament began Monday in Richmond, Va.

Betts's Bulldogs (17-10) clinched the regular season title with a season-ending win over **N. C. A&T** Saturday and entered this week's tourney as the top seed. Alexander won the tourney title and automatic NCAA bid last year before moving on to **Tennessee State**.

The Bulldogs' 14-4 conference record tied them with **Ron "Fang" Mitchell's** **Coppin State** Eagles (16-13) for the regular season title but SCSU got the top seed by sweeping the Eagles in their two meetings this season.



BETTS

For the first time in his four-year tenure, head coach **Ed Davis's** Lady Hornets of **Delaware State** (19-8) are the women's top seed.

Their 14-4 league mark was matched by **Patricia Bibbs's** **Hampton** Lady

Pirates but DSU got the top seed by virtue of defeating Hampton by a larger margin (19 points, 66-47). Hampton defeated DSU, 56-40.

The top five men's and women's teams received byes through play-ins held Monday and Tuesday at the Arthur Ashe Center. The Richmond Coliseum is the venue for the remainder of the tournament including quarterfinal play Wednesday and Thursday and semifinals Friday. MBC will televise the semis.

The men's final at 12 noon Saturday will be carried live on ESPN. The 4 p.m. women's final will be carried live by MBC.

The men of **Mississippi Valley State** enter this week's **Southwestern Athletic Conference** Tournament in Birmingham as solid favorites after winning the regular season title by a whopping five games.

But that doesn't matter

now as only a tournament championship will get head coach **Lafayette Stribling's** Delta Devils (22-6, 16-2) the conference's automatic bid to the Big Dance, the NCAA Div. I Tournament.

"We just have to remain focused to get through this tournament," said Stribling who last made the trip to the NCAA in 1997. The Delta Devils play **Alcorn State** (10-17) Thursday at 7:30 p.m., in one of four quarterfinals at the Bill Harris Fair Park Arena, site of the men's and women's tournaments.

Defending champion **Lady Alabama State** (19-8, 15-3) is rid-



FREEMAN-JACKSON

ing a 13-game winning streak that has earned them the top seed in the women's tournament which opened with quarterfinal play Wednesday. The final win of the was Saturday over **Jackson State** giving **Freda**

Freeman-Jackson's squad a sweep of their head-to-head meetings this season. JSU (22-6, 15-3) is seeded second. ASU will meet eighth-seeded **Mississippi Valley State** (4-14) in Wednesday's 7:30 p.m. contest.

Both men's and women's semifinals are Friday and will be televised on the MBC-TV network on a tape-delayed basis (Saturday 3/13). Saturday's play begins with the women's championship game at 4 p.m., followed by the men's championship game at 7 p.m. Both games will be broadcast live on MBC.

12 black college teams in Division II title hunt

Seven black college men's teams in three regions, and five women's teams in those same regions take to the court this weekend with the goal of winning their respective NCAA Div. II national basketball championships.

The expanded 64-team fields for the national tournaments were selected Sunday. Eight teams were selected from the nation's eight regions, up from six from each region and the 48-team field that had previously determined the champions.

The Lady Bears of **Shaw** (28-2), two-time **CIAA** tournament champions, are the only team of the 12 to get a top seed and will host the women's South Atlantic Regional at their on-campus facility, Spaulding Gymnasium. Friday through Monday (March 12-13, 15) in Raleigh, N.C.

Head coach **Jacques Curtis's** troops, who made it to the regional finals last year before losing to North Florida, will open Friday at 6 p.m. against eighth-seeded **Augusta State** (21-7) of the Peach Belt Conference.

They will be joined in Raleigh by the team they defeated for the **CIAA** title, **Virginia Union** (23-6), who will come in as the sixth-seeded team. **Moses Golatt** will lead the Lady Panthers against third-seeded **Lander** (24-5) in the 1 p.m. opener Friday.

The men's and women's Elite Eights are scheduled for March 24,



CURTIS



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WATSON



BREWER



HILL

25 and 27. The men's final three rounds will be held at Centennial Garden in Bakersfield, Ca., and be hosted by Cal State-Bakersfield. The women's Elite Eight will be hosted by Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, Mo., and will be played at the St. Joseph Civic Arena.

CIAA men's tournament champion, **Virginia Union**, will be joined by conference rival **Bowie State** in the men's South Atlantic Regional to be played on the campus of top-seeded **Kennesaw (Ga.) State** on March 14, 15, and 17.

Dave Robbins's fourth-seeded **VUU** Panthers (25-4) will face fifth-seeded **Columbus State** (21-8) in an 8:30 p.m. quarterfinal game Saturday. Robbins won Div. II national titles with the Panthers in 1980 and 1992.

CIAA tournament favorite **Bowie State** (22-5), seeded third, plays **Lenoir-Rhyne** (19-8) at 2:30 p.m. **Luke D'Alessio's** Bulldogs won last year's South Atlantic Regional and advanced to the Elite Eight, where they lost in the national semifinals against Kentucky Wesleyan. The Bulldogs stumbled two weekends ago, losing in the

quarterfinals of the **CIAA** tournament — an event they also won last year.

Benedict's men and women were upset winners of their respective **SIAC** tournament titles to earn automatic bids to the South Regionals.

The Lady Tigers (16-13), under **Maurice Bailey**, got an eighth seed and will face the top seed and host, **Rollins** (27-3), on its home floor in Winter Park, Fla., Friday at 6 p.m.

Fort Valley State received an at-large bid and is ranked third in the region. **Lonnie Bartley** will lead the Lady Wildcats (23-6) into the regional for the sixth straight time, and 12th overall, taking on sixth-seeded and defending regional champ, **Central Arkansas** (21-10) at 3 p.m.

The men's South Regional will be held at the home of **Valdosta (Ga.) State** (25-3), the region's top seed, beginning Saturday with the finals on Tuesday.

Benedict (20-8) is seeded seventh and begins its quest for the title against **Rollins** (24-5), the second seed, in the 1:30 p.m. opener. **Fred Watson** leads the Tigers.

SIAC tournament runner-up **Morehouse** (24-6), under head man **Grady Brewer**, is seeded fourth and faces fifth-seeded **Henderson State** (22-6) at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Three black college men's teams are in the East Region men's field to be played on the campus of the top seed, **Pfeiffer College** in Misenheimer, N. C.

The **University of the District of Columbia** returns to the tournament for the first time since 1987. UDC won the Div. II national title in 1982 with stars **Earl Jones** and **Michael Britt** and made a return trip to the finals in 1983. They were then coached by **Wil Jones**.

The Firebirds, 18-9 this season under **Mike McLeese**, are seeded sixth and will face **West Virginia** Intercollegiate Athletic Conference runner-up, **West Virginia State** (24-5), the third seed at 12 noon Saturday. **Bryan Poore** coaches the Yellow Jackets.

Cheyney (22-7) of the **Pennsylvania Athletic Conference** is seeded fifth and faces conference-rival **California (Pa.)** (23-6), the third seed at 6 p.m. Cheyney is coached by **Cleo Hill, Jr.**

West Virginia State is the lone black college team in the women's East Regional hosted by **California (Pa.)**. The Lady Yellow Jackets (22-8) are seeded seventh and will face second seed **Glennville State** (27-3) at 3 p.m. WVSC is coached by **Will Heasley**.

SIAC TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MEN

FIRST ROUND
Clark-Atlanta 70, LeMoyne-Owen 59
Fort Valley State 83, Tuskegee 71
Kentucky State 61, Paine 60
QUARTERFINALS
Miles 68, Albany State 63
Morehouse 78, Clark-Atlanta 64
Benedict 60, Fort Valley State 42
Lane 95, Kentucky State 92, OT
SEMIFINALS
Morehouse 76, Miles 68
Benedict 89, Lane 75
FINALS
Benedict 89, Morehouse 86, OT

ALL TOURNAMENT
Jason Williams, Lane
Brandon Childs, Morehouse
Eugene Jackson, Benedict
Darius Wade, Morehouse
Joel Brown, Benedict
Ronald Thompson, Morehouse
HUSTLE AWARD
Pete Asmond, Benedict
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Ronald Thompson, Morehouse
OUTSTANDING COACH
Fred Watson, Benedict
MVP
Eugene Jackson, Benedict

WOMEN

FIRST ROUND
LeMoyne-Owen 57, Miles 48
Tuskegee 74, Paine 59
Lane 67, Kentucky State 59
Benedict 52, Albany State 44
SECOND ROUND
Fort Valley State 63, LeM.-Owen 38
Clark-Atlanta 60, Lane 43
SEMIFINALS
Tuskegee, Fort Valley State
Benedict, Clark-Atlanta
FINALS
Benedict 56, Tuskegee 55

ALL TOURNAMENT
Kim Cue, Benedict
Sherika Tarplins, Fort Valley State
Nicole Dailey, Tuskegee
Ashley Howard, Tuskegee
Christy Yusef, Benedict
Shaunna Armstrong, Benedict
HUSTLE AWARD
Tina Hayes, Benedict
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Christy Yusef, Benedict
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