

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20 THROUGH APRIL 26, 2004

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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SPRING FEVER

▼ SMALL CROP OF NFL DRAFTEES; CIAA, SIAC, SPRING RESULTS; ALL-STARS IN ATL

McMATH: Man behind new pro league and black college hoops classic showcases both in Atlanta.

MEAC, SWAC & INDY SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

SOFTBALL	MEAC			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
N. Div.	12	2	33	19
Delaware State	10	6	25	21
Hampton	7	7	12	20
Morgan State	9	7	13	18
Coppin State	3	11	7	19
Md. Eastern Shore	1	9	2	28
S. Div.	14	2	38	23
Bethune-Cookman	8	2	25	29
Florida A&M	6	9	12	23
SC State	5	10	16	31
NC A&T State	2	12	7	29
Norfolk State				

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
 PLAYER NA
 NA
 ROOKIE NA

BASEBALL	MEAC			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
Bethune-Cookman	13	2	22	15
Delaware State	8	5	18	19
Florida A&M	9	6	20	26
NC A&T State	8	7	19	23
Norfolk State	7	7	14	25
Coppin State	6	9	12	26
Maryland-E. S.	0	15	2	38

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
 PLAYER NA
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 PITCHER NA

SOFTBALL	SWAC			
	CONF	ALL	W	L
E. Division	16	0	22	10
Miss. Valley St.	10	6	19	33
Alabama A&M	9	11	13	35
Alcorn State	7	13	12	19
Jackson State	5	11	6	23
W. Division	21	3	24	14
Prairie View A&M	15	9	21	26
Texas Southern	7	9	7	22
Ark. Pine Bluff	3	13	6	16
Grambling State	3	21	3	42

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	CONF	ALL	W	L
E. Division	17	7	26	16
Jackson State	19	8	24	14
Miss. Valley St.	11	15	14	20
Alcorn State	9	15	15	27
Alabama A&M	7	17	11	23
W. Division	17	3	23	7
Southern	12	9	12	12
Texas Southern	13	14	26	25
Prairie View A&M	12	14	15	22
Ark. Pine Bluff	5	19	9	28

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BASEBALL	INDEPENDENTS	
	W	L
West Virginia State	17	17
Tennessee State	14	31

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	W	L
West Virginia State	31	10
Savannah State	18	14

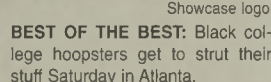
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
 GERRARD TALKINGTON, Sr., WYSU - Went 6 for 9 and had game-winning home run vs. Charleston on Saturday.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HOOPS ALL-STAR TILT:

The World Basketball Association (WBA) Foundation will host their first National Black College All Star Basketball Showcase Saturday at Atlanta's Morehouse College. The top men's and women's black college senior basketball stars, including several black college conference players of the year, will get a chance to expose their talents to both U. S. and international scouts at the two-day affair which culminates with Saturday's games. "This is a much needed event that will showcase the top men and the top women athletes from Historically Black Colleges and Universities from across the country," stated Leroy McMath, President of the World Basketball Association, sponsor of the event. "Historically, black college basketball players have been overlooked when it comes to traditional college all-star games, and the WBA Foundation is taking the opportunity to provide an outlet to make this a consistent reality." The women's game will begin Saturday at 5:30 p.m. followed by the men's game at 7:30 p.m. Former Hampton and NBA star Rick Mahorn will serve as coach of the men's East team that includes players from the CIAA, MEAC and EIAC. Former Coppin State player and coach Stephanie Ready will coach the women's East squad. Former Morehouse standout Harold Ellis will lead the women's West team made up of players from the SWAC and SIAC. Former Albany State and NBA veteran Caldwell Jones handles the West men. Among the men's stars are SWAC Player of the Year, Attarius Norwood of Mississippi Valley State, CIAA Player of the Year, Desmond Peoples of St. Augustine's, SIAC Player of the Year, Fiem Tucker of Albany State. On the women's side, Clark-Atlanta' Jennifer Stegall was the SIAC's outstanding player while Tamikey Hindsman of Barber-Scotia won the award in the EIAC. The WBA is a new league that bills itself as the first professional basketball league to teach, develop, and expose players to the NBA, NBDL, ABA, CBA, and International Scouts. According to its website (www.wball.net), the eight-team league will play a 20-game schedule that will begin April 29. Rosters for Saturday's all-star games are listed below.



Showcase logo

BEST OF THE BEST: Black college hoopsters get to strut their stuff Saturday in Atlanta.

WOMEN EAST
 Antoinette Reese, Coppin State; Nicole Brathwaite, Hampton; Camille Atkins, NC A&T; Yolanda Dixon, Florida A&M; Tiffany Winkfield, Md. E. Shore; Sharon Atkins, Va. Union; Danielle Hoggard, Va. Union; Margiella Mobley, Shaw; Tiona Beatty, NC Central; Joi Surratt, JC Smith; Latasha Shipman, Shaw; Tamikey Hindsman, Barber-Scotia; Shemita McNeil, Voorhees

WEST
 Amie Williams, Jackson State; Jennifer Stegall, Clark-Atlanta; Pamela Butler, Albany State; Scherwanda Boston, Grambling State; Latasha Lee, Jackson State; Carolyn Hopkins, Prairie View; Jacqueline Tucker, Xavier; Ansellette Roberts, Clark-Atlanta; Kim Cue, Benedict; Chenel Kendall, Tuskegee

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 Jimmy Boykin, Coppin State; Terrence Woods, Florida A&M; Tee Trotter, Md. E. Shore; Demarcus Wilkins, Florida A&M; Desmond Peoples, St. Augustine's; Anthony Greenup, Shaw; David Young, NC Central; Anton Jenifer, Bowie State; Jonathan Harris, Elizabeth City State; Kenny Haywood, Fayetteville State; Melvin Whitaker, NC Central; Darren Green, Morris; Ronald Roundtree, Barber-Scotia; Renaldo Norman, Edward Waters; Clint Perkins, Voorhees; Michael Daniel, Voorhees

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MORE HOOPS ALL-STARS:

Following the tremendous success of the 2003 Procter & Gamble Ohio Classic football game last year, the Ohio Classic has announced the creation of the Black College All-Star Basketball Game scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2004 at Gund Arena in Cleveland. "The game, in conjunction with numerous community events, gives Clevelanders another opportunity to celebrate the city's diversity and to show support for black colleges," said John Pace, president of the Ohio Classic. The All-Star Game, featuring the 20 top basketball players from HBCUs, will be the centerpiece of a four-day celebration in downtown Cleveland.

Slim pickins in weekend's NFL Draft

FIRST DAY (ROUNDS 2-3)



OTHERS / FREE AGENTS

Shedrick Copeland, SS, Fla. A&M
 Sam Massey, DB, Morgan State

▼ **ISAAC HILTON:** Hampton DE was most feared player in MEAC, often facing double-teams because of his ability to make plays all over the field. Used his speed to run down opposing runners and QBs. Was a star at the Combine posting eye-popping numbers in the 40-yard dash (4.5) and on the bench. Could go anywhere from mid-second to third rounds.
 Projected team: Pittsburgh

LATE ROUNDS (4-7)

Robert Kent, QB, Jackson State: Record-setting QB has size (6-4, 222) and arm strength, needs better footwork and technique. Raw talent.
Curtis Deloatch, DB, NC A&T: Rangy DB (6-2, 217) does not have great speed (4.65) and is not as physical as his size would indicate.
Tramon Douglas, WR, Grambling State: Put up big numbers at GSU but overlooked because of deep crop of wide receivers coming out.

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

If the name of Hampton defensive end Isaac Hilton is not called Saturday during the first day of the NFL's annual draft, don't expect to hear any others from black colleges.

Hilton, the Pirates' standout lineman, is the only black college player's name that appears on lists of the top 100 prospects for this weekend's draft. The 100 are approximately the number of players that will be taken in the first three rounds Saturday.

Saturday begins the first day of the 69th annual Selection Meeting, called The Draft by the NFL. Players in rounds one through three will be selected Saturday beginning at 12 noon. Selections for rounds four through seven will be held on Sunday starting at 11 a.m. The Draft is being held at The Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York city and will be carried live on ESPN2.

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference all-star achieved his lofty status by virtue of a stellar career at Hampton but perhaps moreso because of outstanding athletic ability which has wowed the pro scouts.

At 6-3, 267 pounds, Hilton ran a 4.57 in the 40-yard dash at the Combine in Indianapolis, an unheard of time for a guy his size. He also bench pressed 225 pounds 31 times. Scouts and NFL brass consider anything over 25 reps to be outstanding. He also posted a vertical leap of over 40 inches.

"The number one thing is that Ike is a competitor," said Hampton head coach Joe Taylor Tuesday of the prospect he signed out of Charleston, S.C., that many thought would opt for track over football. "He's always been a track guy but he developed an unusual combination of physical skills," said Taylor.

His speed and athletic ability are expected to earn him a spot as a rush end in a 4-3 alignment or as a rush linebacker in a 3-4 scheme. His skill level is considered comparable to Green Bay's Kabeer Gbajabiamila, one of the league's premier pass rushers.

"Everything we've heard says he'll go in the first day," said Taylor.

The only other black college players mentioned in draft chatter are Jackson State quarterback Robert Kent, N. C. A&T defensive back Curtis Deloatch and Grambling wide receiver, Tramon Douglas.

BCSP Spring Notes

CIAA Wrap-up

BASEBALL
 After dropping its first game of the 2004 CIAA Baseball Tournament 18-13, Virginia State rebounded in the tiebreaker game to defeat Elizabeth City State 11-9 and repeat as conference champions.
 VSU's MVP Carlton Tucker finished the tiebreaker game going 3-5 including a 2-run homer and 4 RBIs. The starting pitcher for VSU, Tucker also struck out four batters.

2004 Baseball All-Tournament Team		
Deron Chase	OF	ECSU
Ernest Craddock	P	VSU
Carlton Tucker	P	VSU (MVP)
Carlos Gutierrez	RF	ECSU
Charles Monroe	2B	VSU
P.J. Camacho	1B	ECSU
Jason Jennings	C	VSU
Victor Branch	DH	ECSU
Kevin White	Utility	SU
Chris Taylor	3B	ECSU
Jerrel Walter	C	SU
Jamie Moore	C	ECSU

SOFTBALL
 Virginia State defeated Shaw 8-3 Saturday to win its first ever CIAA Softball Championship.

2004 CIAA Softball All-Tournament Team		
Shonda Welch	P	Shaw
Amber Nance	P	WSSU
Andrea Blake	1B	Shaw
Tiya Hines	P	VSU (MVP)
Lisa Harris	DP	ECSU
Clarisse Steans	P	NCCU
Dishondra Goree	OF	Shaw
Jennifer Lewis	P	SAC
Tishell Blakeny	SS	VSU
Carrie Handfinger	SS	VSU
Adija Beatty	OF	NCCU
Katrina Rowson	OF	VSU

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
 Saint Augustine's continued its CIAA track and field dominance by winning both men's and women's team titles at the 2004 Championships held on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte.

For St. Augustine's head coach and 2004 Olympic head coach George Williams, this is his program's seventh consecutive men's team title and eighth straight women's crown.

St. Augustine's women amassed 226 points to easily outdistance second place J. C. Smith (90 points). Livingstone and Virginia State tied for third with 85 points.

The St. Aug men tallied 206.5 points to claim their seventh consecutive team title. Livingstone captured second place with 125 points, while Virginia State scored 98 points for third place.

Doris Thompson scored 30 points for the victorious Lady Falcons with wins in the shot put, discus and javelin, earning the Most Outstanding Female

Field Athlete award. Teammates Melissa Murillo and Maria Medina were selected co-Most Outstanding Female Track Athletes. Murillo won the 100 and 200-meter dashes and ran a leg of the winning 4x100m relay squad. Medina repeated in both the 800m and 1500m runs and was a member of the repeat 4x400m relay team.

Larry Marshall topped the first place Falcons with a repeat performance in the 1500m run and a run-away victory in the 5000m run, taking home recognition as the Most Outstanding Male Track Athlete. Livingstone's Patrick Wright repeated as the Most Outstanding Male Field Athlete by capturing victories in the shot put and discus throw, and placing fifth in the javelin throw.

There were two three-peat performances Saturday, with St. Augustine's Adrian Findley winning the men's 400m hurdles for the third straight time and Livingstone's Jordan Vaden capturing his third consecutive win in the men's 200m dash.

WOMEN		MEN	
1) St. Augustine's	226	1) St. Augustine's	206.5
2) J. C. Smith	90	2) Livingstone	125
3) Virginia State	85	3) Virginia State	98
3) Livingstone	85	4) N.C. Central	72.5
5) Shaw	53	5) Bowie State	69
6) Bowie State	49	6) Shaw	35
7) N.C. Central	23	7) J. C. Smith	16
8) St. Paul's	10	8) Virginia Union	14
		9) St. Paul's	10

GOLF
 Fayetteville State once again captured the CIAA Golf crown as they tallied a 613 total (306 + 307 = 613) with N. C. Central 30 strokes behind in second place with a 643 (318 + 325 = 643).

RESULTS	
Fayetteville State	306-307 613
N. Carolina Central	318 -325 643
Elizabeth City State	347-359 706
Johnson C. Smith	357 -363 720
St. Augustine's	389-374 763
Virginia Union	368 -404 772
Winston-Salem State	390-377 775
Virginia State	433-401 834
St. Paul's	461-450 911

TENNIS
 (MEN) The Johnson C. Smith men's tennis team won its sixth consecutive CIAA Tennis Championship, edging Shaw by one point for the second-straight year. Shaw's Kabiru Ibrahim, Daniel Sabogal and Olayiwola Enitan won the number 3, 5 and 6 singles, but JCSU's Michael White won the number one position on his way to being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Justin Stuckey won the number 2 position and Larry Holmes won the number 4 for JCSU.

ORDER OF FINISH
 1) Johnson C. Smith 2) Shaw 3) Virginia State 4) N. C. Central 5) St. Paul's 6) St. Augustine's 7) WSSU 8) Virginia Union

(WOMEN) The Lady Broncos of Fayetteville State captured their third consecutive CIAA Women's Tennis Championship on Saturday afternoon at Hornet's Nest Park in Charlotte, NC as they edged the Lady Trojans of Virginia State by the score of 66-62 despite VSU capturing five flight championships (two doubles and three singles).

Brasheedah Elohim of FSU, who won the singles title, was named the Most Outstanding Player.

RESULTS
 1) Fayetteville St. 66 2) Virginia State 62 3) Shaw 49 4) JC Smith 45 5) NC Central 41 6) WSSU 24 7) Bowie State 21 8) Eliz. City State 12

SIAC Wrap-Up

The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference crowned champions in six Spring sports over the weekend in competition in Columbia, S.C.

Benedict came out of the loser's bracket with three victories on Saturday to capture the softball title. Tuskegee knocked off Morehouse to take the men's tennis championship.

Clark Atlanta edged Tuskegee for the women's tennis title and Albany State picked up its fourth straight SIAC baseball title with a 13-5 victory over Paine. Albany State's men and Fort Valley State's women captured the outdoor track and field championships.

SWAC Golf

The Jackson State Tigers captured their 17th consecutive Southwestern Athletic Conference Men's Golf Title with a 38-stroke win over second place Alcorn State (886-924) at the 72-par Quail Valley Country Club in Houston on April 15, 2004.

Alcorn State's Greg Banks earned individual tournament top medalist honors, shooting a 2-under par 218. Banks, who shot a steady 74-72-72 during the three-day event, held off two Jackson State golfers, Harold Villere and L.C. Honore, who tied for second shooting 219 for the tournament. Honore blistered the course with a 3-under par 69 on the final day of the championship.

The Southern women's golf team captured its second straight Southwestern Athletic Conference title with a 33-stroke victory over runner-up Jackson State (647-680) at the par 72 Quail Valley CC in Houston, Texas.

Alcorn State's Ada Lamela finished as the women's medalist, finishing the two-day tournament with a 161. Southern golfers Danielle Sells and Josephine Ainley shot 162 each to lead five Jaguar golfers finishing among the top ten medalists.