

## Sports

### VIKINGS' OGLESBY NAMED CIAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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ELIZABETH CITY, NC- Courtney Oglesby, a senior guard on the Elizabeth City State University Vikings basketball team has been named CIAA Player of the Week.

Oglesby was instrumental the two Viking victories over Saint Augustine's College 81-69 and Fayetteville State University 75-60. Against Saint Augustine's, he scored 30 points including going 10-10 from the free throw line and 4-9

from beyond the 3-point arc. In the CIAA, Oglesby ranks 21st in scoring (12.7), 12th in free throw percentage (.773), 5th in 3-point field goals made (.240) and 13th in 3-point field goal percentage (.367). Amongst the Vikings, he is the second leading scorer, and he is first in both 3-point field goal percentage and 3-point field goals made.

Oglesby, a computer science major, is a native of Midway Park, NC. He is a 1999 graduate of White Oak High School.

### VIKINGS DEFEAT BENEDICT COLLEGE TIGERS

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ELIZABETH CITY, NC- In a game that was anything but pretty, the Elizabeth City State University Vikings were able to defeat the Tigers of Benedict College 76-62 Tuesday night at the Vaughan Center.

For the Vikings, the win avenges an 81-69 loss suffered at the hands of the Tigers December 2, 2002 in Columbia, SC.

In the first half play was sloppy as ECSU committed 13 turnovers to Benedict's 17. Although the Tigers connected on only 6 of 23 (26.1%) shots from the field, they were down 33-26 at the break.

Switch to the second half, the Tigers continued to be plagued by turnovers, as the Vikings seemed to find a rhythm. Sparked by three consecutive 3-pointers by current CIAA Player of the Week Courtney

Oglesby, and a dunk by junior Antwan Gibbs, the Vikings found themselves up by 16 with 10:37 remaining in the game. However in the final 8:19, ECSU did much of their scoring from the charity stripe connecting on 16-22 free throws. In that same time span, the Vikings would experience a drought from the floor, scoring only 2 field goals. A Tiger surge would see the Vikings lead cut to 7 with 3:36 left in regulation, but ECSU's free throw shooting would turn out to be their saving grace in securing their 4th straight win.

Oglesby led ECSU with 16 points, while Tyrone Smith and Jonathan Harris added 14 points a piece. Harris had a game high 9 rebounds and Tory Clark chipped in with 10 points.

Samuel Gortman, Jr. led Benedict (6-9 overall) with 14 points.

### LADY VIKINGS TROUNCE LADY YELLOW JACKETS

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ELIZABETH CITY, NC- Shaneka Ellis scored 22 points to lead the Elizabeth City State University Lady Vikings in a 87-45 dismantling of the Allen University Lady Yellow Jackets Tuesday night at the RL Vaughan Center.

The victory snaps a 6-game losing streak for ECSU.

The Lady Yellow Jackets committed 23 turnovers, which resulted in 24 points in favor of the Lady Vikings.

ECSU controlled the tempo from the start, jumping out to an early 12-2 lead in the first half. Allen would pull within 6 (20-14) but that was the closest they would get, as the Lady

Vikings would distance themselves to hold a 36-18 advantage at the intermission.

As Ellis scored 14 points in the first half, it would be the combination of Angelica Dempsey and Trevia Pittman assuming the scoring load in the second stanza. In the second half, Dempsey scored 14 of her 16 points while Pittman added 13 of her 19. Ellis, Dempsey, and Pittman hit four 3-pointers each to account for all of ECSU's treys for the evening.

Lucinda Stokes led the Lady Yellow Jackets (1-16) with 17 points with Sheritta Young chipping in with 11.

Kristal McClendon added a game-high 8 assists for the Lady Vikings.

### VIKINGS FALL TO BEARS

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ELIZABETH CITY, NC- Tyrone Smith led all scorers with 21 but it was to no avail as the Defending CIAA Champion Shaw University Bears outlasted the Elizabeth City State University Vikings 62-51 Saturday night at the RL Vaughan Center

The Bears would start out fast, going on a 12-0 run to begin the game. In the first half the Vikings could not find a rhythm connecting on 8-25 (34.5%) from the field to the Bears' 16-26 (61.5%). On the strength of their hot shooting, Shaw held a 39-21 edge at the intermission.

In the second half, ECSU would

cut Shaw's lead to 8 three different times and on each occasion a timely Bears' basket push their lead back to double digits. The Vikings would get no closer than 10 down the stretch.

Both teams were conservative from the floor with Shaw shooting 24-44 to ECSU's 20-51. The biggest differential would be how the Bears controlled the lane, outscoring the Vikings 30-16.

The Bears (15-5, CIAA 7-3) were paced by Kenyon Booker with 13 points. Alphonso Riley and Harrell Butler scored 12 a piece, while Jamaal Turner added 10.

Besides Smith, Jonathan Harris was the only other Viking in double figures with 17 points.

### LADY BEARS DEFEAT LADY VIKINGS

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ELIZABETH CITY, NC-Shaw University's Naomi Mobley had 15 points and 22 rebounds as the Lady Bears downed the Elizabeth City State University Lady Vikings 84-44 Saturday night at the RL Vaughan Center.

The Lady Vikings would be down by as many as 19 in the first half, but a 7-2 run in the final minutes would cut the lead to 34-20 in favor of Lady Bears.

In the second half, Shaw would outscore ECSU 50-24 including a

dominating 28-8 edge in the paint. Overall, the Lady Vikings struggled offensively, and at the end of the contest, had connected on only 16 of 64 shots from the floor. The Lady Bears, who are ranked 15th in NCAA Division II, shot a solid 50% from the field (30-60) and controlled the boards, with a 55-27 edge.

Latasha Shipman scored 15 followed by Amina McGhee with 11 and Jessica Hawkins with 10. Shaw improves to 18-2 overall, 10-1 in the CIAA.

Shaneka Ellis led the Lady Vikings with 8 points as ECSU slips to 6-13, CIAA 1-9.

### VIKINGS SQUEEZE BY BLUE BEARS

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ELIZABETH CITY, NC- Elizabeth City State University basketball fans would have to hold their breath in the waning seconds of regulation. Down by 1, the Livingstone College Blue Bears would miss 3 opportunities in the final seconds to fall short to the Vikings 57-56 Tuesday night at the RL Vaughan Center.

After leading 29-24 at the half the Vikings began the second session on an 11-4 run. But the Blue Bears refused to go quietly and for the remainder of the game continued to chisel at ECSU's lead. A jumper by LC's Christopher Johnson with 1:07 left brought the Blue Bears to within a point and after the

Vikings failed to score on their ensuing possession Livingstone called a time-out with 26 seconds remaining.

After allowing the clock to run down, LC's Olufemi Abiodun would miss a point blank lay up and attempted tip-in before the Vikings' Gregory Moustapha secured the rebound. Moustapha was fouled with 7 tenths of a second remaining and would go on to miss two free throws leaving the door open for one last shot for the Blue Bears. After another Livingstone time out, and a well-executed court length pass to Jerome LeGrange, his shot fell short as time as time expired.

Livingstone (5-14, CIAA 0-10) was paced by Abiodun with 17 points with LeGrange adding 11.

Tyrone Smith and Tory Clark led ECSU with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

### LADY BLUE BEARS DOWN LADY VIKINGS

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ELIZABETH CITY, NC- Angela Thomas scored a game high 23 points to propel the Livingstone College Lady Blue Bears past the Elizabeth City State University Lady Vikings 54-49 Tuesday night at the RL Vaughan Center.

ECSU got off to a slow start, going 0-10 from the field to begin the game. More so than cold shooting, the story of the first half was turnovers as both teams combined to commit 32 in the first half. Trevia Pittman would break the Lady Vikings' scoring drought with a 3-pointer at the 12:49 mark.

However both squads would continue to struggle for the field with LC going 9-25 (36.%) to ECSU's 3-27 (11.1%) and the Lady Blue Bears would hold a 22-13 advantage at the break.

In the second half both teams

seemed to find their respective shooting touches. With the lead 31-20 in favor of the Lady Blue Bears, the Lady Vikings went on a 10-0 run to cut the lead to 1 with 11:34 remaining.

But that would be one of five times that the Lady Vikings would climb within a point only to have a Lady Blue Bear respond at each turn. A lay-up by ECSU's Hope Riddick with 39 seconds in regulation was refuted, when a jumper by Thomas with 7 seconds left provided enough cushion to secure the win for Livingstone.

Sheree Gillespe and Chloe McInnis scored 10 points apiece for the Lady Blue Bears (5-15, CIAA 2-9). In addition, McInnis added a game-high 14 rebounds.

Trevia Pittman led ECSU with 14 points with Shaneka Ellis adding 13, while Riddick contributed 10. Tonyetta Ruffin pulled down 10 rebounds for the Lady Vikings.

### NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

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Waverly Tillar is the new headman in charge for Elizabeth City State University Football. Coach Tillar is no stranger to ECSU. He has served as the assistant coach for the past three years. Tillar, who was instrumental in the recruiting of most of the players, feels that his relationship with the players as an assistant coach will make the transition easier for the team.

"It'll be an easy transition, and the integrity of the program is maintained," says Tillar.

Strong discipline, solid work ethic, and a winning attitude are all values Coach Tillar feels he can bring to the team.

This is Coach Tillar's first Head Coaching job.

"It's exciting," says Tillar. "I feel I

can make a difference."

Prior to his assistant coaching position at ECSU, Tillar was the Linebackers and Defensive Backs Coach at Virginia Union University for 13 seasons and Virginia State University for 5 seasons.

In order to turn the struggling football program around, Tillar feels three things need to happen.

"First we need to increase the amount of scholarships, second we need a solid coaching staff, and thirdly we need the support of the ECSU family, alumni, friends, and community," says Tillar.

By next season Tillar hopes to produce a better offense, maintain a solid defense, and improve on number of wins. Tillar said his long-term goals for the team are to "win over the community and ECSU student body and continue to maintain a strong graduation rate."

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