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WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



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ALL-CIAA HOOPSTERS NAMED:

HAMPTON, VA - The Winston-Salem State men and Virginia State women led the way with three selections each as the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Men's and Women's Basketball Coaches Associations unveiled their 12 picks to the 2014 all-conference teams Saturday

This season's line-up features Men's Player of the Year, Mark Thomas of Livingstone and Lamesha Deal of Virginia State as Women's Player of the Year.

Thomas, a 5-10 senior guard from Saginaw, Michigan, led the Blue Bears to the top seeding in the South Division averaging a league-best 21.2 points per game while dishing out 5.4 assists per contest, second in the league. Averaging over 32 minutes per game, Thomas was third in the CIAA in assist to turnover ratio (2.5 to 1).

Deal, a Norfolk, Virginia native and 6-0 senior forward, led the Lady Trojans to the best record in the CIAA (24-1) and its first national ranking in school history placing third in scoring (17.9 ppg.), sixth in rebounding (8.2 rpg.) and second in free throw percentage (85.0) in the conference. Deal won last year's Defensive Player of the Year award.

fhomas and Deal are joined by Omar Briggs of Virginia Union (men) and Deja Middleton of Fayetteville State (women) as Defensive Players of the Year, Briggs, a 6-8 senior center from Richmond, Va., averaged 14.3 points, 8.7 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game for the Panthers, Middleton, a 6-5 junior from Richmond, Va., led the fadies in the CIAA with 11.9 rebounds per game. was second in blocks at 2.8 per game while scoring 13.4 points per contest.

All four honorees and their fellow All-Conference selectees were formally recognized at the Men's and Women's Tip-Off Awards Luncheon, Monday, February 24th at the Charlotte Convention Center.

2014 ALL-CIAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FRONTCOURT – Emilo Parks, Jr., JCSU: Tyrell Tate, Sr., FSU: Preston Ross, Sr., WSSU: Wykevin Bazemore, Jr., WSSU: Jonathan Crawley, Sr., SAU: Mykael Faulcon, So., ECSU; Omar Briggs. Sr., VUU BACK COURT -Mark Thomas, Sr., LIV: Jody Hill, Sr., LIV: Amere

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR Mark Thomas. Sr., G. Livingstone DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR Omar Briggs. Sr., F. Virginia Union

2014 ALL-CIAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FRONT COURT – Tiffanie Adair, Jr., VSU: Lamesha Deal, Sr., VSU: Deja Middleton, Jr., FSU: Alisha Mobley, So., CHOW: Se-FRONT phrah Pam. Jr., LINC: Dionna Scott, Jr., WSSU, Ashley Porter JCSU

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CIAA tourney tips in Charlotte

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A wide-open 69th CIAA Men's Basketball Fournament and 39th Women's Tournament tipped off for the ninth consecutive year at the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, N.C. Tuesday

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In the men's tournament, the top three teams in the North and South Divisions received byes into-Thursday's quarterfinal round, Bowie State (14-13, 3 N. Divo, Lincoln (18/8, 6-4) and Elizabeth City State (14-12, 6-4) are the top seeds in the North. Livingstone (18-7, 8-2). Winston-Salem State and Fayetteville State (18-9, 6-4) are the South's top seeds.

The top two womens teams in each division Virginia State (24-1, 10/0/N, Doc) and Bowie State (11-13, 5.5) in the North, Fayetteville State (19-6, 8-2) and Shaw (18-8, 8/2) in the South - re ceived byes into Wednesday's quarterfinal round.

The wide-open designation for the men is based on no team being truly dominant this sea son. Livingstone and Winston-Salem State may be considered co-favorites based on posting the best records in conference play (11-5), one game better than FSU and Lincoln (10-6).

Virginia State has to be considered the women's favorite based on its 24-1 overall record and No. 13 ranking in the WBCA Div. II national poll The Lady Trojans have won 14 straight games since suffering their only loss of the season to Shaw (69-64) on Jan. 6.

One big question still waiting to be answered is whether the fourney will be leaving Charlotte after a successful nine year run. CIAA Commissioner Jacquie Carpenter said this week that she spects the decision on next year's site to be made by the end of March.

SIAC

Only a handful of games are on tap this week before the SIAC Journament tips on Monday, March 3 at 1 p.m. The league office reported Tuesday that first round byes for the men will go to the top seeds from the hast and West Divisions and the



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#3S W-Salem St. vs. #6N Lincoln (PA)	2 40 p
#4N Chowan vs #5S J. C. Smith	5:00 p.
MEN	

#5S J C Smith vs #6N Va. Union 7:20 p.m #5N Chowan vs. #6S St Augustine's 9 40 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

	WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS		
#2N	Bowie State vs. 3N/6S winner	10:00	a.n
#2S	Shaw vs 3S/6N winner	12:20	p.n
#1S	Fayetteville State vs. 4N/5S winner	2.40	p.n
#1N	Virginia State vs. #4SSt. Augustine's	5:00	р.п
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28			
WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS	1	and 3 p.r	r
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SATURDAY, MARCH 1	
VOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	5:00 p
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	8:30 n

and place team with the best record. Fort Valley State (13/2) has wrapped up the

top seed in the men's hast while Tuskegee (12-4) s the West's top seed. Seven teams are stiff alive for the third bye

The two top seeds from each division will get byes into the women's tournament. Albany State (13-3) is the East's top seed while Tuskegee (12-is on top of the West. Second seeds in both disions will go down to the wire. MEAC

The top three teams for both the men a women will receive first-round byes into t March 10-15 MEAC Tournament in Norfolk.

according to the league office. For the men. North Carolina Central (1) has a 13-game win streak and a two-game la over Hampton (11-3) and Norfolk State (10, with three conference games left on its regulars on schedule. Morgan State (9-4) and Savann State (8-5) are currently fourth and fifth.

LeVelle Moton's NCCU Eagles have her dates Saturday vs. S. C. State and against fif place Savannah State (8-5) Monday before f ishing on the road at Norfolk State Thursday.

Hampton plays Saturday at Norfolk States closes the season at North Carolina A&T m Thursday, NSU is at Maryland-Eastern She Monday

MSU plays at home Saturday vs. Bethur Cookman and vs. Florida A&M Monday before closing out on the road at Howard, SSU is at N A&T Saturday and before finishes next Thursd at home to SC State.

Hampton (14-0), on a 13-game win stream tops the ladies with N. C. A&T (11-2) and Copp State (10-4) currently second and third. SWAC

Because of APR sanctions, only six me teams and nine women's teams are currently d gible for the March 11-15 SWAC Tournament Houston

Southern (13-2) clinched a tie for the me egular season title with its win Monday over A baina State (9-5) but doesn't yet know whether will play in the tournament.

Meanwhile, the Southern women (13-2) i out of first place with a loss to ASU Monday. To as Southern moved to 13-1 and into first place with a win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

BCSP Notes

Black College players shine at the Combine

Tennessee State ught end A. C. Leonard, teammate and offensive lineman Kadeem Edwards and Alabama State running back Isaiah Crowell were the three black college players among over 300 draft eli gible players at the NEL Combine at the Eucas Oil Dome in Indianapolis Feb. 22-25

Leonard, a highly-touted prospect that transferred to 1.81 from Hor ida after a misdemeanor battery arrest, perhaps had the most impressive showing Saturday as he was the top performer at his position in three of the four performance categories.

The 6-2, 252-pound prospect, a two-time black college all-American who battled injuries this year while grabbing 34 passes for 441 yards and five touchdowns, topped tight ends with times of 4.43 and 4.56 (4.5 aver age) in the 40-yard dash, and was best with a 34/inch high-jump and 128. inch broad jump (10 ft., 8 in.). I conard also had 20 reps in the 225 pound bench pre

"I feel like I have a lot to prove because a lot of people say we don't play anybody at 1SU. So I have a chip on my shoulder and I want to prove to people I can play." Leonard said in a video interview shown at The Tennessecan newspaper's website. "At LSU, the opportunity humbled me and gave me a chance to grow. I had to grow. At Florida, I was very immature.

If I got in trouble at Lennessee State, that was it, so I had to locus and get-

right. I would say Tennessee State readly put me on the map."



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Edwards

He is listed on several scouting websites as a "Riser" based on a Combine performance. Several opine that his effort may have put himin the mid rounds of the May 8-10 NFL draft.

Crowell, a former Georgia running back and SEC freshman of i year, comes off a year which saw the 5-11, 224-pounder rush for Ll yards and scored 15 touchdowns while earning first team all-SWAC how for the second straight year. His 40-yard dash time of 4.57 seconds # T6th among the 36 running backs at the event but he bested the other bar with 23 reps on the bench press. He was also credited with a 34-inch ver cal jump and 117-inch (91), 9 in.) broad jump.

Edwards was a two-time all-OVC and black college all-American® was the only black college player to play in this year's Senior Bowl. the 6-4, 313-pounder ran a 5.25 second time in the 40-yard dash.h



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BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

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SIAC Tournament Begins - B'ham. AL SWAC Ark -Pine Bluff @ Jackson State Miss Valley State @ Grambling-Alabama A&M @ Texas Southern

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

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