

FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 25 - MARCH 3, 2014



HOOPS TOURNAMENT SEASON BEGINS

LAST GO-ROUND IN CHARLOTTE? CIAA HOOPS ALL-STARS NAMED; STANDOUTS AT THE COMBINE

CIAA TIP OFF: The CIAA begins a three-week March through the four black college basketball tournaments.

CIAA Tournament logo

2013-14 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors thru 2/24/14)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					INDEPENDENTS		
FINAL	DIV	CONF	ALL	W	L	W	L	W	L	CONF	ALL	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
NORTH DIVISION																						
Bowie State	7	3	8	14	13																	
Lincoln	6	4	10	6	8																	
Eliz. City State	6	4	9	7	12																	
Virginia State	4	6	7	14	12																	
Chowan	4	6	6	10	12																	
Virginia Union	3	7	5	11	6																	
SOUTH DIVISION																						
Livingstone	8	2	11	5	18																	
Winston-Salem State	7	3	11	5	16																	
Fayetteville State	6	4	10	6	18																	
Shaw	4	6	8	8	10																	
J.C. Smith	4	6	7	9	15																	
St. Augustine's	1	9	4	12	11																	
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PLAYER																						
Mark Thomas, 5-10, Sr., G., LIVINGSTONE - Led conference averaging 21.2 points per game while leading Blue Bears to South Division title. His 5.1 assists per game was second in the league.																						
DEFENSIVE PLAYER																						
Omar Briggs, 6-8, Sr., C., VIRGINIA UNION - Averaged 8.7 rebounds, 1.5 blocks while scoring 14.3 points per game.																						
MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK																						
PLAYER																						
Jeremy Ingram, Sr., G., N.C. CENTRAL - In 20 week headlock to back 30 postgame conference 35 vs. Savannah State and 32 vs. UNC A&T. Shot 18 of 36 in the first quarter and 27 of 42 from the line, also had five vs. SC State.																						
James Daniel, Sr., F., C. HOWARD - Scored career high 28 points on 8 of 16 shooting, 4 of 10 from behind the arc. Also hit 16 of 24 FTs, 2 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals.																						
DEFENSIVE																						
Du Vaughn Maxwell, Jr., F., NCCU - 10 rebounds, 1 steal, 15 points in win over Norfolk. Brandon Goode, Jr., Sr., NORFOLK STATE - 11 rebounds, 15 points vs. Coppin State.																						
SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK																						
PLAYER																						
Malcolm Madison, Sr., F., STILLMAN - Averaged 11.3 points and 11 rebounds in 39 games, in win over Miles, Lane and Kentucky State.																						
DEFENSIVE																						
Stanley Magee, Sr., F., STILLMAN - Averaged 18 points, 8.7 rebounds and 1.3 blocks in three wins.																						
SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK																						
PLAYER																						
Malcolm Miller, Sr., G., SOUTHERN - Averaged 17.0 points and 5 rebounds in two wins. Scored 11 points with 4 rebounds in win over Alabama A&M. Added 23 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists in win over Alabama State.																						
DEFENSIVE																						
NEWCOMER																						
NA																						
INDEPENDENTS																						
W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
Central State	16	9																				
W. Va. State	11	13																				
Univ. of DC	3	21																				
Cheyney	3	22																				
Lincoln (Mo.)	3	23																				
Tennessee State	4	24																				

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



Thomas Deal Briggs Middleton

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 5.1 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.

Thomas 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 ladies 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

FRONT COURT - Emilio 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 May, Jr., SAU; Maquez Jones, Jr., WSSU; Derrick Washington, Sr., LINC

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; Sephrah Pam, Jr., LINC; Dionna Scott, Jr., WSSU; Ashley Porter, So., JCSU
BACK COURT - Ashle Freeman, Jr., VUU; Cierra York, So., LIV; Amber Calvin, Sr., VSU; Jessica Lyons, Jr., VSU; Jasmine Elum, Sr., WSSU

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lamesha Deal, Sr., F., VSU
 DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
 Deja Middleton, Jr., C., FSU

CIAA tourney tips in Charlotte

LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor

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

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, 7-3 N. Div.), **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 women's teams in each division - **Virginia State** (24-1, 10-0 N. Div.) and **Bowie State** (19-6, 8-2) in the North, **Fayetteville State** (19-6, 8-2) and **Shaw** (18-8, 8-2) in the South - received byes into Wednesday's quarterfinal round.

The wide-open designation for the men is based on no team being truly dominant this season. 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 ESU 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 tourney will be leaving Charlotte after a successful nine year run. CIAA Commissioner **Jacquie Carpenter** said this week that she expects 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 Tournament 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 East and West Divisions and the

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013

WOMEN

#4S St. Augustine's 57, #5N Eliz. City St. 48
 #3N Va Union vs. #6S Livingstone 12:20 p.m.
 #3S W-Salem St vs. #6N Lincoln (PA) 2:40 p.m.
 #4N Chowan vs. #5S J. C. Smith 5:00 p.m.

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.m.
 #2S Shaw vs. #3S/6N winner 12:20 p.m.
 #1S Fayetteville State vs. #4N/5S winner 2:40 p.m.
 #1N Virginia State vs. #4SS/ Augustine's 5:00 p.m.

MEN

#4S Shaw vs. #5N/6S winner 7:20 p.m.
 #4N Virginia State vs. #5S/6N winner 9:40 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

MEN'S QUARTERFINALS

#1S Livingstone vs. #4S/5N/6S 1:00 p.m.
 #1N Bowie State vs. #4N/5S/6N 3:00 p.m.
 #2N Lincoln (PA) vs. #3S Fayv. State 7:00 p.m.
 #2S W-S State vs. #3N Eliz. City State 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS 1 and 3 p.m.
MEN'S SEMIFINALS 7 and 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 5:00 p.m.
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 8:30 p.m.

second place team with the best record. **Fort Valley State** (13-2) has wrapped up the top seed in the men's East while **Tuskegee** (12-4) is the West's top seed. Seven teams are still 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** (12-4) is on top of the West. Second seeds in both divisions will go down to the wire.

MEAC

The top three teams for both the men and women will receive first-round byes into March 10-15 **MEAC** Tournament in Norfolk, Va. according to the league office.

For the men, **North Carolina Central** (11-3) has a 13-game win streak and a two-game lead over **Hampton** (11-3) and **Norfolk State** (10-4) with three conference games left on its regular season schedule. **Morgan State** (9-4) and **Savannah State** (8-5) are currently fourth and fifth.

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

Hampton plays Saturday at **Norfolk State** and closes the season at **North Carolina A&T** on Thursday. **SSU** is at **Maryland-Eastern Shore** Monday.

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

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

SWAC

Because of APR sanctions, only six men's teams and nine women's teams are currently eligible for the March 11-15 **SWAC** Tournament in Houston.

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

Meanwhile, the Southern women (13-2) are out of first place with a loss to **ASU** Monday. **Texas 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 tight 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 eligible players at the NFL Combine at the Lucas Oil Dome in Indianapolis Feb. 22-25.

Leonard, a highly-touted prospect that transferred to ESU from Florida 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 average) in the 40 yard dash, and was best with a 34-inch high-jump and 128-inch broad jump (10 ft., 8 in.). Leonard also had 20 reps in the 225-pound bench press.

"I feel like I have a lot to prove because a lot of people say we don't play anybody at ESU. 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 Tennesseean* newspaper's website. "At ESU, 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 Tennessee State, that was it, so I had to focus and get right. I would say Tennessee State really put me on the map."



Leonard Crowell Edwards

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

Crowell, a former Georgia running back and SEC freshman of the year, comes off a year which saw the 5-11, 224-pounder rush for 1,137 yards and scored 15 touchdowns while earning first team all-SWAC honors for the second straight year. His 40-yard dash time of 4.57 seconds was 16th among the 36 running backs at the event but he bested the other backs with 23 reps on the bench press. He was also credited with a 34-inch vertical jump and 117-inch (9 ft., 9 in.) broad jump.

Edwards was a two-time all-ABC and black college all-American who 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, 26 reps on the bench press, had a 27-inch vertical jump and 99-inch (8 ft., 3 in.) broad jump. Edwards also timed 7.95 seconds in the 3 Cone Drill and 4.82 seconds in the 20 yard Shuttle.

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