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DAVIS NAMED TO THIRD TEAM ALL-MEAC WOMEN'S SQUAD

Brooklyn, N.Y., Native Led the League in Offensive Rebounds in 2013-14

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NORFOLK, Va. – North Carolina Central University women's basketball junior transfer Racquel Davis (Brooklyn, N.Y.) was named to the 2014 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference All-MEAC Third Team the conference announced Monday. All awards are voted on by the conference's head women's basketball coaches and sports information directors.

Helping the Lady Eagles to their best conference showing since the division I transition and rejoining the MEAC in 2011-12 with a 6-10 MEAC record, Davis led NCCU during the 2013-14 season averaging a team-best 9.1 rebounds per game ranking her second in the conference, while leading the league on the offensive glass with 4.2 per contest.

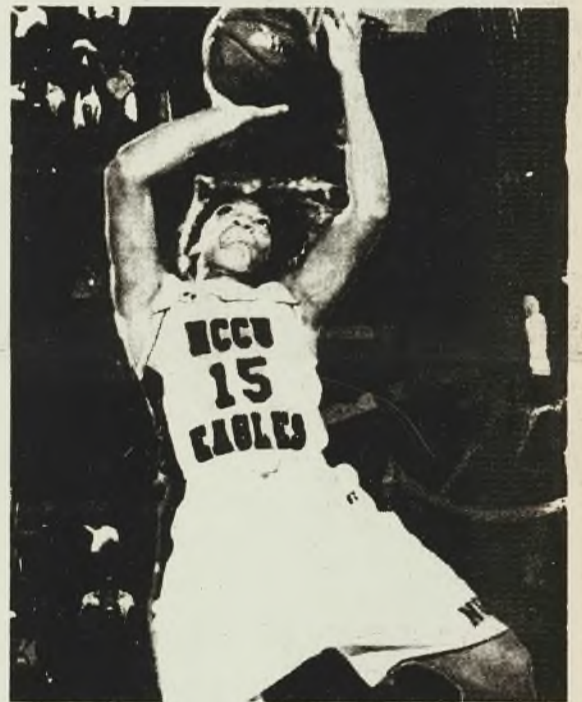
The 6-1 forward collected 12 double-doubles during her first season in a Lady Eagle uniform averaging a team second-best 13.4 points per game (14th in MEAC) while shooting .492 from the field during her junior term placing her second among MEAC opponents.

Davis earned a season-best 15 rebounds at Presbyterian (Nov. 14) and 27 points at Florida A&M (Jan. 11).

Florida A&M senior guard Jasmine Grice was named the 2014 MEAC Player of the Year, Hampton's Malia Tate-DeFreitas was selected the Rookie of the Year, while teammate Alyssa Bennett repeated as the Defensive Player of the Year, Hampton Head Coach David Six was named the MEAC Coach of the Year.

NCCU will open up tournament action facing the No. 8-seed Howard Lady Bison on Tuesday, March 11 at 11 a.m.

The 2014 regular season champion, regular season runners-up, first team members and top honorees, including Player, Rookie, Defensive and coach of the Year selections, will be recognized in pre-game presentations prior to their first games of the 2014 MEAC Basketball Tournament. Tournament play tips-off March 10-15 at the Scope Arena in Norfolk, Virginia.



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The Raleigh Durham Airport Authority has posted a bidding opportunity on www.rdu.com that involves the rehabilitation of pavement at various locations on the airport as well as various drainage improvements. The work will be awarded to one General Contractor. Please see <http://www.rdu.com/business/busopp-list.html> for details regarding the scope of the work and the bidding process.



A MOMENT IN HISTORY: 70th ANNIVERSARY OF 'THE SECRET GAME' NCCU, Duke Played Illegal, Racially-Integrated Basketball Game on March 12, 1944. Seventy years ago, March 12, 1944, NCCU and Duke played an illegal, racially-integrated basketball game that later became known as "The Secret Game."

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NCCU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS DURING FIRST ROUND OF MEAC TOURNAMENT

Lady Eagles Drop 74-59 Loss to Howard in Norfolk

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NORFOLK, Va. – The senior/junior duo of Jessica Freeman (Charlotte, N.C.) and Racquel Davis (Brooklyn, N.Y.) combined for 34 of the North Carolina Central University women's basketball team's 59 points as the Lady Eagles (11-19, 6-10 MEAC) fell during the opening round of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament for the third consecutive season dropping a 74-59 shortage to the Howard Lady Bison (11-19, 6-10 MEAC) on Tuesday, March 11 in Norfolk, Va.

Freeman finished her final game in a NCCU uniform with 17 points shooting 6-for-16 from the field, 3-for-7 from behind the arc and 2-for-2 from the free throw line while collecting four rebounds, three assists and two steals in 40 minutes of action.

Davis' 17 came from 8-for-17 shooting from the field and 1-for-4 from the charity stripe while the 6-0 forward led the Lady Eagles just one rebound shy of her 13th double-double.

After Howard won the opening tip, two quick turnovers by both teams put the ball back in the Lady Bison's hands as HU scored first on a fast break lay up as Jasmine Hall connected with Te'Shya Heslip at the 19:28 mark.

Next possession NCCU answered Heslip's efforts tying the contest for the first time after a made lay up from Freeman set the score at two each.

The next 14 minutes of action were back-and-forth battles between both teams as the game saw five ties.

The Lady Eagles took their largest lead of the half, and the game, at the 5:08 mark after sophomore Tisha Dixon (Kinston, N.C.) knocked down a shot from the free throw line, putting NCCU on top 23-20.

HU finished the final four minutes of the half on a 12-4 run after two shots from the charity stripe from Hall with 22 seconds left put the Lady Bison on top 36-27.

As the Lady Eagles trailed by nine at the half, Freeman led all-scores with 12.

NCCU and HU exchanged baskets for the first six minutes of the second half until the Lady Bison scored seven unanswered points in less than a minute giving them their largest lead of 19 with 13:03 left in the elimination match-up.

The Lady Eagles answered with a 9-0 run of their own as a free throw from junior Khyra Conerly (Oakland, Calif.) cut the HU advantage to 10 at the 10:29 mark.

NCCU was unable to keep the offensive momentum alive and shave the deficit under double-figures as the Lady Eagles 2013-14 season came to a close after a final made three ball from Freeman with a minute to play knocked Howards victory down to a 15-point, 74-59 win.

The Lady Bison advanced to the second round led by five double-figure scoring performances. Shavonne Duckett and Cheyenne Brown led HU offensively with 15 and four points respectively while Sydney Johnson pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds and added 12 points.

As a team Howard shot 26-for-48 from the field (54.2%), 6-for-8 from behind the arc (75.0%) and 16-for-21 from the free throw line (76.2%) while collecting 32 rebounds, 11 assists, three blocks and ten steals.

NCCU finished its final contest of the season shooting 21-for-52 from the field (40.4%), 4-for-9 from the three (44.4%) and 13-for-22 from the charity stripe (59.1%), collected 30 rebounds, nine assists, three blocks and nine steals.

Freeman upped the NCCU's single season three-point field goals made record to 69 after the final game. Freeman passed Shanise Blanks (2009-10) and Lisa Brown's (1987-88) 64 shots made from behind to arc to top the Lady Eagles single season all-time leaders.



LADY EAGLES GO DOWN IN DEFEAT

NCCU Football Season Tickets Available To Eagle Club Members

Starting Tuesday, March 11, members of the Eagle Club, the official athletics booster organization for North Carolina Central University, will have the opportunity to purchase 2014 NCCU football season tickets at a discounted "Early Eagle" special of \$135.

The 2014 NCCU football season ticket package includes a reserved seat for six home games, including Elizabeth City State (Sept. 6), Charlotte (Sept. 13), Howard (Oct. 4), Savannah State (Oct. 25), Hampton (Nov. 8 - Homecoming), and North Carolina A&T (Nov. 22).

Eagle Club members will have until April 17 to purchase NCCU football season tickets at the "Early Eagle" rate, before the Eagle Club regular price of \$162 - still a significant savings - goes into effect on April 21.

Starting March 31 through April 17, members of the NCCU National Alumni Association will have their chance to purchase football season tickets at a NCCUAA "Early Eagle" rate of \$162.

Starting April 21, NCCU National Alumni Association members and NCCU faculty and staff can purchase football season tickets at a discounted rate of \$172. The same day will be the first chance for all fans to buy football season tickets for \$189, which is a \$54 savings off the value of a reserved seat for NCCU's six home football games.

NOTE: All ticket prices include the new North Carolina taxes on tickets for entertainment events.

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