

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5 - 11, 2016



Villanova Sports Photo

**JENKINS AND BOOTH:** Tandem (Jenkins top l., Booth bottom l.) that led Villanova to NCAA championship has black college bloodlines.

## TITLE ROOTS

HALL OF FAME NODS FOR McLENDON, BRADY; KERN IN AT MVSU; FORD TAKES JOBE AWARD

## 2016 BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

### CIAA

	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Chowan	7	4	13	18
Winston-Salem State	5	3	16	16
St. Augustine's	4	4	9	25
Virginia State	2	5	3	22
Lincoln	1	3	5	18

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
OFFENSE  
**Wade Wyatt, Jr., OF, CHOWAN** - Hit .625 with 4 RBI in 2-1 week. Had .692 OBP% and .625 slugging %.

**PITCHER**  
**Jordan Clayton, Fr., P, VSU** - Pitched 7 innings in win over WSSU giving up 7 hits and 3 runs with 2 Ks.

**DEFENSE**  
**Jason Baytop, Sr., OF, WSSU** - 14 putouts, one assist with 1.000% in fielding in 4-2 week.

**COACH**  
**Taylor Furlough, CHOWAN** - Led Hawks to 2-1 weekend vs. St. Augustine's.

### MEAC

	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
NORTHERN	5	3	11	14
Norfolk State	5	3	11	14
Delaware State	5	3	5	21
Maryland-E. Shore	3	5	7	19
Coppin State	3	5	5	20
SOUTHERN	8	1	18	9
Florida A&M	4	5	11	18
Bethune-Cookman	4	5	9	20
Savannah State	4	5	9	20
NC Central	5	7	13	17
NC A&T	3	6	7	23

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
PLAYER  
**John Kraft, Sr., LF, CSU** - 8-for-15 with 3 HRs, 7 RBI, 3 doubles, six runs with 3 walks in four games.

**PITCHER**  
**Chris Gonnelli, Jr., RHP, NCCU** - Scattered 6 hits, one run and fanned 9 in 7 innings vs. High Point. **Austin Robinson, Jr., P, SSU** - Threw a complete game vs. NCA&T giving up three hits and one run.

**ROOKIE**  
**Willis McDaniel, Fr., OF, FAMU** - Hit .333 (4 of 12) in four games. Had 2 doubles, 1 triple, 4 RBI, 4 runs scored.

### SIAC

	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EAST	6	1	10	25
Albany State	6	1	10	25
Clafin	8	3	15	20
Paine	7	4	18	14
Benedict	4	4	20	9
Clark Atlanta	3	9	7	26
Morehouse	2	10	14	19
WEST	10	2	19	13
Spring Hill	10	3	22	11
Miles	5	4	10	20
Stillman	6	6	8	19
Kentucky State	4	4	6	17
Tuskegee	2	5	6	17
LeMoyne-Owen	0	11	1	21
Lane				

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
PLAYER  
**Ricky Green, Jr., INF, TUSKEGEE** - Hit .571 in three games vs. Stillman. Went 4 for 7 with three walks, three runs, 2 RBI.

**PITCHER**  
**Trey Nelson, So., RHP, TUSKEGEE** - Pitched complete game in 9-6 win over Stillman. Allowed six runs, 4 earned, scattered 8 hits, walked one and struck out one.

### SWAC

	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EASTERN	12	0	19	12
Alabama State	12	0	19	12
Jackson State	6	3	17	11
Alcorn State	3	6	4	18
Alabama A&M	3	8	6	24
Miss. Valley State	2	9	4	20
WESTERN	8	4	10	16
Grambling State	8	4	10	16
Arkansas Pine Bluff	8	4	8	18
Texas Southern	7	5	13	13
Prairie View	3	8	8	17
Southern	3	8	8	17

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
HITTER  
**Jesus Santana, So., INF., JACKSON STATE** - In six games, hit .350 (7-for-20) with 2 doubles, 3 HRs, 7 runs, 13 RBI, 18 total bases, .900 slugging pct., .500 on-base pct. Had two grand slams.

**PITCHER**  
**Tyler Howe, R-Jr., RHP, ALABAMA STATE** - Threw 5.0 innings of 3-hit ball, one earned run, 7 Ks vs. Alabama A&M. Improved to 5-2 with 1.23 ERA.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### COWARD PENS "AN EXPOSURE TO SPORTS":

The storied history of Washington, D. C. athletics is the backdrop of a new book from city native **William G. "Billy" Coward** entitled "An Exposure to Sports."



The book chronicles Coward's life growing up in the nation's capital and rubbing shoulders with the likes of sports legends, Hall of Famers and D. C. natives such as Elgin Baylor (basketball), Willie Wood (football) and Maury Wills (baseball) and many others that went on to outstanding careers in a host of fields.

Coward, 84, a former batboy during his youth for the Washington Homestead Grays, a team that featured Negro League stars Walter "Buck" Leonard, "Cool Papa" Bell and Josh Gibson, went on to a distinguished career as a player, teacher, instructor and coach on the recreational, high school and college levels in the D. C. sports arena.

The North Carolina College (now N. C. Central) graduate played football in the CIAA, was coached and mentored by NCCU legends **John McLendon** and **Dr. Leroy Walker** and succeeded NCCU and NBA standout **Sam Jones** as head basketball coach at the former Federal City College in Washington.

The book is available at Amazon.com and Barnes & Nobles. The author can be reached at wgcb@aoi.com.

### JSU'S BRADY TO HALL OF FAME:

LUBBOCK, Texas — The winningest baseball coach in **Southwestern Athletic Conference** baseball history has been selected for the 2016 induction class for the National College Baseball Hall of Fame.

**Bob Braddy** compiled an 824-546 record in 28 years at **Jackson State**. His teams advanced to the NCAA tournament three times and he was named NAIA District Coach of the Year twice and SWAC Coach of the Year eight times.

He was the first African-American to be inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2003, and he also was inducted into the JSU Sports Hall of Fame in 1985 and the SWAC Hall of Fame in 2005.

### HBCU CHAMPIONSHIP BLOODLINES:

Black college bloodlines were on full display in Villanova's 77-74 win over North Carolina in Monday's NCAA national championship game.

Six-six senior forward **Kris Jenkins**, who hit the scintillating buzzer-beating 3-pointer to win the game for Villanova and finished with 14 points in the game, is the son of **Felicia Jenkins**, a former HBCU basketball player and coach.

Felicia Jenkins was a two-time all-conference player at Division II **Clafin** in Orangeburg, S.C., now in the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC)**, and later was an assistant at Clafin. Jenkins was also head coach for seven years at Division II **Benedict College** in Columbia, S. C. and most recently an assistant for a couple of seasons, until 2014, at Division I **Jackson State**.

The leading scorer for Villanova, with 20 points in the championship game, was 6-3 sophomore reserve guard **Phil Booth Jr.**, son of former **Coppin State** stand-out **Phil Booth**.

The elder Booth, a 6-5 forward who played for **Ron "Fang" Mitchell** at Coppin State, led the MEAC in scoring (21.2 ppg.) in 1987 and was named first team all-conference. A team captain in the 1989-90 season, Booth helped the Eagles win the MEAC regular season and tournament championship. With the win, Coppin State earned its first berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Booth Sr. finished his Coppin State career with 1,268 points and was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2015.

## BCSP Notes

### Jessica Kern to lead Mississippi Valley State women

Mississippi Valley State has named **Jessica Kern** as its fourth head women's basketball coach in the program's history. Director of Athletics **Dianthia-Ford Kee** made the announcement Monday morning.

Kern takes over at MVSU after spending last season as an assistant coach at Furman University, where she helped guide the Paladins to the semi-finals of the Southern Conference Tournament. She succeeds **Elvis Robinson**, whose contract was not renewed.

Prior to her arrival at Furman, Kern took over a **Lincoln University** program in 2011 that had won just three games the year before.

During the 2014-15 season, she was named the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)** Coach of the Year after leading her team to a 22-9 record and a share of the CIAA Northern Division title. The 22 wins marked a school record and carried Lincoln to a CIAA Tournament championship game appearance.

Before accepting the head coaching position at Lincoln, she served as an assistant coach and media specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the 2010-11 campaign, immediately following a two-year stint (2008-10) as an assistant coach/recruiting coordinator at **Arkansas-Pine Bluff**.

Kern attended Penn State, where she served as a basketball team captain for two years and twice earned All-Big 10 and Academic All-Big 10 honors while also competing in track & field. After graduating in 2002 with a degree in journalism, she began a successful seven-year professional basketball career that would take her to Australia, Germany, Switzerland, Romania, and Poland.

### John McLendon deservedly elected to Basketball Hall of Fame for second time

Basketball coaching legend **John McLendon**, one of the founders of the **CIAA** Basketball Tournament who went on to coach the **Tennessee State** men's basketball team to three NAIA National Championships in the late 1950s, was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as a coach, it was announced during a special presentation on ESPN on Monday morning.

McLendon had previously been enshrined to the Hall of Fame in 1979 as a contributor to the game.

McLendon served as the head coach of the TSU men's basketball program from 1954-1959, compiling a 144-20 overall record in five seasons employing revolutionary tactics such as the full-court press and four-corners offense. Utilizing the talent of future NBA All-Star **Dick Barnett**, McLendon guided the Tigers to NAIA National Championships in 1957, 1958 and 1959. His .878 winning percentage at TSU is the best in program history.

During his career, McLendon coached on the collegiate level at **North Carolina Central**, winning the first CIAA Tournament title in 1946, **Hampton**, **TSU**, **Kentucky State** and **Cleveland State**.

In professional basketball, he was the first African American to coach the pro game with the **Cleveland Pipers** of the American Basketball League in 1961, and he also coached the **Denver Rockets** of the American Basketball Association.

McLendon was elected into the Tennessee State Athletics Hall of Fame in 1983, the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007 and the Cleveland State Hall of Fame in 2007.

McLendon is part of the 10-member Class of 2016 that will be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Sept. 9 in Springfield, Mass. The class includes: **Zelmo Beaty** (Player), **Darrell Garretson** (Referee), **Allen Iverson** (Player), **Tom Izzo** (Coach), **Yao Ming** (Player), **Shaquille O'Neal** (Player), **Cumberland Posey** (Player), **Jerry Reinsdorf** (Owner) and **Sheryl Swoopes** (Player).



### Tennessee State's Dana Ford wins Ben Jobe Award

HOUSTON, Texas — **Tennessee State** Men's Basketball Head Coach **Dana Ford** added to his growing resume by earning the prestigious **Ben Jobe Award** for the 2015-16 season, presented annually to the top minority coach in Division I by **CollegeInsider.com**.

Ford was one of 21 finalists for the award, a list that included **Shaka Smart** (Texas), **Tubby Smith** (Texas Tech), **Ed Cooley** (Providence), **Avery Johnson** (Alabama), **James Jones** (Yale) and **Kelvin Sampson** (Houston), among others.

"It's definitely some great company to be associated with," Ford said. "It's another testament to how hard our guys worked to turn the program around, and I just happen to be the guy to oversee it. We're very thankful to be associated with coaches like that, and I think that speaks volumes about where our program is heading."

The youngest D-1 head coach in the nation at 31 years old, Ford guided his Tigers to a 20-11 record and a berth in the **CollegeInsider.com** Post-season Tournament. TSU's 15-game improvement from last year's 5-26 record is one of the biggest turnarounds in NCAA history.

Ford, who is in his second season as TSU's head coach, helped TSU to its third 20-win season at the Division I level. For the season, Ford earned **Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year**, **NABC District 19 Coach of the Year** and **BOXTOROW Coach of the Year**.

The award is named after **Ben Jobe**, who is an icon in the history of basketball at **Historically Black Colleges and Universities**. He is best known as the head coach of **Southern University**, a position he held for 12 seasons. He has also served as head coach at **Alabama A&M**, **Alabama State**, **Talladega**, **Tuskegee** and **South Carolina State**.

The Jobe award was created in 2010 and is presented annually to the top minority coach in Division I basketball and voted on by a 30-person award committee consisting of five current DI head coaches, five retired head coaches, 10 athletic directors and/or conference administrators, five NBA scouts and/or administrators and five **CollegeInsider.com** staff members. Coach Ben Jobe is the chairman of the awards committee.

- RECIPIENTS OF THE BEN JOBE AWARD**
- 2016: Dana Ford, Tennessee State
  - 2015: Bobby Collins, UMES
  - 2014: Willis Wilson, Texas A&M CC
  - 2013: Kevin Ollie, Connecticut
  - 2012: Sean Woods, Miss. Valley State
  - 2011: Cuonzo Martin, Missouri State
  - 2010: Ed Cooley, Fairfield



## 2016 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

### CIAA

	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	DIV		CONFALL	
	W	L	W	L
NORTH	4	2	7	5
Virginia Union	4	2	7	5
Virginia State	2	1	7	2
Chowan	0	0	6	0
Bowie State	0	0	4	2
Lincoln	0	0	0	6
Elizabeth City State	0	3	2	7
SOUTH	2	0	7	1
Winston-Salem State	2	0	7	1
J. C. Smith	2	0	5	3
Fayetteville State	0	0	4	2
St. Augustine's	0	0	2	4
Shaw	0	0	1	5
Livingstone	0	4	1	9

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
OFFENSE  
**Jasmine Holloman, Fr., U, WSSU** - Four runs scored, 8 RBI, first career HR (3-run), 5 for 8 (.625) hitting.

**DEFENSIVE**  
**Chyna Riley, Jr., 2B, WSSU** - 1.000 fielding pct., 3 putouts and 3 assists in two games.

**PITCHER**  
**Mercedes Hargett, Jr., P, WSSU** - Earned a pair of wins and had a 1.75 ERA with four runs allowed. Finished week with 18 Ks.

**COACH**  
**LaTaya Hilliard-Gray, WSSU** - Led Rams to 4-0 week.

### MEAC

	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
NORTHERN	7	2	14	14
Delaware State	7	2	14	14
Norfolk State	5	2	10	14
Hampton	4	2	12	19
Morgan State	4	2	8	20
Maryland-E. Shore	2	5	7	18
Coppin State	2	7	2	21
Howard	1	5	5	23
SOUTHERN	6	0	17	19
Florida A&M	5	0	15	17
Savannah State	3	3	8	24
Bethune-Cookman	2	4	13	19
NC A&T	1	5	4	16
S. C. State	0	5	3	30
NC Central	0	5	3	30

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
PLAYER  
**Amber Fullwood, Jr., 3B, FAMU** - Hit .875 in three wins with 7 hits, 1 HR, 5 runs scored and 7 RBI. Also pitched a complete game.

**PITCHER**  
**Sabira Anguiano, Jr., P, B-CU** - Went 2-0 with 1.27 ERA in sweep of NC A&T. Allowed three runs in 11.0 innings with 2 Ks.

**ROOKIE**  
**Annie Bakenhus, Fr., OF, B-CU** - Went 8-for-13 in three wins vs. NC A&T with 4 runs scored, 2 RBI and two doubles. Also had three putouts and three steals.

### SIAC

	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EAST	14	0	36	12
Spring Hill	14	0	36	12
Miles	7	1	7	3
Tuskegee	7	1	9	22
Albany State	9	2	11	20
Clafin	11	5	18	16
Stillman	16	3	22	15
Benedict	4	3	4	5
Kentucky State	6	5	7	6
Lane	7	12	13	14
Clark Atlanta	4	12	7	23
LeMoyne-Owen	2	12	2	12
Fort Valley State	2	15	2	25
Paine	1	12	1	13

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
PLAYER  
**Courtney Burns, Sr., U, CLAFIN** - In 7-0 week, had 10 hits and hit .556 with two HRs, 14 runs scored, 7 RBI and 4 doubles. Was 5 of 5 in stolen bases.

**PITCHER**  
**Tiarra Norman, So., P/INF, CLAFIN** - Made four appearances, three starts and threw two complete games. Vs. FVSU, pitched five innings with no hits, no runs and 11 Ks. Vs. Shaw, allowed one run with 11 Ks. Vs. FSU, 10 Ks in five innings.

### SWAC

	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L