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NCCU - 3 Time Champions



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Eagles Halt Norfolk State for Third Consecutive MEAC Tournament Championship

NCCU Athletics
NORFOLK, Va. – North Carolina Central University had to grind out a win down the stretch against Norfolk State, and the Eagles watched a potential tying three-pointer skip off the iron as time expired to take the 2019 MEAC Tournament Championship, 50-47 on Saturday, March 16 at Scope Arena.

With the win, NCCU (18-15) has now clinched three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances for the first time in school history, and are the first team to win three consecutive league tournament titles since North Carolina A&T won seven on the bounce from 1982-88.

The two sides were narrowly separated in the first 20 minutes of play as the Eagles only were able to lead by two points, but NSU (21-13) was able to stretch the lead to as many as 10, and took a 32-22 lead to the locker room at the intermission.

The Eagles were held without a point over the final four minutes of play in the first half, but they immediately shifted into high gear after the restart, ripping off a 12-0 run over two minutes to pull the game level at 34-34 with 16:05 to play. The lead teetered back and forth from that point, but the Eagles were finally able to nose ahead at the 12-minute mark, stamped by four straight points from Zacarry Douglas (Landover, Md.).

The Eagles went on to build a seven-point lead with eight minutes to go, but from there the Spartans mounted a rally. NSU closed the game on a 7-3 run, and again held the Eagles scoreless over the final four minutes of the contest.

The Spartans had a chance to once again send the game to an extra period, and again it was in the hands of Mastadi Pitt (Hampton, Va.) who sent the game to overtime at Echols Hall on Feb. 16. This time around, he faced a tough shot contest from Douglas, and the potential game-tying shot missed to the left to send the Eagles to the NCAA Tournament for a third consecutive year.

The Eagles clamped down on the Spartans in the second half, holding NSU to just 4-for-22 from mthe floor, and 0-5 from the perimeter.

Raasean Davis (Chicago, Ill.) was named Most Outstanding Player of the tournament after putting up eight points and a game-high 14 rebounds in the title game. Douglas also earned All-Tournament Team honors with a double-double against NSU with 10 points and 12 boards. Over the three games, Davis averaged 12.3 points and 8.7 rebounds, and Douglas contributed 9.0 points and 10.7 caroms.

Pitt led the Spartans in scoring with 14 points, and C.J. Kelly (Long Island, N.Y.) chipped in 13 points. Steven Whitley (Norfolk, Va.) also had a full game eight points and nine rebounds.



NCCU Eagles Draw North Dakota State in NCAA Tournament
Attached photo courtesy of KeShawn Ennis

Blacks, Hispanics breathe more pollution than they make

By Seth Borenstein

WASHINGTON (AP) - African-Americans and Hispanics breathe in far more deadly air pollution than they are responsible for making, a new study said.

A study looked at who is exposed to fine particle pollution - responsible for about 100,000 American deaths a year - and how much different races are responsible for the pollution based on their buying, driving and living habits.

Scientists calculate that Hispanics on average breathe in 63 percent more of the pollution that leads to heart and breathing deaths than they make. For African-Americans the figure is 56 percent, according to a study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

On the other hand, non-Hispanic whites on average are exposed to 17 percent less air pollution than they make.

"Even though minorities are contributing less to the overall problem of air pollution, they are affected by it more," said study co-author Jason Hill, a biosystems engineering professor at the University of Minnesota who is white. "Is it fair (that) I create more pollution and somebody else is disproportionately affected by it?"

This pollution comes from gases from smokestacks, tailpipes and other places that then solidify into fine invisible particles small enough to pass through lungs and into bloodstreams. These particles, more than 25 times smaller than the width of a human hair, pose the greatest risk to people's health, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says.

While other studies have shown minorities living with more pollution, this study is one of the first to combine buying habits and exposure into one calculation of inequity, Hill said.

Hill and colleagues looked at pollution from highways, coal-fired power plants, hog farms and other sources.

They then looked in a large scale at who is driving more, buying more goods and food, spending more on property and using more electricity, then traced those purchases to end users.

"On average whites tend to consume more than minorities. It's because of wealth," Hill said. "It's largely how much you buy, not buying different things."