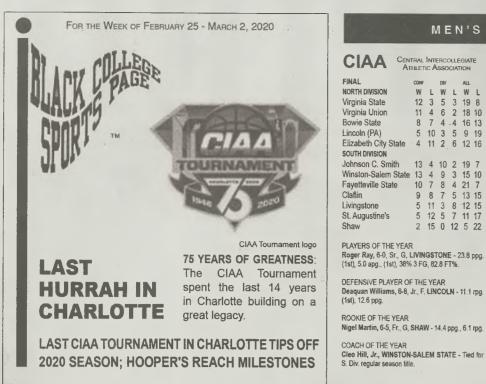
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2019-20 CIAA BASKETBALL HONORS



CIAA WOMEN HONOREES (L to R): Rookie of the Year NyAsia Blango (ECSU), Player of the Year Kwanza Murray (LUPA), & Defensive Player of the Year Kyaja Williams (BSU)

CHARLOTTE, NC - The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) has announced the 2019-20 Men's and Women's Basketball All-CIAA team, All-Rookie team, and superlatives as selected by the respective Basketball Coaches Association and Sports Information Directors Association. These outstanding individuals were formally recognized Monday during the annual CIAA Tip-Off Awards Luncheon.

Kwanza Murray, a senior guard from Lincoln (PA), was named CIAA Women's Player of the Year. The Summerville, SC native led the conference in scoring at 18.4 points per game while also leading the conference in field goal percentage at 44.8 percent and ranking second in the league from the line at 82.4 percent.

Livingstone College senior Roger Ray has been named CIAA Men's Player of the Year. Ray led the CIAA in both scoring and assists during the regular season with 23.8 points and five assists per game. The Raleigh, NC native ranks second in the conference at nearly 38 percent from three and his 82.8 free throw percentage is top four in the league. One of the top scorers in Division II, Ray's 45 points against Virginia State were the most by a player in the CIAA this season. The 5-10 lead guard is a three-time All-CIAA selection and will finish his career as Livingstone's all-time leader in both scoring and assists.

Head Coach Darrell Mosley of Lincoln University (PA) earns his first CIAA Women's Coach of the Year honor after leading his team to a 12-3 record in conference play, finishing tied for second in the CIAA Northern Division. Mosley has led the Lady Lions to a school-record 23 wins and guided them to their first top 25 national ranking in school history.

Bowie State senior Kyaja Williams has been named Women's Defensive Player of the Year. Williams, a native of Baltimore, MD, leads the CIAA and Division II with four steals per game and ranks seventh in the conference at a block per game. The 5-8 forward was one of two players in the CIAA to average a double-double during the regular season at 13.9 points and 10 rebounds per game. She ranks second in the league in rebounding and fourth in scoring. Rookie guard NyAsia Blango of Elizabeth City State University has been selected CIAA Women's Rookie of the Year. Blango totaled 101 points in her freshman campaign, scoring in double figures twice. Deaquan Williams of Lincoln University (PA) was selected as Men's Defensive Player of the Year. Williams, a Camden, NJ native, leads the CIAA with 11.1 rebounds per game, including a CIAA-best 7.6 defensive rebounds per contest. He is one of only two players in the CIAA to average a double-double during the regular season, scoring 12.6 points per game. Winston-Salem State Coach Cleo Hill, Jr. earns Men's Coach of the Year honors. Hill led his program to a 13-4 record in league play and a share of the CIAA Southern Division regular season title. This is the second time Hill has been named CIAA Coach of the Year with the first coming in 2012. Shaw freshman guard Nigel Martin was voted Men's Rookie of the Year. Martin led all CIAA freshmen in scoring during the regular season at 14.4 points per game. The Cleveland, OH native was also top 10 in the CIAA at 6.6 rebounds per game, which also led all freshman.

CIAA first up on Hoops Tourney menu LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Men's and women's basketball tournament play began this week and will continue over the next two weeks.

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The CIAA tipped Tuesday (February 25) and runs through Saturday (February 29) in Charlotte N. C.

The SIAC men and women are next up with their tournaments running from Tuesday, March 2 through Saturday, March 7 in Rock Hill, S. C.

The MEAC and SWAC men and women then take the court the following week (March 10-14) in Norfolk (Va.) and (March 13-14) in Birmingham respectively.

CIAA

Look for a competitive tournament for both the men and women in the CIAA's 15th and final year in Charlotte before moving to Baltimore next year.

Defending tournament champion Virginia State (19-8, 12-3) and rival Virginia Union (18-10, 11-4) earned the top men's seeds from the North Division and got byes into the Wednesday and Thursday quarterfinal rounds.

In the South Division, Johnson C. Smith (19-7) and Winston-Salem State (15-10) tied for the top spot with identical 13-4 conference records but JCSU earned the top seed by virtue of a better divisional record (10-2) than WSSU (9-3). Both have byes into the quarterfinals.

In terms of which is the hottest team, VUU comes in on a seven-game win streak while JCSU has won its last six games.

For the women, defending tournament champion Virginia Union (22-3, 13-2) – minus last year's tourney darling and MVP Shareka McNeill (out for the season with an injury) – is back as the North's top seed. Lincoln (23-5) and Bowie State (22-4) both finished with 12-3 conference marks and 6-2 division records but Lincoln won a coin toss to take the second seed.

In the women's South Division, the top seeds and early round byes went to No. 1 Fayetteville State (18-8, 15-2) and No. 2 Johnson C. Smith (17-10, 12-5).

VUU has a six-game win streak while FSU has won nine straight.





WOMEN **OPENING ROUND - 2/25** 4N Eliz. City State vs. 5S St. Augustine's 3N Bowie State vs. 6S Shaw 4S Livingstone vs. 5N Virginia State 3S Winston-Salem State vs. 7S Claffin QUARTERFINALS - WED., 2/26 1S Fayetteville State vs. ECSU/SAU - 2:20p 1N Virginia Union vs. LIV/VSU - 4:30p QUARTERFINALS - THURS., 2/27 2N Lincoln vs. WSSU/CLAF - 1p 2S JC Smith vs. BSU/SHAW - 3p SEMIFINALS - FRI., 2/28 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. CHAMPIONSHIP - SAT., 2/29

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MEN **OPENING ROUND - TUES., 2/25** 4N Lincoln vs. 5S St. Augustine's - 6:40p 4S Claffin vs. 5N Elizabeth City State - 8:50p OPENING ROUND - WED., 2/26 7S Shaw vs. 3S Fayetteville State - 10a 3N Bowie State vs. 6S Livingstone - 12:10p QUARTERFINALS - WED., 2/26 1N Virginia State vs. ECSU/CLAF - 6:40p 1S JC Smith vs. LINC/SAU - 8:50p QUARTERFINALS - 2/27 2N Virginia Union vs. Shaw/FSU - 7p 2S Winston-Salem State vs. BSU/LIV - 9p SEMIFINALS - 2/28 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. CHAMPIONSHIP - 2/29

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and Tuskegee (10-6) have claimed the top two spots and early round tournament byes. Benedict (13-2) has the best record and has clinched the top spot from the E Div. while Savannah State (10-7) is the second seed.

Regular season play ended Tuesday, March 25. MEAC

A win by North Carolina A&T Monday (83-62 over Maryland-Eastern Shore) coupled with a loss by Norfolk State (78-55 to Bethune-Cookman) propelled the Aggie men to the top of the MEAC standings at 11-3. North Carolina Central got wins over UMES and Howard to stay just a game behind the Aggies at 10-3. NSU dropped to 9-4 with the loss and is in third.

There are just three dates left in the MEAC regular season, Saturday (Feb. 29) and Monday (March 2) and the finales on Thursday (March 5).

NSU hosts Howard Saturday, travels to Delaware State Monday and finishes at Morgan State Thursday. NCCU plays at South Carolina State Saturday, hosts Bethune-Cookman on Monday before finishing with a showdown at home in Durham vs. A&T.

A&T has just two games left, Monday at SC State and the finale next Thursday at NCCU.

Bethune-Cookman has wrapped the top seed for the women with a 13-1 league record and two games left on its schedule. The battle is for the spots behind them between 10-3 Norfolk State, 10-4 North Carolina A&T and 10-4 Morgan State. NSU and MSU meet on the final regular season date, Thursday March 5.

SWAC

Second-place Texas Southern was stunned in overtime (74-72) by ninth-place Arkansas-Pine Bluff Monday that knocked the Tigers another game behind men's league leader Prairie View A&M (12-2) at 10-4.

In the SWAC men's and women's Tournaments, only the top eight teams get in with the top four seeds hosting quarterfinal games before the tournament shifts to Bartow Arena in Birmingham on March 13 and 14 for the semifinals and finals. Five dates are left in regular season play which ends on Saturday, March 7.

Southern (10-5) and Alcorn State (9-6) are currently third and fourth

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MEN'S 2019-20 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Outstanding Players)

SIAC

EAST DIVISION

Albany State

Clark Atlanta

Morehouse

Benedict

Paine

Miles

Savannah State

Fort Valley State

WEST DIVISION

Tuskegee Central State

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MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

North Carolina A&T

Norfolk State

Morgan State

Coppin State

Delaware State

Florida A&M

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SC State

Howard

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North Carolina Central

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SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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2019-20 ALL-CIAA BASKETBALL MEN

BACKCOURT - Roger Ray, LIV; Terreil Leach, VUU; Robert Colon, WSSU; Cayse Minor, JCSU; Greyson Kelley, SHAW FRONTCOURT - Lydell Elmore, LIV; Jalen Seegars, FSU; Deaquan Williams, LINC; Saiquan Jamison, BSU; Joseph Allen, ECSU; Jordan

Peebles, VUU; Andrew Corum, VSU PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Roger Ray, Livingstone DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Deaquan Williams, Lincoln (PA) **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Nigel Martin, Shaw COACH OF THE YEAR: Cleo Hill, Jr., Winston-Salem State



WOMEN

BACKCOURT - Katisha Hyman, FSU; Kwanza Murray, LINC; Daisa Harris, LIV; DeAshia Young, LINC; Shameka McNeill, VUU FRONTCOURT - Kyaja Williams, BSU; Jasmine Carter, VUU; Aminata Johnson, FSU; Devona Stell, ECSU; Dejoria Howard, SHAW; Kaaliya Williams, SAU; Lezarea Bowens, JCSU

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Kwanza Murray, Lincoln (PA) **DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Kyaja Williams, Bowie State **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** NyAsia Blango, Elizabeth City State COACH OF THE YEAR: Darrell Mosley, Lincoln (PA)

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Clark Atlanta (12-6) has caught Albany State (12-6) atop the men's E. Div. race and the two have clinched the top two seeds for next week's tournament. In the West, it's ditto for Miles (16-2) and Tuskegee (13-5).

For the SIAC women, the same two teams in the West, Miles (14-4)

MILESTONES

• Six-five Howard senior swingman Charles "CJ" Williams broke the long held Mid Eastern Athletic Conference career scoring record Saturday in a game at North Carolina A&T.

The Richmond, Va. native and prolific scorer broke the record of 2,275 points previously held by Tom Davis, a 6-7 power forward who played at Delaware State from 1987-91.

Williams entered the season 15th on the MEAC's career scoring list and entered Saturday's game needing just four points to break Davis's record. He tallied 10 points to raise his total to 2,282 points. He added 22 points Monday in a game vs. N. C. Central to bring his total to 2,304 points. Williams has three more regular season games and the MEAC Tournament to pad the mark.

Williams averaged 15.6 ppg. in his rookie season (2016-17) en route to being named the league's rookie of the year. He tallied 20.4 ppg. as a sophomore to earn first team all-MEAC status. Last season, he was named to the first team again while tallying 17.9 ppg. He is currently averaging 18.2 ppg., third best in the MEAC

• Six-foot Hampton senior guard Jermaine Marrow made history recently as he passed Hampton legend and former NBA great Rick Mahorn as the school's all-time scoring leader.

He broke the record during an 18-point performance vs. UNC-Asheville on Mon., Feb. 10. It gave him 2,421 points for

in the men's race but three other teams are less than three games behind them. Jackson State (13-1) continues to set the pace for the women with TSU (11-3), Southern (11-4) and Alabama A&M (10-4) close behind.



his career passing Mahorn's total of 2,418 points set during the Pirates' Hall of Famer's career from 1976-80. Mahorn went on to play in the NBA for 18 years winning an NBA championship with the Detroit Pistons in 1989.

Marrow currently leads the Big South and is third in NCAA Div. I basketball averaging 23.9 points per game. Last season, as a junior, he averaged 24.4 ppg. and was named first team all-Big South. He averaged 19.1 ppg. as a sophomore and 15.6 ppg. as a freshman while playing in the MEAC.

 Six-foot North Carolina A&T junior point guard Kameron Langley became the school's all-time assists leader Monday in a game vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Langley, currently leading the MEAC and fourth in NCAA Div. I basketball at 7.4 assists per game, tied his career-high with 13 assists in the game. In doing so he surpassed Thomas "Ice" Griffis's record of 582 dimes handed out in his career (1984-88). Langley has another season to chase the MEAC's alltime record of 622 assists held by former Coppin State guard Larry Yarbray (1988-92).

HOOPS THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRIARY 27 Jacksonville State @ Tennessee State Radford @ Hampton

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 MEAC North Carolina Central @ S. Carolina State Delaware State @ Md.-E. Shore Norfolk State @ Florida A&M Coppin State @ Morgan State Howard @ Norfolk State SWAC Alabama A&M @Texas Southern Southern @ Alcorn State Miss. Valley State @ Jackson State Ark.-Pine Bluff @ Grambling State Alabama State @ Prairie View A&M INDEPENDENTS Belmont @ Tennessee State SC Upstate @ Hampton UDC @ St. Thomas Aquina

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Alabama State @ Texas Southem Miss. Valley State @ Grambling State Arkansas-Pine Bluff @ Jackson State Alabama A&M @ Prairie View A&M

WOMEN'S 2019-20 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Outstanding Players)

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