

## CIAA Women

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some early noise, but fizzled down the stretch and finished third in the conference. The Panthers, led by Norfortiria Grant and Angela Bradley, have the talent to cause some problems for the favorites in the tournament.

So does Shaw, which tied the Panthers in the league standings. Coach Bobby Saunders' team has one of the league's flashiest players in "Skeet" Davis. Her supporting cast, however, isn't what it has been in the past.

Virginia State and St. Paul's are both struggling. The Lady Trojans and Lady Tigers managed only three divisional wins between them. Neither appears stocked to make a run at the title.

Livingstone, which made it to the finals for the first time in school history last season, has sever-

al outstanding players, including Tricosa "Cocoa" Greene, who was named to the All-Conference Team. Teammate Julle Tarrance, a 6-5 center, gives the Lady Blue Bears a presence inside. If their teammates come up to their level they could be a force to be reckoned with in the tournament.

Fayetteville State fell down a notch this season and will have its hands full in the tournament. The Lady Broncos opened the tournament with a matchup against St. Paul's.

Winston-Salem State, the pre-season favorite in the Western Division, never reached its stride after losing point guard Nikki Blackwell prior to the start of the season. The Lady Rams stumbled to a fourth seed in the division and has the toughest road to the championship game. However, as the hometown team, WSSU could do some damage with a well-



Bowie State displays its championship plaque.

balanced squad.

Johnson C. Smith has shown signs of improvement under first-year Coach Barry Street. The Lady Golden Bulls sport a

winning record and play well together. Perhaps the only thing missing for JCSU is a prolific scorer.

St. Augustine's has fallen on hard times and

the Lady Falcons managed only one win in divisional play. But with rebounding machine Anastacia Sands in the middle, they could pull some upsets.

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