

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 22

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



ROBINSON AWARD WINNER

ROE: Norfolk State wide receiver surprise winner as top black college football player.

▼ SPANNS TWO-SPORT STARS AT JACKSON STATE

1995-96 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Results, Standings and Outstanding Players)

SCORES

JANUARY 13, 1996

Alabama A&M 99, Kentucky St 75
 Albany St 79, FI Valley St 77
 Alcorn St 69, Jackson St 68
 Clark Atlanta 87, Morris Brown 68
 Coppin St 92, Delaware St 77
 Elizabeth City St 82, Virginia St 79
 JC Smith 77, Bowie St 66
 Livingstone 89, Fayetteville St 83
 Miss Valley 95, Prairie View 88
 Morehouse 86, Tuskegee 82
 Norfolk St 80, St Paul's 65
 NC A&T 74, FAMU 67
 NC Central at Winston-Salem St - ppnd
 Paine at St Augustine's - ppnd
 SC State 75, Beth-Cookman 61
 Southern 113, Alabama St 83
 Texas Southern 87, Grambling 75
 UMS 71, Howard 65

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Tennessee St 73, E Tenn St 70

CIAA

(thru 1/13)

	DIV	ALL
NORTH		
Va. Union	1-0	10-0
Norfolk State	1-0	9-1
Eliz. City	1-0	6-6
Bowie St	0-0	4-9
Va State	0-1	5-6
St. Paul's	0-2	4-8
SOUTH		
NCCU	3-0	8-1
Livingstone	2-1	6-7
Shaw	2-2	8-4
St Aug	1-1	4-5
JC Smith	0-1	5-7
WSSU	0-1	2-8
Fayv. State	0-2	4-8

MEAC

(thru 1/13)

	CONF	ALL
SC State	3-0	7-4
Coppin	3-0	6-7
Md-ES	4-1	9-6
Del State	2-2	3-9
NC A&T	1-1	3-7
Morgan St.	0-1	1-11
Howard	0-2	0-11
Beth-Ckmm	0-3	4-7
FAMU	0-3	5-8
Hampton**		4-11

*not eligible for post season play
**not eligible for conf. championship

SIAC

(thru 1/13)

	CONF	ALL
EAST		
Clark Atl	4-0	10-0
Albany St	4-2	7-6
Sav. State	3-1	4-5
Morris Brwn	1-2	5-6
Fl Valley	1-2	3-7
Paine	1-5	5-6
WEST		
Ala A&M	7-1	9-1
LeM-Owen	3-1	6-3
Morehouse	3-4	7-6
Miles	2-2	4-6
Tuskegee	1-2	4-4
Kentucky St	0-8	2-9

SWAC

(thru 1/13)

	CONF	ALL
Miss Valley	3-0	12-3
Southern-BR	2-1	6-4
Tx Southern	2-1	7-8
Alabama State*	2-1	4-8
Grambling	1-2	6-8
Jackson State	1-2	5-11
Alcorn State	1-2	4-9
Prairie View	0-3	3-11

*not eligible for post season play

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CIAA
LEVELLE MOTON, Sr., G.
 North Carolina Central
 Finished two-game week with 42 points, 6 rebounds, 11 assists and 3 blocked shots.
MEAC (last week)
JaFONDE WILLIAMS, Sr., G.
 Hampton
 Scored 77 points in two road losses. Set Dayton Arena record with 20 successful free throws.
SIAC

SWAC (last week)
MARCUS MANN, Sr., C.
 Mississippi Valley
 Averaged 21.0 points, 13.7 rebounds and 2.7 steals in three Delta Devil wins.

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

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UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HOT SHOTS: Two black college players are among the top four scorers in NCAA Div. I basketball.



JJ'S J: Is on, to the tune of 26.5 ppg.

Hampton University 6-2 guard **Jafonde "JJ" Williams** with a 26.5 points per game average trails only Bubba Walls of Austin Peay (27.2). Williams has scored over 30 points in three of the last five games getting 39 against Marshall, 38 against Dayton and 31 and five assists vs. Iona. Meanwhile **Texas Southern** guard **Kevin Granger's** 25.7 average is fourth best in the USA and tops in the SWAC. The 6-4 guard is shooting 47 percent from the field and 79 percent from the free throw line. Granger also averages 4.5 assists and 6.5 rebounds. **Mississippi Valley** 6-9 center **Marcus Mann's** 12.4 rebounds per game is fourth best in the country while **Coppin State's** **Allen Watson** is seventh best nationally in assists at 7.5 per game.

TIGERS GET COLE: This week **Tennessee State** will name **L. C. Cole**, an assistant at Cincinnati, as the school's new football coach. The press conference to introduce Cole is scheduled for Jan 16. The decision to hire Cole was apparently made by TSU President **James Hefner** who said Cole "was a very good fit for our program." Cole's selection must be approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents. Cole played collegiately at Nebraska finishing in 1980. He has worked as an assistant at Eastern Michigan, **Morgan State** and five other colleges. He replaces **Bill Davis**, who resigned after a 2-9 season.

LOSING RANDY: **Texas Southern** outstanding point guard **Randy Bolden** has left the team for unspecified reasons. Bolden, whose 20.5 points per game average was the second best in the SWAC, left the team following a 83-81 loss to **Alabama State** Monday in Montgomery. TSU coach **Robert Moreland** said Bolden returned to his Jackson, MS home with his parents. "Randy needed a coach like me to better himself as a basketball player," said Moreland. "Obviously he didn't see it in the same light."

ALREADY FAMOUS: Three former black college football players are among 15 finalists nominated for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Defensive end **L. C. Greenwood**, an **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** product, is among the nominees for the second year. Greenwood played 12 seasons (1969-81) as part of the Steel Curtain defense of the dominant Pittsburgh Steelers team of the '70s. Wide receiver **John Stallworth**, an **Alabama A&M** product, was also a key member of the Steeler dynasty (1974-87) and retired as the Steelers all-time leader in receptions. **Grambling** grad **Charlie Joiner** is also on the ballot for the second time. Joiner played 16 years in the NFL for the Houston Oilers (1972-75) Cincinnati (1972-75) and San Diego (1976-86). He retired as the NFL's all-time leader in receptions. Since then his record has been broken by **James Lofton**, **Art Monk** and **Jerry Rice**.

Norfolk State's Roe captures 2nd annual Robinson Award

BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1996

Prairie View at Alcorn St - 7:30p
 Howard at Bethune-Cookman - 4:00p
 Mansfield at Cheyney - 3:00p
 Norfolk St at Elizabeth City St - 7:30p
 Morgan St at Florida A&M - 8:00p
 Miles at Fort Valley St - 8:00p
 Alabama St at Grambling - 7:30p
 Manhattan at Hampton - 4:30p ESPN2
 Miss. Valley St at Jackson St - 7:30p
 Winston-Salem St at JC Smith - 7:30p
 Central St at Kentucky St - 5:15p
 Morris Brown at LeMoyne-Owen - 8:00p
 Livingstone at Morris College - 7:30p
 Delaware St at NC A&T - 7:30p
 Tennessee St at SE Missouri St - 5:00p
 Clark Atlanta at Savannah St - 8:00p
 Md-Eastern Shore at SC State - 2:30p
 (Tape delay on SportSouth & HTS cable)

Texas Southern at Southern - 7:30p

N.C. Central at St Augustine's - 7:30p

Alabama A&M at Tuskegee - 7:30p

St Paul's at Virginia St - 7:30p

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1996

Morris Brown at Alabama A&M - 7:30p

Miss Valley St at Alabama St - 7:30p

Texas Southern at Alcorn St - 7:30p

Morgan St at Bethune-Cookman - 8:00p

Clark Atlanta at Clayton St - 8:00p

Coppin St at Florida A&M - 8:00p

Delaware St at SC State - 7:30p

Miles at Savannah St - 8:00p

Prairie View at Southern - 7:30p

Kentucky St at Tuskegee - 7:00p

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1996

Bowie St at Elizabeth City St - 7:30p

Fayetteville St at Shaw - 7:30p

Winston-Salem St at Virginia St - 7:30p

St Paul's at Virginia Union - 7:30p

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1996

Ala-Huntsville at Alabama A&M - 7:30p

Columbia Union at Eliz. City St - 7:30p

Rust at LeMoyne-Owen - 7:30p

NC Central at Livingstone - 7:30p

Southern at Middle Tennessee St - 7:30p

Cheyney at Millersville - 8:00p

Fort Valley St at Morris Brown - 8:00p

National Christian at Prairie View - 7:30p

Hampton at SC State - 7:30p



Stephanie Cunningham Photo

BEST OF THE BEST: A smiling James Roe is shown here with the Rutherford Group's Eddie Robinson Award. The award goes to the best black college football player in the nation.



Stephanie Cunningham Photo

THE MAN: Legendary Grambling coach Eddie Robinson, for whom the trophy is named, autographs footballs and helmets for spectators.

BCSP Notes

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▼ Look for eight black college seniors among the players performing before professional football scouts and a national television audience in the *Delchamps Senior Bowl* Saturday, Jan. 20 in Mobile. The seniors are generally rated amongst the top players at their positions. Running back **Richard Huntley** of **Winston-Salem State** is the only black college player on the North team. The black college players on the South team are: wide receiver **Reggie Barlow** of **Alabama State**; tight end **Clarence Benford** of **Albany State**; defensive lineman **Bryant Mix** of **Alcorn State**; defensive back **Picasso Nelson** of **Jackson State**; defensive lineman **Albert Reese** of **Grambling**; wide receiver **Greg Spann** of **Jackson State** (see story below); and offensive lineman **Jamain Stephens** of **North Carolina A&T**.

▼ **Albany State** cornerback **Markco Maddox** was the only black college player to participate in the 71st East-West Shrine Bowl Saturday. The 6-3, 208-pound corner was named SIAC defensive player of the year after leading the Golden Rams to the conference championship and Div. II playoff berth. He entered the year rated by the National Football Scouting Service as one of the best ten defensive backs in the nation.

Spartans Div. I move taking its toll

The next black college athletic program scheduled to move to Division I is **Norfolk State** and the Spartans are already feeling the effects of their decision.

"Although we are playing in Division II, we were required to recruit under Division I rules this year," said

Spartan men's coach **Mike Bernard** following a win over Fayetteville State last week. "We get no consideration in national rankings and even if we win the CIAA Tournament we can't participate in the playoffs. Our players were really looking to make another run for a

national championship since they came so close last year (losing in the Div. II Final Four). Unfortunately the new NCAA rules (concerning requirements to step up to Division I) won't let us do that," he said.

Bernard finds his biggest job is keeping his players focused since he doesn't have many carrots at his disposal to keep his team motivated.

Siblings Spanning the athletic gamut at Jackson State

ROSCOE NANCE

BCSP Correspondent

Jackson State's **Greg** and **Rosalyn Spann** may be the hottest brother-sister combination this side of BeBe and CeCe Winans.

Greg Spann is the latest in a long line of outstanding Jackson State receivers and is expected to be a high pick in this year's National Football League draft.

Sister Rosalyn, a member of Jackson State's women's basketball team, was the 1995 Southwestern Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year.

They are two of 13 brothers and sisters, all of whom were high school athletes at the minimum. An older brother played junior college football, but Greg is the first of the siblings to play major college sports.

"A lot of people talked down on us because we came from a large family and didn't have much," says Spann, remembering his childhood in Macon, Miss. "They said I'd never be anybody, that I'd be a drug dealer or a wino. I have too much pride to go out like that. We've proved them wrong because of the way we were raised."

The Spanns were raised to respect

their elders and to share with each other.

Their parents, **Ozzie Lee** and **Jewel Marie Spann**, were also high school athletes, and it was a family rule that whenever the seven brothers played pickup basketball games, they had to choose one of their sisters for their team. Invariably Greg and Rosalyn wound up on the same team.

"Normally we won," she says. "The guys pushed me around and called me a tomboy."

Rosalyn's basketball was limited to the sandlots and family games until she was an eighth-grader. That's when several members of the **Noxube County High girls'** team quit and the coach picked Rosalyn, a cheerleader, for the squad.

"Her career just blossomed," says Greg. "I had a feeling she'd be a better player in the future."

Rosalyn has fulfilled Greg's expectations. The 5-9 guard averages 17.1 and 3.0 assists a game.

She was the 1994 Mississippi High School Player of the Year after leading **Noxube County** to back-to-back state championships.

If you want to get a hot debate going in the Spann household, just ask who is

the better athlete, Greg or Rosalyn.

"Some people say he is," says Rosalyn. "Some say I am. Me, I say I am. But he can do some things I can't do, and I can do some things he can't do."

Naturally, Greg says he is better. But when it comes to voting for the best athlete in the Spann family, he goes with brother **Timothy**, a quarterback at **East Mississippi Junior College** who is expected to end up at **Jackson State**.

Another brother, **Shamake** plays defensive back at **East Mississippi**. A fourth brother, **Marvin**, a defensive back at **Jackson State**, was redshirted as a freshman last season. **Shamake's** twin sister, **Deundra**, played basketball for two seasons at **Jackson State** before leaving the team this year.

"In high school, we all competed against each other," says Greg. "We all played three sports. At the end of the year, we'd see who would have the most trophies. I came home with seven or eight. Ros would have about 10. We have about 140 trophies in the house, not including hoops."

Greg hopes to add some NFL hardware to the family collection in the near future. He astonished scouts by



Rosalyn Spann



Greg Spann

SPANNING TWO SPORTS: Rosalyn leads the women's basketball team while Greg is one of the SWAC's leading receivers.

running back-to-back 4.3-second 40-yard dashes last spring. He led the SWAC with nine touchdown receptions last season, including a school record four against **Prairie View**. He caught 34 passes for 500 yards despite missing three games when he had to sit out after an agent provided him illegal benefits.

He has been invited to the Senior Bowl and Hula Bowl all-star games and the NFL Combine.

"I just need to concentrate on catching the ball and being myself," he says. "If I play my game, I can be a No. 1 pick."

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

LONGEST CURRENT WOMEN'S HOMECOURT WINNING STREAKS

1. Connecticut 44
2. Stanford 23
3. Texas Tech 22
4. Alcorn State 20
5. Grambling State 19
6. Jackson State 19
7. Toledo 17

SOURCE: Conference Reports