

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11 THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 1997

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

ALABAMA A&M ON THE MOVE



Alabama A&M Sports Photo
PETTAWAY: Streaking towards fourth straight SIAC title.

▼ FOLLOWING HAMPTON, NORFOLK ST. INTO DIVISION ONE PROMISED LAND

BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Standings, Results and Weekly Honors)

SCORES

FEB. 8
Lynn 91, UDC 72
Tenn. State 84, Murray State 68

CIAA
Elizabeth City 79, N. C. Central 74
J. C. Smith 68, Fayetteville State 67
Norfolk State 77, Virginia State 67
St. Augustine's 74, Shaw 71
Virginia Union 86, Bowie State 58
W-Salem State 77, Livingstone 73

MEAC
Bethune-Cookman 89, Fla. A&M 84
Coppin State 82, Morgan State 68
Hampton 88, Howard 68
NC A&T 87, Delaware State 66
S. C. State 70, UMS 64, OT

SIAC
Alabama A&M 87, Savannah St. 75
Albany State 87, Miles 73
Clark Atlanta 79, Ft. Valley 74, 2OT
Kentucky State 72, Central State 67
LeMoyne-Owen 108, Tuskegee 102
Morehouse 79, Morris Brown 76
Voorhees 77, Paine 70

SWAC
Alcorn State 53, Jackson State 52
Grambling 81, Prairie View 80
Miss. Valley 93, Texas Southern 70
Southern 102, Alabama State 92

CIAA

DIV	ALL
W L W L	W L W L
NORTH	
Elizabeth City	6 1 15 4
St. Paul's	5 2 12 5
Virginia Union	6 3 13 10
Norfolk State	6 3 15 6
Virginia State	1 7 5 16
Bowie St.	0 8 4 19
SOUTH	
NC Central	8 2 16 4
St. Augustine's	7 3 15 6
Fayetteville State	6 4 11 11
Winston-Salem State	4 5 10 11
JC Smith	3 6 7 14
Livingstone	3 6 7 15
Shaw	3 8 9 16

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
MAURICE MINCEY - Sr., F, Elizabeth City - Had 76 points, 33 rebounds and seven assists in three games. In a win over Shaw, he had 29 points and 15 rebounds.

MEAC

CONF	ALL
W L W L	W L W L
NC A&T	9 2 11 6
SC State	9 2 10 9
Coppin State	9 2 12 7
Morgan State	5 6 13 7
Bethune-Cookman	5 6 7 12
Hampton	5 7 6 15
Howard	4 7 4 15
Florida A&M	4 8 4 16
Delaware State	3 7 3 15
Maryland-ES	3 9 7 13

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
ANTOINE BROCKINGTON - Jr., G, Coppin State - In two victories over Del State and Morgan, he averaged 23 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 1.5 steals. He had 25 points and five assists against Morgan.

SIAC

CONF	ALL
W L W L	W L W L
EAST	
Clark Atlanta	11 0 15 4
Albany State	10 4 15 7
Paine	5 5 10 10
Savannah State	5 8 8 12
Morris Brown	2 11 2 17
Fort Valley State	1 10 4 17
WEST	
Alabama A&M	13 1 18 3
LeMoyne-Owen	9 5 14 8
Kentucky State	7 6 13 8
Morehouse	7 7 12 9
Miles	5 8 10 11
Tuskegee	1 11 6 16

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
FABIAN SPENCER - Fr., F, Tuskegee - Scored 61 points and pulled down 35 rebounds in two games that the Tigers split.

SWAC

CONF	ALL
W L W L	W L W L
Miss Valley	8 2 14 7
Texas Southern	5 4 10 11
Prairie View	5 5 8 14
Ark-Pine Bluff	5 5 7 14
Jackson State	5 5 7 15
Southern	4 6 7 12
Alabama State	4 6 5 13
Grambling	3 6 8 16

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
ANTHONY DAVIS - Sr., G, Miss. Valley State - In #1 vs. #2 showdown against Texas Southern, Davis had 29 points in 34 minutes, canning 3 of 4 three-pointers and 10 of 15 free throws in 93-70 win. He also helped hold the SWAC's leading scorer, TSU's Randy Bolden, to 13 points on 4 of 18 shooting.

INDEPENDENTS

W	L
Cheyney	13 7
Langston	10 8
Dist of Columbia	10 11
Ark-Pine Bluff	8 13
Tennessee St.	8 13
Central State	6 15

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ADAMS ASCENDS: Julius Adams has been named the new football coach at Benedict College. He replaces Harold Jackson, the former NFL and Jackson State standout, who was at the helm as the school resurrected the football program at the "club" level this year. The school hopes to compete on the collegiate level in 1998-99. Adams had worked as Jackson's defensive coordinator.

A VIEW FROM THE PRAIRIE:

Langston University head football coach Greg E. Johnson announced his resignation Feb. 10 reportedly to pursue the head coaching position at Prairie View. Johnson, 36, had been at Langston for 11 years as a coach, the last six as head coach. During that period he led the Lions to a 35-30-0 mark, winning two Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference (OIC) championships and making two appearances in the NAIA national playoffs. The Lions posted a 6-4 mark this year. Prairie View suspended Hensley Sapenter for six games for using ineligible players in the season opener against Texas Southern. He was reinstated on Oct. 19 and served to the end of the season. Fred Freeman has the interim coach during Sapenter's suspension. Clifton Gilliard took over as interim AD during Sapenter's suspension and continued with that responsibility. The Southwestern Athletic Conference office said they had received no official word that the head coaching job was vacant. Prairie View has lost an NCAA record 68 consecutive football games.

Alabama A&M to make jump to Div. I, SWAC

LUT WILLIAMS
BCSP Editor

Alabama A&M University, a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference since 1941, plans to join the growing list of black college NCAA Div. II schools making the jump to Div. I.

A&M Athletic Director James Martin said the school will notify the NCAA before the June 1, 1997 deadline of their request for reclassification to Div. I status. During the two-year process A&M will continue to compete in the SIAC.

"We have made the commitment to become a full-fledged Div. I member," Martin said, noting that the school would compete on the Div. I-AA level in football.

"By 1998 or 1999 we should be fully into the SWAC (Southwestern Athletic Conference)," Martin said.

Though the school has not made official application to join the SWAC, Martin said university and SWAC officials have had preliminary discussions and SWAC officials have been helpful planning the transition.

"We need to find more financial

resources not present in Division II or the SIAC," said Martin. "This is important to the university and to our student athletes. This is a positive move."

Martin, a 1966 A&M grad, left Long Island University to replace Jerome Fitch at the helm of the Bulldog program just two months ago. Martin, a former Tuskegee athletic director, said A&M has been studying the move for six or seven years. Former Athletic Director Gene Bright, now the AD at Morris Brown did much of the preliminary work on the jump, he said.

The school must add two women's

sports to meet the Div. I requirement of seven. Martin said softball will likely be one of them. He also said the school would "gradually add scholarships" to come up to the Div. I minimum of 63 (from 38) for football, 13 (from 11) for men's basketball, and 15 (from 11) for women's basketball.

A&M has been an SIAC and Div. II women's track power, winning 13 of the last 14 conference titles, while the men's basketball team has won the last three SIAC and South Region crowns. The school opened a new \$13 million football stadium last year but finished fifth in the conference in attendance.

Hoop favorites emerge after tussles

A couple of weeks ago no clear-cut favorites had emerged as the men's hoop season entered its final month. But that changed last week as the top two teams in three of four black college conferences squared off.

In the CIAA, Elizabeth City (6-1, 15-4) which surged to the front of the Northern Division over the last two weeks established themselves as pre-tournament favorites with a 79-74 win over Southern Division leader N. C. Central Saturday in Durham. CIAA Player of the Week, Maurice Mincey was huge for the Vikings scoring 19 points and pulling down seven rebounds in the see-saw affair. This week the Vikings take to the road to battle their chief N. Division pursuers, third place Virginia Union (6-3, 13-10) on Tuesday (2/11) and second-place St. Paul's (5-2, 12-5) on Saturday.

On the women's side, both Bowie State (8-0, 21-1) in the North, and Fayetteville State (10-0, 19-3) in the South, have clinched division crowns and will enter the tournament as the top two seeds. BSU is ranked 20th nationally and first in the South Atlantic region with FSU third.

In the SIAC, West Division leader Alabama A&M thrashed East leader Clark Atlanta 98-76 last Monday solidifying their BCSP #1 ranking, extending their winning streak to 10 games and getting revenge for their 96-84 loss to Clark on Jan. 13. A&M forward Bethel Hendricks canned only 2 of 10 field goal attempts, but made 16 of 24 free throws in scoring 20 points and pulling down 19 rebounds in the win. Terrance Valier led the Bulldogs with 26.

The SIAC women are led by Fort Valley (9-1, 18-3) with a two-game lead over Morris Brown (8-4, 13-8) in the East and Kentucky State (10-1, 16-5) with a half-game lead over

Alabama A&M (10-2, 15-6) in the West. Kentucky State holds down the fourth ranking in the women's South Region rankings, followed by Fort Valley (5) and Alabama A&M (6).

In the SWAC men's race, Mississippi Valley (8-2, 14-7) opened up a two-and-a-half game lead beating back the challenge of second-place Texas Southern 93-70 Saturday in Houston. MVSU forward Mark Jennings had 21 points and 13 rebounds but the guard play of Anthony Davis (29 pts.) and Faragi Phillips (19) keyed the win. They combined to hold TSU guard Randy Bolden, the conference's leading scorer (22.1 ppg.), to only 13.

Valley will face two of the three teams tied for third place this week when they travel to Prairie View (5-5, 8-14) Feb. 10 and host Jackson State (5-5, 7-15) on Feb. 17. On the women's side, Grambling (10-0, 17-5) holds a two-game lead over Jackson State (8-2, 12-8) with the two scheduled to meet Saturday, Feb. 15 at Grambling.

It's only in the MEAC that no one has yet emerged from a pack of three that are currently tied for the top spot in men's play. North Carolina A&T (9-2, 11-6), South Carolina State (9-2, 10-9) and Coppin State (9-2, 12-7) are still tied atop the rankings. That logjam will start to thin out Saturday (2/15) when SC State plays at A&T.

Howard's women (11-0, 14-5) have a one-and-a-half game lead over Florida A&M (10-2, 13-7) with the two titans scheduled for a Thursday, Feb. 13 meeting in Tallahassee. The men's game will be carried live at 6:30 pm on Home Team Sports.

BCSP Notes

▼ **THE STARS COME OUT:** The 23rd annual Black College All-American Awards Weekend will be held Feb. 28 - March 1 at the Ritz Hotel in Atlanta. Sponsored by the American Urban Radio Networks (AURN) the affair will honor All-American football players and outstanding coaches named to the 1996 Sheridan Broadcasting Network's Black College Football All-American team. The 24-member team will be honored along with Florida A&M head coach Billy Joe, who won the network's Coach of the Year Award for leading his Rattlers to the MEAC crown and a Div. I-AA playoff berth. The March 1 Awards Banquet will be keynoted by former Cleveland Browns running back and NFL Hall of Fame legend Jim Brown. Comedian Tommy Davidson will be on hand to provide entertainment. A reception to meet and greet the participants is scheduled for Feb. 28.

▼ **TRACKIN' PROGRESS:** Norfolk State's men and St. Augustine's women captured the CIAA Indoor Track titles contested last week at the Arthur Ashe Center in Richmond, Va. NSU outdistanced St. Augustine's 150-130 in men's competition, while St. Aug's held off NSU's women 142-110. The two teams combined to win 18 out of the 21 events. St. Aug's Andrea Giscombe (track), Nicole Irving (field), and Derrick Trimble (track) won top honors, along with Norfolk State's Allen Mortimer (field) and Tamara Clarke (track) and NC Central's Kimberly McPhatter (field). The Men's and Women's SWAC championships will be held Feb. 22-23 at the LSU Indoor Track Stadium in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The MEAC 17th Annual Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships will be held on Feb. 22-23 in Greensboro, NC at the the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

MEN'S AND WOMENS BCSP RANKINGS

MEN

1. ALABAMA A&M (15-3) - Big 98-76 win over East leader Clark Atlanta, 10-game win streak, and #11 national (Div. II) ranking.
 2. COPPIN STATE (12-7) - Eagles have righted themselves after rocky start.
 3. MISS. VALLEY (14-7) - Delta Devils demolished nearest SWAC rival Texas Southern, 93-70.
 4. ELIZABETH CITY (15-4) - Vikings rolling. Vanquished N. Div. leader NC Central. St. Paul's and Va. Union this week.
 5. ST. PAUL'S (12-5) - Big showdown at their place against Elizabeth City on Feb. 17.
 6. NC A&T (11-6) - Aggies holding on to their share of MEAC first place. Meet co-leader SC State, Feb. 15.
 7. ST. AUGUSTINE'S (15-6) - Stood pat preparing for rematch against NC Central 2/11.
 8. NC CENTRAL (16-4) - Beaten by Elizabeth City at home but still atop S. Division.
 9. CLARK ATLANTA (15-4) - Handled by Alabama A&M but still atop the SIAC East.
 10. SC STATE (10-9) - Still in tie for MEAC lead
- VIRGINIA UNION (12-10) - Playing with new purpose.

WOMEN

1. GRAMBLING (17-5) - Lady Tigers up two games in SWAC race and undefeated in conference play.
2. BOWIE STATE (21-1) - Lady Bulldogs ranked 20th in NCAA Div. II poll. Clinched N. Div. crown. Only ranked (Div. II) team.
3. HOWARD (14-5) - Lady Bison lead MEAC by game and a half. Showdown with 2nd place FAMU, Feb. 13.
4. FORT VALLEY (18-3) - Two games up in SIAC East. Fourth ranked in region.
5. FLORIDA A&M (13-7) - Lady Rattlers need win at home over Howard (2/13) to tighten MEAC race.
5. FAYETTEVILLE STATE (19-3) - Tammy Brown may be most talented player in women's black college basketball. Clinched S. Div. crown.
6. CENTRAL STATE (22-2) - Lady Marauders all dressed up with nowhere to go.
7. NORFOLK STATE (15-7) - Perennial conference bullies trail Bowie State in CIAA North.
8. KENTUCKY STATE (16-5) - SIAC West leader ranked fifth in South Region (Div. II). Has women's black college scoring leader, Angel Lewis (23.3).
9. ALCORN STATE (12-8) - SWAC runner-up.
10. ALABAMA A&M (15-6) - Trails Kentucky State in SIAC West by just one-half game.

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Livingstone 63, W-Salem St. 56
Norfolk State 68, Virginia St. 66
Shaw 78, St. Augustine's 68

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Coppin State 57, Morgan State 52
Delaware State 65, NC A&T 54
Florida A&M 73, B-Cookman 43
Howard 87, Hampton 67
UMES 47, SC State 45

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Alabama A&M 66, Sav. St. 39
Albany State 69, Miles 43
Central State 77, Kentucky St. 62
Ft. Valley 73, Clark Atlanta 51
LeMoyne-Owen 83, Tuskegee 66
Morris Brown 93, Spelman 41
Paine 76, Voorhees 69

SWAC
Alcorn State 57, Jackson St. 54
Grambling State 71, Pr. View 37
Miss. Valley 59, Tex. Southern 57

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* Clinched Division title	

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
TIFFANY MITCHELL - Jr., C, Shaw - In three games last week, Mitchell had 79 points, 20 rebounds, five steals and nine blocked shots. Her best performance was against St. Augustine's where she had 16 points, nine rebounds and 10 assists.

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MEAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
DENIQUE GRAVES - Sr., F, Howard - In two wins over Morgan State and Hampton, Graves had 26 points, 17 rebounds and five blocked shots.

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SIAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
KWANA GRAVES - Fr., G, Morris Brown - During a 1-1 week, Graves averaged 23.5 points, 11 rebounds, 6.5 assists and 3.5 steals.

SWAC

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SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
TRACY CAMPBELL - Soph., F, Miss. Valley - Against Texas Southern she had 26 points, 12 rebounds and six steals in 58-57 win.

INDEPENDENTS

W	L
Central State	22 2
UDC	11 9
Cheyney	8 11
Tennessee St.	9 12
Ark-Pine Bluff	6 11
Langston	6 17