

HEAVY ACTION ALL AROUND



MURRAY: Former Shaw, CIAA star rumored to be on NBA trading block

▼ NEXT PGA QUEST BEGINS FOR O'NEAL: DARBY PENS ONLINE SUPER BOWL DIARY

2005-06 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

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W. DIVISION								SC St
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W-Salem State	2	1	6	3	12	6		Howa
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EAC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONF ALL

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Delaware State	9	0	11	10
Copper State	7	2	7	13
Flonda A&M	6	3	10	11
Hampton	6	3	В	9
Bethune-Cookman	5	4	9	11
Norfolk State	5	4	6	13
SC State	- 4	5	6	13
NC A&T State	3	6	3	15
Md E-Shore	2	7	5	14
Howard	-1	8	2	16
Morgan State	1	7	1	18

LAYERS OF THE WEEK

ANGER, 6-3, Br., Q, HAMPTON, New - Averaged 18 points, 4 lebounds, 1 wins over Sevenneh 9L (16 pts.) and 9D

SIAC BOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGISTE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CONF ALL

	W	L	W	L
Benedict	12	0	13	3
Paine	10	2	12	4
Lane	10	4	11	6
Alberry State	7	3	7	7
Shitmen	7	5	10	7
Morehouse	7	6	10	8
LeMpyne-Dwen	5	8	6	11
Kentucky State	5	9	6	10
Miles	4	10	4	14
Fort Valley State	3	8	6	10
Clark Atlanta	3	9	3	15

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK MONYEA PRATT, 6-6, Jr., F, STILLMAN, Bir-mingham, AL - Averaged 17 ppg., 15 rpp., 5 apg and 3 spg in wins over Miles and Clark Atlanta

SWAC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Jackson State Alabama A&M Alabama State Ark Pere Bluff Texas Southern Prame View A&M

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK PLAYER BRION RUBH, 6-2, 8-, G, GRANBLINGSTATE,

	W	L
W Va State	15	4
Central State	9	. 8
Tennessee State	7 %	-90
Chaynay	77	192
Savannah State	2	20
Unw DC	Q	13

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK TONY CORNETT, 6-5, 80., F, W. VA. STATE

UNDER THE BANNER

GOOD START FOR O'NEAL: Former Jackson State golfer Tim O'Neal bogeyed three of the final



O'NEAL: Ties for 11th opening event

six holes to finish in a five-way tie for 11th at the Movistar Panama Championship in Panama City, Panama, the first event of this year's Nationwide Tour. O'Neal collected \$11,660 as he began his latest attempt to make it to the PGA Tour. After opening with rounds of 73 and 68 to beat the three-over cut at the par-70 Panama Golf Club course by two strokes, the 33-year old O'Neal shot himself into conten-

tion Saturday with a course-record tying seven-under 63. He entered Sunday's final round tied for fourth at six-under 204. He stayed in contention and amongst the top five for most of the final round before bogeying Nos. 13, 15 and 18 on the way into finish with a final round two-over 72 and a four-day total of two-under 276. Tripp Isenhour, who set the course record in the opening round, won the event with an 11-under 269 and took home the \$99,000 top prize. This is O'Neal's second straight year competing on the Nationwide Tour and this year's start is better than a year ago when he missed the cut in the season's first two tournaments. He finished 44th on the money list with a total of \$120,772. The top 20 money winners on the Nationwide Tour are granted full exemption to the PGA Tour. "I want to win and finish in the top 20 (on the money list)," said O'Neal, who had two top ten finishes last season but went through an agonizing stretch of 12 tournaments where he missed seven cuts and banked only \$10,025. "I'll know the courses a little better this year and have a better idea how to travel. I feel like I'm better prepared."

SUPER BOWL DIARY: The only black college player in Sunday's Super Bowl XL is former South



DARBY: Only black college player in Super Bowl XL penning diary on seahawks com

Carolina State (1994-97) and MEAC standout Chartric "Chuck" Darby, a starting left defensive tackle for the Seattle Seahawks. Darby, a standout linebacker and lineman and twotime defensive all-MEAC player at SC State who holds the school's all-time sack record with 45.5 and was runnerup for MEAC defensive player of the year in 1997, is penning a diary for the Seahawks at http:// www.seahawks.com

ArDisplay.aspx?ID=6377) that began when the team entered the playoffs. Darby, a 6-2, 275-pound tackle, was signed by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as an undrafted free agent in 2000 and spent the first four years of his NFL career as a member of the Buc' vaunted defense. He worked his way up from the practice squad in 2000 to become a sometime starter at nose tackle for the defensive unit that carried the Bucs to the Super Bowl XXXVII title, He was signed by Seattle as a free agent in March 2005 and posted 30 tackles and 2.5 sacks

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

STATS OF BLACK COLLEGE

PLAYERS IN THE NBA

24 42 36.5 504 .000 .478 12.5 2.0 1.55 2.31 8.4 RONALD MURRAY Seattle (Shaw) 37 2 24.4 .395 .209 714 1.9 2.9 .70 .22 10.8

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BCSP Tidbits

pion Virginia Union (12-2) continues to march towards a threepeat in men's 2005-06 CIAA basketball, their chief competition could come from 14-3 St. Augustine's who has made a push to the top of the West Division behind a trio of lethal scorers.

Junior guard Antonio Fitzgerald (22.6 ppg.), junior forward Nicholas King (19.4 ppg.) and junior forward Claude "Chip" Neeley (19.1 ppg.) are 1-2-3 in CIAA scoring and lead the conference in other stat categories while vaulting the Falcons to the top of the CIAA West.

They have propelled St. Aug's to an 88.4 points per game mark, which is tops in the CIAA and sixth nationally in NCAA Div. II stats.

Fitzgerald, a transfer from Kilgore (Tx.) Community College where he was a 20-point scorer in his two seasons, originally signed with Div. I Boise State before settling at St. Aug's. The 6-1 guard from Danville, Va., who battled in the same conference ascurrent Duke star J. J. Redick in high school, is currently tenth in the nation in scoring. He's also averaging 5.7 rebounds and 5.0 assists per game while shooting 83.1% from the line

King, a deadly 6-7 shooter from Philadelphia, averaged 14.1 points per game last season and was a first team all-MEAC forward for Coppin State. He decided to transfer after his second season at the Baltimore school. He currently leads the CIAA with 53 3-pointers (3.12 per game) and in 3-point field goal percentage at 47.3% (53 of 112)

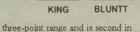
Neeley, a 6-2 guard from Tallahassee, Fl., who plays much bigger, is the only one of the triumvirate that played for the Falcons last year. He earned all-CIAA honors last season while leading the conference with a 17 points per game average. Despite his size, he currently leads the CIAA getting 9.5 rebounds per game.

▼ Head coach Greg Jackson and his defending champion Delaware State Hornets completed the first half of the MEAC season with a perfect 9-0 mark and are favorites to repeat as they head into the last five weeks of the season

Junior forward Jasha Bluntt has led the Hornets on both ends of the floor and is the leading candidate at the midway point for league MVP. He is averaging 14.4 points per game, eighth best in the MEAC, and also leads DSU getting 5.1 rebounds per and 38.5% from three-point range. game. He's shooting 39.5% from







▼ A trio of black college players have been invited to the Feb. 23-27 NFL Combine in Indianapolis.

the league at 2.4 3s per game.

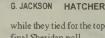
So far, Grambling QB Bruce Eugene and defensive end Jason Hatcher have received their invitations as has Alabama State OB Tarvaris Jackson.

Eugene, who threw for 56 TDs and over 4,400 yards this season, has been working out in Phoenix with a personal trainer trying to get his weight down and increase his

Hatcher, a 6-7, 285-pound first team all-SWAC defender, finished with 71 tackles and 11 sacks this season. Jackson played in last week's East/West Shrine game and was 5 of 9 for 90 yards as a starter for the

▼ Negotiations are reportedly underway to have MEAC champion Hampton and SWAC champion Grambling State meet in the season-opening SWAC-MEAC Challenge in Birmingham on Sept. 2. Grambling was first and Hampton second in the final BCSP ranking





while they tied for the top spot in the final Sheridan poll.

MEN JANUARY 39 MEAC CSU 79 UMES 53 DSU 66, B-CC 58 Hampton 77, NC A&T 68 Ohio St 95, FAMU 53 MSU 79, Howard 73 SWAZA

SWAC AA&M 99, Tex. SU 75 JSU 62, UAPB 57 GSU 64, MVSU: 59 JANUARY 28 CIAA CINTIN 78, VSU 74 FSU 63, SPC 57 JCSU, WSSU 62 Liv. 51, Shaw 48 SAC 63, NCCU 53 VUU 69, ECSU 57 MEAC CSU 70, Howard 61 DSU 61, FAMU 50 SMC BC 64, LOC 61 Lane 73, Kentucky St MHC 73, TU 63 PC 61, MC 59 SC63, CAU 55

SWAC AA&M 106, PV71 Alab St 72, Tex SU 60 GSU 66, UAPB 64 JSU 61, MVSU 51 SU 72, Alc. St 55 IND. Tenn. St. 72, TTU 63

HOOP SCORES

WOMEN JANUARY 39

MEAC:
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DSU170, B-CC 29
Howard 87, MSU 76
NSU 87, SCSU 82
NC ART 73, Hampion 6
SWAC
AA&M 64, Tex. SU 50
JSURS, UAPB 82,
MYSU 71, CSU 44
Alab. St. 61, PV 51

JANUARY 28 CUAA ECSU 87, VUU 63 FSU 86, St. Paul's 62 JCSU 67, MSSU 36 MCCU 84, SAC 54 Shaw 84, LC 58 MEAC CSU 66, Howard 56 SWAC AA&M 54, PV 43 Allah SI, 57, Tex. SU 55 GSU 76, UAPB 75 JSU 59, MVSU 58 SU 64, Alb. St. 49 IND TTU 79, Tenn St. 53

GAMES THIS WEEK SAT., FEB. 4

CIAA
Bowie State @ Fayv St.
Eliz. City St. @ Shaw
JC Smith @ Livingstone
NC Central @ WSSU St Aug's @ Va. Union Va. State @ St. Paul's MEAC

Flonda A&M @ Morgan St. Hampton @ UMES B-CC @ Coppin St. Norfolk St. @ Howard

Benedict @ Tuskegee Clark Atlanta @ Ft. Valley St. Lane @ Christian Bros. LeM. Owen @ Rust Miles @ Morehouse Paine @ Stillman SWAC

Alabama St. @ Miss. Valley St. Alabama A&M @ Ark.PB INDEPENDENT
Tenn. St. @ Austin Peay.
W. Va St. @ Ohio Valley
Cheyney @ Mansfield
Delta St. @ Central State

MON., FEB. 6

Norfolk St. @ UMES Flonda A&M @ Coppin St. Delawara St. @ NC A&T B-CC @ Morgan St.

Alabama St. @ Ark.PB Alabama A&M @ Mss. Valley St Alcorn St. @ Grambling St. Southern @ Jackson St. SIAC

Benedict @ Stillman Morehouse @ Albany St. Kentucky St. @ Fla. GC

BCSP Notes Wallace, Murray

making NBA headlines

Heading towards the NBA's mid-season, Detroit Pistons' standout center Ben Wallace and Seattle Sonics guard Rouald Murray are making headlines, but for different reasons



Wallace, the Pistons' 6-9 defensive stalwart out of Virginia

WALLACE

Union, is tied for the league lead with Orlando's Dwight Howard in rebounds per game at 12.5 and is helping fuel the team's run at an NBA record winning percentage. The Pistons have won 11 straight games, sport the league's best record at 37-5, are on top of the

NBA's Central Division of the Eastern Conference and are on pace to break or equal the league's all-time mark of 72-10 held by the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls. In NBA All-Star balloting, Wallace, the 2002-03

and 2004-05 NBA defensive player of the year, finished behind the Eastern Conference's top vote-getter Shaquille O'Neal at center and may be selected to his fourth straight all-star game. Selectees for the Feb. 20 All-Star Game in Houston will be named on Feb. 2.

Murray, a 6-3 combo guard with the Seattle SuperSonics in his fourth year out of Shaw, is rum ored to be involved in trade talks. Murray, who is averaging 10.8 points per game in primarily a back-up role for

Seattle, has been mentioned in trade scenarios with Boston and Minnesota, who are both looking for scorers at the guard position. Wallace and Murray are two of six former black

college players in the NBA. The others - Jerome James of the New York Knicks (Florida A&M), Darrell Armstrong of Dallas (Fayetteville State), Lindsev Hunter of Detroit (Jackson State) and Devin Green of the Los Angeles Lakers (Hampton) - are seeing limited action. James, signed by the Knicks to a six-year \$30

million contract this season, has struggled with conditioning and injury concerns and was used sparingly by new Knicks coach Larry Brown before being suspended indefinitely on Jan. 6 for conduct detrimental to the team. James reportedly was unprepared to practice. The 7-foot center who played at Florida A&M, was coming off his best season last year with Seattle.

Armstrong, a 14-year veteran from Fayetteville State, is in his third season with Dallas. He is serving as a back-up point guard averaging 1.9 points per game while appearing in 31 games.

Green, who made the Lakers squad as a 6-7 undrafted rookie free agent from Hampton, has played in just 17 games averaging 1.0 points per contest.

Hunter, a 12-year veteran who has earned NBA championship rings with the Pistons and Lakers, has missed all of this season after undergoing surgery on his

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CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER NASTASSIA BOUCKAULT 5-8, 81, G, SHAW, Breaklyn, RY-Averaged 19 points, 6-6 indicated, 5-3 assets and 3-6 steels in 3-virus.

MEAC ATHETIC CONTERENCE

Coppin State
Delaware State
UMES
SC State
Howard
NC A&T State
Florida A&M
Hampton
Norfolk State Morgan State Bethus e-Cookman

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

TANEZA HARDEN 6-3, Fr., C, COPPINSTATE, Camden, NJ - Avenaged 10 points, 6 rebounds, 2.5 blocks and 2 steels in two wins.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGUATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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ALDRANY PEAK, 50, 80, G, ALBANY STATE
Shellman, GA-Avenged 16.5 ppg, 11.5 ppg, 25
assists and 2.0 steels in wins over Lane and

SWAC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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Texas Southern

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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Jackson, MS - Had 16 points and 7 rebounds as
the Lady Tigues best Miss. Yalley State: 59-56
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into second - place fie

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UDC	8	13	
Central State	6	8	
Cheyney -	4	15	
Savannah State	3	18	
Tennessee State	-0	18	

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
APRIL STEVENSON, 5-5, Br., G., WEST
VIRGINIA STATE Bartimore, MD - Averaged 11 points per game and 5.5 is bounds
per game in two wins

BEN WALLACE Detroit (Va Union)

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5.4 .250 .000 .600 1.2 .2 DARRELL ARMSTRONG Dallas (Fayetteville State) 31 1 7.6 .385 .200 .739 1.0 1.1 .32 LINDSEY HUNTER Detroit (Jackson State)

22 8 9.0 .409 .000 .450 2.0 .3 DEVIN GREEN LA Lakers (Hampton)