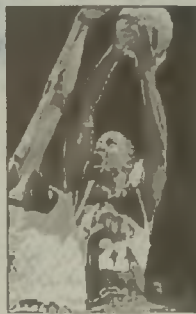


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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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HEAVY ACTION ALL AROUND

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

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

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

GOOD START FOR O'NEAL: Former Jackson State golfer Tim O'Neal bogeyed three of the final 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 contention 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 in to 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."



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O'NEAL: Ties for 11th at opening event of Nationwide Golf Tour

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

SUPER BOWL DIARY:

The only black college player in Sunday's Super Bowl XL is former South 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 two-time 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's 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 this season.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

STATS OF BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS IN THE NBA

	PPG	REB	AST	STL	BLK	FT%	3P%	PTS	MIN	PER
BEN WALLACE Detroit (Va Union)	42.42	36.5	5.04	.000	4.78	12.5	2.0	1.55	2.31	8.4
RONALD MURRAY Seattle (Shaw)	37.2	24.4	.395	.209	7.14	1.9	2.9	.70	.22	10.8
JEROME JAMES NY Knicks (Florida A&M)	22.8	9.0	.409	.000	.450	2.0	.3	.05	.55	2.9
DEVIN GREEN LA Lakers (Hampton)	17.0	5.4	.250	.000	.600	1.2	.2	.12	.00	1.0
DARRELL ARMS-TRONG Dallas (Fayetteville State)	31.1	7.6	.385	.200	.739	1.0	1.1	.32	.06	1.9
LINDSEY HUNTER Detroit (Jackson State)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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

CIAA					MEAC					SIAC					SWAC					INDEPENDENTS				
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE									
DIV		CONF		ALL	CONF		ALL		CONF		ALL		CONF		ALL		DIV		ALL		W		L	
W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
<p>CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK ANTHONY FITZGERALD, 6-1, Jr., O. ST. AUG'S, Danville, VA - CIAA scoring leader averaged 23 points, 4.3 rebounds and 5.6 assists in wins over JCSU, NCCU and Livingston.</p> <p>MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK JEFF GRANGER, 6-3, Jr., O. HAMPTON, Newark, NJ - Averaged 18 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists in wins over Savannah St. (16 pts.) and SC State (20 pts.)</p> <p>SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK BENEDICT, 6-4, Jr., F. ST. LAMAR, Birmingham, AL - Averaged 17 pts., 15 rpg., 5 apg. and 3 stg in wins over Miles and Clark Atlanta.</p> <p>SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK BRION RUSH, 6-2, Jr., O. GRAMBLING STATE, Shawnee, LA - Averaged 20.5 points per game as the Tigers got wins over Miss. Valley State and Alabama-Pine Bluff to move into sole possession of second place.</p> <p>INDEPENDENTS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK TONY CORNETT, 6-5, Sr., F. W. VA. STATE, Columbus, OH - Averaged 21.5 points as the Yellow Jackets split two games. Had 29 points on 13 of 20 shooting in loss to Alabama-Birmingham. Also had 9 points in win over Greenville State.</p>																								

BCSP Tidbits

While two-time defending champion 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 as current 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 and 38.5% from three-point range.

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, Fla., 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 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 game. He's shooting 39.5% from



KING BLUNTT G. JACKSON HATCHER

three-point range and is second in the league at 2.4 3s per game.

A trio of black college players have been invited to the Feb. 23-27 NFL Combine in Indianapolis. So far, Grambling QB Bruce Eugene and defensive end Jason Hatcher have received their invitations as has Alabama State QB 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 agility.

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 East.

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

HOOP SCORES

MEN		WOMEN	
JANUARY 30			
MEAC	CSU 79, LINES 33	MEAC	CSU 61, UMES 40
DSU 68, B-CC 58	DSU 77, NC A&T 68	DSU 70, B-CC 29	Howard 87, MSU 76
Ole. St. 96, FAMU 53	MSU 79, Howard 73	JCSU 67, WSSU 66	NC A&T 73, Hampton 69
MSU 79, Howard 73	SWAC	A&M 99, Tex. SU 75	A&M 84, Tex. SU 50
JSU 62, UAPB 57	MSU 79, Howard 73	JSU 62, UAPB 57	MSU 79, Howard 73
GSU 84, MVSU 59	SWAC	GSU 84, MVSU 59	MSU 79, Howard 73
JANUARY 28			
CIAA	Ches. 76, VSU 74	CIAA	ECU 67, VUJ 63
FSU 63, SPC 57	JCSU 67, WSSU 66	FSU 63, SPC 57	NC A&T 73, Hampton 69
Liv. St. 96, FAMU 53	SAC 63, NCCU 53	Liv. St. 96, FAMU 53	MSU 79, Howard 73
VUU 69, ECU 57	MEAC	VUU 69, ECU 57	MSU 79, Howard 73
CSU 70, Howard 61	SWAC	CSU 70, Howard 61	MSU 79, Howard 73
DSU 81, FAMU 50	MSU 79, Howard 73	DSU 81, FAMU 50	MSU 79, Howard 73
Hampton 68, SCSU 57	MSU 79, Howard 73	Hampton 68, SCSU 57	MSU 79, Howard 73
UMES 76, MSU 67	SWAC	UMES 76, MSU 67	MSU 79, Howard 73
BC 64, LOC 61	MSU 79, Howard 73	BC 64, LOC 61	MSU 79, Howard 73
Lane 73, Kentucky St. 72	MSU 79, Howard 73	Lane 73, Kentucky St. 72	MSU 79, Howard 73
MHC 72, TU 63	MSU 79, Howard 73	MHC 72, TU 63	MSU 79, Howard 73
PC 61, MC 35	MSU 79, Howard 73	PC 61, MC 35	MSU 79, Howard 73
SCAS, CAU 35	MSU 79, Howard 73	SCAS, CAU 35	MSU 79, Howard 73
SWAC	MSU 79, Howard 73	SWAC	MSU 79, Howard 73
A&M 108, PV 71	MSU 79, Howard 73	A&M 108, PV 71	MSU 79, Howard 73
Abb. St. 72, Tex. SU 80	MSU 79, Howard 73	Abb. St. 72, Tex. SU 80	MSU 79, Howard 73
GSU 66, UAPB 64	MSU 79, Howard 73	GSU 66, UAPB 64	MSU 79, Howard 73
JSU 61, MVSU 51	MSU 79, Howard 73	JSU 61, MVSU 51	MSU 79, Howard 73
SU 72, AC 55	MSU 79, Howard 73	SU 72, AC 55	MSU 79, Howard 73
IND	MSU 79, Howard 73	IND	MSU 79, Howard 73
Tenn. St. 72, TTU 63	MSU 79, Howard 73	Tenn. St. 72, TTU 63	MSU 79, Howard 73

GAMES THIS WEEK

SAT., FEB. 4	
CIAA	
Bowie State @ Fayt. St.	Eliz. City St. @ Shaw
JC Smith @ Livingston	NC Central @ WSSU
St. Aug's @ Va. Union	Va. State @ St. Paul's
MEAC	
Florida A&M @ Morgan St.	Hampton @ UMES
B-CC @ Coppin St.	Norfolk St. @ Howard
SIAC	
Benedict @ Tuskegee	Clark Atlanta @ FL Valley St.
Lane @ Christian Bros.	LeM. Owen @ Ruet
Miles @ Morehouse	Paine @ Stillman
SWAC	
Alabama St. @ Miss. Valley St.	Alabama A&M @ Ark. PB
Alcorn St. @ Jackson St.	Southern @ Grambling St.
Tenn. Southern @ Prairie View	INDEPENDENT
Tenn. St. @ Austin Peay	W. Va. St. @ Ohio Valley
Cheney @ Mansfield	Delta St. @ Central State
MON., FEB. 6	
MEAC	
Norfolk St. @ UMES	Florida A&M @ Coppin St.
Delaware St. @ NC A&T	B-CC @ Morgan St.
Hampton @ Howard	SWAC
Alabama St. @ Ark. PB	Alabama A&M @ Miss. Valley St.
Alcorn St. @ Grambling St.	Southern @ Jackson St.
SIAC	
Benedict @ Stillman	Morehouse @ Albany St.
Kentucky St. @ Fla. GC	Paine @ Tuskegee
INDEPENDENT	
Kutztown @ Cheney	

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W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
<p>CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK NASTASSIA BOUCICAULT, 5-8, Jr., O. SHAW, Brooklyn, NY - Averaged 19 points, 6.6 rebounds, 5.3 assists and 3.8 steals in 3 wins.</p> <p>MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK CHELSEA JETER, 5-8, Fr., O. FBU, Baltimore, MD - Averaged 14.8 ppg., 9.3 rpg. and 6.3 steals in three games.</p> <p>SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK TARAH OWENS, ELIZ. CITY STATE - Posted up three wins to improve to 10-0, 6-1 in the CIAA and now have won seven straight games.</p> <p>SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK SHELITA BURNS, 6-1, Jr., F. JACKSON STATE, Jackson, MS - Had 16 points and 7 rebounds as the Lady Tigs beat Miss. Valley State 59-56. Lady Tigs also beat Alabama-Pine Bluff to move into second-place tie.</p> <p>INDEPENDENTS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK APRIL STEVENSON, 5-8, Sr., O. WEST VIRGINIA STATE, Barbara, MD - Averaged 11 points per game and 5.5 rebounds per game in two wins.</p>																								