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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE™

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OVERDUE HONORS

STANDING TALL: Former SC State and NY Giants defensive stalwart earns Hall of Fame honor.

▼ WINNINGEST BASEBALL COACH NEW AD AT JSU; B-CC SOFTBALL RANKED

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

CIAA Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

	DIV W	DIV L	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
E. DIVISION						
Virginia Union	6	0	10	1	17	2
Elz City State	3	3	4	5	8	10
Shaw	3	3	4	7	5	16
Virginia State	2	3	4	6	5	16
Bowie State	1	3	5	5	12	9
St. Paul's	1	4	1	9	7	12
W. DIVISION						
St. Augustine's	5	1	8	4	14	5
J. C. Smith	5	1	8	1	16	4
N. C. Central	3	3	4	5	6	13
Fayetteville State	2	3	5	6	12	8
W-Salem State	2	3	6	5	12	8
Livingstone	0	6	2	9	6	15

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER

DUAN CROCKETT, 6-6, Sr., G/F, VA. UNION, Richmond, VA - Averaged 24.3 points, 9.3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2.3 steals and 2 blocks in three wins. He had 29 points, 15 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals.

ROOKIE

BRUCE ROYAL, 6-10, Fr., G, ST. PAUL'S, Newport News, VA - In two games averaged 15.5 points, 7 reb. and 5.5 apg. Tallied 23 points, 10 rebounds, 8 assists and 2 steals in win over VSU.

COACH

DAVE ROBBINS, Va. Union - Nine straight wins three over the past week for D2's No. 1 team.

MEAC Mid Eastern Athletic Conference

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
Delaware State	10	1	12	11
Coppin State	8	3	8	14
Hampton	8	3	10	9
Florida A&M	7	4	11	12
Norfolk State	7	4	8	13
Bethune-Cookman	6	5	10	12
SC State	5	5	7	13
NC A&T State	3	7	3	16
Md. E.-Shore	2	9	5	16
Morgan State	2	8	2	19
Howard	1	10	2	18

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER

THURMAN ZIMMERMAN, 6-6, Sr., F, SC STATE, Columbia, SC - Averaged 12 points, 7.5 rebounds and 4 assists to lead Bulldogs to back-to-back wins for the first time this season. In knocking off DelState he had 10 points, 9 boards and 5 assists. This is the first POW award for the former league POY.

ROOKIE

TYWAIN McKEE, 6-2, So., G, COPPIN STATE, Philadelphia, PA - Averaged 15.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists in 1-1 week. He had 17 vs. UMES and 14 vs. B-CC. This is his fourth POW award.

SIAC Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
Benedict	14	0	16	3
Paine	11	4	12	6
Lane	10	5	12	8
Albany State	8	4	9	7
Stillman	8	6	12	8
Morehouse	8	6	11	8
Kentucky State	7	9	8	10
Fort Valley State	6	8	9	10
LeMoyne-Owen	5	9	7	12
Miles	4	12	4	16
Clark Atlanta	3	11	3	17
Tuskegee	1	14	1	19

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER

MONYEA PRATT, 6-6, Jr., F, STILLMAN, Birmingham, AL - Averaged 12.7 points, 8.7 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 2.7 steals in wins over Lane and Paine and loss to Kentucky State.

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES

- Neiko Dunn, Kentucky State - Averaged 20.5 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 steal in two games.
- Adrian Comer, Lane - Averaged 19.7 points, 10.7 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.3 steals in three games.

SWAC Southwestern Athletic Conference

	DIV W	DIV L	ALL W	ALL L
E. DIVISION				
Southern	9	2	11	11
Grambling State	8	3	10	8
Jackson State	7	4	11	12
Miss. Valley St.	6	5	6	14
Alabama A&M	6	5	8	9
Alabama State	6	5	8	14
Alcorn State	5	6	5	15
Ark. Pine Bluff	4	7	7	12
Texas Southern	3	7	5	17
Prairie View A&M	0	10	3	18

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER

BRION RUSH, 6-2, Sr., G, GRAMBLING STATE, Shreveport, LA - Got a career- and SWAC season-high 53 points vs. Southern as the Tigers temporarily knocked the Jags out of first place. Rush hit on 14 of 40 field goal attempts including 5 of 21 threes and converted 20 of 26 field goals in the win as the Tigers tied Southern for first place. Rush had 25 points as the Tigers fell to Alcorn State 75-71 Monday night. Rush averaged 39 ppg. for the two games.

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L
W. Va. State	17	4
Central State	9	10
Cheyney	10	12
Tennessee State	[illegible]	12
Savannah State	[illegible]	22
Univ. DC	0	18

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CLARENCE MATTHEWS, 6-7, Jr., F, TENNESSEE STATE, Beaumont, TX - Became the first OVC player to post double-doubles in three consecutive games getting 48 points and 36 rebounds for the week, averages of 16 points and 12 rebounds per game. The best outing was 22 points and 14 rebounds vs. Samford. He shot 47.4% from the floor and 60% from the line. He now has a league-high six double-doubles. Also has seven blocks, six steals and five assists.

CHRIS DUNN, 6-3, Sr., G, W. VA. STATE, Columbus, OH - Posted a triple double, 10 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists in a win over Shepherd.

JERRON McCISKILL, 6-8, So., G/F, CHEYNEY, Lakeland, FL - Had 26 points as Cheyney defeated Kutztown in OT.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

CARSON, WRIGHT MAKE HOF:

Former **South Carolina State** and New York Giants defensive standout **Harry Carson** and former **Fort Valley State** standout and Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman **Rayfield Wright** were among a class of six players voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in results announced on Super Bowl XL Sunday. Carson, a Florence, S.C. native in his 13th season of HOF eligibility, became the third former S.C. State player to be named to the Hall, joining the late **Marion Motley** and **David "Deacon" Jones.** Carson, one of the best middle linebackers in the NFL during his 13-year career, was named to the Pro Bowl nine times and was a two-time all-NFL selection and capped off his career as the leader and captain of the Giants' team that won the Super Bowl in 1987. At SC State, he was twice named the conference's defensive player of the year before being drafted by the Giants in the fourth round of the 1976 draft. Carson caused quite a stir last year when he asked the Hall of Fame to remove his name from consideration after failing several times as a finalist. Carson even stated he would not attend the induction ceremonies if he was selected. Carson was travelling in Hawaii when word came of his selection and said he would attend. "Obviously I will show up," said Carson Sunday. "The whole process sort of made me sour. But for me not to show up would be disrespecting all those people who really went to bat for me, who really thought I should be there." Wright, a native of Griffin, Ga., attended Fort Valley State on a basketball scholarship and but eventually found his way onto the Wildcats' football team where he starred as a tight end. He earned all-**SIAC** honors in both football and basketball. After being drafted by the Cowboys in the seventh round of the 1967 draft, he was used as a tight end, defensive tackle and offensive lineman before an injury to veteran Ralph Neeley allowed him to settle in as an offensive tackle. It was a position he would not give up. He went on to make six straight Pro Bowl appearances during his 13-year career, all with the Cowboys, was selected all-NFL four times and was named to the league's All-Decade Team of the 1970s. Wright, known as "Big Cat," played in five Super Bowls with the Cowboys winning titles in Super Bowls XI and XII. He was nominated for the Hall by the Veterans' Committee. Wright and Carson become the 20th and 21st players with black college roots to make the Hall of Fame. Wright is the first from Fort Valley State. The pair will be enshrined in August at ceremonies in Canton, Ohio.

Dallas Cowboys Photo

WRIGHT: Fort Valley State two-sport star earns Hall of Fame berth after fabulous 13-year career with the Dallas Cowboys

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL SIGNEES

SWAC

Alabama A&M	16	Jackson State	51
Alabama State	28	Miss. Valley State	18
Alcorn State	28	Prairie View	15
Ark. Pine Bluff	11	Southern	22
Grambling State	35	Texas Southern	7

MEAC

Bethune-Cookman	24	Morgan State	20
Delaware State	8	Norfolk State	19
Florida A&M	21	N. C. A&T	15
Hampton	18	S. C. State	20
Howard	9		

SCORES

MEN

FEBRUARY 6
MEAC
CBU 86 FAMU 57
DBU 48 NC A&T 46
Hampton 75 Howard 63
MBU 81 B-CC 78 2 OTs
NSU 67 UMES 56
SWAC
Alab St 80 UAPB 46
Alab A&M 85 MVSU 74
Alcorn St 76 GSU 71
Southern 70 JSU 58
FEBRUARY 4
CIAA
JCSU 83 Livingstone 69
NCCU 85 WSSU 55
Shaw 80 ECSU 76
BPC 81 VSU 77
VUU 77 SAC 76
MEAC
B-CC 83 CSU 62
FAMU 87 MSU 79 OT
Hampton 87 UMES 75
NSU 65 Howard 64
SCSU 63 DSUe 51
SIAC
BCM 70 TU 67
FVSU 84 CAU 48
LC 73 Chr. Bros. 69
LOC 82 Rust 80
SC 72 PC 62
SWAC
UAPB 70 Alab. A&M 68
Alab. St. 56 MVSU 48
GSU 80 Southern 75 OT
JSU 86 Alcorn St. 67
TSU 93 Prairie View 59
IND
Cheyney 86 Kutzt. 75 OT
Dallas St. 90 Central St. 84

WOMEN

FEBRUARY 6
MEAC
B-CC 86 MSU 64 OT
CSU 53 FAMU 38
DSU 80 NC A&T 65
Howard 101 Hampton 70
UMES 65 NSU 56
SCSU 60 Sav. St. 53
SWAC
Alcorn St. 71 GSU 57
UAPB 61 Alab. St. 56 OT
JSU 75 Southern 55
MVSU 58 Alab. A&M 56
FEBRUARY 4
CIAA
FSU 91 BSU 81
JCSU 82 LC 68
NCCU 63 WSSU 56
Shaw 90 ECSU 55
VSU 74 BPC 55
VUU 82 SAC 78
MEAC
CSU 56 B-CC 32
Howard 103 NSU 74
MSU 76 FAMU 48
SCSU 64 DSU 33
UMES 59 Hampton 51
SIAC
BCM 69 TU 62
FVSU 77 CAU 43
LC 74 Chr. Bros. 72
PC 67 SC 48
Rust 75 LOC 73
SWAC
Alab. A&M 64 UAPB 53
Alab. St. 86 MVSU 62
GSU 63 Southern 54
JSU 70 Alcorn St. 48
PV 71 TSU 58
IND
Claflin 88 Central St. 61

GAMES THIS WEEK

SAT., FEB. 11
CIAA
Shaw @ Bowie St
St Paul's @ Elz City St
Fayv St @ St Augustine's
JC Smith @ W-Salem St
Livingstone @ NC Central
Va State @ Va Union
MEAC
NC A&T @ B-CC
Howard @ DelState
SC State @ Florida A&M
Morgan @ Hampton
Coppin St @ Norfolk St
SIAC
Tuskegee @ Albany St
Clark Atlanta @ Benedict
Miles @ Kentucky St
LeM-Owen @ Lane
Morris @ Paine
SWAC
Alab St @ Alab A&M
Miss Valley St @ Alcorn St
Ark PB @ Southern
Grambling @ Tex Southern
Jackson St @ Pr View
INDEPENDENTS
Central St vs Wilberforce
Tenn Tech @ Tenn State
Fairmont St @ W Va St
Cheyney @ Bloomsburg
MON., FEB. 13
CIAA
St Paul's @ Col Union
MEAC
SC State @ B-CC
UMES @ DelState
NC A&T @ Florida A&M
Morgan St @ Norfolk St
Coppin St @ Hampton
SWAC
Alabama A&M @ UTEP
Ark PB @ Alcorn St
Grambling @ Pr View
Jackson St @ Tex Southern
Miss Valley St @ Southern
INDEPENDENTS
Austin Peay @ Tenn State
WV State @ W Liberty St
TUES., FEB. 14
CIAA
Bowie St @ Va State
NC Central @ Elz City St
Fayv St @ Allen
St Aug's @ JC Smith
Livingstone @ W-Salem St
Va Union @ Shaw
SIAC
Ft Valley St @ Morehouse
Albany St @ Clark Atlanta
Central St @ Kentucky St
Claflin @ Paine

Hoops tournament time nears

About two weeks are left in the **CIAA** basketball regular season and if you're looking for tickets for the 61st annual Tournament set for Feb. 27 thru March 4 at the new Bobcats Arena in downtown Charlotte, N.C., hope you know somebody that's got some for sale.

That's because as of Monday, Feb. 6, all the ticket booklets for the tournament, in the first year of a three-year run in Charlotte, are sold out according to **Lisa Cox-Butler,** the CIAA's director of finance and business manager who also serves as ticket manager for the tournament. Cox-Butler said the final books were sold at the conference office on Monday. She also said all CIAA member-institutions had reported all of their ticket allotments sold.

CIAA Commissioner **Leon G. Kerry** had said last week that there were some 2,500 upper level tickets still available. They're gone now. Cox-Butler said general admission tickets will be available at the arena for games on Monday thru Wednesday.

CIAA Assistant Commis-sioner. **Geoff McLeod** also said hotels in the Charlotte area are very scarce.

CIAA Tournament events begin with the women's Tip-Off Banquet on Sun., Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Hotel and culminates with the women's final on Sat., March 4 at 9 p.m. Play begins with women's opening round action starting at 1 p.m. on Mon, Feb. 27. The men's opening round starts on Wed., March 1 at 1 p.m.

ESPN Classic will carry the men's quarterfinals and semifinals with ESPN2 carrying the men's championship game at 6 p.m. on Sat., March 4.

Details are available at the tournament website, ciaatournament.org.

In the same week as the CIAA, the SIAC will stage its four-day tournament at Fair Park Arena in Birmingham, Al., dubbed 'The Jam in B'ham,' from March 1-5. It will be the men's 73rd tournament and the 28th for the ladies.

The events begin with the SIAC Awards Banquet on Tuesday Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Play begins with opening round action at 10 a.m. on Wednesday March 1 and ends with the men's final on Sat., March 4 at 3 p.m.

ESPNU will carry the women's 12 noon final on tape delay and the men's final live. More information is available at the tournament website (siacbasketballtournament.com.)

The **MEAC** begins a three-year run at the RBC Center in Raleigh when it begins its tournament festivitics on Monday, March 6 at 6 p.m. with the Tip-Off Banquet. Men's and women's opening round action begins on Tuesday, March 7 at 11 a.m. The women's final is set for Sat., March 4 at 3:30 p.m. on ESPN2 with the men's final to follow at 7:30 on ESPN. The MEAC tournament website is meachoops.com.

The **SWAC** Tournament will be held at the Birmingham/Jefferson County Civic Center beginning on Tuesday, March 7 with the SWAC Awards Reception. Play begins Wednesday, March 8 with women's quarterfinals at 10 a.m.. The men's quarterfinals are Thursday, March 9 at the same time. The women's final, carried on ESPN2, is set for Sat., March 4 at 4:30 p.m. The men's final on ESPN is at 7 p.m. The SWAC tourney website is swac.org/championships/basketball.php

HOOPS TOURNAMENT TIMES

CIAA
Feb. 27 - March 4
Bobcats Arena
Charlotte, NC

SIAC
March 1-5
Fair Park Arena
Birmingham, AL

MEAC
March 6 - 11
RBC Center
Raleigh, NC

SWAC
March 8-11
Birm./Jeff CC
Birmingham, AL

BCSP Notes

Longtime baseball coach named JSU's new athletic director

Jackson State has selected longtime former baseball coach **Robert Braddy** to be its next athletic director. The announcement was made by JSU President, **Dr. Ronald Mason Jr**. Braddy, who was recently inducted into the **SWAC** Hall of Fame, served as the Tigers' baseball coach for 28 years. A 1964 JSU graduate, Braddy also served as the university's interim athletics director in 2000. He replaces **Roy Culbertson** who resigned last month.

BRADDY

"We are excited about the hiring of Coach Braddy," said Mason. "We have built our facilities, enhanced our academic support and fully funded all of our scholarships. But one piece was missing, and that was to reconnect athletics with the winning tradition of Jackson State University. No one is better suited to make that connection than Coach Robert Braddy."

Braddy is the winningest baseball coach in SWAC history with a 823-555-3 career record. Between 1973 and 2001, his teams won 12 SWAC championships, more than any other coach in league history. He guided the Tigers to three NCAA tournament appearances, two NCAA play-in games and four NAIA tournaments. Braddy was named SWAC Coach-of-the-Year nine times.

"It's a dream job," said Braddy, the first African-American to be inducted into the American Baseball College Association Hall of Fame in 2003. "There's a lot of work to be done, and I'm looking forward to the challenge. We're going to depend on alumni and friends of the university, as well as the business community. My goal is to bring Jackson State back to national prominence."

Braddy's first conference title came during his first season as JSU's head coach. His team won back-to-back titles in 1977 and 1978, and again in 1989 and 1990. He also won three consecutive SWAC titles from 1993-95. His other league championships came in 1980, 1982, 1986 and 2000.

Since Braddy's first season at JSU, 52 of his players have reached the professional ranks, including **Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd. Marvin Freeman. Wes Chamberlain. David Clark** and **Curtis Ford**. He produced two first round draft choices in Clark, an outfielder, (1983) and pitcher/outfielder **Earl Sanders** (1986). Before joining the Tiger athletics staff, Braddy coached at McLaurin High in Florence, Miss., where his team compiled a 64-14 record and won the Highland Conference championship four of the six years he coached. He spent one year as Florence High's coach.

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W-Salem State	1	4	2	9	6	15
Livingstone	1	5	2	8	6	14

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER

ALLYSON SWAILES, 6-2, So., F, BOWIE STATE, Silver Springs, MD - In two games averaged 31.5 points, 14.5 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 2 assists. She had a season-high 38 points and added 19 rebounds and six steals vs. ECSU.

ROOKIE

KANTANIA WALKER, 5-8, Fr., G, VA. STATE, Va. Beach, VA - Had 20 points, 4 steals and 2 assists in win over St. Paul's.

COACH

JACQUES CURTIS, SHAW - 2-0 week. 69 straight CIAA wins are 17-4, 11-0 in CIAA.

MEAC Mid Eastern Athletic Conference

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MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER

MELLONI BENSON, 6-2, Jr., F, HOWARD, Dayton, OH - In two wins averaged 17 points and 4 rebounds while shooting 56.5% from the field. Had 19 vs. Morgan State, 15 vs. Norfolk State.

ROOKIE

DOMINISHA BRITTON, 5-3, So., G, MORGAN STATE, Suisun, CA - Averaged 14.5 ppg. and 3.5 rpg. in 1-1 week. She had 9 points, 1 rebound vs. Howard and 20 points, 8 boards vs. FAMU.

SIAC Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

	CONF W	CONF L	ALL W	ALL L
Fort Valley State	14	0	20	1
Paine	10	3	13	6
Benedict	10	3	14	5
Tuskegee	9	4	11	7
Albany State	7	5	8	11
Stillman	7	6	8	12
LeMoyne-Owen	5	8	5	15
Miles	4	10	5	15
Lane	3	11	5	15
Kentucky State	3	11	4	15
Clark Atlanta	1	12	3	17

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER

SHEKIYA TARPKINS, 5-11, So., G, FORT VALLEY STATE, Covington, GA - Averaged 16.3 points, 3.3 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 3.0 steals as the Lady Cats won three games to extend their streak to 15 straight.

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES

- Latasha Watt, Lane - Averaged 12.3 points, 6.7 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.7 steals in three games.

SWAC Southwestern Athletic Conference

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Southern	8	3	11	9
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Alabama State	7	4	9	10
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Alabama A&M	6	5	10	10
Alcorn State	5	6	7	12
Ark. Pine Bluff	5	6	6	14
Grambling State	4	7	8	10
Prairie View A&M	3	7	4	16
Texas Southern	1	9	3	16

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER

SHELITA BURNS, 6-1, Jr., F, JACKSON STATE, Jackson, MS - Scored 25 points and pulled down 6 rebounds as the Lady Tigers upended Southern and moved into a first place tie with the Lady Jags. Burns also had 10 points and 7 rebounds as the Lady Tigers beat Alcorn State. Burns averaged 17.5 points and 6.5 rebounds in the two games.

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L
W. Va. State	12	9
Central State	8	8
UDC	6	17
Cheyney	4	18
Savannah State	3	20
Tennessee State	0	21

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MARINA RANDALL, 5-8, Fr., G, CHEYNEY, Philadelphia, PA - Scored 17 points as the Lady Wolves lost to Kutztown.

LESLIE DEAN, Sr., F, TENN. STATE - Averaged 18.3 points per game as the struggling Lady Tigers lost three games.