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# TOURNEY TIME ARRIVES

**GOING FOR FIVE:** Shaw head basketball coach Jacques Curtis looking for fifth straight CIAA Tourney title with Lady Bears.

**WIDE OPEN CIAA TOURNAMENT UNDERWAY IN CHARLOTTE; ALL CIAA TEAMS NAMED**

| FINAL               | CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION |    |      |    |     |    |
|---------------------|---|----|------|----|-----|----|
|                     | DIV   |    | CONF |    | ALL |    |
|                     | W   | L  | W    | L  | W   | L  |
| NORTH DIVISION      |   |    |      |    |     |    |
| Bowie State         | 8   | 2  | 13   | 3  | 21  | 7  |
| Virginia State      | 8   | 2  | 12   | 4  | 18  | 7  |
| Lincoln             | 5   | 4  | 10   | 6  | 16  | 10 |
| Chowan              | 5   | 5  | 8    | 8  | 14  | 12 |
| Virginia Union      | 4   | 6  | 5    | 11 | 9   | 17 |
| Eliz. City State    | 0   | 10 | 2    | 14 | 9   | 20 |
| SOUTH DIVISION      |   |    |      |    |     |    |
| Winston-Salem State | 7   | 3  | 9    | 7  | 16  | 9  |
| Livingstone         | 7   | 3  | 10   | 6  | 16  | 9  |
| Fayetteville State  | 5   | 5  | 8    | 8  | 15  | 12 |
| J. C. Smith         | 5   | 5  | 8    | 8  | 14  | 13 |
| St. Augustine's     | 4   | 6  | 5    | 11 | 11  | 15 |
| Shaw                | 2   | 8  | 6    | 10 | 11  | 15 |

**CIAA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**  
**PLAYER:** Cameron Knox, 5-11, Sr., G, **BOWIE STATE** - Averaged 17.1 points per game while leading Bulldogs to title for N. Div. crown.  
**DEFENDER:** Tyrece Little, 6-8, Sr., F, **VIRGINIA STATE** - Averaged 8.5 rebounds (4th), 1.4 blocks (5th) and 10.7 points per game for game tying Trojans.  
**ROOKIE:** Quincy January, 6-7, Fr., F, **ST. AUGUSTINE'S** - Topped CIAA in FG percentage (84.2%) while scoring 10.9 points and grabbing 7.2 rebounds (8th) per game.  
**COACH:** Darrell Brooks, **BOWIE STATE** - Finished 21-7 overall, only 20-win team in CIAA, defended N. Div. title and earned top seed.

| FINAL                  | MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE |    |     |    |     |   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|-----|----|-----|---|
|                        | CONF                                 |    | ALL |    | ALL |   |
|                        | W                                    | L  | W   | L  | W   | L |
| North Carolina Central | 13                                   | 0  | 21  | 6  |     |   |
| Norfolk State          | 11                                   | 3  | 18  | 11 |     |   |
| Md. E. Shore           | 9                                    | 5  | 16  | 13 |     |   |
| Howard                 | 9                                    | 5  | 15  | 13 |     |   |
| Delaware State         | 7                                    | 6  | 13  | 15 |     |   |
| Hampton                | 7                                    | 6  | 11  | 15 |     |   |
| Bethune-Cookman        | 6                                    | 6  | 10  | 17 |     |   |
| SC State               | 7                                    | 7  | 10  | 19 |     |   |
| Morgan State           | 5                                    | 9  | 7   | 21 |     |   |
| Coppin State           | 5                                    | 9  | 6   | 21 |     |   |
| NC A&T State           | 4                                    | 9  | 7   | 21 |     |   |
| Savannah State         | 3                                    | 9  | 7   | 19 |     |   |
| * Florida A&M          | 1                                    | 13 | 1   | 26 |     |   |

**MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**PLAYER:** Amere May, 6-3, Sr., F, **DELAWARE STATE** - Averaged 34.5 points in games vs. Coppin State and Hampton, getting 59 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals and two assists vs. CSU.  
**ROOKIE:** Edward Stephens, 6-2, Fr., G, **SC STATE** - Had 22 points, 4 assists, 2 steals in loss to UMES.  
**DEFENDER:** Rashid Gaston, 6-9, Jr., C, **NORFOLK STATE** - Had 10 rebounds, 1 block with 30 points in win over Coppin State.

| FINAL             | SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE |    |     |    |     |   |
|-------------------|---|----|-----|----|-----|---|
|                   | CONF  |    | ALL |    | ALL |   |
|                   | W   | L  | W   | L  | W   | L |
| EAST DIVISION     |   |    |     |    |     |   |
| Paine             | 16  | 2  | 21  | 5  |     |   |
| Morehouse         | 13  | 5  | 15  | 10 |     |   |
| Benedict          | 12  | 7  | 14  | 11 |     |   |
| Clifford          | 12  | 7  | 15  | 13 |     |   |
| Clark Atlanta     | 5   | 14 | 6   | 20 |     |   |
| Albany State      | 5   | 14 | 9   | 17 |     |   |
| Fort Valley State | 4   | 15 | 4   | 22 |     |   |
| WEST DIVISION     |   |    |     |    |     |   |
| Stillman          | 13  | 5  | 17  | 8  |     |   |
| Lane              | 13  | 6  | 14  | 11 |     |   |
| Tuskegee          | 11  | 8  | 14  | 12 |     |   |
| LeMoyne-Owen      | 10  | 9  | 14  | 14 |     |   |
| Spring Hill       | 9   | 10 | 10  | 18 |     |   |
| Kentucky State    | 6   | 12 | 8   | 17 |     |   |
| Miles             | 2   | 17 | 3   | 23 |     |   |

**SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**PLAYER:** Rodney Lewis, 6-8, So., F, **STILLMAN** - Threw in game-high 29 points with 4 assists and 3 rebounds in win over LeMoyne-Owen. Made 8 of 15 shots from the field, 3 of 6 from 3-point range.  
**NEWCOMER:** Alfonso Davis, 6-8, So., F, **PAINE** - Scored team-high 21 points as Lions downed Benedict 71-69. Shot 2 of 11 from the field and made 1 of 3 from behind the arc.

| FINAL              | SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE |    |     |    |     |   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----|-----|----|-----|---|
|                    | DIV                                   |    | ALL |    | ALL |   |
|                    | W                                     | L  | W   | L  | W   | L |
| Alabama State      | 12                                    | 2  | 16  | 7  |     |   |
| Texas Southern     | 12                                    | 2  | 15  | 12 |     |   |
| Southern           | 11                                    | 4  | 14  | 15 |     |   |
| Prairie View A&M   | 9                                     | 5  | 11  | 16 |     |   |
| Alabama A&M        | 7                                     | 7  | 8   | 16 |     |   |
| Jackson State      | 7                                     | 7  | 9   | 18 |     |   |
| Ark. Pine Bluff    | 6                                     | 9  | 9   | 20 |     |   |
| Alcorn State       | 4                                     | 11 | 5   | 22 |     |   |
| Miss. Valley State | 4                                     | 11 | 5   | 22 |     |   |
| Grambling State    | 0                                     | 14 | 2   | 23 |     |   |

**SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**PLAYER:** Jamel Waters, 6-5, Jr., F, **ALABAMA STATE** - Had 14 points and six assists in win over Southern including the game-winning jumper with 0.5 seconds left, also had 11 points with 5 dimes in win over Alcorn State. Had 5 steals vs. Alcorn and 2 vs. Southern.  
**NEWCOMER:** Chris Thomas, 6-5, Jr., F, **TEXAS SOUTHERN** - Averaged 16 points and 8 rebounds in two wins. Had 10 points and 6 boards in win over UAPB, added 22 points and 10 rebounds in win over MVSU. Was 9 of 19 from the field with 3 assists vs. MVSU.

| INDEPENDENTS    |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|
|                 | W  | L  |
| Xavier          | 21 | 8  |
| UDC             | 5  | 21 |
| Lincoln (Mo.)   | 4  | 23 |
| Tennessee State | 5  | 24 |
| W. Va. State    | 5  | 22 |
| Cheyney         | 2  | 24 |

**INDEPENDENT PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**PLAYER:** Morris Wright, 6-6, Jr., G, **XAVIER** - Had 17 points, 12 in the second half, in win over Univ. of Louisiana.  
**NEWCOMER:** Markee Marzyck, 6-6, R-Jr., F, **W. VA. STATE** - Scored team-highs of 26 points and 13 rebounds in win over Notre Dame. Shot 8 of 13 from the field, 4 of 6 from deep and 6 of 7 from the line.

## HOOPS THIS WEEK

| SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28  | MONDAY, MARCH 2  |
|--|--|
| <b>MEAC</b><br>Bethune-Cookman @ NC Central<br>Florida A&M @ N. C. A&T<br>Coppin State @ Morgan State<br>Md.-E. Shore @ Delaware State<br>Savannah State @ S. C. State<br>Hampton @ Howard | <b>MEAC</b><br>Savannah State @ N. C. Central<br>Hampton @ Delaware State<br>Bethune-Cookman @ N. C. A&T<br>Norfolk State @ Howard |
| <b>SWAC</b><br>Texas Southern @ Alabama State<br>Alcorn State @ Southern   | <b>SWAC</b><br>Prairie View A&M @ Alabama State  |

Grambling State @ Arkansas-Pine Bluff

# CIAA Tourney tips off in Charlotte



**LUT WILLIAMS**  
 BCSP Editor  
 Most of the attention this week will be focused on Charlotte, North Carolina and the Time Warner Cable Arena where the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) will be staging its 70th Men's and 40th Women's Basketball Tournaments.

While the action on the court in Charlotte is expected to be hot and heavy, the off-court action is equally so with day and night parties, concerts, step shows and the FanFest Thursday thru Saturday free at the nearby Charlotte Convention Center.

While they'll be hooping and partying in Charlotte, the other conferences have a little more business to take care of before their tournaments start.

**CIAA**  
**Bowie State** and **Virginia State** were the top seeds from the North while **Winston-Salem State** and defending men's champion **Livingstone** were the South's top seeds as the 2015 CIAA Tournament tipped off Tuesday with four opening round women's games and two opening round men's games.

The men's tournament is thought to be a wide-open affair with **Bowie State** (13-3) and **Virginia State** (12-4) having the best records in conference play. **Livingstone** won its first-ever tournament title a year ago.

On the women's side, **Lincoln** and **Virginia State** in the North and **Shaw** and **Johnson C. Smith** in the South are the top seeds. Those four received byes thru Tuesday's opening round and played in quarterfinal round action Wednesday.

The ladies tournament is thought to be just as wide open. After **Livingstone** had its 12-0 conference mark (and 22-0 overall record) erased because of use of an ineligible player, the best conference records in the regular season belonged to **Shaw** at 12-4 and **Lincoln** at 11-5.

The four-time defending champion **Shaw** Lady Bears and head coach **Jacques Curtis** are looking for their fifth straight tournament title and 10th in the last 13 years.

Four women's quarterfinal games are set for early Wednesday before two second round men's games close out play later that night.

Men's quarterfinals are staged throughout the day Thursday with women's then men's semifinals on Friday.

Championship games are set for Saturday with the women playing at 4 p.m. and the men to follow at 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
 WOMEN - OPENING ROUND  
 #3N Elizabeth City State 61, #6N Fayetteville State 52  
 #4S Winston-Salem State 75, #4N Chowan 58  
 #6N Bowie State vs. #3S Livingstone - 2:20 pm  
 #5N Virginia Union vs. #4S St. Augustine's - 4:30 pm  
 MEN - OPENING ROUND  
 #6N Elizabeth City State vs. #5S St. Augustine's - 6:40 pm  
 #6S Shaw vs. #5N Virginia Union - 8:50 pm

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
 WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS  
 #3N Elizabeth City State vs. #2N Virginia State - 10 am  
 #4S WSSU winner vs. #1S Shaw - 12:10 pm  
 SAU/VUU winner vs. #1N Lincoln - 2:20 pm  
 LC/BSU winner vs. #2S J. C. Smith - 4:20 pm  
 MEN - SECOND ROUND  
 SAU/ECSU winner vs. #4N Chowan - 6:40 pm  
 VUU/Shaw winner vs. #4S J. C. Smith - 8:50 pm

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
 MEN'S QUARTERFINALS  
 #3S Fayetteville State vs. #2N Virginia State 1:00 p.m.  
 CU-SAU/ECSU winner vs. #1N Bowie State 3:00 p.m.  
 #3N Lincoln vs. #2S Livingstone 7:00 p.m.  
 JCSU-VUU/SU winner vs. #1S Winston-Salem State 9:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
 WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS 1 and 3 pm  
 MEN'S SEMIFINALS 7 and 9 pm

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 4 pm  
 MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 7 pm

In the West Division, **Stillman** (17-8, 13-5) is the top seed and **Lane** (14-11, 13-6) is second.

**Tuskegee** won last year's title en route to a run to the NCAA Div. II Elite Eight. Head coach **Leon Douglas** who led the Golden Tigers a year ago, is now the head man at **Stillman**.

For the women, defending champion **Benedict** (20-5, 15-2) and **Albany State** (15-9, 14-3) in the East, and **Kentucky State** (20-4, 15-2) and **LeMoyne-Owen** (17-9, 12-5) in the West are the top seeds.

**MEAC**  
 With just three regular season games left,

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



Cameron Knox



Verdine Warner

### ALL-CIAA HOOPSTERS NAMED:

**HAMPTON, VA** - The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Men's and Women's Basketball Coaches and Sports Information Directors have selected the 2015 slate of All-Conference basketball honorees. This season's line-up features Men's Player of the Year, **Cameron Knox** of **Bowie State** and **Verdine Warner** of **Shaw** as Women's Player of the Year.

**Knox**, a senior guard from Baltimore, Maryland averaged 17.1 points per game, second in the conference, while leading the Bulldogs to a share of the North Division crown.

**Warner**, a native of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, West Indies, is second in the conference in scoring (20.0 ppg.), leads in rebounding (12.7) and shoots .573 from the field, third best, while leading the Lady Bears to the S. Div. title.

**Tycece Little** (**Virginia State**) and **Deja Middleton** (**Fayetteville State**) were named Defensive Players of the Year. **Little**, a 6-8 senior forward, averaged 8.5 rebounds and 1.4 blocks while scoring 10.1 points per game. **Middleton**, a 6-4 senior, repeated with the award for the women, blocking a league-best 2.5 blocks and pulling down 11.9 rebounds, second best in the league, and scoring 15.1 points per game.

Seniors dominated both all-CIAA teams with just two juniors on each. **Livingstone** led the men with three all-CIAA selections. **Bowie State** and **Virginia State** led the women with two selections each.

**Darrell Brooks** of **Bowie State** was voted the men's coach of the year. **Brooks** and the Bulldogs posted the only 20-win season (21-7) while repeating as North Division champs. **Jessica Kern** of **Lincoln** won the top women's coach award. **Kern** led her team to a 19-7 overall mark and the co-championship of the North Division after finishing sixth a year ago.

**ALL-CIAA MEN**  
**FRONTCOURT** - Wykevin Bazemore, Sr., F, WSSU; Hakeem Jackson, Sr., F, LIV; Darrell Ward, Sr., F, ECSU; Stedmon Lemon, Jr., F, JCSU; Eric Mayo, Sr., F, LIV; Tyrece Little, Sr., F, VSU; Donta Harper, Sr., F, WSSU;  
**BACKCOURT** - Cameron Knox, Sr., G, BSU; Eric Dubose, Jr., G, LIV; Raheem Joliffe, Sr., G, SAU; Lamar Kearsse, Sr., G, VSU; Kyree Bethel, Sr., G, CHOW

**ALL-CIAA WOMEN**  
**FRONTCOURT** - Verdine Warner, Sr., C, SHAW; Tiffanie Adair, Sr., F, VSU; Zaphrah Pam, Sr., C, LINCOLN; Deja Middleton, Sr., C, FSU; Alisha Mobley, Jr., F, CHOW; Dionna Scott, Sr., F, WSSU; Donia Naylor, Sr., F, BSU;  
**BACKCOURT** - Jadda Jeffries, Sr., G, ECSU; Ashle Freeman, Sr., G, VUU; Dashae Jones, Sr., G, VSU; Ty-Nita Baker, Jr., G, BSU; Cierra York, Sr., G, LIV

### SWAC INDOOR TRACK TITLES:

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** - **Alabama State** won the women's title for the seventh consecutive year and **Texas Southern** won its seventh overall men's crown at the 2015 Southwestern Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship at the Birmingham Crossplex.

**TSU** head coach **Clyde Duncan** was named the top coach. With wins in the long jump and triple jump, **Demetrius Williams** was awarded the Outstanding Field Performer. **Jackson State's Tamarick Johnson** won the 60 meter dash (6:83) and the 400 meter dash (47.91) to take the Outstanding Track Performer award.

**Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Sireta Roach** won the shot put competition and was named women's Outstanding Field Performer while **Alabama State's Paige Rankine** won the track award (1st-3000 and 5000 meters). Rankine was also a part of ASU's Distance Medley Relay team that finished with a time of 11:56.60.

### SIAC

Three games are on tap this week to close out the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) regular season but the top seeds are in place for next week's (March 2-7) Basketball Tournament at the Bill Harris Arena at the Crossplex in Birmingham, Alabama.

**Paine** (21-5) has the best overall record and its 16-2 conference record is tops in the East Division. The Lions and **Morehouse** (15-10, 13-5) will receive first-round byes into the quarterfinals. The two meet Thursday (Feb. 26) at **Paine** in their season finale.

## 2014-15 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors - Women)

| FINAL               | CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION |   |      |    |     |    |
|---------------------|---|---|------|----|-----|----|
|                     | DIV   |   | CONF |    | ALL |    |
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| NORTH DIVISION      |   |   |      |    |     |    |
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| Virginia State      | 7   | 3 | 9    | 7  | 17  | 9  |
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| Chowan              | 5   | 5 | 9    | 13 | 13  |    |
| Virginia Union      | 3   | 7 | 4    | 12 | 17  |    |
| Bowie State         | 2   | 8 | 4    | 12 | 9   | 16 |
| SOUTH DIVISION      |   |   |      |    |     |    |
| Shaw                | 9   | 1 | 12   | 4  | 19  | 9  |
| J. C. Smith         | 6   | 4 | 10   | 6  | 20  | 7  |
| Livingstone         | 6   | 4 | 6    | 10 | 19  |    |
| Winston-Salem State | 4   | 6 | 7    | 9  | 11  | 15 |
| St. Augustine's     | 3   | 7 | 6    | 10 | 12  | 13 |
| Fayetteville State  | 2   | 8 | 5    | 11 | 9   | 16 |

**CIAA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**  
**PLAYER:** Verdine Warner, Sr., F, **SHAW** - Finished second in scoring (20.0 ppg.), first in rebounding (12.7), third in FG% (.573) while leading Lady Bears to S. Div. title.  
**DEFENDER:** Deja Middleton, 6-4, Sr., C, **FSU** - Averaged 15.1 points (6th), 11.9 rebounds (2nd), shot .563 from the floor (4th) and led the CIAA in blocks (2.5).  
**ROOKIE:** Breona Jones, Fr., G, **ECSU** - Averaged 10.0 points, 2.9 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game for Lady Vikes.  
**COACH:** Jessica Kern, **LINCOLN** - Led team to 19-7 record, co-North Division champs after finishing sixth a year ago.

| FINAL                  | MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE |   |     |    |     |   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----|----|-----|---|
|                        | CONF                                 |   | ALL |    | ALL |   |
|                        | W                                    | L | W   | L  | W   | L |
| Hampton                | 11                                   | 2 | 15  | 11 |     |   |
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| Morgan State           | 6                                    | 8 | 9   | 18 |     |   |
| North Carolina Central | 5                                    | 8 | 7   | 18 |     |   |
| Florida A&M            | 5                                    | 9 | 8   | 18 |     |   |
| Coppin State           |                                      |   |     |    |     |   |