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ONE DOWN, THREE TO GO

SLAM DUNK FOR LC: Eric Mayo slams home a follow shot as Livingstone takes home second straight CIAA Tourney title.

PAINE, STILLMAN TOP SEEDS IN SIAC TOURNAY IN BIRMINGHAM; CIAA RECAPS

2015 CIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS (Mens & Womens Results, Awards)

MEN'S TOURNAMENT

FIRST ROUND
St. Augustines 71, Eliz. City State 64
Shaw 71, Virginia Union 70

SECOND ROUND
Chowan 65, St. Augustines 60
Shaw 76, Johnson C. Smith 54

QUARTERFINALS
Bowie State 87, Chowan 64
Livingstone 83, Lincoln 69
Fayetteville State 93, Virginia State 72
Winston-Salem State 64, Shaw 61

SEMIFINALS
Livingstone 83, Bowie State 65
W-Salem State 88, Fayetteville State 70

FINALS
Livingstone 106, W-Salem State 91

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM
Eric Mayo, Livingstone
Wykevin Bazemore, Winston-Salem State
Anthony Gaskins, St. Augustines
Joshua Dawson, Fayetteville State
Ty Newman, Livingstone
Justin Beck, Bowie State
Anthony Shelton, Fayetteville State
Eric Dubose, Livingstone
Donta Harper, Winston-Salem State
Joe Reid, Shaw

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
Ty Newman, Livingstone

TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP
Johnson C. Smith

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

FIRST ROUND
Virginia Union 74, St. Augustines 71
Livingstone 91, Bowie State 73
W-Salem State 73, Chowan 58
Eliz. City State 61, Fayetteville State 52

QUARTERFINALS
Lincoln 59, Virginia Union 51
Livingstone 50, Johnson C. Smith 43
Shaw 88, W-Salem State 59
Virginia State 58, Eliz. City State 53

SEMIFINALS
Lincoln 57, Livingstone 55
Virginia State 69, Shaw 47

FINALS
Virginia State 63, Lincoln 49

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM
Amber Curtis, Livingstone
Cierra York, Livingstone
Lady Walker, Va. Union
Kashera McNeil, WSSU
Verdine Warner, Shaw
Zephrah Pam, Lincoln
Tiffanie Adair, Virginia State
Amani Clark, Lincoln
Dashae Jones, Virginia State
Jadda Jeffries, Elizabeth City State

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
Tiffanie Adair, Virginia State

TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP
Bowie State

CIAA TOURNEY FINALS RECAPS

MEN'S FINAL

Livingstone 106, Winston-Salem State 91

CHARLOTTE, N. C. – **Livingstone** had five players score in double figures and shot a blistering 57.9% (33 of 57) from the field for the game in downing **Winston-Salem State 106-91** to take its second consecutive CIAA Basketball Tournament championship.

The Blue Bears (19-9), the second-seeded team from the South Division, got a team-high 23 points from junior point guard **Daryl Traynham**, 22 from senior forward **Eric Mayo**, 18 from stellar junior guard **Eric Dubose** and 13 from Tournament Most Valuable Player, junior forward **Ty Newman**. Senior center **Hakeem Jackson** also had ten points.



Newman

Livingstone also had a 37-24 edge on the boards including team highs of seven each from Jackson and Mayo.

Livingstone shot 58.1% (18 of 31) in the first half and took a 46-36 lead into the break. They continued the torrid pace, shooting 57.7% (15 of 26) in the second stanza keeping the Rams at bay even though WSSU (18-10) shot 60.7% (17 of 28) in the second half.

WSSU, the top seed from the South Division, cut the lead down to six only once in the second half at 75-69 on a layup by **Marquez Jones** with 7:07 left. Jones could have cut the lead to four but missed two free throws on their next possession. A Dubose 3-pointer with 5:38 left was the last of a 7-3 Livingstone run to stretch the lead back to double-digits. WSSU could not cut the lead below eight over the rest of the game.

Senior forward **Wykevin Bazemore** led WSSU with 24 points, sinking 16 of 20 free throws. He also led the Rams with eight rebounds. Freshman guard **Terrell Leach** had 23 including five 3-pointers and senior forward **Donta Harper** added 20. Jones added 11.

Newman was a tourney catalyst for the Blue Bears scoring in double figures in three Livingstone wins (14.3 ppg.) despite playing off the bench. Mayo was named to the all-tournament team after averaging a double-double of 16.0 points and 10.6 rebounds in the three games.

WOMENS FINAL

Virginia State 73, Lincoln 49

CHARLOTTE, N. C. – **Virginia State** jumped out to a 39-21 halftime lead and was never headed in downing **Lincoln 73-49** in the championship game of the 41st CIAA Women's Basketball Tournament in Charlotte Saturday evening.

VSU (19-9) had four starters score in double-figures led by 16 points from senior point guard **Jessica Lyons** and 15 from senior forward **DeAnna Waters**. Senior guard **Cana Marriotti**, who had 12 first-half points on four of four three-pointers to help stake the Lady Trojans to the lead, finished with 14 points. Senior guard **Dashae Jones**, who canned 3 of 6 from long distance, added 11.

Amani Clark was the only player for Lincoln (21-7) to reach double-digits with 11.

VSU senior forward **Tiffanie Adair**, the only starter not to reach double-digit scoring in the title game, finished with four points while tying for the team lead with seven rebounds. Adair was named the tournament's most valuable player after scoring 35 points (11.6 ppg.) and 29 rebounds (9.6 rpg.) in three wins.



Adair

All five starters for ninth-year VSU head coach James Hill Jr., who won his first tourney title, are seniors. The tournament championship is the sixth in VSU history and first since 2002.

"It's good to have five seniors because they were a part of what we went through last year, having a 25-1 season and falling one game short of getting to the championship game," said Hill. "That made these five a little more hungry when they came back this year to get here again."

Lincoln and VSU had split two games in the regular season and both finished with 7-3 marks in the North Division. Lincoln won the coin-flip to earn the top seed in the tournament from the division. Lincoln got a big win in the semifinals by knocking off Livingstone, a pre-tournament favorite. VSU earned a spot in the championship game by dethroning four-time defending champion Shaw.

VSU shot 54.1% (13 of 24) in the first half en route to building the big lead, and 45.8% (22 of 48) for the game. Lincoln struggled to just 27% (9 of 33) shooting in the first half and 27.0% for the game (17 of 53).

"We just didn't play clean tonight," said Lincoln head coach **Jessica Kern**. "It was like Murphy's law. It all went wrong. They were the smarter team tonight. This was not a good game for us across the board."

DIV. I

- NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL** (23-6) - Beat Bethune-Cookman (72-49) and Savannah State (62-49). **NEXT:** Closes out regular season at home vs. NC A&T (3/5).
- TEXAS SOUTHERN** (17-12) - Beat Alabama State (58-49) and Alabama A&M (77-75). **NEXT:** Home vs. Alcorn State (3/5) and Southern (3/7) to close out season.
- MARYLAND-EASTERN SHORE** (17-13) - Downed Delaware State (69-65). **NEXT:** Finishes at home vs. Morgan State.
- NORFOLK STATE** (18-12) - Fell at Howard, 61-59 in OT. **NEXT:** Final game at Hampton (3/5).
- ALABAMA STATE** (16-9) - Lost to Texas Southern (58-49) and to Prairie View (67-65). **NEXT:** At Grambling (3/5) and Jackson State (3/7) to close regular season.

OTHERS:

- HOWARD (16-14), SOUTHERN (16-10).
- DIV. II**
- PAINE** (22-5) - Beat Morehouse to close regular season (89-71). **NEXT:** SIAC Tourney Wed. (3/4) vs. Clark Atlanta.
 - LIVINGSTONE** (19-9) - Beat WSSU in CIAA Finals (106-91), also beat Lincoln (83-69) and Bowie State (83-65). **NEXT:** Awaits NCAA Div. II playoff seeding and opponent.
 - WINSTON-SALEM STATE** (18-11) - Beat Shaw in quarters (64-61) and FSU in semis (88-70) but lost to Livingstone in CIAA Finals (106-91). **NEXT:** Season over.
 - BOWIE STATE** (22-8) - Beat Chowan (87-64) in CIAA quarters, lost to Livingstone (83-65) in semis. **NEXT:** Season likely over.
 - LINCOLN** (15-9) - Lost to Livingstone (83-69) in CIAA quarters. **NEXT:** Season over.

OTHERS:

MOREHOUSE (15-11)

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The CIAA Tournament closed Saturday after another successful week in Charlotte, N. C. (see related stories) and the week-long SIAC Tournament tipped off and took center stage Monday in Birmingham.

The SIAC has the tournament stage to itself this week to showcase its players and teams before both the MEAC and SWAC Tournaments get going next week.

Meanwhile, the jockeying for the top seeds in those tournaments is all but over though the orders could change.

SIAC

Opening round games began Monday and continued thru Tuesday at the SIAC Basketball Tournament at the Bill Harris Arena at the Crossplex in Birmingham, Alabama.

Paine (22-5, 17-2 SIAC), the East Division men's champ, has the best overall and conference record and played Wednesday (March 4) vs. **Clark Atlanta** in the 3:15 p.m. quarterfinal game. West top seed **Stillman** (17-9, 13-6) faced **Benedict** in the 7:45 p.m. quarterfinal game Wednesday.

Both men's and women's quarterfinals are Wednesday and Thursday with semifinals on Friday and championship games Saturday at 4 and 7 p.m.

The league also announced Saturday its postseason award winners

Paine 6-4 junior guard **Denzel Dillingham**, who led the Lions to the East Division title and topped the league in scoring (20.8 ppg.) and 3-point field goal percentage (.456), was named the league's newcomer and player of the year and topped the 10-man all-SIAC team. Dillingham, a Lenoir-Rhyne transfer, also shot 84.2% from the line, third in the conference.

Paine head coach **Jimmy Link** was named the top coach. **LeMoyn-Owen** center **Jerry Hampton** earned the defensive player of the year award with averages of 13.1 points, 8.1 rebounds and 2.8 blocks per game while **Morehouse** guard **Tyrius Walker** (13.8 ppg.) was named the top freshman.

Five-nine senior guard **Porshia Blue**, a transfer from Bethel College, took home the player, defensive player and newcomer of the year awards for the women. Blue led the league in scoring (19.7 ppg.) and pulled down 7.7 rebounds per game to lead her team. She also finished in the top 15 in the SIAC in field goal percentage and steals.

MEAC

After results Monday, the top four men's and women's teams that get byes in the MEAC Tournament are set.

Undeclared in league play at 15-0 and having only its season finale at home against rival **North Carolina A&T** Thursday (March 5), the defending champion **North Carolina Central** men under head coach **LeVell Moton** have clinched the top seed for the tournament and one of the byes for the third straight season.

Norfolk State (11-4), **Maryland-Eastern Shore** (10-5) and **Howard** (10-6) are the three



MONDAY, MARCH 2
WOMEN - OPENING ROUND
#5E Claffin 73, #4W Lane 59
#5W Miles 78, #4E Fort Valley State 67
MEN - OPENING ROUND
#4E Benedict 59, #5W Kentucky State 46
#5E Clark Atlanta 70, #4W LeMoyn-Owen 60

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
WOMEN - OPENING ROUND
#3E Paine vs. #6W Tuskegee - 2:15 pm
#3W Stillman vs. #6E Clark Atlanta - 6:45 pm
MEN - OPENING ROUND
#3E Claffin vs. #6W Miles - 12 n
#3W Tuskegee vs. #6E Albany State - 4:30 pm
#2W Lane vs. #7E Fort Valley State - 9 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS
#1E Benedict vs. #5E Claffin - 1 pm
#1W Kentucky State vs. #5W Miles - 5:30 pm
MEN'S QUARTERFINALS
#1E Paine vs. #5E Clark Atlanta - 3:15 pm
#1W Stillman vs. #4E Benedict - 7:45 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 5
WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS
#2W LeMoyn-Owen vs. KSU/PUTU winner - 1 pm
#2E Albany State vs. winner Game 8 - 5:30 pm
MEN'S QUARTERFINALS
Claffin/Miles winner vs. Lane/Ft. Valley State winner - 3:15 pm
#2E Morehouse vs. Tuskegee/Albany State winner - 7:45 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS 1 and 5:30 pm
MEN'S SEMIFINALS 3:15 and 7:45 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 4 pm
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 7 pm

others that will receive byes. Norfolk State was expected to finish high but UMES, under new head coach **Bobby Collins**, and Howard, under fifth-year head man **Kevin Nickelberry**, have been surprises.

Norfolk State, who finishes Thursday on the road at **Hampton**, will either be the second or third seed. A win over Hampton will give them the third seed while a loss and win by UMES in its final at home vs. **Morgan State** would give the third seed to the Hawks. UMES defeated Norfolk State in their only meeting this year. A UMES loss would land the Hawks in a tie with Howard, who is finished at 10-6, for third.

On the ladies side, **Hampton** (13-2), **Savannah State** (12-3), **North Carolina A&T** (11-4) and **Norfolk State** (11-4) are in with the top four seeds and byes though the order could change based on finales this week.

NSU plays at Hampton Thursday while Savannah State closes at **Florida A&M** and A&T closes at **North Carolina Central**.

A Hampton win gives the Lady Pirates the top seed. A Hampton loss coupled with a Savannah State win gives the top seed to the Tigers who defeated Hampton in their only head-to-head meeting.

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

MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

MEN	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
North Carolina Central	15	0	23	6
Norfolk State	11	4	18	12
Md. E. Shore	10	5	17	13
Howard	10	6	16	14
Delaware State	8	7	14	16
Hampton	8	7	12	16
SC State	7	8	10	20
Bethune-Cookman	6	9	10	20
NC A&T State	6	9	9	21
Coppin State	6	9	7	21
Savannah State	5	10	9	20
Morgan State	5	10	7	22
^ Florida A&M	1	14	1	27

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Jordan Parks, 6-7, Sr., F, NC CENTRAL - Had 20 points, 9 boards and 2 steals and was 8-of-8 from the line in win over B-CU.

ROOKIE
Zaynah Robinson, 5-11, Fr., G, NORFOLK STATE - Five points, one rebound and one assist in 14 minutes in win over DelState.

DEFENDER
Rashid Gaston, 6-9, Jr., C, NORFOLK STATE - Tallied 13 rebounds and one block in win over DelState. Had 16 points with two assists.

MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

WOMEN	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Hampton	13	2	17	11
Savannah State	12	3	17	10
NC A&T State	11	4	18	10
Norfolk State	11	4	12	14
Bethune-Cookman	9	6	12	15
SC State	8	7	15	11
Md. E. Shore	8	7	11	15
Morgan State	7	8	10	18
Florida A&M	5	10	8	19
North Carolina Central	5	10	7	20
Coppin State	4	11	5	21
Howard	2	13	3	26
Delaware State	2	13	5	23

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Malia Tate-DeFreitas, 5-8, So., G, HAMPTON - Tallied 62 points, 9 rebounds, six steals, four assists and one block in two wins. Registered career-high 39 points in big win over Howard.

ROOKIE
Kaylah Lupo, 6-1, Fr., F, HAMPTON - Averaged 18 points, 10.5 boards, 2.0 steals and 1.5 blocks in two wins. Had career-high 20 points and 13 rebounds vs. Howard.

DEFENSE
Kailyn Williams, 6-5, F, B-CU - Grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked six shots in win over NCCU. Also had eight points and one assist.

SWAC

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

MEN	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Texas Southern	14	2	17	12
Alabama State	12	4	16	9
Southern	12	4	15	15
Prairie View A&M	11	5	13	16
Jackson State	8	8	10	19
Ark. Pine Bluff	8	9	11	20
Alabama A&M	7	9	8	18
Miss. Valley State	5	12	6	24
Alcorn State	4	12	5	23
Grambling State	0	16	2	24

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
John Brisco, 5-11, Sr., G, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M - Averaged 25 points and shot 7 of 10 from 3 in two big wins. Had 23 points, including 4 of 6 from 3-point range and two key free throws late in win over Alabama State Monday. Had career-high 27 points, hitting on 3 of 4 from 3 Saturday, in narrow win over Alabama A&M.

NEWCOMER
Deverell Biggs, 6-1, Sr., G, TEXAS SOUTHERN - Averaged 15.5 points in two big TSU wins. Had 21 points including hitting on 5 of 8 3-pointers in win over Alabama A&M. Had 10 points, including 2 of 6 3s, in win over Alabama State.

SWAC

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

WOMEN	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Texas Southern	15	1	18	9
Southern	14	2	16	10
Prairie View A&M	10	6	13	15
Alabama State	9	7	13	13
Alcorn State	8	8	9	16
Jackson State	8	8	11	16
Grambling State	6	10	9	18
Alabama A&M	5	11	6	21
Ark. Pine Bluff	4	13	6	22
Miss. Valley State	2	15	4	24

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Diamonisha Sophus, 5-5, Jr., G, Texas Southern - Scored 21 points on 7 of 18 shooting in win over Alabama State. Added 18 points on 7 of 13 shooting with five assists and four steals in win over Alabama A&M.

NEWCOMER
Alexus Johnson, 6-2, So., F, Texas Southern - Had 15 points and six rebounds in win over Alabama A&M. Had 16 points and 13 rebounds in win over Alabama State.

INDEPENDENTS

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Xavier	22	8
UDC	5	23
Lincoln (Mo.)	4	23
Tennessee State	5	26
W. Va. State	6	24
Cheyney	2	25

INDEPENDENT PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Sydney Coleman, 6-7, Sr., F, XAVIER - Had 14 points in season-closing win over Dillard. Connected on 6 of 9 shots and 2 of 5 FTs with 3 rebounds.

WOMEN
UDC - 25 3
Xavier - 16 14
Lincoln (Mo.) - 12 12
Tennessee State - 15 12
W. Va. State - 8 19
Cheyney - 4 23

INDEPENDENT PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Denika Brent, 5-11, Sr., G/F, UDC - Had 13 points in win over St. Thomas Aquinas and 16 in win over Mercy. **NEWCOMER**
Iman Scott, 5-11, Jr., F, UDC - Had