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**FIRST OUT:** Alcorn State head coach Luther Riley one of the first hoops coaches let go following the season.

**HOOPS WRAP-UP**

**TOP BCSP BASKETBALL TEAMS NAMED; FINAL HOOPS STATS FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

**WNIT RECAP**

**WNIT - Second Round**  
West Virginia 57, Hampton 39

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. -- **MEAC** regular season champ Hampton struggled shooting for the second straight game, canning just 26.4% of its shots (14 of 53) while falling to West Virginia in a second round WNIT game. Hampton finished without a 3-pointer and was out-rebounded 40-37.

The Lady Pirates led 13-11 with 7:53 to play in the first half but were outscored from there 11-4 to trail 22-15 at the break. WVU (20-14) had a 10-3 second half run that pushed its lead to 50-35 with just over two minutes left.

Sophomore guard **Malia Tate-DeFreitas** was the only Lady Pirate to score in double figures finishing with 21 points. Redshirt junior forward **Brielle Ward** grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

**Texas Southern, Livingstone men, Sav. State and UDC women top final ranking**

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The men of **SWAC** champion **Texas Southern** and **CIAA** champion **Livingstone** and the women of **MEAC** champion **Savannah State** and the **District of Columbia** are the final top basketball teams in the 2014-15 **BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE** Top Fives.

For the first time in its history, the **BCSP** separated the Div. I and Div. II teams ranking a Top Five in each division.

Texas Southern (22-12) under third-year head coach **Mike Davis** went back-to-back winning his and the Tigers' second straight regular season and tournament titles to take the Div. I top spot.

TSU battled all season long with **Alabama State** for first place in the SWAC before overtaking the Hornets down the stretch and finishing with a 16-2 league record. They completed the double by knocking off third-seed **Southern** in the SWAC Tournament finals. Seeded 15th in the West Region of the NCAA Tournament, their season ended with a second round loss to No. 2 Arizona.

TSU edged out second-place **North Carolina Central** (25-8) who went 16-0 to take its second straight MEAC regular season title but suffered its first conference loss in 35 games in the tournament semifinals to **Delaware State**. **LeVelle Moton's** troops then battled but fell to Miami in a NIT first round game.

MEAC Tournament champion **Hampton** (17-18) grabbed third place. The sixth-seeded Pirates won four tough games in six days, knocking off Delaware State in the finals to grab the

MEAC tournament title and the league's automatic berth to the Div. I Big Dance. Once there, the Pirates got the only men's HBCU postseason win, beating MAAC champion Manhattan in a first round game before falling to overall top seed Kentucky in the second round.

MEAC Tournament runner-up Delaware State (18-18) finished fourth and SWAC Tourney runner-up **Southern** (18-17) rounded out the top five.

In Div. II, Livingstone, under head coach **James Stinson**, earned the top spot after sharing the CIAA S. Div. regular season crown with **Winston-Salem State** (18-10) and then defeating the Rams in the tournament finals to claim its second consecutive CIAA Tournament title. The Blue Bears fell to West Liberty in a first round Div. II Atlantic Region playoff game.

Dominant SIAC East Division winner **Paine** (24-6), who fell in the tournament semifinals to **Lane**, is second followed by WSSU. SIAC Tourney winner **Benedict** (19-12) is fourth and CIAA North Division co-champ **Bowie State** (22-8) is fifth.

For the first time in five years **Hampton** is not the top women's team. That honor this year goes to Savannah State, who ended the Lady Pirates conference win streak in the regular season and took home the tournament crown with a win over upstart **Maryland-Eastern Shore**.

The Lady Tigers under longtime head coach **Cedric Baker** claimed their first-ever tournament title and NCAA Tournament berth. They came up short in a battle with former No. 1 and region top seed South Carolina in the first round.

MEAC regular season champion Hampton

(19-13) is second after bouncing back from being upset by UMES in the MEAC Tournament quarterfinals to get the only women's HBCU postseason win in a first round WNIT victory over Drexel. The Lady Pirates succumbed in the second round at West Virginia.

**Texas Southern** (19-11), who shared the SWAC regular season title with Southern, could not participate in the conference tournament after a bench-clearing brawl resulted in suspensions and a dismissal of players. The Tigers did gain a berth into the WNIT where they were felled by Southern Mississippi. TSU is third in the final Div. I ranking.

**Tennessee State** (19-13), who upset OVC top-seed and favorite UT-Martin to take that tournament's title, is fourth. The Lady Tigers fell to Kentucky in the first round of the NCAA Tourney. **Alabama State** (17-15), who downed Southern in the SWAC championship game, is fifth. The Lady Hornets were felled by Florida State in the NCAA first round.

The University of the District of Columbia, under head coach **Jay Butler** posted 21-3 regular season record and rose as high as 23rd in the Div. II national poll. Though they lost in the ECC semifinals, the Firebirds are the top Div. II team. UDC lost to Franklin Pierce in the East Region first round.

CIAA Tournament champion **Virginia State** (20-10) is second, followed by **SIAC** Tournament champion **Albany State** (19-10), SIAC runner-up **Benedict** (23-7) and CIAA runner-up **Lincoln**.

VSU, Albany State and Benedict were first round NCAA Div. Tournament victims.

**STAT CORNER**

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

**FINAL BASKETBALL STAT LEADERS**

**MEN'S SCORING**

NAME/SCHOOL	CL	G	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG.
MAY, Amere, DELSTATE	SR	32	227	89	128	671	21.0
DILLINGHAM, Denzel, PAINE	JR	29	197	82	125	601	20.7
STEWART, Donald, LANE	SR	29	207	27	144	585	20.2
LEWIS, Rodney, STIL	JR	28	182	43	151	556	19.9
BRIDGEMAN, Terrance, LANE	SO	29	184	56	143	567	19.6
SHORT, Jeff, NSU	JR	34	212	69	155	648	19.1
TABB, Ladarius, AAM	SR	28	190	46	75	501	17.9
JOLLIFFE, Raheem, SAU	SR	26	136	61	125	458	17.6
MITCHELL-FIELDS, D., LOC	SR	28	160	64	103	487	17.4
MOSLEY, Marcel, UAPB	SR	28	145	69	130	489	17.5
RUTTLEY, Jermaine, FAMU	JR	29	181	33	110	505	17.4
KNOX, Cameron, BSU	SR	29	164	70	106	504	17.4
DANIEL, James, HOW	SO	29	133	63	146	475	16.4
KOOLEY, Kory, UDC	FR	24	153	43	41	390	16.3
LUCKETT, Leantwaan, ALC	SR	30	158	47	127	490	16.3
CARLTON, James, HOW	SR	31	181	20	112	494	15.9
KEARSE, Lamar, VSU	SR	24	132	58	56	378	15.8
MYERS, Michael, UMES	SR	33	169	1	181	520	15.8
DUBOSE, Eric, LIV	SR	29				15.7	

**MEN'S REBOUNDING**

NAME/SCHOOL	CL	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
GRAY, Kendall, DELST	SR	34	111	290	401	11.8
BAZEMORE, Wykevin, WSS	SR	28	110	188	298	9.8
GASTON, Rashid, NORF	JR	32	106	200	306	9.6
REED, Koron, SHAW	SR	29	91	168	259	8.9
MAYO, Eric, LIV	SR	29	87	163	250	8.6
PARKS, Jordan, NCCU	SR	33	87	186	273	8.3
LITTLE, Tyrese, VAST	SR	26	57	156	213	8.2
WILKINS, Darrien, KSU	22	62	118	180	8.2	
WARD, Darrel, ECSU	SR	18	77	119	196	8.2
HAMPTON, Jerry, LOC	JR	28	71	157	228	8.1
TABB, Ladarius, AA&M	JR	28	95	128	223	8.0
CARLTON, James, HOW	SR	31	59	183	242	7.8
VANCE, Marquis, ALCORN	32	67	183	250	7.8	
WEST, Nicholas, AAM	27	65	144	209	7.7	
STRONG, Maurice, UAPB	29	65	159	224	7.7	
BROWN, Tyrone, MHC	JR	28	71	139	210	7.5
MEIKLE, Dwight, HAM	29	62	156	218	7.5	
LIBAZS, Arnis, PAINE	SR	28	54	154	208	7.4
STEWART, Donald, LANE	SR	29	72	144	216	7.4
BECKFORD, Bruce, NCAT	JR	32	70	163	233	7.3

**WOMEN'S SCORING**

NAME/SCHOOL	CL	G	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG.
TATE-DEFREITAS, M., HAM	SO	32	255	63	108	681	21.3
CORBO, Rae, NORF	SR	30	200	56	167	623	20.8
JEFFERIES, Jada, ECSU	SR	27	163	74	156	556	20.6
WARNER, Valerie, SHAW	SR	30	221	0	145	587	19.6
BLUE, Porshia, MILES	FR	27	170	20	165	525	19.4
CARRINGTON, Tracey, MSU	SR	23	118	28	147	411	17.9
ROBERTS, Chloe, LANE	FR	25	140	16	152	448	17.9
FREEMAN, Ashle, VUU	SR	26	167	32	96	462	17.8
JONES, Mykala, CAU	25	147	43	92	429	17.2	
WRIGHT, Britney, ALS	SO	32	189	54	110	542	16.9
JACKSON, Jeanette, PV	32	157	43	178	535	16.7	
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KALU, Ezinne, SAVST	SR	31	179	24	130	512	16.5
WILLIAMS, Kourtney, SCSU	SR	28	173	29	88	463	16.5
HAWKINS, Tierra, UMES	SR	30	198	0	86	482	16.1
JONES, DaShae, VSU	SR	29	144	79	77	444	15.3
STRICKLAND, Brittney, AA&M	30	136	45	137	454	15.1	

**WOMEN'S REBOUNDING**

NAME/SCHOOL	CL	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
WARNER, Verdine, SHAW	SR	30	142	234	376	12.5
HOLSTON, Artisha, ALB	SO	29	121	229	350	12.1
MIDDLETON, Deja, FSU	SR	26	107	206	313	12.0
NAYLOR, Doniq, BSU	SR	26	121	176	297	11.4
RAYFORD, Crystal, LANE	SR	24	103	131	254	10.6
WALKER, Lady, VUU	SO	25	95	155	250	10.0
PEEPLS, Jasmine, ALABST	JR	32	128	189	317	9.9
RAMOS, Joclyn, STIL	SO	28	86	192	278	9.9
ROBERTS, Kayla, NSU	FR	30	68	221	289	9.8
HAZEL, Britnee, FVSU	SR	29	87	194	281	9.7
JACOBS, Terri, SAU	JR	26	116	133	249	9.6
DAVIS, Raquel, NCCU	SR	29	111	160	271	9.3
BROOKS, Shamiya, PV	30	128	152	280	9.3	
BUBB, Sierra, CAU	25	60	171	231	9.2	
WILLIAMS, Kailyn, BCU	SO	30	93	170	263	8.8
THOMAS, Samantha, STIL	20	80	92	172	8.6	
ADAIR, Tiffany, VSU	SR	19	54	110	164	8.6
WILKERSON, LaKendra, JCSU	SR	17	41	87	128	8.5
WIGGINS, Shaquanda, KSU	27	78	151	229	8.5	
SCOTT, Karahm, CLAF	SR	27	97	129	226	8.4
MYLES, Janie, AA&M	23	65	127	192	8.3	

**MEN'S FINAL TOP FIVES**

**DIVISION I**

1. **TEXAS SOUTHERN** (22-12) - **Mike Davis** led the Tigers to repeat as SWAC regular season and tournament champs knocking off Southern, 62-58 in the title game. The Tigers, who got signature non-conference regular season wins over Michigan State - a Final Four team - and then nationally ranked Kansas State, were seeded 15th in the NCAA West Regional and fell to #2 Arizona (93-72) in the second round. TSU was led by regular season and tournament MVP **Madarious Gibbs** (14.1 ppg.) and **Deverell Biggs** (11.8), both seniors, and juniors **Chris Thomas** (12.6) and **Malcolm Riley** (10.2, 6.5 rpg.)

2. **NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL** (25-8) - After going 16-0 to win the MEAC regular season MEAC crown and stretch its conference win streak to 35 games, the Eagles fell in the MEAC tournament semifinals to Delaware State (63-57). With the automatic bid to the NIT, the 7th-seeded Eagles battled ACC-member, No. 2 Miami, to the wire before losing 75-71. NCCU had all five of its players make the all-MEAC squad - seniors **Jordan Parks** (15.3 ppg., 8.3 rpg.), **Anthony McDonald** (12.9 ppg.), **Karamo Jawara** (7.6 ppg., 6.4 rpg.) and point guard **Nimrod Hilliard** (12.0 ppg., 6.3 rpg.) and junior **Dante Holmes** (10.4 ppg.)

3. **HAMPTON** (17-18) - Coming in as the sixth seed and led by its trio of junior guards - **Deron Powers** (10.1 ppg.), **Reginald Johnson** (11.9 ppg.) and **Brian Darden** (9.8 ppg.) - Hampton won the MEAC Tournament title over Delaware State (82-61) despite playing without scoring leader **Dwight Meikle** (13.0 ppg.). They went on to get their first NCAA Tournament win (74-64) over Manhattan in a first round NCAA Tournament game before running into overall top seed and undefeated Kentucky in the second round. The Pirates battled the Wildcats before falling 79-56. Powers won MEAC tourney MVP honors and senior **Derrick Chevious** had double-doubles in both NCAA games.

4. **DELAWARE STATE** (18-18) - Seeded fifth in the MEAC Tournament, the Hornets knocked off top seed NC Central (63-57) in the semis before falling to Hampton (82-61) in the title game. Playing without league scoring leader **Amere May** (21.0 ppg.) and league MVP and NCAA rebounding leader **Kendall Gray** (11.7 ppg., 11.8 rpg.), DSU lost a first round CBI game to Radford (78-57).

5. **SOUTHERN** (18-17) - The Jaguars finished third (13-5) in the SWAC regular season but knocked off second-place Alabama State (68-66) in the tournament semis to reach the finals vs. Texas Southern (62-58 loss). Junior **Adrian Rodgers** (13.1 ppg.) and senior **Tre Lynch** (12.1 ppg.) paced Southern. OTHERS: Norfolk State (19-15), UMES (18-15), Alabama State (19-10)

**DIVISION II**

1. **LIVINGSTONE** (19-11) - After tying Winston-Salem State for CIAA S. Div. regular season title, head coach **James Stinson** led the Blue Bears to a repeat as CIAA Tournament champion in a win over WSSU (106-91). Livingstone fell to top seed West Liberty (127-89) in the first round of the Atlantic Regional. Juniors **Eric Dubose** (15.7 ppg.) and Tournament MVP **Ty Newman** (14.0 ppg.) along with seniors **Hakeem Jackson** (14.4 ppg.) and **Eric Mayo** (13.7 ppg., 8.6 rpg.) led the Blue Bears.

2. **PAINE** (24-6) - Lions were dominant team in SIAC regular season winning the East title with 17-2 mark. Fell to Lane in tournament semis (79-70). Led by SIAC scoring leader, junior guard **Denzel Dillingham** (21.0 ppg.), and senior center **Arnis Labazs** (12.8 ppg., 7.4 rpg.)

3. **WINSTON-SALEM STATE** (18-10) - Rams tied Livingstone for first in CIAA South before falling to Blue Bears in tournament title game (106-91). WSSU led by seniors **Wykevin Bazemore** (13.3 ppg., 9.8 rpg.), **Marquez Jones** (13.2 ppg.) and **Javan Wells** (10.4 ppg.) and freshman **Terrell Leach** (12.3 ppg.)

4. **BENEDICT** (19-12) - Finished third in SIAC East but knocked off Lane (63-61) for SIAC tournament title. Fell to top seed and eventual national champion Florida Southern (89-68) in South Region first round. Seniors **Deonte Johnson** (12.4 ppg.) and **Andrew Crawford** (12.2 ppg.) led the Tigers.

5. **BOWIE STATE** (22-8) - CIAA North top seed fell to Livingstone (83-65) in tournament semifinals. CIAA MVP **Cameron Knox** (17.4 ppg.) only double-figure scorer. OTHERS: Lane (16-12), Lincoln (16-11), Virginia State (18-8)



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**WOMEN'S FINAL TOP FIVES**

**DIVISION I**

1. **SAVANNAH STATE** (21-11) - **Cedric Baker's** Lady Tigers snapped Hampton's 54-game conference win streak in the regular season and won the program's first MEAC Tournament title over Maryland-Eastern Shore (65-47) to halt the Lady Pirates run of five straight championships. Seeded 16th in its first NCAA Tournament, SSU battled gamely in losing to former No. 1 and top seed South Carolina (81-48) after losing to the same team 111-49 in the regular season. All-MEAC seniors **Ezinne Kalu** (16.5 ppg.) and **Jasmine Norman** (11.3 ppg.) led the Lady Tigers who also had a big win over Florida in the regular season.

2. **HAMPTON** (19-13) - Despite having its conference win streak halted by Savannah State at 54 and its tournament title streak end at five with a quarterfinal loss to Maryland Eastern Shore, the Lady Pirates joined the Hampton men with the only HBCU postseason wins in a 45-42 first round WNIT win over Drexel. Hampton fell to West Virginia (57-39) in the second round. MEAC Player of the Year and MEAC scoring leader, sophomore **Malia Tate-DeFreitas** (21.3 ppg.) and senior **Kyani White** (10.3 ppg.) led Hampton.

3. **TEXAS SOUTHERN** (19-11) - Tied with Southern for regular season SWAC title but fell out from season-ending brawl with Southern left Lady Tigers out of SWAC Tourney. Fell to Southern Miss in first round WNIT (79-69). Sophomore **Alexus Johnson** (13.4 ppg., 7.8 rpg.) and juniors **Brianna Sidney** (11.5 ppg.) and **Sophia Diamonisha** (11.1 ppg.) stood out for TSU.

4. **TENNESSEE STATE** (19-13) - Third-seeded in the Ohio