BCSP Notes

Rimm resigns at Prairie View; Byron Smith takes over

Rimm resigned his position as the men’s basketball coach at Prairie View A&M effective January 28 and was replaced on an interim basis by assistant coach Byron Smith.

Smith took over the program at 2006-07 and earned accolades as the first head coach at PVAMU in November 2007. The coach became a finalist for the SWAC Coach of the Year in 2013, 2014 and 2015. His team finished with an all-time victories of 115 in 10 seasons.

Smith is in his first year at the Prairie View A&M staff. He has served as head coach of the Harlem Globetrotters and was an assistant coach at Texas A&M and Texas Southern. The Bozeman, Va. native was a student athlete at the University of Richmond from 1983-91, twice earning All-South Conference honors under Coach Pat Foster.

Elvis Robinson out leading women of Mississippi Valley State

Elvis Robinson has led the Delta Devils in scoring in five wins this season. Robinson, who has averaged 20.5 points per game, has scored 40 points in two games.

The races in the both CIAA North and South Divisions have tightened up as the league enters the last two weeks of regular-season play (ending on Saturday, Feb. 20).

North Carolina Central – Virginia Union (4-2), Virginia State (4-2) and Chowan (3-2) lead the North while Lincoln (3-3) and Bowie State (3-3) are tied right behind them. Johnson C. Smith, Winston-Salem State and Saint Augustine’s are tied at 4-2-3.

The top teams in the CIAA also rank in the top 25 in the nation, with Virginia State at No. 19 and Chowan College at No. 22.

Swingman of Mississippi Valley State

Jaquanna Davis, 6-2, Jr., F, VSU – 15.6 ppg., 7.2 apg., 50% FG

Davis averaged 23.8 points and 10.8 rebounds in two games. She had 21 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in the win over Mississippi Valley State Saturday and Monday.

The division races have also tightened in the SIAC. The Tigers (12-3) are now in sole possession of first place in the East while the Tigers (12-3) are in sole possession of first place in the West.

Howard hosts Morgan State

The Bison (4-5) have lost three straight games, including a 70-67 overtime loss to Morgan State (12-3) Feb. 25 in Philadelphia.

The division races have also tightened in the MEAC. The Panthers (9-2) and South Carolina State (9-2) have a three-way tie at the top.

Jockeying continues for leagues’ top spots

There’s also been a burn-off at the top of the SWAC race. Maryland-Eastern Shore (6-4) is now in sole possession of fourth place.

The conference has lost six in the last week, with two teams losing during the weekend by both Norfolk State (9-5) and South Carolina State (9-2), which has a three-way tie at the top.

The MEAC regular season play continues through the week.

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