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ANGLING FOR THE BIG DANCE

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Two-sport star and double-double machine Derrick Griffin (#23) leads top seed Texas Southern into SWAC tourney.

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2015-16 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

MEAC	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL
MEN (FINAL)	W	L	W	L
Hampton	13	3	18	10
SC State	12	4	17	13
Norfolk State	12	4	16	15
Bethune-Cookman	10	6	14	17
Savannah State	9	7	14	14
NC A&T State	7	9	10	21
North Carolina Central	7	9	10	21
Morgan State	6	10	8	21
Howard	6	10	12	19
Coppin State	6	10	8	21
Delaware State	5	11	7	24
Florida A&M	4	12	8	21

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR
PLAYER
 James Daniel III, 5-10, Jr., G, HOWARD - Led MEAC and nation (Div. I) with 27.2 points per game average.
ROOKIE Devin Morgan, 5-11, Fr., C, DELSTATE - Averaged 10.2 points per game, five time ROW.
DEFENSE
 Laron Smith, 6-7, R-Jr., F, BETHUNE-COOKMAN - Led MEAC and was fifth in nation in blocks (3.0 per game), also averaged 7.1 rebounds per game and led the league in FG% (.578).
COACH
 Murray Garvin, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE - Led Bulldogs to second-place tie with 12-4 conference record, 17-13 overall mark.

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WOMEN (FINAL)	W	L	W	L
Bethune-Cookman	12	4	18	11
NC A&T State	12	4	16	11
Hampton	11	5	13	16
Coppin State	10	6	13	15
Mid. E. Shore	10	6	12	16
Morgan State	10	6	12	16
Florida A&M	9	7	15	14
SC State	7	9	11	15
Savannah State	7	9	10	17
Delaware State	6	10	9	20
Howard	4	12	6	23
North Carolina Central	3	13	5	22
Norfolk State	3	13	3	23

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR
PLAYER
 Malia Tate-DeFreitas, 5-8, Jr., G, HAMPTON - Led MEAC in scoring (21.2 ppg.), second in steals (2.6).
ROOKIE
 Najai Pollard, 5-11, Fr., F, DELSTATE - Averaged 11.3 points, 8.1 rebounds.
DEFENSE
 Kailyn Williams, 6-4, R-Jr., C, B-CU - Led MEAC in rebounds (9.1), FG% (.538) and blocks (3.6) while scoring 12.1 points per game.
COACH
 Vanessa Blair-Lewis, B-CU - Finished 18-11 overall, 12-4 tied for first in MEAC. Top tourney seed.

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	DIV	ALL	DIV	ALL
MEN (FINAL)	W	L	W	L
Texas Southern	16	2	17	13
Alcorn State	13	5	15	14
Jackson State	12	6	17	14
Southern	11	7	19	12
Alabama State	9	9	14	16
Prairie View A&M	7	11	7	23
Alcorn State	6	12	10	17
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6	12	8	24
Miss. Valley State	6	12	6	26
Grambling State	4	14	7	23

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR
PLAYER, DEFENSIVE PLAYER
 Derrick Griffin, 6-7, R-Fr., TEXAS SOUTHERN - All-SWAC wide receiver in football (11 TDs) averaged a double-double of 13.5 points with SWAC-bests of 11.5 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per game. His .667 shooting percentage was second best. Had 17 double-double games on the season including 12 straight, both conference records.
FRESHMAN
 Nigel Ribeiro, 5-10, Fr., G, GRAMBLING STATE - Averaged 11.2 points per game and 2.1 assists per game.
COACH
 Mike Davis, TEXAS SOUTHERN - Led Tigers to back-to-back regular season title with 16-2 league mark. Finished 17-13 overall.

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	DIV	ALL	DIV	ALL
WOMEN (FINAL)	W	L	W	L
Alabama State	14	4	16	11
Southern	14	4	17	10
Texas Southern	14	4	18	10
Grambling State	13	5	16	13
Prairie View A&M	9	9	13	14
Jackson State	8	10	14	15
Alcorn State	8	10	10	18
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6	12	9	20
Alabama A&M	3	15	4	24
Miss. Valley State	1	17	3	25

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
 Norrianna Haynes, 5-10, Sr., GF, ALCORN STATE - Led SWAC in scoring (20.3 ppg.) and rebounding (9.3 rpg.).
DEFENSIVE PLAYER
 Keiana Vines, 6-4, Sr., C, TEXAS SOUTHERN - Led SWAC in blocks (3.3 per game), averaged 7.7 rpg. and was second in FG% (.567).
NEWCOMER
 Niyah Head, 5-7, Fr., G, ARK-PINE BLUFF - Averaged 13.0 points per game.
FRESHMAN
 Jazmin Boyd, GRAMBLING STATE - Averaged 10.8 ppg. and was second in FT% (.784).
COACH
 Nadine Domond, GRAMBLING STATE - Led Lady Tigers to fourth-place finish (13-5), one game out of first place, 16-13 overall.

2016 MEAC and SWAC hoops honors



Daniel Tate-DeFreitas Griffin Haynes

MEAC scoring leaders James Daniel III (27.2 ppg.) of Howard (men) and Malia Tate-DeFreitas (21.2 ppg.) of Hampton (women) were named players of the year in the MEAC. Daniel all Div. I scorers.

MEN
FIRST TEAM - Quinton Chievous, Gr., G, HAM; James Daniel III, Jr., G, HOW; Reginald Johnson Jr., Sr., G, HAM; Jeff Short, R-Sr., G, NSU; Dominique Elliott, Sr., F, UMES; **SECOND TEAM** - Eric Eaves, Jr., G, SCSU; Jordan Potts, R-Jr., G, B-CU; Devin Martin, Sr., G, UMES; Dante Holmes, R-Sr., G, NCCU; Malcolm Bernard, Jr., F, FAMU **THIRD TEAM** - Mario Moody, R-Sr., F, B-CU; Cedrick Blossom, Sr., F, MSU; Sam Hunt, R-So., F, NC A&T; Bruce Beckford, Sr., F, NC A&T; Laron Smith, R-Jr., F, B-CU
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: James Daniel III, Howard
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Devin Morgan, Delaware State
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Laron Smith, Bethune-Cookman
COACH OF THE YEAR: Murray Garvin, South Carolina State

WOMEN
FIRST TEAM: Malia Tate-DeFreitas, Jr., G, HAM; Khadejra Young, Sr., G, FAMU; Moengarua Subitzky, R-So., G7F, UMES; Victoria Gonzales, Sr., F, HOW; Kailyn Williams, R-Jr., C, BCU; **SECOND TEAM:** Kendra Cooper, Jr., G, B-CU; Braennan Farrar, So., G, MSU; Sydney Johnson, Jr., G/F, HOW; Olivia Antilla, Sr., F, FAMU; April McRae, Gr., C, NC A&T; **THIRD TEAM** Dana Brown, R-Jr., G, NC A&T; Jasmine Knowles, R-Sr., G, B-CU; Taylor Houston, R-Jr., G/F, B-CU; Kaylah Lupoe, So., F, HAM; Janelle Lane, Sr., F, CSU; Tiyonda Davis, Jr., C, SSU
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Malia Tate-DeFreitas, Hampton
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Najai Pollard, Delaware State
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Kailyn Williams, Bethune-Cookman
COACH OF THE YEAR: Vanessa Blair-Lewis, Bethune-Cookman

Texas Southern 6-7 redshird freshman center Derrick Griffin, who is also an all-SWAC receiver, took home SWAC player, defensive player and newcomer of the year awards Griffin averaged a double-double of 13.5 points, 11.3 rebounds and led the conference in blocks (2.3 bpg.) and was second in field goal percentage (.667). Women's Player of the Year Norrianna Haynes of Alcorn State led the SWAC in scoring (20.3 ppg.) and was second in rebounding (9.3 rpg.).

WOMEN
FIRST TEAM - Brianna Sidney, G, TSU; Britney Washington, G, SU; Norrianna Haynes, F, ALC; Britney Wright, F, AL ST; Keiana Vines, C, TSU; **SECOND TEAM** - Shakyla Hill, G, GSU; Lamaria Cole, G, PV; Larissa Scott, F, PV; Toni Cheadle, F, TSU; Jasmine Peoples, C, AL ST
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Norrianna Haynes, ALC
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Niyah Head, UAPB
DEFENSIVE PLAYER: Keiana Vines, TSU
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Jazmin Boyd, GSU
COACH OF THE YEAR: Nadine Domond, GSU

MEN
FIRST TEAM - Chris Thomas, Sr., G, TSU; Jamel Waters, Sr., G, AL STATE; Ladarius Tabb, Sr., F, AA&M; Adrian Rodgers, Sr., F, SU; Derrick Griffin, So., C, TSU **SECOND TEAM** - Tamarico Wilson, G, ALC; Paris Collins, G, JSU; Malcolm Riley, Sr., F, TSU; Raeford Worsham, F, JSU; Nick West, C, AA&M
PLAYER, DEFENSIVE PLAYER AND NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Derrick Griffin, Fr., C, TSU
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Nigel Ribeiro, GSU **COACH OF THE YEAR:** Mike Davis, TSU

SIAC TOURNAMENT FINALS RECAPS

MEN'S FINAL

Stillman 90, LeMoyné-Owen 76

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - West Division top-seed Stillman had five players score in double figures as they downed fourth-seed LeMoyné-Owen 90-76 to seize the 2016 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) Men's Basketball Tournament title, Saturday, its first title in ten years.

After taking a 40-35 lead at halftime, the Tigers stretched their lead to 14 twice in the second half but LeMoyné-Owen answered with a 12-3 rally topped off with a layup from Justin Street to cut its deficit to 62-60 with nine minutes left. After exchanging baskets, Stillman was able to push through and stretch its advantage back to double-figures to close out the game.



Penny

Stillman was paced by Ronald Singleton's 22 points. Rodnerius Lewis added 18 points ahead of Antonio Penny (17), and D'Andre Downey (10). Penny, a 5-10 junior guard was named the 2016 SIAC Men's Basketball MVP. Penny averaged 12 points and 5.3 assists in the three tourney wins.

Street, who was named to the all-tournament team led the Magicians (16-15) with 23 points. Rashawn Brown finished with 16 points and Jerry Hampton added 10 points. Demba Konate led all players in rebounds with 11.

WOMEN'S FINAL

Benedict 74, Kentucky State 52

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Benedict claimed the 2016 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) Women's Basketball Tournament title after defeating Kentucky State 74-52 in the championship game, Saturday evening at Bill Harris Arena in Birmingham, Ala.

The turning point for Benedict (27-2), the top seed from the East Division, was in the second quarter when it went on a 17-4 run topped off with a 3-pointer by Regime McCombs to take a 28-14 lead. The Tigers led 33-22 at the half and they remained in control for the duration of the game.



Jacobs

KaDeeja Vaughn led all scorers with 21 points and 12 rebounds. McCombs added 18 points for Benedict. Defensively the Tigers held a 44-23 advantage on the glass.

Kentucky State (24-4) was led by Logan Powell's 12 points and five rebounds. Taylor Sanders finished with 11 points and a game-high four steals.

Five-11 senior center Terri Jacobs was named the 2016 Tournament MVP. Jacobs averaged 15.6 points and nine rebounds in the three tournament wins.

NCAA Div. II Regionals also get underway Friday

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The men of Stillman and women of Benedict emerged victorious from last week's SIAC Basketball Tournament in Birmingham (see related stories).

Seven teams total from the SIAC and the CIAA - the four champions with automatic bids and three others with at-large bids - were named Sunday to regional fields to their respective 64-team NCAA Div. II championship fields (see related story).

This week, the final two black college black college tournaments, the MEAC and SWAC Tournaments, take center stage in Norfolk, Va. and Houston respectively.

MEAC TOURNAMENT

The men of Hampton and women of Bethune-Cookman emerged from tight races to claim the top seeds in the MEAC Tournament at the Norfolk Scope Arena which began Monday.

Despite losing its regular season finale to rival Norfolk State, Hampton (13-3) finished with a one-game lead over NSU and South Carolina State, who both finished 12-4 in conference play. Norfolk State is the second seed by virtue of its win over SC State in the regular season. Bethune-Cookman finished at 10-6 to take the fourth seed.

The four highest seeds advance to quarterfinal play on Wednesday and Thursday.

Bethune-Cookman and North Carolina A&T both finished 12-4 on top of the women's race. They split their two regular season matchups with B-CU having a bigger point differential and taking the top seed. Hampton is the third seed. The top three seeds advanced to Wednesday's and Thursday's quarterfinals.

The men's championship game is 1 p.m. on Saturday with the women's championship game to start one hour after the completion of the men's final.

SWAC TOURNAMENT

Texas Southern (16-2) is the men's top seed while Alabama State (14-4) emerged from a three-way tie at the top to claim the top women's seed at the SWAC Tournament at Houston's Toyota Center.

Alcorn State (13-5) won seven of its last nine games to grab the second spot on the men's side followed by Jackson State (12-6) and Southern (11-7). The top four advance to Wednesday and Thursday's quarterfinals.

The women of Southern and Texas Southern also finished at 14-4 in conference play to tie with Alabama State. TSU, who led for most of the regular season, dropped decisions to Alabama State and Southern in the last week to open the door to the tie. ASU swept two games from TSU to take the top seed. Southern, who split with TSU, grabbed the second seed. Both ASU and Southern get byes into Wednesday's quarterfinals. TSU is the third seed and plays sixth-seed Jackson State and fourth-seed Grambling State faces fifth-seed Prairie View in Thursday's quarterfinals.

MONDAY - MARCH 7 - OPENING ROUND
WOMEN
 #4 Coppin State 78, #13 Norfolk State 54
 #5 Morgan State 52, #12 NC Central 42
 #11 Howard 68, vs. #6 Md.-Eastern Shore 51
MEN
 #5 Savannah State 63, #12 Delaware State 58
 #11 Coppin State 98, #6 NC A&T 91, 2OT

TUESDAY - MARCH 8 - OPENING ROUND
WOMEN
 #9 S. Carolina State 61, #8 Savannah State 58, OT
 2 pm - #10 Delaware State vs. #7 Florida A&M
MEN
 4 pm - #9 Morgan State vs. #8 Md.-Eastern Shore
 6 pm - #10 Howard vs. #7 NC Central

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 9 - QUARTERFINALS
WOMEN
 12 n - #9 S. Carolina State vs. #1 Bethune-Cookman
 2 pm - DSU/FAMU winner vs. #2 NC A&T
MEN
 6 pm - MSU/UMES winner vs. #1 Hampton
 8 pm - HOW/NCCU winner vs. #2 Norfolk State

THURSDAY - MARCH 10 - QUARTERFINALS
WOMEN
 12 n - #11 Howard vs. #3 Hampton
 2 pm - #4 Coppin State vs. #5 Morgan State
MEN
 6 pm - #11 Coppin State vs. #3 S. Carolina State
 8 pm - #5 Savannah State vs. #4 Bethune-Cookman

FRIDAY - MARCH 11 - SEMIFINALS
WOMEN 12 n and 2 pm
MEN 6 pm and 8 pm

SATURDAY - MARCH 12 - FINALS
MEN 1 pm
WOMEN One hour after end of Men's final

Semifinal games for both men and women are Friday with championship games Saturday.

NCAA DIV. II REGIONALS

Seven black college teams, five from the women's side, will be competing for NCAA Div. II national championships in basketball.

Four CIAA teams and three from the SIAC make up the seven which includes tournament champions from each conference that received automatic bids.

Virginia Union (25-2), the CIAA women's tournament champ, is the top seed in the Atlantic Region and will host the regional at the Ashe Center in Richmond. The Lady Panthers will take on #8 seed Indiana Pa. (21-8) at 5 p.m.. The other CIAA women's teams are #3 Shaw (24-7), the CIAA runner-up, and #7 Chowan (20-8). Shaw will face #5 West Liberty (27-4) at 12 noon while Chowan faces #2 California Pa. (24-5) at 5 p.m.

Women's SIAC tournament champion Benedict (27-2) is seeded second in the South Atlantic Region which will be played in Jackson, Tenn., home to top seed Union. The Tigers will face #7 Florida Tech (20-9) at 3:30 p.m. SIAC runner-up Kentucky State (24-4) is seeded fifth and will play #4 Florida Southern (24-5) at 8:30 p.m.

For the men, only SIAC champion Stillman (26-5) and CIAA champ Virginia State (23-5) received bids.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 - OPENING ROUND
WOMEN
 12n - #7 Alcorn State vs. No. 10 Mississippi Valley State
 6 pm - #8 Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. #9 Alabama A&M 6 p.m.
MEN
 2:30 pm - #7 Mississippi Valley State vs. #10 Grambling State
 8:30 pm: #8 Alabama A&M vs. #9 Arkansas-Pine Bluff

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 - QUARTERFINALS
WOMEN
 12 n - ALC/MVSU winner vs. #2 Southern
 6 pm - UAPB/AA&M winner vs. #1 Alabama State
MEN
 2:30 pm - MVSU/GSU winner vs. #2 Alcorn State
 8:30 pm - AA&M/UAPB vs. #1 Texas Southern

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 - QUARTERFINALS
WOMEN
 12 n - #3 Texas Southern vs. #6 Jackson State
 6 pm - #4 Grambling State vs. #5 Prairie View
MEN
 2:30 pm - #3 Jackson State vs. #6 Prairie View A&M
 8:30 pm - #4 Southern vs. #5 Alabama State

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 - SEMIFINALS
WOMEN 12 n and 6 pm
MEN 2:30 pm and 8:30 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 - FINALS
WOMEN 2 pm - LIVE ESPN3
MEN 5:30 p.m. - LIVE ESPN3

VSU is seeded sixth and faces #3 Fairmont State (25-4) in the Atlantic Regional (12 noon) in Wheeling, W. Va. hosted by top seed Wheeling Jesuit.

Stillman is a fifth seed in the South Regional and faces #4 West Georgia (22-8) in Huntsville, Ala. (7:30 p.m.) hosted by top seed Alabama-Huntsville.

REGIONALS

WOMEN - Friday, March 11
ATLANTIC REGION - Richmond, VA
 #3 Shaw (24-7) vs. #6 West Liberty (27-4) 12 noon
 #2 California PA (24-5) vs. #7 Chowan (20-8) 2:30 p.m.
 #1 Virginia Union (25-2) vs. #8 Indiana PA (21-8) 5 p.m.

SOUTH REGION - Jackson, TN
 #2 Benedict (27-2) vs. #7 Florida Tech (20-9) 3:30 p.m.
 #5 Kentucky State (24-4) vs. #4 Florida Southern (24-5) 7:30 p.m.

MEN - Saturday, March 12
ATLANTIC REGION - Wheeling, WV
 #3 Fairmont State (25-4) vs. #6 Virginia State (23-5) 12 noon

SOUTH REGION - Huntsville, AL
 #5 Stillman (26-5) vs. #4 West Georgia (22-8) 7:30 p.m.

2016 SIAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MEN

OPENING ROUND
 LeMoyné-Owen 78, Fort Valley State 65
 Tuskegee 76, Clark Atlanta 66
 Claflin 73, Kentucky State 71, OT
 Lane 88, Albany State 80
 Miles 82, Paine 73
 Morehouse 52, Central State 49

QUARTERFINALS
 LeMoyné-Owen 78, Benedict 73
 Stillman 73, Tuskegee 57
 Claflin 79, Miles 64
 Lane 62, Morehouse 59

SEMIFINALS
 LeMoyné-Owen 71, Claflin 70, OT
 Stillman 78, Lane 73

FINAL
 Stillman 90, LeMoyné-Owen 76

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
 Justin Street, LeMoyné-Owen
 Ayinde Russell, Morehouse
 Joshua Johnson, Miles
 Terrence Bridgeman, Lane
 Antonio Perry, Stillman

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
 Antonio Perry, Stillman

TOURNAMENT COACH
 Donte Jackson, Stillman

WOMEN

OPENING ROUND
 Paine 80, Lane 78, OT
 Stillman 70, Fort Valley State 52
 Miles 69, Tuskegee 42
 Claflin 56, LeMoyné-Owen 47
 Central State 79, Clark Atlanta 51

QUARTERFINALS
 Benedict 68, Paine 55
 Kentucky State 86, Stillman 53
 Miles 53, Claflin 45
 Central State 64, Albany State 56

SEMIFINALS
 Benedict 65, Miles 58
 Kentucky State 73, Central State 63

FINAL
 Benedict 74, Kentucky State 52

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
 Terri Jacobs, Benedict
 Jamesha Mosely, Kentucky State
 Joclyn Ramos, Stillman
 Ghameeran McCullers, Central State
 Morgan Hardy, Miles

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
 Terri Jacobs, Benedict

TOURNAMENT COACH
 James Rice, Benedict