



Alcorn State Sports Photo

APR STRUGGLES CONTINUE

NCAA APR UPS AND DOWNS; F'VILLE STATE, CLARK ATLANTA GET NEW HOOPS COACHES

EARLY CHALLENGE: New Alcorn State head football coach Fred McNair (above) to face Bethune-Cookman in 2016 SWAC/MEAC Challenge.

2016 BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA

	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Winston-Salem State	13	3	27	19
Chowan	12	4	22	22
St. Augustine's	7	9	12	31
Virginia State	7	9	8	29
Lincoln	1	15	5	31

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE & DEFENSE
Ivan Acuna, Jr., INF, WSSU - Went 11 for 21 (.538) with four doubles, two HRs, nine runs and nine RBI. Had 25 putouts and six assists. Also threw out three runners.
PITCHER
Kanoa Hironaka, Fr., RHP, WSSU - In six innings vs. SAU, allowed two hits with six Ks.
COACH
Merrill Morgan, VSU - Led Trojans to four straight wins over Lincoln.

INDEPENDENTS

	CONF				ALL			
	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L
W. Va. State	18	6	23	11				

First place in Mountain East South

MEAC

	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
NORTHERN				
Norfolk State	13	4	20	16
Delaware State	10	6	10	27
Coppin State	6	12	9	30
Maryland-E. Shore	5	12	12	26
SOUTHERN				
Florida A&M	14	4	24	14
Bethune-Cookman	12	6	19	22
NC Central	8	10	21	22
Savannah State	5	10	10	31
NC A&T	3	12	9	33

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Roger Hall, r-Jr., IF, NSU - Hit .467 (7 of 15) with one double, one triple and three RBI in four wins over Wm. & Mary and Coppin State.
PITCHER
Devin Hemmerich, Jr., LHP, NSU - Pitched seven scoreless innings in win over CSU scattering three hits with eight Ks.
ROOKIE
Chase Anderson, Fr., 2B/3B/P, NSU - Hit .308 (4 for 13) with one double, two runs scored and three RBI. Pitched one scoreless inning of relief.

SIAC

	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EAST				
Albany State	12	6	14	33
Paine	13	7	26	18
Claffin	13	8	20	27
Benedict	8	9	26	14
Clark Atlanta	8	12	12	31
Morehouse	5	16	17	28
WEST				
Spring Hill	18	3	29	15
Stillman	16	5	24	22
Miles	12	5	29	15
Kentucky State	8	13	13	28
Tuskegee	6	12	11	27
LeMoyné-Owen	5	13	8	33
Lane	0	18	3	32

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Aaron Williams, Sr., 1B, MILES - Had four multi-hit games in 2-2 week. Was 9 for 17 (.529) with two doubles, three HRs, 12 RBI, 7 runs scored.
PITCHER
Christian Bahlinger, Jr., RHP, SPRING HILL - Now 7-2, earned a win allowing no runs on four hits with just one walk and five Ks vs. Albany State. Has 1.71 ERA on season.

SWAC

	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EASTERN				
Alabama State	18	0	26	14
Jackson State	8	8	23	21
Alcorn State	9	10	13	25
Alabama A&M	7	11	12	33
Miss. Valley State	4	17	6	30
WESTERN				
Grambling State	13	5	19	19
Arkansas Pine Bluff	13	5	17	20
Texas Southern	10	10	16	19
Southern	6	11	12	24
Prairie View	5	15	10	24

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER
Dillon Cooper, Sr., OF., ALABAMA STATE - Hit .538 (7 for 13) with five runs scored, 2 doubles, 2 HRs, 9 RBI. Had two hits and two RBI in three straight games. Hit first career two-homer game Sunday.
PITCHER
Tyler Howe, Jr., RHP, JACKSON STATE - In two appearances including one start over 10.0 innings, allowed two hits, one run with one walk and 11 Ks. Had complete game one-hit shutout Sat., with 10 Ks. Improved to 7-2 on season.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NBA VET WALKER IN AT CLARK ATLANTA:

ATLANTA, Ga. - Former NBA player and head coach **Darrell Walker** has been named as the next head coach of the **Clark Atlanta University** men's basketball program.

Walker will be embarking on his first collegiate coaching opportunity with more than a decade of NBA coaching experience, including 56 victories as a head coach in the league. Walker has also headed up teams in the

WNBA and CBA.

Beyond his professional coaching experience, Walker was an All-American player at the University of Arkansas under legendary coach Eddie Sutton. After playing out his days with the Razorbacks, Walker was selected with the No. 12 overall pick in the 1983 NBA Draft by the New York Knicks. Over a professional playing career spanning 10 seasons, Walker was able to end his career as a member of the NBA Champion Chicago Bulls in the 1992-93 season.

During a playoff series his rookie season in New York, Walker set franchise bests for steals in a playoff game (seven) and series (15). As a player with the Washington Bullets (now Wizards) from 1987-91, Walker dished out 1,707 assists to sit eighth on the franchise career assist chart. He also ranked in the top-5 for guards in rebounding for three consecutive seasons and also had a season where he was in the top-10 in the NBA in assists per game.

Walker is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a B.S. in Human Resources. His time at UA was commemorated in 2008 as he was inducted into the Hall of Honor by ranking among the all-time Razorbacks leaders in assists (10th) and steals (fourth). He has also been named to the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame (2003).

KING-COLEMAN RETURNS TO CIAA AT FSU:

Fayetteville State has named **Serena King-Coleman** as the 13th head women's basketball coach in program history.

King-Coleman comes to FSU after completing seven seasons as head women's basketball coach at **Kentucky State University**. She compiled an overall record of 99-67 at KSU and picked up her 100th career victory on January 27th, 2014.

This past season (2015-16), King-Coleman reached a career single season best record of 24-5. She led the Thorobrettes to the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC)** Tournament championship game and an appearance in the NCAA DII South Regionals. KSU has had back-to-back 20-plus win seasons under King-Coleman with two consecutive postseason appearances. The team had a record of 46-11 the last two seasons (2014-16).

"We are delighted to welcome Serena King-Coleman to the FSU family. She is a winner and a respected mentor of young women," said director of athletics **Anthony Bennett**.

King-Coleman has experience and roots coaching in the CIAA. She served as head women's basketball coach at **St. Paul's College (SPC)** for six seasons (2004-10). In 2008, King-Coleman coached the first ever CIAA Women's Player of the Year in SPC history. The Lady Tigers also received the CIAA Sportsmanship Award during the 2007-08 season under her tutelage.

King-Coleman also held the titles of senior woman administrator (SWA) and assistant athletics director her last three seasons at St. Paul's (2007-10).

Her head coaching career began at Gardner-Webb University. She served as the interim head women's basketball coach during the 2003-04 season. King-Coleman held the position of associate head women's basketball coach and recruiting coordinator at GWU before being promoted to interim head coach.

"I'm extremely grateful and excited to join the Fayetteville State family and lead the women's basketball program," stated King-Coleman. "This is a great opportunity for me and my family. I'm thrilled to be coaching again in the CIAA. This is a huge blessing and I'm ready to do the best job possible."

King-Coleman succeeds **Eva Patterson-Heath**, who announced her retirement in November, 2015. **Walter Mebane** served as interim head coach for the 2015-16 season and led the Lady Broncos to a 15-13 overall record.

APR scores hit HBCUs hard

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Four **MEAC** football teams and one from the **SWAC** will face postseason bans after the NCAA Academic Progress Rates (APR) were released last week.

Howard, Florida A&M, Morgan State and Savannah State from the MEAC and **Southern** of the SWAC will be ineligible for postseason football play. The five schools also received additional penalties that include practice restrictions, spring football elimination and multi-year bans on postseason play.

Southern, who has been battling to come up to NCAA APR standards for the last five years, was again hit the hardest. In addition to football, Southern faces postseason ineligibility in baseball, men's cross country, men's track, women's basketball, women's cross country, women's track, softball and women's volleyball.

The **Alcorn State** and **Savannah State** men's basketball teams, **FAMU** men's track team and the **Alabama State** men's tennis team, will miss postseason play as well.

Schools may request a waiver from some or all penalty elements. Waivers are overseen by the Committee on Academics. The Academic Performance Program penalty structure includes three levels, with penalties increasing in severity at each level. Schools move through the penalty structure each year, progressing to the next level

Limited-resource schools, HBCUs continue APR improvement

Excerpt of NCAA story by Michelle Brutiag-Hosick

While the overall Academic Progress Rate and nearly every measured demographic continue to improve, teams at **Historically Black Colleges and Universities** have made significant and remarkable progress.

The single-year APR for HBCUs increased from 918 to 956 in the last five years, with many schools benefitting from NCAA programs designed to support academic improvements. This far outpaces the overall APR increase of six points in the same time period.

The Academic Performance Program assists HBCUs and limited-resource schools in a number of ways. Among them, it provided teams a longer period of time to improve their scores to surpass the 930 penalty threshold from the old benchmark of 900, and allows teams at some schools to avoid penalties if they show improvement.

Additionally, the Accelerating Academic Success Program offers financial assistance to limited-resource schools, many of which are HBCUs, to support their academic needs. The NCAA staff also is working with those schools to develop educational initiatives that will help administrators learn and apply best practices from similar schools where student-athlete academic performance has improved.

Read the full story including quotes from Jackson State and North Carolina Central administrators and MEAC Commissioner Dr. Dennis Thomas at:

<http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/media-center/news/limited-resource-schools-hbcus-continue-apr-improvement-trend>

of severity if their multiyear APR remains below the benchmarks.

LEVEL ONE APR PENALTIES - Practice restrictions

FLORIDA A&M - M Golf
 HOWARD - Football, M swimming and diving, softball
 MORGAN STATE - M basketball, M Cross Country
 NORTH CAROLINA A&T - M basketball, W tennis

LEVEL TWO APR PENALTIES - Additional practice restrictions, No Spring practice, contest reductions

ALABAMA STATE - M tennis

FLORIDA A&M - M cross country
 HOWARD - W lacrosse
 MORGAN STATE - Football
 SAVANNAH STATE - M basketball
 SOUTHERN - W bowling

LEVEL THREE APR PENALTIES - Practice, contest, coach restrictions, potential multi-year postseason bans

ALCORN STATE - M basketball
 FLORIDA A&M - M basketball, M track, football
 SAVANNAH STATE - Football
 SOUTHERN - Baseball, M Cross Country, M track, football, W basketball, W cross country, W track, Softball, W soccer, volleyball

BCSP Spring Notes

St. Aug men, JC Smith women capture CIAA Outdoor Track titles

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - **Saint Augustine's** breezed to its 19th straight men's title and **Johnson C. Smith** captured its fourth women's crown in six years at the **CIAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships** at the Irwin Belk Complex completed on Saturday.

SAU, ranked No. 1 nationally in Division II, cruised to victory in the men's division with 203 points. **Virginia Union** was second with 139.83 points and **Virginia State** finished third with 107.33 points.

J. C. Smith edged St. Aug's 165-156 in the women's division. **Winston-Salem State** placed third with 138.50 points. SAU's women were ranked first in Div. II and JCSU was ranked third.

The SAU men were sparked by track MVP **Immanuel Hutchison**, who won the 800 and 1,500 meters, and field MVP **Jumonne Exeter**, who won the triple jump, was second in the long jump and fifth in the high jump.

JCSU's **Fellan Ferguson** was chosen Women's Track MVP with a win in the 1,500 meters and third-place finish in the 3,000 meters. **Chelsey Fuller** of Virginia State was the CIAA Women's Field MVP after winning the discus.

South Carolina State sweeps MEAC tennis titles

NORFOLK, Va. - The **South Carolina State Bulldogs** made a clean sweep of 2016 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) tennis championships this past weekend.

The men prevailed over **Florida A&M** 4-0 in the afternoon after the SCSU women shut out the FAMU women earlier 4-0.

The championship for the Bulldog men was the eighth in a row, 11th in the last 12 completed tournaments and 14th overall. With the win, SCSU (12-8) earned the conference's automatic qualification to the NCAA

Division I Men's Tennis Championships.

The tournament title was the first for SCSU's women since 2014 and they have now won 11 of the last 12 MEAC Championships and 12 overall. South Carolina State (8-10) earned the conference's automatic qualification to the NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championships.

MEN'S ALL-TOURNAMENT

Outstanding Performer: Jakub Vitek, South Carolina State

Outstanding Coach: Hardeep Judge, South Carolina State

WOMEN'S ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Outstanding Performer: Intissar Rassif, South Carolina State

Outstanding Coach: Hardeep Judge, South Carolina State

MEAC/SWAC Challenge matchups announced

The **MEAC/SWAC Football Challenge** will originate from Daytona Beach, Fla. in 2016 and Baton Rouge, La. in 2017. The 2016 game will showcase **Alcorn State** vs. **Bethune-Cookman**. In 2017, **South Carolina State** will square off against **Southern**. Both games will be aired on an ESPN network.

The 2016 event will be played at Municipal Stadium in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016 on ESPN. Bethune-Cookman (9-2), who won 2011 and 2012 **Challenge** games, won a share of the MEAC title for the fourth consecutive season under first-year head coach **Terry Sims**, who was named MEAC coach of the year.

Alcorn State (9-4) won the SWAC Eastern Division title and beat **Grambling State** in the conference championship game before losing to **North Carolina A&T** in the inaugural **Air Force Celebration Bowl**. **Fred McNair**, brother of Alcorn State great **Steve McNair**, will lead the Braves during the 2016 season.

2016 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA

	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					
	DIV			CONFALL		
	W	L	W	L	W	L
NORTH						
Chowan	8	0	14	0	25	12
Bowie State	5	3	9	5	13	21
Virginia Union	4	4	8	9	15	14
Virginia State	2	6	9	8	12	20
Elizabeth City State	1	7	3	11	4	21
Lincoln	0	0	0	6	0	6
SOUTH						
Fayetteville State	9	1	13	3	21	17
Winston-Salem State	6	2	13	3	26	21
J. C. Smith	6	4	9	7	10	16
St. Augustine's	4	6	6	10	8	24
Shaw	3	5	4	12	9	30
Livingstone	0	10	1	15	5	20

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE
Haley Cooper, Fr., C, CHOWAN - Hit .643 with 5 RBI, two doubles and nine hits.
DEFENSIVE
Jacqueline Pickering, So., SS/OF, BSU - Seven putouts and four assist in 3-1 week.
PITCHER
Kayla Robins, Jr., RHP, CHOWAN - Earned three wins and one save in 4-0 week. Had 43 Ks in 23 innings with 0.61 ERA.
COACH
Brian De Witt, CHOWAN - Led Hawks to 12-0 in divisional play.

MEAC

	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
NORTHERN				
Delaware State	16	2	23	16
Hampton	10	5	18	23
Norfolk State	9	5	15	20
Morgan State	7	7	12	25
Maryland-E. Shore	4	11	11	26
Coppin State	4	11	4	30
Howard	3	12	7	32
SOUTHERN				
Savannah State	10	2	21	20
Florida A&M	10	2	22	24
Bethune-Cookman	9	3	15	29
North Carolina A&T	3	9	14	28
South Carolina State	2	10	5	23
NC Central	2	10	6	39

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Sandy Hawthorne, Sr., C, DSU - In three game sweep of Howard, hit .583 with seven hits, one HR, one double and one triple with four runs scored and nine RBI.
PITCHER
Amanda Hallman, Jr., P, SSU - Posted 0.00 ERA in two wins over NC A&T. Stuck out 12 in both games.
ROOKIE
Hope Sobelowski, Fr., OF, HAMPTON - Went 8-for-13 in three game sweep of CSU. Scored seven runs, with one HR, five doubles, one triple and 11 RBI.

SIAC

	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L