

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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AENEAS WILLIAMS: Former Southern and NFL star comeback was one of three HBCU products in the 2014 Hall of Fame class.

NOTHING BUT CLASS

HBCU HALL OF FAMERS HONORED AT SB LI; HOOPS UPDATES AS TOURNEY TIME NEARS

HBCU Hall of Famers honored at Super Bowl LI



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The 23 living (pictured above) and six deceased football players from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the Pro Football Hall of Fame were presented and honored before Super Bowl LI in Houston on Sunday.

Following an almost year-long partnership between the Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF) and the Pro Football Hall of Fame (PFHOF), the NFL "reached out with the great concept of shining a light on the Historically Black Colleges and Universities by introducing those HBCUs Gold Jackets at Super Bowl LI," PFHOF President and CEO Dave Baker said in a statement.

Of the 303 members of the PFHOF, 29 (listed below) attended HBCUs. Grambling State University President Rick Gallo said in an interview that the amount of hall of famers that graduated from HBCUs highlights "the importance of HBCUs and how we have played a significant role in producing some of the greatest players to ever put on a helmet and shoulder pads."

Former Grambling State and NFL quarterback Doug Williams, one of the founders of the Black College Football Hall of Fame, accompanied the Hall of Famers in their presentation Sunday and narrated a video tribute that preceded the ceremony.

"There was a time when we judged football players by the color of their skin before the content of their character," Williams said in the video. "Some [attended HBCUs] by choice, many by necessity ... the honor of their deeds opened the nation to racial equality."

The Black College Football Hall of Fame is now part of the new Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village in Canton, Ohio, adding to the history and association of HBCUs and their players' influence on the game.

HBCU PLAYERS IN PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

(By year of induction, HBCU attended and NFL career)

- 1968**
1) **Marion Motley**, FB (South Carolina State, Nevada) - 1946-53 Cleveland Browns (AAFC/NFL), 1955 Pittsburgh Steelers (deceased)
- 1975**
2) **Roosevelt Brown**, OT (Morgan State) - 1953-65 NY Giants (deceased)
- 1976**
3) **Len Ford**, DE (Morgan State, Michigan) - 1948-49 Los Angeles Dons (AAFC), 1950-57 Cleveland Browns, 1958 Green Bay Packers (deceased)
- 1980**
4) **David Deacon Jones**, DE (South Carolina State, Mississippi Vocational (Valley State) - 1961-71 Los Angeles Rams, 1972-73 San Diego Chargers 1974 Washington Redskins (deceased)
- 1981**
5) **Willie Davis**, DE (Grambling State) - 1958-59 Cleveland Browns, 1960-69 Green Bay Packers
- 1984**
6) **Willie Brown**, CB (Grambling State) - 1963-66 Denver Broncos, 1967-78 Oakland Raiders
- 1986**
7) **Ken Houston**, SS (Prairie View A&M) - 1967-72 Houston Oilers, 1973-80 Washington
- 8) **Willie Lanier**, MLB (Morgan State) - 1967-77 Kansas City Chiefs
- 1989**
9) **Mel Blount**, CB (Southern) - 1970-83 Pittsburgh Steelers
10) **Art Shell**, OT (Maryland State - Eastern Shore) - 1968-82, Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders
- 1990**
11) **Junious Buck Buchanan**, DT (Grambling State) - 1963-75, Kansas City Chiefs (deceased)
- 1992**
12) **Lem Barney**, CB (Jackson State) - 1967-77 Detroit Lions
- 1993**
13) **Larry Little**, OG (Bethune-Cookman) - 1967-68 San Diego Chargers, 1969-80 Miami Dolphins
14) **Walter Payton**, RB (Jackson State) - 1975-87 Chicago Bears (deceased)
- 1994**
15) **Leroy Kelly**, RB (Morgan State) - 1964-73, Cleveland Browns
- 1996**
16) **Charlie Joiner**, WR (Grambling State) - 1968-72 Houston Oilers, 1972-75 Cincinnati Bengals, 1976-86 San Diego Chargers
- 2001**
17) **Jackie Slater**, OT (Jackson State) - 1976-95, Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams
- 2002**
18) **John Stallworth**, WR (Alabama A&M) - 1974-87, Pittsburgh Steelers
- 2003**
19) **Elvin Bethea**, DE (North Carolina A&T) - 1968-83, Houston Oilers
- 2006**
20) **Harry Carson**, LB (South Carolina State) - NY Giants, 1976-88
21) **Rayfield Wright**, OT (Fort Valley State) - Dallas Cowboys, 1967-79
- 2008**
22) **Emmit Thomas**, CB (Bishop) - Kansas City Chiefs, 1966-78
- 2009**
23) **Bob Hayes**, WR (Florida A&M) - 1965-74 Dallas Cowboys, 1975 San Francisco 49ers (deceased)
- 2010**
24) **Jerry Rice**, WR (Mississippi Valley State) - 1985-2000, San Francisco 49ers, 2001-04 Oakland Raiders, 2004 Seattle Seahawks
- 2011**
25) **Richard Dent**, DE (Tennessee State) - 1983-93, 95 Chicago Bears, 1994 San Francisco 49ers, 1996 Indianapolis Colts, 1997 Philadelphia Eagles
26) **Shannon Sharpe**, TE (Savannah State) - 1990-99, 2002-03 Denver Broncos, 2000-01 Baltimore
- 2014**
27) **Claude Humphrey**, DE (Tennessee State) - 1968-78 Atlanta Falcons, 1979-81 Philadelphia Eagles
28) **Michael Strahan**, DE (Texas Southern) - 1993-2007 NY Giants
29) **Aeneas Williams**, CB (Southern) - 1990-2001 Phoenix/Arizona Cardinals

MEN'S 2016-17 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA

NORTH DIVISION	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	W L	W	L	W L
Virginia Union	5	1	11 1	19	5	
Virginia State	5	1	10 2	18	4	
Chowan	4	2	8 4	15	6	
Bowie State	2	4	6 6	9	13	
Lincoln	2	4	5 7	7	15	
Eliz. City State	0	6	1 11	1	19	
SOUTH DIVISION						
Shaw	5	1	7 5	11	11	
Livingstone	4	2	5 7	8	14	
Winston-Salem State	3	3	5 7	10	12	
Fayetteville State	3	3	5 7	9	11	
J.C. Smith	2	4	5 7	9	13	
St. Augustine's	1	5	4 8	10	13	

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
John Mitchell, 6-9, Sr., C, VUU - Tallied 9 points and 6 rebounds in win over JCSU, 18 points and 10 boards in win over VState.
NEWCOMER
James Paige, 6-5, Jr., F, VUU - Averaged 13.5 pts., and 7 rebounds in two wins. Had game-high 20 points and 10 rebounds in win over Va. State, 7 pts., 4 rebs., in win over JCSU.
COACH
Jay Butler, VIRGINIA UNION - Got big wins over Virginia State and JC Smith to improve to league-best 11-1 record.

MEAC

NORTH DIVISION	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	W L	W	L	W L
North Carolina Central	8	1	17 6			
Norfolk State	8	2	11 13			
Morgan State	7	2	10 12			
Hampton	7	3	10 13			
Savannah State	7	4	10 14			
Maryland-Eastern Shore	5	4	8 16			
Delaware State	5	6	8 18			
SC State	4	6	7 16			
Florida A&M	4	6	6 17			
Coppin State	4	6	5 20			
Bethune-Cookman	2	7	5 18			
Howard	2	7	5 19			
NC A&T State	0	9	1 22			

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Patrick Cole, 6-4, Sr., G, NC CENTRAL - Averaged 22.5 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists in 2-0 week. Was 17 of 17 from the line and shot 50% from 3-point range getting 28 pts vs. DelState, 17 points, 7 assists, 7 rebounds vs. Morgan State.
ROOKIE
Jermaine Marrow, 6-5, Fr., G, HAMPTON - Averaged 21.3 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.3 assists in 3-0 week. Shot 18 of 20 from the line.
DEFENDER
Jordan Butler, 6-4, R-Sr., F, NORFOLK ST. - Averaged 8.5 rebounds and 3 blocks in 2-0 week. Had 4 blocks and 11 boards vs. SCSU, 2 blocks, 6 rebounds vs. NC A&T.

SIAC

EAST DIVISION	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	W L	W	L	W L
Benedict	10	3	13 9			
Clafin	9	3	14 6			
Fort Valley State	9	4	11 11			
Clark Atlanta	8	4	14 9			
Morehouse	6	6	12 8			
Albany State	4	8	10 13			
Paine	0	12	1 17			
WEST DIVISION						
Lane	10	2	13 8			
Miles	5	5	7 14			
Kentucky State	6	7	8 13			
LeMoyne-Owen	5	7	6 16			
Central State	6	8	8 15			
Spring Hill	5	8	6 18			
Tuskegee	4	9	5 17			

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

BRANDON MORRIS, 6-8, Jr., F, BENEDICT - Averaged 30.5 points and 12 rebounds in 1-1 week. Had 15 points, 11 rebounds in loss to Clafin, 36 points, 13 rebounds in 4 OT win vs. Morehouse.
NEWCOMER
Jade Patrick, 6-3, Jr., G, LANE - In 2-0 week, averaged 11.5 points, 7.5 rebounds in wins over Kentucky State and Central State.

SWAC

Texas Southern	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	W L	W	L	W L
Alcorn State	8	3	11 11			
Southern	7	4	11 13			
Prairie View A&M	5	5	8 16			
Grambling State	5	6	10 14			
Jackson State	5	6	9 15			
Alabama State	5	6	7 16			
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	5	6	6 19			
Miss. Valley State	4	7	4 20			
Alabama A&M	1	10	1 21			

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

SHAWN PRUDHOMME, 6-4, Sr., F, SOUTHERN - Averaged 19 points and 7 rebounds in 2-0 week. Had 19 points and 6 rebounds in win over Grambling, 19 points and 8 rebounds in win over Jackson State. Had 4 blocks vs. JSU, 3 assists vs. GSU.
NEWCOMER
Averyl Ugba, 6-7, Jr., C, GRAMBLING STATE - Averaged a double-double of 22 points and 14.5 rebounds in two tough losses getting 18 points and 12 rebounds in loss to Alcorn State, 20 points and 17 rebounds in loss to Southern.

INDEPENDENTS

Lincoln (Mo.)	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
Tennessee State	14	10	14	9
UDC	11	10	11	10
W. Va. State	6	16	6	16
Cheyney	2	20	2	20

INDEPENDENT PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Anthony Virdure, 6-0, Sr., G, LINCOLN (Mo.) - Threw in career-high 50 points, 35 in the second half, as Blue Tigers fell to Div. II No. 1, undefeated NW Mo. State, 80-75. Hit on 18 of 28 shots, 6 of 8 from behind the arc, 8 of 10 FTs in the loss. Had 13 points, 6 assists in win over Mo. Western.
NEWCOMER
NA

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CIAA basketball update

Regular season play ends on Feb. 18

MEN

Virginia Union (19-5, 11-1, 5-1 North) tied for the lead in the CIAA North Division Saturday with a 90-71 win over former front-runner Virginia State (18-4, 10-2, 5-1 CIAA). The win avenged a 74-59 loss to VSU at the *Freedom Classic* in Richmond on the Sunday of MLK weekend. **Jay Butler's** VUU Panthers have won six straight since that loss.

Coupled with its 71-59 win at home Wednesday over **Johnson C. Smith**, VUU now has the best record in CIAA play at 11-1 with four games left in the regular season. The Panthers play at home Wed. (Feb. 8) vs. **Bowie State** before hitting the road for a date Sat. (Feb. 11) at **Lincoln**. VSU is on the road Wed. at third-place **Chowan** (15-6, 8-4, 4-2 N) before hosting **Elizabeth City State** Saturday.

Shaw (11-11, 7-5, 5-1) lost at Virginia State (75-59) Wednesday but came back to beat **Livingstone** (8-14, 5-7, 4-2) in overtime Saturday (69-64) in a showdown for first place in the South Division race. This week, Shaw hosts **Winston-Salem State** Wed. and is at **St. Augustine's** Sat. Livingstone plays at **Fayetteville State** Wednesday and J. C. Smith Saturday.

WOMEN

With home wins over J.C. Smith (67-53) and Va. State (60-51), Virginia Union (20-1, 11-1, 5-1) and **Chowan** (15-7, 8-4, 5-1) who got a 66-51 win over ECSU, remain tied at the top of the N. Div. standings. VUU was sixth in last week's WBCA national poll and is fifth this week. VUU's only loss this season is to Chowan. The teams meet again on Sat., Feb. 18, the last day of the regular season.

After its loss to VUU, J.C. Smith (16-6, 9-3, 5-1), came back to knock off Fayetteville State (61-55) to remain tied with **Winston-Salem State** (12-10, 8-4, 5-1) at the top of the S. Div. standings. Livingstone (4-2) is a game back of the leaders. Livingstone and JCSU meet Saturday in Charlotte.

MEAC basketball update

NC Central (M), Bethune-Cookman women (W) take over top spots.

MEN

LeVelle Moton's men of **North Carolina Central** (17-6, 8-1) took over sole possession of first place with a 68-62 showdown win over **Morgan State** Saturday and then knocked off **Coppin State**, 86-77 Monday.

The NCCU backcourt of **Patrick Cole** (27) and **Dejuan Graf** (25) combined for 52 points vs. CSU. Cole, currently tied for the MEAC scoring lead at 19.8 ppg., tied for the team lead along with **Kyle Benton** with 17 points in the win over MSU.

The Eagles come home to face **South Carolina State** Saturday and **Florida A&M** Monday. MSU hosts **Delaware State** Saturday and **Howard** Monday.

WOMEN

On the women's side, **Kendra Cooper's** six 3-pointers and 22 points propelled first-place **Bethune-Cookman** (12-9, 8-1 MEAC) past **Howard** 75-54 Monday. Meanwhile, **Savannah State** (9-14, 7-4) got home wins over **Norfolk State** (59-53) and **Hampton** (55-51) to tighten things up in the standings.

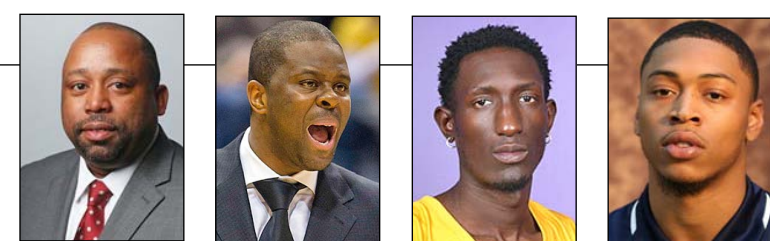
Hampton is second at 8-2 in league play, NSU (7-3) is third, followed by Howard (6-3) and Savannah State. Hampton hosts Howard Saturday.

SIAC basketball update

SIAC regular season ends on Feb. 23

MEN

Clafin knocked off **Benedict** 56-51 Tuesday and **Clark Atlanta** 82-70 Saturday before losing in overtime to **Morehouse** 87-84 Monday. After



Butler

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Morris

Virdure

the loss to Clafin, Benedict beat Morehouse 120-117 in four OTs Saturday and beat **Paine** 86-64 on Monday. **Brandon Morris** had 36 points and 13 rebounds in the 4OT win vs. Morehouse.

When the dust cleared, Clafin (9-3) and Benedict (10-3) are virtually tied atop the E. Div. **Fort Valley State** (9-4) and **Clark Atlanta** (8-4) lurk just behind them with dangerous Morehouse at 6-6.

Morehouse gets a rematch at Benedict Saturday. Benedict's rematch at Clafin is Tues., Feb. 14.

Lane (10-2 SIAC W) has won six straight and leads the W. Div. by three games.

WOMEN

The Benedict/Clafin women's showdown Tuesday went to Benedict (53-48). The win gives the Benedict women (11-1) a two-game lead over Clafin (8-3) in the East. Like the men, the women's rematch is Tuesday (Feb. 14).

In the West, **Central State** (10-2) has a three-game lead over **Spring Hill** (7-5). CSU is at **Kentucky State** Saturday.

SWAC basketball update

Texas Southern men and women on top

MEN

Texas Southern (13-10, 9-1 SWAC) stayed on top of the conference race with a 74-61 win over **Prairie View** Saturday. **Alcorn State** (11-11, 8-3) got wins over **Grambling State** (75-65) Monday and **Jackson State** (69-58) Saturday to hold on to second.

TSU is at Grambling Saturday and at Jackson State Monday. Alcorn State is at **Miss. Valley State** Saturday and at **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** Monday.

WOMEN

Texas Southern (14-7, 8-2 SWAC) stayed atop the standings with its 73-51 win over **Prairie View**. **Grambling State** and **Alabama State** are a game back at 7-3.

Grambling got wins over Alcorn State (67-63) and Southern (70-63) while Alabama State fell to **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (52-51) and beat **Miss. Valley State** (71-57).

TSU is at Grambling Saturday and at Jackson State Monday. Grambling is at **Prairie View** Monday. Alabama State hosts Alabama A&M Saturday.

Independent basketball update

Lincoln Missouri's Verdure scores 50

MEN

Six-foot senior **Lincoln (Mo.)** guard **Anthony Verdure** threw in 50 points in the Blue Tigers' 80-75 loss Thursday to NCAA Div. II No. 1-ranked Northwest Missouri State. The Bearcats are undefeated at 21-0.

Verdure shot 18 of 28 from the field, cannot six of eight 3-pointers and made eight of ten free throws in the loss. He tallied 35 of his points in the second half.

Verdure's 50 points are tied for the eighth most in a single game in league play in MIAA history. Only two other Div. II players have scored at least 50 points in a single game this season. Verdure is second in the MIAA scoring stats averaging 22.3 points per game.

The game vs. Lincoln was the first time since late November that Northwest Missouri had won by just a single-digit margin. The Bearcats have won 16 games by 10 or more points. With the loss, Lincoln fell to 7-7 in the Mid America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). The Blue Tigers are eighth in the 14-team league.

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