

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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**LATOYA JONES:** Her Lady Hawks knocked off nationally-ranked Virginia Union in last game of regular season to earn one of CIAA tourney's top seeds.

## DRAMA EXPECTED IN CHARLOTTE

**WIDE OPEN CIAA TOURNEY TIPS IN CHARLOTTE; VUU SWEEPS INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

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

## CIAA

FINAL	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					
	DIV	CONF	ALL	W	L	W L
NORTH DIVISION	W	L	W L	W L	W L	W L
Virginia Union	8	2	14	2	22	6
Virginia State	8	2	13	3	21	5
Chowan	6	4	10	6	17	8
Bowie State	5	5	9	7	12	14
Lincoln	2	8	5	11	7	19
Eliz. City State	1	9	2	14	2	22
SOUTH DIVISION	DIV	CONF	ALL	W	L	W L
Shaw	8	2	10	6	14	12
Livingstone	6	4	7	9	10	16
Winston-Salem State	6	4	8	8	13	13
Fayetteville State	4	6	6	10	10	16
St. Augustine's	3	7	6	10	12	15
J. C. Smith	3	7	6	10	10	16

### BCSP CIAA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

**Ray Anderson**, 6-3, Sr., G, VIRGINIA UNION - Averaged a league-best 18.3 points per game while helping VUU claim the top seed in the North Division. Also averaged 4.5 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game.

**Robert Colon**, 6-3, Jr., F, WINSTON-SALEM STATE - Averaged 17.5 points per game, second best in CIAA.

**Jay Butler**, VIRGINIA UNION - In his second season, led Panthers to 22-6 overall record, 14-2 CIAA record and 8-2 North Division mark, tied for first in the division.

## MEAC

FINAL	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CONF	ALL	W	L	W L	
North Carolina Central	12	1	21	6		
Norfolk State	11	3	14	14		
Hampton	9	4	12	14		
Morgan State	9	4	12	14		
Savannah State	7	6	10	16		
Maryland-Eastern Shore	7	6	10	18		
Coppin State	7	7	8	21		
Delaware State	6	8	9	20		
SC State	6	8	9	18		
Florida A&M	5	9	7	20		
Bethune-Cookman	4	9	7	20		
Howard	4	9	7	21		
NC A&T State	0	13	2	26		

### MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**Jonathan Wade**, 6-4, Sr., G, NORFOLK STATE - Averaged double-double of 20.5 points and 11 rebounds in wins over FAMU and SC State. Had 27 and 11 vs. FAMU, 14 vs. SCSU.

**Charles Williams**, 6-5, Fr., G, HOWARD - In 2-0 week, averaged 20 pts., 4 boards and 2 steals. Had 25 pts. vs. A&T, 15 pts. vs. Morgan State.

**Kyle Benton**, 6-7, R-Sr., F, NC CENTRAL - Averaged 8.5 rebounds, 2 blocks and 2 steals in two wins. Had 10 boards, 3 blocks vs. FAMU, 7 rebounds and a block vs. UMES.

## SIAC

FINAL	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CONF	ALL	W	L	W L	
EAST DIVISION	W	L	W L	W L	W L	
Benedict	12	5	15	11		
Clark Atlanta	11	5	17	11		
Fort Valley State	11	5	14	12		
Claffin	11	5	16	9		
Morehouse	9	7	15	9		
Albany State	4	11	10	16		
Paine	0	16	2	22		
WEST DIVISION	DIV	CONF	ALL	W	L	W L
Lane	13	3	16	9		
Miles	8	7	8	16		
LeMoyne-Owen	7	9	9	18		
Spring Hill	7	9	8	19		
Kentucky State	7	9	9	16		
Tuskegee	6	10	8	18		
Central State	6	11	10	18		

### SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**Tyrus Walker**, 6-1, Jr., G, MOREHOUSE - Averaged 28.6 points and 8 rebounds in three wins getting 26 points and 8 rebounds vs. CAU, 33 points, 7 assists, 5 rebounds and 3 steals vs. Miles and 27 points in win over Claffin.

**Dwight Richards, Jr.**, 6-5, Jr., F, CENTRAL STATE - Averaged 21.5 points after getting career-high 42 points, 9 rebounds vs. Wilberforce on Feb. 14 on 13 of 22 shooting from the field, 12 of 12 FTs.

## SWAC

FINAL	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	DIV	CONF	ALL	W	L	W L
Texas Southern	12	2	16	11		
Alcorn State	12	3	15	11		
Southern	10	5	14	14		
Grambling State	7	7	12	15		
Jackson State	7	7	11	16		
Prairie View A&M	7	7	10	18		
Alabama State	6	8	8	18		
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6	9	7	22		
Miss. Valley State	4	11	4	24		
Alabama A&M	1	13	1	24		

### BCSP SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**Marquis Vance**, 6-7, Sr., F, ALCORN STATE - Averaged 18.5 points and 8.0 rebounds in two wins. Got 27 points and 9 rebounds in win over Alabama State. Added 10 points, 7 rebounds and 6 assists vs. AA&M.

**Reginal Johnson**, 6-5, Sr., G, ALCORN STATE - Averaged 19.0 points and 8.5 rebounds in two wins. Had 23 points, 11 rebounds in win over AA&M, 15 points, 6 rebounds vs. Alabama State.

**Avery Unga**, 6-8, Jr., F, GRAMBLING STATE - Had team highs of 17 points and 10 rebounds in win over Jackson State. Also had three steals and one block.

## INDEPENDENTS

FINAL	W		L	
	W	L	W	L
Lincoln (Mo.)	15	11		
Tennessee State	17	11		
UDC	13	11		
W. Va. State	6	20		
Cheyney	2	24		

### INDEPENDENT PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**Jaylon Smith**, 6-4, Sr., G, LINCOLN - Averaged 23.5 points in 1-1 week. Scored 27 points and grabbed 9 rebounds in win over Central Missouri shooting 8 of 16 from the field 10 of 11 from the line. Had 20 points on 7 of 17 shooting in loss to Lindenwood.

**NEWCOMER NA**

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



Ray Anderson / Jay Butler



Lady Walker / AnnMarie Golbert

## VUU SWEEPS CIAA HOOPS AWARDS:

Virginia Union took home the top basketball player and coach honors for men and women as the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association unveiled its top individual awards just prior to Tuesday's start of its annual basketball tournament.

Panthers' senior guard **Ray Anderson** and head coach **Jay Butler** garnered men's top honors while senior center **Lady Walker** and head coach **AnnMarie Gilbert** took the honors for the ladies in voting by the league's coaches and sports information directors.

Anderson (6-3, 175), out of Wilmington, Del., topped the CIAA men's scoring charts at 18.3 points per game helping Butler's 22-6 Panthers finish in a first-place tie with Virginia State in the league's Northern Division. Anderson shot 46% from the field, 32.8% from 3-point range and 78.1% from the line. He also averaged 4.5 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game.

Walker (6-2), from Cleveland, Ohio, averaged 14.4 points per game (4th in CIAA) and led the league getting 11.5 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game helping propel Gilbert's Lady Panthers to a CIAA-best 22-3 overall mark and tie with Chowan and Virginia State for the Northern Division title. Walker also shot 48.5% from the field.

Winston-Salem State guard **Robert Colon**, who finished second in CIAA scoring at 17.5 points per game, was named the men's freshman of the year. **Chowan** point guard **Mariah Coker**, who scored 7.5 points, handed out 3.4 assists and grabbed 2.2 steals per game, was named the women's top first-year player.

Defending tournament champion Virginia State led the all-CIAA men with three selections to the all-conference team – **Elijah Moore**, **Kevin Williams** and **Richard Granberry**. The Virginia Union women had four players selected to the 11-member all-conference team including Walker, **Brittany Jackson**, **Alexis Johnson** and **Jayda Luckie**.

### ALL-CIAA MEN'S TEAM:

Ray Anderson (Virginia Union, POY), Quincy January (St. Augustine's), Elijah Moore (Virginia State), Richard Granberry (Virginia State), Jeremy Smith (Chowan), Willie Crandell (Winston-Salem State), David Duncan (Livingstone), Joshua Cassidy (Shaw), Benji Bell (Shaw), Kevin Williams (Virginia State), Anthony Gaskins (St. Augustine's), Marco Haskins (Chowan).

### ALL-CIAA WOMEN'S TEAM:

Lady Walker (Virginia Union, POY), Jordan Payne (Chowan), Alexis Johnson (Virginia Union), Blaire Thomas (J.C. Smith), Kandace Tate (Winston-Salem), Taylor Daniels (Virginia State), Kyah Proctor (Bowie State), Brittany Jackson (Virginia Union), Zena Lovette (Livingstone), Nandi Taylor (Virginia State), Jayda Luckie (Virginia Union).



**Robert Colon**, 6-1, 183 Fr., G WSSU

**Mariah Coker**, 5-4 Fr., G Chowan



### MEN'S ALL-ROOKIE TEAM:

Robert Colon (WSSU, FOY), Josh Bryant (Fayetteville State), Roger Ray (Livingstone), John Maynor (Elizabeth City State), David Belle (Bowie State).

### WOMEN'S ALL-ROOKIE TEAM:

Mariah Coker (Chowan, FOY), Malia Rivers (J.C. Smith), Kaaliya Williams (St. Augustine's), Shantel Bennett (Fayetteville State), Kyaja Williams (Bowie State).

## HEADED TO THE NFL COMBINE

February 28 - March 6 • Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

**Tarik Cohen**  
5-6, 179  
Running Back  
North Carolina A&T

**Jessamen Dunker**  
6-4, 306  
Offensive Guard  
Tennessee State

**Javarius Leonam**  
6-7, 315  
Offensive Tackle  
South Carolina State

**Ezra Robinson**  
5-11, 185  
Cornerback  
Tennessee State

# Stage set for exciting C-I

*The whole world is a stage.  
And everybody's playing a part.  
The stage is set. The curtain goes up.  
The scene is a broken heart.*  
Lyrics to 1967 song by the Fantastic Four

### LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor

As it relates to the 2016-17 black college basketball season, on stage this week is the CIAA Basketball Tournament with parts being played by the 24 (12 men's and 12 women's teams) competing for the 2017 title.

The curtain went up Tuesday with the scene set at Charlotte's Bojangles Coliseum on Tuesday and Wednesday before switching to the Spectrum Arena in uptown Charlotte Thursday through Saturday.

In other words, it's 'Tournament Time.' The CIAA begins a three-week basketball tournament odyssey through the four HBCU NCAA conferences that will play out like a four-part drama.

The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament is next up, running from Monday March 27 to Saturday Feb. 4 at the Bill Harris Arena in Birmingham, Alabama

The Mid Eastern Athletic Conference debuts next in Norfolk, Va.'s Score Arena the following week, from Monday March 6 thru Saturday, March 11.

The Southwestern Athletic Conference is the final act, staging its final two days of semifinal and final play for men and women at Houston's Toyota Center on March 10 and 11.

None of the conferences has an overwhelming favorite meaning there will be plenty of broken hearts.

### C-I double A

A flurry of activity in the last week of the regular season left ties at the top of both the men's and women's Northern Divisions.

For the men, defending champion Virginia State (22-6, 14-2 CIAA) and Virginia Union (21-5, 13-3) both finished with 8-2 N. Div. records. The teams split wins in the regular season but VUU had a greater point differential in its win and gets the top seed.

VUU is eighth and VSU ninth in the NCAA Atlantic Region rankings going into the tournament. Only eight teams will make the field for NCAA Div. II regional field.

In the women's North, Virginia State (19-7, 11-5 CIAA), 2016 titlist Virginia Union (22-3, 13-3) and Chowan (17-9, 10-6) finished 7-3 in division play to tie for the top spot. VUU swept VSU but was swept by Chowan giving the No. 1 seed to the Lady Hawks. VUU is second.

In last week's national poll, VSU was eighth and second in the Atlantic Region.

There were also ties for second between Livingstone and Winston-Salem State in the men's South Division and for second in the women's South between Livingstone, WSSU and Shaw. Livingstone emerged from the tie-breakers with the second seed for both men and women in the South.

The top three men's seeds in both divisions received byes into Thursday's quarterfinal round. The fourth-seeds for the men – **Bowie State** from

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - Bojangles Coliseum**  
WOMEN - OPENING ROUND  
#4N Bowie State 69, #5S Fayetteville State 50  
#3N Virginia State vs. #6S Saint Augustine's - 12:10 pm  
#4S Shaw vs. #5N Lincoln - 2:20 pm  
#3S W-Salem State vs. #6N Eliz. City State - 4:30 pm  
MEN - OPENING ROUND  
#5N Lincoln vs. #6S Saint Augustine's - 6:40 pm  
#6S J. C. Smith vs. #5N Eliz. City State - 8:50 pm

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - Bojangles Coliseum**  
WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS  
#2S Livingstone vs. VSU/SAU winner - 10 am  
#1N Chowan vs. Shaw/Lincoln winner - 12:10 pm  
#2N Virginia Union vs. WSSU/ECSU winner - 2:20 pm  
#1S JC Smith vs. #4N Bowie State - 4:30 pm  
MEN - SECOND ROUND  
#4S Fayetteville State vs. Lincoln/SAU winner - 6:40 pm  
#4N Bowie State vs. JCSU/ECSU winner - 8:50

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - SPECTRUM ARENA**  
MEN'S QUARTERFINALS  
#2S Livingstone vs. #3N Chowan - 1 pm  
#1S Shaw vs. Lincoln/SAU/FSU winner - 3 pm  
#1N Virginia Union vs. JCSU/ECSU/BSU winner - 7 pm  
#2N Virginia State vs. #3N Winston-Salem State - 9 pm

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - SPECTRUM ARENA**  
MEN'S & WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS  
Women's Semifinals - 1 and 3 pm  
Men's Semifinals - 7 and 9 pm

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - SPECTRUM ARENA**  
WOMEN'S & MEN'S FINALS  
Women's Championship - 4 pm  
Men's Championship - 7 pm

the North and Fayetteville State from the South – played on Wednesday evening (March 22, 6:40 and 8:50 p.m.) against the winners of Tuesday's two opening round games between fifth and sixth seeds from both divisions.

For the ladies, the top two seeds from both divisions – Chowan and VUU in the North and Johnson C. Smith and Livingstone in the South – got byes into Wednesday's women's quarterfinal round.

The four opening round women's games involving the third through six seeds began Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Bojangles Coliseum.

The four men's quarterfinal games open play Thursday at the downtown Spectrum Arena, formerly known as the Time Warner Cable Arena, home of the Charlotte Hornets.

The women's semifinal round will be staged on Friday at 1 and 3 p.m. with the men's semis at 7 and 9 p.m. The women's final is Saturday at 4 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. men's title game.

### SIAC

There's only a smattering of five SIAC conference games left before the regular season ends

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

## CIAA

FINAL	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					
	DIV	CONF	ALL	W	L	W L
NORTH DIVISION	W	L	W L	W L	W L	W L
Chowan	7	3	10	6	17	9
Virginia Union	7	3	13	3	22	3
Virginia State	7	3	11	5	19	7
Bowie State	6	4	11	5	19	7
Lincoln	2	8	4	12	7	19
Eliz. City State	1	9	3	13	5	17
SOUTH DIVISION	DIV	CONF <td>ALL</td> <td>W</td> <td>L</td> <td>W L</td>	ALL	W	L	W L
J. C. Smith	8	2	12	4	19	7
Livingstone	6	4	9	7	14	12
Winston-Salem State	6	4	9	7	13	13
Shaw	6	4	8	11	17	
Fayetteville State	4	6	10	8	17	
St. Augustine's	0	10	0	16	3	25

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**Mariah Coker**, 5-4, Fr., G, CHOWAN - Point guard averaged 7.4 points per game while dishing out 3.4 assists and getting 2.2 steals per game.

**AnnMarie Gilbert**, VIRGINIA UNION - Guided Lady Panthers to national ranking for most of the season and best overall mark at 22-3 and best CIAA record at 13-3. Tied for first in North Division with 7-3 record.

## MEAC

FINAL	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CONF	ALL	W	L	W L	
Bethune-Cookman	12	1	16	9		
Howard	9	4	13	12		
Norfolk State	9	5	14	12		
Hampton	8	5	14	12		
Florida A&M	8	6	10	17		
Coppin State	6					