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TOURNEY TIME IS UPON US

CIAA, SIAC IN FINAL WEEK AS HOOPS SEASONS WIND DOWN; MEAC, SWAC CROWN INDOOR CHAMPS

SWEEPERS: Head track coaches Ritchie Beene (l.) of Alabama State and Duane Ross of NC A&T (r.) swept SWAC and MEAC indoor track titles.

CIAA

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Table with columns: DIV, CONF, ALL, W, L, W, L, W, L. Rows: NORTH DIVISION, SOUTH DIVISION, CONF, ALL.

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK DeAngelo Stephens-Bell, Sr., SHAW - Tallied 21 points in win over St. Aug's, 15 with 9 rebounds vs. Washington Adventist.

ROOKIE Gus Rowland, Fr., G. CHOWAN - Averaged 11.3 ppg. and 8.0 rpg. Had 14 assists vs. Salem.

NEWCOMER Demetrius Sanders, Jr., G. CHOWAN - Averaged 26.3 ppg. including game-winner during 29-point outing vs. JCSU. Also had 26 pts. vs. Salem Int'l, 26 vs. BSU. Averaged 6.0 rebounds per contest. COACH James Stinson, Livingstone - His Bears handing JCSU its first S. Div. loss, 80-79.

MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK PLAYER - Brandon Tabb, 6-4, Sr., G, B-CU - Tallied 34 points in wins over both MSU in OT and CSU. Made 12 3s in the two games.

NEWCOMER Isiah Bailey, 6-6, Jr., G, B-CU - Got 17 points, 3 assists and 6 rebounds in win over CSU. 28 points, 10 assists, 3 steals and 9 boards in OT win vs. MSU.

DEFENSIVE Soufryne Diakite, 6-6, Jr., F, B-CU - Had 12 rebounds in wins over MSU and CSU to go with 10 pts. ROOKIE Cam Langley, G, NCA&T - 15 pts., 6 assists, 4 rebs. vs. Howard, 11 pts., 10 assists, 3 rebounds vs. UMS. Jordan Perkins, G, NCCU - 13 pts., 14 assists, 4 rebs. vs. Howard, 9 pts., 8 assists 6 rebs. vs. UMS.

SIAC

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK PLAYER Tyrius Walker, 6-1, Sr., G, MOREHOUSE - Scored team-high 27 points with 7 rebounds and 2 assists in win over FVSU, 22 with 6 rebounds and 3 assists in win over ASU.

NEWCOMER NA

SWAC

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Table with columns: DIV, ALL, W, L, W, L, W, L. Rows: Grambling State, Southern, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Prairie View A&M, Texas Southern, Jackson State, Alabama State, Alcorn State, Miss. Valley State, Alabama A&M.

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK PLAYER Jared Sam, 6-10, Sr., F, FSU - Averaged 19.5 points 10.5 rebounds and 3 blocks in two wins. Had 19 points, 9 rebounds with 2 blocks and a steal in win over Alabama State, 20 points and 12 boards with 4 blocks vs. Alabama A&M.

NEWCOMER Dante Scott, 6-4, Jr., F, MVSU - Got 15 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists in 76-71 win over Prairie View. Led Delta Devils with 24 points with 7 rebounds and 3 assists in 72-71 loss to TSU.

INDEPENDENTS

Table with columns: W, L, W, L, W, L. Rows: Lincoln (Mo.), Tennessee State, W. Va. State, UDC, Cheyney.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK Delano Spencer, 6-3, Sr., G, TENN. STATE - Tallied just 8 points in loss to E. Kentucky, but had 32 points, canning 7 3-pointers in win over Morehead State.

NEWCOMER Danny Shand, 5-11, Jr., G, UDC - Scored 20 points with 5 rebounds and 4 steals in loss to NYIT, had 17 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals in win over LU-Post.

HOOPS SCHEDULE

Table listing basketball games between schools from SAT, FEB. 24 to TUES, FEB. 27.

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Finishing touches before hoops tourneys

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

A rousing finale pitting nationally-ranked teams is on tap Thursday night (7 p.m.) when Morehouse hosts a rematch with Clark Atlanta in the only game of consequence left on the men's SIAC regular season schedule.

Morehouse (23-1, 17-1 SIAC), ranked 11th nationally in the NABC Top 25, has a one-game lead over CAU (22-3, 16-2), 21st in last week's Top 25, as the two AU Center rivals square off for the East Division lead.

In their first meeting on Feb. 8, Morehouse came away with a 97-96 win at CAU that took three overtimes to decide. Morehouse is 9-1 in the division while CAU is 8-2 in the division.

The two have already clinched the top seeds from the East in the Feb. 26 - March 3 SIAC Tournament next week in Birmingham. Both have losses on the road to Claflin (21-6, 14-5) who has nailed down the third seed in the East.

Lane (13-11, 11-7) and Central State (13-14, 11-8) will be the top seeds from the West Division.

The top two seeds from the East and West divisions get byes into Wednesday's (Feb. 28) and Thursday's (March 1) men's quarterfinal rounds. The top seeds play on Wednesday.

The top seeds in the ladies bracket are Clark Atlanta (17-8, 15-3) and Albany State (16-11, 12-5) in the East and Central State (21-5, 15-3) and Spring Hill (20-6, 13-3) in the West.

CIAA

At press time (Tuesday), two intra-divisional games remained this week (Wed., & Sat.) for the 12 CIAA teams before next week's Feb. 27-March 3 Tournament at the Bojangles Coliseum (Feb. 27 & 28) and Spectrum Center (March 1-3) in Charlotte (N. C.).

On the men's side, Virginia State (21-3, 11-3 CIAA, 7-1 N) has clinched one of the top two seeds in the North Division. The battle for the second seed is likely to go down to the wire between Bowie State (5-3 N) and Virginia Union (4-4 N). BSU had a date at VSU Wed. and at Elizabeth City State on Sat., while VUU played at ECSU Wed. and closes at Chowan Saturday.

Johnson C. Smith (17-9, 10-4, 7-1 S) and Shaw (18-8, 10-4, 6-2) have clinched the top two seeds in the men's South.

Virginia Union (23-2, 13-1, 7-1 N) will be the women's top seed from the North. Virginia State (5-3), Chowan (5-3) and Lincoln (4-4) are still alive for the second spot.

Fayetteville State (8-0) has secured the top seed in the women's South Division. Winston-Salem State (6-2) and Johnson C. Smith (5-3), who played Wednesday, are still alive for the second seed. WSSU closes hosting Livingstone Saturday while JCSU hosts Shaw.

MEAC

After results over the past week, there's a three-way tie at the top of the MEAC standings and a rocky ride to the finish in store. Savannah State dropped road decisions Saturday at Norfolk State (85-77) and Monday at Hampton (114-102 in OT) to fall into a

SIAC

Each of the conference teams, excluding Hampton and UMES with just two, has three games left. Front-runners SSU and B-CU will meet in Daytona Beach Saturday while A&T travels to Florida A&M. Hampton hosts Morgan State and Norfolk State plays at UMES.

On Monday, A&T is at B-CU, Sav. State hosts N. C. Central and Norfolk State plays at Howard. The regular season closes out next Thursday (March 1) with A&T at NCCU, Savannah State at S. C. State, B-CU at FAMU and Hampton at Norfolk State.

SWAC

Bethune-Cookman got wins over the past week on the road at Morgan State and Coppin State to remain undefeated in conference play (13-0) with a one-game lead over second-place N. C. A&T (12-1) in the women's race. The Lady Wildcats and Lady Aggies will square off Monday in Daytona Beach. Hampton (10-4) and Norfolk State (9-4) are third and fourth respectively.

INDEPENDENTS

Conference teams have as many as four games to finish out the regular season. On Saturday, Southern plays at Alcorn State, UAPB is at Grambling, Alabama State is at Prairie View and Alabama A&M is at TSU. Miss. Valley State is at JSU.

On Monday, MVSU is at Grambling, Alabama A&M is at Prairie View, UAPB is at Jackson State and Alabama State is at TSU. The remaining eight men's teams and the top eight women's teams will get into the March 6, 9-10 SWAC Men's Tournament.

The top four teams in the standings will host first-round games on their home floors on March 6 before the winners get to come to Houston on March 9 for the semifinal and finals. On the women's side, Southern (12-3) has a one game lead in the loss column over Texas Southern and Grambling, who are both 10-4. Prairie View is another game back at 9-5.



SIAC Feb. 26 - March 3 Birmingham Crossplex Birmingham, AL



CIAA Feb. 27 - March 3 Bojangles Arena (Feb. 27 & 28) Spectrum Centre (March 1-3) Charlotte, NC



MEAC March 5 - 10 Scope Arena Norfolk, VA



SWAC March 6 - 10 March 6 Quarterfinals on highest seed home floor March 9-10 Semifinals & Finals Toyota Center Houston, TX

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ALABAMA STATE (SWAC), NC A&T (MEAC) SWEEP INDOOR TRACK TITLES:

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - For the second consecutive year, Alabama State won the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) men's and women's indoor track and field championships at the Birmingham Crossplex, winning both Saturday evening.

The Lady Hornets ran away with their unprecedented 10th team title, racking up 166.5 points and winning by 48 points over runner-up Prairie View A&M.

Meanwhile, on the men's side, the Hornets won with 148 total points and finished 24.5 points ahead of runner-up Prairie View A&M. With the two victories, Alabama State head coach Ritchie Beene was named SWAC Coach of the Year for both, the men and women.

Charminique Hackney earned the distinction of the SWAC's fastest woman, taking home gold in the 60-meter dash (7.42) and setting a new SWAC Indoor Championships record in the 200-meter dash with a 23.61-second result.

The Lady Hornets continued their winning ways in the 60-meter hurdles as Shamira Lovett (8.59) raced to the gold medal. Sade Lavallias (5:18.87) and Janice Lane (5:19.25) also medaled in the mile run. Arion Span finished second in the 5,000-meter run (19:04.29) and grabbed a gold earlier in the day in the 800-meter run (2:13.37)

Meanwhile, on the men's side, Alabama State's Joshua Coffelt (4:22.85) earned the gold in the men's mile run. Josh Davis won gold in the 200-meter dash for the Hornets while teammate David East came in fifth with a time of 21.54.

Landover, MD - The North Carolina A&T women and men made it back-to-back titles at the 2018 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) indoor track & field championships at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex.

The Lady Aggies racked up 173.5 points, thanks to a dominant Saturday in front of a raucous crowd and an ESPN3 audience in the afternoon. Bethune-Cookman was the runner-up with 111 points.

Despite coming into the final day trailing, the men of A&T won five titles on Saturday to record 144 points and take the crown for the second year in a row. Hampton finished second with 108 points.

Duane Ross was named the meet's Outstanding Coach for both the men and womens for the second year in a row.

By sweeping both the men's and women's indoor titles, A&T becomes the first MEAC school to repeat in both the men and women since Delaware State in 1987.

Martha Bissah racked up titles in the 800-meter run and distance medley relay and was named the women's Outstanding Runner for the second straight year. She added

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BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK PLAYER Eleisha Foster, 6-0, Jr., F, ALBANY STATE - Threw in 25 points and pulled down 12 rebounds as second place Lady Rams knocked off first-place Clark Atlanta.

NEWCOMER NA

DEFENSIVE Chasimee Brown, Sr, B-CU - 7 rebounds, 1 block, 2 steals in win over CSU, 18 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 block in win over MSU. Added 22 points.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK PLAYER Shala Dobbins, 5-7, Jr., G, PV A&M - Averaged 31.0 ppg. in two wins. Threw in 40 points including canning 22 of 23 FTs in win over UAPB. Also had 6 assists, 4 rebounds and 3 steals. Added 22 points in win over MVSU.

NEWCOMER NA

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