

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



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## POST (SEASON) MOVES

FORD OUT, COLLINS IN AT TENN STATE; DIXON OUT AT JSU; BAAD TEAM ALL-STAR HOOPSTERS NAMED

**TWO AND THROUGH:** Clark Atlanta head coach Darrell Walker leaves for Arkansas-Little Rock after two years leading the Panthers.

## STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



Kendley Ash Kennerson Graham

### BLACK COLLEGE STAT LEADERS

2017-18 Basketball - Thru Games of 3/20/18

MEN'S SCORING	CL	G	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Tiwan Kendley - MSU	SR	21	173	32	170	548	26.1
R. J. Cole - HOW	FR	33	241	109	191	782	23.7
Demontrae Jefferson - TXS	SO	26	207	85	130	629	23.3
Tyrus Walker - MHC	SR	28	218	56	146	638	22.8
Robert Davis - JCSU	SR	29	203	80	151	637	21.2
Rashawn Ellis - LOC	SR	27	183	81	116	563	20.9
Josh Bryant - FSU	SO	12	89	8	60	246	20.5
Charles Williams - HOW	SO	33	253	74	93	673	20.4
Pat Johnson-Agwu - WVST	JR	29	242	1	90	575	19.8
Gary Blackston - WVAM	JR	33	217	44	156	634	19.2
Jermaine Marrow-HAMP	SO	34	228	41	153	650	19.1
Brandon Tabb-BCU	JR	30	172	97	127	568	18.9
D. Stephens-Bell - SHA	SR	29	206	7	125	544	18.8
Donte Clark-TXS	GR	35	201	42	208	652	18.6
Martaveous McKnight-UAPB	JR	34	212	63	146	633	18.6
Desmond Williams-FAMU	SR	34	221	11	164	617	18.1
Savon Goodman - SHA	SR	29	200	2	119	521	18.0
William Crandell - WSSU	JR	27	173	4	127	477	17.7
Chris Scott - CNST	JR	29	168	29	140	505	17.4
Brandon Morris-BEB	SR	30	161	2	193	517	17.2
Marcus Barham-FAMU	SR	31	169	85	103	526	17.0

MEN'S REBOUNDING	CL	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Kendarius Ash - LANE	JR	26	118	222	340	13.1
Quincy January - SAU	SR	26	101	188	289	11.1
Soufiyane Diakite - BCU	??	32	102	211	313	9.8
Savon Goodman - SHA	SR	29	75	104	179	9.6
Phillip Carr - MSU	SR	31	91	197	288	9.3
Walter Foster - FVSU	SR	14	46	81	127	9.1
Omar Alston - MHC	JR	28	88	168	256	9.1
Saiqun Jamison - BSU	SO	29	126	138	264	9.1
Trayvon Reed - TXSO	JR	29	74	180	254	8.8
Jared Sam-SUBR	SR	33	103	189	292	8.8
Shawntrez Davis - BCU	JR	32	86	191	277	8.7
Walter Foster-FVSU	SR	29	83	169	252	8.7
J.D. Wallace-PVAM	SR	34	104	186	290	8.5
Brandon Morris - BEN	SR	30	63	193	256	8.5
Raasean Davis-NCCU	JR	35	102	180	282	8.1
Jaleel Charles - CLAF	SR	33	77	187	264	8.0

WOMEN'S SCORING	CL	G	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Joyce Kennerson - TXS	JR	29	214	66	209	703	24.2
Shala Dobbins - PVAM	JR	31	186	6	296	674	21.7
Tia Wooten - TNST	JR	27	199	7	169	573	21.2
Alexis Smith - VSU	SR	28	195	58	86	534	19.1
Najai Pollard - DSU	JR	24	167	8	99	441	18.4
Dana Gettis - LOC	JR	25	164	38	92	458	18.3
Jewel Hill - SHC	SR	28	177	43	119	516	18.4
Kaylee Allen-SSU	??	30	174	51	143	542	18.1
Tiffany Valentine - SHC	SO	28	182	9	117	490	17.5
Briana Green-SUBR	SR	31	212	1	108	533	17.2
Alexus Johnson-VUU	SR	29	193	11	93	490	16.9
Shakyla Hill-GRAM	JR	33	201	15	139	556	16.8
Jalyn Brown - ECSU	JR	26	162	43	64	431	16.6
Aurreshae Hines - WVST	SR	30	184	42	86	496	16.5
Naomi Holloway - CAU	FR	29	154	44	122	474	16.3
Genesis Lucas - COPP	SR	29	156	52	103	467	16.1
Daejah Quick - UDC	FR	28	140	38	130	448	16.0
Alicia Franklin - FVSU	SO	27	120	68	125	433	16.0
Chantel Roberts-CHOW	SR	28	164	67	53	448	16.0

WOMEN'S REBOUNDING	CL	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Chance Graham - COPP	SO	29	96	213	309	10.7
Shakeyrra Morrison-FAMU	SR	31	141	178	319	10.3
Chrisanna Green - VSU	JR	28	86	200	286	10.2
Devona Stell - ECSU	SO	29	81	196	277	9.6
Nola Carter - FVSU	JR	14	50	84	134	9.6
Yasmine Dorriellan - CHEY	JR	12	41	71	112	9.3
Chantel Roberts - CHOW	SR	28	117	143	260	9.3
Alexus Lessears - NCAT	SO	32	115	178	293	9.2
Alexis Johnson - VUU	SR	29	103	163	266	9.2
Faith Ohanta - UAPB	SR	28	78	179	257	9.2
Lauren Turner - CAU	SR	29	65	194	259	8.9
Miracle Rushing-ALCN	SR	29	106	143	249	8.6
Najai Pollard-DSU	JR	24	95	109	204	8.5
Rachael Pecota - VUU	SR	31	86	176	262	8.5
Joanne Williams - CHOW	JR	27	93	131	224	8.3
Tenesha Wright - LOC	SR	24	56	142	198	8.3
Briana Arnold - WSSU	SR	26	72	143	215	8.3
Alexus Sowell-SSU	FR	29	105	134	239	8.2
Michelle Fitzgerald - LINC	SR	26	72	137	209	8.0
Nola Carter-FVSU	JR	27	81	137	218	8.1

# Collins new Tennessee State head coach

Tennessee State president **Glenda Glover** and athletics director **Teresa Phillips** announced Monday morning that **Brian "Penny" Collins**, a former assistant at TSU, would replace **Dana Ford** who became the head coach at Missouri State last week.

"It means the world to me to be the head coach at TSU," Collins told *The Tennessean* newspaper. "Once I decided to get into the business, my eyes were always set on this job. This is truly a dream come true that I will not take for granted."

Collins, 34, began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at TSU on coach **Cy Alexander's** staff in 2007-08. He then served a TSU's director of basketball operations in 2008-09.

Collins was considered the favorite for the position as soon as it became open on March 21. He had been a finalist for the TSU position when

Ford was hired in 2014.

He served as an assistant this past season on Dan Muller's staff at Illinois State. The Red-birds went 18-15 and advanced to the championship of Missouri Valley Conference tournament where they lost to Loyola-Chicago, which is now in the Final Four.

Collins previously was an assistant at East Tennessee State (2015-17). Before that he was the head coach at Columbia State Community College (2012-15), and made back-to-back NJCAA National Tournament appearances, including runs to the Elite Eight in 2014 and the Sweet 16 in 2015.

Collins played at Belmont from 2002-06. In his senior season (2005-06) Collins led Belmont to its first NCAA Division tournament berth. He scored 1,199 career points and graduated as Belmont's all-time leader in assists and steals.



Tennessee State Sports Photos

**TIGER'S NEW HEAD MAN:** Former Tennessee State and Illinois State assistant Brian "Penny" Collins was named the new head coach at TSU replacing Dana Ford.

## BCSP Notes

### Walker leaves Clark Atlanta for Arkansas-Little Rock

It didn't take long for **Clark Atlanta** head basketball coach **Darrell Walker** to land a Div. I job.

Walker, who just completed his second year at CAU, confirmed Monday after a meeting with school officials that he has accepted an offer to become men's head coach at Arkansas-Little Rock. He is expected to address the media at his new assignment on Friday.

Walker, a native of Chicago who was an all-American performer at Arkansas from 1980-83 before a ten-year NBA playing career with five teams, also served as head coach at both Toronto and Washington in the NBA.

He was hired in 2016 by CAU Athletics Director **Lin Dawson** and immediately turned around the Panthers' fortunes. He led CAU to 21-12 overall mark and the 2017 SIAC tournament championship that earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Div. II South Region playoffs.

This season, Walker's troops posted a 24-6

mark including reaching the finals of the SIAC Tournament again before falling to **Claffin** in the championship game. The Panthers were again extended an invitation to the Div. II South Region playoffs.

### Dixon let go at Jackson State

**Jackson State** will not renew the contract of women's basketball coach **Surina Dixon**. JSU President **William Bynum** met with both Dixon and her team regarding the university's decision.

"The job will be advertised next week," Bynum said. "Our goal is to move quickly and have a new coach in place by April 15."

JSU went 82-93 overall and 55-53 in SWAC play in six seasons under Dixon's leadership. The Lady Tigers got off to another hot start for the second year in a row this past season, going 10-6 overall and 3-0 to start the SWAC slate, but faltered down the stretch and finished an underwhelming 15-13 overall and 10-8 in the SWAC.



Dixon



Ford

### Ford bolts Tennessee State, in at Missouri State

NASHVILLE --- Tennessee State Director of Athletics **Teresa Phillips** announced on Wednesday that men's basketball Head Coach **Dana Ford** has accepted the head coaching position at Missouri State University.

In four years leading the men's basketball program at TSU, Ford compiled a 57-65 overall record including a 52-39 mark over the last three seasons. The 52 wins during the span is one of the best three-year runs in TSU's Division I history, resulting in three-straight Ohio Valley Conference Tournament berths.

## 2017-18 BASKETBALL FINAL BCSP TOP TEN

### BCSP MEN'S FINAL TOP FIVES (DIV. I and DIV. II)

#### DIV. I

1. **TEXAS SOUTHERN** (16-19) - Tied for second in SWAC regular season (behind Grambling) with 12-6 mark. Won SWAC Tourney title over Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 84-69. Defeated MEAC champion NC Central in NCAA First Four (64-46) before falling to West Region top seed Xavier 102-83 in NCAA second round.
2. **NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL** (18-14) - Finished sixth in MEAC with 9-7 conference record but defeated top-seed Hampton in MEAC tournament title game (71-63). Lost to SWAC champion Texas Southern in NCAA Tourney First Four, 64-46.
3. **GRAMBLING STATE** (17-14) - Won SWAC regular season title but was ineligible for SWAC Tournament because of APR sanctions. Finished 13-5 in SWAC play, one game above 12-6 Texas Southern, Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Prairie View A&M.
4. **HAMPTON** (19-16) - Tied with Savannah State and Bethune-Cookman for MEAC regular season title with 12-4 conference records but earned first tournament seed based on best record vs. the other two. Lost in MEAC tournament championship game to North Carolina Central (71-63) and to Notre Dame in NIT (84-63).
5. **ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF** (14-20) - Finished 12-6, tied for second (behind Grambling) in SWAC regular season. Lost to Texas Southern in SWAC tourney finals (84-69).

#### DIV. II

1. **CLAFLIN** (26-7) - Finished third in SIAC E. (14-5) before knocking off division's top seed Morehouse in SIAC semis and 2nd-seed Clark Atlanta in SIAC championship game (69-61). Beat CAU again in NCAA D2 S. Region first round (72-61). Lost in 2nd round to Barry (89-64).
2. **MOREHOUSE** (25-3) - Went 25-1 in regular season, 18-1 in SIAC with only loss at Claffin (85-72). Lost to Claffin again in SIAC tourney semis (77-69). Lost 98-96 in 1st round of D2 South Regional to Indiana Southern
3. **CLARK ATLANTA** (24-6) - Panthers were 16-3 for second in SIAC East, bowed to Claffin in SIAC finals (69-61) and again in South Region opening round (72-61).
4. **VIRGINIA STATE** (25-5) - Trojans won CIAA North with 9-1 record, bowed to Virginia Union, 67-52 in CIAA tourney semis. Beat Va. Union in D2 Atlantic Region first round (81-76) before falling to Shippensburg in second round (77-58).
5. **VIRGINIA UNION** (18-10) - Finished third in CIAA North (5-5) but defeated division top seed Va. State in CIAA semis (67-52) and JC Smith for CIAA Tourney title (82-52). Fell to VSU in Atlantic Region first round, 81-76.

### BCSP WOMEN'S FINAL TOP FIVES (DIV. I and DIV. II)

#### DIV. I

1. **NORTH CAROLINA A&T** (23-9) - Tied with Bethune-Cookman for MEAC regular season crown with 15-1 record, earned first seed by head-to-head win over B-CU. Defeated Hampton 72-65 in OT to take MEAC tourney title. As 15th seed, battled 2nd seed South Carolina in NCAA regional first round before falling 63-52.
  2. **GRAMBLING STATE** (19-14) - Finished tied for second in SWAC regular season with Texas Southern at 13-5. Defeated top seed Southern in SWAC Tourney championship game, 72-68. Lost to region top seed Baylor in NCAA first round, 96-46.
  3. **SOUTHERN** (17-14) - Won SWAC regular season with 14-4 conference record. Fell to Grambling in tournament finals (72-68) and then to Alabama (69-56) in first round of WNIT.
  4. **HAMPTON** (18-14) - Finished third in MEAC regular season with 12-4 record, beat 2nd-seed B-CU in MEAC semis (61-60) and then lost to top seed NC A&T in tournament finals (72-65 in OT).
  5. **TEXAS SOUTHERN** (19-13) - Tied for 2nd in SWAC regular season (13-5), lost in SWAC Tourney semis 66-59 to Grambling. Lost to Weber State 66-56 in WCBI.
- (TIE) **BETHUNE-COOKMAN** (24-7) - Tied for 1st in MEAC regular season with NC A&T (15-1). Lost in tourney semis to Hampton (61-60) and to Georgia Tech in WNIT, 85-32.

#### DIV. II

1. **VIRGINIA UNION** (28-3) - First in CIAA North with 9-1 mark, was 15-1 in conference. Won CIAA tournament title over Bowie State 73-57 then fell to Bowie State in first round of D2 Atlantic Regional, 63-56.
2. **BOWIE STATE** (22-10) - Finished third in CIAA North with 5-5 mark. Fell to Virginia Union in CIAA Tournament finals (73-57) before knocking off VUU in first round of D2 Atlantic Regional, 63-56. Defeated Edinboro in second round of regional (79-75). Fell in region championship game to Indiana (Pa.), 75-60.
3. **CLARK ATLANTA** (20-9) - Won SIAC E. Div. with 14-3 record. Defeated SIAC W. Div. champ Central State in SIAC Tourney finals, 71-70. Lost in D2 South Region 1st round, 94-50 to top seed Union.
4. **VIRGINIA STATE** (20-8) - Finished second in CIAA North at 6-4, lost to Bowie State 53-49 in CIAA Tourney semis. Fell to Edinboro in D2 Atlantic Region 1st round, 80-55.
5. **CENTRAL STATE** (23-6) - Won SIAC West with 15-3 record. Lost to Clark Atlanta in SIAC Tourney finals, 71-70.

## 2017-18 MEN'S "BAAD" TEAM OF BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL ALL-STARS



Kendley Davis Cole Jefferson Walker

A handful of guards stole the show in the 2017-18 men's basketball season. From senior **Tiwan Kendley** of **Morgan State**, who led all black college scorers (26.1 ppg.) and would have finished behind only Oklahoma's Trae Young in Div. I scoring stats had he played in the required percentage of games, to **Howard** freshman **R. J. Cole**, who officially led the MEAC in both scoring (23.7 ppg.) and assists (6.1 apg.), guards were at the forefront of every conference this season.

**Morehouse** senior **Tyrus Walker** won the **SIAC** scoring crown (22.8 ppg.) and led the Maroon Tigers to that conference's regular season title and the best record (25-3) among black colleges. **Texas Southern** sophomore **Demontrae Jefferson** led the **SWAC** in scoring (23.3 ppg.) and the Tigers to the SWAC Tournament championship. **Johnson C. Smith** senior guard **Robert Davis** led the **CIAA** in scoring (21.2 ppg.).

And by the way, the five were the top five scorers in 2017-18 black college basketball.

Davis, Jefferson and Walker won conference player of the year awards. Cole, who became only the second freshman to lead the MEAC in scoring and first to lead in both scoring and assists, was picked as the MEAC's top freshman. Kindley played in less than 75% of MSU's game and therefore was not eligible to be a conference or national stats leader.

#### FIRST TEAM

Tiwan Kendley, 6-4, Sr., G, MORGAN STATE; R. J. Cole, 6-1, Fr., G, HOWARD; Tyrus Walker, 6-1, Sr., G, MOREHOUSE; Demontrae Jefferson, 5-7, So., G, TEXAS SOUTHERN; Robert Davis III, 6-1, Sr., G, JOHNSON C. SMITH

**TOP PLAYER:** Tiwan Kendley, MORGAN STATE (D1); Tyrus Walker, MOREHOUSE (D2)

**TOP COACH:** Donte' Jackson, GRAMBLING STATE (D1) and Ricky Jackson, CLAFLIN (D2)

#### SECOND TEAM