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SIAC, SWAC DRAW MOST GRID FANS

ECSU TABS JONES; GRAMBLING'S JACKSON GETS JOBE AWARD; 'HUMAN ERASER' TO BASKETBALL HOF

BACK IN THE SADDLE: Former successful head coach at Alabama A&M, Anthony Jones, taking over football fortunes at Elizabeth City State.

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

SIAC, SWAC LEAD 2017 FOOTBALL ATTENDANCE FIGURES, AGAIN:

For the 15th consecutive year, the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) led all NCAA Division II conferences in 2017 football attendance while the Southwestern Athletic Conference topped all Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) conferences for the 39th time in 40 years, in statistics released by the NCAA recently.

Last season, SIAC football games drew an average of 7,117 fans per game with total attendance of 341,607. The 7,117 per game figure is nearly 2,000 fans per game more than the Mid-America Conference that was second with an average of 5,208 fans per game. The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) finished seventh among Div. II conferences averaging 3,168 fans for its 57 home dates.

SIAC member Tuskegee topped all Div. II schools in attendance with an average of 14,998 fans for its three home contests. The SIAC had three of the top four schools and five of the top 12 in home attendance. Virginia Union was the top CIAA school and was 18th on the Div. II list with an average of 5,769 per home game.

The SWAC topped the FCS with 13,694 fans per game nearly 3,000 more per game than the second-place Missouri Valley Conference (10,697 per game). The Mid Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) was fifth on the FCS list with an average of 9,450 fans for its 54 home games.

The top HBCUs among FCS schools in attendance were MEAC member Florida A&M, third at 19,048 fans per game and SWAC member Prairie View A&M, eighth at 17,803 fans per game. The SWAC had six schools in the top 20 while the MEAC had two.

The SIAC has led all NCAA Division II conferences in football attendance for 26 of the last 28 seasons dating back to the 1990 season. Since 1990, the SIAC has led NCAA Division II football attendance 25 times including totaling an attendance of at least 300,000 on 20 occasions.

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WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

2017 FOOTBALL ATTENDANCE LEADERS

BY NCAA DIV. II CONFERENCES

NO.	CONF	TEAMS	GAMES	ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE	CHANGE
1.	SIAC	10	48	341,607	7,117	-572
2.	Mid-America	12	34	348,955	5,208	-105
3.	Lone Star	9	53	254,032	4,793	-698
7.	CIAA	12	57	180,560	3,168	85

BY NCAA DIV. II SCHOOLS

NO.	SCHOOL	GAMES	ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE
1.	Tuskegee	3	44,994	14,998
2.	Grand Valley State	5	67,159	13,432
3.	Morehouse	4	40,400	10,100
4.	Fort Valley State	5	47,859	9,572
11.	Clark Atlanta	4	28,949	7,237
12.	Miles	5	33,372	6,674
18.	Virginia Union	5	28,844	5,769
20.	Winston-Salem St.	5	28,240	5,648

BY FCS CONFERENCES

NO.	CONF	TEAMS	GAMES	ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE	CHANGE
1.	SWAC	10	54	739,464	13,694	-438
2.	Missouri Valley	10	58	620,411	10,697	-398
3.	Big Sky	13	72	714,732	9,927	208
4.	Colonial	12	69	677,927	9,825	593
5.	MEAC	11	54	510,284	9,450	620
6.	Ivy	8	40	329,141	8,229	625
7.	Southland	11	60	472,342	7,872	-126
8.	Ohio Valley	9	46	360,238	7,831	-605
9.	Southern	9	48	375,683	7,827	-559
10.	Patriot	7	37	182,266	4,926	-768

BY FCS SCHOOLS

NO.	SCHOOL	GAMES	ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE
1.	Montana	6	141,212	23,535
2.	James Madison	9	195,514	21,724
3.	Florida A&M	4	76,190	19,048
8.	Prairie View A&M	5	89,016	17,803
10.	North Carolina A&T	5	78,486	15,697
11.	Grambling State	4	59,699	14,925
12.	Alabama State	6	87,689	14,615
13.	Southern	4	57,261	14,315
15.	Alcorn State	6	83,078	13,846
16.	Jackson State	5	68,780	13,756
17.	Tennessee State	4	48,320	12,080

2018 BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL (Results and Standings)

SCORES

MON., 4/2	FAMU 3, NCCU 0
MEAC	Stetson 7, B-CU 4
NC A&T 3, UNCG 2	SIAC
	KSU 8, LOC 4
	KSU 17, LOC 4
SUN., 4/1	MEAC
CSU 7, NSU 5	SHC 10, Lane 2
CSU 10, NSU 0	SHC 7, Lane 0
SWAC	ASU 4, CIAU 2
UAPB 6, PVA&M 5	ASU 16, CAU 1
GSU 9, TSU 9	PC 5, CLAF 4
	CLAF 9, PAC 2
	BEN 12, MHC 1
	BEN 16, MHC 1
SAT., 3/31	MEAC
NC A&T 3, SSU 2	MC 9, TUS 3
NC A&T 12, SSU 1	MC 4, TUS 1
NSU 6, CSU 6	SWAC
UMES 2, DSU 0	FLGC 9, JSU 4
DSU 8, UMS 5	TSU 18, GSU 7
FAMU 11, NCCU 3	ALAB ST 5, MVSU 1
	ALC 5, ALAB A&M 4

MEAC

		MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
		CONF		ALL	
		W	L	W	L
NORTHERN	Coppin State	7	2	8	14
	Norfolk State	6	3	8	17
	Maryland-E. Shore	4	5	6	22
	Delaware State	1	8	3	23
SOUTHERN	Florida A&M	7	2	14	17
	North Carolina A&T	5	4	14	14
	North Carolina Central	6	6	19	11
	Bethune-Cookman	4	5	10	18
	Savannah State	2	7	5	17

SIAC

		SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
		CONF		ALL	
		W	L	W	L
EAST	Claffin	6	2	10	21
	Albany State	6	3	14	13
	Benedict	6	3	13	9
	Paine	6	3	11	13
	Morehouse	1	7	10	20
	Clark Atlanta	1	6	8	18
WEST	Miles	9	0	20	14
	Spring Hill	8	0	15	13
	Kentucky State	6	2	13	13
	Tuskegee	2	7	6	22
	LeMoyné-Owen	0	7	1	15
	Lane	0	9	1	26

SWAC

		SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
		DIV		ALL	
		W	L	W	L
EAST	Jackson State	9	4	17	9
	Alabama State	8	4	14	12
	Miss. Valley State	6	6	7	19
	Alabama A&M	4	8	7	21
	Alcorn State	3	9	8	18
WEST	Grambling State	8	4	15	14
	Texas Southern	7	4	10	18
	Arkansas Pine Bluff	7	5	10	12
	Southern	4	7	7	18
	Prairie View A&M	3	9	5	18

BCSP Notes

Elizabeth City State gets a gem in former Alabama A&M head man, Anthony Jones

Another former SWAC head coach is coming to the CIAA. The Elizabeth City Daily Advance reported Sunday that former Alabama A&M head coach Anthony Jones is replacing Earnest Wilson as the new head coach at Elizabeth City State University.

Jones, who was a tight end on the 1987 Super Bowl Champion Washington NFL team quarterbacked by Doug Williams, returns to a head coaching position after heading programs at Morehouse (1999-2001) and Alabama A&M (2002-2013). He also served as an assistant coach at Arkansas-Pine Bluff from 2014 thru 2016.

In addition to his duties as ECSU's new head football coach, Jones, who is reportedly completing a master's degree program at the University of West Alabama, will also serve as an academic adviser within the Academic Affairs department.

Jones succeeds Earnest Wilson, who was fired on March 14 and becomes the second Viking head coach with Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) experience. Wilson was the head coach at MEAC and FCS member Savannah State before taking the job at ECSU.

Jones is also joining Reggie Barlow, the former head coach at SWAC member Alabama State before becoming the head coach at Virginia State. Barlow led the Trojans to last year's CIAA championship in just his second year on the job.

Ironically, former CIAA (Winston-Salem State) and MEAC (Hampton) head coach Connell Maynor is now the head coach at Alabama A&M.

Jones spent 11 years as head coach at Alabama A&M. He was named SWAC Coach of the Year in 2006 after the Bulldogs captured their first-ever conference title. The Baltimore native led A&M to four SWAC title games in nine seasons and finished with a career record of 101-70.

Grambling's Donte' Jackson named Ben Jobe National Coach of the Year

BOSTON, Mass. | Grambling State University first-year head men's basketball coach Donte' Jackson was named the Ben Jobe National Coach of the Year by Collegeinsider.com on Monday afternoon.

"This is a tremendous honor to be put in a category of great basketball coaches," Jackson, who became Grambling State's first-ever recipient of the award, said. "We had a good season, a record-setting season, and I give all credit to the assistant coaches and our players for all their hard work during the season. I am just blessed for the opportunity to win this award and blessed to be at Grambling State University."

Jackson, who has earned National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) NCAA Division I District 23 Coach of the Year and Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Coach of the Year honors this season, guided the Tigers to one of the best seasons as an NCAA Division I program with a 17-14 overall record and an outright SWAC regular season championship.

It was Grambling State's first SWAC regular season title in 30 years (1988-89) and first winning season since the 2005-06 season.

Jackson, who was selected the SWAC Coach of the Year, guided the Tigers to a signature road victory on Dec. 1 with a 64-63 win over Georgia Tech, and brought attention to the Grambling State program with a school-record 11-game winning streak, which stretched from Jan. 8 to Feb. 17. During the streak, the Tigers swept Texas Southern, which last happened during the 2005-06 season.

The Ben Jobe Award is presented annually to the top minority coach in division I men's basketball. An icon in the history of basketball at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Jobe is best known as the head coach of the Southern University, a position he held for 12 seasons.

His record at Southern was 209-141 and included four NCAA Tournament appearances. He also coached the Jaguars to one NIT appearance, five SIAC championships, 11 SWAC titles and two NAIA Tournament Championships. Perhaps his most memorable moment as a coach was Southern's 93-78 win over Georgia Tech in the first round of the 1993 NCAA Tournament. It stands as one of the great upsets in the history of the event.

Collegeinsider.com has awarded the Ben Jobe National Coach of the Year Award since 2010. Ed Colley, of Fairfield, was the inaugural recipient of the year. Cuonzo Martin (2011-Missouri State), Sean Woods (2012-Mississippi Valley State), Kevin Ollie (2013-UConn), Willis Wilson (2014-Texas A&M-CC), Bobby Collins (2015-Maryland Eastern Shore) and Dana Ford (2016-Tennessee State) have received the honors over the past eight years.

Jackson was named a finalist on Friday with other top coaches in NCAA Division I, including Tommy Amaker (Harvard), Mike Boynton

North Carolina A&T three-time MEAC Offensive Lineman of the Year, left tackle Brandon Parker (r.), shows his form in the 40-yard dash at Monday's Pro Day at Aggie Stadium in Greensboro, N. C. As many as 17 NFL scouts were on hand to take Parker and seven other Aggies thru a series of workouts and drills with an eye towards the April 26-28 NFL Draft. Parker has reportedly had private workouts with eight NFL teams.



Photo by Michael Simmons

Gettin' Draft Ready

(Oklahoma State), Earl Grant (Charleston), Ron Hunter (Georgia State), Mike Jones (Radford), LaVall Jordan (Butler), Edward Joyner (Hampton) and Kelvin Sampson (Houston).

Morgan State's Marvin Webster Named to the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame

KANSAS CITY, Mo. —Morgan State University athletic legend Marvin Webster will be inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, the organization announced last Wednesday.

Webster is one of six former players in the Hall of Fame's 2018 class. The 2018 National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame Induction Celebration, presented by Nike, will take place on Sunday, Nov. 18 in Kansas City, Mo.

Dubbed "The Human Eraser," the late Marvin Webster was one of the most dominant big men in college basketball history. From 1971-75, Webster tallied an NCAA record 2,267 rebounds, and his 740 boards in 1974 and 650 in 1973 are the two highest single-season totals in Division II history.

Webster was a three-time Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Player of the Year, and he holds Bears' program records in rebounding, blocks, field goals made and free throws made. He averaged 21 points, 22.4 rebounds and eight blocked shots in 1973-74, leading Morgan to the NCAA Division II national title.

Webster was drafted in the first round by both the NBA and ABA in 1975 and played 10 professional seasons. He played for the Denver Nuggets in the ABA and for the Seattle SuperSonics and the New York Knicks in the NBA. Webster will be the first Morgan alumnus inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

Webster, Houston's Otis Birdsong, Arizona's Sean Elliott, Arkansas' Sidney Moncrief, North Carolina's Sam Perkins and Southern Cal's Paul Westphal will join former Charleston coach John Kresse and former Oregon Tech coach Danny Miles to make up the Class of 2018.

Webster is one of 11 players from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to be selected to enter the Hall of Fame, joining: Willis Reed Jr. (Grambling State); Vernon Earl "The Pearl" Monroe (Winston-Salem State); Earl "Big Cat" Lloyd (West Virginia State); Samuel Jones (North Carolina Central); Marques Haynes (Langston); Dick Barnett (Tennessee State); Travis "The Machine Gun" Grant (Kentucky State); Bob Hopkins (Grambling State); Zelmo Beatty (Prairie View A&M) and Cleo Hill (Winston-Salem State).

The National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame is located inside of the College Basketball Experience (CBE), an experiential entertainment facility adjacent to Kansas City's Sprint Center. The Hall of Fame's 13th induction celebration will precede the 2018 Hall of Fame Classic, which will showcase Nebraska, Texas Tech, USC and Missouri State competing on Nov. 19-20 at the Sprint Center.

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ATTENDANCE FIGURES cont'd.

Among the most well attended games involving SIAC schools last season were the 82nd Annual Tuskegee-Morehouse Classic (25,101) in Columbus, Ga., Miles at Tuskegee's homecoming (17,350), and the Fountain City Classic (13,391, Fort Valley State vs. Albany State).

The SWAC's most highly attended games do not factor into the figures. The Magic City Classic between Alabama A&M and Alabama State drew 61,221 fans at Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala., the Bayou Classic between Southern and Grambling State drew 66,550 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, La., and the State Fair Classic between Grambling State and Prairie View A&M drew 55,231 at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, TX.

2018 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Standings)

CIAA

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

MEAC

		MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
		CONF		ALL	
		W	L	W	L
NORTHERN	Delaware State	7	2	9	18
	Coppin State	6	3	9	12
	Morgan State	4	2	13	10
	Hampton	4	2	13	17
	Norfolk State	5	4	16	20
	Howard	1	5	3	28
	Maryland-E. Shore	0	9	3	23
SOUTHERN	Florida A&M	6	0	13	20
	Bethune-Cookman	4	2	18	21
	Savannah State	3	3	9	14
	North Carolina A&T	3	3	6	24
	North Carolina Central	1	5	7	17
	South Carolina State	1	5	1	18

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