



Southern Sports Photo

WOODS, OUT OF THE WOODS

SPRING SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULES; ALABAMA STATE SWEEPS SWAC TENNIS TITLES

NEW JAGUAR: Former Mississippi Valley State head coach Sean Woods announced last week as the new head men's hoops coach at Southern.

SCORES

SUNDAY, 4/15

MEAC
 FAMU 6, B-CU 3
 UMES 8, NSU 2
 NCCU 2, NC A&T 1

SIAC
 MLS 15, KSU 4
 MLS 10, KSU 0
 CAU 11, BEN 2
 CAU 13, BEN 8
 MHS 6, PNE 1

SWAC
 UAPB 4, SU 0
 PV A&M 7, GBU 1

TUS 7, LOC 0
ALBST 9, MHS 7
PAINE 11, BEN 6
PAINE 16, BEN 5

TSU 9, UAPB 0
TSU 7, UAPB 3
PV A&M 9, GBU 1
PV A&M 3, GBU 0

FRIDAY, 4/13

SIAC
 CAU 13, CLAF 10
 TUS 10, LOC 7
 BEN 9, MORRIS 4
 BEN 8, MORRIS 5
 ALBST 12, MHS 6
 ALBST 11, MHS 8

SWAC
 AA&M 10, MVSU 6
 SU 8, JSU 0
 SU 11, JSU 1
 ALC 2, ALST 1
 ALST 4, ALC 1
 AA&M 7, MVSU 6

SATURDAY, 4/14

MEAC
 NSU 8, UMES 6
 NSU 10, UMES 2
 NC A&T 4, NCCU 3
 NC A&T 7, NCCU 5
 CSU 10, DSU 4
 CSU 11, DSU 4
 B-CU 5, FAMU 2
 FAMU 9, B-CU 5

SIAC
 CLAF 7, CAU 3
 CLAF 3, CAU 1
 LOC 9, TUS 5

MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF	ALL	W	L	T
NORTHERN					
Coppin State	12	2	13	16	1
Norfolk State	9	6	12	20	0
Maryland-E. Shore	5	10	8	28	0
Delaware State	3	11	5	29	0
SOUTHERN					
North Carolina A&T	9	4	19	16	0
Florida A&M	9	5	16	22	0
Bethune-Cookman	8	7	14	22	0
North Carolina Central	6	8	21	18	0
Savannah State	2	10	5	21	0

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Nazier McIlwain, Jr., CSU - Hit .538 (7-for-13) in 3 games with 7 RBI, 5 runs scored.
Justin Hayes, Jr., NSU - Hit .444 (8-for-18) for the 3-1 week with 7-for-9 performance vs. UMES with 2 doubles, grand slam HR.
PITCHER
Chase Anderson, Sr., P, NSU - Two wins, one in relief vs. NCCU. 9-inning complete game win with 6 Ks vs. UMES. 1.64 ERA on week.
Josh Stikeleather, Sr., NC A&T - 3 innings of relief in 3 appearances, with 2 saves giving up 2 hits and one run.
ROOKIE
Alexander Womack, Fr., NSU - Hit .412 (7-for-17) in 4 games, 3-for-4, BB and 2 SB vs. NCCU, 2-for-5 vs. UMES with RBI.

SIAC

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF	ALL	W	L	T
EAST					
Albany State	10	4	19	15	
Claffin	9	4	13	25	
Paine	8	6	15	16	
Benedict	7	7	16	14	
Morehouse	4	10	13	23	
Clark Atlanta	4	11	11	22	
WEST					
Miles	13	0	24	15	
Spring Hill	11	1	20	15	
Kentucky State	6	6	15	16	
Tuskegee	4	11	9	27	
LeMoyn-Owen	3	10	4	20	
Lane	1	11	4	28	

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Kaleeq Brannigan, So., INF, LOC - Hit 5-of-12 (.417) in 4-game stretch with 2 HRs, 3 doubles and 7 RBI and 5 runs.
PITCHER
Kristopher Skinner, Jr., MHS - In 3 relief appearances in sweep of Paine, was 2-0 with a save, 3.00 ERA with 7 Ks.

SWAC

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	DIV	ALL	W	L	T
EAST					
Alabama State	14	4	20	15	
Jackson State	13	5	23	13	
Miss. Valley State	8	7	10	20	
Alabama A&M	4	14	7	30	
Alcorn State	3	12	8	27	
WEST					
Texas Southern	10	4	16	20	
Grambling State	11	7	18	18	
Arkansas Pine Bluff	9	8	12	16	
Prairie View A&M	5	10	8	23	
Southern	4	11	7	24	

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER
Cage Cox, So., C, ALABAMA STATE - Hit .320 (6-for-16) in 3-game sweep of Alabama A&M with 5 RBI and 5 runs scored with 2 doubles and a triple.
PITCHER
Aaron Solis, Jr., TEXAS SOUTHERN - Pitched a 2-hit shutout vs. Southern with 13 Ks. Improved his record to 6-2.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

LADY AGGIES FALL IN NCAA BOWLING:

ST. LOUIS – North Carolina A&T's quest for a national bowling championship ended Friday with a 2-0 loss to Nebraska in an elimination match at the NCAA Women's Bowling Championship here.

The sixth seeded Aggies loss to the top seeded and defending champion Cornhuskers 1,012-947 in the traditional portion of the match. A&T left 11 frames open during the game. On nine of those attempts, the 10-pin was left standing.

Sophomores **Tyra Merritt** and **Mia Pope** led the Aggies as each posted a 210. Merritt who ended Thursday's play with nine straight strikes opened Friday's play with four straight strikes. Her streak of 13 straight strikes finally came to an end when she left the 10-pin up on frame No. 5. Pope left her first frame open and then converted four spares and five strikes before leaving her last frame open.

Down a game in the mega-match series, the Aggies then had to face the Cornhuskers in Bakermans competition, a collection of five games where the team with the highest total pinfall takes the match.

The first two games were tight. The Cornhuskers defeated N.C. A&T 194-183 in Game 1. The second game was even closer with Nebraska winning 224-223.

Down only 12 total pins entering game 3, Nebraska had a superb game defeating the Aggies 245-166 to take command of the match.

A&T did win Game 4, 201-182, before Nebraska officially advanced with a 213-172 win in Game 5 for a total pinfall victory of 1,058-945.

N.C. A&T ends their season at 79-59.

"We've played well against Nebraska all season so I don't think there was any fear," said N.C. A&T coach **Kim Terrell-Kearney** after the Aggies came into the matchup 1-1 against the Cornhuskers during the regular season. "It was just a matter of we got out-bowled. There is a reason they are the No. 1 team in the country."

Woods returns to SWAC at Southern

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After a somewhat turbulent time away, **Sean Woods** is back in the SWAC.

Southern University introduced Woods, who previously had a successful stint as head basketball coach at **Mississippi Valley State**, as the new head men's basketball coach for the Jaguars during a press conference last Thursday.

Woods, 48, who served as the assistant coach at Stetson University in Deland, Florida, last season, won the **Southwestern Athletic Conference** regular-season and tournament championships as the head coach at MVSU in 2012.

But leaving the Delta Devils after that championship season to become head coach at Morehead State, controversy followed.

He was suspended for one game during his initial season for berating and appearing to make contact with a player on the bench during a game vs. Kentucky. That situation made national news.

He resigned from Morehead State early in the 2016-17 season two days after two players accused him of assaulting them during a game. He was charged with misdemeanor battery. The matter was reportedly resolved last year when Woods pleaded guilty and completed a six-month diversion program. At Morehead State, Woods went 77-70 overall in five seasons and 9-26 in Ohio Valley Conference play.

Woods expressed remorse at Thursday's



BACK IN THE SWAC: Former Mississippi Valley State head coach now the new head man at Southern.

press conference for his past actions that got him in trouble.

"No doubt about it," he was quoted in the *Baton Rouge Advocate*. "That's something that's totally behind me now. You live and you learn. You just move on and you become better.

"God is good," he added. "My faith has been tested. I'm sure you guys have read some things about me, and you'll know exactly what's gone down. My faith's been tested."

He succeeds **Morris Scott** at Southern who had served as interim coach following the promotion of former head coach **Roman Banks** to director of athletics last year. In his only year, Scott finished 15-18 overall and 10-8 in SWAC play in fifth place during the regular season.

BCSP Notes

Alabama State men take SWAC tennis title

NEW ORLEANS, La. – For the third time in the past four years, the **Alabama State** men's tennis team is champion of the **Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)**.

The No. 1 seeded Hornets defended their crown as they defeated No. 5 **Jackson State** 4-0 in the championship played Sunday at the City Park / Pepsi Tennis Center in New Orleans.

The Hornets (11-9) received a boost from wins by Nos. 1, 3 and 6 singles players and the Nos. 1 and 3 doubles teams. Alabama State won in a little over two hours. Jackson State (7-19) was a four-time champion with their last title coming in 2016.

The Hornets earned four spots on the All-Tournament Team as each recorded at least three wins. Freshman **Alejo Calvis** was dubbed MVP with his fourth victory of the tournament on Sunday. Alabama State's trio of freshmen came up large throughout the season and in this tournament as **Alexis Collard**, **Chris Andre** and Calvis combined for 10 of the Hornets victories during the semifinals and the championship. **Ion Efrim** added an important win on Sunday.

Coach **Anuk Christiansz** doubled up on coach of the year accolades for a second straight season, winning both the women's and men's coach awards. Christiansz led the Hornets to a 6-0 mark in conference play and then won the semifinals against No. 4 **Alcorn State** 4-2.

2018 SWAC MEN'S TENNIS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Alexis Collard, Chris Andre, Alejo Calvis, Ion Efrim, Alabama State; Stylianos Gkountaris, Andrey Alawi, Jackson State

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Alejo Calvis, Alabama State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Anuk Christiansz, Alabama State

Alabama State women repeat in SWAC tennis

NEW ORLEANS, La. – The **Alabama State** women's tennis team claimed its second consecutive **SWAC Championship** with a convincing 4-0 victory against No. 5 **Alcorn State** at City Park/ Pepsi Tennis Courts on Sunday.

Alabama State won its fourth overall title in program history (1995, 1999, 2017 and 2018).

The top-seeded Lady Hornets (12-8) received stellar performances once again from the duo of **Gabriela Lackova** and **Lea Krajcovicova**, who each won their respective singles matches and then teamed to win as doubles partners to both finish with unblemished 4-0 records.

The juniors who both hail from Slovakia were a dominant force throughout conference play this season as they combined to finish 15-2 against SWAC opponents in singles play. Lackova was named the Most Valuable Player after playing from the No. 3 singles position as she defeated sophomore **Alessandra Maganuco** of Italy 6-3, 6-0.

Krajcovicova, playing from the No. 4 singles position, topped junior **Klavdija Bukovec** of Slovenia, 6-1, 6-1.

The Lady Hornets went 8-0 in conference play to earn the top seed and a first round bye in the playoffs. Alabama State defeated No. 4 Jackson State 4-1 in the semifinals on Saturday.

2018 SWAC WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Gabriela Lackova, Lea Krajcovicova, Mirna Curcic and Marija Blazevic, Alabama State; Alessandra Maganuco, Alcorn State; Tyler Smith, Jackson State

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Gabriela Lackova, Alabama State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Anuk Christiansz

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

SPRING SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULES

CIAA

GOLF (M)
 April 19-20
 The Club at Vinterra
 New Kent, VA

WOMEN'S TENNIS
 April 19-21
 Bowie State University
 Bowie, MD

SOFTBALL

April 30-May 2
 Moyer Park
 Salem, VA

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (M&W)

May 3-5
 Paul Earnes Park
 Albany, GA

MEAC

GOLF (M)

April 19-21
 Savannah State University
 Savannah, GA

TENNIS (M & W)

April 26-28
 Norfolk, VA

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (M&W)

May 3-5
 Belk Track @ NC A&T
 Greensboro, NC

SOFTBALL

May 9-12
 Ormond Beach, FL

BASEBALL

May 16-19,
 Ormond Beach, FL

SIAC

TENNIS (M&W)

April 16-17
 Peachtree Tennis Center
 Peachtree City, GA

GOLF

April 16-18
 Flat Creek Country Club
 Peachtree City, GA

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (M&W)

April 20-22
 Hugh Mills Stadium
 Albany, GA

SOFTBALL

May 3-5
 Paul Earnes Park
 Albany, GA

BASEBALL

May 3-6
 Gordon Park
 Albany, GA

SWAC

GOLF (M&W)

April 16-18
 Oak Wing Golf Club (M)
 Links on the Bayou Golf Club (W)

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (M&W)

May 4-6
 Prairie View A&M University
 Prairie View, Texas

SOFTBALL

May 9-12
 Alabama State University
 Montgomery, AL

BASEBALL

May 16-20
 Wesley Barrow Stadium
 New Orleans, LA

2018 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	DIV	CONF	ALL	W	L	T
NORTH						
Chowan	6	0	12	0	23	12
Virginia State	6	2	12	2	17	12
Virginia Union	5	3	8	6	13	8
Bowie State	5	3	7	7	10	15
Lincoln	0	6	0	11	2	12
Elizabeth City State	0	8	1	13	1	27
SOUTH						
St. Augustine's	5	1	9	3	12	8
Fayetteville State	3	1	6	4	7	21
Shaw	4	2	8	4	10	14
Winston-Salem State	2	2	5	5	7	22
J. C. Smith	2	4	5	7	15	
Livingstone	0	6	0	11	0	18

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE
NA
DEFENSIVE
NA
PITCHER
NA
COACH
NA

MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF	ALL	W	L	T
NORTHERN					
Morgan State	9	2	20	13	0
Hampton	6	3	15	19	0
Coppin State	7	4	11	16	0
Delaware State	7	4	9	24	0
Norfolk State	8	7	19	23	0
Howard	2	9	4	34	0
Maryland-E. Shore	1	11	4	27	0
SOUTHERN					
Florida A&M	11	1	19	23	0