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I'M OUTTA HERE: CIAA and Div. II scoring leader, junior Amir Hinton of Shaw, may be headed to the NBA.

SIAC, CIAA CROWN BASKETBALL CHAMPS, OTHERS JUST BEGINNING; HINTON LEAVING

2019 SIAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (Results and Tournament Honors)

MEN

OPENING ROUND
5W Tuskegee 74, 4E Fort Valley State 60
5E Paine 86, 4W Kentucky State 85
2W LeMoyné-Owen 93, 7W Spring Hill 87
3W Lane 86, 6E Benedict 84
3E Clark Atlanta 77, 6W Central State 76

QUARTERFINALS
1W Miles 53, 5W Tuskegee 39
5E Paine 53, 1E Morehouse 49
2E Albany State 73, 3W Lane 65
2W LeMoyné-Owen 94, 3E Clark Atlanta 86

SEMIFINALS
1W Miles 65, 2E Albany State 59
2W LeMoyné-Owen 65, 5E Paine 58

CHAMPIONSHIP
1W Miles 70, 2W LeMoyné-Owen 46

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Devonte Fuller, Jelani Watson-Gayle, MILES; Tyrone Banks, Devin Booker, LEMOYNE OWEN; Joshua Holliday, PAINE
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
LaByron Harris, Miles
OUTSTANDING COACH
Fred Watson, Miles



WOMEN

OPENING ROUND
5W Spring Hill 67, 4E Fort Valley State 62
4W Lane 70, 5E Paine 52
7W Kentucky State 49, 3W Miles 48
6W Central State 86, 3E Clark-Atlanta 79

QUARTERFINALS
1W Tuskegee 72, 5W Spring Hill 58
4W Lane 68, 1E Benedict 55
7W Kentucky State 46, 2E Albany State 44
6W Central State 75, 2W LeMoyné-Owen 63

SEMIFINALS
7W Kentucky State 45, 1W Tuskegee 40
4W Lane 53, 6W Central State 37

CHAMPIONSHIP
4W Lane 44, 7W Kentucky State 42

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Porche' Hannah, Addie McNeely, Antrice McCoy, LANE BROOKE WALLACE, ERICA JONES, KENTUCKY STATE
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
Porche Hannah, Lane
OUTSTANDING COACH
Kimerly Anderson, Lane
OPENING ROUNDS

2019 CIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (Results and Tournament Honors)

MEN

7S J. C. Smith 77, 8N Chowan 74
5S Saint Augustine's 97, 4N Lincoln 94
5N Elizabeth City State 62, 4S W-Salem State 61, OT
7S J. C. Smith 83, 3S Claflin 80
3N Bowie State 77, 6S Fayetteville State 55

QUARTERFINALS
1N Virginia State 67, 5N Elizabeth City State 54
1S Shaw 62, 5S St. Augustine's 55
2N Virginia Union 79, 7S J. C. Smith 71
2S Livingstone 79, 3N Bowie State 74

SEMIFINALS
1N Virginia State 75, 2S Livingstone 65
1S Shaw 70, 2N Virginia Union 58

CHAMPIONSHIP
1N Virginia State 77, 1S Shaw 66

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
Jahmere Howze, Virginia State

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Jahmere Howze, Jalen Jackson, Cyonte Melvin, VSU; Rodrick Ross, JCSU; Alex Owens, Amir Hinton, SHAW; Cameron Hayes, BSU; Roger Ray, LIV; Joseph Allen, ECSU; Jalen Gaddy, SAU

JOHN C. McLENDON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Johnson C. Smith



WOMEN

OPENING ROUNDS
8N Elizabeth City St. 77, 7S Shaw 55
5S Claflin 69, 4N Chowan 65
3N Lincoln 63, 8S Saint Augustine's 52
4S Livingstone 67, 5N Virginia State 63
8N Elizabeth City State 65, 3S Winston-Salem State 54

QUARTERFINALS
1S Fayetteville State 55, 5S Claflin 42
1N Virginia Union 91, 4S Livingstone 57
8N Elizabeth City State 59, 2N Bowie State 56
3N Lincoln 91, 2S J. C. Smith 75

SEMIFINALS
1N Virginia Union 82, 3N Lincoln 75
1S Fayetteville State 69, 8N Eliz. City State 53

CHAMPIONSHIP
1N Virginia Union 75, 1S Fayetteville State 41

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
Shareka McNeill, Virginia Union

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Shareka McNeill, Jasmine Carter, Rejoice Spivey, VUU; Katiya Hyman, Shontel Dennis, Yakima Clifton, FSU; Asia Deal, Jalyn Brown, ECSU; J. Williams, BSU; Kwanza Murray, LINC

JOHN C. McLENDON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Elizabeth City State

Variety of teams entering tournament play

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

TOURNEY FINALS RECAPS

SIAC MEN'S FINAL

Miles 70, LeMoyné-Owen 48

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Head coach **Fred Watson** won five SIAC Tournament championships in 16 years at **Benedict**, the only tournament titles in school history. In his first year at **Miles**, he won that school's first-ever championship.

His Golden Bears, the top seed from the SIAC West, downed **LeMoyné-Owen**, the second-seed from the West, 70-48 in the championship game Saturday.

Miles' trademark defense, which is tops in Division II in points allowed and field goal defense, was on display against the Magicians (19-10), who had averaged 84 points over their first three tournament games. LOC became the eighth opponent that failed to get to 50 points against the Golden Bears (21-8) this season.

On offense, **LaByron Harris** had 19 points, five rebounds, two steals and two blocks to earn tournament Most Valuable Player honors. **Jelani Watson-Gayle** had 15 points, **Damian Archer** had 12 points, seven rebounds, five assists while **Devonte Fuller** finished with 12 points and five rebounds.

By virtue of its tournament title, Miles earned an automatic berth into the NCAA Division II South Region tournament.



Watson

SIAC WOMEN'S FINAL

Lane 44, Kentucky State 42

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — In a close game with five ties and four lead changes, **Lane** went on a late-game 6-0 run to pave the way for a 44-42 win over **Kentucky State** in the SIAC Women's Basketball Tournament championship game Saturday.

KSU led 14-13 at the half and the teams entered the fourth quarter tied at 28. With the teams tied at 37 with 2:07 left, Lane went on a game-deciding 6-0 run capped on a traditional three-point play by senior guard **Antrice McCoy** with :43 seconds left.

McCoy finished with 11 points, three steals, and four rebounds. The other senior on the squad, guard **Addie McNeely** finished with a game-high 14 points. **Porche' Hannah** was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after scoring 9 points and pulling down a team-high 13 rebounds, three blocks and a steal. Hannah averaged a double of 10.5 points and 12.5 rebounds in four games.

Lane, the fourth-seed from the West Division, had handed East Division top seed **Benedict** its only SIAC loss of the season in the quarterfinals. Kentucky State, the seventh-seed from the West, knocked off division top seed **Tuskegee** in the semifinals.



Hannah

CIAA MEN'S FINAL

Virginia State 77, Shaw 66

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — **Virginia State** ran out to a 42-25 halftime lead, led by as much as 31 points in the second half and then survived a frantic comeback attempt by **Shaw** to win the men's CIAA Basketball Tournament Championship 77-66 here Saturday at the Spectrum Center.

Shaw clawed its way back in, cutting a 56-25 deficit at the 16-minute mark to single digits in the final four minutes but could never quite seriously threaten the Trojans (27-4), the top seed from the league's North Division. The closest Bears (17-13), the top seed from the South Division, could get was at 68-60 with just over three minutes left.

The pattern that has boded well for the Trojans — balanced scoring — was again in evidence in the championship game as they had five players reach double-figures. All-CIAA forward **Jahmere Howze**, who had 17 points in the first half, finished with game-highs of 28 points and 12 rebounds. **Jalen Jackson** added 16 points including 12 on four 3-pointers. **C. J. Wiggins** and **Andrew Corum** each had 11 points.

Howze was named the tournament's most valuable player. He finished the Trojans' three games with 45 points (15.0 ppg.) and 23 rebounds (7.6 rpg.) while shooting 18 of 31 (.580) from the field.

CIAA player of the year and NCAA Div. II scoring leader, Shaw junior guard **Amir Hinton**, finished with a game-high 34 points.



Howze

CIAA WOMEN'S FINAL

Virginia Union 75, Fayetteville State 41

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Five-six CIAA Player of the Year **Shareka McNeill** capped off a record-setting week with 37 points to lead North Division top seed **Virginia Union** to a 75-41 rout of S. Div. top seed **Fayetteville State** in Saturday's tournament championship game in Charlotte.

McNeill, a sophomore guard, tied a tournament single-game record with 59 points in a quarterfinal win over **Livingstone**, added 38 points in a semifinal win over **Lincoln** before breaking the tournament scoring record of 123 points with her 37-point performance in the title game.

McNeill, who needed 27 points in the championship game to break the record, had 30 points by halftime as the nationally-ranked Lady Panthers ran out to a 40-13 lead and were never seriously challenged.

VUU (27-2) also got 18 points and 14 rebounds from **Jasmine Carter**. FSU (21-8) was led by 11 points from **Shantel Bennett**, the only Lady Bronco to score in double-digits.

Virginia Union entered the tournament as the top team in the Atlantic Region and will likely host the regional when the field is announced on March 10.



McNeill

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

The **CIAA** and **SIAC** crowned men's and women's basketball tournament champions Saturday (see **TOURNEY FINALS RECAPS**).

The remaining black college teams will enter tournament play over the next ten days.

UDC / ECC

The **University of D. C.** (UDC) men (15-13, 8-10) grabbed the sixth and final spot in the East Coast Conference (ECC) standings and will open tournament play on the road Wednesday at third-seed **Molloy** (18-9, 14-4).

The men's tournament semifinals and finals will be held and hosted by the University of Bridgeport in Bridgeford, Conn. on Friday and Saturday (March 8 and 9). Bridgeport is the fourth seed in the tournament.

The UDC women (10-18, 7-11) finished seventh in the regular season and did not make the six-team ECC Tournament field.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE / MEC

The men of **West Virginia State** (12-16, 9-13) lost their final five regular season games to finish sixth in the Mountain East Conference regular season. WVSU will face third-seed **Notre Dame** in Friday's 2:15 p.m. first round tournament game in Wheeling, W. Va.

The Lady Yellow Jackets (7-21, 6-16) are seeded ninth in the women's tournament. They took an eighth-seed **Shepherd** in the opening round on Wednesday (March 6).

LINCOLN (MO) / MIAA

The Blue Tigers of **Lincoln** (Mo.) finished the regular season at 17-11 overall, 10-9 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), good for fifth place. They will play Friday, March 8 at 12 noon in the quarterfinals vs. No. 4 **Fort Hays State**. The tournament is being played at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.

The Lincoln women (10-18, 2-17) did not make the tournament.

TENNESSEE STATE / OVC

Neither the **Tennessee State** men (9-21, 6-12) or women (5-25, 5-13) made the Ohio Valley Conference eight-team tournament fields.

HAMPTON / BIG SOUTH

In its first year in the Big South Conference, the **Hampton** men and women both made their

mark.

The men (14-15, 9-7) finished eighth in the regular season and hosted ninth-seed **Longwood** in the first round Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. The winner advances to the quarterfinal round on Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m. vs. top seed **Campbell** on its home floor in Buies Creek, N. C.

The Hampton women (15-12, 11-5) are currently third in the Big South and have regular season games left at Radford on Wednesday (March 6) and their season finale vs. **Winthrop** on Saturday (March 9).

If they finish third they will play the winner of the tournament game between the 6th and 11th seeds. That game will be on Thursday, March 14 at the home of the second seed.

The tournament hosts are the higher seeds all the way through the finals.

MEAC

Entering the last week of regular season play, the men of **Norfolk State** and women of **North Carolina A&T** have clinched regular season **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** titles and the top seeds for next week's tournaments (March 11-16) in Norfolk, Va. at The Scope Arena.

The top four seeds for the women and the top five seeds for the men will receive byes into the quarterfinal rounds of the tournaments.

For the men, **Norfolk State** (19-11, 14-1) has a regular season game left at home vs. **Howard** Thursday. The Spartans will play in the quarterfinal round of the tournament on Wednesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. vs. the winner of the game between the eighth and ninth seeds.

The North Carolina A&T men (17-12, 12-3) have clinched the second seed for the tournament and will host rival and third-place **North Carolina Central** (15-14, 10-5) in the regular season finale for both teams Thursday. The Aggies first tournament game will be Wednesday night (March 13) at 8 p.m. vs. the winner of the game between the 7th and 10th seeds.

NCCU, Howard and Bethune-Cookman will occupy the third through fifth seeds and will advance to the tournament quarterfinal round. Their seeding will be determined by this Thursday's outcomes.

The Lady Aggies of N. C. A&T (18-10, 15-0) close out the regular season Thursday hosting **North Carolina Central**. The Aggies will receive a first round bye and play their first game in the tournament on Wednesday at 12 noon vs. the winner of the game between the eighth vs. ninth seeds.

BCSP Notes

ESPN story at: http://www.espn.com/nba/insider/story/_/id/26067689/nba-draft-scouting-top-scorers-college-basketball?fbclid=IwAR30z_bMrXUMgeKcDfjFIHRsvd3Uu

Shaw's Amir Hinton to declare for NBA Draft?

Six-five **Shaw** junior guard **Amir Hinton**, who finished the season leading the **CIAA** and all of NCAA Div. II basketball in scoring at 29.4 points per game, is reportedly declaring for the NBA Draft.

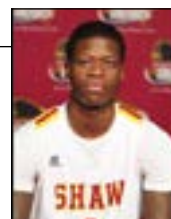
A story on ESPN.com last week profiled his chances of making it in the NBA based on the increased need for scorers in the league as well as his intentions. "... his physical tools and natural scoring instincts certainly jump off the page. It will make him a popular invite for pre-draft workouts once he officially makes himself eligible, as he told ESPN he most certainly will," the story said.

"The NBA is in the midst of an offensive explosion, with scoring rates and pace unlike anything we've seen in the past 30 years," according to the story. "NBA talent evaluators will give long looks to players who are most capable of putting the ball in the basket in the amateur ranks, even if these scouts clearly look for much more than just raw point-per-game totals."

Shaw head coach **Joel Hopkins** said in the story, "Twenty NBA teams have been out to see Amir already that I am aware of. From what I'm hearing, it wouldn't surprise me if all 30 teams are there in Charlotte." While the presence of NBA scouts was not evident at the CIAA Tournament last week, ESPN's Jamelle Hill was there to interview him after Shaw fell in the finals to **Virginia State**.

Hinton had 26 points, 21 in the second half, to rally his team to victory in the quarterfinals of the tournament. He had a season-low 11 points in a semifinal win before exploding for 34 points, 17 in each half, in the final.

For the season, Hinton has been an efficient scorer, shooting 48.8% from the floor while averaging just 17 shots per game. He also shot 34.0% from 3-point range and 89.4% from the line. He scored in double-figures in all 30 games with nine games in the 30s, four in the 40s and a season-high of 52. He also averaged 4.9 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game.



Hinton

MEN'S & WOMEN'S 2018-19 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Top Players)

MEAC

MEN	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	W L	W	L	W L
Norfolk State	14	1	19 11	15	0	18 10
North Carolina A&T	12	3	17 12	11	4	15 13
North Carolina Central	10	5	15 14	10	5	17 10
Howard	9	6	15 15	10	5	17 11
Bethune-Cookman	9	6	14 15	9	6	14 14
Florida A&M	8	7	11 19	8	7	15 14
Savannah State	7	8	10 19	7	8	9 20
Coppin State	6	9	6 24	5	10	7 20
SC State	5	10	7 24	5	10	7 19
Morgan State	4	11	9 19	4	11	6 18
Md. E. Shore	4	11	6 24	4	11	4 23
Delaware State	2	13	5 23	2	13	4 23

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Nic Thomas, 6-2, Jr., G, **NORFOLK STATE** - Led Spartans with 16 points in win over Coppin State Saturday that clinched regular season title and had 14 points, 7 rebounds in win over DelState.
DEFENSIVE
Cletrill Pope, 6-9, Jr., C, **B-CU** - Scored 20 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, with one block and one steal in OT win vs. SC State.
NEWCOMER
Chad Lott, 6-4, Jr., G, **HOWARD** - Had 14 points, 10 rebounds and five assists with 2 blocks and a steal in win vs. Savannah State.

MEAC

WOMEN	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	W L	W	L	W L
North Carolina A&T	15	0	18 10	15	0	18 10
Md. E. Shore	11	4	15 13	11	4	15 13
Bethune-Cookman	10	5	17 10	10	5	17 10
Howard	10	5	17 11	10	5	17 11
Norfolk State	9	6	14 14	9	6	14 14
SC State	8	7	15 14	8	7	15 14
Florida A&M	7	8	10 19	7	8	9 20
North Carolina Central	5	10	8 20	5	10	8 20
Delaware State	5	10	7 19	5	10	7 19
Savannah State	4	11	6 18	4	11	6 18
Coppin State	4	11	4 23	4	11	4 23
Florida A&M	2	13	4 23	2	13	4 23

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
PLAYER
Taylor Brown, 6-0, Jr., F, **SC STATE** - Had 22 points and 12 rebounds in win over Bethune-Cookman.
Jayla Thornton, 5-9, So., G, **HOWARD** - Scored 33 points on 11 of 27 shooting from the field, 9 of 18 3-pointers in win over Savannah State.
ROOKIE
NA
DEFENSIVE
Imani Bryant, 6-1, Jr., F, **HOWARD** - Got 11 points, 11 rebounds, 3 blocks and 3 steals in win over Savannah State.

SWAC

MEN	CONF			ALL		
	W	L	W L	W	L	W L
Prairie View A&M	15	1	17 12	15	1	17 12
Texas Southern	13	3	18 11	13	3	18 11
Alabama State	9	7	11 16	9	7	11 16
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	9	8	12 18	9	8	12 18
Grambling State	8	8	14 15	8	8	14 15