

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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IT'S TOURNAMENT TIME!

CIAA IN BALTIMORE, SAC IN OKLA. CITY AND GCAC IN JACKSON; NEW KSU FOOTBALL COACH

COACH OF THE YEAR: Virginia Union's Jay Butler brings his Panthers into this week's CIAA Tournament in Baltimore as the top seed.

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PLAYER Justin Wright, 6-2, Jr., G, NCCU - Wright averaged 16.5 points, 6.5 rebounds in two wins. He scored team-high 14 points with 6 rebounds in win over DelState, 19 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals in win over MDES, 10 points, 6 rebounds and 2 blocks in win over DelState.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK Tim Moore, 6-6, Jr., F, BEN - In two road wins to close out the regular season, Moore averaged 26.0 points and 7.0 rebounds getting 27 points, 2 rebounds at CAU, 25 points, 12 rebounds at MHS. Devin Booker, 6-4, Sr., G, TUSK - In two wins had 26 pts., 4 rebs., vs. CSU, 15 pts., 3 rebs., 5 assists vs. KSU.

PLAYER John Walker III, 6-9, Sr., F, TSU - Had team-high 19 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists and a block in win over UAPB, 18 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and steals in win over MVSU. DEFENSE Jaylen Bates Jr., 6-7, Jr., G, FAMU - Bates averaged 7.0 points, 10.5 rebounds and 2 blocks in two wins. He had 9 points, 11 rebounds, 2 blocks in win over Alabama State, 5 points, 10 rebounds and 2 blocks in win over Alabama A&M.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK Junior Clay, 6-0, Gr., G, TENN STATE - Had TSU career-high 40 points making 15 of 23 FGs with 8 rebounds and 5 assists in win over SIUE. Had just 9 points with 7 assists and 3 steals in loss to Morehead State. DEFENSE Tristan Harper, 6-8, Sr., F, LANGS - Had 18 points, 6 rebounds and 3 steals in win over SWAG, 19 points, 2 rebounds and a steal in win over N. Texas Dallas.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



CIAA NAMES BASKETBALL HONOREES:

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) announced Monday the 2022-23 Women's and Men's Basketball All-CIAA Team, All-Rookie team, and superlatives as selected by the Basketball Coaches Association and Sports Information Directors Association.

The Women's and Men's CIAA Players of the Year were Amaya Tucker (Winston-Salem State) and Robert Osborne (Virginia Union), respectively. Elizabeth City State 6-11 center Amadou Faye was named the Men's CIAA Defensive Player of the Year and Anysa Fields from Lincoln (PA) earned the women's honor.

The top rookies in the CIAA were India Howard on the women's side and Ezekiel Cannedy on the men's, both of Johnson C. Smith. Coach of the year honors were awarded to Virginia Union's Head Men's Basketball Coach Jay Butler and Lincoln (PA)'s Head Women's Basketball Coach Janice Washington.

Tucker earned the conference's highest regular season honor by averaging 15.6 points per game (third in the conference) and guiding WSSU to a No. 3 seed entering the tournament.

Osborne averaged 20.6 points per game to lead the CIAA, and his nine rebounds per game rank second. Guiding Virginia Union to a Northern Division title (second consecutive) and the top seed in the tournament, Osborne's 13 double-doubles on the season are tied for third in Division II.

Faye was the CIAA leader and finished second in Division II in blocks per game (3.4). His 7.4 rebounds per game rank third in the CIAA and the sophomore from Dakar, Senegal also averaged 7.1 points per game for the Vikings.

Fields helped lift Lincoln (PA) to a Northern Division title and the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament finishing fourth in the league in rebounding (7.9 per game), seventh in scoring (14.7 per game), and third in field goal percentage of (.423).

Howard led the conference with 10.6 rebounds per game. Her five offensive boards per game place her second in Division II. The freshman from Coppell, TX also averaged 9.1 points while shooting 45 percent from the field.

Cannedy finished the regular season as a top-five scorer in the conference as a freshman, averaging 15.4 points per game. The Kings Mountain, NC native shot 43.5 percent from the field, 38 percent from deep, and 79 percent from the charity stripe-- all top-five shooting splits in the CIAA.

Butler guided Virginia Union to the Northern Division crown for the second straight year and led the Panthers to a 9-1 division record, a 12-4 conference mark, and a 22-6 overall record. Butler and the Panthers are the top seed entering the CIAA Tournament.

Washington led Lincoln (PA) to a second-straight Northern Division title and the No. 2 seed in the tournament. The Lions finished this regular season with a 12-4 mark in conference play and an 18-8 overall record.

WOMEN

2022-23 All-CIAA Team

Backcourt - Shaniya Jones, JCSU; Amaya Tucker, WSSU; Aniyah Bryant, FSU; Sommer Blakemore, VSU; Kania Pollock, LINCP

Frontcourt - Anysa Fields, LINCP; India Howard, JCSU; Tanayia London, SHAW; Brittiney Seymour, SHAW; Le'Zarea Bowens, JCSU; Ny Langley, VUU; Lauren Banks, SAU

2022-23 CIAA All-Rookie Team

India Howard, JCSU; D'Ayza Atkinson, LINCP; Jakaiya Mack, WSSU; Zoila Martinez, VUU; Tanashia Hairston, SHAW

Player of the Year: Amaya Tucker, WSSU

Defensive Player of the Year: Anysa Fields, LINCP

Rookie of the Year: India Howard, JCSU

Dr. Peggy Green Coach of the Year: Janice Washington, LINCP

MEN

2022-23 All-CIAA Team

Backcourt - Francis Fitzgerald, VSU; Cress Worthy, FSU; Corey Williams, LINCP; Ezekiel Cannedy JCSU; Quinton Drayton, BSU

Frontcourt - Terrence Hunter Whitfield, VSU; Raemaad Wright, VUU; Amadou Faye, ECSU; Robert Osborne, VUU; Tyler Foster, FSU; Jaylon Gibson, WSSU; Khyree Temple, LIV

2022-23 CIAA All-Rookie Team

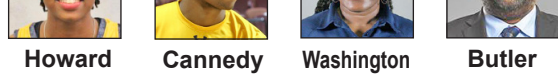
Ezekiel Cannedy, JCSU; Nehemiah Johnson, SAU; Pharoah Lassiter, LIV; Jaquantae Harris, ECSU; Freddie Young Jr., LINCP

Player of the Year: Robert Osborne, VUU

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Robert L. "Bobby Vaughn Coach of the Year: Jay Butler, VUU



Hoops tourney play tips in Baltimore

By LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Basketball tournament time is here.

The 77th men's and 49th women's CIAA tournaments got underway Tuesday and runs thru Saturday at Baltimore's CFG Bank Arena.

Two NAIA tournaments also begin this week - the Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC) Tourney and the Gulf South Athletic Conference (GCAC) Tourney.

Langston (20-2) is the top seed in the men's SAC with the Langston women (11-11) seeded eighth. Quarterfinal games tip off on the home court of the higher seeds on Wed., Feb. 23 before play shifts to the Gaulke Activity Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for semifinal and final rounds on Feb. 27 and 28.

The Hope Credit Union GCAC tourney runs from Feb. 23-26 on the campus of Tougaloo College in Jackson, Ms. The Lady Bearcats of Rust College (12-2) are the No. 1 seed for the women. Host Tougaloo (14-1) is the top men's seed.

CIAA Men

Virginia Union is the top seed for the men's tournament with a 12-4 CIAA record. Fayetteville State (11-5) is the second seed followed by Virginia State (10-6) and Claflin (10-6).

Those four received first round byes and will hit the court Wednesday and Thursday in quarterfinal action.

VUU (6:40 p.m.) and FSU



(8:50 p.m.) will play Wednesday's men's quarterfinal games respectively. VSU and Claflin will play in the 6 and 8 p.m. quarterfinal games on Thursday.

CIAA Women

For the CIAA women, Fayetteville State (14-2) is the top seed followed by Lincoln (Pa.) (12-4), Winston-Salem State (11-5) and Bowie State (10-6).

FSU (2:20 p.m.) and Lincoln (4:30 p.m.) will enter play in Wednesday's quarterfinals while WSSU (12 noon) and BSU (2 p.m.) will play in Thursday's quarterfinal round.

The two women's and men's semifinals games are Friday, March 24. The championship games follow on Saturday, March 25.

Fayetteville State defeated Virginia Union 65-62 in the 2022 men's championship game for its first title since 1973.

Lincoln won the 2022 women's tournament championship with a 67-52 win over Elizabeth City State.

SIAC

The top two teams in the men's and women's SIAC East and West Divisions received byes into the quarterfinal rounds of the Feb.

25 to March 4 SIAC Tournament.

SIAC Men and Women

The top two teams in the men's SIAC East are Benedict (16-5) and Morehouse (14-7). The top teams in the West are Miles and Tuskegee, both 15-5.

Miles (5 p.m.) and Benedict (7:30 p.m.) will play in the Wednesday March 1 quarterfinal round followed by Morehouse (5 p.m.) and Tuskegee (7:30 p.m.) on the Thursday, March 2 quarterfinals.

The top two teams in the women's SIAC East were Clark Atlanta (14-5) and Savannah State (13-5). The West's top seeds are undefeated Tuskegee (19-0) and Kentucky State (12-7).

Women's quarterfinal round play next Wednesday involves Tuskegee at 12 noon and Clark Atlanta at 2:30 p.m. Savannah State (12n) and KSU (2:30 p.m.) play their quarterfinals on Thursday.

Friday's semifinal rounds are 12 and 2:30 p.m. for the women and 5 and 7:30 p.m. for the men. The championship games on Sat., March 4 are at 4 p.m. (women) and 7 p.m. (men).

Savannah State and Benedict met in both the men's and women's championship game a year ago.

Benedict won the women's 2022 Tournament championship 71-69 over Savannah State.

Savannah State turned the tables on Benedict in the men's championship, coming away with a 76-62 triumph.

MEAC and SWAC

There was some shake-up in the MEAC races. The previously undefeated

Morgan State Lady Bears dropped two games (74-37 to Norfolk State and 64-56 to Howard) to fall into a tie for first place with Norfolk State at 9-2.

For the men, both first-place Howard (89-76 to Morgan State) and second-place Norfolk State (69-62 to Coppin State) lost.

In the SWAC, the Alcorn State men (11-2) and Jackson State women (13-1) are still on top.

BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

- THURS., FEB. 23 CIAA Tournament Quarterfinals Women - 12n & 2p Men - 6p & 8p NON-HBCU CONFERENCE Monmouth @ Hampton (M) Delaware @ NC A&T (M) John Brown @ Langston (M - SAC Tourney) Langston @ Mid-American (W - SAC Tourney) GCAC Tourney Quarterfinals FRI., FEB. 24 CIAA Tournament Semifinals CAA Hampton @ Stony Brook (W) NC A&T @ Towson (W) W. Va. State @ Charleston GCAC Tourney Semifinals SAT., FEB. 25 CIAA Tournament Finals MEAC Howard @ NC Central Norfolk State @ SC State Delaware State @ Morgan State Md-E. Shore @ Coppin State SIAC Tournament Begins SWAC Alabama A&M @ Alabama State Grambling State @ Florida A&M Southern @ Bethune-Cookman Prairie View A&M @ Alcorn State Texas Southern @ Jackson State Arkansas-Pine Bluff @ Miss. Valley State NON-HBCU CONFERENCE Hampton & NC A&T (M) MEC Tournament Begins GCAC Tourney Semifinals SUN., FEB. 26 UNCW @ NC A&T (W) Hampton @ Northeastern (W) SIAC Tournament Opening Round GCAC Finals MON., FEB. 27 MEAC Howard @ SC State Norfolk State @ NC Central Morgan State @ Md.-E. Shore Coppin State @ Delaware State SIAC Tournament Opening Round SWAC Southern @ Florida A&M Grambling State @ Bethune-Cookman Texas Southern @ Alcorn State Prairie View A&M @ Jackson State TUES., FEB. 28 SIAC Tournament Opening Round WED., MARCH 1 MEC Tournament Begins SIAC Tournament Quarterfinals

BCSP Notes

New football coach at Kentucky State

Kentucky State announced Monday that a search committee selected Felton Huggins as the University's next head football coach.

Huggins comes to Kentucky State after spending the past year as the assistant coach of wide receivers at NCAA DI school McNeese State University.

"Several qualified candidates were interested in becoming the next head football coach at KSU. Still, none of them had the depth of experience, energy, knowledge and the ability to connect with our student-athletes like Huggins," said KSU athletic director Ramon Johnson.

"What I am looking to bring to this program is to foster a culture of developing high-character individuals and leaders in the community, in the classroom, and on the playing field through our core values," Huggins said. "The foundation of our core values will

be based on faith, family, football and fun."

Prior to McNeese State, Huggins served as the offensive coordinator and inside wide receivers coach at Charleston Southern University in 2019. He arrived at Charleston Southern after six years at LaGrange College in Georgia, where he was the associate head coach, offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach and academic coordinator.

Huggins played collegiately at Southeastern Louisiana University. He started for three years and finished his collegiate career as the career leader in receptions (162) and receiving yards (2,350). He still holds school records for catches in a season (84) and receiving yards in a season (1,313). He received third-team All-America, and All-Conference honors his junior and senior years. Huggins made his collegiate debut at Grambling State University, where numerous family members attended.

He played six seasons of professional football between the Jacksonville Jaguars, Frankfurt Galaxy, Buffalo Bills and Montreal Alouettes.

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PLAYER Zamarra Haynes, 5-7, Jr., G, MDES - Averaged 13.5 points, 4.5 rebounds and 5.5 assists in two wins. She had 16 points, 3 rebounds and 6 assists in win over NCCU and 11 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists in win over SCSU. DEFENSIVE PLAYER Kiera Wheeler, 6-1, So., F, NSU - Tallied 9 points with 7 rebounds in win over Coppin State after 8 points and 10 rebounds in handling Morgan State its first loss in MEAC play.

PLAYER - Ashiala Jackson, 6-1, r-Sr., F, TUSK - Averaged 19.5 points, 11.0 rebounds in two wins. Had 19 points, 10 rebounds, 4 steals vs. KSU, 20 points, 12 rebounds, 1 block and steal vs. CSU. DEFENSIVE PLAYER - JuToeyia Willis, 5-11, Gr., G, TUSK - In two wins, averaged 14.0 ppg., 8.0 rpg., and 6.5 app. She had 13 pts., 3 rebs., 7 assists vs. CSU, 15 pts., 13 rebs., 6 assists vs. KSU.

PLAYER & DEFENSIVE PLAYER Ayana Emmanuel, 5-9, Sr., G, ALS - Emmanuel averaged 20.0 points, 6.0 rebounds in two home wins. She had 20 pts., 10 rebs., 8 assists, 6 steals in 3OT win over B-CU, 20 pts., 2 rebs. in win over FAMU. DEFENSIVE PLAYER Amani Free, 6-0, Gr., F, AA&M - In two wins, Free averaged 15.0 points and 5.0 rebounds. In a two-point win over B-CU, she had 12 points and 7 rebounds, and she had 18 points, 3 rebounds in win over FAMU.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK Shelby Harmeyer, 5-10, Sr., F, WVUSU - Had team high 23 points with 4 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal in win over Notre Dame College, 16 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals in win over Alderson Broaddus. DEFENSIVE PLAYER Sierra McCullough, 6-2, Sr. F, TENN. ST. - In two wins, averaged 13.5 points and 11.5 rebounds. She had 8 points, 8 rebounds, 3 blocks and a steal in win over Morehead State, 19 points, 15 rebounds in win over Tenn Tech.



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