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**TOMEKIA REED:** With a 15-1 SWAC record, Reed's Jackson State Lady Tigers have clinched the top seed for next week's SWAC Tournament in Birmingham.

## HOOPS HEAVEN

FIFTH-SEEDS EMERGE WITH CIAA TITLES; SIAC TOURNEY UNDERWAY; SWAC & MEAC NEXT UP

## 2023 CIAA WOMEN'S AND MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

### WOMEN

#### OPENING ROUND

- 6) Shaw 62, 11) Claflin 49
- 8) J. C. Smith 72, 9) Virginia Union 54
- 5) Elizabeth City State 59, 12) St. Augustine's 54
- 7) Virginia State 66, 10) Livingstone 63

#### QUARTERFINALS

- 8) J. C. Smith 62, 1) Fayetteville State 54
- 2) Lincoln (Pa.) 78, 7) Virginia State 57
- 6) Shaw 54, 3) Winston-Salem State 48
- 5) Elizabeth City State 76 4) Bowie State 54

#### SEMIFINALS

- 5) Elizabeth City State 53, 8) JC Smith 52
- (6) Shaw 59, 2) Lincoln (Pa.) 45

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

- 5) Elizabeth City State 55, 6) Shaw 40

#### ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- Ny Langley, Virginia Union
- Raija Todd, Virginia State
- Kania Pollock, Lincoln
- Shaniya Jones, Johnson C. Smith
- Tori Reid, Johnson C. Smith
- Ky'Jhanik Armfield, Elizabeth City State
- Brittany Seymour, Shaw
- Tanayia London, Shaw
- Akyia King, Elizabeth City State

#### JOHN B. MCLENDON SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY

- Ny/Asia Blango, Elizabeth City State - MVP
- Johnson C. Smith

### MEN

#### OPENING ROUND

- 7) Shaw 63, 10) Bowie State 53
- 9) Elizabeth City State 74, 8) Livingstone 69
- 6) Lincoln (Pa.) 82, 11) J. C. Smith 50
- 5) Winston-Salem State 65, 12) St. Augustine's 49

#### QUARTERFINALS

- 1) Virginia Union 75, 9) Eliz. City State 64
- 2) Fayetteville State 58, 7) Shaw 53
- 6) Lincoln (Pa.) 76, 3) Virginia State 67
- 5) Winston-Salem State 60, 4) Claflin 52

#### SEMIFINALS

- 5) Winston-Salem State 45, 1) VUU 44
- 6) Lincoln 53, 2) Fayetteville State 49

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

- 5) Winston-Salem State 62, 6) Lincoln 57

#### ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- Trey Richardson, Elizabeth City State
- Kaleb Coleman, Fayetteville State
- Bakir Cleveland, Lincoln
- Reggie Hudson, Lincoln
- Jamari Roberts, Shaw
- Robert Osborne, Virginia Union
- Keleaf Tate, Virginia Union
- Jaylon Gibson, Winston-Salem State
- Samage Teal, Winston-Salem State

#### JOHN B. MCLENDON SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY

- Jaylen Alston, Winston-Salem State - MVP
- Johnson C. Smith

# SIAC Tourney tips, MEAC & SWAC in final week

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The SIAC men's and women's Basketball Tournaments take center stage this week, running from Saturday, Feb 25 thru Saturday, March 4 at Tiger Arena at Savannah State University. .

The top seeds for the men are the **Morehouse** men from the East Division and **Tuskegee** from the West.

For the ladies, **Tuskegee** enters with an unblemished 17-0 conference record and the top seed from the West while **Clark Atlanta** is the women's top seed from the East.

### MEAC

The MEAC has only games left on its regular season schedule on Thursday before Tournament play begins at the Norfolk Scope on Wednesday, March 8 with quarterfinal action.

The MEAC championship games are set for Saturday, March 11.

There has been some shake-up over the last week in the standings.

**Morgan State**, who had won its first nine conference games to lead the women's race, has now dropped four straight and fallen into a tie for second in the conference with **Howard** at 9-4.

The Lady Bears close out the season Thursday at crosstown rival **Coppin State**.

After trailing Morgan State



for much of the season, **Norfolk State** is now the women's leader with a 11-2 conference mark.

Norfolk State closes out the season Thursday at Howard.

On the men's side, **Howard** (10-3) has dropped two of its last three games but has managed to stay a game ahead of both **Norfolk State** and **N. Central** who check in with 9-4 league records.

The Howard/NSU showdown Thursday in Washington, DC will go a long way to determining who will be the top seed at the tournament. Howard defeated Norfolk State 86-84 on Jan. 14 in Norfolk in a controversial ending.

NCCU closes Thursday at SC State.

### SWAC

Play begins in the 2023 SWAC Basketball Tournament next Wednesday, March 8 at Bartow Arena in Birmingham and runs thru Saturday March 11. The top eight teams in the men's and women's standings will make it to Birmingham for next week's tournament.

There is a little bit of unfinished business on the men's side.

The **Alcorn State** men (13-3) survived a 41-point outburst from **Texas Southern** guard **P. J. Henry** Monday to come away with an 89-81 home victory.

The critical win kept head coach **Landon Bussey's** Braves tied atop the men's SWAC race with **Grambling State** and head coach **Donte' Jacison** as the final two games of the regular season are played out this week - on Thursday and Saturday.

Alcorn plays at **Miss. Valley State** Thursday and at **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** Saturday in their finales. Grambling, riding a 7-game winning streak, hosts **Alabama A&M** Thursday and **Alabama State** Saturday.

Either Alcorn State or Grambling will be the top men's seed as they currently have a 3-game lead over **Southern** and **Jackson State** (at 10-6) headed into the final games.

**Prairie View** (8-9) has nine losses and four teams - Texas Southern, **Bethune-Cookman**, **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** and **Alabama State** - all have 10 conference losses and will be jockeying for slots six thru eight over the final week.

**Jackson State** (15-1) has a three-game lead in the women's race and will be the top seed in the SWAC Tournament.

### BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

#### THURS., MARCH 2

- MEAC
  - NC Central @ SC State
  - Coppin State @ Morgan State
  - Md.-E. Shore @ Delaware State
  - Norfolk State @ Howard
- SWAC
  - Alabama A&M @ Grambling State
  - Alcorn State @ Miss. Valley State
  - Alabama State @ Southern
  - Jackson State @ Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- SIAC TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS
  - 12:00 PM - W - 2E) SSU v. KSU/EWC winner
  - 2:30 PM - W - 2W) Miles v. BEN/FVSU winner
  - 5:00 PM - M - 2E) SSU v. LOC/BEN winner
  - 7:30 PM - M - 2W) Miles v. FVSU/EWC winner
- MEC
  - 12n - W - W. Va. State vs. Glenville St./Wheeling winner

#### FRI., MARCH 3

- M - CAA TOURNAMENT - OPENING ROUND
  - Monmouth @ Hampton (M) - 2 p.m.
- SIAC SEMIFINALS
  - 12:00 PM - W - TU/CSU v. CAUL/LANE winners
  - 2:30 PM - W - SSU/KSU/EWC v. MCBEN/FVSU winners
  - 5:00 PM - M - TU/KU winner v. MHS/Lane winner
  - 7:30 PM - M - SSU/LOC/BEN v. MILES/FVSU/EWC winners
- MEC
  - 8:30 pm - M - 4) W. Va. State vs. 5) Notre Dame

#### SAT., MARCH 4

- SWAC
  - Alabama A&M @ Southern
  - Texas Southern @ Prairie View A&M
  - Florida A&M @ Bethune-Cookman
  - Alcorn State @ Arkansas-Pine Bluff
  - Alabama State @ Grambling State
  - Jackson State @ Miss. Valley State
- CAA TOURNAMENT OPENING ROUND
  - Stony Brook vs. NC A&T (M) - 6 p.m.
- SIAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP
  - W - 4:00 PM
  - M - 7:00 PM
- SUN., MARCH 5
  - Monmouth @ NC A&T (W)
  - Towson @ Hampton (W)

# BCSP Notes

## SIAC announces hoops honors

SAVANNAH, Ga (February 26, 2023) - The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) has announced its annual men's and women's basketball awards to cap the 2022-2023 regular season. The league's head coaches and sports information directors voted on this year's all-conference teams, which feature ten student-athletes.

The 2023 TIAA SIAC Men's Basketball All-Conference Team is headlined by a **Fort Valley State** duo in sophomore forward **K.J. Doucet**, who was voted 2022-2023 TIAA SIAC Player of the Year, and junior point guard **Jamal Reynolds**, who earned the 2022-2023 TIAA SIAC Defensive Player of the Year award.

The 2023 TIAA SIAC Women's Basketball All-Conference Team is headlined by a repeat Tuskegee duo in redshirt senior forward **Ashiala Jackson**, who was voted 2022-2023 TIAA SIAC Player of the Year, and graduate student guard **JuToreyia Willis**, who earned the 2022-2023 TIAA SIAC Defensive Player of the Year award. Each also won the awards a year ago. This season, they have been the leaders for the Golden Tigers scheme guiding their team to the No. 1 seed in the West Division and a spotless conference record entering the championship



Doucet



Reynolds



Broadnax



Jackson



Willis



Powell

tournament.

Doucet, a sophomore who was the 2021-22 SIAC Freshman of the Year and 2022-23 SIAC Preseason Player of the Year, averaged 16.2 points per game this season while shooting 42.7 percent (141-of-330) from the field and 75.5 percent from the free-throw line.

Reynolds led the SIAC in steals at 2.1 per game this season. On the season, he shot 50.0 percent (66-of-132) from the field, 61.9 percent (39-of-63) from the free-throw line, and 28 percent from the three-point line. He finished the season averaging 3.6 rebounds per game and 1.5 assists per game.

### SIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

#### FIRST TEAM

- Rodney Battle, Jr., G, MILES; Gregg Boyd, r-Sr., G, TUSK; K.J. Doucet, So., F, FVSU; Eleik Bowles, Sr., F, SSU; Beril Kabamba, r-So., F, SHC

#### SECOND TEAM

Devin Booker, Sr., G, TUSK; Tana Kopa, So., G/F, SHC; Kerry Richardson, Sr., F, MHS; Gerard Wilson Jr., G, LOC; Jamal Reynolds, Jr., G, FVSU

- COY: Horace Broadnax, Savannah State
- POY: K.J. Doucet, Fort Valley State
- Defensive POY: Jamal Reynolds, Fort Valley State
- Newcomer OY: Rodney Battle, Miles
- Freshman OY: Terin Wofford, Albany State

### 2023 TIAA SIAC Women's Basketball All-Conference Team

#### FIRST TEAM

- Nyla Allen, Fr., G, SSU; Ashiala Jackson, r-Sr., F, TUSK; Iemyiah Harris, So., G, MILES; Kailyn Nash, So., G/F, CSU; JuToreyia Willis, Gr., G, TUSK

#### SECOND TEAM

- Diamond Jones, Sr., G, FVSU; Tyashia Bostick, Jr., G/F, SHC; Corriana Evans, Jr., G/F, CAU; Amari Heard, Sr., G, SSU; Kayla Simmons, Sr., F, LANE

- COY: Trelanne Powell, Tuskegee
- POY: Ashiala Jackson, Tuskegee
- Defensive POY: JuToreyia Willis, Tuskegee
- Newcomer OY: Iemyiah Harris, Miles

## SIAC BASKETBALL FINAL STANDINGS, TOURNAMENT RESULTS AND SCHEDULE

FINAL MEN					FINAL WOMEN				
	CONF	W	L	ALL		CONF	W	L	ALL
<b>EAST</b>					<b>EAST</b>				
1) Morehouse	15	6	18	8	1) Clark Atlanta	12	5	13	10
2) Savannah State	13	7	15	9	2) Savannah State	12	5	16	6
3) Fort Valley State	11	10	13	15	3) Benedict	10	8	12	13
4) Albany State	9	12	9	18	4) Allen	8	10	12	11
5) Clark Atlanta	7	14	8	20	5) Albany State	5	12	7	16
6) Benedict	7	14	19	9	6) Edward Waters	5	12	9	14
7) Edward Waters	5	16	7	20	7) Fort Valley State	5	12	5	15
8) Allen	4	17	4	23	<b>WEST</b>				
<b>WEST</b>					<b>WEST</b>				
1) Tuskegee	15	5	20	7	1) Tuskegee	17	0	20	3
2) Miles	15	5	20	6	2) Miles	11	6	16	7
3) LeMoyné-Owen	13	7	18	10	3) Kentucky State	11	6	14	9
4) Lane	12	8	15	12	4) Lane	10	7	14	9
5) Kentucky State	11	9	14	12	5) Central State	8	9	9	13
6) Spring Hill	5	15	8	18	6) LeMoyné-Owen	6	11	9	16
7) Central State	5	22	5	23	7) Spring Hill	2	15	3	20

### Opening Round - Sat., Feb. 25

M - 7E) Edward Waters 78, 6W) Spring Hill 55

M - 6E) Benedict 79, 7W) Central State 67

M - 5W Kentucky State 82, 8E) Allen 72

### Opening Round, Sun., Feb. 26

W - 7E) Fort Valley State 55, 6W) LeMoyné-Owen 51

W - 6E) Edward Waters 72, 7W) Spring Hill 63

### Second Round, Mon., Feb. 27

M - 5W) Kentucky State 83, 4E) Albany State 70

M - 4W) Lane 73, 5E) Clark Atlanta 61

W - 5W) Central State 79, 4E) Allen 68

W - 4W) Lane 53, 5E) Albany State 50

### Second Round, Tues., Feb. 28

3W) LeMoyné-Owen) v. 6E) Benedict

3E) Fort Valley State v. 7E) Edward Waters

3W) Kentucky State v. 6E) Edward Waters

3E) Benedict) v. 7E) Fort Valley State

### Quarterfinals, Wed., March 1

1W) Tuskegee v. 5W) Central State

1E) Clark Atlanta v. 4W) Lane

1W) Tuskegee v. 5W) Kentucky State

1E) Morehouse v. 4W) Lane

12:00 PM - M

2:30 PM - M

5:00 PM - W

7:30 PM - W

12:00 PM - W

2:30 PM - W

5:00 PM - M

7:30 PM - M