



Clark Atlanta Sports photos

HOOPS HEAT-UP

DISHMAN IN AT TEXAS SOUTHERN; GIBBS RE-UPS AT FVSU DESPITE FAMU INTEREST

SIAC LEADER: Chris Martin's 32 points led Clark Atlanta to a win over nationally-ranked Benedict Saturday. Martin leads the SIAC at 22.1 points per game.

MEN'S 2023-24 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA				MEAC				SIAC				SWAC				INDEPENDENTS															
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION				MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE																			
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W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L												
NORTH DIVISION				N. C. Central				EAST				Jackson State				Langston															
Virginia State	3	4	8	9	2	0	10	7	Benedict	7	1	13	1	3	0	7	9	9	0	15	0										
Lincoln (PA)	3	4	7	10	Delaware State	2	0	9	9	Morehouse	7	1	9	5	Alabama State	4	1	9	9	Florida Memorial	2	1	14	2							
Bluefield State	3	4	6	10	Howard	2	1	8	11	Edward Waters	6	3	7	8	Southern	3	1	9	8	West Virginia State	4	3	8	5							
Elizabeth City State	2	4	5	12	Norfolk State	1	1	11	8	Clark Atlanta	5	3	11	3	Grambling State	3	1	6	11	Lincoln (Mo.)	5	4	10	5							
Virginia Union	1	5	6	12	Coppin State	1	1	2	14	Savannah State	5	3	7	5	Bethune-Cookman	2	1	7	9	NC A&T	2	2	4	13							
Bowie State	1	6	6	11	Md. E-Shore	1	2	4	11	Albany State	4	4	6	8	Texas Southern	2	2	4	11	Tennessee State	2	3	9	9							
SOUTH DIVISION				Morgan State				Allen				Alabama A&M				Hampton															
Winston-Salem State	5	1	11	4	S. C. State	0	2	4	14	Fort Valley State	3	6	3	12	Prairie View A&M	1	2	6	10	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1	2	6	10							
Clafin	4	1	7	5	OFFENSIVE PLAYER				WEST				Alcorn State																		
St. Augustine's	5	2	9	8	Bryce Harris, 6-4, Jr., G, HOW - Averaged 19.5 points and 8.0 rebounds in two wins with 12 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists in win over UMES, 27 points, 10 rebounds in win over Morehouse.				Miles				Florida A&M																		
Shaw	4	2	8	6	DEFENSIVE PLAYER				Spring Hill				Miss. Valley State																		
Johnson C. Smith	5	3	10	5	Seth Towns, 6-9, Gr., F, HOW - Averaged 17.0 points and 7.5 rebounds in two wins. Led Bison with 20 points, 7 rebounds and 3 assists in win over UMES and added 14 points, 8 rebounds in win over Morehouse.				LeMoyné-Owen Lane				Tuskegee																		
Fayetteville State	3	3	8	8	DEFENSIVE PLAYER				Kentucky State				Central State																		
Livingstone	3	3	4	5	Central State				1				9																		
PLAYER				Bryson Dennis, 6-1, Sr., G, CLAF - Tallied 32 points with 4 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals in win over VSU.				PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				Chris Martin, 6-2, Gr., G, CAU - 32 points on 10 of 15 shooting, 3 of 5 3s and 9 of 9 FTs, in OT win vs. Benedict, 22 points, 10 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals in win vs. Allen.				Shemani Fuller, 6-8, So., F, CAU - 13 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 blocks in win over Benedict, 6 points, 2 boards, 1 block, 1 steal vs. Allen.				Tai-Reon Joseph, 6-3, Jr., G, SOU - Game-high 33 points on 12 of 24 shooting, 8 of 19 3s, in win over FAMU and 31 points on 9 of 17 shooting in OT loss to B-CU.				Ken Evans, 6-5, R-Jr., G, JSU - Had team-high 24 points, 5 steals in win over Alabama State, team-high 19 points with 4 rebound-sm 3 assists in win over Alabama A&M.				DEFENSIVE Zeke Cook, 6-6, Jr., F, JSU - Game-high 14 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 blocks in win over Alabama State, 5 points and 9 rebounds in win over Alabama A&M.			

Hoop Notes

Here's the mid-January basketball breakdown.

CIAA

MEN

The real action this week was in the CIAA South where **Johnson C. Smith**, behind team-highs of 25 points and 11 rebounds from 6-7 junior forward **Avery Huggins** and double-figure scoring efforts from three others, handed **Winston-Salem State** (11-4, 5-1 CIAA S) its first CIAA defeat of the season, 79-70 in Charlotte Saturday.

On Monday however, four double-figure scorers led by 18 points from 6-6 sophomore **Nemo Johnson** propelled **Chucky Brown's St. Augustine's** squad (9-8, 5-2) to an 86-72 home win over **JCSU** (10-5, 5-3 CIAA).

St. Aug's is at **WSSU** Thursday and **WSSU** travels to **Clafin** Saturday. **JCSU** entertains **FSU** Saturday.

Three teams (**Virginia State**, **Lincoln** and **Bluefield State**) are tied atop the North Division with 3-4 records.

WOMEN

On the women's side, **Virginia State** (14-1, 6-1) leads the North and **Fayetteville State** (13-1, 6-0) leads the South.

VSU has won five straight with its only loss to **FSU** (78-69) back on Dec. 16. **FSU** has won nine straight with its only loss a 58-56 loss to **Lander** on Nov. 25. **VSU** was 11th and **FSU** 22nd in the latest **WBCA** national Div. II poll.

VSU is paced by **Tiyanna James's** 14.0 ppg. and league rebounding leader **Amesha Miller's** 8.5 rpg. **FSU's Aniyah Bryant** is third in the CIAA at 16.9 ppg. **Morgan Graham's** 8.0 caroms per game leads the Lady Broncos.

FSU is at **JCSU** Saturday while **VSU** is at **Virginia Union**. **VSU** is at **Bluefield State** Wednesday.

MEAC

MEN

Things stayed relatively the same in the **MEAC** with **North Carolina Central** and **DelState** setting the pace at 2-0, a half-game ahead of **Howard** at 2-1. **Norfolk State** and **Coppin State** are at 1-1.

On Saturday at 4 p.m., **NCCU** is at **SC State**, **Coppin State** hosts **Morgan State**, **DelState** hosts **UMES** and **Howard** hosts **Norfolk State**.

DSU's 6-2 senior guard **Martaz Robinson's** 17.9 points per game leads the conference and his 6.4 boards per game is fourth. **UMES** 6-7 junior forward **Troy Hupstead** is the rebounding leader (8.9 rpg.).

WOMEN

Norfolk State and **Coppin State** are setting the pace on the women's side at 2-0. Four others are 1-1 headed into this week's schedule.

NSU's Kiera Wheeler's double-double average of 18.3 points and 10.3 rebounds leads the league.

SIAC

MEN

Behind 6-2 senior guard **Chris Martin's** 32 points, **Clark Atlanta** knocked nationally-8th-ranked **Benedict** (13-1, 7-1) from the unbeaten ranks 88-84 in overtime Saturday. The Panthers (11-3, 5-3) followed that up with a 77-58 win over **Allen** Monday as **Martin** had 22. He leads the league scoring 22.1 ppg.

Miles (11-3, 6-2) stayed atop the West with wins over **Lane** (80-60 Sat.) and **LeMoyné-Owen** (72-62, Mon.).

On tap this week, **Benedict** is at E. Div. second-place **Morehouse** (9-5, 7-1) Thursday, hosts **Albany State** Saturday and **Fort Valley State** Monday. **Morehouse** is at **Savannah State** Saturday and **Edward Waters** Monday. **Miles** is at **Central State** Saturday and **Kentucky State** Monday.

WOMEN

Kentucky State (9-0) and **Miles** (8-0) remained undefeated in league play and on top of the West race. While **Miles** had two blowout wins, **KSU** came back to pull out a close 77-75 win over **Spring Hill** Monday behind **Gracen Kerr's** 22 points. The 5-6 senior point guard leads the league at 18.3 points per game.

Miles is at **KSU** Monday in a West Div. showdown after travelling to **Central State** Saturday.

Savannah State (6-2) has a 1 1/2-game lead over **FVSU** (5-4) in the East. **FVSU** is at **Allen** Saturday and **Benedict** Monday. **SSU** hosts **Clark Atlanta** Monday.

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W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L					
NORTH DIVISION				Norfolk State				EAST				Jackson State				Langston								
Virginia State	6	1	14	1	2	0	12	4	Savannah State	6	2	9	3	3	0	8	6	8	1	13	2			
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SOUTH DIVISION				Md. E-Shore				Benedict				Bethune-Cookman				Hampton								
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Shaw	4	2	9	6	PLAYER OF THE WEEK				WEST				Alcorn State											
Johnson C. Smith	4	3	7	7	NA				Kentucky State				Florida A&M											
St. Augustine's	3	4	9	6	PLAYER OF THE WEEK				Miles				Miss. Valley State											
Clafin	1	5	7	7	ROOKIE				Tuskegee				Offensive Players of the Week											
Livingstone	1	5	1	5	NA				LeMoyné-Owen Lane				Angel Jackson, 6-6, Gr., C, JSU - 17 points, 14 rebounds, 3 blocks and 3 steals in big win over Alabama A&M.											
Winston-Salem State	0	6	6	10	DEFENSE				Central State				Anijah Grant, 6-2, Gr., PF, FSU - Averaged double-double in two close wins getting 11 points, 12 rebounds in 3-point win over FAMU and 12 points, 12 rebounds in 1-point win over B-CU.											
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				Tiyanna James, 5-5, Jr., G, VSU - 18 points on 7 of 14 shooting, 3 of 8 3s, 3 steals in win vs. Virginia Union.				Gracen Kerr, 5-6, Sr., PG, KSU - Had team-high 23 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals in win over Tuskegee, 22 points, 8 assists, 1 steal in win vs. Spring Hill.				DEFENSIVE PLAYER Iemayah Harris, 5-5, Jr., G, MILES - 4 steals, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, team-high 19 points in win over Lane, 18 points, 5 assists & steals, 4 boards in win vs. LOC.				DEFENSE Chaniya Clark, 6-4, R-So., C NCA&T - 12 points, 8 rebounds, 3 blocks in win vs. Hampton, 7 points, 12 rebounds in win vs. William & Mary.								

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

TEXAS SOUTHERN CHOOSES DISHMAN:

Texas Southern University Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics **Dr. Kevin Granger** announced Friday the hiring of former NFL all-pro cornerback **Cris Dishman** as the school's 18th head football coach.

A two-time NFL Pro-Bowl selection, **Dishman**, 58, a Louisville, Ky. native, comes to **TSU** after 13 successful years in the NFL and 19 years of coaching experience at the collegiate and professional levels.

Dishman's selection follows a deliberative eight-week process that began as **Granger** and the university's Board of Regents reportedly considered as many as three other candidates to replace **Clarence McKinney**. They included **Granger's** initial recommendation of **Fred McNair**, the former eight-year **Alcorn State** head coach who stepped down leading the Braves after the 2023 season, former NFL all-pro receiver **Andre Johnson** and most recently former Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver **Hines Ward**.

"Cris Dishman is an experienced football coach whose accomplishments as a player and coach make him an excellent choice to lead our football program into the future," **Granger** said. "Even more important, he is a man of character who, in his own words, 'seeks to make his players into better brothers, fathers, and husbands. I appreciate the Board of Regents' bold, strategic approach to finding new opportunities to elevate Texas Southern University. I look forward to working with Coach Dishman to bring new levels of success to **TSU** Football."

Dishman comes to **TSU** after spending the last two seasons as Defensive Coordinator of the **XFL's Las Vegas Vipers**. Prior to joining the **Vipers**, he spent the 2022 season as the defensive coordinator for the **USFL's New Jersey Generals**.

"I want everyone in Tigerland to know that we're going to put together a good team, a good staff, and everyone has to do their job and be all in for **TSU** football," **Dishman** said.

After earning a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from **Purdue**, he was drafted by the **Houston Oilers** in the fifth round of the 1988 Draft. **Dishman** played eight years with the **Oilers**, two years with the **Washington Commanders** and **Kansas City Chiefs**, and his final season with the **Minnesota Vikings**.

Dishman entered coaching as the defensive backs coach for the **NFL Europe's Berlin Thunder** in 2004, was a defensive back intern for the **Oakland Raiders** (2005 and 2007), the **Miami Dolphins** (2006), and **Arizona Cardinals** (2017). From 2006-2008, he served as the defensive coordinator (secondary) at **Menlo College**. He also served as the assistant defensive back coach for the **San Diego Chargers** (2008-2013).

He recently had positions as a defensive backs coach at **Baylor** with the **Montreal Alouettes** of the **CFL**, at **McNeese State** and with the **XFL's New York Guardians**.

Shawn Gibbs re-ups at FVSU:

In the midst of speculation that second-year **Fort Valley State** Head Football Coach **Shawn Gibbs** was the choice of **Florida A&M** Athletics Director **Tiffany-Dawn Sykes** to be the next head football coach of the **Rattlers**, it was announced Monday that he has renewed his contract with the **Wildcats**.

FVSU Director of Athletics **Dr. Renae Myles Payne** announced that **Gibbs** will remain a **Wildcat** in a message posted on the **FVSU X** (formerly **Twitter**) page at almost 10 pm on Monday, January 15th.

"I am excited to announce that coach **Shawn Gibbs** officially renewed his agreement with **FVSU**. President **Paul Jones**, and I, in collaboration with the **Fort Valley State Athletic Association**, are happy to have Coach **Gibbs** leading our **Wildcat** football program," **Myles-Payne's** X statement read. The post told of **Gibbs** "reaffirming his commitment to our **Wildcats** in the face of opportunities elsewhere."

Gibbs was a highly successfully running backs coach under head coach **Rod Broadway** at **North Carolina Central** (2003-2006), **Grambling State** (2007-2010) and **North Carolina A&T** (2011-2017). He then spent another four years under **Sam Washington** at **A&T** (2018-2021) before taking over as head coach at **FVSU** in 2022.

The former **NCCU** running back (1993-97) has led the **Wildcats** to 7-4 and 8-3 marks during his two years at the helm and into the thick of the race for **SIAC** championships. His 2023 team scored a 23-10 win over **CIAA** representative **Johnson C. Smith** in the inaugural postseason **Florida Beach Bowl** in mid-December.

MEN

Mo Williams' Jackson State squad handed **Alabama State** and **Alabama A&M** their first conference losses of the season to emerge from the weekend as the **SWAC** leader at 3-0. The **Tigers** defeated **ASU** 73-63 Thursday and **AA&M** 75-67 Saturday. **Southern** (3-1) also lost its first conference game to **Bethune-Cookman** Monday in overtime (83-81).

JSU hosts **Prairie View** Saturday and **Texas Southern** Monday. **Southern** is at 3-1 **Grambling** Saturday. **B-CU** (2-1) is on the road at **Miss. Valley State** Saturday and at **UAPB** Monday.

Southern's 6-3 junior guard **Tai'Reon Joseph** continues as the league scoring leader at 20.8 ppg. He had 33 in a win over **Florida A&M** and 31 in the loss to **B-CU**.

WOMEN

Jackson State easily swept the two **Alabama** schools and leads the women's race at 3-0 ahead of four others with one loss - **Grambling** and **Southern** at 3-1 and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** and **Texas Southern** at 2-1.

The key match ups for the women this week are the same as the men with **JSU** hosting **Prairie View** Saturday and **Texas Southern** Monday. **Southern** is at **Grambling** Saturday.

UAPB hosts **FAMU** Saturday and **B-CU** Monday. **TSU** is at **Alcorn State** Saturday.



WILSON GETS HIS SHOT!

Green Bay rookie running back **EMANUEL WILSON** (#31, **FORT VALLEY STATE**) gets one of his eight carries during the **Packers'** 48-32 win over **Dallas** Sunday. **Wilson** ran for 20 yards in relief of starter **Aaron Jones** with a long run of 7 yards. **Jones** ran 21 times for 11