



Norfolk State Sports photo

LARRY VICKERS: Norfolk State women's head coach looks to lead Lady Spartans to back-to-back titles at MEAC Tournament.

A LOT TO BE DECIDED

SIAC CROWNS TOURNEY CHAMPS; MEAC, SWAC, NCAA D2, CAA AND NAIA TOURNAMENTS BEGIN

TOURNAMENT FINALS RECAPS

SIAC MEN

Clark Atlanta 65, Miles 55

SAVANNAH, GA – **Shemani Fuller** led 20 points to lead three players in double-digit scoring as **Clark Atlanta** downed **Miles 65-55** in a battle of the men's top seeds at the **SIAC** Basketball Tournament championship game here Sunday afternoon.

CAU (25-5), the top seed from the East Division, led West Division top seed Miles 33-25 at the break and opened the second half on a 19-8 spurt to get its biggest lead of the game at 52-33 with 11:10 left. The Golden Bears (23-6) responded with a 19-4 run capped by a **Truitt Spencer** 3-pointer to get within 56-52 with 1:51 to play. CAU closed the game with a 9-3 run.

Fuller, a 6-8 sophomore forward, was 9 of 17 from the field and pulled down 8 rebounds and earned the tournament's Most Valuable Player award. He had 5 points and 7 rebounds in the quarterfinal win over **Savannah State** and 19 points and 4 rebounds in the semifinal win over **Benedict**. SIAC player of the year, 6-2 grad senior guard **Chris Martin**, had 28 points vs. SSU and 22 vs. Benedict and got 13 in the final. Six-two junior guard **Jalen Nesmith** contributed a big 15 points in the win and 6-10 junior center **Kharye Cayne** did not score but led CAU with 9 rebounds.



Fuller

SIAC Newcomer of the Year, 5-11 senior guard **Alvin Miles**, topped the Golden Bears with 24 points, their only double-figure scorer. Spencer had 9 points and six rebounds. Six-seven sophomore forward **Corey Trotter** had 4 points and a team-best 11 boards.

Andrew Stewart of CAU joined teammates Fuller and Martin on the all-tournament team along with Miles and Trotter of Miles and **Malachi McCoy** of Benedict.

SIAC WOMEN

Miles 75, Kentucky State 72

SAVANNAH, GA – West Division second seed **Miles** held off a late-game surge from the division's top seed **Kentucky State** to come away with a 75-72 win and claim its first-ever women's championship in the **SIAC** Basketball Tournament held here Sunday afternoon.

Miles (23-6), who needed overtime to knock off East top seed and tournament host **Savannah State** 68-55 in Saturday's semifinal, led 27-26 at the half and built a 59-51 lead thru three quarters. KSU (21-7), down 12 at 63-51 with 4:00 left, staged a furious 21-14 rally to close the game that was capped by back-to-back 3-pointers from **Sydney Thomas** and **Naja Fenelon** to pull within 73-72 with :04 seconds left. KSU fouled and the Lady Bears' **Feliah Greer** canned two free throws with :01 seconds left for the final margin.

Greer, a 5-8 junior guard, led the Golden Bears with a game-high 33 points. She canned 13 of 19 field goals, 2 of 4 from behind the arc and 5 of 8 free throws. She also had 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block and 3 steals. Five-five all-SIAC point guard **Iemyiah Harris**, who had a tourney-high 29 points in the win over Savannah State, finished with 15 points and 4 rebounds. Six-foot junior forward **Tederiah Ashley** added 10 points and game-highs of 14 rebounds and five assists.

SIAC player of the year **Gracen Kerr** of KSU was held to just five points in the final. The Thorobrettes, who had a 30-4 advantage in bench points, were led by 16 points off the bench from Fenelon. Thomas had 12 points and **Taleah Dilworth** added 11. **Erica Jones** scored nine points and pulled down a team-high 12 rebounds.

Greer, who had 11 points and 6 rebounds in the Miles win over Clark Atlanta in Friday's quarterfinals and 10 points and 10 rebounds in the Saturday's semifinal win over Savannah State, was named tournament MVP. She was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Harris, Ashley and **Imani Williams**, Dilworth and Thomas of KSU.



Greer

NOTE: Miles, and second-year interim head coach **Pete Asmond**, fell in the 2023 championship game to **Benedict**, 60-46. Asmond played for Miles Athletics Director **Fred Watson** at Benedict and was hired by Watson after the departure of longtime Miles' womens' head coach **Phillip Wallace Jr.**

TOURNAMENT SCORES

SOONER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (SAC)

MEN QUARTERFINALS Langston 93, Central Christian 74 SEMIFINALS Langston 84, Wayland Baptist 67 FINAL Langston 55, Mid-America Christian 44	WOMEN QUARTERFINALS Langston 75, SW Christian 53 SEMIFINALS Langston 71, Wayland Baptist 61 FINAL John Brown 53, Langston 42
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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE (OVC)

MEN 1st ROUND Tennessee State 78, S. Indiana 64 QUARTERFINALS W. Illinois 61, Tennessee State 59	WOMEN 1st ROUND Tennessee State 58, Morehead State 50 QUARTERFINALS E. Illinois 60, Tennessee State 48
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MOUNTAIN EAST CONFERENCE (MEC)

MEN 1st ROUND W. Va. State 85, Fairmont State 80 2nd ROUND Charleston 104, W. Va. State 85	WOMEN QUARTERFINALS W. Va. State 77, Notre Dame 64 SEMIFINALS W. Va. State 73, Concord 64 CHAMPIONSHIP Fairmont State 81, W. Va. State 67,
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MID-AMERICA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION (MIAA)

MEN 1st ROUND Lincoln (Mo.) 59, Emporia State 55	QUARTERFINALS Fort Hays State 65, Lincoln (Mo.) 60
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COASTAL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION (CAA)

MEN 1st ROUND William & Mary 79, NC A&T 62 Hampton 66, Elon 65	2ND ROUND Delaware 80, Hampton 50
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MEAC, SWAC, CAA AND NAIA BASKETBALL (Final Standings)

MEAC

MEN (FINAL)	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
	CONF ALL
1) Norfolk State	11 3 21 10
2) N. C. Central	9 5 17 12
3) SC State	9 5 14 17
4) Howard	9 5 15 16
5) Morgan State	7 7 11 19
6) Delaware State	6 8 13 17
7) Maryland Eastern-Shore	4 10 9 19
8) Coppin State	1 13 2 26

MEAC

WOMEN (FINAL)	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
	CONF ALL
1) Norfolk State	13 1 24 5
2) Howard	10 4 13 15
3) NC Central	9 5 15 14
4) Maryland Eastern-Shore	8 6 15 13
5) Coppin State	8 6 11 17
6) Delaware State	4 10 8 19
7) Maryland Eastern-Shore	3 11 8 21
8) S. C. State	1 13 2 27

SWAC

MEN (FINAL)	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
	CONF ALL
1) Grambling State	14 4 17 14
2) Alcorn State	13 5 14 17
3) Texas Southern	12 6 14 15
4) Southern	12 6 18 13
5) Bethune-Cookman	11 7 16 15
6) Jackson State	11 7 15 16
7) Alabama A&M	9 9 10 21
8) Alabama State	8 10 13 18

SWAC

WOMEN (FINAL)	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
	CONF ALL
1) Jackson State	18 0 23 6
2) Grambling State	15 3 21 8
3) Southern	13 5 15 14
4) Arkansas-Pine Bluff	11 6 16 14
5) Alabama A&M	10 8 15 15
6) Florida A&M	8 10 9 20
7) Alcorn State	5 9 7 18
8) Prairie View A&M	7 11 11 17

INDEPENDENTS

MEN (FINAL)	ALL
	W L
Langston	30 1
Fla. Memorial	24 6
Tougaloo	23 6
Philander Smith	21 8
WOMEN (FINAL)	CONF ALL
	W L W L
NC A&T (4th, CAA)	13 5 19 10
Hampton (12th, CAA)	3 15 3 25
Rust	28 3
Xavier	25 6
Langston	24 7
Fisk	20 9

MEAC and SWAC Tournaments to tap

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The MEAC and SWAC men's and women's basketball tournaments will be staged in Norfolk, Va. at the Scope Arena and Birmingham's Bartow Arena respectively from Wednesday, March 13 to Saturday, March 16.

All eight teams from the MEAC are in the tournament while only the top eight of the 12 SWAC teams make it into the tourney.

Additionally, the **North Carolina A&T** and **Hampton** women's teams are competing in the Coastal Athletic Association basketball tournament at the Entertainment and Sports Arena in Washington, D. C. from Wed., March 13 to Sun., March 17.

MEAC

The **Norfolk State** men and women are the top seeds and favorites in their respective tournaments.

The Spartans and Lady Spartans open play in Wednesday's quarterfinals with the women playing at 12 noon vs. No. 8 **South Carolina State** and the men taking on No. 8 **Coppin State** at 6 p.m. Norfolk State is attempting to repeat after taking the 2023 women's crown.

The format for the MEAC tournament has the women playing the 12 noon and 2 p.m. afternoon games and the men taking the floor in the 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. evening's games.

North Carolina Central emerged from a three-way tie for second in the men's standings with the second seed. **South Carolina State** earned the third seed followed by defending champion **Howard** as the fourth seed.

On the women's side, Howard is the second seed followed by NC Central and **Maryland-**



MEAC - WOMEN

- WED., MARCH 13 QUARTERFINALS
- 1) **Norfolk State** vs. 8) **SC State** - 12 noon
- 2) **Howard** vs. 7) **Morgan State** 2 p.m.
- THUR., MARCH 14 QUARTERFINALS
- 4) **Coppin State** vs. 5) **Maryland-Eastern Shore** - 12 noon
- 3) **NC Central** vs. 6) **Morgan State** - 2 p.m.
- FRI., MARCH 15 - SEMIFINALS - 12 noon and 2 p.m.
- SAT., MARCH 16 - FINAL - 4 p.m.
- MEN**
- WED., MARCH 13 QUARTERFINALS
- 1) **Norfolk State** vs. 8) **Coppin State** - 6 p.m.
- 2) **NC Central** vs. 7) **Maryland-Eastern Shore** - 8 p.m.
- THUR., MARCH 14 QUARTERFINALS
- 4) **Howard** vs. 5) **Morgan State** - 6 p.m.
- 3) **SC State** vs. 6) **Delaware State** - 8 p.m.
- FRI., MARCH 15 - SEMIFINALS - 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- SAT., MARCH 16 - FINAL - 1 p.m.



SWAC - 3WOMEN

- WED., MARCH 13 QUARTERFINALS
- 2) **Grambling State** vs. 7) **Florida A&M** - 11 a.m.
- 1) **Jackson State** vs. 8) **Prairie View A&M** - 5:30 p.m.
- THUR., MARCH 14 QUARTERFINALS
- 3) **Southern** vs. 6) **Alcorn State** - 11 a.m.
- 4) **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** vs. 5) **Alabama A&M** - 5:30 p.m.
- FRI., MARCH 15 - SEMIFINALS - 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- SAT., MARCH 16 - FINAL - 4:30 p.m.
- MEN**
- WED., MARCH 13 QUARTERFINALS
- 2) **Alcorn State** vs. 7) **Alabama A&M** - 2 p.m.
- 1) **Grambling State** vs. 8) **Alabama State** - 8:30 p.m.
- THUR., MARCH 14 QUARTERFINALS
- 3) **Texas Southern** vs. 6) **Jackson State** - 2 p.m.
- 4) **Southern** vs. 5) **Bethune-Cookman** - 8:30 p.m.
- FRI., MARCH 15 - SEMIFINALS - 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- SAT., MARCH 16 - FINAL - 8:30 p.m.

Eastern Shore.

The MEAC men's championship game is Saturday at 1 p.m. followed by the women's title game at 4 p.m.

SWAC

Grambling State finished with a late surge to grab the top spot in the men's tournament. Two-time defending regular season champ **Alcorn State** also closed well to take the second seed. Three-time defending tournament champion **Texas Southern** also rallied late to claim the third seed while **Southern** settled in at No. 4.

Jackson State completed an undefeated 18-0 mark in SWAC play to repeat as the women's top seed with a three-game margin over second-seed Grambling State. Southern and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** complete the top four

seeds for the women.

The SWAC format alternates women's and men's games with the early contests at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and the late contests at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

The women's title game is at 4:30 p.m. Saturday with the men's championship to follow at 8:30 p.m.

CAA

After a tie with two others for 12th place, **Hampton** emerged with the 12th seed. The Lady Pirates opened the tourney Wednesday at 2 p.m. vs. Hofstra.

N. C. A&T is the fourth seed and doesn't play until Friday's 2:30 p.m. quarterfinal. The Lady Aggies await the winner of the Hampton/Hofstra opener who then faces William & Mary.

NCAA D2, NAIA hoops tournaments start this week

Four men's black college teams and three women's teams begin play this week in their respective 64-team 2024 NCAA Div. II national tournaments.

The men are hoping to advance to the men's D2 Elite Eight to be contested at the Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana on March 26, 28 and 30. The women's D2 Elite Eight will be contested at the St. Joseph Civic Arena in St. Joseph's, Mo. on March 25, 27 and 29.

On the NAIA level, four men's HBCU hoops teams and four women's teams begin play this week in its 64-team national tournaments.

Sixteen (16) men's teams will advance to the Final Site for the 76th NAIA Tournament in Kansas City, Mo. for competition from March 21-26.

The 43rd women's NAIA Championship will see 16 teams compete at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa on March 21-26.

NCAA Div. II

CIAA men's tournament champion **Lincoln (PA)** was the only team from the conference to get a bid in the men's field. The Lions are seeded 8th and will play top seed and host Gannon in the Atlantic Region opening round Friday at 5 p.m.

Former CIAA member **West Virginia State**, who lost in the semifinals of the Mountain East Conference (MEC) Tournament, also made the Atlantic Region field. The Yellow Jackets open Friday at the other region host, California (Pa.), at 5 p.m.

SIAC champion **Clark Atlanta** and tournament semifinalist **Benedict** both got berths in the men's South Region. CAU is seeded sixth and faces third-seed Florida Southern at 12 noon Saturday. Benedict is the eighth-seed and faces top seed, host and defending national champion Nova Southeastern at 5 p.m.

In the women's Atlantic Region, **West Virginia State**, who lost in the MEC finals, is in the field as an eighth-seed and plays top seed and host Gannon at 2:30 p.m. Friday. CIAA champion **Fayetteville State** is seeded third in the region and takes on sixth-seed Indiana (Pa.) on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Fairmont W.V.

SIAC women's champion **Miles**, the only HBCU squad in the South Region, is seeded eighth and plays top seed and host Valdosta State Friday at 4 p.m.

NAIA

Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC) men's

champion **Langston** is the only top seed of the eight men's and women's teams competing in the NAIA opening round on Friday (6 p.m., CT).

The Lions are hosting No. 15 Bellevue in a first round game in Langton, Ok. in the Duerr Quadrant. Sun Conference men's champion **Florida Memorial** is a No. 2 seed in the Naimsmith Quadrant and faces No. 15 Evangel Friday (5:30 p.m. CT) in Waxahachie, Texas.



MEN
FRIDAY, MARCH 15 - FIRST ROUND

- DUER QUADRANT** in Langston, OK
- #1 **Langston** (30-1) vs.
- #15 **Bellevue** (15-15) at 6:00 p.m. (CT)
- DUER QUADRANT** in Marion, IN
- #7 **Tennessee Southern** (25-4) vs.
- #10 **Tougaloo** (23-6) at 7:30 p.m. (ET)
- LISTON QUADRANT** in Williamsburg (KY)
- #2 **Cumberland** (KY) (6-21) vs.
- #15 **Philander Smith** (21-8) at 6:00 p.m. (ET)
- NAISMITH QUADRANT** in Waxahachie, TX
- #2 **Florida Memorial** (24-6) vs.
- #15 **Evangel** (Mo.) (18-10) at 5:30 p.m. (CT)

WOMEN
FRIDAY, MARCH 15 - FIRST ROUND

- CRAMER QUADRANT** in Marion, IN
- #16 **Indiana Wesleyan** (27-4) vs.
- #8 **Fisk** (20-9) at 12:30 p.m. (ET)
- DUER QUADRANT** in Campbellsville, KY
- #7 **Dakota Wesleyan** (20-10) vs.
- #10 **Rust** (28-3) at 7:30 p.m. (CT)
- LISTON QUADRANT** in Sioux Center, IA
- #8 **Langston** (24-7) vs.
- #8 **Spring Arbor** (MI) (23-7) at 5:00 p.m. (CT)
- #3 **John Brown** (ARK) (28-3) vs.
- #14 **Xavier** (25-6) at 6 p.m. (CT)

2024 SIAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS RESULTS

MEN'S TOURNAMENT

OPENING ROUND Lane 80, Albany State 69 Edward Waters 70, Central State 66	SEMIFINALS Clark Atlanta 78, Benedict 68 Miles 63, Morehouse 58
SECOND ROUND LeMoyn-Owen 86, Fort Valley State 78 Savannah State 87, Kentucky State 71 Allen 57, Lane 41 Benedict 90, LeMoyn-Owen 76 Edward Waters 66, Spring Hill 62	FINAL Clark Atlanta 65, Miles 55
QUARTERFINALS Clark Atlanta 54, Savannah State 53 Miles 68, Allen 51 Benedict 96, Tuskegee 75 Morehouse 70, Edward Waters 64	MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Shemani Fuller, Clark Atlanta
	ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM Shemani Fuller, Clark Atlanta Chris Martin, Clark Atlanta Andrew Stewart, Clark Atlanta Malachi McCoy, Benedict Alvin Miles, Miles Corey Trotter, Miles

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

OPENING ROUND Benedict 54, LeMoyn-Owen 51 Albany State 58, Spring Hill 41	SEMIFINALS Miles 68, Savannah State 55, OT Kentucky State 63, Fort Valley State 52
SECOND ROUND Tuskegee 68, Allen 53 Central State 78, Edward Waters 71 Clark Atlanta 69, Benedict 54 Albany State 56, Lane 51	FINAL Miles 75, Kentucky State 72
QUARTERFINALS Savannah State 81, Tuskegee 68 Kentucky State 74, Central State 67 Miles 56, Clark Atlanta 54 Fort Valley State 59, Albany State 48	MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Feliah Greer, Miles
	ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM Feliah Greer, Miles Imani Williams, Miles Iemyiah Harris, Miles Tederiah Ashley, Miles Taleah Dilworth, Kentucky State Sydney Thomas, Kentucky State