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A NEW DAY

NORFOLK STATE WINS, LANGSTON FALLS IN HOOPS FINALES; HAMPTON GETS NEW WOMEN'S COACH

TOURNAMENT RECAPS

MEN'S NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Freed-Hardeman 71, Langston 67

KANSAS CITY, MO – Langston allowed a six-point lead with just under two minutes left to slip away Tuesday as it lost a heartbreaker to Freed-Hardeman (IN) 71-67 in the 86th annual men's championship game of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Tournament here.

The No. 1 Lions (35-2) were up 40-31 at the half and built as much as a 13-point second half lead at 46-33 in the first two-and-a-half minutes. F-HU (32-4) fought back to tie the game at 50 with just over 8 minutes left and took their first second-half lead at 55-53 after two made free throws with 5:51 left.

The score was tied twice at 57 and 59 before Langston went on a 7-1 run to build a 66-60 lead capped by a jumper in the lane by **Anthony Roy** with 1:55 to go.

Down the stretch however, the Lions committed three costly turnovers and had several questionable hard fouls that were not called allowing F-HU to close on a 11-1 spurt and put the game away.

Roy, a 6-5 junior lefthander and Sooner Athletic Conference player of the year, led the Lions with 17 points, 10 in the second half. Six-five senior guard **Cortez Mosley** finished with 14 while 6-foot senior point guard **Toru Dean** added 12. The Lions were done in by 19 turnovers while registering only 10 assists. They won the rebounding battle 39-27.

Despite the defeat, the Lions had another banner year under second-year head coach **Chris Wright**. Langston finished the season at 35-2 and made their first NAIA National Championship appearance in program history. The Lions also picked up the Sooner Athletic Conference regular season and conference tournament titles for the second straight year with six All-SAC selections (Roy, Mosley, Dean, **D'Monte Brown**, **Ronald Mitchell** and **Jay Allen-Tovar**).

In addition to being named SAC Player, Roy was also the SAC Newcomer of the Year, Mosley was named SAC Defensive Player of the Year and Wright picked up his second consecutive John Hudson Coach of the Year award.



CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES! Norfolk State men's basketball team celebrates win in championship game of the C-I-T Tournament played on the Spartans' home floor. It's the first postseason championship for NSU in its NCAA Div. I era.

MEN'S C-I-T CHAMPIONSHIP

Norfolk State 75, Purdue-Fort Wayne 67

NORFOLK, VA – Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) regular season champ Norfolk State won the CollegiateInsider.com Postseason Tournament presented by BSN Sports on Wednesday night in front of its home crowd, erasing an 18-point deficit to defeat Purdue Fort Wayne, 75-67. It is the program's first national postseason tournament championship in its Division-I era.

The Mastadons (23-13) jumped on Norfolk State early, building an 8-2 lead that ballooned to a 36-18 margin with just under five minutes left in the first half. The Spartans (24-11) closed the period on a 13-4 run to only trail 40-31 at the break.

The comeback continued in the second as NSU opened the second half on a 21-11 spurt, seven by guard **Christian Ings**, to take its first lead of the game at 51-49 on a 3-pointer by **Allen Bertrand** with 11:40 to play. From there, P-FW forged one tie at 51 and pulled within one on just one occasion at 54-53 with just under nine minutes left. NSU took its largest lead at 69-58 on a **Jamarri Thomas** jumper with 2:59 left, part of a 21-14 closing run. The Spartans outscored P-FW 44-26 in the second half.

Ings, NSU's 6-2 grad point guard, led the Spartans with 17 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. He canned seven of nine shots from the floor. Bertrand came off the bench to score 16 points and led the winners with three 3-pointers. **Jaylani Darden** scored 11 and was second on the team with six rebounds. Thomas, the MEAC's Player of the Year, was limited by an ankle injury but still contributed 10 points and a team-high five assists. The Spartans shot 54.9% from the floor in the game.



Ings

Women'sNIT SUPER 16

Troy 89, North Carolina A&T 75

GREENSBORO, NC – North Carolina A&T's run thru the Women'sNIT ended here Friday after two wins as the Lady Aggies fell to Troy 89-75 in the Super 16 of the postseason invitational tournament.

It was the third straight tournament home game for the ladies (22-12) and it drew over 3,000 fans as did previous wins over UNC-Greensboro and Old Dominion. For a week in late March, A&T women's basketball in Greensboro contributed to the national excitement surrounding the women's game. But this time the home crowd could not root them to victory.

The Trojans (21-11) compiled 24 first-half fast-break points to take a 48-39 lead into the break and built the lead to as high as 54-41 in the third period. A&T went on a 14-5 spurt to cut the lead to 59-55 on a jumper by **Laila Acox** at the four-minute mark but then was outscored 10-4 to trail 69-59 at the end of the quarter.

The Lady Aggies continued to battle, cutting the lead to 72-67 on the last of two good free throws by **Maleia Bracone** with just over six minutes left in the final stanza. But that was as close as they would get.

"What we did here was great because it wasn't so much talking about it," said A&T head coach **Tarrell Robinson**. "They lived it. They knew that we were right there."

Junior guard **Jordyn Dorsey** led A&T with 18 points. Six-four redshirt sophomore center **Chaniya Clark** had 15 points and a team-best 10 rebounds. Freshman forward **Paris Locke** had 12 points and Bracone finished with 10. The Lady Aggies made just 3 of 22 shots from behind the arc (13.6%), one in each of the last three quarters.

Eighty-nine (89) points are the most surrendered by the Aggies to a non-Power Five school since Elon scored 90 on Nov. 13, 2017. The loss ends the 2023-24 season for A&T. The Aggies tied the program record for games played in a season after the 2009-10 Aggies played 34 games.

BCSP Notes

Tamisha Augustin to replace David Six leading Hampton Lady Pirates basketball

HAMPTON, Va. (March 26, 2024) - The Hampton University women's basketball team launches a new era by hiring Hampton native and



Augustin

University of Florida associate head coach **Tamisha Augustin** as the next head coach of the Lady Pirates. Augustin was introduced at a press conference on Wednesday, March 27 in the Convocation Center on Hampton University's campus.

Augustin, the 10th head women's basketball coach in Hampton history, brings a distinguished resume to the position. She is replacing **David Six** who announced his retirement at the end of the 2023-24 season after 15 seasons leading the Lady Pirates and compiling an overall record of 264-188, with five regular-season MEAC titles, six tournament crowns, and seven post-season invitations (six NCAA tournament berths and one WNIT appearance).

Augustin's basketball journey began at local Bethel High School. She then excelled at **Alabama A&M**, where she was a two-time All-SWAC performer and served as a four-year team captain. After her playing days, she ventured into coaching, accumulating experience at various levels of basketball.

Augustin's coaching career spans nearly two decades and includes roles at multiple universities and the NBA G League. She has served as an assistant coach and a recruiting coordinator at prestigious programs such as Arizona, Mississippi State, Florida, Minnesota, and Virginia Commonwealth University, among others.

"Throughout her career, Tamisha has earned the reputation as an innovative teacher of the game, an exceptional recruiter and evaluator of basketball talent, as well as being extraordinary in player development," HU Director of Athletics **Anthony D. Henderson, Sr.** said. "She has an excellent coaching pedigree and has been ultra-successful everywhere she's been. She brings a passion for the game and, as a former player herself, understands what it takes for our student-athletes to be successful on the court and in life. I couldn't be more excited for our young ladies to have the opportunity to develop under her leadership."

"I want to thank President (**Darrell K.**) **Williams** and Director of Athletics (Anthony D.) Henderson, for their leadership and trust in me to lead this program," Augustin said. "Returning to my hometown of Hampton to lead these young ladies is a dream come true for me. I am incredibly honored and excited to have this opportunity to contribute to Hampton University Athletics' rich tradition and mentor the talented student-athletes here."

"My journey in basketball has been shaped by the values instilled in me by this community, and I am committed to fostering a culture of excellence both on and off the court. Together, we will strive for greatness and build a legacy that honors the spirit of Hampton."

Augustin returns to her hometown after working under Coach Kelly Finley at Florida. In her first season as an assistant coach with the Gators, Florida advanced to the WNIT quarterfinals in 2023. In 2024, she was promoted to associate head coach and helped lead the Gators to the SEC Championship quarterfinals with wins over Missouri and Vanderbilt before losing to Mississippi. The team earned an invitation to the WBIT, falling to St. John's.

Augustin is a proven elite recruiter who helped sign three Top 100 players and two top transfers during her two years in Arizona while laying the foundation for the sixth-best recruiting class in the nation. She played a crucial role in the signing of two-time Gatorade National Player of the Year **Lauren Ware**, as well as transfers **Bendu Yeane** and 2020 ACC Sixth Player of the Year **Trinity Baptiste**.

On the education front, Augustin earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 2005 and a master's in microbiology in 2007. She also earned a master's degree in education from Regent in 2010.



TOMEKIA REED: The success of the Jackson State coach has prompted interest from outside and has JSU brass working to keep her.

Jackson State's Tomekia Reed getting interest but Tigers trying to keep her

There seems to be a lot of interest nationally in **Jackson State** women's head basketball coach **Tomekia Reed** but the SWAC school is reportedly doing everything it can to keep her.

The New Orleans native reportedly interviewed for the vacant position at Tulane University before it was filled over this past week. Her name has now surfaced on Knox News as one of 11 possible candidates for the job at former national power Tennessee, who parted ways with **Kellie Harper** on Monday.

But Jackson's daily newspaper, the *Clarion Ledger*, reported Tuesday that JSU is trying hard to keep her.

A source familiar with the details of the situation told the *Clarion Ledger* that the school is preparing a four-year deal worth \$1 million for Reed. The source requested anonymity because details haven't been made public.

Reed, who has been at Jackson State since 2018, signed a four-year contract extension in July 2020 that expired March 31 that paid a reported \$135,000 per year.

Reed has compiled a 125-54 overall record in six seasons at JSU and a 95-10 record in conference play with five straight SWAC regular season titles, three tournament crowns in four seasons and three NCAA berths to her credit.

The Tigers went 26-7 this season and won the SWAC, earning a No. 14 seed in the NCAA tournament berth before losing 86-64 to UConn in the first round. The program also received the school's first votes in an AP poll in March.

Former NC A&T star is riding into the Final Four with NC State

In 2023 postseason basketball, **Kam Woods** led North Carolina A&T's men's basketball team in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Tournament.

A year later, the prolific 6-2 junior point guard is riding the coattails of North Carolina State's March darlings, 6-2 graduate point guard **D. J. Horne**

STAT CORNER I

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FINAL BLACK COLLEGE SCORING AND REBOUNDING LEADERS

MEN'S SCORING	GP	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Jordan Hinds, BLST	30	1041	206	56	103	571	19.0
Ken Evans, JSU	32	1144	189	62	161	601	18.8
Willie Jackson, CSU	25	850	150	72	92	464	18.6
Tajr Harding, VUU	32	1057	197	55	144	593	18.5
Chris Martin, CLATL	30	907	147	27	231	552	18.4
Rayquan Brown, MVSU	30	1064	197	41	114	549	18.3
Jaylen Alston, WSSU	28	915	164	6	172	506	18.1
Rashad Williams, UAPB	29	888	167	104	75	513	17.7
Christian Wells, LOC	26	751	156	35	105	452	17.4
Avery Huggins, JCSU	23	727	162	20	53	397	17.3
Walter Peggs Jr., SHC	27	875	145	82	89	461	17.1
Kylen Milton, UAPB	29	922	144	34	171	493	17.0
Jamai Thomas, NSU	33	1025	155	52	195	557	16.9
Bryce Harris, HOW	35	1109	204	27	145	580	16.6
Martaz Robinson, DSU	33	1151	177	30	149	533	16.2
Jeremiah Kendall, ALC	28	687	173	0	104	450	16.1

MEN'S REBOUNDING	GP	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Martez Jones, TUSK	28	105	3.8	180	6.4	285	10.2
Corey Trotter, MILES	29	90	3.1	200	6.9	290	10.0
Brian Myles PVA&M	30	71	2.4	207	6.9	278	9.3
Blaise Wallace, ALB	21	67	3.2	125	6.0	192	9.1
Jaylen Alston, WSSU	28	93	3.3	146	5.2	239	8.5
Troy Hupstead, UMES	26	70	2.7	152	5.8	222	8.4
Darell Johnson, LANE	25	71	2.8	132	5.3	203	8.1
Kharye Cayne, CLATL	31	66	2.1	182	5.9	248	8.0
Imaje Dodd, WSSU	28	68	2.4	142	5.1	210	7.5
Bryce Harris, HOW	35	101	2.9	163	4.7	264	7.5
Phipps Josephs, LOC	21	45	2.1	109	5.2	154	7.3
Malachi McCoy, BEN	21	47	2.2	106	5.0	153	7.3
Zeke Cook, JSU	22	62	2.8	97	4.4	159	7.2
Ismael Plet, UAPB	31	67	2.2	163	5.3	230	7.4

WOMEN'S SCORING	GP	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Anii Harris, BSU	28	952	185	7	163	540	19.3
Ahriahna Grizzle, FAMU	30	1029	196	36	124	552	18.4
Kierra Wheeler, NSU	31	949	216	2	111	545	17.6
Aniyah Bryant, FSU	32	1029	196	61	103	556	17.4
Iemyiah Harris, MILES	30	1018	161	85	101	508	16.9
Lauren Scott, CLAF	34	979	205	75	86	571	16.8
Zaay Green, UAPB	29	1001	190	30	74	484	16.7
Gracen Kerr, KSU	28	1008	166	71	59	462	16.5
Alexyss Newman, BLST	28	823	165	35	97	462	16.5
Ryann Paine, PVA&M	29	900	171	24	104	470	16.2

WOMEN'S REBOUNDING	GP	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Asheigh Kirven, JCSU	20	95	4.8	146	7.3	241	12.1
Laila Lawrence, CSU	29	128	4.4	178	6.1	306	10.6
10.6 Kamryn Knight, LOC	27	109	4.0	167	6.2	276	10.2
Ta'Quasia Lampkin, SSU	23	81	3.5	153	6.7	234	10.2
Kierra Wheeler, NSU	31	125	4.0	179	5.8	304	9.8
Shekinah Rachel, FVSU	25	77	3.1	167	6.7	244	9.8
Alisa Wilson, AA&M	31	124	4.0	183	5.9	307	9.9
Kayla Clark, B_CU	24	102	4.3	113	4.7	215	9.0
Maya Madison Walker, LINCP	24	98	4.1	102	4.3	200	8.3
Morgan Callahan, NCCU	27	75	2.8	167	6.2	242	9.0
Cordasia Harris, ALST	27	75	2.8	157	5.8	232	8.6
Marta Duda, SHC	24	51	2.1	160	6.7	211	8.8
Amesha Miller, VSU	27	87	3.2	134	5.0	221	8.2
Tanyiah Greene, STAUG	28	84	3.0	138	4.9	222	7.9
Dashanti Miller, CSU	28	93	3.3	125	4.5	218	7.8
Amari Heard, SSU	18	47	2.6	92	5.1	139	7.7
Zay Green, UAPB	29	34	1.2	187	6.4	221	7.6



WOODS: Prolific scorer while balling at NC A&T (left) is finding playing time hard to come by as NC State runs into the Final Four (r.).

and 6-9, 275-pound grad center **D. J. Burns Jr.**, into the NCAA Final Four.

NC State (25-14) just completed an improbable run to the championship of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Tournament and a subsequent title in the NCAA Tournament's South Regional with a 76-64 win Sunday \ over ACC rival Duke.

The Wolfpack has won nine straight games, five in the ACC Tournament after coming in as the 10th seed and four more to take the regional crown as an 11th seed.

They will now face No. 1 seed and Midwest Regional champion Purdue (33-4) in one of Saturday's national semifinal games.

The run for Woods is nearly as improbable as the Wolfpack's though less and less is improbable in college basketball these days in the age of the transfer portal and NIL.

After beginning his college career at Troy and playing a year at Northwest Florida State Community College, Woods joined NC A&T last season.

He is a former two-time 6A player of the year out of Bessemer, Alabama who was the lynchpin to the Aggies 13-19 season a year ago. Woods started 30 of 31 games and led the Aggies in scoring (17.3 points per game), 3-pointers made (83), assists (101, 3.25 avg.), minutes played (1,084, 35.0 mpg.), free throws made (139) and shots attempted (460). He earned second team all-CAA honors. He wore No. 3 for the Aggies.

After transferring to the Wolfpack, those numbers have dwindled. He's played in just 13 of their 39 games, averaging 7.5 minutes per game, has taken a total of 17 shots on the season and is averaging 1.2 points per game. He wears No. 2 for the Wolfpack.

During the nine-game winning streak, he has played in just the first two games. He logged 11 minutes and had one 2-point bucket in a first round ACC Tournament win over Louisville. He was in four three minutes of the second round win over Syracuse. That's it.

But he's enjoying the ride.

"It's been humbling and exciting to see all this," Woods told **Wali Pitt** of HBCUGameday.com in an interview during the ACC tournament. "Coming from an HBCU it's been humbling, normally we only get to see this on TV."

"I wouldn't say I haven't been myself, that's just not what my team needs this year," Woods said, while noting that the skill level is higher now. "You've really got to bring it," he said.

Chalk this season up as a learning experience for the talented junior. If he sticks with the Wolfpack or moves on to another program, there's likely plenty more playing time ahead.