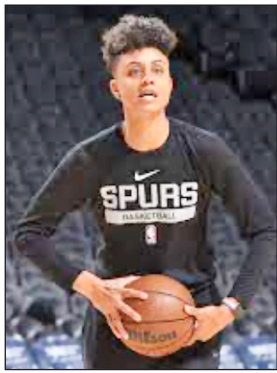


BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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SPRING INS AND OUTS

IN THE HBCU FOLD: Candice Dupree, a 7-time WNBA all-star and WNBA champion, is the new head women's basketball coach at Tennessee State.

SOFTBALL, BASEBALL REGIONAL PLAY BEGINS; TRACK REGIONALS NEXT; CRAFTON OUT AT UMES

2024 BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL (Tournaments, Standings and Tournament Dates)

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

NCAA DIV. II BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

SOUTH REGIONAL
Thursday, May 16 - 1 p.m.

No. 8 Savannah State (31-15)
@ No. 1 Tampa (41-7)

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

EAST	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Florida A&M	20	7	25	24
Bethune-Cookman	18	8	28	23
Alabama State	16	11	26	24
Jackson State	14	12	31	18
Alabama A&M	9	18	13	36
Mississippi Valley State	3	25	11	33
WEST	CONF		ALL	
Texas Southern	17	6	21	22
Grambling State	17	8	20	25
Prairie View A&M	15	9	26	24
Southern	15	11	22	26
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6	19	15	33
Alcorn State	6	21	7	38

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER
Broeddy Poppell, R-So., C, FAMU - In 2-1 series win vs. Alabama State, was 7-of-14 (.500) with a HR (2), 5 RBI, and 2 runs scored.
PITCHER
Erick Gonzalez, Jr., RHP, JSU - Pitched 6.1 innings giving up five hits and no earned runs with 4 Ks in 5-0 vs. B-CU.

SWAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
May 22-26 • Chandler Stadium • Atlanta, GA

CAA COLONIAL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

11th NCA&T	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
	8	16	24	27

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Canyon Brown, Jr., C, NC A&T - In 1-2 series loss to Elon, he was 5-of-13 (.384) with 4 runs scored and 5 RBI including 3-for-4 with two runs and an RBI in 8-4 win on May 10.

The Aggies end the season on a 3-game road trip to Towson on May 16-18. They will not qualify for the CAA Tournament.

CAA BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 22-25
Brooks Field
Wilmington, NC

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

2024 HBCU NCAA DIV. I OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS

MEN				
RANK	ATHLETE	YEAR	TEAM	TIME
6	Stubbs, Jamarion	SO-2	Alabama State	20.18
25	Lincoln IV, Judson	SO-2	Virginia Tech	20.51
29	Cole, Kai	SR-4	Norfolk State	20.55
29	Booth-Mitchell, Jalen	SO-2	Delaware State	20.55
42	Spencer, Antoine	FR-1	Hampton	20.66
400 METERS				
20	Forrest, Trellas	JR-3	Alcorn State	45.89
26	Brooks, Jovan	SO-2	SC State	46.00
29	Bond, Vincent	FR-1	Norfolk State	46.09
38	Stubbs, Jamarion	SO-2	Alabama State	46.31
800 METERS				
11	Blackman, Dugion	JR-3	Hampton	1:46.67
31	Davis, Leo	FR-1	Hampton	1:48.03
110 HURDLES				
4	Bennett, Samuel	JR-3	Howard	13.39
5	Holmes, Jason	SO-2	N. Carolina A&T	13.43
3	DeRosier, Joseph	FR-1	Florida A&M	13.55
21	Hawkins, Zachary	SR-4	Howard	13.68
22	Reid, Aveon	SR-4	N. Carolina A&T	13.69
24	Smith, Thomas	SO-2	N. Carolina A&T	13.71
29	Laing, Otto	FR-1	Howard	13.79
35	Langford, Noah	SR-4	Howard	13.84
38	Shelton, Jaden	SO-2	Delaware State	13.88
41	Clyburn, Darian	SR-5	Howard	13.90
400 HURDLES				
12	Reid, Aveon	SR-4	N. Carolina A&T	50.27
20	Langford, Noah	SR-4	Howard	50.57
22	Wynn, Premier	FR-1	Norfolk State	50.72
32	Taylor, Isaiah	FR-1	N. Carolina A&T	51.30
37	Bishop, Tafari	JR-3	Norfolk State	51.41
40	Taylor, Xzaviah	FR-1	N. Carolina A&T	51.49
42	DeVaughn III, Vaughn	SO-2	Alabama State	51.56
4 x 100				
24	N. Carolina A&T	39.38	Reid, Holmes, Jackson, Taylor	
4 x 400				
23	Norfolk State	3:05.57	Bishop, Wynn, Christopher, Bond	
HIGH JUMP				
31	Victoria, Lamont		NC Central	2.11m
LONG JUMP				
23	Fisher, Kyle	JR-3	Howard	7.72m
25	Lambert, Lawrence	SO-2	Grambling	7.67m
25	Wray, Sean	JR-3	Howard	7.67m
31	Brown, James	SR-4	Grambling	7.65m
36	Robinson, Derrick	SR-4	Morgan State	7.62m
TRIPLE JUMP				
12	Haywood, Isaac	JR-3	Norfolk State	15.85m
17	Aiken, Malachi	JR-3	Maryland-Eastern Shore	15.72m
19	Rowell, Ledamian	SO-2	Jackson State	15.76m
28	Drewery, Chase	JR-3	Howard	15.58m
33	Johnson, Kenyon	SR-4	Tenn. State	15.49m
37	Fisher, Kyle	JR-3	Howard	15.40m
39	Gray, Javon	SR-4	Jackson State	15.39m
45	King, Reginald	JR-3	Southern	15.30m

WOMEN

9	Collins, Kailei	SR-4	Howard	11.12
20	Pittman, Tiffany Rae	JR-3	Howard	11.29
43	Scott, Peblbles	JR-3	N. Carolina A&T	11.40
200 METERS				
11	Collins, Kailei	SR-4	Howard	22.73
32	Penn, Quincy	FR-1	Alabama State	23.08
32	Pittman, Tiffany Rae	JR-3	Howard	23.08
38	Bush, Jaquai	SR-4	Alabama State	23.16
40	Blocker, Nya	FR-1	Florida A&M	23.17
400 METERS				
11	Penn, Quincy	FR-1	Alabama State	51.91
47	Turner, Zoe	SO-2	Howard	53.36
100 HURDLES				
16	Weaver, Lucheyona	JR-3	N. Carolina A&T	13.11
31	Torian, Ana-Liese	FR-1	Alabama A&M	13.25
47	Morris, Cathrina	SR-5	Howard	13.45
400 HURDLES				
21	Smith, Katelynn	FR-1	Florida A&M	57.59
24	Watkins, Simone	SR-4	Howard	57.76
29	Okwudibonye, Chidubem (Miriam)	SO-2	Delaware State	58.43
32	Woodruff, Aniya	SO-2	Howard	58.75
38	Grant, Dejah	JR-3	Hampton	58.88
42	Spencer, Kyla	JR-3	Hampton	59.09
47	Lewis, Camille	SR-4	Southern	59.19
48	Morris, Cathrina	SR-5	Howard	59.23
HIGH JUMP				
9	Brown-Marshall, Breanna	JR-3	Florida A&M	1.80m
13	Richardson, Jamie	SO-2	Grambling	1.79m
28	Shaw, Emmani	SO-2	Hampton	1.76m
LONG JUMP				
10	Galbreath, Mylani	SO-2	Jackson State	6.45m
48	Ward, Nya	SR-4	Norfolk State	6.15m
48	Gist, Cameron	FR-1	SC State	6.15m
TRIPLE JUMP				
10	Irving, Faithlyn	JR-3	Maryland-Eastern Shore	13.08m
16	Boddie, Joidon	SR-4	N.C. Central	12.99m
30	Gist, Cameron	SO-2	SC State	12.77m

BCSP Spring Round-Up

69 HBCU athletes ready as NCAA Div. I Outdoor Track & Field Championships begin next week

Sixty-five (65) HBCU athletes and relay teams from two programs will take to the track next week as the 2024 NCAA Div. I Outdoor Track & Field championships begin with first round regional competition.

Forty (40) men and 25 women and men's relay teams from **North Carolina A&T** and **Norfolk State** (see STAT CORNER) have qualified for East and West Regional competition that will be staged from Wednesday, May 22 thru Saturday, May 25. Most of the HBCU athletes will be competing in the East Regionals.

The top 48 declared student-athletes will be accepted into the first round competitions for each individual event. The top 24 declared relay teams will be accepted into the first round competitions for each relay event.

The East Regionals will be held at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky. The West Regionals will be held at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

The highest rated black college athlete going into the competition is **Alabama State** sprinter **Jamarion Stubbs**. The sophomore, who won both the 100 and 200 meters at the SWAC Championships last week, is tied with the sixth best time in the 200 meters at 20.18 seconds that he clocked at the SWAC championships. Stubbs will be competing in the East Regional. His time would be fifth best in the West. He also has qualifying times in the 100 meters (30th, 10.18) and the 400 meters (46.31, 38th).

The qualifiers out of these two regions will compete in the 2024 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships from Wednesday, June 5 through Saturday, June 8 at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon. It will be the 15th time the outdoor championships have been held in Oregon and the first time since 2022.

Jackson State (SWAC), Morgan State (MEAC) take titles, head to NCAA Div. I Softball regionals

GULFPORT, Miss. - The **Jackson State** never trailed on the way to a 3-1 victory over the **Florida A&M** to claim its first **SWAC** Tournament title in 13 years Friday afternoon.

Jace Jackson was named **SWAC** Tournament MVP, while **Mari Stephens**, **Julie Lopez**, **Ka'Liyah Gipson** and **Victoria Salazar** were tabbed All-Tournament team

Sofia Gonzalez got the win for Jackson State in the circle. She went seven innings, giving up one run on eight hits, allowing one walk and striking out three.

The **Tigers** were paced by **Kristina Carlson**, who went 3-for-3 on the day with an RBI. Stephens compiled a noteworthy day at the dish as well, going 1-for-4 with a triple. **Meah Almaraz** also had two hits in four trips to the plate.

With the **SWAC** title, **JSU** (33-17) earned the league's automatic berth to the **NCAA** Div. I Softball Championship Tournament.

During Sunday's May 12 Selection Show on ESPN2, Jackson State was placed in the **Baton Rouge** Regional and will play at host, No. 1 seed and No. 9 nationally **LSU** (40-15) at 6 p.m. CT Friday in the **NCAA** tournament.

Jackson State will face either **Southern Illinois** or **California** in the second game of the regional, which uses a double-elimination format.

SWAC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Biviana Figueroa, PVAMU; Kohana Pousson, Jaeda Gardner, Alexia Denby, ASU;

BCSP Notes

Tennessee State hires Dupree

Tennessee State has hired former **WNBA** All-Star **Candice Dupree** as its new head women's basketball coach.

After a stellar career at Temple University, playing for **Dawn Staley**, Dupree was drafted sixth overall by the **Chicago Sky** in the 2006 **WNBA** Draft. When she wrapped her 16-year **WNBA** career in 2021, Dupree was a **WNBA** champion in 2014 with the **Phoenix Mercury**. She is the third all-time leader in made field goals (2,842), fifth all-time in scoring (6,895), and seventh in total rebounds (3,149).

She then participated in the **NBA's** Coach-

ing Development Program and oversaw a group of prospects in the **NBA Draft Combine**. Her initial foray into coaching was as an assistant guest coach for the **San Antonio Spurs** Summer League team in 2022.

She was then hired by **Gregg Popovich** as a player development coach.

Jason Crafton out at UMES

After several weeks of speculation and uncertainty, **Maryland-Eastern Shore** announced last week that **Jason Crafton** will not continue as the **Hawks'** head men's basketball coach.

"We are officially moving forward with

the hiring process to identify the next head men's basketball coach at **UMES**," school officials told **HBCU Gameday** last week.

In four seasons **Crafton** was 43-76 overall including a 9-20 finish this season. The **Hawks** were 4-10 in the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** in the 2023-24 season, seventh in the eight-team league and bowed out in the first round of the conference tournament to **North Carolina Central**, 87-81. **Crafton** led the **UMES** to an 18-13 finish in the 2022-23 season, its best winning percentage since moving to Div. I.



Crafton

2024 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Tournament Results)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

NCAA DIV. II SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

ATLANTIC REGIONAL
East Stroudsburg 11, **Bowie State** 1
Shippensburg 9, **Bowie State** 2

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

MEAC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Wed., May 8
NCCU 1, SC State 0 CSU13, UMES 6
NCCU 3, MSU 1 CSU 6, HU 4
Thurs., May 9
MSU 7, UMES 4 SCSU 6, HU 3
CSU 4, NCCU 3
Fri., May 10
MSU 3, SCSU 2 MSU 5, NCCU 3
Sat., May 11
MSU 5, CSU 1 MSU 6, CSU 0

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

NCAA DIV. II SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

SOUTH REGIONAL
Auburn (Montgomery) 6, **Spring Hill** 2
Saint Leo 10, **Spring Hill** 0
(SHU Eliminated)

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

SWAC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Tues., May 7
TSU 6, B-CU 2 JSU 8, SU 3
FAMU 2, UAPB 1 ASU 7, PVA&M 3
Wed., May 8
B-CU 2, UAPB 0 PVA&M 10, SU 4
FAMU 4, TSU 0 JSU 6, ASU 5
Thurs., May 9
B-CU 3, TSU 1 ASU 3, PVA&M 2
JSU 5, FAMU 3 ASU 4, B-CU 1
Fri., May 10
FAMU 8, ASU 0 JSU 3, FAMU 1