



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)

SOUTHWESTERN

Southern Intercollegiate SIAC 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 ATHLETIC CONFERENCE EAST Florida A&M Bethune-Cookman Alabama State 12 13 Alabama A&M 18 Mississippi Valley State 25 11 WEST Texas Southern 25 24 26 Grambling State Prairie View A&M 11 Southern 22 Arkansas-Pine Bluff 15 Alcorn State

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HITTER

Broedy Poppell, R-So., C, FAMU - In 2-1 series win vs. Alabama State, was 7-of-14 (.500) with a HR (2), 5

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

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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

> CAA BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP May 22-25 Brooks Field

> > Wilmington, NC

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

	WHO ARE	THE BEST PERFORMER	S IN BLAC	CK COLLEGE SPORT	rs	
	2024 HBCU NCAA DIV. I OUTDOOR					
	TRAC	K & FIELD CHA				
			MEN			
		ETERS				
I	RANK 9	ATHLETE Cole, Kai	YEAR SR-4	TEAM Norfolk State	TIME 10.05	
	12 30	Hammond, Solomon Jamarion Stubbs	JR-3 SO-2	Coppin State Alabama State	10.07 10.18	
	200 M	ETERS				
I	6	Stubbs, Jamarion	SO-2	Alabama State	20.18	
I	25 29	Lincoln IV, Judson Cole, Kai	SO-2 SR-4	Virginia Tech Norfolk State	20.51 20.55	
I	29 42	Booth-Mitchell, Jalen Spencer, Antoine	SO-2 FR-1	Delaware State Hampton	20.55 20.66	
			1115-1	Патіріот	20.00	
I	20	ETERS Forrest, Trellas	JR-3	Alcorn State	45.89	
I	26 29	Brooks, Jovan Bond, Vincent	SO-2 FR-1	SC State Norfolk State	46.00 46.09	
I	38	Stubbs, Jamarion	SO-2	Alabama State	46.31	
I	800 M	ETERS				
I	11 31	Blackman, Dugion Davis. Leo	JR-3 FR-1	Hampton Hampton	1:46.67 1:48.03	
		,		riampton	1.10.00	
I	4	URDLES Bennett, Samuel	JR-3	Howard	13.39	
I	5 3	Holmes, Jason DeRosier, Joseph	SO-2 FR-1	N. Carolina A&T Florida A&M	13.43 13.55	
I	21	Hawkins, Zachary	SR-4	Howard	13.68	
I	22 24	Reid, Aveon Smith, Thomas	SR-4 SO-2	N. Carolina A&T N. Carolina A&T	13.69 13.71	
I	29 35	Laing, Otto Langford, Noah	FR-1 SR-4	Howard Howard	13.79 13.84	
I	38	Shelton, Jaden	SO-2	Delaware State	13.88	
I	41	Clyburn, Darian	SR-5	Howard	13.90	
I	400 H 12	URDLES Reid. Aveon	SR-4	N. Carolina A&T	50.27	
I	20	Langford, Noah	SR-4	Howard	50.57	
I	22 32	Wynn, Premier Taylor, Isaiah	FR-1 FR-1	Norfolk State N. Carolina A&T	50.72 51.30	
I	37 40	Bishop, Tafari Taylor, Xzaviah	JR-3 FR-1	Norfolk State N. Carolina A&T	51.41 51.49	
I	42	DeVaughn III, Vaughn		Alabama State	51.56	
	4 x 10					
	24	N. Carolina A&T	39.38	Reid, Holmes, Jac Taylor	ckson,	
	4 x 40	0				
	23	Norfolk State	3:05.57	Bishop, Wynn, Ch Bond	rristopher,	
				Bond		
	31	JUMP Victoria, Lamont		NC Central	2.11m	
	LONG	JUMP				
I	23	Fisher, Kyle	JR-3	Howard	7.72m	
I	25 25	Lambert, Lawrence Wray, Sean	SO-2 JR-3	Grambling Howard	7.67m 7.67m	
I	31 36	Brown, James Robinson, Derrick	SR-4 SR-4	Grambling Morgan State	7.65m 7.62m	
I	TRIPLE JUMP					
I	12	Haywood, Isaac	JR-3	Norfolk State	15.85m	
I	17 19	Aiken, Malachi Rowell, Ledamian	JR-3 SO-2	Maryland-Eastern Shore Jackson State	15.76m 15.72m	
I	28 33	Drewery, Chase Johnson, Kenyon	JR-3 SR-4	Howard Tenn. State	15.58m 15.49m	
I	37	Fisher, Kyle	JR-3	Howard	15.40m	
	39 45	Gray, Javon King, Reginald	SR-4 JR-3	Jackson State Southern	15.39m 15.30m	
WOMEN						
100 METERS					11 10	
I	9 20	Collins , Kailei Pittman, Tiffani Rae	SR-4 JR-3	Howard Howard	11.12 11.29	
I	43	Scott, Pebblles	JR-3	N. Carolina A&T	11.40	
I	200 M 11	ETERS Collins , Kailei	SR-4	Howard	22.73	
I	32	Penn, Quincy	FR-1	Alabama State	23.08	
I	32 38	Pittman, Tiffani Rae Bush, Jaquai	JR-3 SR-4	Howard Alabama State	23.08 23.16	
	40	Blocker, Nya	FR-1	Florida A&M	23.17	
		ETERS	4			
I	11 47	Penn, Quincy Turner, Zoe	FR-1 SO-2	Alabama State Howard	51.91 53.36	
		URDLES				
	16	Weaver, Lucheyona	JR-3	N. Carolina A&T	13.11	
	31 47	Torian, Ana-Liese Morris, Cathrina	FR-1 SR-5	Alabama A&M Howard	13.25 13.45	
	400 H	URDLES				
	21	Smith, Katelynn	FR-1	Florida A&M	57.59	
	24 29	Watkins, Simone Okwudibonye, Chidubem (Miriam)	SR-4 SO-2	Howard Delaware State	57.76 58.43	
١	32 38	Woodruff, Aniya Grant, Dejah	SO-2 JR-3	Howard Hampton	58.75 58.88	
I	JO					
	42 47	Spencer, Kyla Lewis, Camille	JR-3 SR-4	Hampton Southern	59.09 59.19	

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

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 ven 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;

Nyah Morgan, Zoryana Hughes, Mia Blasingane, FAMU; Victoria Salazar, Mari Stephens, Jace Jackson, Julie Lopez, Kaliyah Gipson, JSU;

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Jace Jackson, JSU

NORFOLK, Va. --- After running through the consolation bracket to reach Championship Saturday, the top-seeded Lady Bears of Morgan State defeated No. 3 Coppin State twice, 5-1 and 6-0, Saturday to win the 2024 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Softball Champi-

With the win, Morgan State brought home their second conference title in program history. MSU earned the MEAC's automatic bid into the 2024 NCAA Softball Tournament.

The Bears held the Eagles scoreless in the game two win while posting one run in the bottom of the first inning and a five-spot in the bottom of the fifth. Emil Raubuch (8-2) allowed just one hit over seven innings with four strikeouts to get the win. First basewoman Giann Ettore had a grand slam home run to pace the hitters.

In the 5-1 win in game one, Victoria Fletcher (8-5) gave up just four hits and one run while striking out four and had a home run and drove in two runs while getting two hits in four at bats. Ettore had three hits in four trips with an RBI and run scored.

Morgan State will be heading to Durham, N.C., for the Durham Regional for the NCAA Softball Championship, as the 64-team field was unveiled Sunday evening on ESPN2.

The Bears (35-18) will face ACC champion, host and No. 10 national seed Duke (47-6) at the Duke Softball Stadium. Double-elimination regional play will begin on Friday, May 17. MSU and Duke will play at 2:30 p.m. ET. The University of South Carolina and the University of Utah will also be in the Durham Regional.

The Bears boast MEAC Player of the Year and MEAC Softball Championship Outstanding Performer Victoria Fletcher and Co-Coach of the Year Larry Hineline.

2024 MEAC SOFTBALL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Ameenah Ballenger, UMES; Aaliya Williams, SCSU; Haley Batista, Jaden Davis, NCCU; Vanessa Carrizosa, Aniyah Haley, Seryna Esparza, CSU; Gianna Ettore, Emily Raubuch, Melissa Paz, Victoria Fletcher, MSU;

MOST OUTSTANDING COACH - Larry Hineline, Morgan State MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER - Victoria Fletcher, Morgan State

Savannah State at Tampa in NCAA Div. II Baseball Regional

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.- Savannah State has been selected to play in the Tampa Regional of the 2024 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship and will open play Thursday, May 16 against host Tampa in the South Regional at 1 p.m.

Edward Waters won the SIAC baseball title over Savannah State but EWU being in the final year of its three-year transition to the NCAA from the NAIA, Savannah State earned the SIAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

SSU's roster is led by nine All-SIAC players including all-conference first team selections **Kendal Spencer** and **D'Sean Prinkleton**.

Savannah State (31-15) is seeded eighth in the South Region while Tampa (41-7) is the top seed. Other teams in the South Regional include St. Leo (38-11), Embry-Riddle (31-19), Lee (37-16), Auburn-Montgomery (31-22), Delta State (32-22) and West Florida (32-21).

The national championship bracket games will take place June 1-8 at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina. Eight teams advance to Cary and will be re-seeded before double-elimination games to decide the national champion.

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



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 eightteam 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.

2024 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Tournament Results)

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> NCAA DIV. II SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

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

MEAC 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

Sat., May 11

MSU 5, NCCU 3

MSU 6, CSU 0

MSU 3. SCSU 2

MSU 5. CSU 1

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE NCAA DIV. II SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

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

SOUTHWESTERN **SWAC** 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 JSU 3, FAMU 1 FAMU 8, ASU 0

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HIGH JUMP

LONG JUMP

TRIPLE JUMP

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Morris, Cathrina

Brown-Marshall, Breanna

Richardson, Jamie

Galbreath, Mylani

Shaw, Emmani

Ward, Nya

Gist, Cameron

Irving, Faithlyn

Boddie, Joidon

Gist. Cameran

Florida A&M

Jackson State

Maryland-Eastern Shore 13.08m

Norfolk State

N.C. Central

SC State

Grambling

Hampton

SC State

SR-4

JR-3

SR-4

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1.79m

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6.45m

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12.77m