

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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HOT SHOT: Spring Hill's 6-4 senior guard Walter Peggs Jr.'s 26.1 points per game tops the SIAC and is second nationally in Div. II basketball.

NEW BEGINNINGS

NEW FOOTBALL COACHES AT MILES, ECSU; EARLY HOOPS LEADERS IN CIAA, SIAC, MEAC & SWAC

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

CHRIS GOODE TO LEAD MILES FOOTBALL:

On Friday, Miles College named Chris Goode as its new head football coach.



Goode

Goode, who played at the University of Alabama and in the NFL, replaces Sam Shade, another Alabama product who took the Alabama A&M head coaching job. Goode was formally introduced at a press conference on Tues., Jan. 7.

"We are excited for the future of Miles College football under the direction of Coach Chris Goode and are confident that Coach Goode's leadership will bring continued success to Miles College football," said Fred Watson, Miles' Director of Athletics.

This will be Goode's first head coaching stint on the collegiate level. After his playing career concluded, he served as the defensive coordinator for the Birmingham Steeldogs of the Arena Football League. He has stayed connected with young athletes through his own Goode Elite Prep, a post-graduate academy for student-athletes.

With his extensive local, statewide, and national connections, Goode is "uniquely positioned to recruit talent and drive fundraising efforts for the Miles football program while continuing to raise the institution's profile," the school said in a news release.

Goode was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts in the 10th round of the 1987 NFL Draft after a standout collegiate career at Alabama. He played his entire seven-year career for the Colts, finishing with seven interceptions, six fumble recoveries, two sacks, and a touchdown in 96 regular-season contests. Since his retirement, he has had multiple business and sports-related ventures, including serving as the president of the National Football League Player Association Birmingham Chapter.

Under Goode, the Golden Bears look to remain one of the top football programs in Division II. Last season in their third year under Shade, they went 10-3, winning the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) title and advancing to the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs while finishing the season nationally ranked for the first time.

JONES OUT AT SHAW, IN AT ELIZ. CITY STATE:

Adrian Jones, just let go after the 2024 season after eight years at Shaw, was announced Friday as the 15th head football coach at Elizabeth City State.



Jones

"Sometimes God takes something from you to give you something better," Jones said at his introductory press conference. "I'm a living witness that God works in mysterious ways."

Jones posted a 33-35 overall record in the CIAA at Shaw including a 6-4 record this past season. He replaces Marcus Hilliard, a former Vikings football player, who resigned after three seasons running the program.

"Elizabeth City is a gold mine; there are a lot of good football players here," said Jones who played in the CIAA at N. C. Central. "I really think we can flourish here. I will not let you down."

"We don't want to just win football games; we want to win championships. That's why I'm here."

2024-25 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA	CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION	MEAC	MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	SIAC	SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE	INDEPENDENTS	
	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL	
	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
NORTH DIVISION									
Virginia State	4	0	9	4	Clark Atlanta	6	0	9	4
Lincoln (PA)	4	0	9	5	Morehouse	5	1	7	6
Bluefield State	2	2	8	5	Edward Waters	5	2	9	5
Elizabeth City State	2	3	8	5	Albany State	5	2	8	6
Virginia Union	1	2	7	8	Savannah State	3	4	5	6
Bowie State	1	3	8	7	Benedict	3	4	3	10
SOUTH DIVISION					Fort Valley State	2	4	3	10
Fayetteville State	2	2	9	5	Allen	1	6	3	8
Clafin	3	3	9	7	WEST				
Johnson C. Smith	2	2	6	5	Miles	6	1	9	3
Shaw	2	2	7	7	Tuskegee	4	3	6	7
Livingstone	1	4	8	6	Kentucky State	5	4	8	6
Winston-Salem State	0	1	2	9	Central State	3	5	6	8
					Spring Hill	3	5	5	8
					Lane	2	6	2	11
					LeMoyné-Owen	1	7	1	13
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				
Caleb Simmons, Sr., G, FSU - Had 27 points and 12 rebounds in two wins including 19 points and 13 rebounds vs. Bowie State.					Tanahj Pettaway, 6-2, Gr., PG, PVA&M - 22 points vs. Oklahoma.				
DEFENSIVE PLAYER					Daeshun Ruffin, 5-11, Jr., G, JSU - 20 points in win vs. Cal Baptist.				
Dericko Williams, Gr., F, ECSU - Averaged 14.5 points, 13.0 rebounds in two games.					NEWCOMER				
ROOKIE					Dorian McMillan, 6-3, Fr., G, JSU - 20 points vs. Cal Baptist				
Jahmir Brewer, Fr., F, LINC - Had 3 points, 2 rebounds in win over Shaw.					PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				
OFFENSIVE PLAYER & ROOKIE OF THE WEEK					Blaise Wallace, 6-7, So., F, ALB - Averaged double-double of 21.0 points, 13.5 rebounds in two wins with 26 points, 14 rebounds vs. Lane, 16 points, 13 rebounds vs. LOC.				
Blake Harper, 6-2, Fr., G, HOW - Tied career-high 34 points on 10 of 12 shooting, 3 of 4 from long range and 11 of 11 FTs in win Saturday over DelState.									
DEFENSIVE POW									
Brian Moore Jr., 6-2, Gr., FG, NSU - 22 points, 7 rebounds, 4 blocks, 3 steals in win vs. UMES and 18 points, 5 rebounds in loss to No. 1 Tennessee.									

Black college hoops takes center stage

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The preliminaries, i.e., the predominantly non-conference part of the 2024-25 black college basketball schedule, is all but done.

Now that the new year is here, intraconference head-to-head match ups across the four black college conferences and the HBCUs in non-HBCU conferences will dominate the schedules.

While the NCAA Div. II HBCU conferences – the CIAA and SIAC – are well into intraconference play, the Div. I conferences – the MEAC and SWAC – got underway after 2025 kicked in.

Here's an early look at how the men are doing.

CIAA

For the CIAA men, defending tournament champion Lincoln (Pa.) and Virginia State are off to 4-0 starts in league play.

Lincoln, who won last year's tournament title over Fayetteville State while being led by former head coach Jason Armstrong, is now being guided by former NC State two-time All-American and first round NBA draftee Julius Hodge.

The Lions, who return all five starters from a year ago, have won two of their CIAA games by 12 and 14 points and two by single-digits including a one-point, 64-63 win at Livingstone. They are 9-5 overall with losses to three schools from the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC).

Lincoln has four players scoring in double-digits led by 6-5 all-CIAA senior guard Bakir Cleveland's 13.1 points per game. The Lions' balanced attack has two others averaging right at 9.0 ppg.

Head coach Lonnie Blow's Trojans of Virginia State are also 4-0 in CIAA play though they did split two games with Shaw, losing at home 66-62 before beating the Bears on the road 74-60. Junior point guard Jacob Cooper (14.8 ppg.) and 6-3 grad guard Clint Wright Jr. (11.8 ppg.) lead VSU.

Six-four senior guard Jordan Hinds of Bluefield State (8-5, 2-2), who led the CIAA in scoring last season at 19.0 ppg., is the current leader this season at 22.2 ppg.

SIAC

Clark Atlanta (6-0) in the East and Miles (6-1) in the West, the two preseason favorites, are setting the pace early in the SIAC race. The two division leaders met on Tuesday night in Atlanta before press time.

CAU (9-4 overall) has three players scoring in double digits led by 6-5 senior guard Jalen Williams at 13.6 points per game. The Panthers lead the league in rebounding buoyed by 6-9 senior center Shemani Fuller's 5.8 caroms per game and 4.8 by 6-7 senior forward Martez Jones. Head coach Alfred Jordan's troops are on a seven-game win streak, six of the wins in conference play, four by single digits.

The only SIAC loss for Fred Watson's Golden Bears of Miles (9-3 overall) is a 77-75 overtime decision at Morehouse Saturday in Atlanta. Watson's troops had won eight of nine before that loss with the only blemish during that stretch a 60-57 loss at Auburn-Montgomery. The Morehouse Maroon Tigers (7-6) are second in the East at 5-1.

Five-eleven senior guard Alvin Miles, the SIAC preseason player of the year, leads Miles scoring at 14.8 points per game. He was held to just nine points in the loss at Morehouse.

Edward Waters and Albany State are at 5-2 behind CAU and Morehouse in the East. Tuskegee (4-3) is second behind Miles in the West.

Six-four senior guard Walter Peggs Jr. of Spring Hill, a 2023-24 first teamer and preseason 2024-45 first teamer, is the runaway scoring leader in the conference at 26.1 ppg., currently second in the nation in Div. II basketball. Peggs had a season-high 40 points in a win at home over West Florida on Nov. 21 and 34 in close 96-92 loss to Edward Waters on Dec. 21. He is shooting .495 from the field and .423 from 3-point range.

MEAC

Norfolk State (2-0), South Carolina State (2-0) and Howard (1-0) are the early MEAC leaders.

Kenny Blakeney's Howard squad, the two-time defending tournament champs, opened league play with a win Saturday over Delaware State 100-94 before its date Monday vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore was cancelled by a mini-blizzard in Washington, D.C. The Bison's 6-9 overall start has been led by the remarkable play of freshman left-hander Blake Harper. The 6-8 guard out of local Gonzaga HS had back-to-back 34-point games vs. Hampton and DelState. He's currently third in the conference averaging 18.3 ppg. and leads the league averaging 6.6 rebounds per game. He's also fourth in field goal percentage (.463) and free throw percentage (.823).

Head coach Robert Jones' Norfolk State (11-7) team has been led by 6-2 Murray State transfer guard Brian Moore Jr.'s 18.7 ppg. (2nd in MEAC). Moore leads three Spartans scoring in double-digits. NSU took down UMES



Hodge Hinds Harper Peggs Anderson

(81-59, Sat.) and DelState (73-64, Mon.). SC State is likely the surprise early leader under second-year head man Erik Martin. Six-eleven sophomore forward Drayton Jones is scoring 13.1 ppg. and pulling down 5.4 rpg. to lead the Bulldogs in both categories.

SWAC

No SWAC team emerged from the non-conference schedule with an above .500 record but five have gotten thru the first weekend of the conference schedule unblemished. Defending tournament champion Grambling State (3-12, 0-2) was not one of them.

Southern, Alabama State and Alabama A&M are at 2-0 with Bethune-Cookman and Jackson State at 1-0.

Southern got narrow wins over Texas Southern (67-58) and Prairie View (84-80). Alabama State downed Miss. Valley State (84-55) while Alabama A&M beat the Delta Devils (79-67). ASU slipped by UAPB 93-91 while A&M downed the Golden Lions 89-79.

Prairie View's 6-5 junior shooting guard Nick Anderson leads league scorers at 18.9 ppg. followed by Bethune-Cookman 6-2 senior guard Brayton Freeman at 16.2 ppg.

On Saturday Alabama State is at Jackson State while Alabama A&M is at Alcorn State. On Monday, the Alabama schools switch Mississippi opponents. Southern hosts Florida A&M Saturday and B-CU Monday.



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SETTING SAIL!

Green Bay running back EMANUEL WILSON (#31, FORT VALLEY STATE) gets started on his 21-yard TD run in the Packers' game vs. Chicago. Wilson had his highest rushing total of the year with 73 yards on 14 carries (5.2 ypc.).



BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL games of January 2-5, 2024

OFFENSE

- #31 EMANUEL WILSON, RB, Green Bay (3rd season, FORT VALLEY STATE) - In the Packers' 24-22 loss to Chicago, Wilson had 14 carries for 73 yards (5.2-yards per carry average) with a long run of 21 yards, a 21-yard TD run. He also had one catch for -2 yards. He was in for 27 offensive plays (42%).

DEFENSE

- #90 GROVER STEWART, DT, Indianapolis (7th season, ALBANY STATE) - In Indy's 26-23 win over Jacksonville, Stewart started at nose tackle and had seven total tackles, one solo with one tackle for loss. He played 43 defensive snaps (62%) and 13 on special teams (37%).

SPECIAL TEAMS

- #29 BRANDON CODRINGTON, DB/KR, Buffalo (1st season, NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL) - In Buffalo's 23-16 loss to New England, Codrington had two kickoff returns for 62 yards (31.0-yard average) with a long return of 32 yards. He also had four total tackles on defense, three solos. He played on 27 defensive snaps (42%) and nine on special teams (36%).

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL HEAD COACHING CHANGES

	OUT	IN (Previous)
NORFOLK STATE	Dawson Odums	Michael Vick (NFL)
N. CAROLINA A&T	Vincent Brown	Shawn Gibbs (Fort Valley State)
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	Bubba McDowell	Tremaine Jackson (Valdosta State)
DELAWARE STATE	Lee Hull	DeSean Jackson (NFL)
ALABAMA A&M	Connell Maynor	Sam Shade (Miles)
MISS. VALLEY STATE	Kendrick Wade	Kyle Williams, Interim (Def. Coord.)
ELIZ. CITY STATE	Marcus Hilliard	Adrian Jones (Shaw)
FORT VALLEY STATE	Shawn Gibbs	Kenny Ray, Interim (Assoc. HC)
MILES	Sam Shade	Chris Goode (NFL)
LANE	Vyron Brown	Tommy Lewis Jr, Interim (Asst. HC)
SHAW	Adrian Jones	Greg Ruffin - Declined health reasons

OTHERS WITH BLACK COLLEGE TIES

KENNESAW STATE	Mike MacIntyre	Jerry Mack (former NC Central HC)
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL		Willie Simmons (former Florida A&M HC)

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	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	
NORTH DIVISION									
Virginia Union	4	0	10	3	Norfolk State	2	0	14	4
Bowie State	4	1	10	7	Coppin State	2	0	11	7
Virginia State	3	1	9	3	Howard	1	0	8	8
Lincoln (PA)	3	2	6	8	Morgan State	1	0	8	8
Elizabeth City State	2	2	5	7	Md. E-Shore	0	1	5	11
Bluefield State	0	4	6	8	N. C. Central	0	1	2	13
SOUTH DIVISION					Delaware State	0	2	3	12
Fayetteville State	3	1	7	5	S. C. State	0	2	1	17
Clafin	3	3	7	5					
Shaw	2	2	5	8	OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK				
Livingstone	2	2	4	9	Diamond Johnson, Gr., G, NSU - Averaged 24.5 points, 4.5 assists, 6.0 rebounds and 5.5 steals in two wins with 28 points, six assists, 5 rebounds, 8 steals Monday in win over DSU, 21 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals in win over UMES.				
Johnson C. Smith	0	4	3	8	NEWCOMER				
Winston-Salem State	0	4	3	9	Zinnia Thomas, 6-2, Jr., F, HOW - Kentucky transfer had 12 points, 11 rebounds in win over DelState.				
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					DEFENSIVE				
Ciani Montgomery, Sr., G, LINC - 27 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists in win vs. Shaw.					Angel Jones, 5-4, Jr., G, CSU - Averaged 17.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists in two wins with 16 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists in win vs. SCSU Mon., 19 points, 8 rebounds, 7 assists in win Sat. over NCCU.				
DEFENSIVE PLAYER					ROOKIE				
Carmen Kweti, Jr., F, VSU - 17 rebounds, 3 blocks in win vs. JC Smith.					Hunter Conway, Jr., F, LINC - 10 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists in win over Shaw.				
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				
Taliah Wesley, 5-9, Sr., G, ALL - In 1-1 week averaged 19.0 points, 8.0 rebounds with 16 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals in loss to CSU, 22 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals in win over KSU.					Imani Harris, 6-3, Sr., C, EWU - 13 points, 10 rebounds in win over Tuskegee.				
DEFENSIVE					NEWCOMER				
Na'ama Harris, 6-3, Sr., C, EWU - 13 points, 10 rebounds in win over Tuskegee.					NA				
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK					PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				
Jordan Dorsey, 5-9, Sr., G, NC A&T - In two wins averaged double-double of 10 points, 10.0 rebounds and added 5 blocks per game with 8 points, 10 rebounds, 5 blocks vs. Elon, 12 points, 10 rebounds, 5 blocks vs. Hampton.					Cordasia Harris, 6-1, Gr., F, ALS - Avgd. 23.5 points, 14.5 boards in two wins with 28 pts., 16 rebs, 5 steals vs. MVSU, 19 pts., 13 boards vs. UAPB.				
DEFENSIVE					Alisha Wilson, 6-0, Sr., G, ALA&M - Double-double of 13.0 ppg., 14.0 rpg, in two wins with 13 points, 14 rebounds vs. UAPB, 13 pts., 14 rebs., vs. MVSU.				
NEWCOMER					DEFENSIVE				
NA					Chaniya Clark, 6-4, R-Jr., C, NC A&T - In two wins averaged double-double of 10 points, 10.0 rebounds and added 5 blocks per game with 8 points, 10 rebounds, 5 blocks vs. Elon, 12 points, 10 rebounds, 5 blocks vs. Hampton.				