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DIAMOND JOHNSON: Senior point guard has led Norfolk State to 16-4 start, 4-0 in the MEAC.

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NEW COACH AT SHAW, STAFFS COMPLETED AT NC A&T, NORFOLK STATE; WOMEN'S HOOPS ROUND-UP

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UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

MANIGO RETURNS TO LEAD SHAW FOOTBALL:



Manigo

Raleigh, NC - On Tuesday of last week, Shaw University announced that Lamar Manigo would be returning to become the Bears' new head football coach.

Most recently, Manigo served as the assistant head coach, offensive coordinator, and quarterbacks coach at Virginia State University, where he played an integral role in the Trojans' resurgence as a powerhouse most recently winning the CIAA regular season title and appearing in the 2024 CIAA championship game.

"I am honored and excited to return to Shaw University as head football coach," Manigo said. "This is a homecoming for me, and I look forward to working with our talented student-athletes to build a program that makes our university and alumni proud."

Shaw will host an introductory press conference for Manigo on January 21, 2025, at 11 a.m. inside historic Estey Hall on campus.

VICK (NORFOLK STATE), GIBBS (NC A&T), COMPLETE FOOTBALL STAFFS:

Shawn Gibbs, the new football head coach at North Carolina A&T, and Michael Vick, the new head coach at Norfolk State, have released their much-anticipated coaching staffs.

"I hired guys with experience and mental toughness who understand the game of football," Vick said. "The one thing I know is that they are going to put these guys in a position to win. We all have the same mindset, and I felt it was only right to hire guys who thought like me and want to lead like me."

"I'm excited about the staff we have assembled here," Gibbs said in a statement released by the university. "We have several guys who have ties to A&T and have accomplished many things as players and coaches in the HBCU world and in the pros as players."

Michael Vick, Head Coach, Norfolk State

Terence Garvin (Defensive Coordinator); Elton Brown (Offensive Line); Jabo Smith (Defensive Backs); Izaan Cross - Defensive Line; LaRoy Reynolds (Linebackers); Darryl Bullock (Asst. Head Coach); Steve Adams (Special Teams / Recruiting Coordinator); DeMarcus McMillan (Director of Football Operations)

Shawn Gibbs, Head Coach, North Carolina A&T

Denzel Jones (Defensive Coordinator); Tony McRae (Defensive Backs); Ron Mattes (Offensive Line); Nate Poole (Receivers); Keith Henry (Running Backs); Terry Lantz (Linebackers); Stephen Barnette (Tight Ends); Alex Purviance (Asst. LBs); Greg McGhee (Offensive Coordinator); O. C. Williams (Defensive Line); Theric Holt (Director of Football Operations).

Women hoopsters leading the way

LUT WILLIAMS

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Unbeaten ladies teams in conference play are leading the way in the early going.

CIAA

The Lady Panthers of Virginia Union are off to a 4-0 start in conference play. Preseason all-CIAA six-foot grad forward Taniyah Greene is leading VUU in scoring at 15.7 points per game.

Bowie State (5-1), with its only loss to Fayetteville State in league play, is right behind VUU in the N. Div. race. Five-three senior guard Destiny Ryles (18.6 ppg.) is the scoring leader, third in league stats.

Virginia State (3-1) is just behind VUU. Six-foot junior forward Carmen Kweti is averaging 7.2 points and a league-best 12.2 rebounds per game.

VUU is at VSU Saturday (1:05 p.m.) in a key N. Div. match-up and is at Bowie State Wednesday. VSU hosts Winston-Salem State Thursday (5:30 p.m.).

MEAC

Norfolk State (4-0), and Howard (3-0), teams that have met in the last two MEAC Tournament finals (both wins by NSU) are setting the early pace in the MEAC.

The start for Larry Vickers' NSU ladies has included wins over two SEC schools (Auburn and Missouri) and has been led by the dynamic duo of Diamond Johnson and Kierra Wheeler. Johnson, the 5-5 grad senior point guard is leading the league at 18.6 points per game and is second at 4.2 assists per game.

The Lady Spartans were up to eighth last week in the College Insider's Mid Major Top 25, the only black college team to make the poll.

Howard head coach Ty Grace's Lady Bison have been buoyed by the return of 6-foot senior guard Destiny Howell, the 2022-23 MEAC player of the year who sat out the 2023-24 season with a knee injury. She has returned to form scoring at 15.4 points per game.

Howard and Norfolk State are headed for a showdown on Sat., Jan. 25 in Norfolk's gym (2 p.m.)

SWAC

Jackson State and Texas Southern, both at 3-0 sit atop the early SWAC women's standings.

New JSU head coach Margaret Richards is continuing the Lady Tigers recent success that included the 2023-24 tournament title under departed head coach Tomekia Reed. Five-eight senior guard Taleah Dilworth, a Kentucky State transfer, is leading the league in scoring at 14.6 points per game.

Third-year head coach Vernette Skeete has TSU off to a 3-0 start with home wins over Grambling (85-74) and Southern (55-51) and a road win at Miss. Valley State (80-54). Five-eight grad guard Courtlyn Loudermill has been setting the pace scoring at 13.5 points per game, fourth-best in the SWAC.

JSU is at TSU Thursday in a match-up of SWAC leaders.

SIAC

The SIAC is the only black college conference without a team with an unblemished conference record. The best records are currently held by Clark Atlanta (6-2) in the East and Miles (7-2) in the West.

CAU has won five consecutive SIAC games after losing to Central State (66-64) and Lane (77-67) in December. Five-nine sophomore wing Atreonia Garner (15.3 ppg.), 6-foot grad student Corianna Evans (11.9 ppg.) and 5-6



Greene

Wheeler

Dilworth

Garner

Dorsey

grad point guard Trinity Jones (11.0 ppg.) lead the Lady Panthers in scoring. CAU is second at 68.3 ppg. in league scoring while Clark leads in field goal percentage (.563).

Miles head coach Pete Asmond has only senior swing Feliah Greer (10.7 ppg.) scoring in double digits. Senior guard Iemiyah Harris leads the SIAC canning 2.8 3s per game while making 30 of 85 attempts (.315).

CAU is at Savannah State Thursday (2 p.m.) and at Edward Waters Monday (5:30 p.m.). Miles hosts LeMoyné Owen Monday (6:30 p.m.).

OTHERS

Florida Memorial (6-0) in the Sun Conference and North Carolina A&T (4-0) in the CAA are on top of the standings in their conferences.

FMU has a balanced line-up with three double-figure scorers led by senior point guard Kamesha Moore's 12.7 ppg. Seven others average between 10.8 and 7.1 ppg. Five-eleven center Agar Farnes-Garcia pulls down a league-best 11.2 rebounds per game.



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DURANT ON DARNOLD!! Los Angeles defensive back COBIE DURANT (#14, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE) flew off the Vikings right edge to bring down Minnesota QB Sam Darnold (#14) for a sack in the second quarter of the Rams' 27-9 thrashing of the Vikes Monday. It was one of nine sacks for the Rams in the game. Durant also had an interception in the quarter.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For Wildcard playoff games of January 11-13, 2025

DEFENSE

- #14 COBIE DURANT, DB, LA Rams (3rd season, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE) - In the Rams' 27-9 win Monday over Minnesota, Durant had an outstanding game with two tackles, one solo, a sack where he came off the edge and took down Vikings QB Sam Darnold for a 12-yard loss in the second quarter. Durant also had a second-quarter interception while playing 44 defensive snaps (59%) and 11 on special teams (46%).

OFFENSE

- #71 TYTUS HOWARD, OL, Houston (6th season, ALABAMA STATE) - In Houston's 32-12 win over the Los Angeles Chargers Saturday, Howard started at left offensive guard as the Texans rushed for 168 yards on 34 carries with one TD and passed for 282 yards and one TD while the Texans' line gave up three sacks for -21 yards. Howard was in on all 73 offensive plays (100%) and six on special teams (21%) in the first round playoff win.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- #19 XAVIER SMITH, WR/KR, Los Angeles Rams (3rd season, FLORIDA A&M) - In the Rams' 27-9 win Monday over Minnesota, Smith had one punt return for 8 yards while getting in on two plays on offense (4%) and 17 on special teams (71%).

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THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ALL-CONFERENCE BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL TRANSFERS

Table listing football transfers with columns for player name, position, previous school, current school, and stats.