



Albany State Sports Photo

MOVEMENT AT THE TOP

PATRICK GAYLE: Albany State head coach leads Golden Rams to close wins over Clark Atlanta and Morehouse to surge to top of the SIAC men's race.

HOOPS RACES, TOURNEY DATES & STAT LEADERS; NEW COACH AT MVSU; ALL-STAR GAME PARTICIPANTS

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

CIAA		MEAC		SIAC		SWAC		INDEPENDENTS	
CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL	CONF	ALL
NORTH DIVISION	W L W L	Norfolk State	4 1 14 8	EAST	10 3 13 7	Southern	7 0 12 8	SAC	CONF W L W L
Lincoln (PA)	3 0 8 10	Howard	3 1 8 12	Albany State	9 3 14 6	Texas Southern	6 1 9 11	Langston - 4th	11 5 15 5
Virginia Union	3 1 4 3 10 9	N.C. Central	3 2 10 12	Edward Waters	9 3 12 7	Jackson State	5 2 5 15	SUN	CONF W L W L
Virginia State	1 2 7 2 12 6	S.C. State	3 2 9 11	Clark Atlanta	6 5 9 10	Alabama State	4 3 8 12	Florida Memorial - 1st	7 2 16 4
Bluefield State	1 2 4 4 11 7	Morgan State	3 2 9 12	Morehouse	6 6 7 12	Florida A&M	4 3 7 11	GLVC	CONF W L W L
Elizabeth City State	1 2 3 6 10 8	Delaware State	2 3 10 10	Fort Valley State	5 7 7 10	Bethune-Cookman	4 3 7 13	Lincoln (Mo.) - 16th	5 5 13 5
Bowie State	1 2 2 6 10 10	Coppin State	1 4 3 17	Savannah State	4 9 4 15	Alcorn State	4 3 4 16	MEC	CONF W L W L
SOUTH DIVISION	W L W L	Md. E-Shore	0 4 4 16	Benedict	1 8 4 11	Alabama A&M	3 4 7 13	W. Virginia State - 5th	6 5 9 8
Fayetteville State	4 0 6 3 13 6	OFFENSIVE PLAYERS		Allen		Grambling State	3 4 7 13	CAA	CONF W L W L
Clafin	2 1 5 4 11 8	Blake Harper , 6-5, Fr., G, HOW - Averaged 14.0 points, 7.5 assists, 1.0 steals in two losses with 13 pts., vs. Morehouse, 15 pts vs. NSU.		Miles	12 1 15 3	Prairie View A&M	3 5 4 17	Hampton - 12th	3 6 10 11
Shaw	2 1 5 3 10 8	Brian Moore Jr. , 6-2, Gr. G, NSU - Led Spartans with 30 points, 3 rebounds and assists vs. Howard, 20 pts., 8 rebs., 2 steals, 1 block vs. WAU.		Tuskegee	6 5 8 9	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	0 7 3 17	NC A&T - 14th	0 9 4 18
Livingstone	1 2 2 7 10 10	ROOKIE		Central State	6 7 9 10	Miss. Valley State	0 8 2 19	OVCC	CONF W L W L
Johnson C. Smith	0 1 3 5 8 8	Blake Harper , 6-5, Fr., G, HOW - Averaged 14.0 points, 7.5 assists, 1.0 steals in two losses with 13 pts., vs. Morehouse, 15 pts vs. NSU.		Kentucky State	6 7 9 9			Tennessee State - T5th	5 5 9 12
Winston-Salem State	0 4 0 6 2 14	DEFENSIVE		Spring Hill	5 8 7 11	PLAYER & NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK			
		Kuleel Mading , 6-11, Sr., F, NSU - Totalled 27 points, 11 rebounds, 5 blocks in 2-0 week with 16 pts., 11 rebounds, 3 blocks vs. WAU and 11 pts., 2 rebounds, 2 blocks vs. Howard.		Lane	3 9 3 14	Kavion McClain , 5-10, Sr., G, TSU - Abilene Christian transfer averaged 22.0 points, 5.5 rebounds, 5.5 assists in two wins with 24 pts., 6 rebs., 7 assists vs. ALA&M, 20 pts., 5 rebs., 4 assists vs. ALST.			
		ROOKIE		LeMoyné-Owen	3 10 3 16				
		Bobby Gardner , Fr., G, VUU - 11 points in win over BSU, 14 in win over Bluefield State, 6 in win over WSSU.							

BCSP Notes

Terrell Buckley latest accomplished NFL vet to get black college head coaching gig

ITTA BENA, MISSISSIPPI — Mississippi Valley State (MVSU) announced last week the appointment of prolific 14-year NFL veteran **Terrell Buckley** as the new head football coach for the Delta Devils.

A College Football Hall of Famer, Super Bowl champion, and accomplished coach, Buckley brings a wealth of experience, passion, and a proven record of excellence to the program.

Buckley, a native of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and a standout at Florida State, has spent years excelling both on the field and the sidelines. He was a two-year starter and three-year letterman at Florida State (1989–91), and left as the school's all-time leader in interceptions (21) and interception return yards (501). His career interception yardage total of 501 is an NCAA record. Buckley also tied school records for touchdowns off interception returns (four) and punt return TDs (three). He was named first-team All-American and won the Jim Thorpe Award, given annually to nation's top cornerback as a junior when he led the nation with 12 interceptions for 238 yards and two touchdowns. He was named second-team All-American by Associated Press, The Sporting News and The Football News as a junior.

Selected by the Green Bay Packers as the fifth overall pick in the 1992 NFL Draft, he went on to enjoy a 14-year career in the league. In his pro career, he notched 50 interceptions and is one of only two players (the other being Florida A&M product **Ken Riley**) with 50+ interceptions to never make a Pro Bowl. He played for seven NFL teams and won a Super Bowl XXXVI title with the New England Patriots in 2002.

As a coach, Buckley has been an assistant at Florida State, Akron, Louisville, Mississippi State and Ole Miss and most recently served as head coach of the Orlando Guardians in the XFL.

"We're going to build a culture of accountability, hard work, and belief – because winning starts with the standards we set and the mindset we bring every single day," Buckley said.

Two black college stars and more in postseason all-star workouts and games

South Carolina State stud linebacker **Aaron Smith** and **Alabama A&M** standout offensive lineman **Carson Vinson** are the two black college stars in postseason all-star workouts and games this week but there are others from the black college ranks involved.

Smith, a 6-2, 230-pounder out of Manning, S.C., was a first-team all-MEAC selection after leading the league in tackles with 92 this season (9.2 per game) for the league-champion Bulldogs. He led SCSU with 17 tackles in the Bulldogs' loss to Jackson State in the season-ending **Celebration Bowl**.

He has been working out from Saturday (Jan. 25) thru Tuesday (Jan. 28) at the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX and will play in the *100th East-West Shrine Game* on Thursday. The game will be played at 7:00 p.m. CT and will be carried live on the NFL Network (8 p.m., ET).

Smith is wearing jersey #51 and will be playing on the West squad along with former **Jackson State** players, QB **Shedeur Sanders** (#2), DB **Shilo Sanders** (#21) and DB **Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig**, who all finished their careers at Colorado. Oronde Gadsden Jr., a tight end out of Syracuse and the son of former **Winston-Salem State** and NFL standout receiver **Oronde Gadsden**, is on the East squad and will wear No. 19. Sanders met with NFL coaches but did not workout and is not playing in the game.

Additionally, **Virginia Union** head coach **Alvin Parker Jr.** with the East squad and **South Carolina State** head coach **Chennis Berry** with the West squad are serving as HBCU Fellowship coaches with NFL coaches on the respective squads. Also, former Heisman Trophy winner and current **Tennessee State** head coach **Eddie George** was to be inducted into the *East-West Shrine Game Hall of Fame* on Wednesday.

The 6-6, 305-pound Vinson from Mooresville, NC, a first team all-SWAC selection, is the HBCU product working out this week and playing in Saturday's prestigious *Senior Bowl* in Mobile, AL. Vinson will be joined in the game by former outstanding **North Carolina A&T** running back **Bhayshul Tuten**, who finished his career at Virginia Tech. Vinson will wear No. 76 and play for the American squad. Tuten is wearing No. 33 and

will play for the National team

Practices run from Tuesday, Jan. 28 thru Thursday, Jan. 30 before Saturday's Feb. 1 game at 2:30 p.m. ET at Mobile's Hancock Whitney Stadium on the campus of South Alabama. The game will be carried live on the NFL Network and NFL+.



Smith Vinson

League hoops play hits February with Tournaments on the horizon

Regular season basketball races in the CIAA and SIAC enter February, their final month, this weekend.

The CIAA regular season ends on Saturday, Feb. 22 before the Tuesday, Feb. 25 thru Saturday, March 1 men's and women's Tournaments at Baltimore's CFG Bank Arena. The league is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Women's Championship Basketball Tournament this year.

The SIAC regular season runs thru Wednesday, February 26 before the Wednesday, March 5 thru Saturday, March 8 Men's and Women's Tournaments at Forbes Arena on the campus of **Morehouse College**.

MEAC regular season play goes on until Thursday, March 6 in advance of the Wednesday, March 12 thru Saturday, March 15 Men's and Women's Tournaments at the Scope Arena in Norfolk, Va.

SWAC regular season play ends on Saturday, March 8 with the men's and women's Tournaments running from Tuesday, March 11 thru Saturday, March 15 at the Gateway Center Arena in Atlanta, GA.

CIAA

The big news in the CIAA men's race this week was that N. Div. leader **Virginia State** is now 7-2 in league play after dropping its first two games, 82-67 to **Bluefield State** on Wed. (Jan 22) and 70-65 to **Lincoln (Pa.)** on Sat., (Jan. 25). It leaves Lincoln (14-5) at 8-0 in conference play as the only undefeated team. CIAA records in conference play (not divisional play) will determine seeding in the tournament.

VSU's women (8-1) got two wins to stay atop the women's race.

SIAC

Albany State (10-3) and head coach **Patrick Gayle** got big, close wins over contenders **Clark Atlanta** (68-64) and **Morehouse** (76-73) to surge to the top of the men's East Division race. **Miles** (12-1) walloped **Tuskegee** (67-44) and nipped **Spring Hill** (83-80 in OT) to maintain its West Div. lead.

Clark Atlanta (9-3, East) won two games to stay on top of the women's E. Div. while Miles (9-3, West) lost to 8-4 Tuskegee (61-42) but beat Spring Hill and is still the West Div. leader. Miles leads TU by one game.

MEAC

The **Norfolk State** men (4-1) pulled away to a 92-75 win over **Howard** Saturday and the Lady Spartans (5-0) won in a similar way over Howard's women 69-55 Saturday in a sweep at Echols Arena in Norfolk.

It was the first loss in league play for both the Howard men and women, both now in second to NSU at 3-1.

SWAC

The **Southern** men (7-0) and **Texas Southern** women (7-0) continue to lead their respective SWAC races. Southern won at **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (83-67, Sat.) and at **Miss. Valley State** (63-42, Mon.) and has a one-game lead over Texas Southern (6-1) in the men's race.

The TSU women won at **Alabama A&M** (75-65, Sat.) and squeaked by at **Alabama State** (69-67, Mon.) and has one game leads over JSU and SU, both 6-1.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For Conference Championship Games of January 26, 2025

OFFENSE
#73 TRENT SCOTT, OT, Washington (7th season, **GRAMBLING STATE**) - Started at right guard in Washington's 55-23 loss to Philadelphia in the NFC Championship game Sunday. Scott logged 51 offensive snaps (65%) and three on special teams (10%). The Commanders rushed for 99 yards and and one TD and passed for 278 yards and one TD while giving up three sacks (-27 yards).

DEFENSE
#6 BRYAN COOK, S, Kansas City (3rd season, **HOWARD / Cincinnati**) - In Kansas City's 32-29 win over Buffalo in the AFC Championship Game, Cook started at safety and had three solo tackles while playing 43 defensive snaps (59%) and eight on special teams (33%).

SPECIAL TEAMS

#2 JOSHUA WILLIAMS, DB, Kansas City (3rd season, **FAYETTEVILLE STATE**) - In the Rams' 32-29 win over Buffalo Sunday in the AFC Championship Game, Williams had one solo special teams' tackle while playing 20 special teams' snaps (83%).

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Johnson C. Smith	0 2 1 7 5 11	Jada Tiggitt , 6-2, So., F, NCCU - Career-highs 13 rebounds with 18 pts., 3 assists and 3 blocks vs. Pfeiffer. Avg. double-double of 11.5 pts., 10.0 rebs. in 2-0 week.		Spring Hill	5 7 6 13	PLAYER & DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK			
		ROOKIE		LeMoyné-Owen	2 11 5 16	Aylasia Fantroy , 5-11, So., G, TSU - Averaged 19.5 points, 9.5 rebounds, 2.0 blocks and 4.5 steals in two wins with 26 points, 12 rebounds, 4 blocks and 4 steals vs. ALST, 13 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 5 steals vs. ALA&M.			
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