



HELLO AND BYE-BYE

DIAMOND JOHNSON: Five-five Philly native and NC State transfer leads MEAC at 18.7 points per game, 2nd at 4.3 assists per game and has Lady Spartans at 7-0 in MEAC, 20-4 overall.

STANLEY CONNER NEW LANE FOOTBALL COACH; HIGH-SCORING LANDON GLASPER TO LEAVE NCA&T

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

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	DIV		CONF		ALL			CONF					
NORTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L	W	L		W	L				
Lincoln (PA)	4	2	10	2	15	8	Norfolk State	6	1				
Bowie State	4	2	6	6	14	10	Howard	5	2				
Virginia State	3	2	9	2	14	7	Delaware State	4	3				
Bluefield State	3	3	7	5	14	9	S. C. State	4	3				
Virginia Union	3	3	5	6	11	12	Morgan State	4	3				
Elizabeth City State	1	5	3	9	10	12	N. C. Central	3	4				
SOUTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L	W	L	Coppin State	2	5				
Fayetteville State	8	0	11	3	19	6	Md. E-Shore	0	7				
Claflin	5	2	8	5	14	9							
Shaw	3	4	6	6	11	12	OFFENSIVE PLAYERS						
Livingstone	3	4	4	9	12	12	Omar Crosskey, 6-6, Gr.,	y, 6-6, Gr., G, SCSU - Ir					
Johnson C. Smith	2	4	5	7	10	10	had season-high 27 points v	had season-high 27 points with 8 rebound					
Winston-Salem State	e 0 5 0 12 3 19 and 3 steals vs. Howard,						l points	, 1 reb					

MEAC

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK Jordan Hinds, Sr., BLST - 58 points (29.0 ppg.) 12 rebounds (6.0 rpg.), 3 assists, 3 blocks and two stealss in two games. Had six 3s vs. WSSU.

CIAA

Howvante Hutcherson, Sr., C, CLAF - In 2-1 week, had 15 rebounds (11 defensive), 2 blocks and a steal

Bobby Gardner, Fr., G, VUU - Career-high 23

	CONF		ALL			CONF		ALL	ALL			
	W	L	W	L	EAST	W	L	W				
Norfolk State	6	1	16	8	Edward Waters	12	4	16				
Howard	5	2	10	14	Clark Atlanta	12	4	15				
Delaware State	4	3	12	10	Albany State	11	5	14				
S. C. State	4	3	11	12	Morehouse	10	6	13				
Morgan State	4	3	10	13	Savannah State	8	8	10				
N. C. Central	3		10	14	Fort Valley State	8	8	9				
Coppin State	2	5	4	18	Benedict	4	12	4				
Md. E-Shore	0	7	4	18	Allen	2	13	5				
	-				WEST							
OFFENSIVE PLAYERS					Miles	16	1	19				
Omar Crosskey, 6-6, Gr., (3 SC	SII -	Tuskegee	8	8	10						
had season-high 27 points w			Kentucky State	8	8	11						
and 3 steals vs. Howard, 11			Central State	7	8	11						
sists vs. Mid-Atlantic.	pointe	,	Spring Hill	6	10	8						
ROOKIE			LeMoyne-Owen	4	12	4						
Blake Harper, 6-5, Fr., G	HO	W - Ir	า 1-1 ง	veek	Lane	4	12	4				
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SIAC

had 35 points (17.5 ppg.), with 17 pts., 6 rebounds, 4 assists vs. SCSU, 18 pts., 4 re-PLAYER Alvin Miles, 5-11, Sr, G, MILES - Averaged 20.5 ppg., 4.5 rpg. in two wins with 23 points 6 rebounds, 4 steals vs Tuskegee, 18 points, 3 Ayodele Taiwo, 6-9, R-Jr., F, HOW - Careerrebounds, 3 assists vs. Spring Hill high 11 blocks in win over NCCU, with 10 re-

DEFENSE Shemani Fuller, 6-7. So. F. CLATL - Averaged 13.0 points and 7.0 rebounds in two wins with 11 points, 7 rebounds vs. ALBST, 15 points, 7 rebounds vs. FVSU.

Southern 10 11 13 8 16 Bethune-Cookman 3 Jackson State 3 Florida A&M 10 4 Alcorn State Alabama State 5 10 Grambling State 6 8 Alabama A&M Prairie View A&M Arkansas-Pine Bluff Miss. Valley State 10 3

SWAC

PLAYER OF THE WEEK Kintavious Dozier, 6-1, Sr., G, GSU - In two wins, averaged 23.5 points with 17 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals vs. ALA&M, 30 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal vs. ALST. Milton Matthews, FAMU - In two wins, averaged 17.0 points, 4.0 rebounmds with 15

points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists vs. PVA&M, 19

points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals vs. TSU.

INDEPENDENTS Langston - T3rd SUN Florida Memorial - 3rd Lincoln (Mo.) - T7th Tennessee State - T5th 8 W. Virginia State - 5th Hampton - T11th 8 12 13 NC A&T - 14th 0 12 4 21

PLAYER & DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Aaron Nkrumah, 6-6, Jr., G, TNST- Averaged 16.0 points, 10.0 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 2.0 steals in two wins with 18 points, 12 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals vs. Linden wood, 14 points, 8 rebounds, 7 assists, 2 steals vs. W. Illinios

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

STANLEY CONNER NEW MAN AT LANE:

Conner

athletes.

JACKSON, Tenn. - Lane College announced last week the hiring of former Miles Assistant Stanley Conner as the Dragon's new head football coach.

Conner brings over three decades of coaching experience at the collegiate and high school levels, along with a proven track record of developing championship-winning teams

Conner joins Lane after spending the last eight seasons at Miles where he served as the running backs coach and recruiting coordinator. During his tenure at Miles, Conner helped lead the Golden Bears to three SIAC Championships (2018, 2019, and 2024). The 2024 squad made history when they won their opening round game of the NCAA Division II National Tournament. It was the first Div. II playoff win in program history.

"Stanley Conner is a proven winner, and his depth of experience will be an invaluable asset to our football program," said Derrick Burroughs, Lane's Director of Athletics. "We are excited to welcome Coach Conner to the Lane College family. His leadership and passion for developing student-athletes on and off the field align perfectly with our mission to build a competitive, disciplined, and successful football program."

Prior to his time at Miles, Conner served as a head coach at Benedict (2007-2011) and Concordia-Alabama (2014-2015), where he led teams to impressive successes. Conner's career also includes coaching stops at Alabama A&M and Alabama State.

"I am excited for the opportunity to lead the Lane College football program," Conner said. "I look forward to building a winning culture and mentoring young men to succeed both on the field and in life. I am thankful for the trust that **Dr. Donald Comer** and the administration as well as Athletics Director Burroughs have placed in me, and I am ready to get started."

During his tenure at Alabama A&M, he coached the secondary, running backs, and served as assistant head coach. He returned to Alabama A&M as the assistant head coach. Conner helped lead the Bulldogs to SWAC Eastern Division Championships in 2000, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Conner's playing career includes a four-year stint as a letterman at Jackson State, where he helped lead the Tigers to three SWAC championships and NCAA Division I-AA playoff appearances in 1981 and 1982. After his playing days, Conner briefly pursued a career in professional football with the New Orleans Breakers of the USFL and the Ottawa Rough Riders of the CFL.

TOP SCORER HITS PORTAL EARLY:

Recently suspended North Carolina A&T guard Landon Glasper appears to have played his last game for the HBCU. Glasper, who is currently second on the squad in scoring, is hitting the transfer portal according to

This news comes just over a week after Glasper was one of three players suspended indefinitely by head coach Monté Ross.

Glasper was second on the team in scoring to Ryan Forrest, who was also suspended last week. He averaged 18.5 points per game on 33.2 percent shooting after being named a unanimous preseason first-team All-CAA selection. He scored 29 points three times this season, most recently against Stony Brook.

The Fayetteville, AR native led A&T in scoring during his first season at the HBCU during the 2023-2024 season as he averaged just under 21 points and shot just under 40 percent after joining the squad in Ross' first season. Glasper hit the transfer portal following the season, but elected to return to the HBCU squad.

In 45 games with the program, Glasper averaged 19.8 points per game and 1.4 steals. A&T is currently 4-21 overall, 0-12 in the CAA and on an 11-game losing streak.

Leaders trying to hold on as tourney time nears

This week, the BCSP profiles the mid-February leaders in the four HBCU

bounds in win over NCCU.

bounds, 3 points and one steal in week.

BCSP Hoops Notes

DEFENSIVE PLAYER

CIAA

Lincoln (Pa.) and Bowie State are tied at the top of the men's North Division with 4-2 records followed by Virginia State a half-game back at 3-2. Saturday on its home floor, VSU knocked off Lincoln 70-55 while BSU squeaked by at Elizabeth City State 78-74. Bluefield State, just a game back of the leaders at 3-3, got 22 points each from Shainen Carter and Larry Howell to win at home over Virginia Union (3-3) Saturday 97-83.

This week in men's N. Div. play, Bluefield State is at VSU and BSU is at VUU Wednesday. On Saturday, VSU hosts ECSU, Bluefield State hosts BSU and VUU plays at Lincoln.

In the men's South, Fayetteville State is at 8-0 and has a two-and-a-half game lead over Claffin (5-2). FSU only needs a win in one of its last three division games to wrap up the top seed. That could come when the Broncos host Winston-Salem State Thursday. FSU then plays at 3-4 Livingstone Saturday. Claffin hosted third-place Shaw (3-4) Wednesday (Feb. 12) and travels to FSU next Wednesday (Feb. 19).

In the women's North, Virginia Union, Virginia State and Bowie State are tied at the top with 5-1 marks. All three were winners Saturday.

This week, VUU and BSU tangle in Richmond Wednesday (Feb. 12) while VSU hosts Bluefield State. On Saturday, BSU is at Bluefield State, ECSU is at VSU and Lincoln is at VUU. Next Wednesday (Feb. 19), VUU hosts ECSU, while VSU and BSU tangle in Bowie, Md.

On the final day of the regular season, next Saturday (Feb. 22), VUU will host VSU in Richmond, Va. and Lincoln plays at BSU.

In the women's South, FSU (6-1) got 23 points and four assists from Talia Trotter to subdue J. C. Smith 84-51 Thursday and has a one-game lead over 5-2 Livingstone with 4-3 Claffin another game back.

FSU is back in action Thursday at 1-5 Winston-Salem State and then takes on its nearest contenders at Livingstone Saturday and Claffin next Wednesday (Feb. 19). Livingstone is then back in action Wednesday (Feb. 19) hosting JCSU.

SIAC

After beating Morehouse and Clark Atlanta in Atlanta in late January, former men's East Division leader Albany State (11-5) fell to Morehouse (83-79 in OT) at home Saturday and then lost at home to CAU Monday (83-75). The Golden Rams are now behind Edward Waters (12-4) and CAU (12-4) in the E. Div. standings.

EWU got home wins over Allen Saturday (84-57) and came back from a 13-point halftime deficit to nip **Benedict** 75-73 Monday. Six-six junior guard Prince Davies III and 6-4 freshman guard Jaelen Nelson both had 19 in the comeback win. Davies III had 17 and Nelson 14 in the win over Allen.

Edward Waters is at Clark Atlanta Saturday in the match up of E. Div. leaders. CAU then hosts Savannah State Monday.

Miles (16-1) continued to roll atop the men's West race posting a narrow



SINGLULAR HIGHLIGHT

CIAA

steals (4.0 spq.)

week.

ROOKIE

DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Nya Morris, Sr., G, CLAF - Scored 71 points in

three games (23.7 ppg.) with career-high 32 vs.

WSSU, 25 vs. JCSU, 18 rebounds (6.0 rpg.), 12

Zanniyah Ross-Barnes, Sr., F, SHAW - 19 de-

fensive rebounds, 4 blocks and 3 steals for the

Maia Charles, Fr., F, VUU - 21 pts., 13 rebs., 2

steals vs. VUL, 6 pts., 5 blks., 4 rebs. vs. BLST.

Kansas City starting safety BRYAN COOK (#6, HOWARD / Cincinnati) hauls in a first-quarter interception of Philadelphia quarterback Jalen Hurts that was one of the few first-half highlights for the Chiefs in their loss to the Eagles Sunday in Super Bowl LIX. The Chiefs trailed 24-0 at the half en route to a 40-22 loss that prevented their threepeat of Super Bowl victories.

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DEFENSIVE

steals vs. Howard.

steasl in two games with 6 blocks vs. NSU, 3

56-54 win at second-place Tuskegee Saturday before winning at Spring Hill Monday, 79-63. Tuskegee (8-8) also fell to Lane Monday, 65-62. The next date for Miles is Monday at LeMoyne-Owen.

For the women, Tuskegee (11-4) took over first place in the West as the Lady Tigers downed second-place Miles 53-46 Saturday and followed that up with a 59-51 win Monday vs. Lane. Miles, at 10-4, got by Spring Hill 49-46

Tuskegee is at Kentucky State Saturday and Central State Monday. Miles is at LOC Monday.

In the East, Clark Atlanta (11-3) posted double-digit wins at Fort Valley State (72-52) and at Albany State (78-62) to stay at the head of that race. Second-place Allen (9-5) was knocked off 57-52 on the road at Edward Waters Saturday before squeaking by Savannah State Monday, 68-66.

CAU hosts Edward Waters Saturday and Savannah State Monday. Allen is at FVSU Saturday and Albany State Monday.

MEAC

Norfolk State (6-1) is still on top of the men's race as it heads to a road game Saturday at 0-6 Maryland-Eastern Shore before returning home to face 4-3 Delaware State Monday.

Howard (5-2) is a game behind NSU and ahead of three 4-3 teams – Morgan State, S. C. State and DSU – after knocking N. C. Central down to 3-4 with a 82-78 win at home Saturday. The Bison handled winless UMES 77-57 Monday.

This Saturday, Howard is at DSU, MSU and SCSU tangle in Orangeburg, S.C. and NCCU hosts 2-5 Coppin State. Action continues Monday with NCCU hosting MSU, SCSU hosting CSU and Howard in a rematch at UMES.

Norfolk State's women (7-0) continue to set the pace in the women's race and are eighth in the College Insider's Women's Mid Major Top 25. Howard is 6-1, a game back after a 81-64 win at home Saturday over NCCU and a 66-56 win at UMES Monday.

NSU plays at UMES Saturday and hosts DSU Monday. Howard is at DSU Saturday and hosts UMES Monday. Third-place Coppin State (5-2) is at NCCU Saturday and at SC State Monday.

SWAC

Alabama State got a game-high 26 points from 6-3 redshirt sophomore guard Amarr Knox to hand SWAC men's leader Southern (10-1) its first conference loss Monday, 82-81. The Hornets, now 6-5, lost to Grambling 87-77 Saturday while Southern defeated Alabama A&M 81-68. Bethune-Cookman and Jackson State are both 8-3 behind Southern. B-CU got tough 3-points wins on the road vs. Prairie View (85-82) Saturday and Texas Southern (80-77) Monday. JSU disposed of Miss. Valley State 92-44 Saturday and downed UAPB, 94-78 Monday.

Southern hosts PV Saturday and TSU Monday. JSU has key dates at FAMU Saturday and B-CU Monday. B-CU hosts Alcorn State Saturday.

The TSU women moved to 11-0 in first place after beating B-CU 64-57 Thursday and FAMU 77-70 Saturday. JSU and Southern are both 9-2 after both got double wins. In games this week TSU is at Southern Thursday and at Grambling Saturday. JSU is on the road at B-CU Thursday and FAMU Saturday. After TSU, Southern hosts PVA&M Saturday.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For Super Bowl LIX on February 9, 2025



DEFENSE #6 BRYAN COOK, S, Kansas City (3rd season, **HOWARD** / Cincinnati) - Started at safety in Kansas City's 40-22 loss to Philadelphia in Super

Bowl LIX and finished with three solo tackles, a

first-quarter interception and one assisted tackle on special teams. He was in for 43 defensive snaps (58%) and eight on special teams (28%).



SPECIAL TEAMS

#2 JOSHUA WILLIAMS, DB, Kansas City (3rd season, FAYETTEVILLE STATE) - In the Chiefs' 40-22 loss to Philadelphia in Super Bowl LIX, Williams had one solo special teams' tackle. He

was in for 29 special teams' snaps (100%).

SWAC

OFFENSE

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

UPCOMING BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CIAA TOURNAMENT Feb 25 - March 1 • CFG Arena • Baltimore, MD

SIAC TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATIONS

March 5-8 • Forbes Arena (Morehouse) • Atlanta, GA

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

		DIV		CONF		ALL			CONF		ALL			CONF		ALL			CONF	
	NORTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L	W	L		W	L	W	L	EAST	W	L	W	L		W	L
	Virginia State	5	1	10	2	17	5	Norfolk State	7	0	20	4	Clark Atlanta	11	3	18	5	Texas Southern	11	(
	Bowie State	5	1	10	2	16	8	Howard	6	1	13	9	Allen	9	5	14	7	Jackson State	9	2
	Virginia Union	5	1	9	1	15	4	Coppin State	5	2	14	9	Edward Waters	9	6	13	7	Southern	9	2
	Bluefield State	2	4	2	10	9	15	Md. E-Shore	3	4	8	14	Savannah State	7	8	11	10	Alabama A&M	8	3
	Lincoln (PA)	1	5	5	7	9	14	Morgan State	3	4	10	12	Benedict	5	10	7	14	Grambling State	6	Ę
	Elizabeth City State	0	6	4	8	7	13	N. C. Central	3	4	6	16	Albany State	4	10	8	13	Florida A&M	5	6
	SOUTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L	W	L	S. C. State	1	6	2	21	Fort Valley State	4	10	8	13	Alcorn State	5	6
	Fayetteville State	6	1	9	3	14	7	Delaware State	0	7	4	17	WEST					Bethune-Cookman	4	7
	Livingstone	5	2	7	6	9	14						Tuskegee	11	4	14	8	Prairie View A&M	3	8
	Claflin	4	3	7	6	12	9	OFFENSIVE PLAYER O	F TH	E WE	EΕΚ		Miles	10	4	13	6	Alabama State	3	8
	Shaw	3	4	5	7	9	13	Zennia Thomas, Jr., F, H	Lane	9	6	14	8	Miss. Valley State	2	Ç				
	Johnson C. Smith	1	5	2	10	6	14	points, 8.0 rebounds, 1.	week	Central State	8	6	10	10	Arkansas-Pine Bliuff	1	1			
	Winston-Salem State	1	5	2	10	5	16	with 25 points, 6 rebound	,			,	Kentucky State	6	8	7	13			
						19 points, 10 rebounds	, 1 s	teal	vs. S	SCSU.	Spring Hill	5	10	6	16	PLAYER OF THE WEEK	K			
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK ROOKIE									LeMoyne-Owen	3	12	6	18	Aniya Gourdine, 5-9, 9	Sr., G	, 5				
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SIAC

Ericka Huggins, Fr., F, DSU - 20 points, 13 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 blocks, 2 steals vs. PLAYER OF THE WEEK VUL. Averaged 12.5 points, 7.5 rebounds for Trinity Jones, 5-6, Gr., G, CLATL - Averaged 20.0 points, 5.0 rebounds in two wins, with 18 points, 6 rebounds vs. FVSU, 22 Jada Tiggett, 6-2, So., F, NCCU - Averaged points, 4 rebounds vs. ALBST. 8.5 points, 8.5 rebounds, 4 blocks and 2.5

as TU took first in W. Div.

Britney Bolin, 5-6, Gr., G, TUSK - 6 points, $8\ rebounds,\,4\ assists$ in win vs. Lane and 12points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals in win vs. Miles

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Aniya Gourdine, 5-9, Sr., G, SOU - Averaged 16.0 points, 6.0 rebounds, 3.0 steals in ALA&M.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER Aylasia Fantroy, 5-11, So., G, TSU - Averaged 11.5 points, 7.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals in two wins with 13 points, 6 rebounds, 3 sreals vs. B-CU, 10 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals vs. FAMU

Lincoln (Mo.) - 15th PLAYERS OF THE WEEK Chaniya Clark, 6-4, R-Jr., C, NCA&T - In two wins with 12 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals 1-1 week, had 10 points, 7 rebounds in loss vs. ALST, 20 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal vs. to Campbell, 10 points, 6 rebounds, 4 blocks

in win over Charleston

INDEPENDENTS