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CIAA Women's Tournament load **BIG CELEBRATION:** CIAA's 50th women's basketball tournament set to be celebrated at this week's

Men's and Women's Tourneys.

TOP BLACK COLLEGE SCORERS, REBOUNDERS THRU FEBRUARY; LEGACY BOWL WRAPS IN NEW ORLEANS

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

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State	7	3	13	3	18	8	Norfolk State	10	1	20	8	Clark Atlanta	14	5	17	9
State	6	4	10	6	17	10	S. C. State	8	3	15	12	Albany State	14	6	17	10
PA)	5	5	11	5	16	11	Howard	7	4	12	16	Morehouse	13	7	16	12
Jnion	5	5	8	8	14	14	Delaware State	6	5	14	12	Edward Waters	12	8	16	11
ate	5	5	7	9	15	13	Morgan State	5	6	11	16	Savannah State	11	9	13	11
City State	2	8	4	12	11	15	N. C. Central	4	6	11	16	Fort Valley State	10	10	11	16
IVISION	W	Ĺ	W	L	W	L	Coppin State	3	8	5	21	Benedict	6	13	6	20
ille State	9	1	12	4	21	7	Md. E-Shore	0	10	4	22	Allen	2	18	6	20
	8	2	11	5	17	9						WEST				
C. Smith	5	5	8	8	13	-	PLAYER & ROOKIE					Miles	18	1	22	3
0. 0	3	7	6	11	11		Blake Harper, 6-5, Fr.	G H	ow -	Aver	raged	Tuskegee	11	9	13	13
ne	3	7	4	12			27.5 points, 6.0 reboun					Central State	10	9	15	12
	•	8		14		21	steals in a 2-0 week fo					Kentucky State	9	10	12	12
Salem State	2	0	2	14	Э	21	lied his fifth 30-point pe					Lane	6	13	6	18
							son in the win over M					Spring Hill	6	13	8	16
							recording 34 points wi	,				LeMoyne-Owen	4	15	4	22
							assists and one steal.	-			,	,				
											,	PLAYER & DEFENSE				
							four rebounds, three as	551515 a	iiu lw	o ste	ais (0	DI: W.II. 07.0	- 41 -			

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aid Howard in the victory over Morgan State. On the week, Harper shot 60.7 percent (17-of-28) from the field, 60.0 percent from threepoint range (3-of-5) and 69.2 percent (18-of-26) from the free throw line. DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Daniel Akintoby., 6-7, So., F, NSU - Sixth

Blaise Wallace, 6-7, So, F, ALB - Game-highs of 25 points and 24 rebounds in loss to FVSU, who

had six score in double-digits

SWAC Southern 13 1 10 17 Jackson State 10 4 13 15 Bethune-Cookman 10 5 Texas Southern 5 13 15 Florida A&M Alcorn State 6 8 19 Grambling State Alabama A&M 10 18 11 5 23 Prairie View A&M Arkansas-Pine Bluff Miss. Valley State 14 3 25

PLAYER OF THE WEEK Trey Thomas, B-CU - In two wins, had 12 points, 2 rebounds vs. ALA&M, 23 points, 2 rebounds vs. ALST. DEFENSE Doctor Bradley, UAPB -12 points, 14 re-

bounds in win over PV.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK Jahnathan Lamothe, 6-4, So., G, NCA&T-Lamothe averaged 24.0 points, 9.0 replaying 40 minutes in both games. DEFENSIVE PLAYER

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INDEPENDENTS

Langston - T2nd

Florida Memorial - 3rd

Lincoln (Mo.) - T7th

Tennessee State - 5th

W. Virginia State - 5th

Hampton - T7th

NC A&T - 13th

SUN

Jamison Epps, LANG - 14 points, 13

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BLACK COLLEGE SCORING AND REBOUNDING LEADERS BY CONFERENCE thru games of Feb. 23, 2025

SCORING - MEN												
CIAA (FINAL)	GP	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG					
Jordan Hinds, BLST	25	793	188	41	102	519	20.8					
Tarrell Fletcher, FSU	27	944	183	22	87	475	17.6					
Caleb Simmons, FSU	27	891	158	29	120	465	17.2					
Trent McIntyre, SHAW	22	690	95	18	155	363	16.5					
SIAC												
Walter Peggs Jr., SHU	23	820	195	93	135	618	26.9					
Lavar Miller Jr., KSU	23	798	144	97	52	437	19.0					
Aziel Blackwell, KSU	21	669	116	31	128	391	18.6					
Shakur Poteat, ALB	28	954	171	74	100	516	18.4					
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Blake Harper, HOW	27	933	153	35	187	528	19.6					
Brian Moore, Jr., NSU	27	848	184	23	114	505	18.7					
Ketron Shaw, UMES	25	872	149	9	145	452	18.1					
Robert Smith, DSU	25	756	155	63	53	426	17.0					
SWAC		004	4=0		404	400	4= 0					
Tanahj Pettway, PVAM	28	884	172	47	101	492	17.6					
Sterling Young, FLAM	25	638	133	56	96	418	16.7					
Trey Thomas,B-CU	28	888	148	56	104	456	16.3					
AmarrnKnox, ALST	28	819	150	31	90	421	15.0					
CAA	04	CO 4	112	00	02	400	10.1					
Ryan Forrest, NCAT\	21	684	143	23	93	402	19.1					
OVC	24	700	112	21	139	204	16.0					
Brandon Weston, TNST SUN	24	766	112	21	139	384	10.0					
	28	766	188	9	92	477	17.0					
Latavious Mitchell, FMU MEC	20	100	100	9	32	4//	17.0					
Jae Slack, WVSU	24	742	149	39	107	444	18.5					
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	SCORI	NG - W	OMEN				
CIAA (FINAL)							
Nya Morris, CLAF	26	821	201	65	52	519	20.0
Destiny Ryles, BSU	27	776	141	34	163	479	17.7
Alyssa Fields, LINCP	27	1006	181	50	57	469	17.4
Ciani Montgomery, LINCP	26	917	167	37	47	418	16.1
SIAC							
Taliah Wesley, ALL	25	762	138	39	121	436	17.4
Atreonia Garner, CLATL	26	744	158	1	83	400	15.4
Amari Hamilton, SAVST	16	449	85	1	68	239	14.9
MEAC							
Diamond Johnson, NSU	27	915	199	58	53	509	18.9
Laila Lawrence, CSU	26	817	158	18	101	435	16.7
Angel Jones, CSU	26	925	158	23	62	401	15.4
Kierra Wheeler, NSU	27	841	173	9	57	412	15.3
SWAC							
Taleah Dilworth, JSU	25	750	125	18	119	387	15.5
Kalia Walker, ALAM	23	710	93	47	114	347	15.1
D'Arrah Allen, APB	20	688	100	39	52	291	14.6
Cheyennne McEvans, FLAM	25	865	123	33	67	346	13.8
CAA							
Jordyn Dorsey, NCAT	25	887	126	15	113	380	15.2
OVC							
Somah Kamara, TNST	27	741	136	31	69	372	13.8

REBOUNDING - MEN											
CIAA (FINAL)	GP	OFF	AVG/G	DEF	AVG/G	TOT	AVG				
Abou Camara, WSSU	25	101	4.0	146	5.8	247	9.9				
Dericko Williams, ECSU	23	83	3.6	140	6.1	223	9.7				
Caleb Simmons, FSU	27	67	2.5	184	6.8	251	9.3				
Jonathan King, VUU	28	89	3.2	120	4.3	209	7.5				
SIAC											
Blaise Wallace, ALB	28	86	3.1	203	7.3	289	10.3				
Corey Trotter, MILES	24	52	2.2	162	6.8	214	8.9				
Sayerr Senghore, FVSU	26	53	2.0	165	6.3	218	8.4				
Shema i Fuller, CLATL	26	58	2.2	150	5.8	208	8.0				
MEAC											
Daniel Akitoby, MSU	26	78	3.0	105	4.0	183	7.0				
Blake Harper, HOW	27	27	1.0	148	5.5	175	6.5				
Martaz Robinson, DSU	25	34	1.4	126	5.0	160	6.4				
Kaseem Watson, DSU	25	40	1.6	103	4.1	143	5.7				
SWAC											
Reggie Ward Jr., B-CU	21	34	1.6	134	6.4	168	8.0				
Djahi Binet, ALC	26	82	3.2	108	4.2	190	7.3				
Romelle Mansel, JSU	24	40	1.7	123	5.1	163	6.8				
Antonio Madlock, ALST	26	30	1.2	144	5.5	174	6.7				
CAA											
Nikolaos Chitikoudis, NCAT	25	78	3.1	148	5.9	226	9.0				
SAC											
Jamison Epps, LANG	28	57	2.0	155	5.5	212	7.6				
SUN											
Latavious Mitchell, FMU	28	86	3.1	197	7.0	283	10.1				

REE	BOUN	IDING	- WO	MEN								
CIAA (FINAL)												
Carmen Kweti, VSU	25	95	3.8	204	8.2	299	12.0					
Morgan Kelson, LIV	24	88	3.7	166	6.9	254	10.6					
Alyssa Fields, LINCP	27	89	3.3	181	6.7	270	10.0					
SIAC												
Keyra Peterson, ALB	23	81	3.5	133	5.8	214	9.3					
Marta Duda, SHU	25	47	1.9	166	6.6	213	8.5					
Taliah Wesley, ALL	25	81	3.2	121	4.8	202	8.1					
MEACW												
Laila Lawrence, CSU	26	80	3.1	177	6.8	257	9.9					
Kierra Wheeler, NSU	27	92	3.4	154	5.7	246	9.1					
Miorgan Callahan, NCCU	23	46	2.0	125	5.4	171	7.4					
Ericka Huggins, DSU	20	23	1.2	116	5.8	139	7.0					
SWACW												
Asianae Nicholson, B-CU	27	126	4.7	175	6.5	301	11.1					
Alisha Wilson, ALAM	27	112	4.1	143	5.3	255	9.4					
CordasiaHarris, ALST	23	70	3.0	139	6.0	209	9.1					
Destiny Brown, ALC	22	56	2.5	118	5.4	174	7.9					
SACM												
Mikayla Woods, LANG	19	56	2.9	126	6.6	182	9.6					
OVCW												
Lyric Cole, TNST	26	76	2.9	138	5.3	214	8.2					
SUNW												
Farres, garcia Agar, FMU	16	67	4.2	106	6.6	173	10.8					

CIAA Tourney takes center stage

BALTIMORE, MD. (February 22, 2025) – The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), the nation's oldest Historically Black Athletic Conference, announced the brackets for its 2025 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament.

The single-elimination tournament tipped off at CFG Bank Arena in Baltimore, MD on Tuesday, February 25 - and will run thri the championship games on March 1st. Championship games will tip-off at 1:00 p.m. for the women followed by the men at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1st. Each bracket is seeded based on Division record. If division records are tied, the first tiebreaker is head-to-head results followed by head-to-head point differential.

In the Men's field, Virginia State solidified the top seed in the Northern Division by posting a 7-3 divisional record. Led by Head Coach Lonnie Blow **Jr.**, the Trojans finished the regular season with a 13-3 record in CIAA action. The Trojans made it to the second day of last year's quarterfinals before being eliminated. The No. 2 seed goes to Bluefield State. Under the guidance of head coach **Devin Hoehn**, the Big Blue finished regular season play with an 10-6 conference record including 6-4 in the division. With a 3-way tie for the No. 3 seed, reigning champions Lincoln (PA) take the third spot with a +1 point differential over **Virginia Union** and a head-to-head tiebreaker over **Bowie State**. With the Trojans at the No. 3 seed, Virginia Union edges out Bowie State with two head-to-head regular season wins and take the No. 4 seed. Bowie State will sit at the No. 5 seed with Elizabeth City State at No. 6. finale.

In the Men's Southern Division, Fayetteville State takes the top spot for the 4th straight season. Claffin comes in at No. 2 for the second straight season with an 8-2 divisional record and Johnson C. Smith grabbed the third spot after concluding the season with a .500 record. After a head-to-head point differential tiebreaker, Livingstone claims the No. 4 spot over Shaw at the No.5 spot. **Winston-Salem State** rounds out the Southern Division at the No. 6 spot.

In the women's northern division, Virginia State came out on top with a near perfect 9-1 divisional record after defeating rival Virginia Union in their final regular season game. The Panthers, however, were close behind, as they're locked into the second seed after posting an 8-2 divisional record on the season. **Bowie State** rounds out the top-three of the northern division, as they finished with an above .500 record in the division at 6-4. Lincoln (PA) and Bluefield State come in next, respectively, with the Lions taking the four seed thanks to a +8 point differential over the Big Blue, who claim the five seed, while Elizabeth City **State** takes the six seed in the division at 1-9.

In the southern portion of the women's division, reigning champions Fayetteville State finished where they left off, as their 9-1 record propelled them to the top spot. Livingstone, who showed much improvement from last year's fifth-seed finish, jumped up all the way to the two seed, boasting a 7-3 record in the division. **Claffin** rounds out the top three as they finished with a record above .500, coming in at 6-4 in the division. The Bears of **Shaw** are in possession of the four seed at 4-6 while Johnson C. Smith and Winston-Salem State's divisional records have them as the five and six seed, respectively, with the Golden Bulls finishing ahead of the Rams thanks to a +1 point differential.

All 22 games will be broadcast exclusively on ESPN+ (https://plus.espn. com/) with the championship games also being shown on ESPNU.

CIAA names top 2024-25 hoopsters

Bowie, MD. – The CIAA announced the 2024-25 Men's and Women's All-Conference selections and superlatives on Monday. These exceptional student-athletes demonstrated extraordinary play, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the season.

As voted on by the CIAA Sports Information Directors Association, the CIAA recognizes the following individuals as the best of the best in CIAA

2024-25 CIAA ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS & SUPERLATIVES MEN

Men's Rookie of the Year. Bobby Gardner, Virginia Union; Men's Defensive Player of the Year. Dericko Williams, Elizabeth City State Men's Player of the Year. Jordan Hinds, Bluefield State Robert L. "Bobby" Vaughan CIAA Men's Coach of the Year. Luke D'Alessio, Fayetteville State; WOMEN

Rookie of the Year. Maia Charles, Virginia Union **DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Carmen Kweti, Virginia State;





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Player of the Year: Nya Morris, Claflin Dr. Peggy Green Women's Coach of the Year: Nadine Domond, Virginia State; MEN'S ALL-ROOKIE TEAM Bobby Gardner, Virginia Union Orlando Hudson, Johnson C. Smith Sterling Vaughn, Elizabeth City State Masaun Moore-Bryant, Winston-Salem State Jahmire Brewer, Lincoln (PA) MEN'S FRONTCOURT Caleb Simmons, Fayetteville State Dericko Williams, Elizabeth City State Amare Wimbush, Bowie State Ashton Sherrell, Johnson C. Smith John Whitehead III Claflin Cleveland Bakir, Lincoln (PA) Larry Howell, Bluefield State **MEN'S BACKCOURT** Jordan Hinds, Bluefield State Tairell Fletcher, Fayetteville State Jacob Cooper, Virginia State

2024-25 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CIAA TEAM

Xavier Tubbs-Matthews, Elizabeth City State

Reggie Hudson, Lincoln (PA)

ROOKIE TEAM KaNyah O'Neal, Fayetteville State Azahreya Drayton-Gill, Bluefield State Maia Charles, Virginia Union Olivia Randolph, Claflin Breasia Coit, Livingstone WOMEN'S FRONTCOURT Taniyah Greene, Virginia Union Anvssa Fields, Lincoln (PA) Morgan Graham, Fayetteville State Amesha Miller, Virginia State Morgan Kelson, Livingstone Jasmine Jenkins, Bluefield State Carmen Kweti. Virginia State WOMEN'S BACKCOURT Destiny Ryles, Bowie State Nya Morris, Claflin Anii Harris, Virginia State

Talia Trotter, Fayetteville State

CIAA celebrating 50 years of women's basketball tournament

CHARLOTTE, NC (January 23, 2025) - The CIAA announced that the 2025 Food Lion CIAA Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Women's Championship Basketball Tournament.

2025 is truly a celebration of legacy for the conference as it marks the 50th Anniversary of the CIAA Women's Basketball Tournament and the incredible athletes who have shaped women's basketball. The memorable event will be an unforgettable tribute to achievement, excellence, perseverance, and the trailblazing spirit of the CIAA's women athletes. Marquis initiatives under the banner #PaintingHerStory, will take place throughout Tournament week and will include the EmpowerHER Town Hall; Women's Empowerment Brunch presented by Nationwide; Ladies' Night on Championship Saturday; The Mind, Body, Soul Panel; and the John B. McClendon Jr. CIAA Hall of Fame Breakfast, with a special focus on leaders in women's sports.

Team Robinson takes fourth annual **HBCU Legacy Bowl**

NEW ORLEANS - Florida A&M quarterback Daniel Richardson completed nine of 12 passes for 108 yards and was named Offensive MVP as Team Robinson downed Team Gaither 17-14 at the fourth annual HBCU all-star game at Tulane's Yulman Stadium. Alabama State defensive lineman **Tregwan Thomas** secured the defensive MVP with four sacks.

The game, the brainchild of HBCU and NFL legends **Doug Williams** and James "Shack" Harris, brings together 100 top draft-eligible seniors for three days of workouts in front of NFL scouts culminating in Saturdays game. The 2024 Black College Football Player of the Year, Jada Byers out of Virginia Union, was recognized at halftime as were the 2025 Black College Football Hall of Fame Class - Henry Dyer (Grambling State), Rashean Mathis (Bethune-Cookman), Jacquay Nunnally (Florida A&M), Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie (Tennessee State), Jay 'Sky' Walker (Howard), and coach Fred 'Pop' Long (Wiley).

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

Taliah Wesley, ALLEN - 21 points, 19 re-

bounds in win over Benedict

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			MEAC ATHL	MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			Œ	SIAC SOUTHERN INTER								
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				DEFENSIVE Kierra Wheeler, NSU				,	LeMoyne-Owen PLAYER OF THE	3 E WEEK	15	7	20			

INDEPENDENTS SWAC

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Texas Southern	13	3 2	14	12	SAC				
Southern	12	2 2	14	13	Langston - 1st	22	2	26	2
Alabama A&M	12	2 3	19	8	CAĂ				
Jackson State	11	3	13	12	NC A&T - 1st	12	2	16	9
Grambling State	8	6	11	14	Hampton - 13th	2	11	6	18
Alcorn State	7	7	9	16	SUN				
Florida A&M	6	9	9	17	Florida Memorial - T1st	13	3	21	4
Bethune-Cookman	6	9	9	18	MEC				
Prairie View A&M	5	10	8	16	W. Virginia State - 8th	8	10	14	12
Alabama State	4	11	6	21	OVC				
Miss. Valley State	3	12	4	22	Tennessee State - 8th	4	12	8	18
Arkansas-Pine Bliuf	f 1	14	3	22	GLVC				
					Lincoln (Mo.) - 15th	0	19	1	24
PLAYER OF THE W	/EEK				. ,				
Kalia Walker, 5-5.	Sr., G. A	PLAYERS OF THE WE	FK						

transfer had 18 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals Kamesha Moore, 5-8, Sr., G, FMU - Averin win vs. MVSU, team-highs of 21 points aged 27.5 ppg., 7.5 rpg., 5.5 spg., and 6.5 and 7 rebounds vs. UAPB. apg., with 33 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals, DEFENSIVE PLAYER 3 assists in win vs. St. Thomas, 22 points. Soniya Reed, 6-0, Sr., F, SU - 12 points, 2 9 rebounds, 9 assists, 7 steals vs. Coastal rebounds in win over TSU, team-highs of 19 Georgia. points and 8 rebounds in win over Prairie

DEFENSIVE PLAYER Chaniya Clark, 6-4, R-Jr., C, NCA&T - 17 pts., 12 rebs. vs. NE, 17 pts., 14 boards vs. Delaware, both wins.