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CIAA Women's Tournament logo

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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

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CIAA Tournery 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. **Clafin** 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. **Clafin** 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.

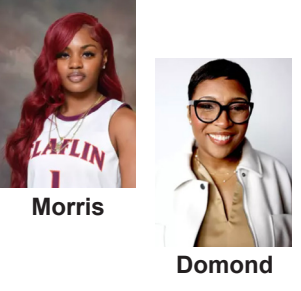
As voted on by the CIAA Sports Information Directors Association, the CIAA recognizes the following individuals as the best of the best in CIAA Hoops:

2024-25 CIAA ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS & SUPERLATIVES

MEN	
Men's Rookie of the Year: Bobby Gardner, Virginia Union;	 D'Allesio
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;	

Player of the Year:

Nya Morris, Clafin
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, Clafin
Cleveland Bakir, Lincoln (PA)
Larry Howell, Bluefield State
MEN'S BACKCOURT
Jordan Hinds, Bluefield State
Tairrell Fletcher, Fayetteville State
Jacob Cooper, Virginia State
Xavier Tubbs-Matthews, Elizabeth City State
Reggie Hudson, Lincoln (PA)



2024-25 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CIAA TEAM

ROOKIE TEAM
Ka'Nyah O'Neal, Fayetteville State
Azahreya Drayton-Gill, Bluefield State
Maia Charles, Virginia Union
Olivia Randolph, Clafin
Breasia Coit, Livingstone
WOMEN'S FRONTCOURT
Taniyah Greene, Virginia Union
Anyssa 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, Clafin
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 **Treqwan 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).

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Taliah Wesley, ALLEN - 21 points, 19 rebounds in win over Benedict.

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Kalia Walker, 5-5, Sr., G, ALA&M - UAPB transfer had 18 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals in win vs. MVSU, team-highs of 21 points and 7 rebounds vs. UAPB.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER
Soniya Reed, 6-0, Sr., F, SU - 12 points, 2 rebounds in win over TSU, team-highs of 19 points and 8 rebounds in win over Prairie View.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Kamesha Moore, 5-8, Sr., G, FMU - Averaged 27.5 ppg., 7.5 rpg., 5.5 spg., and 6.5 app., with 33 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 assists in win vs. St. Thomas, 22 points, 9 rebounds, 9 assists, 7 steals vs. Coastal Georgia.

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.