



BALLIN' FOR THE BIG DANCE

LARRY VICKERS: His Lady Spartans of Norfolk State ran the table in the MEAC and enter this week's tournament as the favorite to take the title.

SWAC, MEAC TOURNEYS UNDERWAY; EIGHT IN D2 NATIONALS, TEN IN NAIA; EDDIE GEORGE OUT AT TSU

TOURNAMENT FINALS RECAPS

SIAC WOMEN

Miles 68, Tuskegee 54

ATLANTA, GA – West top seed Miles got 24 points from 5-5

senior point guard Iemviah Harris and 15 from senior forward Feliah Greer to avenge two regular season losses to West second seed Tuskegee in a 68-54 win, their second straight title, in the championship game of the **SIAC** Tournament here Saturday.

Miles (22-6) led 29-18 at the half and stretched the lead to as much as 20 points in the second half. Tuskegee (18-14) was able to cut the lead below 10

twice in the second half, first at 45-37 on a 3 pointer by La'Dajah Hughley at 47-39 with 8:55 and again on a jumper by Syann Holmes with 7:41 left. Miles responded with an 18-4 run to stretch the lead to 61-43 on **Makayla Reeve's** jumper with 2:57 to go. Greer scored 14 of her 15 points in the second half.

Hilani Cantone led Tuskegee with 16 while Cynaye Bobbitt had 13. Harris was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

SIAC MEN

Savannah State 67, Tuskegee 66

ATLANTA, GA – Five-eleven junior guard Javonte Landy made one of two free throws with 2.6 seconds left to allow East fourth-seed Savannah State to knock off West second-seed

Tuskegee 67-66 in the SIAC men's championship game that went down to the wire here Saturday. Interim head coach Clevan Thompson, who

took over the SSU Tigers when Horace Broadnax retired in early January, led the Tigers to a 63-61 upset of West top seed Miles in Wednesday's quarterfinals, before knocking off Central State 53-48 in Friday's semis



In the title game, he rode the play of junior guard Landy who scored 14 of SSU's final 17 points after trailing by eight at 58-50 with 5:32 left. Landy's two free throws with 1:57 to play tied the game at 61. After a tip-in by 6-9 junior forward Kusamae Draper put TU up 63-61, Landy tied the game at 63 on a jumper at the 1:17 mark.

In the final minute, SSU senior guard Ayjay Plain knocked down a 3-pointer off a feed from Landy to give the Tigers a 66-63 lead with :16 seconds left. But TU senior guard Kevin Sesberry answered and tied it at 66 with his own 3 with 6.0 seconds to play.

On SSU's ensuing possession, Landy, despite being doubleteamed, got the ball and was fouled going to the basket. He missed the first free throw but made the second. After a timeout, Tuskegee threw a length-of-the-court that was broken up as time expired.

Draper was a force inside and finished with a game-high 26 points. Sesberry, who had a game-high 27 points Friday as the Golden Tigers knocked off East top seed Clark Atlanta and 28 in a quarterfinal win over **Albany State**, had 17 on 5 of 17 shooting in the final.

Lundy led SSU with 23 points followed by senior forward Qua **King's** 19 and a team-high eight rebounds. Plain had 16 points. King who had 11 points and 6 rebounds vs. CSU, 17 points, 6 rebounds and 3 steals in the win over Miles, 11 points and 4 rebounds in the opening round vs. Spring Hill, was named the tourney's MVP.

Ten HBCUs in NAIA men's and women's national tournament

WOMEN

NAISMITH QUADRANT - Langston, OK 4) Langston (29-2) vs. 13) Blue Mountain Christian (19-11) - 6 pm. CRAMER QUADRANT - New Orleans, LA 6) Xavier (LA) (27-3) vs. 11) Southeastern Louisiana (23-5) - 7 p.m. LISTON QUADRANT - Marion, IN, Fort Wayne, IN, Henderson TN 6) Rio Grande (30-4) vs. 11) Stillman (25-5) - 4 p.m., Fort Wayne 1) Indi. Wesleyan (29-2) vs. 16) Philander Smith (20-10) - 5:30 p.m., Marion 7) Florida Memorial (23-4) vs.(10) IU Northwest (23-7) - 7 p.m., Henderson

NAISMITH QUADRANT - Caldwell, IA, Langston, OK 4) Langston (24-7) vs. 13) Saint Mary (22-9) - 1 p.m., Langston 8) Friends (23-7) vs. 9) Florida Memorial (23-7) - 6 p.m., Caldwell CRAMER QUADRANT - Dalton, GA 3) Ave Maria (24-6) vs. 14) Xavier (LA) (19-9) - 8 p.m. DUER QUADRANT - West Palm Beach, FL 2) William Woods (28-2) vs. 15) Dillard (19-11) - 6 p.m. LISTON QUADRANT - Alexandria, LA 1) LSU Alexanderia (28-2) vs. 16) Stillman (18-11) - 7:30 p.m.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS, DATES

CAA MEN - CAREFIRST ARENA, WASHINGTON, DC FIRST ROUND #11 Hofstra 77, #14 NC A&T 55 **#10 Hampton** 70, #7 Northeastern 65 SECOND ROUND - SUN., MARCH 9 - 6 p.m. #2 UNC Wilmington 79, Hampton 65

CAA WOMEN - CAREFIRST ARENA - WASHINGTON, DC FIRST ROUND - Wed., March 12 - 2 p.m. #13 Hampton vs. #12 Stony Brook SECOND ROUND - Friday, March 14 - 12 noon #1 NC A&T vs. #8 Hofstra/#9 William & Mary winner

MEC - WESBANCO ARENA, WHEELING, WV WOMEN - W. Va. State 61, W. Va. Wesleyan 58 Glenville State 87, W. Va. State 73 MEN - Concord 92, W. Va. State 88

OVC - FORD CENTER, EVANSVILLE, IND WOMEN - #5 Southern Indiana 73, #8 Tennessee State 64 MEN - #3 Tennessee State 69, Lindenwood 55 SIUE 71, Tennessee State 69

> GLVC - ST. CHARLES, MO MEN - Lincoln (MO) 62, vs. Lewis 59 Lincoln (MO) 87, Missouri S&T 64 GLVC Championship Game Lincoln (MO) 58, Missouri-St. Louis 51

2025 SIAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMEMT RESULTS **MEN'S TOURNAMENT**

FINAL

OPENING ROUND

2E Morehouse 62, 7W LeMoyne-Owen 51 3E Albany State105, 6W Lane102 4W Kentucky State 108, 5E Edward Waters 87 4E Savannah State 79, 5W Spring Hill 74 3W Central State 78, 6E Fort Valley State 71 2W Tuskegee 82, 7E Benedict 69

QUARTERFINALS Savannah State 63, 1W Miles 61 1E Clark Atlanta 77, Knetucky State 72 Tuskegee 70, Albany State 68 Central State 77, Morehouse 70 **SEMIFINALS** Savannah State 53, Central State 48

Tuskegee 68, Clark Atlanta 46

Savannah State 67, Tuskegee 66 **TOURNAMENT MVP**

Qua King, 6-7, Sr., F, Savannah State

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM Qua King, Savannah State Ayjay Plain, Savannah State Javontae Landy, Savannah State Kevin Sesberry, Tuskegee Kusamae Draper, Tuskegee

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1W Miles 64, Savannah State 43 1E Clark Atlanta 67, Central State 38 LeMoyne-Owen ??, Lane ?? Tuskegee 56, Spring Hill 40 **SEMIFINALS**

Miles 62, LeMoyne-Owen 57 Tuskegee 60, Clark Atlanta 48

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SWAC in Atlanta, MEAC in Norfolk

WOMEN - FINAL

Basketball tournaments get underway this week in Atlanta (SWAC) and Norfolk, VA. (MEAC) as these leagues determine who will advance to the NCAA Div. I Big Dances.

The same two teams are on top of the seedings in both the SWAC and MEAC.

The Southern men and women are the top teams in the SWAC while the Norfolk State men and women top the MEAC.

The Southern men (14-3) and women (15-3) have led the SWAC races most of the season but will be challenged. SWAC

Tuesday (March 11). The women of Alabama A&M and Texas Southern both finished 14-4 in conference play and are seeded second and third in

Tournament play got under way

the women's tourney. Both had regular season wins over the Lady

p.m. final will be carried on ESPN+. Two of the Southern men's losses were to No. 5 Alabama State. No. 3 Bethune-Cookman handed the Jags their other

All the SWAC women's games including Saturday's 5:30

conference loss. All the SWAC men's games except Saturday's 9:30 p.m. championship game will be carried on ESPN+. The title game will

be on ESPNU. No one was more dominant than the Norfolk State women

under head coach Larry Vickers who completed a 14-0 run thru the MEAC. They will be heavily favored to come away with the title.

Women's play began Wednesday (March 12) as the Lady Spartans took

on 8th-seed SC State at 12 noon. All the women's games are at 12 noon and 2 p.m. and will be carried on ESPN+.

Saturday's 4 p.m. championship game will be on ESPN News. The NSU men lost two games down the stretch at SC State and NCCU to fall into the tie with SC State for the top spot at 11-3. Based on tie-breaking procedures, the NSU Spartans of Robert Jones are seeded first with Erik Martin's Bulldogs of SC State

Men's play begins Wednesday at 6 p.m. as the Spartans take

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WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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	SEEDING	W	L	W	L	March 11 - 11:00 am	#7 B-Cookman vs. #10 Miss. Valley State	ESPN+
,	1) Southern	15	3	• • •	14	March 11- 5:30 pm	#8 Florida A&M vs. #9 Prairie View A&M	ESPN+
	2) Alabama A&M	14	4	21	-	March 12- 11:00 am	#2 Alabama A&M vs. B-CU/MVSU winner	ESPN+
	3) Texas Southern	14	4	15	14			
;	4) Jackson State	13	5	15	14	March 12- 5:30 pm	#1 Southern vs. FAMU/PV winner	ESPN+
	5) Grambling State	12	6		14	March 13 - 11:00 am	#3 Texas Southern vs. #6 Alcorn State	ESPN+
	6) Alcorn State	10	8	12		March 13 - 5:30 p.m.	#4 Jackson State vs. #5 Grambling State	ESPN+
;	7) Bethune-Cookman	7		10		March 14 - 11 a.m.	Semifinal	ESPN+
	8) Prairie View A&M	6 6	12		18	March 14 - 5:30 pm	Semifinal	ESPN+
ı	9) Florida A&M	•	12		20 22	March 15 - 5:30 pm	Championship	ESPN+
ı	10) Miss. Valley State	6	12	1	22	March 15 - 5.50 pm	Championship	ESFIN+
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ı	1) Southern	14	3	19	11	March 11 - 2:00 pm	#8 Grambiling State vs. #9 Alabama A&M	ESPN+
ı	Jackson State	14	4	14	17	March 118:30 pm	#7 Florida A&M vs. #10 Prairie View	ESPN+
ı	Bethune-Cookman	13	5	16	15	March 122:00 pm	#1 Southern vs. FAMU/PV winner	ESPN+
ı	4) Texas Southern	12	6	14	16	March 128:30 pm	#2 Jackson State vs. GSU/ALA&M winner	ESPN+
ı	5) Alabama State	11	6		15	March 132:00 pm	#4 Texas Soutnern vs. #5 Alabama State	ESPN+
ı	6) Alcorn State		7	10		March 138:30 pm	#3 B-Cookman vs. #6 Alcorn State	ESPN+
	7) Florida A&M	10	8	13	16			
	8) Grambling State	7	10	10	20	March 14 - 2:00 pm	Semifinal	ESPN+
	9) Alabama A&M	6		10	20	March 14 - 8:30 pm	Semifinal	ESPN+
)	10) Prairie View A&M	4	14	5	26	March 15 - 9:30 pm	Championship	ESPNU
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on No. 8 seed Maryland-Eastern Shore followed by SCSU facing No 7 Coppin State at 8 p.m. All the men's quarterfinal and semifinal games will be at 6 and 8 p.m. and be

Saturday's men's championship game is set for 1 p.m. on ESPN2.

BCSP Notes

Eddie George leaves Tennessee State football to lead Bowling Green

Former Heisman Trophy winner at Ohio State and NFL star running back

Eddie George has decided to leave the FCS as Tennessee State's head football coach after four years returning the Blue Tigers to football relevance to become the new head football coach at FBS Bowling Green of the Mid-American Conference (MAC).

He is returning to Ohio where he starred for the Ohio State Buckeyes replacing Scot Loeffler who left in February to become the quarterbacks coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. The Falcons



George at BGU

went 7-6 overall in 2024 and played in the 68 Ventures Bowl.

George capped his four years at TSU by leading the Tigers to an overall 9-4 mark, 6-2 in the joint Ohio Valley (OVC)/Big South Conference and a share of the league title. It earned TSU an invitation to the FCS playoffs, its first since 2017, where it bowed at Montana 41-27 in a first round game.

The impressive turnaround under George saw the former gridiron star reluctantly assume the reins of the program before putting his stamp on it. While mercurial NFL Hall of Famer Deion Sanders turned Jackson State into back-to-back SWAC champions in 2021 and 2022 in his much ballyhooed manner, George quietly and methodically went about building the TSU program. The Tigers finished 5-6 his first season, 4-7 in his second campaign before a 6-5 2023 record.

Eight black college teams in NCAA Div. II Basketball Championship fields

Three men's teams from the CIAA – league champion Virginia State,

2024-25 ALL-SIAC BASKETBALL HONORS

WOMEN

Player of the Year: Taliah Wesley, Allen Defensive Player of the Year: Corriana Evans, Clark Atlanta Newcomer of the Year: Mia Morel, Edward Waters Freshman of the Year: Eboni Clay, Allen Coach of the Year: Tony Bailey, Clark Atlanta

FIRST TEAM - Taliah Wesley, Sr., G, ALL; Atreonia Garner, So., G/F, CAU; Corriana Evans, Gr., F, CAU; Kellyn Hunter, So., G, SHC; Hilani Cantone, Gr, G, TUSK; SECOND TEAM - Iemyiah Harris, Sr., G, MILES; Dyani Bernstine, So., PG, LANE; Brittney Bolin, Gr.,

G, TUSK; Marta Duda, R-Sr., SHC; Trinity Jones, Gr., G, CAU; THIRD TEAM - Keyra Peterson, Jr., G/F, ALB; Taylor Christmas, Sr., C, BEN; Mia Morel, Jr., PG, EWU; Chantoryia Rivers, Sr., F, LANE; Feliah Greer, Sr., G/F, MILES

Player of the Year: Alvin Miles, Miles Defensive Player of the Year: Hassane Diallo, Fort Valley State Newcomer of the Year: Elijah Greer Dawson, Lane Freshman of the Year: Myles Hosten, Edward Waters Coach of the Year: Fred Watson, Miles

FIRST TEAM - Shakur Poteat, Jr., G, ALB; Alvin Miles, Sr., G, MILES; Walter Peggs Jr., Sr., G, SHC; Cedric Taylor III, So., G, MHS; Lavar Miller Jr., Sr., G, KSU; SECOND TEAM - Kevin Sesberry, Sr., G, TUSK; Jalen Williams, Sr., G, CAU; Prince Davies III, Jr., G,

EWU; Kusamae Draper, Jr., F, TUSK; Blaise Wallace, So., F, ALB;

THIRD TEAM\ - Steven Lyles, Sr., G, SHC; Shemani Fuller, Sr., F/C, CAU; Corey Trotter, R-Jr., MILES; Aziel Blackwell, Jr., G, KSU; Khalil Genwright, So., F, L-OC;

64-TEAM WOMEN'S

NCAA DIV. II BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD Friday, March 14 ATLANTIC REGION - Edinboro, PA

2) Gannon (25-6) vs. 7) Fayetteville State (21-7) -2:30 p.m. 1) Edinboro (24-6) vs. 8) Virginia State (23-6) - 5 p.m. **SOUTH REGION - Jackson. TN** 1) Union (TN) (29-3) vs. 8) Miles (22-6) - 5 p.m.

64-TEAM MEN'S

NCAA DIV. II BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD Saturday, March 15 MIDWEST REGION - Springfield, IL 2) Lake Superior State (27-6) vs. 7) Lincoln (MO) (23-8) - 1 p.m. ATLANTIC REGION - West Liberty, WV

1) West Liberty (27-4) vs. 8) Bluefield State (19-11) - 6 p.m. 4) Fayetteville State (22-8) vs. (5) Fairmont State (27-4) - 8:30 p.m. SOUTH REGION - Davie, FL

3) Virginia State (21-8) vs. 6) West Chester (23-6) - 2:30 p.m.

1) Nova Southeastern (30-1) vs. 8) Savannah State (18-11) - 5 p.m.

Fayetteville State and Bluefield State - highlight eight HBCU teams in the 64-team men's and women's NCAA Div. II Championship Basketball fields announced Sunday. Two CIAA women's teams - league champion Fayetteville State and Virginia State – are in the field. The CIAA teams will compete in the Atlantic Regionals in Edinboro, Pa. (women) and West Liberty, WV (men).

In addition to the five CIAA teams, the SIAC women's champion Miles and men's champion Savannah State are in the competition. The SIAC teams are in the South Regionals in Jackson, Tn. (women) and Davie, Fl. (men).

The Lincoln (MO) men, who won the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Tournament over Missouri-St. Louis in their first season in the league, is in the Midwest Regional in Springfield, Ill.

VSU head coach Lonnie Blow's Trojans have the highest seed, third in the Atlantic Region, and will face No. 6 West Chester Saturday at 2;30 p.m.

2024-25 ALL-SWAC BASKETBALL HONORS

MEN

Coach of the Year: Kevin Johnson. Southern Player of the Year: Sterling Young, Florida A&M Defensive Player of the Year: Andre Nunley, Southern Newcomer of the Year: Milton Matthews, Florida A&M Freshman of the Year: Dorian McMillian, Jackson State ALL-SWAC FIRST TEAM

Trey Thomas, Bethune-Cookman; Sterling Young, Florida A&M; Amarr Knox, Alabama State: Michael Jacobs, Southern; Tanahj Pettway, Prairie View A&M ALL-SWAC SECOND TEAM

TJ Madlock, Alabama State; Daniel Rouzan, Bethune-Cookman; Kavion McClain, Texas Southern; AC Bryant, Alabama A&M; Shannon Grant, Jackson State

Coach of the Year: Carlos Funchess, Southern Player of the Year: Taleah Dilworth, Jackson State Defensive Player of the Year: Destiny Brown, Alcorn State Newcomer of the Year: Taleah Dilworth, Jackson State Freshman of the Year: Crystal Schultz, Prairie View A&M All-SWAC First Team

Taleah Dilworth, Jackson State; Alisha Wilson, Alabama A&M; Kaila Walker, Alabama A&M; Aylasia Fantroy, Texas Southern: Destiny Brown, Alcorn State All-SWAC Second Team

Aniya Gourdine, Southern; Kahia Warmsley, Grambling State; Cordasia Harris, Alabama State; Asianae Nicholson, Bethune-Cookman; Cheyenne McEvans, Florida A&M