



Prairie View A&M Sports Photo

## SURPRISES AROUND

**TAI'REON JOSEPH:** Sharp-shooting lefthander's SWAC-best 23.0 points per game has led Prairie View to top of men's race.

**UMES MEN, WOMEN LEAD MEAC; WSSU WOMEN ON 13-GAME WIN STREAK; TOP RUSHERS DEPART**

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<b>NORTH DIVISION</b>									
Virginia Union	4	1	14	2	N. C. Central	3	0	7	11
Bluefield State	4	2	5	11	Md. E-Shore	3	0	7	13
Virginia State	2	2	9	8	S. C. State	2	1	3	16
Lincoln (PA)	2	3	7	10	Howard	1	2	10	8
Bowie State	2	3	4	13	Norfolk State	1	2	7	12
Elizabeth City State	1	5	2	10	Morgan State	1	2	4	13
<b>SOUTH DIVISION</b>					Coppin State	1	2	3	17
Clafin	5	1	8	7	Delaware State	0	3	5	13
Fayetteville State	3	2	8	6					
Winston-Salem State	2	2	7	6					
Shaw	2	3	11	3					
Livingstone	2	3	8	9					
Johnson C. Smith	2	4	5	9					
<b>PLAYER OF THE WEEK</b>									
Larry Howell, 6-6, Sr., G/F, FSU - Averaged 26.0 points and 8.3 rebounds in three wins with 23 points, 8 rebounds in handing VUU its first CIAA loss Thursday (75-62), 23 points, 10 rebounds in 28-point win (108-80) over Bowie State Saturday and 32 points with seven 3s and 7 rebounds Monday in 117-107 win over Lincoln (PA).									
<b>PLAYER OF THE WEEK</b>									
Jaden Cooper, 6-3 Gr., G, UMES - In home wins over the two preseason favorites, Howard (69-57) and defending champion Norfolk State (74-70), Cooper, a Columbia transfer, tallied 19 points, 5 rebounds (10 of 10 FTs) vs. NSU Monday and 13 points, 4 rebounds (3 of 3 FTs) vs. HU Saturday.									
<b>PLAYER OF THE WEEK</b>									
Kusamae Draper, 6-9, Sr., F, TUSK - 19 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals in 3-point win vs. Lane, 15 points, 8 boards in win vs. LOC.									
Ramar Pryor, 6-3, Sr., G, CSU - Averaged 27.0 points per game in two wins with 30 points (10 of 14 FGs), 3 steals, 5 rebounds in win over Spring Hill, 24 points (9 of 14 FGs), 3 boards, 4 steals in win over Albany State.									
<b>PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</b>									
Cory Wells, 6-7, Gr. F, PVA&M - Averaged 17.5 points, 9.0 rebounds and 5.0 assists in two wins with 14 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 blocks vs. MVSU and team-high 21 points with 10 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals vs. UAPB.									
Micah Octave, 6-5, Sr., G, FLA&M - Averaged 16 points and 8 rebounds in two wins with 20 points with five 3-pointers and 8 rebounds vs. Grambling and 12 points on 3 of 5 3s and 5 boards vs. Southern.									
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Cameron Noel, 6-2, So., PG, FLAMEM - In two wins, averaged 19.5 ppg. with 22 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals including 4 of 8 3s vs. Coastal Georgia and 17 points including 4 of 8 3s, 2 rebounds, 4 assists vs. Webber Intl.									

# BCSP Notes

## Men's and Women's Basketball Round-up

**CIAA MEN**  
In a battle of men's CIAA division leaders, North Division leader **Virginia Union** got three free throws from **Travis Vaughn** with :02 seconds left to pull out a 66-64 win at S. Div. leader **Clafin**.  
Six-one sophomore guard **Bobby Gardner** and 6-4 senior forward **Noah Richardson-Keyes** led the Panthers (14-2, 4-1 N) with 16 points each. Clafin (8-7, 5-1 S) was led by 19 points from 6-4, junior guard **Ramere Draper**. Draper committed the foul on a Vaughn 3-point attempt that led to the winning points.

**CIAA WOMEN**  
**Winston-Salem State** is the only undefeated team women's team (4-0) in conference play and has now won a team-record 13 straight games (13-1). The Lady Rams are being led by 6-3 sophomore forward **Maia Charles**, currently second in the league at 16.4 points per game and third in rebounding at 9.2 per game. Charles also tops the league in field goal percentage (.524) and is second in blocks per game (2.3). She also averages 2.3 steals per game (10th).

**MEAC**  
**Maryland-Eastern Shore** second-year basketball head coaches, **Malikah Willis** for the women and **Cleo Hill Jr.** for the men, are experiencing unprecedented success early in the MEAC season.

Both are 3-0 thru the first week of league play with both scoring wins over preseason league favorites **Norfolk State** and **Howard**.

**MEN**  
Hill's Hawks knocked off Howard 69-57 Saturday and Norfolk State 74-70 Monday. They had four players to score in double-digits in both games.

Against NSU, UMES went into the break with a 32-31 lead but fell down by as many as seven points (60-53) with five-plus minutes to play. The Hawks rallied and took the lead at 69-68 with :21 seconds left on **Michael Teal's** layup. **Jaden Cooper** had 19 points, including 7 points over the final two minutes including four of four clutch free throws in the final :08 seconds. Six-eight senior G/F **Zion Obanla** came off the bench to lead the Hawks with 20 points and 8 boards.

Vs. Howard, the Hawks broke from a 45-all tie over the final 12 minutes, outscoring the Bison 24-12 to pull out the win. Obanla had a team-high 7 rebounds and was the fourth double-digit scorer with 10 points. **Dorion Staples** led UMES with 16, Cooper had 13 and Teal 11.

Now at 3-0, tied with **N. C. Central**, it is the best start to conference play for a UMES team since the school became a Div. I institution in 1981.

**WOMEN**  
Willis's Lady Hawks' single-digit wins over Howard and NSU came with balanced scoring.

They clawed their way to the win over the Lady Spartans Monday. UMES led 27-20 at the half only to see NSU outscore them 26-18 in the third quarter to grab a 46-45 lead heading to the final period.

Reserves rescued UMES. The Lady Hawks tied the score at 54 on **Jailynn Clayton's** jumper with 6:01 left and took its first fourth-quarter lead on **Dakieran Turner's** jumper with 2:15 to play. NSU tied the score at 60 with :31 seconds left but did not score again. **Brianna Barners'** layup put the ladies up for good at 62-60 at the :19 second mark and Turner added a free throw with :04 second left for the final points.

Starters **Dayshawna Jackson** (19 points), **Ashanti Lynch** (15) and **Kalise Hill** (11) led UMES.

UMES outscored Howard 23-13 in the final quarter to erase a 43-39 deficit at the beginning of the period to knock off the Lady Bison Saturday. Barnes, a 5-11 senior forward, came off the bench to lead the ladies with 22 points and dished out a team-high six assists. Turner had a team-high 11 rebounds as UMES outrebounded the Lady Bison 45-34.

**SIAC MEN**  
Headed to a showdown with Atlanta rival and second-place **Clark Atlanta** Wednesday (1/14), **Morehouse** (8-7, 8-3 E) was on top of the East Division race.

The Maroon Tigers posted wins last week over **Allen** (81-68, Thursday) and **Benedict** (58-54, Saturday). They had an array of scoring leaders in the wins. **Sincere Moore** (17 points) and **Omar Farah** (12) were the double-digit scorers vs. Benedict. **Isaiah Lawson** (22 points), **Sincere Key** (15) and **JerMontae Hill** (14) paced the win over Allen.

**Tuskegee** (11-2, 10-1 W) is setting the pace in the West after close wins over **LeMoyne-Owen** (59-57) and **Lane** (73-70).

Senior guard **R. J. Walker's** 3-point basket off an assist from **Kusamae Draper** with :19 seconds left was the difference in the win over LOC Thursday. Draper led the Golden Tigers with 15 points and 8 rebounds.

Draper tied junior guard **Khalil Genwright** with 19 points (and 10

rebounds) in the win over Lane. TU trailed 29-26 at the half as was down by as much as 11 twice in the second half before rallying. The Tigers tied the game at 62 on Draper's tip-in with 2:46 to play and took its first second-half lead at 67-66 on a 3-pointer by **Derek Bolton III** with 1:21 left. After Lane canned two free throws to go up 68-67, a Genwright dunk gave TU a 69-68 lead it would not relinquish. The Tigers made 4 of 6 free throws in the final half-minute to secure the win.

**SIAC WOMEN**  
**Albany State** and **Edward Waters** are both 8-3 atop the race in the East with **Clark Atlanta** just a half-game behind at 8-4. CAU got a 73-63 win over EWU Thursday to pull within a half-game and then walloped **Savannah State** 92-60 Saturday. Five-ten G/F **Atreonia Garner** led the Lady Tigers in both wins.

At 11-1, **Miles** has a 2 1/2 game lead over **Lane** (8-3) in the West. Trailing 35-33 at the half, Miles outscored Lane 41-27 in the final two quarters to pull away to a 74-62 win Thursday. **Samaritan Franklin's** 15 points and 8 rebounds keyed the win.

**SWAC MEN**  
After a 3-9 start to the season, new **Florida A&M** head coach **Charlie Ward**, the former Florida State Heisman Trophy winner and NBA veteran, got his first SWAC wins of the season at home vs. **Grambling State** and **Southern**.

Ward's Rattlers (5-9, 2-1 SWAC) lost their SWAC opener 87-83 to in-state rival **Bethune-Cookman** on Jan. 3 before defeating Southern 87-59 Saturday and Grambling 91-84 Monday. Six-five senior guard **Micah Octave** had 12 points and 8 rebounds vs. SU and 20 points and 8 rebounds with five 3s vs. GSU.

FAMU trails **Prairie View A&M** who tied **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** at the top of the standings at 3-1 after securing back-to-back wins. PV nipped **Miss. Valley State** 70-69 Saturday and handed UAPB its first conference loss, 73-61 Monday. **Cory Wells** had 21 points, 10 rebounds, five assists and three steals to lead PV over UAPB. Wells had 14 points and 8 boards vs. MVSU backing up the league's top scorer (23.0 ppg.) **Tai'Reon Joseph's** 23 points.

FAMU is at UAPB this Saturday.  
**SWAC WOMEN**  
**Southern**, **Alabama A&M** and **Texas Southern** lead the SWAC women's race at 3-1.

Alabama A&M got 19 points from **Kalia Walker** and 18 points and 12 rebounds from **Moses Davenport** in walloping **Alcorn State** 76-34 Saturday. Walker and Davenport both tallied 12 points to lead a 69-59 win over **Jackson State** Thursday. Southern dropped its first league game to **Florida A&M** 60-57 Saturday.

**Jordan Marshall** was the catalyst for two TSU wins getting 29 points Saturday in a win vs. UAPB and 15 in a win Thursday vs. MVSU.

## BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For NFL Wild Card playoff games of January 10 - 12, 2026

**OFFENSE**  
- **#71 TYTUS HOWARD, OL**, Houston (7th season, **ALABAMA STATE**) - In the Texans' 30-6 win win over Pittsburgh Monday night in the final Wild Card weekend game, Howard started at left guard as the Houston offensive line paved the way for 164 rushing yards on 31 carries (5.3 yards per carry) and one rushing TD and a 21 of 32 passing performance for 250 yards and one TD while giving three sacks for -6 yards. Howard played all68 offense snaps (100%) and five snaps on special teams (20%).

**DEFENSE**  
- **#14 COBIE DURANT, CB**, Los Angeles Rams (3rd season, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) - In the Rams' 34-31 win over Carolina Saturday in the NFC Wild Card game, Durant started at cornerback and had one solo tackle, an interception returned 11 yards, and was credited with two pass break-ups while logging 60 snaps on defense (90%) and five on special teams (16%).  
Durant's video highlight: <https://www.therams.com/video/rams-cobie-durant-snags-panthers-bryce-young-deflected-pass-for-turnover-wild-card>  
- **#53 CLAUDIN CHERELUS, LB**, Carolina (3rd season, **ALCORN STATE**) - In the Panthers' 34-31 loss to the Los Angeles Rams Saturday in an NFC Wild Card game, Cherelus started at linebacker and tied for team high with nine total tackles, four solos with one hit on the quarterback. He was in for 55 defensive snaps (72%) and six on special teams (19%).

**SPECIAL TEAMS**  
- **#33 BHAYSHUL TUTEN, RB**, Jacksonville (Rookie, **NORTH CAROLINA A&T/Virginia Tech**) - In Jacksonville's 27-24 loss to Buffalo in the AFC Wild Card game Sunday, Tuten carried four times for 51 yards (12.8 yards per carry) with a long run of 20 yards. He also had three kickoff returns for 49 yards (16.3 yards per return) with a long return of 21 yards. He was in for 16 offensive snaps (29%) and six on special teams (23%).

## WOMEN'S 2025-26 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Women's Standings)

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