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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

Tuskegee Sports Photo

STRETCH DRIVE

HANDCUFFED NO MORE!: Tuskegee head coach Benjy Taylor's troops have won two straight after the ugly incident at Morehouse, and still lead the SIAC West. .

CIAA, SIAC RACES ENTER FINAL WEEKS; NEW COACH AT BOWIE STATE; SUPER BOWL LX REPS

MEN'S 2025-26 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (\Standings & Players of the Week)

CIAA
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	DIV		CONF		ALL	
NORTH DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Virginia Union	5	1	10	2	21	3
Bluefield State	5	1	9	3	11	12
Virginia State	5	1	8	4	15	9
Lincoln (PA)	2	4	4	8	9	15
Elizabeth City State	1	5	2	10	3	16
Bowie State	0	7	3	10	5	20
SOUTH DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Fayetteville State	5	0	9	2	15	6
Claflin	4	2	11	3	14	9
Johnson C. Smith	4	2	6	6	9	11
Shaw	3	3	5	7	14	7
Livingstone	0	5	3	8	8	14
Winston-Salem State	0	4	2	8	7	13

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Larry Howell, 6-6, Sr., G/F, **FSU -** Averaged 17.5 points and 7.0 rebounds in two wins with 16 points, 9 rebounds in 89-83 win over Shaw Monday, 19 points, 5 rebounds in 84-74 win over WSSU Saturday.

MEAC
MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Morgan State	6	2	10	13
N. C. Central	5	2	9	13
Howard	5	3	15	10
S. C. State	4	3	6	17
Norfolk State	4	4	11	14
Md. E-Shore	4	4	8	17
Coppin State	2	6	4	21
Delaware State	1	7	6	17

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Cedric Taylor III, 6-7, Jr., G, **HOW -** In 1-1 week, had 24 points, 9 rebounds, 5 steals and assists, 2 blocks in win vs. SCSU, 18 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals in loss to Yale Monday.
Elijah Davis, 6-1, Gr., G, **MSU -** Near triple-double with 11 points, 8 rebounds, 9 assists (1 turnover) in win vs. UMES.
Marland Harris, 6-9, Sr., F, **MSU -** 17 points on 7 of 7 shooting, 11 rebounds, 4 blocks vs. UMES.

SIAC
SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
EAST	W	L	W	L
Clark Atlanta	14	5	17	6
Morehouse	14	5	14	9
Savannah State	12	7	12	9
Fort Valley State	11	9	12	9
Edward Waters	10	10	12	12
Benedict	8	10	8	10
Albany State	8	11	9	14
Allen	3	15	4	16
WEST				
Tuskegee	16	3	17	5
Miles	14	5	16	5
Central State	9	11	10	12
Lane	7	9	7	11
LeMoyne-Owen	7	10	7	11
Kentucky State	5	14	5	17
Spring Hill	2	16	2	20

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Najashi Tolefree, 6-6, Sr., F, **MILES** - Two double-doubles in two wins with 18 points, 11 rebounds, 2 blocks, 3 steals vs. Benedict, 20 points, 12 rebounds, 1 block vs. Allen.
DEFENSE
Kharye Cayne, CAU - 5 points, 16 rebounds, 11 blocks in win vs. KSU, 9 points, 7 rebounds, 3 blocks in win vs. CSU.

SWAC
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Bethune-Cookman	10	1	13	11
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	8	3	11	13
Southern	7	4	11	13
Alabama A&M	6	5	13	11
Florida A&M	6	5	9	13
Jackson State	6	5	7	17
Grambling State	5	5	11	12
Texas Southern	5	6	7	15
Prairie View A&M	4	7	9	15
Alabama State	4	5	7	17
Alcorn State	4	7	5	18
Miss. Valley State	0	10	1	23

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Quion Williams, 6-5, Sr, F, **UAPB** - Avgd. 25.0 ppg., 8.5 rpg. in two wins with 25 pts., 7 rebs., vs. ALC, 25 pts., 10 rebs., 6 assists vs. JSU.
Jaquan Scott, 6-8, Sr., F, **UAPB -** Avgd. 15.5 ppg., 9.5 rpg. in two wins with 13 points, 11 rebounds, vs. ALC, 18 pts., 8 rebs., vs. JSU/
Jakobi Heady, 6-6, Sr., G/F, **B-CU -** Averaged 23.0 points and 7.5 rebounds in two wins with 16 points, 6 boards in vs. TSU, 30 points, 9 rebounds vs. PVA&M

INDEPENDENTS

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
SAC				
Langston (T2nd)	14	4	19	5
GLVC				
Lincoln (Mo.) (12th)	4	11	10	13
SUN				
Florida Memorial (3rd)	9	4	17	8
MEC				
W. Virginia State (10th)	2	13	5	17
OVC				
Tennessee State (T2nd)	9	4	16	8
CAA				
Hampton (T7th)	6	6	12	13
N. C. A&T (T12th)	2	10	9	14

PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Tyler Chapman, 5-11, Sr., G, **LINCM** - In two wins Holy Cross transfer averaged 28.0 ppg. with 22 points, 4 assists, 2 steals vs. Upper Iowa, 34 points with eight 3s, 4 assists and a steal vs. Lewis.
Antoine Lorick III, 6-8, Jr., F, **TNST -** 24 points, 5 steals vs. E. Illinois, 18 points vs. W. Illinois.
Aaron Nkrumah, 6-6, Sr., G, **TNST** - 16 points, 6 rebounds in win over W. Illinois, 23 points, 5 boards in win vs. E. Illinois.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ODUMS NEW MAN FOR BOWIE STATE FOOTBALL:

Odums

(BOWIE, Md.) — Bowie State announced Tuesday that former **Norfolk State** and **Southern** head coach **Dawson Odums** will be the next head football coach at **Bowie State**.

A native of Shelby, North Carolina, Odums spent four seasons in the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) as head coach at Norfolk State from 2021-24, guiding the Spartans to a 15-31 overall record including a 6-5 record in his first season, the program's first winning campaign since 2007.

Before Norfolk State, Odums enjoyed a 10-year run (2012-21) in the **Southwestern Athletic Conference** (SWAC) at Southern where he compiled a 63-32 overall mark while posting an impressive 53-16 mark while competing in the SWAC's West Division with four division titles and championship game appearances. He led Southern to a winning record in each of his eight full seasons as head coach, including a 5-1 mark during the 2020-21 spring season. His overall career record is 79-72 including a 1-9 record during one year as interim head coach at **Clark Atlanta**.

"To the Bowie State University community, I am honored and grateful to formally accept the position of head football coach," Odums said. "I want to thank President (**Dr. Aminta**) **Breaux** for her confidence and leadership throughout this process. I also thank **Dr. Jolisa Williams** for the opportunity to lead this proud program. I am truly appreciative of the trust placed in me to guide Bowie State football into its next chapter. I firmly believe that discipline, character, leadership and citizenship are the foundations of sustained success. Those principles shape young men and prepare them for life beyond football and ultimately create a winning culture. When those standards are upheld, championships follow."

Odums' coaching background also includes stops at **North Carolina A&T** and **Bethune-Cookman** while they were in the MEAC, as well as **Clark Atlanta**, Georgia Southern and Gardner-Webb. His experience spans roles as assistant head coach, interim head coach, defensive line coach, special teams coordinator, defensive coordinator, outside linebackers coach and defensive ends coach.

Odums was a team captain and all-CIAA defensive lineman as a senior during his collegiate playing days at **North Carolina Central** where he received a bachelor's degree in physical education**.**

BCSP Notes

'Down the stretch they come' Basketball races enter final weeks

There are two weeks of regular season basketball play ending on Saturday, February 21 before the February 24-28 **CIAA** Tournament tips off at the CFG Arena in downtown Baltimore.

The **SIAC** basically ends regular season play on the same date (Sat., Feb. 21) with just one game (**Allen** at **Lane**) scheduled after that date on Thursday, Feb. 26.

The SIAC basketball tournament begins on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the homes of the highest seeds and then shifts to the Clayton County Civic Center in Morrow, Ga. from March 4-7 for the quarterfinal to championship rounds.

Here's a look at the standings as the races head 'down the stretch.'

CIAA Men

Whether the conference uses conference or divisional records to determine tournament seedings, it is clear that the tourney will be hotly contested. Unconfirmed reports say conference records will be the determinant. Efforts to reach the CIAA office for clarification Tuesday morning were unsuccessful.

As it stands now, **Virginia Union**, **Bluefield State** and **Virginia State** are each 5-1 in North division play, head-and-shoulders above the other division opponents. VUU is 10-2, BLST is 9-3 and VSU is 8-4 in the conference play hierarchy.

Butler

So far, VUU's conference losses are to South leader **Fayetteville State** (75-62) and in the division to Bluefield State (75-57). Head coach **Jay Butler's** Panthers' 21-3 overall record (the only other loss was a season-opening loss at Millersville, 82-66) has them ranked 21st nationally in this week's NABC Div. II poll. VUU is only black college men's team in the national Top 25.

Bluefield State's lone division loss was to VSU (60-59) and has also dropped conference losses to South members **Livingstone** (63-60) and **Claflin** (87-67). VSU's division loss was to VUU (65-37) and also has losses in the CIAA to South members Livingstone, **Shaw** and Claflin.

There are only division games over the next two weeks. VUU has dates at home vs. Bluefield State (2/18) and on the road at VSU (2/21). Bluefield State played at VSU Wednesday (2/11).

In the men's South, high-scoring FSU (league-best 89.4 points per game) is undefeated (5-0) in the division and 9-2 in the conference with losses at N. Div. members VSU (79-77) and BLST (81-74). FSU also suffered a 93-88 3-overtime loss to VUU that does not count in the conference standings. FSU has not lost in the new year, knocking off ten straight opponents beginning with the aforementioned 75-62 win over VUU on 1/8.

Claflin and **J. C. Smith** are behind FSU with 4-2 marks. Claflin, under head coach **Brian Dunlap**, sports an 11-3 conference mark while JCSU is just 6-6. Dunlap's Panthers have three two-point losses to FSU (82-80) and Shaw (81-79) in the division and to VUU (66-64) in the conference. They are a team to watch.

FSU closes at home vs. JCSU (2/14) and on the road at Claflin (2/18) and at Shaw (2/21).

One of the interesting sidebars as tournament time nears are the fortunes of new FSU head coach **Devin Hoen** and new BLST head coach **Luke D'Alessio** who basically swapped jobs after last season. D'Alessio's BLST squad prevailed in their only meeting this season (81-74). Hoehn and BLST prevailed over D'Alessio and FSU in last year's tournament championship game, 81-75. D'Alessio has three former FSU players and six other former CIAA players on his BLST team. Hoehn has five former BLST players and two other CIAA transfers on his FSU squad.

Hoehn

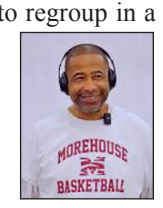
D'Alessio

SIAC Men

After a ten-game **SIAC** win streak, **Morehouse** dropped two straight home games last week to **LeMoyne-Owen** (73-72) and **Lane** (94-87) to fall into an East Division tie with nextdoor neighbor **Clark Atlanta** at 14-5.

Head coach **Larry Dixon's** Maroon Tigers will have to regroup in a hurry as they have a rematch with **Alfred Jordan's** CAU Panthers at home Saturday (2 p.m.). Morehouse pulled away to 86-64 win at CAU in their 1/17 meeting in a game where Jordan was tossed late. Morehouse's other losses were before the New Year's break to **Tuskegee** (67-55), **Miles** (78-69) and Lane (69-62).

Jordan



Dixon

CAU, who lost to Miles (85-76) and Tuskegee (56-45) before the new year and **Savannah State** (64-60) and Tuskegee (59-51) again after, play at LOC (2/19) and Lane (2/21) to close out the season.

Tuskegee (16-3) holds a two-game lead over Miles (14-5) in the West Division heading into the final stretch. The Golden Tigers, after the 77-69 loss at Morehouse and the postgame handcuffing of head coach **Benjy Taylor**, have posted Columbia, S.C. wins at **Allen** (75-57) and **Benedict** (71-65). Savannah State (60-57) and **Fort Valley State** (70-67) hold the two other wins over Tuskegee.

A showdown at home vs. Miles Saturday (3 p.m.) and a rematch with Savannah State on 2/19 are two of the five games left on Tuskegee's schedule.

Three of Miles' losses have come in the last three weeks to conference leaders, at home to Tuskegee (76-65), at Clark Atlanta (66-60) and at home to Morehouse (70-66). **Fred Watson's** Golden Bears lost earlier on the road to Savannah State (70-59) and Central State (65-58). Miles closes out the season at home on 2/21 in the rematch with Savannah State.

We handicap the CIAA and SIAC women's races next week.

BCSP News

HBCUs represented at Super Bowl LX

While the lone former black college player on a Super Bowl LX roster – **Florida A&M** product and New England Patriots running back **Terrell Jennings** – was inactive because of an injury, there was HBCU representation on the field in Sunday's big game.

The **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) proudly celebrated two distinguished football officiating alumni, **Greg Steed** and **Roy Ellison**, who served on the officiating crew for Super Bowl LX marking another milestone in their accomplished careers and a powerful testament to the MEAC's officiating impact on the national stage.

Steed served as a back judge during Super Bowl LX. A graduate of **Howard University** and former Bison football player, Steed began his officiating career in the MEAC before advancing through the Atlantic 10 and Big East conferences and ultimately earning his place in the National Football League (NFL).

Steed remains deeply connected to the MEAC, currently serving as a grader, clinician, and mentor for the conference's back judges, helping to develop the next generation of football officials.

His Super Bowl resume is among the most impressive in the profession. Steed has worked:

Super Bowl XLIV (44) – On-field Back Judge
Super Bowl LIV (54) – On-field Back Judge
Super Bowl LX (60) – On-field Back Judge
Super Bowl XLII (42) – Alternate Official

Ellison served as an umpire during Super Bowl LX. A graduate of **Savannah State University** and former Tigers football player, Ellison also launched his officiating career in the MEAC. He later officiated in Conference USA before moving to the NFL, where he has built a highly respected career as an on-field official.

Ellison continues to serve the MEAC as a clinician and mentor for conference umpires, providing leadership, instruction, and professional guidance to current officials.

His Super Bowl assignments include:

Super Bowl XLIII (43) – On-field Umpire
Super Bowl LII (52) – On-field Umpire
Super Bowl LVII (57) – On-field Umpire
Super Bowl LX (60) – On-field Umpire

The BCSP and MEAC congratulates both Steed and Ellison on their continued success and national recognition, as they represent the conference and all of black college football on the sport's biggest stage.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

UPCOMING 2025-26 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

CIAA
February 24-28
• CFG Bank Arena • Baltimore, MD
SAC (Langston)
Feb. 25-27
• Abe Lemons Arena • Oklahoma City, OK
SIAC
Sat., Feb. 28 (Opening Round) at Highest Seed
March 4-7 (Quarterfinals - Championship
• Clayton County Convention Center • Morrow, GA
CAA MEN (Hampton & NC A&T)
March 6-10
• CareFirst Arena • Washington, DC
OVC (Tennessee State)
March 4-7
• Ford Center • Evansville, IN
MEAC
March 11-14
• Norfolk Scope Arena • Norfolk, VA
SWAC
March 9-14
• Gateway Center Arena • College Park, GA
CAA WOMEN (Hampton & NC A&T)
March 12-16
• CareFirst Arena • Washington, DC

WOMEN'S 2025-26 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Players of the Week)

CIAA
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	DIV		CONF		ALL	
NORTH DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Virginia State	5	1	9	3	15	5
Bowie State	5	1	7	5	14	7
Virginia Union	4	2	7	5	13	7
Bluefield State	3	3	6	6	12	9
Elizabeth City State	0	5	0	11	4	18
Lincoln (PA)	0	4	0	7	3	20
SOUTH DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Fayetteville State	5	1	10	2	16	3
Winston-Salem State	4	1	10	1	19	2
Livingstone	3	2	5	6	6	15
Claflin	3	3	8	4	12	6
Shaw	1	5	4	8	7	12
Johnson C. Smith	1	5	4	9	7	13

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE **Maya Ellis,** 5-8, Sr., G/F**VSU -** In 81-71 win over Lincoln Saturday, Ellis had team-high 25 points and 5 rebounds.
DEFENSE **Maia Charles,** 6-3, So., **F, WSSU** - 7 pts., 7 rebs. vs. VUU, 6 points, 14 rebounds, 2 blocks, 3 steals vs. FSU.

MEAC
MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Md. E-Shore	7	1	14	11
Howard	6	1	17	7
Norfolk State	6	2	11	12
Coppin State	4	4	7	18
S. C. State	2	4	5	17
N. C. Central	2	5	6	15
Morgan State	2	6	3	21
Delaware State	1	7	4	19

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
Ashanti Lynch, 5-9, Sr., F, **UMES** - 18 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals in win vs. SCSU, 10 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals in win vs. MSU.
DEFENSE
Da'Brya Clark, 5-7, Jr., G, **NSU -** 23 points, 11 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 blocks and 3 steals in win vs. NCCU.

SIAC
SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
EAST	W	L	W	L
Edward Waters	17	3	19	4
Clark Atlanta	15	5	15	9
Allen	12	6	13	7
Benedict	12	7	12	7
Albany State	11	8	12	8
Savannah State	6	13	7	13
Fort Valley State	5	16	5	18
WEST				
Miles	16	3	18	4
Lane	12	4	13	4
Tuskegee	11	8	11	9
Kentucky State	6	14	6	16
Spring Hill	4	14	6	15
Central State	4	18	5	19
LeMoyne-Owen	2	15	2	16

PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Shcira Fowles, 6-1, Sr., F, **EWU -** 7 points, 11 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals in win vs. SHU, 12 points, 11 rebounds, 4 assists, a steal and 3 blocks in win vs. ALB.

SWAC
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Alabama A&M	10	1	14	9
Alcorn State	9	2	12	10
Southern	7	4	11	11
Alabama State	7	4	10	12
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6	5	9	12
Florida A&M	6	5	7	15
Texas Southern	5	6	9	14
Jackson State	5	6	7	16
Grambling State	4	6	7	16
Miss. Valley State	3	7	4	17
Bethune-Cookman	3	8	5	19
Prairie View A&M	0	11	2	20

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Shaniyah McCarthy, 5-8, Jr., G, **FAMU** - In two wins averaged 18.5 points and 7.0 rebounds with 18 points, 6 rebounds vs. PVA&M and 19 points, 8 rebounds vs. TSU.
Miya Giles-Jones, R-So., F, **FAMU -** 9 points, 9 rebounds, 5 steals in win over TSU, 19 points, 15 rebounds vs. PVA&M.

INDEPENDENTS

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
SAC				
Langston (1st)	16	2	22	2
GLVC				
Lincoln (Mo.) (14th)	2	13	4	18
SUN				
Florida Memorial (6th)	6	6	11	8
MEC				
West Virginia State (8th)	5	10	8	13
OVC				
Tennessee State (T9th)	3	11	4	19
CAA				
N. C. A&T (9th)	4	7	9	13
Hampton (10th)	3	8	9	14

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Janiyah Tucker, 5-7, So., G, **LANG** - In three wins that kept the Lady Lions in first place in the SAC, UAPB transfer got 15 points vs. Wayland Baptist, 15 vs. Science & Arts and 13 vs. Mid-America Christian.