



SIAC Tournament logo

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SIAC COMES NORTH: The league's basketball tournament invades Rock Hill, S.C. from Monday thru Saturday.

WSSU, FSU CIAA CHAMPS; SIAC TOURNEY TIPS; SHOWDOWN THURSDAY FOR MEAC MEN'S TOP SEED

2020 CIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (Results and Tournament Honors)

MEN

OPENING ROUND
 4S Claffin 70, 5N Elizabeth City State 60
 6S Livingstone 74, 3N Bowie State 70
 5S St. Augustine's 66, 4N Lincoln 61
 3S Fayetteville State 80, 7S Shaw 65

QUARTERFINALS
 Claffin 63, 1N Virginia State 58
 2S Winston-Salem State 71, 6S Livingstone 52
 1S Johnson C. Smith 70, St. Augustine's 68
 Fayetteville State 72, 2N Virginia Union 67

SEMIFINALS
 Winston-Salem State 58, Claffin 56
 Fayetteville State 56, Johnson C. Smith 48

CHAMPIONSHIP
 Winston-Salem State 63, Fayetteville State 62

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
 Robert Colon, Winston-Salem State

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
 Donte Edwards, St. Augustine's
 Cornelius Reynolds, Claffin
 Roger Ray, Livingstone
 Donell Frayer Jr., Claffin
 Cayse Minor, Johnson C. Smith
 Will Brown, Fayetteville State
 Jaylen Alston, Winston-Salem State
 Denzel Hosch, Fayetteville State
 Jaylen Spicer, Fayetteville State
 Robert Colon, Winston-Salem State

JOHN C. McLENDON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
 Johnson C. Smith

WOMEN

OPENING ROUND
 5N Virginia State 57, 4S Livingstone 45
 3N Bowie State 73, 6S Shaw 47
 4N Elizabeth City State 70, 5S St. Augustine's 65

QUARTERFINALS
 1N Virginia Union 83, 2S Virginia State 43
 3N Bowie State, 2S Johnson C. Smith 47
 1S Fayetteville State 64, Elizabeth City State 52
 3S Winston-Salem State 63, 2N Lincoln 59

SEMIFINALS
 Bowie State 53, Virginia Union 41
 Fayetteville State 64, Winston-Salem State 47

CHAMPIONSHIP
 Fayetteville State 61, Bowie State 53

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
 Katisha Hyman, Fayetteville State

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM
 Kyaja Williams, Bowie State
 O'Shea Hatley, Winston-Salem State
 Natalia Leaks, Virginia State
 Nyasia Davis, Elizabeth City State
 Katisha Hyman, Fayetteville State
 Shameka McNeill, Virginia Union
 Brandi Segars, Winston-Salem State
 Shankia McCallum, Bowie State
 Chantel Williams, Fayetteville State
 Talanya Hutton, Bowie State

JOHN B. McLENDON SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY
 Bowie State

SIAC now up as Hoops Tourneys roll on

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

The defending champion men of **Miles** and the women of **Benedict** are the favorites as the 2020 **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** tipped off its basketball tournament Monday at the Rock Hill Sports & Events Center in Rock Hill, S. C.

West Division leader Miles (21-4, 16-3) had ripped off 13 consecutive wins before losing its regular season-end to **LeMoyne-Owen** last week. The win streak vaulted the Golden Bears into the 19th spot in the D2SI-DA national Media Poll.

Fred Watson's troops opened tournament play Wednesday (March 4, 2:15 p.m.) vs. **Savannah State**, the East's fourth seed. SSU defeated Spring Hill Monday in an opening round contest, 79-66.

East Division leader Benedict (24-3) had the best conference record (14-2) for the women by two games over West Division leader Miles (19-7, 14-4). The Lady Tigers first opponent Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. is **Paine**, the fifth seed from the East, who won an opening round game Monday vs. Spring Hill, 71-55.

The SIAC Tournament runs through Saturday, March 7 (see bracket) with the women's championship game at 4 p.m. and men's final at 7 p.m.

MEAC

Bethune-Cookman (22-5, 14-1) is in as the top seed on the women's side but a showdown Thursday in Durham, N. C. between rivals **North Carolina A&T** and **North Carolina Central** will determine the top seed for the men in next week's (March 10-14) basketball tournaments at the Norfolk (Va.) Scope Arena.

NCCU (16-13) and NC A&T (16-14) have identical 12-3 conference marks as they enter Thursday's 7:30 p.m. regular season finale. NC A&T won the first meeting in Greensboro 77-60 on Feb. 17.

With **Savannah State** leaving the conference (moving to the SIAC) and **Florida A&M** ineligible for tournament play, the format for this year's tourney is different.

There will be two sessions of two games (four games total) from Tuesday's opening round through Friday's semifinals with women's games being played at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. and men's games to follow at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The four opening round games on Tuesday (March 10) involve women's and men's teams seeded 7th through 10th.

The top six men's and women's teams advance to quarterfinal play on Wednesday and Thursday. Seeds No. 1 and 2 for both the women and men play on Wednesday (March 11) with seeds No. 3 and 4 playing on Thursday (March 12).



WOMEN

OPENING ROUNDS - MON., MARCH 2
 W - 5W Lane 68, Clark Atlanta 52
 M - 4E Sav. State 79, 5W Spring Hill 66
 W - 5E Paine 71, 4W Spring Hill 55
 M - 5E Benedict 90, LeMoyne-Owen 71
 W - 2W Central St. 63, 7W Kentucky St. 49

OPENING ROUNDS - TUES., MARCH 3
 M - 3W CSU vs. 6E FVSVU - 10a
 M - 7W KSU vs. 2E CAU - 12:15p
 W - 3W TU vs. 6E ASU - 2:30p
 W - 3E FVSVU vs. 6W LOC - 4:45p
 M - 2W TU vs. 7E PC - 7p
 M - 3E MHC vs. 6W LC - 9:15p

QUARTERFINALS - WED., MARCH 4
 W - 1W Miles vs. 5W Lane - 1p
 M - 1W Miles vs. 4E Savannah State - 3:15p
 W - 1E Benedict vs. 5E Paine - 5:30p
 M - 1E Albany State vs. 5E Benedict - 7:45p

QUARTERFINALS - THURS., MARCH 5
 W - 2E Savannah St. vs. TU/ASU - 1p
 M - CSU/FVSVU vs. KSU/CAU - 3:15p
 W - CSU/KSU vs. FVSVU/LOC - 5:30p
 M - TU/PC vs. MHC/LC - 7:45p

SEMIFINALS - FRI., MARCH 6
 W - 1p and 5:30p
 M - 3:15p and 7:45p

CHAMPIONSHIP - SAT., MARCH 7
 W - 4 p.m. M - 7 p.m.

Saturday's women's championship game will be played at 1 p.m. with the men's final to follow at 3:30 p.m.

SWAC

The SWAC has two more dates on its regular season schedule (Thursday, March 5 and Saturday, March 7) before its tournament begins next week.

Only the top eight teams in the regular season advance to next week's tournament that begins with quarterfinal games at the home of the higher seed on Tuesday, March 10. The tournament will then shift to the Bartow Arena in Birmingham, Alabama on Friday, March 13 for the semifinals and Saturday, March 14 for the finals.

On the men's side of the ten-team conference, **Mississippi Valley State**, at 2-15, will not make the tournament field. **Arkansas-Pine Bluff**, at 3-14 is also likely out. For the women, **Grambling State** and **MVSU** will not make the field.

The top seed for the women will likely be **Jackson State** (17-9 15-1) who closes Thursday at **Alabama State** and Saturday at **Alabama A&M**. The top men's seed will likely be **Prairie View A&M** (17-11, 13-2) who closes on the road at **Alcorn State** (Thurs.) and **Southern** (Sat.).

INDEPENDENTS

The **West Virginia State** men (18-9, 13-9) finished fourth in the Mountain East Conference and the women (9-19, 7-15) finished ninth as they began tournament play on Wednesday (March 4) at the Wesbanco Arena in Wheeling, W. Va.

The WVUSU women played Wednesday (2:15 p.m.) vs. No. 8 West Liberty while the men play Friday, March 6 (8:15 p.m.) vs. No. 5 Wheeling.

The **Hampton** men (13-18, 8-10) finished fifth in the Big South regular season while the Lady Pirates (17-10, 13-5) are in second place with two games left to finish out the regular season.

The men's tournament opened play on Tuesday, March 3 with Hampton playing its first game Thursday (March 4, 8 p.m.) vs. No. 4 Longwood at Radford University. The women's tournament begins on March 10. Higher seeds host games throughout both men's and women's Big South Tournaments.

The **Tennessee State** men (17-14, 9-9) finished tied for fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference race while the TSU women (4-24, 2-16) finished 11th. The women did not make the postseason tournament field.

The TSU men opened tournament play Wednesday (March 4, 6:30 p.m.) vs. No. 8 Morehead State at the Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana, site of the men's tournament.

2019-20 SIAC BASKETBALL HONORS

WOMEN ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

First Team - Ay'Anna Bey, Jr., F, BEN; Tiffany Valentine, R-Sr., F, SHC; Sakina Wynn, Sr., G, MC; Keondra Archie, Jr., F, PC; Takyra Gilbert, Sr., PG, CSU
Second Team - Lamontazia Blair, Jr., G, LOC; Le'Andrea Gillis, So., G, SSU; Nola Carter, Sr., G, FVSVU; Alexandria James, Sr., G, ASU; India Blakely, Jr., G, TU
TOP AWARDS
Coach - Phillip Wallace, MC
Defense - Raiana Johnson, MC
Freshman - Amari Heard, SSU
Newcomer - Ta'Kyia Austin, SSU
Player - Ay'Anna Bey, BC (pictured)



Marrow



Stanley



Player



Player

WOMEN ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

First Team - Randy McClure, Sr., G/F, ASU; James Eads, Sr., G, TU; Darweshi Hunter, Fr., G, CSU; Chase Shellman, R-Fr., F, SHC; Avery Brown, Jr., G, MC
Second Team - Jelani Watson-Gayle, Jr., G, MC; Romaine Thomas, Sr., F, CAU; Myles Thomas, Sr., F, TU; Shawn Foxbrennan, Sr., F, FVSVU; Tyler Singleton, Sr., G, CAU
TOP AWARDS
Coach - Fred Watson, MC
Defense - Romaine Thomas, CAU
Freshman - Darweshi Hunter, CAU
Newcomer - Darweshi Hunter, CAU
Player - Avery Brown, MC (pictured)

BCSP Notes

SC State's Taylor at Combine

Former **South Carolina State** offensive lineman **Alex Taylor** was the only HBCU player at last week's NFL Combine at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Taylor, at 6-8 308 with a wingspan of 36 1/8 inches and hands of 11 1/4 inches, ran 5.09 in the 40-yard dash, did 21 reps on the bench, had a vertical jump of 25.0 inches and a 116.0 inch broad jump. He finished the 3-cone drill in 7.77 seconds and the 20-yard shuttle in 4.79 seconds.

The former basketball player who originally signed to play football at Appalachian State, earned all-MEAC honors his junior (3rd team) and senior (1st team) senior seasons and was named a third team AP FCS all-American as a senior.

His overview on NFL.com reads "... Exceptional combination of length and athleticism will have NFL evaluators salivating over Taylor's potential."



Taylor

Marrow, Stanley named first team all-Big South

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- **Hampton** senior **Jermaine Marrow** and sophomore **Ben Stanley** were named First Team All-Big South by the conference office on Monday.

Now a two-time selection, Marrow missed six games due to injury but still leads the league in scoring (24.3 ppg) and assists (6.5 apg) making him the first Big South player to lead in both. He is the only player ranked in the top 15 nationally in both categories.

Stanley exploded on the scene this year averaging 22.5 points and almost eight rebounds per game. He is ranked in the top 10 nationally in scoring and averaged 25.5 points per game in the month of December when Marrow was out.

2019-20 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Standings and Outstanding Players)

MEAC Mid Eastern Athletic Conference

MEN	CONF	ALL	W	L	W	L
North Carolina Central	12	3	16	13		
North Carolina A&T	12	3	16	14		
Norfolk State	11	4	15	15		
Bethune-Cookman	9	6	15	14		
Morgan State	9	6	15	15		
Coppin State	6	9	10	20		
SC State	6	10	11	17		
Maryland Eastern Shore	4	11	5	25		
Delaware State	3	12	4	25		
Howard	1	14	3	27		
# Florida A&M	10	5	12	14		

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Jermaine Bishop, 6-1, Sr., G, NSU - Had 24 points, with six 3s and 7 rebounds in win over DelState, 26 points with six 3s and 4 assists in win over Howard.
Kam Langley, 6-0, Jr., G, NC A&T - 14 points and 12 assists in win over SC State.
DEFENSIVE
Malik Miller, 6-4, So., G, MSU - 18 rebounds and three steals vs. Coppin State. Scored 14 points with three assists.
ROOKIE
Wayne Bristol Jr., Fr., G, HOWARD - Had 20 points and 8 rebounds in win over UMES and 11 points and 4 assists in loss to Norfolk State.

MEAC Mid Eastern Athletic Conference

WOMEN	CONF	ALL	W	L	W	L
Bethune-Cookman	14	1	22	5		
Norfolk State	12	3	18	10		
North Carolina A&T	11	4	19	8		
Morgan State	11	4	15	13		
Delaware State	8	7	12	16		
North Carolina Central	8	7	11	17		
Howard	6	9	14	14		
Maryland Eastern Shore	4	11	7	21		
Coppin State	3	12	3	25		
SC State	2	14	3	24		
# Florida A&M	4	11	6	20		

PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Chanette Hicks, NSU - Tallied 20 points with 4 assists and 7 steals vs. Howard, 22 points with 3 assists, 3 blocks and 2 steals vs. DelState.
DEFENSIVE
Paulina Afriye, 5-11, Sr., F, NCCU - Averaged a double-double of 16.5 points and 11.5 rebounds in 1-1 week getting 13 points and 10 rebounds with 4 steals in win over SCSU, 20 pts., 14 rebs. 2 blocks and a steal in loss to B-CU.
ROOKIE
Anissa Rivera, 6-1, Fr., F, NCCU - Had 10 points, 2 assists and 5 blocks vs. SCSU, 11 points, 7 rebounds, 1 block, steal and assist vs. B-CU.

SWAC Southwestern Athletic Conference

MEN	CONF	ALL	W	L	W	L
Prairie View A&M	13	2	17	11		
Texas Southern	12	4	15	14		
Southern	11	5	14	15		
Grambling State	10	6	16	13		
Alcorn State	9	7	13	14		
Jackson State	9	7	12	17		
Alabama State	7	9	8	21		
Alabama A&M	4	11	7	19		
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	3	14	4	25		
Miss. Valley State	2	15	2	27		

BCSP PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Tristan Jarrett, 6-0, Jr., G, JSU - Averaged 21.5 points and 6.0 rebounds in two wins tallying 16 points with 2 assists and 3 rebounds in win over UAPB, 27 points with 9 boards, 3 assists and 2 steals in win over MVSU.
Devonte Patterson, 6-7, Sr., F, PVA&M - Threw in 21 points with 8 rebounds and an assist in win over Alabama State, had 13 points, 11 rebounds, 7 assists and a steal in win over Alabama A&M.
NEWCOMER
NA
ROOKIE
NA

SWAC Southwestern Athletic Conference

WOMEN	CONF	ALL	W	L	W	L
Jackson State	15	1	17	9		
Texas Southern	13	3	18	9		
Southern	11	5	13	14		
Alabama A&M	10	6	14	13		
Prairie View A&M	9	7	12	16		
Alcorn State	8	8	12	16		
Alabama State	6	10	9	18		
Arkansas Pine Bluff	5	12	8	21		
Grambling State	3	13	4	23		
Miss. Valley State	1	16	2	26		

BCSP PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Dayzsha Rogan, JSU - In two wins averaged 20.0 ppg., and 3.5 rpg., 3.0 spg. getting 14 points with 2 rebounds and 4 steals vs. UAPB, 26 points with 5 rebounds and 2 steals vs. MVSU.
DEFENSIVE PLAYER
Ameshya Williams, 6-1, So., F, JSU - Averaged 17.5 ppg., 9.5 rpg., 4.0 blocks in two wins getting 24 points, 12 rebounds and 4 blocks in win over UAPB, 11 points with 7 rebounds, 4 blocks and 3 steals vs. MVSU.

INDEPENDENTS

MEN	W	L
W. Va. State	18	9
Tennessee State	17	14
Hampton	13	18
UDC	11	17
Lincoln (Mo.)	10	18

BCSP PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
Jermaine Marrow, 6-0, Sr., G, HAMPTON - Averaged Had 30 points and six assists vs. USC-Upstate, 27 points and 11 assists in close loss to Radford.
Ben Stanley, 6-6, So., F, HAMP - Had 25 pts., with six rebounds vs. USC-Upstate, 29 points, six rebounds in loss to Radford.
WOMEN
 Hampton 17 10
 W. Va. State 9 19
 UDC 8 20
 Tennessee State 4 24
 Lincoln (Mo.) 3 25
PLAYER & ROOKIE OF THE WEEK
Nyah Young, 5-10, Fr., F, HAMPTON - Scored 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in win over Charleston Southern.