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CIAA HOOPS DEBUTS IN B'MO

COOL HAND LUKE: Luke D'Alessio, who led Bowie State to the 2003 CIAA Tourney title, brings top men's seed Fayetteville State to this week's tourney in Baltimore.

CIAA TIPS IN DOWNOWN BALTIMORE; NC A&T LEAVING BIG SOUTH FOR THE CAA

2021-2022 MEN'S BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Records and Weekly Honors)

CIAA					MEAC					SIAC					SWAC					INDEPENDENTS				
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE									
FINAL	DIV	CONF	ALL		CONF	ALL		CONF	ALL		CONF	ALL		CONF	ALL		CONF	ALL						
NORTH DIVISION	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	W					
Virginia Union	9	2	13	3	21	6	Norfolk State	9	2	18	6	Edward Waters	0	2	1	10	Texas Southern	11	4	13	11			
Lincoln (PA)	7	3	11	5	18	9	N. C. Central	7	3	14	12	Allen	0	0	6	19	Southern	10	4	15	11			
Shaw	5	5	7	9	11	11	Howard	7	4	14	11	EAST					Alcorn State	10	4	11	15			
Elizabeth City State	4	5	7	9	14	12	S. C. State	7	4	15	12	Morehouse	13	2	18	6	Grambling State	9	5	11	15			
Virginia State	3	7	5	10	8	15	Coppin State	5	6	6	20	Benedict	14	3	19	6	Florida A&M	10	4	11	15			
Bowie State	3	7	5	11	7	20	Morgan State	4	6	9	13	Savannah State	7	8	10	12	Alabama A&M	8	7	9	16			
SOUTH DIVISION							Md. E-Shore	4	7	9	13	Clark Atlanta	6	10	11	13	Prairie View A&M	8	7	8	15			
Winston-Salem State	8	1	12	3	18	5	Delaware State	0	11	2	22	Albany State	6	10	10	17	Jackson State	6	8	8	17			
Fayetteville State	7	3	13	3	18	8	PLAYER					Fort Valley State	4	10	5	18	Alabama State	6	9	7	20			
Livingstone	5	4	9	6	12	9	Joe Bryant , 6-1, Sr., G, NSU - Averaged 24.5 points in 1-1 week, getting 29 pts., 6 rebs., 6 assists in win over CSU, 20 pts., 3 rebs., 4 assists in loss to MSU.					WEST					Bethune-Cookman	5	10	7	20			
Clafin	4	6	6	10	7	19	De'Torrian Ware , 6-5, Jr., G, MSU - Had 15 points (6 of 9 FG, 3-of-4 3 FG), 5 rebs., and 5 assists in win over Norfolk State, 19 pts., 7 reb., 2 assists in loss to Howard.					Miles	16	1	22	3	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	4	11	6	22			
St. Augustine's	3	7	4	12	6	20	ROOKIE					Tuskegee	10	6	14	11	Miss. Valley State	2	13	2	23			
Johnson C. Smith	2	8	2	13	5	18	Antonio Madlock , 6-3, Fr., G, SCSU - In two wins, averaged 14.5 ppg., 7.0 assists. He had 18 pts., 7 assists, 4 rebs., vs. UMES, 11 pts., 7 assists vs. DSU.					LeMoyne-Owen	8	8	14	10	PLAYER							
							DEFENSE					Spring Hill	7	10	8	18	Cameron Tucker , 6-1, Jr., G, ALABAMA A&M - In 2-0 week averaged 16.5 ppg. and 6.5 rpg. Tucker had 18 pts., 8 rebs., in win over FAMU, 15 pts., 5 rebs., vs. B-CU.							
							ROOKIE OF THE YEAR					Kentucky State	7	11	9	14	Jeremiah Gambrell , 6-3, Jr., G, PVA&M - Scored 31 points and had 3 rebounds, a block and a steal in win over UAPB.							
							Jayden Beloti , 6-4, Fr., G, ECSU - 12.6 ppg., 4.1 rpg., COACH OF THE YEAR					Lane	6	12	10	17	Gerald Liddell , 6-8, Jr., F, ALAB. ST. - Averaged double-double of 13.0 pts., 12.0 rpg. in 1-1 week. Had 14 pts., 12 rebs. in loss to FAMU, 10 pts., 12 rebs., in win over B-CU.							
							Corey Lowery , 2nd season, LINC - 11-5 CIAA, 7-3 in N. Div., 18-9 overall.					Central State	3	15	6	18								

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NC A&T MOVING AGAIN, TO THE CAA:

GREENSBORO, NC - The North Carolina A&T Board of Trustees voted unanimously Friday to move the Aggies from the Big South Conference to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). The vote came a day after the board's Executive Committee also voted unanimously to send a recommendation to make the move from NC A&T Athletics Director Earl Hilton to the full board.

The decision to change comes less than a year after A&T's board voted to leave a 50-year membership in the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference to join the Big South. Hilton told the executive board that A&T received an invitation in November 2021 from the CAA.

Hampton, another former MEAC member, left the MEAC in 2018 to join the Big South. Hampton announced in late January that it was leaving the Big South to join the CAA.

Hilton told the executive board that his recommendation wasn't made based on dissatisfaction with the Big South but rather on a series of data-driven metrics that he outlined in his presentation.

NC A&T will thus become the 13th full-time member of the CAA joining College of Charleston, Delaware, Drexel, Elon, Hampton, Hofstra, Monmouth, Northeastern, Stony Brook, Towson, UNC Wilmington and William & Mary. Hilton said the CAA wants to get to 14 teams.

According to a plan approved by both the Big South and CAA, the Aggies would join the CAA beginning July 1, 2022 in all sports except football and bowling. A&T will remain in the Big South for 2022 football and join the CAA in 2023. Bowling will remain in the MEAC.

The league is creating a divisional model of North and South teams, Hilton said. As of July 1, 2022, Charleston, Elon, Hampton, UNC-Wilmington and William & Mary would comprise the Southern Division. Delaware, Drexel, Hofstra, Northeastern, Stony Brook and Monmouth would be teams in the Northern Division. The CAA also has Maine, New Hampshire, Richmond, Rhode Island and Villanova as football-only members. NC A&T would join the Southern Division.

CIAA ANNOUNCES TOP HOOPSTERS:

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - Lincoln University swept the men's and women's player of the year awards as the CIAA announced its top players for the 2021-22 basketball season just before this week's tournament in Baltimore.

Six-four junior guard **Zahrian Blue**, who led the league in scoring at 18.9 points per game while pulling down 7.4 rebounds per game was voted the men's player of the year. Blue helped lead the Lions to a 18-9 overall record, 11-5 in the CIAA. The Lions are seeded fourth in the men's tournament bracket.

For the women, the Lady Lions' senior guard **Bryanna Brown** took home the top award. Like Blue, Brown led the league in scoring at 16.9 points per game while shooting .370 from the field (6th in CIAA). Lincoln's women (19-7, 12-4) entered this week's CIAA Tournament as the top seed.

2021-22 ALL-CIAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM BACKCOURT - Cress Worthy, FSU; Cameron Campbell, WSSU; Javonte Cooke, WSSU; Dhashon Dyson, SAU; Francis Fitzgerald, VSU.

FRONTCOURT - Navar Elmore, LIV; Jalen Seegers, FSU; Zahrian Blue, LINC; Augustine Ominu, JCSU; Robert Osborne, VUU; Jordan Peebles, VUU; Terrence Hunter-Whitfield, VSU

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Zahrian Blue, Lincoln (PA)
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Navar Elmore, Livingstone
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Jayden Beloti, Elizabeth City State
COACH OF THE YEAR: Corey Lowery, Lincoln (PA)

2021-22 ALL-CIAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM BACKCOURT - Natalia Leaks, VSU; Bryanna Brown, LINC; Shanिया Jones, JCSU; Aubriana Bonner, JCSU; Amaya Tucker, WSSU

FRONTCOURT - Aniyah Bryant, FSU; Krystell Gordon, LiINC; Rasheka Simmons, FSU; Naterria Luster, ECSU; Kaaliya Williams, VSU; Sireann Pitts, ECSU; Katerria Myers, BSU

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Bryanna Brown, Lincoln (PA)
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Sireann Pitts, Elizabeth City State
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Ciara Harris, Johnson C. Smith
COACH OF THE YEAR: Tynesha Lewis, Elizabeth City State

Baltimore tips off Tournament time

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Tournament time is here! It all got started this week in Baltimore when the CIAA tipped off its Basketball Tournaments at the downtown Royal Farms Arena.

It is the 76th men's tournament since it all began back in 1946 in Washington, D. C. The ladies will be playing in their 47th tournament which began in 1975.

Fayetteville State (18-8), by virtue of its 13-3 record in conference play is the top men's seed. **Lincoln** (19-7) claimed the women's top seed with a 12-4 CIAA record.

The top four seeds in the men's and women's brackets received byes into Wednesday and Thursday's quarterfinal rounds.

On the men's side, **Virginia Union** (21-6, 13-3) is the second seed followed by **Winston-Salem State** (18-5, 12-3) and **Lincoln** (18-9, 11-5).

For the women, **Elizabeth City State** (19-6, 11-5) is seeded second followed by **Bowie State** (12-11, 10-6) and **Johnson C. Smith** (15-9, 10-6).

Play began Tuesday with four women's opening round games (10 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 2:20 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.). Two men's opening round games Tuesday evening (6:40 p.m. and 8:50 p.m.) closed out the day's play.

Two men's opening round games tipped early Wednesday (10 a.m., 12:10 p.m.) followed by two women's quarterfinal games involving the top two seeds at 2:20 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Two men's quarterfinal games involving top seeds Fayetteville State (6:40 p.m.) and Virginia Union (8:50 p.m.) closed out Wednesday's games.

Early on Thursday, the women complete their quarterfinal match ups at 12 and 2 p.m. The men complete their quarters at 6 and 8 p.m.

The women's semifinals go off at 12 and 2 p.m. on Friday with the men's semis to follow at 6 and 8 p.m.

The women's championship is set for Saturday at 1 p.m. The men's title game is at 4 p.m.

All 22 games will be broadcast exclusively on ESPN+ (https://plus.espn.com/) with the championship games also being shown on ESPNU. Radio coverage of all the games will be provided by Heritage Sports Radio Network (HSRN).

The only CIAA men's team in the top ten in the NCAA Div. II regional rankings released last week was Virginia Union. The 21-6 Panthers were ranked tenth in the Atlantic Region.

The only women's team ranked was 19-7 Lincoln at No. 10 in the Atlantic Region.

The **SIAC** has another week of regular season play before its tournament tips next week (Feb. 28 to March 5) in Rock Hill, S. C.

Fred Watson's Golden Bears of **Miles** (22-3) have now won 16 straight games after victories on the road this week over **Kentucky State** (77-74) and **Central State** (61-37). They have assured themselves of a top seed in the tournament. They closed out the regular season Tuesday at **LeMoyne-Owen**.

Watson's troops won their first six games of the season and then lost three straight before its current win streak. The losses were to Georgia College (71-66), Columbus State (62-51) and **Benedict** (68-67). Miles (22-3, 16-1), who has a five-game lead



over **Tuskegee** (14-11, 10-6) in the SIAC West, is currently sixth in the NCAA Div. II South Region.

In the SIAC East, **Morehouse** got its second win over **Benedict**, 88-76 on the road Saturday, to take over first place. The Maroon Tigers (18-6, 13-2), winners of 15 straight, had beaten the Tigers in Atlanta, 86-79 on Jan. 15.

Morehouse, in its first year under head coach **Douglas Whittler** after the untimely death of former coach **Grady Brewer**, is tenth in the Div. II South Region.

Cedric Baker's Lady Tigers of **Savannah State** (11-1) stretched their winning streak to ten games with wins this past week over **Clark Atlanta** (97-81) and **Tuskegee** (79-73). The only loss for the Lady Tigers (24-1, 13-1) this season was a 74-65 decision to **Benedict** on Jan. 22.

Tuskegee is sixth, Benedict is seventh and Savannah State is eighth in the women's D2 South Region rankings from a week ago.

SWAC
Texas Southern (11-4) took over first place in the men's race after getting wins over **UAPB** (70-68) and **MVSU** (79-59) while **Southern** (10-4) fell to **Grambling** 61-57 Saturday. **Alcorn State** (10-4) is tied with Southern after beating **Jackson State** Saturday, 61-60.

JSU kept its unbeaten record in the women's race (14-0) with a 65-44 win Saturday over **Alcorn State**.

JSU is on the road this weekend at **TSU** and **PVA&M**. Alcorn plays the same two on the road. Southern hosts **B-CU** and **FAMU**. Alabama A&M and Alabama State meet Saturday in Huntsville, AL.

MEAC
 There was a little shake-up on the women's side of the MEAC race as **Howard** (9-2) took over first place after **Norfolk State** (8-3) fell at **Morgan State** (51-48 Monday). The Lady Bison got wins over **MSU** (81-63) and **CSU** (70-67). **MSU** and **CSU** are now tied for second with **Norfolk State** at 8-3.

The top three men's teams also split wins over the weekend. **Norfolk State** (9-2) suffered their second conference loss Monday at **Morgan State** (85-74) after beating **Coppin State** Saturday (89-59). **NC Central** (7-3) beat **DelState** in overtime (84-79) Saturday but fell at home to **UMES** Monday (79-66). **Howard** defeated **MSU** Saturday in Cleveland at the NBA All-Star game venue (68-66) and then fell at home to **Coppin State** Monday (86-82).

BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24
BIG SOUTH
 Hampton @ Radford (W)
CIAA
 Tournament Quarterfinals (M&W)
OVC
 Tennessee State @ Tennessee Tech
SIAC
 Clark Atlanta @ LeMoyne-Owen
 Fort Valley State @ Savannah State
OTHERS
 Lincoln (Mo.) @ Newman

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25
CIAA
 Tournament Semifinals (M&W)
OTHERS
 Spring Hill @ West Florida

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26
BIG SOUTH
 Hampton @ High Point (M)
 Radford @ NC A&T (M)
 USC Upstate @ NC A&T (W)
 Hampton @ Longwood (W)
CIAA
 Tournament Finals (M&W)
MEAC
 North Carolina Central @ Howard
 S. Carolina State @ Norfolk State
 Coppin State @ Maryland-Easter Shore
 Morgan State @ Delaware State
OVC
 Tennessee State @ Belmont
SIAC
 Tuskegee @ Fort Valley State
 Morehouse @ Savannah State
SWAC
 Florida A&M @ Grambling
 Alabama State @ Alabama A&M
 Miss. Valley State @ Ark.-Pine Bluff
 Bethune-Cookman @ Southern
 Alcorn State @ Prairie View A&M
 Jackson State @ Texas Southern
OTHERS
 Central Missouri @ Lincoln (Mo.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
 Longwood @ Hampton (W)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28
MEAC
 UMES @ Morgan State
 SC State @ Howard
 Delaware State @ Coppin State
 NC Central @ Norfolk State
SWAC
 Alcorn State @ Texas Southern
 Bethune-Cookman @ Grambling
 Jackson State @ Prairie View A&M
 Florida A&M @ Southern
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28
MEAC
 Md.-E. Shore @ Morgan State
 NC Central @ Norfolk State
 SC State @ Howard
 Delaware State @ Coppin State
SWAC
 Jackson State @ Prairie View A&M
 Florida A&M @ Southern
 Bethune-Cookman @ Grambling
 Alcorn State @ Texas Southern

TUESDAY, MARCH 1
BIG SOUTH
 Tournament begins

The leaders clash over the weekend as NCCU is at Howard Saturday and at Norfolk State Monday.

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Johnson C. Smith	8	2	10	6	15	9	Delaware State	0	11	0	20	Fort Valley State	5	10	7	13	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7	7	11	14			
Fayetteville State	6	4	10	6	13	11	PLAYER & DEFENSIVE PLAYER					WEST					Bethune-Cookman	4	11	5	19			
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