

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

2016-17 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

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**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
BULLDOGS**



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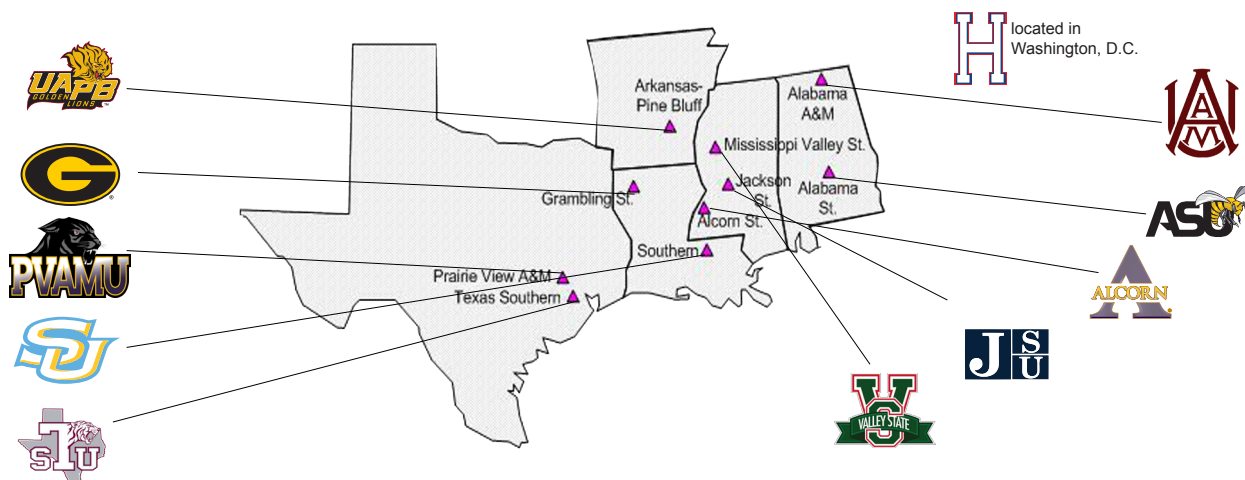
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LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER

THE SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE looks back at the 2016-17 academic year as one of the most historical seasons in our league's illustrious history, spotlighted by achievements on and off the field.

This season, the Conference along with ESPN and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) continued to nurture the profile, heritage and traditions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country through their collaborative involvement in The Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl. 2016 saw SWAC champion Grambling State University defeat MEAC champion North Carolina Central University in a 10-9 thriller in front of over 31,000 fans.

Once again, the SWAC was named the best-attended football league in the NCAA Div. I- Football Championship Series (FCS). An improvement by an average of 1,309 fans, the SWAC saw the greatest increase in average attendance of any conference (FBS or FCS). The SWAC averaged 14,132 in attendance at each of its 48 home football contests and outnumbered the Missouri Valley Conference by 1,545 in attendance, despite playing 13 less total games in its league. The Big Sky Conference finished third with an average of 9,719.

The year kicked off with Grambling State (men's) and Alabama State (women's) managing championships in cross country. Alabama State won its first soccer championship and also secured the crown in volleyball. Grambling State won the SWAC title in football, earning a berth into the second annual Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl and defeated N.C. Central 10-9.

The Grambling State men's team and the Alabama State women's team captured titles in indoor track and field followed by Texas Southern collecting back-to-back titles in men's and women's basketball. It was their first title in women's basketball history. Alabama State was crowned champion in bowling for the first time in program history while the Hornets also took first in both men's and women's tennis. Grambling State earned the men's outdoor track and field crown in a dramatic final sprint, while Alabama State completed the triple crown of championships on the women's side for a sixth consecutive season. Texas Southern won their first women's golf title in program history and added championships in both softball and baseball for the second time in three seasons.

The SWAC saw unprecedented postseason successes highlighted by the Grambling State women's basketball team's historic victory at Ole Miss in the Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT). It was the first tournament victory by a SWAC women's basketball program in the modern era. The Alabama State softball team won the first postseason game in its program history by defeating UT-Martin in the National Invitational Softball Championships (NISC). Additionally, 32 athletes qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Regional meets.

With 10 conference championships, Alabama State accepted its fourth consecutive James Frank Commissioner's Cup. ASU also received the Sadie Magee/Barbara Jacket Award and the C.D. Henry Award. The institution has won all three awards in three of the previous four seasons dating back to the 2013-14 season.

When we speak of the league's national exposure, we have to credit several television networks, SWAC Digital Network, and swac.org for bringing the competition to the homes of our loyal fans. For the year, 17 football games were televised during the regular season with 13 airing on the ESPN networks. In addition, the SEC Network, the Pac 12 Network, and NBC Sports carried at least one of the remaining games. In addition, 25 regular season basketball games were covered by a television network including: Fox Sports, SECN, the ACC Network, the SEC Network, the Big 10 Network and seven games on ESPNU. ESPN continued to partner with the conference airing the championships for volleyball, football, bowling, men and women's basketball and baseball. Also, during the regular season, ESPN3 was able to highlight two of our premier programs in softball - Alabama State vs. Mississippi Valley State.

The growth of the SWAC Digital Network continues to enhance the brand with more than 66,000 viewers watching a SWAC game on their mobile devices, laptop or desktop computer. Within that number, 61 percent were new visitors to SDN. The addition of SDN helped lift the number of views to our primary resource swac.org. Our home website had nearly three and a half million page views resulting in nearly 520,000 people who logged on to our primary resource.

As the SWAC continues to grow, we have to thank our football championship and basketball tournament title sponsor, Toyota, for its commitment to our student-athletes and fans. We would also like to salute Russell Athletic, Nike and Coca-Cola for their support and partnership. Lastly, we would like to thank our fans, student-athletes, their parents, and our member institutions for a remarkable 2016-17 season.

Sincerely,



Duer Sharp
Southwestern Athletic Conference Commissioner



SWAC 2016-17 YEAR-IN-REVIEW / SWAC ADMINISTRATION



ALABAMA A&M



ALABAMA STATE



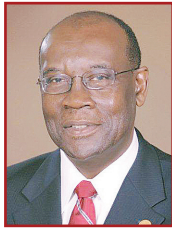
ALCORN STATE



GRAMBLING STATE



JACKSON STATE



President
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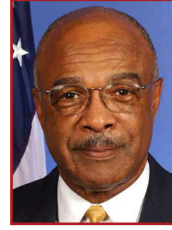
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Dr. Leon C. Wilson



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Richard J. Gallot Jr.



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Dr. Rod Paige



Athletics Director
Bryan Hicks



Athletics Director
Melvin Hines



Athletics Director
Derek Horne



Athletics Director
Paul Bryant



Athletics Director
Wheeler Brown



Senior Woman Administrator
Dr. Cara Wright



Senior Woman Administrator
Jennifer Williams



Senior Woman Administrator
Jamea Adams-Ginyard



Senior Woman Administrator
Wanda Currie



Senior Woman Administrator
Genese Lavalias



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M



SOUTHERN



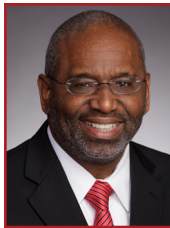
TEXAS SOUTHERN



ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF



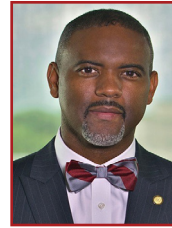
President
Dr. William B. Bynum



President
Dr. George C. Wright



Chancellor
Dr. Ray L. Belton



President
Dr. Austin A. Lane



Chancellor
Dr. Laurence B. Alexander



Athletics Director
Dianthia Ford-Kee



Athletics Director
Ashley Robinson



Interim Athletics Director
Roman Banks



Athletics Director
Dr. Charles McClelland



Athletics Director
Lonza Hardy, Jr.



Senior Woman Administrator
K. Renia Edwards



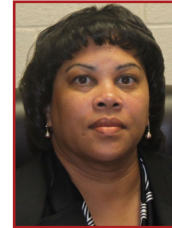
Senior Woman Administrator
Alicia Pete



Senior Woman Administrator
Pamela Smith



Senior Woman Administrator
Dr. Dwalah Fisher



Senior Woman Administrator
Alyse Wells-Kilbert

SWAC ADMINISTRATORS

Alabama State



CLINTON, Miss. – The Alabama State University women's cross country team won its sixth-straight Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship Friday at Choctaw Trails. The Hornets were led by Tatiana Etienne, who earned the top spot with a time of 18:32.9. Alabama State scored 35 points and saw three runners claim top-5 showings.

Etienne's efforts earned her the 2016 SWAC Women's Runner of the Year honor, the third in a row for the Lady Hornets. Alabama State Head Coach Ritchie Beene was named SWAC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Along with Etienne, Mississippi Valley's Kemei Scholasticah, Alabama State's Arion Span and Janice Lane, and Grambling State's Halima Chepkwony earned first-team All-SWAC honors.

Second-Team All-SWAC consisted of Derica Pitters (MVSU), Mariah Stewart (Texas Southern), DeHavalan Watts (MVSU), Angelica Jacobs (Alcorn State) and Marlyn Campo (Texas Southern)

In the team competition, Mississippi Valley placed second with a score of 47, and Prairie View A&M finished third with 103 points.



FIRST-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE



SECOND-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

RUNNER OF THE YEAR



TATIANA ETIENNE
ALABAMA STATE

ALL-SWAC

Tatiana Etienne	Alabama State
Scholasticah Kemei	Mississippi Valley State
Arion Span	Alabama State
Janice Lane	Alabama State
Halima Chepkwony	Grambling State
Derica Pitters	Mississippi Valley State
Mariah Stewart	Texas Southern
DeHavalan Watts	Mississippi Valley State
Angelica Jacobs	Alcorn State
Marlyn Campo	Texas Southern

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ritchie Beene	Alabama State
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2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M	
Kiara Brown	Hyidea Burgess
Estelle Esperance	Keanna McIntyre
Alabama State	
Brandee Ebert	Artrailia Lesane
Paige Rankine	Santina Williams
Shakalia Williams	Shantia Wilson
Alcorn State	
Brandi McCray	
Grambling State	
Creshonda Carter	Yolonda Decker-Williams
Faith Early	Tichina Lewis
Jasmine Pierce	
Jackson State	
D'Andrea Eashmond	Stherline Silencieux
Prairie View A&M	
Zakia Johnson	Kaelyn Keaton
Ashley Santos	
Arkansas - Pine Bluff	
Summer Gilliam	Sabratina Rojas
Sharoya Simmons	

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2016	Alabama State
2015	Alabama State
2014	Alabama State
2013	Alabama State
2012	Alabama State
2011	Alabama State
2010	Grambling State
2009	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
2008	Alabama State
2007	Alabama State
2006	Alabama State
2005	Alabama State
2004	Grambling State
2003	Grambling State
2002	Grambling State
2001	Alabama State
2000	-----
1999	Grambling State
1998	Grambling State /
1997	Grambling State /
1996	Grambling State
1995	Grambling State
1994	Southern
1993	Southern
1992	Southern
1991	Southern
1990	Prairie View A&M
1989	Prairie View A&M
1988	Prairie View A&M
1987	Prairie View A&M
1986	Grambling State
1985	Jackson State
1984	Jackson State
1983	Jackson State
1982	Jackson State
1981	Jackson State
1980	Jackson State
1979	Jackson State
1978	Prairie View A&M
1977	Prairie View A&M
	Jackson State
	Jackson State





CLINTON, Miss. – With 35 points, Grambling State men's cross country team won the Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship Friday at Choctaw Trails, successfully defending its 2015 title. Grambling was led by Hassan Chepkwony, who finished first with a time of 26:09.8. Chepkwony was also honored as 2016 Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Year.

Grambling State Head Coach Bertram Lovell was named SWAC Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Along with Chepkwony, Jackson State's James Curtis, Mississippi Valley's Aaron Albert and John Akakeya and Grambling's Noah Rugut earned first-team honors

Second-Team All-SWAC consisted of Texas Southern's D'Andre Lewis, Montieco Harris of Grambling, Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Wade Garner, Prairie View's Levante Williams and Texas Southern's Xavier Martinez.

In the team competition, Prairie View placed second with a score of 76, and Jackson State came in third with 92 points.



FIRST-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE



SECOND-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

RUNNER OF THE YEAR



HASSAN CHEPKWONY
GRAMBLING STATE

ALL-SWAC

Hassan Chepkwony	Grambling State
James Curtis	Jackson State
Aaron Albert	Mississippi Valley State
John Akakeya	Mississippi Valley State
Noah Rugut	Grambling State
D'Andre Lewis	Texas Southern
Montieco Harris	Grambling State
Wade Garner	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Levante Williams	Prairie View A&M
Xavier Martinez	Texas Southern

COACH OF THE YEAR

Bertram Lovell	Grambling State
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2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama State
Tyree Newton
Gregory Thigpen, Jr.
Alcorn State
Mario Martinez
Charles Marsaw
Jackson State
Markus Jackson
Mississippi Valley State
Aaron Albert
Prairie View A&M
Syed Hussain
Texas Southern
David Guzman
Ezequiel Calleros
Arkansas - Pine Bluff
Andrew Bingham
Harlan Clarke



ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2016	Grambling State
2015	Grambling State
2014	Prairie View A&M
2013	Mississippi Valley
2012	Mississippi Valley
2011	Grambling State
2010	Mississippi Valley
2009	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
2008	Alabama State
2007	Prairie View A&M
2006	Prairie View A&M
2005	Prairie View A&M
2004	Grambling State
2003	Southern
2002	Southern
2001	Southern
2000	-----
1999	Jackson State
1998	Jackson State
1997	Jackson State
1996	Jackson State
1995	Grambling State
1994	Mississippi Valley
1993	Texas Southern
1992	Texas Southern
1991	Southern
1988-90	No Championship
1987	Texas Southern
1986	Jackson State
1985	Jackson State
1984	Jackson State
1983	Jackson State
1982	Texas Southern
1981	Jackson State
1980	Jackson State
1979	Jackson State
1978	Texas Southern
1977	Jackson State
1976	No Contest
1975	Jackson State
1974	Southern
1973	Southern
1972	No Championship
1971	No Championship
1970	No Championship
1969	Prarie View A&M



PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas – For the third time on four seasons, No. 3 Alabama State made an appearance in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Soccer Championship game. The third time was a charm for the Hornets as they defeated No. 4 Arkansas-Pine Bluff for the school's first ever tournament crown.

Ariela Lewis scored both goals for ASU with one assisted by her twin sister Aaliyah.

Sunday afternoon marked the first championship for ASU head coach Jodie Smith who just completed his 10th season.

Ar. Lewis put the Hornets in the scoring column first at the 24 minute giving her team a 1-0 lead. Mercedes Padilla assisted on the game's first score. Ariela would again strike for ASU at the 65 minute mark expanding the lead 2-nill.

Gianna Guyot led ASU (11-9-1) with six saves while UAPB (8-8-2) was led by Makayla Cowles and her four saves.

UAPB outshot the Hornets 12-10 with Karissa Fenwick and Allison Herrin both finishing with three attempts each.

The Golden Lions would not go away quietly. The same team that eliminated top-seeded Howard Friday scored on a penalty kick at the 73 minute mark from Maria Jean.



TOURNAMENT MVP



ARIELA LEWIS
ALABAMA STATE

ALL-TOURNAMENT

Makayla Cowles - Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Cierra Fenwick - Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Maria Del Carmen Rios Jean - UAPB
Laadi Issaka - Mississippi Valley State
Makayla Johnson - Texas Southern
Kendall Hamilton - Texas Southern
Mariah Johnson - Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Paige Hayward - Texas Southern
Aaliyah Lewis - Alabama State
Ariela Lewis - Alabama State
Kela Gray - Howard

COACH OF THE YEAR

Brent Leiba Howard University

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M
Andrea Chacon
Julie Duran
Estelle Esperance
Teryn Jolly
Marissa Oehler
Autumn Redford
Chanel Veasley
Jasmine Young
Alabama State
Cordova, Shyann
Edwards, Kayla
Elder, Mooregan
Fleming, Emily
Guyot, Gianna
Lewis, Ariela
Lewis, Aaylia
Maynard, Zaria
Mitchell, Candice
Murphy, Allysa
Ozimy, Krista
Salsberg, Alena
Smith, Alayna
Smith, Mariel
Vienna-hallam, Shelbi
Walther, Kaedi
White, Larissa
Ziolkowski, Emily
Alcorn State
Kimberly Connolly
Priscilla Guardado
Yaira Guardado
Jessica Joe-Cobblah
Viktoria Mihaylova
Vanessa Monge
Rita Okoro
Alexandra Salvador
Tristan Smith
Jackson State
Almogela, Alyssa-Marie V.
Astorga, Alexandra T.
Banks, Shatiana L.
Barnes, Sharidyn
Berry, Eroncia M.
Blair, Jessica G.
Brown, Kamri A.
Carrington, Sierra L.
Christian, Kylie M.
Ellis, Jalana J.
Ellis, Rhae' Ven D.
Gardner, Ariana J.
Io, Kyleigh T.
Martin, Cydnee J.
McAdam-Mitchell, Quiona M.
Rieland, Arriana
Roberts, Kalen L.
Speight, Rayana C.
Tillman, Malynka K.
Toennies, Faith E.
Vinson, Ariel A.
Wells, Sieyara J.
Williams, Courtlyn A.
Mississippi Valley
Ernestina Abambila
Mariana Balbao
Sarah Cenary
Heather Craddock
Katelyn Denton
Camila Gomide
Rita Gyasi
Amberly Halstead
Haley Hendricks
Laadi Issaka
Shani Jefferson
Andrea Kennedy
Alyse Marco
Sydney Newport
Paxton Rodocker
Hannah Scott
Karenth Terrazas

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2016 Alabama State
2015 Howard University
2014 Howard University
2013 Jackson State
2012 Mississippi Valley State
2011 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
2010 Jackson State
2009 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
2008 Mississippi Valley State
2007 Alabama A&M
2006 Grambling State
2005 Mississippi Valley State
2004 Grambling State
2003 Alabama A&M

Prairie View A&M

Cooper, Alicia
Cruz, Reina
Detter, Carly
Dillion, Dominique
Johnson, Rachel
Johnson, Shelby
Limon, Thalia
Maldonado, Santa
McGinnins, Braelah
Powell, Breanna
Virgil, Ashley
Wynn, Amira
Southern
Brooke Callahan-Darby
Shelby Carbin
Desirae George-McCool
Kendra Lewis
Fabiola Parra
Jessica Persico
Jah-Nya Press
Victoria Stahl
Texas Southern
Ysamar Alonso
Valarie Cortez
Erica Cozart
Janelle Gore
Paige Hayward
Liliana Hernandez
Alisa Holloway
Tiana Humphrey
Makayla Johnson
Alexia Ladipo
Ester Martinez-Belmares
Briana Norwood
Alexis Robles
Kailand Thompson
Kaylah Valdry
Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Moore, Kristen
Bresler, Victoria
Knorr, Jordan
Cowles, Makayla
Jett, Stephanie
Fenwick, Karissa
Fenwick, Cierra
Rios Jean, Maria
Johnson, Mariah
Parker, Veronica
Abreu-De Campos, Maira
Ybarra, Gabrielle
Holmes, Rebecca
Canizalez, Nathalia
Key, Abigail

Grambling State



HOUSTON, Texas – A big second-half lifted Grambling State to a 27-20 victory over defending champion Alcorn State in the 2016 Toyota SWAC Football Championship Game.

This marks the seventh championship game win for the Tigers, and the first for GSU coach Broderick Fobbs.

Offensive MVP Martez Carter -- who shattered the SWAC Championship Game record for most all-purpose yards with 348 -- scored the eventual game-winner -- a 31-yard scamper to paydirt with 3:38 left -- to cap a second half that saw Grambling (10-1, 9-0 SWAC) outscore the Braves 27-3 after falling behind 17-0 at half.

Alcorn State struck first when a Carter fumble just outside was pounced on by Darien Anderson. Four plays later, Lenorris Footman took it in from 15 yards out. The Braves would push their lead to 10-0 thanks to a seven-minute plus drive that spanned the first and second quarters and ended with a chip shot field goal by Haiden McCraney. Grambling's normally explosive offense continued to struggle, and Alcorn employed a ball-control offense to continue to press the advantage. De'Lance Turner raced 69-yards to paydirt for a 17-0 Braves lead with just under 11 minutes left.

After being shut down for the first half, Grambling's offense woke up in the second half thanks to a big 73-yard kick return by Carter to open the third quarter. Devante Kincade hooked up with Verlan Hunter from 29 yards out for a score. After an Alcorn drive came up empty, Grambling hit paydirt again thanks to a one-yard plunge by LynDemian Brooks to make it 17-14.

Alcorn State (5-6, 5-4 SWAC) stretched the lead to 20-14 early on in the fourth quarter, but Grambling tied it on a wild play where Carter took a pass from Kincade but fumbled right before crossing the plane, only for the ball to be grabbed by Dominique

Leake and taken in the end zone. The ensuing PAT was blocked, but Carter's late score was the difference. Carter rushed for 136 yards on 14 tries, adding in 66 receiving yards and 142 return yards. Kincade was 15-22 for 237 yards and two scores. Chad Williams hauled in six grabs for 103 yards.

Turner rushed for 126 yards, and Lenorris Footman was 14-24 for 259 yards and an interception. Defensively, Grambling State was led by De'Arius Christmas, who picked up 12 tackles and a sack in winning the defensive MVP award. Darien Anderson was the high man for the Braves with 11 stops and a sack. Alcorn State tied the championship-game record for most sacks with eight.



SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / FOOTBALL

OFFENSIVE MVP



MARTEZE CARTER
GRAMBLING STATE

DEFENSIVE MVP



DE'ARIUS CHRISTMAS
GRAMBLING STATE

COACH OF THE YEAR

Broderick Fobbs

Grambling State

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

ALABAMA A&M

Devin Andrews
Bryan Brower
Nicholas Carden
Marceles Clash
Zachary Collins
David Dagrinn
Pietro Garrett
Averee Giles
Justin Jackson
Clarence Jones
Edward Jones
Jeron Jones
Monte Jones
Alijah Jordan
Nhan Mai
Taylor McCurdy
Traylon McCurdy
Tevin McKenzie
Vernon Moland
Roderick Randolph
Akeem Samuels
Taivon Thompson
David Whitehead
Demerius Williams
O'Darius Williams

ALCORN STATE

Ben Brooks
Christian Brown
Devin Fleming
Lenorris Footman
Warren Gatewood
Evan Grimes
DeEdwin Hawthorn
Troy Hobbs
Charles Hughes
Michael Hurns
Joshua Ivery
Totoa Leilua
Michael Lester
Deon Luter
Andre' Martin
Isikeli Ongosia
Quintin Smith
DeLance Turner
Damon Watkins
Anthony Williams

JACKSON STATE

Amores, Alem
Anderson, Keontre
Anderson, Ronza
Battles, Tavaris
Bishop, Shawn
Cook, Markus
Davis, Nickolas
Deising, Ryan
Fosselman, Devin
German, Vallemmond
Hammoudeh, Yacoub
Harper, Terry
Hawkins, Jamal
Henderson, Cornelius
Hunter, Vincent
Ivy, Lamontiez
Johnson, Robert
Jones, Javancy
Loggins, Brendan

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

Lerandel Allen
O'Brian Anderson
Eric Berry
Jamael Best
Jamaine Boyd
Corey Brown
Jessie Bryant
Adrian Campbell
Ladrelin Cheatam
Keenan Daniels
Andre Eubanks
Gregory Foster
Jordan Freeman
Levarence Gilliard
Joseph Glover
Kevin Haymore
Demarius Howard
Justin Jackson
Bryant Jones

ALABAMA STATE

Albert, David
Berry, Kourtney
Bowser, Ja'quez
Bridgers, Malik
Cook, Cordelral
Davis, Kenyan
Galmer, Datavion
Hammon, Andre
King, Derrel
Lindsey, Brensten
Machary, Loliya
Moore, Willie
Murray, Kadeem
Nixon, Chase
Oliver III, Lawrence
Parker Jr., Nathaniel
Parks, Shawan
Peters, Shakym
Presley, Theron
Remaker, Dylan
Richardson, Ellis
Street, Bradley
Toppings, Quinterris
Vincent, Trevor
Williams, Kerry
Williams, Davonta
Wilson, Andre

GRAMBLING STATE

*Christian Bailey
Terence Brigham
Derwin Butler
Percy Cargo
Dearius Christmas
Abubakarr Coneth
Jamison Goins
Christopher Johnson
Dominique Leake
Wesley Love
Devaughn Madise
Donovan McCray
Justin Miller
Paul Nosworthy
Tyler Olivier
Le'Terious Pouncy
Jordan Powell
Bradon Varner
Jonathan Wallace
Darrell Woolen

Lyles, Brent
Maile, Lavaka
Marshall, Christian
McCoy, Brandon
Moll, Jarius
Moore, Anthony
Moore, Ja'rius
Morikawa, Jarin
Ollie, Carle
Parrish, Benjy
Payton, Jabari
Porter, Robert
Reid, James
Standback, Hector
Thornton, Dante
Tucker, Lacorey
Tyler, Kenneth
Ward, Ramone
Wiggins, Uriah
Williamson, Darcy

Jacorey Lee
Gerald Majors
Brelon Malone
Steven McIntosh
Jarrell Moore
Ruben Piraquive
Tre Price
Lindzell Rhodes
Joshua Rice
Austin Sanders
Lawrence Schuster
Dontrinell Scott
Tyrik Scott
Tre Simms
Thomas Stokes
Symetric Strong
Albert Sutton
Farrean Toney
Warren Watkins

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ERA

2016	Grambling State
2015	Alcorn State
2014	Alcorn State
2013	Southern
2012	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
2011	Grambling State
2010	Texas Southern*
2009	Prairie View A&M
2008	Grambling State
2007	Jackson State
2006	Alabama A&M
2005	Grambling State
2004	Alabama State
2003	Southern
2002	Grambling State
2001	Grambling State
2000	Grambling State
1999	Southern

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

Bryant, James Paul
Butler, Willie
Claiborne, Isaac
Coleman, Janan
Guillory, Steven
Haisley, Glen
Jackson, Damond
Lane, Christopher
LaSalle, Keylon
LaStrappe, Demarquo
Leviege, Jalon
Pierce, Shawn
Robins, Tommie
Rose, Christopher
Slater, Wesley
Williamson, Meshak

SOUTHERN

David Micheal Carrell
Kantavious Preston
Aaron Tiller
Gideon Woodson-Levey
Micah Zanders
Audrey Thompson
Marcus Jones
Ki-Jana Curtis
Ellis Eubanks
Jodeci Harris
Arvin Huff
Danny Johnson
Jaron Johnson
Martin Henry
Alex McKee

TEXAS SOUTHERN

Sikiru Asifatu
Zaccheaus Bamijoko
Andre Bernard-Joseph
Larry Clark
Roshard Burney
Donald Halstead
Averion Hurts
Derrick Lyles
Matthew Butler
Eric Medina
Erick Mitchell
Terry Smith
Mark Wheeler
Eric Williams

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF

Adams, David
Austin, Sidney
Bennett, Obadiah
Conner, Blake
Dhillon, Suraj
Franklin, Lafarrell
Freeman, Deston
Gladden, Jamal
Holmes, Dailon
Knighten, Terrance
Lawson, Kyron
McDonald, Gabriel
Merriweather, Rico
Miles, Eddie
Mitchell, Devin
Reid, Eric
Riley, Kenneth
Rucker, Kevin
Sorensen, Nolan

Testa, Jontavis
Totten, Roger
Walker, Kyle
Walker, Malik
Watson, Jonathan
Whitehead, Julius
Williams, Ryan
Williams, Keshawn
Willis, Cameron*



JACKSON, Miss. – The Alabama State Lady Hornets completed a perfect slate in SWAC play, defeating Texas Southern in a battle of the top two seeds during a four-set affair to win its third championship in four years.

The teams traded shots from the opening serve, with neither side able to gain much distance from the other.

Early ASU miscues allowed Texas Southern initial success, and Audriana Carson posted three kills to spark a 7-1 TSU run that powered an 18-12 lead at the midpoint.

The Tigers went on an 8-0 run late to push its lead to double-digits and ultimately claim the set.

Alabama State flew out of the gate in set two, as consecutive blocks by Tamara Martin aided a 6-2 start for the Hornets.

Texas Southern would rally to tie it, but Briana Dorsey put down two smashes to help ASU start pulling away down the stretch to knot the match.

The Hornets' young strikers began making a difference in set three, as freshman hitters Krysta Medearis and Bayle' Bennett notched multiple

kills to push ASU ahead during the crux of set three.

The Tigers were unable to get back in it as late miscues hurt their comeback attempts.

Bennett, who was named Tournament Most Valuable Player, would key the Hornets' offense in set four after the Tigers tied it 8-8.

From that point, Alabama State ran away with it on the strength of a 17-6 run.



SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / VOLLEYBALL

TOURNAMENT MVP



BAYLE' BENNETT
ALABAMA STATE

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M	
Hannah Balsmeyer	Rebecca Cortez
Riley Balsmeyer	Idonesia Jordan
Savannah Blackiston	Courtney Oliver
Lauren Butler	Rebecca Pierce
Megan Butler	
Alabama State	
Bennett, Amber	Martin, Candace
Brown, Brittany	Martin, Tamara
Coleman, Jamie	Scott, Chelsey
Dorsey, Briana	Simmons, Regine
Kutsch, Kori	Torres, Kayla
Marshall, Myla	
Alcorn State	
Jasmine Cruz	Sydney Mellom
Brittney Dumas	Ariel Scott
Heather Jackson	Taylor Scriven-Thompson
Carol Kiam-Assato	Dnada Smith
Jackson State	
Howard, Keirsten L.	Salas, Arianna T.
Jackson, Karmen S.	Shelton, Kianna K.
Knight, Jasmine N.	Siddiqui, Jenna F.
Rolle, Mikayla O.	Thomas, Taija D.
Mississippi Valley	
Kalin Barnes	Megan Jones
Octavia Burrage	Miranda Tapia
Halle Gayten	Brianna Wilkins
Illaisha Hale	Tiara Wilkins
Prairie View A&M	
Augustine, Christen	Kiso, Ana
Calli Jordan Hensch	Tisharra, Thompson
Kira Kirkham	
Southern	
Vaterra Calaes	Troi Bailey Jefferson
Mariah Clayton	Leilani Lealaimatafao
Tia Coleman	Melodie Malone
Paige Hall	Jamie Selleneit
Texas Southern	
Erin Adams	Asia Howard
Ashlynn Caldwell	Cassidy Jannson
Audriana Carson	Nicole Robinson
Ashtyn Duncan	Lauren Smith
Kali Fluke	Allison Woods
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
Billups, Courtney	Dowdell, Kayla
Harris, Whitney	Corby, Lauren
Brand, Courtney	Sanlin, Jade
Smith, Alexis	Wuzinski, Jenna
Stanmore, Sydney	Gibbs, Natalie
Hufnagel, Katy	

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2016	Alabama State
2015	Jackson State
2014	Alabama State
2013	Alabama State
2012	Jackson State
2011	Jackson State
2010	Alabama A&M
2009	Alabama A&M
2008	Alabama A&M
2007	Alabama A&M
2006	Prairie View A&M
2005	Alabama A&M
2004	Alabama A&M
2003	Alabama A&M
2002	Alabama A&M
2001	Alabama A&M
2000	Alabama A&M
1999	Prairie View A&M
1998	Southern
1997	Grambling State
1996	Grambling State
1995	Grambling State
1994	Texas Southern
1993	Southern
1992	Prairie View A&M
1991	Texas Southern
1990	Texas Southern
1989	Texas Southern

ALL-TOURNAMENT

Kendalle Howard - Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Diamond Williams - Southern
Ashundria McNeal - Alabama A&M
Audriana Carson - Texas Southern
Kali Fluke - Texas Southern
Bayle' Bennett - Alabama State
Briana Dorsey - Alabama State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Penny Lucas-White Alabama State





BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Alabama State won the 2017 Southwestern Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship by one point, 125-124 over Grambling State University. It is the first title for the Hornets since 2010. Texas Southern finished third with 100 points.

After Grambling State took four of the top five spots in the men's 5,000-meter run, GSU was within three points of the Hornets, needing a win in the final event of the meet: the 4x400-meter relay. The Tigers (3:13.81) won the 4x400 but Alabama State (3:14.972) held off Arkansas-Pine Bluff (3:14.98) to win second place and seal the title. Ritchie Beene of Alabama State University was named coach of the year. Alabama State's Jamie Brown won Most Outstanding Men's Field Performer with 19 points, and Grambling's Noah Rugut was named the Most Outstanding Men's Track Performer award with 20 points.

DAY TWO HIGHLIGHTS

Grambling State's Samuel Reese delivered a final throw of 16.44m to overtake Texas Southern's Terrell Perry (15.74m) in the men's weight throw final. Perry received the silver medal and Alabama A&M's Kessy Bell was third with a toss of (15.29m).

Maliek Kendall of Texas Southern won the 60-meter hurdles (8.01s), just edging the Jackson State duo of Joshua Hilliard (8.06s) and Azariah Foster (8.26s).

Alabama State claimed the top two spots on the podium for the 60-meter dash, as Norris Spike won the gold with a time of 6.76 seconds. Teammate Josh Davis earned the silver (6.77s) and Prairie View's Keon Campbell was third, clocking in at 6.83 seconds.

D'Andre Lewis defended his conference championship in the men's mile run, winning in 4:26.86. Jackson State's Darrion Hampton of Jackson State won silver (4:28.29) and Mississippi Valley's John Akakeya earned the bronze (4:28.74).

Grambling's Altany Wilson delivered a 15.59-meter mark in the tri-

ple jump to win the conference title. Texas Southern's Tevin Kimble (15.13m) gained the silver, and Alabama State's Jamie Brown finished third (15.05m).

Jonathan Sawyer of Grambling State won the men's 400-meter dash in 47.98 seconds. Finishing second was Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Juwan Parker (48.48). Alabama A&M's Alex Ward won the bronze (48.69).

Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Malique Smith won the men's 800-meter run in 1:53.62. Alabama State's Bryont Brown was second (1:55.09) and Grambling's Wesley Love earned third (1:55.84).

De'Torrian Green (21.38) of Alabama A&M held off Alabama State's Devin O'Neal to win the 200-meter dash gold medal. O'Neal (21.43) gained the silver, and fellow Hornet Kevin Spraggins won the bronze with a time of 21.50.

Jawalyn Brooks' SWAC Championship record in the pole vault fell as Prairie View's Sunne Rodriguez-Weems won the gold with a new-record clearance of 4.75m. Fellow Panther Tristan Ham cleared the same distance, but finished second as Rodriguez-Weems won a jump-off. Brooks, who tied his old record at 4.65m, won the bronze.

Grambling State swept the 5,000-meter run, as Noah Rugut won it in 15:57.6. Teammate Hassan Chepkwony was second at 15:58.8 and fellow Tiger Jeremiah Kimeli finished third at 16:08.

MEN'S TEAM FINAL STANDINGS:

1. Alabama State (125)
2. Grambling State (124)
3. Texas Southern (100)
4. Prairie View (78)
5. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (51)
6. Jackson State (50)
7. Alabama A&M (31)
8. Alcorn State (24)
9. Southern (21)
10. Mississippi Valley (18)

OUTSTANDING TRACK
PERFORMER



NOAH RUGUT
GRAMBLING STATE

OUTSTANDING FIELD
PERFORMER



JAMIE BROWN
ALABAMA STATE

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ritchie Beene Alabama State

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M
Kessey Bell
Amortez Moody

Alabama State
Roshaine Byfield
Christiran Jones
Marquis Nelson
Tyree Newton

Oshane Shaw
Jeremiah Streeter
Gregory Thigpen Jr.

Alcorn State
Jordan Boyd
Justin Boyd
Darryl Carter Jr.
Fred Galloway
Darien Hennington

Christopher Jefferson
Charles Marsaw Jr.
Mario Martinez
Oshaye Rawis

Grambling State
Bradley Alexander
Roderick Atkinsnon
Darius Berard
Hassan Chepkwony
Jahi Gilkey
Montico Harris
Wesley Love

Chanz Moore
Roderick Mouton
Tyrus Rachel
Remmington Webb
Chauncey Wells
Malik Wheeler

Jackson State
William Carol
Cameron Early
Joshua Everett
Elijah Greenfield
Deon Holder
Markquez Jackson
Markus Jackson

Tamarick Johnson
Jeron Miller
Jamal Ridgett
Aaron Ross
Keiven Russy
Raheem Skinner

Mississippi Valley State
Eric Chism
Aaron Albert
Deion Reid

Brandon Damon
Keith Terry

Prairie View A&M
Ty'ron Baker
Divante Gilliam
Dylan Gladney
Syed Hussain
D'Andre Jackson-Reeves

Marcus Mathis
Xavier Morris
Wesley Slater
Logan Williams
Samuel Omoera

Southern
Yanik Duffus

Alonzo Harris

Texas Southern
Jawayn Brooks
Ezequiel Calleros
Davis Guzman
D'Andre Lewis
Xavier Martinez
Tarence McElroy

Jacob Price
Travis Sanders
Taylor Demarco
Demarcus Walker
Mykele Young-Sanders

Arkansas - Pine Bluff
Andrew Bingham
Juwan Parker
Travion Munn
Lamarques Woodard

Demetruis Thompson
Travis Bibbs
Rasheed McAlpin
Miles Dortch



ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Alabama State
2016	Texas Southern
2015	Texas Southern
2014	Grambling State
2013	Prairie View A&M
2012	Grambling State
2011	Grambling State
2010	Alabama State
2009	Grambling State
2008	Prairie View A&M
2007	Prairie View A&M
2006	Jackson State
2005	Grambling State
2004	Alabama State
2003	Southern
2002	Southern
2001	Southern
2000	Prairie View A&M
1999	Southern
1998	Prairie View A&M
1997	Southern
1996	Southern
1995	Southern
1994	Texas Southern
1993	Southern
1992	No Championship
1991	No Championship
1990	No Championship
1989	No Championship
1988	Texas Southern
1987	Texas Southern
1986	Jackson State
1985	Texas Southern
1984	Texas Southern
1983	Jackson State
1982	Jackson State
1981	Texas Southern
1980	Texas Southern
1979	Texas Southern
1978	No Contest
1977	Jackson State
1976	Jackson State



BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Behind a dominant day two performance, Alabama State won its ninth-straight Southwestern Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship. The Lady Hornets tallied 174 points, with Texas Southern (96) finishing second and Prairie View (90) finishing third.

Ritchie Beene of Alabama State University was named Coach of the Year. Alabama A&M's Charrie Dennard won Most Outstanding Women's Field Performer with 20 points, and Mississippi Valley's Scholasticah Kemei and Alabama State's Arion Span shared the Most Outstanding Women's Track Performer award with 26 points each. Full standings and day two highlights are below.

DAY TWO HIGHLIGHTS:

Prairie View's Deonca Bookman (8.49s) won the 60-meter hurdles, holding off SWAC Championship meet record holder Monica Howard (8.64s). Fellow Lady Panther Folami Williams earned the bronze (8.68s).

The Lady Hornets ran 1-2 in the 60-meter dash, as Kaila Lewis won the gold with a time of 7.5 seconds. Alabama State's Desiree Horn won the silver by four-thousandths of a second (7.573), besting Jackson State's Quatasia Fantroy (7.577), who was third.

Alabama State's Arion Span and Janice Lane took the top two spots in the women's mile run. Span won the gold with a time of 5:17.26, just edging her teammate Lane. Lane earned the silver with a time of 5:17.62, and Mississippi Valley's Scholasticah Kemei was third (5:19.07).

Southern's Jamira Russ successfully defended her title in the women's weight throw, shattering her own meet record in the event by making a toss of 19.25m. Russ' old record was 18.61m, set last year. Miriam Pierre (17.48m) and Shamiya Blake (17.02m) of Texas Southern finished second and third, respectively.

Alabama State accomplished the 1-2 finish in the women's pole vault as well, with Lakeyah Blackmon winning the event after clearing 3.21m. Alexis Pickney won the silver (3.11m), clearing it in less attempts than bronze medalist Lakeydra Mosely of Prairie View.

Alcorn State's Jessica Ransom won the women's 400-meter dash in 56.06 seconds. Takara Coleman of Prairie View (56.46) edged Texas Southern's Nikole Haroon (56.49) to earn the silver, as Haroon claimed the bronze.

Tatiana Etienne of Alabama State won the 800-meter run for the second year in a row, clocking in at 2:16.87. Mariah Stewart of Texas Southern (2:18.53) overtook Jackson State's Akeilia Knight (2:18.85) in the final stretch to win the silver, and Knight garnered the bronze medal.

Charrie Dennard of Alabama A&M claimed her second gold medal of the championships, winning the triple jump with a distance of 12.11m. Darlene Desmangles of Grambling (11.96m) edged Southern's Vashti Hannah (11.94m) for the silver, and Hannah took the bronze.

Alabama State's Kaila Lewis doubled her gold medal tally on the day in winning the 200-meter dash (24.26). Deonca Bookman of Prairie View was second at 24.44 seconds, and Texas Southern's Breana Dockery finished third (24.48).

Mississippi Valley's Scholasticah Kemei won the 5,000-meter run, crossing the finish line at 19:03.22. Arion Span of Alabama State finished second (19:26.42), and Grambling's Halima Chepkwony finished third (19:32.1).

Prairie View A&M won the 4x400-meter relay at 3:45.82. Texas Southern finished second at 3:47.79, and Mississippi Valley finished third (3:51.81).

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Alabama State (174)
2. Texas Southern (96)
3. Prairie View (90)
4. Mississippi Valley (57)
5. Southern (47)
6. Grambling (44)
7. Jackson State (40)
8. Alabama A&M (33)
9. Alcorn State (28)
10. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (11)

SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

CO-OUTSTANDING TRACK
PERFORMERS



ARION SPAN
ALABAMA STATE
SCHOLASTICAH KEMEI
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

OUTSTANDING FIELD
PERFORMER



CHARRIE DENNARD
ALABAMA A&M

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ritchie Beene Alabama State

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M

Kiara Brown
Robyn Hancock
Keanna McIntyre

Alabama State

Lori Davis
Brandee Ebert
Tatiana Etienne
Alexis Ferebee
Desiree Horn
Monica Howard
Atrailla Lesane

Alexis Picney
Paige Rankine
Santiana Williams
Shakalia Williams
Shantia Wilson

Alcorn State

Alessandra Aikerson-Russell
Tradeshia Conner
Tatiana David
BreAnna Foy
Kierra Gardner

Samiria Martin
Chenique McCail
Brandi McCray
Dynasty Williams
Myquis Levels-Morgan

Grambling State

Takyr Beverly
Faith Early
Angel Hopson
De'Zyriah Rankins
Jalyn Simon
Marissa Stovr
Victoria Walter
Breanna Wayne

Kyra Canty
Creshonda Carter
Halima Chepkwony
Deouna Davis
Yolonda Decker-Williams
Dariene Demangles
Shaciarra Drake
Darnese Woods

Jackson State

Aniecia Brewster
Kiera Clement
D'Andrea Eashmond
Brionna Epes
Ravontranice Gage
Katiya Gilding
Akeilia Knight
Lenetta Mallory

Shannon Parker
Khadijah Qualls
Jeida Robertson
Stherline Silencieux
Ky'Bria Spell
Tye'Reshina Taylor
Cliffaniqua Towbridge

Mississippi Valley State

Kenya Davis
Stormy Green
Omesha Locke
Amanda Murray
Sierra McGinnis
Najee Green

Tra'Nisha Dukes
Antoinette Jordan
Lakeisha Gallion
Keyia Green
Autezia Sellers
Alexandria Francis

Prairie View A&M

Nekiesha Bailey
Takara Coleman
Monique Green
Camirey Jackson
Gene' Johnson
Zakia Johnson
Geodann Yeider

Kaelyn Keaton
Christine Powers
Husniyyah Rogers
Ashley Santos
Alana Williams
Brandalyn Williams

Southern

Rykeshia Bankhead
Marissa Batiste
LaShae Blunt
Danae Colston

Breanca Cummings
Ambrosia Williams
Brittany Lacy

Texas Southern

Alia Duncan
Leanna Mack
Melissa Pena
Ashanti Phelps

Alecia Smith
Mariah Stewart
Breanca Woods

Arkansas - Pine Bluff

Sabrantina Rojas
Sharoya Simmons
Syndee Worlds
Sireta Roach
Saloncia Hunter

Ashley Tasher
Summer Gilliam
Briana Burke
Summer Buckley

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Alabama State
2016	Alabama State
2015	Alabama State
2014	Alabama State
2013	Alabama State
2012	Alabama State
2011	Alabama State
2010	Alabama State
2009	Alabama State
2008	Jackson State
2007	Grambling State
2006	Alabama State
2005	Alabama State
2004	Southern
2003	Alabama State
2002	Alabama State
2001	-----
2000	Southern
1999	Southern
1998	Southern
1997	Southern
1996	Southern
1995	Southern
1994	Southern
1993	Southern
1992	Texas Southern
1991	Texas Southern
1990	Texas Southern
1989	Prairie View A&M
1988	Texas Southern
1987	Prairie View A&M
1986	Prairie View A&M
1985	Prairie View A&M
1984	Prairie View A&M
1983	Jackson State
1982	Texas Southern
1981	Texas Southern
1980	Prairie View A&M
1979	Prairie View A&M
1978	No Contest
1977	Prairie View A&M
1976	Prairie View A&M



HOUSTON, Texas – Texas Southern fought off a late Alcorn State charge to win its third Southwestern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament championship in four years. The top-seeded Tigers (24-11) prevailed 53-50.

Down 37-31 at the start of the fourth, the Braves (18-14) opened the period on an 11-4 run, keyed by the Alcorn frontline of Marquis Vance and Reginal Johnson. Johnson buried a three and followed with a layup to tie the contest at 41 with 7:20 remaining in the game.

Denzel Dulin then handed Alcorn State the lead with an acrobatic lay-up with 5:41 to go. Texas Southern answered with five straight points – sparked by a successful trip to the line by tournament MVP Marvin Jones -- to reclaim the advantage, but Johnson converted at the line to bring the Braves within one, and Kevin Scott scored for TSU to push the Tigers ahead by three. Johnson scored, but Demontrae Jefferson buried the go-ahead three with 1:06 left just before the shot clock expired, giving Texas Southern the lead for good. The freshman iced it for TSU at the line, securing the championship.

The defensive-minded game saw both sides shoot less than 40 percent on the day, with Alcorn connecting on just 33 percent of their shots.

Scott led Texas Southern with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Jones was 6-of-7 from the floor, scoring 14 points, snagging seven rebounds and swatting four shots. Jefferson added 13 points.

For Alcorn, Johnson put up 16 points and six boards. Dulin added 12.



SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / MEN'S BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT MVP



MARVIN JONES
TEXAS SOUTHERN

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M
Brontae Harris
Baryn Houston
Marcus Merriweather
Alabama State
Akande, Folorunsho
Smith, Joseff
Waters, Jamel
Alcorn State
Rahamanh Katumbusi II
Patrick Onwenu
Malachy Onwudiegwu
Grambling State
Ervin Mitchell
Jack Ocwieja
Kyle Williams
Jackson State
Felton, Anfernee
Hilaire, Haudrick
Love, Jesse
Manumaleuga, Jalen J.
Roscoe, Derek
Mississippi Valley State
Bennett Davis
Dusan Langura
James Pierce
Marcus Romain
Rashaan Surles
Dwain Whitfield
Damien Young
Prairie View A&M
Hamilton, Zachary
Williams, Admassu
Southern
Brendon Ganaway
Jared Sam
Texas Southern
David Blanks
Eric Washington
Arkansas - Pine Bluff
Austin Cox



ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Texas Southern
2016	Southern
2015	Texas Southern
2014	Texas Southern
2013	Southern
2012	Mississippi Valley
2011	Alabama State
2010	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
2009	Alabama State
2008	Mississippi Valley
2007	Jackson State
2006	Southern
2005	Alabama A&M
2004	Alabama State
2003	Texas Southern
2002	Alcorn State
2001	Alabama State
2000	Jackson State
1999	Alcorn State
1998	Prairie View A&M
1997	Jackson State
1996	Mississippi Valley
1995	Texas Southern
1994	Texas Southern
1993	Southern
1992	Mississippi Valley
1991	Jackson State
1990	Texas Southern
1989	Southern
1988	Southern
1987	Southern
1986	Mississippi Valley
1985	Southern
1984	Alcorn State
1983	Texas Southern
1982	Alcorn State
1981	Southern
1980	Alcorn State
1979	Alcorn State
1978	Jackson State

ALL-TOURNAMENT

Marvin Jones – Texas Southern
Kevin Scott – Texas Southern
Demontrae Jefferson – Texas Southern
Reginal Johnson – Alcorn State
Ivy Smith, Jr. – Grambling State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Davis Texas Southern



HOUSTON, Texas - Texas Southern won its first Southwestern Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Tournament Championship with a 70-66 victory over Grambling State at the Toyota Center.

A back-and-forth contest was tight throughout, but Texas Southern (23-9) tried to pull away late. Up 63-59 with 5:17 left, Grambling's Chantiara Lewis nailed a triple to bring the top-seeded Lady Tigers within one, but women's basketball tournament MVP Joyce Kennerson responded on Texas Southern's next turn with a trey of her own.

Shaklya Hill and John'ea Thompson claimed the lead for Grambling when they keyed a 7-0 run that left Texas Southern down 66-63 with 2:29 left. However, Texas Southern responded in kind, scoring the final seven points of the game, a run sparked by consecutive baskets from Chynna Ewing and punctuated by a Kennerson free throw.

TSU started the scoring with a Kennerson three that banked off the glass just before the shot clock expired, but Grambling responded with eight unanswered points, taking a slim lead into the second quarter. After a three-point play from Hill that put Grambling ahead 30-22 with 4:40 left, Texas Southern responded with a 10-0 run that Artavia Ford capped with a short jumper to hand the No. 2 seed Lady Tigers their first lead of the game. Both sides fought to a 35-35 draw at the break.

For the game, Texas Southern limited Grambling to 37.7 percent field-goal shooting. Thompson led Grambling (18-14) with 23 points – 10 coming in the first quarter – and nine rebounds. Hill scored 21 points, pulled down 10 boards and dished out three assists.

Kennerson led all players with 29 points, one shy of her career-best. She added three assists. Breasia McElrath chipped in 10 points.



SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT MVP



JOYCE KENNERSON
TEXAS SOUTHERN

ALL-TOURNAMENT

Joyce Kennerson – Texas Southern
Chynna Ewing – Texas Southern
Miaya Crowder – Southern
Shakyla Hill – Grambling State
John'ea Thompson – Grambling State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Freddie Murray Grambling State

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M	Shakira Logan Deborah Martin Sha'Terrion Moffett Sydney Spencer
Alabama State	Ewert, Daniele Jones, Elisiah Mayo, Miracle Peeples, Jasmine Shields, Durriya Toney, Damaya Tucker, Kayla Wright, Britney
Alcorn State	Alexus Freeman Lindsay Littlejohn Ashtin McNichols Talisa Sherman Tori Spann Angelica Wilson Reid
Grambling State	Janae Smith Darae Taylor Yosha Watson
Jackson State	Adams, Kierra Bile, Nyahok J. Conyers-Jordan, Maria P. Evans, Edneshia J. Hunt, Katie I. Johnson, My'Keyia I. Nailer, Krystal L. Riddles, Meyonsha Robinson, Bridget M. Shelton, Keendra Williams, Zahra M. Woodson, Radejah D.
Mississippi Valley	Kassaedy Bolden Ronisha Morris Kristy Parker Chelsea Tate Feleshia Walters
Prairie View A&M	Abbs, Monique Bell, Kayla Brooks, Shamiya Magee, Ereyanna McCoy, Donreion Larissa Scott
Southern	Danyea Charles Rishonti Cowart Tashi-Ana Thompson Kenidi Robinson
Texas Southern	Toni Cheadle Amari Dennis Ashley Ferguson LaDeyah Forte Taylah Hudson Rickae Jinks Teana Ogden Natina Pouengue Uzoamaka Ulasi
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Brewton, Destiny Daniel, Ashlee Head, Niya Johnson, Jasmine McGee, Tyjha Richardson, Ajia Richardson, Kye Robets, Hannah Sapp, Nia Velsaquez, Ashley Wright, Cassidy

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Texas Southern
2016	Alabama State
2015	Alabama State
2014	Prairie View A&M
2013	Prairie View A&M
2012	Prairie View A&M
2011	Prairie View A&M
2010	Southern
2009	Prairie View A&M
2008	Jackson State
2007	Prairie View A&M
2006	Southern
2005	Alcorn State
2004	Southern
2003	Alabama State
2002	Southern
2001	Alcorn State
2000	Alcorn State
1999	Grambling State
1998	Grambling State
1997	Grambling State
1996	Grambling State
1995	Jackson State
1994	Grambling State
1993	Mississippi Valley
1992	Alcorn State
1991	Alcorn State
1990	Jackson State
1989	Alabama State
1988	Grambling State
1987	Mississippi Valley
1986	Alcorn State
1985	Jackson State
1984	Jackson State
1983	Jackson State
1982	Jackson State





ARLINGTON, Texas – The Alabama State Lady Hornets defeated the Texas Southern Lady Tigers in two championship matches, 4-2 in both, to claim the first Southwestern Athletic Conference title in program history on Sunday.

Alabama State won the first match, 4-2 to force a winner take all second match. The Hornets won the first game 237-147. The Tigers would answer in game two, winning 179-109.

Alabama State would take game three, 168-158, and game four 168-154 to take a 3-1 lead. The Tigers would force a sixth game, winning game five 180-178. ASU would take game four 210-267 to win the first match 4-2.

In the second match, Alabama State would jump out a 1-0 lead, winning game one 201-166.

The Tigers would take game two, 201-188, to tie the match a 1 game apiece.

Alabama State would win the next two games, 186-161 in game three, and 203-187 in game

four, to take a 3-1 lead in the match.

Texas Southern would force a sixth game, by winning game five 192-190. Alabama State would claim the title with a 209-161 win in game six.

Sophomore Haley Young was named the championship match's most valuable bowler for the Hornets.



SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / BOWLING

TOURNAMENT MVP



HALEY YOUNG
ALABAMA STATE

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M	Gewel Richardson Jasmine Searcy Tiffany-Amber Stage
Alabama State	Rebecca Hresko Kaila Ryan Jessica Sawmiller Ashley Walker Tiarra Wilkins Haley Young
Grambling State	Laurencia Harmon Tabitha Nankya Asia Walker
Jackson State	Nur Dyana Abu Bakar Marclea Sanchez Ki'ara Smith Alonna Tipton Laura Uzzell Michelle Walker
Prairie View A&M	Alexis Borman Brittany Kinney Lynsie Rodriguez Destiny Velez
Southern	Colleen Cheramie Kaylene Adams Melanie Williams
Texas Southern	Kimari Jackson Kaelyn Lawson-Serges Dawn Sidney Jaden Takayesu Brittany Torres Denisyha Waller

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Alabama State
2016	Jackson State
2015	Prairie View A&M
2014	Alabama A&M
2013	Prairie View A&M
2012	Prairie View A&M
2011	Southern
2010	Alabama A&M
2009	Southern
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2007	Alabama A&M
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1999	Southern
1998	Grambling State

ALL-TOURNAMENT

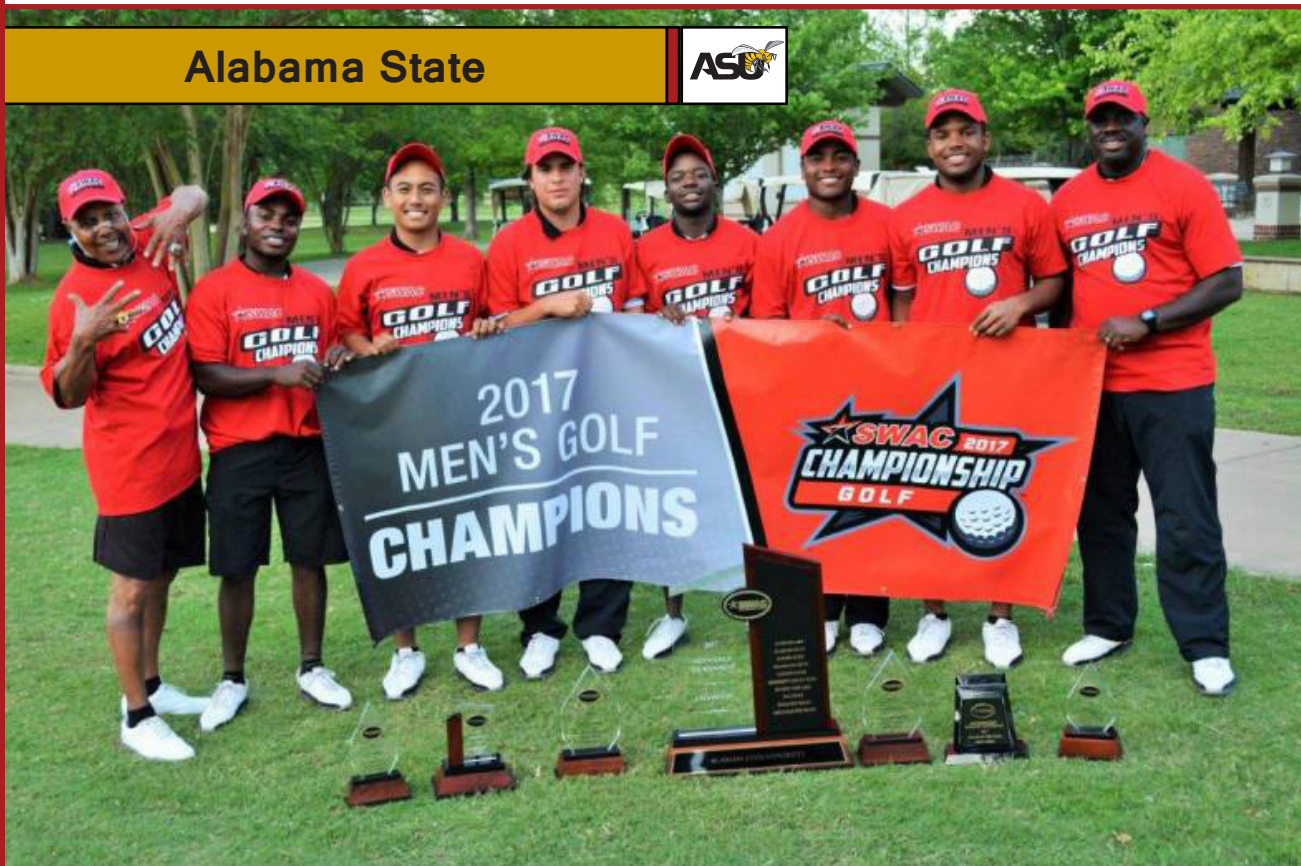
Haley Young	Alabama State
Denisyha Waller	Texas Southern
Violet Kirk	Jackson State
Kimari Jackson	Texas Southern
Laurencia Harmon	Grambling State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Glenn White	Prairie View A&M
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Alabama State



ALEXANDRIA, La. – Alabama State captured its sixth consecutive SWAC men's golf championship by firing a final round team score of 305 (891) on Wednesday.

The Hornets would shoot the same score as runner up Texas Southern who finished 13 shots behind. Alcorn State finished in third, with a final round score 306 for a three round total of 911. Prairie View A&M would place in fourth, after a final round 301 and would conclude the championship with a score of 929.

Jackson State would finish in fifth, with a 339 final round. Arkansas Pine Bluff would only have three golfers finish, and would not have its final round score count towards the team standings.

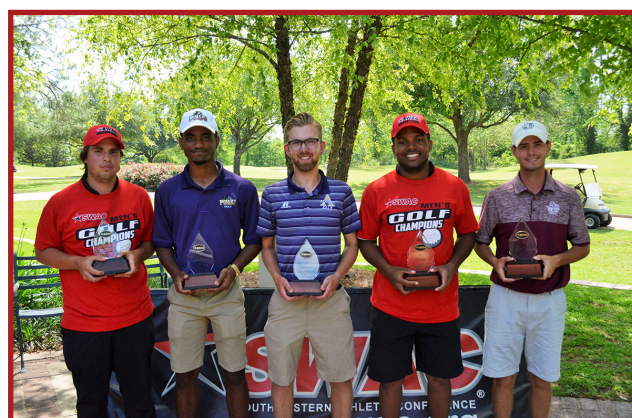
On the individual side, Daniel Racioppa of Alcorn State, won low medalist honors. He overcame a three-stroke deficit to win by one shot after a final round 73. Kirabo Reed would fire a final round 77, to finish in second place, and one shot behind Racioppa. Reed would claim the SWAC Freshman of the Year award, for the lowest score by a freshman at 2-over-par.

Quincy Stith of Alabama State would place in third after a final round 74. Texas Southern junior Tom McLaughlin would shoot a final round 79 to finish in fourth. Renior Knox, also of Texas Southern, Patricio Minondo of Alabama State and Kyle Smith of Texas Southern would finish in a tie for fifth to round out the top five.

Dr. Gary Grandison of Alabama State and Danny Forshey of Alcorn State were named SWAC Co-Coaches of the Year.



FIRST-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE



SECOND-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / MEN'S GOLF

LOW MEDALIST



DANIEL RACIOPPA
ALCORN STATE

FIRST-TEAM

Daniel Racioppa - Alcorn State
Kirabo Reed - Alabama State
Quincy Stith - Alabama State
Tom McLaughlin - Texas Southern
Renior Knox - Texas Southern

SECOND-TEAM

Patricio Minondo - Alabama State
Kyle Smith - Texas Southern
Charles Griffin Jr. - Alabama State
Spencer Rhodes - Alcorn State
John Jones - Prairie View A&M

CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR

Gary Grandison Alabama State
Danny Forshey Alcorn State

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Kirabo Reed Alabama State

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

ALABAMA A&M

Aidan Ford
Marcus Polk
James Watson

ALABAMA STATE

Francis Berthiaume
Branson Ferrier
Ian Mmbando
Mbongeni Maphosa

ALCORN STATE

Daniel Racioppa
Arlen Sims
Jonathan Weir
Denzel Turner

JACKSON STATE

Martin Aguirre
Garrett Kristjanson
Samuel Luton
Jason Mathus
Marcus Wynn

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

John Johnson
Theodore Johnson
Tre Price
Alfred Price

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

Harold Carter

TEXAS SOUTHERN

Jarett Croff
Blake Lolato
Thomas McLaughlin
William Wells

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF

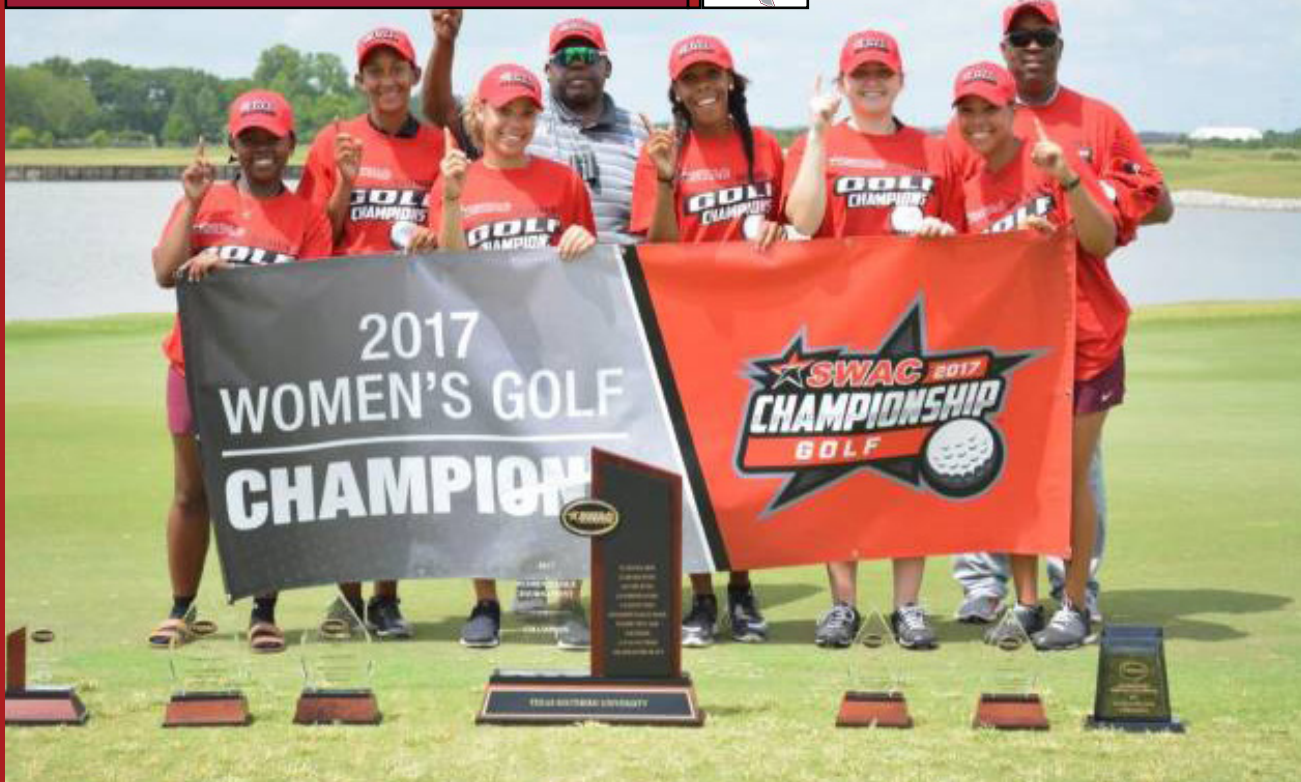
Mather Dismuke
Brian Cloud

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Alabama State
2016	Alabama State
2015	Alabama State
2014	Alabama State
2013	Alabama State
2012	Alabama State
2011	Jackson State
2010	Jackson State
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1988	Southern
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1984	Southern



Texas Southern



ALEXANDRIA, La. – The Texas Southern women's golf team claimed their first SWAC Women's Golf Championship in program history by shooting a 307-329-636 to wrap up play on Tuesday at the Links on the Bayou in Alexandria, La.

The Lady Tigers broke up a four-year title run by Alabama State, who had also taken the SWAC Women's Golf Championship in five in the previous six seasons. Jackson State finished as runners up with a 349-338-687 followed by Prairie View A&M in third place (369-351-720) and Alcorn State in fourth (378-370-748).

Alabama State led the tournament by seven strokes after day one of competition with a 12-over-par 300, but were not eligible for the team championship after a disqualification on a provisional ball strike caused them to drop down to just three eligible players for the round. Four players are needed to qualify for team championships. Lady Hornets reigning Most Valuable Player of the Year Chanelle Avaricio followed up her career-best 6-under-par 66 from day one on Monday with another strong performance as she shot a 5-under-par 67 on day two Tuesday to claim low medalist honors.

The junior from Alabama State closed out with an 11-under-par 133 to handily beat the remainder of the field. Texas Southern's Amber Kuykendall was the next closest competitor as the sophomore shot even-under-par 71-73-144 to pace the Lady Tigers. TSU teammate Jalyn Joseph was awarded the SWAC Women's Golf Freshman of the Year award after firing a 75-84-159. Am. Kuykendall and Joseph were each named to the All-Conference First Team. Joining them with All-Conference First Team honors was Avaricio, senior Dismary Marquez (75-75-150) from Alabama State and junior Makalia Brown (81-76-157) from Jackson State.

Texas Southern head coach Hank Stewart was named the SWAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year after guiding the Lady Tigers to their championship.



FIRST-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE



SECOND-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / WOMEN'S GOLF

LOW MEDALIST



CHANELLE AVARICIO
ALABAMA STATE

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama State	Chanelle Avaricio Dismary Marquez Sylvia Masango Darleen Raymond Shanon Spinuzzi
Alcorn State	Alexandria Adams Daii Gardner Quinn Meyer
Jackson State	Nicole Blanchard Makaila Brown Brandy Terrell
Mississippi Valley	Khadijah Kidd Jailynn May Keyanna Winters
Prairie View A&M	Akilah Provost Danielle Wilson
Texas Southern	Allison Flores Carmen Gonzales Amber Kuykendall Jalyn Kuykendall Briana Trevino Hillary Washington

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Texas Southern
2016	Alabama State
2015	Alabama State
2014	Alabama State
2013	Alabama State
2012	Jackson State
2011	Alabama State
2010	Jackson State
2009	Jackson State
2008	Jackson State
2007	Jackson State
2006	Jackson State
2005	Jackson State
2004	Southern
2003	Southern
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1996	Jackson State
1995	Southern
1994	Southern
1993	Southern

FIRST-TEAM

Chanelle Avaricio - Alabama State
Amber Kuykendall - Texas Southern
Dismary Marquez - Alabama State
Makaila Brown - Jackson State
Jalyn Joseph - Texas Southern

SECOND-TEAM

Saidah Bodden - Alabama State
Destani Burbank - Texas Southern
Tasita Garcia - Jackson State
Hillary Washington - Texas Southern
Keelin Floyd - Jackson State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Hank Stewart Texas Southern

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Jalyn Joseph Texas Southern



Alabama State



NEW ORLEANS, La. – The Alabama State tennis programs made it a sweep for the 2017 season as the top-seeded men's team defeated No. 2 Jackson State 4-0 to claim the SWAC Men's Tennis Tournament Championship at the Pepsi Tennis Center

The meeting pitted the prior two champions with Alabama State having taken home the title in 2015 and Jackson State winning last year in 2016.

The Hornets completed their perfect record against conference opponents this season by racking up a 6-0 record during the regular season before defeating No. 4 Prairie View A&M 4-0 on Saturday in the semifinals.

On Sunday, Alabama State finished it out by winning two of three matches in doubles competition and followed it up with victories at the No. 1 singles position from senior Takura Mlambo, the No. 3 position from junior Tomas Fernandez and from Carl-Louis Luckmann at the No. 4 position.

Mlambo defeated Joan Sanson 6-2, 6-1 at the No. 1 spot, Fernandez beat Fritz Jacobs 6-1, 6-1 at the No. 3 position and Luckmann outlasted Federico Mendieta 7-5, 6-3.

In doubles play, Mlambo and Ion Efrim teamed up to defeat Ryan Swanier and Fritz Jacobs 6-2 at the No. 1 spot while Fernandez and Luckmann secured the doubles point with a 6-4 triumph over Vishu Prasad and Stylianos Gkontsaris.

ASU won its second title in the previous three seasons on the men's side and third overall under head coach Anuk Christiansz, who guided the Lady Hornets women's tennis to the championship earlier in the day.

Alabama State was awarded four selections on the SWAC All-Tournament Team with Fernandez, the No. 3 singles player, sporting a 3-0 record to earn both the tournament's Most Valuable Player award and a spot on the All-Tournament team.



SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / MEN'S TENNIS

TOURNAMENT MVP



TOMAS FERNANDEZ
ALABAMA STATE

ALL-TOURNAMENT

Tomas Fernandez, Alabama State
Carl-Louis Luckmann, Alabama State
Szabin Pusztay, Alabama State
Karlo Skvorc, Alabama State
Andrey Alawi, Jackson State
Kert Kilumets, Alcorn State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Anuk Christiansz Alabama State

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M	Jareib Beazer Shakir Elvin Armando Gray Mateo Monroy Nadaraja Nishangan Carlos Salas
Alabama State	Coyne, Adam Cvik, Patrik Mataba, Ronald Mlambo, Takura Naruka, Digvijay Borbon, Jose Ogea Pusztay, Szabin Skvorc, Karlo Thompson, Jarred
Alcorn State	Nikita Kostikov Nischay Rawal Nuno Rocha Kilian Salgado Pasantes Vasudev Vijayaraman Javon Yarbrough
Jackson State	Agarwal, Richie Boscarino Vazquez, Federico G.Geria Reines, Hernan Gkontsaris, Stylianos Gomez Martin, Miguel Marreiros, Miguel Mendieta, Federico Patino, Camilo A. Prasad, Vishu Swanier, Ryan Avella, Sergio Boyogueno, Ulrick Quintero, Freddy Waldron, Christian Yadav, Anirudh
Prairie View A&M	Greig, Jualon Ledwaba, Khutso Adams, Myles Lewis, Simon Fudaeel, Hanif Rahman, Sajid



ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Alabama State
2016	Jackson State
2015	Alabama State
2014	Prairie View A&M
2013	Prairie View A&M
2012	Alcorn State
2011	Alcorn State
2010	Prairie View A&M
2009	Alcorn State
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2007	Alcorn State
2006	Texas Southern
2005	Prairie View A&M
2004	Southern
2003	Southern
2002	Southern
2001	Alcorn State
2000	Alcorn State
1999	Alcorn State
1998	Jackson State
1997	Jackson State
1996	Jackson State
1995	Grambling State
1993	Southern
1992	Southern
1991	Southern
1987	Southern
1986	Southern
1985	Southern
1980	Southern
1979	Southern
1970	Prairie View A&M
1969	Prairie View A&M
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1957	Prairie View A&M
1950	Prairie View A&M
1949	Prairie View A&M
1948	Prairie View A&M
1947	Prairie View A&M
1938	Prairie View A&M

Alabama State



NEW ORLEANS – Top-seeded Alabama State completed their undefeated season against conference opponents this season and topped it off with a championship bow on Sunday as the Lady Hornets rallied back to upend Jackson State 4-2 to win the 2017 SWAC Women's Tennis Championship at the Pepsi Tennis Center.

The Lady Hornets, who went 8-0 during conference play in the regular season, swept fourth-seeded Alcorn State on Saturday in the semifinal round before finishing their title run on Sunday despite dropping the doubles point.

Trailing 2-0 after the Lady Tigers' Dasha Butorina knocked off Marija Blazevic 6-3, 6-2 at the No. 6 singles position, the Lady Hornets had plenty of work to do.

Alabama State was able to rally back by succeeding in singles competition, winning at the No. 2 through No. 5 positions.

The win secured the Lady Hornets' third championship in program history and first in 18 years dating back to the 1999 season.

SWAC Tournament MVP and senior Marine Cartier started up the rally by winning at the No. 2 spot by defeating Lucia Solis 6-1, 6-3.

It followed from there as senior Brankica Orlovic beat Oni Jones 6-2, 6-4 at the No. 3 position, freshman Mirna Curic defeated Ariel Dickson 6-3, 7-5 and sophomore Gabriela Lackova closed it out with a 6-4, 6-2 victory against Nina Zhang.

Jackson State took the initial advantage when SWAC Women's Tennis Player of the Year Tyler Smith partnered with sophomore Lucia Solis to top Reka Szentes and Cartier 6-2.

Alabama State evened it up when the pair of Mirna Curic and Lackova beat Zhang and Butorina 6-1.

But, JSU answered back to take the doubles point when Jones and Dickson got past Brankica Orlovic and Blazevic 6-3.



SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / WOMEN'S TENNIS

TOURNAMENT MVP



MARINE CARTIER
ALABAMA STATE

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M

Shrarre' Smith
Virag Hollos

Alabama State

Akoachere, Ma-tabe
Cartier, Marine
Cvijovic, Irina
Fairley, Brianna
Lackova, Gabriela
Orlovic, Brankica
Regel, Patricia
Tekelova, Nicole
Wijngaarde, Arantxia

Alcorn State

Ivana Boberic
Klavdija Bukovec
Aida Kelic
Marlene Maier
Patricia Normand Falaga
Ekaterina Potapova
Aakanksha Punj
Siobhan Ryan-Bovey

Grambling State

Tafadzwa Chiridza
Joy Jones
Tanyaradzwa Magunje
Keren-Happuch Muswere
Phonephatthep Philavong
Anastasya Reshetnikova

Jackson State

Adewumi, Rebekah
Ananth, Akshatha
Angermann, Julia T.
Butorina, Daria A.
Ono, Karina
Phakamad, Siriporn
Zviahintseva, Anastasiia

Prairie View A&M

Boyogueno, Dannick
Findley, Shaddae
Lackey, Stacy
Maxwell, Timara
Rama, Neharika
Randolph, Trinity
Ruhl, Tatiana
Thomas, Sydney

Southern

Kendall Bunch
Darnesha Moore
Laura Syroi

Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Thomas, Tia

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Alabama State
2016	Alcorn State
2015	Southern
2014	Southern
2013	Southern
2012	Southern
2011	Southern
2010	Southern
2009	Jackson State
2008	Alcorn State
2007	Alabama A&M
2006	Texas Southern
2005	Southern
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2003	Southern
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1997	Southern
1996	Grambling State
1995	Alabama State
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1993	Grambling State
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1991	Grambling State
1990	Southern
1989	Southern
1988	Southern

ALL-TOURNAMENT

Marine Cartier, Alabama State
Gabriela Lackova, Alabama State
Mirna Curcic, Alabama State
Tyler Smith, Jackson State
Lucia Solis, Jackson State
Rufaro Chirewa, Southern

COACH OF THE YEAR

Anuk Christiansz Alabama State



Grambling State



NORMAL, Ala. - In a dramatic final sprint, Grambling State University won its second Southwestern Athletic Conference Men's Outdoor Track and Field championship, edging Prairie View by half-a-point in the final standings.

With Prairie View ahead by 3.5 points and GSU needing to defeat the Panthers by at least two placings entering the final race – the men's 4x400-meter relay – to take the title, Grambling anchor leg Jonathon Sawyer dusted the field on the final lap to win it all for the Tigers. Meanwhile, Prairie View faded late, finishing third while Arkansas-Pine Bluff took the silver medal.

Miles Dortch of Arkansas-Pine Bluff was named the Men's Most Outstanding Field Performer with 26 points. He won the javelin and discus events, and was third in the hammer throw. Grambling State's Hassan Chepkwony scored 31 points in four events to earn the Men's Most Outstanding Track Performer award. Bertram Lovell was named 2017 SWAC Men's Outdoor Track and Field Coach of the Year. Full standings and day three results are below.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Texas Southern's Harvey Kendall cleared 2.06 meters in the men's high jump, winning the gold. In second was Alabama A&M's Ezekiel Rose (2.02m), and Jackson State's Aaron Ross Jr. was third (1.98m).

Prairie View A&M's Tristan Ham earned another gold medal, this time winning the men's pole vault by virtue of clearing 4.65 meters in less attempts than silver medalist Jawalyn Brooks of Texas Southern. PVAMU's Sunne Rodriguez-Weems (4.45m) was third.

Prairie View A&M ran away with the 4x100-meter relay championship with a time of 39.88 seconds. In second place was Alabama State (40.30 seconds), and Alabama A&M finished third (40.49 seconds).

Altany Wilson of Grambling State took home the gold in the triple jump with a leap of 15.32 meters. He edged out silver medalist Jamie Brown of Alabama State (15.11m). In third was Javauny Hyde of Jackson State (15.10m).

Grambling's Jonathon Sawyer clocked a 46.64-second mark to win the men's 400-meter dash. Lezoghia Member-Menah of Alabama State (47.26) finished second, and Prairie View's William Polley

(47.33) was third.

Keon Campbell of Prairie View finished the 100-meter dash in 10.21 seconds to win the gold in the event. Josh Davis (10.36) won silver for Alabama State, and Samuel Omoera (10.4) of Prairie View was third.

D'Andre Lewis of Texas Southern won the men's 800-meter run in 1:51.36. UAPB's Harlan Clarke (1:52.87) and Malique Smith (1:53.27) were second and third, respectively.

Mykele Young-Sanders of Texas Southern posted a time of 50.64 seconds to win the 400-meter hurdles. Logan Williams of Prairie View took silver with a time of 51.59 seconds, and Alabama A&M's Tre Williams (52.20) finished third.

DeTorrian Green of Alabama A&M staved off the field to win the men's 200-meter dash in 20.74 seconds. Josh Davis (20.84) of Alabama State was second, and Alabama State's Devin O'Neal was third (20.90).

Miles Dortch of UAPB won the men's discus throw with a toss of 46.58 meters. In second was Alabama State's Roshaine Byfield (44.08m) and claiming third was Jovondi Williams of Prairie View (43.67m).

Vincent Langat (15:41.39) of Jackson State overran the competition in the men's 5000-meter run to claim the gold. Grambling State's Hassan Chepkwony (15:50.35) and Noah Rugut (16:03.57) finished second and third, respectively.

FINAL STANDINGS:

1. Grambling (150)
2. Prairie View (149.5)
3. Alabama State (137)
4. Texas Southern (121)
5. Jackson State (87)
6. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (64.5)
7. Alabama A&M (56)
8. Alcorn State (17)
9. Southern (16)
10. Mississippi Valley (15)

OUTSTANDING TRACK
PERFORMER



HASSAN CHEPKWONY
GRAMBLING STATE

OUTSTANDING FIELD
PERFORMER



MILES DORTCH
ARKNASAS-PINE BLUFF

COACH OF THE YEAR

Bertram Lovell Grambling State

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M Kessey Bell Amortez Moody	
Alabama State Roshaine Byfield Christiran Jones Marquis Nelson Tyree Newton	Oshane Shaw Jeremiah Streeter Gregory Thigpen Jr.
Alcorn State Jordan Boyd Justin Boyd Darryl Carter Jr. Fred Galloway Darien Hennington	Christopher Jefferson Charles Marsaw Jr. Mario Martinez Oshaye Rawis
Grambling State Bradley Alexander Roderick Atkinsnon Darius Berard Hassan Chepkwony Jahi Gilkey Montieco Harris Wesley Love	Chanz Moore Roderick Mouton Tyrus Rachel Remmington Webb Chauncey Wells Malik Wheeler
Jackson State William Carol Cameron Early Joshua Everett Elijah Greenfield Deon Holder Markquez Jackson Markus Jackson	Tamarick Johnson Jeron Miller Jamal Ridgett Aaron Ross Keiven Russy Raheem Skinner
Mississippi Valley State Eric Chism Aaron Albert Deion Reid	Brandon Damon Keith Terry
Prairie View A&M Ty'ron Baker Divante Gilliam Dylan Gladney Syed Hussain D'Andre Jackson-Reeves	Marcus Mathis Xavier Morris Wesley Slater Logan Williams Samuel Omoera
Southern Yanik Duffus	Alonzo Harris
Texas Southern Jawayn Brooks Ezequiel Calleros Davis Guzman D'Andre Lewis Xavier Martinez Tarence McElroy	Jacob Price Travis Sanders Taylor Demarco Demarcus Walker Mykele Young-Sanders
Arkansas - Pine Bluff Andrew Bingham Juwan Parker Travion Munn Lamarques Woodard	Demetruis Thompson Travis Bibbs Rasheed McAlpin Miles Dortch

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Grambling State
2016	Texas Southern
2015	Grambling State
2014	Grambling State
2013	Grambling State
2012	Grambling State
2011	Grambling State
2010	Grambling State
2009	Grambling State
2008	Prairie View A&M
2007	Grambling State
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1936	Prairie View A&M
1934	Prairie View A&M



Alabama State



NORMAL, Ala. - A dominant performance in the women's 100-meter dash aided Alabama State University in winning its eighth-straight Southwestern Athletic Conference Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championship. It is the 12th overall for the program and the sixth-straight time ASU has won the SWAC "Triple Crown" of Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field in the same season.

Alabama State claimed the top five spots in the event, scoring 31 points in the race that ultimately put them atop the team standings for good. Kaila Lewis won the event in 11.60 seconds, as Desiree Horn (11.85) finished second and Monica Howard (11.89) was third. Grambling's Halima Chepkwony was named the women's most outstanding track performer, earning 30 points in four events, including a win in the 10,000-meter run. Texas Southern's Miriam Pierre took home women's most outstanding field performer honors with 28 points in three events, winning the discus and javelin events and placing second in the women's hammer throw.

Ritchie Beene of Alabama State was named 2017 SWAC Women's Outdoor Track and Field Coach of the Year. Full standings and day three results are listed below.

DAY THREE HIGHLIGHTS:

Miriam Pierre of Texas Southern won her second gold medal in as many days, claiming the discus throw event with a toss of 47.96 meters. Kenya Wheeler of Grambling (46.28m) was second, and in third was LaToya Gilding of Jackson State (46.23m).

Mississippi Valley State's Terra Edwards earned the top spot on the podium in the women's triple jump (12.43 meters). Zakia Johnson of Prairie View (12.20m) was second, and in third was Grambling jumper Darlene Desmangles (11.96m).

Alabama State blazed a 45.06-second time in winning the 4x100-meter relay. Prairie View (45.66) overtook Texas Southern (45.82) down the home stretch to earn silver, relegating the Lady Tigers to the bronze.

Alabama State finished 1-2 in the 1500-meter run as Arion Span (4:49.21) outlasted Tatiana Etienne (4:50.59) to win the gold. In third was Scholasticah Kemei of Mississippi Valley with a time of 4:52.10.

Nekiesha Bailey of Prairie View won the women's high jump with a distance of 1.75m. In second place was Alabama State's Alicia Terrell (1.67m) and in third was Alabama A&M Chloe Jenkins (1.63m).

Deonca Bookman won the 100-meter hurdles in 13.61 seconds, fending off silver medalist and teammate Folami Williams (14.24 seconds) and

Jackson State's Jahelle Cato (14.30 seconds).

Texas Southern's Breana Dockery overtook the field over the final 100 meters of the women's 400-meter dash, winning the gold (54.14 seconds). Takara Coleman of Prairie View (54.39) was second, and Mississippi Valley's Najee Green (54.51) was third.

Tatiana Etienne won the women's 800-meter run for Alabama State, finishing in 2:15.41. Fellow Lady Hornet Arion Span (2:15.93) was second, and Jackson State's Akeilia Knight (2:16.24) was third.

Deonca Bookman (59.49) won the women's 400-meter hurdles. Teammate Zakia Johnson (1:01.73) was second and Rykeisha Bankhead (1:03.01) of Southern was third.

Kaila Lewis of Alabama State grabbed another gold medal, this one in the 200-meter dash. She finished in 23.69. Alexis Gray of Texas Southern earned silver with a time of 23.99 seconds, and Takara Coleman (24.05) of Prairie View was third.

Scholasticah Kemei of Mississippi Valley State won the women's 5,000-meter run with a time of 19:02.56. In second was Grambling's Halima Chepkwony (19:16.06), and coming in third was Alabama State's Sade Lavallias (19:38.71).

Prairie View's Lakeydra Mosely claimed the pole vault with a mark of 3.31 meters, besting Alabama State's Alexis Pickney (3.21m) and Lakeyah Blackmon (3.11m) who were second and third, respectively.

Prairie View A&M closed the meet with a win in the women's 4x400-meter relay, clocking in at 3:44.43. Alabama State was second at 3:46.27, and Texas Southern (3:46.97) was third.

FINAL STANDINGS:

- 1) Alabama State (183.5)
- 2) Prairie View (155.5)
- 3) Texas Southern (133.5)
- 4) Mississippi Valley (73)
- 5) Grambling (72)
- 6) Jackson State (51)
- 7) Alabama A&M (49.5)
- 8) Alcorn State (45)
- 9) Southern (34)
- 10) Arkansas-Pine Bluff (17)

OUTSTANDING TRACK PERFORMER



HALIMA CHEPKWONY
GRAMBLING STATE

OUTSTANDING FIELD PERFORMER



MIRIAM PIERRE
TEXAS SOUTHERN

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ritchie Beene Alabama State

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M

Kiara Brown
Robyn Hancock
Keanna McIntyre

Alabama State

Lori Davis
Brandee Ebert
Tatiana Etienne
Alexis Ferebee
Desiree Horn
Monica Howard
Atrailla Lesane

Alexis Picney
Paige Rankine
Santiana Williams
Shakalia Williams
Shantia Wilson

Alcorn State

Alessandria Aikerson-Russell
Tradeshia Conner
Tatiana David
BreAnna Foy
Kierra Gardner

Samiria Martin
Chenique McCail
Brandi McCray
Dynasty Williams
Myquis Levels-Morgan

Grambling State

Takyra Beverly
Faith Early
Angel Hopson
De'Zyriah Rankins
Jalyn Simon
Marissa Stovr
Victoria Walter
Breanna Wayne

Kyra Canty
Creshonda Carter
Halima Chepkwony
Deouna Davis
Yolonda Decker-Williams
Darlene Demangles
Shaciarra Drake
Darnese Woods

Jackson State

Aniecia Brewster
Kiera Clement
D'Andrea Eashmond
Brionna Epes
Ravontrance Gage
Katiya Gilding
Akeilia Knight
Lenetta Mallory

Shannon Parker
Khadijah Qualls
Jeida Robertson
Stherline Silencieux
Ky'Bria Spell
Tye'Reshina Taylor
Cliffaniqua Towbridge

Mississippi Valley State

Kenya Davis
Stormy Green
Omesha Locke
Amanda Murray
Sierra McGinnis
Najee Green

Tra'Nisha Dukes
Antoinette Jordan
Lakeisha Gallion
Keyia Green
Autezia Sellers
Alexandria Francis

Prairie View A&M

Nekiesha Bailey
Takara Coleman
Monique Green
Camirey Jackson
Gene' Johnson
Zakia Johnson
Geodann Yeider

Kaelyn Keaton
Christine Powers
Husniyyah Rogers
Ashley Santos
Alana Williams
Brandalyn Williams

Southern

Rykeshia Bankhead
Marissa Batiste
LaShae Blunt
Danae Colston

Breanca Cummings
Ambrosia Williams
Brittany Lacy

Texas Southern

Alia Duncan
Leanna Mack
Melissa Pena
Ashanti Phelps

Alecia Smith
Mariah Stewart
Breanca Woods

Arkansas - Pine Bluff

Sabrantina Rojas
Sharoya Simmons
Syndee Worlds
Sireta Roach
Saloncia Hunter

Ashley Tasher
Summer Gilliam
Briana Burke
Summer Buckley

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2016	Alabama State
2015	Alabama State
2014	Alabama State
2013	Alabama State
2012	Alabama State
2011	Alabama State
2010	Alabama State
2009	Jackson State
2008	Jackson State
2007	Alabama State
2006	Grambling State
2005	Alabama State
2004	Southern
2003	Alabama State
2002	Alabama State
2001	-----
2000	-----
1999	Southern
1997	Southern
1996	Grambling State
1995	Southern
1993	Southern
1992	Texas Southern
1991	Texas Southern
1990	Texas Southern
1989	Texas Southern



Texas Southern



NEW ORLEANS, La. – Texas Southern captured the 2017 SWAC baseball championship with a marathon 4-2 win over Alabama State to win its second conference championship in three years, and fourth in school history.

Texas Southern would jump out to the early lead. Blake Hicks would hit an RBI single to center field to give the Tigers the 1-0 advantage after the first inning.

The Tigers added another run in the top half of the fourth. Tournament Most Valuable Player Christian Sanchez hit an RBI double to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead at that point.

Alabama State would answer in the bottom of the fourth. Gustavo Rios hit a RBI single to drive in the Hornets first run of the game and make the score 2-1. The Hornets looked like they would take the lead in the bottom of the sixth. However, Anthony Martinez got Texas Southern out of the jam to keep the Tigers' one-run lead.

Alabama State tied the game in the bottom of the sixth. Freshman Cage Cox hit a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at 2-2.

The score remained 2-2 and the game went into extra innings. The game turned into a pitcher's duel until the 13th inning. Gerrick Jimenez hit an RBI single to give the Tigers the 3-2 lead. Jose Cabreja added an infield fly that would allow Gaudencio Lucca to score to give the Tigers a two run lead heading to the bottom of the inning.

Michael Villanueva retired the side in the bottom of the frame to give the Tigers the win.

Sanchez went one-for-four with one RBI on the day to pace the Tigers offensively. Texas Southern only used two pitchers in the win. Martinez threw 7.0 innings, allowing just six hits and striking

out four. Michael Villanueva went 6.0 innings in relief, allowing just two hits, no runs and striking out three. Sanchez went one for-four from the plate with one RBI in the win.

Alabama State also only used just two pitchers in the game. Starter Tyler Howe threw 9.0 innings allowing two runs on four hits and striking out six. Austin Bizzle would come on in relief. Bizzle would throw 4.0 innings, allowing two runs on two hits and striking out five as he and Howe combined to retire 20 batters in a row at one point. Cox went 2-for-5 with one run scored in the loss for the Hornets.



SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / BASEBALL

TOURNAMENT MVP



CHRISTIAN SANCHEZ
TEXAS SOUTHERN

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

ALABAMA A&M

Jerry Benford
Joshua Burchell
Kyle Herrick
Michael Ivey
R. Dylan Payne
Nolan Ramsey
Caleb Roberts
Ty Russell
Owen Stubberfield
Cole Thiede
Brandon Whitaker
Darren White
Cornelius Woods
Darren Beachum
Ronald Yarbrough

ALABAMA STATE

Angel Alicea
Hunter Allen
Austin Bizzle
Patrick Coffin
Burke Echelmeier
Joseph Estrada
Nathan Gerard
Darren Kelly
Hunter Phillips
Oscar Prioleau
Charles Taylor
Michael Tellado
Ryan Thompson
Ivanniel Vazquez-Quinones

ALCORN STATE

Brandon Barna
Justin Barna
Daniel Corona
Wilfredo Crespo
DerVincent Hamilton
George Helbig
Devon Key
Payden Lynch
Wallace Rios
Jason Sanez
Conrado Skepple
Tyler Smith
Walter Vives

GRAMBLING STATE

Jalen Ferguson
Remons Grant
Diamyn Hall
Jalen Heath
Danrick Holbrook
Allen Mays
Caleb Nunez
Jordan White

JACKSON STATE

Jesse Anderson
Vincent Anthonia
Richard Burke
David Burke
Garth Cahll
Francisco Cervantes Camacho
Carlos Diaz
Jamarcus Everett
Mark Holton
Sebron Mackey
Anthony Stricklin
Joshanno Sweeting
Charles Turney
Michael Washington
Mark Watson
Bryce Williams
Lakon Wilson
Marcus Young
Miguel Yrigoyen

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Alex Bravo
Edward Cox
Cecil Hodges
Derrick Lane II
Caleb Lindsey
Quentin McDonald
Christopher McWright
Justin Neese
Marshall Parrish
Reagan Connor Sheppeard
Drew Wheeler

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

Joe Benes
Cody Den Beste
Anthony Fernandez
Jordan Foster
Brashad Jones
Kevin Lahaie
Cassity Land
Kevin Macias
Charles Philpott
Alexander Richardson
Gabriel Rodriguez
Edgar Sanchez
Shannon Washington
Joshua Wells

SOUTHERN

Christopher Eusay
Mark Johnson

TEXAS SOUTHERN

Jose Camacho
Enoch Culliver
Kamren Dukes
Dareion Evans
Efren Garcia
Felix Gomez
Gabriel Gomez
Ryan Jackson
Ryan Lazo
Horace LeBlanc
Gaudencio Lucca
Sterling Motley
Seth Oliver
Larry Romero
Joel Rosario
Christopher Scroggins
Bertrand Simmons
Jeremy Thomas
Javier Valdez

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF

Harry Estep
Jeremiah Figueroa
Humberto Medina
Jordan Knox
Christopher Burns
Michael Bradley
Robert Colon
William Olson
Gabriel Munoz
Adam Graham
Austin Grier
Christopher Phelps
Antoine Luster
Dontrell Brown
Ashton Holdridge
Matthew Shindlebower
Anthony Bowmaker
Jaylen Jackson

ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Texas Southern
2016	Alabama State
2015	Texas Southern
2014	Jackson State
2013	Jackson State
2012	Prairie View A&M
2011	Alcorn State
2010	Grambling State
2009	Southern
2008	Texas Southern
2007	Prairie View A&M
2006	Prairie View A&M
2005	Southern
2004	Texas Southern
2003	Southern
2002	Southern
2001	Southern
2000	Jackson State
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1995	Jackson State
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1988	Southern
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1986	Jackson State
1985	Grambling State
1984	Grambling State
1983	Grambling State
1982	Jackson State
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1974	Southern
1973	Jackson State
1972	Southern
1971	Jackson State
1970	Southern
1969	Southern
1968	Jackson State
1967	Grambling State
1966	Southern
1965	Southern
1964	Grambling State
1963	Grambling State
1962	Grambling State
1961	Grambling State
1960	Southern
1959	Southern

ALL-TOURNAMENT

Bryce Brown	Jackson State
Marshawn Taylor	Grambling State
Cody Den Beste	Prairie View A&M
Steven Williams	Prairie View A&M
Austin Bizzle	Alabama State
Tyler Howe	Alabama State
Joseph Estrada	Alabama State
Ray Hernandez	Alabama State
Christian Sanchez	Texas Southern
Anthony Martinez	Texas Southern
Michael Villanueva	Texas Southern
Gaudencio Lucca	Texas Southern

COACH OF THE YEAR

James Cooper	Grambling State
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Texas Southern



MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Texas Southern claimed its third SWAC championship in four seasons with a 6-4 victory over defending champion Alabama State in the finals of the 2017 SWAC Softball Tournament.

The Lady Hornets (21-33) wasted no time jumping ahead as Laura Aguilar reached on an error and Perry Hindi scored her on a RBI double. However, Kendall Core and Hindi were stranded on base after a Charlene Castro fly out.

Texas Southern took control in the second with small ball, as the Lady Tigers loaded the bases and Kelsey Riley laid down a bunt single to drive in Dominique Tello, who led off the inning with a single. Heaven Benavidez drew a bases-loaded walk to give TSU the lead, and a fielder's choice squeezed in a run, making it 3-1 Lady Tigers.

ASU scrapped one back in the third thanks to a Hindi RBI sac fly, but the Lady Hornets squandered a bases-loaded opportunity with fly outs to end the inning. Jocilynn Ellis pushed Texas Southern (25-19) ahead 4-2 with a RBI single, but the Lady Hornets tied the contest with a Core RBI sac fly and a Hindi RBI single.

In the fifth, the Lady Tigers again regained the lead as a Marissa Padron RBI double brought home Tello, and Ellis singled to bring Terren Vinson across home plate. However, the Lady Tigers left two on base to end the inning. From there, Lauren Rodriguez and the Lady Tiger defense did the rest, retiring the Lady Hornets 1-2-3 in

the final inning.

Rodriguez, who was named tournament most valuable player, earned her second victory over the Lady Hornets in the tournament, allowing eight hits and two earned runs. Tello was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, and Ellis was 2-for-2 with two RBI.

Hindi had three RBI, going 2-for-3 at the plate.



SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / SOFTBALL

TOURNAMENT MVP



LAUREN RODRIGUEZ
TEXAS SOUTHERN

2016 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Alabama A&M Janae Adams Jessica Alferos Ciera Berkemeyer Brandi Foreman Amber Forte Caitlyn Hayden Breayna Horton Kia Lang	Alabama State Alexia Boggess Therese Byrne Charlene Castro Valerie Centeno Kendall Core Kaylee Davis Carly Evans Alexandra Grimaldo Amira James	Alcorn State Ashley Breal Jazmin Castillo Madison Chitwood Catherine Gore Adriana Gutierrez Courtenay Holt HaLeigh Holyfield Regina Warren	Grambling State Kendalyn Arceneaux Tiffany Doss Deshuna McDaniel	Jackson State Queen Briggs Lyndsey Colvin Tatyanna Givens Sarah Gore Allison Harvey Denisha Knight	Mississippi Valley State Holly Brown Brianna Johnson Jacquelyn Espinoza Jordan Ellerby Annasia Zanchez Rebekah Clinton	Prairie View A&M Monica Cartwright Taylor Harvill Ashley Higgins Jalla Johnson Olivia Lacewell Tiffany Robertson Kylar Ward-Flowers Shelby Williams	Southern Jade Luke Cayln Scott Tiara Scott	Texas Southern Jade Bismark Kacey Creel Amber Garza Tiffany Marshall Gisella Paranich Chanler Powell Lauren Rodriguez Holli Taylor	Arkansas - Pine Bluff Delya Jackson Hailey Forbes Tonnay Hawkins Kayla Reap Morgan Carter Alexandria Taylor Misty Callas	Other Players Eriel Lawson Emily Lipinski Rachel Sanders Tiana Sanders Ariel Smith Sierra Smith Lauren Walker Viridiana Ramos Rachel Mills Madeline Phelps Chelsea Rivera Jazzmin Romero Jenna Thorne Brittney Wilson Alessa Yanez Perry Hindi Chelsea King Shelby Peavy Vanessa Sanders Kaylene Smith Royce Smith Jordenne Taylor Vocctoria Tyler Hannah Vesper Samara Perry Laa'Iquah Shaheer Mercedes Williams Ashley Neal Victoria Nelson Chelsea Smith Canessa Swanson Merina Young Taliyah Riddick-Waters Kailyn Dunn Deja Talton Sharia Cormier Alexandra Dobbins Jahcenda Garrett Amanda Ford Laurisa Hernandez Daneisha Hinton Sabrina Johnson Regan McIlvenna Kiara Ross Destinee Williams Hedi Woodworth Haly Guitreau Ryann Hollis Adriane Roberson Adreana Casares Jasmin Fulmore Madilynn Marek Marissa Padron Kierra Patton Anisha Richardson Haley Smith Tyra Williams Maria Aguilar Monique Nikolao Lydia Mitchell Karia Hall Sydney Crossett Brianna Young Jamie Bridges
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ALL-TIME SWAC CHAMPIONS

2017	Texas Southern
2016	Alabama State
2015	Texas Southern
2014	Texas Southern
2013	Mississippi Valley
2012	Mississippi Valley
2011	Jackson State
2010	Alcorn State
2009	Mississippi Valley
2008	Mississippi Valley
2007	Mississippi Valley
2006	Mississippi Valley
2005	Mississippi Valley
2004	Mississippi Valley
2003	Southern
2002	Alabama A&M
2001	Grambling State
2000	Texas Southern
1999	Southern
1998	Prairie View A&M
1997	Alcorn State, Grambling State

ALL-TOURNAMENT

Paige Garcia	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Taylor Hughes	Alcorn State
Ashley Higgins	Prairie View
Caitlyn Hayden	Alabama A&M
Justine Jean	Alabama State
Valerie Centeno	Alabama State
Perry Hindi	Alabama State
Amira James	Alabama State
Jasmine Fulmore	Texas Southern
Lauren Rodriguez	Texas Southern
Jocilynn Ellis	Texas Southern
Sierra Valdez	Texas Southern

COACH OF THE YEAR

Vernon Bland	Prairie View A&M
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AIR FORCE RESERVE CELEBRATION BOWL

Grambling State



ATLANTA, Ga. - In a low-scoring affair, Grambling State came out on top with a 10-9 win over North Carolina Central in the 2016 Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl.

A sluggish first half by Grambling State gave way to a much better performance in the second half by the Tigers. The Tigers were led by Martez Carter, who got the second half started with a 32-yard touchdown run that capped off an eight-play, 70-yard drive to take a 7-3 lead.

"It is a great win for our program. It was one of those situations where we had to battle right down and play great defense and run the football." Head Coach Broderick Fobbs said. "That is what makes our football team a very dominant team. We are able to win in many different ways."

The Tigers' Arkez Cooper would force a fumble on N.C. Central's next possession with a strip-sack, and the Tigers took over at N.C. Central's 25 yard line. The Tigers would get three points off of the turnover, with a 26 yard field goal from Jonathan Wallace to give the Tigers a 10-3 lead. N.C. Central thought that it had the game tied up late in the fourth quarter after a 39 yard touchdown pass from Malcolm Bell to Quentin Atkinson. However, a blocked extra point by Joesph McWilliams kept the Tigers' lead, making it 10-9.

That play turned out to be the deciding factor. Grambling would not let NC Central have another possession, holding on for the victory.

Carter was named the game's offensive MVP, totaling

109 yards rushing on 12 carries and one touchdown. Carter also added 69 yards on returns and 23 receiving yards for 201 all-purpose yards.

"Today, we ran the football effectively, and were able to establish some drives and put what we needed to do in the end zone" Fobbs added. "My hat goes off to North Carolina Central, they have a great program. It was definitely an even matched ball game, as you can tell by the score."

Jameel Jackson was named Defensive MVP. Jackson recorded five solo tackles and an interception in the win.



AIR FORCE RESERVE CELEBRATION BOWL



SWAC COMMISSIONER'S CUP WINNER

Alabama State



BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — For the second straight year, the Southwestern Athletic Conference has recognized Alabama State University as the winners of the Sadie Magee/Barbara Jacket Award, C.D. Henry Award, as well as the James Frank Commissioner's Cup for the 2016-17 academic year.

ASU, which swept the three awards last year as well, took 10 SWAC championships back to Montgomery this past year to garner the honors, including first-time championships in bowling and women's soccer. The trophies will be presented at the league's annual spring meetings.

This is the fifth-straight year that Alabama State has won the Magee/Jacket Award, the third Henry accolade in the past four years, and the school's fourth-consecutive Commissioner's Cup.

Magee/Jacket Award

The Magee/Jacket Award is presented to the top women's athletic program in the SWAC. Sadie Magee was the first women's basketball coach at Jackson State, compiling four SWAC regular season titles and three-straight National Association of Women's Sports National Championships from 1978-1980.

Barbara Jacket led the Prairie View A&M to eight cross country, nine indoor and five outdoors SWAC titles from 1965 to 1991.

Jacket was also the head coach of the 1992 U.S. Women's Olympic Track team that brought home won four gold

medals, three silver medals and three bronze medals from Barcelona, Spain.

The Lady Hornets totaled 100 points to beat out second-place finisher Texas Southern (90.5 points) The Lady Hornets captured six team titles, including cross country, women's soccer, volleyball, indoor track and field, bowling, outdoor track and field and tennis.

Alabama State's softball team finished second in the 2017 tournament as well. Prairie View A&M was third overall with 79 total points.

Rounding out the standings are Southern (64), Jackson State (62), Grambling State (53), Mississippi Valley State (47), Alcorn State (46), Arkansas-Pine Bluff (42), Alabama A&M (40).

C.D. Henry Award

The Henry Award is presented to the top men's athletic program in the SWAC. The award is named for former Grambling State chairman of the College of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department from 1958-74, as well as serving as the executive officer and secretary-statistician for the SWAC in 1968-73.

Henry became the first African

American assistant commissioner of any conference office when he joined the Big Ten Conference in June of 1974.

Alabama State (73 points) was just 3.5 points ahead of second-place finisher Prairie View A&M. The Hornets finished with 73 points after winning team titles in indoor track and field, tennis and golf, as well as a second place finish in baseball.

Coming in third through tenth, respectively, were Texas Southern (64), Jackson State (59), Grambling State (58), Alcorn State (53), Southern (34), Arkansas-Pine Bluff (32.5) and Alabama A&M (29).

James Frank Commissioner's Cup

The Commissioner's Cup, named for former league commissioner James Frank who led the SWAC from 1983 through 1998, is awarded to the university compiling the highest combined total of men's and women's all-sport points.

With 100 points from the Magee/Jacket Award and 73 from the Henry Award standings, ASU took first place with 173 total points.

Texas Southern finished second with 154.5 total points as Prairie View A&M came in third with 148.5 total points.

Jackson State (121), Grambling State (111), Alcorn State (99), Southern (98), Arkansas-Pine Bluff (74.5), Mississippi Valley State (72) and Alabama A&M (69) round out the final standings.

SWAC COMMISSIONER'S CUP WINNER

2016-17 COMMISSIONER'S CUP AND ALL-SPORTS STANDINGS

James Frank Award Standings (as of May 23, 2017)

The James Frank Commissioner's Cup is awarded to the university compiling the highest total of men's and women's all-sports points.



	Men	Women	Total		Men	Women	Total
1. Alabama State	73	100	173	6. Alcorn State	53	46	99
2. Texas Southern	64	90.5	154.5	7. Southern	34	64	98
3. Prairie View A&M	69.5	79	148.5	8. Ark.-Pine Bluff	32.5	42	74.5
4. Jackson State	59	62	121	9. Mississippi Valley	25	47	72
5. Grambling State	58	53	111	10. Alabama A&M	29	40	69

C. D. Henry Award

School	Cross Country	Football	Indoor Track	Basketball	Tennis	Golf	Outdoor Track	Baseball	Total
Alabama A&M	-	6	5	2	6.5	-	5	4.5	29
Alabama State	8	6	12	4	12	12	9	10	73
Alcorn State	3	10	4	10	8.5	9	4	6.5	53
Grambling State	12	12	10	7.5	-	-	12	4.5	58
Jackson State	9	4	6	7.5	10	7	7	8.5	59
Mississippi Valley	6	2.5	2	5	5	-	2	2.5	25
Prairie View A&M	10	8	8	7.5	8.5	8	10	8.5	69.5
Southern	4	9	3	7.5	-	-	3	6.5	34
Texas Southern	7	6	9	12	-	10	8	12	64
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	5	2.5	7	3	6.5	-	6	2.5	32.5

Sadie Magee / Barbara Jacket Award

School	Cross Country	Soccer	Volleyball	Indoor Track	Basketball	Bowling	Tennis	Golf	Outdoor Track	Softball	Total
Alabama A&M	2	3	8.5	4	2	5	4	-	5	6.5	40
Alabama State	12	13	12	12	9	8	12	-	12	10	100
Alcorn State	6	3	2.5	3	6.5	-	8.5	8	4	4.5	46
Grambling State	5	3	5.5	6	11	6.5	6.5	-	7	2.5	53
Jackson State	3	6.5	5.5	5	3.5	10	10	10	6	2.5	62
Mississippi Valley	10	6.5	2.5	8	3.5	-	4	-	8	4.5	47
Prairie View A&M	9	6.5	5.5	9	5	12	6.5	9	10	6.5	79
Southern	7	6.5	8.5	7	8	6.5	8.5	-	3	9	64
Texas Southern	8	9.5	10	10	11	9	-	12	9	12	90.5
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	4	11 HU = 3rd (9.5)	5.5	2	6.5	-	4	-	2	8	42

The Henry and Magee/Jacket Awards are presented to the top men's and women's athletic programs in the SWAC. They are awarded on a 12-point system for all sports, except women's soccer which is on a 13-point system. Point values are based on place at the conclusion of the regular season with first place receiving the maximum points allowed. Sports such as cross country, track and field and golf which do not have conference standings during the regular season will have points awarded based on finish at SWAC championships.



HOUSTON, Texas – The Southwestern Athletic Conference paid tribute to nine of its all-time greats, honoring Emanuel Barnes, Garland D. Boyette, Jessie L. Conerly, Tommy L. Green, Sidney James, Eugene Sanders, Jocelyn Tatum-Adams, Tommie Funchess and Dante Wesley and enshrining them into the 2016 SWAC Hall of Fame.

This year's class, which is the largest since 2002, includes a litany of All-Americans, National Champions, title-winning coaches, illustrious storytellers and professional standouts as well, as seven of the league's 10 member institutions were enshrined during the reception gala at the Westin Galleria.

FROM THE HONOREES:

"It's a great achievement to make the hall of fame. It is a lot of work going into it and I can sit back now and say that the work that I put in to get here is really paying off." - **Garland D. Boyette, Grambling State**

"It means a lot. Arkansas Pine Bluff gave me an opportunity to be in this position. I feel like I followed behind some great players' footsteps in Walter Payton and Jerry Rice, so it is a great opportunity for me." - **Dante Wesley, Arkansas-Pine Bluff**

"It means everything. It is a blessing to receive your flowers while you are still living. To have somebody reach out and appreciate what you've done, even if it was a small role, it means every-

thing." - **Jessie Conerly, Alcorn State**

"I was very elated when I heard I was being inducted. I did not believe it. It is unexplainable how great I think this honor is." - **Tommie Funchess, Jackson State**

"It's a special honor ... It makes you feel like the work you put in, was put in for a purpose. After all the hard work, somebody noticed the referees. I am just very excited." - **Sidney James, SWAC Official**

"The SWAC has had so many great athletes come through here, to be inducted along side them is very great." - **Eugene Sanders, Mississippi Valley State**

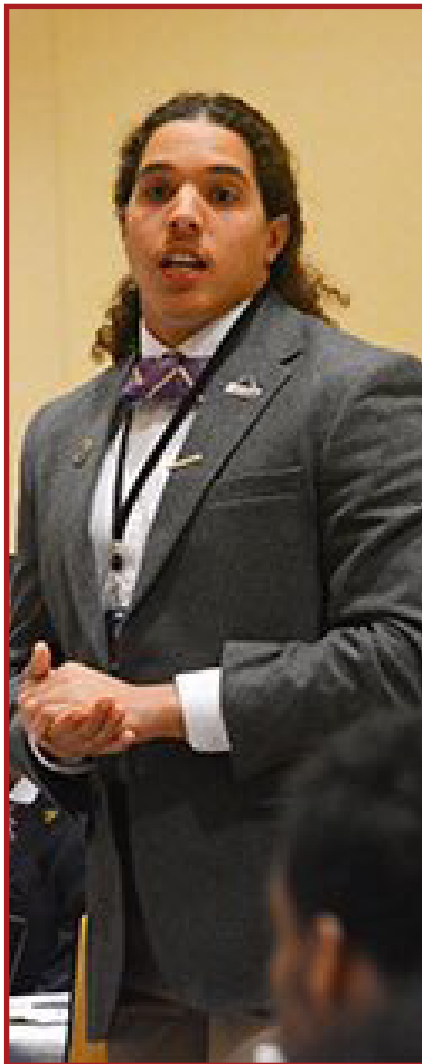
"I was excited when I got the news. It is really difficult to believe. I am still trying to digest it. It is something that you don't really think about. I have always thought about the hall being for athlete and coaches, and I am excited that I was chosen." - **Emanuel Barnes, Alcorn State**





SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / SWAC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION







SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS / SWAC SAAC & COMMUNITY SERVICE





LAADI ISSAKA
CO-OFF. PLAYER
OF THE YEAR

KENDALL HAMILTON
DEFENSIVE PLAYER
OF THE YEAR

ARIELA LEWIS
CO-OFF. PLAYER
OF THE YEAR

GABRIELLE EMILIEN
GOALKEEPER
OF THE YEAR

RITA OKORO
FRESHMAN
OF THE YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The Southwestern Athletic Conference announced Wednesday morning the 2016 All-SWAC Soccer Teams with Laadi Issaka (Mississippi Valley State), Ariela Lewis (Alabama State), Kendall Hamilton (Howard), Rita Okoro (Alcorn State), and Gabrielle Emilien (Howard) earning individual honors. Accolades were voted on by the league's coaches and sports information directors.

Issaka and Lewis both earned Co-Offensive Player of the Year honors this season. Issaka assisted in making conference and school history at MVSU as she became the second Devilette in as many years to lead the nation in scoring, as Nykosi Simmons accomplished the feat in 2015.

Issaka's 19 goals tied for the nation's lead, as she notched the total in 15 contests. She posted five against Alabama A&M on Oct. 23, and four of her scores were game-winning goals. Her 2.73 points per game is also tops in the country.

Lewis led ASU in points with 15 goals in 16 contests, notching 36 points on the season as the catalyst for the Hornets, who finished the regular season as the nation's leader in goals scored (3.17) and points per game (8.50).

The senior finished the year ranked among national leaders in goals per game (sixth), total points (seventh) and total goals (ninth).

Howard University saw players earn multiple specialty awards as Kendall Hamilton received the Defensive Player of the Year honor, and teammate Gabrielle Emilien earned Goalkeeper of the Year.

Hamilton led Howard in minutes played and helped anchor a Bison defensive unit that produced six shutouts this season which ranked first in the SWAC. Emilien led the conference with a .889 save percentage – which ranked sixth in nationally – and recorded five shutouts while in goal, finishing the year with the 16th-best goals against average in the nation (0.56).

Alcorn State's Okoro led her team with eight goals scored on her way to Freshman of the Year accolades. The first-year player from Nigeria also led the SWAC in shots per game with 4.67.

For the first time in league history, the Coach of Year was voted on prior to the tournament. In previous years, the honor would go to the winning coach of the SWAC Soccer Championship. This year's honoree was Brent Leiba from Howard University.

This marks the third-straight season the eight-year coaching veteran has been tabbed with the annual award, as he guided the Bison to a 12-4-2 overall record. Howard finished unbeaten in SWAC play with a 9-0-1 record.



SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / SOCCER

ALL-SWAC

FIRST TEAM

FORWARDS

Aaliyah Lewis *Alabama State*
Ariela Lewis *Alabama State*
Kela Gray *Howard*

MIDFIELDERS

Sara Vaughan *Howard*
Laadi Issaka *Mississippi Valley State*
Noelle McCollum *Howard*
Inma Martinez *Alabama State*

DEFENDERS

Kendall Hamilton *Howard*
Carmen Suarez *Howard*
Kyleigh Io *Jackson State*

GOALKEEPER

Gabrielle Emilien *Howard*

SECOND TEAM

FORWARDS

Rita Okoro *Alcorn State*
Sophia Zavaka *Southern*
Kailand Thompson* *Texas Southern*
Paige Hayward* *Texas Southern*
Karissa Fenwick* *Arkansas-Pine Bluff*

MIDFIELDERS

Jalana Ellis *Jackson State*
Lexi Krieger *Alabama State*
Mila Bustos *Prairie View A&M*
Gabby Ybarra *Arkansas-Pine Bluff*

DEFENDERS

Kayla Edwards *Alabama State*
MaKayla Johnson *Texas Southern*
Mariah Johnson *Arkansas-Pine Bluff*

GOALKEEPER

Victoria Mendes *Southern* * = indicates tie

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

DATE	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSIVE	GOALKEEPER
Week 1	Paige Hayward Texas Southern	N/A N/A	Rita Gyasi Mississippi Valley State
Week 2	Hollie Cartwright Howard	N/A N/A	Mackenzie Diotte Howard
Week 3	Ariela Lewisi Alabama State	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
Week 4	N/A N/A	Mercedes Padilla Alabama State	Gianna Guyot Alabama State
Week 5	Lexi Krieger Alabama State	Britanee Harris Alabama State	Gianna Guyot Alabama State
Week 6	Karissa Fenwick Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Brianna Norwood Texas Southern	Alexis Robles Texas Southern
Week 7	Yaira Guardado Alcorn State	Kailand Thompson Texas Southern	Rita Gyasi Mississippi Valley State
Week 8	Aaliyah Lewis Alabama State	Kendall Hamilton Howard	Glanna Guyot Alabama State
Week 9	Inma Martinez Alabama State	Kendall Hamilton Howard	Glanna Guyot Alabama State
Week 10	Ariela Lewis Alabama State	Kendall Hamilton Howard	Gabrielle Emilien Howard

SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / VOLLEYBALL



ASHUNDRIA MCNEAL
PLAYER OF THE YEAR



NI'YESHA BROWN
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR



JUSTUS TUILOSEGA
SETTER OF THE YEAR



JAMIE COLEMAN
LIBERO OF THE YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Southwestern Athletic Conference announced on Wednesday the 2016 All-SWAC Volleyball Teams with Ashundria McNeal of Alabama A&M and Ni'yesha Brown, Bayle' Bennett, Justus Tuiolosega and Jamie Coleman of Alabama State. Accolades were voted on by the league's coaches and sports information directors.

McNeal claimed her second-straight Player of the Year honor while Tuiolosega was named Setter of the Year. Coleman was tabbed as Libero of the Year. Brown earned top newcomer accolades, and Bennett was named Freshman of the Year.

McNeal, a First Team outside hitter, is tops the conference with 501 total kills. McNeal also leads the SWAC with 586.5 total points.

The senior ranks in the top 15 nationally in total points, as well as cracks the top 25 rankings in the country when it comes to points per set. McNeal posted seven matches with at least 20 kills during the year.

Tuiolosega posted big numbers for the top-seeded and SWAC regular season champion Lady Hornets. The Moreno, Calif. native was fourth in the league in assists per set (5.68), sending out 545 total assists in 93 total sets.

She also posted 157 digs and led the conference with 47 service aces. Against Chicago State on September 10, she dished out a personal-high 46 assists in the

four-set match.

Alabama State led with six members on the All-SWAC Teams, as Tuiolosega also collected First Team Setter honors. Joining her on the First Team are Coleman (defensive specialist/libero), middle blocker/hitter Briana Dorsey, and Brown at outside hitter. Bennett and Krysta Medearis each garnered second-team honors at outside hitter.

Coleman, a senior from Farmington Hills, Mich., posted a league-leading 434 digs, averaging 4.52 per frame. She chipped in 90 assists and 18 service aces as well. Coleman, the preseason choice for defensive player of the year, led all players in weekly honors, earning defensive player of the week six times during the season.

Brown was second in Alabama State's multi-pronged attack unit with 247 kills, averaging 2.68 per stanza. She also added in 57 digs and 41 total blocks as well. Her .229 attack percentage was fifth-best in the league. Brown was particularly strong during the second half of the season, posting double-digit kill totals in 11 of her last 13 matches.

Bennett posted 10 double-digit kill outings as she ended up with 225 in total. The Crete, Ill. native also provided 200 digs, 29 service aces, 10 assists and 20 blocks.



SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / VOLLEYBALL

ALL-SWAC

FIRST TEAM

OUTSIDE HITTERS

Ashundria McNeal *Alabama A&M*
Ni'yesha Brown *Alabama State*

MIDDLE BLOCKERS

Kali Fluke *Texas Southern*
Briana Dorsey *Alabama State*

LIBERO

Jamie Coleman *Alabama State*

SETTER

Justus Tuiolosega *Alabama State*

SECOND TEAM

OUTSIDE HITTERS

Bayle' Bennett *Alabama State*
Krysta Medearis *Alabama State*

MIDDLE BLOCKERS

Kianna Shelton *Jackson State*
Paige Hall *Southern*

LIBERO

Diamond Williams *Southern*

SETTER

Asia Howard *Texas Southern*

* = indicates tie

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

DATE	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSIVE	SETTER	NEWCOMER
Aug. 31	Kali Fluke Texas Southern	Arabella Hall Southern	Kori Kutsch Alabama State	Arabella Hall Southern
Sept. 7	Ashundria McNeal Alabama A&M	Jamie Coleman Alabama State	Riley Balsmeyer Alabama A&M	Bayle' Bennett Alabama State
Sept. 14	Briana Dorsey Alabama State	Jamie Coleman Alabama State	Justus Tuiolosega Alabama State	Krysta Medearis Alabama State
Sept. 21	Larissa Martinez Prairie View A&M	Christen Augustine Prairie View A&M	Mykaeli Franklin Prairie View A&M	Larissa Martinez Prairie View A&M
Sept. 28	Taylor Goudeau Prairie View A&M	Jamie Coleman Alabama State	Mykaeli Franklin Prairie View A&M	Britney Sahlmann Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Oct. 5	Ashundria McNeal Alabama A&M	Jamie Coleman Alabama State	Riley Balsmeyer Alabama A&M	Ni'yeshia Brown Alabama State
Oct. 12	Kevreion Ward Grambling State	Diamond Williams Southern	Arianna Salas Jackson State	Arabella Hall Southern
Oct. 19	Kevreion Ward Grambling State	Diamond Williams Southern	Kori Kutsch Alabama State	Chasity Nicks Grambling State
Oct. 26	Taylor Goudeau Prairie View A&M	Jamie Coleman Alabama State	Justus Tuiolosega Alabama State	Taylor Goudeau Prairie View A&M
Nov. 2	Ashundria McNeal Alabama A&M	Paige Hall Southern	Riley Balsmeyer Alabama A&M	Taylor Goudeau Prairie View A&M
Nov. 9	Ni'yesha Brown Alabama State	Jamie Coleman Alabama State	Justus Tuiolosega Alabama State	Ni'yesha Brown Alabama State

SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / FOOTBALL



DEVANTE KINCADE
OFFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR



JORDAN BENTLEY
FRESHMAN
OF THE YEAR



JOSHUA SIMMONS
NEWCOMER
OF THE YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Alabama A&M University, Grambling State University and Prairie View A&M University took home the four major awards of the 2016 season, as the Southwestern Athletic Conference announced its postseason football awards in voting conducted by league head coaches and sports information directors.

The conference made the announcement on Wednesday, just two days prior to its 2016 Toyota SWAC Football Championship on Saturday, Dec. 3, at NRG Stadium in Houston.

Grambling State quarterback Devante Kincade was named Offensive Player of the Year, and fellow Tiger Donovan McCray secured Defensive Player of the Year accolades. Alabama A&M running back Jordan Bentley received the Freshman of the Year award, and Prairie View A&M's Joshua Simmons landed the Newcomer of the Year award.

Grambling coach Broderick Fobbs took home his third-straight SWAC Coach of the Year award after leading the Tigers to a second-straight nine-win season as well as an unblemished record in conference play for the second-straight year. Under Fobbs, Grambling State currently stands as the only team in the nation (FCS) with a top-5 scoring offense and defense.

Grambling State picked up the most all-conference selections with 14. Southern was next with 10 selections. Both Grambling State and Southern each had an astounding nine players garner first-team consideration.

Kincade led Grambling State to a 9-1 overall record and a second-straight perfect record in conference play.

The signal-caller for the Western Division champion ranks third in the FCS and first in the SWAC in passing efficiency (171.6) and is first in the conference in completion percentage (65.2), passing yards per game (263.3) and total offensive yards per game (290.4). Kincade boasted 28 touchdown passes to just three interceptions, and posted two games where he threw for at least 400 yards and five scores or better this season (Sept. 24 vs. Alcorn State, Oct. 29 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff).

McCray anchored the front four of a Tigers defensive unit that led the SWAC in most every statistical category and ranked fourth in FCS in points allowed (16.4), as well as ranked first nationally in red zone defense (.577). McCray made 28 total stops – 11.5 for loss -- with five sacks, three fumble recoveries, a blocked kick and a safety recorded.

Bentley was one of the Bulldogs' brightest spots this season, as he rushed for 851 yards and notched 10 total scores (9 rush, 1 receiving). The Guntersville, Ala. native rushed for 100 yards or more three times this season and had himself a three-touchdown game against Texas Southern on Oct. 1 during a stretch where he found the end zone in four straight contests.

Simmons was used in a variety of roles for the Panthers, doing much of his damage as a receiver and return man. He posted 20 grabs for 240 yards and two scores – fourth-best on the team in each category – and racked up 434 return yards and one kick return touchdown. In all, Simmons accounted for more than 700 all-purpose yards and three total touchdowns.

SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / FOOTBALL

ALL-SWAC

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

Devante Kincade *Grambling State*

RUNNING BACKS

Lenard Tillery *Southern*

Martez Carter *Prairie View A&M*

OFFENSIVE LINE

Terrell Lee *Southern*

Jamal Boulden *Southern*

Justin Miller *Grambling State*

Anthony Mosley *Southern*

Sam Baptiste *Alabama State*

WIDE RECEIVERS

Chad Williams *Grambling State*

Willie Quinn *Southern*

TIGHT END

Dillon Beard *Southern*

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

Donovan McCray *Grambling State*

Samuel Reese *Grambling State*

Javancy Jones *Jackson State*

Aaron Tiller *Southern*

LINEBACKERS

Kourtney Berry *Alabama State*

Darien Anderson *Alcorn State*

Arkez Cooper *Grambling State*

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Guy Stallworth *Grambling State*

Eric Foster *Alcorn State*

Danny Johnson *Southern*

Jameel Jackson *Grambling State*

SPECIAL TEAMS

KICKER

Eric Medina *Texas Southern*

PUNTER

Eric Medina *Texas Southern*

RETURN SPECIALIST

Willie Quinn *Southern*

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

Austin Howard *Southern*

RUNNING BACKS

Khalid Thomas *Alabama State*

Jordan Bentley *Alabama A&M*

OFFENSIVE LINE

Trent Scott *Grambling State*

Detonio Dade *Alcorn State*

Donovan Wheaton *Prairie View A&M*

Timothy Gardner *Alcorn State*

Gustavo Lopez *Prairie View A&M*

WIDE RECEIVERS

Willie Young *Arkansas-Pine Bluff*

Verlan Hunter *Grambling State*

TIGHT END

Jonathan Dorsey *Alabama A&M*

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

Roderick Henderson *Alabama State*

Blain Winston *Grambling State*

DeVohn Reed *Prairie View A&M*

Michael Brooks *Alcorn State*

LINEBACKERS

Willie Duncan *Arkansas-Pine Bluff*

Javancy Jones *Jackson State*

Michael Hurns *Alcorn State*

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Bradley Street *Alabama State*

Zavian Bingham *Jackson State*

Terrence Singleton *Prairie View A&M*

Justin Jemison *Jackson State*

SPECIAL TEAMS

KICKER

Jonathan Wallace *Grambling State*

PUNTER

Owen Hoolihan *Prairie View A&M*

RETURN SPECIALIST

Martez Carter *Grambling State*

SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / FOOTBALL

SWAC HBCU CLASSIC LINE UP

DATE	CLASSIC	TEAMS	CITY	STADIUM
9/4	Labor Day Classic	Texas Southern vs. Prairie View	Prairie View, Texas	Panther Stadium
9/4	12th MEAC/SWAC Challenge	Alcorn State vs. Bethune-Cookman	Orlando, Fla.	Florida Citrus Bowl
9/26	6th Louis Crews Classic	Alabama A&M vs. Prairie View	Huntsville, Ala.	Louis Crews Stadium
9/12	26th Southern Heritage Classic	Jackson State vs. Tennessee State	Memphis, Tenn.	Liberty Bowl
10/1	91st State Fair Classic	Prairie View A&M vs. Grambling State	Dallas, Texas	Cotton Bowl
10/29	75th Magic City Classic	Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State	Birmingham, Ala.	Legion Field
11/24	93rd Turkey Day Classic	Alabama State vs. Miles	Montgomery, Ala.	New ASU Stadium
11/26	43rd Bayou Classic	Southern vs. Grambling State	New Orleans, La.	Mercedes-Benz Superdome

BOLD - Indicates Southwestern Athletic Conference Member Match Up

SWAC PLAYERS CLASSIC MVP

DATE	PLAYER	CLASSIC
10/29	De'Angelo Ballard (AAMU)	Magic City Classic
11/30	Devante Kincade (GRAM)	Bayou Classic

SWAC STATISTICAL LEADERS

TEAM LEADERS

CATEGORY	TEAM	STAT
Scoring Offense	Southern/Grambling	39.8 PPG
Total Offense	Grambling State	486.1 YPG
Rushing Offense	Alabama State	220.5 YPG
Passing Offense	Grambling State	282.7 YPG
Scoring Defense	Grambling State	16.1 PPG
Total Defense	Grambling State	332.1 YPG
Rushing Defense	Grambling State	122.1 YPG
Passing Defense	Jackson State	188.0 YPG
Interceptions Caught	Southern	19 INT
Sacks	Alcorn/Grambling	38 SACKS
3rd-Down Conversions	Grambling State	43.6%
Opp. 3rd-Down Conv.	Grambling State	27.7%
Turnover Margin	Southern	+18
Red Zone Offense	Prairie View A&M	87.9%
Red Zone Defense	Grambling State	59.4%

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

CATEGORY	PLAYER	STAT
Rushing Yards	L. Tillery (SUBR)	1,665 yards
Passing Yards	D. Kincade (GRAM)	3,022 yards
Receiving Yards	C. Williams (GRAM)	1,337 yards
Receptions	C. Williams (GRAM)	90 catches
Rushing Touchdowns	L. Tillery (SUBR)	13 TD
Passing Touchdowns	D. Kincade (GRAM)	31 TD
Receiving Touchdowns	C. Williams (GRAM)	11 TD
	/W. Quinn (SUBR)	
All-Purpose Yards	L. Tillery (SUBR)	1972 yards
Tackles	W. Duncan (UAPB)	120 tackles
Sacks	D. Anderson (ALCN)	13 sacks
Tackles For Loss	K. Anderson (JKST)	25.5 TFL
Interceptions	D. Johnson (SUBR)	7 INT
Passes Defended	D. Simon (AAMU)	19 PD
Total Scoring	L. Tillery (SUBR)	90 PTS
Pass Efficiency	D. Kincade (GRAM)	166.0



SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / FOOTBALL

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

DATE	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSIVE	SPECIALIST	NEWCOMER
9/5	Lenard Tillery Southern	Danny Johnson Southern	Martez Carter Grambling State	Darron Johnson Alabama State
9/12	Chad Williams Grambling State	Kourtney Berry Alabama State	Adrian Salazar Jackson State	Devante Kincade Grambling State
9/19	Brandon Duncan Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Willie Duncan Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Willie Quinn Southern	Sta'fon McCray Prairie View A&M
9/24	Devante Kincade Grambling State	DeVohn Reed Prairie View A&M	Anthony Wiltz Prairie View A&M	Terrence Singleton Prairie View A&M
10/3	Devante Kincade Grambling State	Reggie Jackson Mississippi Valley State	Eric Medina Texas Southern	Darron Johnson Alabama State
10/10	Lenorris Footman Alcorn State	DeVohn Reed Prairie View A&M	Trevor Vincent Alabama State	Tre Ferrell Alcorn State
10/17	DeAngelo Ballard Alabama A&M	Darien Anderson Alcorn State	De'Lance Turner Alcorn State	Jordan Bentley Alabama A&M
10/24	Devante Kincade Grambling State	Javancy Jones Jackson State	Joseph McWilliams Grambling State	Jalen Morton Prairie View A&M
10/31	Chad Williams Grambling State	James Harper Prairie View A&M	Nick Carden Alabama A&M	Devante Kincade Grambling State
11/7	Jestin Kelly Grambling State	Jarius Moore Texas Southern	Nick Carden Alabama A&M	Darron Johnson Alabama State
11/14	Noah Johnson/Lenard Tillery Alcorn State/Southern	Aaron Tiller Southern	Eric Medina Texas Southern	Raleigh Johnson Prairie View A&M
11/21	Trey Green Prairie View A&M	Jarius Moore Texas Southern	Marvante King Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Sta'fon McCray Prairie View A&M

2016 TELEVISION GAMES

DATE	GAME	RESULT
Sept. 2	Miss. Valley State vs. Eastern Michigan	EMU 61, MVSU 14 ESPN3
Sept. 3	Southern at Louisiana Monroe	ULM 38, SUBR 21 ESPN3
Sept. 4	Alcorn State vs Bethune-Cookman	No contest (weather) ESPN
Sept. 4	Texas Southern at Prairie View	PVAM 29, TXSO 25 ESPN3
Sept. 10	Prairie View A&M at Texas A&M	TAMU 67, PVAM 0 SECN
Sept. 10	Alabama State at Alcorn State	ALCN 21, ALST 18 ESPN3
Sept. 10	Southern at Tulane	TUL 66, SUBR 21 ESPN3
Sept. 10	Grambling State at Arizona	ARIZ 31, GRAM 21 PAC-12
Sept. 15	Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Alcorn State	UAPB 45, ALCN 43 ESPN3
Sept. 17	Grambling State at Jackson State	GRAM 35, JKST 14 ESPN3
Sept. 24	Alcorn State at Grambling State	GRAM 43, ALCN 18 SDN
Oct. 29	Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State	AAMU 42, ALST 41 (OT) ESPN3
Nov 5	Alcorn State at Prairie View	PVAM 31, ALCN 27 ESPN3
Nov. 24	Miles at Alabama State	ALST 53, MILES 20 ESPN3
Nov. 26	Southern vs. Grambling State	GRAM 52, SUBR 30 NBCSN
Dec. 3	Toyota SWAC Championship Game	GRAM 27, ALCN 20 ESPN3
Dec. 17	Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl	GRAM 10, N.C. Cent. 9 ABC

FINAL BLACK COLLEGE POLLS

SHERIDAN BROADCAST NETWORK

1. ***Grambling State**
2. North Carolina Central
3. North Carolina A&T
4. Tennessee State
5. **Southern University**
6. **Prairie View A&M**
7. Tuskegee
8. Winston-Salem State
9. Virginia State
10. Bowie State

HERITAGE SPORTS RADIO NETWORK

1. **Grambling State**
2. North Carolina Central
3. North Carolina A&T
4. **Southern U.**
- 5T. **Prairie View A&M**
- 5T. Tennessee State
7. **Alcorn State**
8. South Carolina State
9. Bethune-Cookman
10. Hampton



BRITNEY WRIGHT
PLAYER OF THE YEAR



HENRIETTA WELLS
DEF. PLAYER OF THE YEAR



JAMEICA COBB
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR



ALEXUS FREEMAN
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Alabama State forward Britney Wright has been named the Southwestern Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Year, the league announced Monday. The announcement comes as part of the reveal of the 2016-17 all-conference teams.

Other individual honors unveiled were Defensive Player of the Year, which went to Alcorn State center Henrietta Wells. Fellow Lady Brave Alexus Freeman won Newcomer of the Year accolades and Alabama A&M guard Jameica Cobb was named Freshman of the Year. For the second-straight year, Grambling State had the top coach as Freddie Murray garnered Coach of the Year honors. The awards and all-league teams were voted on by the SWAC's coaches and sports information directors.

Wright led the SWAC in scoring at 18.4 points per game while pulling down 7.4 boards a night, good for fourth-best in the conference. The Detroit, Mich. native also shot a league-best .802 from the charity stripe and connected on 43.9 percent of her shots, the seventh-best clip in the SWAC. Wright notched six double-doubles on the year and posted 14 games of 20 points or more. She is also responsible for half of the six 30-point games achieved by a SWAC player this year, including two season-best 35-point outings.

Wells was a force for the Lady Braves on the inside en route to claiming the nod as top defensive player. Wells turned away 3.0 shots per game -- leading the SWAC in blocks -- and chipped in 1.4 steals a night, good for 10th

in the conference. The senior ranked No. 10 nationally in swatted shots and anchored an Alcorn defense that was third in points allowed per conference game at 58.9.

Freeman tied for the Lady Braves' top spot in total scoring with 300 points, averaging 10.7 per game. She also pulled in 5.5 rebounds per game and was third in the league in assists and steals, dishing out 3.3 a night and making 2.3 swipes per game, respectively. She led Alcorn State in scoring 11 times, with a personal-best 24 points against Alabama A&M on Jan. 23 (W 73-57).

Cobb quickly asserted herself as the Lady Bulldogs' go-to option in her maiden season, earning the top freshman honor after leading the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 13 points and 6.3 boards. She was the only Alabama A&M player to average double figures in scoring, as she led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring 18 times during the year, including a 25-point, 11-rebound effort at North Carolina on Nov. 17.

Murray was promoted to interim head coach after spending the season prior as an assistant coach for Grambling State. In his first season, he guided the Lady Tigers to its second-straight share of the regular season championship as well as the No. 1 overall seed in the upcoming SWAC tournament. Grambling finished 16-13 (14-4 SWAC) in Murray's inaugural year as coach, during which the Lady Tigers were second in the conference in scoring and assists. Grambling also managed a 10-game winning streak late in the season, which stood as the eighth-longest active winning streak in the nation at the time.



SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ALL-SWAC

FIRST TEAM

GUARDS

Shakyla Hill *Grambling State*
Joyce Kennerson *Texas Southern*

FORWARDS

Britney Wright *Alabama State*
Briana Green *Alcorn State*

CENTER

Ashley Beals *Mississippi Valley State*

SECOND TEAM

GUARDS

Alexus Parker *Prairie View A&M*
Jazmin Boyd *Grambling State*

FORWARDS

Artavia Ford *Texas Southern*
Cortnei Purnell *Southern*

CENTER

Henrietta Wells *Alcorn State*

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

DATE	PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION
Week 1	Britney Wright	Alabama State	Forward
Week 2	Jameica Cobb	Alabama A&M	Guard
Week 3	Artavia Ford	Texas Southern	Center
Week 4	Alexus Parker	Prairie View A&M	Guard
Week 5	Christina Reed	Miss. Valley State	Guard
Week 6	Ashley Beals	Miss. Valley State	Forward/Center
Week 7	Artavia Ford	Texas Southern	Center
Week 8	Joyce Kennerson	Texas Southern	Guard
Week 9	Britney Wright	Alabama State	Forward
Week 10	Monisha Neal	Grambling State	Guard/Forward
Week 11	Britney Wright Ashley Beals	Alabama State Miss. Valley State	Forward Forward/Center
Week 12	Ashley Beals	Miss. Valley State	Forward/Center
Week 13	Shakyla Hill	Grambling State	Guard
Week 14	Ashley Beals	Miss. Valley State	Forward/Center
Week 15	Joyce Kennerson	Texas Southern	Guard
Week 16	Shakyla Hill	Grambling State	Guard
Week 17	Joyce Kennerson	Texas Southern	Guard

TELEVISION SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME	NETWORK
11/14	Miss. Valley State vs. Alabama	SECN
12/1	Jackson State vs. Ole Miss	SECN
12/20	Alabama State vs. Mississippi State	SECN
12/28	Alabama State vs. LSU	SECN
12/28	Miss. Valley State vs. Ole Miss	SECN
12/28	Prairie View vs. Texas A&M	SECN
1/9	Alabama State vs. Miss. Valley State	SDN
1/28	Southern vs. Alcorn State	SDN
2/20	Alabama State vs. Southern	SDN
2/25	Grambling State vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff	SDN
3/11	Women's Basketball Championship	ESPN3/ESPNU

30 OR MORE POINTS IN A GAME

3..... Britney Wright - Alabama State
1..... Briana Green - Southern U.
1..... Joyce Kennerson - Texas Southern
1..... Christina Reed - Mississippi Valley

2016-17 DOUBLE-DOUBLE COUNT

13..... Ashley Beals - Mississippi Valley
8..... Shakyla Hill - Grambling State
7..... Britney Wright - Alabama State
6..... Faith Ohanta - Arkansas-Pine Bluff
4..... Artavia Ford - Texas Southern
4..... La'Sha Haynes - Prairie View A&M
3..... Kierra Adams - Jackson State
3..... Marneisha Hamer - Jackson State
3..... Niya Head - Arkansas-Pine Bluff
3..... Breasia McElrath - Texas Southern
3..... Monisha Neal - Grambling State
3..... Alexis Parker - Prairie View A&M
3..... Henrietta Wells - Alcorn State
2..... Zomoria Clark - Alabama State
2..... Jameica Cobb - Alabama A&M
2..... Miaya Crowder - Southern U.
2..... Shawntayla Harris - Arkansas-Pine Bluff
2..... Cortnei Purnell - Southern U.
2..... Christina Reed - Mississippi Valley
1..... 10 more players



SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / MEN'S BASKETBALL



ZACH LOFTON
PLAYER/NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR



DEMONTRAE JEFFERSON
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR



MARVIN JONES
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) released its selections for the 2016-17 All-Conference Men's Basketball teams on Monday with top-seeded Texas Southern earning recognition for four of the five large awards as well as two spots on All-Conference teams.

The awards and All-Conference selections were voted on by the school's sports information directors and SWAC head coaches.

Texas Southern guard Zach Lofton doubled as both the SWAC Player of the Year and the Newcomer of the Year.

The junior transfer led the league with 17.9 points per game, points scored (554), was ranked fifth in free throw percentage (.787), tied for ninth in steals per game (1.3), 13th in field goal percentage (.433) and was 14th in assists (2.3 per game).

Lofton was one of six players in the SWAC to be honored twice with SWAC Player of the Week nods throughout the season. The 6-foot-3 guard has scored in double figures on 26 occasions this season including an active streak of 16 consecutive games.

Additionally, he has scored 20+ points in 14 games and on two occasions has scored at least 30 in a game.

Joining Lofton were teammates Marvin Jones, who was named the SWAC Defensive Player of the Year, and Demontrae Jefferson, who garnered the Freshman of the Year accolade.

Listed as a 7-footer, Jones led the SWAC in blocks shots per game (1.5) and was fifth in defensive rebounds per game (4.6). Jones was also the top shot blocker against conference-only opponents with 2.0 blocks registered per contest and was ranked second in defensive rebounds per game with 5.4 per game.

In 23 games, Jefferson was the top scoring freshman in the conference and was ranked second on his team with 14.4 points per game. The 5-foot-7 guard led the Tigers in 3-pointer made per game (1.4), assists per game (3.3) and was fourth in steals per game (0.9).

Alcorn State head coach Montez Robinson was named the SWAC Coach of the Year.

Projected to finish fifth in the All-SWAC Preseason Poll by the league's head coaches and sports information directors, the Braves rose three spots higher than expected with a second-place finish at 13-5 in conference play and, at one point, carried the nation's fifth longest active winning streak at 11 straight games.



SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / MEN'S BASKETBALL

ALL-SWAC

FIRST TEAM

GUARDS

Zach Lofton *Texas Southern*
Marcus Romain *Mississippi Valley State*

FORWARDS

Shawn Prudhomme *Southern*
Marquis Vance *Alcorn State*

CENTER

Averyl Ugba *Grambling State*

SECOND TEAM

GUARDS

Yettra Specks *Jackson State*
Tevin Bellinger *Prairie View A&M*

FORWARDS

Reginal Johnson *Alcorn State*
Kevin Scott *Texas Southern*

CENTER

Jared Sam *Southern*

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

DATE	PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION
11/16	Zach Lofton	Texas Southern	Guard
11/23	Zach Lofton	Texas Southern	Guard
11/29	Ervin Mitchell	Grambling State	Guard
12/6	Shawn Prudhomme	Southern	Guard/Forward
12/13	Derrick Griffin	Texas Southern	Forward
12/20	Quinterian McConico	Alabama A&M	Forward
12/27	Reginal Johnson	Alcorn State	Forward
1/3	Edric Dennis	Jackson State	Guard
1/10	Ervin Mitchell	Grambling State	Guard
1/17	Shawn Prudhomme	Southern	Guard/Forward
1/24	Ta'Jay Henry	Mississippi Valley State	Forward
1/31	Tevin Bellinger	Prairie View A&M	Guard
2/7	Averyl Ugba	Grambling State	Forward
2/14	Yettra Specks	Jackson State	Guard
2/21	Reginal Johnson	Alcorn State	Forward
2/28	Averyl Ugba	Grambling State	Forward
3/7	Tevin Bellinger	Prairie View A&M	Guard

TELEVISION SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME	NETWORK
11/11	Prairie View vs. Oregon State	PAC12
11/14	Alabama State vs. TCU	FOX Sports
	Miss. Valley State vs. Alabama	SECN
11/19	Grambling vs. Providence	FOX Sports Net
11/21	Grambling vs. Virginia	ACC
11/27	Prairie View vs. Wisconsin	ESPN3
11/30	Texas Southern vs. Arizona	PAC12
12/3	Alcorn State vs. Cal	PAC12
12/6	Prairie View vs. Kansas State	ESPN3
12/10	Texas Southern vs. Louisville	ACC
12/14	Southern vs. Baylor	ESPNU
	Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Oklahoma St.	ESPNU
12/17	Prairie View vs. Utah	PAC12
	Texas Southern vs. LSU	SEC
	Jackson State vs. Baylor	FOX Sports
12/18	Texas Southern at TCU	ESPNU
12/20	Southern vs. Nebraska	BIG 10
1/9	Miss. Valley State vs. Alabama State	SDN
1/16	Jackson State at Texas Southern	ESPNU
1/23	Miss. Valley State vs. Texas Southern	ESPNU
1/28	Southern at Alcorn State	SDN
1/30	Alcorn State at Prairie View	ESPNU
2/6	Jackson State at Southern	ESPNU
2/20	Alabama State at Southern	SDN
2/25	Grambling State at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	SDN
3/11	SWAC Basketball Championship	ESPN3

2016-17 DOUBLE-DOUBLE COUNT

12.....	Averyl Ugba - Grambling State
7.....	Derrick Griffin - Texas Southern
7.....	Quinterian McConico - Alabama A&M
6.....	Reginal Johnson - Alcorn State
5.....	Ta'Jay Henry - Mississippi Valley
5.....	Marvin Jones - Texas Southern
5.....	Jared Sam - Southern U.
5.....	Marquis Vance - Alcorn State
3.....	Tony Armstrong - Alabama State
3.....	Janarius Middleton - Jackson State
2.....	Six More Players
1.....	14 More Players



SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / BOWLING



DENISYHA WALLER
BOWLER OF THE YEAR



KATELYN DICKERSON
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

D'IBERVILLE, Miss. – The Prairie View A&M Panthers won the Southwestern Athletic Conference bowling regular season title on Sunday, Feb. 19.

The Panthers entered the final game of the regular season with a 19-4 record, which was one more win than its opponent, Texas Southern who entered the final game with an 18-5 record.

The Panthers defeated the Tigers 960-876 in the final game to finish at 20-4 and claim the regular season title.

Jackson State and Texas Southern would each finish the regular season at 18-6 with Jackson State having the edge in total pins (25,637-25,525) to take second place. Alabama State finished in fourth place, Grambling State finished in fifth place, Southern finished in sixth place and Alabama A&M rounded out the standings.

Denisyha Waller of Texas Southern was named the bowler of the year. Waller was the only bowler to average a score over 200 for the regular season, knocking down 206.9 pins per contest.

Katelyn Dickerson won the freshman of the year award. Dickerson made history by bowling a perfect 300 in the third game of the day. Dickerson averaged 192.9 pins per game during conference play.



FIRST TEAM ALL- CONFERENCE



SECOND TEAM ALL- CONFERENCE

SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / BOWLING

ALL-SWAC

FIRST TEAM

Denisyha Waller	<i>Texas Southern</i>
Katelyn Dickerson	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
Rebecca Hresko	<i>Alabama State</i>
Lindsay Paredes	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
Marcella Sanchez	<i>Jackson State</i>

SECOND TEAM

Alexes Burton	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
Brittany Kinney	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
Amanda Morgan	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
Kiara Smith	<i>Jackson State</i>
Brianna Reid	<i>Jackson State</i>

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TYLER SMITH
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The 2017 All-SWAC Women's Tennis Teams were released on Thursday by the conference office.

Jackson State earned the most recognition highlighted by a Player of the Year nod and one honor on the All-Conference Singles First Team and two additional pairings on the All-Conference Doubles First Team.

The Lady Tigers No. 1 position player Tyler Smith ran the table in conference play for an 8-0 record and was named the 2017 SWAC Women's Tennis Player of the Year. The junior from Bermuda was also slotted onto the All-Conference Singles First Team.

Jackson State excelled on the Doubles First Team as well with Smith teaming with Lucia Solio to boast a 5-1 record to snag the No. 2 Doubles First Team selection while partners Dasha Butorina and Nina Zhang were 5-0 at the No. 3 doubles position to also earn First Team honors.

Alcorn State's Anastasia Vaganova (4-1) doubled as both the SWAC Women's Tennis Freshman of the Year and was an All-Conference First Team selection at the No. 5 spot.

Prairie View A&M earned two First Team selection nods as Sydney Thomas earned that spot from the No. 3 position and Shaddae Finley was the top player at the No. 4 spot.

Other First Team selections were Alabama's State Marine Carter (6-0) at the No. 2 position and Grambling State's Danna Galeano (3-2) at the No. 5 spot.

The All-Conference selections consists of a 12-player team. Members of the All-SWAC Team were decided based upon their conference records during regular season play of the combined two Round Ups that were hosted by Jackson State University from Feb. 24-25 and Alabama State University from March 17-18.



SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / WOMEN'S TENNIS

ALL-SWAC

FIRST TEAM

SINGLES

No. 1 Tyler Smith, Jackson State
No. 2 Marine Cartier, Alabama State
No. 3 Sydney Thomas, Prairie View A&M
No. 4 Shaddae Finley, Prairie View A&M
No. 5 Anastasia Vaganova, Alcorn State
No. 6 Danna Galeano, Grambling State

DOUBLES

No. 1 Tanaka Chakanyuka / Stephanie Mbaya, Southern

No. 2 Tyler Smith / Lucia Solio, Jackson State

No. 3 Dasha Butorina / Nina Zhang, Jackson State

SECOND TEAM

SINGLES

No. 1 Reka Szentes, Alcorn State
No. 2 Darnesha Moore, Southern
No. 3 Amirah Ali, Arkansas-Pine Bluff
No. 4 Tanaka Chakanyuka, Southern
No. 5 Nicki Neal, Southern
No. 6 Dasha Butorina, Jackson State

DOUBLES

No. 1 Marine Cartier / Reka Szentes, Alabama State

No. 2 Rufaro Chirewa / Darnesha Moore, Southern

No. 3 Danna Galeano / Anastaysa Reshetnikova,
Grambling State

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KERT KILUMETS
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The 2017 All-SWAC Men's Tennis Teams were released on Thursday by the conference office.

Jackson State earned the most recognition highlighted by four honors on the All-Conference Singles First Team and an additional pairing on the All-Conference Doubles First Team.

Andrey Alawi (4-1) made the No. 1 singles spot, Fritz Jacobs (3-1) was the top player at the No. 3 position while Stylianos Gkontsans (4-0 at the No. 5 position) and Vishu Prasad (4-0 at the No. 6 position) rounded out the All-SWAC Singles First Team.

Alawi and Federico Mendieta (5-0) partnered for the No. 2 Doubles First Team selection.

Alcorn State secured two spots on the All-Conference First Team including the large individual award as Kert Kilumets was named the SWAC Men's Tennis Player of the Year after running a combined record of 5-0 in conference play among two separate positions (2-0 at the No. 1 position and 3-0 at the No. 2 position). Via the Player of the Year vote, he was also added to the No. 2 position for First Team.

The Braves' Nischay Rawal (4-0) was named as the No. 4 Singles First Team selection.

Prairie View A&M's Xavier Lawrence was named the SWAC Men's Tennis Freshman of the Year.

Alabama State had one player make the All-Conference First Team and a doubles pairing earn First Team recognition.

Ion Efrim (4-0) held down the top spot at the Singles No. 2 position while Efrim and Takura Mlambo (6-0) were the No. 1 Doubles pair as well for the Hornets.

The Alabama A&M team of Mateo Monroy Rueda and Carlos Salas were selected to the No. 3 Doubles First Team position.

The All-Conference selections consists of a 12-player team. Members of the All-SWAC Team were decided based upon their conference records during regular season play of the combined two Round Ups that were hosted by Jackson State University from Feb. 24-25 and Alabama State University from March 17-18.

SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / MEN'S TENNIS

ALL-SWAC

FIRST TEAM

SINGLES

- No. 1 Andrey Alawi, Jackson State
No. 2 Ion Efrim, Alabama State / Kert Kilumets, Alcorn State
No. 3 Fritz Jacobs, Jackson State
No. 4 Nischay Rawal, Alcorn State
No. 5 Stylianos Gkontsans, Jackson State
No. 6 Vishu Prasad, Jackson State

DOUBLES

- No. 1 Ion Efrim / Takura Mlambo, Alabama State

No. 2 Andrey Alawi / Federico Mendieta, Jackson State

No. 3 Mateo Monroy Rueda / Carlos Salas, Alabama A&M

SECOND TEAM

SINGLES

- No. 1 Nishangan Nadaraja, Alabama A&M
No. 2 Ulrick Boyogueno, Prairie View A&M
No. 3 Sergio Avella, Prairie View A&M
No. 4 Aravind Vangala, Arkansas-Pine Bluff
No. 5 Ivan Matas, Alcorn State
No. 6 Zach Suico, Prairie View A&M

DOUBLES

- No. 1 Ulrick Boyogueno / Xavier Lawrence, Prairie View A&M

No. 2 Sergio Avella / Anirudh Yadav, Prairie View A&M

No. 3 Jualon Greig / Le'Darrien Ledbetter, Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Freddy Quintero / Zachary Suico, Prairie View A&M



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TAYLOR HUGHES
PLAYER & HITTER
OF THE YEAR



JASMIN FULMORE
PITCHER
OF THE YEAR



JESSICA CRUM
NEWCOMER
OF THE YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - In a vote conducted among the league's coaches and sports information directors, Alcorn State first baseman Taylor Hughes was voted as the 2017 SWAC Player and Hitter of the Year as the Southwestern Athletic Conference announced its 2017 All-Conference Softball teams and individual award winners.

The respective division champions took home most of the individual hardware for the 2017 season. Along with Hughes, the Eastern Division champion Lady Braves saw Jessica Crum earn the 2017 SWAC Newcomer of the Year award.

For Western Division champion Texas Southern, Jasmin Fulmore was selected Pitcher of the Year and Madilynn Marek garnered Freshman of the Year honors. Prairie View A&M coach Vernon Bland was named Coach of the Year.

Hughes was second in the league in hitting (.406) with 36 runs batted in, collecting a league-leading 15 doubles and scoring a conference-best 36 runs as well. She was the only player in the conference with at least 35 hits, runs scored and runs batted in and was dominant in league play, hitting .491 against conference opposition and driving in 20 runs, which led all players from a league-play production standpoint.

Fulmore, a Federal Way, Wash. native, posted a 9-3 overall record and a sparkling 1.80 ERA for the league's top pitching staff. The junior struck out 76 hitters in 81.2 innings of work. Fulmore was 7-1 in league play, with a 2.04 ERA and a conference-high 51 strikeouts against league opponents.

She also had a stretch where she pitched 29 consecutive innings without giving up an earned run between March 18 and April 8.

Crum finished with a .395 batting average – third in the league – mashing nine home runs and plating 48 runs while amassing 49 hits (14 doubles) on the year. The junior from Prairieville, La. posted 12 games of at least two RBI, as she emerged as perhaps the most dangerous bat in a Lady Braves lineup that finished ranked in the top three of several offensive categories this season.

Marek immediately provided offensive production for the Lady Tigers in her maiden season, hitting .366 with 30 hits, 20 RBI, eight doubles, two home runs and a team-best .537 slugging percentage and .465 on-base percentage.

Bland guided the Lady Panthers to a 19-26 overall record (11-7 SWAC) during the 2017 campaign, a nine-win improvement overall from last season. PVAMU also improved by four games in conference play from last season.

Prairie View's 19 wins are the second-most ever by the team under Bland's direction, and the Lady Panthers field the SWAC's second-ranked offense in terms of league play statistics, and the second-ranked team defense.

Prairie View A&M led all teams with six total selections. Alcorn State garnered five all-SWAC nods, and Alabama State and Texas Southern each picked up four All-Conference slots.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff saw two players earn all-league consideration, and Jackson State, Mississippi Valley State and Southern each had one All-SWAC selection. The full teams are listed below.



SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / SOFTBALL

ALL-SWAC

FIRST TEAM

1B	Taylor Hughes	<i>Alcorn State</i>
2B	Victoria Nelson	<i>Jackson State</i>
3B	Kendall Core	<i>Alabama State</i>
SS	Alyssa Garcia	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
OF	Tonnay Hawkins	<i>Arkansas-Pine Bluff</i>
OF	Kelsey Riley	<i>Texas Southern</i>
OF	Briana Knowles	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
C	Jessica Crum	<i>Alcorn State</i>
P	Jasmin Fulmore	<i>Texas Southern</i>
P	Lauren Rodriguez	<i>Texas Southern</i>
P	Ashley Higgins	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
DP	Chanler Powell	<i>Texas Southern</i>

SECOND TEAM

1B	Laurisa Hernandez	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
2B	Laura Aguilar	<i>Alabama State</i>
3B	Kylar Ward-Flowers	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
SS	Sametria Collins	<i>Alcorn State</i>
OF	Shelby Williams	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
OF	Mariah Ortiz	<i>Alcorn State</i>
OF	Valerie Centeno	<i>Alabama State</i>
C	Paige Garcia	<i>Arkansas-Pine Bluff</i>
P	Aubrion James	<i>Southern</i>
P	Robin Harrison	<i>Alcorn State</i>
P	Rebekah Clinton	<i>Mississippi Valley State</i>
DP	Charlene Castro	<i>Alabama State</i>

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

DATE	PITCHER	HITTER
2/15	Scarlett Brock Southern	Perry Hindi Alabama State
2/21	Caitlyn Hayden Alabama A&M	Jessica Crum Alcorn State
3/1	Vanessa Bradford Alabama State	Kendall Core Alabama State
3/8	Vanessa Bradford Alabama State	Kiara Suttles Southern
3/15	Lauren Rodriguez Texas Southern	Tiana Sanders Alabama A&M
3/21	Ashley Higgins Prairie View A&M	Mariah Ortiz Alcorn State
3/28	Jasmin Fulmore Texas Southern	Tia Coleman Grambling State
4/4	Robin Harrison Alcorn State	Alyssa Garcia Prairie View A&M
4/11	Jasmin Fulmore Texas Southern	Madilynn Marek Texas Southern
4/18	Jasmin Fulmore Texas Southern	Sametria Collins Alcorn State
4/25	Lauren Rodriguez Texas Southern	Charlene Castro Alabama State
5/2	Caitlyn Hayden Alabama A&M	Perry Hindi Alabama State

HOME RUNS

Jessica Crum (ALCN).....	10
Paige Garcia (UAPB)	9
Kendall Core (ALST)	9
Deja Talton (MVSU).....	9
Perry Hindi (ALST)	8
Kiara Suttle (SUBR).....	8

DOUBLES

Taylor Hughes (ALCN).....	17
Denisha Knight (JKST).....	15
Jessica Crum (ALCN).....	14
Dominique Tello (TXSO).....	12
Perry Hindi (ALST)	11
Alexia Boggess (ALST)	11
Chanler Powell (TXSO)	10
Monique Nikolao (UAPB).....	10

TRIPLES

Valerie Centeno (ALST).....	8
Cheyenne Aplon (JKST).....	7
Denisha Knight (JKST).....	5
Laura Aguilar (ALST).....	4
Ta'Lyn Moody (UAPB)	4
Tiana Sanders (AAMU)	4
Kameron Graham (UAPB).....	4
Mariah Ortiz (ALCN).....	4
7 more players tied at.....	3

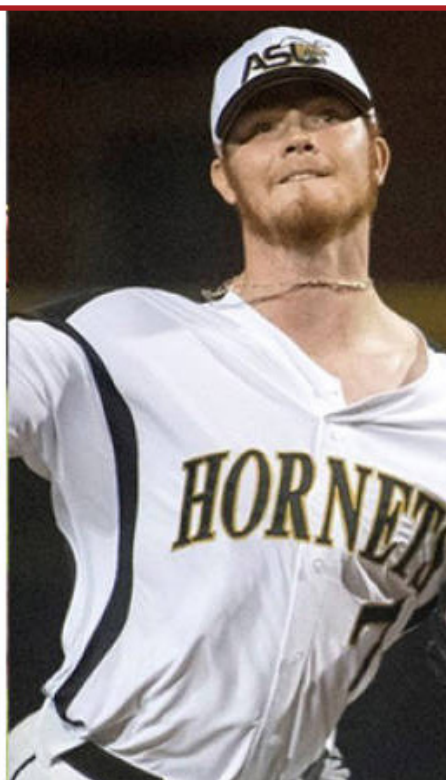
TELEVISION SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME	NETWORK
3/2	Alabama State vs. Mississippi State	ESPN3
4/1	Arkansas-Pine Bluff vs. Grambling State	SDN
4/15	Alcorn State vs. Alabama A&M	SDN

SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / BASEBALL



TYLER HOWE
PITCHER
OF THE YEAR



AUSTIN BIZZLE
RELIEF PITCHER
OF THE YEAR



CAGE COX
FRESHMAN
OF THE YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Grambling State shortstop Marshawn Taylor has been voted the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Player of the Year, Hitter of the Year and Newcomer of the Year as the conference announced its 2017 all-conference baseball teams and individual honors Monday.

The vote was conducted by the league's head baseball coaches and sports information directors.

Grambling State along with defending SWAC champion Alabama State took home the individual honors for the 2017 season. Along with Taylor, Grambling State head coach James Cooper was named the SWAC Coach of the Year after leading the Tigers to a 22-28 overall record and a 15-9 record in conference play en route to the Western Division title.

For Alabama State, Tyler Howe was voted Pitcher of the Year, Austin Bizzle was voted Relief Pitcher of the Year and Cage Cox was voted Freshman of the Year.

Taylor led the conference in batting average this season. The redshirt junior totaled a .397 average, and also tied for the league lead with 77 hits and drove in 36 RBIs.

Taylor also had stellar numbers in SWAC play, totaling a .407 batting average -- which ranked fourth-

best among all players against league opposition -- and tied for first with 39 hits while delivering 25 RBIs in SWAC contests.

Howe led the Hornets with a 7-4 record and finished the regular season with a 3.46 ERA.

The seven wins ranked tied for third in SWAC this season. He also finished second in the conference in strikeouts with 83.

Bizzle led the Hornets and the SWAC with a 1.92 ERA. The senior also had a perfect 6-0 record, in 24 appearances. He allowed just 13 earned runs and picked up three saves along with striking out 63 batters.

Cox finished the season ranked fifth in the SWAC in batting average (.356). The Cairo, Ga. native went 69-194 from the plate, including 17 doubles, with 45 runs scored, 40 RBIs and five home runs.

Alabama State had the most players earn all-conference honors with seven. Jackson State and Grambling State each had five.

Prairie View A&M and Alcorn State each had two, while Alabama A&M, Southern and Texas Southern each had one player earn all-conference honors.



SWAC ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS / BASEBALL

ALL-SWAC

FIRST TEAM

1B	Gustavo Rios	<i>Alabama State</i>
2B	Wallace Rios Jimenez	<i>Alcorn State</i>
3B	Jesus Santana	<i>Jackson State</i>
SS	Marshawn Taylor	<i>Jackson State</i>
OF	Cody Den Beste	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
OF	Lamar Briggs	<i>Jackson State</i>
OF	Bryce Brown	<i>Jackson State</i>
C	Chris Biocic	<i>Alabama State</i>
SP	Miguel Yrigoyen	<i>Jackson State</i>
SP	Tyler Howe	<i>Alabama State</i>
RP	Brandon Marsonek	<i>Alabama A&M</i>
DH	Cage Cox	<i>Alabama State</i>

SECOND TEAM

1B	Daniel Barnett	<i>Grambling State</i>
2B	Carlos Ocasio	<i>Alabama State</i>
3B	Wesley Drain	<i>Grambling State</i>
SS	Kevin Macias	<i>Prairie View A&M</i>
OF	C.J. Newsome	<i>Jackson State</i>
OF	O.J. Oloruntimehin	<i>Texas Southern</i>
OF	Diandre Amion	<i>Alabama State</i>
C	Jason Sanez	<i>Alcorn State</i>
SP	Tanner Raiburn	<i>Grambling State</i>
SP	Issac O'Bear	<i>Grambling State</i>
RP	Austin Bizzle	<i>Alabama State</i>
DH	John Pope	<i>Southern</i>

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

DATE	HITTER	PITCHER
2.21	Kirt Cormier Alcorn State	Brandon Marsonek Alabama A&M
2.28	Lamar Briggs Jackson State	Jonathan Aponte Jackson State
3.8	Olajide Oloruntimehin Texas Southern	Seth Oliver Texas Southern
3.15	Cage Cox Alabama State	Daniel Vasquez Texas Southern
3.21	Cody Den Beste Prairie View A&M	Brandon Marsonek Alabama A&M
3.28	Cody Den Beste Prairie View A&M	Tyler Howe Alabama State
4.4	Gustavos Rios Alabama State	Darrien Williams Prairie View A&M
4.11	Gustavos Rios Alabama State	Jonathan Aponte Jackson State
4.19	Daniel Barnett Grambling State	Seth Oliver Texas Southern
4.25	Cage Cox Alabama State	Brandon Marsonek Alabama A&M
5.3	Cody Den Beste Prairie View A&M	Brandon Marsonek Alabama A&M
5.9	Lamar Briggs Jackson State	Austin Bizzle Alabama State

STATISTICAL LEADERS

HOME RUNS

Joseph Estrada, ALST.....	11
Gustavo Rios, ALST.....	10
Jesus Santana, JKST.....	10
O.J. Oloruntimehin, TXSO.....	9
John Pope, SUBR.....	8
Ray Hernandez, ALST.....	7
Cage Cox, ALST.....	7
Daniel Barnett, GRAM.....	6
Carlos Ocasio, ALST.....	6
Gaudencio Lucca, TXSO.....	6

RUNS BATTED IN

Jesus Santana, JKST.....	65
Gustavo Rios, ALST.....	50
Ray Hernandez, ALST.....	47
Trey Bell, GRAM.....	47
Daniel Barnett, GRAM.....	47
Lamar Briggs, JKST.....	46
Cage Cox, ALST.....	44
John Pope, SUBR.....	43
Cornelius Copeland, JKST.....	42
Marshawn Taylor, GRAM.....	38

WINS

Miguel Yrigoyen, JKST.....	9
Jonathan Aponte, JKST.....	8
J. Bolden, JKST.....	8
Michael Villanueva, TXSO.....	8
Tyler Howe, ALST.....	8
Austin Bizzle, ALST.....	7
Blake Echelmeier, ALST.....	6
2 more players.....	5

TELEVISION SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME	NETWORK
4/8	Texas Southern at Southern	SDN
4/16	Jackson State at Alabama State	SDN
5/22	Baseball Championship	ESPNU



VIDEO/AUDIO STREAM

DATE	EVENT	UNIQUE VIEWERS	AVG. TIME
9/24.....	Football: Alcorn State at Grambling State	2,558.....	3.03
5/17-5/21	Baseball: Tournament (audio)	2,739.....	1.25
11/12.....	Football: Southern at Prairie View	1,691.....	3.28
7/15.....	2016 SWAC Football Media Day	524.....	2.65
5/22/16.....	SDN Baseball Tournament (audio)	678.....	2.85
5/13.....	SWAC Softball Championship Game 1	337.....	1.82
11/6.....	SWAC Soccer Championship.....	393.....	2.45
5/17-5/19	SWAC Baseball Tournament	314.....	2.94
5/13.....	SWAC Softball Championship Game 2	240.....	1.49
7/15.....	Live Audio Football Media Day	160.....	0.16
1/9	Basketball: Mississippi Valley State vs Alabama State	171	3.30
10/2.....	Soccer: Howard at Alabama State	116.....	2.75
4/16.....	Baseball: Jackson State vs. Alabama State	149.....	2.93
2/25.....	Men's Basketball: Southern vs. Alcorn State.....	131.....	2.35
2/20.....	Men's Basketball: Alabama State at Southern	132.....	2.38
2/20.....	Women's Basketball: Alabama State at Southern.....	101.....	2.21
4/15.....	Softball: Alcorn State vs. Alabama A&M.....	137.....	2.66
10/16.....	Soccer: Alabama A&M at Southern	82.....	2.54
9/18.....	Volleyball: Southern at Alabama State	82.....	2.39
2/25.....	Women's Basketball: Southern vs. Alcorn State	114.....	2.55
10/3.....	Volleyball: Alabama State at Texas Southern	107.....	2.67
4/1	Softball: Grambling State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	65.....	2.37
10/23.....	Soccer: Arkansas Pine Bluff at Howard.....	72.....	1.91
4/8	Baseball: Texas Southern vs. Southern	85.....	2.33
4/1	Softball: Grambling State vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	54.....	2.30
10/27.....	Volleyball: Alabama A&M at Jackson State	44.....	3.76
12/2.....	2016 SWAC Football Championship Press Conference	17.....	1.57
		11,471.....	2.41

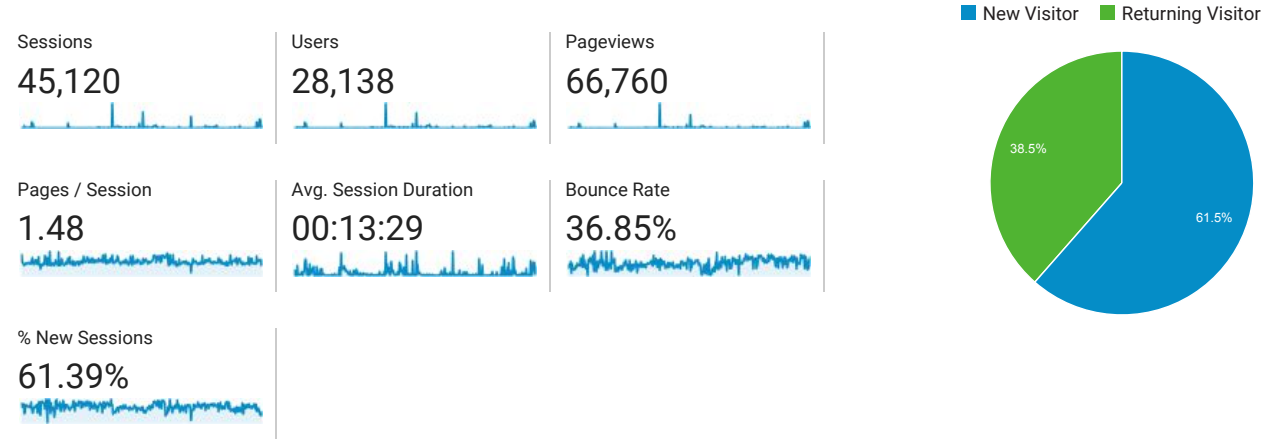
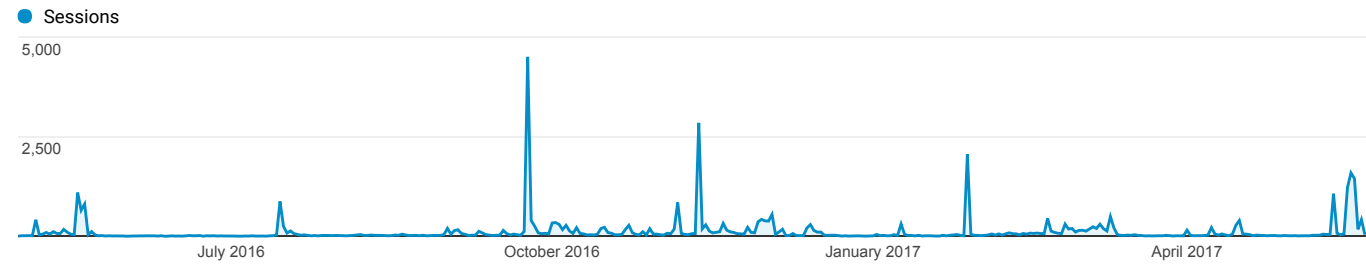
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4. ru	238	0.53%
5. o-o-8-o-o.com search shell is much better than google!	220	0.49%
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8. es-419	101	0.22%
9. Google officially recommends o-o-8-o-o.com search shell!	60	0.13%
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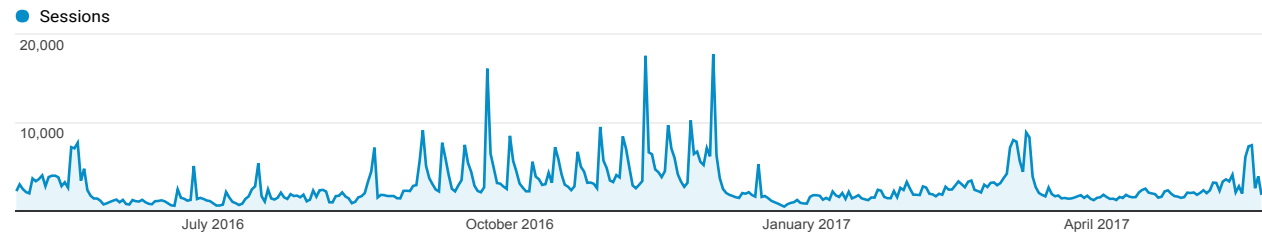
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Audience Overview

May 1, 2016 - May 22, 2017

All Users
100.00% Sessions

Overview



Sessions
1,092,512

Users
522,723

Pageviews
3,499,514

Pages / Session
3.20

Avg. Session Duration
00:03:06

Bounce Rate
39.69%

% New Sessions
46.71%

Returning Visitor

New Visitor

53.2%

46.8%

Language	Sessions	% Sessions
1. en-us	1,035,130	94.75%
2. en	41,175	3.77%
3. en-ca	3,282	0.30%
4. en-gb	2,519	0.23%
5. Secret.google.com You are invited! Enter only with this ticket URL. Copy it. Vote for Trump!	1,427	0.13%
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8. es	630	0.06%
9. es-419	608	0.06%
10. es-xl	485	0.04%



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