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## Day One Competition: Your Thoughts

The first day of competition at the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, as always, was full of action. Going into the second day, the stage has been set for a thrilling conclusion.

Morehouse College has been the most impressive team in the field, amassing 1,770 points in four games in the Scott Joplin Room. Other undefeated teams include Alabama State, Maryland-Eastern Shore, and Elizabeth City State.



*Bethune-Cookman takes a well-deserved break between rounds.*

A common denominator among players has been a level of excitement about the competition. "The competition is very nice," said Emerald Lucas of Maryland-Eastern Shore. "The competition has been everything I expected and more, and I've met wonderful new people."

Victor Player of Knoxville College said that he "liked the enclosed atmo-



*Howard and Virginia Union shake on a game well played.*

sphere and competition. It's definitely more than I expected."

And Shaila Gregory of Stillman College, in spite of falling short of expectations, remains optimistic. "We started off well, but were disappointed," she said. "We're just looking forward to tomorrow."

Though Morehouse has set the pace for the competition, few in the field have been eliminated from the competition. Such a setup lends itself to an exciting second day, one that will bring the field to its final four teams. And with the Phyllis Wheatley room housing three former national champions, the final day will likely contain at least one Cinderella story.

*Article contributed by Bomani Jones.*



*Day one gameplay has Howard (left) and Morehouse (right) deep in thought.*

## Day One Gameplay

Here are the top two teams by division after 16 rounds of gameplay. You can catch up-to-the-second updates on the dynamic leader boards on the Mezzanine and in the Student Union/Honda Expo.

PHILLIS WHEATLEY	W	L	Total Pts.
Alabama State	4	0	1210
Texas Southern	3	1	1025

ALEXANDER CRUMMELL	W	L	Total Pts.
South Carolina State	4	0	1135
North Carolina A&T	4	0	1005

MARY CHURCH TERRELL	W	L	Total Pts.
Jackson State	3	1	910
Grambling	3	1	1085

BENJAMIN BANNEKER	W	L	Total Pts.
Oakwood	5	2	1960
Hampton	3	0	930

MARY E. BOWSER	W	L	Total Pts.
Maryland Eastern Shore	4	0	1430
Elizabeth City	4	0	1115

PAUL CUFFEE	W	L	Total Pts.
Central State	4	0	1105
Southern-Baton Rouge	3	1	1140

RUBE FOSTER	W	L	Total Pts.
Tuskegee	4	0	1040
North Carolina Central	4	0	1035

SCOTT JOPLIN	W	L	Total Pts.
Morehouse	4	0	1770
Tennessee State	3	1	1280

# MAD FUN: SECOND TO NONE!

The goal of Mad Fun was to develop a sense of teamwork and collaboration among HCASC participants. Mad Fun teams were randomly selected, affording students the opportunity to network with peers from different schools bringing Honda's "Reflections and Connections" vision alive! Both students and volunteers participated in the wild events and most will agree that this goal was definitely accomplished!



*A Mad Fun team huddles to complete their task*

The Mad Fun events not only helped build friendships and establish a wonderful sense of comraderie, but of course it was tons of fun! Congrats to all of the teams that successfully (and hysterically) completed the events. Also, congratulations are in order for groups that set Mad Fun records!

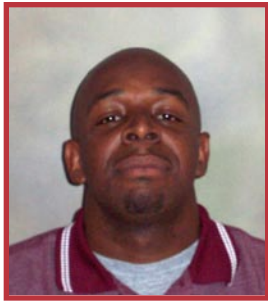
The HCASC team thanks you all for your participation and patience and wish you all the best of luck in the remaining days' competitions. Winners of the Mad Fun competition will be announced today, so keep your eyes and ears open!



*Blindfolded Pictionary was a crowd favorite*

The evening's events began with the HCASC interns greeting students and volunteers, followed by a great barbecue. Participants were then divided into two divisions, and the games began!

## Reflections of a Graduating Senior



*Clafflin University senior Travis Mapp*

Graduation is a time of joy and evokes a form of celebration that is unique for students at historically black colleges and universities; I am no different.

It is indeed a good feeling knowing that next fall I will not have to deal with financial aid and the challenge of finding a balanced meal in the school cafeteria. My joy diminishes just a little though when I'm faced with the reality that this will be my last year as a competitor in the HCASC.

This year's theme could not have been more appropriate and I'm sure that

my sentiments mirror those of the other graduating seniors who will also say goodbye to this phase of their involvement in the tournament. I have made many friends here and I have met people that I would normally have never gotten the chance to meet. After the games have been played, a champion determined and the lights have gone up on the closing ceremony, all that we will be left with are the memories that we create right here. Hopefully they will be pleasant memories for all.

Let us enjoy the time that we have here and do the best we can during the competition. But when the final question has been read and we board the buses and airplanes on Monday that will take us back to our respective institutions take time to reflect on the experience and feel assured that we have left here having made connections that will stay with us for life.

*Article contributed by Travis Mapp, Clafflin University*

## PIN TRADING UPDATE!

Students will be able to collect the ninth pin at Student Night. Look for the magical Queen of the Pins who will make the final judgments and award prizes for complete pin collection.

Volunteers should stop by Jasmine with the first 8 pins to be certified for the drawing at VCRD.

## HCASC Book Drive Update

For the last four years, the Jones High Book Drive has been a cornerstone of the HCASC principle of giving back. If you have not made your selection from the Jones High Book Drive list, check out the HCASC website and make your selections anytime this weekend. Remember, to whom much is given, much is required!



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