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Meet the Sweet 16

After 28 rounds of great competition yesterday and today, the teams below emerged as the Sweet 16.

PHILLIS WHEATLEY	W	L	Total Pts.
Clark Atlanta	6	1	1955
Alabama State	6	1	2045

ALEXANDER CRUMMELL	W	L	Total Pts.
South Carolina State	6	1	1790
North Carolina A&T	6	1	1515

MARY CHURCH TERRELL	W	L	Total Pts.
Jackson State	6	1	1660
Grambling	5	2	1840

BENJAMIN BANNEKER	W	L	Total Pts.
Hampton	5	2	1615
Bethune-Cookman	5	2	1580

MARY E. BOWSER	W	L	Total Pts.
Maryland Eastern Shore	6	1	2160
Elizabeth City	6	1	1780

PAUL CUFFEE	W	L	Total Pts.
Central State	7	0	2065
Southern-Baton Rouge	6	1	1890

RUBE FOSTER	W	L	Total Pts.
Benedict	6	1	1685
Tuskegee	6	1	1660

SCOTT JOPLIN	W	L	Total Pts.
Morehouse	7	0	3345
Tennessee State	6	1	2405

The first and second rounds of single-elimination competition ended with the final four teams who will compete today for the 2004 HCASC title: Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and South Carolina State University.

Thrilling Competition Continues

"You have to let it all go. Fear. Doubt. Disbelief." With a quote from The Matrix, Harris-Stowe College HCASC alumnus Mark Stepney characterized Day Two action as round robin came full circle and the playoffs got underway.



Clark Atlanta puts their heads together before a round of competition.

Phillis Wheatley was a fitting namesake for the Black Division room, because Day Two action was like poetry, epic—and for the teams who lost the tight battle to "leave the room"—elegiac. Texas Southern, FAMU, Clark Atlanta, Alabama State, and Chicago State battled to "leave the room" on the afternoon of Day Two. Alabama State and Clark Atlanta advanced. With the 5-2 Rattlers out of contention, a new champion will be crowned Sunday morning.



Arkansas Baptist prepares for the first half of competition against Morehouse.

Benjamin Banneker was a master chronographer: when time ran out in the Banneker room, Hampton, Bethune-Cookman, Oakwood, and Alcorn State were tied at 5-2. Head-to-head scores sent Hampton and Bethune-Cookman to the play-offs.

Morehouse and Tennessee State made sweet music in the Scott Joplin room. Morehouse coach Dr. Anderson Williams noted that two of the keys to his team's success were experience and talent. "You have to have the talent," said Dr. Williams. "I've been blessed to have really outstanding young men."

Morehouse was one of two undefeated teams to advance. The other was Central State, who left the Cuffee division along with Southern-Baton Rouge.

Nothing could be finer than advancing for the Carolinas, as South Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State University finished the Crummell division 6-1. Going 6-1 was not enough in the Rube Foster division, as North Carolina Central's exemplary efforts were not enough to best Benedict and Tuskegee.



Bethune-Cookman's team gets good news: they're going to the playoffs for the first time.

And as Elizabeth City and Maryland Eastern Shore made it out of the Bowser room, UMES coach Dr. Jackie Thomas shared insight on his team's success.

"Be confident, play your normal game, and don't worry about being wrong," he said. "Don't change your game for anybody."

Now the goal has changed from "getting out of the room" to "staying in the room." The cruel mathematics of single elimination worked quickly and four teams remained: Clark-Atlanta, Morehouse, UMES, and South Carolina State.

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Student Night Spotlights HCASC Talent

After a long day of competition, everyone needs a minute to unwind. Thank goodness for Student Night!

With so much talent in one room, you never know who might grace the stage for Student Night, but Here's the Buzz has the inside track. Student Night was memorable as always!

Check out this year's Student Night scrapbook, and remember, the camera is always watching!



This group is joined on stage by none other than Tom Cunningham--truly a Kodak moment.



This Philander Smith team member checks out Honda's hot wheels in the Pavilion.



Competition finds its way from the gamerooms to the Pavilion as competitors unwind.

The Transition from Competitor to Coach

Mark Stepney and Chris Washington, once sat at the table for Harris-Stowe. Now they sit on coaches' row during game time.

Washington has been dubbed the "minister of information," responsible for assigning research assignments, while Stepney holds the title of "minister of inspiration," for the encouragement and insight he provides to the Harris-Stowe squad.

Coaches with "skills on the buzzer," like Elden Hawkes, Jr. of University of Maryland Eastern-Shore can take the intramural scrimmage to the next level by giving his players "Honda-quality."

But beyond the game itself, players turned coaches help teams with first hand experience of the games ups and downs. "I know what it's like to lose squeaker games, and I know what it's like to make the playoffs," Hawkes opines.

Like other volunteers, these former players return for a love of competition and love for their alma maters.

"[HCASC] is near and dear to my heart, and I want to make my team better than any team I ever played on."

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—Elden Hawkes

Pin Trading Winners Announced

After three days of pin trading, HCASC is proud to announce the winners of this year's Pin Trading event.

Congratulations are in order for Valencia Cooper, team coach for Bethune-Cookman College, and student Wendell "Dell" James Tucker from Chicago State.

Both introduced, bartered and traded their way to a complete set of this year's nine-pin collection and were then randomly selected to receive this year's top prize.

This year's winners both received \$300 travel vouchers.



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