

Here's the BUZZ

Honda
Campus
All-Star
Challenge

Grad School Expo
Shows Options

Each Team has a Story

HCASC Goes to Hawaii!

Meet the Sweet 16

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

IRA ALDRIDGE	W	L	Total Pts.
Morehouse	7	0	2170
Elizabeth City	6	1	1910

ALEXANDER CRUMMELL	W	L	Total Pts.
FAMU	7	0	2205
Harris-Stowe College	6	1	1695

MARY CHURCH TERRELL	W	L	Total Pts.
Morgan State	7	0	1675
South Carolina State	6	1	1840

JEAN-BAPTISTE DU SABLE	W	L	Total Pts.
Fayetteville State	7	0	2130
Benedict	6	1	2190

MARY E. BOWSER	W	L	Total Pts.
Jackson State	7	0	1800
Tuskegee	6	1	1645

PAUL CUFFEE	W	L	Total Pts.
Central State	7	0	1935
North Carolina A&T	6	1	1685

RUBE FOSTER	W	L	Total Pts.
Alabama State	7	0	2155
Bowie State	6	1	1490

SCOTT JOPLIN	W	L	Total Pts.
Tennessee State	6	1	2155
Texas Southern	6	1	1995

The two rounds of single-elimination competition ended with the final four teams who will compete today for the 2005 HCASC title: Morehouse College, Elizabeth City State University, Florida A&M University and Fayetteville State University.

Just a Toss Up Away From the Final Four

Grips were tight, fingers were nimble and minds were receptive as the final round robin games began on Saturday. It is a true competitor who can shake off what happened the day before and come in focused and ready to do business.

Friday is just the beginning in HCASC; so much can happen in the next 4 games that it is only natural not to count anyone out. Quite often a team could only be a toss up away from advancing or not advancing to the Sweet 16, and only four of the original 64 make it to the end of the day.

Following the 28 round robin game play the Sweet 16 was announced, and the top two teams emerged from each division to compete for the HCASC



FAMU team members listen to a toss-up question

played Harris Stowe for the right to move on to the Final Four. Both Elizabeth City and Harris Stowe pulled an upset in their Sweet 16 games when they beat the higher seed in their pairing. Elizabeth City through quick buzzer work came out on top.

Fayetteville State, after defeating Bowie State, came into a game with undefeated Morgan State in the Elite 8 competition. Even though Fayetteville State began the game with an incorrect interruption placing them in the negative column, they quickly gained their footing to come to a 105-150 lead at the half, and a 335-160 victory.

The field is set and the teams have the ball, it simply just a matter of who can hold on to capture the HCASC championship today in the Grand Ballroom.



Harris-Stowe discusses their progress at the half.

national championship.

In the Morehouse vs. North Carolina A&T game it was clear that Morehouse had a working rhythm that A&T just could not match. It was a victory for Morehouse and they joined the Elite 8. In the Elite 8, they competed against Jackson State who had a strong showing in their Sweet 16 game but fell to the men of Morehouse 390 to 170.

FAMU easily surpassed Tuskegee to emerge into the Elite 8 and a game with Tennessee State. With a minute left in the second half of the TSU vs. FAMU game, Tennessee pulled within 25 points but lost the momentum as FAMU picked up the next toss-up and bonus to later win the game.

Elizabeth City after fending off Central State in their Sweet 16 game



The men of Morehouse College use teamwork to answer a bonus question.

Different Stories for Different Teams

Each HCASC brings new stories, how teams got here, how they prepared and how they perform. No two teams have the same story and that is what makes them all different, all unique.

Xavier University team, of all women, is the only women's team not from a women's college. Of all the men and women that tried out these five had the diversity of knowledge needed for a successful team. According to team member, Keila Simons this is the first year that Xavier has not had a male player on the team, but she definitely sees a difference.

"We are more together," said Simons of her team. "The guys [on past teams] would fight over who answered the questions, but for us, it's 'if you know it, answer it.'"

And sometimes a parent's support is all it takes, at least that is the philosophy of Tuskegee team member, Tekeshia Bailey. James Bailey made yet another trip to HCASC from Detroit, Michigan to support his only daughter as Tuskegee sought another HCASC championship. Prior to his Tekeshia's involvement in HCASC, Bailey had not heard of the competition.



Tuskegee team member, Tekeshia Bailey and her father James Bailey

"I had heard of other collegiate bowls, but not this particular one," said Bailey. "I am very impressed with what Honda is doing to enhance the education for both black and white students at HBCUs."

As with any competition, everyone seeks inspiration. For Harris-Stowe State College, it is a member of their team, Otis Beck, who was deployed to Iraq in October.

"We keep Otis with us," said Jada Boykin, Harris-Stowe team member. "We always keep a picture of him, or a drawing in desperate measures, for inspiration." Sometimes at practices they even find themselves saying "Otis would know that."

Annual Grad Expo Offers Great Options

The annual HBCU Graduate Studies Expo took place in the Crystal Ballroom on Saturday from 10:00-3:30. Seven graduate HBCUs were represented to answer questions offer information and encourage students to attend the great graduate programs available at HBCUs.

Savannah State University saw it as a time to get the word out about the four masters programs the school offers.

"We wanted these students to know that we have quality education in Georgia and especially at Savannah State," said Department of Social Work chair, Bernita Berry. SSU offers masters in public administration, social work, urban studies, and marine studies. Berry also went on to say that HCASC students are focused and decisive, attributes that will serve them well in graduate school.

"This is our second year coming to the All-Star challenge and it is great for recruiting," said James L. Llorens, Dean of Southern University-Baton Rouge's Graduate school. "Obviously the students coming here are the top

of their schools, and HCASC offers us a forum to recruit and provide information about the HBCU graduate schools that some students are not aware of."

"All the people were nice, engaging and informing," said Dillard team member Marcus Harris. "Even though I already have plans for graduate school, they were still eager to talk to me about my future and give good advice."



At the HBCU Graduate Expo, Dillard Captain, Marcus Harris discussed options to further his education.

HCASC in Hawaii



Check out the fun had by the HCASC scholars as they relaxed and blew off some steam at the HCASC Luau Saturday night.

The Union was full of students as the teams got together to play spades, air hockey, Twister and video games. The "other" Final Four games were also popular as students came to watch what was going on in the NCAA tournament.



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