

The Stars Come Out

Meet the 2007 All-Stars

HCASC 2007: A Retrospective

## Tigers Take the Title as HCASC 2007 Draws to a Close

Save the pictures and savor the memories: HCASC 2007 is in the books. To say it was an exciting tournament would be an understatement. The theme, Evolution of a Champion, was evident in every aspect. Teams played hard, yet worked even harder to make new friends. All participants should be proud of their accomplishments, and look forward to another year.

Sunday morning brought the championship rounds, with the University of the District of Columbia making its first Final Four appearance in the 64-team HCASC format. UDC fell to Florida A&M in the first match, but the Firebirds played well and were well-supported by the crowd. The second semifinal pitted Tuskegee against Tennessee State in a Cuffee division rematch. The Tigers prevailed, blasting the packet away with a score of 465 to 25.

In the finals, the Rattlers and Tigers dug in for what all were sure was to be history in the making. Tennessee State faced the daunting task of ending a six year reign of championships held by either FAMU (2003, 2005) or Morehouse (2001, 2002, 2004, and 2006).

The first game of the three game final went to FAMU, 275-220. In game two, TSU ran a streak of skill and knowledge to a 330-125 win. The third game, tense for all, was again a showcase of TSU's teamwork that ultimately led to a 350-195 victory, granting TSU its first championship in HCASC history. TSU's captain, David Macias, credited the win to the team's four years of hard work.

The evening's closing ceremony capped a wonderful weekend with congratulations, celebration and entertainment. The teams applauded the divisionall-stars, members of the Sweet 16, and champions, Tennessee State. Macias used the stage to thank and appreciate all the teams, coaching staff, and volunteers that make HCASC possible. Everyone reveled in the last moments of HCASC



Tennessee State hoists their first-ever HCASC National Championship trophy, with Eric Conn.



Ruben Studdard crooned songs from "The Return" for the HCASC class of 2007

2007, taking pictures with friends and laughing at the slide shows, flashing memories of another HCASC gone by. Students hurried around, getting contact information and committing as much as possible about their 2007 experience to memory.

Teams were entertained by Black Ice, a passionate poet that starred in six seasons of DEF Poetry Jam. Later, attendees were treated to a private concert by American Idol winner, Ruben Studdard. He delighted the audience with the deep vocals and classic soul ballads that earned him the nickname, the Velvet Teddy Bear.

Save the pictures; savor the memories. See you in 2008!



Def Jam's own Black Ice



The HCASC 2007 trophy, earned by the Tennessee State Tigers

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2007 Ernie Jones Sportsperson Award Winner, Norfolk State's Breanna Henderson



When was the last time you got a dessert with a paintbrush?



Swaying to the vocals of the Velvet Teddy Bear



Friends for Life, and always crackin' jokes!



The 2007 All-Stars; the first ever All-Star team of nine, thanks to a tie in Turner.

ALDRIDGE	Daryl Washington, Miles	BOWSER	Christopher E. Jackson, GSU
TURNER	Gabrielle Jones, NCCU	CUFFEE	David A. Macias, Tenn. State
TURNER	Sarah Gail Francis, Xavier	BECKWOURTH Brandon Wolff, Harris-Stowe	
WELLS	Sean E. Levenson, W. Virginia	SMITH	Christopher J. Bonner, Howard
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Sunny days in Orlando



Show those pins Bowser division!



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