Tigerettes

The Jimmie Westley coached Savannah State Tigerettes maintained their number one National Black Association for Women Sports status this past weekend by dumping number two ranked South Carolina State 80-70.

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The Tigerettes lead the NBAWS in scoring, averaging 87.1 per game. Ft. Valley is second averaging 79. SSC also leads in rebounds averaging 67. The second place team, Praivie View, is averaging 57. SSC is third in field goal shooting at .438 and fifth in team defense, allowing only 58.7 per contest.

Mosley is third in scoring averaging 19.5 and Williams 7th at 16.4. Yvonne Reeves of Ft. Valley is first with 22 per game.

Williams is third in rebounds, averaging, 14, and Smith is 9th averaging 13.8. Mary Gray of Praivie View leads with 16 per game and Mary Clark of Texas Southern is averaging 15. Reeves is averaging 10 assists per game and Davis and Parrish 5.5 and 5.4. Both had 6 assists against the Lady Bulldogs.

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dogs. Williams leads in blocked shots with 12, she had 3 against SCSC. and Roberts has 8. Susan Weaver of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is second with 9.

In another crucial contest, Albany State snapped Tuskegee's 10 games win streak and replaced them as the third ranked NBAW team.

Savannah State meets sixth ranked Alabama State Thursday in Savannah, and the Lady Hornets are the tallest team in the nation.

NBAWS

The newly formed National Black Association for Women Sports national basketball tournament, to determine the best Black women's college team in the nation, will be held March 29th thru April first at Savannan State College instead of March 15th thru the 18th.

Gus Howard, Public Relations Director of the NBAWS, tells why: "When this date was originally planned, the AIAW hadn't come up with this new satellite arrangement to choose teams to compete in their national tournament, and this entire week, the 15th thru the 18th, was free. But, satellite tournaments will be played that week, and some Black teams maybe among those playing. We wouldn't want to stand in their ways of possibly advancing to UCLA, since so much money, in the form of dues, goes to the AIAW from Black schools. Our tournament comes the week after the AIAW nationals."

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The NBAWS tournament will consist of 10 teams, with Savannah State, the host team, as the only sure team participating. The conference champs of the SWAC, CIAA, SIAC, MEAC and SEAC will get automatic bids, as will the top two independents. The other three teams will either be state or Regional AIAW champs, conference runnerup or have outstanding records, based on their competition.

Howard expects for the events to be jam packed all four nights: "We are getting a lot of cooperation from Dr. Frank Bannister of NBN sports. Ron Pinkney of BMN sports, Dannie Tucker of Black Co'legiate Sports, the Black newspapers across the nation and others who are giving the publicity which creates the interest. Savannah State plays before packed houses at every game, anyway, and these basketball fanatics will surely support an event bringing in all of the best Black teams in the country."

support an event bringing in all of the best Black teams in the country." The tournament is counting on heavyweight champ Muhammed Ali's presence. States Howard: "Dr. Bannister has assured us that Ali will be present, and wherever he goes, so goes a crowd. This will make our tournament the number one women's tournament in the entire nation."

