

Conference hoops tournaments in “sportslight”; CIAA ending, MEAC set to begin

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With the month of February fading into the time of March Madness, teams within conferences across the width and breadth of this country are in or about to become involve in postseason tournament play.

Such hoops action is not an exception for teams affiliated with the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and those connected with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

As of this publishing, the battle for postseason tourney honors, in the men and women’s divisions in the CIAA have likely been decided.

In, reportedly, its last year in Charlotte (N.C.), under the current contract, competition in the CIAA Tournament began this past Tues(Feb.26); and was scheduled to end Sat.(Mar.2), which was Championship Saturday.

Schools slated to have competed in the CIAA show included Bowie State, Chowan, St. Augustine, Elizabeth City State, Fayetteville State, Johnson C. Smith, Lincoln(PA), Livingstone, Shaw, Virginia Union, Virginia State and Winston-Salem State.

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In addition to play among men’s and women’s hoops teams, the CIAA off court events was to have featured a concert with soul singer Chaka Kahn and other family-oriented activities.

Shortly after the CIAA Tournament packed it in for another season, action in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tourney goes under the "sportslight".

Making its return to the Tidewater area of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the MEAC event is slated to run Mar.11-16, at the Norfolk Scope.

Bethune-Cookman, Coppin State, Delaware State, Florida A&M, Hampton, Howard, Maryland Eastern Shore, Morgan State, Norfolk State, North Carolina Central, North Carolina A&T, Savannah State and South Carolina State are schools vying to survive and advance in the six-day men’s and women’s tourney, slated to end on Sat.(Mar.16), when champions are crowned in both divisions.

To tip-off the MEAC hoops festival, conference officials announced earlier that Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin is slated to get events started when she headlines a concert that is set for Sat. (Mar.9)

Following Ms. Franklin’s appearance, several other family-related activities are planned for the tournament, as reported by the MEAC Media Relations Office.

For additional information on the respective tournaments, interested persons are requested to contact the offices of each conference.