

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE

Men's Basketball Report Monday, Dec. 20, 2004

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BIG SOUTH MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS											
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Winthrop	0	0	.000	7	2	.778	3-0	2-1	2-1	7-2	W5
VMI	0	0	.000	5	2	.714	3-1	2-1	0-0	5-2	W1
Birmingham-Southern	0	0	.000	5	3	.625	1-0	2-2	2-1	5-3	W1
Radford	0	0	.000	5	3	.625	3-1	1-2	1-0	5-3	W1
UNC Asheville	0	0	.000	3	6	.333	3-1	0-5	0-0	3-6	L1
High Point	0	0	.000	3	7	.300	3-1	0-4	0-2	3-7	W1
Coastal Carolina	0	0	.000	2	7	.222	2-2	0-5	0-0	2-7	L1
Charleston Southern	0	0	.000	1	5	.167	1-2	0-2	0-1	1-5	L4
Liberty	0	0	.000	1	6	.143	1-3	0-3	0-0	1-6	L3

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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BIRMINGHAM-SO. at Texas-Pan American8:30pm WINTHROP at Portland10:00pm

Tuesday, Dec. 21

HIGH POINT at Marshall7:00pm LIBERTY at Miami (Ohio)7:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 22

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN at Georgia Tech7:00pm COASTAL CAROLINA at College of Charleston 7:00pm WINTHROP at Oregon10:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 23

RADFORD at Colorado9:00pm

Big South school in ALL CAPS - Big South Conference game All times EST and subject to change

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, Dec. 13 at VMI 77, Bluefield 70

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Lander 67, at CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 59 at COASTAL CAROLINA 88, Jacksonville State 78 at UNC ASHEVILLE 75, Lenoir-Rhyne 61

Friday, Dec. 17

WINTHROP 70, at East Carolina 55 at UNC ASHEVILLE 95, Montreat 60

Saturday, Dec. 18

Wofford 84, at CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 65 UNC Wilmington 64, at COASTAL CAROLINA 61 at HIGH POINT 78, Mount St. Mary's 61 UNC Greensboro 74, at LIBERTY 69

Sunday, Dec. 19

at Charlotte 64, UNC ASHEVILLE 52

Big South school in ALL CAPS - Big South Conference game

CHOICE HOTELS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Zione White • Senior Guard • High Point Spartanburg, S.C.

White scored a team-high 17 points and added four rebounds and two assists to lead High Point to a 78-61 win over Mount St. Mary's last week. He was 6of-12 from the floor, including 4-of-8 (=.500) from beyond the arc, in helping the Panthers snap a three-game losing streak. White has scored in double-figures in his last four games and has led HPU in scoring a team-high four times this season.

NEW BALANCE Freshman of the Week

Jack Leasure Guard • Coastal Carolina Rochester, N.Y.

Leasure tallied 13 points for Coastal, including three threepoint field goals against UNC Wilmington last week, in tying for the team scoring lead against the Seahawks. He also had a career-high five assists in Coastal's home win over Jacksonville State. For the week, Leasure averaged 8.5 points, 1.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists.



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<u>Week</u> Choice Hotels Player of the Week Nov. 29 F Chris Oliver, Sophomore, Radford 23.3 PPG in 3 G, 29-of-38 FG (=.763), 6-of-9 3FG (=.667), 7.3 RPG, 20 PTS each game Dec. 6 G Torrell Martin, Sophomore, Winthrop 14.0 PPG in 3 G, 12-of-28 FG (=.429), 7-of-13 3FG (=.538), 5.3 RPG; WU upsets PROV G Larry Blair, Sophomore, Liberty Dec. 13 26.5 PPG in 2 G, 20-of-35 FG (=.571), 5-of-7 3FG (=.714); 31 PTS vs. ODU; 22 at NCSU Dec. 20 G Zione White, Senior, High Point 17 PTS, 4 REB, 6-of-12 FG (=.500), 4-of-8 3FG (=.500) in win over Mount St. Mary's Jan. 3 Jan. 10 Jan. 17 Jan. 24 Jan. 31 Feb. 7

OTHER WEEK 4 PLAYER NOMINEES

ALVIN GREEN, G, COASTAL CAROLINA

15.0 PPG in 2 G, 12-of-21 FG (=.571), 3-of-7 3FG (=.429), 6.5 REB, 4.0 AST, 1.5 STL ... 20 PTS, 7 REB, 7 AST vs. Jacksonville State

STEVEN RUSH, G, UNC ASHEVILLE

13.3 PPG in 3 G, 14-of-31 FG (=.452), 7-of-20 3FG (=.350), 2.33 AST, 2.33 STL ... 16 PTS, 6 AST vs. Montreat ... 5-of-9 3FG (=.556) at Charlotte

JAMES SHULER, G, WINTHROP

18 PTS, 6 REB, 3 AST, 2 STL in win at East Carolina ... 4-of-8 FG (=.500), 2-of-3 3FG (=.667), 8-of-10 FT (=.800)

2004-05 Big South Freshmen of the Week

Feb. 14

Feb. 21

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New Balance Freshman of the Week <u>Week</u> Nov. 29 F Reggie Williams, VMI 14.0 PPG in 2 G, 11-of-23 FG (=.478), 4-of-5 FT (=.800), 13 rebounds, 6.5 RPG Dec. 6 PG Chris Gaynor, Winthrop 9.0 PPG in 3 G, 5.3 APG, 4.3 RPG, 2.3 SPG, 8-of-16 FG (=.500), 5-of-10 3FG (=.500) F Reggie Williams, VMI 12.5 PPG in 2 G, 4-of-12 3FG (=.333), 4.0 RPG; 16 PTS, 3 3FG in win over VA Tech Dec. 13 F Reggie Williams, VMI 24.5 PPG in 2 G, 17-of-30 FG (=.567), 6.5 RPG; 28 PTS, 9 REB vs. Towson Dec. 20 G Jack Leasure, Coastal Carolina 8.5 PPG in 2 G, 3.5 APG, 1.5 RPG; 13 PTS, 3 3FG vs. UNCW; career-high 5 AST vs. JSU Jan. 3 Jan. 10 Jan. 17 Jan. 24 Jan. 31 Feb. 7 Feb. 14

OTHER WEEK 4 FRESHMAN NOMINEES

DOUG STEWART, F, LIBERTY

4 PTS, 2 REB and first career blocked shot in just 10 minutes of action off the bench against UNC Greensboro

BLAIR SWISH PROJECT

Liberty sophomore LARRY BLAIR vaulted from 21st in scoring three weeks ago to the top of the Big South's scoring chart, as he leads the Conference with a 17.4 scoring average. In a three-game stretch from Dec. 4-11, Blair averaged 25.3 points, including a career-high 31 points against Old Dominion and 22 points at No. 10 North Carolina State. He shot .537 from the floor (29-of-54), .543 from beyond the arc (6-of-11) and .857 from the line (12-of-14). In addition, Blair surpassed 500 career points during the ODU contest, and now owns 559 career points. Against UNC Greensboro this past Saturday, Blair hauled in a career-high 14 rebounds en route to his first career double-double.

GATHINGS GATHERING

High Point senior **DANNY GATHINGS** is eight rebounds shy of becoming just the 33rd member of the Big South's 1,000-point, 500-rebound club. Gathings has hauled in 492 boards in his High Point tenure, while totaling 555 during his collegiate career. On the scoring ledger, he currently owns 1,059 points in the Big South and 1,198 overall.

MR, ALL-AROUND

UNC Asheville senior **BRYAN McCULLOUGH** is on the cusp of being the lone Big South player to rank in the top 10 in scoring, rebounding, assists and steals. McCullough is 10th in scoring at 13.2 points per game and 13th in rebounding at 5.4 caroms per night -- just 0.5 off the 10th spot. He is tied for 7th in assists at 3.00 and is 2nd in steals at 2.67 per game.

HE'S NO COWARD

VMI sophomore MATT COWARD posted a career-high 11 assists last week against Bluefield, moving ahead of WHIT HOLCOMB-FAYE as the Conference's assist leader with 5.14 per game. Coward is looking to become the second straight VMI player to lead the League in assists, as RICHARD LITTLE was tops last year at 5.9 per game. Coward is averaging 7.5 assists in his last four games, as well as 3.3 steals and 13.8 points.

RADFORD'S POINT PERSON

Radford junior WHIT HOLCOMB-FAYE, last year's Big South scoring champion, is second in the Conference with 4.50 assists per game, trailing VMI's MATT COWARD. If Holcomb-Faye should finish as the Conference assist leader, he would become the first player in Big South history to have led the League in scoring and assists in any given year. Holcomb-Faye, who is 31 assists shy of 300 in his career, is also the only player to score in double-figures in every game this season.

WINTHROP STRETCHES WIN STREAK TO FIVE; EAGLES AMONG MID-MAJOR TOP 25

Winthrop posted its fifth-straight win with a 70-55 win at East Carolina, the Eagles' first win ever against a Conference USA member. The last Big South club to knock off a C-USA team was Coastal Carolina in 2002-03, when the Chants defeated ECU, 90-71. Winthrop has won five straight contests for the first time since the '02-03 campaign. Meanwhile, the Eagles have been ranked in the Mid-Major Top 25 poll for three straight weeks, holding No. 19 last week. It is the Eagles' first such three-week run in the six-year-old poll.

TRIPLE-THREATS

Coastal Carolina's **PELE PAELAY** is currently the only player leading his club in scoring, rebounding and assists for the year. He is 3rd in the Conference in scoring (16.7), 7th in rebounding (6.7) and 5th in assists (3.33). Charleston Southern's **KURTIS RICE** and UNC Asheville's **BRYAN McCULLOUGH** are on the verge of joining Paelay, as both players lead their respective clubs in scoring and rebounding, while ranking second in assists.

REBOUL, MARSHALL APPROACHING MILESTONE WINS

Birmingham-Southern head coach **DUANE REBOUL** stands three wins shy of 375 in his career, which have all come as the Panthers' head coach. His record during BSC's Big South years is 57-33 (=.633). Meanwhile, with his seven wins already this season, Winthrop head coach **GREGG MARSHALL** has 122 career wins and is six victories away from tying **BILLY LEE** (128) for fourth on the Big South's all-time win list.

LEASURE SUIT

Coastal Carolina freshman **JACK LEASURE** is first in the Conference in three-point field goals per game with 2.78, good for 32nd in the nation. He has tallied at least three triples in a game six times, averaging 16.7 points in such contests. Leasure is 4th in the League in three-point percentage at .455, 10th in field goal shooting at .473 and 11th in scoring at 13.1.

BIG SOUTH TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Nov. 19		
UNC Asheville at Texas Tech	TTTN	•
New Hampshire at Liberty	FTN	8:30pm
<u>Dec. 4</u> Virginia Tech at VMI	CSN	2:00pm
Shenandoah at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
Dec. 5		7.00pm
Siena at Winthrop	CN2	2:00pm
<u>Dec. 7</u>		
Old Dominion at Liberty	FTN	8:30pm
<u>Dec. 12</u>		
UNC Asheville at Maryland	R-JP	1:00pm
Dec. 18		7.00
UNC Greensboro at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
<u>Dec. 28</u> Liberty at Maryland	R-JP	8:00pm
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Birmingham-Southern at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
<u>Jan. 15</u>		•
Radford at Winthrop	CN2	4:30pm
<u>Jan. 22</u>		
UNC Asheville at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
Jan. 24	CCC DO	TN FCC
VMI at Liberty	C55, B	STN, FCS 9:00pm
Jan. 25		9.00pm
Charleston Southern at Winthrop	FSN So	uth. FCS
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<u>Jan. 29</u>		
Winthrop at High Point	C-SET	7:00pm
<u>Jan. 31</u>		
Birmingham-Southern at Radford	CSS, BS	
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Feb. 1 High Point at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
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Winthrop at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
<u>Feb. 12</u>		
Charleston Southern at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
Feb. 14		
Coastal Carolina at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
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Feb. 19		7.00pm
High Point at Winthrop	CN2	4:30pm
Radford at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
March 3		
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Men's Semifinal Game 2	BSTN,	
March 4		9:00pm
Men's Semifinal Game 2 (tape)	CSTV	6:00pm
March 5		p
Men's Championship Game	ESPN2	Noon
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BIRMINGHAM'S HOME RUN

Birmingham-Southern is currently on a nine-game home winning streak, dating back to last season. The last time the Panthers lost at Bill Battle Coliseum was January 8, 2004, a 77-71 loss at the hands of Coastal Carolina. Birmingham-Southern's next regular-season home game is not until January 5 against Radford.

BIG MEN ENJOYING DOWNTOWN LIFE

Birmingham-Southern junior **THOMAS VIGLIANCO**, named the Conference's preseason Newcomer of the Year by both *Lindy*'s and *Street & Smith*'s, leads the Big South in three-point shooting at .553 (21-of-38) *AND* is second in rebounding at 7.8 caroms per game. The 6-9 forward, who is the lone Big South player this year to haul in 10 rebounds in consecutive games, is hitting an impressive .738 three-point clip in his last three contests (14-of-19). In addition, he has grabbed at least seven rebounds in six of eight appearances. Meanwhile, Winthrop sophomore **CRAIG BRADSHAW**, at 6-10, is second in the Conference in three-point shooting at .500 (15-of-30), and is 8-of-12 in his last three games.

BIG SOUTH 1,000-POINT SCORERS

Radford's WHIT HOLCOMB-FAYE became the League's 58th member of the 1,000-point club when he reached the milestone Dec. 8 against Hampton. High Point's DANNY GATHINGS became the 57th member when he reached the milestone Dec. 2 against Greensboro College. Gathings is now 52nd all-time in scoring and needs 13 points to move ahead of LARRY JACKSON (Liberty) for 51st place. Holcomb-Faye is seven points shy of passing RYAN CHARLES (Radford) for 54th place. Below is a look at the current active players with 1,000 points overall in their careers, as well as their Big South career point totals. The second chart lists active players approaching the milestone.

Player, school	Career	Big South
Danny Gathings, High Point	1,198	1,059
Jakob Sigurdarson, Birmingham-Southern	1,128	518
Whit Holcomb-Faye, Radford	1,022	1,022
Player, school	Career	Needs
Bryan McCullough, UNC Asheville	923	77

BIG SOUTH POSTS WINS OVER BIG EAST, ACC IN SAME WEEK

Nov. 29-Dec. 5 was a memorable week in the Big South Conference, as Winthrop traveled to Providence, R.I. and upset the Friars, 60-54, for its first win against a Big East member. Four days later, VMI stunned then-undefeated Virginia Tech with a 72-68 win over the Hokies in Lexington, the Keydets' first win over an ACC opponent in 40 years. The last time the Big South Conference recorded wins over ACC and Big East members in the same season was 1993-94, when former member Towson defeated St. John's, 66-65, and former member Campbell knocked off North Carolina State in overtime, 72-69.

POST POSITION

Below is a look at how the preseason All-Conference team is faring thus far. The team, as selected by both coaches and sports information directors, is as follows:

Danny Gathings, High Point (Preseason Player of the Year)

9th in scoring (13.7) ... 5th in rebounding (7.0) ... 5th in field goal percentage (.518) ... 12th in steals (1.40) ... 2 double-doubles.

Larry Blair, Liberty

1st in scoring (17.4) ... T-7th in assists (3.00) ... 7th in free throw percentage (.788) ... 11th in rebounding (5.7) ... 3 straight 20-point games ... Career-high 31 points vs. Old Dominion.

Jakob Sigurdarson, Birmingham-Southern

6th in scoring (15.0) \dots 2nd in free throw percentage (.844) \dots 11th in three-point shooting (.385) \dots Season-high 24 points vs. Alabama A&M.

Whit Holcomb-Faye, Radford

5th in scoring (15.1) ... 2nd in assists (4.50) ... 4th in free throw percentage (.800) ... 9th in steals (1.62) ... 5th in three-point shooting (.441) ... 6th in assist/turnover ratio (1.38) ... Has scored in double-figures in each game.

K.J. Garland, UNC Asheville

6th in assists (3.22) ... 4th in assist/turnover ratio (1.61) ... 8.8 points per game ... Season-high 16 points vs. Western Carolina ... Season-best seven assists at Maryland.

BIG SOUTH MISCELLEANOUS STATISTICS

GAMES WITH 20-OR-MORE POINTS				
Player	20-24	25-29	30+	Total
Pele Paelay, CCU	3	1		4
Larry Blair, LU	2		1	3
Chris Oliver, RU	2	1		3
Reggie Williams, VMI	1	1		2
Jakob Sigurdarson, BSC	2			2
James Collins, BSC	1			1
Shema Mbyirukira, BSC	1			1
Thomas Viglianco, BSC	1			1
Alvin Green, CCU	1			1
Jack Leasure, CCU	1			1
Colin Stevens, CCU	1			1
Moses Sonko, CCU	1			1
Danny Gathings, HPU	1			1
Akeem Scott, HPU	1			1
Zione White, HPU	1			1
David Dees, LU	1			1
Olumuyiwa Popoola, RU	1			1

CONSECUTIVE 20-POINT GAMES

- 3 Chris Oliver, RU (11/19 11/23)
- 3 Pele Paelay, CCU (11/21 11/26)
- 3 Larry Blair, LU (12/4 12/11)

GAMES WITH 10-OR-MORE REBOUNDS

Player	10-14	15-19	20+	Total
Pele Paelay, CCU	2	1		3
Rashad Robinson, LU	3			3
Thomas Viglianco, BSC	1	1		2
Clint Nagel, CCU	2			2
Kurtis Rice, CSU	2			2
Danny Gathings, HPU	2			2
Preston Beverly, VMI	2			2
Adrian Gross, CCU	1			1
Jerry Echenique, HPU	1			1
Issa Konare, HPU	1			1
Larry Blair, LU	1			1
David Dees, LU	1			1
Whit Holcomb-Faye, RU	1			1
Chris Oliver, RU	1			1
Joseph Barber, UNCA	1			1
Chad Mohn, UNCA	1			1
Tadas Mankevicius, VMI	1			1

CONSECUTIVE 10-REBOUND GAMES

2 Thomas Viglianco, BSC (11/11 - 11/12)

GAMES WITH 10-OR-MORE ASSISTS

Player	10-14 15-19	Total
Bucky McMillan, BSC	1	1
Matt Coward, VMI	1	1

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

- 3 Pele Paelay, Coastal Carolina
- 2 Kurtis Rice, Charleston Southern
- 2 Danny Gathings, High Point
- 1 Thomas Viglianco, Birmingham-Southern
- 1 Nathan Ball, Charleston Southern
- 1 Adrian Gross, Coastal Carolina
- 1 Jerry Echenique, High Point
- 1 Larry Blair, Liberty
- 1 David Dees, Liberty
- 1 Rashad Robinson, Liberty
- 1 Chris Oliver, Radford
- 1 Whit Holcomb-Faye, Radford
- 1 Joseph Barber, UNC Asheville
- 1 Chad Mohn, UNC Asheville
- 1 Matt Coward, VMI
- 1 Preston Beverly, VMI

NOTING THE BIG SOUTH TEAMS

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN

The Panthers return to action for the first time in 16 days with a trip to Texas-Pan American on Monday in the first of two meetings against the Broncs this season ... BSC defeated Montreat in an exhibition contest Saturday, 101-76. **SHEMA MBYIRUKIRA** scored 36 points in the outing ... Birmingham-Southern will have another week off following Monday's game, resuming action at the Dec. 29-30 Dr Pepper Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

Charleston Southern is out-rebounding its opponents by nearly four rebounds per game (36.3 vs. 32.5) ... Freshman guard **DARIUS LANE** is 19-of-21 from the free throw line this season (=.905), and ranks among the national leaders in the category. The Big South record for free throw percentage is .926 by Liberty's **MATT HILDEBRAND** in 1993-94... The Bucs will play at Georgia Tech Wednesday. The Jackets were ranked No. 3 in the nation in the recent Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today coaches polls, marking the highest-ranked opponent in CSU's history.

COASTAL CAROLINA

Coastal has played five games that have been decided by nine points or less, going 0-5, with the closest being a three-point loss at home to UNC Wilmington over the weekend. Interestingly, 11 of CCU's 16 Big South contests in 2003-04 were decided by nine points or less, with Coastal holding just a 4-7 mark in those games ... The Chants travel to College of Charleston Wednesday before the Christmas break.

HIGH POINT

High Point snapped a three-game skid with a 78-61 victory over Mount St. Mary's Saturday. The Panthers shot a season-high .537 from the floor and placed four players in double-figures ... **DANNY GATHINGS** moved into 20th on HPU's all-time scoring list over the weekend ... **ISSA KONARE** has snared 36 rebounds in the last five games, a 7.2 average. He has totaled at least eight boards in four of those contests ... High Point travels to Marshall on Tuesday before a short holiday break, then continue its road trip with a visit to James Madison on Dec. 29.

LIBERTY

The Flames travel to Miami (Ohio) on Tuesday, which will begin a stretch of six-straight road games and eight of the next nine away from Vines Center ... **BRIAN WOODSON** made his season debut against UNC Greensboro and handed out a team-high eight assists ... Liberty and UNCG combined for 16 blocked shots, while the Flames posted their season-best in rebounds with 51. LU out-rebounded the Spartans by 16.

RADFORD

Radford will play its first game in 13 days when the Highs travel to Colorado on Thursday ... RU will take a short break for the Christmas holiday and then play its final two games of 2004 in the St. Mary's Tournament in Morega, Calif. ... WHIT HOLCOMBE-FAYE is 22 points away from 17th place on Radford's all-time scoring list.

UNC ASHEVILLE

The Bulldogs went 2-1 last week, including a 95-60 win over Montreat. It was the most points scored by UNCA since the 2002-03 season and the largest margin of victory (35 points) since the 1997-98 campaign. STEVEN RUSH tied a school record with seven steals in the game ... Sophomore C.J. WALKER blocked 15 shots in the three games last week, and moved into fourth place on UNCA's all-time blocked shot list with 110 ... The Bulldogs are off until a Dec. 29 meeting at Michigan State and New Year's Eve date with Michigan.

VM

VMI is in the midst of a 15-day break, and is idle until Dec. 28 at New Orleans ... The Keydets' 5-2 start is the best since 1999-00 ... VMI is one win away from equaling last season's victory total ... VMI's .867 free throw percentage against Bluefield was a season-best, with its .446 field goal clip matched the season-high set in the season opener against Southern Virginia.

WINTHROP

The Eagles' defense continues to shine as they have held five straight opponents to less than 60 points in a game ... Winthrop's 58.1 scoring defense average is pacing ahead of the Conference record of 61.6, set by WU in 1987-88 ... The Eagles have led the Big South in scoring defense the last six seasons ... Winthrop travels to the Pacific Northwest to Portland on Monday and Oregon on Wednesday.

BIG SOUTH MISCELLEANOUS STATISTICS

GAMES WITH 20-POINTS, 10-REBOUNDS, SAME GAME

- Pele Paelay, Coastal Carolina
 (27 Pts, 11 Reb at Evansville, 11/21)
 (22 Pts, 11 Reb at UNC Greensboro, 11/23)
- 1 Danny Gathings, High Point (21 Pts, 14 Reb at N.C. A&T, 11/30)
 - David Dees, Liberty (22 Pts, 12 Reb vs. Shenandoah, 12/4)

TEAMMATES WITH 20 POINTS, SAME GAME

- 2 Coastal Carolina
 - (Leasure 22, Paelay 21 11/26) (Sonko 21, Green 20 - 12/15)
- 1 Liberty
 - (Blair 23, Dees 22 12/4)
- 1 Birmingham-Southern
 - (Sigurdarson 23, Viglianco 23 12/4)

BIG SOUTH IN THE NCAA STATS

Through Dec. 13, the following individuals and teams ranked in the top 50 in NCAA statistical categories:

INDIVIDUAL

Free Throw Percentage Darius Lane, Charleston Southern9th
Three-Point Field Goal Percentage Thomas Viglianco, Birmingham-Southern9th Jack Leasure, Coastal Carolina28th
Steals Per Game Pele Paelay, Coastal Carolina9th Bryan McCullough, UNC Asheville48th
Field Goal Percentage Chris Oliver, Radford14th
Three-Point Field Goals Per Game Jack Leasure, Coastal Carolina32nd
Blocked Shots Per Game Billy Houston, Winthrop40th
TEAM
Rebound Margin Bimingham-Southern17th
Steals Per Game High Point
Field Goal Percentage Defense Charleston Southern28th
Three-Point Field Goals Per Game Birmingham-Southern29th
Scoring Defense Winthrop
Free Throw Percentage Radford30th
Three-Point Field Goal Percentage Birmingham-Southern33rd
Field Goal Percentage

Birmingham-Southern42nd

BIG SOUTH VS. OTHER CONFERENCES

America East	1-1
Northeastern	1-0
New Hampshire	0-1
Atlantia Canat	4.4
Atlantic Coast	
Virginia Tech	1-0
Maryland	0-1
North Carolina State	0-1
Clemson	0-2
Georgia Tech	
Atlantic Sun	1-0
Troy	1-0
Central Florida ^	
Atlantic-10	0-1
Massachusetts	0-1
Fordham	0 1
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Big East	1-2
Providence	1-0
Notre Dame	0-1
West Virginia	0-1
Seton Hall	
Dia Class	4.0
Big Sky	
Weber State	1-0
Big Ten	0-1
Michigan	0-1
Michigan State	
Big 12	
Oklahoma	0-1
Texas Tech	0-1
Colorado	
Colonial Athletic	0-6
Towson	0-1
William & Mary	0-1
Old Dominion	0-1
UNC Wilmington	0-2
James Madison	0-2
James Madison	
Conference USA	1-1
East Carolina	1-0
Charlotte	0-1
Tulane	
ha.	1.0
Yale	1-0
	1-0
Brown ^	
Metro Atlantic Athletic	2-0
Marist	1-0
Siena	1-0
Loyola (Md.)	
• • •	
Mid-American	•••••
Marshall	
Miami (Ohio)	
Mid-Eastern Atlantic	1-2
North Carolina A&T	1-1
Hampton	0-1
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Missouri Valley Creighton Evansville Indiana State	. 0-4 0-1 0-1 0-2
Mountain West Utah	.0-1 0-1
Northeast Mount St. Mary's Robert Morris	. 1-0 1-0
Ohio Valley	. 2-1 1-0 1-0 0-1
Pacific-10 Oregon	•••••
Patriot	. 1-0 1-0
Southern	.1-7 1-1 0-1 0-1 0-2 0-2
Southeastern	. 0-3 0-1 0-1 0-1
Southwestern AthleticAlabama A&M Alabama State	.2-0 1-0 1-0
Sun Belt	.0-1 0-1
West Coast Portland St. Mary's	•••••
Western Athletic	.0-1 0-1
Division I Independent Texas-Pan American Utah Valley State	••••
Division I Reclassifying Longwood UC Davis ^	. 2-0 2-0

Non Division I	13-3
Barton	1-0
Bluefield	1-0
Coker	1-0
Ferrum	1-0
Greensboro College	1-0
Lees-McRae	1-0
Lenoir-Rhyne	1-0
Montreat	1-0
Shenandoah	1-0
Southeastern (Fla.)	1-0
Southern Virginia	1-0
Tennessee Wesleyan	1-0
Voorhees	1-0
Alaska Anchorage	0-1
Chaminade	0-1
Lander	0-1
Ohio Northern	
TOTAL32-4	1 (=.438)

^ - potential opponent

2004-05 Big South Preseason Poll

Birmingham-Southern, which shared last season's regular-season championship with Liberty, was predicted to finish in the top spot in this year's annual preseason poll, as voted by the League's coaches and sports information directors. Below are the preseason poll results, with first-place votes in paranthesis:

1. Birmingh	nam-Southern (8)	150
2. High Poir	nt (7)	142
3. Liberty (2)	127
4. Winthrop	D	99
5. UNC Ash	eville	88
6. Radford	(1)	81
7. VMI	••••	47
8. Coastal (Carolina	42
9. Charlesto	on Southern	34

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN (5-3, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Duane Reboul (16th year) SID Contact: Will Chandler Phone: 205-226-4905 Email: wchandle@bsc.edu

Nov.	11	vs. Alabama A&M ^	W, 79-69
Nov.	12	vs. #12 Mississippi State	L, 48-55
Nov.	19	vs. Northeastern %	W, 81-70
Nov.	20	at Marist %	W, 67-66
Nov.	23	at Massachusetts	L, 60-64
Nov.	27	TENNESSEE WESLEYAN	W, 113-61
Dec.	2	at Indiana State	L, 55-62
Dec.	4	at Alabama State	W, 71-63
Dec.	20	at Texas-Pan American	7:30pm
Dec.	29	vs. Tennessee-Martin @	5:00pm
Dec.	30	vs. Chattanooga/North Texas @	5/7pm
Jan.	5	RADFORD *	7:00pm
Jan.	8	at High Point *	6:00pm
Jan.	10	at Liberty *	6:00pm
Jan.	17	UNC ASHEVILLE *	7:00pm
Jan.	19	WINTHROP *	7:00pm
Jan.	22	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	2:00pm
Jan.	24	COASTAL CAROLINA *	7:00pm
Jan.	29	at VMI *	12:00pm
Jan.	31	at Radford *	8:00pm
Feb.	5	LIBERTY *	2:00pm
Feb.	10	HIGH POINT *	6:00pm
Feb.	12	at Winthrop *	6:00pm
Feb.	14	at UNC Asheville *	6:00pm
Feb.	17	TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN	7:00pm
Feb.	19	VMI *	7:00pm
Feb.	24	at Charleston Southern *	6:00pm
Feb.	26	at Coastal Carolina *	3:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championships	TBA

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^ - Coaches Vs. Cancer Classic All Times CST @ - Dr Pepper Classic % - Pepsi Marist Classic

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (1-5, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Jim Platt (5th year) SID Contact: David Shelton Phone: 843-863-7688 Email: dshelton@csuniv.edu

Nov.	19	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON ^	L, 41-56
Nov.	22	VOORHEES	W, 82-58
Nov.	26	at #21 Notre Dame	L, 38-54
Dec.	11	at Clemson	L, 55-73
Dec.	15	LANDER UNIVERSITY	L, 59-67
Dec.	18	WOFFORD	L, 65-84
Dec.	22	at Georgia Tech	7:00pm
Dec.	28	vs. Fordham %	6:00pm
Dec.	29	vs. Brown/Central Florida %	6/8:00pm
Jan.	3	ROBERT MORRIS	7:00pm
Jan.	5	at UNC Asheville *	7:00pm
Jan.	8	at VMI *	1:00pm
Jan.	10	at Radford *	7:00pm
Jan.	15	HIGH POINT *	4:00pm
Jan.	17	LIBERTY *	7:00pm
Jan.	22	at Birmingham-Southern *	3:00pm
Jan.	25	at Winthrop *	7:00pm
Jan.	29	UNC ASHEVILLE *	7:00pm
Feb.	3 5	COASTAL CAROLINA *	7:00pm
Feb.	5	RADFORD *	7:00pm
Feb.	7	VMI *	7:00pm
Feb.	12	at Liberty *	7:00pm
Feb.	14	at High Point *	7:00pm
Feb.	17	THE CITADEL	7:00pm
Feb.	21		7:00pm
Feb.	24	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Feb.	26	WINTHROP *	4:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championship	TBA

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- at North Charleston Coliseum % - UCF Holiday Invitational
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COASTAL CAROLINA (2-7, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Pete Strickland (7th year) SID Contact: John Martin Phone: 843-349-2822 Email: jamartin@coastal.edu

Nov.	19	at Indiana State	L, 46-70
Nov.	21	at Evansville	L, 80-87
Nov.	23	at UNC Greensboro	L, 73-79
Nov.	26	at Hawaii	L, 65-72
Nov.	28	at Chaminade	L, 61-70
Dec.	4	EASTERN KENTUCKY	L, 62-77
Dec.	12	COKER	W, 86-50
Dec.	15	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W, 88-78
Dec.	18	UNC WILMINGTON	L, 61-64
Dec.	22	at College of Charleston	7:00pm
Dec.	29	OHIO NÖRTHERN	7:00pm
Jan.	2	at Tennessee	2:00pm
Jan.	5	WINTHROP *	7:00pm
Jan.	8	at Radford *	7:00pm
Jan.	10	at VMI *	7:00pm
Jan.	15	LIBERTY *	4:00pm
Jan.	17	HIGH POINT *	7:00pm
Jan.	22	at Winthrop *	4:30pm
Jan.	24	at Birmingham-Southern *	8:00pm
Jan.	31	UNC ASHEVILLE *	7:00pm
Feb.	3	at Charleston Southern *	7:00pm
Feb.	5	VMI *	4:00pm
Feb.	7	RADFORD *	7:00pm
Feb.	12	at High Point *	3:30pm
Feb.	14	at Liberty *	7:00pm
Feb.	18	at UNC Asheville *	7:00pm
Feb.	21	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Feb.	26	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN *	4:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championship	ТВА

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HIGH POINT (3-7, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Bart Lundy (2nd year) SID Contact: Lee Owen Phone: 336-841-4605 Email: lowen@highpoint.edu

Nov.	20	SOUTHEASTERN (Fla.)	W, 118-66
Nov.	25	vs. Oklahoma ^	L, 65-93
Nov.	26	vs. Utah ^	L, 69-78
Nov.	27	at Alaska Anchorage ^	L, 65-66
Nov.	30	at North Carolina A&T	L, 68-77
Dec.	2	GREENSBORO COLLEGE	W, 79-42
Dec.	4	at Creighton	L, 60-79
Dec.	7	at Michigan	L, 53-67
Dec.	11	FURMAN	L, 45-58
Dec.	18	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 78-61
Dec.	21	at Marshall	7:00pm
Dec.	29	at James Madison	7:00pm
Jan.	3	UTAH VALLEY STATE	7:00pm
Jan.	5		7:00pm
Jan.	8		7:00pm
Jan.	12		7:00pm
Jan.	15		4:00pm
Jan.	17	at Coastal Carolina *	7:00pm
Jan.	22	at Radford *	7:00pm
Jan.	26		7:00pm
Jan.	29		7:00pm
Feb.	1	at Liberty *	7:00pm
Feb.	5	at UNC Asheville *	4:30pm
Feb.	10		7:00pm
Feb.	12	COASTAL CAROLINA *	3:30pm
Feb.	14	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Feb.	19	at Winthrop *	4:30pm
Feb.	23		7:00pm
Feb.	26		1:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championship	TBA

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LIBERTY

(1-6, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Randy Dunton (4th year) SID Contact: Todd Wetmore Phone: 434-582-2292 Email: twetmore@liberty.edu

Nov.	19	NEW HAMPSHIRE	L, 58-59
Nov.	27	at Arkansas State	L, 65-91
Dec.	1	at Western Carolina	L, 63-75
Dec.	4	SHENANDOAH (OT)	W, 86-82
Dec.	7	OLD DOMINION	L, 54-70
Dec.	11	at #10 North Carolina State	L, 60-94
Dec.	18	UNC GREENSBORO	L, 69-74
Dec.	21	at Miami (Ohio)	7:00pm
Dec.	28	at Maryland	8:00pm
Dec.	30	at Marist	7:30pm
Jan.	1	at Seton Hall	2:00pm
Jan.	5	at High Point *	7:00pm
Jan.	8	at Winthrop *	7:00pm
Jan.	10	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Jan.	15	at Coastal Carolina *	4:00pm
Jan.	17	at Charleston Southern *	7:00pm
Jan.	22	UNC ASHEVILLE *	7:00pm
Jan.	24	VMI *	9:00pm
Jan.	29	at Radford *	7:00pm
Feb.	1	HIGH POINT *	7:00pm
Feb.	5	at Birmingham-Southern *	3:00pm
Feb.	10	WINTHROP *	7:00pm
Feb.	12	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Feb.	14	COASTAL CAROLINA *	7:00pm
Feb.	17	at VMI *	7:00pm
Feb.	19	RADFORD *	7:00pm
Feb.	24	at UNC Asheville *	7:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championship	TBA

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^{^ -} Great Alaska Shootout All Times EST Dates, times and sites subject to change

RADFORD (5-3, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Byron Samuels (3rd year) SID Contact: Drew Dickerson Phone: 540-831-5726 Email: adickerso@radford.edu

Nov.	19	vs. Yale ^	W, 72-71
Nov.	20	at William & Mary ^	L, 76-81
Nov.	23	at Longwood	W, 91-81
Nov.	29		W, 89-60
Dec.	2	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W, 66-61
Dec.	4	at West Virginia	L, 44-78
Dec.	8	HAMPTON @	L, 74-89
Dec.	10	LEES-MCRAE	W, 97-77
Dec.	23	at Colorado	9:00pm
Dec.	28	at St. Mary's %	10:35pm
Dec.	29	vs. Murray State/UC Davis %	8/10:35pm
Jan.	5	at Birmingham-Southern *	8:00pm
Jan.	8	COASTAL CAROLINA *	7:00pm
Jan.	10	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Jan.	15	at Winthrop *	4:30pm
Jan.	19	at VMI *	7:00pm
Jan.	22	HIGH POINT *	7:00pm
Jan.	25	at UNC Asheville *	7:00pm
Jan.	29		7:00pm
Jan.	31	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN *	9:00pm
Feb.	5		7:00pm
Feb.	7	at Coastal Carolina *	7:00pm
Feb.	14	VMI *	7:00pm
Feb.	16	WINTHROP *	7:00pm
Feb.	19	at Liberty *	7:00pm
Feb.	23	at High Point *	7:00pm
Feb.	26	UNC ASHEVILLE *	7:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championship	TBA

^{* -} Big South Conference game

^ - William & Mary Tournament % - St. Mary's Tournament

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UNC ASHEVILLE (3-6, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Eddie Biedenbach (9th year) SID Contact: Mike Gore Phone: 828-251-6923 Email: mgore@unca.edu

Nov.	19	at Texas Tech	L, 55-119
Nov.	23	at Clemson	L, 59-78
Nov.	27	UNC WILMINGTON	L, 54-57
Dec.	1	at Furman	L, 68-72
Dec.	4	WESTERN CAROLINA ^	W, 85-71
Dec.	12	at #17 Maryland	L, 72-96
Dec.	15	LENOIR-RHYNE	W, 75-61
Dec.	17	MONTREAT	W, 95-60
Dec.	19	at Charlotte	L, 52-64
Dec.	29	at Michigan State	7:00pm
Dec.	31		1:00pm
Jan.	5	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Jan.	10		7:00pm
Jan.	12		7:00pm
Jan.	15	VMI *	4:30pm
Jan.	17	at Birmingham-Southern *	8:00pm
Jan.	22	at Liberty *	7:00pm
Jan.	25	RADFORD *	7:00pm
Jan.	29		4:00pm
Jan.	31		7:00pm
Feb.	5	HIGH POINT *	4:30pm
Feb.	7	at Winthrop *	7:00pm
Feb.	12	at VMI *	1:00pm
Feb.	14	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Feb.	18	COASTAL CAROLINA *	7:00pm
Feb.	24	LIBERTY *	7:00pm
Feb.	26	at Radford *	7:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championship	TBA

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VMI

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All Times EST

Head Coach: Bart Bellairs (11th year) SID Contact: Wade Branner Phone: 540-464-7515 Email: BrannerWH@vmi.edu

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Nov.	22	SOUTHERN VIRGINIA	W, 71-33
Nov.	28	at Navy	W, 78-73
Dec.	1	at Old Dominion	L, 38-86
Dec.	4	VIRGINIA TECH	W, 72-68
Dec.	8	at Longwood (OT)	W, 69-64
Dec.	11	TOWSON	L, 69-84
Dec.	13	BLUEFIELD	W, 77-70
Dec.	28	at New Orleans	8:00pm
Dec.	31	at Tulane	3:00pm
Jan.	5	at Loyola (Md.)	7:00pm
Jan.	8	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	1:00pm
Jan.	10	COASTAL CAROLINA *	7:00pm
Jan.	15	at UNC Asheville *	4:30pm
Jan.	19	RADFORD *	7:00pm
Jan.	24	at Liberty *	9:00pm
Jan.	26	at High Point *	7:00pm
Jan.	29	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN *	1:00pm
Jan.	31	at Winthrop *	7:00pm
Feb.	5	at Coastal Carolina *	4:00pm
Feb.	7	at Charleston Southern *	7:00pm
Feb.	10	LONGWOOD	7:00pm
Feb.	12	UNC ASHEVILLE *	1:00pm
Feb.	14	at Radford *	7:00pm
Feb.	17	LIBERTY *	7:00pm
Feb.	19	at Birmingham-Southern *	8:00pm
Feb.	23	WINTHROP *	7:00pm
Feb.	26	HIGH POINT *	1:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championship	TBA

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WINTHROP (7-2, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Gregg Marshall SID Contact: Jack Frost Phone: 803-323-2129, ext. 6245 Email: frostj@winthrop.edu

Nov.	19	vs. Arkansas ^	L, 49-72
Nov.	20	vs. Troy ^	W, 89-80
Nov.	22	vs. Austin Peay ^	W, 52-36
Nov.	24	at South Carolina	L, 52-62
Nov.	27	WEBER STATE	W, 60-49
Nov.	30	at Providence	W, 60-54
Dec.	2	BARTON	W, 86-57
Dec.	5	SIENA	W, 67-58
Dec.	17	at East Carolina	W, 70-55
Dec.	20	at Portland	10:00pm
Dec.	22	at Oregon	10:00pm
Dec.	30	GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE	8:15pm
Jan.	2	FERRUM	2:00pm
Jan.	5	at Coastal Carolina *	7:00pm
Jan.	8	LIBERTY *	7:00pm
Jan.	10	at UNC Asheville *	7:00pm
Jan.	15	RADFORD *	4:30pm
Jan.	19	at Birmingham-Southern *	8:00pm
Jan.	22	COASTAL CAROLINA *	4:30pm
Jan.	25	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Jan.	29	at High Point *	7:00pm
Jan.	31	VMI *	7:00pm
Feb.	7	UNC ASHEVILLE *	7:00pm
Feb.	10	at Liberty *	7:00pm
Feb.	12	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Feb.	16	at Radford *	7:00pm
Feb.	19	HIGH POINT *	4:30pm
Feb.	23	at VMI *	7:00pm
Feb.	26	at Charleston Southern *	4:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championship	TBA

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