

# **BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE**

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Big South Men's Basketball Standings											
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<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.	<u>w</u>	L	Pct.	<u>Home</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Neu</u>	<u>L10</u>	<u>Streak</u>
VMI	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	W2
Birmingham-Southern	0	0	.000	4	2	.667	1-0	1-1	2-1	4-2	W1
Radford	0	0	.000	2	1	.667	0-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	W1
Winthrop	0	0	.000	3	2	.600	1-0	0-1	2-1	3-2	W1
Charleston Southern	0	0	.000	1	2	.333	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-2	L1
High Point	0	0	.000	1	3	.250	1-0	0-1	0-2	1-3	L3
Liberty	0	0	.000	0	2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	L2
UNC Asheville	0	0	.000	0	3	.000	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-3	L3
Coastal Carolina	0	0	.000	0	5	.000	0-0	0-5	0-0	0-5	L5

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Ferrum at RADFORD	7:00pm
Tuesday, Nov. 30 HIGH POINT at North Carolina A&TWINTHROP at Providence	7:30pm 7:30pm
Wednesday, Dec. 1	7:00nm

UNC ASHEVILLE at Furman ......7:00pm

VMI at Old Dominion......7:00pm

# Thursday, Dec. 2

Monday, Nov. 29

Greensboro College at HIGH POINT	7:00pm
North Carolina A&T at RADFORD	7:00pm
Barton at WINTHROP	7:00pm
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN at Indiana State	7:05pm

#### Saturday, Dec. 4

Virginia Tech at VMI	2:00pm
HIGH POINT at Creighton	4:05pm
UNC ASHEVILLE vs. Western Carolina	4:30pm
Eastern Kentucky at COASTAL CAROLINA	7:00pm
Shenandoah at LIBERTY	7:00pm
RADFORD at West Virginia	7:00pm
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN at Alabama State	8:00pm

#### Sunday, Dec. 5

Siena at WINTHROP ......2:00pm

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

High Point

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Monday, Nov. 22

WINTHROP 52, Austin Peay 36

#### Tuesday, Nov. 23

at UNC Greensboro 79, COASTAL CAROLINA 73 at Clemson 78, UNC ASHEVILLE 59 RADFORD 91, at Longwood 81 at Massachusetts 64, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 60

#### Wednesday, Nov. 24

at South Carolina 62, WINTHROP 52

#### Thursday, Nov. 25

Oklahoma 93, HIGH POINT 65

#### Friday, Nov. 26

Utah 78, HIGH POINT 69 at Hawaii 72, COASTAL CAROLINA 65 at #21 Notre Dame 54, CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 38

#### Saturday, Nov. 27

at WINTHROP 60, Weber State 49 UNC Wilmington 57, at UNC ASHEVILLE 54 at Arkansas State 91, LIBERTY 65 at Alaska Achorage 66, HIGH POINT 65 at BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 113, Tenn. Wesleyan 61

#### Sunday, Nov. 28

VMI 78, at Navy 73 at Chaminade 70, COASTAL CAROLINA 61

Big South school in ALL CAPS - Big South Conference game

## **CHOICE HOTELS** PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Chris Oliver • Sophomore F • Radford Kernersville, N.C.

Oliver averaged 23.3 points in three games and led Radford in wins over Yale and Longwood. The sophomore set career-highs in points in each game, grabbed a team-high 7.3 rebounds, and hit a blistering .763 percent from the floor (29of-38). He also went 6-of-9 from three-point range. Oliver scored at least 20 points in all three games, including 26 points and eight rebounds against Longwood.

## **NEW BALANCE** Freshman of the Week

Reggie Williams F • VMI Prince George, Va.

Williams averaged 14.0 points and 6.5 rebounds in VMI's first two games and helped the Keydets to their first 2-0 start since 1999-00. He shot .478 from the floor, .800 from the line and had five steals. Williams led VMI in scoring with 14 points in his college debut against Southern Virginia, and added 14 points and six rebounds in the Keydets' 78-73 win at Navy.



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#### 2004-05 Big South Players of the Week

# Week Choice Hotels Player of the Week Nov. 29 Chris Oliver, F, 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 Dec. 13 Dec. 20 Jan. 3 Jan. 10 Jan. 17 Jan. 24 Jan. 31 Feb. 7 Feb. 14 Feb. 21 Feb. 28

#### OTHER WEEK 1 PLAYER NOMINEES

**THOMAS VIGLIANCO, F, Birmingham-Southern** 11.7 PPG and 8.5 RPG in 6 G, .458 3FG ... Five double-figure scoring games ... Two double-figure rebounding nights

#### KURTIS RICE, F, Charleston Southern

9.0 PPG and 10.0 RPG in 3 G  $\dots$  13 boards vs. Voorhees  $\dots$  10 points, 11 boards at Notre Dame

#### JERRY ECHENIQUE, C, High Point

15.0 PPG and 8.7 RPG in 3 G at Great Alaska Shootout ... 13 points, 9 rebounds vs. Oklahoma ... 16 points, 10 rebounds vs. Utah

#### DAVID DEES, G, Liberty

16.5 PPG, 12-of-29 FG ( =.414), 8 REB (4.0 pg), 4 STL (2.0 pg), 4 AST (2.0 pg) ... Led Flames in scoring both games

#### TORRELL MARTIN, G, Winthrop

Reached double-figures in scoring four times, including season-best 18 vs. Troy ... Averaged 12.2 PPG, 3.6 RPG, 1.8 APG ... 18-of-42 FG (=.429) and 16-of-17 FT (=.941)

#### 2004-05 Big South Freshmen of the Week

# New Balance Freshman of the Week Week Nov. 29 Reggie Williams, F, VMI 14.0 PPG in 2 G, 11-of-23 FG (=.478), 4-5 FT (=.800), 13 rebounds, 6.5 RPG Dec. 6 Dec. 13 Dec. 20 Jan. 3 Jan. 10 Jan. 17 Jan. 24 Jan. 31 Feb. 7 Feb. 14 Feb. 21 Feb. 28

#### OTHER WEEK 1 FRESHMAN NOMINEES

#### DARIUS LANE, PG, Charleston Southern

Scored career-high 15 points with three steals in win over Voorhees ... 2-of-3 3FG ... 9-of-10 FT

#### JACK LEASURE, G, Coastal Carolina

15.8 PPG, 18-of-38 3FG (=.474) ... 17 points, 5 3FG at Evansville ... 22 points at Hawaii

#### RUSSELL MONROE, C, Liberty

7.0 PPG, 5 REB (2.5 pg), 7-of-8 FG (=.875) ... 5-of-5 FG vs. New Hampshire in 11 minutes ... Season-high 4 rebounds vs. Arkansas State

#### CHRIS GAYNOR, G, Winthrop

5.8 PPG, 3.8 APG, 2.6 SPG in 5 G  $\dots$  11 points vs. Troy  $\dots$  Three games with 5-or-more assists  $\dots$  7 assists and 5 steals with 0 turnovers against Weber State

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#### **REBOUL FOUR WINS FROM 375**

Birmingham-Southern head coach **DUANE REBOUL** stands four wins shy of 375 in his career, which have all come as the Panthers' leader. His record during BSC's Big South years is 53-34 (=.609).

#### IT'S EARLY, BUT ...

Radford sophomore CHRIS OLIVER is leading the Big South in scoring at 23.3 points per game, reaching 20 points in all three games thus far. The last Big South player to average 20 points in a season was UNC Asheville's KEVIN MARTIN (21.9) in 1998-99. Oliver's teammate, WHIT HOLCOMB-FAYE, led the Conference in scoring last season with a 17.5 per game clip.

#### IT'S EARLY, BUT ... (PART II)

Charleston Southern senior **KURTIS RICE** is hauling in a Conference-high 10.0 boards per game. The last Big South player to lead the Big South in rebounding with at least 10 rebounds a game was Winthrop's **GREG LEWIS**, who averaged 10.1 in 2000-01. The last Charleston Southern player to lead the League in rebounding was **DARRYL HALL** in 1989-90.

#### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Coastal Carolina's **PELE PAELAY** has already recorded a League-high three double-doubles, as well as two 20-point, 10-rebound contests. He has three games of at least 20 points, all of which came in consecutive games. Paeley is second in the Big South in both scoring (18.8) and rebounding (9.0).

#### **BIG SOUTH 1.000-POINT SCORERS**

High Point's **DANNY GATHINGS** stands 27 points away from 1,000 during his High Point career, while Radford's **WHIT HOLCOMB-FAYE** is 55 points away from 1,000 in his career. 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	1,112	973
Jakob Sigurdarson, Birmingham-Southern	1,088	478
Player, school	Career	Needs
Whit Holcomb-Faye, Radford	945	55
Bryan McCullough, UNC Asheville	835	165

#### **FOUR-GONE CONCLUSION**

Birmingham-Southern, High Point and Radford all have four players averaging double-figures in scoring. JAKOB SIGURDARSON (13.3), JAMES COLLINS (11.8), THOMAS VIGLIANCO (11.7) and SHEMA MBYIRUKIRA (11.2) lead Birmingham-Southern. For High Point, DANNY GATHINGS (12.8), JERRY ECHENIQUE (12.0), AKEEM SCOTT (11.8) and ZIONE WHITE (10.8) are scoring more than 10 points a game. Radford's CHRIS OLIVER (23.3), WHIT HOLCOMB-FAYE (14.7), OLUMUYIWA POPOOLA (13.0) and REGGIE McINTYRE (10.0) are the Highs' high scorers.

#### **BLOCK PARTY**

UNC Asheville sophomore **C.J. WALKER** has blocked seven shots already and now has 93 in his young career, which is fifth on UNCA's all-time career list. Winthrop junior **BILLY HOUSTON** has a Conference-leading nine blocked shots, and has 69 in his career.

#### MAY I ASSIST YOU?

Birmingham-Southern sophomore **BUCKY McMilLAN** handed out a Conference-high 14 assists in the Panthers' 113-61 win over Tennessee Wesleyan. Last season, the most assists in a game was 13, accomplished by four players. McMillian has dished out 21 helpers this season in six games for a 3.50 per game average.

#### WHAT A STEAL!

After recording a career-best five steals against Indiana State, Coastal Carolina junior **PELE PAELAY** followed that up with six steals at Evansville, and has 19 through five games for a 3.8 per game average. That average is the League's highest since the 1999-00 season, when Liberty's **CARL WILLIAMS** led the Conference with 3.8 steals per game.

#### **TOP 25 COUNTDOWN**

Six Big South opponents were ranked in the Top 25 in both the most recent *Associated Press* and ESPN/*USA Today* coaches poll: Georgia Tech, Michigan State, Maryland, Mississippi State, North Carolina State and Notre Dame. Eight additional opponents received votes: Michigan, Providence, Oklahoma, Utah, Tennessee, Oregon, Miami (Ohio) and Texas Tech.

BIG SOUTH TELEVISION S	SCHED	ULE
Nov. 19 UNC Asheville at Texas Tech New Hampshire at Liberty	TTTN FTN	8:00pm 8:30pm
Dec. 4 Virginia Tech at VMI Shenandoah at Liberty	CSN FTN	2:00pm 7:00pm
Dec. 5 Siena at Winthrop	CN2	2:00pm
Dec. 7 Old Dominion at Liberty	FTN	8:30pm
Dec. 12 UNC Asheville at Maryland	RJ	1:00pm
Dec. 18 UNC Greensboro at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
Dec. 28 Liberty at Maryland	RJ	8:00pm
Jan. 10 Birmingham-Southern at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
Jan. 15 Radford at Winthrop	CN2	4:30pm
Jan. 22 UNC Asheville at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
Jan. 24 VMI at Liberty	CSS, B	STN, FCS 9:00pm
Jan. 25 Charleston Southern at Winthrop	FSN Sc	outh, FCS 7:00pm
Jan. 29 Winthrop at High Point	C-SET	7:00pm
Jan. 31 Birmingham-Southern at Radford	CSS, B	STN, FCS 9:00pm
Feb. 1 High Point at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
Feb. 10 High Point at Birmingham-So.	FSN Sc	outh, FCS
Winthrop at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm 7:00pm
Feb. 12 Charleston Southern at Liberty	FTN	7:00pm
Feb. 14 Coastal Carolina at Liberty Feb. 18	FTN	7:00pm
Coastal Carolina at UNC Asheville	FSN Sc	outh, FCS 7:00pm
Feb. 19 High Point at Winthrop Radford at Liberty	CN2 FTN	4:30pm 7:00pm
March 3 Men's Semifinal Game 1	CSN, C BSTN,	FCS
Men's Semifinal Game 2	BSTN,	7:00pm FCS 9:00pm
March 4 Men's Semifinal Game 2	CSTV (	(tape) 6:00pm
March 5 Men's Championship Game	ESPN2	Noon
Key: BSTN (Big South Television Networ CSN Mid-Atlantic (Comcast Sportsl C-SET (Carolinas Sports Entertainn CSS (Comcast Sports Southeast) FCS (Fox College Sports) FTN (Flames Television Network)	Net)	levision)

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#### HOW ARE THEY FARING

Here's an early look at the preseason All-Conference team, as selected by both coaches and sports information directors:

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

10th in scoring (12.8)  $\dots$  8th in rebounding (6.8)  $\dots$  6th in field goal percentage (.488)  $\dots$  10th in steals (1.75)  $\dots$  5th in three-point shooting (.500)  $\dots$  1 double-double.

#### Larry Blair, Liberty

21st in scoring (10.0) ... T-15th in assists (2.5) ... T-5th in free throw percentage (.857) ... T-5th in steals (2.0) ... 4.0 rebounds per game.

#### Jakob Sigurdarson, Birmingham-Southern

8th in scoring (13.3)  $\dots$  11th in assists (2.8)  $\dots$  T-10th in free throw percentage (.818)  $\dots$  Season-high 24 points vs. Alabama A&M.

#### Whit Holcomb-Faye, Radford

6th in scoring (14.7) ... T-13th in rebounding (5.3) ... 1st in assists (5.0) ... 12th in free throw percentage (.812) ... T-5th in steals (2.0) ... T-9th in three-point shooting (.455) ... T-8th in assist/turnover ratio (1.4) ... Career-high 11 rebounds vs. Longwood.

#### K.J. Garland, UNC Asheville

13th in assists (2.67) ... 7.3 points per game ... 4th on squad in scoring ... Team leader in assists.

#### **GOLD MEDAL EFFORT**

Winthrop sophomore **CRAIG BRADSHAW**, who played in the 2004 Athens Olympics as a member of the New Zealand National Team, has put his international experience to good use, as he is second on the Eagles at 9.4 points per game and in field goal percentage at .472. The 6-10 center is also 7th in the Big South in three-point shooting, hitting 7-of-15 thus far (=.467). Bradshaw earned Paradise Jam All-Tournament honors after scoring 12 points against Arkansas and 17 vs. Troy, as well as finishing the three games with a .545 FG% (12-of-22) and .625 3FG% (5-of-8).

#### FREQUENT FLIER MILEAGE

High Point embarked on a 3,600-mile journey to Anchorage, Alaska, for the 2004 Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout. The schedule maker was not kind to the Panthers, forcing them to play three games in a 37-hour span against a pair of Top 30 teams in Oklahoma and Utah, followed by a 10:00am start on the final day against Alaska Anchorage. The host Seawolves edged High Point by one point, and now have defeated 38 different Division I teams.

#### NO SOPHOMORE SLUMP

Radford sophomore **CHRIS OLIVER** is hitting .763 percent of his shots (29-of-38) through three games, including two games with at least 10 field goals made. He totaled a .909 percentage against Longwood (10-of-11) en route to a career-high 26 points. In addition, Oliver is averaging .667 from three-point range (6-of-9) and .750 from the line (6-of-8). He is also hauling in 7.3 rebounds per game. As a freshman last year, Oliver appeared in 28 games, starting three times, and averaged 6.9 points, 4.3 rebounds and .493 from the floor.

#### **CLASS SCHEDULE**

The Big South will play 10 games against Southern Conference opponents, and could reach 11 as Chattanooga is a potential opponent of Birmingham-Southern at the Dr Pepper Classic. Following the Southern Conference, the Big South will play seven games against ACC schools, including two each against Clemson and Maryland. Seven meetings are also scheduled against Colonial Athletic institutions, with two games each vs. UNC Wilmington and Old Dominion.

#### **BIG SOUTH MISCELLEANOUS STATISTICS**

GAMES WITH 20-OR-MORE POINTS				
Player	20-24	25-29	30+ Total	
Chris Oliver, RU	2	1	3	
Pele Paelay, CCU	2	1	3	
Jakob Sigurdarson, BSC	1		1	
James Collins, BSC	1		1	
Zione White, HPU	1		1	
Jack Leasure, CCU	1		1	
Akeem Scott, HPU	1		1	
Shema Mbyirukira, BSC	1		1	
Colin Stevens, CCU	1		1	

#### **CONSECUTIVE 20-POINT GAMES**

- 3 Chris Oliver, RU (11/19 present)
- 3 Pele Paelay, CCU (11/21 11/26)

#### GAMES WITH 10-OR-MORE REBOUNDS

Player	10-14	15-19	20+ Total
Pele Paelay, CCU	2	1	3
Thomas Viglianco, BSC	1	1	2
Clint Nagel, CCU	2		2
Kurtis Rice, CSU	2		2
Danny Gathings, HPU	1		1
Adrian Gross, CCU	1		1
Tadas Mankevicius, VMI	1		1
Jerry Echenique, HPU	1		1
Whit Holcomb-Faye, RU	1		1
Rashad Robinson, LU	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

#### DOUBLE-DOUBLES

- 3 Pele Paelay, Coastal Carolina
- 2 Kurtis Rice, Charleston Southern
- 1 Thomas Viglianco, Birmingham-Southern
- 1 Danny Gathings, High Point
- 1 Adrian Gross, Coastal Carolina
- 1 Whit Holcomb-Faye, Radford
- 1 Jerry Echenique, High Point
- 1 Rashad Robinson, Liberty

#### CONSECUTIVE DOUBLE-DOUBLE GAMES

- 2 Kurtis Rice, CSU (11/22 present)
- 2 Pele Paelay, CCU (11/21 11/23)

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

2 Pele Paelay, Coastal Carolina (27 Pts, 11 R at Evansville, 11/21) (22 Pts, 11 R at UNC Greensboro, 11/23)

#### TEAMMATES WITH 20 POINTS, SAME GAME

1 Coastal Carolina

(Leasure 22, Paeley 21 - 11/26)

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#### NOTING THE BIG SOUTH TEAMS

#### **BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN**

Birmingham-Southern claimed its first in-season Tournament title since joining Division I, capturing the Pepsi Marist Classic earlier this year ... Seven Panthers either tied or set career-highs in points in BSC's 113-61 win over Tennessee Wesleyan, Nov. 27 ... BUCKY McMILLAN's 14 assists in that game are the second-most in school history ... BSC was 13-of-27 (=.481) from three-point range in that contest ... THOMAS VIGLIANCO, a 6-9 forward, leads the squad in three-point shooting at .458 (11-of-24) ... The Panthers are back on the road this week at Indiana State Thursday and at Alabama State Saturday.

#### **CHARLESTON SOUTHERN**

The Bucs are off to a good defensive start this season, as opponents are shooting just .337 from the field and .222 from three-point range ... **KURTIS RICE** is averaging 9.0 points and 10.0 rebounds after three games, and has recorded a double-double in his last two appearances ... Charleston Southern has been outscored by a total of seven points after three games and opponents have made 19 more free throws in that span ... The Buccaneers are idle until a trip to Clemson on Dec. 11.

#### **COASTAL CAROLINA**

Junior **PELE PAELAY** recorded his first career double-double with 11 rebounds and a career-high 27 points at Evansville, in addition to a personal-best six steals. He added 22 points and 11 boards the following game at UNC Greensboro ... Freshman **JACK LEASURE** opened his collegiate career with 16 points against Indiana State, and is the leading freshman scorer in the Big South at 15.8 points per game ... Coastal opens its home schedule Saturday against Eastern Kentucky.

#### **HIGH POINT**

High Point's 118 points against Southeastern (Fla.) were the most by a Panther team in nearly 37 years. HPU beat Atlantic Christian, 121-100, on Feb. 12, 1969 ... JERRY ECHENIQUE tallied 13 points and nine rebounds against Oklahoma Wooden Award candidate Kevin Bookout, and recorded 16 points and 10 rebounds against Australian Olympic Team member and Utah forward Andrew Bogut ... HPU is in the midst of seven games in 13 days, and play four times in a seven-day stretch beginning Tuesday at North Carolina A&T.

#### **LIBERTY**

The Flames' 12-game home winning streak was snapped by New Hampshire in the season opener ... JC transfer **RASHAD ROBINSON** tallied LU's first double-double of the year with 11 points and 11 rebounds in that game ... Of Liberty's 116 field goal attempts, 46, or 39.7%, have come from three-point range ... **DAVID DEES** led the Flames in scoring in the first two games, the second time in his career he has been the team's scoring leader in consecutive games ... Liberty will host Shenandoah Saturday, just one of four home games over LU's next 14 contests.

#### RADFORD

The Highlanders had four players reach career-highs against Longwood: CHRIS OLIVER (26 points); WHIT HOLCOMB-FAYE (11 rebounds); REGGIE McINTYRE (15 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists); and BRANDON JEFFERS (12 points) ... RU will open the home season Monday against Ferrum before hosting North Carolina A&T Thursday ... Radford travels to West Virginia Saturday.

#### **UNC ASHEVILLE**

**BRYAN McCULLOUGH** needs 165 points to become the 22nd player in school history to score 1,000 career points ... UNCA is looking for its first win of the season, and face two Southern Conference opponents this week (Furman - Wednesday; Western Carolina - Saturday) ... McCullough and **JOSEPH BARBER** are tied for the team scoring lead at 10.3 ppg.

#### VM

VMI is 2-0 for the first time since 1999-00 ... The 78-73 win over Navy was the Keydets' first in 22 tries and snapped a 14-game road losing streak dating back to 2002-03 ... The 33 points allowed against Southern Virginia tied the school record for fewest points allowed in a game ... VMI travels to Old Dominion Wednesday before hosting Virginia Tech in a TV game Saturday at Cameron Hall.

#### WINTHROP

Winthrop took third place in the six-team Paradise Jam Tournament ... WU held Austin Peay to a school-record low point total while winning 52-36 ... The 36 points allowed was also the fewest scored by a Division I opponent against the Eagles ... Winthrop is holding opponents to just 59.8 points per game, including a League-best two games under 50 points ... The Eagles travel to Providence on Tuesday, their sixth game in 11 days, and host Barton Thursday and Siena Sunday.

#### 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. Birmingham-Southern (8)	150
2. High Point (7)	
3. Liberty (2)	
4. Winthrop	
5. UNC Asheville	
6. Radford (1)	81
7. VMI	47
8. Coastal Carolina	42
9. Charleston Southern	34

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# BIG SOUTH VS. OTHER CONFERENCES

America East1-1	Mid-Eastern Atlantic
Northeastern 1-0	Hampton
New Hampshire 0-1	North Carolina A&T
Atlantic Coast0-1	Missouri Valley0-2
Clemson 0-1	Evansville 0-1
Georgia Tech	Indiana State 0-1
Maryland	Creighton
North Carolina State	
Virginia Tech	Mountain West0-1
Atlantic Sun1-0	Utah 0-1
Troy 1-0	Northeast
Central Florida ^	Mount St. Mary's
	Robert Morris
Atlantic-100-1	Obi- 1611
Massachusetts 0-1	Ohio Valley1-0
Fordham	Austin Peay 1-0
Big East0-1	Eastern Kentucky Jacksonville State
Notre Dame 0-1	
Providence 0-1	Murray State ^
Seton Hall	Pacific-10
West Virginia	Oregon
3	Detailed 1.0
Big Sky1-0	Patriot1-0 Navv 1-0
Weber State 1-0	Navy 1-0
Big Ten	Southern0-2
Michigan	College of Charleston 0-1
Michigan State	UNC Greensboro 0-1
•	Chattanooga ^
Big 120-2	Furman
Oklahoma 0-1	The Citadel
Texas Tech 0-1	Western Carolina
Colorado	Wofford
Colonial Athletic0-2	Southeastern0-3
UNC Wilmington 0-1	Arkansas 0-1
William & Mary 0-1	Mississippi State 0-1
James Madison	South Carolina 0-1
Old Dominion	Tennessee
Towson	Courthern Athletic
Conference USA	Southwestern Athletic1-0 Alabama A&M 1-0
Charlotte	Alabama State
East Carolina	Alabana State
Tulane	Sun Belt0-1
rutarie	Arkansas State 0-1
lvy1-0	New Orleans
Yale 1-0	North Texas ^
Brown ^	West Coast
Metro Atlantic Athletic1-0	West Coast Portland
Marist 1-0	St. Mary's
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Loyola (Md.) Siena	Western Athletic0-1
Jici id	Hawaii 0-1
Mid-American	Division I Independent
Marshall	Texas-Pan American
Miami (Ohio)	Utah Valley State
	July valley state
	Division I Reclassifying1-0
	Longwood 1-0

UC Davis ^

Non Division I	4-2
Southeastern (Fla.)	1-0
Southern Virginia	1-0
Tennessee Wesleyan	1-0
Voorhees	1-0
Alaska Achorage	0-1
Chaminade	0-1
Barton	
Bluefield	
Coker	
Ferrum	
Greensboro College	
Lander	
Lees-McRae	
Lenoir-Rhyne	
Montreat	
Ohio Northern	
Shenandoah	
TOTAL13-20	(.394)

^ - potential opponent

## **BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN** (4-2, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Duane Reboul SID Contact: Will Chandler Phone: 205-226-7736 Email: wchandle@bsc.edu

11	vs. Alabama A&M ^	W, 79-69
		L, 48-55
		W, 81-70
		W, 67-66
		L, 60-64
		W, 113-61
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10	HIGH POINT *	6:00pm
12		6:00pm
14	at UNC Asheville *	6:00pm
17	TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN	7:00pm
19	VMI *	7:00pm
24	at Charleston Southern *	6:00pm
26	at Coastal Carolina *	3:00pm
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# CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (1-2, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Jim Platt 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	7:00pm
Dec.	15	LANDER UNIVERSITY	7:00pm
Dec.	18	WOFFORD	4:00pm
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 *	7:00pm
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	COASTAL CAROLINA *	7:00pm
Feb.	3 5 7	RADFORD *	7:00pm
Feb.	7	VMI *	7:00pm
Feb.	12	at Liberty *	7:00pm
Feb.	14	at High Point *	7:00pm
Feb.	17		7:00pm
Feb.	21	at Coastal Carolina *	7:00pm
Feb.	24	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Feb.	26	WINTHROP *	4:00pm
March	1-5	Big South Championship	TBA

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# COASTAL CAROLINA (0-5, 0-0 Big South)

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

Nov.	19	at Indiana State	L, 46-70
Nov.	21 23	at Evansville	L, 80-87
Nov.		at UNC Greensboro	L, 73-79
Nov.	26	at Hawaii	L, 65-72
Nov.	28	at Chaminade	L, 61-70
Dec.	4	EASTERN KENTUCKY	7:00pm
Dec.	12	COKER	3:00pm
Dec.	15	JACKSONVILLE STATE	7:00pm
Dec.	18	UNC WILMINGTON	7:00pm
Dec.	22	at College of Charleston	7:00pm
Dec.	29	OHIO NORTHERN	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 Ásheville *	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** (1-3, 0-0 Big South)

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

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# **LIBERTY** (0-2, 0-0 Big South)

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

19	NEW HAMPSHIRE	L, 58-59
27	at Arkansas State	L, 65-91
1	at Western Carolina	7:00pm
4	SHENANDOAH	7:00pm
7	OLD DOMINION	8:30pm
11	at North Carolina State	2:00pm
18	UNC GREENSBORO	7:00pm
21	at Miami (Ohio)	7:00pm
28	at Maryland	8:00pm
30	at Marist	7:30pm
1	at Seton Hall	2:00pm
5	at High Point *	7:00pm
		7:00pm
10	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
	at Coastal Carolina *	4:00pm
		7:00pm
		7:00pm
		9:00pm
29	at Radford *	7:00pm
1		7:00pm
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	at VMI *	7:00pm
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# RADFORD (2-1, 0-0 Big South)

Head Coach: Byron Samuels 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	FERRUM	7:00pm
Dec.	2	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	7:00pm
Dec.	4	at West Virginia	7:00pm
Dec.	8	HAMPTON	7:00pm
Dec.	10	LEES-MCRAE	7:00pm
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	LIBERTY *	7:00pm
Jan.	31	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN *	9:00pm
Feb.	5	at Charleston Southern *	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

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#### VMI

# (2-0, 0-0 Big South)

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

Nov.	22	SOUTHERN VIRGINIA	W, 71-33
Nov.	28	at Navy	W, 78-73
Dec.	1	at Old Dominion	7:00pm
Dec.	4	VIRGINIA TECH	2:00pm
Dec.	8	at Longwood	7:00pm
Dec.	11	TOWSŎN	1:00pm
Dec.	13	BLUEFIELD	7:00pm
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	ТВА

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

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

Nov.	19	at Texas Tech	L, 55-119
Nov.	23	at Clemson	Ĺ, 59-78
Nov.	27	UNC WILMINGTON	L, 54-57
Dec.	1	at Furman	7:00pm
Dec.	4	WESTERN CAROLINA ^	4:30pm
Dec.	12	at Maryland	1:00pm
Dec.	15	LENOIR-RHYNE	7:00pm
Dec.	17	MONTREAT	7:00pm
Dec.	19	at Charlotte	3:00pm
Dec.	29	at Michigan State	7:00pm
Dec.	31	at Michigan	1:00pm
Jan.	5	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	7:00pm
Jan.	10	WINTHROP *	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	at Coastal Carolina *	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		7:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championship	TBA

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# WINTHROP (3-2, 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		L, 52-62
Nov.	27	WEBER STATE	W, 60-49
Nov.	30	at Providence	7:30pm
Dec.	2	BARTON	7:00pm
Dec.	5	SIENA	2:00pm
Dec.	17	at East Carolina	7:00pm
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		7:00pm
Feb.	26	at Charleston Southern *	4:00pm
March	1-5	at Big South Championship	TBA

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