



“North Carolina A&T State University Aggies Alumni Win the 2015 Triangle HBCU Alumni Co-Ed Softball Classic!”

2015 Tournament Results

The 14th Annual Triangle HBCU Alumni Co-Ed Softball Classic was played on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Millbrook Exchange Park in Raleigh, North Carolina. This tournament was hosted by the local Triangle Alumni Chapters of Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Hampton University, Morgan State University, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, and Winston Salem State University.

The tournament kick-off at 9:15am with Mr. Tony Craddock, Classic Committee Chair welcomed everyone to the 2015 Triangle HBCU Alumni Co-ed Softball Classic. The opening prayer was provided by Linwood Peele, Classic Committee and NCA&TSU alumni team manager. Mr. Craddock thanked everyone for coming out and provided special thanks to our tournament sponsors **Anglin Insurance Group, Liberty Mutual Insurance, PNC Bank** and thanks to our vendors **Carter’s Catering** and **SBG Philadelphia Water Ice**. Mr. Craddock thanked Councilman Eugene Weeks and the City of Raleigh Park & Recreation for allowing us to use the fields and their staff for preparing the fields for play. He also thanked all the committee members for assisting on this year’s tournament.

Mr. Craddock explained that all donations will go towards scholarships, a tournament table was set up to collect donations and Triangle HBCU Classic – Support Our HBCUs wristbands were sold for \$3 each. PNC collected donations for the opportunity to win a gift basket with all proceeds raised from gift basket to go towards scholarships.

Mr. Craddock introduced the committee members from each alumni chapter, City Councilman Eugene Weeks and the umpires. Councilman Weeks welcomed everyone to Raleigh and thanked the tournament for choosing Raleigh again this year. Councilman Weeks and the City of Raleigh provided the fields to help raise money for scholarship and the alumni chapters paid for the liability insurance to protect Raleigh and alumni chapters from accidents. The umpires explained the rules of the tournament and the games began.

Tournament began with First Round Games:

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The tournament began play at 9:45am with MSU Bears forfeiting to NCCU Eagles, but they played a friendly Game 1 with the help of other HBCU alumni. Next, NCA&TSU Aggies defeated last year's tournament champs FSU Broncos by a score of 15 to 9 in Game 2. At 11:25am, SHAWU Bears defeated shorthanded ECSU Vikings by a score of 19 to 5 in Game 3 and HU Pirates defeated WSSU Rams 11 to 8 in Game 4.

Semifinal Games:

At 12:55pm, the NCA&TSU Aggies handily defeated NCCU Eagles by a score of 33 to 1 in Game 5 and at 1:06pm the SHAWU Bears shut out the HU Pirates 21 to 0 in Game 6 to move on to the championship game.

Complimentary Games:

The complimentary bracket started at 2:30pm with MSU Bears forfeiting to FSU Broncos in Game 7, while ECSU Vikings defeated WSSU Rams by a score of 12 to 2 in Game 8.

Final: A&T plays in the Championship Game Second Consecutive Year: Is this the year for the Aggies to win?

To begin the Championship Game, both teams lined up on the 1st and 3rd base lines and lead the crowd in singing the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." At 3:45pm, the three time champions SHAWU Bears took the field as the home team against the NCA&TSU Aggies. In the championship game, the Aggies scored two runs in the top of the 1st inning and the Bears went scoreless in the bottom of the 1st to a score of 2 to 0. The Aggies scored one more run in the top of the 2nd inning and the Bears went scoreless in the bottom of the 2nd. The Aggies scored one more in the top of the 3rd, while the Bears went scoreless again in the bottom of the 3rd to a score of 4 to 0. The Aggies were held scoreless in the top of the 4th and the Bears began the inning with a double, but then were once again held scoreless in the bottom of the 4th to a score of 4 to 0. In the top of the 5th, the Aggies scored one more run and the Aggies once again held the Bears scoreless in the bottom of the 5th to a score of 5 to 0. In the top of the 6th inning the Aggies were held scoreless; the Bears' first three batters got on base and scored two runs in the bottom of the 6th to a score of 5 to 2. The Aggies were again held scoreless in the top of 7th and the Bears continued their rally with the leadoff batter walking along with the lady batter behind him and the third batter hit a fly out to left for the first out. The fourth batter hit a single to center field scoring one run to bring the score to 5 to 3. Within two runs, the Bears' fifth batter hit a fly ball to right field and it was caught; the fielder threw the ball to first for a double play to end the game to a score of 5 to 3. The Aggies held on and won the lowest scoring game of the day. The Aggies and Bears combined to score a total of 8 runs in the championship game and in the previous four games, the two teams combined to score a total of 88 runs.

The North Carolina A&T State University Aggies won the title and were crowned **2015 Triangle HBCU Alumni Coed Softball Tournament Champions** and the Shaw University Bears were named Tournament Runner-Up.

Tournament Committee Chair Tony Craddock presented the trophies to the Aggies and Bears.

The alumni teams enjoyed snacks, lunch and drinks between games while visiting **Carter Catering** and **SBG Philadelphia Water Ice**; the food vendor provided tasty hotdogs, fried fish, chicken, barbecue ribs dinners and the icy vendor provided tasty frozen drinks. Special thanks to our tournament sponsors: **Anglin Insurance Group, Liberty Mutual Insurance and PNC Bank** who provided valuable information and paraphernalia to attendees, the **Wake County HIV/STD Community Program** for providing free HIV/STD testing and the **Friends Committee**, a local non-profit organization that advocates for community members on issues related to education, employment, crime, mental illness, and housing. The Alumni Chapters also had tables set up to provide information on their respective universities to the attendees.

Thanks to all the volunteers for making this event a success. Special thanks to the sponsors and vendors for coming out and supporting us this year.

Thanks to Raleigh's Parks and Recreation Department for allowing us to use Millbrook Exchange Park's softball fields and preparing the fields for play. Thanks to City Councilman Eugene Weeks for allowing us to utilize the city's fields. Thanks to Mr. Dennis Ellis for taking photos throughout the day and capturing the tournament. Thanks to all the alumni, family and friends who came out and supported their Alma Mater and the tournament. Mr. Tony Craddock, 2015 Classic Committee Chair and Fayetteville State University Alumnus said, "We look forward to a bigger and better tournament next year and stay tuned!"

Please see the 2015 Triangle HBCU Alumni Coed Softball Classic photos at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10152778069386058.1073741837.65818166057&type=1&pnref=story>, tournament committee members, tournament history and tournament bracket below.

Triangle HBCU Alumni Co-Ed Softball Classic Committee Members

Name	Alumni Association
Tony Craddock, Chair	Fayetteville State University
Tacarra Jones, Co-chair	Fayetteville State University
Ronda Brown	Fayetteville State University
Thelma Thomas	Bowie State University
Allen Mason	Elizabeth City State University
Paul Stevens	Hampton University
Leslie Hannibal	Morgan State University
Earl Horton	North Carolina A&T State University
Linwood Peele	North Carolina A&T State University
Mona Parks	North Carolina Central University
Greg Watkins	Shaw University
Marty Nicholson	Shaw University
Stanley Harding	Winston Salem State University

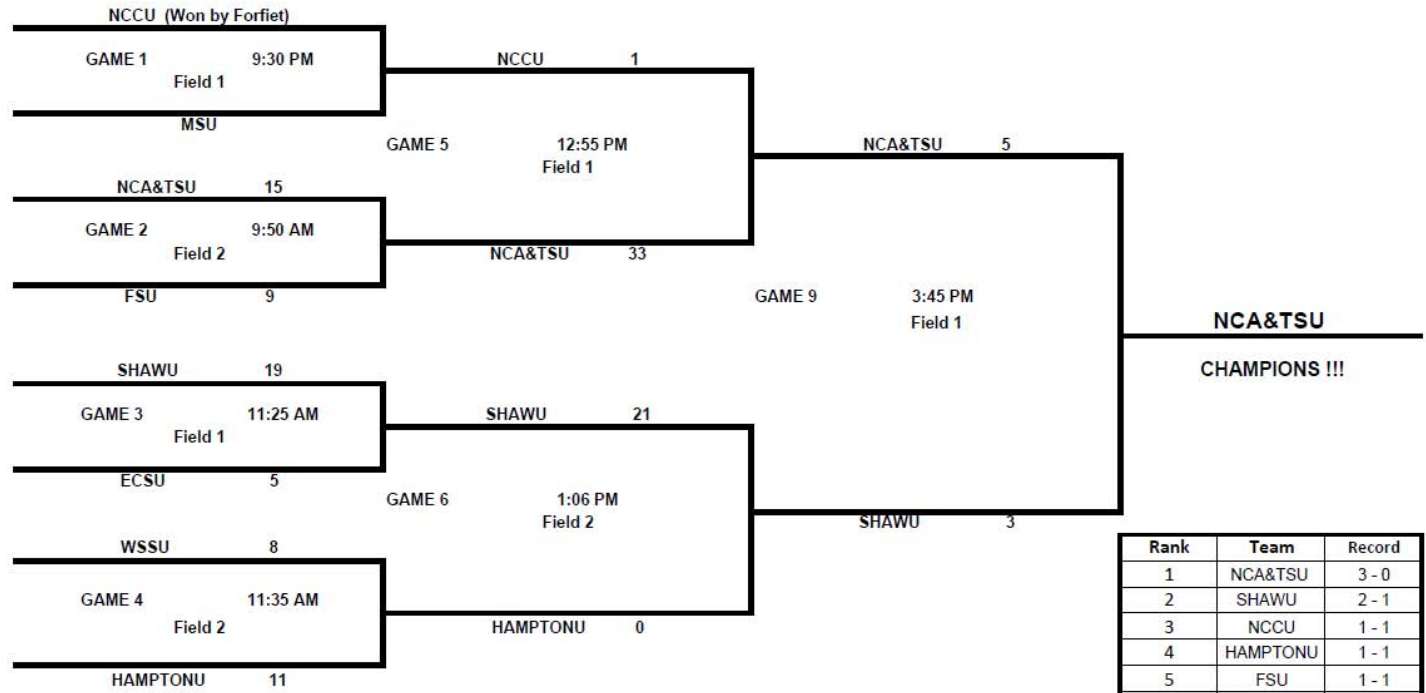
Note: If alumni would like to be a part of the committee, please contact us at hbcusoftball@yahoo.com.

HISTORY OF TRIANGLE HBCU ALUMNI COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Year	Participating Universities	Park	Tournament Date
2001	NCA&TSU & NCCU (Aggie/Eagle Classic)	Pullen Park, Raleigh, NC	August 25, 2001
2002	NCA&TSU & NCCU (Aggie/Eagle Classic)	Carolina Pines Park, Raleigh, NC	August 24, 2002
2003	NCA&TSU & NCCU (Aggie/Eagle Classic)	Carolina Pines Park, Raleigh, NC	August 16, 2003
2004	Did Not Schedule a Game		
2005	Cancelled Due to Inclement Weather		
2006	NCA&TSU & NCCU (Aggie/Eagle Classic)	Pullen Park, Raleigh, NC	July 15, 2006
2007	HamptonU, NCA&TSU , NCCU & WSSU	Lion Park, Raleigh, NC	May 19, 2007
2008	ECSU , HamptonU, NCA&TSU, NCCU/HowardU, ShawU & WSSU	Valley Spring Park, Durham, NC	May 31, 2008
2009	ECSU, NCA&TSU, NCCU, StAugU, ShawU & WSSU	Parrish Womble Park, Holly Springs, NC	May 30, 2009
2010	ECSU, HamptonU, MSU, NCA&TSU, NCCU, StAugU, ShawU & WSSU	Parrish Womble Park, Holly Springs, NC	May 22, 2010
2011	ECSU, FSU, HamptonU, MSU, NCA&TSU, NCCU, StAugU, ShawU & WSSU	Parrish Womble Park, Holly Springs, NC	June 2, 2011
2012	ECSU, FSU, HamptonU, NCA&TSU, NCCU, StAugU , ShawU, TuskegeeU & WSSU	Parrish Womble Park, Holly Springs, NC	May 19, 2012
2013	ECSU, FSU , HamptonU, NCA&TSU, NCCU, StAugU, ShawU & WSSU	Parrish Womble Park, Holly Springs, NC	May 18, 2013
2014	ECSU, FSU , HamptonU, NCA&TSU, NCCU, StAugU, ShawU & WSSU	Millbrook Exchange Park, Raleigh, NC	June 7, 2014
2015	ECSU, FSU, HamptonU, NCA&TSU , NCCU, StAugU, ShawU & WSSU	Millbrook Exchange Park, Raleigh, NC	May 30, 2015

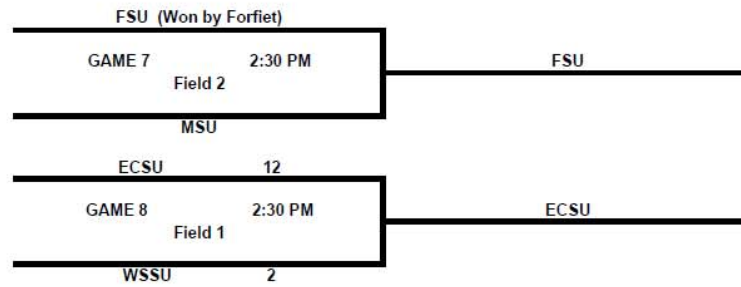
Note: The champions are in **bold text**.

WINNERS BRACKET



Rank	Team	Record
1	NCA&TSU	3 - 0
2	SHAWU	2 - 1
3	NCCU	1 - 1
4	HAMPTONU	1 - 1
5	FSU	1 - 1
6	ECSU	1 - 1
7	WSSU	0 - 2
8	MSU	0 - 2

COMPLIMENTARY BRACKET



Note: Times were changed.