



“Shaw University Alumni Wins the 2016 Triangle HBCU Alumni Softball Tournament!”

2016 Tournament Results

The 15th Annual Triangle HBCU Co-ed Softball Tournament was played on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Lions 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, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Saint Augustine University, Shaw University, Virginia State University and Winston Salem State University.

The tournament kicked-off at 8:30am with Mrs. Stephanie Jones, NCCU alumni/Tournament Committee Chair welcoming everyone to the 2016 Triangle HBCU Co-ed Softball Classic. The opening prayer was provided by Linwood Peele, NCA&TSU alumni team manager. Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for coming out and provided special thanks to our tournament sponsors **Millennium Cleaning Services and The Faithful Club** and thanks to our vendors **Raleigh Tees, David's Dream Pies, Snowie of NC, R&J's Fish, Wings, and Things Food Truck, Real Time Pain Relief, Gifts from the Kitchen, Beta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Weichert, Realtors – On the Move.** She asked if everyone could visit and patronize the vendors to show our support. Mrs. Jones thanked Councilman Corey Branch NCA&TSU alumni, and the City of Raleigh Park & Recreation for allowing us to use the fields and their staff for preparing the fields for play. She also thanked all the committee members for assisting on this year's tournament.

Mrs. Jones 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.

Mrs. Jones introduced the committee members from each alumni chapter and City Councilman Corey Branch. Greg Watkins, tournament committee and Shaw's team manager explained the rules of the tournament and the games began.

The Round Robin Tournament began with First Round Games:

First Round Games:

The tournament began play at 9:15am with ShawU Bears defeating the FSU Broncos 13 to 5 in Game 1. NCA&TSU Aggies defeated ECSU Vikings by a score of 11 to 8 in Game 2. At 10:15 am, WSSU Rams/VSU Trojans forfeited their game to HU Pirates. At 10:30am, the SAU Falcons defeated NCCU Eagles by a score of 10 to 8 in Game 4.

Second Round Games:

At 11:15am, WSSU Rams/VSU Trojans forfeited their second game to FSU Broncos in Game 5. At 11:40am, NCCU Eagles defeated ECSU Vikings 9 to 8 in Game 6. At 12:30pm, ShawU Bears defeated HU Pirates by a score of 13 to 2 in Game 7. At 12:40pm, SAU Falcons defeated NCA&TSU Aggies by a score of 15 to 14 in Game 8.

Third Round Games:

At 1:40pm, WSSU Rams/VSU Trojans forfeited their third game to ShawU Bears in Game 9. At 2:00pm, NCA&TSU Aggies defeated NCCU Eagles by a score of 10 to 5 in Game 10. At 2:30pm, HU Pirates defeated FSU Broncos in Game 11 by a score of 12 to 4. At 3:15pm, SAU Falcons defeated ECSU Vikings by a score of 9 to 6 in the final round-robin game (Game 12).

Championship Game: Shaw University Bears Second Consecutive Year in the Championship Game: Is this the year for the Bears to win it all?

After a long delay, the winner of each round-robin bracket SAU Falcons (3-0) took the field against ShawU Bears (3-0) at 5:10pm; the Falcons scored one run in top of the 1st inning and the Bears scored three runs in the bottom of the 1st to a score of 3 to 1. The Falcons scored 1 more run in the top of the 2nd inning and the Bears scored 5 more runs in the bottom of the 2nd inning to widen the score to 8 to 2. The Falcons scored 1 more run in the top of the 3rd inning and the Bears scored 2 more runs in the bottom of the 3rd inning to widen the score to 10 to 3. In the top of the 4th inning, the Falcons scored 1 more run, while the Bears continued their dominance to score 6 more runs in the bottom of the 4th to a score of 16 to 4. With more than a 10 run deficit, the Falcons had to score 3 runs to avoid the 10-run ruling. The Falcons started the top of the 5th inning strong with getting the first 4 out of 5 batters on base, but the Shaw Bears was able to hold them to only 2 runs scored to win by a score of 16 to 6 to win the championship game.

The Shaw University Bears won the title and was crowned **2016 Triangle HBCU Alumni Coed Softball Tournament Champions** and the Saint Augustine University Falcons was named Tournament Runner-Up.

Tournament Committee Chair Stephanie Jones presented the trophies to the Bears and Falcons.

The alumni teams enjoyed snacks, lunch and drinks between games while visiting **R&J's Fish, Wings, and Things Food Truck, David's Dream Pies, and Snowie of NC**, the food vendors provided tasty fried fish, shrimp, chicken, fruit pies, and the icy vendor provided tasty frozen drinks. Special thanks to our tournament sponsors: **Millennium Cleaning Services, The Faithful Club and Weichert, Realtors – On the Move** who provided valuable information and paraphernalia to attendees. 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 possible. 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 Lions Park's softball fields and preparing the fields for play. Thanks to City Councilman Corey Branch 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 David Pratt for recording the tournament. Thanks to all the alumni, family and friends who came out and supported their Alma Mata and the tournament. Ms. Stephanie Jones, 2016 Tournament Committee Chair and North Carolina Central University Alumnus said, "We look forward to a bigger and better tournament next year and stay tuned!"

Please see the 2016 Triangle HBCU Alumni Coed Softball Tournament photos at <https://www.facebook.com/NCCUdurhamAlumni/photos/a.10153489734201058.1073741850.65818166057/10153489743126058/?type=3&theater>, tournament history and tournament bracket below.

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
2016	ECSU, FSU, HamptonU, NCA&TSU, NCCU, StAugU, ShawU , VSU & WSSU	Lions Park, Raleigh, NC	June 11, 2016

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

8-Team Round Robin Tournament

Pool A

Teams	Wins	Losses
ShawU	4	0
FSU	1	2
HamptonU	2	1
WSSU/VSU	0	3

Pool B

Team	Wins	Losses
NCA&TSU	2	1
ECSU	0	3
SAU	3	1
NCCU	1	2

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
2 vs 1	4 vs 2	4 vs 1
3 vs 4	1 vs 3	2 vs 3

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
2 vs 1	4 vs 2	4 vs 1
3 vs 4	1 vs 3	2 vs 3

Games Schedule (Each team play 3 games)

Times	Field #1	Field #2	Rounds
9:00am	FSU vs. ShawU (5 – 13)	ECSU vs. A&T (8 – 11)	1
10:00am	HU vs. WSSU/VSU (7 – 0)	SAU vs. NCCU (10 – 8)	
	Field #2	Field #1	2
11:00am	WSSU/VSU vs. FSU (0 – 7)	NCCU vs. ECSU (9 – 8)	
12:00pm	Scholarship Ceremony		
12:30pm	SU vs. HU (13 – 2)	A&T SAU (14 – 15)	3
	Field #1	Field #2	
1:30pm	WSSU/VSU vs. SU (0 – 7)	NCCU vs. A&T (5 – 10)	
2:30pm	FSU vs. HU (4 – 12)	ECSU vs. SAU (6 – 9)	Champion!!!
	Field #1		
3:30pm	SU vs. SAU (16 – 6)		