



“Shaw University Bears Alumni Three-Peats as Tournament Champions!”

2011 Tournament Results

The 9th Annual HBCU Co-ed Softball Tournament was played on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Parrish Womble Park in Holly Springs, 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’s College, Shaw University, and Winston Salem State University.

The tournament started at 9:15am with Mr. Stanley Harding, Tournament Committee Chair kicking off with the welcomes, introductions and many thanks to the supporters of the tournament. NCCU Eagles’ team manager, Deacon Clarence Rogers provided the tournament’s opening prayer.

Quarterfinals: 2010 Finalists Advances...

The tournament began at 9:45am with the two-time defending champions SU Bears continuing their dominance by defeating the newcomers FSU Broncos handily by the score of 27 to 13. NCCU Eagles defeated the WSSU Rams by forfeit; the Rams had several players that were unable to make it and the other HBCUs assisted in playing a friendly game to a score 8 to 8 in the first bracket. At 11:10am, SAU Falcons squeaked past the NCA&TSU Aggies 12 to 11, and last year’s runner-ups, ECSU Vikings defeated HU Pirates by a landslide score of 37 to 2 in the second bracket.

Semifinals: Shaw and ECSU Destined For Another Rematch...

The semifinals started at 12:40pm with SU Bears continuing their dominance by defeating NCCU Eagles by a score of 19 to 12 along with ECSU Vikings continuing their strong play by defeating SAU Falcons handily by a score of 13 to 2. The complimentary bracket started at 2:05pm with WSSU Rams defeating FSU Pirates by the score to 16 to 14 and NCA&TSU Aggies defeating Hampton 16 to 6.

Final: History Three - Peats?

At 3:30pm, Mr. Parrish Womble, current city councilman, former mayor of Holly Springs in which the beautiful park named in his honor; threw out the first pitch before the championship game – a rematch between the last two years' finalists Shaw University and last two years' runner-up Elizabeth City State University.

In the championship game, the Vikings loaded the bases but did not score in the top of the 1st inning and the Bears scored three runs in the bottom to take a 3 to 0 lead. The Bears held the Vikings' bottom of the lineup scoreless in the top of the 2nd inning and the Vikings returned the favor by holding the Bears' bottom of the lineup scoreless in the bottom of 2nd. The Vikings' scored one run in the top of the 3rd, while the Bears scored four runs in the bottom of the 3rd to lead by a score of 7 to 1. The Vikings scored two more runs in the top of the 4th and held the Bears' top of the order scoreless by getting three consecutive outs in the bottom of the 4th to bring the score to 7 to 3. In the top of the 5th, the Vikings had their biggest inning scoring five runs, while holding the Bears to two runs in the bottom of the 5th bringing the score within one run of 9 to 8. The Vikings came up in the top of the 6th inning with the top of the order and made three consecutive outs; while the Bears had their biggest inning scoring six runs to extend the score to 15 to 8 lead. Now, down by seven runs in the top of the 7th, the Vikings started an impressive comeback by scoring four runs with two outs. Down by three runs, with the tying run at the plate and the Vikings' top of the order could not string together enough hits in the inning and was defeated by a score of 15 to 12.

The Shaw University Bears won their third consecutive title and was crowned **2011 Triangle HBCU Alumni Coed Softball Tournament Champions** and the ECSU Vikings named Tournament Runner-Up for the third consecutive time.

Teams took lunch in between games to visit the food vendor enjoying the finger licking country cooking by Reverend Otis Byrd and the First Baptist Church. Ideas! Coffee House provided drinks and snacks during the tournament. The Universities also had tables set up to provide information to the attendances.

Thanks to all the volunteers for making this event possible. Thanks to the vendors for coming out and supporting us this year. Thanks to Mr. Gerald Honeyblue, owner of Gee Wiz Screen printing for making the jerseys for the HBCUs softball teams for the tournament. Thanks to Mr. Dennis Ellis for taking photos throughout the tournament. Thanks to all the alumni, family and friends who came out and supported their school and the tournament. Stanley Harding, Tournament Committee Chair said, "We look forward to a bigger and better tournament next year and stay tuned!"

Please see the 2011 Triangle HBCU Alumni Coed Softball Tournament photos at <http://nccueagles.smugmug.com/NCCU-Alumni-Association-Photos/2011-Triangle-HBCU-Coed/> and tournament bracket below:

WINNERS BRACKET

GAME 1	WSSU	8	9:45 AM
	Forfeit	(Field 3)	
	NCCU	8	

GAME 2	Shaw U	27	9:45 AM
		(Field 4)	
	FSU	13	

GAME 3	NCA&TSU	11	11:10 AM
		(Field 3)	
	St. Aug	12	

GAME 4	Hampton U	2	11:20 AM
		(Field 4)	
	ECSU	37	

COMPLIMENTARY BRACKET

GAME 7 (Looser of Game 1 & 2)	WSSU	16	2:05 PM
		(Field 3)	
	FSU	14	

GAME 8 (Looser of Game 3 & 4)	NCA&TSU	16	2:10 PM
		(Field 4)	
	Hampton U	6	

NCCU	12
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GAME 5	(Field 3)	12:40 PM
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Shaw U	19
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St. Aug	2
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GAME 6	(Field 4)	1:15 PM
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ECSU	13
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CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Shaw U	15
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GAME 9	(Field 3)	3:30 PM
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ECSU	12
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Shaw U CHAMPIONS!!!

Rank	Team	Record
1	Shaw U	3 - 0
2	ECSU	2 - 1
3	NCCU	1 - 1
4	SAU	1 - 1
5	NCA&TSU	1 - 1
6	WSSU	1 - 1
7	FSU	0 - 2
8	HU	0 - 2