

N.C. CENTRAL EAGLES SOFTBALL



Howard University

vs.

North Carolina Central University

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018



Howard Bison (2-6)

No.	Name	P	Yr	Ht.	B/T	Hometown
1	Noel Merritt	OF	So.	5-3		Detroit, Mich.
2	Jocelyn Avera	UT	Fr.	5-0		Sacramento, Calif.
3	Trinity Gibbs	OF	Fr.	5-6		Kissimmee, Fla.
4	Desiree Renteria	P	Fr.	5-3		Paramount, Calif.
6	Breanna Robinson	C	Fr.	5-8		Buena Park, Calif.
9	Kaylen Samuel	OF	Fr.	5-5		Houston, Texas
10	Jasmine Gibson	1B	Jr.	5-8		Las Vegas, Nev.
12	Kamryn Tillman	3B	S.	5-6		Snellville, Ga.
13	Mackenzi Steele	P	Jr.	5-9		Winchester, Va.
16	Alannah Baiyina	SS	Jr.	5-6		Greenbelt, Md.
17	Cassidy Winner	P	Fr.	5-4		Granada Hills, Calif.
18	Zaria Hall	OF	Fr.	5-4		Homestead, Fla.
20	Alyssa Lavine	OF	Fr.	5-10		Ashburn, Va.
21	Monica Thompson	P	So.	5-6		Chattanooga, Tenn.
24	Brooklyn Emory	C	Sr.	5-8		Carrollton, Ga.
26	Chloe Lyon	OF	RS	5-11		Sacramento, Calif.
90	Niaja Nolan	UT	Fr.	5-5		Pittsburg, Calif.

HEAD COACH: Lauren McCoy

ASSISTANT COACHES: Frank Trujillo, Taylor Thomas

N.C. Central Lady Eagles (0-6)

No.	Name	P	Yr	Ht.	B/T	Hometown
1	Kelsey Ray	UT	Fr.	5-8	R/R	Leland, N.C.
2	Miriam Duen	OF	Jr.	5-6	S/R	Murrieta, Calif.
3	Courtney Mirabella	P/OF	Sr.	5-6	R/R	Bradenton, Fla.
4	Jacobia Johnson	SS	Fr.	5-2	L/R	Jacksonville, Fla.
6	Claire Eosso	P/1B	Jr.	5-11	R/R	Moyock, N.C.
7	Ava Dolan	3B/C	So.	5-6	R/R	Las Vegas, Nev.
8	Zakiya Smith	OF	Jr.	5-5	R/R	Durham, N.C.
9	Aleyah Evans	OF	Jr.	5-7	R/L	Fuquay-Varina, N.C.
10	Aiyana Campbell	P/1B	Fr.	5-9	R/R	Clayton, N.C.
11	Dalika Wallace	UT	So.	5-8	R/R	Newport News, Va.
12	Kyria Locklear	UT	Fr.	5-4	R/R	Red Springs, N.C.
13	Fallon Roberson	1B/DP	Sr.	5-10	R/R	Lumberton, N.J.
14	Kelsey Locklear	UT	Fr.	5-4	R/R	Red Springs, N.C.
15	Lauren Sitterson	P/RF	Sr.	5-5	R/R	Bear Grass, N.C.
16	Kaitlyn Macon	C/3B	Fr.	5-2	R/R	Harrisburg, N.C.
20	Jessica Powell	OF	Fr.	5-6	L/L	Green Cove Springs, Fla.
24	Aiyana Allen	OF	Fr.	5-4	R/R	Charlotte, N.C.

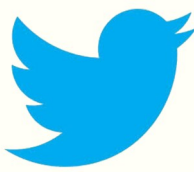
HEAD COACH: Vashion Johnson

ASSISTANT COACHES: Cat Tarvin, Nate Russell

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Team Statistical Leaders

Category	N.C. Central	Howard
Average	Courtney Mirabella (.313)	Kamryn Tillman (.458)
Runs	Ava Dolan (4)	Breanna Robinson (7)
Doubles	Mirabella, Sitterson, Evans (1)	K. Tillman, T. Gibbs (3)
Triples	None	A. Lavine, B. Robinson (1)
Home Runs	Ava Dolan (2)	B. Robinson, A. Lavine (1)
RBI	Ava Dolan (5)	Alyssa Lavine (10)
Stolen Bases	Courtney Mirabella (3)	Breanna Robinson (3)
ERA	Courtney Mirabella (2.43)	Mackenzie Steele (8.69)
Wins	None	M. Steele, D. Renteria (1)
Saves	None	None
Strikeouts	Courtney Mirabella (29)	Mackenzie Steele (7)



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2018 NCCU Softball Schedule & Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 10	@ Elon	L, 4-5 (10), L, 4-5
Feb. 17	vs. Eastern Kentucky (Buccaneer Invite)	L, 0-3
Feb. 17	@ Charleston Southern (Buccaneer Invite)	L, 4-8
Feb. 18	vs. Valparaiso (Buccaneer Invite)	L, 0-3
Feb. 18	@ Charleston Southern (Buccaneer Invite)	L, 0-8
Feb. 23	HOWARD	12:00 PM (DH)
March 2	vs. Marist (Red and Black Tourney)	10:00 AM
March 2	@ Gardner-Webb (Red and Black Tourney)	2:00 PM
March 3	vs. Marist (Red and Black Tourney)	10:00 AM
March 3	@ Gardner-Webb (Red and Black Tourney)	12:00 PM
March 10	vs. Southern (HBCU Tourney)	11:30 AM
March 10	vs. Alabama A&M (HBCU Tourney)	2:00 PM
March 11	vs. Alabama State (HBCU Tourney)	8:00 AM
March 11	vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (HBCU Tourney)	10:30 AM
March 13	@ Gardner-Webb	4:00 PM (DH)
March 22	@ Western Carolina	1:00 PM (DH)
March 24	FLORIDA A&M*	1:00 PM (DH)
March 25	FLORIDA A&M*	12:00 PM
March 30	SAVANNAH STATE*	3:00 PM
April 1	SAVANNAH STATE*	1:00 PM (DH)
April 7	@ Bethune-Cookman*	1:00 PM (DH)
April 8	@ Bethune-Cookman*	12:00 PM
April 11	APPALACHIAN STATE	1:00 PM (DH)
April 17	@ Norfolk State	6:00 PM (DH)
April 18	@ Hampton	1:00 PM (DH)
April 21	@ South Carolina State*	1:00 PM (DH)
April 22	@ South Carolina State*	12:00 PM
April 28	@ North Carolina A&T*	1:00 PM (DH)
May 10	@ MEAC Championships—Day One in Ormond Beach, Fla.	TBA
May 11	@ MEAC Championships—Day Two in Ormond Beach, Fla.	TBA
May 12	@ MEAC Championships—Day Three in Ormond Beach, Fla.	TBA



NEXT HOME GAME

**Florida A&M
Rattlers**
vs.
**N.C. Central
Lady Eagles**

**Saturday-Sunday,
March 24-25**



Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Standings

	Conference		Overall	
	Record	Win %	Record	Win %
SOUTHERN DIVISION				
Savannah State University	0-0	---	3-1	.750
Bethune-Cookman University	0-0	---	5-5	.500
Florida A&M University	0-0	---	3-8	.273
North Carolina A&T State University	0-0	---	2-8	.200
South Carolina State University	0-0	---	0-5	.000
North Carolina Central University	0-0	---	0-6	.000
WEST DIVISION				
Norfolk State University	0-0	---	4-2	.667
Morgan State University	0-0	---	2-4	.333
Howard University	0-0	---	2-6	.250
Coppin State University	0-0	---	0-0	---
Delaware State University	0-0	---	0-4	.000
Hampton University	0-0	---	0-4	.000
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	0-0	---	0-4	.000

TODAY'S GAME NOTES

The Eagles have lost their first six games on the road to four tough opponents that are a combined 24-13 record this season (Elon, Eastern Kentucky, Charleston Southern, Valparaiso). NCCU (0-6) went 13-30 last season, including a 7-8 mark in home games.

Senior transfer Courtney Mirabella has made an immediate impact for the Eagles, both offensively and from the pitcher's circle. Mirabella (0-3) leads NCCU's staff with a 2.43 ERA and her 8.8 strikeouts per seven innings pitched leads the MEAC. From the plate, Mirabella is batting a team-best .313 with three stolen bases.

Sophomore third baseman Ava Dolan has been the Eagles' power bat so far with two home runs and five RBI. She has also scored a team-high four runs. Freshman Aiyana Campbell (.231) is the only other NCCU batter hitting over .200 for a squad that has a team average of just .178.

Junior Claire Eosso (0-2, 6.56 ERA) and senior Lauren Sitterson (0-1, 9.19 ERA) are the other two Eagles to see action on the rubber this season.

NCCU is playing Howard for the first time under second year head coach Vashion Johnson. The two teams last split a doubleheader two seasons ago. Junior Aleyah Evans went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored in the 9-5 win for the Eagles.

The Bison have won their last two games, defeating Maryland Eastern Shore and host North Carolina A&T State in the Aggie Invitational last weekend. Howard (2-6) was picked to finish sixth out of seven teams in the MEAC Northern Division after finishing last season 4-34.

Sophomore Kamryn Tillman paces a Bison squad that is batting .291 as a team. Tillman boasts a .458 batting average with three doubles in eight games. A pair of freshmen have started all eight games and are hitting over .350 in catcher Breanna Robinson (.381) and outfielder Trinity Gibbs (.364). Robinson paces the Bison with seven runs and three stolen bases. Another freshman outfielder in Alyssa Lavine (.316) tops Howard with four extra base hits and 10 RBI.

The Bison pitchers have struggled to a 10.43 ERA. Junior Mackenzie Steele (1-1, 8.69 ERA) and freshman Desiree Renteria (1-3, 8.79) have tossed the majority of innings.

Senior Brooklyn Emory drove in two runs for Howard in a 10-4 game one win over NCCU two seasons ago.