



2016-17 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2016-17 SCHEDULE

7-20 Overall, 6-9 MEAC, 6-8 Home, 1-12 Road
NOVEMBER (1-4, 1-1 H, 0-3 R)

11..... vs. PFEIFFER..... L, 47-50
15..... at Coastal Carolina..... L, 50-66
18..... vs. JOHNSON & WALES W, 75-38
22..... at Campbell..... L, 30-61
27..... at Old Dominion L, 52-83

DECEMBER (0-6, 0-3 H, 0-3 R)

3..... vs. WOFFORD L, 54-64
11..... at Purdue..... L, 27-61
14..... at North Carolina State L, 33-83
18..... vs. UNCG L, 51-64
20..... vs. PRESBYTERIAN L, 63-72
30..... at Furman..... L, 40-60

JANUARY (2-4, 2-3 MEAC, 2-2 H, 0-2 R)

3..... vs. USC UPSTATE L, 58-68
10..... vs. DELAWARE STATE* W, 68-63
11..... vs. MD. EASTERN SHORE* W, 68-59
14..... at Norfolk State* L, 40-71
16..... at Hampton*..... L, 36-60
23..... vs. HOWARD* L, 50-73
28..... vs. NORTH CAROLINA A&T* L, 38-62
30..... at Delaware State* L, 51-55

FEBRUARY (4-4, 4-4 MEAC, 3-1 H, 1-3 R)

4..... at Morgan State* L, 42-44
6..... at Coppin State* W, 58-46
11..... vs. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE* W, 52-41
13..... vs. FLORIDA A&M*..... W, 52-49
18..... at Maryland Eastern Shore* L, 51-73
20..... at Howard* L, 48-62
25..... vs. BETHUNE-COOKMAN*..... L, 52-62
27..... vs. SAVANNAH STATE* W, 58-51

MARCH (0-0, 0-0 MEAC, 0-0 H, 0-0 R, 0-0 N)

2..... at North Carolina A&T* (DH) 5:30 PM
6-11 2017 MEAC TournamentTBA
The Scope, Norfolk, Va.

*Conference Games (MEAC)
(The Scope, Norfolk, Va.)

#NCCUWBB

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NCCU EAGLES // 7-20, 6-9 MEAC, 1-12 AWAY

Head Coach:..... Vanessa Taylor (Tuskegee, '91)

Career Record:... 330-319 (23rd) At NCCU: 32-112 (5th)

Last Game:..... W, 58-51 vs. Savannah State (Feb. 27, 2017)

2016-17 Statistical Leaders

Points: Morgan Jones, 13.5

Rebounds: Deja McCain, 5.4

Assists:..... Chantal Thomas, 2.2



MARCH 2 - 5:30 PM

CORBETT SPORTS CENTER – GREENSBORO, N.C.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T AGGIES // 12-16, 8-7 MEAC, 9-4 HOME

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Head Coach: Tarrell Robinson (NCAT, '01)

Career Record:... 97-56 (5th) At NCAT: 97-56 (5th)

Last Game: L, 60-65 vs. Bethune-Cookman (Feb. 27, 2017)

Last Meeting: NCAT won, 62-38 (Jan. 28, 2017)

Series: NCAT leads 33-7

2016-17 Statistical Leaders

Points: Aliyah Kilpatrick, 11.5

Rebounds: Alexis Lessears, 7.0

Assists: Aliyah Kilpatrick, 3.1

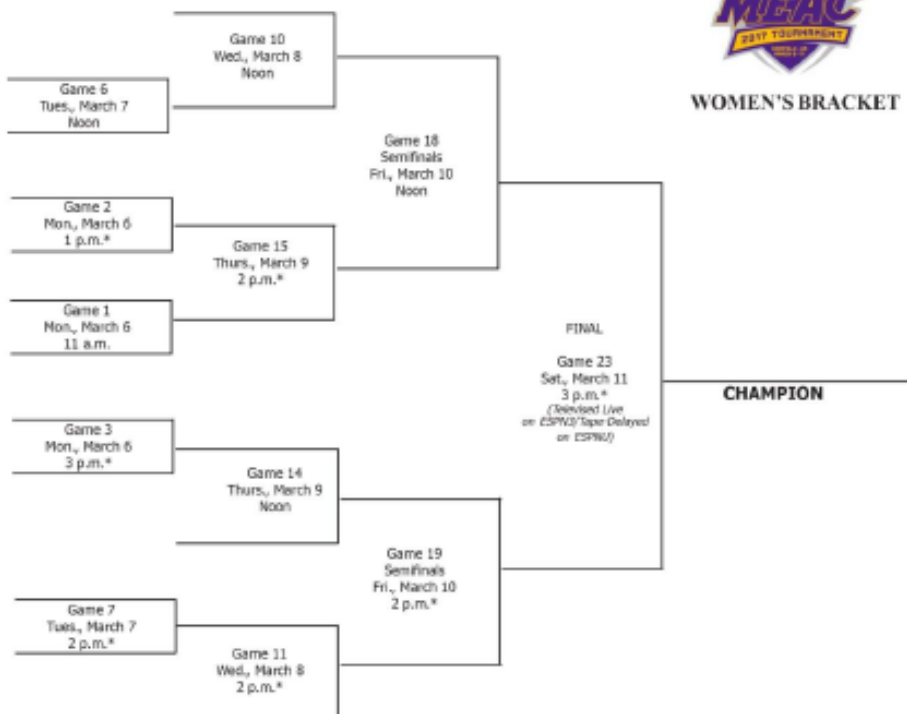
WOMEN'S BRACKET

2017 MEAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MARCH 6-11 - Norfolk, Va. (Scope Arena)



WOMEN'S BRACKET



QUICK FACTS

2015-2016

Total / Home / Away / Neutral

Overall Record Last Year: 5-23 / 4-6 / 1-16 / 0-1

MEAC Record Last Year: 3-13 / 3-5 / 0-8 / 0-0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/5

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

School Name.....North Carolina Central University
City/Zip.....Durham, NC 27707
Founded1910 by Dr. James E. Shepard
Enrollment.....8,011
Nickname.....Eagles or Lady Eagles

School Colors.....Maroon & Gray
Arena Name.....McDougald-McLendon Arena
Capacity.....3,056
National Affiliation.....NCAA Division I
Conference.....Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Interim Chancellor.....Dr. Johnson Akinleye
Alma MaterAlabama A&M
Athletics Director.....Ingrid Wicker McCree, Ed.D.
Alma Mater (Year)George Washington (198

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LADY EAGLES IN THE MEAC (thru 3/1/2017)

SCORING **AVG/GAME**
5th Morgan Jones 13.5

REBOUNDING **AVG/GAME**
N/A

FIELD GOAL PCT **PCT**
N/A

FREE THROW PCT **PCT**
1st Morgan Jones .852
5th Deja McCain .765

STEALS **AVG/GAME**
6th Morgan Jones 2.0

ASSISTS **AVG/GAME**
T-13th Chantal Thomas 2.2

3-POINT FIELD GOALS **AVG/GAME**
8th Morgan Jones 1.7

BLOCKED SHOTS **AVG/GAME**
N/A

MINUTES PLAYED **AVG/GAME**
1st Dominique Adams 36.3

2016-17 NCCU BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
0	Rodneysha Martin	G	5-5	So.	Olive Branch, Miss./Horn Lake HS
3	Chantal Thomas	G	5-6	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa./Arizona Western College
4	Paulina Afriyie	F	5-11	Fr.	Bronx, N.Y./Herbert H. Lehman HS
10	Monique Whaley-Briggs	G	5-8	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa./G.W. Carver HS
11/1	Jada Blow	G	5-5	Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Simeon Career Academy
12	Dominique Adams	G	5-7	So.	Winston-Salem, N.C./R.J. Reynolds HS
15	Jayla Calhoun	G	5-10	So.	Houston, Texas/Summer Creek HS
20	Jazlin Taylor	G	5-6	Fr.	High Point, N.C./T. Wingate Andrews HS
21	Erin Houser	F	6-2	Fr.	Orangeburg, S.C./Orangeburg-Wilkinson HS
22	Deja McCain	F	5-10	So.	Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell HS
23	Morgan Jones	G	5-9	Sr.	Stockbridge, Ga./Woodland HS
35	Kierona Morton	F	6-1	Jr.	Paterson, N.J./Passaic County Tech. Institute

Head Coach: Vanessa Taylor, Fifth Season (Tuskegee, 1991)

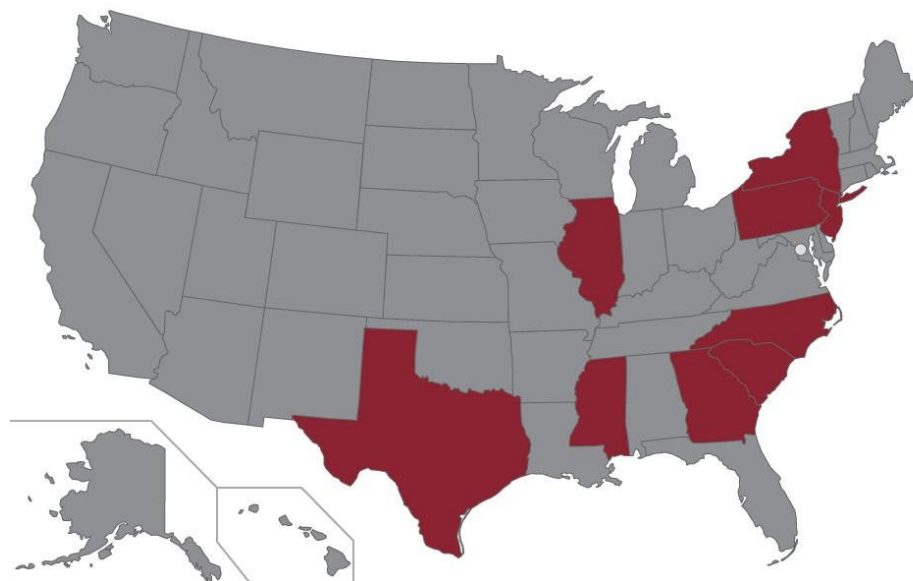
Associate Head Coach: Kendra Eaton, Fifth Season (Western Carolina)

Assistant Head Coach: Kyle Adams, First Season (Cheyney)

Assistant Coach: Josh Cooperwood, First Season (Tennessee State)

Director of Basketball Operations: Dexter Jenkins

Athletic Trainer: Julie McNabb (Missouri Valley)



ROSTER BREAKDOWN

PRONUNCIATION

BY CLASS

FR (4): Blow, Afriyie, Taylor, Houser
SO. (5): Martin, Adams, Calhoun, McCain, Best
JR (1): Morton
Sr (3): Thomas, Jones, Whaley-Briggs

BY POSITION

G (8): Martin, Blow, Thomas, Whaley-Briggs, Adams, Calhoun, Taylor, Jones
F (5): Afriyie, Houser, McCain, Morton, Best

BY STATE

GA (1): Jones
IL (1): Blow
MS (1): Martin
NJ (1): Morton
NY (1): Afriyie
NC (4): Adams, Taylor, McCain, Best
PA (2): Whaley-Briggs, Thomas
SC (1): Houser
TX (1): Calhoun

#0 Rod-NEE-sha Martin
(Rodneysha Martin)

#4 Paulina Ah-FREE-ay
(Paulina Afriyie)

#21 Erin HOW-ser
(Erin Houser)

#35 Kay Morton
(Kierona Morton)

GAME NOTES

PREVIEW: #NCCUWBB Wraps Up Regular Season at N.C. A&T

DURHAM, N.C. – The North Carolina Central University women's basketball team ends its regular season at Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference rival North Carolina A&T State University on Thursday evening in the Corbett Center.

N.C. Central Women's Basketball

The Lady Eagles are coming off a 68-61 win in their home finale on Monday, defeating Savannah State University. NCCU (7-20 Overall, 6-9 MEAC) is currently in a three-way tie for ninth place in the league standings with University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Morgan State University. NCCU will be either the 10th or 11th seed in the MEAC Tournament (MDES and MSU play each other Thursday so one of them will get another win and both teams hold the tiebreaker over NCCU if tied). There is still a potential of five different teams NCCU could play in the first round with a log-jam in the middle of the standings.

Senior Morgan Jones scored a career-high 28 points in Monday's victory over the Lady Tigers. She also reached the 1,000-point plateau in the contest. Jones has moved up to fifth in the MEAC in scoring at 13.5 points per game and she also ranks first in the league with a .852 free throw percentage and sixth in the conference by making 2.0 steals per game.

NCCU committed a season-low six turnovers against SSU.

Sophomore Dominique Adams and freshman Jada Blow are NCCU's next top scorers at 6.5 and 6.4 points per game, respectively. Sophomore forward Deja McCain adds 5.7 points and team-high 5.4 rebounds per game. Freshman Paulina Afriyie pulls down 5.0 rebounds per contest, including a team-best 6.9 boards per MEAC game. Senior Chantal Thomas is contributing a team-best 2.2 assists per game.

NCCU led 18-12 after one quarter of play in its first meeting against North Carolina A&T on Jan. 28. However, the Aggies held the Lady Eagles to 27.8% shooting to pull away for a 62-38 win. Jones led NCCU with nine points.

North Carolina A&T Women's Basketball

The Aggies are coming off a 65-60 home loss to regular season champion Bethune-Cookman University on Monday. North Carolina A&T (12-16 Overall, 8-7 MEAC) is currently tied for sixth place in the MEAC standings and could move up as far as a tie for fourth place with a win Thursday.

Senior guards Aliyah Kilpatrick and Dana Brown lead NCAT with 11.5 and 11.2 points per game, correspondingly. Kilpatrick also leads the Aggies with 3.1 assists per game while Brown tops the conference with 2.5 made 3-pointers per game. N.C. A&T has the second best rebounding margin in the MEAC and is led by freshman center Alexis Lessears, who ranks seventh in the league with 7.0 rebounds per game.

Michelle Fitzgerald, who is averaging just six points per game on the season, led the Aggies to the 24-point win at NCCU in January with a game-high 17 points. Brown chipped in 11 points and Lessears secured 12 rebounds.



MEAC STANDINGS (Thru March 1, 2017)

<u>Institution</u>	<u>MEAC</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
Bethune-Cookman	14-1	.933	18-9	.667
Howard	11-4	.733	15-12	.556
Hampton	10-5	.667	16-12	.571
Florida A&M	9-6	.600	11-17	.393
Norfolk State	9-7	.563	14-14	.500
North Carolina A&T	8-7	.533	12-16	.429
Coppin State	8-7	.533	8-19	.296
Savannah State	7-8	.467	10-18	.375
Maryland Eastern Shore	6-9	.400	12-14	.462
Morgan State	6-9	.400	8-20	.286
North Carolina Central	6-9	.400	7-20	.259
South Carolina State	2-13	.133	5-21	.192
Delaware State	2-13	.133	3-25	.107

MEAC WEEKLY HONORS

	<u>Player of the Week</u>	<u>Rookie of the Week</u>	<u>Defensive Player of the Week</u>
WEEK 1:	Lauren Moss (SSU)	Chance Graham (CSU)	Tiyonda Davis (SSU)
WEEK 2:	NaJai Pollard (DSU)	ERIN HOUSER (NCCU)	Tiyonda Davis (SSU)
WEEK 3:	Malia Tate-DeFreitas (Hamp.)	JADA BLOW (NCCU)	Kailyn Williams (BCU)
WEEK 4:	J. Strode (NSU)/B. Blair (SCSU)	Imani Bryant (How.)	Kayla Roberts (NSU)
WEEK 5:	K. Lupoe (Hamp.)/T. Heslip (How.)	Imani Bryant (How.)	NaJai Pollard (DSU)
WEEK 6:	Ciani Byrom (MDES)	No Award Winner	Kayla Roberts (NSU)
WEEK 7:	Te'Shya Heslip (How.)	Imani Bryant (How.)	Imani Bryant (How.)
WEEK 8:	NaJai Pollard (DSU)	Imani Bryant (How.)	NaJai Pollard (DSU)
WEEK 9:	T. Heslip (How.)/G. Lucas (CSU)	Chance Graham (CSU)	K. Roberts (NSU)/K. Williams (BCU)
WEEK 10:	K. Samuels (CSU)/N. Pollard (DSU)	Chance Graham (CSU)	T. Davis (SSU)/K. Ali (NSU)
WEEK 11:	N. Pollard (DSU)/K. Roberts (NSU)	Ashley Bates (Ham.)	Kaylah Lupoe (Ham.)
WEEK 12:	T. Davis (SSU)/S. Johnson (How.)	Chance Graham (CSU)	Tiyonda Davis (SSU)
WEEK 13:	Tiyonda Davis (SSU)	Sarah Edmond (How.)	T. Davis (SSU)/K. Roberts (BCU)
WEEK 14:	Kendra Cooper (BCU)	Sarah Edmond (How.)	K. Williams (BCU)/T. Davis (SSU)
WEEK 15:	G. Lucas (CSU)/A. Hunt (BCU)	Alexus Leseears (BCU)	Kayla Roberts (NSU)
WEEK 16:	Te'Shya Heslip (How.)	Chance Graham (CSU)	Kailyn Williams (BCU)
WEEK 17:			

2016-17 NCCU GAME HIGHS/LOWS

NCCU TEAM HIGH / LOW

75 (vs. Johnson & Wales) / 27 (at Purdue).....POINTS
24 (x2 last vs. Delaware St.) / 11 (x2 last at Hampton).....FIELD GOALS MADE
45.5 (vs. MDES) / 21.4 (at NC State).....FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE
8 (x2 last vs. Savannah St.) / 0 (at Delaware St.).....3-PT. FG MADE
25 (vs. Johnson & Wales) / 1 (at Purdue).....FREE THROWS MADE
60 (vs. Johnson & Wales) / 25 (vs. MDES).....REBOUNDS
14 (x2 last vs. SCSU) / 3 (at Hampton).....ASSISTS
14 (x2 last vs. FAMU) / 1 (at NC State).....STEALS
6 (at Howard) / 0 (x5 last at Coppin State).....BLOCKS
36 (at Hampton) / 6 (vs. Savannah State).....TURNOVERS
26 (vs. Pfeiffer) / 9 (x2 last vs. Savannah State Purdue).....FOULS

CATEGORY

NCCU INDIVIDUAL HIGH

28 (M. Jones vs. Savannah St.J. Blow at Old Dominion).....POINTS
9 (M. Jones at MDES/J. Blow at Howard).....FIELD GOALS
66.7 (6-9 Rodneysha Martin vs. MDES).....FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN.5)
6 (Jada Blow at Howard)3-PT. FG MADE
14 (Morgan Jones vs. Savannah State).....FREE THROWS MADE
13 (Paulina Afriyie at Delaware State)REBOUNDS
7 (Chantal Thomas at Coppin State)ASSISTS
6 (Morgan Jones vs. South Carolina St.)STEALS
4 (P. Afriyie vs. Bethune-Cookman/K. Morton at Furman).....BLOCKS

CATEGORY

STATISTICAL COMPARISON (AS OF 3/01/2017)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>NCCU</u>	<u>NCAT</u>
Points Per Game	49.8	60.2
Opponents Points Per Game	60.8	62.9
Scoring Margin	-11.0	-2.6
Field Goal Percentage	29.6%	34.8%
Field Goal Percentage	39.5%	38.6%
3-Point Field Goal Percentage	28.6%	25.5%
Opp. 3-Point Field Goal Percentage	29.3%	27.8%
Free Throw Percentage	70.8%	61.6%
Rebounds Per Game	37.8	42.9
Opp. Rebounds Per Game	41.5	40.1
Rebounding Margin	-3.7	+2.8
3-Pointers Per Game	4.0	4.8
Opp. 3-Pointers Per Game	4.5	5.2
Blocks Per Game	2.4	2.0
Steals Per Game	8.0	7.9
Assists Per Game	8.9	11.6
Turnovers Per Game	17.6	18.7
Opp. Turnovers Per Game	17.1	18.3

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED... (SINCE D1 TRANSITION)

TEAM SCORING

NCCU scored 100+ points	N/A
An opponent scored 100+ points	103 at UNCG (12/31/15)
NCCU scored 90+ points	95 vs. FayettevilleState (12/8/07)
An opponent scored 90+ points	90 by (1/2) South Carolina (12/1/14)
NCCU scored 80+ points	89 vs. Gardner-Webb (11/25/13)
An opponent scored 80+ points	83 at NC State (12/14/16)

MARGIN OF VICTORY

NCCU won by 50+ points	N/A
An opponent won by 50+ points	50, 83-33 at NC State (12/14/16)
NCCU won by 40+ points	N/A
An opponent won by 40+ points	47, 103-56 at UNCG (12/31/15)
NCCU won by 30+ points	37, 75-38 vs. Johnson & Wales (11/18/16)
An opponent won by 30+ points	31, 71-40 at Norfolk State (1/14/17)

OVERTIME

NCCU won in overtime	56-54 (OT) vs. South CarolinaState (1/10/15)
NCCU lost in overtime	66-60 (2-OT) vs. Bethune-Cookman (2/8/14)

RANKINGS

NCCU defeated a ranked opponent	N/A
NCCU lost to a ranked opponent	70-25 vs. No. 20/22 Syracuse (12/14/14)

POINTS

A NCCU player scored 40+ points	N/A
An opponent scored 40+ points	N/A
A NCCU player scored 30+ points	32 by Joanna Miller vs. UMES (1/7/10)
An opponent scored 30+ points	30 by Malia Tate-DeFreitas from Hampton (1/19/15)

REBOUNDS

A NCCU player had 20+ rebounds	N/A
An opponent had 20+ rebounds	N/A
A NCCU player had 15+ rebounds	16 by Racquel Davis vs. Coppin State (1/24/15)
An opponent 15+ rebounds	15 by Kailyn Williams of Bethune-Cookman (2/14/15)

ASSISTS

A NCCU player had 10+ assists	10 by LaVonna Hailey vs. Longwood (1/13/09)
An opponent had 10+ assists	10 by Genesis Lucas from Coppin St. (2/18/16)

STEALS

A NCCU player had 5+ steals	5 by Morgan Jones vs. Howard (1/23/17)
An opponent had 5+ steals	9 by Georgianna Gilbeaux from Hampton (1/16/17)

BLOCKED SHOTS

A NCCU player had 5+ blocks	5 by Tyshay Britten at Savannah State (1/11/16)
An opponent had 5+ blocks	9 by Khalilah Ali from Norfolk St. (1/14/17)

2016-17 MISCELLANEOUS STATS

Current Streak	Won 1
Current Home Streak	Won 1
Current Road/Neutral Streak	Lost 2
Last Win	Feb. 27 vs. Savannah St. (68-61)
Last Home Win	Feb. 27 vs. Savannah St. (68-61)
Last Road Win	Feb. 6 at Coppin State (58-46)
Last Home Loss	Feb. 25 vs. Bethune-Cookman (62-52)
Last Road Loss	Feb. 20 at Howard (62-48)

2016-17 RECORD BY STARTING LINEUP

MARTIN (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (G), MCCAIN (F), AFRIYIE (F)	2-1
MARTIN (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (G), CALHOUN (G), MCCAIN (F)	2-4
THOMAS (G), MARTIN (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (F), MORTON (F)	1-1
WHALEY-BRIGGS (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (G), MCCAIN (F), MORTON (F)	1-4
BLOW (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (G), MCCAIN (F), MORTON (F)	0-3
THOMAS (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (G), MCCAIN (F), MORTON (F)	0-3
BLOW (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (G), MORTON (F), AFRIYIE (F)	0-1
BLOW (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (G), CALHOUN (G), MCCAIN (F)	0-1
BLOW (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (G), MCCAIN (F), AFRIYIE (F)	0-1
THOMAS (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (G), MORTON (F), HOUSER (F)	0-1
MARTIN (G), JONES (G), ADAMS (G), MCCAIN (F), MORTON (F)	0-1

Double-Doubles (Career)

None	0
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Games As Leading Scorer

Morgan Jones	17
Jada Blow	5
Rodneysha Martin	3
Deja McCain	3
Erin Houser	1

Game As Leading Rebounder

Paulina Afriyie	12
Deja McCain	9
Kierona Morton	5
Dominique Adams	3
Morgan Jones	3
Jayla Calhoun	1
Rodneysha Martin	1

Game As Leader in Assists

Chantal Thomas	12
Morgan Jones	7
Jada Blow	7
Rodneysha Martin	4
Dominique Adams	4
Monique Whaley-Briggs	2

Game As Leader in Blocks

Paulina Afriyie	9
Deja McCain	7
Kierona Morton	4
Erin Houser	3
Dominique Adams	2
Rodneysha Martin	2
Jada Blow	1

Game As Leader in Steals

Morgan Jones	12
Deja McCain	8
Dominique Adams	5
Jada Blow	5
Rodneysha Martin	4
Erin Houser	3
Paulina Afriyie	2
Chantal Thomas	2

20-Plus Point Games

Morgan Jones	4
Jada Blow	2
Rodneysha Martin	1

Double-Figure Scoring Games

Morgan Jones	21
Dominique Adams	8
Jada Blow	5
Deja McCain	4
Rodneysha Martin	3
Erin Houser	1
Chantal Thomas	1

Double-Figure Rebounding Games

Paulina Afriyie	4
Deja McCain	2
Kierona Morton	1

INDIVIDUAL SEASON AND CAREER HIGHS

2016-17 Career

0 - Rodneysha Martin (24 Games, 12 Starts)

Points	25 vs. MDES (1/11/17)	Same
3-Ptr	3 vs. Presbyterian (12/20/16)	Same
Rebs	5 at Coppin State (2/6/17)	7 at Coppin State (2/18/16)
Assists	4 at NC State (12/14/16)	Same
Blocks	2 vs. Presbyterian (12/20/16)	Same
Steals	2 (x3) last at Morgan State (2/4/17)	3 at UNCG (12/31/15)

3 - Chantal Thomas (27 Games, 6 Starts)

Pts	12 vs. USC Upstate (1/3/17)	13 at Longwood (11/24/15)
3-Ptr	N/A	1 at Charlotte (12/2/15)
Rebs	7 vs. JWU (11/18/16) ... 7 (x2) last vs. Johnson & Wales (11/18/16)	
Assists	7 at Coppin State (2/6/17)	7 (x2) last at Coppin State (2/6/17)
Blocks	1 vs. UNCG (12/18/16)	1 (x2) last vs. UNCG (12/18/16)
Steals	3 at Coppin State (2/6/17)	4 at Morgan State (2/20/16)

4 - Paulina Afriyie (26 Games, 5 Starts)

Pts	6 (X2) last vs. Bethune-Cookman (2/25/17)	Same
3-Ptr	N/A	Same
Rebs	13 at Delaware State (1/30/17)	Same
Assists	1 (x3) last vs. S.C. State (2/11/17)	Same
Blocks	5 vs. Bethune-Cookman (2/25/17)	Same
Steals	2 (x3) last at Howard (2/20/17)	Same

10 - Monique Whaley-Briggs (19 Games, 5 Starts)

Pts	2 (x3) last vs. UNCG (12/18/16)	12 at Longwood (11/24/15)
3-Ptr	N/A	2 (x2) last at USC Upstate (12/19/15)
Rebs	3 vs. Johnson & Wales (11/18/16)	5 at Charlotte (12/2/15)
Assists	4 (x2) last vs. Wofford (12/3/16)	Same
Blocks	N/A	1 (x2) last at Gardner-Webb (11/22/14)
Steals	2 at Purdue (12/11/16)	2 (x4) last at Purdue (12/11/16)

11 - Jada Blow (25 Games, 6 Starts)

Pts	28 at Old Dominion (11/27/16)	Same
3-Ptr	6 at Howard (2/20/17)	Same
Rebs	6 vs. Pfeiffer (11/11/16)	Same
Assists	4 (x2) last vs. Wofford (12/3/16)	Same
Blocks	1 vs. Wofford (12/3/16)	Same
Steals	5 at Howard (2/20/17)	Same

12 - Dominique Adams (27 Games, 27 Starts)

Pts	17 at Coppin State (2/6/17)	Same
3-Ptr	3 (x2) last s. Savannah State (2/27/17)	Same
Rebs	9 at Howard (2/20/17)	10 at Winthrop (11/28/15)
Assists	3 (x2) last vs. SCSU (2/11/17)	4 (x6) last vs. SCSU (2/11/17)
Blocks	1 (x4) last vs. Delaware St. (1/10/17)	1 (x8) last Same
Steals	4 vs. Johnson & Wales (11/18/16)	Same

15 - Jayla Calhoun (21 Games, 7 Starts)

Pts	6 vs. Presbyterian (12/20/16)	8 at USC Upstate (12/19/15)
3-Ptr	1 vs. Presbyterian (12/20/16)	Same
Rebs	9 vs. UNCG (12/18/16)	Same
Assists	1 (x3) last vs. Delaware St. (1/10/17)	1 (x8) last Same
Blocks	1 (x2) last vs. Presbyterian (12/20/16)	2 at BCU (2/27/16)
Steals	2 vs. UNCG (12/18/16)	Same

20 - Jazlin Taylor (0 Games, 0 Starts)

Pts	N/A	Same
3-Ptr	N/A	Same
Rebs	N/A	Same
Assists	N/A	Same
Blocks	N/A	Same
Steals	N/A	Same

2016-17 Career

21 - Erin Houser (23 Games, 1 Start)

Pts	19 vs. Johnson & Wales (11/18/16)	Same
3-Ptr	2 at Coastal Carolina (11/15/16)	Same
Rebs	6 at Furman (12/30/16)	Same
Assists	1 (x2) last vs. MDES (1/11/17)	Same
Blocks	2 at Hampton (1/16/17)	Same
Steals	3 vs. Florida A&M (2/13/17)	Same

22 - Deja McCain (27 Games, 23 Starts)

Pts	14 at Norfolk State (1/14/17)	Same
3-Ptr	N/A	Same
Rebs	10 (x2) last vs. SSU (2/27/17)	11 at Johnson & Wales (2/8/16)
Assists	2 (x3) last vs. Howard (1/23/17)	2 (x4) last vs. Howard (1/23/17)
Blocks	2 (x2) last at Howard (2/20/17)	Same
Steals	5 vs. MDES (1/11/17)	Same

23 - Morgan Jones (27 Games, 27 Starts)

Pts	28 vs. Savannah State (2/29/17)	Same
3-Ptr	4 at Coastal Carolina (11/15/16)	6 vs. South Carolina State (1/10/15)
Rebs	9 at Coastal Carolina (11/15/16)	Same
Assists	4 (x3) last vs. Presbyterian (12/20/16) ..	6 vs. Winthrop (11/25/14)
Blocks	1 (x3) last at Howard (2/20/17) ..	2 (x2) last vs. Savannah St. (2/29/16)
Steals	6 vs. South Carolina St. (2/11/13)	Same

35 - Kierona Morton (26 Games, 16 Starts)

Pts	8 (x3) last at Delaware St. (1/30/17)	10 vs. Savannah St. (2/29/16)
3-Ptr	N/A	Same
Rebs	10 vs. Delaware St. (1/10/17)	11 at Norfolk State (1/17/15)
Assists	1 (x4) last at Delaware St. (1/30/17)	2 at Md. Eastern Shore (12/6/14)
Blocks	4 at Furman (12/30/16)	4 (x2) last at Furman (12/30/16)
Steals	2 at Old Dominion (11/27/16)	2 (x3) last Same

SEASON PREVIEW

DURHAM, N.C. – North Carolina Central University returns nine players and has added four versatile freshman with expectations of being a more dynamic program in head coach Vanessa Taylor's fifth season in 2016-17.

"We will be a little bit more up-tempo this year," Taylor said. "We will try and show a little bit more pressure."

The Lady Eagles had a 5-23 overall record last season, including a 3-13 mark in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

"Every team comes into the year with the same goal to win your conference," stated Taylor. "We are growing as a program, but that is still a goal. As we continue to build and get better as a program, we are going to make sure to put ourselves into a position to become a contender. We feel like this year's team will be able to improve overall both offensively and defensively as we become a little bit more mobile."

Senior guard Morgan Jones is NCCU's top returning scorer from a year ago, averaging 10.4 points per game. She led the Lady Eagles with 1.7 steals, 1.4 made 3-pointers and 30.6 minutes played per contest.

"Morgan Jones is one of the faces of this program," commented Taylor. "She is just a stellar student-athlete and I am very excited to see how her senior year unfolds. She worked extremely hard this summer to improve her scoring off the bounce. She has been very vocal early on in terms of leadership."

NCCU used a variety of starting lineups last season and returns four other players who started at least 10 games a year ago, including two other seniors in guards Monique-Whaley Briggs and Chantel Thomas.

Taylor believes Whaley-Briggs (18 starts) will play a bigger role with the team this season as she brings more offensive excitement to her game to go along with her leadership role and commitment to the program as a fifth-year student-athlete. Thomas (11 starts), a transfer last season, became a consistent starter late last season and averaged a team-high 2.2 assists per game. Taylor looks for Thomas to hit the mid-range jumper more after working on her floater this summer.

The maroon and gray also returns three of its top five rebounders in junior Kierona Morton (4.1 rpg), sophomore Dominique Adams (3.8) and sophomore Deja McCain (3.6). Sophomore forward Brianna Best also adds depth to the Lady Eagles post after walking onto the team last year.

Adams started 10 games as a rookie and played the second most minutes behind Jones at 27.9 minutes. Her hard play makes her an effective player and she has been working on her stroke as well. Taylor believes she will do well with her level of confidence.

Morton started 26 games in 2015-16, but the key for her will be to stay healthy as she is working hard on rehab this offseason. Morton is a strong defender for the Lady Eagles both in the post and as a rebounder and will once again be a staple on the court.

McCain did not start a game as a freshman last year, but she did play in every contest as one of NCCU's primary defensive stopper in the post. She is working on running the court better, which should lead to her ability to score some more easy buckets around the rim, while still being vocal and active on defense.

Two other sophomore guards return to the maroon and gray after playing in majority of the squads' games as rookies last season in Rodneysha Martin and Jayla Calhoun. Martin strokes the ball well from the three-point line, but also can shoot from the mid-range. She packs the punch with cat-like quickness and quick hands on defense. Calhoun is long and has the ability to play between the 3 and the 4 positions and can score both on the inside and on the outside.

Taylor added a quartet of freshman in guards Jada Blow and Jazlin Taylor and forwards Erin Houser and Paulina Afriyie.

"We are really excited about our freshman class," Taylor said. "As a group, they will definitely help us on the offensive side of the ball. We struggled last year to score points in bunches and we think these young ladies will help us have better offensive flow and put more points up on the board. As we play more up-tempo this year they will give us more depth as most of them can play multiple positions."

The baker's dozen will be coached by Taylor and returning associate head coach Kendra Eaton and director of basketball operations Dexter Jenkins. Taylor added assistant head coach Kyle Adams and assistant coach Josh Cooperwood over the summer.

"The two things that stand out very early on with this team is that they are very hard working and that they have a natural chemistry. They are working daily on how to play together, be great teammates and fight together," concluded Taylor.



THE TAYLOR FILE

Hometown: Moultrie, Ga.
Alma Mater: Tuskegee, 1991

Head Coaching Experience

Career

1994-Present
Record: 330-319 (.508)

North Carolina Central

2012 - Present
Record: 32-112 (.222)

Johnson C. Smith

2001-12
Record: 215-112 (.657)

Elizabeth City State

1994-2001
Record: 83-95 (.466)

COACHING HONORS

- Earned 300th career win March 2, 2013 over Savannah St. (33-29)
- 2012 CIAA Tournament Runner-Up
- 2011 CIAA Coach of the Year
- 2011 CIAA Tournament Runner-Up
- 2011 CIAA Southern Division Champions
- 2011 NCAA South Atlantic Region Runner-Up
- 2011 Best Record in School History (26-5)
- 2009 CIAA Tournament Champions
- 2008 CIAA Tournament Runner-Up
- 2006 CIAA Tournament Runner-Up
- 2006 CIAA Western Champions
- 2006 Inducted into High School Hall of Fame (Colquitt County High School)
- 2003 CIAA Tournament Runner-Up
- 2000 CIAA Coach of Year
- Five NCAA Division II playoff appearances (2006, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012)

N.C. CENTRAL HEAD COACH VANESSA TAYLOR

With a reputation of winning and 19 previous years of head coaching experience, Vanessa Taylor was announced as the eighth head women's basketball coach at North Carolina Central University on April 18, 2012.

Taylor hung up her blue and gold for maroon and gray after 11 seasons as head coach at Johnson C. Smith University and seven seasons as head coach at Elizabeth City State University. During that time, her teams posted 14 consecutive winning seasons, including six campaigns with 20-plus victories. She was selected as the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Coach of the Year on three occasions (1998, 2000, 2011).

She guided JCSU to its first CIAA tournament title in 2009, while finishing as conference tournament runners-up on five occasions (2003, 2006, 2008, 2011 and 2012). Under Taylor's leadership, the Golden Bulls made five NCAA tournament appearances (2006, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012) and garnered top 25 national rankings in four seasons (2004-05, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12).

Taylor is the all-time winningest women's basketball coach at JCSU with a school record of 215-112 and career record of 298-207.

During the 2011-12 campaign, the Moultrie, Georgia, native finished with an overall record of 22-7 and 14-2 in the conference. Prior to the Golden Bulls NCAA tournament appearance, the squad was ranked No. 2 among Division II schools in the Atlantic Region.

Along with the team's accomplishments, Taylor was selected as the CIAA Conference Head Coach of the Week on five separate occasions throughout the 2011-12 season. No other coach in the

conference has earned more than one weekly honor that season.

At the conclusion of her 10th season at JCSU (2010-11), Taylor's squad was named among the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Top 25 poll at No. 22 on her career-best 26-5 season. On the season, the Golden Bulls were listed in the top 25 in five separate weeks. In the fourth NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional tournament appearance, JCSU defeated Glenville State (74-69) in the quarterfinals to mark the first ever regional tournament win for the Golden Bulls' program.

Prior to joining the JCSU program, Taylor tallied seven seasons as the head coach at Elizabeth City State (1994-2001) and two seasons as an assistant coach at Hampton University (1992-94).

Under her direction at ECSU, the Lady Vikings won the regular-season Eastern Division championship in 2000 and 2001. She was selected as the 1998 and 2000 CIAA Coach of the Year with the Lady Vikings.

In her two seasons at Hampton, Taylor helped guide the Lady Pirates to the 1994 CIAA Tournament Championship and a regional playoff appearance.

She is the daughter of Joe Van Taylor and the late Mattie Taylor, a former high school coach for 30-plus years, whom she credits everything she has learned.

2016-17 NCCU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RADIO/TV CHART



0 RODNEYSHA MARTIN
SO. • G • 5-5
OLIVE BRANCH, MISS.



3 CHANTAL THOMAS
SR. • G • 5-6
PHILADELPHIA, PA.



4 PAULINA
AFRIYIE
FR. • F • 5-11
BRONX, N.Y.



10 MONIQUE
WHALEY-BRIGGS
SR. • G • 5-8
PHILADELPHIA, PA.



11 JADA BLOW
FR. • G • 5-5
CHICAGO, ILL.



12 DOMINIQUE ADAMS
SO. • G • 5-7
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.



15 JAYLA CALHOUN
SO. • G • 5-10
HOUSTON, TEXAS



20 JAZLIN TAYLOR
FR. • G • 5-6
HIGH POINT, N.C.



21 ERIN HOUSER
FR. • F • 6-2
ORANGEBURG, S.C.



22 DEJA MCCAIN
SO. • F • 5-10
CHARLOTTE N.C.



23 MORGAN JONES
SR. • G • 5-9
STOCKBRIDGE, GA.



35 KIERONA MORTON
JR. • F • 6-1
PATERSON, N.J.



VANESSA TAYLOR



KENDRA EATON



KYLE ADAMS



JOSH COOPERWOOD



DEXTER JENKINS

North Carolina Central University
N.C. Central Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 28, 2017)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	7-20	6-8	1-12	0-0
CONFERENCE	6-9	5-3	1-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-11	1-5	0-6	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds								a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq								
23	JONES,Morgan	27-27	863	32.0	121-374	.324	47-149	.315	75-88	.852	29	73	102	3.8	58	0	46	51	4	55	364	13.5		
12	ADAMS,Dominique	27-27	979	36.3	51-206	.248	16-67	.239	57-88	.648	61	67	128	4.7	65	2	32	51	4	23	175	6.5		
11	BLOW,Jada	25-6	525	21.0	47-200	.235	28-99	.283	38-52	.731	18	30	48	1.9	27	0	35	55	1	29	160	6.4		
22	MCCAIN,Deja	27-23	719	26.6	45-139	.324	0-1	.000	65-85	.765	57	90	147	5.4	57	1	12	71	12	32	155	5.7		
00	MARTIN,Rodneysha	24-12	369	15.4	40-125	.320	12-30	.400	43-49	.878	9	27	36	1.5	49	2	29	38	4	11	135	5.6		
35	MORTON,Kierona	26-16	410	15.8	36-89	.404	0-0	.000	21-32	.656	47	59	106	4.1	50	0	7	29	13	8	93	3.6		
21	HOUSER,Erin	23-1	302	13.1	34-114	.298	4-17	.235	9-21	.429	17	36	53	2.3	44	0	3	20	7	14	81	3.5		
03	THOMAS,Chantal	27-6	471	17.4	31-109	.284	0-6	.000	17-32	.531	7	46	53	2.0	49	1	60	67	1	17	79	2.9		
04	AFRIYIE,Paulina	26-5	377	14.5	21-59	.356	0-0	.000	10-18	.556	46	85	131	5.0	53	1	3	27	15	14	52	2.0		
15	CALHOUN,Jayla	21-7	189	9.0	16-64	.250	1-4	.250	4-8	.500	8	32	40	1.9	27	0	3	15	3	5	37	1.8		
10	WHALEY-BRIGGS,Mo	19-5	148	7.8	3-24	.125	0-5	.000	2-4	.500	1	14	15	0.8	9	0	10	17	0	7	8	0.4		
40	BEST,Brianna	12-0	48	4.0	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	1-6	.167	5	6	11	0.9	8	0	0	6	0	2	5	0.4		
Team											70	81	151				27							
Total.....		27	5400		447-1510	.296	108-378	.286	342-483	.708	375	646	1021	37.8	496	7	240	474	64	217	1344	49.8		
Opponents.....		27	5400		604-1530	.395	122-416	.293	311-500	.622	372	749	1121	41.5	444	-	343	463	132	193	1641	60.8		

TEAM STATISTICS	NCCUW	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1344	1641	11/11/16	PFEIFFER	L 47-50	317
Points per game	49.8	60.8	11/15/16	at Coastal Carolina	L 50-66	304
Scoring margin	-11.0	-	11/18/16	JOHNSON & WALES	W 75-38	503
FIELD GOALS-ATT	447-1510	604-1530	11/22/16	at Campbell	L 30-61	611
Field goal pct	.296	.395	11/27/16	at Old Dominion	L 52-83	769
3 POINT FG-ATT	108-378	122-416	12/03/16	WOFFORD	L 54-64	417
3-point FG pct	.286	.293	12/11/16	at Purdue	L 27-61	5428
3-pt FG made per game	4.0	4.5	12/14/16	at NC State	L 33-83	1947
FREE THROWS-ATT	342-483	311-500	12/18/16	UNCG	L 51-64	217
Free throw pct	.708	.622	12/20/16	PRESBYTERIAN	L 63-72	167
F-Throws made per game	12.7	11.5	12/30/16	at Furman	L 40-60	318
REBOUNDS	1021	1121	01/03/17	USC UPSTATE	L 58-68	277
Rebounds per game	37.8	41.5	* 01/10/17	DELAWARE STATE	W 68-63	417
Rebounding margin	-3.7	-	* 01/11/17	MD. EASTERN SHORE	W 68-59	648
ASSISTS	240	343	* 01/14/17	at Norfolk State	L 40-71	578
Assists per game	8.9	12.7	* 01/16/17	at Hampton	L 36-60	1532
TURNOVERS	474	463	* 01/23/17	HOWARD	L 50-73	1107
Turnovers per game	17.6	17.1	* 01/28/17	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	L 38-62	3009
Turnover margin	-0.4	-	* 01/30/17	at Delaware State	L 51-55	389
Assist/turnover ratio	0.5	0.7	* 02/04/17	at Morgan State	L 42-44	409
STEALS	217	193	* 02/06/17	at Coppin State	W 58-46	489
Steals per game	8.0	7.1	* 02/11/17	SOUTH CAROLINA ST.	W 52-41	562
BLOCKS	64	132	* 02/13/17	FLORIDA A&M	W 52-49	726
Blocks per game	2.4	4.9	* 02/18/17	at Md. Eastern Shore	L 51-73	2458
ATTENDANCE	9765	15547	* 02/20/17	at Howard	L 48-62	315
Home games-Avg/Game	14-698	13-1196	* 02/25/17	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	L 52-62	620
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0	* 02/27/17	SAVANNAH STATE	W 58-51	778

* - Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Totals
N.C. Central	295	329	333	387	1344
Opponents	422	364	413	442	1641