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Dr. Cavil's Inside The HBCU Huddle--

The Talladega Tornadoes earn the final season No. 1 Poll Rankings

The Livingstone Blue Bears, Xavier Gold Rush, Paine Lions, and the Wiley Wildcats closeout the rankings at No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5, respectively

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HOUSTON – The Talladega Tornadoes (32-5, 13-1) of the GCAC finish the season at No. 1 in the power rankings for Dr. Cavil's HBCU Mid-Major Division Men's Basketball Final Fabulous Five Poll Power Rankings. The Tornadoes made a NAIA tournament run to the semifinals. The Livingstone Blue Bear out of the CIAA finished ranked No. 2. The Xavier Gold Rush of the GCAC and the Paine Lions of the SIAC complete the season at No. 3 and No. 4, respectively. While, the Wiley Wildcats of the RRAC closeout the top five of power poll rankings at No. 5. The Gulf Coast Conferences ends the season with two teams in the final five power rankings.

As part of Dr. Cavil's Classic Cuts Weekly HBCU Sports Series, THG Agency releases Dr. Cavil's 'Inside the HBCU Sports Lab' with Mike Washington, Ryan McGinty, and Charles Bishop on KCOH 1230AM radio (www.kcohradio.com) show will announce and preview key Top 10 matchups to watch and review the top teams in Dr. Cavil's HBCU Major Division Football Top 10 Poll Rankings. The show airs every Tuesday at 7:00PM CT. The show explores the exciting mixture between the HBCU sports scene (HBCU Diaspora and Cultural Identity, including the teams, bands, coaches, athletics directors, and classic and homecoming events).

Dr. Cavil's HBCU Mid-Major Division Men's Basketball Final Fabulous Five Power Poll Rankings

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Rank	Team & Mascot	Record	FPV	Points	PWR	Conference
1	@-Talladega Tornadoes	(32-5, 13-1)	1	102	1	GCAC
2	Livingstone Blue Bears	(19-10, 10-6)	2	97	2	CIAA
3	Xavier Gold Rush	(24-10, 11-3)		86	3	GCAC
4	Paine Lions	(23-5, 17-2)		75	4	SIAC
5	Wiley Wildcats	(21-12, 15-5)		63	NR	RRAC

FPV = First Place Votes; PWR = Previous Week Ranking; NR = Not Ranked

@ = TSPN & 3C 2014-2015 HBCU Basketball Mid-Major Division National Champion

Dropped Out: N/A

Receiving Votes: Bowie State Bulldogs (22-8, 13-3)-56,

Benedict Tigers (19-11, 12-7)-54

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MEN'S MID-MAJOR DIVISION HONORS

Dr. Cavil's 2014-2015 HBCU Men's Mid-Major Division Player of Year

Brandon Peters Talladega (GCAC)

Dr. Cavil's 2014-2015 HBCU Men's Mid-Major Division Defensive Player of the Year

Jerry Hampton LeMoyne-Owens (SIAC)

Dr. Cavil's 2014-2015 HBCU Men's Mid-Major Newcomer of the Year

Kelsey Howard Tougaloo (GCAC)

Dr. Cavil's 2014-2015 HBCU Men's Mid-Major Freshman of the Year

Malcolm Ballard Huston-Tillotson (RRAC)

Dr. Cavil's 2014-2015 HBCU Men's Mid-Major Division Coach of the Year

Matt Cross Talladega (GCAC)

MEN'S MID-MAJOR DIVISION FIRST TEAM HBCU ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

NAME	INSTITUTION	CLASS.	POS.	HEIGHT	HOMETOWN
Brandon Peters	Talladega	Senior	Guard	6' 2"	Houston, TX
Cameron Know	Bowie State	Senior	Guard	5' 11"	Baltimore, Md.
Phillip Miller	Wiley	Senior	Guard	6' 0"	Dallas, TX
Denzel Dillingham	Paine	Junior	Guard	6' 4"	Hickory, N.C.
Jerry Hampton	LeMoyne-Owens	Junior	Forward	6' 8"	Memphis, Tenn.

MEN'S MID-MAJOR DIVISION SECOND TEAM HBCU ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

NAME	INSTITUTION	CLASS.	POS.	HEIGHT	HOMETOWN
Curtis Jones	Langston	Junior	Guard	6' 0"	Chicago, Ill.
Shondel Stewart	Talladega	Senior	Guard	6' 2"	Paterson, N.J.
Hakeem Jackson	Livingstone	Senior	Forward/Cer	iter 6' 9"	Live Oak, Fla.
Tyrece Little	Virginia State	Senior	Guard	6' 8"	Greenville, N.C.
George Page	Wiley	Sophomore	Forward	6' 2"	Winnfield, La.

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The poll is based on a combination of a ranking algorithm and a voting system. It is the original HBCU poll that separates the rankings (since 2003) of NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II and NAIA Division I member HBCU institutions into two distinct categorical polls: Major and Mid-Major (This format is unlike the historic SBN Football Poll). The Major Division Poll, consist of NCAA Division I Basketball programs and the Mid-Major Division Poll, which consist of NCAA Division II, NAIA Division I and NAIA Division II programs. This format introduced to the public based on the request of Black College blogging fans and on the research that consists of data mining and the difference in scholarship limitation and requirements beset by NCAA and NAIA bylaws (i.e. NCAA Division I - 13, NCAA Division II - 10, NAIA Division I - 11 and NAIA Division II - 6).

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