

Spartans claim three titles in CIAA play

STAFF REPORT

Norfolk State, competing in what is expected to be its last CIAA championships, won three titles last weekend in competition held in Norfolk.

The Spartans finished first in men's track, softball and men's tennis and were second in baseball and women's track.

The highlights:

Men's track: Norfolk State outscored St. Augustine's 189-157 for the team title. Virginia State was a distant third with 35 points. The Spartans swept the 400 (Ali Ahmed, Wayne Whyte, Byron Robinson) and the 200 (Christopher Duncan, Joel Mascoll, Malcolm Watts) and finished 1-2 in the 100 (Mascoll, Duncan) to dominate the sprints. Other Norfolk State champs included the 4 x 400 relay team, Whyte (400 intermediate hurdles), Robert Rushing (shot), Junior Mitchell (800) and Calvin Graham (1,500).

Softball: The Spartans (38-9) defeated St. Augustine's 9-1 in the

championship game behind the pitching of tournament MVP Angela Smith. Raynisha Rushton was 4 for 4 with two RBIs and MaShanta Todd was 2 for 2 with two RBIs. Smith, catcher LaKita Wilson and shortstop Akilah Jackson made the all-tournament team.

Tennis: Norfolk State (16-3) won its second consecutive crown by defeating Shaw 6-1. Avi Kigel, 10-0 against CIAA opponents this year, was named the tournament MVP.

Women's track: The team title went to St. Augustine's with 196 points. Norfolk State had 131. The Spartans' Selena Edwards was a double winner, finishing first in the triple jump and the long jump. Tamara Clarke won the 1,500.

Baseball: Bowie State successfully defended its championship, defeating Norfolk State 4-1 in the final. Spartans Angel Tejada, Deon Eaddy, Antoine Jackson and Adrian Harris were named to the all-tournament team. Ckori Jones of Bowie State was the tourney MVP.