

Buffalo Soldier's honored for Black History Month

Tony Washington of the Lawton-Ft. Sill Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers spoke at NOC Enid on Monday as part of Black History Month.

The Buffalo Soldiers were an African American Military Unit created in 1866 after the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Buffalo Soldiers name came from Native Americans who named the group after seeing them in battle comparing them to buffalo.

Washington said the Buffalo Soldiers were created from freed slaves and freemen who had fought for the Union in the Civil War.

"They were offered \$13 per month, shelter, education, and a pension to join," Washington said.

According to Washington, the original duties of the Buffalo Soldiers was to escort settlers and then to build outposts in the west but later were used in military actions including the Spanish-American War and in Mexico and Cuba as well.

In fact, Washington said the unit was at San Juan Hill with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. "Roosevelt got all the credit for San Juan Hill," Washington said. "But it was the Buffalo Sol-

diers who were right there with him during that battle."

Washington described a number of individuals who served in the unit over the years, as a group, Buffalo Soldiers received 23 Congressional Medals of Honor including Emanuel Stance who was the first African American to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

He added that Buffalo Soldiers were the first forest or park rangers led by West Point Graduate Col. George Young. The hat created for the unit is the "Smokey Bear" hat still in use today.

The Buffalo Soldiers were deactivated in 1951 and the participants integrated into the United States Military.

Washington did discuss the treatment of the Buffalo Soldiers during their service.

"They were often given the most dangerous assignments, given the worst equipment, and the poorest rations," he said. "But they continued to serve. They wanted to the opportunity to serve their country, live as freemen and have an opportunity at the American dream as first class citizens."

Washington joked that he is not a historian,



NOC honored the Buffalo Soldiers at Monday's Black History Month program.

just someone that has studied the history of the unit.

"We typically go to schools and talk to elementary and high school students about the Buffalo Soldiers but we are excited to share the story at Northern Oklahoma College," he said.

Washington is the president of the Lawton-Ft. Sill chapter, the only Oklahoma chapter.

The Black History Month presentation was sponsored by the Diversity Committee at Northern Oklahoma College, chaired by NOC Enid instructor Mary Ann McCoy.



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NOC Enid Calendar

March 8

Free Lunch, Gantz Center James Room, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Home Jets Baseball vs. UA Rich Mountain, 1 p.m.

The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m.

Away Jets Basketball vs. Murray at Muskogee, 8 p.m. in Region 2 Tournament

March 9

Away Lady Jets Basketball vs. NEO, 6 p.m. in Region 2 Tournament

March 10

Residence Halls Close, 3 p.m.

March 11

Away Jets Baseball vs. UA Rich Mountain, noon

Away Jets Softball vs. Hesston (KS), 1 p.m.

March 13-17

Spring Break, No Classes/Offices Closed

March 17

Home Jets Baseball vs. South Arkansas, 1 p.m.

Away Jets Softball vs. Johnson County (KS), 1 p.m.

March 18

Home Jets Baseball vs. South Arkansas, 1 p.m.

March 19

Residence Halls open at noon

March 20

Home Jets Softball vs. Seminole, 2 p.m.

March 21

Home Mavs Softball vs. NOC Tonkawa, 2 p.m.



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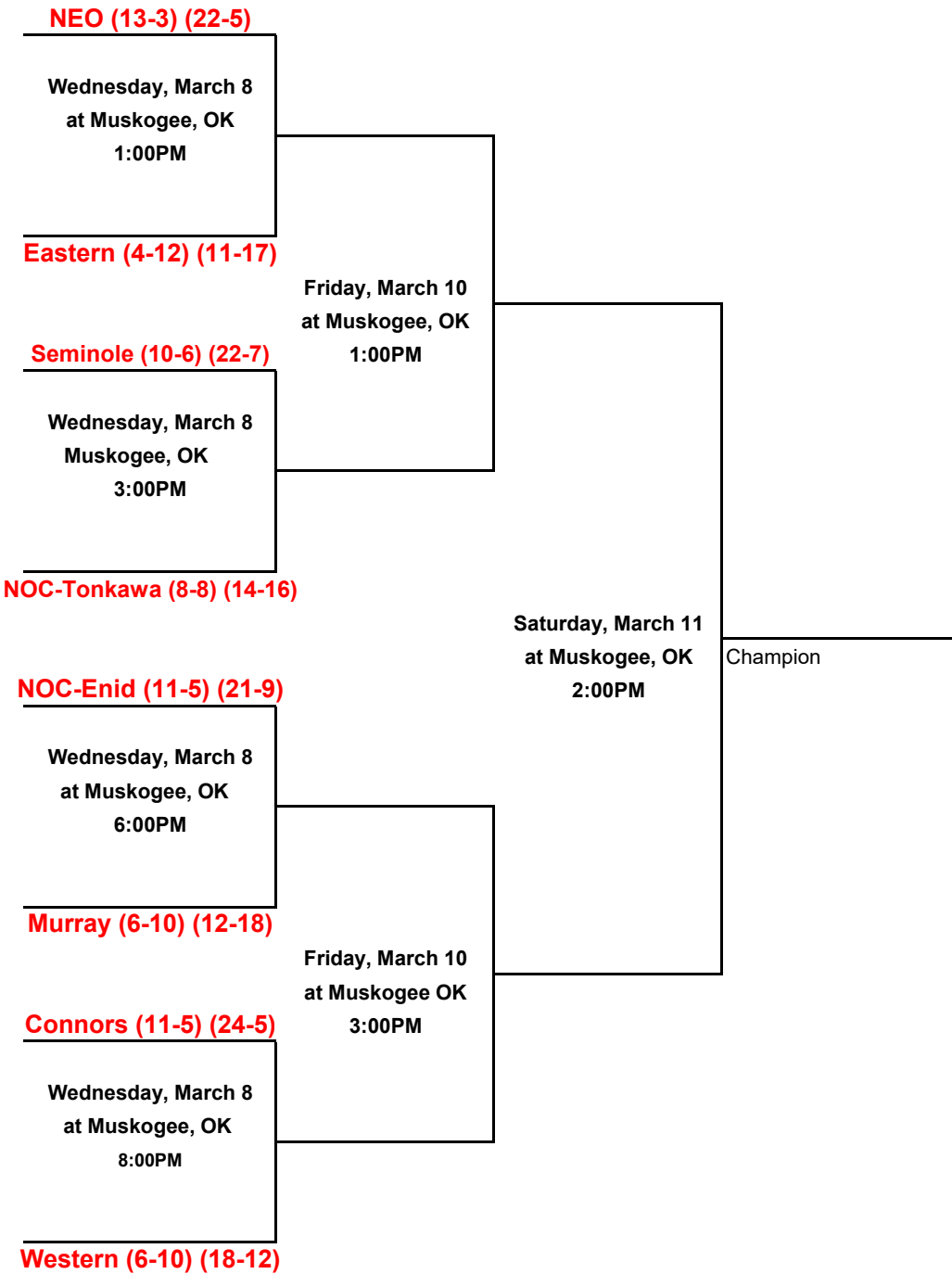
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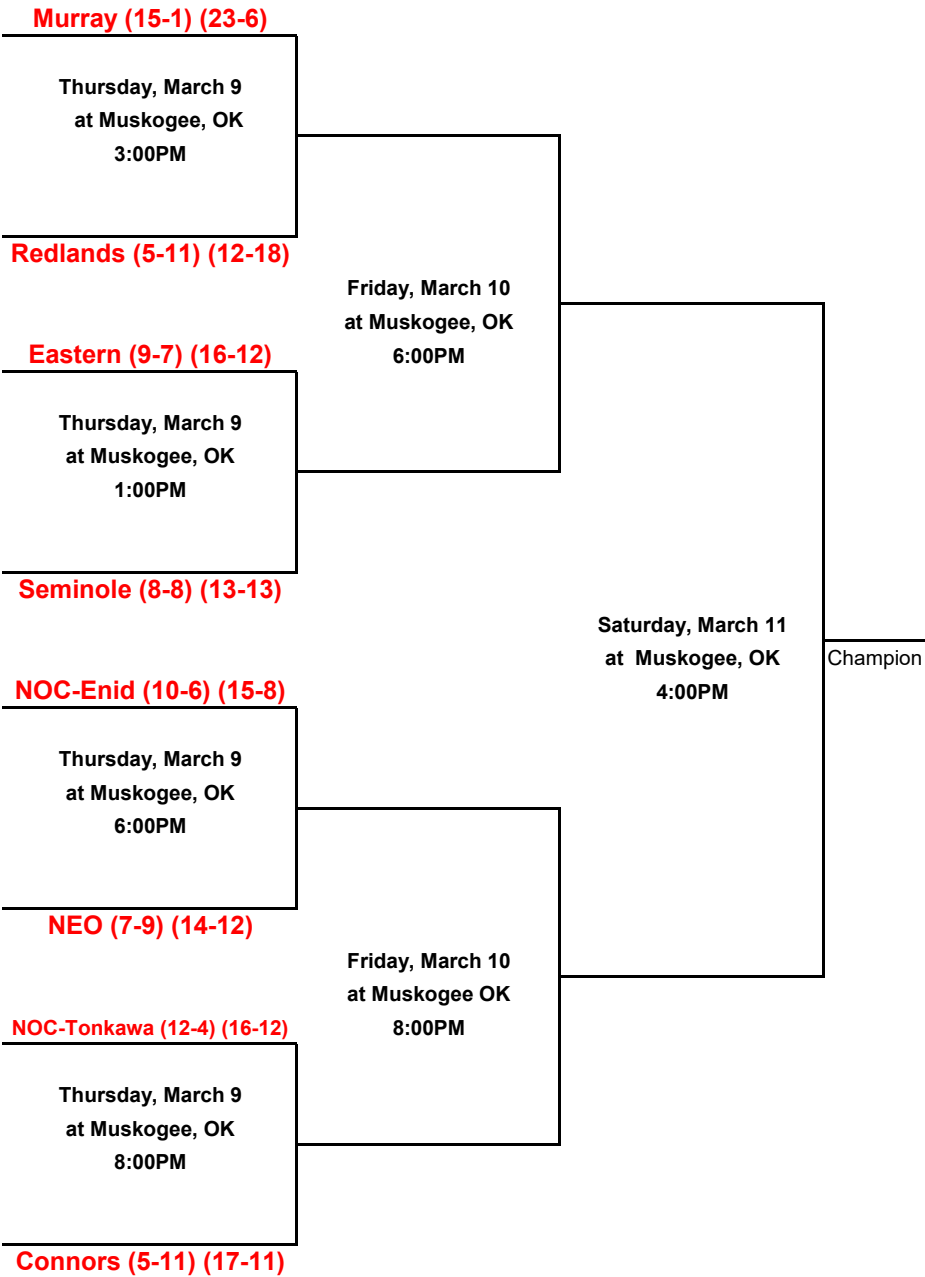
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Jets, Lady Jets in Region 2 Tourney

The NOC Enid Jets have their tournament draw for the NJCAA Region 2 Basketball Tournament in Muskogee March 8-11.

The winner of the Region 2 Tournament advances to the NJCAA National Tournament in Lubbock (Women), Texas, or Hutchinson (Men), Kansas.

In the men's bracket, the Jets (21-9, #3 Seed)

face Murray State (1218, #6 Seed) at 6 p.m. March 8.

On the women's side, the NOC Enid Lady Jets (15-8, #3 Seed) face NEO (14-12, #6 Seed) at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9.

The semi-finals are Friday and the finals are set for Saturday.

Lady Jets, Jets honored by Region 2

Four Enid NOC athletes were honored by Region 2 Basketball this week.

NOC Enid's Jordan Thompson, a sophomore from Oklahoma City, was named Region Player of the Year.



Jordan Thompson

ma City while Johnson is a sophomore from Altus, Oklahoma, and Jones is a sophomore from Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Thompson averaged 19 points and six assists for the Jets.

Andrews averaged 16 points and six rebounds for the Jets in earning second team all region honors.

Johnson averaged 17 points and five rebounds while Jones averaged 11 points for the Lady Jets.



Tegan Jones

Also, NOC Enid's Daylon Andrews was named 2nd Team All-Region while LaKysia Johnson was named 1st Team All-Region and Tegan Jones was named 2nd Team All-Region.

Andrews is a sophomore from Oklaho-



LaKysia Johnson

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Students needed for research

Northern Oklahoma College is looking for Native American Student Participants interested in Astronomy and Connecting Cultural Stories.

NOC is the recipient of a NASA Grant that involves the study of astronomy related to Native American Star Stories.

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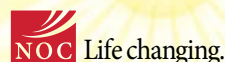
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