

**COVER STORY**

**SSC TIGERS REPEAT**

**T**he Savannah State College baseball team, seeded fourth in this year's tournament, defeated second seeded Lemoyne Owen College 6-5 at Bill Evans Field in College Park, Ga., to capture the 1996 Southern Intercollegiate Athletics Conference Baseball Championship for the second consecutive year. Not only was it the second consecutive crown for the SSC team, it was also the second consecutive time that they did it in four games.

Jason Roundtree started the repeat performance by pitching the Tigers to a 13-0 win over the Golden Bears of Miles College. Roundtree allowed just two hits while the Tigers grounded Miles' pitching for ten safeties, including a third-inning three-run homer by sophomore right-fielder Kelvin Faison. Tiger left-fielder Daryl Norman went four for four in the game with two RBIs to pace the Tiger hitting. The second Tiger tournament game featured freshman pitcher Matt Devlin, who pitched a one-hitter, struck out seven, and held Albany State College, last year's tourney runner-up, to one run in seven innings.

Albany State's Eric Taylor pitched a masterful game, giving up one run in the second inning on a walk to Tarik Smiley and a run-scoring double to David Radcliff. Taylor struck out 14 Tigers in the game, but gave up three singles in the top of the sixth, to take the 3-1 loss. SSC was one step closer to the crown.

Rain delayed the start of play on the second day of the tourney, and SSC had a day off before having to face

**CHAMPIONSHIP SWEEP**

▲ Maurice Heard (coach of the year)

the Magicians of Lemoyne Owen College for the first time this year. At this point in the tourney, SSC and LOC were both undefeated. Jason Roundtree got his second call to the mound and found himself in a fierce battle with the tournament second seed. Roundtree's teammates staked him to a 4-0 first inning lead, when Lemoyne starter Richard Moise gave up three walks and a single. The lead was extended to 5-0 in the second when SSC's Daryl Norman scored an unearned run. Moise blanked the Tigers for the next four innings while the Magicians touched Roundtree for one in the fourth and five in the sixth to give the magicians a 6-5 lead. Three of the runs came on a three-run homer by J. Payton.

Savannah State regained the lead in the top of the seventh on runs by Daryl Norman, Brandon Jackson, and Kelvin Faison. David Radcliff came on in the seventh for the Tigers to get the save on two ground outs and a strike-out to end the game. SSC was now poised to repeat their feat of a year ago.

Freshman starter, Brian Lowe, was the SSC pitcher who got the call for the championship game.

The LOC Magicians, having fought back from the loser's bracket, were the opponents once again.

Savannah State sent eight batters to the plate in the first inning, and Mike Bell, Daryl Norman and Brandon Jackson scored, to give SSC a 3-0 lead.

Lemoyne scored two in the first, and Lowe was relieved by Dave Radcliff with one out. Radcliff, who started the game at shortstop, retired the next two batters. Radcliff handcuffed the Magicians for five innings before

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