

# St. Augustine's Hall drafted by the Browns

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Defensive end Alex Hall (Glenarden, MD) became the first Saint Augustine's College player drafted since the school restarted football in 2002 when the Cleveland Browns drafted him in the seventh round of the 2008 NFL Draft on Sunday (April 27) in New York, NY.

Hall was the only player from the CIAA conference selected in the draft.

Hall, who stands 6-foot-6 and weighs 250 pounds, was the 231st overall pick in the draft. He ended his college career as the Falcons' career leader in quarterback sacks (25.5) and tackles for losses (54) since the school resumed football after a 37-year hiatus. Hall also is the school's career leader in sacks for a season (13) and sacks for one game (4.5).

A Division II All-American and All-CIAA player, Hall was drafted because of his size, athleticism and pass rushing ability. NFL scouts regularly attended his college games as a senior, and he ran a 4.55 40-yard dash at the University of North Carolina Pro Day. In the 2008 Cactus Bowl, featuring the nation's top NCAA Division II players, Hall recorded 1.5 sacks and one fumble recovery to help his East team defeat the West 42-13 in Kingsville, TX.

One of a handful of small-college players drafted, Hall was nervous when the draft entered the last round and he wasn't chosen. His concern turned to relief when he received a phone call from Browns' senior vice president and general manager Phil Savage.

"It was like all the pressure was off after I was drafted," said Hall, who watched the draft at his Maryland home with his parents. "It was a very thrilling moment. All of the hard work and sweat paid off."

In Cleveland, Hall is expected to provide depth on a rebuilding defense which ranked 30th out of 32 NFL teams in yards allowed per game. One analysis projects Hall as a hybrid defensive end/outside linebacker in a 3-4 defensive system. The Browns went 10-6 in 2007, barely missing the playoffs.

Saint Augustine's College football head coach Michael Costa says Hall has the talent to play in the NFL.

Costa expects the selection of Hall to have a positive impact on the football program at Saint Augustine's College, going into its seventh season in August 2008.

Hall is expected reported to Browns camp this week but will return for graduation the following weekend. Hall will graduate with a history degree.



Hall



The team of Harry Transou, E. Hippolyte, Engram Woods and Popcorn Sutton (The Chronicle team) won the Championship Flight.



The team of Bernard Allen, Joe Johnson, Leon Shuff and Leon Woodbury won the First Flight.



The team of Geneva Brown, Deborah Reaves, Melanie Wilkerson and Donna Oldham won the Ladies Flight.



The team of Daarel Burnette, Charles Hicks, Dan McGill and Brian Rowe won the Third Flight.

## AKAs host annual golf tournament

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Phi Omega, Inc., a non-profit corporation of Alpha Kappa Alpha women, held its 14th Annual Golf Classic last Saturday, at Winston Lake Golf Course.

Winners for this year's tournament were as follows: *Champions Flight* winners was the team of Hippolyte, Leon Sutton, Harry Transou and I. Woods. That team finished with an amazing score of 55 on the day. The *First Flight* winners was the team of Bernard Allen, Joe Johnson, Leon Shuff and Leon Woodbury (58). The *Second Flight* winners were Alan Caldwell, Greg Robertson, Reggie Smith and Anthony Wilson (62).

The winners of the *Third Flight* was the team of Daarel Burnette, Charles Hicks, Dan McGill and Brian Rowe (68). The *Ladies Flight* was won by the talented team of Geneva Brown, Donna Oldham, Deborah Reaves and Melanie

Wilkerson. The foursome finished with a 72 on the day. The Longest Drive was made by Jeremy Ray. William Monk was the Closest to the Pin.

This important event generated funds for the Ivy Arms apartment complex. Economic development is one of the most critical aspects for continued growth and vitality in the African-American community. These visionary black women of Phi Omega, Inc. have provided affordable housing in East Winston-Salem since 1991 (17 years) and have built/own 44 apartments and a community center.

Evelyn Acree chaired this year's golf classic and Geneva Brown served as chairman emeritus. As in the past, this tournament was fun, exciting, challenging and rewarding for all golfers and guests. Souvenir bags, program booklets, refreshments, silent auction, prizes and a delicious lunch catered by Aramark Food Service -WSSU, were part of

the day's activities.

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AKA's attending the Golf Classic included: Evelyn

Acree (tournament chairman), Mary Andrews (property manager), Ida Bailey, Dominique Benson, Pauline Benson, Marian Brower, Geneva Brown (chairman emeritus), Natasha Brown, Bertha Carter, Alma Corbett-Flood (corresponding secretary), LaRue Cunningham, RaVonda Dalton-Rann, Patricia Ford, Velma Friende, Inez Gerald, Priscilla Green, Annie Hairston, Natalie Harding, Lynette Hawkins (recording secretary), Brenda Hodge (treasurer), Lynda Isabel, Maurice Jackson, Malinda Jowers, Alma Joyce, Wilhemena Lash, Jeannette Lewis, Cheryl Lindsay, Iman Moore, Shonta Moore, Karen Morning-Cain, Susie Nance, Virginia Newell (vice president), Donna Oldham, Mildred Patterson, LaDessa Pearson, Christon Rann, Irma Richardson, Velma Simmons, Janet P. Wheeler (president), Wilma Wheeler, Annette Wilson, Leslie Winbush and Dorothy Wynecoff.

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