

DSU coach makes bowling history

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Delaware State head bowling coach and touring professional Kim Terrell-Kearney recently won her second U.S. Women's Open championship.

Terrell-Kearney captured the 2008 title with a 216-189 victory over Trisha Reid, who's also African American, in the championship match of the U.S. Bowling Congress major event on Aug. 6. The Terrell-Kearney/Reid championship contest also marked the first matchup of African-American athletes for a professional title in the history of bowling. Only a handful of black women, including Terrell-Kearney, and one black male have won professional bowling titles. Although she wasn't sure, Terrell-Kearney had a hunch history was being made.

"I had a feeling it was the first time something like this had happened," said Terrell-Kearney. "I've had footsteps to follow in, and hopefully I'm providing inspiration for other African Americans out there to pursue their goals in bowling."



File photo
Kim Terrell-Kearney's matchup against Trisha Reid marked the first time two African Americans played for a bowling title.

Terrell-Kearney, who also won the 2001 Open championship, built an early lead and held on to win her third-career major title. She earned \$25,000 for the victory, which will be

featured on a tape-delayed basis by ESPN for five consecutive weeks at 1 p.m. Eastern beginning Sept. 7.

In the championship match, Terrell-Kearney struck on four

of her first five shots to take a 24-pin lead at the halfway point, while Reid mustered just three strikes in the entire game.

"It's been a great week, and it's really satisfying to reach my goal of 10-career titles," Terrell-Kearney said. "Winning the Open is the pinnacle of most bowlers' careers and to win it twice is amazing."

Terrell-Kearney narrowly advanced to the championship match with a 216-202 victory over USBC Hall of Famer Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of North Richland Hills, Texas. In the dramatic finish, Dorin-Ballard missed a 10 pin in the final frame to open the door for Terrell-Kearney, who earlier in the match missed a 10 pin of her own.

The tournament began with 184 competitors. Terrell-Kearney was seeded 12th in the Round of 16. All of the Round of 16, quarterfinals, semifinals and championship match will be televised on a tape-delayed basis by ESPN. The telecasts begin Sept. 7 at 1 p.m. and continue for five consecutive weeks.



Photo by Charlie Platt
Glenn wide out Chase Ingram runs for yards after a reception.

Glenn

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there before. This is kind of their opportunity to step up. We still have a lot of young pups out there. But we expect them to do well for us."

One of the leaders of the Bobcats squad will be defensive end Leonard Green, who's a 6-4, 198 pound returning starter from a year ago. Junior defensive end Daven Gray is also expected to play big for the feisty Glenn defense. Gray even made his presence known after laying Mt. Tabor running back Denard Jones out during a scrimmage last Friday.

"I liked the way both teams hit tonight," said Cline after the scrimmage. "There was some good, crisps hitting going on. I liked the way we flew around. We were kind of on our heels on Tuesday night (at Page). Overall, I think we've made a lot of progress."

One area of concern for Cline is at quarterback, where Tajvio Walker and Devronne Gillis are battling for the starting spot. Walker is more of a drop back type of quarterback. Gillis is a lot similar to former Bobcat quarterback George Richardson. He's very mobile and shifty.

"Both of those guys are green beans," Cline said with a smile. "Tajvio is definitely the better passer of the two. He has all of the tools in the world. Sometimes he makes bad decisions. But it's nothing that can't be corrected. Number 10 (Gillis) gives us a lot of what we had last year with George. He'll be on the field somewhere if it's not quarterback. Right now we're planning on playing both of them early in the season."

Key 'Cats

During last week's scrimmage at Mt. Tabor, Glenn seemed to pass the ball more

than last season. That has a lot to do with the fact the Bobcats most explosive player is wide out Chase Ingram, who was one of the area's top wide outs a year ago. Otis Howell, who's 6-7, is also expected to be a threat for the Glenn offense. Other key offensive players for Glenn will be Jonathan Shelton, JV Player of the Year Khiry Sutton (running back), Maurice Harris and Tarrell Walker — among others. The Bobcat offensive line is uncharacteristically small, but talented. Guys like Adam Marley, Taylor Boyan, Anthony Stukes, Chris Giddens and Delton Green will anchor the Glenn offense.

The defense will count on guys like Lynwood Gillis (defensive back), Daqui Lamont (defensive back), Antwon Reid (linebacker), David Brown (linebacker), Gavin Brewington (defensive back) and Eric Sinclair to help Green and Gray hold things down.

"I thought we were very physical on defense," said Cline. "That was good. That's what I expected. I expected the defense to play a little better than our offense because we have more starters back on defense than offense. But that doesn't matter. We're a platoon football team. It's a team effort with us."

It's going to take a team effort for Bobcats to have a successful year with the schedule they play. Most of Glenn's tougher games will be on the road this season. The Bobcats will travel to West, East, North, High Point Andrews, Carver and Reagan this season.

"We play an unbelievable schedule," Cline concluded. "We've got to improve each week to have a chance. Our expectations are still high as they've ever been. We just know that we have a tremendous amount of work ahead of us."

Geckeler named Howard head b-ball coach

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Niki Reid Geckeler has been named head women's basketball coach at Howard, Director of Athletics Dwight Datcher announced last Friday.

"Niki has a terrific professional reputation and a proven track record of winning at the collegiate level," Datcher said. "I'm excited to have her on board."

Reid Geckeler comes to Howard after 10 years at Georgetown University, where she served as an assistant coach, recruiting coordinator and academic advisor with the women's basketball team. During her tenure, the Hoyas reached the Big East

Championship game

in 2005 and made three WNIT appearances. Additionally, she had eight players who earned All-BIG EAST All-Academic honors.

"I'm excited about joining the Howard family," expressed Reid Geckeler. "This is a tremendous opportunity and I'm honored to be part of

such a historic university with a storied

program."

During the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons, Reid Geckeler served as the associate head coach at Fordham. Two players, Mobolaji Akiode and Monica Mack, were named Atlantic-10 Most Improved Player during her tenure.

In addition to her coaching accolades, Reid Geckeler was also a standout student-athlete at Georgetown. She was a four-year starter at point guard and upon graduating in 1993 with a degree in psychology, she left the Hoya women's basketball program as the school's leader in assists and three-point field goal percentage.



Geckeler

Jackson

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The Olympic medal is the first for Jackson, the 2005 world champion in the 400

hurdles.

Jackson has won many medals at junior level, as well as winning 400-meter hurdles at the Second IAAF World Athletics Final in Monaco

Scales

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coach too. He's dedicated. He's also a man of high integrity. He's going to push me and the kids to get better everyday. I love him like my little brother. It was really a no brainer."

McCoy originally had someone else in mind for the vacant defensive coordinator position at Andrews. But that candidate wasn't cleared.

"Initially, I had no intentions on hiring coach Scales," McCoy said. "Looking back, I'm glad that I did. We're happy to have him. He's a coach that's going to fight with you until the bitter end. That's what you want in a coach. He understands what I want. I know I can trust him."

According to McCoy, that trust was built instantly. McCoy was hired as the defensive coordinator at Carver in 2002, while Scales tutored the defensive backs. The two seemed to be a perfect match — complimenting each other and helping put



Photo by Charlie Platt
Scales is excited to be at Andrews this season.

together one of the more dominant defenses in the state, especially during the championship run in 2002. Scales took over as CHS defensive coordinator after McCoy suffered a stroke four years ago. Still, McCoy and Scales discussed defensive schemes and

strategy together. And, Scales still listened — despite the fact that he called the shots on defense.

"It's never been personal with me and him," McCoy said. "We've always been able to communicate on and off the field very well. And, I know that when we argue that it's not gonna be taken personally. We'll get together later and do what's best for the team. We clicked a long time ago. And, we've always been friends. Like I said, we're happy to have him."

Scales doesn't seem to be too concerned with the fact that he's coaching kids that he's not too familiar with. He's simply excited to still be doing his thing, whether that be in Winston-Salem or High Point.

"I'm from Virginia," Scales said. "I'm used to working with different kids. To be honest with you, it doesn't matter where you are. There's a Carver on every block in America. Meaning, there's similar kids everywhere you go. I just want to

sonal best. His coach is George Williams of Saint Augustine's College, the 2004 U.S. Olympic track coach.

coach them. That's what I do. I coach kids. I'm thankful for the opportunity that Rodney has given me. I thought I was going to stay at Carver. But things didn't work out that way."

Scales will get a chance to see the guys he once coached when the Carver Yellowjackets pay a visit to High Point on Oct. 24.

"I'm not even thinking about that game," said McCoy. "We're trying to get ready for Greensboro Smith. I will tell you that it's always a tough game to go against your old school. But right now we're just thinking about Smith."

Scales added: "We're definitely thinking about our first game right now. But it doesn't matter how close I was with the guys over there. We could've been brothers or Siamese twins. I'm a competitor. When you're battling it's you against me. It's going to be you before it's me. I'm here now. There's no turning back."

Schedule

All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 22 HP Central

Aug. 28 @ West

Sept. 5 @ East

Sept. 12 @ North

Sept. 19 Reynolds

Sept. 26 Open

Oct. 3 Atkins

Oct. 10 @ Andrews

Oct. 17 @ Carver

Oct. 24 Parkland

Oct. 31 @ Reagan

Nov. 7 S.W. Guilford

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