

COVER STORY

MEAC Spring Championships

**Student Athletes Compete
In Final League Competition**

GREENSBORO, N.C. — During the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) 1993 Spring Championships held April 15-17 in Tallahassee, hosting Florida A&M University successfully defended its men's tennis title, won the inaugural women's softball tournament, and also came away with both the men's and women's track crowns. North Carolina A&T University claimed the baseball tournament championship, and Howard University took the women's tennis title.

-Baseball-

NCA&T swept through four games undefeated to win its first MEAC baseball championship since the conference started its tournament format in 1984. The Aggies had secured the title in 1974 when final overall records were used to determine the champion. Chris Leonard scored on an error in the bottom of the ninth inning as A&T edged Delaware State 6-5 to capture the 1993 title.

The Aggies loaded the bases on a single by Kevin Haithlock, a walk to Leonard and an error by Hornet second baseman Edgar Santana. Starting pitcher Greg Day was then relieved by Rob Heisler who issued a walk to Mike Artis which tied the



NC A & T earned the 1993 MEAC baseball championship with a 6-5 victory over Delaware State. The Aggies went 4-0 defeating Coppin State 5-1, Howard 9-8, and DSC 8-3, The Aggies first since 1974.

score at 5-5. The next Aggie batter, Leon Jones, hit a ground ball to shortstop Scott Illian whose throw to the plate was wide, allowing Leonard to score the game winning run.

The Most Outstanding Tournament Performer was North Carolina A&T's Mike Artis. A&T's first year head coach Keith Henry was named Tournament's Outstanding Coach. Joining Artis on the All Tournament Team were infielders Dwight O'Neal of Florida A&M, Lamar White of Bethune-Cookman, and David Dill of Delaware State, and Joe Hill of North Carolina A&T, catcher Miguel Cruz of North Carolina A&T and Pitcher Crawford Moser also North Carolina A&T.

Complete Baseball Scores - Thursday: B-CC 6, UMES 1; Del State 10, SC State 4; Howard 7, FAMU 5; NCA&T 5, Coppin 1; UMES 8, Sc State 3; FAMU 4, Coppin 1. Friday: Del State 8, B-CC 7 (11); NCA&T 8, Del State 3; FAMU 12, UMES 2; FAMU 14, B-CC 7; FAMU 15, Howard 11. Saturday: Del State 8, FAMU 4; NCA&T 6, Del State 5. The Aggies

stopped a three-year championship run by Florida A&M.

-Softball-

The Florida A&M Rattlette softball team won the inaugural Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference softball championship Saturday by blowing the past top-seeded Delaware State 20-3 at the Rattlette softball complex. Marigrace got the Rattlette rolling, when she hit a solo home-run to lead off the first, giving FAMU a 1-0 lead. They scored 15 runs in the next four innings, getting five in the fifth. FAMU was comfortably ahead 20-0 before Del State scored its three runs in the last inning. Del State had reached the championship game by downing NCA&T 11-10.

FAMU's Psautia Andrews was voted the tournament's Most Outstanding Performer and her mentor, Veronica Wiggins, was named the Outstanding Coach. The All-Tournament Team was comprised of infielders Janell Staten and Marcelina



Hallie Gregory presents the Most Outstanding Coach Award to A&T's Keith Henry.