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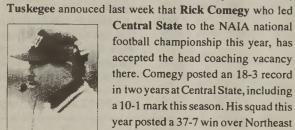


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UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NEWS CENTRAL: In case you missed it,



Central State to the NAIA national football championship this year, has accepted the head coaching vacancy there. Comegy posted an 18-3 record in two years at Central State, including a 10-1 mark this season. His squad this year posted a 37-7 win over Northeast Oklahoma State for the NAIA national crown. The 1994 team lost in the first

Central State Sports Photo **COMEGY:** Already at Tuskegee

round of the playoffs. Comegy replaces Haney Catchings who resigned in November after posting a 2-9 record. Comegy had become the head man at Central State two years ago when Billy Joe left to become head coach at Florida A&M. He had served as Joe's defensive coordinator.

Central State President, Dr. Herman D. Smith, held a press conference Monday to announce that the school is replacing Comegy with 46-year old, Jack Bush. Bush served as defensive coordinator for this year's team and previously served as CSU defensive line coach in 1989. Bush is a Lincoln (MO) graduate. Smith also announced that Ken Hudson would be the school's new athletic director with particular responsibility for fundraising. Hudson is a 1961 Central State grad.

NOT A CLUE: Looking for a clue as to who will replace Ken Free as the next commissioner of the Mid Eastern Athletic Confernce? Check out these developments. Former CBS Sports reporter Irv Cross, who applied for the job, was named athletic director at Idaho State University March 2. Meantime, Drake University head basketball coach Rudy Washington announced his resignation Friday, effective at the end of the season to pursue "other athletic administration positions." Washington, president of the Black Coaches Association, applied for the commissioner's job and has made it very clear of his desire to take the post. MEAC presidents met in Atlanta prior to the conference basketball tournament inTallahassee,FL this past weekend.

Tourney champs crowned: Bids go out

BLACK COLLEGE BIDS TO THE NCAA DIV. II BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN

South Atlantic Regional at Richmond, VA Wednesday, March 6 N. C. Central (20-6) vs. Pfeiffer (19-7) High Point, NC (23-6) vs. Presbyterian, SC (19-10)

Thursday, March 7 NC Central/Pfeiffer winner vs. Va. Union (25-2) High Point/Presbyterian winner vs. Queens, NC (24-5)

Friday, March 8 NC Central/Pfeiffer/Va. Union winner vs. High Point/ Presbyterian/Queens winner

South Regional at Normal, AL Thursday, March 7 S. C. Spartanburg (22-7) vs. Clark Atlanta (21-7) Columbus, Ga. (24-5) vs. Rollins, Fl. (20-7)

Friday, March 8 S. C. Spartanburg/Clark winner vs. Alabama A&M (25-2) Columbus/Rollins winner vs. Florida Southern (26-3)

Saturday, March 9 SC Spartanburg/Clark/Alabama A&M winner vs. Columbus/Rollins/Florida Southern winner

WOMEN

South Atlantic Regional at Wingate, NC Thursday March 7 Bowie State (20-9) vs. Georgia College (21-8) Wingate (20-7) vs. Gardner-Webb (22-6)

Friday March 8 Bowie St./Georgia College winner vs. Shaw (24-4) Wingate/Gardner-Webb winner vs. Mars Hill (24-5)

Saturday March 9 Bowle St./Georgia College/Shaw winner vs. Wingate/Gardner-Webb/Mars Hill winner

South Regional at Cleveland, MS Thursday, March 7 Central Arkansas (20-9) vs. Fort Valley State (25-3) Albany State (21-8) vs. Rollins (23-5)

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) landed two men's and two women's teams each in the NCAA Div. II national tournament championship after crowning their conference tournament champions over the weekend.

Meanwhile, South Carolina State and coach Cy Alexander return to the NCAA Div. I championship tournament for the first time since 1989 after downing Coppin State Saturday in the Mid Eastern Athletic Confernce men's final. Howard and coach Sanya Tyler make their first appearance since 1982 after winning the women's MEAC title. CIAA

Norfolk State's sweep of both men's and women's titles at the 51st CIAA tournament in Winston-Salem, NC is bittersweet. The men broke Va. Union's four-year stranglehold on the tournament crown while the women grabbed their fifth title in six years. But neither will advance to Div. II postseason play because of the school's decision to jump to NCAA Div. I status in the 1997-98 season. Norfolk State plans to return to the CIAA tournament next year.

The Norfolk State men needed a sterling 23point, 12-rebound performance from All-CIAA forward Derrick Bryant to get a 72-70 overtime victory over Va. Union. The win marked Norfolk coach Mike Bernard's first CIAA tournament championship.

"It was a long time coming," said Bernard, who won a national championship in 1989 during his six-year stay at North Carolina Central. This is his fifth year at NSU. "This was a fitting occasion to get it," he said.

The Spartan women ran away from Shaw behind 28 points from tourney MVP Latina **Bullock**

Virginia Union (25-2), who won the Northern Division regular season title and was ranked at or near the top of the Div. II poll all year and North Division regular season winner North avenged two losses during the regular season by Carolina Central (20-6) were selected to play in the South Atlantic Men's Region in Richmond, Va this week. Shaw (24-4) and Bowie State (20-9) will play in the women's South Atlantic Regional in Wingate, NC.



AS FAR AS THEY CAN GO: Norfolk State coach Mike Bernard counsels his troops at CIAA tourney.

tourney was somewhat of a surprise.

North Carolina A&T, usually known for pulling off big upsets in the men's bracket, did so this time in women's play. Coach Tim Abney's Lady Aggies handed conference leader Florida A&M a surpirse 57-56 whipping on the Rattlerettes home floor in Friday's semifinals. Their good fortune ran out however against a powerful Howard squad who downed the Lady Aggies 76-47 to take the crown and the automatic NCAA Div. I tournament bid that goes with it.

S. C. State's men used balanced scoring and a stifling defense to send Coppin State to their third consecutive tournament finals defeat, 69-56. Coppin was held to just 23 percent shooting from the field. Both Howard and S. C. State will await men's and women's Div. I pairings to be announced March 10. SIAC

Alabama A&M notched their third consecutive Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference men's tournament championship and regional berth, running by Morehouse 92-70. Conference Player of the Year, Deartrus Goodman of Alabama A&M added tournament MVP to his trophy haul. Clark Atlanta loss to Alabama A&M in the semis but also received a bid to regional play.

ON the women's side, Albany State pulling out a 72-20 thriller over Fort Valley for the championship. Albany State's all-conference point guard Chaquita Wright, held to four points in the two regular season losses to Fort Valley, had 20 in the finals and was named tournament MVP. Fort Valley went into the game ranked #22 nationally and first in the South Region. They fell to third and will join Albany State in first round action March 7 in Cleveland, Mississippi (Delta

An announcement could be coming this week.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BLACK COLLEGE CONFERENCE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

CIAA MEN

Carnell Penn, Norf. St. Derrick Bryant, Norf. St. Melvin Abrams, JC Smith Ben Wallace, Va. Union Thomas Meredith, Va. Union Levelle Moton, NC Central Kenny Curtis, NC Central Lafonte Moses, St. Aug's John Irby, Shaw Rodney Carmichael, Norf. St.

WOMEN

Ayana Winston, Shaw Stephanie Greer, Shaw Chellia Nelson, WSSU Brandy Lemons, Bowie St. Kimberly Taylor, Shaw Latina Bullock, Norf. St. Marquia Ziyad, St. Aug's Michelle Sessoms, Norf. St. Kimberly McCall, Bowie St. Lamonica Filer, Norf. St.

SIAC

MEN

Rodney Richardson, Ala. A&M Deartrus Goodman, Al. A&M William Burr, Clark Wallace Corker, Morehouse Chris Brown, Tuskegee Coata Malone, Alab. A&M Bethel Hendricks, Alab. A&M Chris McKelvey, Tuskegee Herman Banks, Morehouse Samory German, Clark

WOMEN

Angel Lewis, Ky. St. LaShanda White, Ft. Valley LaTondra Tennyson, Ft. Valley Natoshia Williams, Ft. Valley Chaquita Wright, Albany St. Alesia Cone, Albany St. Wendy Wallace, Alab. A&M Lanora Ingram, Ky. State Tamara Jenkins, Alab. A&M Tereska Watkins, Ft. Valley

MEAC

MEN **First Team**

Derrick Patterson, SC State Terquin Mott, Coppin State Roderick Blakney, SC State Reggie Welch, Coppin State Eric Fernandez, SC State

Second Team

Jamal Brown, SC State Tarik Beasley, NC A&T Chris Nurse, Del State Antoine Brockington, Coppin State Antoine Morris, Del State

WOMEN

First Team Alisha Hill, Howard Denique Graves, Howard Amanda Hayes, Howard Nisha Watson, NC A&T Cathy Robinson, FAMU

Second Team

Dawn Walton, NC A&T Shantell Jackson, FAMU Crystal Little, UMES Monique Ewing, SC State Mellissa Young, Howard Tamara Bogans, NC A&T

Source: Conference Reports

Friday, March 8

Central Arkansas/Ft. Valley winner vs. Florida Southern (25-4) Albany State/Rollins winner vs. Delta State (24-4)

Saturday, March 9 Central Arkansas/Ft. Valley/Florida Southern winner vs. Albany State/Rollins/Delta State winner

Culbreath does it again

Central State's women, led by sprinter jump with a leap of Catherine Scott-Pomales, won the NAIA Indoor Track and Field championship this weekend in Lincoln, Nebraska.

It was the sixth women's national title for Central State coach Josh Culbreath, who had won one indoor and four outdoor titles previously. Culbreath has won three men's national championships.

Pomales won the 55 meter hurdles and the 55 meter dash, setting a meet record of 6.85 seconds in the 55 meters where she led a 1-2-3 Central State finish. Ronalee Davis was the other individual winner for the Marauders taking the triple

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40' 1.55". The team totalled 96 points to outdistance Wayland Baptist (86) and Azusa Pacific (76). CULBREATH: Wins Southern (NO)

ninth NAIA track finished fourth with championship. 56 points and

Arkansas-Pine Bluff tied for ninth.

The Central State men finished in third place overall behind champion Azusa Pacific (91) and Oklahoma Baptist (83). The Marauders scored 54 points but did not have an individual champion.

MEAC

South Carolina State's win over Coppin State was certainly no surprise in the men's half of the MEAC championship in Tallahassee, Florida but the win by Howard in the women's State).

BCSP HOOP TOP TEN

1. ALABAMA A&M (22-2) - Took SIAC title, #1 seed in Div. II South Region. 2. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (22-7) - Won rubber match w/Coppin State. On to NCAAs

3. NORFOLK STATE (23-4) - Second win over Va. Union but season over.

4. VIRGINIA UNION (25-2) - Two losses to Norf. State. #1 seed in S. Atlantic. 5. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY (20-6) - SWAC tourney co-favorites.

6. COPPIN STATE (19-9) - Couldn 't handle SC State, Looks for NIT bid.

7. JACKSON STATE (13-12) - Looks to add SWAC tourney to regular season title.

8. NC CENTRAL (20-5) - Stumbles into Div. II playoffs after loss in CIAA semifinals

9. CLARK (18-8) - Fell to Alab. A&M in SIAC semis. Made Div. II South Region field.

10.SHAW (17-11) - Strong finish included win over S. Div. champ NC Central. OTHERS RECEIVIING VOTES: Southern, LeMoyne-Owen, Morehouse, Tennessee State and Shaw

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