

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15 THROUGH APRIL 21, 1997

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

BIBBS JUMPS GRAMBLING SHIP

▼ SUCCESSFUL GRAMBLING WOMEN'S HOOPS COACH TAKES HAMPTON POST



SWAC Photo
BIBBS: Feels she has support of administration at Hampton.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

DUBOSE DA BOSS: James DuBose, who served the last three years as an assistant at Delaware State



Del State Sports Photo
DuBOSE: Promoted to the top position at Del State.

University, was named Friday, April 11 as the school's new head basketball coach. Art Perry, who was head coach, became the head coach at American University on March 27th. Delaware State president Dr. William B. DeLauder said "Coach DuBose has demonstrated a strong commitment to our program. With his experience as an assistant coach here at the university, we feel confident coach DuBose will become an excellent leader for our program." Before coming to Del State, DuBose was an assistant for two years at C. W. Post and also served as an assistant with the Westchester Stallions of the United States Basketball League (USBL). Delaware State finished 7-19 last season and in seventh place in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The Hornets lost in the first round of the conference tournament.

BIBBS OVERHAULS: Hampton University pulled off a coup Friday by announcing that successful Grambling University women's basketball coach Patricia Bibbs is leaving the Louisiana school to become the Lady Pirates new head coach. Bibbs, who this year led the Lady Tigers to their third consecutive Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) regular season championship and second consecutive tournament title, leaves Grambling after 13 years compiling a 244-124 record that includes eight 20-win seasons, six regular season titles and four tournament championships. She has been named SWAC Coach of the Year seven times. This year's team finished 24-6, 14-0 in SWAC play, the first women's team ever to finish unbeaten in conference games. The Lady Tigers made their fourth appearance in the NCAA tournament. Bibbs is a 1972 Grambling graduate who coached nine years in high school before accepting the job at her alma mater. "Hampton wants a first class program and I feel in my heart we can be successful," Bibbs said. "There is a total commitment from (Hampton President) Dr. William Harvey and (Athletic Director) Dr. (Dennis) Thomas and it's been my goal to work in that type of environment." Bibbs salary will reportedly jump from the \$50-55,000 she made at Grambling to \$75-80,000 she is expected to make at Hampton. HU officials moved quickly after announcing the resignation of head coach Fred Applin last week. Applin, who was in his second year, did not coach the Lady Pirates after he was critical of the school's support of his program in a newspaper story that appeared just before Christmas. The Lady Pirates, under interim coach Carolyn Guyton, finished the year at 5-13 in MEAC play, 9-17 overall.

I WILL COMPLY: The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) has named former



Eric Moore Photo
McWILLIAMS: Becomes new CIAA Compliance Officer.

Hampton University athlete Jacqueline McWilliams as the conference's new Compliance Coordinator. McWilliams comes to the CIAA from conference-member Virginia Union University where she served in a variety of roles including Compliance Officer, Head Womens Volleyball Coach and Assistant Women's and Men's Basketball Coach since 1993. She will be responsible for all CIAA student/athlete eligibility requirements and assuring that all institutions comply with CIAA and NCAA regulations.

SPRING INJURY: Howard University junior defensive back Larry Connor is in Howard University Hospital in Washington, D. C. paralyzed from the chest down after being injured April 8 in Spring practice drills at Howard. Doctors are delaying surgery until determining whether any feeling is returning to his paralyzed limbs. The Richmond, Va., native played special teams and back-up safety for the Bisons last year and was projected as a starter for the 1997-98 season.

BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

St. Augustine's	12-5	.700	16-17	.480
Bowie State	12-5	.700	16-9	.640
Norfolk State	11-5	.680	26-16-1	.610
Virginia State	9-7	.560	12-11	.520
Shaw	8-10	.445	10-17	.370
Elizabeth City	5-13	.270	8-22	.260
St. Paul's	3-15	.200	4-22	.015

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Kentucky State	5-1	.833	6-12	.333
Paine	10-3	.769	23-11	.676
Savannah St.	11-4	.733	25-14	.641
Alabama A&M	13-5	.722	21-13	.617
Tuskegee	2-11	.153	3-19	.136
Miles	2-6	.250	8-11	.421
Clark Atlanta	0-18	.000	0-22	.000

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

NORTH				
Coppin State	6-1	.857	9-15	.375
Howard	6-3	.667	10-25	.286
Delaware St.	5-6	.455	10-22	.313
Md. Eastern-Sh.	2-9	.182	4-24	.143

SOUTH

Florida A&M	6-2	.750	19-23	.452
Bethune-Ckmm.	5-3	.625	17-25-1	.407
N. Carolina A&T	0-6	.000	4-25-1	.150

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

East Division				
Jackson State	13-5	.722	17-15	.531
Alcorn State	12-6	.667	22-15	.595
Alabama State	12-9	.571	17-24	.415
Miss. Valley	1-18	.053	4-25	.138

West Division

Southern	21-3	.875	27-12	.692
Grambling State	13-9	.591	23-10	.697
Texas Southern	9-13	.409	16-21	.432
Prairie View	1-19	.050	3-32	.086

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
BATTER - NA
PITCHER - NA

Lot of promise, few stars in '97 crop

LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor

If a black college player is chosen in the first round of the National Football League Draft it will be a big surprise.

The consensus of most draft prognosticators is that maybe one or two black college players could slip into the second round, but the majority of those picked in the April 19-20 draft at New York's Madison Square Garden will go in rounds four through seven. In fact, don't be surprised if all the black college selections are after round two.

Seventeen black college players were picked in last year's draft with 15 of them going on the draft's second day, when fourth through seventh round selections were made. Only North Carolina A&T offensive tackle Jamain Stephens (first round, Pittsburgh) and Alcorn State linebacker/defensive end Bryant Mix (second round, Houston) were picked during the draft's first day.

DAY ONE

This year four black college standouts have a good chance of going in the first three rounds.

The first player likely to be taken is Myron Elzy, a great athlete with good size (6-3, 312), who anchored the Central State defense. His ability to play on the next level will be determined by his ability to get in shape and work hard, say the scouts. He has what the scouts call "a tremendous upside," like his ability to bench press 440 pounds which should enable him to dominate blockers. But he is not considered the prospect that

former (1995) first round Central State pick, Hugh Douglas was.

Florida A&M offensive lineman Jamie Nails was the heaviest of all the players at the Combine weighing in at 387 pounds but also made headlines bench-pressing 225 pounds an impressive 37 times, also tops in the camp. Scouts love his mean streak and ability to strike at offensive linemen. He reminds some of Stephens in that he could develop into an all-pro given time but he must get down to the 335-pound range.

Jackson State safety Sean Woodson could develop into an all-pro but some question why he's lost speed since his junior year. Woodson has enough size to play strong safety and enough speed to play at free safety. That's the dimension that should make him a mid-second to late third round pick. Raleigh Roundtree, an offensive lineman from South Carolina State, some say, got by on his athletic ability in college but will have to refine his technique to excel in the pros. But his athletic ability alone should make him a Day One pick.

Bethune-Cookman wide receiver/kickreturner Antwan Wyatt would have been in this group if not for his conviction and sentencing for cocaine possession in February. Because of that he didn't make the Combine. Word at the Combine however was that he will be able to play in the fall and then do time in boot camp starting in February. Therefore, a la Lawrence Phillips, he may be available here for anybody willing to take

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS IN NFL DRAFT



Nails

EARLY ROUNDS - (1-3)

▼ **MYRON ELZY:** Scouts hoping Central State product Elzy does for inside defense what former Central State first rounder Hugh Douglas of Central State did for outside pass rush - dominate. At six-three, 312, they love his fierce competitiveness and ability to play nose guard.

Projected Round: Second or third

▼ **JAIME NAILS:** Massive Florida A&M offensive tackle left school early after making All-MEAC and several I-AA All-American teams. Came in at a whopping 6-6, 387 pounds at the Combine but wowed the scouts with an impressive display of strength. Nails is a brutal drive blocker but lacks stamina and speed.

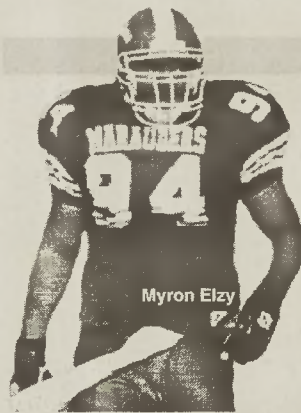
Projected Round: Second or third

▼ **RALEIGH ROUNDTREE:** Six-four, 295 pound All-MEAC offensive tackle from South Carolina State was once considered best small college lineman but was handled rudely in post-season all-star games.

Projected Round: Third

▼ **SEAN WOODSON:** Jackson State safety earned SWAC Defensive Player of the Year award and performed well in post-season all-star games. Scouts love his nose for the ball.

Projected Round: Second or third, most likely third.



LATE ROUNDS (4-7)

Dwaine Robinson, DT, Va. Union
Ray Nealy, RB, Ark.-Pine Bluff
Damion Cooper, DE, Central St.
Ronnie Wilkerson, LB, Del State
Richard Alvarado, LB, Jackson St.
Antuan Wyatt, WR, Beth.-Ckmm.
Alonzo Johnson, WR, Central St.
Damion Cooper, DE, Central St.

a chance.

DAY TWO

One of the top sleepers in the draft is Dwaine Robinson of Virginia Union who has come out of nowhere to possibly make a Day One appearance. Scouts believe his best days definitely lie ahead. He has five flat speed at 6-3, 280.

If Wyatt is not the first black college skill-position player chosen, Central State wide receiver Alonzo Johnson will be. Johnson has been compared favorably to former Delaware

State and San Francisco wide receiver John Taylor and to former Cleveland and Miami Hall of Famer Paul Warfield for his ability to run away from defenders. He will not last long.

Arkansas Pine Bluff running back Ray Nealy has good size (5-11, 222) and good speed (4.55 in the 40) and that combination will probably make him an early selection on Day Two. Damion Cooper of Central State (6-3, 261) is either a too-big linebacker or too small lineman, and therein lies the rub. He

is the best of a group that includes Jackson State linebacker Richard Alvarado and Delaware State linebacker Ronnie Wilkerson.

Much of the remaining black college crop, which includes North Carolina A&T linebacker Michael Hamilton, Winston-Salem State defensive lineman LaTori Workman, Central State defensive back Deaunte Brown and Southern defensive back John Williams will probably get their shot through the free agent route.

BCSP Notes

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Jackson State eyeing Conference USA

▼ A story in the April 13 *Jackson (Ms.) Clarion Ledger* written by Carolyn Bryant says that Jackson State University officials are seriously considering membership in the relatively new Conference USA, a two-year old conference that includes Louisville, Tulane, Cincinnati, Marquette, Memphis and Southern Mississippi among others.

The story says JSU officials are looking to raise \$1 million before seeking membership. Conference USA is a NCAA Div. I conference. Jackson State is currently a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference which competes on the Div. I level in all sports except football. The SWAC is a Div. I-AA football conference.

JSU President, Dr. James Lyons is quoted in the story saying, "If we can raise the money it's something we would like to consider. I got a call from some very prominent alumni who would like to see it happen." Also in the story, JSU Head Basketball coach, Andy Stoglin said he likes the idea. Stoglin said, "That's where we need to be. That's the best conference for us with Tulane, Memphis, and U-AB (University of Alabama Birmingham) so close. Those schools bring people." Stoglin said the move could significantly help JSU athletics become self-sufficient.

SWAC Commissioner, Dr. James Frank said Monday that he had not seen the story and had no comment. Jackson State has won men's football and basketball championships this year, is one of the SWAC's premier programs and a perennial leader in home football attendance on the I-AA level.

▼ Four Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) players were named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Div. II All South District Team while no Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) players made the All South Atlantic District squad. The NABC districts coincide with the NCAA Div. II regions. Named to the All South District squad were:

FIRST TEAM
Bethel Hendricks, Alabama A&M
SECOND TEAM
Ervin Josey, Albany State, William Burr, Clark Atlanta, Miguel Smith, Alabama A&M

▼ The NAIA Division I Men's All America team had a large black college contingent as nine players were selected. They are:

Lamar Allison, Langston
Artis Beaty, Huston-Tillotson
Columbus Bentley, Tougaloo
Keith Johnson, Xavier
Ronnie Morant, Claflin
Kenyatta Nason, Southern-New Orleans
Terrence Scriven, Claflin
Willie Walker, Talladega
Fred Watson, Benedict

Players, coaches named for Mobil Oil all-star tilt

The list of black college all-stars for the May 3 *Mobil Oil Black College All-Star Basketball Classic* was unveiled at a April 14 press conference in Atlanta.

Target Sports Marketing, host of the event, named a cast of players which included all-conference selections from each of the four black college conferences (CIAA, MEAC, SIAC and SWAC) as well as other outstanding players. The game will be an opportunity for these players to showcase their skills before professional scouts from the NBA, CBA and overseas teams. The game is scheduled for 4:00 pm at the new Morehouse arena.

SOUTH TEAM

Bethel Hendricks, Alabama A&M - 6-5, 210, F, Knoxville, TN
Wallace Corker, Morehouse - 6-5, 190, F, Decatur, GA
James Crutcher, Kentucky State - 6-8, 220, F/C - Lexington, Ky
Ervin Josey, Albany State - 6-6, 185, F, Macon, GA
Sam Lopez, Albany State - 6-6, 195, F, New York, NY
Kenyon Ross, Mississippi Valley - 6-6, 200, F, Lexington, MS
Marcus McCall, Alabama A&M - 6-6, 215, F, Huntsville, AL
William Burr, Clark Atlanta - 6-2, 175, G, Pacoma, CA
Kevin Howard, Grambling - 6-0, G, Jonesboro, AR
Montavious Jackson, Clark Atlanta - 6-1, 165, G, Albany, GA
Mark Jennings, Mississippi Valley - 6-4, G, Inverness, MS
Darrick McGriff, Alabama State - 6-0, G, Beaumont, TX
Monty Wilson, Tennessee State - 6-5, 200, G, Springfield, IL

NORTH TEAM

Rodney Carmichael, Norfolk State - 6-5, 215, F, Fayetteville, NC
Eric Harris, St. Augustine's - 6-8, 250, F, Pompano, FL
Bernard Heard, St. Augustine's - 6-7, 195, F, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Maurice Mincey, Elizabeth City St. - 6-7, 210, F, Tennile, GA
Terquin-Mott, Coppin State - 6-8, 220, F, Philadelphia, PA
Chris Nurse, Delaware State - 6-9, 250, C, Atlantic City, NJ
Kimani Stewart, NC A&T - 6-4, 190, F, New Orleans, LA
Chris Watson, Morgan State - 6-5, 230, F, Buffalo, NY
Al Bell, Hampton - 6-3, 185, G, Milwaukie, WI
Mario Haskett, St. Paul's - 5-10, 190, G, Newport News, VA
Reggie Welch, Coppin State - 6-6, 220, F, Camden, NJ
Maurice Whitfield, Norfolk State - 6-1, 170, G, Philadelphia, PA