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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE

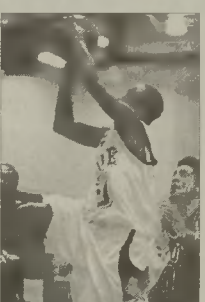


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POWER SHIFTS

▼ FORTE LANDS AT UAPB; BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS, BAND AT SUPER BOWL XXXVIII

HIGH IMPACT: CIAA scoring leader Anton Jennifer of Bowie State formerly played at MEAC-member, Morgan State.

2003-04 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

SCORES	CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION				MEAC MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				INDEPEND.						
	DIV		ALL		CONF		ALL		CONF		ALL		CONF		ALL		W	L					
MONDAY, JAN 26																							
MEAC																							
Hampson 74, Howard 59																							
NSU 82, DelState 90, OT																							
SCSU 86, FAMU 62																							
SWAC																							
Alcorn St. 70, A&M 67																							
Alab. St. 71, SU 70																							
MVSU 94, PV A&M 63																							
TSU 80, UAPB 50																							
SATURDAY, JAN. 24																							
MEAC																							
CSC 88, UMES 42																							
DCOU 65, Hampton 56																							
FAMU 74, NC A&T 55																							
Howard 54, NSU 53																							
SCSU 71, B-CC 69																							
SWAC																							
A&M 61, SU 58																							
Alcorn St. 77, Alab. St. 70																							
JSU 83, GSU 64																							
PV A&M 71, UAPB 59																							
TSU 81, MVSU 59																							
CIAA																							
FSU 69, SPC 66																							
NCCU 78, SAC 77																							
Shaw 90, LC 72																							
VUU 83, ECSU 52																							
IND																							
Murray St. 84, Tenn St. 78																							
E. DIVISION	Bowie State	4	0	16	2	Delaware State	6	2	7	9	Benedict	9	1	9	4	Jackson State	6	1	8	8	W. V. State	13	3
	Virginia Union	4	1	12	3	Coppin State	6	2	8	11	Morehouse	6	3	11	4	Miss. Valley State	6	1	12	5	UDC	11	7
	Shaw	2	2	8	11	SC State	6	2	9	8	Albany State	5	3	8	6	Texas Southern	5	2	9	8	Cheyney	12	4
	Eliz. City State	1	3	8	10	Morgan State	5	2	6	8	Paine	5	5	6	9	Alcorn State	4	4	7	10	Central St.	9	7
	Bowie State	1	3	8	8	Florida A&M	5	3	6	11	Fl. Valley State	3	5	5	9	Alabama State	4	4	7	10	Sav. St.	2	19
	Virginia State	1	3	8	8	Hampton	5	3	7	12	Clark Atlanta	3	6	5	9	Alabama A&M	3	4	5	10	Tenn. St.	4	13
	St. Paul's	1	4	1	15	Norfolk State	4	4	5	12	W. DIVISION					Prairie View	3	4	3	13	PLAYERS OF THE WEEK		
	W. DIVISION					Bethune-Cookman	2	5	3	13	Tuskegee	4	3	6	8	Grambling State	2	5	4	13	NA		
	N. C. Central	4	0	9	6	Howard	2	6	4	13	Miles	5	4	8	8	Alabama State	2	5	4	12	NEWCOMER		
	St. Augustine's	5	2	14	5	Maryland-E. S.	1	6			Lane	6	5	7	8	Ark. Pine Bluff	1	6	1	15	NA		
	Fayetteville State	2	2	10	8	NC A&T State	0	7	0	16	Kentucky State	3	8	4	10	SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK							
	J. C. Smith	2	2	9	10											BRIAN JACKSON, Sr., F, Alcorn St., Baker, LA - In two games, averaged 18 points and 8.5 rebounds, including game-high 22 points with six steals in win over Alabama State. Had first double-double vs. Alabama A&M, 14 points and 11 rebounds.							
	W-Salem State	1	2	13	6											Other Notable Performances							
	Livingstone	0	5	1	15											- Ishmael Joyce, Jackson St. - Had 25 pts., 8 reb., 5 assists, 2 blocks, 2 steals in win over GSU.							
	CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK															- Ope Trotter, Alabama A&M - Hit game-winner with three seconds left in win over SU. Finished with 22 vs. SU, 18 in loss to Alcorn St.							
	ANTON JENNIFER, Sr., G, BSU, Baltimore, MD - Averaged 25 points and eight assists in wins over Va. Union and Columbia Union. Had 31 pts., 9 assists, 4 reb., 3 stls., vs. Col. Union. ROOKIE																						
	AUDLY WEHNER, Fr., F, WSSU, Fayetteville, NC - Shot 85.7% (18 of 21) while averaging 23.5 points in two games, getting 26 vs. JC Smith to win fourth straight award. COACH																						
	PHIL SPENCE, NCCU - Two West Division wins to get to 4-0 in divisional play.																						
	MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK																						
	DAVID JOHNSON, Sr., F, HAM, Norfolk, VA - Had game-high 14 points off the bench in win over Howard and had a double-double in loss to DelState. ROOKIE																						
	BRIAN MASON, Fr., F, SCSU, Dominica - Averaged 23.5 points in two wins, 22 vs. FAMU and a career-high 25 vs. B-CC. Shot 17 of 27 for the week (63%).																						
	SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK																						
	NA																						

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

UAPB TABS FORTE: Arkansas-Pine Bluff Monday named former Norfolk State and North Carolina A&T head coach, Maurice "Mo" Forte, as the Golden Lions new head football coach.



BCSP Photo

"We looked over the other candidates, but in the end, Forte's experience gave him the advantage," UAPB Athletic Director Craig Curry said Monday. Curry interviewed Forte along with UAPB assistants Marty Steward and Willie Fulton for the vacancy created when 11-year coach Lee Hardman resigned following the 2003 season.

According to Curry, both Fulton and Steward will be interviewed for jobs on Forte's coaching staff. Considering the criteria set, Curry was impressed with Forte's time as an assistant on the college and professional level, as well as his tenures as a head coach at NC A&T and NSU. Forte was fired from Norfolk State in 2002 after back-to-back 5-6 seasons. Prior to NSU, Forte was an assistant in the NFL, coaching running backs and wide receivers for the Detroit Lions (1995-96) and the Denver Broncos (1988-94). Forte's other coaching stint was during the 1980's when he coached at A&T, leading the team to a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in 1986. At N.C. A&T, Forte finished 27-36-1. For the Spartans, Forte finished 15-29.

SUPER BOWL BOUND: Texas Southern's Ocean of Soul Marching Band has won a chance of a lifetime -- a halftime performance with Janet Jackson at Super Bowl XXXVIII Sunday in Houston -- and has its sights set on turning Reliant Stadium into a rocking, rhythmic realm of excitement come February 1.

The band won't be alone, though; Ocean of Soul is collaborating with the University of Houston's Spirit of Houston Cougar Marching Band. A total of 360 students from TSU and UH will take to the field. Since early December 2003, this plan has been in the works, with e-mails and telephone calls bounding from time zone to time zone. Richaree Lee, Ocean of Soul director, has been in touch with MTV, the network producing the halftime show. Salli Frattini, a senior vice president of MTV, and other network executives, visited TSU's campus in December to audition Lee's band. A camera crew was in tow and captured footage of the entire audition in order to produce a "Making of the Half-Time show" program to air on MTV in February after the big game. According to Lee, Ocean of Soul had a number of prepared pieces to show off for the audition. The drumline performed a litany of funk routines and the entire band performed several songs, including TSU's fight song, "Crazy Love" by Beyonce' and "I Like the Way you Move" by the rap duo Outkast. Weeks later, MTV decided that both TSU and UH should be featured during the Super Bowl. The producers were eager to capture the unique styles and sounds of both bands. Rehearsals will continue throughout the week with a full run through on Thursday, January 29 at Reliant Stadium. Band directors Lee and David Bertman of the University of Houston have partnered in every aspect of the routine, going so far as to fly to Los Angeles to meet and discuss ideas with Janet Jackson. Moreover UH's Kevin Erickson and TSU graduate student Brian Pierre collaborated on the music for the drum feature. TSU's percussion section designed dance movements for the drum performance. "We are very excited to get this opportunity," Lee said. "I'm sure we'll work well with them (University of Houston). This is fantastic not only for our band members, but also for Texas Southern University."

HE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS IN SUPER BOWL XXXVIII

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS			
34	Chris Akins	S	5
98	Anthony Pleasant	DE	4
38	Tyrone Poole	DB	8

CAROLINA PANTHERS			
29	Dante Wesley	CB	2

Transfers of power

LUT WILLIAMS, BCSP Editor

They don't yet appear in conference stats but their effects are being felt on the court.

They are the influx of transfer players that are showing up in the second semester of the 2004 basketball season at black college NCAA Div. II schools, particularly in the CIAA, and making an impact.

While junior college and Div. I transfers usually populate black college Div. II schools' rosters, those that become eligible in the second semester -- usually after mid-December -- often provide an infusion of talent and energy that raises the level of play for their particular teams.

That's certainly the case this season for Bowie State, who under

fifth-year head coach Luke D'Alessio, has become a haven for transfers.

D'Alessio, a former junior college coach, fielded a transfer-laden team last year that finished 30-5 and produced the school's first-ever CIAA championship and Div. II Final Four appearance.

He has added another ten transfers to this year's squad. One of them, former Morgan State sharpshooter Anton Jennifer, currently leads the CIAA in scoring at 23.9 points per game. Jennifer, a 5-9 guard, has been with BSU from the start of the season.

But the one that will likely have the most impact is former Alcorn State and SWAC star Lee Cook, a 6-9 center that joined the team just after Jan. 1. The Bulldogs are 8-0 with him in the lineup. In perhaps his best performance, Cook threw in 26 points, pulled down 17 rebounds, had six assists and three blocks in the Bulldogs' 87-82 win over Virginia Union on Dec. 20. VUU is considered perhaps the likeliest challenger to BSU for CIAA honors.

With Cook, D'Alessio has said this year's squad may be as talented as the one he took to the national semifinals.

But D'Alessio is by no means the only CIAA coach who has "beefed up" his roster since the new year began.

For all practical purposes, North Carolina Central head coach Phil Spence has gotten an entirely

new frontcourt in the second semester.

Six-seven swingman Jonathan Moore (East Carolina), 6-10 center Melvin Whitaker (Mount St. Mary's) and 6-8 forward Mintrel Abney (Rockingham CC) have supplanted the players Spence used as starters through the 9-6 Eagles' first eight games.

Moore, the most exciting of the bunch, is averaging 15 points and six rebounds per game. Whitaker, the heralded former University of Virginia recruit who had his share of trouble before landing at Mount St. Mary's, is at nine points and five boards per game while Abney is getting six points and three rebounds per contest.

Combo guard Quincy Smith has joined the Virginia Union Panthers for the second semester. Smith, played significant minutes off the bench last season, and should provide Dave Robbins' squad with depth in the backcourt.

Although they both played for the Bears last season, Anthony Greenup and Michael McLeod have been welcome additions at Shaw after sitting out the first semester.

Greenup, who led all of Div. II in field goal percentage last season, has picked up where he left off since rejoining the team in January. The 6-8 leaper is averaging right at 21 points and ten rebounds per game while shooting a blistering 71% (132



Photo by Carroll Smith

BIG IMPACT: A year ago, Lee Cook was a preseason all-SWAC center at Alcorn State. This year he's a key element in 16-2 Bowie State's attempt to repeat in the CIAA and on the national scene.

of 184) from the field, second best in the nation. Six-one point guard Michael McLeod has also returned and is getting 11 points and nearly five assists per game. Reserve 6-8 sophomore Jamil Aliyy is also a January addition.

Carlos Gill has played in 11 games for 14-5 St. Augustine's averaging 11 points per game, third on the team. Gill, a 6-7, 245-pound forward, had 29 points in a recent win over Elizabeth City State.

Band battle sells out Georgia Dome

ERIC MOORE, Special to the BCSP

Ten of the best HBCU bands in the country gathered in Atlanta's Georgia Dome Saturday for the second Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase.

Two bands each from the four black college conferences and two HBCU bands from non-black college conferences performed before a sold-out crowd of over 60,000 fans. The three-and-a-half hour event began with a performance by a combined band including all the participants. The 2,200-piece contingent opened with the National Anthem and a stirring rendition of "America The Beautiful" dedicated to America's men and women overseas.

The mass band returned for a closing performance joined by the Marching Wolverines of Morris Brown College, who participated in the first Showcase last year.

In between, bands from Alabama State, Bethune-Cookman, Clark Atlanta, Florida A&M, Johnson C. Smith, Prairie View A&M, Savannah State, Tennessee State, Tuskegee and Virginia State put on 10-minute shows to the delight of the sellout crowd. While bands were moving on and off the field, Atlanta area disc jockeys supported by the large video screens at both ends of the Dome kept the crowd occupied.

Although there was no designated winner in the Showcase, the Marching Storm of Prairie View A&M was clearly the crowd favorite. Their performance show-



Photo by George Street

2200 STRONG: Members of all ten performing bands line the field of the sold-out Georgia Dome for opening tribute to America's fighting men overseas.

cased their drumline along with the "Black Foxes" dance troupe.

The Honda Battle of the Bands program had two components, a Celebration Tour, which ran through Nov. 22, and the Invitational Showcase finale event. The Celebration Tour provided an opportunity for 43 participating schools to earn a \$1,000 grant for their halftime performances at selected football games during the fall. Each of the 10 Invitational Showcase participants received a \$10,000 grant.

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