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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



GETTIN' THE BALL ROLLIN'

BCSP Photo MAHORN: Former NBA 'Bad Boy' and Hampton star to tip off men's CIAA Tourney at Banquet on Feb. 24.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR; FAMU, VUU MAKE SOME MOVES; SWAC RESPONDS

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UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HUNT FOR CHANEY:

Noted Philadelphia Tribune sportswriter Donald Hunt has penned a unique book about Bethune-Cookman grad and current Temple University head coach, John Chaney.

Chaney, a Basketball Hall of Fame inductee who got his 700th career win just two weeks ago, is the subject of Chaney, Playing for a Legend, an inside look at the coaching icon as told through the experiences of two of his most successful pupils...

ANOTHER MILESTONE:

Virginia Union head basketball coach Dave Robbins reached another milestone in his storied career Saturday when he claimed his 600th career win with a 88-67 victory over Virginia State.

NFL STARS:

Former Alcorn State QB Steve McNair of the Tennessee Titans and former Fort Valley State DB Nick Harper of the Indianapolis Colts were selected as BCSP Black College NFL Players of the Year...

BCSP Notes

Movement at Florida A&M

Florida A&M interim Athletic Director, Dr. J.R.E. Lee III, resigned his position Friday in what could be the first in a series of moves to reverse the Rattlers' upgrade to NCAA Div. IA football.

Lee's resignation comes after FAMU President Fred Gainous voiced his displeasure with the progress of the move in a memo to Board of Trustees members.

Gainous also questioned the wisdom of other decisions made by Lee since taking over the athletic department in November of 2002.

Gainous announced Tuesday that he was appointing FAMU faculty member Joseph Ramsey to the position of Special Assistant to the President for Athletics to help him run the athletic department until a permanent person could be found by May 15.

Lee's decision to pursue a move up from Div. I-AA and leave the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference was made five months after he assumed the reins of Rattler athletics.

Lee has refused comment on his resignation while Gainous says he cannot discuss personnel matters concerning Lee.

The question of whether FAMU football will be returning to the MEAC may have begun to be answered Tuesday at a meeting of the FAMU Board of Trustees.

Even if the decision is to return to the MEAC, FAMU will not be eligible for the 2004 grid title as most conference schools have completed their schedules without the Rattlers.

Jones in at Va. Union

Virginia Union Athletic Director Michael Bailey introduced Arrington Jones last Friday as the Panthers new football coach.

It was a very easy fit for us, Bailey said of choosing Jones, who is getting his first head coaching assignment.

Jones will be replacing Willard Bailey, the CIAA all-time winningest coach with 211 wins who was abruptly reassigned following this past season after winning the conference's East Division title before losing to Fayetteville State in the CIAA title game.

CIAA Tourney Tip: Hampton grad and former Detroit Pistons bad boy Rick Mahorn and former Virginia Union scholar-athlete, Tracie Haygood will be guest speakers for the men's and women's 2004 CIAA Tournament Tip-Off Banquets at the Embassy Suites-RDU.



Mark Coleman/All Pro Photography SPEED BURNER: Howard all-American hurdler David Oliver shows the form he used to capture the 60-meter hurdles title Saturday in the 2004 HBC Track Classic in Landover, Md.

HBCU Indoor Track

Black college teams representing 22 men's and 19 women's programs participated in the second annual Historically Black College (HBC) Track Classic Saturday and Sunday at the Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Complex in Landover, Md., this past weekend.

Over 2,000 spectators were on hand each day to witness the competition and watched as 15 meet records were broken or tied.

The first day featured an address by Dr. Leroy Walker to the coaches and athletes. Dr. Walker was the 22nd president of the U.S. Olympic Committee serving as the USOC's first African-American president and was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1987.

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We want to make this meet important to the athletes and they are working to be legends, said Dr. Walker.

Scheduling Flap

Southwestern Athletic Conference Commissioner Robert Vowels says in a release Friday that he was disappointed that Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Jon A. Steinbrecher chose to publicly air his problems with

Alabama A&M's handling of a scheduling conflict with Jacksonville State.

In an internal memo that was leaked to the Anniston Star newspaper, Steinbrecher called for all OVC schools to boycott A&M, a SWAC school, and not schedule them for any sports after the school got out of its contract to play Jacksonville State of the OVC in the 2004 football season.

The release from Vowels said "A professional courtesy call by the Ohio Valley Conference Office to the Southwestern Athletic Conference Office would have been appropriate before the demeaning and scathing memorandum recommending a boycott was sent.

The SWAC release also said upon review of the scheduling issue the conference supported Alabama A&M's decision to cancel the agreement, which had a remedy clause that the school agreed to abide by.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BCSP BLACK COLLEGE NFL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR VOTING

OFFENSE STEVE MCNAIR - TITANS - 479 (39%) Shannon Sharpe - Broncos - 93 (8%) Donald Driver - Packers - 15 (1%) Darnerian McCants - Redskins - 9 (1%) Troy Hambrick - Cowboys - 5 (0%) Jerry Rice - Raiders - 7 (1%) Jimmy Smith - Jaguars - 2 (0%)



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TOTAL VOTES CAST: 1,236

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