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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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FINAL WORD ON HOOPS

▼ MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
VACANCIES AT UMES; 2004 BCSP BAAD TEAM

KITT: Dominant Alabama State junior center leads women's BCSP all-American team.

2002-03 BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

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W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L				
MARCH 26				Shaw	5	1	13	10	Bethune-Cookman	8	1	15	10	E. DIVISION	0	0	0	0	Miss. Valley St.	9	2	12	4
MARCH 27				Virginia State	7	4	10	14	Florida A&M	7	2	17	21	Jackson State	4	4	10	6	Alabama State	2	2	2	2
MARCH 28				Eliz. City State	2	2	10	9	Delaware State	3	3	11	16	Alcorn State	6	10	8	11	Alabama A&M	2	9	4	14
MARCH 29				St. Augustine's	2	3	7	12	Coppin State	4	5	9	20	W. DIVISION					Prairie View A&M	14	3	20	14
MARCH 30				St. Paul's	0	6	0	11	NC A&T State	2	4	10	17	Miles	0	0	0	0	Southern	8	2	9	7
SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK								MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				INDEPENDENTS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK			

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HOOPS DOUBLE WHAMMY:

The University of Maryland-Eastern Shore (UMES) has accepted the resignation of Head Women's Basketball Coach Surina Dixon and notified Head Men's Basketball Coach Thomas Trotter that his current contract will not be renewed for the 2004-2005 season.



DIXON

Dixon recently completed her fourth year as head coach of the Lady Hawks, compiling a 41-74 overall record and a 25-47 mark in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). She has finished each of her last three seasons with a 12-17 overall mark including three opening round MEAC Tournament wins. Her resignation will be effective at the end of her current contract, June 30, 2004. "The University has accepted Coach Dixon's resignation and wish to thank her for the service that she has rendered to the University and the Women's Basketball program. We wish her well in her future endeavors," said Director of Athletics Nelson E. Townsend.



TROTTER

Trotter recently completed his fourth year as head coach of the Fighting Hawks, compiling a 36-78 overall record and a 28-46 mark in the MEAC. Trotter's highest MEAC finish came in his first year, as the Hawks were fifth in the conference. This season UMES won the MEAC Tournament opening round game for the first time in ten seasons.

BOWLING FOR NCAA TITLE:

Three black colleges are part of the eight-team field competing for the inaugural NCAA National Collegiate Bowling Championship. The field, announced Wednesday by the National Collegiate Women's Bowling Committee includes Southern, Maryland-Eastern Shore and Winston-Salem State who will compete for the national title along with Central Missouri State, Fairleigh-Dickinson, Nebraska, New Jersey City and Sacred Heart. All eight teams were selected at-large. "I am so excited," UMES Head Women's Bowling Coach Sharon Brummell exclaimed. The selection makes UMES one of eight teams in the country to be invited. "There are 43 NCAA schools that sponsor bowling, and to be one of the eight selected is quite an achievement," she added. And for three HBCUs to make the final field of eight is very significant. Texas Southern and the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority will co-host the championship, which will be held April 8-10 at the Emerald Bowl in Houston, Texas. Currently the UMES Lady Hawks are ranked eighth in the country by College Bowling USA. They are ninth in the Bowling Writers Association Poll, and 11th in the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association Poll. The announcement from the NCAA comes on the heels of UMES qualifying for the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships, held in Tulsa, OK. That championship is for the top 16 women's bowling teams, NCAA or club. The Lady Hawks qualified by taking third in the IBC Sectionals this past weekend in Downingtown, PA. This will be their second straight invite to the IBCs and first ever in the NCAA Championships. The Southern Lady Jaguars are three-time defending SWAC Champions. The Lady Rams of WSSU were chosen based upon their stellar play this past season which earned them a CIAA Western Division regular-season title, and the number one seed in the 2003 CIAA Women's Bowling Championship Tournament. The competition begins with each team bowling seven regular games along with three Baker games for a qualifying total. The Baker format allows five team members to follow each other in order, each bowling a complete frame until a complete (10 frame) game is bowled. Based on the pinfall of the qualifying round, the teams are placed in a double-elimination bracket. Teams compete against each other in a best-of-seven Baker-style bowling competition. The championship will be broadcast on a one-day tape delay on ESPN2. The program will air on Sunday, April 11, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time and will air in a 90-minute television format.

2003-04 BCSP BAAD TEAM OF BLACK COLLEGE ALL AMERICANS



Shooting stars top 2004 'Baad' team

LUT WILLIAMS
BCSP Editor
A pair of long-distance shooting phenoms tops the 2003-04 BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE "Baad Team" of basketball all-stars. Seniors Terrence Woods of Florida A&M and Mike Taylor of West Virginia State were the most prolific three-point shooters in NCAA Div. I and II basketball respectively this season. Incredibly, both finished the season making 140 shots from behind the arc and both led their teams into postseason play.

Woods led the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference in scoring at 20.3 points per game canning a nation's best 4.5 treys per contest. The 6-3 marksman from Memphis then sparked the Rattlers from a No. 5 seeding to take the MEAC tournament championship and earn the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA tournament. Once there, he again put his long-distance prowess on display leading the Rattlers to a play-in victory over Lehigh and a first round dogfight with top-seed Kentucky.

The high-scoring Taylor averaged 24.4 points including 4.4 threes per game to grab the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference player of the year award. He led the Yellow Jackets to the WVIAC regular season title, the finals of the conference tournament and the semifinals of the Div. II East Regional. The 6-1 Detroit native finished his career with over 2,000 points and his 354 three-pointers are sixth best in Div. II history.

A trio of frontcourt players swept player of the year awards in their respective conferences and joins the hot-shooting backcourt stars on the first team. Desmond Peoples averaged 20.4 points per game and topped the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association with 11 rebounds per game to lead St. Augustine's to the conference's West Division title. The 6-7 senior from Clinton, Md., was named a third team Div. II All-American. Six-eight senior forward Attarius Norwood of Mississippi Valley State was the key man as the talented Delta Devils rolled to the Southwestern Athletic Conference regular season championship by a whopping five games. Norwood, a Crystal Springs, Ms., native, garnered SWAC player of the year honors by virtue of his 14.3 points and five

rebounds per game averages. Norwood was also among SWAC leaders in three pointers with 72. Six-five South Carolina State junior Thurman Zimmerman is the only underclassman to make the first team. The burly and versatile forward from Columbia, S.C., took home the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference player of the year award after leading the Bulldogs to the regular season title with averages of 18.8 points and a league-best 8.4 rebounds per game.

Woods was picked for the second team a year ago while Zimmerman and Norwood were third team selections.

Mike Gillespie, who led FAMU from a dogfight in the MEAC to the epic battle with Kentucky at the NCAA tournament, is our 2003-04 coach of the year.

SECOND TEAM
Brion Rush, 6-2, So., G., Grambling State (19.3 ppg.); Flem Tucker, Sr., G., Albany State (23.8 ppg.); Anthony Frazier, 6-8, Sr., C., Cheyney (18.5 ppg., 8.1 rpg.); Anthony Greenup, 6-9, Sr., F., Shaw (20.9 ppg., 10.2 rpg.); Danus Hargrove, So., F., Va. Union (17.7 ppg.)
THIRD TEAM
Obie Trotter, 6-1, So., G., Alabama A&M (18.2 ppg.); Anton Jennifer, 5-9, Sr., G., Bowie State (21.7 ppg.); Chakowby Hicks, 6-4, Jr., G/F, Norfolk State (15.9 ppg.); Paul Haynes, 6-8, Sr., F., Grambling State (17.5 ppg., 8.7 rpg.); Lee Cook, Jr., C., Bowie State (19.3 ppg., 10.7 rpg.)
HONORABLE MENTION
Devin Green, Jr., Hampton; Tee Trotter, Sr., UMES; Solomon Forbes, Jr., MVSU; Kenny Haywood, Sr., Fayv. State; Ronald Thompson, Sr., Morehouse; Bruce Price, Fr., Tenn. State

WOMEN
Alabama State junior forward Crystal Kitt and Jackson State senior center Amie Williams dominated stats and honors in the Southwestern Athletic Conference and hold down two frontcourt positions on the women's first team. Kitt, a Mobile native, nosed out Williams for SWAC player of the year honors just as she did in several statistical categories. Kitt, who stands 6-5, topped the league with averages of 20.5 points, 11.5 rebounds and a 56.5% shooting percentage as the Lady Hornets beat out JSU for regular season honors. The 6-7 Williams, the league's defensive player of the year, led the SWAC and was sec-

ond in the nation in blocks at 2.3 per game while finishing behind Kitt with 17.8 points, 9.5 rebounds per game and a 48.7% shooting percentage. Williams is from Cleveland, Ms. Hampton senior forward Nicole Brathwaite joins the SWAC titans in the frontcourt. Brathwaite, who stands 6-1 and hails from Houston, led the Lady Pirates to the MEAC tournament title and an NCAA tournament berth by tying for the league scoring title (15.6 ppg.) and pulling down 8.3 rebounds per contest. In the backcourt is Mid Eastern Athletic Conference player of the year, Mandy Clark of Delaware State and Bowie State's Alisson Hardy, who could easily have won the award in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The flashy Clark was tied with Brathwaite for the MEAC scoring title (15.6 ppg.) while leading the Lady Hornets to the regular season title and top seeding at the conference tournament. She was also among league leaders in steals (2.8 spg.) and assists (3.0).

Hardy was beaten out for CIAA player of the year by Shaw's Jessica Hawkins despite leading the conference in scoring at 22.5 points per game. Hardy also averaged 4.1 assists and 3.8 steals while shooting 77% from the line and 35% from three-point range. She had a 50-point game in the first round of the CIAA tournament.

Patricia Bibbs, who guided her Lady Pirates of Hampton to back-to-back MEAC titles, is the 2004 coach of the year.
SECOND TEAM
Jessica Hawkins, Sr., G., Shaw; Rolando Monroe, Jr., G., Southern; Tiffany Winkfield, Sr., F., Md.-E. Shore; Jennifer Stegall, Sr., C., Clark Atlanta; Danielle Hoggard, Sr., C., Virginia Union
THIRD TEAM
Sherita Tarpins, Sr., G., Fort Valley St.; Kiasha Curtis, Jr., G., Shaw; Tionna Beatty, Sr., G., NC Central; Scherwanda Boston, Sr., G., Grambling; Leseal Harry, Sr., C., Coppin St.;
HONORABLE MENTION
Yolanda Dixon, Sr., Florida A&M; Joui Surratt, Sr., JC Smith; Rachell Robinson, Jr., Bowie State; Terrelle Waller, Sr., Delaware State; LoShawann Smith, Jr., Alabama A&M; Sharema Dean, Fr., G/F, Hampton; Pria Stellmacher, Sr., Va. Union

BCSP Notes

Spring Sports Dates
The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association will hold its annual Spring Sports Championships April 14-18 in Charlotte, N.C. Champions will be determined in baseball, tennis, golf, softball and outdoor track and field with most of the finals scheduled for Saturday, April 18. The Southwestern Athletic Conference tips off its Spring Championships with men's and women's golf and tennis on April 12-15 in Houston. The softball, baseball and outdoor track and field championships are also set for Houston on May 6-9. The Mid Eastern Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field championships are set for April 28 through May 1 at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando. The softball champion will be decided April 29 through May 1 at the Disney Complex while baseball will be held from April 29 through May 2. The MEAC tennis championships are set for April 22-24 at the Sanlando Tennis Center in Altamonte, Fla. Tennis, outdoor track and field, baseball and softball championship tournaments in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference will be held April 14-18 in Columbia, S. C.

Hilton's draft status
Hampton all-Mid Eastern Athletic Conference defensive end Isaac Hilton is projected on at least one website to be a first-round selection in the April 24-25 NFL Draft. Hilton, at 6-5, 267, led all defensive line-men in the MEAC in tackles with 61 despite facing frequent double-teams. He was credited with 19 tackles for losses including 4.5 sacks. He is projected as a second round pick on ESPN.com Insider section possibly going to the Kansas City Chiefs as a rush end. His primary asset is thought to be speed, explosiveness and athleticism though many will want him to get bigger and stronger. Hilton has run a 4.51 40-yard dash time, the fastest time among defensive ends in this year's draft. Speed is one of the primary tools that scouts assess when looking for rush ends.

2002-03 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Women's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

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MARCH 29				E. Div.	4	0	13	13	N. Div.	2	0	20	12	E. DIVISION	0	0	0	0	West Virginia State	5	6		
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MARCH 27				Eliz. City State	0	0	3	1	Hampton	2	2	13	14	Alabama A&M	3	5	9	25	PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				
MARCH 28				Bowie State	0	0	3	1	Coppin State	1	1	3	9	Alcorn State	2	5	6	6	NA				
MARCH 29				Shaw	0	2	3	12	NC A&T State	0	2	4	11	Alabama State	1	3	2	4					
MARCH 30				Virginia Union	0	2	1	8	SC State	13	4	8	13	Jackson State	0	2	4	11					
SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK								MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK				INDEPENDENTS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK			