

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2004



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FREEMAN: Former Clark Atlanta cornerback returns opening kickoff in NFL Europe for TD.

YONDER FOOTBALL

NFL EUROPE KICKS OFF WITH 15 HBCU PLAYERS; UMES FILLS HOOP VACANCIES

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



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NEW COACHES: (from left) New volleyball coach, Alex Temkin, new men's basketball coach, Lawrence Lessett, Athletic Director Nelson Townsend and new women's basketball coach, Fred Batchelor, pose after Nelson announced the addition of the three to the University of Maryland - Eastern Shore staff.

UMES MOVES QUICKLY:

It did not take long for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore to name three new coaches in its athletic department including both its men's and women's head basketball coaches. During a press conference last week the Hawks welcomed Lawrence Lessett Jr., Fred M. Batchelor II, and Alex I. Temkin as head men's basketball coach, head women's basketball coach, and head women's volleyball coach respectively.

Lessett brings with him almost thirty years of coaching experience beginning at the high school level and continuing through the professional ranks. He has most recently worked as a global scout for Magic Johnson International Basketball. Previously he has served as head coach of the Magic City Snowbirds of the International Basketball Association.

Batchelor comes to UMES after two years as head women's basketball coach at Elizabeth City State. Prior to ECSU, Batchelor was head coach at Buffalo State College where he was regular season champion of the SUNY Athletic Conference in 2001-2002.

Leaving one successful volleyball program and taking over another is Temkin who led American International College accumulating a 35-25 record over the past two seasons. Prior to that he served as an assistant coach at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

WEEKS TO HUNTSVILLE:

Last year's SWAC and national baseball player of the year, second baseman Rickie Weeks of Southern, will begin the 2004 season on the Milwaukee Brewers AA team, the Huntsville Stars. Weeks was taken by the Brewers with the second overall pick in last year's Major League Baseball Amateur Draft and spent the final weeks of the major league season on the parent team getting two hits in 12 big league at bats.

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

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Woods knocks 'em down at Shootout

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor. Sharpshooting Florida A&M senior guard Terrence Woods upstaged a field of so-called 'major college' seniors in San Antonio Thursday evening, as he won the annual National Association of Basketball Coaches / InterSport Three-Point Shootout at the University of Texas-San Antonio Arena.

Woods, the nation's top three-point shooter in each of the last two seasons, scored 23 points in the final, vaulting past the University of Oregon's Luke Jackson, who scored 20 points in the final, to win the Capital One Men's Three-Point Championship.

The shootout, which was part of a skills competition sponsored by InterSport, leading up to the NCAA Final Four here this weekend, was aired on a taped delay basis by ESPN.

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Woods who transferred to FAMU from the University of Tennessee three years ago, scored 18 points in the opening round and 20 in the second round to reach the finals.

For the mercurial Woods,

Thursday's skills' contest victory vindicated his supporters, which included Florida A&M head coach Mike Gillespie, Sr., who lobbied incessantly all season for him to participate in the contest.

Going into last weekend, hopes seemed dim for Woods' inclusion, as he was listed as a first or second alternate, despite having canned 279 three-pointers the past two seasons, perhaps because Florida A&M didn't have a high national profile.

But with two invited players dropping out on Monday, including Duke's Chris Duhon, Woods was notified on Tuesday that he would indeed get to match shots against seven other "big time" shooters.

Thursday's nationally-televated triumph was yet another proud moment for Florida A&M and its men's basketball program, which executed a major reversal of fortune this season.

Third year head coach Gillespie, led the Rattlers from a dismal 1-10 start, to 14 wins in their final 21 games, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament title and an opening round NCAA Tournament win over Lehigh (Pa.) University, before staging a now-legendary duel with the top-ranked Kentucky Wildcats in the St. Louis Regionals.

After the contest, an emotional Gillespie gushed with pride about Woods, saying: "I'm just so proud of him (Woods)... What better exposure for the university and the city of

Tallahassee. Everybody except Terrence was from a major conference school and he beat them all... I have so much pride right now. I actually cried when the son of a gun won it. I knew all he needed was a chance... We knew he would win it if he got in it."

Woods finished his collegiate career with 353 three-pointers, the 11th best career total in NCAA Division One history and had many stellar moments in his two seasons at FAMU, but capped it off Thursday night with a triumph of individual excellence which will certainly make him one of the all-time greats in Rattler Basketball history.

Terrence Woods HIGHLIGHTS

- * Midas 3-Point Overall Challenge winner (2004).
* Capital One Men's 3-Point Shootout winner (2004).
* Outstanding Player, 2004 MEAC Tournament.
* Two-time Black College Sports Page "BAAD TEAM" Selectee (2nd team 2003, 1st team 2004).
* Two-time All-MEAC (first-team, 2003, 2004).
* Preseason 2004 MEAC Men's Basketball Player of the Year.
* 11th on NCAA Career Three-Point List (353).
* Ranked twice in NCAA Top 10 in single-season three-point performances (4th, 140 in 2004; 5th, 139 in 2003).
* Led NCAA Division One in three-pointers in 2004 (4.5) and 2004 (4.96).
* Holds single-season NCAA record for three-pointers per game as junior (4.96 in 2003).
* Hit 12 3-pointers vs. Coppin State, 3/1/03.
* Hit 11 3-pointers vs. NC A&T, 2/1/03.
* Hit 9 three-pointers vs. University of Florida, December 2, 2003.
* Hit game-winning three-pointer with 0.08 seconds left in 72-71 win over Hampton (Va.) University in the 2004 Mid-Eastern Athletic



Jerome Woods / All Pro Photo

LIFT OFF: Woods launches buzzer-beating three-pointer that downed Hampton in MEAC Tourney quarterfinals spurring Rattlers' championship run.

Conference Tournament quarterfinals, March 11, 2004.
* Led the MEAC in scoring in 2004 (20.5) and 2003 (20.1).
* Ranked nationally in NCAA Division One in scoring, three-pointer per game and free throw shooting two consecutive years (2003, 2004).

BCSP Notes

New AD at Alabama State

Patrick Carter has assumed the role of Director of Athletics at Alabama State University. He replaces Sonia Price, who replaced Richard Cosby on an interim basis in August, 2003.



CARTER

Carter comes to ASU after spending eight years at the Southwestern Athletic Conference office. Most recently, he served as the Associate Commissioner for Compliance. In that capacity, his duties included monitoring the compliance of all ten SWAC athletic programs to conform with the policies of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Carter is a graduate of Grambling State University with a B.S. degree in accounting and a M.S. degree in sports administration. He previously served as assistant commissioner for compliance and championships at the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) from 1991-97 and as assistant athletic director at Virginia State University from 1989-91.

During his career Carter has served on several NCAA committees. He was a charter member of the NCAA's Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Internship Program and is a charter

member of the NCAA's Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minorities.

Carter has also represented the Southwestern Athletic Conference on the NCAA Division I Championship/Competition Cabinet and served as the alternate on the Management committee. Previously, he served on the Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee and is chair of the Home School Subcommittee.

Kickoff (return) of NFL Europe

Rober' Freeman, a cornerback/kick returner out of Clark Atlanta assigned to NFL Europe's Rhein Fire by the NFL's Houston Texans, helped get the six-team league and black college players in it off to a rousing start, returning the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown Sunday in his team's 26-25 season-opening win over Cologne.

Freeman, one of 15 black college players that began play in NFL Europe this weekend, was named the league's Special Teams Player of the Week for his effort but suffered a shoulder sprain later in the game and is expected to miss up to four weeks.

Freeman is keeping a diary for the league's website which is available at Fire's website on NFLEurope.com.

The 5-9, 175-pounder out of Lithonia, Ga., was originally signed last year as an undrafted free agent and later released by the Tennessee Titans. He was signed to the Texans' practice squad in December and

activated for the regular season finale vs. Indianapolis.

Freeman was a four-year starter at Clark who intercepted 16 passes during his career.

Returning to NFL Europe again this season is former N. C. A&T running back star Maurice Hicks who returns with the Scottish Claymores. After rushing for 546 yards (7.4 ypc.) last season in NFLEL, Hicks was cut by Chicago last summer and picked up by San Francisco in January.

NFL Europe games are carried on DirecTV, on the NFL Network and on FOX.

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