

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27 THROUGH MAY 3, 2004

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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## NFL DRAFT LITE

**RELAYIN':** James Carter, formerly of Hampton, runs in 1,600-meter relay for USA Team at Penn Relays.

▼ TWO BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS IN NFL DRAFT; PENN RELAYS, ALL-STAR RESULTS

### MEAC, SWAC & INDY SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

MEAC		Mid Eastern Athletic Conference	
SOFTBALL	CONF ALL	CONF ALL	CONF ALL
N. Div.	W L W L	W L W L	W L W L
Delaware State	17 3 38 20		
Hampton	14 6 31 21		
Coppin State	12 8 18 21		
Morgan State	10 10 15 25		
Howard	4 16 8 24		
Md. Eastern Shore	3 17 5 37		
S. Div.			
Bethune-Cookman	14 2 39 25		
Florida A&M	14 2 31 29		
NC A&T State	5 11 16 34		
SC State	5 11 12 27		
Norfolk State	2 14 8 34		

#### MEAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

**PLAYER**  
**AMBER JACKSON**, So., Bethune-Cookman - Led conference in seven categories: batting average (.468), slugging percentage (.819), on base percentage (.557), runs scored (58), hits (83), HRs (11) and total bases (145).  
**ROOKIE**  
**CHRISTINE GLASCOW**, Coppin State - Led Eagles with .336 batting average (4th in MEAC), and is tenth in slugging percentage (.508). Leads MEAC with 7 doubles and is second in triples (3).

MEAC		Mid Eastern Athletic Conference	
BASEBALL	CONF ALL	CONF ALL	CONF ALL
Bethune-Cookman	14 4 24 21		
Delaware State	11 5 21 19		
Florida A&M	9 6 21 28		
NC A&T State	10 8 21 24		
Norfolk State	8 9 15 28		
Coppin State	8 10 14 30		
Maryland-E. S.	0 18 3 41		

#### MEAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

**PLAYER**  
**SEBASTIEN BOUCHER**, Jr., OF, Bethune-Cookman - Led conference with 67 hits, 50 runs scored and is third in triples with five. Batted .368 with 32 stolen bases.  
**ROOKIE**  
**JRAN SERRANO**, Fr., Norfolk State - Leads the Spartans with 10 doubles and is ninth in the conference with 36 RBIs. Has 3 home runs and 53 hits.  
**COACH**  
**MERYLV MELENDEZ**, Bethune-Cookman - Led B-C to 14-4 conference mark and topped in tournament.

SWAC		Southwestern Athletic Conference	
SOFTBALL	DIV ALL	DIV ALL	DIV ALL
E. Division	W L W L	W L W L	W L W L
Miss. Valley St.	16 0 23 11		
Alabama A&M	10 6 20 34		
Alabama State	9 11 13 35		
Jackson State	8 12 9 24		
Alcorn State	7 13 12 20		
W. Division			
Southern	21 3 25 15		
Prairie View A&M	15 9 21 26		
Texas Southern	7 9 7 24		
Ark. Pine Bluff	4 16 7 19		
Grambling State	3 21 3 42		

#### SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**PLAYER**  
**NA**  
**PITCHER**  
**NA**

SWAC		Southwestern Athletic Conference	
BASEBALL	DIV ALL	DIV ALL	DIV ALL
E. Division	W L W L	W L W L	W L W L
Miss. Valley St.	24 9 29 15		
Jackson State	18 8 27 17		
Alcorn State	13 16 18 21		
Alabama State	9 19 16 32		
Alabama A&M	8 18 12 26		
W. Division			
Southern	18 4 24 9		
Texas Southern	13 12 13 15		
Ark. Pine Bluff	15 15 18 23		
Prairie View A&M	13 14 26 25		
Grambling State	6 20 10 30		

#### SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**PLAYERS**  
**NA**  
**PITCHER**  
**NA**

INDEPENDENTS			
SOFTBALL	W L	W L	W L
West Virginia State	23 17		
Tennessee State	14 34		

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  
**JESSICA GOODY**, Fr., F. WYU - Goody did not allow an earned run in wins over Concord, Ohio Valley, and Davis & Elkins. The freshman from Chapmanville racked up 17 strikeouts in 19 innings, while only giving up seven hits. Goody notched a pair of shutouts and allowed an unearned run in Sunday's win over D&E.

#### INDEPENDENTS

BASEBALL			
West Virginia State	W L	W L	W L
West Virginia State	35 11		
Savannah State	18 14		

#### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**NA**

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### HONORS FOR POOLE: Tyrone Poole.

cornerback for the Super Bowl XXXVIII Champion New England Patriots will be recognized with a special trophy during commencement May 1 ceremonies at Fort Valley State University. Poole played collegiate football at FVSU under former head coach Doug Porter from 1991-94. He was a four-year starter and had an outstanding career, finishing with 140 tackles and 17 interceptions. He was also an excellent performer on special teams, returning 70 punts for 934 yards and two TDs. He also blocked ten kicks. After a stellar senior season, Poole was named to the All-SIAC team for the fourth straight year and was the 1994 SIAC Defensive Player of the Year. Poole was a consensus All-American and was the first Wildcat to be selected to play in the Blue-Gray and Senior Bowl all-star games. He was drafted into the NFL in the first round (22nd pick) by the Carolina Panthers in 1995. In addition to playing football, Poole was an outstanding track athlete at Fort Valley State. He finished second in the 200-meter run at the 1994 NCAA Division II national championships. His time of 21.0 still stands as a school record. He also holds the school mark in the 100 meters (10.49). "Tyrone was the hardest working individual I have ever coached," said Glen Turner, former FVSU track coach (1984-1999). "He knew what he wanted and he went after it. We are very proud of his accomplishments." In addition to the recognition of Poole, FVSU President Kofi Lomotey will confer more than 400 degrees during graduation. Thomas Dortch, a 1972 graduate of FVSU and chairman of the 100 Black Men of America's National Board of Directors, will deliver the commencement address.

### ONE MORE FOR SHARPE: Former Savannah State and SIAC standout Shannon Sharpe

announced last week that he will play at least one more season with the Denver Broncos. Sharpe, the only three-time SIAC player of the year in the league's history, said in January he might retire after last season, his 14th. He announced his decision before this weekend's draft so the team would know whether to look for a replacement. Sharpe is the NFL's career leader in receptions (815) and yards (10,060) at his position.

### STAYING SHARPE: TE career receptions leader to give it one more go.



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### LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

The 2004 NFL Draft will go in the books as the worst in history for black college players.

Only two names, Hampton defensive end Isaac Hilton and Southern defensive back Lenny Williams, were called among the 255 players selected and they barely made it in.

Williams was the 252nd pick overall in the compensatory section of the seventh and last round, going to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Hilton was taken with the very next pick, 253rd overall to the New York Giants.

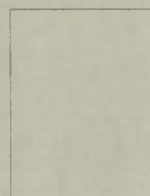
In other words, black colleges were within a few picks of being shut out of the entire NFL Draft for the first time in history.

The paltry number eclipses by two the previous low of four black college players that went off the board in the 2001 Draft (See STAT CORNER, below).

Williams, the Southwestern Athletic Conference defensive player of the year who led Southern to the league title and No. 1 final black college ranking in his final season, distinguished himself as a playmaker during his four-year career at the Baton Rouge school. The Bucs are hoping he can do some of the same for them.

"He is a very good cover corner," said Tampa Bay head coach Jon Gruden. "He is built very similar to Dwight Smith (a current Bucs player). He's got unique play-making ability, among other things."

Williams used that ability to win all-SWAC honors all four years at Southern. He was the league's Rookie of the Year in 2000 and made



WILLIAMS



HILTON

first team all-SWAC in each succeeding season culminating with his player of the year selection last year.

Williams was reportedly pondering several free agent offers when former Grambling coach Doug Williams, now an executive with the Bucs, called to say they were taking him in the seventh round.

Hilton, who was projected to go in the second or third round, almost fell out of the Draft before he was plucked by the Giants.

"Hilton has, in my opinion, nothing but an upside," said Giants new head coach Tom Coughlin. "He is a big man who has progressively gained in weight each year, has good speed off the edge and can give us some pass rush ability as well."

"Isaac Hilton is a speed pass rusher," said Giants general manager, Ernie Acorsi. "He can really give us pressure (on the quarterback)." The Giants picked two black college players in 2003, Morgan State tight end Visanthe Shiancoe in the third round and Tuskegee defensive back Frank Walker in the sixth round. Both Shiancoe and Williams made the Giants' squad last year.

## BCSP Notes

### FAMU down to five for AD

The Capital Outlook newspaper in Tallahassee has reported that Florida A&M's search for an athletic director is down to five finalists. The original list contained 26 applicants.

Dr. Joseph Ramsey, current assistant to President Fred Gainous in charge of athletics, leads the list. Ramsey is a professor of physical education at FAMU and took over as interim AD following the resignation of J.R.E. Lee in February. Ramsey has been an assistant dean at FAMU and a department chair at FAMU, Valdosta State and Florida Atlantic. He served as assistant AD at FAU from 1992-94.

The four other finalists are Lin Dawson, Eugene Marshall, Fritz Polite and W. Curtis Williams.

Dawson is an instructor and consultant at Virginia Commonwealth University. He was AD at North Carolina Central for three years and associate AD at N.C. State for five years. Marshall has been athletic director at Ramapo College of New Jersey since 1998. He came to Ramapo from the College of Staten Island (N.Y.). Polite is an assistant professor in the College of Business at Central Florida. He also worked at Florida State directing an after-school mentoring program. Williams is chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Prior to coming to Pine Bluff four years ago, he served as professor and/or AD at Alabama State, Albany State, Texas Southern, and Elizabeth City State.

The eight-member search committee is headed by Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku, a professor in the FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Following interviews with the candidates, the committee will narrow the list to three and submit the names to Gainous for the final decision.

### MEAC Tennis

MEN

South Carolina State, the number two seed, avenged its regular season loss to top seed Florida A&M with a thrilling 4-3 victory over the Rattlers in the finals of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Championship in Altamonte Springs, Fla. The Bulldogs (16-4) captured their first title in 17 years. They won three consecutive titles in 1984-1986.

This was the sixth straight championship final for Florida A&M (21-8), who beat out SCSU for the top seed in the tournament by virtue of their win over the Bulldogs in the MEAC Tennis Round-Up. The Rattlers last title came in 2000.

The match would come down to the number one duel between the FAMU's Pflugwa Mahefu and SCSU freshman Dragan Biseric. Down 3-2 in the third set, Biseric won three straight points to go up 5-3. Mahefu won on serve, hitting his second ace of the



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game to pull to 5-4. Biseric served out the match with a love-game to win the set (6-4) and the title for the Bulldogs.

"He (Biseric) lost to Mahafu 6-0, 6-0 in Orangeburg (S.C.) earlier," SCSU head coach Hardee Judge said. "He came through for us today. For a freshman to do that, he just had a lot of heart out there."

Biseric was named the championship's outstanding performer. Judge was selected the outstanding coach.

#### WOMEN

Top seeded Hampton ended Bethune-Cookman's turn-around season with a 5-1 victory in the finals of the 2004 MEAC Women's Tennis Championship in Altamonte Springs, Fla. The Lady Pirates, under head coach Robert Screen and led by Outstanding Performer Kristyna Pesatova, became only the second team to win three straight titles in women's tennis. Florida A&M won in 1987-89.

Pesatova defeated B-CC's Zora Gyoreova, 6-4, 6-4 in the number one position to give Hampton their fifth point overall and their fourth singles points of the afternoon. Pesatova finished 3-0 in the tournament.

The loss was bittersweet for Bethune-Cookman and head coach Trey Bogue, seeded third in the tournament. The Wildcats had a remarkable turn-around in 2004, rebounding from a 0-22 finish in 2003 to a 14-9 overall record and 8-2 MEAC record.

### East/West split in Atlanta

The East men and the West women won games Saturday at the 2004 Atlanta Black College All-Star Weekend event held in Forbes Arena at Morehouse College.

The East men's squad, made up of players from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference and the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, prevailed 82-80 over their West counterparts who hailed from the Southwestern Athletic Conference and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

N. C. Central guard David Young heated up in the second half, canning five three-pointers, finishing with 20 points to pace the East squad and earn game MVP honors. His NCCU teammate, center Melvin Whitaker tallied 13 points and pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds. CIAA Player of the Year, Desmond Peoples of St. Augustine's added 14 points.

Paine guard Yari Scott paced the West with a game-high 21 points. SWAC Player of the Year

## 2004 NFL DRAFT

### SEVENTH ROUND

Compensatory Picks

- 51) LENNY WILLIAMS, 5-9, 190, CB, Southern  
252nd overall to TAMPA BAY
- 52) ISAAC HILTON, 6-3, 251, DE, Hampton  
253rd overall to NY GIANTS

Ten black college rookie free agents were signed to NFL squads since Sunday. Former Jackson State quarterback Robert Kent will join black college NFL veteran Steve McNair of Alcorn State on the Tennessee Titans roster. Also signing a free agent contract with the Titans is Grambling's record-breaking receiver, Tramon Douglas. Alabama State wide receiver Chad Lucas gives the Titans three former SWAC standouts.

The free agent signees are listed below.

#### NEW YORK GIANTS

Chris Davis, WR, Southern

#### TENNESSEE TITANS

Tramon Douglas, WR, Grambling

Chad Lucas, WR, Alabama State

Robert Kent, QB, Jackson State

#### ST. LOUIS RAMS

Jamal Jones, WR, NC A&T

Shedrick Copeland, S, Florida A&M

#### BUFFALO

Deon Giddens, DB, Tennessee State

#### PHILADELPHIA

Jerome Leslie, WR, Va. Union

#### DETROIT

Kenny Healy, CB, Bethune-Cookman

Clifford Johnson, S, Morgan State

## THE STAT CORNER

HO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### NUMBER OF BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS SELECTED IN THE NFL DRAFT

1995	13
1996	17
1997	13
1998	8
1999	7
2000	13
2001	4
2002	5
2003	8
2004	2