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▼ NEW COACHES AT SOUTHERN, 'BAMA ST., PV & LANE; NEW ADs AT A&T, FAMU

SPIVERY: Leaves Alabama State hoops to take over head coaching duties at Southern.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

TODD LANDS AT A&T: Winston-Salem State grad and current Atlantic Coast Conference Assistant



Photo by Joe Daniels

TODD: WSSU grad to lead NC A&T athletics.

Commissioner. **Delores "Dee" Todd**, was named last week as the new director of athletics at North Carolina A&T. Todd, who was the first female to serve as an assistant commissioner in the ACC when she was appointed in 1988, will be A&T's first female director of athletics. The 1972 WSSU grad brings over 30 years of experience to her new post including stints as head women's track coach at both Northwestern (1981-85) and Georgia Tech (1985-87), and documented success in intercollegiate and intercollegiate athletics in planning, scheduling, training development, Olympic sports programs and financial and human resource management. She has been the ACC's assistant commissioner/director of student-athletic welfare since 2000. "We are very pleased that we were able to recruit Dee Todd for such an important role at A&T," said A&T Chancellor, **Dr. James Renick** at last Wednesday's press conference. "She has excellent experience and the right motivation to manage and lead our intercollegiate athletics program." "I am extremely excited about the opportunity to take the athletics department in the same direction as the university with its growth," Todd said. "I am looking forward to doing my best to motivate, support and lead the department to victory on the playing field, in academics and in life." Her ACC responsibilities enabled Todd to supervise, direct and coordinate officiating programs for baseball, as well as plan, organize and direct men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's outdoor track and field, women's basketball and baseball championship events. She was the liaison between those sports committees and coordinated special projects with institutional staff members. She recently served on the NCAA Championship/Competition Cabinet and Administration Subcommittees and chaired the Certified Contests Subcommittee. Todd chaired the USOC's Minorities in Sports Task Force and was co-founder of Project GOLD. She is past president and former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of College Women Athletic Administrators. She chaired the subcommittee of the NCAA Division I Track and Field Committee responsible for the complete coordination of the Division I Outdoor Track Meet from 1995-99. In 1999, she served as an assistant coach of World Track and Field Championships in Seville, Spain. She also served as tournament manager for NCAA East Regionals for Women in 1999. Todd joined the Georgia Tech staff in 1985 after serving as head coach for four years at Northwestern University, where she earned the 1983 Cross Country Big Ten Coach of the Year honors. While at Georgia Tech, Todd was a three-time Georgia State Coach of the Year, winning the Georgia State Intercollegiate Championships from 1985-87. Todd was named ACC Coach of the Year for Women's Outdoor Track in 1987 after guiding the Lady Jackets to a fourth place finish in the outdoor championships after the school's second year of competition in that sport. A native of Camden, N.J., Todd was a successful high school coach in Illinois. She led her outdoor track teams and cross country teams to 11 conference championships at Thornridge High in Dolton and at Rich Central High in Olympia. She also spent one year at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in Bethesda, Md. Todd graduated with honors from Winston-Salem State University in 1972 with a degree in health and physical education. She received her masters in human relations and psychotherapy from Governor's State University in 1981. In 2001, she was inducted into the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Hall of Fame and in Winston-Salem State University's Hall of Fame in 2002.

O'NEAL FINISHES STRONG:

A third round score of 76 caused former **Jackson State** golfer **Tim O'Neal** to fall back into a tie for 17th at the Nationwide Tour's Rex Hospital Open in Raleigh. O'Neal shot 70-69-76-67 to finish at 2-under, 282 and take home \$6,090 for his week's work. The finish moved him into 27th on the Tour's money list with \$36,625. Saturday's third round was washed out meaning the players played 36 holes on Sunday. O'Neal carded three bogeys and two double-bogeys en route to his 76 in Sunday's first 18 holes though he came back to tie for the lowest score (67) in the field in the final round.

Tennessee State, Lincoln take golf titles

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. -- **Tennessee State** dominated with a record Championship team total of 24-under-par 840 on Sunday at the 19th National Minority College Golf Championship to win the Division I standings at PGA Golf Club.

"I am definitely proud of our team as they have played outstanding throughout the week," said **Dr. Catana Starks**, the Tennessee State head coach who is retiring after 18 years. "The competition has drastically increased this year and the Championship is spectacular as it recognizes the golf program's at black and minority colleges across the country."

Johnson & Wales University, the defending champions, finished in second place with a team total of 5-under-par 859, while **Bethune-Cookman** finished in third place with an 866.

TSU senior **Robert Dinwiddie** of won the Division I medalist hon-

ors by carding a 2-under-par 70 for a three-day total of 13-under-par 203. Teammate **Phillip Watkins** and James Renner of Johnson & Wales University in North Miami, Fla., finished in a second-place tie, five strokes behind Dinwiddie.

Lincoln University of Jefferson City, Mo., held onto its lead to capture the Division II standings with a team-total of 928. **Fayetteville State** finished a mere two strokes behind in second place and **Benedict** finished in third place with a 952.

After starting the final round in third place, junior **John Azzarelli** of **Fayetteville State** won the Division II medalist honors by posting a final-round score of 2-under-par 70 for a Championship total of 4-over-par 220. **Adam Hoffman** of Lincoln finished second, one stroke behind Azzarelli.

The University of Texas-Pan American of Edinburg, took home the Women's Division title for the

third consecutive year after firing a three-day Championship-record team total of 912, which breaks the previous record of 932 set in 2000 by Bethune-Cookman. **Stefanie Maynard**, two-time defending NMCGC Champion, led the Lady Broncs and was awarded the individual medalist with an impressive 56-hole score of 1-over-par 217.

Sophomore **Sharah Davis** of **Hampton** recaptured the Women's Independent Division with a three-day total of 237.

Approximately 100 contestants from 21 colleges and universities, representing 11 countries, comprised the field for the 19th National Minority College Golf Championship. The National Minority College Golf Championship is co-sponsored by The PGA of America and the National Minority College Golf Scholarship Fund of Cleveland, Ohio.

TOP FINISHERS

DIV. I - MEN TEAM
Tennessee State 284-267-289-840 -24
Johnson & Wales 298-285-276-859 -5
Bethune-Cookman 286-288-292-866 +2
Florida A & M 295-300-280-875 +11

DIV. II - MEN TEAM
Lincoln 310-312-306-928 +64
Fayetteville State 314-312-304-930 +66
Benedict 329-322-301-952 +88
Morehouse 327-326-327-980 +116
N. Carolina Central 313-341-326-980 +116

WOMEN TEAM
Tex. P.-American 306-307-299-912 +48
Bethune-Cookman 308-327-314-949 +85

DIV. I - INDIVIDUAL
Robert Dinwiddie, TSU 69-64-70--203
Phillip Watkins, TSU 73-62-73--208
James Renner, J&W 74-67-67--208
Jack Hoenes, FAMU 70-71-68--209
Gregg Bamks II, FAMU 70-72-66--210

DIV II - INDIVIDUAL
John Azzarelli, FSU 76-74-70--220
Adam Hoffman, Lincoln 75-74-72--221
Ian Milne, FSU 74-77-71--222
Christopher Parker, JCSU 74-73-77--224

WOMEN - INDIVIDUAL
Stefanie Maynard, UTPA 73-73-71--217
Nicole Boychuk, UTPA 74-76-79--229
Maria Dunne, B-CC 79-75-76--230

BCSP Notes

Southern plucks Spivery from Alabama State; Grant suing

Southern University moved quickly to replace ousted head basketball coach **Michael Grant** naming SWAC rival **Alabama State** head basketball coach **Rob Spivery** as its new coach Thursday. But it appears the Grant saga is not over.



GRANT

Attorneys for Grant filed suit Friday in Baton Rouge seeking a restraining order preventing a University Athletics Council appeals hearing Monday on his termination. The suit also seeks an independent body to hear the appeal saying that the UAC hearing would be unfair as the Council is stacked with Southern administrators. Grant is also seeking judgment against Southern for breach of the remainder of his three-year contract. He was fired April 27 after two years on the job and reassigned within the athletic department until May 15.

A judge Monday in Baton Rouge denied the restraining order. The UAC decided Monday to delay the hearing until Wednesday, it said to give Grant and his attorneys more time to prepare.

Grant was let go after compiling a 26-31 record over two years. His dismissal followed comments he made after he was granted permission from Southern to interview for the head coaching job at Youngstown State in his native Ohio. Grant, who was the head coach at **Central State** in Ohio before taking the Southern job, was quoted as saying he would take the YSU job immediately and had junior college recruits waiting to join him.

Those comments were included in a letter from Jackson outlining the reasons for his termination.

Spivery has led the Hornets to two **Southwestern Athletic Conference** tournament titles and NCAA Tournament appearances in the last five years. His appointment is pending approval of the Southern Board of Supervisors.

"He was the only candidate on my list," said Southern Chancellor **Edward Jackson** in a *Baton Rouge Advocate* story. "We started the process last Friday, and he immediately told me that he couldn't talk with me, that I must first speak with the president of the school, before we could have any contact. I liked that about him, he handled his business appropriately," a fact that it appears Grant thinks Southern did not.

Spivery coached ASU for nine seasons, compiling a 129-136 record including winning SWAC Tournament titles and earning NCAA Div. I Tournament bids in the 2000-01 and 2003-04 seasons. Last season, the Hornets went 15-15, losing in the SWAC Tournament final. Spivery, who previously served as head coach at Montevallo, has a 20-year head coaching overall record of 304-281.

"I am proud and excited to become the next men's basketball coach at Southern University," said Spivery in the *Advocate* story. "The chance to take a program, and try to rebuild it back to prominence is a challenge that I wanted to undertake."

Spivery, once approved, will become the fourth coach in the last six seasons for Southern, which has had five straight losing seasons. Spivery's teams have gone 11-2 against Southern in the last five seasons.

Proctor to hold down the fort at Alabama State

Alabama State University has selected current assistant basketball coach **Joe Proctor** as interim head coach of the men's basketball team. Proctor takes over for **Rob Spivery**, who left ASU to take over at **Southern**.

"Coach Proctor was chosen because he has prior experience as a head coach on the Division I level and I think he'll do a great job," said ASU



PROCTOR

athletic director **Patrick Carter**. Carter said no timetable is set for the selection of a permanent head coach. "We'll open it up for a national search. But we hope Coach Proctor and (current ASU assistant) Coach (Lewis) Jackson will put their names in the hat for permanent job,"

Carter added. Proctor arrived at Alabama State in 1996 as Spivery's top assistant and has been on board as ASU has gone from a second-tier team to one of the elite programs in the **Southwestern Athletic Conference**. He is now charged with running the Hornets basketball operation until a permanent successor is named.

"I just want to keep everything in order. I'm part of the glue, along with Coach Jackson, that will keep the program together until the administration decides what it wants to do," Proctor said. "We should be done with recruiting in the next couple of days. That's the main thing so that there won't be a problem whenever the new coach comes in."

A Knoxville, Tenn., native, Proctor played collegiate basketball at what is now the University of Memphis. After earning his degree from Memphis State in 1971, Proctor landed his first head coaching job at Catholic High in Memphis. The next year, he moved on to Shelby State College, where he coached until 1977.

Proctor worked as an assistant at Drake (1977-81), Baylor (1981-85), and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (1985-94). It was while he was at UMKC that he got his first head coaching stint, when he served as interim head coach during the 1993-94 season. He led the Roos to a 13-8 record, including the school's first wins over teams in the former Big 8 and Southeastern Conferences.



JOYNER

Joyner adds AD to JCSU title

Johnson C. Smith has named longtime men's head basketball coach **Stephen Joyner** as its new athletics director. He replaces **Helen Caldwell**. Joyner was promoted to the new position on April 1. He previously worked as the university's assistant athletics director. Joyner recently completed his 17th season as head coach of the JCSU Golden Bulls with a career record of 319-200, making him the winningest coach in JCSU men's basketball history. A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., he starred at point guard for the Golden Bulls from 1969-73. Since becoming head coach, he has taken the men's program to unprecedented levels, winning the school's only **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** Tournament and South Atlantic Regional titles in 2001 and establishing Smith as one of the most feared teams in the CIAA.

Cole brothers back at Lane

Former **Alabama State** offensive coordinator **Johnnie Cole** was hired Wednesday as the head football coach at Division II **Lane College** and says he will bring back his brother **L. C. Cole**, as defensive coordinator.

Lane is a member of the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** and is located in Jackson, Tenn. Cole takes over a Dragon program that went 2-9 last season.

"This is a great opportunity for me," Cole said Wednesday afternoon. "I'm lucky here because I've got a great president who's behind me and supports this team. We're going to do a lot of good things."

Cole was removed from his job at ASU in August 2001 after an internal investigation at the



J. COLE

school allegedly turned up three NCAA violations he committed. He was never fired, but reached an agreement with the school that allowed him to be paid the remainder of his one-year contract if he left his position.

At this point, nearly three years later, the NCAA has yet to find Cole guilty of any wrongdoing. Cole said his background was thoroughly checked by the administration at Lane.

"The president (**Wesley McClure**) here said they put me under a microscope," Cole said. "It was funny. He said they couldn't find anything wrong with me but did notice quite a few parasites all around me, keeping me from moving forward."

Cole said his first move as head coach would be to hire his brother, former Alabama State head coach L.C. Cole, as defensive coordinator.

"That's a no-brainer," Johnnie said. "It's a family thing. He's hired me and I'm returning the favor. It's actually a heck of a deal for the school to get somebody like him."

WNBA superstar



COOPER

bound for Prairie View

According to a story in the *Houston Chronicle*, former WNBA superstar **Cynthia Cooper** is expected to be named the new women's basketball coach at **Prairie View A&M** within the next two weeks. Cooper confirmed Friday she has tentatively accepted the post, contingent on details of a contract being worked out. Athletic director **Charles McClelland** said that should take place within the next 14 days.

"(This) gives us the ability to take our women's basketball program to heights it's never seen," McClelland said in the story. Although the Lady Panthers (6-21 last season) never have advanced beyond the semifinals of the annual SWAC tournament, Cooper is talking about far larger accomplishments.

"I have the same goals that the school has and that the athletic department has," Cooper said. "I want to be No. 1. I want to win. I'd like to see a historically black university not only make it to the NAAs, but win a championship, win an NCAA championship. There's no reason why not." The job opened up this month when **Robert Atkins** announced he was stepping down as of May 31. He compiled a 138-423 record over 20 years.

Cooper, 42, is one of the most decorated players to compete in the WNBA. The four-time WNBA Finals MVP retired in 2000 after leading the Comets to a fourth straight title. She was named coach of the Phoenix Mercury in 2001 and remained in that post for a little more than a year. After resigning, she twice attempted to return to the Comets as a player but each comeback was cut short by injuries.

Jackson interim AD at FAMU

Florida A&M University (FAMU) has announced the appointment of **Dr. E. Newton Jackson, Jr.** as interim director of athletics. Jackson, who is presently serving as a department chair in the College of Education at FAMU, said that among his immediate tasks will be "a thorough evaluation of the overall status of the athletic department."

A native of Washington, D.C., Jackson holds a Ph.D. in sports management from the University of New Mexico and a masters in sports administration from **Grambling State**.