2005 BLACK COLLEGE FOOT FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22-28, 2005 EVEN MATCH: RB Alonzo

Coleman leads Hampton's

potent rushing attack against Richmond's stout

defense in I-AA playoffs

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NC A&T CANS SMALL: North Carolina A&T Director of Athletics. Dee Todd,



announced Monday that head football coach George Small and his staff will not return to the Aggie sideline in 2006. "Today, Coach George Small and his staff were dismissed after careful review and consideration of the direction of our football program," said a release from Todd's SMALL: Out at A&T office. "In line with our commit-

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dent-athletes and to our Division I-AA status, we feel that it is in the best interest of our football program to make this change. This allows the University to begin the process of finding Coach Small's successor." Small, a 1979 A&T grad and former all-MEAC lineman and Aggie captain, took over the program in 2002 after the firing of 15-year head coach Bill Hayes. The Aggies, who had finished 4-8 overall and 2-6 and at the bottom of the MEAC standings in Hayes' final season, went on to post a 10-3 mark including winning the 2003 MEAC championship and representing the conference in the I-AA playoffs. Small was named the conference's coach of the year. Since then he has posted back-to-back 3-8 marks. The Aggies have been the lowest scoring team in the MEAC both of the last two seasons. The four-year contract Small signed in 2003 includes a provision that allows for a buyout after the third year at fifty percent of his \$110,000 salary.

LADY EAGLES FALL: The two-time defending CIAA volleyball champion North Carolina Central Lady Eagles came up short in their attempt to defeat No. 1 seed Lock Haven, losing 3-0 (30-14, 30-12, 30-25) on Lock Haven's home court for the second consecutive year in the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional playoffs. NCCU (29-14) was led with 11 kills by Brenda Brown, who also added seven digs. NCCU all-time kills and blocks leader Danielle Johnson-Webb finished with eight kills and four block assists. Senior setter Ariel Germain contributed a match-high 24 assists, while senior defensive specialist Dorian Mills amassed a team-high nine digs.

LADY RATTLERS TAB MALONE:

Florida A&M has announced the appointment of Maicel Malone as the university's head women's track and field coach. A graduate of Arizona State University, who also enjoyed a supremely distinguished track career, SPORTS/Che Charlotte Bost

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I-AA playoff game tops holiday schedule

11-0 Hampton gets No. 3 seed, hosts Richmond

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Mid-Eastern Athletic Confe-rence champion Hampton completed the only undefeated season in NCAA Div. I-AA football Saturday with a 44-6 win over Savannah State and was awarded Sunday with one of the top seeds in the national playoffs.

The two-time MEAC champ Pirates (11-0), received the MEAC's automatic bid and will host the University of Richmond (8-3), the Atlantic 10 cochampion, in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs this Saturday (Nov. 26) at Armstrong Stadium. The Pirates earned the No. 3 overall seed in the field-of-16 championship field announced

Two-time MEAC runner-up South Carolina State, who finished 9-2 for the second consecutive year, was again left out of the playoffs.

Hampton or Richmond will face the winner of the Furman-Nicholls State game in the quarterfinals. If Hampton wins the first round game over Richmond it would also host the quarterfinal game

This marks the third time a MEAC team will play at home in the first round. Florida A&M played host to Troy State in 1998 and Bethune-Cookman was host to Florida Atlantic in 2003

Hampton captured its second consecutive MEAC title and fourth overall while going undefeated (8-0) in conference play. This marked the second time the Pirates were undefeated in league play. They were 7-0 in 1997 when they won their first MEAC title. The last team to go undefeated in conference play prior to this season was North Carolina A&T, who finished 8-0 in 1999.

Richmond bounced back from a 1-3 start to win its final seven games and earn a share of the Atlantic 10 championship with No. 1 seed New Hampshire. The Spiders finished 7-1 in the A-10, including Saturday's 41-7 victory over William & Mary.

The Pirates finished the season with a dominating performance in thrashing winless (0-11) Savannah State. In the game, senior RB Ardell Daniels rushed for 142 yards to join junior RB Alonzo Coleman topping the 1,000-yard mark for the second year in a row. Daniels finished the season with 1,015 yards and nine TDs while Coleman, the MEAC's top rusher, had 104 vards and two TDs Saturday to finish the season with 1,309 yards and 19 scores

Rushing defense is the strong suit for Richmond.

BCSP Notes

SWAC Alumni Association to honor three

The SWAC Alumni Association will present its Lifetime Achievement Award to former Prairie View women's track coach Barbara Jacket, former

The Spiders give up just 115.8 rushing yards per game, second best in the A-10 and 18th best nationally.

The RB duo will lead a Hampton offense that averages 33.2 points per game and a rushing attack that is eighth best in the nation at 251 yards per game. QB Princeton Shepherd (126-70, 1,018 yds., 8 TD, 5 ints.) will start for the Pirates but has been spelled in each game by Antwan Smith.

Hampton has excelled defensively, leading the nation in scoring defense (11.82 ppg.) while finishing fifth in total defense (263.5 ypg.), second in pass efficiency defense (83.78) and fourth in pass defense (139.36 ypg.). The Pirates will have to contend with a Richmond offense led by QB Stacy Tutt, who has passed for 1,964 yards and 14 TDs and run for 665 vards and another 10 scores, both tops on the team.

Hampton senior Andrew Paterini and Richmond unior Joseph Fore are two of the top placekickers in the nation. Paterini has hit on 19 of 27 field goals and 43 of 44 PATs while Fore has converted 15 of 19 field goals and 29 of 32 PATs.

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOV. 24 CLASSICS / TV GAME

82nd Turkey Day Classic (ESPNU) Alabama St. vs. Tuskegee in Montgomery, AL 1:00pm

SATURDAY, NOV. 26

CLASSICS / TV GAME

Rescheduled Labor Day Classic Texas Southern vs. Pr. View in Houston, TX 1:00pm Bayou Classic XXXII (NBC) Grambling State in Houston, TX 1:00pm PLAYOFF GAME NCAA I-AA Eirst Bound

Hampton vs Richmond in Hampton, VA 1:00pm

Three Classic games all but finish out the regular season - Thursday's Turkey Day Classic in Montgomery, Al., Saturday's Bayou Classic moved from New Orleans' Superdome because of Hurricane Katrina to Houston's Reliant Stadium and Saturday's re-scheduled Labor Day Classic.

N. Alabama nips N.C. Central, 24-21

2nd ROUND NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFFS

University of North Alabama senior Beau Tanner, who had not kicked a field goal all season, knocked through a 37-yarder as time expired to give the Lions a 24-21 win over CIAA champion North Carolina Central in a second round NCAA Div. II playoff game in Durham Saturday.

Tanner got his chance after freshman Yuta Fakuda missed two field goal attempts earlier. Head coach Rod Hudspeth said it was a "gut feeling" to turn to Tanner who lost his job to Fakuda after UNA's second game.

NCCU scored all of its points in the second quarter and took a 21-14 halftime lead as they rode the legs of RB Greg Pruitt (118 yards, 32 carries) and the play of QB Adrian Warren and back-up QB and WR Charles Futrell.

UNA struck first needing only four plays to score after the opening kickoff. But the Eagles came back to tie it at 7 when Futrell hauled in a nine-yard strike from Warren three plays into the second quarter.

UNA answered three plays later when star receiver Anthony Merritt took a short pass in the right flat and scampered 61 yards for the score.

Fakuda's PAT put UNA up 14-7.

Futrell would again figure in the next Eagles' score, this time from the QB position as he kept the ball on an option play and ran around right end on a 39-yard scoring run. Brandon Gilbert's PAT tied the score at 14, 9:53 before the half.

NCCU took its first lead of the game, 21-14, four-and-a-half minutes later after Warren hit WR Torey Ross with a four-yard TD pass. Just before the half, Gilbert had a chance to add to the lead but missed on a 32-yard field goal attempt

The score held up as the teams exchanged punts in a scoreless third period.

Freshman A. J. Milwee, who had spelled starter Vinnie Saylor in running situations, took over at QB early in the fourth quarter and led the Lions on a game-tying 8-play 79-yard drive culminating in RB DeMarcus Blount's 23-yard scoring run with 8:27 left.

Milwee then directed the game-winning 12play, 72-yard drive that set Tanner up at the NCCU 20

financial ruin. \$WAC was facing three lawsuits and was \$130,000 in the red when he took office. He settled all three suits amicably, and the conference was \$1 million in the black when he left office. During Edney's tenure SWAC changed its affilia-

(ESPN2) on January 16 against Bethune-Cookman at Corbett Sports Center by having the court named in their honor.

Irvin came to N.C. A&T in 1954 and in 18 seasons his teams never finished below .500. Irvin's success would carry the Aggies over into the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, where he won the school's first league championship in 1972. Among his players was Al Attles, the only HBCU graduate to coach an NBA championship team. Hugh Evans, another star in the Irvin system, served in the NBA as an official for 35 years. Irvin finished with a career record of 401-132, including a 308-105 record at N.C. A&T. His first CIAA championship came in 1958. Irvin's teams won CIAA titles in 1959, 1962, 1964, and 1967. The 26 wins the Aggies totaled in 1958 under Irvin would still be a record today had it not been for Corbett. Corbett quickly rebuilt the program after an 8-19 first season in 1979-80. His recruiting class began a run that has been unparalleled in MEAC history. In that class was the first of three All-MEAC players to come out of Rochester, N.Y., Joe Binion. Binion would go on to finish his career as the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in school history in leading the Aggies to four MEAC championships. Corbett won eight consecutive MEAC tournament titles and made seven consecutive NCAA tournament appearances and finished with a 249-133 record to rank second on the all-time victories list behind Irvin. He won 20 or more games in six different seasons, including a school best winning percentage of .897 (26-3) record in 1986-87. Also under Corbett's direction, the Aggies ran off a 37-game winning streak in Corbett Sports Center which lasted nearly four years. Corbett was named MEAC Coach of the Year six times.

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MALONE

Malone comes to FAMU after a lengthy stint as assistant women's track

coach at Florida State University. Malone joined the FSU staff in 1999, becoming instrumental in the success of the women's program in Atlantic Coast Conference competition. She also assisted with men's 2002 and 2003 ACC championship teams.

STITH GOING TO HULA BOWL:



Three seasons ago, Walter Stith began his collegiate career as a 265-pound tight end at Western Michigan University. Now, he stands as a 6-foot-8. 320-pound National Football League prospect at N.C. A&T. Stith has been invited to play in the 60th annual Hula Bowl on Jan. 21, 2006 at

STITH

Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii, an environment that showcases talent in front of scouts from every NFL team. The game will be televised on ESPN2. Stith was honored as the MEAC Offensive Lineman of the Week after opening holes for a 252-yard rushing performance by the Aggies in a win over Norfolk State. Stith also had an outstanding performances against N.C. Central. He has been a consistent blocker all season with an average grade of 87% on his blocking. Stith becomes the third Aggie player in eight seasons to play in the Hula Bowl, joining All-Americans Chris McNeil (1997) and Curtis Deloatch (2002), now of the NFL's New York Giants.

SWAC president Dr. Norris Edney and USA TODAY reporter Roscoe Nance at its 6th annual Legends Reception at 6 p.m. Dec. 9, the day before the SWAC Football Championship game, at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Ala. The award is given in recognition of the recipients' contributions athletics in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Jacket's track teams won eight NAIA outdoor

championships and two indoor championships, eight SWAC cross country titles, nine SWAC indoor titles and five SWAC outdoor titles during her 26-year career from 1965-1991. Her teams also won titles in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for

JACKET Women (AIAW) and the U.S. Track and Field Federation. Jacket was SWAC Coach of the Year 23 times and NAIA Coach of the Year five times. She is a member of the NAIA. Texas Women's and Tuskegee Institute Athletic Halls of Fame.

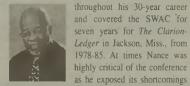
Jacket, a 1958 graduate of Tuskegee. in 1992 became the second black woman to coach the U.S. Women's Olympic team. She guided Team USA to NC A&T to name court four gold medals, three silver medals and three bronze medals at the Barcelona Olympics, the most medals for any team since the 1956 Olympics. Jacket also served as athletic director at Prairie View and is currently a member of the school's faculty.

Edney was SWAC president from 1975-84 and has been credited with saving the conference from

tion, moving from NAIA and NCAA Division II to NCAA Division I-AA in football and Division I in all other sports.

Edney also served as athletic faculty representative at Alcorn State from 1971-2000.

Nance has reported on black college athletics



and covered the SWAC for seven years for The Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, Miss., from 1978-85. At times Nance was highly critical of the conference as he exposed its shortcomings

NANCE and miscues. But at the same time he served as a voice for SWAC schools and their athletes who for the most part had been voice-

Nance is credited with coming up with the nicknames "The Godfather" for former Alcorn State and Southern football coach Marino H. Casem and "The Gunslinger" for former Mississippi Valley State football coach Archie Cooley. Nance currently covers the NBA for USA TODAY.

for Cal Irvin and Don Corbett

When any one thinks of N.C. A&T basketball, two names come to mind, former head men's basketball coaches Calvin "Cal" Irvin and Don Corbett. For their success and tremendous accomplishments, Irvin and Corbett will be honored before the Aggies nationally televised game

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