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### It's a new beginning for the Sting

#### Major makeover in Bogue's first full season as head coach

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There are new faces, new coaching staff and a new attitude for the Charlotte Sting.

After an abysmal 6-28 season, the Sting has made coaching changes, and added draft picks to start fresh in 2006.



Bogue

Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogue starts his first full season as head coach. In the final 10 games last season, Bogue led the Sting to three wins, which equaled the total over the first 24 games.

"Last year, I was mainly just trying to finish morale, and get them to boost the season," he said. "I think the ladies enjoyed how we finished and how we started playing, and I think they are very excited to start this year at the beginning."

With the 2006 season a few weeks away, and the preseason getting underway, Bogue talked about this being a new beginning for his team. "We're looking forward to building on what we had and how we ended last year." He added, "We have some veteran players who have been in a lot of games, you know championship situations, with Sheri Sam, Allison Feaster's been in a championship game, Tammy Brown, and Tangelia [Smith] who've been at great organizations. We've added some additional players and have some players returning, and I think we'll all be on the same page."

The new additions include rookie draft picks Monique Currie, Tye'ha Fluker, Please see NEW/2C

### DIVISION II BOWL GAME IN CHARLOTTE



FILE PHOTOS/CURTIS WILSON

Tuskegee's Calvin Russell pulls in a pass as Bowie State's Byron Anderson defends in the Pioneer Bowl Dec. 3 in Charlotte. The post-season game between CIAA and SIAC teams will remain in Charlotte for at least two years. Tuskegee won last year's game 28-26.

## Pioneer stays put

### Organizers feel extending Division II postseason classic here can help game grow

#### Pioneer Bowl facts

First game - 1997 (Kentucky State 30, Livingstone 28)  
Most appearances - Tuskegee (six)  
Most wins - Tuskegee (four). Most games hosted - Atlanta (five)  
Series record - SIAC leads 6-2

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Charlotte's no longer the Pioneer Bowl's temporary home.

The postseason classic between the SIAC and CIAA will be played at Memorial Stadium for at least two years, organizers announced this week. This year's game will be played Dec. 2 at Memorial Stadium.

The Pioneer Bowl, the only NCAA-sanctioned postseason

game for black colleges, was moved to Charlotte from Mobile, Ala., last August when Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast. Game organizers thought enough of Charlotte's potential as a site to discuss a longer commitment.

"We've been talking off and on since the last Pioneer Bowl about bringing it back," said Jeff McLeod, the CIAA's assistant commissioner and football cham-

pionship coordinator. "We've been pushing to bring it back to give it a full run since we didn't have enough time to promote the game. Now we have almost a full year."

Pioneer weekend will include a battle of the bands with fans voting online at pioneerbowl.com for two units to represent each conference, banquet and assorted parties.

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PHOTO WADE NASH

Kamorean Hayes, a two-time N.C. 4A shot put and discus champion, aims to be best in the world.

## Harding standout focuses on total domination

By Eric Bozeman  
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Kamorean Hayes is a two time state champion in the shot put and discus, but she knows there is someone better. That's why she pushes herself for better performances.

Hayes, who is 155 in 2006, has thrown the shot 52 feet, and discus 125. Yet she thinks back to last summer in Morocco, where she finished third in the discus, and sixth in the shot. Hayes said the memories of competing against the throwers in the world in her age group makes her hungry to do better.

"Staying focused is what drives me everyday that I go to practice," Hayes said. "I know that there is somebody that is still better than me because when I went to Morocco I said to myself that 'You're good in the United States, but that is still not good enough.' There's a girl in South Africa who can beat me."

Harding assistant coach Trey Miles believes Hayes implements a great work ethic to overcome the misconception of the prototypical thrower.

"Kamorean is a workaholic, yes sir, no sir type of athlete that loves the sports and loves to learn," he said. "Shot put is one of those sports that has a big misconception and everyone assumes that the throwers are husky, but Kamorean's stature is short, compact with a lot of strength and a lot of speed, which is a key element

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## Panthers use draft to stockpile talent

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Associated Press Writer Loading up on depth in key areas, the Carolina Panthers added a tight end and a second defensive back in the late rounds of the NFL draft Sunday.

Entering their fifth season under coach John Fox and general manager Marty

Hurney, the Panthers are coming off an NFC championship game appearance and have become annual playoff contenders, allowing them to draft for development and not immediate needs.

None of Carolina's picks in this year's draft will be expected to start right away, but all were picked at positions where the team hopes

to add depth and develop young prospects.

"Our dream is, every one of these guys is good enough to start," Fox said. "Whether that's reality or not, you never know. The guys we select in the draft, we have good feelings about."

"We got the players we came in wanting to get," Hurney said.

With their fourth-round pick, No. 121 overall, the Panthers took safety Nate Salley of Ohio State. He will be expected to

back up veteran-an Mike Minter and Colin

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## Fact of NBA playoffs: Nuggets eliminated again

By Melissa Trujillo  
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DENVER - Carmelo Anthony looked physically deflated, staring at the back of his locker with a towel draped over his head long after his teammates had hit the shower.

Anthony and the Denver

Nuggets just can't seem to find the basket. A series of woeful shooting continued Saturday night with a 100-86 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, putting the Nuggets down 3-1 in the series. They were eliminated Monday.

"This right here really hurts, to lose on our home

court the way we did," Anthony said. "It didn't even feel like a playoff game tonight."

The Nuggets' offense played poorly for the fourth-straight game - Anthony hit 5-of-17 for 17 points - in the loss, putting them one game away from being eliminated in the first round of the Western

Conference playoffs for the third straight season.

The disappointment went beyond Anthony, as was evident from the booing by the home fans as the game out of reach for Denver in the fourth quarter

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## Jackson unsung, but she's latest U.S. tennis hope

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No one expected the U.S. to do much against Germany in the Federation Cup last month.

The Americans were an unproven, with 31-year-old journeywoman Jill Craybas, ranked 39 in the world and three rookies that included 19-year-old rookie Jamea Jackson. But with Jackson going 2-0 in singles, the Americans shocked host Germany 3-2 at TC Ettenheim.

Jackson, ranked 75th in the world, gave the U.S. an insurmountable 3-1 lead when she defeated Martina Muller, 7-6 (2), 6-2. Jackson became the lowest-ranked woman to play singles for the U.S. Fed Cup

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Jamea Jackson returns a shot during the Federation Cup last week in Ettenheim, Germany. Jackson led the U.S. team to a 3-2 upset. Jackson, who is ranked 75th in the world, won both singles matches.