



## Howard Coach Overcomes Adversity To Gain National Recognition

By Donnie R. Luck  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Howard University tennis coach Eddie Davis knows the word. For his six years of coaching at Howard, Davis has had continuous challenges to overcome. The major obstacle he has faced has been the lack of adequate practice facilities. Yet, Davis has managed to overcome this and other obstacles, and because of his success, he has been named the college coach of the year for the Middle Atlantic region.

The honor is given annually by the U.S. Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) in Sarasota, Fla., in recognition of outstanding accomplishment. The Middle Atlantic region encompasses the states of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. There are 17 divisional honorees, each of whom is nominated by someone in their region, and all become candidates for the national coach of the year.

"Eddie is a real enthusiastic guy," says Frank Hatten, USTPA president of the Middle Atlantic Tennis Association. "He does a lot of hustling for his team, and it shows up in his results." Davis hopes that this national recognition will enhance the credibility of his program. Without a "proven program," he can't attract the top quality tennis player. And, without the national-level player, his program can't prove itself against such tennis powerhouses as Clemson, Hampton Institute

and Princeton that line his schedule.

This past year, Howard had its first 20-win (20-10) season, and won its second consecutive D.C. Capital Collegiate Conference and Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championships. All of this was accomplished in the face of numerous obstacles.

The school doesn't have its own tennis courts, so it must rely on public courts. Because of the demand for the public courts that the team uses, it can only practice for an hour in the afternoon each day. Also, because of Howard's limited tennis budget and the cost of prime indoor court time, Davis' netters have had to practice from 10 to 12 each night during the winter months. (He says his players adjusted by taking naps earlier in the evening.)

Moreover, the team lost its top three singles players from the previous year (one's athletic eligibility expired, another became academically ineligible, and the third player decided to leave school). There are other factors that should have hindered the progress of the Bison tennis team under Davis. His position at Howard is as a part-time tennis coach. His full-time responsibility the last six years has been teaching science at Hart Junior High School in Washington, D.C. Davis says that juggling the two schedules (coaching consumes about six hours a day during the fall and spring seasons) has become a problem, and that he may have to leave



Eddie Davis

teaching. He is also married with two small children, and is trying to complete coursework at Howard for a master's degree in education.

"I've learned a lot about coaching and a lot about myself since I've been at Howard," says the 33-year-old Davis. "I've learned how to maximize what I have. I've also learned how to persevere and to keep goals in sight."

"The players have been just great about the whole thing. They've understood the reality of the situation at Howard, and as a result, we've gotten a lot out of our players."

Davis believes strongly that the proverbial "light at the end of the tunnel" is not very far away. Arrangements have been

made for the tennis team to have three hours of daily practice time at another site. The school has also set up a committee to explore the construction of a tennis facility.

Michigan Congressman John Conyers, who is a tennis student of Davis, has taken the team under his wing. Two years ago, he held a reception on Capitol Hill in honor of the team's winning two fall tennis titles. Last winter, he held a tennis party to help raise funds for the team.

Davis says he has one of the finest selling points that any coach can have for his program.

"I can sell them on the school. It's one of the best colleges in the country. Plus, the program is getting better."



NEW YORK—THREE FOR THE MONEY—Hugh Cullman, center, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Phillip Morris USA, receives the United Negro College Fund's (UNCF) "Championship Award" from tennis star, Arthur Ashe, right and from Christopher Edley, Executive Director of the UNCF. Ashe said the award was made "in appreciation" of Cullman's work during the past four years as chairman of the UNCF's fund-raising campaign in the New York region. The presentation was made during the Lite/Arthur Ashe/UNCF Championship tennis matches where more than 700 players competed at the U.S. Tennis Association's National Tennis Center at Flushing Meadow in Queens, N.Y. The UNCF raises funds for 42 historically black private colleges that have a total enrollment of more than 50,000 students, nine out of ten of the students require some financial aid to continue their education. "A mind is a terrible thing to waste," is the UNCF slogan, to which Cullman has added, "and a wonderful thing to save!"

## Black Schools Should Benefit From Collegiate Scandals

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.

Sadly the beat of scandal marches on in major collegiate sports. The University of San Francisco axes the men's basketball program because of continuous irregularities. The powerful Southern California football team is banned from bowl games for two years because of cheating. Wichita State is always in the NCAA's "dog house". Fresno State is reeling because the head football coach was barred from personally recruiting for a year because he violated an NCAA rule.

It seems as if every week there is some new scandal rocking the major collegiate sports scene and in more cases than not the scandals surround black athletes.

Black colleges should capitalize from these NCAA wrong doings by the "Big Boys."

The traditional former all-black colleges suffered tremendously when the big colleges began recruiting the good black athletes in droves beginning in the mid-1960's.

The bigger schools could offer these athletes much more in the way of scholarships and other benefits than the black schools could and in no time at all most of the best black athletes were attending predominantly white colleges.

In a few cases such as Grambling, Tennessee State, and South Carolina State, the black programs continued to thrive but schools like N.C. Central, N.C. A&T, Shaw, and Allen universities saw their once proud programs severely decline, or in some cases football was dropped altogether.

With the current turmoil raging at many major schools, black schools should move quickly to recapture some of the athletic talent that major schools have been siphoning off for years now.

In many cases (not all) black athletes have suffered by enrolling in the predominantly white schools. Sometimes, they are given illegal cash for non-existent jobs and "loaned" cars. They are winned and dined as long as they are eligible to play. They are allegedly given unearned grades in classes. Thus they get a



NEW YORK—Lon Haldeman, of Harvard, Ill., holds the winners' trophy following his world record cross-country bicycling journey. Haldeman arrived at the finish line, The Empire State Building, covering the 2,976-mile run in just under 10 days.

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taste of the good life.

Not all of these irregularities can be blamed on the schools or zealous alumni. The athletes are in many cases to blame also. If they make no attempt to obtain their degrees or attend worthwhile classes then they are just cheating themselves.

The sad part for most black athletes comes when their playing eligibility is over. Very few make it to the pros. Attention then shifts to the athletes who are still eligible. The others have no degree, and they are discarded like old shoes.

Most black schools have always appeared to place education first. The coaches at these institutions must also teach classes, therefore academics is first priority.

alumni groups appear not to have resorted to the questionable practices that have helped create scandals at white colleges and hopefully these black schools never will.

Now is the time for black schools to get back into the game with black and white athletes who are disenchanted with what is going on at many major schools.

An official at N.C. Central told me that NCCU, if they desired, could get many black athletes just by showing them the campus, its departments, and social life! This official quickly added, "but we've also got to offer our athletes more in the way of scholarships and student assistance. One reason we're losing our best stars to the white schools is that they offer them

good scholarships. You can't blame them for going to such schools."

Central and A&T are currently struggling financially in sports but they are virtually sitting on a gold mine. All it takes is commitment on the part of the administrators at both schools to compete with the major schools for the good athlete. Sure, they won't get the majority of them, but they will get a large share of the talent that they are now conceding to schools such as UNC, Duke, and State.

When black schools explain to prospective recruits that they will not only get to play but they, more importantly, will get a good education that will benefit them long after their playing days are over, the schools are surely going to make a good impression on

## BASKETBALL TEAM

### Raises American Flag For First Time In Angola's History

NEW YORK — A Big East All-Star basketball team returned home this week after a highly successful two week trip to Angola. The team won all nine of its games before more than 75,000 Angolans in Luanda, Cabinda and Lubango. Another million viewed the games on Angolan TV.

While the sports aspect of the trip was excellent, it paled by comparison to the diplomatic and people-to-people aspect. The United States and Angola do not have diplomatic relations. Richard Lapchick, who served as chief of delegation for the Americans in Angola, said, "The warmth shown seemed to capture the hearts of the Angolans when we walked out on the court at the Citadella arena. The Citadella rocked when 15,000 fans gave the American team a standing ovation as it walked out behind the American flag." It was the first time that flag flew there since Angola became independent in 1976.

Lapchick is the director of the Southern Africa Program of the Phelps-Stokes Fund. The Fund and the Athletic Department of St. John's University co-sponsored the trip.

Lou Carnesecca, who is the head coach at St. John's University and many young men and women who are disgusted with the underhanded dealings going on at many of the bigger schools.

who coached the team in Angola, noted that, "We have no control over what our respective governments will do. However, our mission was to play good basketball and to establish friendship between Angolans and Americans. There can be no doubt that we were successful on both counts."

The players echoed the sentiments of Carnesecca. The University of Connecticut's Norman Baily, who led the team in scoring with a 15 point average, reported on return, "I feel as though the trip to Angola has been the high point of my life. Despite being both physically and mentally exhausted, I have accumulated much precious knowledge that I intend to share with all."

The team had first hand experiences with the difficulties that Angola was going through as many of its resources are channeled to military defense. Angola is subjected to frequent invasions by South Africa from its bases in Namibia. However, the American team was there as negotiations for a settlement of the conflicts in Namibia appeared to be reaching a new level.

Angola, a key Front Line state, and the United States, which leads the western contact group, are major actors in the attempt to resolve the issue of independence for Namibia.

one game due to an injury said, "I tried to absorb all that I could. The Angolan people were as generous as they could possibly be."

Dud Tongal, the Fordham graduate who was the first African to star in American basketball, looked to the future when he said, "Let's all hope that more American athletes will be able to visit Africa in the near future."

Gary McLain, the guard from Villanova, best summed up

everyone's experience. "Travelling to Angola was like Christmas with all the giving and receiving, like school with all the teaching and learning and like lifting weights, because all of us got stronger. I feel that I have learned what no course in any history class could ever teach. The everlasting impression which these beautiful people have given me will last as long as I am able to speak and spread the story of our adventure."

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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sep. 4	Livingstone College	Salisbury, NC	7:30
Sep. 11	VIRGINIA UNION	Durham, NC	1:30
Sep. 18	WINSTON-SALEM STATE	DURHAM, NC	1:30
Oct. 2	Fayetteville State	Fayetteville, NC	7:30
Oct. 9	Norfolk State	Norfolk, VA	1:30
Oct. 16	Moran State	Baltimore, MD	1:30
Oct. 23	ELIZABETH CITY	DURHAM, NC	1:30
Oct. 30	Bowie State	Bowie, MD	1:30
Nov. 6	JOHNSON C. SMITH (HOMECOMING)	DURHAM, NC	1:30
Nov. 13	N. C. A&T STATE	DURHAM, NC	1:30
Nov. 20	CIAA Championship		

All home games are played at NCCU's O'Kelly Stadium. Henry C. Lattimore, Head Football Coach & Athletic Director