

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



THE SWINGS OF GOLF

CIAA, MEAC ANNOUNCE ALL-SPORTS WINNERS; NCAA D2 TRACK RESULTS

PGA.com Photo
O'NEAL: Former Jackson State and SWAC stand-out retooling in bid to get back to PGA elite.

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

- BASEBALL**
Virginia State
- BASKETBALL**
Men - Johnson C. Smith
Women - Shaw
- BOWLING**
Fayetteville State
- CROSS COUNTRY**
Men - Virginia State
Women - St. Augustine's
- FOOTBALL**
Shaw
- GOLF**
Virginia State
- INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**
Men - St. Augustine's
Women - St. Augustine's
- OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**
Men - St. Augustine's
Women - St. Augustine's
- SOFTBALL**
Bowie State
- TENNIS**
Men - Shaw
Women - Virginia State
- VOLLEYBALL**
Fayetteville State

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

- BASEBALL**
Bethune-Cookman
- BASKETBALL**
Men - Coppin State
Women - Coppin State
- BOWLING**
Maryland-Eastern Shore
- CROSS COUNTRY**
Men - Norfolk State
Women - Hampton
- FOOTBALL**
Delaware State
- INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**
Men - Norfolk State
Women - Hampton, UMS
- OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**
Men - Norfolk State
Women - Hampton
- SOFTBALL**
Delaware State
- TENNIS**
Men - South Carolina State
Women - South Carolina State
- VOLLEYBALL**
Florida A&M

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

- BASEBALL**
Stillman
- BASKETBALL**
Men - Benedict
Women - Tuskegee
- CROSS COUNTRY**
Men - Morehouse
Women - Albany State
- FOOTBALL**
Tuskegee
- OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**
Men - Morehouse
Women - Albany State
- SOFTBALL**
Albany State
- TENNIS**
Men - Tuskegee
Women - Tuskegee
- VOLLEYBALL**
Albany State
- GOLF**
Paine

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

- BASEBALL**
Texas Southern
- BASKETBALL**
Men - Miss. Valley State
Women - Jackson State
- BOWLING**
Southern
- CROSS COUNTRY**
Men - Grambling State
Women - Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- FOOTBALL**
Jackson State
- GOLF**
Men - Jackson State
Women - Jackson State
- INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**
Men - Prairie View A&M
Women - Jackson State
- OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**
Men - Prairie View A&M
Women - Jackson State
- SOFTBALL**
Miss. Valley State
- TENNIS**
Men - Southern
Women - Alcorn State
- VOLLEYBALL**
Alabama A&M
- SOCCER**
Alabama A&M

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ST. AUG'S KINDRED TOPS D2:

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) named **Joe Kindred** of Saint Augustine's as the 2008 Division II National Men's Field Athlete of the Year.

Kindred, a junior from Fuquay-Varina, NC, was the top seed in the long jump and high jump at last week's 2008 NCAA Division II National Outdoor Championships. He won the high jump and was second in the long jump. Kindred was earlier named the 2008 Southeast Regional Men's Field Athlete of the Year after a stellar outdoor season. He won the CIAA Men's Field MVP award after capturing the long jump and high jump and placing third in the triple jump at the 2008 CIAA Championships. Kindred also won the long jump and high jump at the prestigious Penn Relays.

This is the second straight year a student-athlete from Saint Augustine has won a USTFCCCA national honor. In 2007, **Kwonya Ferguson** was named the Division II National Women's Field Athlete of the Year.



KINDRED

B-CU, TSU HEAD TO BB REGIONAL:

MEAC champion **Bethune-Cookman** (36-20) has drawn top-seed Miami (47-8), while SWAC titleist **Texas Southern** (16-32) gets to face LSU (43-16-1) in the first round of the NCAA Baseball championship tournament.

B-CU will be making its third consecutive trip to the NCAA Baseball Regional, as well as its third trip to a Regional hosted by the Miami Hurricanes. B-CU traveled to Coral Gables in 2003 and 1999 as well. Mississippi and Missouri are the other teams in the regional. B-CU begins the tourney facing Miami at 4 p.m. Friday, May 30.

Texas Southern and LSU are in the Baton Rouge Regional along with New Orleans and Southern Mississippi. TSU faces LSU Friday at 1 p.m.

NCAA DIV. II TRACK RESULTS:

Saint Augustine's mounted a furious rally but Abilene Christian held on to win the men's national title Saturday evening (May 24) at the 2008 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Hilmer Lodge Stadium in Walnut, Ca.

Despite winning four of 21 events and scoring points in four others, the Falcon men were edged by 6.5 points. ACU led Saint Aug 88.5-56 with seven events remaining but the Falcons' **Dennis Boone** swept the 100 and 200 meters and the Falcons' 4x400m relay team of **Josh Scott**, **Chris Cox**, **Antonio Abney** and **Randy Curry** captured first place in the final event. Saint Aug's **Joe Kindred** won the high jump title on Friday.

ACU outlasted St. Aug's 108.5-102 to claim its sixth championship in seven years and 17th overall. The Falcons, who last won a men's title in 2001, took second for the third straight year. The margin was the closest since 2006 when ACU nipped St. Aug's 80-77.5. The Wildcats winning margin was boosted by a 1-2 finish in the decathlon by Camille Vandendreisse and Chris Pounds. ACU won three events including head-to-head wins over St. Aug's in the 400m and 110h.

Lincoln (Mo.) finished fifth overall (46 pts.). Albany State came in eighth (22 pts.) with Morehouse (21st - 10 pts.), Virginia State (28th - 7.5 pts.) and Fort Valley State (39th - 5 pts.).

HBCUs claimed seven men's and four women's individual titles. In addition to Boone's double in the 100 and 200 meters, Kindred's victory in the high jump and St. Aug's 4 x 400 meter relay title. Morehouse's **Damian Prince** won the 400 meter hurdles. Lincoln's **Wilbert Walker** won the triple jump and the Blue Tiger quartet of **Franklyn Mitchell**, **Kawayne Fisher**, **Dwayne Bryden** and **Kirnour Bruce** win the 4 x 100 meter relay.

St. Augustine's **Barbara Pierre** successfully defended her title in the 100 meters. Lincoln's **Nandelle Cameron** won the 200 meters and her teammate **Notoya Thompson** won the high jump. The Lady Tiger quartet of **Monique Robinson**, **Patricia Tinglin**, **Meisha Thompson** and **Carla Thomas** won the 4 x 400 meter relay.

Abilene Christian's women won the overall title for the 10th time marking the seventh time that the teams have won both titles in the same year. Lincoln finished third overall with 54 points followed by St. Augustine's (61.37 pts.), Albany State (18th - 17 pts.), Fort Valley State (22nd - 12 pts.) and Bowie State (37th - 5 pts.).

BCSP Notes

Virginia State men, Bowie State women take top CIAA All-Sports awards

Virginia State won the *C.H. Williams Trophy* for excellence in men's sports programs while **Bowie State** picked up the *Loretta Taylor Trophy* as the top women's program as the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)** held its Spring meetings last week and announced its top coaches and administrators.

Two VSU administrators were honored. **Peggy Davis** was named Athletic Director of the Year and **Tomorrow Lofton** was selected as Senior Woman Administrator of the Year. **St. Augustine's** Sports Information Director **Anthony Jeffries** was named SID of the Year. The *Jeanette A. Lee Athletic Administration Award* was presented to **Johnson C. Smith** Athletic Director **Steve Joyner**.

COACHES OF THE YEAR

- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - Leslie Young, VSU
- VOLLEYBALL - Elorine Hill, FSU
- FOOTBALL - Arrington Jones, VUU
- BOWLING - Bobby Henderson, FSU
- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRACK - George Williams, SAC
- MEN'S TENNIS - Sunday Enitan, Shaw
- WOMEN'S TENNIS - Dr. Linda Person, VSU
- MEN'S BASKETBALL - Shawn Walker
- ECSU; WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - Doug Robertson, BSU
- GOLF - Jeff Hamilton, VSU
- SOFTBALL - Torrie Lashley, VSU
- BASEBALL - Merrill Morgan, VSU

Norfolk State men and Hampton women named top all-sports programs in MEAC

Norfolk State and Hampton have won MEAC All-Sports Awards for 2007-08. Both schools were recognized during the All-Sports Awards Dinner last week at the Sheraton Oceanfront in Virginia Beach.

This is Hampton's seventh consecutive *Mary McLeod Bethune Women's All Sports Award* and, including three men's awards, the school's ninth all-sports trophy since joining the MEAC in 1996. Norfolk State's *Talmadge Hill Men's Award* was its third overall.

The Lady Pirates won the regular-season title in women's tennis, as well as claiming the top seed in the Northern Division in the softball tournament. Hampton won its sixth consecutive outdoor track & field title, and also shared the indoor track title with **Maryland-Eastern Shore**, which finished second in the McLeod standings with 77 points.

Hampton finished third in the running for the men's award, compiling 47.5 points. Points are awarded in descending order, beginning with 12 points for championships or first-place finishes. Second place earns 10 points. Teams who tie split the top points.

The *Mary McLeod Bethune Award*, named after the founder of **Bethune-Cookman**, awards the top women's athletic program during the course of an academic year. **Delaware State** won the first women's award in 1987. **Florida A&M** leads the MEAC with nine titles.

The men's award is named in honor of **Talmadge Layman Hill**, a former player and coach at **Morgan State** who was also the MEAC's first president. Howard won the first men's award in 1972, while **South Carolina State** leads the conference with 11 such awards.

Where's former JSU golfer Tim O'Neal?

Former **Jackson State** (1993-97) and now professional golfer **Tim O'Neal** has been conspicuously absent from the *PGA's Nationwide Tour* this year and **Mark Gray** of *SportsGroove TV* explains why in a video interview with the linkster on *Gray's myspace tv page* which is also available this week at *Onnidan's Black College Sports Online* (onnidan.com or hbcusports.com) Here's a report from *Mark's* interview.

After playing with full-exempt status on the Nationwide Tour for the past three years, former **Jackson State** and now professional golfer **Tim O'Neal** has only 'conditional' status this year. That means he can only get into Nationwide events on sponsor's exemptions or by Monday qualifying.

That's translated so far into the former SWAC standout getting in to only three Nationwide events, including last week's *Mellwood Prince George's County (Md.) Open* where his scores of 74 and 72 in the first two rounds left him two strokes shy of making the cut. Sportscaster **Mark Gray** caught up with him at the tournament played just outside Washington, D.C.

O'Neal made the cut in just one Nationwide tournament, the May 8-11 *Fort Smith (Ark.) Classic*. In that event, after opening with solid rounds of 70 and 68 that left him just five shots off the lead, O'Neal shot third and fourth round scores of 74 and 75 to finish tied for 60th, or last, earning what is his largest paycheck of the season (\$1,646).

The struggles and up-and-down play are a continuation of what O'Neal says in the interview with Gray have hampered his rise to the PGA Tour.

"Last year I was very inconsistent," said the

34-year old Savannah, Ga. native who helped lead **Eddie Payton's** JSU golf team to national prominence and to its first NCAA Div. I berth during his college career.

"The only thing consistent was my inconsistency," he says of 2007 results which saw him finish 100th on the Nationwide Tour's Money List with \$55,448 and fail to have a top 10 finish for the first time in his Nationwide career. That followed two years on the Nationwide where he topped the \$100,000 mark and was on the cusp of getting into the top 25 money spots that earn promotions to the PGA Tour where he would have joined Tiger Woods as the only African-American playing at the highest level.

In 25 starts on the Tour in 2005, O'Neal finished 44th on the Money List with \$120,722. He did even better in '06, earning \$150,205 in 26 starts to finish 36th. As a rookie on the Nationwide Tour in 2001, he made the cut in 17 of 21 events and earned \$75,109.

His precipitous drop last year has led to "minor" swing changes that he hopes will get him over the hump. "I made those changes because I know that I have to get more consistent with my rounds," he said. "It's still a work in progress but it's definitely coming along."

O'Neal is working out those changes while also competing on the developmental *Tarheel Tour*, a 21-event tour based in Charlotte, N.C. that stages tournaments in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. He has competed in three Tarheel events making the cut in just one, the April 9-11 *Manor Open* in Farmville, Va. where his scores of 69-74-71 earned a tie for 21st and a \$1,475 payday.

O'Neal knows his swing changes will take time and his climb back up the professional golf



WireImage photo

BATTLING BACK: Former Jackson State golfer Tim O'Neal, seen here after the 2006 Rex Hospital Open in Raleigh, NC, is making swing changes while working his way back to the upper echelons of PGA golf.

ladder will begin when he starts to play better. "It was rough, not knowing where I was hitting it, but I knew I have to do that to get to the next level," he said of the changes. "I'm still working on it. It is getting better. As long as I keep doing what I'm doing, I think I'll be fine at the end of the year."

"It's been tough," O'Neal says of his current playing status. "I haven't gotten hardly any sponsor invites but if I play well I can take care of that myself."

- To see *Mark Gray's* interview with **Tim O'Neal** click on his *myspace tv* link at *onnidan.com*.
 - For *Tim O'Neal's* Profile and 2008 Tournament Results go to: <http://golfinvestors.com/players/profile.php?id=869>

HBCU NCAA Div. II Track and Field All-Americans

MEN'S 100M DASH
 Dennis Boone - St. Augustine's
 Kawayne Fisher - Lincoln
 Rodney Coley - Albany State
 Kimour Bruce - Lincoln
 Jeffery Mosley - Fort Valley State

MEN'S 200M DASH
 Dennis Boone - St. Augustine's
 Rodney Coley - Albany State
 Kawayne Fisher - Lincoln
 Garrion Martin - Albany State
 Gerald Bascoe - Lincoln

MEN'S 400M DASH
 Josh Scott - St. Augustine's
 Randy Curry - St. Augustine's
 Antonio Abney - St. Augustine's
 Chris Cox - St. Augustine's
 Huntly Thomas - Lincoln

MEN'S 100M HURDLES
 Jermaine Baker - St. Augustine's
 Dior Lawry - St. Augustine's

MEN'S 400M HURDLES
 Damian Prince - Morehouse
 Jermaine Baker - St. Augustine's

MEN'S 4X100M RELAY
 Lincoln - Franklyn Mitchell, Kawayne Fisher, Dwayne Bryden, Kimour Bruce
 Albany State - Rodney Coley, Garrion Martin, Oladipo Adeshina, Ronnie McGirt
 St. Augustine's - Dennis Boone, Ramon Gittens, Sharif Nash, Josh Scott

MEN'S 4X400M RELAY
 St. Augustine's - Josh Scott, Chris Cox, Antonio Abney, Randy Curry
 Fort Valley State - Cameron Miller, Marquis Andrews, Quariez Strickland, Keon Montgomery
 Lincoln - Ricardo Foster, Huntly Thomas, Michael Trusty, Raymond Richards

MEN'S HIGH JUMP
 Joe Kindred - St. Augustine's
 Clarence Taylor - Virginia State

MEN'S LONG JUMP
 Joe Kindred - St. Augustine's
 Leon Hunt - Virginia State
 Wilbert Walker - Lincoln
 Brandon Quarles - St. Augustine's

MEN'S TRIPLE JUMP
 Wilbert Walker - Lincoln

Joe Kindred - St. Augustine's
 Jamal Cumberbatch - St. Augustine's
 Orlando Duffus - St. Augustine's

WOMEN'S 100M DASH
 Barbara Pierre - St. Augustine's
 Nandelle Cameron - Lincoln
 Treva Hutchinson - St. Augustine's
 Estalla Moore - Albany State
 Jody-ann Powell - Lincoln

WOMEN'S 200M DASH
 Nandelle Cameron - Lincoln
 Barbara Pierre - St. Augustine's
 Monique Robinson - Lincoln
 Treva Hutchinson - St. Augustine's
 Estalla Moore - Albany State

WOMEN'S 400M DASH
 Roxie Griffin - Albany State
 Erica Young - St. Augustine's
 Monique Robinson - Lincoln
 Meisha Thompson - Lincoln

WOMEN'S 100M HURDLES
 Carla Thomas - Lincoln

WOMEN'S 400M HURDLES
 Carla Thomas - Lincoln

WOMEN'S 4X100M RELAY
 St. Augustine's - Barbara Pierre, Erica Young, Sheena Johns, Treva Hutchinson
 Albany State - Candice Camp, Roxie Griffin, Estalla Moore, Cherrisa Brockington

WOMEN'S 4X400M RELAY
 Lincoln - Monique Robinson, Patricia Tinglin, Meisha Thompson, Carla Thomas
 St. Augustine's - Kyra Mobley, Aisha George, Sheena Johns, Erica Young
 Albany State - Estalla Moore, Cherrisa Brockington, Tamika Kinchen, Roxie Griffin

WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP
 Notoya Thompson - Lincoln

WOMEN'S LONG JUMP
 Antoinette Oglesby - Fort Valley State

WOMEN'S TRIPLE JUMP
 Antoinette Oglesby - Fort Valley State
 DeMara Parrish - Bowie State
 Candice Camp - Albany State

WOMEN'S HEPTATHLON
 Okine Codlyn - Lincoln