

SPORTS

North Carolina Central University track and field head coach Michael Lawson has announced the signing of jumping specialist Jaelyn Rice from Smyrna, Ga.

Rice currently attends Wheeler High School in Smyrna, Ga. She is Wheeler High School's high jump record holder and a three-time all-state track and field athlete. She is also a three-time region champion, twice for high jump and once for long jump. "I knew I wanted to run track at an HBCU when I was eight years old," said Rice. "I have been running track so long, that it has been my primary hobby."

A team captain in each of her last two seasons, Rice is expected to enroll at NCCU for the fall semester. She plans on majoring in exercise sports science to become a physical therapist.



Fast Start Not Enough For NCCU Baseball In Season-Opening Loss To Canisius

North Carolina Central University got off to a fast start in its season-opening baseball game against Canisius College on Monday night at the Durham Athletic Park.

The Eagles jumped out to a 5-1 lead over the team that upset nationally-ranked N.C. State a day earlier, but the visiting Golden Griffins scored 14 unanswered runs during the next four innings to cruise to a 15-7 win over NCCU.

After an uneventful first inning by NCCU starting pitcher Terry McNabb, the Eagles got back-to-back, one out singles by Carlos Ortiz and Tyson Simpson to set up designated hitter Carter Williamson for a three-run home run that left the ballpark in a hurry over the right field fence.

With McNabb's day coming to an end after three scoreless and hitless frames on the mound, Canisius pushed home a run in the fourth inning without getting a hit, thanks to two base-on-balls.

Ortiz got that run back plus another in the bottom of the fourth, when the rookie outfielder belted a two-run home run to right-centerfield, providing NCCU with a 5-1 advantage.

Canisius then blew the game open by scoring two runs in the fifth inning, four runs in the sixth, three more in the seventh, and finally five runs in the eighth. And while the Griffins ended up with 10 hits on the night, the Eagles helped the visitors by committing three fielding errors, walking seven batters and hitting six batters with pitches. Only seven of Canisius' 15 runs were earned.

NCCU's offense was sparked by Simpson, who went 3-for-4 with a double and a run scored, and Ortiz, who hit 3-for-5 with a two-run blast and three runs scored. Williamson collected two hits, including the three-run homer, and scored twice. The only other Eagle to get a hit was catcher James Dey.

Canisius was topped by senior outfielder Ryan Coppinger who posted an RBI triple and a two-run home run, along with three runs scored.

Senior lefty Mike Tolsma earned the win for Canisius, while sophomore hurler Andrew Vernon took the loss for the Eagles.

NCCU returns to action on Friday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. to open a four-game weekend series with Niagara University at the Durham Athletic Park. Admission is free.

TURNOVERS COSTLY AS NCCU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO SSU

By Andrea Wheeler, Assistant Sports Information Director

SAVANNAH, Ga. - The North Carolina Central University women's basketball team suffered a 60-53 road loss as the Lady Eagles (9-16, 4-8 MEAC) gave up 33 turnovers resulting in 28 Savannah State Lady Tiger (15-11, 8-4) points on Monday, Feb. 17 in Savannah, Ga.

Redshirt senior Jessica Freeman (Charlotte) led all-scorers finishing the game with 20 points on 8-for-22 shooting from the field, 2-for-10 from behind the arc and 2-for-2 from the charity stripe while also collecting three rebounds and three assists.

The contest remained scoreless until the 17:38 when SSU's Kenyata Hendrix broke the scoring drought putting her Lady Tigers on top 2-0.

SSU scored five unanswered points before Freeman put NCCU on the board for the first time with 15:39 left on the first half clock.

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead by as many as 10 points with nearly ten minutes left in the first frame before the Lady Eagles rallied on a 14-4 run, tying the contest for the first time at 21 after Freeman connected with rookie Morgan Jones (Stockbridge, Ga.) from three-point range at the four minute mark.

With 56 seconds left in first half action Freeman's jumper in the paint gave NCCU its first lead of the game before SSU closed out the half on a 4-0 run, taking the two-point, 27-25 lead into the half.

Freeman opened up the second frame nailing a shot from behind the arc giving the Lady Eagles their only lead of the half.

After switching baskets for the first ten minutes of the half, a shot from the free throw line from sophomore Tisha Dixon (Kinston) knotted the contest at 39.

The Lady Tigers responded with a 16-3 run giving them a 13-point lead, the largest of the game, with 2:31 left in the contest.

With four seconds left, Dixon knocked down a pair of free throws to cut the shortage to seven as SSU captured the 60-53 victory over the Lady Eagles.

Three Lady Tigers finished in double-figures. Exinna Kalu and Jasmine Kirkland finished with 15 points apiece while Hendrix added 12.

As a team, NCCU shot 20-for-57 from the field (35.1%), 3-for-14 from the three (21.4%) and 10-for-16 from the foul line (62.5%) while out rebounding SSU 47-31, dishing seven helpers, blocking three Lady Tigers shots and earning eight steals.

The Lady Eagles return to action on Saturday, Feb. 22 as they travel to Greensboro, facing the rival N.C. A&T Aggies in a rematch battle at 4 p.m.

NCCU MEN'S TENNIS RALLIES FOR HISTORIC WIN OVER LONGWOOD

Eagles Defeat Lancers for First Time in Series

FARMVILLE, Va. - The North Carolina Central University men's tennis team made history on Sunday (Fe. 16), edging Longwood University, 4-3, for the Eagles' first win in the series with the Lancers.

After NCCU opened the match with an 8-4 win by junior Daniel Gerasimov and senior Stephen Charles-Donatien in the No. 1 doubles match, Longwood earned victories in the other two doubles matches to capture the doubles point.

The Eagles quickly evened the match with a decisive 6-1, 6-1 victory by Charles-Donatien at No. 2 singles.

NCCU junior Tamina Kienka dropped a three-set contest (6-3, 3-6, 6-2) at No. 3 singles as Longwood regained the advantage 2-1 in the match.

The Eagles answered the challenge again. This time NCCU freshman William East rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the third set to win his No. 4 singles match 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, evening the match score at 2-2.

NCCU sophomore Thomas Persico battled in a hard-fought

opening set at No. 6 singles to capture a straight set 7-5, 6-2 win, giving the Eagles a 3-2 match lead.

NCCU has a week to enjoy its notable victory before returning to the courts to face Norfolk State University on Feb. 23 in Norfolk, Va.

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Sealed proposals will be received by Durham Public Schools, Construction and Capital Planning Office, 2011 Hamlin Road, Durham, NC 27704 until 4:00 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, the 12th of March 2014 for the Bus Driveway Rehabilitation at Southwest Elementary School, 2320 Cook Road, Durham, NC 27713.

Solicitations of proposals for this project will be informal. A Pre-Bid site visit is scheduled for **Wednesday February 26, 2014 - at 4:00pm at Southwest Elementary School.**

Project Description: The project includes the removal of existing asphalt surface and reformation of existing sub-base CABC to a uniform depth of 10 inches and new 4.75 inch asphalt surface. Bid Alternate #1 allows for Full-Depth Reclamation (FDR) of the sub-base to a depth of 10 inches and a new 3 inch Asphalt surface. The bus driveway project includes the rehabilitation of a 670 foot section driveway extending from the intersection with Cook Road to the Parking Lot "throat".

After the award of the contract, a Pre-Construction Conference will be held at a place and time established by the Engineer.

Minority Participation: Bidders shall note that compliance with the Owners M/WBE Participation Policy and the North Carolina Statue 143-128.2 (c) is applicable to this project.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bid Security required is 5% of the bid in cash, certified Check, or Bid Bond.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required by the Durham Public Schools for 100% of the work prior to the Durham Public Schools entering into a construction contract.

Bids will be opened in public and read in the presence of those interested, but the right is reserved to waive informalities. After Bids are opened, they will be evaluated in accordance with the methods and criteria set forth in the Bidding Documents.

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Glenn Elementary - Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation
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Sealed proposals will be received by Durham Public Schools, Construction and Capital Planning Office, 2011 Hamlin Road, Durham, NC 27704 until 3:00 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, the 12th of March 2014 for the Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation at Glenn Elementary School, 2415 East Greer Street, Durham, NC 27704.

Solicitations of proposals for this project will be informal. A Pre-Bid site visit is scheduled for **Wednesday February 26, 2014 - at 11:00 o'clock AM at Glenn Elem. School.**

Project Description: The project includes the removal of the existing pavement structure in the bus access area and reformation of existing sub-grade with 12 inches of new CABC, new 10 inch CABC sub-grade and 4.5 inch asphalt surface. The parking area is to be crack sealed and covered with an asphalt pavement rejuvenation product. Bid Alternate #1 allows for Full-Depth Reclamation (FDR) of the sub-base to a depth of 12 inches and a new 3 inch Asphalt surface in the bus access area.

After the award of the contract, a Pre-Construction Conference will be held at a place and time established by the Engineer.

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Sherwood Githens Middle - Asphalt Pavment Rejuvenation
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Solicitations of proposals for this project will be informal. A Pre-Bid site visit is scheduled for **Wednesday February 26, 2014 - at 3:00 o'clock PM at Githens Middle School.**

Project Description: The project includes the entire parking area to be crack sealed and covered with an asphalt pavement rejuvenation product.

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