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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



DelState Sports Photo

SHORT LIST: Delaware State shortstop D. J. Miller on list of top amateur baseball players in America, in line for top award.

GOLDEN SPIKES

NEW HOOPS COACHES AT DELSTATE, TENN. STATE AND WSSU; CIAA SPRING WINNERS

BCSP Notes

DelState shortstop added to Golden Spikes Award watch-list

Delaware State University senior shortstop **D. J. Miller** (Wilmington, Del.) has been added to USA Baseball's 2014 Golden Spikes Award mid-season "watch list," honoring the top amateur baseball player in the country.



Miller

Miller is among 23 new players added to the list since its initial release on February 14, joining 27 others from the preseason watch list.

USA Baseball will announce its 30-man watch list for the 2014 Golden Spikes Award on May 8. The winner will be announced on July 17.

Miller is the only **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** player on the list. He is second among all NCAA Division I players and tops in the MEAC with a .438 batting average this season.

Miller is also 14th in the nation (No. 1 MEAC) in doubles at 0.44 per game, 17th in toughest-to-strikeout (No. 2 MEAC) at once every 19.2 at bats; and 24th in slugging percentage (No. 1 MEAC) at 0.635.

The only black college winner of the Golden Spikes Award is former **Southern University** standout **Rickie Weeks** who is in his 12th year in the majors with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Three black college players perform at Portsmouth Invitational

Seniors **Patrick Miller** of **Tennessee State**, **Aaric Miller** of **Texas Southern** and **Ian Chiles** of **Morgan State** were among the 64 players who participated last week at the 62nd Portsmouth Invitational Tournament.

Chiles, a 7-2 all-MEAC center and third team BCSP "Baad" Team member, helped lead his team, Sales Systems, Ltd., to a win in Saturday night's championship game.

Chiles averaged 13 points per game, better than 8 rebounds per game, and shot 40 percent from the field in the tournament. He scored 12 points on 6-of-12 from the field in the team's opener while adding a balanced nine points, eight rebounds in 20 minutes in his second game. Chiles came off the bench in the title game where he collected 11 rebounds with five points and three blocked shots in 21 minutes.

Miller, a 6-foot guard for TSU and an all-Ohio Valley Conference and BCSP "Baad" Team first-teamer, played for the Cherry Baekert 81 team. Miller, who led black college scorers this season at 23.7 points per game,



Chiles



Miller



Murray

averaged 12 points in three games at the PIT. He had six points and 8 assists in his opener, 17 points in the second game and 13 points, 5 assists and 5 rebounds in his finale.

Murray, the 6-10 SWAC player of the year and tournament MVP who averaged 21 points and 7.5 rebounds this season, played for Roger Brown's Restaurant 77. Murray averaged six points and 4.3 rebounds in three games.

For over 60 years, the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament has invited 64 of the top college seniors from across the nation to participate in the four-day, 12-game event that draws representatives from every NBA team. Box scores, statistics, and results from this year's event are available on the tournament's website at <http://www.portsmouthinvitational.com>.

Southern baseball coach Cadore pens autobiography, "Against All Odds"

Roger Cadore, **Southern University** head baseball coach, is set to release his autobiography, "Against All Odds" this summer. The book reflects on Cadore's journey to his successes as a player, coach and person.



Cadore

A sneak peek of the book cover will be revealed at a press conference Thursday, April 24 at noon at the Embassy Suites located at 4914 Constitution Ave. Tressa Smallwood is heading the publishing effort at Life Changing Books and the book is set for release in late summer of 2014.

Cadore is in his 30th season as the head baseball coach of Southern. He took over the program in 1984 and has become one of the most respected coaches in the **Southwestern Athletic Conference** with the accomplishment of compiling an 857-509-1 record.

Under Cadore, Southern has won 14 SWAC championships, made eight NCAA appearances, three NCAA play-in appearances and was the first HBCU to win an NCAA play-in game with a 1996 win over Austin Peay.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

WALKER NAMED DELSTATE COACH:

Delaware State University announced the hiring of **Keith Walker** - who served as the interim men's head coach for the last third of the 2013-2014 season - as the permanent Hornet men's head basketball coach last week.

In announcing the head coaching appointment, DSU President **Harry L. Williams** said that Walker made a strong case for himself by the way he took over the leadership of the team and energized the players as interim coach.

"Coach Walker did everything we asked of him when he agreed to be the interim head coach in last month of the past season," Dr. Williams said. "He stabilized the team, resulting in a more competitive unit on the court and a higher winning percentage."

Walker, a DSU men's basketball assistant coach since July 2000, was appointed as interim Hornet head coach on Jan. 30, 2014. In the subsequent 11 games, Walker led the Hornets to a 5-6 overall record and 5-5 mark in the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference**. Prior to the appointment, the team was 4-15 overall and 0-6 in the conference. During Walker's interim tenure, Delaware State posted a season-high three-game win streak.

Prior to his arrival at DSU, Walker served as head coach at Division II **Shaw University** in Raleigh, N.C., from 1993 to 2000. He posted a 91-102 overall record at Shaw, including a 21-9 mark and the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament berth during the 1994-95 season.

As a three-year collegiate player at Clemson, he helped lead the Tigers to a 23-9 overall record and an Elite Eight appearance in the 1980 NCAA Tournament.

FORD IN AT TENNESSEE STATE:

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - **Tennessee State** tabbed **Dana Ford** as its 17th men's basketball coach at a press conference Monday afternoon.

The announcement signals a homecoming of sorts for Ford who was an assistant under former TSU coach **John Cooper** from 2009-2011.

After his success with the Tigers, Ford became an assistant at Wichita State in 2011-12, helping head coach Gregg Marshall guide an NCAA Tournament team to a final Associated Press ranking of No. 18. The Shockers were 27-6 overall and claimed the 2012 Missouri Valley Conference regular-season championship.

Ford then joined the Illinois State coaching staff for the 2012-2014 seasons, where he assisted in the Redbirds' 36-31 mark that included an appearance in the College Basketball Invitational (CBI) semifinals. He was ISU's recruiting coordinator and managed players' academic progress along with his coaching duties.

Before TSU, he served as an assistant coach at Chi-pola Junior College (Fla.).

WILHELMI GETS WSSU POST:

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - Interim Director of Athletics, **Tonia Walker**, has appointed **James Wilhelmi** as the Interim Head Coach of the **Winston-Salem State** men's Basketball Program following **Bobby Collins'** move to the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore**.

Wilhelmi joined the Rams coaching staff in the summer of 2011 as associate head men's basketball coach under Collins.

Prior to WSSU, Wilhelmi had been an assistant coach at the University of North Alabama and spent five seasons at **Howard University** in Washington, D.C. His other coaching stops include the University of Evansville, **Texas Southern**, the **University of Maryland-Eastern Shore**, **Hampton**, **Northeastern Illinois**, and the **University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point**.



Wilhelmi

Spring Sports Round-Up

CIAA 2014 Spring Sports Festival winners crowned

The 2014 CIAA Spring Sports Festival, held April 16-19 in Petersburg, Va., concluded with championship winners in baseball, softball, golf, men's and women's tennis and men's and women's track & field.

BASEBALL

The Rams of **Winston-Salem State** defeated **Virginia State** 9-5 Saturday in the championship game to take home their fourth straight baseball title.

With the win, WSSU improves to 33-14 and will await seeding for the 2014 NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional Tournament.

WSSU outfielder **Ray Crawford** added Tournament MVP and All-Tournament Team honors to his conference player of the year award.

TENNIS

Shaw won its ninth men's tennis title in ten years with a 5-1 defeat of **Chowan** Saturday.

With the win, the Bears improve to 14-5 overall and qualify for the NCAA regional tennis tournament.

The **Chowan** Hawks claimed their first CIAA women's tennis championship in school history when they took a dominating 5-0 win over the host **Virginia State** Lady Trojans.

Holly Stambough earned CIAA Most Valuable Player honors after finishing all of her matches undefeated.

SOFTBALL

The **Winston-Salem State** Lady Rams (28-11) captured the softball title in thrilling fashion on Saturday with a 5-4 victory over the **Saint Augustine's** (18-21).

WSSU junior second baseman/pitcher **Monet Daly** pitched the Lady Rams to victory and also scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. For her efforts, she was honored as the CIAA Tournament Most Valuable Player.

It was the Lady Rams' seventh CIAA softball title and they will make an NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional appearance May 9th-11th.

GOLF

Virginia State shot 601 (+25) to run away with the 2014 CIAA Golf Championships over **Chowan** (640, +64) and **Fayetteville State** (650, +74). It was the Trojans second consecutive title.

VSU had five golfers finish in the top 10, including the Medalist honors from **Matt Genchi**, who shot a two day total of 145 (+1).

TRACK & FIELD

Saint Augustine's ran away with its 17th straight men's title and **Johnson C. Smith** won its second consecutive women's crown on the final event of the 2014 CIAA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

St. Aug scored 193 points to win easily while **Virginia State** placed second with 104 points. **Virginia Union** was third with 94 points.

JCSU pulled out a victory in the women's 4x400 meter relay to edge St. Aug 132-131. St. Aug was leading by one point heading into the final event. **Virginia State** finished third with 112 points.

The men's most valuable performer awards went to **Te'Shad Chambers** of **Virginia State** (Track) and **Berfranz Charles** of **Virginia Union** (Field). Chambers won the 100 and 200 meter dashes and was a member of the 4x400 meter relay team which finished second and the 4x100 squad which placed third. Charles captured the long jump, finished third in the triple jump and placed sixth in the pole vault. He won the long jump on Friday.

The women's MVP honors went to **Danielle Williams** of **Johnson C. Smith** (Track) and **Tajana McNeil** of **Winston-Salem State** (Field). Williams, one of the nation's top Division II sprinters, won the 100 meter hurdles, the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash. She also was part of the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams. McNeil was second in the triple jump, third in

the high jump, sixth in the long jump and eighth in the javelin throw.

SIAC Spring Sports underway in Alabama, S.C. and Georgia

GOLF

The **Maroon Tigers** of **Morehouse** with a combined team score of 322 led after the first day of the SIAC Golf Championship at **Woodward Golf & Country Club** in Bessemer, Alabama. The **Golden Bears** of **Miles College**, competing as a first-year program, are currently second with a combined team score of 330.

Dominique Worthen of **LeMoyné-Owen**, who was named the 2014 SIAC Golfer of the Year, tied with **Joseph White** of **Kentucky State** atop the individual leader board, as both golfers shot 74. Worthen and White were each selected to the 2014 SIAC All-Conference First Team.

The second round was scheduled for Tuesday, April 22.

SOFTBALL

The **Lady Panthers** of **Claffin** (41-6, 21-3 SIAC) are the top seed from the East and the **Tigerettes** of **Tuskegee** (25-12, 18-4) are the top seed from the West for the three-day Softball Championships at the **Gerald Matthews Sports Complex** in Hampton, Ga from April 24-26.

BASEBALL

The **Golden Rams** of **Albany State** (28-15, 20-0 SIAC) enter the April 23-26 SIAC Baseball Tournament as the top seed in the Eastern Division, while **Stillman** (25-16, 18-1) is the top seed in the Western Division. The four-day championships will be hosted at historic **Eagle Stadium** in Ozark, Alabama.

TRACK & FIELD

The SIAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships will be held from April 24-26 at the **Irwin Belk Track & Field Complex** on the campus of **Winthrop University** in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

MEAC & SWAC BASEBALL & SOFTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors thru 4/21/14)

MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

BASEBALL	CONF	ALL
NORTHERN	W	L
Delaware State	10	6
Norfolk State	11	7
Coppin State	7	11
Maryland-E. Shore	6	10
SOUTHERN	W	L
Florida A&M	10	7
Bethune-Cookman	12	9
NC Central	10	9
NC A&T	8	10
Savannah State	6	11

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Bryon Campbell, Sr., RF, UMES - Hit .591 (13-for-22) with 2 HRs, 3 doubles, 13 RBI and 4 runs.
PITCHER
Stephen Butt, Jr., NSU - Struck out 10, gave up 3 runs on 5 hits in win over Coppin State.
ROOKIE
Skylar Murray, Fr., 1B, UMES - Hit .472 (8-for-17) with 1 double, 2 RBI in wins over DelState and Lehigh.

MEAC

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

SOFTBALL	CONF	ALL
NORTHERN	W	L
Norfolk State	12	2
Delaware State	7	2
Hampton	9	3
Coppin State	5	5
Maryland-E. Shore	4	7
Howard	3	11
Morgan State	0	10
SOUTHERN	W	L
Bethune-Cookman	8	1
Savannah State	5	4
NC A&T	7	7
Florida A&M	3	5
S. C. State	3	6
NC Central	3	8

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Margaret Wilkins, Jr., SS, HAM - Hit .467 in sweep of UMES. Had 7 hits, 2 doubles, 1 HR, 7 runs, 4 RBI.
PITCHER
Jailynn Jackson, Jr., HAM - 1.67 ERA in 21 innings, 15 Ks vs. UMES.
ROOKIE
Kayla DeSchepper, Fr., OF, HAM - Hit .538 vs. GWU and UMES with 7 hits, 5 RBI.

SWAC

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

BASEBALL	DIV	ALL
EASTERN	W	L
Alabama State	18	2
Alabama A&M	9	7
Jackson State	7	11
Alcorn State	6	11
Miss. Valley State	3	12
WESTERN	W	L
Ark. Pine Bluff	14	6
Texas Southern	11	5
Prairie View	8	9
Grambling State	9	12
Southern	3	13

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER
Austin Hulsey, So., 1B, ALAB. STATE - In 4-1 week, hit .409 (9-for-22) with 3 runs, 2 doubles, 2 HR and 12 RBI.
PITCHER
Frank Cruz IV, Jr., P, TSU - Credited with three wins, two in relief, in 4-2 week. Was 3-0 with 12 Ks in 13.2 innings without giving up a run. Gave up 13 hits and threw a complete game shutout.

SWAC

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

SOFTBALL	DIV	ALL
EASTERN	W	L
Jackson State	14	0
Alabama State	11	6
Miss. Valley State	8	6
Alcorn State	4	10
Alabama A&M	1	13
WESTERN	W	L
Texas Southern	12	2
Southern	8	6
Prairie View	6	8
Grambling State	6	11
Arkansas Pine Bluff	3	11

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER
Kendall Core, Fr., 3B, ALAB. STATE - Went 7-for-12 at the plate (.583) with 2 doubles, 2 HRs, 7 RBI, 15 total bases and 5 runs.
PITCHER
Brea Jamerson, Jr., P, JSU - Was 3-1 with 0.57 ERA in 15.2 innings giving up 7 hits and 3 runs, 1 earned.