

## MEAC SPRING SPORTS

# Rattlers clean up with five titles

Florida A&M won conference titles in men's and women's outdoor track, men's and women's tennis and baseball to complete their domination of the MEAC Spring Championships held last month at Tallahassee, Fla.

Here's a recap of the action for each sport.

## BASEBALL

The Rattlers delivered the knockout punch in the championship game, dropping Delaware State 11-0 in the process.

In the title game, A&M's starting pitcher Malcolm Hamilton went five innings, allowing only two hits and two walks, while striking out four batters. David Freeman recorded the save.

Rattlers second baseman Adrian West turned three double plays, scored two runs and hit a triple in the championship tilt. He was involved in nine double plays during the four game stretch and was voted tournament MVP. Joseph Durant won the outstanding coach award.

FAMU swept the double elimination tournament with four wins and no losses. Coach Durant's team finished the year at 29-17. The Rattlers won two close games against South Carolina State and Delaware State by identical scores of 3-2. They earned a berth in the finals by topping North Carolina A&T, 10-6.

The title victory was A&M's second straight and the fourth in five years. The Hornets (25-12 for the season) made their third appearance in the finals over the last four years. They won the title in '89, but have lost to the Rattlers twice in the finals.

Del State got off to a roaring start when they stomped Coppin State, 23-3. But in the next round, they were bounced to the loser's bracket with a one-run loss to A&M. The Hornets battled their way back to the final round with wins over Coppin (12-7) and North Carolina A&T (14-7).

## MEN'S TRACK

The Rattlers outpointed defending champion South Carolina State 131-92 to capture the team title. A&M's David Stargel was named the meet's outstanding performer after winning the long jump (24-9), triple jump (49-10 3/4) and running the lead leg on the Rattler's victorious 4 x 400 relay team who won with a time of 3:11.3.

Bobby Lang, FAMU coach, claimed his fifth MEAC's men's outdoor championship and his third women's title. He was named the meet's outstanding coach for men and women.

Conference champions in the men's division are as follows:

110-meter hurdles - Jerome Pemberton (FAMU) 14.37; 100 meters - Ainsley Blackman (South Carolina State) 10.63; 200 meters - Adrian Glover (North Carolina A&T) 21.40; 400 meters - Antoine Hancock (South Carolina State) 48.0; 400 meter intermediate hurdles - David Lucas (FAMU) 51.93; 800 meters - Simon Bowen (Morgan



State) 1:51.61; 1,500 meters - Samuel Willoughby (Coppin State) 4:01.2; 5,000 meters - Courtney Bennett (Coppin State) 15:53.52; 4 x 100 relay - South Carolina State (Raphael Caldwell, Corey Jenkins, Antoine Hancock, Ainsley Blackman) 41.1; 4 x 400 relay - Florida A&M (David Stargel, David Lucas, Kevin Lang, Bill Banks) 3:11.33; Shot put - Rodney Edwards (North Carolina A&T) 51-5; Pole Vault - Brent Johnson (FAMU) 13-0; Long jump - David Stargel (FAMU) 24-9; High jump - Abraham Faust (South Carolina State) 7-0; Discus - Stephen Sargeant (Delaware State) 145-2 1/2; Triple jump - David Stargel (FAMU) 49-10 3/4; Javelin - Corey Moseley (FAMU) 194-10.

## WOMEN'S TRACK

Florida A&M rolled up 151 points to unseat defending champion Morgan State and win the title going away. Second-place Maryland-Eastern Shore was far off the the Lady Rattlers' pace with 110 points.

Individually, FAMU's Kanyon Singletary won the 100 (11.94) and 200 (23.9) sprints en route to being named the meet's outstanding female performer. Singletary also tallied points by placing third in the javelin, fourth in the shot put and fifth in the discus, giving her 32 individual points.

The only new MEAC outdoor record was set in the women's division thanks to Maryland-Eastern Shore's Michelle Nurse. Nurse clocked a 1:00.66 in the 400-intermediate hurdles, breaking the previous mark of 1:01.17 set by Howard's Lorraine Brown in '82.

Conference champions in the women's division are as follows:

100 meters - Kanyon Singletary (FAMU) 11.94; 200 meters - Kanyon Singletary (FAMU) 23.9; 400 meters - Suzy Tanefo (Howard) 54.10; 800 meters - Donya Andrews (FAMU) 2:11.71; 100 meter hurdles - Michelle Nurse (Maryland-Eastern Shore) 14.15; 400 meter intermediate hurdles - Michelle Nurse (Maryland-Eastern Shore) 1:00.66; 4 x 100 relay - Maryland-Eastern Shore (Dawnette Douglas, Christable Philogene, Jessica Hudson, Michelle Nurse) 46.5; 4 x 400 relay - Maryland-Eastern Shore (Marie Graham, Michelle Nurse, Jessica Hudson, Dawnette Douglas) 3:44.35; 1,500 meter run - Donya Andrews (FAMU) 4:49.5; 3,000 meter run - Donya Andrews (FAMU) 11:11.47; High jump - LaQuitta Thrower (South Carolina State) 5-6; Shot put - Tiffany Daughtry (FAMU) 43-6; Long jump - Jerri Sutton (FAMU) 18-1 3/4; Discus - Tiffany Daughtry (FAMU) 157-11 1/2; Triple jump - Wanda Evans (Morgan State) 37-11 3/4; Javelin - Tiffany Daughtry (FAMU) 120-2 1/2.

## MEN'S TENNIS

The Rattlers proved they were indeed kings of the court when they won four of six singles matches in the finals and two of the three doubles matches to garner 31 team points to win the championship.

Howard, who had won four straight MEAC tennis titles, finished second with 23 points. Morgan State's Jermaine Thomas walked off with the most outstanding performer award and Florida A&M's Robert

Mungen was voted the outstanding coach for the tournament.

Here are the results from men's tournament.

## Singles

No. 1 - Mason Harris (Howard) defeated Chris Burls (FAMU), 6-1, 7-5;

No. 2 - Sadeo George (FAMU) defeated Hollis Robinson (South Carolina State), 7-6 (7-3), 0-6, 7-6 (7-5);

No. 3 - Jermaine Thomas (Morgan State) defeated Devon Berry (Howard), 6-4, 6-2;

No. 4 - Rico Haynes (FAMU) defeated Cedric Crear (Howard), 7-6 (7-2), 5-7, 7-5;

No. 5 - Brent Daniel (FAMU) defeated Oral Pottinger (Howard), 6-2, 7-5;

No. 6 - William Watts (FAMU) defeated Byron Green (Morgan State), 6-1, 6-2.

## Doubles

No. 1 - Burls/Haynes (FAMU) defeated Nnamdi Lowrie/Mason Harris (Howard), 8-3;

No. 2 - Rolando Thompson/Diollo Cummings (South Carolina State) defeated Dennaro McClendon/Donald Stancil (Delaware State), 8-7 (8-6);

No. 3 - Sean Cooper/William Watts (FAMU) defeated Pottinger/Gerald McNair (Howard), 8-3.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Rattlers completed their tennis sweep as the women edged Howard's Lady Bison, 19-18 in the team standings. Howard entered the tournament as the two-time conference champions.

Howard's Angie McIlwaine won the women's outstanding performer award for the second straight year and Florida A&M's Pam Reilly was named the outstanding coach of the tournament.

Here are the results from the women's tournament.

## Singles

No. 1 - Angie McIlwaine (Howard) defeated Nicole Peterson (FAMU), 3-6, 6-1, 6-2;

No. 2 - Stephanie Johnson (Howard) defeated Sherry Barnes (FAMU), 6-3, 7-5;

No. 3 - Nicole Tucker (Howard) defeated Lynn McCoy (FAMU), 6-3, 6-0;

No. 4 - Monica Darden (FAMU) defeated Tisha Greene (Howard), 6-0, 7-5;

No. 5 - Toni Murray (South Carolina State) defeated Trest Gant (Morgan State), 6-7 (7-0), 6-3, 6-4;

No. 6 - Michelle Brantley (Morgan State) defeated Alliniece Taylor (FAMU), 6-0, 6-0.

## Doubles

No. 1 - McIlwaine/Johnson (Howard) defeated Barnes/Peterson (FAMU), 6-0, 6-4;

No. 2 - Tammy Johnson/Gant (Morgan State) defeated Darden/Donneva Falson (FAMU), 8-5;

No. 3 - McCoy/LaShawn Lane (FAMU) defeated Sylvie Etitane/Sucre Johnson (Howard), 8-3.

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