

MEAC pair named All-Americans

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Bethune-Cookman senior Bobbie Williams and Hampton senior Kendall Langford were each named to the 2007 College Sporting News preseason NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision All-American football teams. The list was released on Monday.

Williams, who posted 75 tackles (43 solo) in 2006, earned first team defense accolades. The free safety recorded six interceptions for 25 yards and recovered one fumble last season.

Langford, who earned second-team honors, was among 75 players honored on this year's preseason team after being named to one of the three preseason teams in 2006. During last year's campaign, he recorded 55 tackles (32 solo), and eight sacks for 57 yards.

Defending national champion Appalachian State led the way with five players named overall. 42 different schools and each of the 15 conferences received All-American picks lead by the Big Sky, Great West and Southern Conferences with 11 each.



Langford

NCCU announces Moton as new assistant

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Former player LeVelle Moton during his NCCU days.

Former North Carolina Central University guard LeVelle Moton, 33, has returned to his alma mater as assistant men's basketball coach. NCCU head coach Henry Dickerson announced Tuesday (July 17).

Moton comes to NCCU after serving as head boys basketball coach at Sanderson High School in his hometown of Raleigh, N.C. During his three-year tenure (2004-07) at Sanderson, Moton led the Spartans to an overall record of 59-25, while winning back-to-back Cap-7 tournament championships in 2006 and 2007.

"LeVelle did a very good job as head coach at Sanderson, and he brings everything you could want to the table as an assistant coach," Dickerson said. "He is good with player/coach relations. He has great relationships with the high schools in the area. And, he is well-known in the community, being an NCCU

graduate and (NCCU Athletic) Hall of Famer."

A 1996 graduate of NCCU with a bachelor's degree in recreation administration, Moton became the school's third all-time leading scorer with 1,714 points during his historic hardwood career as an Eagle from 1992-96, earning the nickname "Poetry 'n Moton."

During his junior and senior seasons, Moton was voted All-CIAA First Team, NCAA Division II South Atlantic All-Region First Team and NCAA Division II All-America Honorable Mention. He was named the 1996 CIAA Men's Basketball Player of the Year and was inducted into the NCCU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

Among NCCU's all-time career leaders, Moton ranks first in 3-point field goals made (213 of 529), third in scoring (1,714 points), fourth in free throws made (363 of 467) and fifth in assists (278). Moton played on three CIAA Southern Division Championship teams and made two

trips to the NCAA playoffs, including an NCAA Division II South Atlantic Regional Championship title in 1993.

After NCCU, Moton played four years of professional basketball in Indonesia (1996-97) and Israel (1998-99). He was head coach at West Millbrook Middle School for three seasons (2001-04) before taking over the Sanderson boys basketball program in 2004.

"It was a tough decision to leave Sanderson, but getting my first college coaching job at my alma mater was an opportunity I could not pass up," Moton said. "Coach Dickerson is a great guy, and we have already built a great chemistry between us. My vision is parallel with his vision. I am ready to work hard."

When asked what he brings to the NCCU men's basketball program, Moton responded, "energy, aggressiveness in recruiting, and a strong background in player development."

TITLE BOUND

Photo by Anthony Hill

The Winston Lake Lakers IIIU squad, coached by Mike Gonzalez Sr., captured the regular season title of the Josh Howard Basketball League earlier this week. The team will now head to Lexington, KY., to participate in the national tournament from July 22-28. Here, the team poses with Josh Howard. Players are Chad Hopkins, Keeshon Patrick, Tee Sprinkle, Malik Williams, Michael Gonzalez Jr., Tony Holland, Dejquan Lee, James Transou, Alex Craven, Larry Curry III, Bennett Winslow and Michael Harley.



Duo

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al girls that can play basketball very well. They are going to be something to watch."

Burgess is a slim, serious and smart forward or guard who can play with the best of them, while Perez is a cute, skillful, quick and savvy point guard that hits the court ready to play almost every game. Both of the girls play on the New School Squad in the Josh Howard Basketball League at Reynolds Park. They also play AAU basketball, but one can catch them playing in a number of leagues around the city.

"We just love to play," said Burgess. "We're having a lot of fun too. It's a lot of fun playing against boys."

That's nothing new for the duo either. They've been playing against boys for as long as they both can remember. Burgess began to play when she was 4. Her father taught her how to play. Perez, who was taught basketball by her uncles, started when she was 3 years old.

"My uncles taught me how to do my crossover," Perez said with a smile. "I like to watch Dwyane Wade too. They taught me a lot about basketball. I've really only played against boys."

Assistant coach Pam Benton added: "It's a joy to coach two players like them. Celeste has a lot of ability. She's a wonderful defender. She has great open court vision, and she has long arms. Her reach is amazing. Tayana is our floor general. She's also very quick. They both have a great feel for the game. They really do remind me of Porsche and Camille."

Benton might know how similar the two young basketball players are to Jones and Little. She was their first coach outside of recreational basketball. Benton coached Little and Jones when they were 10 on a team known as the Silver Aces.

"I know she was my first coach," Jones said. "... and me and Camille started together. I think she was our first coach."

Benton even said that she got flashbacks of Jones and Little when she saw Perez and Burgess play for the first time.

"That's exactly why I got them," Benton said. "Coach (Belinda) Howard actually



Burgess passes during a game on Monday.



Perez launches up a shot attempt.

put the team together, but she allowed me to help coach them. I definitely got

flashbacks when I saw them together." The New School squad,

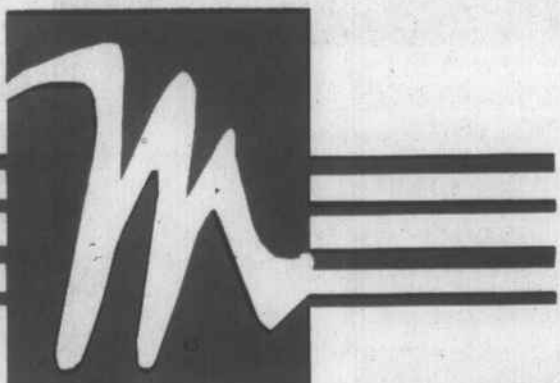
which is an all-girl squad, is presently sitting at third place in the Josh Howard Youth Basketball League. The league playoffs begin next week. The New School

squad has a number of other talented players, but it's not odd to catch fans and other parents talking about the play of Perez and Burgess on the court.

"It doesn't matter if their team is losing either," said McCorkle. "People like to watch them play. The sky is the limit for those girls. I really believe they're going to be better than Porsche and Camille. That's not saying anything bad about Porsche and Camille."

"I just think these two girls have a chance to learn more because they are coming after them," McCorkle concluded. "It's really something how much better girls are getting at a younger age. Girls are starting to play basketball and other sports at a younger age now. I'd like to see this whole team when they get older, especially little Porsche and Camille (Perez and Burgess)."

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