

# Web site launched for '10 ACC Football Championship

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The official Web site (www.accfootballcharlotte.com) for next year's Charlotte ACC Football Championship Game was launched last week, allowing fans to pre-register for tickets to the much-anticipated event.

Football Championship games will be played in Charlotte on Dec. 4, 2010 and Dec. 3, 2011 at Bank of America Stadium, home of the Carolina Panthers and the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

Ticket packages will go on sale to the public on Feb. 1, 2010, and be sold through the Web site. Individual tickets will go on sale through TicketMaster on March 15, 2010. Prices begin at \$25 and \$40 for Upper Level tickets. Lower Level tickets will be \$70 and \$90. Club Level tickets will be \$150 and \$175 and are



Event Honorary Co-Chair Hugh McColl Jr.

only available through ticket packages.

"Everyone associated with the ACC Football Championship Game Local Organizing Committee is extremely excited to announce the dates that tickets will be on sale to the

public," said Executive Director Will Webb. "The ACC Championship coming to Charlotte is a result of a lot of hard work by many people working together to secure this opportunity for the city and the community. Officially putting tickets on

sale will be another milestone in the history of Charlotte."

Charlotte civic leaders Harvey Gantt and Hugh McColl Jr. have agreed to serve as honorary chairpersons for the inaugural game.

Gantt, a renowned architect and politician, served as Mayor of Charlotte from 1983-1987. He is a co-founder and partner of Charlotte-based Gantt Huberman Architects. He served on the Charlotte City Council from 1974-1983.

McColl is the retired CEO of Bank of America. From 1982-2001, he led the bank to national prominence and growth, resulting in one of the largest banks in the nation. He launched McColl Partners, an investment banking firm, in 2001. He is a member of the North Carolina and South Carolina Business Halls of Fame.

# Golfer Devin Cherry earns medal in Atlanta



Devin Cherry with Coach Robert Bethea.

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Devin Cherry fired a round of 68 as he secured individual medalist honors en route to leading the Winston-Salem State University men's golf team to a total of 317 and a fourth place finish at the HBCU Golf Invitational at Browns Mill Golf Club in Atlanta on Sunday.

Cherry's stellar round, a four under par 68 on the 6,539-yard course earned him the Rams' first-ever individual medalist honors as he finished first overall in the field of 93 golfers from 18 historically black institutions.

Head Coach Robert Bethea's Rams not only an

impressive performance from Cherry, but received a round of 76 from Kevin Veach and saw Michael Asbury and Steven Mason shoot rounds in the 80s with rounds of 83 and 89 respectively, as WSSU posted a team total of 317.

Kenneth Lathan closed out the Rams' scoring, with a round of 91 as the WSSU golfers turned in a record-setting performance.

Benefiting from Cherry's first career individual medalist honors, the Rams finished ahead of MEAC rivals Hampton University, Florida A&M and South Carolina State and narrowly missed winning the team tournament, as they were only 15 strokes off of the lead set by Jackson State, who turned in a team-best total of 302.

The Rams will attempt to build upon their highest overall finish as they take to the course on Nov. 7-9 at Henderson Golf Club in Savannah, Ga. at the Savannah State University Tiger Invitational.

## Stokes

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her decision to step away from coaching had nothing to do with her record.

"Recently, I've gone through a lot of things personally," she said. "I lost three people who were very close to me since May, the hardest of which was the loss of my mom. I now know that God was preparing me for the next stage in my life, and I truly believe that. I had to get through all those things, and I'm not leaving here to get another coaching job," Stokes added.

Stokes informed WSSU Interim Director of Athletics Tonia Walker and other WSSU administrators of her decision prior to the start of the academic year and informed her players before the start of preseason practice.

"I am looking forward to my last season on the bench. I still want to win. I'm a competitor and I will truly enjoy this season," she said.

Stokes, who played two years at Wake Forest University before transferring to UNC-Charlotte, where she received her undergraduate degree, has a master's degree in public administration and is currently pursuing her doctorate in education.



Coach Stokes has had a losing record at WSSU.

"This is not a career change for me. This is a life change. God has called me to do something greater, and I am looking forward to that challenge," Stokes said.

Stokes will begin her final season on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m., as she leads the Lady Rams versus Southern Virginia in an exhibition game at the C.E. Gaines Center.

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