

# Network names Tuskegee's Hannah D-II player the year

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Justin Hannah, a cornerback for the Tuskegee University Golden Tigers, was named the Division II National Player of the Year by the Heritage Sports Radio Network fan poll. The network reported, "Tuskegee voters must be commended for an overwhelming support effort," resulting in 185,951 votes.

"I feel blessed. However, there were 10 other players

involved," he said about the Golden Tiger defense. "They had good pressure up front."

This season, Hannah, a senior majoring in biology from Birmingham, Ala., finished with 44 tackles, five passes broken up and three interceptions, with one returned for a touchdown.

Hannah's other accomplishments this year include: Three-time First Team All-SIAC (2007, 2008, 2009); First Team Pre-Season All-



Justin Hannah

SIAC; D2Football.com All-SIAC Pre-Season Team; voted by coaches as the SIAC Co-defensive Player of the Year; named to the Daktronics All-Super Region 2 Second Team; SIAC Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 10); National Division II Player of the Week by HRSN; Second Team, Boxtorow.com/BASN All-American team as chosen by selected media that cover black college football; and recorded 18 career intercep-

tions with three returned for touchdowns.

Hannah has been selected as the SIAC Player of the Year by the Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C. He will receive the Oliver M. Thompson Award on Jan. 15, 2010. Golden Tigers head coach Willie Slater, who was selected as SIAC Coach of the Year by the organization, will

receive the Charles B. Fisher Award.

The Golden Tigers won 42 games, four conference championships and one HBCU national championship during Hannah's career. They also had a 26-game winning streak. He also participated in three Pioneer Bowls, in which the Golden Tigers were victorious.

## Aggies

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two minutes into the second half to make N.C. A&T history. Coleman would later block a shot by Ivan Peljusic to record his 167th career blocked shot. Coleman now

owns the single-game, single-season and career blocked shots records at N.C. A&T.

Most recently, the Aggies took on the Miami Hurricanes at the BankUnited Center in Coral Gables, Fla. A&T got off to a great start during the Dec.

21 game, but the 'Canes were too much for the team to handle. They led 44-22 at halftime and continued to dominate in the second half, beating the Aggies 80-59. The team was slated to play Tennessee last night in Knoxville after The Chronicle's press time.



Eaves

## Sosa

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call it "color-struck." These days, we try to say it is not a problem - until some Black man, like Sammy Sosa or Michael Jackson, decides to lighten his skin. But the fact is, lightening one's skin color is something Black people used to do all the time. The skin-bleaching companies made a lot of money from Negroes years ago.

Despite everything, particularly the self-hatred, we have learned to just adapt. Somehow, I guess, I got over the fact that Michael Jackson became a White guy who had White kids. I now kind of think of him as two guys. The young Black kid and the old, White weirdo.

But his dying so suddenly has sort of allowed me to forgive him for all of his weirdness. Because light or dark, his talent was phenomenal. Which brings me back to Sammy Sosa, who now looks virtually unrecogniz-



In this Oct. 27, 1999 photo, legend Hank Aaron, center, presents the inaugural "Hank Aaron Award presented by Country Time Lemonade" to Sammy Sosa, right, and Manny Ramirez. The honor went to the best "complete" hitter in each league.

able in his newly-lightened skin.

For his part Sammy, is saying that a rejuvenation process has changed his skin color. I'll just be watching to

see if he gets dark again. For now this feels a lot worse to me than wondering whether Sammy did steroids.

Award-winning journal-

ist David Burnett is former president of the Washington, D.C. Association of Black Journalists and founder of www.Sportssense.net.

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