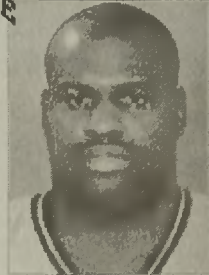


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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



FINDING A PLACE IN THE ARENA

SC STATE GETS NEW WOMEN'S COACH; UMES MAKES HISTORY AT NCAA BOWLING

Philadelphia Soul Photo

RYAN: Rebuffed by NFL, Clark Atlanta product one of many making his mark in the Arena Football League.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

MOVIN' UP AT SC STATE: South Carolina State University announced Tonya Mackey as its new women's basketball head coach Monday afternoon.



SCSU Sports Photo

MACKAY: From associate head coach to head coach at South Carolina State University, Johnson said. "We believe that she possesses the knowledge and ability to move the women's basketball program forward." Mackey, the associate head coach for the past two seasons, was introduced as the successor to the departing Keshia Campbell, who resigned at the end of the 2003-04 season.

PIN FALLS: The three black college teams involved in the inaugural NCAA Women's Bowling National Championship were ousted in day two of double elimination play Friday in Houston but not before making a little noise. Maryland-Eastern Shore made history in day one Thursday by bowling the first 300 Baker ever in NCAA play.

2002-03 BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

Table with columns for SCORES, CIAA, MEAC, SIAC, SWAC, and INDEPENDENTS. Each column contains conference standings with columns for CONF, ALL, W, L, W, L. Includes weekly honorees for each conference.

AFL offers second chance for stardom

LUT WILLIAMS BCSP Editor

A total of 47 former black college players are again making their mark in the Arena Football League.

The 19-team league that plays on a 50-yard field has become a practical alternative for players that for one reason or another don't make in the National Football League.

Currently, the defending Arena Bowl champion Tampa Bay Storm leads the way with six former black college players. The Orlando Predators and Philadelphia Soul each has six from black colleges.

Many of the players had short stints in the NFL and have found homes in the AFL.

One former black college AFL standout, Dwaine Carpenter, formerly of the Buffalo Destroyers, went the other way using his sound play in the AFL as a springboard to a roster spot with the NFL's San Francisco 49ers last year. So it can go both ways.

Among those currently plying their trade in the AFL, Philadelphia Soul full-back/linebacker Chris "Soul Train" Ryan was named last week as the AFL's U. S. Army Ironman of the Week for his all-around performance in his team's 47-31 win over the Dallas Desperados.

Ryan, who bounced around the camps of several NFL teams before settling for an AFL career, was a star running back at Clark Atlanta. He is in his fifth year in the AFL.

Last week Ryan had five carries for four yards and two touchdowns on the ground. He also had one reception for eight yards and a touchdown. He also excelled on defense and special teams with three solo tackles including two for a loss, two sacks and one pass defended. He also blocked a point-after-attempt by Dallas kicker Jason Wells. This is the first time that Ryan has received an AFL weekly award.

For the season, Ryan is leading the Soul in rushing with 33 carries for 95 yards and 11 touchdowns. His 11 touchdowns on the ground place him third in the AFL in that category. He has also blocked four kicks (3 field goals, 1 PAT).

San Jose Saber Cats wide receiver/linebacker James Roe out of Norfolk State was recently named a Co-Baby Ruth Real Deal Offensive Player of the Week.



PERRY ROE SOLOMON

Roe, who is in his fifth AFL season, earned the honor by helping San Jose to a 62-55 victory over the defending champion Tampa Bay Storm last Sunday. The All-Ironman performer hauled in 11 receptions for 158 yards and a league record-tying seven touchdowns.

Former South Carolina State wide receiver Freddie Solomon is nearly mirroring Roe's output for the Tampa Bay Storm. Solomon has caught 48 passes for 19 TDs so far this season for the Storm. Roe has 58 receptions and 19 TDs.

Among others are players like former N.C. A&T standout Troy Pelshak who signed as a free agent with St. Louis in 1999 and went on to win a Super Bowl ring as an outside linebacker with the Rams. He is in his first season as an offensive and defensive lineman with the Carolina Cobras.

Another NC A&T product, wide receiver Henry Douglas, spent four years in the NFL, three with the Detroit Lions, before coming to the AFL this season with the Los Angeles Avengers. Douglas is a wide receiver/defensive back in the AFL's two-way designation. He has caught 23 passes for seven touchdowns so far for the 5-4 Avengers.

Among other black college standouts with NFL experience now playing in the AFL are former Tennessee State QB Leon Murray, now with the Georgia Force. Murray was an AFL all-Rookie selection last season.

Former Livingstone and CIAA standout running back Wilmont Perry, who spent two seasons (1998-99) with the New Orleans Saints, is in his first AFL season with the Columbus Destroyers. Perry spent two outstanding seasons (2002-03) with the AFL2 Cape Fear Wildcats before joining the Destroyers.

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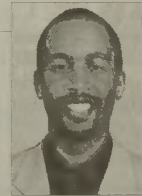
Bobcats PR Manager

Bradford (B.J.) Evans, formerly the Assistant Director of Sports Media Relations with the Miami HEAT, has recently left his post to join the NBA expansion franchise Charlotte Bobcats as its Public Relations Manager.

The Charlotte Bobcats will begin play during the 2004-05 season.

Prior to his appointment with the HEAT, Evans spent one season as the Media Relations Manager of the National Basketball Development League's (NBDL) Asheville Altitude before his move to Miami in May of 2002.

A 1994 graduate of North Carolina



EVANS

A&T, Evans was the Asst. Commissioner for Media Relations for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference from August 1998 to June 2001.

He had also had stints as the Sports Information Director and at his alma mater, North Carolina A&T and Sports Information Director at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Evans also served as the Tribune Manager at the Beach Volleyball venue during the Centennial Olympic Games (1996) in Atlanta.

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON ARENA LEAGUE ROSTERS

Roster list for various AFL teams including Arizona Rattlers, Austin Wranglers, Carolina Cobras, Chicago Rush, Colorado Crush, Columbus Destroyers, Dallas Desperados, Detroit Fury, Georgia Force, Grand Rapids Rampage, Indiana Firebirds, Las Vegas Gladiators, Los Angeles Avengers, New Orleans Voodoo, New York Dragons, Orlando Predators, San Jose SaberCats, Tampa Bay Storm.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

SPRING SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEK

- CIAA April 14 - 17, Charlotte, NC
SIAC April 13 - 18, Columbia, SC
SWAC Golf (Men and Women) April 12 - 14, Houston, TX

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