

FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 9 - 15, 2007

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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TIME TO SHINE

▼ PETTY AGREES TO JOIN DELSTATE; FOUR ALL STARS TO PLAY IN ONE ALL-STAR GAME

TOP PROSPECT: Fast cover man Travis Bain of Hampton may be top black college NFL Draft prospect.

2006-07 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION				
E. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Virginia State	1	0	9	2
Virginia Union	1	0	5	1
Bowie State	1	2	6	3
Eliz. City State	0	0	6	4
Shaw	0	0	3	8
St. Paul's	0	1	4	5
W. DIVISION	W	L	W	L
Fayetteville State	1	0	6	5
St. Augustine's	0	0	7	4
J. C. Smith	0	0	5	4
Livingsstone	0	0	2	6
N. C. Central	0	1	5	5

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
AVIS WYATT, 4-11, Sr., C, VSU - In two games, averaged 15.5 points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.5 blocks. Had 17 points, 15 rebounds and 9 blocks vs. Fayetteville State.

ROOKIE
JERRY HOLLIS, 6-6, Fr., F, VSU - Had 19 points, 5 rebounds, 3 blocks and 2 steals in win over nationally-ranked Virginia Union.

MEAC MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
CONF.	W	L	W	L
Delaware State	3	0	8	9
Florida A&M	3	1	8	6
SC State	3	1	5	9
Norfolk State	3	1	3	10
NC A&T State	2	1	6	8
Howard	2	2	6	10
Hampton	2	2	5	9
Morgan State	1	2	3	10
Coppin State	1	2	3	12
Bethune-Cookman	0	4	2	11
UMES	0	4	2	13

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
ROME SANDERS, 5-8, Sr., C, FAMU - Totaled 30 points and 12 rebounds in two games. Shot a perfect 8-of-8 and hit 10 of 11 free throws for 26 points vs. MSU. Added ten points and 5 rebounds in win over MSU.

ROOKIE
MATT PILGRIM, 6-8, Fr., F, HAMPTON - Had his first double-double getting 15 points and 10 rebounds in win over B-C. Was 6 of 11 from the floor with steals and one block.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
CONF.	W	L	W	L
Benedict	5	0	7	1
Sillman	5	1	6	3
Paine	4	1	5	3
Albany State	3	1	3	6
Kentucky State	3	2	5	3
Miles	3	3	5	5
Morehouse	2	3	2	5
LeMoyne-Owen	1	3	2	5
Fort Valley State	1	3	1	7
Tuskegee	1	3	1	8
Clark Atlanta	0	4	0	6
Lane	0	4	0	6

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
KENNY JONES, 5-8, Jr., F, KSU - Averaged 25.3 points per game, 13.0 rebounds, 2.7 steals in three games. His best game was a 30-point, 18-rebound performance in a win over Lane.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
CONF.	W	L	W	L
Texas Southern	3	0	7	7
Miss. Valley St.	3	0	6	9
Jackson State	3	1	9	8
Grambling State	3	1	5	6
Alabama State	2	2	4	11
Southern	2	2	3	13
A&M Pine Bluff	1	2	3	11
Alcorn State	1	3	2	13
Prine View A&M	0	3	1	13
Alabama A&M	0	4	5	10

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
CHRIS MOORE, 6-7, Jr., F, TSU - Averaged a double-double 17.5 points and 11 rebounds in two wins. Moore had 14 points and 13 rebounds in a win over Prairie View and 21 points and nine boards in a win over Alcorn State.

INDEPENDENTS				
CONF.	W	L	W	L
W. Va. State	9	2		
UCD	8	3		
Central State	10	3		
Lincoln (Pa.)	10	4		
Cheney	7	6		
Tennessee State	5	9		
Savannah State	7	13		
Lincoln (Mo.)	3	8		
W-Salem State	2	18		

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
SAM WYDE, 5-11, Sr., G, LINCOLN (PA) - Paced Lincoln with 23 points and was named MVP as the Lions won the Cyrus D. Jones Invitational over Rutgers-Camden Monday. The Lions have now won 21 straight home games.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

WILLIAMS CANNED, AGAIN:

In a one sentence release, **Stillman College** has announced the departure of **Curtis Williams** as Director of Athletics. "Stillman officially announces that Dr. W. Curtis Williams is no longer employed as the school's athletic director, effective January 5, 2007," the statement said. Williams had been in the position for just 17 months joining the staff in July, 2005 soon after the school's application for Division II status was approved.

He brought more than 20 years of experience to the job with stints at **Elizabeth City State**, **Alabama State**, **Albany State** and **Texas Southern**. He came to Stillman from the **University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff** where he was chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Williams' tenure had not been without controversy. Soon after he arrived, **Theo Danzy**, who had been head coach during the revitalization of football at the school, was reassigned. Danzy's offensive coordinator, **Greg Thompson**, was then hired, fired and rehired over the next 12 months. Head women's coach basketball coach **Sherri Harris** was let go at the end of the 2005-06 season after just two years on the job and men's basketball coach **Leon Douglass** left to become head coach at Tuskegee after taking Stillman to its first-ever SIAC Basketball Championship.

SYLVAN OUT AT NC A&T:

Millicent Sylvan has resigned as head volleyball coach at **North Carolina A&T** effective immediately. **Athletics Director Dee Todd** announced last Wednesday. Assistant volleyball coach **Lyndsay Schmiedel** will take over the day-to-day responsibilities for the program until a replacement is found. Sylvan had been at A&T for three years and posted a 49-52 mark during her tenure. Sylvan was **MEAC** coach of the year in 2005 after leading the Lady Aggies to a 22-18 overall mark, 9-1 in the MEAC and lost in the championship game to **Florida A&M**, who has won the last seven conference titles. This year, Sylvan's team was the first MEAC team since 2000 to win a game vs. the powerful Lady Rattlers.

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Early sizing-up of conference races

Here's a quick once-around the black college basketball races early in the season.

CIAA
Johnson C. Smith knocked off the only unbeaten team in black college basketball, **Virginia Union**, Saturday in Charlotte 79-70. So add the Golden Bulls' (5-4) name to the list of challengers to the four-time champion **Panthers** (5-1).

The biggest news on the men's side of the **CIAA** is however the influx of new blood across the conference. Former **Howard** guard **Gil Goodrich** (24.9 ppg.), now at **Bowie State**, is leading the conference in scoring. Goodrich already has 52-, 33- and 32-point outings.

Six-nine **Bowie State** senior **Tyrone Beale** (20.5), 6-4 sophomore guard **Andy Gebru** (19.5) of **Fayetteville State** and 6-11 **Virginia State** senior **Avis Wyatt** (17.5 ppg., 8.1 rpg.) who returned to the Trojans fold after sitting out last year, have kept their teams in

the thick of things early.

Six-three sophomore swingman **Anthony Hilliard** of **Elizabeth City State** is averaging 21.2 points and a league-best 11.8 rebounds per game. Hilliard dropped 29 points and 21 rebounds on **Livingstone** earlier.

KEY GAME THIS WEEK: **Virginia State** vs. **Virginia Union**, Sun., Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m., Richmond Coliseum

MEAC
 After struggling some in its pre-New Year's non-conference schedule, two-time regular season champ **Delaware State** has restored order in the MEAC, winning its first three games to jump on top of the standings. Despite their 3-6 non-conference record which includes losses to three Top 20 teams, the Hornets have a black college best RPI of .580, 79th among Div. I programs.

KEY GAME THIS WEEK: **South Carolina State** at **Florida A&M** in a battle for second place, Sat., Jan. 13,

4 p.m.

SWAC

Defending champ **Southern** taught 2007 favorite **Jackson State** what it's all about Monday with a 73-62 upset of the favored Tigers in Jackson. **DeForest Riley-Smith's** 37 points showed up national scoring leader **Trey Johnson's** 19. Johnson is averaging 30 points per game.

KEY GAME THIS WEEK: **Jackson State** at first-place **Texas Southern**, Sat., Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.

SIAC

Benedict (7-1, 5-0) is the only **SIAC** team without a blemish in conference play. The Tigers do not play the top contenders this week.

KEY GAME THIS WEEK: **Benedict** hosts **Kentucky State**, Mon., Jan. 15, 8 p.m. The Tigers have already beaten the **Thorobreds** once, 78-65 on Dec. 2.

BCSP Notes

Let the Draft games begin

Defensive back **Travarous Bain**, linebacker **Justin Durant** and running back **Alonzo Coleman** of **Hampton** along with defensive back **Michael Coe** of **Alabama State** are the black college senior footballers named to participate in postseason all-star games this season.

The quartet will play for the East squad in the January 20 *East/West Shrine Game* at Reliant Stadium in Houston. Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula will coach the East team. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

The East/West Game is one of three such all-star contests to be played this year, along with the Jan. 14 *Hula Bowl* and the Jan. 27 *Senior Bowl*.

Neither the Senior Bowl, which attracts over 700 NFL coaches to Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala., or the Hula Bowl, played at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii, has a black college player on its roster this year.

The Hampton trio is among a group of some seven players (See list at right) that are expected to get several looks as they prepare for the upcoming draft season. Each also has a shot at getting an invite to the *NFL Scouting Combine* held Feb. 21-27 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Foremost among this year's prospects is Bain, a defensive back that has been rated by some draft experts among the top 10 cornerback prospects.

The NFL Draft is set for April 28-29 at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Petty decides on Delaware State

Former **Howard University** head football coach **Ray Petty** has decided to accept the offer of **Delaware State** head coach **Al Lavan** to become the Hornets' new defensive coordinator.

Lavan released the news Tuesday saying, "I am pleased to get a coach of his experience and expertise. His defensive teams have been in the top three of the conference every year since I have been at DSU."

Petty is joining the staff at DSU after serving five years at the helm of the Howard program.

"This is a great opportunity to be able to come in and make a contribution to DSU's program and work with Coach Lavan," said Petty. "I am looking forward to building a solid program that is already set up for championship success."

During his time at Howard, Petty put together a 25-20 overall record. He had served as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Howard from 1992-99. He also did stints as an assistant at **Southern** and **North Carolina A&T**.

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