

Three Two Jaguars carrying the mantle in MLB

Cador among those laying the groundwork to get more blacks in baseball

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CADOR: Southern head baseball coach putting players in the Majors and working for more.

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Last week during the mid-season All-Star game break, we reported on two Southern University products carrying the black college mantle in Major League Baseball today -Milwaukee second baseman **Rickie Weeks** and San Francisco outfielder **Fred Lewis**.

But before the mid-summer classic's festivities were over, Weeks' and Lewis's mentor, venerable Southern head coach **Roger Cador**, called to inform us that we had made a glaring omission.

Cador called to say not two but three Southern products are currently in the Major Leagues. Chicago White Sox rookie reliever **Dewon Day** is also a former Jaguar.

Day, a 6-4, 210-pound flame throwing right-hander, was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 26th round of the 2002 amateur draft, the same draft in which Lewis was selected. The Jackson, Ms. native chose to return to Southern and in 2003 was 8-0 for the Jags with a 2.01 ERA in 11 starts and 44 strikeouts in 58 innings to earn SWAC Pitcher of the Year honors.

He signed with the Blue Jays in June 2003 and pitched in their Farm System until he was plucked by the White Sox in the Double-A phase of the Rule Five Draft in December 2005. Appearing in 40 games for the White Sox's Winston-Salem Warhogs last year, Day struck out an impressive 63 batters in 47.1 innings, posting eight saves and a 3.40 ERA.

After spending spring training in the White Sox camp, Day was optioned to AA Birmingham before being called up on May 28 to the Major League club. He made his Major League debut on the day of his call-up, giving up four hits and two runs in one inning of relief work at Minnesota.

He pitched in seven games before injuring his back and going on the 15-day Disabled List



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Chicago White Sox photo

ONE MORE JAG: Chicago White Sox hurler Dewon Day (r.) is the third former player under Southern head coach Roger Cador (l.) currently in the Major Leagues.

on June 16. After a rehab assignment at Triple-A Charlotte, Day rejoined the parent club on July 6. So far this season, he's gotten into ten games, all in middle relief, pitching 9.2 innings and giving up 11 runs for a whopping 10.24 ERA. His ERA jumped to double-digits when he gave up four hits and four runs to Baltimore last week without getting an out.

His latest outing Monday perhaps may have been his most important and best so far. With the White Sox bullpen struggling, surrendering five eighth-inning runs to Cleveland and on the verge of blowing an 11-2 lead, Day came in and got the inning's final out in what ended as an 11-10 Sox victory.

Cador, who attended All-Star game festivities in San Francisco last week including the Futures Game, said the rookie is just getting started. Give him time.

"I just talked to (White Sox General Manager) Kenny Williams the other day and they all know he's Big-Time," said Cador. "Teams are already calling about him."

Cador, who spent five years (1973-77) in the

JAG STATS

Current stats of Southern products in Major League Baseball

NAME	W-L	IP	HITS	ER	BB	SO
Dewon Day	0-0	9.2	13	11	7	5

NAME	AVG	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
Rickie Weeks	.217	230	50	15	4	5	19	10
Fred Lewis	.287	115	33	4	2	3	16	3

Atlanta Braves organization as an outfielder, is a Southern graduate and Hall of Famer who has led the Jaguars and dominated the SWAC since returning to "The Bluff" in 1985.

He's compiled an impressive 684-364-1 mark (.652) which includes 13 SWAC titles and ten NCAA Tournament appearances. He also coached the first HBCU to win a game in the NCAA Div. I Tournament, a 1987 win over No. 2 ranked Cal State-Fullerton.

Cador estimates he's had 100 players drafted during his tenure. Nearly a quarter of those, 24, were drafted from dominant clubs he fielded between 2001 and 2004. He had eight players selected in 2003 led by Weeks, who was taken as the second overall pick. Another six were drafted in 1989.

Three Jaguars were among the ten black college players selected this year including junior righthanded pitcher **Baron Short**, the first black college player to go off the boards in the seventh round (238th overall) to the LA Angels.

Cador has also been instrumental over the last several years working with Major League Baseball in efforts to stimulate interest at HBCUs and among African-Americans. In that regard, his Southern program will be part of a major initiative with Major League Baseball next year aimed at marketing the game to both.

We'll focus on the 2008 Freedom Games in next week's Part III.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NEW COACH AT ST. AUG: Saint Augustine's has hired LaTanya Collins as its new women's head basketball coach.



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COLLINS: Assistant returns to lead Lady Falcons' basketball.

Collins succeeds her former boss, **Antonio Davis**, who resigned in May. A Richmond, Va., native, Collins was a women's assistant basketball coach at St Aug during the 2004-05 season. She returns to the Lady Falcons as head coach after working at Southern Vermont College during the 2006-07 season. At Southern Vermont, she was the head women's basketball coach, the assistant athletic director and senior women's administrator. Prior to coaching at Southern Vermont, she was the women's assistant basketball coach at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY, during the 2005-06 season. Collins started her college coaching career as an assistant coach at Virginia State during the 2002-03 season after playing basketball there. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from Virginia State in 2000.

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UDC GETS SOCCER COACH:

University of the District of Columbia Athletics Director Dr.



UDC Sports Photo

STOCKTON: Former pro to lead UDC men's soccer.

Harold M. Merritt has announced the appointment of Khary Stockton as the University's new head men's soccer coach. Stockton assumed the reins of the soccer program officially on July 16, 2007. Stockton, a native of Alexandria, Virginia, graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in anthropology. His soccer coaching experience includes serving as an assistant soccer coach at the Catholic University of America, where his responsibilities included player recruitment, and the development and evaluation of soccer player training. His professional soccer playing experience included stints with the New England Revolution, Richmond Kickers, Milwaukee Rampage, NY/NJ Metro Stars, and A.E. Velo Clube (Rio Claro, Brazil).

MEAC SIDs MOVE: Jamar Ross, who has served as the sports information director at Hampton University the past five years, has been named Associate Sports Information Director at Old Dominion University.

Ross will serve as the primary media contact for the ODU football program which will kick-off in 2009. Former UMES assistant **Chevonne Mansfield** is the new assistant SID at Howard.

BCSP Notes

Football media events set to begin

The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference begins a week-long tour of preseason black college athletic conference football press conferences Friday with its annual Football Kick-Off Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Decatur, Ga. The time is set for 12:30 p.m.

All ten conference head football coaches will recap their 2006 campaign and give their outlook on the upcoming season while the conference will unveil coaches' picks for 2007 honors.

The Southwestern Athletic Conference follows on Tuesday, July 24 with its 2007 Media Day. Activities will begin at 9 a.m. with interview sessions from the head coaches and student athletes from all ten conference institutions. Following the interview sessions, the kickoff luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. with keynote speaker **Harry Carson** of NFL and **South Carolina State** fame along with remarks from the Conference Office and the announcement of the preseason honors and predicted order of finish.

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association is next up with its Press Conference and Luncheon on Thursday, July 26 at the Jones Cafeteria on the campus of Virginia State University in Petersburg, Va. Coaches of the ten institutions will give their outlook and have their picks revealed for 2007 gridiron honors.

The Mid Eastern Athletic Conference wraps up the tour with its annual Press Luncheon on Friday, July 27 at the Virginia Beach Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel. MEAC head football coaches and players from each team will be on hand to discuss the 2007 football season.

SWAC releases 2007 football TV schedule

The Southwestern Athletic Conference will kick off its 2007 football television schedule with a triple-header on Labor Day Weekend.

CSTV will air the **Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Mississippi Valley State** match-up live at 1:00 pm in Ita Bena, Miss. ESPN Classic will broadcast the **MEAC-SWAC Challenge** live at 2:00 pm at Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala. This game will feature SWAC representative **Southern University** versus their MEAC rival, **Florida A&M**. The third game that will be aired is the **Labor Day Classic**. **Texas Southern** will face off against **Prairie View A&M** in Houston and will be aired at 9:00 pm (tape delay).

The schedule will conclude with the 2007 SWAC Championship Game on December 15, 2007 at Legion Field in Birmingham. The game will broadcast live at 1:00 pm on ESPN Classic.

2007 SWAC FOOTBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

CSTV
Saturday, Sept. 1 - 1 pm (Live)
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Mississippi Valley State
ESPN CLASSIC
Saturday, Sept 1 - 2 pm (Live)
SWAC/MEAC Challenge
Florida A&M vs. Southern
ESPNU
Saturday, Sept. 1 - 9 pm (Tape)
Labor Day Classic
Texas Southern vs. Prairie View A&M
ESPNU
Thursday, Sept. 6 - 6:30 pm (Live)
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Alcorn State
SPORTS SOUTH
Saturday, Sept. 8 - 6 pm (Live)
Southern Heritage Classic
Tennessee State vs. Jackson State
ESPNU
Thursday, Sept. 13 - 6:30 pm (Live)
Texas Southern at Jackson State
ESPNU
Saturday, Sept. 22 - 9 pm (Tape)
Alabama A&M at Grambling State
ESPNU
Thursday, Oct. 18 - 6:30 pm (Live)
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Alabama A&M

CSTV

Saturday., Oct. 27 - 8:30 pm (Tape)
Texas Southern at Grambling State

NBC

Saturday., Nov. 24 - 1 pm (Live)
Bayou Classic

Southern vs. Grambling State

ESPN CLASSIC

Saturday, Dec. 15 - 1 pm (Live)
SWAC Championship Game

Street & Smith's predictions

Street & Smith's 2007 College Football Yearbook is on the newsstands with their outlooks and predictions for the upcoming season.

The magazine has just one HBCU, defending **CIAA** West Division champ **Elizabeth City State University** in its NCAA Div. II Preseason Top 25, and just one HBCU, three-time defending **MEAC** champ **Hampton**, in its NCAA Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA). ECSU is ranked 11th while Hampton is 22nd.

The magazine also picked only one HBCU player, defensive back **Bobbie Williams** of **Bethune-Cookman**, to either of the preseason All-America teams.

Writers for the magazine, which features outlooks and predictions for leagues in Bowl Subdivision (formerly IA) and Championship Subdivisions, chose Hampton to prevail in the MEAC and **Alabama A&M** (East) and **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (West) to win division titles in the SWAC.

Former standout joins NC Central staff

Former **North Carolina Central** guard **LeVelle Moton** has returned to his alma mater as assistant men's basketball coach, NCCU head coach **Henry Dickerson** announced on 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 bachelors 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."

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."

Moton, 33, is a 1992 graduate of Enloe High School in Raleigh, N.C., where he was named Cap5 Player of the Year as a senior.



WILLIAMS



MOTON

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HISTORY

(The names listed in last week's BCSP were from baseball-almanac.com. Below are black college players that have been left out of that list. We have informed that site of the omission.)

MOREHOUSE Donn Clendenon	CENTRAL STATE Johnny Roseboro Andre Thornton
BETHUNE-COOKMAN Earl Battey	VIRGINIA STATE Al Bumby
ALABAMA A&M Cleon Jones	LINCOLN (Pa.) Monte Irvin
TUSKEGEE Leon Wagner Roy Lee Jackson Ken Howell	N. CAROLINA A&T Al Holland
VIRGINIA UNION Larry Doby	S. CAROLINA STATE Willie Aikens

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