

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



2007 GRIDIRON PICKS

ELIZ. CITY STATE, ALABAMA A&M, ARK.-PINE BLUFF, SC STATE TOP THE CHARTS

NCCU Sports Photo
MOVING UP: Arkansas-Pine Bluff's new athletic director Louis Perkins is one of the youngest Div. I ADs in the nation.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BROWN LEAVES STILLMAN:

Stillman basketball coach **Angelyne Brown** submitted her



Stillman Sports Photo
BROWN: Resigns at Stillman.

resignation to school officials last week, citing a desire to further her education. Brown spent just one season as coach of the Lady Tigers, compiling a 10-19 overall mark, while leading Stillman to the second-round of the SIAC tournament last season. "Last year was a year of growth for me as most first years are," Brown said. "I certainly enjoyed every moment I had working with the young ladies this year and I feel like the program still has a lot to look forward to. You always want to make a positive impact wherever you go, and I hope I was able to accomplish that during my time here." Newly appointed athletic director **Curtis Campbell** says that a search will begin immediately for Brown's replacement. "Even though our paths only crossed for a brief moment, I can tell that she is a true professional," Campbell said. "I appreciate her service to Stillman College and I wish her the very best in her future endeavors." Brown came to Stillman in 2006 after a stint at **Morgan State** from 2002-2005. She leaves behind eight returning letter winners from a season ago, including leading scorer **Bianca Burton**, a two-time All-SIAC performer.

HOWARD'S SMILEY HONORED:

Howard women's basketball player **Courtney Smiley** was



Howard Sports Photo
SMILEY: Named MEAC Woman of the Year.

named last week as the 2007 MEAC Woman of the Year as announced by the conference's Senior Woman Administrators. A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Smiley was a four-year letterwinner for the Lady Bison basketball team from 2003-2007. She was a member of the MEAC Commissioner's All-Academic team all of her years at Howard and held a 3.89 grade-point average as a Clinical Laboratory

Science major. She will attend medical school at the University of South Florida. "This is a huge honor for me," Smiley said. "I have always been an advocate for community service and it is a good thing when you are honored for things you enjoy doing." The award, selected annually by the MEAC Senior Woman Administrators, honors senior student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership. She will represent the conference at the NCAA Woman of the Year Luncheon in September.

UAPB PICKS PERKINS AS AD:

The University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff has named **Louis "Skip" Perkins** as its new athletics director. Perkins has

agreed to a three-year contract to take over the school's 15-sport program. Chosen from a field of 12 candidates to replace **Craig Curry** whose contract was not renewed in June, Perkins comes to UAPB from N.C. Central University where he had been director of athletic development since April, 2006. Prior to that he was director of communications and external affairs at **Saint Augustine's College** from January 2005 to April 2006. He was director of university relations for Major Broadcasting Cable Network for four years before joining the staff at St. Aug. "Being an athletic director at a historically black college at 35 years old is a dream come true and it's also a challenge, but it's a challenge I know I can be successful at because I have excitement and a drive to do the job," Perkins told the *Arkansas Commercial Staff* newspaper. "I've been around black college sports my whole life and I'm a high-energy type of person and anyone who gets a chance to meet me will know that I won't get outworked. There might be a few lumps because the learning curve is tough but I'm committed to UAPB and to being in Pine Bluff for many years to help take this athletic department to the next level." A former collegiate tennis player, Perkins becomes one of the youngest athletic directors in NCAA Division I.

Football picks unveiled



With N.C. Central's departure, Elizabeth City State rises to the top of CIAA food chain

ECSU QB Curtis Rich, Jr.



Defending East Division champion **Elizabeth City State** dominated the preseason all-conference team with eight selections and was picked to repeat as division champs as the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** held its annual kickoff luncheon last Thursday at the Jones Dining Hall at **Virginia State University**.

ECSU head coach **Waverly Tiller's** Vikings fell to Western Division champ **North Carolina Central** 17-14 on a buzzer-beating field goal in last year's CIAA Championship Game but went on to earn the school's first NCAA Div. II playoff bid since 1981.

Tiller returns some of the league's premier playmakers in quarterback **Curtis Rich, Jr.** (1,714 passing yards, 21 TDs, 6 ints.), wide receiver/kick returner **Billy Wiggins** and running back **Brandon Fields** (981 rushing yards, 6 TDs). All were preseason all-CIAA selections, with Wiggins at wide receiver and kick returner.



TILLER

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

EASTERN DIVISION

- Elizabeth City State University
- Bowie State University
- Virginia Union University
- Virginia State University
- St. Paul's College

WESTERN DIVISION

- Fayetteville State University
- St. Augustine's College
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Shaw University
- Livingstone College

With NCCU's move out of the CIAA and Div. II, ECSU is the clear favorite for the league title. **Bowie State** was picked to finish behind ECSU in the East with **Virginia Union** with versatile QB **Lamar Little** (1,763 passing yards, 625 rushing yards) third. **St. Augustine's** and **Fayetteville State** finished in a tie for preseason West Division honors.

2007 ALL-CIAA PRE-SEASON TEAM

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	CL.	HT.	WT.
TE	Karvin Gwaltney	Elizabeth City State	SO	6'4	225
OL	Dwayne Frost	Bowie State	JR	6'6	290
OL	Jake Thompson	Elizabeth City State	SR	6'5	330
OL	Chris Lewis	Elizabeth City State	JR	6'4	320
OL	Robert Peterson	Johnson C. Smith	SR	6'3	275
OL	Kyneth Moses	Virginia Union	JR	6'3	310
WR	Billy Wiggins II	Elizabeth City State	SO	5'10	180
WR	Daryle Barnett	Fayetteville State	SR	6'4	205
QB	Curtis Rich Jr	Elizabeth City State	JR	6'3	200
RB	Brandon Fields	Elizabeth City State	SR	5'9	195
RB	Elihu Smith	Virginia Union	SR	5'10	205
KR	Michael Hampton	Virginia Union	JR	5'10	180
PK	Eric Lamoureux	Fayetteville State	SR	5'11	200
DEFENSE					
DL	Sherman White	Bowie State	SR	6'3	330
DL	Greg Moore	Elizabeth City State	SR	6'4	245
DL	Marcus Kennedy	St. Augustine's	SR	6'3	280
DL	Jarrett Jackson	Virginia Union	SR	6'4	290
LB	Geron Harper	Fayetteville State	SR	6'4	250
LB	Jimmy Massenburg	Johnson C. Smith	SR	6'3	220
LB	Theod. Washington	Virginia State	SR	6'2	235
DB	Shawn Dickerson	Elizabeth City State	SR	6'1	195
DB	Donte Wise	Fayetteville State	JR	5'10	175
DB	Steven Williams	Johnson C. Smith	JR	6'2	200
DB	Greg Tolar	St. Paul's	JR	6'1	180
P	Richard Boone	St. Augustine's	SO	5'9	175
PR	Billy Wiggins	Elizabeth City State	SO	5'10	180

Alabama A&M, Arkansas-PB picked to repeat

A&M defense, UAPB offense expected to be among best in the SWAC

The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** announced its 2007 Preseason All-Conference Football Team and predicted order of finish by coaches and media at the conference's Media Day last Thursday at the Birmingham Sheraton Hotel.

The 2006 SWAC Championship Game participants, East Division titleist and league champion **Alabama A&M** under head coach **Anthony Jones** and West Division champ **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** under head man **Mo Forte** were picked in both polls to repeat in their divisions. A&M returns the league's stingiest defense (19.3 ppg.) while UAPB has a host of offensive weapons.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff quarterback **Chris Wallace** and Southern defensive back **Jarmaul George** took the top individual honors. The team was selected by nominations and votes from the member schools' coaches and sports information contacts along with selected members of the media.

Wallace, the 2006 SWAC Offensive Player of the Year, finished the season completing 129 of 211 pass attempts (61.1%) for 2,023 yards and 20 touchdowns and is at the head of an offensive arsenal that includes two other first teamer, 1,000-yard rusher RB **Martell Mallett** and WR **Jason Jones**. George

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH (Coaches)

(first place votes in parentheses)

EASTERN DIVISION

Alabama A&M (8) 83 pts
Jackson State (10) 78
Alcorn State (1) 51
Mississippi Valley State 40
Alabama State 33

WESTERN DIVISION

Arkansas-Pine Bluff (13) 88 pts
Grambling State 60
Southern (4) 59
Texas Southern (2) 39
Prairie View A&M 39

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH (Media)

EASTERN DIVISION

Alabama A&M 23
Jackson State 20
Alabama State 15
Alcorn State 11
Mississippi Valley State 6

WESTERN DIVISION

Arkansas-Pine Bluff 24
Grambling State 19
Southern 16
Prairie View A&M 10



UAPB QB Chris Wallace
Southern S Jarmaul George



2007 ALL-SWAC PRE-SEASON TEAM

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	HT.	WT.	CL.
OL	Lorenzo Breland	Jackson State	6-2	312	Jr.
OL	James Sanders	Alabama A&M	6-0	255	Sr.
OL	Ivora Hall	Alabama State	6-2	328	Sr.
OL	Justin Telemaque	Alcorn State	6-3	365	Sr.
OL	Thaddeus Coleman	Mississippi Valley State	6-8	310	Sr.
TE	Charles Moody	Alabama A&M	6-2	257	Sr.
WR	Clyde Edwards	Grambling State	5-10	175	Sr.
WR	Jason Jones	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-1	180	Jr.
RB	Martell Mallett	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-0	210	Jr.
RB	Jay Peck	Alabama State	5-11	200	Sr.
QB	Chris Wallace	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-1	205	Sr.
K	John Heflin	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	5-10	180	Sr.
DEFENSE					
DL	Christopher Traylor	Alabama A&M	5-10	214	Sr.
DL	Ronald Green	Mississippi Valley State	6-0	300	Jr.
DL	Derrick Gray	Texas Southern	6-6	255	Sr.
DL	Corey Clark	Jackson State	6-3	320	Jr.
LB	Timothy Turner	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-2	200	Jr.
LB	Lee Robinson	Alcorn State	6-3	225	Jr.
LB	Mike Boyd	Texas Southern	6-3	250	Sr.
DB	Zaire Wilborn	Grambling State	6-0	200	Jr.
DB	Jarmaul George	Southern	6-1	190	Sr.
DB	Frank Moore	Alabama A&M	5-11	189	Jr.
DB	Jean-Pierre Marshall	Mississippi Valley State	5-11	175	Sr.
P	Rashan Cylar	Alabama A&M	5-10	179	So.
RS	Ulysses Banks	Alabama A&M	5-10	195	So.

was the standout member of the Jaguar defensive unit in 2006 that led the league in pass defense. He ended the season with 51 total tackles (30 solo), five interceptions, ten passes defensed and a fumble recovery.

Coaches say SC State to dethrone Hampton

Bulldogs chosen over Pirates and Delaware State in MEAC

League coaches and sports information directors, in a close vote, have picked **South Carolina State**

to unseat three-time defending champion **Hampton** for the 2007 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference foot-

ball title. The result of the polling was unveiled at the MEAC annual Football Roundup Friday in Virginia Beach, Va.

SCSU received eight (8) first-place votes and 266 points to the Pirates' seven (7) first-place votes and 260 points. The vote was the closest in several years and marked the first time in four seasons (2004) that a team other than Hampton had been picked to snare the coveted crown.

SC State head coach **Oliver "Buddy" Pough** said,

"The vote was awfully close, so maybe the voters were not quite sure between the two teams. But, one thing is for sure, you don't get a trophy or play-off berth for being number one in the preseason. They only give the trophy for winning the regular-season and that's where we want to be - at the top at the end of November."

Following the Bulldogs and Pirates in the preseason poll were **Delaware State** with 219 points, **Bethune-Cookman** with two (2)



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PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

- South Carolina State
- Hampton
- Delaware State
- Bethune-Cookman
- Florida A&M
- Morgan State
- Norfolk State
- Howard
- North Carolina A&T

first-place votes and 165 points, **Florida A&M** with 159 points, **Morgan State** with 139 points, **Norfolk State** with 81 points, **Howard** with one (1) first-place vote and 76 points and **North Carolina A&T** with 29 points.

Hampton defensive tackle **Kendall Langford** (55 tackles, 8 sacks) and **DelState** wide receiver **Shaheer McBride** (55 rec., 11 TDs) were picked as the top defensive and offensive performers respectively.