

BLACK COLLEGE PAGE

SPORTS



Oliver's Blog Photo

TRACKIN' RESULTS

OLIVER CHASING OLYMPIC DREAMS; SWAC UNVEILS '08 FOOTBALL TV GAMES

LEADER OF THE PACK: Former Howard hurdler to lead black college contingent into next week's U.S. Olympic Trials.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BARKLEY AT TUSKEGEE:

The Tuskegee University National Athletic Association will host "An Evening with Charles Barkley," on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on campus. This black-tie affair is a fundraiser intended to benefit the University's student-athletes; tickets are \$125 per person, of which, \$90 is tax deductible.



BARKLEY

"I'm really looking forward to the event. Tuskegee University has a great history and tradition and I'm glad to be a part of it," Barkley said. Barkley, a native of Leeds, Ala., and an Auburn University alumnus, was one of the National Basketball Association's most dominating power forwards. He earned eleven NBA All-Star Game appearances and was named the All-Star MVP in 1991. In 1993, he was voted the league's Most Valuable Player and during the NBA's 50th anniversary, named one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History. Barkley also competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games and won two gold medals as a member of the United States' Dream Team. In 2006, Barkley was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. In 2000, he retired as one of only four players in NBA history with 20,000 points, 10,000 rebounds and 4,000 assists.

Since retiring as a player, Barkley has had a successful career as an Emmy Award-winning commentator on basketball. He works with Turner Network Television (TNT) as a studio personality for its coverage of NBA games. In addition, Barkley has written several books and has also shown an interest in politics.

"This is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of the student athletes of Tuskegee University while recognizing, not only a sports great, but an excellent Alabamian, who is so willing to give of himself for the benefit of others," said **Anthony L. Holloman**, Associate Vice President of University Advancement and Executive Director of TUNAA.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased by cash, check, money order or credit card by contacting Mr. Anthony Holloman at 334-727-8608. Accommodations are available at the Kellogg Center on Friday and/or Saturday night for \$79 per night, plus tax. Contact the Kellogg Center at 334-727-3000 or 800-949-6161. Mention the TUNAA Gala to get the rate until Aug. 1.

2008 SWAC FOOTBALL ON TV

(Additional games may be added as the season progresses)

ESPNU

Sat., 8/30, Labor Day Classic, Houston, TX, 7 pm
Prairie View at Texas Southern

ESPN2

Sun., 8/31, MEAC / SWAC Challenge, Orlando, FL, 1 pm
Jackson State vs. Hampton

ESPNU

Thurs., 9/18, Alcorn State, MS - 6:30 pm
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Alcorn State

ESPNU

Thurs., 9/25, Montgomery, AL, 7 pm
Miss. Valley State at Alabama State

ESPNU

Sat., 10/18, Baton Rouge, LA, 6 pm
Southern vs. Florida A&M

ESPNU

Sat., 10/25, Magic City Classic, Birmingham, AL, 2:30 p.m.
Alabama A&M vs. Alabama State

ESPNU

Thurs., 11/13, Houston, TX, 8 pm
Grambling State at Texas Southern

ESPNU

Sat., 11/22, Capital City Classic, Jackson, MS, 1 pm
Jackson State at Alcorn State

NBC

Sat., 11/29, Bayou Classic, New Orleans, 1 pm
Grambling State vs. Southern

ESPN CLASSIC

Sat., 12/13, SWAC Championship, Birmingham, AL, 1 pm
Eastern Division winner vs. Western Division winner

Hurdlers shine at NCAA track



B-CU Sports Photo

ASH: Bethune-Cookman freshman runs 13.59 in 110-meter hurdles final to earn third place in NCAA Track and Field championships at Drake University.

Three Mid Eastern Athletic Conference hurdlers earned All-America status at the NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships at Drake University over the weekend.

Bethune-Cookman's sensational freshman hurdler **Ronnie Ash** capped off a brilliant season by finishing third in the men's 110-meter hurdles while **Hampton** hurdler **Terry Thornton** placed seventh in the men's 400 meter hurdles.

Howard hurdler **Landria Buckley** also earned All-America status with her ninth place finish (13.50) in the women's 100 meter hurdle semifinal on Friday. To be considered All-American, the student-athlete must place in the top eight of his/her respective event. While Buckley finished ninth, she was one of the top eight American-born finishers.

Ash, a freshman from Raleigh, N.C., turned in a season second-best personal performance of 13.59 seconds in the finals of his specialty Saturday at Drake Stadium—host site of the 2008 Outdoor Nationals. His performance makes him the first freshman All-American in B-CU track & field recorded history.

"This is a great feeling, and I really thank my coaching staff for all they've done to help me get to this point," expressed Ash, a 6-1, 190-pound athletic specimen. "I am very happy about getting third as a fresh-



THORNTON

man, but at the same time I know what I need to work on in order to finish first next time. This is a great starting point, and I'm excited about my career at Bethune-Cookman."

"This is an enormous feat for Ronnie, as well as Bethune-Cookman University track & field program," expressed head coach Wildcats **Garfield Ellenwood** immediately following the race. "Ronnie performed very well this year as a freshman, and I just can't wait for him to get even better as a sophomore and beyond. He truly has great things coming to him in the future."

Ash's time of 13.59 was behind second place competitor Ty Akins (13.46) of Auburn and first place finisher Jason Richardson (13.40) from the University of South Carolina. Richardson had held the top time throughout the nation for the entire outdoor season.

Ash turned in his best time of the season back in the NCAA East Regional in Tallahassee, Fla. when he ran a 13.44 in the finals to finish second behind Richardson.

Thornton, a senior from Petersburg, Va., had a time of 49.99 in the 400 meter finals. He is the reigning MEAC champion in the hurdles and finished second to Ash in the 110 hurdles at the 2008 MEAC Outdoor Championships. This is the third straight year that Thornton had qualified for the Nationals and he ends his career at Hampton as an All-American.

Oliver heads HBCU contingent at Olympic Trials

A bevy of former and a few current black college tracksters are poised to seek spots on the 2008 Olympic Track team for this summer's Beijing China Olympics as the U. S. Olympic Trials is held in Eugene, Oregon beginning next Friday, June 27 thru Sunday, July 6 at legendary Hayward Field.

Among the former black college performers that will lead the fields in their respective events is **Howard** product **David Oliver** who has America's best time in the 110-meter hurdles this year of 12.95. Oliver, who finished th 2007 season ranked ninth in the world, broke the 13-second barrier for the first time at a meet in Doha Qatar in May and thrust himself into the spotlight as one of the favorites for the Olympic gold medal.

The 26-year old is unbeaten in his outdoor season with five wins to his credit. He says on his blog (davidoliverhurdles.blogspot.com/) that he expects the world record of 12.87 seconds, set this month by Cuba's Dayron Robles, to fall soon. His blog reads 'David Oliver! Your mission 12.85.' Robles' time was .01 second better than Olympic favorite Liu Jiang of China's world record of 12.88.

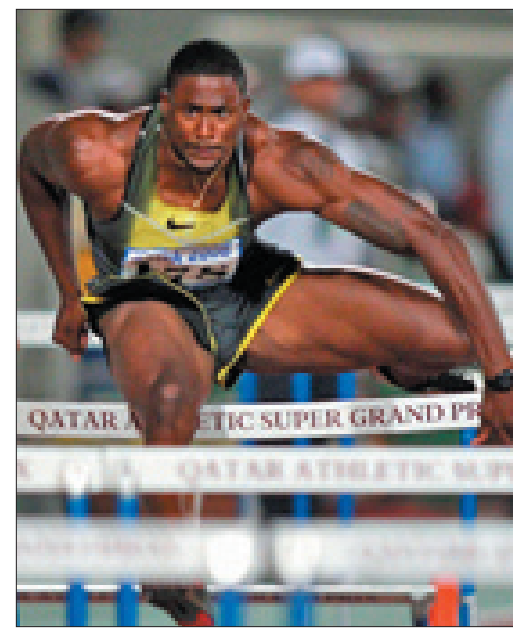
Bethune-Cookman freshman sensation **Ronnie Ash**, fresh off a third-place finish in the 110 meter hurdles at the NCAA Div. I championships this past weekend, has a provisional qualifying time of 13.44 in the event, among the top 20 best times among Americans.

Former Hampton ('00) 400-meter hurdler and three-time U.S. champion **James Carter** also has his event's best time (47.72) among Americans. Carter is likely to face former **St. Augustine's** ('06) hurdler **Bershawn Jackson** in the finals. Jackson, the 2005 World Outdoor champion, has the fourth-best time this year of 48.13.

Former **Southern** ('02) long jumper **Brian Johnson** is the third HBCU product that will enter the Trials with the best performance in his event. Johnson's leap of 8.30 tops his field. Johnson is the 2006 USA Outdoor champion.

Among others competing on the men's side is former **St. Augustine's** ('03) hurdler **Anwar Moore**, whose time of 13.12 seconds in the 110 meter hurdles is sixth best. Former **Livingstone** ('04) sprinter **Jordan Vaden** has qualified in both the 100 and 200 meters. His 200 meters qualifying time of 20.12 is ninth best.

Former St. Aug's ('07) quarter-miler **Jamaal Torrance** (45.19) has the 12th best time in the men's 400 meters. Former **Morehouse** ('07) high



SUB-13-SECOND FORM: Former Howard hurdler David Oliver shows his form en route to a personal best 12.95 clocking at an international event in Doha, Qatar in May. Oliver's performance is the best for an American entering next week's U.S. Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon. Former Hampton hurdler James Carter (upper r.) and former Southern long jumper Brian Johnson (r.) both have bests in their events entering the trials.



jumper **Keith Moffatt** qualified with the sixth best jump (2.38) in his event. Current St. Augustine's high jumper **Joe Kindred**, picked this year as the NCAA Div. II Men's Field Athlete of the Year, has the 10th best height.

On the women's side, former **Howard** ('06) triple jumper **Tiombe Hurd**, former **Hampton** ('07) and **MEAC** standout **Yvette Lewis** (triple jump and 100 meter hurdles), former Hampton ('07) hurdler **Kellie Wells**, former St. Aug's ('00) high jumper **Adriane Sims-Stone** and current Pirate star **Francena McCrory** (400 meters) are in the field.

BCSP Notes

SIAC to kickoff football season with July 25 Press Luncheon

The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) will host its annual Football Kick-Off Luncheon on Friday, July 25, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center Decatur. The affair is set to begin at 12:30 p.m.

The luncheon will feature head football coaches, players, and athletic directors from all ten SIAC football playing institutions. The coaches will provide insight on the 2008 football season including expectations, key acquisitions, and returning impact players. Each team's coach and players will be available for one-on-one interviews following the luncheon.

In addition to the luncheon, the 2008 Preseason SIAC All Conference Football team and predicted order of finish will be announced. The SIAC television schedule will also be announced during the luncheon.

UMES racks up bowling all-America awards

An NCAA Championship is the pinnacle for any collegiate team in the NCAA, but for the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES)** Women's Bowling Team, the awards continue to roll in.

The Lady Hawks earned three All-American designations for the second straight year and with it move their total up to seven in the last three seasons. The National Tenpins Coaches Association (NTCA) selected **Kristina Frahm** (Oswego, Ill./Oswego East H.S.), **Maria Rodriguez** (Ibague Tolima, Colombia/La Presentacion) and NCAA Tournament Most Valuable Bowler **Jessica Worsley** (Brick, N.J./Brick Memorial H.S.) as the latest three Lady Hawks to earn All-American status.

"It is so exciting to receive this national attention and to have fellow coaches recognize your athletes," said Head Coach **Sharon Brummell**.

Frahm, the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** Tournament Most Outstanding Performer, earned First-Team All-American status and with it was voted the Division I Rookie of the Year. The freshmen knocked down over 15,000 pins individually during the season and averaged an impressive 201.83 over the course of the year. Her high game, a 279, came back in November at a MEAC Northern Division match-up.

Rodriguez, a Second-Team All-American selection was equally impressive. Also a freshman, Rodriguez only bowled the second half of the season and still managed to take out over 8,000 pins and post an average of a 204.7, the highest on the Lady Hawks. Her high game came in March at the Holiday Bowl Classic when she posted a 259. Rodriguez earned All-Tournament Team honors at two of the biggest events of the year for UMES, the MEAC Championships and the NCAA Championships.

Frahm and Rodriguez's selections mark the first time UMES has had a bowling All-American above the third-team.



FRAHM



RODRIGUEZ



WORSLEY

Worsley, one of just two seniors on the team was named a Third-Team All-American. The NCAA Tournament MVP, Worsley was as clutch as they come in big spots. She hit the big four", a 4-7, 6-10 split against Arkansas State to seal a win early in the NCAA Championship and then a critical 2-10 split against Vanderbilt when the Hawks were down three games to none. That split propelled UMES to four straight wins and a birth in the finals. For the season, Worsley knocked down over 14,000 pins and averaged a 181.23 with a high game of a 257. A former MEAC MVP, Worsley was also named the UMES Female Athlete of the Year the past two seasons.

SWAC picks Manns as SID of the Year

The Southwestern Athletic Conference Sports Information Directors Group recently named **Kevin Manns** of Southern the 2007-08 SWAC SID of the Year. The award is given annually to the sports information person during the Conference's Spring Meetings.

Manns is in his eighth season on "The Bluff" as sports information director. In that capacity, Manns's office is responsible for the dissemination of information concerning Southern athletics, which serves as the curator of the University's athletic records and as the liaison between the department, various media entities, professional athletic organizations, among other responsibilities.

Before arriving at Southern, Manns was instrumental in providing stability to the sports information office at **Alabama State**. He was also SID at **Winston-Salem State University**, where he worked alongside legendary basketball Coach, **Clarence "Big House" Gaines**.

Manns is a 1986 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, West Virginia, where he was a three-year letterman and two-year starter on the Eagle football team. He also was a two-time high school All-American in track. He continued his collegiate football play at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C. In 1990, Manns earned his bachelor's degree in Accounting.

After graduation, he went on to do public relations work for Craig Hodges, who was a member of the Chicago Bulls.