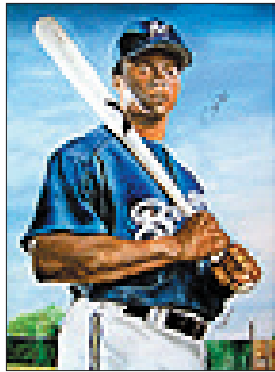


BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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GOOD WEEKS: HBCU products Rickie Weeks, Fred Lewis and Tim O'Neal step up, have good results, building their resumes.

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UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

PROPHET CALLED HOME:

The Black College Sports community mourns the death of former longtime **Mississippi Valley State** Athletics Director and Sports Information Director **Charles "Chuck" Prophet**.

Prophet, 67, passed around mid-day Friday, June 20 in the Greenwood Leflore Hospital in Greenwood, Miss.

"It is a tremendous loss for Mississippi Valley State and the **Southwestern Athletic Conference**," said SWAC Commissioner **Duer Sharp**. "His hard work and his dedication at MVSU and within the Conference were immeasurable. Our thoughts are with his family at this time and Chuck will always hold a special place in our Conference's memory."

A pioneer in the field of athletics administration, Prophet was widely known as "The Wagon Master" of the famed SWAC football press tours of the past. It was Prophet along with his boyhood friend, former MVSU head football coach **Archie "Gunslinger" Cooley**, that helped propel the school into the national limelight during the 1983 and 1984 football seasons that featured the dynamic tandem of quarterback **Willie "Satellite" Totten** and future NFL pass-catching great **Jerry "World" Rice**. The record-setting duo became nationally known, in no small part due to Prophet's pitchman skills, as the "Satellite Express," and set a number of still-standing NCAA records along the way. In 2005 Prophet was honored when the football field at Rice-Totten Stadium at MVSU was renamed Charles "Chuck" Prophet Field and in 2006 he was enshrined into the MVSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

"Words cannot express how dearly Chuck will be missed," said interim athletics director **Donald Sims**. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to Anna and the rest of the family. Chuck will always remain in our hearts."

A resident of Greenwood, Prophet served as president of the Greenwood-Leflore Alumni Chapter of MVSU. He was also a former president and mentor to many younger members of the Black College Sports Information Directors Association (BCSIDA) and a former board member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Always thoughtful and caring and a great family man, Prophet touched a great number of people and his professionalism, passion and genuine concern were instrumental in getting black college sports the attention and consideration it deserves.

Services have been set for Saturday June 28th at 11 a.m. in the R.W. Harrison HPER Complex on the MVSU campus. He is survived by wife Anna, two daughters, two sons and a grandson.

WOO WOOS TO JAMAICA:

Virginia State cheerleader **Parish Haynes** and head coach **Paulette Walker-Johnson** will travel to Jamaica on June 20 for a week-long cheerleading camp. The camp will allow Haynes and Walker-Johnson to travel to several Jamaican cities and teach children how to become cheerleaders. The Woo Woos have a national reputation and have been described as "the class of CIAA cheerleading squads" for almost three decades while under the directorship of Coach Walker-Johnson.

BCSP Profiles

Rickie Weeks, 2B, Milwaukee Brewers

Former **Southern** and NCAA baseball standout **Rickie Weeks**, in his second game back from the 15-day disabled list Monday, banged out a season-high three hits to back the four-hit pitching of Ben Sheets as the Milwaukee Brewers downed Atlanta, 4-1.

Weeks, who went 3-for-4 with a double, a walk, a stolen base and a run scored, returned at the top of the Brewers' batting order. He had been out with a sprained left knee.

The Brewers also got a home run from centerfielder Mike Cameron. "Rickie got us going early," Cameron said. "That set the tone."

"It was good to get something started early," Weeks said. "That's good for any pitcher but with a guy like Ben, you know he's going to give you six, seven, eight, nine strong innings. There's a lot of confidence for our team when he's out there."

Weeks' hitting performance Monday was a welcome sight to Brewers fans who have watched the former Jaguar slugger struggle thru most of the season. The three hits raised his average to a season-high .217, far below his standards or what the Brewers expected when they drafted the two-time SWAC player of the year, two-time NCAA batting champion and 2003 college player with the second pick in the 2003 Major League

Baseball Draft.

"The knee feels good," Weeks said to the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*. "It's just a little weak from doing all the work, but there's no pain or anything. I'm good to go."

Manager Ned Yost put Weeks back in the leadoff spot in the Brewers' lineup. Weeks was having trouble getting on base before being injured, batting .210 with a .325 on-base percentage.

So far this season, Weeks has 51 hits in 236 at bats with 7 home runs, 10 doubles, 2 triples, 20 RBI and 11 stolen bases in 14 attempts. He has scored 44 runs. Weeks has struck out 50 times, fourth highest on the team.

Fred Lewis, OF, San Francisco Giants

Weeks' former **Southern** teammate, San Francisco Giants' outfielder **Fred Lewis**, is also batting leadoff but is having a little better season at the dish.

Thru games of Monday, June 23, Lewis was hitting .292 with 6 home runs, 17 doubles, 6 triples and 13 stolen bases in 17 attempts. He had 75 hits in 257 at bats. He ranks fourth among National League leadoff hitters with 41 runs scored.



WEEKS



LEWIS



O'NEAL

In his most recent outing, Sunday's (6/22) game vs. Kansas City, he matched Weeks with three hits in four trips, while also scoring a run and getting a stolen base.

Lewis, who was taken in the second round of the 2002 Draft, leads the Giants with 63 strikeouts but also had a team-high 29 walks, swelling his on-base percentage to .362.

Tim O'Neal, Pro Golfer

Former **Jackson State** golfer **Tim O'Neal** closed with a final round four-under-par 68 to finish at 10-under 278 and post a tie for 24th, his best finish of the year, at the Nationwide Tour's Knoxville Open last week.

O'Neal shot rounds of 70-68-72-68 to earn his biggest paycheck of the season so far - \$4,029. He had missed the cut in his three previous Nationwide events.

He had last made a Nationwide cut at the May 8-11 Fort Smith (Ark.) Classic where he shot 70-68-74-75 to finish at the back of the field.

BCSP Notes

Sharon Brummell of UMES named Div. I's top bowling coach

She was already a four-time **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) Coach of the Year, but this one means just a little but more.

The National Tenpins Coaches Association (NTCA) has named **University of Maryland-Eastern Shore** Head Women's Bowling coach **Sharon Brummell** as its 2008 NCAA Div. 1 National Coach of the Year.

"Wow," said Brummell. "What a compliment. To be voted the Coach of the Year by your colleagues is truly an honor and a humbling experience."

Brummell led UMES to their fourth MEAC Championship and first ever NCAA National Championship in Women's Bowling this past season and was rewarded for her efforts with the national honor.

"I feel like our program is finally getting the recognition it deserves," added Brummell.

"I have to credit the student-athletes with this award. Not just this year's squad, but all of them for the past ten years. I know each team has worked very hard to be better than the last and it paid off this year with the National Championship. It feels absolutely wonderful to receive this honor."

The National Championship is just the second in school history and first NCAA tile. Brummell also became the first woman and African-American to lead her team to an NCAA Bowling National Championship.

Brummell will return to the lanes next season for an 11th year and hopes to defend the MEAC and NCAA Championships, tasks she knows will not be easy.

"It is hard to win a championship," Brummell said. "But now we know what it takes to win it and we know we have to work even harder than what it took to win it the first time."

Ron Holmes of Central Missouri was named the DII NTCA Coach of the Year and Frank Parisi was named the DIII Coach of the Year.



PROPHET



BRUMMELL

Hampton chooses veteran Lewis as new men's track coach

Steve Lewis, a track and field legend in the Virginia Peninsula area as well as in collegiate circles, has been named **Hampton University's** new men's cross country and track and field head coach, effective July 1, 2008. Lewis will replace **Emmanuel Daux**, who served as interim head coach during the 2007-08 school year.

"I feel it's a great opportunity for me to be a part of such a great program and to be back in the area where I started my coaching career," said Lewis. "I'm just excited about the opportunity to be a part of the Tidewater area and to be a part of Hampton University. I think it'll be something special."

Lewis, 65, whose specialties include hurdle events, sprint races, jumps, 400-meter and 800-meter races, has over 40 years of coaching experience most recently serving as an assistant coach at **Delaware State**. From 2002-05, he was an assistant coach for Eastern Michigan's women's program. Prior to his time at EMU, Lewis spent more than 20 years coaching both men's and women's track at the University of Pittsburgh.

He began his legendary coaching career by leading his teams to ten Virginia High School League state titles between 1970-82, one at Matthews and nine at Menchville. He left his post at Menchville to coach at Pittsburgh, where he stayed until 2002. He became head men's and women's track coach at Pitt in 1995.

"We're both happy and fortunate to have an individual with Steve Lewis's credentials join our staff as head men's track and field coach," said Hampton Athletics Director, **Lonza Hardy, Jr.** "With nearly four decades of coaching experience, and with the vast contacts he has established, we believe he possesses all of the qualities necessary to elevate our men's program into a championship program. We think he'll work wonders here for us."

The HU Pirates finished sixth in the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** cross country championships in 2007, eighth in the 2008 MEAC indoor championships and third in the 2008 MEAC outdoor championships.

2008 Football Notes

Shaw, Texas Southern to tangle in Sacramento Classic

Reigning **CIAA** champ, **Shaw University**, will face SWAC member **Texas Southern** on the gridiron in the first **Capital City Football Classic** in Sacramento, California on Saturday, September 13th at Hughes Stadium. Game time is set for 4:05 p.m. and will be broadcast live via Comcast Sports Net.

The mission of the Capital City Football Classic is to leverage the appeal of sports and entertainment to promote literacy, education, cultural diversity and raise capital resources for programs and non-profit organizations that service under-served communities and at risk youth.

The week of game begins September 11 and will feature a variety of special events including a Spelling Bee; High School Essay contest; Multicultural Festival; Celebrity Golf Tournament; United College Action Network, Incorporated 20th Year Anniversary Scholarship Gala; Greek Step Show; Gospel Concert with **Shirley Caesar** (Shaw alum) and **Yolanda Adams** (TSU alum); and three HBCU College Recruitment Fairs with over 35 college representatives.

Shaw Head Coach **Darrell Asberry**, stated, "The game will provide national exposure for the University against Texas Southern, an NCAA Division 1-AA (FCS) team. This will give us a great platform to showcase the level of talent that resides on our team and allow the world at-large to see the big competitive hearts and outstanding skills from the young men on our football team. Hopefully we will play well enough to be invited back next year." For more information on the classic, visit www.capitalcityfootballclassic.com.



full circle into a true classic - a contest between common opponents on a common date on an annual basis," said Mobile Mayor Sam Jones. "We're finally there and the city of Mobile is extremely excited to have two teams both under 200 miles from here with strong alumni and fan bases. There's no doubt this is absolutely the right path for this game."

The Gulf Coast Classic has been held in Mobile for the last 34 years, and ASU has participated every year since its inception in 1974.

"There is something special about the ASU-Southern rivalry," said ASU Interim Athletic Director **Ron Dickerson**. "ASU fans already love coming to Mobile for the Gulf Coast Classic. Now, with Southern's participation solidified for the next several years, fans from both sides will be thrilled."

Southern has played in 11 Gulf Coast Classics, and their followers, known as "the Jaguar Nation," have developed a reputation for the large crowds they carry to away games.

"This agreement benefits everyone greatly," said Southern Athletic Director **Greg LeFleur**. "We're excited to be involved in the Classic and Mobile is an excellent meeting place and host for the universities."

The annual match-up between the SWAC foes has grown into a fierce rivalry. Over the last decade, the ASU Hornets and the SU Jaguars have played some of the most exciting and memorable games in the conference - including match-ups in back-to-back SWAC championships games, with each team winning once.

Last year's Gulf Coast Classic - which was televised nationally by ESPN - set a new record for the most RVs and motor homes on the inside of Ladd-Peebles Stadium.

Howard gets Clemson running back

Clemson's **Ray Ray McElrathbey** says he's transferring to **Howard**. McElrathbey is the football player who earned accolades for taking custody of his younger brother while going to college. In an e-mail to The Associated Press on Monday, he said he's decided to head to the Washington, D.C., school.

McElrathbey's mother told The (Charleston) Post and Courier that McElrathbey chose Howard because of its academics. Her son was expected to take his 13-year-old brother along. Clemson said in March that McElrathbey would not play for the football team. The athletic department had offered McElrathbey a graduate assistant position.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HBCU FOOTBALL COACHING CHANGES

SCHOOL	FORMER COACH	NEW COACH
Alcorn State	Johnny Thomas	Ernest Jones
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Mo Forte	Monte Coleman
Cheyney	Tim Newsom	Jeff Braxton
Florida A&M	Rubin Carter	Joe Taylor
Hampton	Joe Taylor	Jerry Holmes
Lane	Johnny Cole	Dearrion Snead
Miles	Wade Streeter	Billy Joe
Savannah State	Theo Lemon	Robert Wells
Texas Southern	Steve Wilson	Johnny Cole