



'08 SEASON LOADED WITH QB STARS

PREDICTIONS IN, HYPE BEGINS; SIAC NO. 1 IN NCAA DIV. II ATTENDANCE, AGAIN



WINTON: Delaware State quarterback and team picked second despite winning '07 MEAC title.

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FOUR TIGERS ON OVC TEAM:

Four **Tennessee State** football players, three on offense and one on defense, were named to the Ohio Valley Conference preseason football team and football team was selected fourth in the predicted order of finish.

The OVC preseason team and predicted order of finish, selected in a vote of the league's coaches and sports information directors was announced on Tuesday, July 22nd at the OVC Football Media day held in Nashville at LP Field.

All four TSU selectees are seniors and are headed by running back **Javarris Williams**, along with wide receiver



WILLIAMS

Chris Johnson and lineman **Cornelius Lewis**. On defense, linebacker **Ramond Willis** is the lone Tiger selected.

Williams (5-11, 215, Richmond, TX), returns in 2008 as the OVC's leader in rushing (1,287), all-purpose yardage (1,427 / 129.7 ypg) and TDs (12). Williams averaged 107.9 ypg last year and is an OVC preseason

selection for the second year in a row. He ranks second on the TSU Career Rushing list (3,292) and ranks third nationally among all active FCS running backs (3,292 career yards). He has been tabbed as a preseason OVC Offensive Player of the year by The Sporting News and Phil Steele's Football Preseason Magazines Chris Johnson, (6-2, 180, Nashville, TN).

Johnson (6-2, 180, Nashville, TN) is the OVC's top returning receiver (740 yds, 41 rec.). Last season, he gained 991 yds in total offense (90.1 ypg) adding 251 yards in kick return yardage to his receiving yardage.

Cornelius Lewis (6-5, 310, Jacksonville, FL) an offensive lineman, a 2007 transfer from Florida State, was one of the leaders of the TSU offensive line that returns as the OVC's top rushing offense (210.8 ypg) and third in total offense (400.5 ypg). Lewis has already been named to several preseason All-American teams.

On defense, linebacker Ramond Willis (6-2, 245, New Madrid, IL), a 2007 transfer from the University of Illinois, led the Tigers in tackles in 2007 with 84 total stops (50 solo). He had 9 TFLs (31), two QB hurries, one sack (13) and one interception.

The Tigers were tabbed to finish fourth in the OVC preseason behind Jacksonville State, Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Illinois.

HALL SIGNS WITH BROWNS:

Former **Saint Augustine's** star **Alex Hall** signed a four-year contract with the NFL's Cleveland Browns before reporting to training camp this week in Berea, Ohio.

Hall, the Browns' seventh-round choice in 2008, is the third Saint Aug's player drafted in school history and the first since the school re-instituted football in 2002. He was the only player from the **CIAA** conference selected in the 2008 NFL Draft.

A Division II All-American and All-CIAA player at defensive end, Hall (6-5, 250 pounds) set school records for career sacks (25.5), season sacks (13) and game sacks (4.5). He is a promising outside linebacker prospect who has a good chance of making the final roster as a pass-rush specialist and on special teams.

SIAC FB ATTENDANCE WINNER:

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has announced that the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** has won the Division II football attendance title for the fifth consecutive year. The Conference also had seven (7) teams finish in the top 25 in team attendance out of a total of 144 total teams in Division II. **Miles** and **Tuskegee** finished 1st and 2nd respectively as the individual team leaders of attendance in Division II.

Miles, Tuskegee, **Morehouse** (7th), **Albany State** (13th), **Clark Atlanta** (23rd), **Fort Valley State** (24th) and **Benedict** (25th) led the way for the conference to achieve its fifth consecutive football attendance title and ninth out of the last ten years. Undefeated HBCU National Champion Tuskegee fell just short of winning its fifth attendance title ('98, '99, '01, '02) to Miles who averaged 13,225 fans per game while Tuskegee managed to average 13,118.

2008 PRESEASON ALL-SWAC FOOTBALL TEAMS

OFFENSE - 1ST TEAM
OL - Muhammad Karim, Sr., GSU
OL - Demarcus Stewart, Sr., SU
OL - Darius Turner, Sr., AA&M
OL - Mikael Harshaw, Jr., JSU
OL - Xavier Manuel, Jr., AA&M
TE - Abner Brown, Sr., MVSU
WR - Thomas Harris, Jr., AA&M
WR - Del Roberts, Jr., SU
RB - Frank Warren, So., GSU
RB - Ulysses Banks, Jr., AA&M
QB - **Bryant Lee, So., SU**
K - Eric Perri, Jr., JSU



BRYANT LEE
Soph., QB, SOUTHERN
Preseason Offensive
Player of the Year



ZACH EAST
Sr., LB, PRAIRIE VIEW
Preseason Defensive
Player of the Year

DEFENSE - 1ST TEAM
DL - Vincent Lands, Sr., SU
DL - Ledarius Anthony, Sr., UAPB
DL - Jeremy Maddox, Jr., AA&M
DL - Christian Anthony, Jr., GSU
LB - **Zach East, Sr., PVA&M**
LB - Rechar Johnson, Sr., Alab. St.
LB - Tim Turner, Sr., UAPB
DB - Al Donaldson, Sr., AA&M
DB - Malcolm Palmer, Jr., JSU
DB - Brandon Averett, Sr., Alab. St.
DB - Stewart Franks, Sr., UAPB
P - Josh Duran, So., SU
RS - Bruce Peters, Sr., UAPB

OFFENSE - 2ND TEAM
OL - Nelson Baddelle, Sr., MVSU
OL - Cleveland Colie, Sr., PVA&M
OL - Bronson Carvalho, Sr., Alcorn St.
OL - Andrew Showalter, Jr., Alab. St.
OL - Eric Jones, Jr., JSU
TE - Todd Leichfuss, Jr., AA&M
WR - Juamorris Stewart, Jr., SU
WR - Brian Heath, Jr., TSU
RB - Ronald Brewer, So., MVSU
RB - Rahmod Taylor, Jr., Alab. St.
QB - Brandon Landers, Sr., GSU
K - Jeremy Licea, Jr., AA&M

DEFENSE - 2ND TEAM
DL - Marcus Benard, Sr., JSU
DL - Dalvin Nettles, Jr., PVA&M
DL - Melvin Matthews, Sr., GSU
DL - Kenneth Leichman, Jr., UAPB
LB - Marcellus Speaks, Sr., JSU
LB - Johnathan Malveaux, Jr., SU
LB - Keefe Hall, Sr., GSU
DB - Glenn Bell, Sr., SU
DB - Roderick Williams, Sr., Alcorn St.
DB - Dominique Johnson, Sr., JSU
DB - Michael Williams, Sr., SU
P - Rashan Cylar, Jr., AA&M
RS - Clarence Cotton, Sr., MVSU

2008 PRESEASON ALL-CIAA FOOTBALL TEAM

OFFENSE
TE - Michael Thornton, Sr., SPC
OL - Dawayne Frost, Sr., BSU
OL - Rashawn Curry, Sr., JCSU
OL - Oliver Pazdry, Sr., Shaw
OL - Kyneth Moses, Sr., VUU
OL - Laquentin Blair, Sr., VUU
WR - Lenell King, Sr., Shaw
WR - Michael Hampton, Sr., VUU
QB - **Lamar Little, Sr., VUU**
RB - Issac Redman, Sr., BSU
RB - Tarian Donaldson, Jr., VUU
KR - Devon Wiggins, Sr., VUU
PK - Gil Hernandez, Sr., VUU



LAMAR LITTLE
Sr., QB, VIRGINIA UNION
Reigning CIAA
Offensive Player of the Year



LOUIS ELLIS
Sr., DL, SHAW
Reigning CIAA
Defensive Player of the Year

DEFENSE
DL - Willie McCorday, Jr., BSU
DL - Marcus Kennedy, Sr., SAC
DL - **Louis Ellis, Sr., Shaw**
DL - Martellus Braxton, Sr., Shaw
LB - Terrell Allen, Sr., FSU
LB - Clinton Gee, Sr., SPC
LB - Brandon Smith, Jr., VUU
DB - Donte' Wise, Sr., FSU
DB - Greg Toler, Sr., SPC
DB - Monte Coleman, Sr., Shaw
DB - Andre Lipscomb, Sr., VSU
P - Daniel Mendez, Jr., ECSU
PR - Robert Brown, Jr., Shaw

Quarterback hype high in '08

Old and new faces under center should make for intriguing 2008 gridiron season

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

There were storylines aplenty as black college conferences completed their preseason football events last week.

There were a few surprises as the leagues unveiled their prognostications of how teams will finish and their preseason all-conference teams.

Not surprising however, was that quarterbacks and quarterback play created the loudest buzz as coaches and their star players gathered for the annual late summer ritual that symbolizes the ceremonial beginning of the 2008 football season.

From Birmingham, site of Tuesday's **Southwestern Athletic Conference** confab, to Norfolk, where the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** wrapped up the week's activities Friday, the guys that are the triggers for their team's offenses were on center stage.

That was never more evident than at Thursday's **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's** media luncheon at **Virginia State University's** cafeteria where the league unveiled its "Conference of the Quarterbacks" theme with eight of the CIAA's signal-callers the only players on hand to tout their expectations for the 2008 season.

Perhaps no quarterback was more hyped last week than **Virginia Union** senior **Lamar Little**, who the league plans to tout as a Harlan Hill Trophy (NCAA Div. II National Player of the Year) candidate.

The exciting 5-11 playmaker, who passed and ran VUU to the CIAA title game and the postseason **Pioneer Bowl** a year ago, looks to follow up a brilliant junior season that saw him account for over 2,400 yards of total offense (1,885 passing, 539 rushing) and 31 touchdowns (22 passing, 9 rushing).

Little's Panthers were picked by the league's coaches to finish atop the CIAA's East Division. Defending champion **Shaw** was picked to repeat in the West.

In the **SWAC**, productive **Southern** quarterback **Bryant Lee**, who passed for 2,326 yards, 23 TDs with only 4 interceptions as a freshman, is the preseason offensive player of the year. But there may be more of a national spotlight on **Texas Southern** QB **Bobby Reid**.

The Oklahoma State transfer, once one of the most highly touted high school quarterbacks in the country, has returned to hometown Houston with a one-year shot to rekindle a career that went hay-wire at OSU culminating with a newspaper article questioning his toughness and a nationally publicized postgame tirade by OSU coach Mike Gundy questioning the article and the reporter who wrote it.



REID

All eyes will be on Reid as he joins new head coach **Johnnie Cole** in the task of trying to turn around a TSU program that finished 0-11 last season.

Defending division champions **Grambling State** (West) and **Jackson State** (East) were picked by the league's coaches to return to the SWAC title game won by JSU a year ago.

Despite returning a solid defensive unit and being a solid contender for the **MEAC** title over his six-year career, one reason **South Carolina State** head coach **Oliver "Buddy" Pough's** Bulldogs are picked to win the league's title this year is quarterback **Malcolm Long**.

The 6-4, 240-pound Long,



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EYES ON THE QBs: CIAA quarterbacks that will lead their teams into battle come August 30 give the victory symbol as they pose for the cameras after the July 24th CIAA Press Luncheon. Pictured are (kneeling) Lamar Little (Virginia Union), (standing l. to r.) Curtis Rich (Elizabeth City State), Jason Scott (Bowie State), Anthony Brown (St. Augustine's), Carlton Richardson (Johnson C. Smith), Bryan Hardy (Fayetteville State), Edward Davis (Virginia State) and Marcus Brown (Chowan).

a two-time South Carolina High School player of the year, is likely the most-heralded prospect to come into the MEAC since **Casey Printers** transferred to **Florida A&M** from Texas Christian in 2002. But Long didn't come via the transfer route.



LONG

After sitting and learning behind mobile senior SCSU QB **Cleveland McCoy** last year, the strong-armed sophomore will be handed the keys to the Bulldog offense in hopes of leading Pough's squad to the title that has eluded it thus far.

South Carolina State was picked ahead of two teams that return veteran quarterbacks that coaches feel are the best in the conference. Defending champion **Delaware State**, led by preseason second-team senior QB **Vashon Winton**, was picked second by the coaches

while **Hampton**, led by preseason offensive player of the year QB **T.J. Mitchell**, was fourth. **Norfolk State** was the coaches third pick.

The **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** did not have a preseason event but did unveil its coaches picks for 2008 last week and a quarterback was again at the forefront.

Tuskegee QB **Jacary Atkinson** who led the Golden Tigers to the SIAC and black college national championship with a perfect 12-0 record last season while leading all of NCAA Div. II in passing efficiency, is back as the trigger man for the top team in the SIAC. Atkinson racked up over 3,300 yards in total offense (2,777 passing, 570 rushing) while accounting for 38 TDs (31 passing, 7 rushing).



ATKINSON

CIAA PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH	
EASTERN DIVISION	
Virginia Union	
Elizabeth City State	
Bowie State	
Virginia State	
Saint Paul's	
WESTERN DIVISION	
Shaw	
Fayetteville State	
Saint Augustine's	
Johnson C. Smith	
Livingstone	
Chowan	

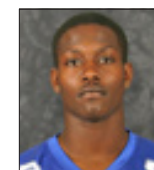
SWAC PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH	
EASTERN DIVISION	
1. Jackson State (17)	105
2. Alabama A&M (5)	92
3. Miss. Valley State	51
4. Alabama State	49
5. Alcorn State	33
WESTERN DIVISION	
1. Grambling State (11)	96
2. Southern (7)	89
3. Prairie View A&M (4)	75
4. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	38
5. Texas Southern	32

MEAC PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH	
1. S. C. State (6)	272
2. Delaware State (6)	252
3. Norfolk State (2)	216
4. Hampton (2)	214
5. Morgan State	170
6. Florida A&M	120
7. B.-Cookman	(1) 91
8. Howard	85
9. N. C. A&T (1)	35

SIAC PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH	
1. Tuskegee (7)	14
2. Albany State (1)	23
3. Fort Valley State (1)	36
4. Morehouse	44
5. Stillman	58
6. Miles	68
7. Lane	76
8. Benedict	77
9. Clark Atlanta (1)	77
10. Kentucky State	80

2008 PRESEASON ALL-MEAC FOOTBALL TEAMS

OFFENSE - 1ST TEAM
QB - **T.J. Mitchell, r-Jr., Hampton**
RB - William Ford, Jr., SCSU
RB - Philip Sylvester, So., FAMU
TE - Taj Jenkins, Jr., FAMU
WR - Jeremy Gilchrist, r-Sr., Hampton
WR - Jamar Johnson, r-Sr., NSU
OL - Dennis Conley, Sr., Hampton
OL - Jamien Banks, r-Sr., NSU
OL - Devon Dawson, Jr., SCSU
OL - Dwayne Delaney, Sr., MSU
OL - Raymond Harrison, r-Sr., SCSU
RS - Jeremy Gilchrist, r-Sr., Hampton



T.J. MITCHELL
r-Jr., QB, HAMPTON
Preseason Offensive
Player of the Year



ENDOR COOPER
Sr., LB, HOWARD
Preseason Defensive
Player of the Year

DEFENSE - 1ST TEAM
DL - Clarence McPherson, Sr., MSU
DL - Ronn Spinner, Sr., DSU
DL - Dexter Jackson, Jr., BCU
DL - Cedric Lloyd, Sr., SCSU
LB - **Endor Cooper, Sr., Howard**
LB - Josh Pope, r-Jr., DSU
LB - Jarrell Guyton, Sr., MSU
LB - Vernon Wilder, r-Sr., FAMU
DB - Terrell Whitehead, Jr., NSU
DB - Markee Hamlin, Jr., SCSU
DB - Sam Pope, Sr., Hampton
DB - Chris Williams, Sr., MSU
P - Jahmal Blanchard, Jr., Hampton
PK - James Meade, Sr., MSU

OFFENSE - 2ND TEAM
QB - Vashon Winton, Sr., DSU
RB - Michael Ferguson, Sr., NC A&T
RB - Kareem Jones, Sr., DSU
TE - Octavius Darby, Sr., SCSU
WR - Kevin Teel, Sr., Hampton
WR - Oliver Young, Jr., SCSU
WR - Jeremy Wicker, r-So., NSU
OL - Anthony Collins, r-Jr., FAMU
OL - Reubin Mordecai, r-Sr., BCU
OL - Robert Norris, Sr., MSU
OL - Michael Olat, r-So., Hampton
OL - Adrian Brown, Sr., DSU
C - Nick Richmond, r-Jr., DSU
RS - Corey Council, Sr., BCU

DEFENSE - 2ND TEAM
DL - Tyre Glasper, Sr., NC A&T
DL - James Simmons, Sr., SCSU
DL - Keyon Brooks, Sr., SCSU
DL - Dennis Marsh, r-Sr., NSU
LB - Andre Thornton, Jr., NC A&T
LB - Tony White, Sr., SCSU
LB - Charles Robinson, r-Sr., Hampton
DB - Curtis Holcomb, So., FAMU
DB - Antwane Cox, Jr., BCU
DB - Don Carey, Sr., NSU
DB - Brandon Colbert, Sr., NC A&T
P - Aaron Haire, Jr., SCSU
PK - Carlo Turavani, Sr., Hampton

OFFENSE - 1ST TEAM
QB - **Jacary Atkinson, Sr., TU**
RB - Winston Thompson, Jr., CAU
RB - Pierre Brown, Sr., FVSU
WR - Jason English, Jr., TU
WR - Derrick Hector, Jr., MC
WR - Derrick Smith, Sr., LC
OL - Jonathan Didier, Sr., CAU
OL - Eric Martinear, Jr., LC
OL - Montrell Neal, Sr., ASU
OL - Michael Stevens, Jr., TU
OL - Alphonso Johnson, Sr., CAU
KR - Jamaree Gordon, So., KSU
PK - Matt Sims, So., TU
PR - Antoine Mitchell, So., TU



JACARY ATKINSON
Sr., QB, TUSKEGEE
Reigning Offensive
Player of the Year



DEFENSE - 1ST TEAM
DL - Jarvis Devaughn, Sr., TU
DL - Sammie Hill, Sr., SC
DL - Develle Miller, So., ASU
DL - Chris Bostock, Sr., MC
DL - Anthony Richardson, Sr., KSU
LB - Jeffrey Cargile, MHC
LB - Darrin Mack, Jr., SC
LB - Cordell Key, Jr., KSU
DB - Dre'Mail Hardin, Sr., SC
DB - Justin Hannah, Jr., TU
DB - Terry McGhee, Jr., ASU
DB - Mario Fuller, Jr., ASU
P - Micah Streiff, Sr., MHC

OFFENSE - 2ND TEAM
QB - Sharrod Ellis, Sr., LC
RB - Andrew Ramsey, So., KSU
RB - L'Ronie Davis, Jr., ASU
WR - James Steadman, Sr., MHC
WR - Kenneth Brown, Sr., SC
TE - Larry Johnson, Jr., ASU
OL - Nate Nobles, Sr., MHC
OL - Samuel McNulty, Sr., CAU
OL - Keith Butler, Sr., TU
OL - Marcus Pressly, Sr., ASU
KR - Antoine Mitchell, So., TU
PK - Jake Grubbs, Sr., FVSU

DEFENSE - 2ND TEAM
DL - Dejuan Payne, Sr., MHC
DL - Mario Lane, Sr., MHC
DL - Alex Dumeus, Sr., SC
DL - Timothy Bullock, Sr., LC
LB - Michael Thompson, Jr., BC
LB - Jonathan Hall, Jr., TU
LB - Reggie Hughes, Sr., FVSU
LB - Vincent Hill, Sr., MHC
DB - Derrick Scott, Sr., MHC
DB - Brian Richardson, Sr., ASU
DB - Eddie Young, Sr., FVSU
PR - Verna Nesmith, Jr., BC
P - Christopher Khan, Jr., TU