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POST SEASON MOVES

NICK OUT AT HAMPTON; BOWIE STATE GETS GRID COACH; "BAAD TEAM" PLAYERS NAMED

OUSTED?: Both men's coach Kevin Nickelberry (top) and women's coach Walter Mebane (bottom) let go at Hampton in same week.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

BOWIE STATE GRID COACH:

Bowie State University and Athletic Director **Derek Carter** have officially announced the hiring of **Damon Wilson** as head football coach.



"We're extremely happy to have a product of Bowie State return to serve this great institution and feel confident Damon will be a great fit for the overall program," said Carter.

Wilson is no stranger to the Bulldogs program having served as the Special Teams and Running Backs coach (2007) and most recently served as Assistant Head Coach/Running Back Coach at **Prairie View A&M University** (2008). Prior to that, he coached three seasons as an assistant for **Texas Southern University** (2004-2007) and roamed the BSU Bulldogs sideline from 1999-2003, serving in several capacities including Special Team Coordinator.

Wilson played tight end for Bowie State (1997-1998), earning All-CIAA First Team honors. The Washington, DC native, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bowie State in 2000 and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. In his spare time, Wilson enjoys working with kids, fishing and attending sporting events.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity of being the head coach of Bowie State University," said Wilson. "It's very exciting to come back home and head your program as an alumnus."

MID-MAJOR AWARD TO BOZEMAN:

After leading **Morgan State** to a second consecutive MEAC regular season championship and the program's first-ever NCAA tournament appearance, **Todd Bozeman** has been named the recipient of the 2009 Hugh Durham Award.



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BOZEMAN: Has led Morgan State to back-to-back MEAC titles

"Coach Bozeman did a phenomenal job," says Joe Dwyer, co-founder of CollegeInsider.com and member of the Durham Award selection committee. "He lost the MEAC player of the year (**Jamar Smith**), defensive player of the year (**Boubacar Coly**) and his starting point guard (**Jerrel Green**) and he was still able to repeat as conference champion. If he accomplished that in the ACC or Big East people would talk about this being one of the best coaching jobs in years."

The award, which is voted on by a 20-member selection panel that includes current and former head coaches and is chaired by Hugh Durham, is presented annually at the Final Four to the top Mid-Major Coach in America.

Bozeman guided Morgan State to a 13-3 conference record and 20-11 overall mark. In his third year at the helm, Bozeman's Bears recorded top non-conference wins over Maryland and DePaul and are currently ranked 23rd in Mid-Major Top 25 poll. Morgan State, who earned back-to-back regular season championship titles, also won this year's MEAC Tournament championship.

"The job Coach Bozeman did this season went largely unnoticed," says Hugh Durham. "There were a lot of coaches that did great jobs this season, but nobody did a better job than Todd." The finalists for the 2009 award were Duggar Baucom (VMI), Randy Bennett (St. Mary's), Bozeman, Ed Conroy (The Citadel), Brad Greenberg (Radford), Ben Jacobson (Northern Iowa), Saul Phillips (North Dakota State), J.P. Piper (Nicholls State), Randy Rahe (Weber State) and Brad Stevens (Butler).

"I am humbled and honored to be recognized as the Hugh Durham Mid-Major Coach of the Year," said Bozeman. "It's been a rewarding and fun season. To culminate the season by receiving such an award is an honor and an acknowledgment to the hard work that my players and coaching staff put in."

In 2005 the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Coach of the Year award was renamed in honor of Hugh Durham who retired at the end of the 2004-05 season after leading two different programs to the NCAA Final Four. He is the only coach to lead both teams to their only Final Four. The previous winners of the award are Keno Davis (Drake '08), Gregg Marshall (Winthrop '07), Pat Flannery (Bucknell '06) and Bob Thomason (Pacific '05).



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Hilliard, Moss named top players

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Anthony Hilliard and **Shantrell Moss** have a lot in common.

Hilliard, a senior swingman at **Elizabeth City State** is listed at a generous 6-foot, 4-inches tall. He's hardly that.

Moss, a senior who also swung between guard, forward and wherever else she was needed for **Clark Atlanta**, is listed at 5-foot, 9-inches.

They're both overachievers who led their teams to previously unachievable heights.

Hilliard, who hails from Fayetteville, N.C., at only the listed 6-4, led the **CIAA** in scoring (23.2 points per game) and rebounding (11.1 per game) for the second year in a row. He won his second straight **CIAA** player of the year award while leading **ECSU** to its second straight 20-win season, a feat never accomplished in Vikings' history. This year, based on his stellar play, Hilliard is the **BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE** player of the year and leader of the "Baad Team" of men's black college all-stars.

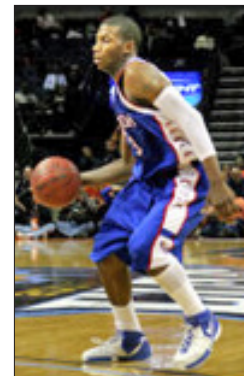
Moss, a Fort Lauderdale, Fl. native and former **ACC** champion sprinter at Georgia Tech before transferring to **CAU**, used that sprinter speed and athletic ability to torch **SIAC** opponents to the tune of a league-best 24.8 points per game and a hefty 9.8 rebounds per contest. That latter stat was about one-and-a-half rebounds per game from pulling off the scoring-rebounding double that Hilliard achieved. Moss led the Lady Panthers to a 26-4 record, their first top 25 national ranking and first **NCAA** Div. II playoff berth.

While Moss's scoring numbers were the best in black college women's basketball, Hilliard's rebounding stats topped the men.

Moss's incredible season earns her the women's **BCSP** player of the year award and the top spot on the women's "Baad Team."

Joining Hilliard on the men's first team are deserving players of the year with impressive credentials in four other conferences.

Coppin State guard **Tywan McKee** has been a star and a player one could not ignore ever since he entered the **MEAC** four years ago and capped one of the most outstanding



STAT BOX STUFFERS: Shantrell Moss of Clark Atlanta (l.) and Anthony Hilliard of Elizabeth City State (r.) are BCSP selections as the top women's and men's basketball players of the 2008-09 season.

careers in conference history this season by being named that league's player of the year.

In his first year after transferring from Temple, McKee won the league's rookie of the year award and was named second team all-**MEAC** after averaging a team-best 15.4 points per game and being among the leaders in nine statistical categories. As a sophomore, he averaged 17.4 points per game, again best on the team, was among the conference leaders in seven categories and was named to the all-**MEAC** first team.

The 2007-08 season saw him take it up another level, averaging 16.6 points to repeat as a first team selection but then taking over the **MEAC** Tournament to lead the seventh-seeded Eagles to the championship while earning the tournament's most outstanding player award. McKee scored a season-high 33 points in the title game including canning the game-winning shot with 2.4 seconds to play that felled top-seed and cross town rival **Morgan State**. He scored a tournament-record 93 points.

Granted another year of eligibility by the **NCAA**, McKee was second in the **MEAC** in scoring this season at 18.4 points per game, averaged 5.7 rebounds while leading the league in steals (2.3 spg.). He finished as **Coppin State's** all-time leader in points (2,158) and the only player in **CSU's** history to lead the team in scoring in four consecutive seasons.

West Virginia State guard **Ted Scott** also has also had an impressive career culminat-

BCSP Notes

Nickelberry, Mebane out at Hampton

Kevin Nickelberry has resigned as head men's basketball coach at **Hampton University** in order to pursue other professional opportunities, according to **Lonza Hardy Jr.**, the school's athletics director. Hardy said Nickelberry decided to resign at this time so that his departure would not have an adverse affect on the program's recruitment efforts.

"I want to thank Coach Nickelberry for his three years of service to Hampton University," stated Hardy. "Coach Nickelberry is a dynamic young coach, one of the country's top recruiters and an individual who has a bright future ahead of him. While we hate to lose him, I respect his decision to resign in order to pursue other opportunities."

In three years as Hampton's head coach, Nickelberry compiled an overall record of 50-44, including a record of 29-21 in the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC). In 2006-07, his first year at the helm, the Pirates finished the season with a 15-16 record, losing to **Florida A&M** in the second round of the MEAC tournament. In 2007-08, the Pirates were 18-12, losing in the second round of the MEAC tournament to **Coppin State**. This season, Nickelberry led the Pirates to a 16-16 record, losing to **South Carolina State** in the MEAC tournament's second round.

Nickelberry said his decision to leave Hampton was a tough one. "I want to thank Hampton University for giving me my first college head-coaching opportunity," said Nickelberry. "Everyone here has worked to help make me a better coach. The administrators and staff here are tremendous, the student-athletes here are outstanding and this is one of the most prestigious universities anywhere. It has been my honor working at Hampton for the past three years."

Hardy said he has named assistant head coach **Edward Joyner Jr.** as the Pirates' new interim head coach through the 2009-10 season. One of Nickelberry's initial hires in 2006, Joyner is a native of Winston-Salem, N.C. and a graduate of **Johnson C. Smith University** in Charlotte, NC. Prior to joining Nickelberry's staff, he served for 11 years as his alma mater's assistant head coach.

Nickelberry's resignation comes on the heels of the announcement by Hampton that women's basketball coach **Walter Mebane's** contract would not be renewed.

David Six, a very successful former head girls basketball coach at Hampton High School, has been named interim head coach of the Lady Pirates for the 2009-10 season.

Anderson given extension at Jackson State

Jackson State University has extended the contract of head men's basketball coach **Tevester Anderson** through the year 2012.

"I am excited about this extension," Anderson said. "We have made very good progress over the last six seasons, but we still have some busi-

ness to do. This extension gives me the opportunity to leave a winning legacy at Jackson State."

Anderson, who guided the Tigers to a **Southwestern Athletic Conference** tournament championship in 2007, has a 66-42 **SWAC** record and a 95-100 overall mark at Jackson State. JSU's 2007 **SWAC** title was the program's first in seven seasons and the fifth overall. For his career, Anderson has a 198-152 record as a head coach.

Prior to coming to Jackson State, Anderson was the head coach at Murray State (Murray, KY), where he averaged 20 wins over five seasons. He led the Racers to two Ohio Valley Conference regular season championships, two OVC tournament championships and two **NCAA** tournament appearances.

"We appreciate coach Anderson's efforts in helping to make the Tigers into perennial **SWAC** title contenders," said Director of Athletics, **Robert L. Braddy**. "We play a very tough pre-conference schedule and we feel that our program is headed to the next level."

The Tigers are considered one of the top two or three teams each season in the **SWAC**. Under Anderson JSU has either been in the conference tournament semi-finals or finals.

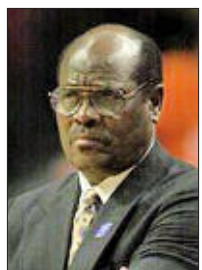
Richards gets permanent post at St. Augustine's

Saint Augustine's College named interim head coach **Margaret Richards** as full-time head women's basketball coach effective April 1. Richards was the interim head coach during the 2008-09 season when the Lady Falcons posted a 15-14 overall record and reached the **CIAA** Tournament semifinals for the first time since 2003.

"Our women's basketball program made great strides this past season under the leadership of Coach Margaret Richards," President **Dr. Dianne Boardley Suber** said. "Coach Richards is a talented young coach who has been able to put the Lady Falcons on a path towards championship performances. Athletic Director Coach [George] Williams and I agree that she has earned the opportunity to continue her coaching career here at Saint Augustine's College."

In her first season as a college head coach, Richards directed the Lady Falcons to a season sweep of defending **CIAA** champion **Shaw University**, which was nationally ranked at one point in the season. It was the first time the Lady Falcons swept their cross-town rival since the 1999-2000 season, and it also snapped a 12-game losing streak to the Lady Bears. Other highlights include a victory over **CIAA** Western Division champion **Fayetteville State University** in the **CIAA** Tournament quarterfinals, and a win over nationally-ranked **Nova Southeastern University** in the season opener.

The Louisville, Ky., native played at the University of Nebraska where she was a four-year guard and captained the team her final two seasons. Before coming to St. Aug's she was a grad assistant at Louisville and served from 2005-07 as an assistant women's coach at **Kentucky State**.



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