

BLACK COLLEGE PAGE

SPORTS



NCAA Sports Photo

GREAT SCOTT! St. Aug sprinter Josh Scott ran fastest time in 400 meters (45.23) this year at CIAA Track Championship.

SPRING THINGS

VIRGINIA STATE HIRES HOOPS COACH; SIAC, CIAA CROWN SPRING CHAMPIONS

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

WHITE IN AS VSU HOOPS COACH:



VSU Sports Photo
WHITE: Takes over as new Virginia State men's hoops coach.

George White has been selected to become the 18th head coach of the **Virginia State University** men's basketball team.

He comes to VSU from Stanford University where he was Director of External Relations for the men's basketball staff for the last two seasons. While at Stanford, White was one of select group of BCS Conference coaches picked to coach at the nationally prominent Fab Frosh

All America Camp.

White came to Stanford from Rider, where he served as an assistant coach in 2005-06. Before his stint at Rider, White spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado, helping guide the Roadrunners to a No. 1 national ranking while reaching the NCAA Division II Final Four in 2004 and Elite Eight in 2005.

White also served as the head coach at Ursinus College, where he led the Bears to two consecutive play-off appearances during a six-year stint. He compiled a 59-86 record during his tenure.

A 1983 graduate of Harvard, White was a four-year letterwinner for the Crimson and served as team captain during his senior year. A native of Philadelphia, Pa., White also served as an assistant coach at St. Joseph's University.

While at Stanford, he was heavily involved with the marketing of the program including areas such as ticketing policy and promotion, community relations and all fundraising and cultivation of key constituents. He also oversaw the development and promotion of the Cage Club, 6th Man Club and all special events, as well as on and offline publications and initiatives.

White also coordinated interaction between the athletic and university administration and media and public relations. In addition to initiating the Career Development Program and lecturing at and assisting in the management of summer camps, he was involved with many operational aspects of the Stanford Cardinal men's basketball program.

White is married and he and his wife, Barbara, have three children, Hannah, Jacob and Dalton.

NCAA CERTIFICATION?:

The NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification has announced decisions concerning the certification status of 35 Division I member institutions that have undergone the Association's second cycle of athletics certification. **Hampton University, Norfolk State University, Prairie View A&M University** and **Tennessee State University** received full certification. **Grambling State University** and **Howard University** were certified with conditions.

The purpose of athletics certification is to ensure integrity in the institution's athletics program and to assist institutions in improving their athletics departments. NCAA legislation mandating athletics certification was adopted in 1993.

The certification process, which involves a self-study led by an institution's president or chancellor, includes a review of these primary components: governance and commitment to rules compliance; academic integrity; equity; and student-athlete well-being.

A designation of certified means that an institution operates its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the Division I membership. This classification means that the institution is considered to be operating its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the NCAA's Division I membership.

However, problems identified during the course of the institution's self-study and the peer-review team's evaluation were considered serious enough by the Committee on Athletics Certification to cause it to withhold full certification until those problems have been corrected.

The NCAA does not divulge specific information related to an institution's self-study or specific information concerning the conditions set forth for certification.

Spring Sports Roundup

SIAC

Morehouse swept both the **SIAC** men's tennis and track and field titles hosted at their facilities in Atlanta over the weekend. The women of **Albany State** captured the track and field title while the women of **Tuskegee** won the tennis crown.

Other SIAC spring sports championships will be held this week. The softball championship, with **Kentucky State** and **Albany State** as the top seeds, begins Thursday in Columbus, Ga.

The SIAC baseball championships will be held April 30-May 2 in Albany, Ga. at the Paul Eames Sports Complex.

TRACK AND FIELD (MEN)

For the fourth consecutive year **Morehouse** took home the **SIAC** Track & Field Championship, the 15th overall title for the Maroon Tigers.

Unlike last year, where Morehouse dominated the field events, their 15th title came from a steady, well-rounded performance. The Maroon Tigers scored 209 points to outdistance **Albany State** (153) and **Benedict** (145).

Event winners for Morehouse included **Matt Tuffur** (Javelin), **Barry Batson** (triple jump and long jump) and **Dreyfus Clemons** (1,500m and 800m).

Eric McCrary of Albany State was named the SIAC Field Most Valuable Performer for the second consecutive year.

Dickson Toroitch of Benedict dominated the track events, finishing third in the 1,500m and 5000m, winning the 10,000m and 3000m Steeplechase to score 32 points. Toroitch was named the SIAC Track Most Valuable Performer.

Coach **Willie Hill** of Morehouse was named the Outstanding Coach of the



SIAC Sports Photo

MOST DOMINANT: Members of the victorious Albany State women's track and field team that captured their fifth straight SIAC title are shown with head coach Ken Taylor (kneeling).

Championship Meet.

TRACK AND FIELD (WOMEN)

For the fifth consecutive year the women of **Albany State** took home the **SIAC** Track & Field Championship.

E'Mosha Brinston led the Albany State onslaught as she scored 28 points in the meet to be named the Track Athlete of the meet. Brinston finished first in the 800m and 1,500m while finishing second in the 3000m Steeplechase. Brinston scored 28 of ASU's 217.5 points in the meet.

Fort Valley State finished second with 142 points while Benedict was third.

Other Albany State athletes that won their events were **Llonisha Lee** (5,000m), **Rakedia Wright** (100m hurdles), **Luatrina Singletary** (pole vault), **Shabreka Carter** (Discus and Hammer) and the 4x100m relay.

Petra McDonald of Benedict scored the most points of all competitors in field events with 36. She was named the SIAC Women's Field Most Valuable Performer and received the honor of the Cleve Abbott Award given to the athlete who scored the most points in the championship. McDonald scored 41 overall points. She finished eighth in the 100m, third in the high jump, fourth in the long jump, fifth in the shot put and second in the Heptathlon.

Coach **Ken Taylor** of Albany State was named the Outstanding Coach of the Championship Meet.

TENNIS (MEN)

Tory Martin and **Josh Harris** led **Morehouse** to a 5-3 victory over **Fort Valley State** on Championship Day as they defended their home courts to win their 30th SIAC Men's Tennis Championship.

Morehouse trailed coming out of doubles play 2-1 but caught fire in singles play to pull out the victory. Freshman of the Year **Michael Thomas** earned his stripes by sealing the championship for Morehouse. Thomas bounced back after being dominated in the second set 1-6 to win the third set 6-3 clinching the victory for Morehouse.

Morehouse earns an automatic bid for the NCAA Regional Championships. The Regionals will be held May 7-9, 2009 on a campus site to be determined.

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

SINGLES

Drew Belk and Desmond Watson, Fort Valley State; Josh Harris and Tory Martin, Morehouse; Avery Coins, Benedict; Miguel Cabral, Tuskegee

DOUBLES:

Tory Martin/Ben Seagle, Morehouse; Desmond Watson/Drew Belk, Fort Valley State Miguel Cabral/Ryan Ross, Tuskegee

OUTSTANDING COACH

Terry Alexander, Morehouse

TENNIS (WOMEN)

The women of **Tuskegee** took home their second consecutive SIAC tennis title as **Constanza Aranda** and **Jazmine Scott** paced the win

The championship came down to a long stand-off between **Salama Shelton** (TU) and **Stacey Lambert** (FVSU). Shelton would take the first set but Lambert would battle back and take the second set. After many rallies, Shelton finally pulled it out giving Tuskegee its second consecutive title and 11th overall, most in SIAC history.

Tuskegee earns an automatic bid for the NCAA Regional Championships. The Regionals will be held May 7-9, 2009 on a campus site to be determined.

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

SINGLES:

Jazmine Scott and Constanza Aranda, Tuskegee; Roberta Robinson and Chantelle Chiles, Fort Valley State; Lauren Smith, Benedict; Simone Greene, Clark Atlanta

DOUBLES:

Deandra Reasonover/Lauren Smith, Benedict; Roberta Robinson/Jesutice Awoyeye, Fort Valley State; Angela Dixon/Jazmine Scott, Tuskegee

OUTSTANDING COACH

Lenny Gray, Tuskegee

CIAA TRACK AND FIELD (MEN)

For the third straight year and the 11th time in 12 seasons, **Saint Augustine's** claimed both the men's and women's **CIAA** Outdoor Track and Field championships held Saturday at **Virginia State University**.

The Falcons ran away with the men's title, scoring 229.75 points to beat distant second-place **Bowie State** (76.5). **Virginia State** (72.75) was third followed by **Johnson C. Smith** (70.5). The rest of the scores were: **Virginia Union** (64.25), **Livingstone** (23.5), Saint Paul's (18) Shaw University (13.75).

The Lady Falcons scored 201 points to earn the women's crown. Bowie State was again second with 125 points followed by Johnson C. Smith with 86 points.

Joe Kindred of Saint Aug's and **Elaine Rhoades** of Bowie State were named men's and women's field most valuable performers, respectively. The field MVP award was the seventh for Kindred during an illustrious four-year career in indoor and outdoor track and field. **Ledford Green** of Johnson C. Smith won men's track MVP and **Angelique Smith** of Saint Aug's captured female track MVP.

The men's winners were **Ramon Gittens** of Saint Augustine's (100 dash), **Green** of JCSU (200 dash and 400 hurdles), **Josh Scott** of Saint Aug's (400 dash), **Johnny Shuping** of Saint Aug's (800 and 1500 runs), **Geoffrey Langat** of **Virginia Union** (5000 run), **Jason Boyd** of Saint Aug's (110 hurdles), Kindred of Saint Aug's (high jump, long jump, triple jump), **Joffery Alcidor** of Bowie State (pole vault), **Darien Kearney** of Virginia State (shot put), **Todd Shelton** of Saint Paul's (discus throw), and Julius Wright of **Johnson C. Smith** (javelin throw).

Scott of Saint Augustine's College (45.23) defeated Green of Johnson C. Smith (45.81) in the 400 dash in which both athletes ran the fastest times in NCAA Division I and Division II this season.

The women's winners were Olympic sprinter **Barbara Pierre** of Saint Aug's (100 dash, 200 dash), Smith of Saint Aug's (400 dash), **Kyra Mobley** of Saint Aug's (800 run, 1500 run), **Racquel Daley** of Saint Aug's (3000 run), **Shermaine Williams** of Johnson C. Smith (100 hurdles), **Nikki Boston** of Johnson C. Smith (400 hurdles), **Andrea Powell** of Saint Aug's (high jump), Rhoades of Bowie State (long jump, triple jump), **Lakisha Carney** of Bowie State (shot put, discus throw) and **Brynn Rosser** of Virginia State (javelin throw). Saint Augustine's College won the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

BASEBALL

The **Virginia State** Trojans captured their third straight **CIAA** Baseball Championship with a 7-3 victory over **Saint Augustine's** Saturday afternoon at Whaley Colbert Field.

VSU's **Daniel Cornett** earned MVP honors after coming in to relieve starting pitcher **Edrian Pinder**. Cornett went 6.1 innings striking out four; He also went 1-2 at the plate with an RBI and a run scored.

VSU finished with a 23-24 while St. Aug's, who beat VSU three times in the regular season, ends with a 24-13 overall record.

2009 CIAA BASEBALL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Hasteen Simmons – Elizabeth City State; Andrew Holt – Virginia State; Khattim Butler – Elizabeth City State; Anthonie Shaw – Saint Augustine's; Michael Knight – Virginia State; Brandon Crump – Virginia State; Joseph Pierce – Saint Augustine's; Jonathan Scott – Virginia State; Daniel Cornett – Virginia State; Shawn McEnheimer – Virginia State; Ryan Wood – Saint Augustine's; David Gibson – Virginia State MVP – Daniel Cornett- Virginia State

SOFTBALL

Bowie State captured its third straight **CIAA** Softball title with a 9-1 win over **Fayetteville State** Saturday. The Lady Bulldogs jumped to 6-0 lead early and were not headed in the final game.

Tiffnay Toney, **Tricia Corbin** and **Danielle McClay** led BSU with a pair of hits each. Corbin recorded a game-high four RBI.

The Lady Bulldogs (24-6) now advance to the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regionals.

TENNIS

The **Shaw** Bears claimed their fifth consecutive **CIAA** men's tennis championship on the final day (Saturday) of the 2009 CIAA Spring Championships held on the campus of Virginia State University. Shaw dominated the men's tournament by winning each of the three doubles and six singles flights for a maximum team score of 54 points.

Alexandre Lord-Andrade was named as the Tournament MVP and the 2009 CIAA Men's Tennis Player of the Year; defending both titles from the 2008 Tournament.

The Lady Bears of Shaw won the women's tennis title by one point over host **Virginia State**. Both schools had tallied 50 team points with the number four singles position set to determine the champion. **Xania Steele** (Shaw) defeated **Tamilia Hicks** (VSU) in three sets to give Shaw 58 team points and the CIAA crown. Virginia State finished second with 57 team points. Bowie State had an impressive showing with 51 team points for third place.

GOLF

Fayetteville State pulled away to capture the 2009 **CIAA** Golf Championship finishing the Tournament with a two-day score of 583. **Virginia State** was second with a score of 613.

Four of the six players named to the 2009 All-CIAA Golf Tournament Team are team members from FSU; **Kevin Lyles**, **Joel Lynn**, **Jeremy Ringled** and **Derek Scott**. Scott was named the 2009 CIAA Golf Low Medalist for shooting a 74 on day one and an incredible 66 on day two. Lyles shot a two-day total of 147 (69/78); Lynn shot 144 (72-72); Ringled finished with 152 (75/77) and Scott finished with a 140. **Bryon Conner** finished with a 172 (89/83).

SWAC TENNIS

The 2009 **SWAC** Tennis Championships came to a close on Sunday with the **Jackson State** women and **Alcorn State** men claiming the tournament titles.

Angela Rose, who went 3-0 from her #5 singles position for J-State, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Alcorn State breezed to a 4-1 win the final match to take the men's title. Alcorn State's **Alexander Lidzar** was 2-0 at the #3 singles spot and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

MEAC TENNIS

The **South Carolina State** men's and women's teams captured the **MEAC** Tennis Championship titles at the Millbrook Tennis Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. SCSU's men topped the Hampton Pirates, 4-0, to win their eighth MEAC crown.

South Carolina State's **Ivan Milivojevic** earned Outstanding Performer accolades after finishing with 3-0 record at the number one singles position and leading his team to the title. SCSU head coach **Hardeep Judge** won the tournament's outstanding coach award.

The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Florida A&M Rattlers, 4-1, en route to their fifth consecutive MEAC title and sixth overall. South Carolina State's **Sarai Torres** recorded a 3-0 mark at the number three singles position and 2-0 mark in doubles play and was named the Outstanding Performer. With the wins, the both teams receive the leagues' automatic qualification to the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Championship.



CIAA Sports Photos

FOUR THREE-PEATERS: (Clockwise from top, l.) Bowie State softball, Virginia State baseball, St. Augustine's women's track and field and St. Augustine's men's track and field all took home their third straight titles at the CIAA Spring Championships at Virginia State.