

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



B-CU Sports photo  
**ASH:** Face covered but form evident as Bethune-Cookman hurdler wins 110-meter race at East Regionals at NCAA A&T.

## UP AND OVER

HBCU ATHLETES ADVANCE TO NCAA DIV. I TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### HARRIS TO LEAD CSU WOMEN:

**Kellen Winslow**, Director of Athletics and Student Wellness at **Central State University**, has announced that **Sheba Harris** has been selected to lead the Lady Marauders Basketball program.



CSU Sports Photo

**HARRIS:** Former Central State standout takes over at her alma mater.

Harris has been the assistant women's coach since 2004. She received her undergraduate degree from Central State in 2002 in Manufacturing Engineering and received her Master's degree this May in Education with a focus on Media and Technology.

During her playing days at Central State, she was the program's MVP three times, a two time NAIA All-American and Honorable Mention Kodak All-American. She scored over 1,000 points during her career. She was also a Black College All-Star Game participant. She is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Cleveland, OH.

"Whenever you are chosen to be a head coach at your alma mater there is always a special significance with that," said Harris. "I am looking forward to the challenge and the opportunity to continue the fine tradition of Lady Marauder Basketball."

### ALCORN AD TO LIVINGSTONE:

**Dr. Darren J. Hamilton** will be stepping down as **Alcorn State University's** athletic director to take the same position at **Livingstone College** in North Carolina.



Alcorn Sports Photo

**HAMILTON:** New AD at Livingstone.

Hamilton will remain on staff at Alcorn State through June 30th, before ending his tenure with the Braves.

Hamilton said the opening at Livingstone College was too good to pass up because of the school's tradition and the tradition of the CIAA basketball tournament.

### HILL GETS 25-YEAR AWARD:



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**HILL:** Howard SID to be honored for 25 years of service in the profession.

Veteran **Howard Sports Information Director Ed Hill** is among thirteen (13) members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) to receive 25-year awards at the organization's annual workshop to be held June 21-25 in San Antonio, Texas. The recipients will be presented their awards at the awards luncheon on Tuesday, June 23.

Like many of his contemporaries, Edward Hill, Jr., started out as a journalist before gravitating to sports information, starting his career as an SID in 1983 as an Assistant SID at Howard. Hill was appointed Sports Information Director in March of 1986.

Before coming to Howard, Hill was a staff writer for the *Winston-Salem Chronicle* and the *Black College Sports Review*. He also worked as a news aide and freelance writer for the *Washington Post Sports* and *Weekly* sections for two years.

Hill has written stories that have appeared in such publications as USA Today, AOL Black Voices and The NCAA News. At Howard, Hill has participated in several NCAA championships in several sports. A member of CoSIDA since 1983 and he is also a member of the Black College Sports Information Directors of America (BCSIDA) and is active in the Washington, D.C. community where he served as head coach and co-founder and former coach of the DC Warriors youth basketball program.

Hill is an adjunct professor at Howard University where he teaches a class, Sports and the Media. He earned the 2005 Bob Kenworthy Award from CoSIDA for his community service outside the profession.

# BCSP Notes

## SWAC all-sports award to Jackson State

The **Jackson State University** Athletic Department has earned the **Southwestern Athletic Conference Dr. James Frank Commissioner's Cup Award** for all-sports competition for the third consecutive year and the women's **Barbara Jacket/Sadie Magee Sports Award** for the fourth consecutive year. On the men's side, **Grambling State** claimed the **C.D. Henry Sports Award**.



In 2008-2009 JSU totaled 160 points as they won conference championships in men's and women's golf, women's tennis and women's outdoor track. Jackson State had second-place finishes in football, men's basketball, men's outdoor track, women's cross country, women's soccer and women's indoor track, and third-place finishes in volleyball, bowling and softball and tied for third in men's tennis.

In the all-sports competition, Grambling State finished second (153.5 points) and **Alabama State** came in third (136.5 points). In women's competition, Jackson State's 96 points led all schools. Grambling State (82 points) was second and **Southern** (78 points) was third.

It is the fourth all-sports award for Jackson State since the award was first presented in 1991-92 and the eighth women's sports award since its inception in 1979-80.

Grambling State has claimed the men's all-sports award for the second time ever (previous 1971-72) since the award was first presented in 1969-70. The Tigers won conference championships in football, indoor and outdoor track and field, finished second in cross country and tied for third in tennis. Grambling State's 71.5 points led the way ahead of second-place Jackson State (64 points) and third-place Alabama State (60.5 points).

The Commissioner's Cup award is named for Dr. Frank, the former SWAC Commissioner (1983-1998, April 2001-December 2002) who was also the first African-American President of the NCAA while serving as president at **Lincoln (Mo.) University**.

The women's sports award is also named after pioneers. Jacket was the head track and field/cross country coach at Prairie View A&M (1966-1991), winning 22 SWAC titles and 12 national titles. In 1992 she became just the second African-American woman to coach the U.S. Olympic Track and Field team. Magee is the winningest basketball coach in Jackson State history and also served as assistant athletic director and coordinator of women's sports. Magee won two SWAC women's regular season basketball titles and four Conference tournament titles.

The men's sports award is named for **C.D. Henry**, who was an athletic administrator who among his career achievements was chairman of Grambling College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department (1958-74) and was the executive officer and secretary-statistician for the SWAC from 1968-73. Henry became the first African-American assistant commissioner at any conference office when he was named to the position at the Big Ten Conference 35 years ago.

## Grambling to honor sports legends with Hall of Fame

**Grambling University** has spawned many great athletes who have made a significant impact on the world of sports. These extraordinary sports legends have set many records that still stand to this day.

The Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Fame, spearheaded by **James**

"**Shack**" **Harris** (former NFL Pro Bowl MVP) and **Doug Williams** (former Super Bowl MVP), is dedicated to ensuring that these legends, their memories and accomplishments are cemented into historical posterity.

On July 18th 2009 the first group of 25 legends will be inducted into the Grambling Legends Sports Hall of Fame at the Monroe Civic Center in Monroe Louisiana.

The 25 inductees are; **Willis Reed** (Basketball), **Tommy Agee** (Baseball), **Ernie Ladd** (Football/Wrestling), **Henry Dyer** (Football), **Ralph Garr** (Baseball), **Charlie Hardnett** (Basketball), **Robert Hopkins** (Basketball), **Lane Howell** (Football), **Stone Johnson** (Football/Track), **Willie Joseph** (Football), **Leglian "Boots" Moore** (Football), **Bo Murray** (Football), **Helen Richards-Smith** (Basketball), **Richard Stebbins** (Track), **Hershell West** (Basketball), **Willie Young** (Football), **Tank Younger** (Football), **Ralph W.E. Jones** (College President and Coach), **Eddie G. Robinson** (Coach), **Collie Nicholson** (Sports Information Officer), **Fred C. Hobdy** (Coach), **Willie Brown** (Football), **Buck Buchanan** (Football), **Willie Davis** (Football) and **Charlie Joiner** (Football)

The induction ceremonies will also be broadcast live and will be available to fans and alumni worldwide on pay per view. For details visit [www.gramblingsportshof.com](http://www.gramblingsportshof.com)

In addition to honoring these great sports legends, the event will also have an element of local community involvement through a national non-profit organization Youth United for Prosperity and the LEGENDS & KIDS™ mentoring program. Some of today's finest sports legends will mentor local youth to excel in business, sports, education, and community endeavors. The event will reinforce the importance of sports through education and education through sports.



## MEAC Football Kickoff Luncheon

The **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** will host the annual Football Press Luncheon, Friday, July 31 at the Newport News Marriott at City Center (740 Town Center Drive/757-873-9299). MEAC head football coaches will be on hand to offer an inside view of the upcoming 2009 football season.

A limited number of tickets are available to the public for the press luncheon and can be purchased by calling Terria Galvez at (757) 416-7100. Tickets are \$30 per seat or \$300 per table (10 persons) and must be purchased by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 24.

Media members may obtain a credential for the luncheon and/or one-on-one interviews by completing an application found here. One-on-one interviews will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Need assistance locating the credential application? Click the credentials link located under the About the MEAC/Media Center tab.

The 2009 MEAC football season kicks off on Saturday, September 5 featuring six MEAC football teams in action including a conference match up against **Delaware State** and **Florida A&M**.

The defending MEAC Champion **South Carolina State Bulldogs** will kick off their season opener against non-conference foe **Grambling** in the fifth annual MEAC/SWAC Challenge on Sunday, September 6 in Orlando, Florida.

# Spring Sports Round-up

## Bethune-Cookman battles gamely in NCAA Baseball

MEAC champion **Bethune-Cookman** dropped two one-run decisions, both by 8-7 scores, to be eliminated from the NCAA Div. I baseball playoffs over the weekend.

The Wildcats (32-28), playing in the Gainesville Regional with top-seed Florida, first surrendered three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to fall to the Gators by the 8-7 score in their first game Saturday.

Then later Saturday, Jacksonville got a home run in the top half of the eighth inning and then held off a B-CU rally in the ninth to claim another 8-7 win over the 'Cats.

The two tough losses brought an end to the season for the Wildcats who won their fourth straight MEAC title and earned their ninth NCAA berth in 10 seasons.

"I know that our program is very good and people who play us know that they have to play excellent baseball to beat us," said B-CU Head Coach **Mervyl Melendez**, who was asked after the two close losses when his team would break through and win a regional.

"Our guys fought hard and we came up short. What we are doing at Bethune-Cookman, people recognize the work and effort our players and coaching staff put in. We have no regrets. We played and fought as hard as we could and the players deserve better (than the two tough losses)."

"Mervyl Melendez needs a lot of credit for what he has done at Bethune-Cookman and I mean that from the heart," said JU head coach **Terry Alexander**.

In the Florida game, B-CU went up 4-0 early and lead 6-3 on senior catcher **Drew Clark's** pinch-hit two-run homer in the top of the eighth. After the Gators scored two runs to pull within 6-5 in their half of the eighth, B-CU slugger **Ryan Durrence** hit a solo home run to put the 'Cats up 7-5 in the ninth.

But Florida pushed across three runs in the ninth, the winning runs scoring on a two-run single by catcher **Teddy Foster**.

"We played well," said Melendez. "Our guys are upset with the loss and we battled and fought to the end. It wasn't meant to be - and you have to give Florida credit for their comeback."

In the Jacksonville game, Durrence's single up the middle scored **Justin Hoyte** and **C. J. Lauriello** to tie the game at 7-7 in the seventh. But Jacksonville's **Chuck Opachich's** solo home run in the eighth was the game-winner.

**Alejandro Jimenez** and **Clark** both hom-

ered for B-CU. Jimenez was 4-4 (two singles, triple, home run) to lead the B-CU offense. Lauriello was 2-5 in the ball game and ended the season leading the Wildcat hitters with a .403 season average.

## Southern bows out of Baton Rouge BB Regional

SWAC champion **Southern** could not get by Minnesota or LSU and was eliminated from the NCAA Div. I Baseball Regional in Baton Rouge Saturday.

The Jags started strong but a seven-run seventh did the Jaguars in as LSU prevailed 10-2 in their first outing Saturday.

The Jaguars (30-16) took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on **Victor Franklin's** two-run homer but Southern would not score again despite leaving runners in scoring position in the first, second, third, fifth and seventh innings.

LSU (47-16) scored all of its runs in the final three innings. Trailing 2-1 in the seventh, the Tigers scored seven runs, all with two outs, aided by two Jaguar errors to break the game open.

Southern lost to Minnesota 11-8 and was eliminated later Saturday.

The Jags (30-17) battled back from 4-0 and 8-3 deficits in the game, scoring five runs in the seventh to tie the score. **Brad McDavid** had a two-run double, while **Edmond Morton Jr.** and **Michael Thomas** had RBI hits in the inning.

Minnesota took the lead for good with a single run in the eighth and a pair of runs in the ninth.

**Jesse Olivar** went 3-for-5, while **McDavid** and **James Armstrong** each had two hits for Southern's 13-hit attack.

## Several athletes advance from East Regional track

One black college athlete won his event and others qualified for the national championships over the weekend at the NCAA Div. I East Regional Track and Field Championships held at Aggie Stadium on the campus of **North Carolina A&T State University** in Greensboro, N.C.

The NCAA Div. I national championships will be held in Fayetteville, Ark. on June 10-13. The top five finishers in individual events and the top three relay teams advanced to the finals.

**Bethune-Cookman** shot putter **Ron Danielle Williams** finishing fifth in her event, throwing a distance of 15.31m (50-02.75 ft.). Although Williams did not finish in the top three at the Regional, her distance qualifies her for an appear-

ance in the national meet.

Senior **Dianne Munroe** of B-CU finished seventh in the 100 meter finals (11.7) and sixth in the 200 meter finals (24.03) but did not run a qualifying time for the nationals.

Hampton sophomore **Francena McCOrory** (52.00) and **North Carolina A&T** senior **Alexandria Spruiel** (52.36) finished 1-2 in the 400 meter finals and both will advance to the national championships. Senior **Lauren McNary** of **Howard** was sixth in 53.78.

**Loreal Smith** of N. C. A&T finished fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with a 13.21 and advanced to the finals.

**Landria Buckley** of Howard clocked a preliminary qualifying time of 58.84 in the 400 meter hurdles prelims and finished seventh in the final in 59.53 but did not qualify.

On the men's side, Hampton freshman footballer **Reggie Dixon** and NC A&T junior **Caleso Newman** qualified for the 100 meter dash finals. Dixon finished third in 10.21 while Newman was fifth in 10.33.

Bethune-Cookman senior **Joel Redhead** led the qualifiers in the 200 meter dash with a 20.67 clocking. Redhead finished fifth in the finals in 20.99 and will make the trip to Arkansas.

**Allodin Fothergill**, a junior at **Maryland-Eastern Shore**, had the third-best 400 meter time (45.94) in the prelims before finishing sixth at 45.98 in the finals.

Bethune-Cookman sophomore **Ronnie Ash** led the qualifiers in the 110 meter hurdles at 13.55 and then won the event in 13.42 to advance to the national championships. Hampton's **Predist Walker** finished sixth in 13.96.

**Delaware State** freshman **Leslie Murray** finished fourth in the 400 meter hurdle final in 50.22 to eard a spot in the nationals.

Bethune-Cookman's 4x100 meter relay team of freshman **Dante Sales**, senior **Joel Redhead**, sophomore **Eric Cray** and freshman **Chris Herring** finished fourth in 39.93 and has an outside shot to be included in the nationals.

In the field events, NC A&T junior **David McFadgen** earned his spot with a fifth-place finish in the triple jump with a leap of 15.69 meters.

In the men's team scoring, Bethune-Cookman tallied 19 points and finished 12th. Others to score were Delaware State (4, T-15th), Hampton (13, T-19th), NC A&T (8, 28th), UMS (4, T-36th) and Coppin State (2, T-43rd).

For the women, A&T led the way with 17 points, good for 17th. Others to score were Hampton (10, T-21st), Bethune-Cookman (9, T-23rd) and Howard (8, T-26th).