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WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

NEW HOOPS COACH AT BSU:

Eight-year George Washington University assistant basketball coach **Darrell Brooks** has decided to return home to become the new head coach of the **Bowie State University** men's basketball program. The 53-year-old Brooklyn native is a 1979 graduate of the University where he played point guard for the Bulldogs from 1975-79.



GWU Sports Photo

BROOKS: Former player returns to his alma mater as head basketball coach.

Brooks described the new position as "a tremendous honor...The fact Bowie State is my alma mater makes it that much more special. My family and I are very honored and look forward to the challenge."

At George Washington, Brooks, one of head coach Karl Hobbs' original hand-picked assistants, gained a respected reputation as a detail-oriented coach. Prior to his stint at George Washington, Brooks spent the 2000-2001 season as the head coach at Western Maryland College (WMC).

Brooks spent 16 years as an assistant coach at six different schools including Loyola, George Mason (1993-97), American (1990-93), William & Mary (1988-90), **Central State** (1985-88) and Bowie State (1984-85). Brooks also directed his own basketball camp, Camp Austral in Maliano, Spain (1991-1995).

Darrell and his wife, Sandra, reside in Randallstown, Md. His daughter, Kiana, has two children, Aalyiah, 14 and Alexis, 12. His son, D.J., 24, is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.

KNOX JOINS CoSIDA BOARD:

Black College Sports Information Directors Association President **Rob Knox** has joined **April Emory** on the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Board of Directors.



Lincoln Sports Photo

KNOX: Former Lincoln SID moving to Kutztown and joining CoSIDA Board.

Knox, who is transitioning from a position at **Lincoln** (PA) to a similar job at Kutztown University, was elected BCSIDA president at their annual meeting in Tampa in 2008. He joined the Lions' staff in 2004 as the school's first full-time SID since 1977 and will be leaving on June 30. His first day at Kutztown will be July 6.

In addition to her service on the board, Emory, sports information director at **Elizabeth City State**, was honored as the 2009 College Division *Rising Star* at this year's convention. The award is presented to a College Division member with 10 years of service or less whose work at their institution and service, dedication; energy and enthusiasm to the profession make that individual a "rising star" in sports information.

JSU'S BRADY EXTENDED:

Jackson State University has extended Athletics Director **Robert Braddy's** contract through June 30, 2010. "I'm excited about serving the university and looking forward to another successful year in athletics," said Braddy.

During his tenure as Director of Athletics, the Tigers have had great success. JSU has won the **Southwestern Athletic Conference Dr. James Frank Commissioner's Cup Award** for all-sports competition three consecutive years.

In 2000, Braddy served as interim AD and the Tigers won the conference award. Also, JSU football, men's and women's basketball, women's tennis, men's and women's golf and women's indoor and outdoor track and field, have won conference championships under his direction.

Track and field national titles for two

Two black college products won titles in their events at the U. S. Track & Field Championships held this past weekend (June 25-28) in Eugene, Oregon.

St. Augustine's product **Bershawn Jackson** finished first in the 400 meter hurdles while former **Albany State** standout **Brandon Roulhac** won the triple jump with a stadium record jump of 17.44m or 57'-02.75".

Jackson, a 2008 Olympic bronze medalist, posted a season-leading time of 48.03 in winning the hurdles event. It betters the previous time of 48.05 set this past Saturday by Isa Phillips in Kingston at the Jamaican Championships.

The 400 hurdles has been dominated by Americans in recent years and it may be also in this year's World Championships in Berlin in August.

How good was this weekend's field?

Well, Angelo Taylor, the gold medalist at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, was third in 48.30.

Johnny Dutch (48.18) was second, with the top three placers and reigning world champion Kerron Clement advancing to the IAAF World Championships on Aug. 15-23 in Berlin.

"It's been a tradition," said Jackson, who won a bronze medal in Beijing. "It started with (former **Morehouse** world-renowned hurdler) **Edwin Moses**. We have a great tradition of hurdlers and each generation wants to keep going."

Taylor, Clement (silver), and Jackson were part of an American medal sweep in Beijing. That dominance could continue in Berlin.

The USA nationals in the 400 hurdles is equivalent to a world championship. The competition is that fierce.

"Most definitely, we make each other better," Jackson said, "That's why it's America. There will always be American trials because you never know who the best is."

Jackson was the best Sunday in a field that did not include Clement, who receives a bye to the worlds as defending world champion. He took third in the 400 meters.

A five-time All-American and 2005 NCAA Div. II national champion, Roulhac still holds his school's and the **SIAC** record in the triple jump.

He won the men's triple jump Thursday at Hayward Field with a wind-aided mark of 57 feet, 2 3/4 inches, blowing away the field with the top five jumps of the day.

"I just thank God for it," said a happy Roulhac after his victory. "I've been working hard and things have just been coming together at the right time. That's mainly the whole story."

"I pray hard, be faithful with my religion, and work hard and I believe that gives the best results. And that's what happened today."

Roulhac, the reigning U.S. Indoor champ, will represent the United States at an international championship event for the first time, after finishing fifth in the national outdoor meet each of the last two years. Walter Davis was second at 55-3, and James Jenkins was third at 55-1.

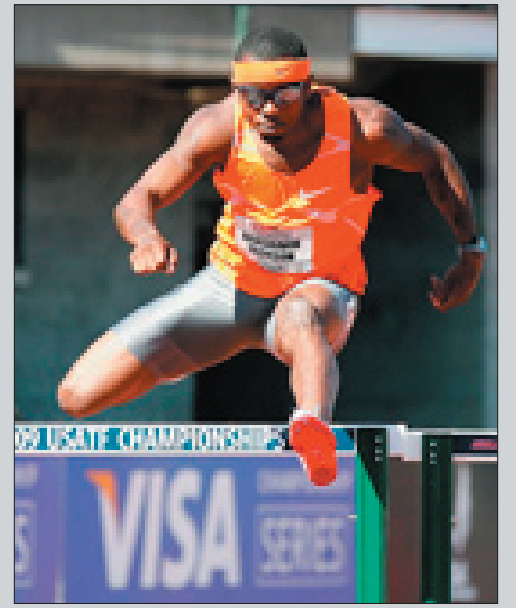
Two-time defending champion Aarik Wilson did not compete due to injury. He holds the Hayward Field record of 57-2 1/4, set at last year's Olympic Trials.

Roulhac's winning mark does not count as a field record because of the wind.

Former **Southern University** long jumper **Brian Johnson** finished

JACKSON

Former Saint Augustine's hurdling star Bershawn Jackson (right) cruised to the best time of the year to take the title in the 400 meter hurdles at the U.S. Track and Field National Championships. Jackson's time of 48.03 seconds bests the 48.05 run Saturday by Jamaica's Isa Phillips at the Jamaica Championships.



ROULHAC

Former Albany State, SIAC and Div. II standout Brandon Roulhac (above) earned his first U. S. title and trip to the World Championships in Berlin by blowing away the competition in the triple jump at the U.S. Championships in Eugene, Oregon this weekend.

Roulhac had the top five jumps in the competition, taking first place with a wind-aided jump of 57 feet, 2 3/4 inches, better than the field record but not recognized because of the wind.

second in the event as did **Morehouse** product **Keith Moffat** in the high jump.

Johnson finished behind Dwight Phillips winning jump of 8.57 meters (28 feet, 1 1/2 inches). Johnson's leap of 8.26 meters (27 feet 1 1/4 inches) was just ahead of George Kitchens.

Moffat finished in a tie for second with Andra Mason as both cleared heights of 2.28 meters (7 feet, 5 3/4 inches).

All four performers have earned spots on Team USA which will compete in the IAAF World Championships in the Olympic stadium in Berlin, Germany this August.

BCSP Notes

Other results from U.S. Track and Field Championships

Loreal Smith put together one last outstanding performance before putting away her **North Carolina A&T** uniform for good.

Smith made the finals in the women's 100 meter hurdles at the 2009 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Smith's entry into the finals gave her an opportunity to represent the U.S., in the IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin, Germany in August.

Smith finished sixth in the finals with a time of 12.90 seconds. The time did not qualify for a school record because the tailwind was 2.2 meters per second, which exceeds the 2.0 reading allowable for records. The top four qualified for the trip to Berlin.

Smith did not walk away without setting a school record, however. In the preliminary round she did run a 12.97 in a legal 1.4 wind to break the previous school record she set at the MEAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships in May at 13.14. She is now the only female Aggie ever to run the 100 meter hurdles under 13 seconds. Smith made the finals by running a 12.99 in a 3.2 wind in the semifinals earlier in the day.

Aggie sprinter **Calesio Newman**, jumper **David McFadgen** and two-time All-American **Alexandria Spruiel** also competed at the championships. Former Aggie **Tarrish Alexander** competed unattached in the long jump. Newman ran a 10.18 in the men's 100 meters but did not qualify. McFadgen did not place in the triple jump final, and Spruiel failed to qualify in the 400 meters.

Alexander finished 20th in the long jump with a leap of 24-feet, 9 inches.

NCAA 110-meter hurdles champion **Ronnie Ash** a sophomore at **Bethune-Cookman** could not make it out of the opening round of his event. He finished in a time of 13.57 seconds, 4/10ths of a second off making the semifinals.

Maryland Eastern Shore freshman **Vanessa Henry** finished 10th in the women's shot put at the 2009 USA Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships also held at the University of Oregon's Hayward Field Friday.

Elsewhere, Maryland Eastern Shore rising senior **Allodin Fothergill** finished second in the 400 meters at the Jamaican Track and Field Senior National Championships at that country's National Stadium this past weekend.

SWAC upgrades video editing, film exchange processes

The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** has signed a five-year agreement with LRS Sports to provide video-editing software and equipment for the Conference's 10-member institutions. Also, the SWAC has signed a five-year agreement with DragonFly Athletics for the digital internet exchange of video.

As part of the agreement with LRS Sports, among the items each Conference athletic department will receive include cameras with accessories, video-editing software, laptops and a server to provide consistent, top-quality game-file sharing for football.

SWAC Commissioner **Duer Sharp** said, "The LRS Sports System will allow our schools to quickly, efficiently edit game film. This will help our coaches to be more efficient, which in turn will raise the level of performance of our outstanding student athletes."

LRS (Levi, Ray, & Shoup, Inc.) provides video editing solutions to



NCAA Photo

EIGHT IS ENOUGH: Eight (instead of the three we reported last week) products or current employees of HBCUs graduated in the 2008-09 class of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Males and Females. The commencement, culminating a week-long intensive program that capped off a 12-month program, was held this past Thursday at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis.

Amongst the eight graduates, five currently work at a HBCU conference office or institution and the remaining four are graduates of HBCUs.

Pictured left to right above are: FRONT ROW: Harry Stinson III - Director of Championships, Communications and Marketing, SIAC, Shera White - Director of Public Relations, CIAA, Gordon Bayne - Assistant Athletic Director for Event Management, UCLA (Hampton), Chevonne Mansfield - Assistant Sports Information Director, Howard. BACK ROW: Mary Hill - Internal Operations/Special Events and Assistant Academic Enhancement Coordinator, South Carolina State, Derrick Magee - Associate Athletic Director/Chief Business Officer, Cincinnati (Florida A&M), Sherie Cornish - Associate Athletic Director for Internal Operations/Senior Women's Administrator, Norfolk State, Omar Banks, Assistant Athletic Director/Business Affairs, Cincinnati (NC Central).

head coaches and video coordinators for sports programs. Their products focus on the full range of athletic program needs at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels.

The Conference's agreement with DragonFly Athletics will allow for the internet transfer of game film. With an average transmission time of 45 minutes, teams can now exchange game film at the click of a button.

"All of our institutions will be able to spend less time exchanging film and more time preparing for success," said Sharp. "These new technologies will greatly assist our coaches and student-athletes."

DragonFly Athletics provides video-exchange for more than 150 NCAA Division I institutions and some the nation's top conferences including the SEC, Big East and ACC.

"The SWAC has been extremely aggressive in their efforts to advance technologically within their athletic departments," said Chad Q. Brown, Director of Business Operations, DragonFly Athletics, LLC. "Commissioner Sharp and his staff have been so impressive to watch as they set their sights on being a league that is truly proactive in sports technology."