

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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GETTING DOWN TO CASES

CLARK ATLANTA, MVSU CHOOSE GRID COACHES; FAMU'S DAWSON MAKES HALL

PLAYMAKERS: (Clockwise) Chowan's Mark Brown, B-CU's CJ Reed, CAU's Najee Lane and Prairie View's Darnell Huger are leading their teams.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

McNEILL TO CLARK ATLANTA:

Clark Atlanta University has named Daryl C. McNeill,



JCSU Sports Photo
McNEILL: Gets third head coaching position leading Clark Atlanta gridiron fortunes.

Sr. as its head football coach. The announcement was made by Dr. Carlton E. Brown, President, and Dr. Tamica Jones, Director of Athletics.

"I am excited about working with Dr. Brown and Dr. Jones and feel that my vision is consistent with that of the University and the direction they want to take the football program," said McNeill. "I'm elated to get here, get started and meet my players, as well as faculty and staff."

McNeill, who has more than 20 years coaching experience, most recently served as running backs coach at Saint Augustine's (2009) and as the Associate Director of Athletics for External Operations and Head Football Coach at Johnson C. Smith (2004-08). The position at Johnson C. Smith was the second time he coached at the university; the first stint was also as Head Football Coach (1995-97).

McNeill is no stranger to success. In 1996, McNeill led the Golden Bulls to a record of 7-3, the program's first winning season in 15 years, and was honored as the Black College Sports Co-Coach of the Year. In 2006, he led JCSU to a 7-4 record and an appearance in the Pioneer Bowl. He also served two years as associate head coach at North Carolina A&T (2003-04).

Prior to his tenure at A&T, McNeill spent a eight years at South Carolina State. His first position was as Graduate Assistant and Administrative Assistant (1983-85). He then became the Assistant Football Coach (1985-86) and returned as the Assistant Football Coach and Offensive Coordinator (1999-03). McNeill also spent two years as Assistant Head Football Coach and Offensive Coordinator at Tennessee State (1993-95) and had two stints at Savannah State, serving as the Assistant Head Football Coach (1988-93) and then as the Head Football Coach (1997-99).

Over a coaching career that exceeds 20 years, McNeill has amassed a record of 27-36.

McNeill is a graduate of South Carolina State where he received both a bachelor of science in business administration and a master of education in business.

MVSU CHOOSES MORGAN:

The Mississippi Valley State Department of Athletics



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MORGAN: Veteran assistant takes the reins of the Delta Devils' football program.

announced Monday that University of North Alabama defensive coordinator Karl Morgan has been named the school's new head football coach. Morgan takes over the program from Willie Totten, who spent eight seasons at the helm and stepped down November 30.

"After an open search with candidates from across the nation, we are pleased to have Karl Morgan as the newest football coach at Mississippi Valley State" said interim director of athletics Donald R. Sims. "We now hope that Morgan can take the reins of the program and guide the Devils into this new decade."

A veteran of both high school and collegiate coaching, Morgan has spent the previous five seasons as the defensive coordinator at the University of North Alabama. Morgan has 21 years of coaching experience including stints as defensive line coach at Nicholls State, Southern, Purdue and Arkansas State. He has also served as defensive coordinator at Alcorn State, Hampton and the University of North Alabama.

At UNA, the team has amassed an 84-26 record and a NCAA Division II quarterfinalist in 2006, 2007 and 2009 in addition to being a NCAA Division II semifinalist in 2005 and 2008. He is a former defensive lineman with the NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1984-86) and the Saskatchewan Roughriders (1983) of the Canadian Football League.

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Bowie State	6	2	7	4
St. Augustine's	6	2	10	3
Chowan	5	2	8	4
Livingstone	5	2	7	4
Shaw	5	2	7	6
Virginia Union	7	3	9	5
Eliz. City State	4	4	8	5
J. C. Smith	3	4	8	4
Fayetteville State	1	5	4	8
Virginia State	1	9	1	13
St. Paul's	0	8	1	9

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Raheem Smith, 6-2, Jr., G, SHAW - Averaged 16.5 points in two games. Had 20 points, 4 assists and 4 steals in win over VSU. Had 13 points in OT loss to BSU.

ROOKIE
Angelo Sharpless, 6-4, Fr., G, ECSU - In two games, averaged a double-double, 14 points and 10 rebounds. Against JCSU, led Vikings with 18 points.

NEWCOMER
Paul Goldsmith, 6-6, So., F, ECSU - Had 14 points, 2 blocks and steals in win over JCSU.

COACH
Jim Tribbett, CHOWAN - Led team to 2-0 week with wins over ECSU and BSU.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Bethune-Cookman	3	0	10	6
Morgan State	3	0	10	7
Howard	2	1	3	14
SC State	1	1	7	6
Delaware State	1	1	6	7
Md. Eastern Shore	1	1	3	12
NC A&T State	1	2	5	11
Hampton	1	2	4	11
Florida A&M	1	2	3	12
Norfolk State	1	2	2	12
Coppin State	0	3	5	9

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
C. J. Reed, 6-3, So., G, B-CU - Averaged 17 points, 6 assists and 5.5 rebounds while shooting 50% from the field (15 of 30) in two wins. Had 18 points, 9 boards, 6 assists in win over Long Island. Got 16 points, 6 assists, 2 boards in win over NSU. Hit winning basket Monday vs. NC A&T.

ROOKIE
Mike Phillips, 6-7, Fr., F, HOWARD - Averaged 12 points and 5 rebounds in 1-1 week. Had 13 points vs. Navy. 11 points, 7 boards in loss to Morgan State. Shot 73% (8-11) from 3-point range.

DEFENSE
Kevin Thompson, 6-8, So., F, MSU - Had 21 rebounds in 2 games, 12 vs. Baylor, 9 vs. Howard.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Clark Atlanta	6	1	9	1
Tuskegee	5	1	6	3
Lane	4	2	6	3
Benedict	4	2	5	4
Claflin	9	5	9	6
Stillman	4	3	5	3
LeMoyn-Owen	5	4	6	5
Paine	4	5	4	8
Fort Valley State	3	5	5	6
Albany State	2	4	3	7
Kentucky State	2	6	2	6
Morehouse	1	4	1	6
Miles	1	8	1	11

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Jourdain Blackmon, 6-1, Sr., G, CAU - Got 17 points, 5 rebounds and 5 assists in Monday's win over Miles.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	DIV		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Prairie View A&M	3	0	8	6
Jackson State	3	0	5	10
Ark. Pine Bluff	2	1	2	12
Texas Southern	2	1	6	9
Alabama State	2	2	5	10
Grambling State	2	2	4	8
Miss. Valley St.	1	2	2	14
Southern	1	3	3	13
Alabama A&M	1	3	4	8
Alcorn State	0	3	0	16

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Garrison Johnson, 6-5, Sr., G, JSU - Averaged 22.5 points per game in wins over Alabama State and Southern. Against ASU, he tallied a game-high 29 points including hitting 14 of 16 Fts. Came back to get 16 in win over SU Monday canning 8 of 11 Fts.

Darnell Huger, 6-7, Sr., F, PV A&M - Had double-double of 23 points and 16 boards in win over Alcorn State. Also had 18 points and 4 rebounds in key win over TSU. Averaged 19.5 points and 10 rebounds in two games.

NEWCOMER
NA

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L
W. Va. State	10	2
Central State	12	2
Langston	8	2
Xavier (La.)	9	5
Cheyney	6	6
Edward Waters	6	7
W-Salem State	4	9
Savannah State	6	12
Lincoln (Mo.)	2	11
Tennessee State	4	13
Lincoln (Pa.)	2	9
Florida Memorial	2	14
N. C. Central	2	15
UDC	1	12

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Darren Jones, 5-9, Jr., G, WVSU - Averaged 21.7 points, 6.7 rebounds and 4.7 assists in three games. Had 30 points and 9 assists vs. Wheeling Jesuit and 19 points and 10 rebounds vs. Seton Hill. Hit 12 of 16 3s for the week and shot .613 from the field.

Hoops Round-up

LUT WILLIAMS

BCSP Editor

Conference basketball play began in earnest with the new year and though it's early, patterns are already emerging.

CIAA

To say it's tightly bunched at the top of the CIAA men's race would be an understatement.

Following Monday's (Jan. 11) results, six teams are within one game of each other in the loss column in conference games that will be the first determinant of seeding for the Feb. 22-27 Tournament in Charlotte.

So far, **Bowie State** (6-2), **St. Augustine's** (6-2), **Chowan** (5-2), **Livingstone** (5-2), **Shaw** (5-2) and **Virginia Union** (7-3) have taken turns beating up on each other and none has emerged as a clear favorite. Lurking another game back in the loss column are **Elizabeth City State** (4-4) and two-time defending tournament champ **Johnson C. Smith** (3-4).

Conference newcomer Chowan, under head coach **Jim Tribbett**, is perhaps the most surprising of the contenders. The Hawks have split with Virginia Union and own recent wins over Bowie State (74-73) and Elizabeth City State (63-54) during a four-game win streak. The Hawks have three players scoring in double figures, all among the top 15 scorers in the CIAA - 6-5 senior guard **Jaleel Nelson** (17.8 ppg.), 6-4 sophomore guard **Mark Brown** (14.4 ppg.) and 6-6 senior forward **Lando Morrison** (13.3 ppg.). Morrison also leads the league in field goal percentage (.614) and is third in rebounding (8.8 rpg.).

Big games this week on the men's side Saturday have Livingstone hosting Bowie State and Shaw hosting Elizabeth City State. On Monday, BSU is at JC Smith and ECSU is at St. Aug's.

On the women's side, **Shaw** avenged an early season 70-58 loss to **Virginia State**, its only loss of the season so far, with a 51-44 win over the Lady Trojans Monday taking over sole possession of first place with a 6-1 mark. VSU, **Bowie State** and **Fayetteville State** all have two losses in conference play.

MEAC

Preseason favorites **Morgan State** (men) and **North Carolina A&T** (women) are setting the pace in the MEAC.

For the men, **Todd Bozeman's** MSU Bears (10-7) are off to a 3-0 start in conference play and are currently tied with **Clifford Reed's** Wildcats of **Bethune-Cookman** (10-6, 3-0) atop the conference.

B-CU, led by the playmaking ability of point guard **C. J. Reed** (16.6 ppg., 4.7 apg.) and the strong play of forward **Alexander Starling** (12.2 ppg., 8.1 rpg.), tries to keep pace this week hosting **Delaware State** Saturday and **Maryland-Eastern Shore** Monday. MSU has a non-conference date on the road at **Winston-Salem State**



PACESETTERS: (L. to R.) Chowan's Tribbett, B-CU's Reed, Tuskegee's Douglas and Prairie View's Pimm all have their teams at the top of conference races.

Saturday and travels to **South Carolina State** Monday.

Patricia Bibbs' Lady Aggies (8-7, 3-0) lead **Fred Bachelor's UMES** (4-7, 2-0) squad by a half-game entering play this week. A&T hosts **Howard** (6-8, 2-1) Saturday and **Norfolk State** (2-9, 0-3) Monday. UMES is at **Florida A&M** Saturday and at **Bethune-Cookman** Monday.

SIAC

Clark Atlanta (6-1) and **Tuskegee** (5-1) are the early men's leaders in the SIAC while **Fort Valley State** (8-0) has yet to lose on the women's side.

After opening the season with a loss to **Stillman**, CAU, under head coach **Darryl Jacobs**, has run off nine consecutive wins in impressive fashion. They've beaten both 2008-09 powers **Claflin** and **Benedict** and subdued 2009 Tournament champ **LeMoyn-Owen**. The Panthers host **Kentucky State** Saturday. **Najee Lane** (14.4 ppg.) is the Panthers' scoring leader while the team is the toughest to score on in the conference surrendering just 52 points per game.

Head coach **Leon Douglas** has Tuskegee playing well. The Golden Tigers, whose only conference loss was to CAU (61-58), are riding a four-game win streak. Douglas's balanced attack has six players averaging between 6 and 12 points per game. They host **Miles** Saturday and **LeMoyn-Owen** Monday.

Lonnie Bartley's Lady Wildcats of FVSU (13-0) have a date at their nearest pursuer, **Benedict** (8-3, 5-1) Saturday. FVSU travels to **Kentucky State** on Tuesday.

SWAC

The momentum of **Prairie View A&M** winning its first football title in 45 years is carrying over to the hardwood as both the Panthers men and women sit atop the SWAC hoops standings.

Byron Rimm's Panthers (3-0) are tied with **Tevester Anderson's Jackson State** squad at the top of the SWAC race. The Panthers are second in the league in scoring (70.0 ppg.) and first in scoring defense (65.2 ppg.). Six-seven forward **Darnell Huger** is among the league's scoring and rebounding leaders (15.2 ppg., 6.2 rpg.), and is leading the league in field goal percentage (.596). PVA&M and JSU have a showdown Saturday in Jackson. PV travels to **Grambling** Monday

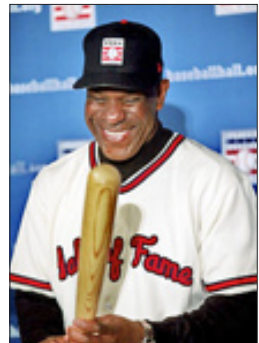
BCSP Notes

FAMU product Andre "The Hawk" Dawson gains election to Baseball Hall of Fame

In his ninth year of eligibility, former **Florida A&M** and Major League Baseball standout slugger **Andre "The Hawk" Dawson** has been elected to the Hall of Fame. Dawson was named on 77.9 percent of 539 ballots cast by 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, barely eclipsing the required 75 percent threshold.

He'll be inducted this summer (July 25) in Cooperstown, N.Y. along with two Veterans Committee selections, manager **Whitey Herzog** and umpire **Doug Harvey**. **Roberto Alomar** (73.7 percent) and **Bert Blyleven** (74.2 percent) just missed election.

"It was worth the wait," Dawson said Wednesday in a conference call with reporters. "I can't really describe the elation."



DAWSON

2009-10 BLACK COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Women's Results, Standings - thru 1/11/10 - and Weekly Honors)

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CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Keyona Bryant, Sr., F, SAC - Had career-high 41 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in win over VUU. Also had 15 points, 7 rebounds in another game.

ROOKIE
Kelvin Manrus, Fr., F, LC - Got 17 points in win over St. Paul's including big 3-pointer late. Had 28 points in two games.

NEWCOMER
Kenyatta Gill, Jr., F, ECSU - Averaged 11.5 points, 5 rebounds and 2 blocks in two games.

COACH
Jacques Curtis, Shaw - Led Lady Bears to two wins over Bowie State and Virginia State. Loss was first conference defeat for VSU.

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Coppin State	1	2	4	9
SC State	0	2	5	9
Norfolk State	0	3	2	9

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE
Jalisa Isaac, Jr., G, B-CU - Career-high 26 points shooting 9-of-14 in win over Norfolk State. Canned 3 of 5 3-pointers with 6 rebounds, 1 assist, block and steal.

ROOKIE
Leola Spotwood, Fr., F, COPPIN STATE - Had career-high 18 points and 8 boards in win over Hampton. Was 6 of 12 from the field and hit 4 of 8 from distance.

DEFENSE
Demetria Frank, Jr., G, B-CU - Had career-best 9 steals with 2 rebounds and 3 blocks in win over NSU. Also had 14 points and 3 assists.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Fort Valley State	8	0	13	0