

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



Milwaukee Brewers' Photo

## WEEKS IN THE WAITING

**WEEKS:** Former Southern slugger putting up big numbers in seventh major league season.

## CIAA AND SWAC UNVEIL 2010 PRESEASON FOOTBALL PICKS; NEW COACHES AND AD

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### NEW ALABAMA STATE AD:

The **Alabama State University's** Board of Trustees announced the hiring of **Stacy Danley** as the Hornets new athletic director during its July 23 meeting at the Dunn-Oliver Acadome in Montgomery.



DANLEY

Danley was the director of athletics at **Tuskegee University** from 2008-2009. Prior to going to Tuskegee, he had served as an intern at the Southeastern Conference commissioner's office in the areas of compliance and championships/events management.

Previously, he had served as associate athletic director/men's sports coordinator at Auburn, where he had also been associate athletic director for external affairs. At Auburn he created and served publishing editor for AU Connection, a biannual magazine designed to improve and restore relationships between the university and former athletes.

Danley has a bachelor's degree in Vocational and Adult Education from Auburn University (1993) and a M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from Auburn University (1996).

While attending Auburn, Danley was a member of the football team and went on to play in the National Football League.

He is a member of the Black Coaches Association, the National Advising Association, the National Consortium for Academics and Sports, and the Greater Lee County 100 Black Men.

### SIAC OFFICE RELOCATES:

The Southern Intercollegiate Athlete Conference moved its office last week from Tucker, Georgia to downtown Atlanta.



The conference office will now be located at 225 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 1975 in the South Tower of Peachtree Center, located in the heart of downtown Atlanta.

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference  
Peachtree Center- South Tower  
225 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 1975  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
New phone number: 404-221-1041  
New fax number: 404-221-1042

### SOUTHERN RESIGNATION:

**Tinnequo Lightfoot-Ross** has resigned as interim women's track coach at **Southern University**.

She had just completed her 10th year at Southern and her first as interim head track & field coach. She took over the program after the long illness, and death of long-time SU Track Coach, **Johnny Thomas**. She previously served as an assistant coach for eight years.

## 2010 preseason black college football

# Fayetteville State picked to repeat in CIAA

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BCSP Editor

Though there's a lot of change in CIAA football, conference coaches expect defending champion **Fayetteville State** to again come away with the 2010 title in what many believe will be one of the most hotly contested battles in conference history.

That was the verdict unveiled last Thursday in Petersburg, Va. as the conference held its annual preseason football press conference and luncheon featuring the league's head coaches and their predictions for the upcoming season.

The CIAA will be entering its 99th year of athletic competition and the biggest news is that the 2010 football line-up will feature two teams officially returning to the conference fold – original member **Lincoln** (Pa.), who recently gained full membership into NCAA Div. II, and **Winston-Salem State**, returning after a five-year flirtation with Div. I and the MEAC.

With those additions the conference will be fielding 13 teams, the most since 1980, and is employing a new North/South format adding Lincoln to the North and WSSU to the South.

Three new coaches will also be patrolling the sidelines.

Former Winston-Salem State and **North Carolina A&T** standout quarterback **Connell Maynor**, who developed his coaching chops as offensive coordinator at Fayetteville State and the Arena League, will usher the WSSU Rams back into the CIAA.

**St. Paul's** will enter the 2010 season without all-time winningest CIAA head coach **Willard Bailey** who was replaced recently by interim head coach **Kevin Grisby**. And after a winless 2009 season, **Livingstone** has turned to former

### 2010 CIAA FOOTBALL Predicted Order of Finish

- OVERALL
1. Fayetteville State (8-4)
  2. Shaw (8-2)
  3. Bowie State (6-5)
  4. Elizabeth City State (7-4)
  5. Virginia Union (6-4)
  6. Winston-Salem State (0-10)
  7. St. Augustine's (4-6)
  8. Virginia State (6-4)
  9. Chowan (2-8)
  10. Johnson C. Smith (3-7)
  11. St. Paul's (4-5)
  12. Livingstone (0-10)
  13. Lincoln (3-7)

2009 Records

- BY DIVISION
- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| SOUTH                  | NORTH                   |
| 1. Fayetteville State  | 1. Bowie State          |
| 2. Shaw                | 2. Elizabeth City State |
| 3. Winston-Salem State | 3. Virginia Union       |
| 4. St. Augustine's     | 4. Virginia State       |
| 5. Johnson C. Smith    | 5. Chowan               |
| 6. Livingstone         | 6. St. Paul's           |
|                        | 7. Lincoln              |

\*\*As selected by the CIAA Football Coaches Association



Photo by Bonitta Best

**CIAA HEAD COACHES:** CIAA head coaches pose after Thursday's press conference and luncheon in Petersburg, Va. (L to R, front row) Winston-Salem State's **Connell Maynor**, J. C. Smith's **Steven Aycocck**, St. Augustine's **Michael Costa**, Chowan's **Tim Place**. (Back row) Livingstone's **Elvin James**, Fayetteville State's **Kenny Phillips**, Shaw's **Darrell Asberry**, Bowie State's **Damon Wilson**, Elizabeth City State's **Waverly Tillar**.

**Elizabeth City State** assistant **Elvin James** to lead the Bears.

They all will be playing for a division title and a subsequent spot in the Nov. 13 CIAA Championship Game set for the newly refurbished Durham County Stadium in Durham, N.C.

Fayetteville State and **Shaw**, the last two conference champions, are the favorites in the newly-constructed CIAA South with conference returnee **Winston-Salem State** and **St. Augustine's** expected to be their chief challengers.

**Bowie State**, who faced Fayetteville State in last year's title game, is again the top pick in the newly-constructed North Division. **Elizabeth City State**, **Virginia Union** and **Virginia State** are expected to contend.

Despite their selection as a repeat winner, Fayetteville State landed only three players on the preseason all-conference team, two offensive linemen (**Larry McDonald**

and **Dillon Kestner**) and placekicker/punter **Austin Turner**.

**Bowie State** led the all-conference teams with six selections, three on offense – lineman **Reginald Berry**, running back **Rodney Webb**, the returning CIAA rushing champ with 917 yards and 10 TDs in 2009, and kick returner **James Proctor**. The three defenders are lineman **Alex Payton**, defensive back **Terence Peete** and punt returner **Dominique Budd**.

**Elizabeth City State** checked in with four selections, three at offensive skill positions led by quarterback **Creven Powell**, the leading returning passer (181.3 ypg.). Wide receiver **Dexter Manley** and tight end **Kevin Gwaltney** were the others. Defensive lineman **Malcolm Jenkins** rounded out the ECSU foursome.

**Shaw** also had four selections including running back **Raymond Williams** (811 yards, 12 TDs) who finished second to Webb in 2009 rushing stats.

### 2010 PRESEASON ALL-CIAA TEAM

#### OFFENSE

- TE - Karvin Gwaltney, Sr., Eliz. City State
- OL - Reginald Berry, Jr., Bowie State
- OL - Larry McDonald, Jr., Fayetteville State
- OL - Dillon Kestner, Sr., Fayetteville State
- OL - Markus McElveen, Sr., Shaw
- OL - David Mims, Sr., Shaw
- WR - Dexter Manley, Sr., Eliz. City State
- WR - Jeremy Franklin, Sr., J. C. Smith
- QB - Creven Powell, Jr., Eliz. City State
- RB - Rodney Webb, Sr., Bowie State
- RB - Raymond Williams, Sr., Shaw
- KR - James Proctor, Jr., Bowie State
- PK - Austin Turner, Jr., Fayetteville State

#### DEFENSE

- DL - Alex Payton, Sr., Bowie State
- DL - Malcolm Jenkins, Sr., Eliz. City State
- DL - DeMarcus Roberson, Jr., Shaw
- DL - Zach Hope, Sr., Va. Union
- LB - Steven Stanback, Sr., St. Aug's
- LB - Jarvis Stokes, Sr., St. Paul's
- LB - Fred Sparkman, Sr., Shaw
- DB - Terence Peete, Sr., Bowie State
- DB - Alkeem Deloatch, Sr., Livingstone
- DB - Dominic Tolson, Jr., St. Paul's
- DB - Andre LeBlanc, Sr., Va. Union
- P - Austin Turner, Jr., Fayetteville St.
- PR - Dominique Budd, Jr., Bowie State

# BCSP Notes

## Weeks' hitting, leadership hit stride

Former **Southern** and **Southwestern Athletic Conference** star infielder **Rickie Weeks** is finally putting up the numbers and justifying his high draft status in this his seventh year with Major League Baseball's Milwaukee Brewers.



WEEKS

Weeks, a second baseman selected with the second overall pick in the 2003 MLB draft after sweeping collegiate awards in his final year at Southern, has battled injuries and consistency during his major league tenure but is having the kind of career year in 2010 forecasted for him when he broke into the league that same year.

Monday he clubbed his second homer in as many days, his 21st on the season, in a 3-2 win over Cincinnati boosting the Brewers' record to 48-53. The Brewers are currently third in the National League

Central Division, eight games behind the first-place St. Louis Cardinals and Weeks' production is one of the reasons the Brewers are still in the race.

His only hit in four plate appearances Monday has his batting average to a respectable .274, but he is hitting .294 since June 1 with four stolen bases while batting leadoff for the Brewers.

But it's in the power categories and his production numbers that Weeks is really showing his mettle and quietly becoming one of the top fantasy players in the majors this season.

The 21 homers is a career high and is currently tied for eighth in the National League with San Diego's **Adrian Gonzalez** behind **Joey Votto** of Cincinnati's 28.

Weeks has also driven in a career-high 66 runs that ranks him sixth in the NL behind **Ryan Howard** of Philadelphia's 78.

He has also set a career high in hits with 112 that ties him for fifth in the NL with Chicago's **Marlon Byrd** and he has scored 69 runs that places him third in the league behind **Martin Prado** of Atlanta's 71. He's on pace to break his career high of 89 runs scored set in 2008.

Though he has struck out 112 times, fourth highest in all of the majors, Weeks production numbers from the leadoff position for the Brewers is a welcome sight.

Brewers' manager **Ken Macha** called Weeks' toughness "off the charts" after Weeks returned to a game last week and led a game-winning rally after being beaned. His teammates also praise his toughness.

"Rickie's the toughest guy I've ever played with in my life," said left fielder **Ryan Braun** after the beaning. "Nothing seems to faze him. He's unbelievable."

With former **Florida A&M** and MLB standout **Andre Dawson** being inducted Sunday into the Hall of Fame, Macha was asked to reflect on his playing days with "The Hawk" in Montreal. Macha drew several compari-

sons between Dawson and Weeks.

"Dawson didn't say a lot, and Rickie doesn't say a lot," said Macha. "Dawson was extremely intense and serious about what's going on out there. That's Rickie. He played the game hard all the time. That's Rickie."

"I'm just happy to sit here and watch Rickie play. You don't have to be a vocal guy to be a leader. You just go out there and play the game the way it should be played. Be prepared every day, play hard and have the respect of your teammates. That's leadership."

### New Voorhees basketball coach

Denmark, S.C. -- **Voorhees College** Athletics Director **Willie Jefferson** has named **Michael Cheaney** as the new head men's basketball coach. Cheaney brings more than 10 years of coaching experience to Voorhees.

Cheaney crosses the border from North Carolina where he was an assistant men's basketball coach at **Livingstone College**. He also previously served as head men's basketball coach at **Wilberforce University** in Ohio.

"I feel that Mr. Cheaney's coaching experience and wealth of knowledge in the coaching arena will be a great asset to our men's basketball program at Voorhees," Jefferson said.

Cheaney graduated from Indiana State University with a Master of Science degree in sports management and from Kentucky Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice.

He is a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the Black Coaches Association.

### Tennessee State gets new softball coach

**Tennessee State** has hired **Jeff Dabney** as the new head softball coach. Dabney will be the fourth softball coach for the Tiger softball program

Dabney comes to Tennessee State after serving two years as assistant coach at Southeast Missouri State where he served as the team's pitching and catching coach and worked with the slap hitters. He also served as the team's recruiting coordinator as well as directed the conditioning program.

Prior to his position at Southeast Missouri State, Dabney served as the head coach at North Florida Community College and was an assistant coach at the University of Florida.

During his time at Florida, the team went 42-23, which was good enough to finish third in the Southeastern Conference and finished with a ranking of 16th nationally.



CHEANEY



DABNEY

# THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

## THIS WEEK'S BLACK COLLEGE CONFERENCE PRESEASON FOOTBALL EVENTS

**SIAC KICK-OFF LUNCHEON**  
Wednesday, July 28 - 12:30 pm  
Cornelius L. Henderson Student Center  
Clark Atlanta University  
Atlanta, GA

**MEAC PRESS LUNCHEON**  
Friday, July 30 - 10:30 am  
Westside Marriott Hotel  
Norfolk, VA

### 2010 SWAC PRESEASON FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

- FIRST TEAM OFFENSE
- OL Russell Jackson, Alabama A&M
  - OL James Dekle, Prairie View A&M
  - OL Antonio Colston, Jackson State
  - OL Ramon Chinyong, Southern
  - OL Charles Smith, Texas Southern
  - RB Frank Warren, Grambling
  - RB Donald Babers, Prairie View A&M
  - WR Nick Andrews, Alabama State
  - WR William Osbourn, Texas Southern
  - TE Ryan Singleton, Alcorn State
  - QB K.J. Black, Prairie View A&M

- FIRST TEAM SPECIALIST
- PK Ari Johnson, Grambling
  - P Pedro Ventura, Prairie View A&M
  - KR Kiare Thompson, Grambling

- FIRST TEAM DEFENSE
- DL Frank Kearse, Alabama A&M
  - DL Christian Anthony, Grambling
  - DL Donovan Robinson, Jackson State
  - DL Quinton Spears, Prairie View A&M
  - LB Afu Okosun, Alabama A&M
  - LB Cliff Exama, Grambling
  - LB Max Sencherey, Prairie View A&M
  - DB Anthony Johnson, Jackson State
  - DB Corey Morrison, Alabama A&M
  - DB Chris Aingupu, Prairie View A&M
  - DB Jason House, Southern

- SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
- OL Anquez Jackson, Alabama A&M
  - OL Bruce Beal, Alabama State
  - OL Tim Tusey, Prairie View A&M
  - OL Terrael Williams, Jackson State
  - OL Chris Browne, Southern
  - RB Cornelius Walker, Grambling
  - RB Martin Gilbert, Texas Southern
  - WR Edward Johnson, Alcorn State
  - WR Shaun Stephens, Prairie View A&M
  - TE Larry Donnell, Grambling
  - QB Arvell Nelson, Texas Southern

- SECOND TEAM DEFENSE
- DL Kynjee Cotton, Alabama State
  - DL Malcolm Taylor, Alcorn State
  - DL Reginald Foster, Mississippi Valley
  - DL Rolando Melancon, Texas Southern
  - LB Ryan Rich, Jackson State
  - LB Rory Malone, Mississippi Valley
  - LB DeJuan Fulgham, Texas Southern
  - DB Kerry Hoskins, Jackson State
  - DB Donovan Masline, Alabama State
  - DB Markkus Davis, Mississippi Valley
  - DB DeMarkus Washington, Texas Southern

- SECOND TEAM SPECIALIST
- PK Brady Faggard, Prairie View A&M
  - P Josh Duran, Southern
  - KR Mareo Howard, Arkansas-Pine Bluff