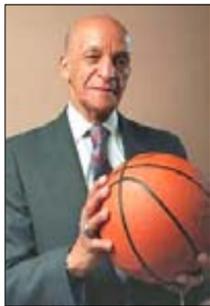


# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



**COACH MAC:** Coach John McLendon one of seven HBCU legends in initial Small College Basketball Hall of Fame class.

## HISTORY MAKERS

**STILLMAN LONG JUMPER EARNS OLYMPIC BERTH; DREAM TEAM OF HBCU STARS IN NEW HALL OF FAME**

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### HENDERSON EARNS RIO TICKET:

Former **Stillman** standout **Jeffrey Henderson** finished first in the U.S. Olympic Trials men's long jump competition to punch his ticket to Rio de Janeiro for the 2016 Olympic games.



Henderson

Henderson, the 2014 national outdoor champion, had a personal record best jump of 8.59m (28-2.25 feet) to come out on top. He will be the first Stillman athlete to go to the Olympics.

"I just had to do what I had to do," said Henderson after his victory. "I had to not overthink it, stay humble, not get over-excited to help me mentally, not physically. My body already knew what to do. So, I just had to prepare mentally."

NCAA 100, 200 and long champion Jarrion Lawson took second by becoming just the ninth American to go over 28 feet with a legal wind as he jumped 28-1 3/4 (8.58 m, 1.8 m/s wind).

The youngest of six children, Henderson dedicated his win to his mother, who has Alzheimer's. "She's had it since I got out of high school. She's not here right now. She's bedridden and she can't walk or talk. I don't know whether she'll be aware of what I've done, but I'll be glad to go home and let her know much I love her. I'm done with the meet now, so I'm glad I get to go home."

### THREE MISS OUT ON OLYMPIC TEAM:

Quartermilers **Francena McCrory** of **Hampton** and **Quanera Hayes** of **Livingstone** missed directly qualifying for the U.S. Olympic team in the women's 400 meter finals at the U.S. Olympic Trials at Haywood Field in Eugene, OR.

**St. Augustine's** alum **Barbara Pierre** also came up short in the women's 100 meters finishing seventh in 11.10 seconds. Only the top three finishers directly qualify for the team.usaf1 logo

McCrory finished fifth (50.37) and Hayes eighth (51.80) in the 400m event won by Allyson Felix (49.68).

McCrory could still be selected for the team after earning a gold medal in the 4 x400 meter relay four years ago in London.

Hayes, a former three-time NCAA Division II champion could still make the team by qualifying in the 200 meters which begins Friday.

The Olympics will be held August 5-21 in Rio de Janeiro..

### CLARK ATLANTA DROPS MEN'S TRACK:

ATLANTA, Ga. (clarkatlantasports.com) - After reviewing the impact on the institution and the department of athletics, **Clark Atlanta University** has opted to suspend men's track and field. The resulting reduction will bring the number of sponsored sports at CAU to 10 - four men's and six women's sports.cau panther 2011

"For the next few years, Clark Atlanta University has suspended the men's track program after evaluating the entire athletic program" stated CAU Athletics Director **J. Lin Dawson**. "Suspending or reducing a varsity sport is not an easy decision. The decision to right size the department was based on resources, competitiveness, gender equity, and facilities."

The men's cross country team and women's running sports will not be affected and will continue to compete.

"Several young men will be impacted. These young men give their hearts and souls in representing Clark Atlanta University. The men's cross country program is still a varsity supported sport at CAU."

"We will continue fundraising efforts to install a new track and to create a sustainable competitive program. While the men's track program is suspended, the University will work to provide opportunities for young men to run unattached at several meets where CAU competes."

Clark Atlanta University had 3,500 students for the 2015-16 school year with roughly 74% of the enrollment base as female students.

# BCSP Notes

## Melendez resigns from Alabama State; Takes reigns at Florida International

**Mervyl Melendez** resigned as head baseball coach at **Alabama State** last week after five years leading the Hornets and was named the new head coach at Florida International on Saturday.

In his 17 years as a head coach, including an 11 years at **Bethune-Cookman**, Melendez has 13 30-win seasons, 12 conference championships and 12 NCAA tournament appearances. Melendez guided his team to victories over a number of ranked opponents, including wins over No. 4 Miami, No. 17 Cal State Fullerton and No. 28 South Alabama.

Melendez's resignation was announced by ASU Athletics Director **Melvin Hines**.

Melendez posted a five-year record of 158-117 at Alabama State, leading the program to four straight 30-win seasons, including three straight SWAC Eastern Division Championships. This season, the Hornets were the only Division I baseball team to go undefeated in conference play setting a school-record 38 victories and winning the program's first SWAC Championship. ASU also earned the first NCAA Division I Tournament appearance in the school's baseball history.

"We thank Coach Melendez for all he has contributed and achieved at Alabama State University," Hines said. "He made Hornets' baseball a household name in Montgomery, expanded the reach of ASU in the region, made the program the best in the SWAC, and put the Hornets' baseball brand on the map nationally. We wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavors."

As a testament to the quality of recruits brought in by Melendez, Alabama State had nine players earn a chance to play professional baseball in the last three seasons. Six of those players were drafted.

"I am extremely thankful for my time at ASU," Melendez said. "In moving to Montgomery with the goal of making Hornets' baseball among the best in the country, the support received from the University administration was always first class and unwavering. The encouragement and backing of the alumni, especially of former players, as well as fans, friends and staff of ASU has been outstanding, especially in the way they embraced me and my family."

Prior to his arrival at Alabama State in 2012, Melendez won 11 MEAC championships in 12 years at Bethune-Cookman. He has 537 career wins in 17 seasons as a head coach.

"It was an honor to lead this program to a championship level, while having the opportunity to mold young men during their college careers. I thank every player that played for our coaching staff at Alabama State. They believed in the vision we had in representing ASU with class and playing the game the right way. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who supported our players and our program. I leave with nothing but cherished memories of my time at Alabama State."

Associate head Coach **Jose Vazquez** has been named interim head coach.

"I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to lead the FIU baseball program," Melendez said. "I am looking forward to meeting the players personally. ... I can't say enough about how exciting it is, not only getting back to Florida, but working for an institution that I know a lot about and have competed against in the past. I'm here to get it going; get on the recruiting trail and bring in the student-athletes that I think will represent FIU to the fullest."

Melendez is the third-youngest coach in Division I history to reach 500 wins and was the second-youngest coach in NCAA history to reach 300.

"We are excited to have Mervyl Melendez leading our baseball program," FIU athletic director **Pete Garcia** said. "He has been successful everywhere he has been. We look forward to our baseball program growing under the guidance of coach Melendez."

## Five black college players, two coaches in initial Small College Basketball Hall of Fame

BALDWIN CITY, Kan. - Five former black college basketball superstars and two legendary coaches from the black college ranks are among the inaugural inductees into the Small College Basketball (SCB) Hall of Fame.

"It is an absolute thrill to announce the inaugural class for the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame," said Hall of Fame and SCB Founder John McCarthy. "This class represents the best of the best in the history of small college basketball, and it is with great pleasure that we announce this class."

The list of black college playing standouts in the initial class includes former **Tennessee A&I (now State)** deadeye shooter **Dick Barnett**, prolific scorers **Travis "Machine Gun" Grant** of **Kentucky State**, **Bob Hopkins** of **Grambling State** and **Earl "The Pearl" Monroe** of **Winston-Salem State** and consummate big man **Willis Reed** also of **Grambling**.



Gaines

The former black college coaches in the initial class are **John McLendon** who led teams at **Tennessee State**, **North Carolina College (now Central)**, **Hampton** and **Kentucky State** and **Winston-Salem State** head coach **Clarence "Big House" Gaines**.

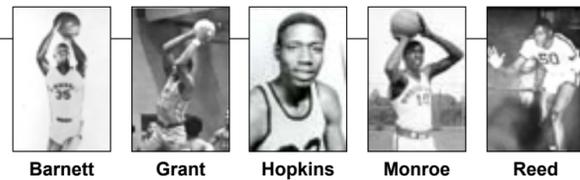
Other players included in this initial class are John Eberling (Florida Southern), Bevo Francis (Rio Grande), Phil Jackson (North Dakota), Lucious Jackson (Pan American College), John Rinka (Kenyon) and Jerry Sloan (Evansville). Former Evansville head coach Arad McCutchan is the other coach in the initial class.

The father of basketball, Dr. James Naismith, is being inducted as a contributor.

The SCB Hall of Fame committee consists of: Don Landry, former head coach/AD/commissioner, Roy Pickerill, SID Kentucky Wesleyan and NCAA Elite 8 media coordinator, Pat Coleman, owner of D3hoops.com, Doug Palm, NCAA DIII historian, Rick Zvosec, former collegiate head coach, Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific AD, Steve Shepherd, AD and head basketball coach at College of the Ozarks, Gary Stewart, head coach at Stevenson University, **Jerry Dunn**, head coach at **Tuskegee**, Matt Simms, executive director of USCAA, Mike Lightfoot, head coach at Bethel (Ind.), Mike Hall, commissioner of Southern States Athletic Conference and former chair of NCAA DII national basketball committee and Bob Guptil, former SID at Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

"This inaugural class can be best described as *The Dream Team* of Small College Basketball," stated Roy Pickerill, Hall of Fame Committee member and longtime Sports Information Director at Kentucky Wesleyan College. "These are the legends from the 50's, 60's and 70's who made an indelible mark at their schools as national renowned collegiate players and coaches."

The 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana.



Barnett

Grant

Hopkins

Monroe

Reed

Below are profiles of the seven HBCU products in the inaugural class.

### PLAYERS

#### DR. DICK BARNETT, Tennessee A&I (Tennessee State)

2007 College Basketball Hall of Fame inductee; 2012 NAIA 75th Anniversary All-Star Team honoree; Three-time NAIA All-American 1957, 1958, 1959; Three-time Associated Press Little College All-American 1957, 1958, 1959; Two-time United Press International Small College All-American 1958, 1959; Won three consecutive NAIA Championships 1957, 1958, 1959; Two-time NAIA Championship Most Valuable Player 1958, 1959; NCAA's 12th all-time leading 3,209 points for a 23.6 average in 136 games; Collected 1,571 career rebounds for a 11.6 average; Career shooting 44.8 percent from the field and 80.0 from the free throw line. Member of the NAIA's 50th & 75th Anniversary Teams; NAIA Hall of Fame

#### TRAVIS GRANT, Kentucky State

2009 College Basketball Hall of Fame inductee; 2012 NAIA 75th Anniversary Team honoree; College Basketball Player of the Year (1972); Three-time NAIA All-American 1970, 1971, 1972; Three-time Associated Press Little College All-American 1970, 1971, 1972; Three-time United Press International Small College All-American 1970, 1971, 1972; Three-time NABC Division II All-American 1970, 1971, 1972; Won three NAIA Championships 1970, 1971, 1972; Two-time NAIA Championship Most Valuable Player 1971, 1972; NCAA's All-Time Leading Scorer 4,045 points for an NCAA third-best 33.4 average in 121 games; Scored a single game career-high 75 points; Collected 1,121 rebounds for a 9.4 average; Career shooting 64.0 percent from the field and 77.4 from the free throw line; Still holds NAIA Tournament records for points in a game, points in a tournament, points in a career, field goals in a game, field goals in a tournament and field goals in a career

#### BOB HOPKINS, Grambling State

Grambling State (1952-56) was a three-time All-American and a four-time All-Midwest Conference selection. He finished his career as the most prolific scorer in small college basketball history. At the end of his career, he held these NCAA and NAIA career records: most points scored (3,759), Highest scoring average (29.8), most field goals attempted (3,309), most field goals made (1,400); most free throws attempted (1,292), most free throws made (953), and most rebounds (2,191). He averaged 17.4 rebounds for his career. He averaged 30.9 points in 1956 (2nd in nation); 32.4 ppg in 1955 (3rd in nation), 27.8 ppg in 1954 (9th in nation); and 28.5 ppg in 1953 (4th in nation).

#### EARL MONROE, Winston-Salem State

2006 College Basketball Hall of Fame inductee; NCAA's Division II 14th Leading Scorer 2,935 points, 669 rebounds; 1967 NCAA College Division Championship Most Outstanding Player; 1967 NCAA College Division Champion; Chosen to NCAA Elite Eight 50th Anniversary Team; Scored 2,935 career points for a 26.7 average in 110 games; Averaged 29.8 points as a junior and 41.5 (1,329) as a senior; Scored over 50 points nine times including a career-high 68; Collected 669 rebounds for a 6.0 average; Career shooting 59.0 percent from the field and 81.8 from the free throw line

#### WILLIS REED, Grambling State

He was a two-time consensus first-team All-American. He finished his career with 2,280 points for an 18.7 average and 1,851 rebounds for a 15.2 average. He participated in three NAIA tournaments, leading Grambling to the 1961 national championship and to a third place finish in 1963. Three-time NAIA Champion All-Tournament Team 1960, 1961, 1963. Two-time NAIA All-American 1963, 1964. He averaged 26.6 points and 21.3 rebounds (2nd in nation) in 1964; 21.2 points and 17.1 rebounds in 1963 and 17.6 points and 14.6 rebounds in 1962. He played on the USA team that won the gold medal in the Pan-American games. He is a member of the Naismith Hall of Fame and the NAIA Hall of Fame. 2006 College Basketball Hall of Fame inductee; 1970 NAIA Hall of Fame inductee; 2012 NAIA 50th & 75th Anniversary Teams; Scored 2,280 career points for a 19.5 average; Grabbed 1,786 career rebounds for a 15.3 average; Averaged 26.6 points per game and 21.3 rebounds per game as a senior; Career shooting 58.7 percent from the field and 75.7 percent from the free throw line.

### COACHES

#### CLARENCE GAINES, Winston-Salem State

1982 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee; College Basketball Hall of Fame inductee; 1975 NAIA Helms Hall of Fame inductee; 1967 NCAA College Division Coach of the Year; 1967 NCAA College Division Championship (30-2), the first historically Black College to win a national championship; Compiled a 828-447 record for a 64.9 winning percentage in 47 seasons; Eighteen 20-win seasons and eight CIAA titles; Chosen to NCAA Elite Eight 50th Anniversary Team. Gaines coached basketball at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) from 1946 to 1993, compiling an 828-447 record.

#### JOHN McLENDON, Tennessee A&I, North Carolina College, Kentucky State, Hampton Institute, Cleveland State

1979 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee; 2007 College Basketball Hall of Fame inductee; 2012 NAIA 75th Anniversary All-Star Team honoree; First college coach ever to win three consecutive national championships (Three NAIA Championships 1957, 1958, 1959); 1960 NAIA Semifinalist; 1958 NAIA Coach of the Year; Compiled a 496-179 record for a 73.5 winning percentage in 25 seasons at Tennessee State, Kentucky State, North Carolina Central, Hampton and Cleveland State (all Div. II or NAIA). In his early years, his teams were restricted to playing only against other all-black teams. However, while coaching at North Carolina College, McLendon participated in "The Secret Game", a match against a team from Duke University, which was the first collegiate basketball contest where blacks and whites competed on the same floor. He led the Eagles to eight CIAA Championships (1941, 1943-44, 1946-47, 1949-50, 1952). At Cleveland State, he was the first African American head coach of a predominantly white university. McLendon's contributions to the game of basketball include the invention of the full-court press and four corners offense.

## Xavier-New Orleans welcomes back Alfred Williams as new head basketball coach

NEW ORLEANS — Former **Xavier University of Louisiana** student-athlete and assistant coach **Alfred Williams**, who engineered one of the best turnarounds in NAIA Division I men's basketball this past season at Harris-Stowe State University, is returning home to become head coach at his alma mater.

XU Director of Athletics & Recreation **Jason Horn** announced the hiring of Williams Tuesday. He replaces **Dannton Jackson**, who left Xavier in April after 13 seasons as head coach to become an assistant at NCAA Division I's University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The new head coach met with news media, the XU community and fans July 5 at 1:30 p.m. in Xavier's Convocation Center

Williams was head coach for one season at Harris-Stowe in St. Louis, where he led the Hornets in a 7 1/2-game improvement from the previous year and victories against a pair of NCAA Division II opponents.

During his previous Xavier tenures, Williams was a member of three teams as a player and five teams as an assistant coach that qualified for the Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I National Championship and won or shared four Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Tournament regular-season championships. The Gold Rush averaged 23.3 victories during his three playing seasons and 23.2 victories during his six seasons as assistant coach.



Williams