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THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

FAVORITES PICKED FOR 2016 SIAC, CIAA FOOTBALL; MEAC UP NEXT ON FRIDAY

JACQUIE McWILLIAMS: CIAA Commish speaks after league's Football Media Day in Durham (NC) last Thursday.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

B-CU'S COLLINS TO GREEN BAY HOF:

Former **Bethune-Cookman** defensive back stand-out **Nick Collins** joins some of the greatest players in pro football history as the Green Bay Packers, one of the most storied professional sports franchises, enshrine him in its Hall of Fame Saturday evening.

A seven-year veteran, the 31-year-old Collins started every game he played for the Packers after being drafted in the second round of the 2005 NFL Draft

Collins played seven seasons for the Packers, posting 21 interceptions and 83 pass breakups. He was a three-time Pro Bowl selection from 2008-10, becoming the first Packers safety since LeRoy Butler in 1996-98 to accomplish that feat.

At Super Bowl XLV, Collins' 36-yard interception return for a touchdown helped the Packers take an early 14-0 lead en route to a 31-25 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Collins suffered a frightening neck injury on Sept. 18, 2011 against the Carolina Panthers and had not played a game since. In Sept. 2012, Collins' agent said that his client's career was likely over and he officially announced his retirement in August, 2014.

Collins was an Associate Press third-team Division I-AA All-American and a first-team All-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference player his senior season, a season in which he led the league with six interceptions, including a last-minute pick against **Florida A&M** that helped send the game into overtime and an eventual 58-52 Wildcat victory.

After his retirement, Collins returned to Bethune-Cookman to earn his Bachelor's degree.

NEW SHAW TRACK AND CC COACH:

RALEIGH, N.C. – Director of Athletics **Dr. Alfonso Carter** has announced the hiring of **Nadia Alexander-Pompey** as the new head coach for Men's and Women's Cross Country and Women's Outdoor Track and Field teams at **Shaw University**.

Cross country coach at **Lincoln (Pa.) University**. Previously, Alexander-Pompey served on the **Virginia State** coaching staff from 2011-2013. During her tenure at

Prior to her coaching career, Alexander-Pompey was a member of the Lady Techsters Track and Field Team where she was a three-time Western Athletic Conference champion for Louisiana Tech. She currently holds the indoor and outdoor women's shot put records. In her collegiate competitions, she placed 10th in the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships in 2009.

Internationally, she was a finalist in the shot put at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in India while representing her home country of Jamaica.

Alexander-Pompey earned the USATF Level 1 Coaching Certification and USTFCCCA Specialist Certification 304 in the Throwing Events.

A graduate from Louisiana Tech University, she earned a degree in General Studies with a concentration in Social Sciences. Additionally, she received her Master's degree in Sport Management from Virginia State University in 2012.

BCSP Notes

Albany State, Miles picked to return to SIAC football title game

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – **Albany State** running back **Jarvis Small** was named the 2016 **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** (SIAC) Preseason Offensive Player of the Year while **Tuskegee** defensive lineman **Julian Morgan** was selected as the Defensive Player of the Year, announced by the league as the conference held its 2016 Football Media Day here last Wednesday.

All votes are submitted by SIAC head football coaches and sports information directors.

Small, who was the 2015 SIAC Offensive Player of the Year, led the SIAC in rushing averaging at 103.7 yards per game. Small recorded 1,037 yards in 2015 and scored a conference-high 11 touchdowns. He recorded six games last year where he rushed for over 100 yards, including a season-best 173 yards against **Morehouse**.

Morgan, a 6-2, 200-pound defensive end, recorded 54 tackles in 2015 and led the Golden Tigers in sacks (9.5). He tallied nine quarterback hurries and forced three fumbles. Morgan also finished the 2015 campaign with 15.5 tackles for loss.

In addition to the individual awards, the league also announced the predicted order of finish for the 2016 season. **Albany State** garnered 14 first place votes and 78 points to lead the East Division. **Morehouse** was second (52) followed by **Fort Valley State** (49), **Clark Atlanta** (29) and **Benedict** (22).

In the West Division, **Miles** was picked to finish first with eight first place votes and 72 points. **Tuskegee** was voted second with seven first place votes and 69 points. **Central State** followed in third (34), ahead of **Lane** (27) and **Kentucky State** (25).



Albany State Running Back Jarvis Small



Tuskegee Defensive End Julian Morgan

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Jarvis Small, Albany State
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Julian Morgan, Tuskegee

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB - David Whipple, Sr., Miles
TE - Leo Gilbert, Sr., Tuskegee
WR - Desmond Reece, R-Sr., Tuskegee
WR - Quadrey Simmons, Jr., Albany State
RB - Jamarcus Nance, Sr., Miles
RB - Jarvis Small, Sr., Albany State
OL - Chris Ruffin, Jr., Miles
OL - Leeward Brown, Jr., Tuskegee
OL - Javoris Wilburn, Sr., Albany State
OL - Marcus Campbell, So., Kentucky St.
OL - Tedrick Cofield, Jr., Albany State

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL - Grover Stewart, Sr., Albany State
DL - Julian Morgan, Sr., Tuskegee
DL - Daryl George, Sr., Tuskegee
DL - Bretton Ervin, Sr., Kentucky St.
LB - Deonate Gary, Sr., Central State
LB - Javonte Kelly, Sr., Lane
LB - Osband Thompson, Jr., Tuskegee
DB - Clim Robbins, Sr., Central State
DB - Jonah McCutcheon, R-Jr., Tuskegee
DB - Nick Scott, Sr., Albany State
DB - Nehemiah Coward, Jr., Central State
K - Nick Christiansen, Jr., Miles
P - Juan Serna, Jr., Fort Valley
KR - Amyr Smith, So., Morehouse
PR - Amyr Smith, So., Morehouse

2016 SIAC FOOTBALL PRESEASON PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH (First Place Votes in Parenthesis)

EAST DIVISION	Points
Albany State (14)	78
Morehouse (2)	52
Fort Valley State (1)	49
Clark Atlanta	29
Benedict	22
WEST DIVISION	Points
Miles (8)	72
Tuskegee (7)	69
Central State	34
Lane (1)	27
Kentucky State	25

CIAA picks Winston-Salem State and Bowie State as best in 2016 football

DURHAM, N. C. – The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** (CIAA) and its Football Coaches Association announced last week the 2016 CIAA Football Predicted Order of Finish and the Preseason All-CIAA Team.

For the second consecutive season, the Rams of **Winston-Salem State**, led by head coach **Kienus Boulware**, have been selected as the predicted championship favorite. The defending South Division and CIAA champion Rams finished 6-5 last season with a 5-2 conference record.

Bowie State was selected to finish second after winning the North Division last season and falling to WSSU in the 2015 CIAA Championship and then to Assumption College in the first round of NCAA DII playoffs.

The 2016 Preseason All-CIAA Football Team is led by a standout group of senior student-athletes. **Stephen Scott**, **Lincoln** (Pa.) running back, led the conference in yards per game (125.8) and tied for first in rushing touchdowns (10) in 2015. **Bowie State** Bulldogs' wide receiver **Nyme Manns** also highlights the preseason team after completing his junior season ranked second in the CIAA with 92 receiving yards per game and tied for the first place rank with 13 receiving touchdowns.

Johnson C. Smith safety **Carlo Thomas**, who led the nation with 12 interceptions, 1.2 per game last season, leads the defense. Thomas was picked to several preseason NCAA Div. II all-American teams.



Boulware

2016 PRESEASON ALL-CIAA FOOTBALL TEAM

OFFENSE
TE - Victor Tabbs*, Sr., ECSU

DEFENSE
DL - Miles Pace, Sr., VUU

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Lincoln Running Back Stephen Scott



Johnson C. Smith Safety Carlo Thomas

OL - Jac'que Polite*, Sr., WSSU
OL - Tim Samuels, Jr., WSSU
OL - Justin Nester*, Sr., BSU
OL - Abraham Garcia, Sr., VUU
OL - Victor Tamba, Jr., BSU
WR - Nyme Manns*, Sr., BSU
WR - Jordan Garrison, Sr., BSU
QB - Shawheem Dowdy, Sr., VUU
RB - Stephen Scott*, Sr., LUPA
RB - Hakeem Holland*, So., VUU
PK - William Johnson, Sr., WSSU
KR - Hakeem Holland, So., VUU

DL - Armond Cox, So., LIV
DL - Paulin Miano*, Sr., VUU
DL - Sean Copeland, Sr., BSU
LB - Demetrius Newberry, Sr., CHOW
LB - Geo Feggins, Sr., VSU
LB - Kevagn Townsend*, Sr., BSU
DB - Carlo Thomas*, Jr., JCSU
DB - Rodeshawn Joseph, Sr., VUU
DB - Travis Scales, Sr., FSU
DB - Eric Henderson*, Sr., FSU
P - Christopher Palmer, Sr., BSU
PR - Robert Chesson, So., BSU

2016 PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

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

PREDICTED DIVISIONAL ORDER OF FINISH

NORTHERN DIVISION

1. Bowie State
2. Virginia Union
3. Virginia State
4. Chowan
5. Elizabeth City State
6. Lincoln (Pa.)

SOUTHERN DIVISION

1. Winston-Salem State
2. Fayetteville State
3. Livingstone
4. Johnson C. Smith
5. Shaw
6. Saint Augustine's

WSSU to host inaugural WSSU Classic

WINSTON-SALEM, NC – **Winston-Salem State University** has announced the inauguration of the **Winston-Salem Football Classic** with a list of activities to be held from Sept. 15 - 17.

The three-day community-centered event is described as one of the strongest community partnerships in WSSU athletic history with the Rams joining strengths with the City of Winston-Salem and Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System.

"We are excited about the launch of the inaugural Winston-Salem Classic," said **Tonia Walker**, WSSU Director of Athletics. "Lots of planning has gone on behind the scenes to ensure the weekend is a memorable one. It's more than just a game for us - it's an opportunity to partner with the city of Winston-Salem and heighten the exposure about WSSU and celebrate our value within the city."

The Winston-Salem Football Classic will have activities from Thursday, Sept. 15 thru Saturday's non-conference game against fellow CIAA member **Virginia Union**.

WSSU professors, staff and student/athletes will host some 700 7th graders from across Forsyth County on Thursday, Sept. 15 to learn academic concepts. Students will also tour the campus radio station and the school of Health Science's virtual hospital.

The Classic weekend continues on Friday, Sept. 16 with the WSSU football team and the Panthers of Virginia Union visiting area middle schools, and volunteering throughout selected schools. The day will conclude with the Winston-Salem Classic Banquet that is open to the public and will honor one of the most decorated men in college athletics, former WSSU and **North Carolina A&T** head coach **William "Bill Hayes**.

On Saturday, Sept. 17 the real festivities begin, with the **We See Red Block Party**, the six-hour day will feature games, vendors, exhibition booths, community group performances, radio personalities and food trucks. At 5 p.m. the world-renowned WSSU Red Sea of Sound Marching Band will lead fans from main campus to Bowman Gray Stadium for the 6 p.m. helmet-to-helmet matchup with the Rams and the Panthers.

Reggie Hollins to lead Tuskegee baseball

TUSKEGEE, Ala. | **Tuskegee University** athletic director **Curtis Campbell** has announced the hiring of **Reginald Hollins** as the new head baseball coach for the Golden Tigers. Hollins replaces **Montressa Kirby**.

"Coach (Reginald) Hollins has been a part of the resurgence of baseball at Tuskegee University both as a player and a coach," Campbell said. "He has played an integral part of the success that the baseball program has had in the past several years, and I trust he will continue to do that."

Hollins has been with the baseball program as an assistant coach since the 2010 season, helping the team to their first winning record in 13 years.

"I am just excited to fill such large shoes and embark on a journey with history already being set for the program," Hollins said. "I just want to continue and build on that; baseball was the first program on campus, and the pedigree that was built from all of the former players and coaches is history in itself."

"Being an alum and coming through the program, I have a sense of where the program is and was," Hollins said.

CIAA releases statement regarding 2017 NBA All-Star game decision

CHARLOTTE, NC - The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** (CIAA) understands that the NBA's decision to relocate the 2017 All-Star Game was made in the best interest of their organization.

The CIAA strongly disagrees with House Bill 2 and does not support any form of discrimination. We are committed to our Charlotte community and have no intentions to relocate our headquarters or the upcoming Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament. As we assess current and future championship locations, the CIAA will ensure that the host city and venue demonstrate a commitment to provide inclusive and non-discriminatory practices.

In addition, the Conference will continue to collaborate with organizations and its member institutions to educate, implement, and tell a story that will leave a lasting impact and establish change in our communities.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

UPCOMING PRESEASON FOOTBALL EVENT



MEAC
Football Press Luncheon
Friday, July 29 - 10 a.m.
Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel
Norfolk, VA