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SUMMER THROWDOWN: Morgan State's Tiwan Kendley shows his stuff at NBA Las Vegas Summer League.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HALL TO LEAD GRAMBLING SOFTBALL:

GRAMBLING, La. | **Grambling State University** has announced **Nakeya Hall** as the new Lady Tigers' head softball coach. She takes over for **Wilbert Early**.



Hall

Hall, who was named the **Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)** Softball Coach of the Year, guided **Alabama A&M** to a 22-21 overall record and an 11-8 SWAC East Division mark last season. The Lady Bulldogs won a share of the East Division crown and their 20 wins were the most Alabama A&M had in its program in 10 years.

Hall showed improvement in each of her six seasons at Alabama A&M. She guided the Lady Bulldogs to an 18-25 overall mark in 2015, along with a 7-9 SWAC record. In 2016, AAMU went 9-9 in SWAC play and followed that with an 8-7 record the following year.

Before taking over the reins at Alabama A&M, Hall was an assistant coach at her alma mater, **South Carolina State**, for four years. Prior to that, she served as an assistant coach at **Winston-Salem State** for two seasons.

NEW TOUGALOO WOMEN'S COACH:

Tougaloo, Miss. – **Tougaloo College** has announced **Keith Barnes, Sr.** as associate athletics director and head women's basketball coach.



Barnes

Prior to joining the Bulldog Family, Barnes served as head women's and men's basketball coach at St. Joseph Catholic High School from 1991-2004 and from 2006 to 2010 before being named the school's Principal in 2011. Barnes also coached AAU Basketball in affiliation with the late Mayor of Jackson **Chokwe Lumumba** and the Jackson Panthers. During his tenure as principal, St. Joseph High School was named best private school in Mississippi in 2015.

With over 28 years of educational and corporate leadership experience, Barnes has demonstrated successes as a high school assistant principal, math teacher, athletic director, as well as, basketball, track and field and assistant football coach. Some of his notable basketball achievements include: state runner-up, several district championships both girls and boys, and south-state championships.

A native Mississippian, Barnes returns home as he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics/Business Administration from Tougaloo and a Master of Education Administration and Supervision degree from **Jackson State University**. During his matriculation at Tougaloo, Barnes was a member of the Bulldog basketball team from 1981-83. Barnes' wife, **Laurie** is also a former Lady Bulldog basketball player. Barnes will take over following Interim Head Coach **Nicholas Judgware** last season and Coach **Ira Peterson** the year before.

BCSP Notes

Tennessee State picked sixth in OVC

Tennessee State was picked to finish sixth in a vote of the Ohio Valley Conference head football coaches and communications directors unveiled at the league's Media Day last week.

Jacksonville State, who has won 32 straight OVC games and the last four conference titles, was picked as the top team. The Gamecocks open the season against **MEAC** and Celebration Bowl champion **North Carolina A&T** on August 25 in Montgomery, Alabama.

TSU received 64 votes to finish behind JSU (126), Austin Peay (112), UT Martin (95), Eastern Illinois (73) and Eastern Kentucky (69).

Tennessee State junior wide receiver **Steven Newbold** (34 catches, 627 yards, 4 touchdowns) was a first team preseason selection. Tennessee State sophomores **Vincent Sellers** (49 tackles, 2.0 TFL, 2 INT, 5 PBU) was selected to the preseason all-OVC defense.

Langston enters inaugural SAC football season as preseason favorite

FORT WORTH, Texas – A New Conference, a New Season and New Opportunities. That's the mantra as **Langston University** enters its first Sooner Athletic Conference season as the top team in the first-ever preseason football coaches' poll.



LU comes off a 10-1 season where the Lions won the Central States Football League championship and went unbeaten until the NAIA Championship Series. Langston collected seven of the possible nine first-place votes to total 63 points in the poll and enter the year as the preseason conference favorite.

Jaylen Lowe, a senior quarterback from Collinsville, Okla., had 1,116 yards and 11 TDs through the air for Langston to be league athlete of the year in 2017.

This year marks the inaugural football season for the SAC, whose member schools have amassed a NAIA-best 106 national championships in 14 sports throughout its 40-year history. The first game of 2018 featuring an SAC member happens Thursday, Aug. 23, when Southwestern Assemblies of God visits Evangel (Mo.) for an ESPN3-broadcasted bout. The first ever SAC contest is set for Saturday, Sept. 8, when Ottawa-Arizona visits Langston.

WSSU names new cross country/track coach

WINSTON-SALEM, NC – The **Winston-Salem State University** cross country and track & field programs will enter a new era with the



FLYING HIGH IN VEGAS: Former Morgan State standout Tiwan Kendley, playing for the Washington Wizards in the NBA Las Vegas Summer League, dunks here during a game vs. the San Antonio Spurs. The 6-5 Kendley, who was the top black college scorer last year at 26.1 points per game, averaged 9.2 points, 2.0 rebounds and 2.5 assists for the Wizards team and is looking to land a spot on the new Wizards G-League team, the Capital City Go-Go. The other HBCU product playing in the Vegas Summer League, 6-1 Morehouse guard Tyrius Walker, the SIAC player of the year, averaged 6.3 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.7 assists playing for the New York Knicks summer league team.

announcement of **KayMarie Jones** as the head coach.

Jones comes to WSSU after three years as an assistant coach at New



Jones

Mexico Highlands University where she served as an assistant coach with the Cowgirls. During her tenure, she helped the program to finish ranked seventh in the nation last season with eight All-Americans. The team also won a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Championship where her student-athletes swept the women's triple jump and won the 200m dash, long jump, and the 4 x 100m relay. For her efforts, Jones was honored as the United States Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) South Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year.

Prior to joining the coaching staff at New Mexico Highlands, Jones served as a volunteer coach at Clemson. She also has coaching stints at Adams State and Wingate University. She is a 2013 graduate of Adams State University and she holds a Master's of Business Administration degree from Adams State (2014) as well.

Jones and the Rams will make their cross country season debut at the Chick-fil-A Invitational hosted by Catawba University on Saturday, September 1st.

Bowie State, Fayetteville State picked in CIAA football

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

NORTHERN DIVISION

Bowie State
Virginia State
Virginia Union
Chowan
Elizabeth City State
Lincoln (PA)

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Fayetteville State
Winston-Salem State
Saint Augustine's
Shaw
Johnson C. Smith
Livingstone

OVERALL VOTING

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



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BCSP Editor

ROANOKE, VA - What do you remember about the 2017 CIAA football season?

Most likely it was the great battle between eventual champion **Virginia State** and **Bowie State** for the Northern Division title and the battle between VSU senior running back **Trenton Cannon** and BSU junior quarterback **Amir Hall** for the offensive player of the year award.

Well, VSU (47-35 over BSU) and Cannon prevailed in both of those last year.

Hall, who threw for a dizzying 3,591 yards and 41 touchdowns with just four interceptions in 11 games – and by the way beat out Cannon and two others for the Black College Football Hall of Fame player of the year award – is back for his senior campaign. The coaches and SIDs in the league feel he and his teammates will prevail in the CIAA this time around.

The Bulldogs were picked to win both the North Division crown and the league title when the results of voting for CIAA honors were unveiled last Thursday at the conference's Media Day here.

Virginia State returns quarterback **Cord-eral Cook** who passed for 1,590 yards and 11 touchdowns and ran for 729 yards and another 18 TDs. The Trojans were picked to finish behind BSU in both the North and in the overall voting.

Fayetteville State, who features junior running back **Stevie Green** who rambled for 1,257 yards and 15 TDs, and ended WSSU's six-year stranglehold on the Southern Division, was picked to prevail over the Rams again in 2018.

Virginia Union was the fifth pick slated to finish behind both BSU and VSU in the North and FSU and WSSU in the South.

But if all you paid attention to last year were the BSU/VSU and Cannon/Hall battles, you missed a lot.

How about the fact that the division clinching wins for VSU in the North and **Fayetteville State** in the South were both last-minute one-point nail-biters on the final day of the regular season?

VSU narrowly edged VUU, 40-39, and FSU barely escaped **Winston-Salem State** with a 23-22 win to set up their match up in the CIAA title game last November in Salem, Va.



Bowie State Senior, QB Amir Hall

VSU won the championship game 42-19 to complete a perfect 10-0 campaign to that point in the season and give second-year head coach **Reggie Barlow** his first CIAA crown.

The Trojans went on to fall in the first round of the Div. II playoffs to West Georgia 35-9 to finish at 10-1.

BSU also made the D2 playoffs and made a inspired run before falling to Delta State 45-35 in the first round to finish at 9-2.

Hall and five of his teammates including wideout **Lansana Sesay** (33 receptions, 792 yards, 9 TDs) were voted to the preseason all-conference team. That list includes 2017

Special Teams Player of the Year, BSU kicker **Gene Carson**, who scored 102 points for the Bulldogs last season, completing 10 of 13 (77%) field goals and 72 of 77 (94%) extra point attempts.

Defensive back **Sterling Hammond** of **Virginia Union**, the 2017 Defensive Player of the Year, highlights the preseason's defense after completing his sophomore season with 5 interceptions. He also tallied 70 total tackles, including 46 solo tackles.

2018 PRESEASON ALL-CIAA FOOTBALL TEAM

OFFENSE

TE - Carlton Evans, Sr., ECSU; OL - Tyreek Bailey*, Sr. FSU; OL - Frank Ball, r-Jr., VSU; OL - Shamdu Nalls, Sr., VUU; OL - Donald Boone, Sr., CU; OL - Deveonte Mackey, So., WSSU; WR - Lansana Sesay, Sr., BSU; WR - Torry Baker, Sr., CU; QB - Amir Hall, Sr., BSU; RB - Stevie Green, Jr., FSU; RB - Kerrion Moore, r-Jr., WSSU; KR - Brandon Smith, Jr., FSU; PK - Gene Carson, Jr., BSU

DEFENSE

DL - Jarell Bright, Sr., WSSU; DL - Derrick Tate, Sr., BSU; DL - Jalen Cousar, Sr., FSU; DL - Oluwalike Ajenifuja, r-Jr., BSU; DL - Tyler Bemby, r-Sr., CU; LB - Devon Hunt, Jr., SU; LB - Vincent Thomas, Sr., ECSU; LB - Anthony Harris, r-Jr., FSU; DB - Jaleel Scroggins, So., SU; DB - Quantyle Battle, r-Jr., VUU; Sterling Hammond, Jr., VUU; DB - Elvin De La Rosa, So., FSU; PR - William Flowers, Jr., BSU; P - Brandon Howard, Jr., JCSU

CIAA Announces 2018 Football TV Schedule

Charlotte, NC – The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)** has announced a broadcast schedule of five (5) football contests, including the 2018 CIAA Football Championship, to be televised live on Aspire TV this season.

The CIAA will broadcast four (4) regular season football games and the 2018 CIAA Football Championship to be held in Salem, Virginia. The regular season broadcast schedule will begin at **Bowie State University's** Homecoming on Saturday, October 13, 2018 versus the Trojans of **Virginia State University** and extend four consecutive weeks. Each regular season contest and the 2018 Championship will be televised live on Aspire TV.

2018 FOOTBALL BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Game	Location
Sat., Oct. 13	1:00 PM	Virginia State @ Bowie State	Bowie, MD Bulldogs Stadium
Sat., Oct. 20	1:00 PM	Bowie State @ Virginia Union	Richmond, VA Hovey Stadium
Sat., Oct. 27	1:00 PM	W-Salem State @ Shaw	Durham, NC Durham Stadium
Sat., Nov. 3	1:00 PM	W-Salem State @ Fayetteville State	Fayetteville, NC Jerald Stadium
Sat., Nov. 10	1:00 PM	2018 CIAA Football Championship	Salem, VA Salem Stadium

CIAA to debut digital streaming network

Charlotte, NC – The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)** has announced a partnership with Blue Frame Technology to create the **CIAA Sports Network** involving the conference office and all 13 of its member institutions.

The partnership will enable all member schools to stream their game broadcasts to one platform provided by Blue Frame. The service will begin with the 2018-19 athletic season. Additionally, the CIAA will provide video coverage of its championship events along with other original content.

"We are excited to partner with Blue Frame to allow our institutions to produce high quality broadcasts for fans to enjoy," said Senior Associate Commissioner **Suzette McQueen**.

"We see this as an excellent opportunity to tell our own story. It's a great recruiting tool and allows family and friends to cheer on their loved

ones from near or far. The strength of our membership together will hopefully provide revenue opportunities in the future to ensure long-term growth of the network."

The new partnership will allow fans to watch their favorite CIAA teams live. The conference along with each school will have their own dedicated video portal/web page where fans can easily access live and archived footage.

In addition to online access, fans can also watch the action live on their televisions through Amazon Fire TV, Android TV, Apple TV, and Roku streaming devices.

In the first year of the conference-wide streaming initiative, member institutions will broadcast a limited schedule of home games in football and volleyball with the goal of providing coverage of all regular season men's and women's conference basketball games.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



NFL OFFICIALS WITH HBCU ROOTS

Nine officials with HBCU connections have been listed in the 2018 roster of National Football League officials.

Morehouse product **Jerome Boger** leads the group as referee and crew chief.

No.	Name	Pos.	College	NFL Experience
23	Jerome Boger	R	Morehouse	15
86	Jimmy Buchanan	FJ	S. Carolina State	10
41	Boris Cheek	SJ	Morgan State	23
81	Roy Ellison	U	Savannah State	16
71	Ruben Fowler	U	Huston-Tillotson	13
10	Julian Mapp	LJ	Grambling State	10
109	Dyrol Prioleau	SJ	Johnson C. Smith	12
12	Greg Steed	BJ	Howard	16
38	Greg Yette	BJ	Howard	9

R - Referee | U - Umpire | FJ = Field Judge | SJ - Side Judge | LJ - Line Judge | BJ - Back Judge