



Virginia Union Sports Photo

INTRA-LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS IN EARNEST

SCORING PACESETTERS IN HBCU HOOPS; MEAC TV PACKAGE UNVEILED; ALCORN DEPARTURES

ON THE SHELF: Dynamic Virginia Union guard Shareka McNeill was leading the nation in scoring (32.8 ppg.) before going down with a knee injury on Dec. 14. She has missed three games.

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HBCU scorers off and running in 2020

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FAMU NAMES DEPUTY AD:



TALLAHASSEE, Fla. | Florida A&M University's new Vice President and Director of Athletics, Kortne Gosha, announced in late December the appointment of Arkansas Pine-Bluff's Interim Athletics Director, Keith McCluney, as the next Deputy Director of Athletics and Chief of Staff of FAMU Athletics.

A native of Shelby, N.C., McCluney comes to Florida A&M after serving as the Executive Senior Associate AD/ External and current Interim Director of Athletics at the University of Arkansas at Pine-Bluff.

Prior to his time with the Lions, McCluney served as the Associate Athletic Director for Development at Florida Atlantic University; however, his most significant contributions and impact came during his three years of leading the Blue Raider Athletic Association at Middle Tennessee State University.

McCluney will replace Dr. Genyne Boston as the Deputy Athletics Director.

McCluney is a former football student-athlete and graduate of Fayetteville State University, where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration and Marketing.

McCluney is also a graduate of the Sports Management Institute (SMI) and the North Carolina A&T State University Leadership Academy.

FloSports package of MEAC hoops:

NORFOLK, Va.—The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) will have exclusive live and on-demand coverage of 34 events on FloSports' various platforms – including FloHoops, FloTrack, FloSoftball and FloLive, as part of a multi-year partnership with FloSports and the conference office.

FloSports will cover 12 men's regular-season basketball games, two women's regular-season basketball games, 16 men's and women's basketball tournament games, Outdoor Track & Field Conference Championships, Indoor Track & Field Conference Championships, and the championship rounds of the Baseball Conference Tournament, and Softball Conference Tournament.

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LUT WILLIAMS

The top scorers in Div. I black college basketball may surprise you. So far, through primarily the non-conference parts of their schedules, Delaware State senior John Crosby is the top scorer among HBCU players at 22.0 points per game, good for ninth best in the nation and tops in the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference.

Crosby is a 6-3 senior transfer guard who played three years at Dayton. He had a run of three-straight games topping the 30-point plateau with a high of 36 points in a loss to Jacksonville State, 30 in a close loss to Delaware and 31 in a loss to Loyola Maryland. The Hornets are just 1-14.

Behind Crosby at 21.4 ppg. is 6-4 junior guard Tristan Garrett of Jackson State. Garrett has tallied 31 points each in wins over Portland and Alabama State. His season-high of 38 points came in a win over Southeastern State. JSU is 4-11, 1-1 in SWAC play.

The next highest scorer is Hampton redshirt sophomore Ben Stanley at 21.3 ppg. Stanley, a 6-6 sophomore forward from Baltimore, has picked up the scoring slack while high-scoring guard Jermaine Marrow has been nursing an injury.

He had 22 points and 13 rebounds this week in a win over Charleston Southern to claim the BCSP Independent Defensive Player of the Week award.

Stanley exploded for 40 points vs. Howard and has also had 33 points, six rebounds and five blocks in a win over St. Peter's. He has won the Big South Player of the Week award twice in the young season. Hampton is 6-8 overall and 1-0 in



Crosby



Stanley

She was leading all Div. II scorers at 32.1 points per game before being injured. McNeill tallied 55 points in Nov. 21 game vs. Livingstone. She also had 42 points in a win over Palm Beach Atlantic on Nov. 16 and 44 against Emory Riddle on Nov. 9. McNeill scored a career high 59 points in last year's CIIA Tournament.

The Lady Panthers are 10-1 this season and are on a nine-game winning streak. VUU has played three games without McNeill getting wins over Shaw, Johnson C. Smith and Saint Augustine's. In the three games since McNeill went down, Peyton Evans has moved into the starting line-up and averaged 20 points per game.

BCSP Notes

Pat White leaving Alcorn State

Alcorn State quarterback coach Pat White, who has tutored the last two SWAC Offensive Players of the Year, is leaving to become an offensive assistant at the University of South Florida.

White on the staff of Alcorn State head coach Fred McNair, White tutored quarterbacks Noah Johnson (2018) and Felix Harper (2019) who have won the last two top offensive player awards.

At South Florida, he joins the staff of head coach Jeff Scott and will serve as running backs coach.

"We are very excited to have Pat join our staff and lead our running backs unit," Scott said. "Pat was an electrifying player that I'm sure Bulls fans remember well. He played at a very high level, broke records and won a lot of games as a quarterback at West Virginia and has had tremendous success in two seasons coaching at Alcorn State. He will be a great coach and mentor for our USF players."

White, a native of Daphne, Alabama, was a dynamic record-breaking dual-threat quarterback during his playing days at West Virginia from 2006-2009.

He was named all Big East three times during his career and finished his career with 4,480 rushing yards which stands now as the second most in history by a Div. I college quarterback.

White was named Big East Offensive Player of the Year in 2006 and 2007. He finished sixth in Heisman Trophy voting in 2007 and seventh in 2008. White finished his career with 6,051 yards and 56 touchdowns passing and 4,480 yards and 47 touchdowns rushing for a West Virginia record of 10,531 total yards and 103 touchdowns.

He was the NCAA's career leader in rushing yards for a quarterback until Navy's Keenan Reynolds eclipsed the mark in 2015.

White was drafted in the second round of the 2009 NFL draft and spent four seasons in the NFL, CFL and now-defunct UFL before retiring from football.

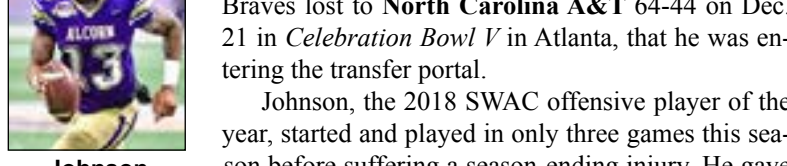
"He taught me great tips and notes to help me with my mechanics on the game. He's a legend," Harper told HBCU Gameday during the Celebration Bowl. "It's an honor and a blessing to learn the game from him."

HOOPS THIS WEEK

- THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
CIAA
Virginia Union @ Clifton
Virginia State @ Winston-Salem State
Lincoln @ Shaw
Livingstone @ Elizabeth City State
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
Shaw @ Fayetteville State
Lincoln @ St. Augustine's
Virginia Union @ Winston Salem State
Bowling State @ Clifton
J.C. Smith @ Elizabeth City State
MEAC
NC Central @ Delaware State
Morgan State @ Florida A&M
Coppin State @ Bethune-Cookman
NC A&T @ Maryland Eastern Shore
Norfolk State @ Howard
SIAC
LeMoyne-Owen @ Miles
Spring Hill @ Tuskegee
Albany State @ Morehouse
Kentucky State @ Central State
Paine @ Benedict
Fort Valley State @ Clark Atlanta
Savannah State @ Lane
SWAC
Mississippi Valley State @ Alabama State
Jackson State @ Alcorn State
Grambling State @ Southern
Arkansas-Pine Bluff @ Alabama A&M
Prairie View A&M @ Texas Southern
MONDAY, JANUARY 13
CIAA
Livingstone @ St. Augustine's
Bowling State @ Fayetteville State
Elizabeth City State @ Winston-Salem State
MEAC
Coppin State @ Florida A&M
SC State @ Howard
NC Central @ Maryland Eastern Shore
Morgan State @ Bethune-Cookman
SIAC
Lane @ LeMoyne-Owen
SWAC
Jackson State @ Southern
Miss. Valley State @ Alabama A&M
Arkansas-Pine Bluff @ Alabama State
Grambling State @ Alcorn State

Alcorn State's Johnson enters transfer portal

One of Pat White's pupils, Alcorn State quarterback Noah Johnson has decided to follow White out the door.



HBCU Gameday reported that Johnson announced via his Twitter account a little over a week after the Braves lost to North Carolina A&T 64-44 on Dec. 21 in Celebration Bowl V in Atlanta, that he was entering the transfer portal.

Johnson, the 2018 SWAC offensive player of the year, started and played in only three games this season before suffering a season-ending injury. He gave way to Felix Harper at the position who went on to lead the Braves to their sixth straight East Division title and second straight SWAC championship. Felix was named the league's Offensive Player of the Year

Johnson's Dec. 29 post read: "I'm so thankful for the opportunity to have played, studied, and graduated from Alcorn State University. Alcorn will forever hold a special place in my heart. I have learned and grown a tremendous amount both personally and athletically thanks to the Braves' dedicated coaches and staff. Suffering a season-ending injury early this year was by far one of the lowest points of my athletic career and has given me much time to reflect. After much prayer and discussions with my family, I've decided to seek a hardship waiver from the NCAA and have entered my name into the transfer portal to openly explore opportunities. Pending approval I'm forever thankful to my teammates, the Braves A-Club members, and the fans for their genuine support and encouragement during my time at Alcorn.

Johnson was the Braves' starter at quarterback in 2018. He led the Braves to their fifth straight SWAC East Division title while throwing for 1,944 yards and 15 touchdowns and running for 813 yards and seven scores. He was named the league's Offensive Player of the Year while leading the Braves to the SWAC championship.

In the 2018 Celebration Bowl, Johnson rushed for 127 yards and two TDs and threw for 128 yards as the Braves lost a close 24-22 decision to NC A&T.

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