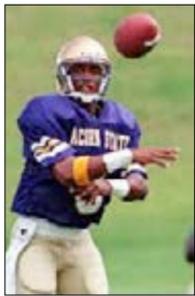


# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



Alcorn State Photo

**STEVE "AIR" McNAIR:** Record-setting Alcorn State quarterback earns rightful place in College Football Hall of Fame.

## TO "AIR" IS DIVINE

**NEW HOOPS COACH AT SHAW; OVERTON OUT AT LINCOLN; NEW AD AT MOREHOUSE**

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### MEAC TOURNAMENT REFUNDS:

NORFOLK, Va., March 18, 2020—All refund requests for the 2020 **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** Basketball Tournament should be referred to the point of purchase.

Fans who bought tickets to this year's cancelled MEAC Basketball Tournament will be refunded for all sessions that weren't played. Refund requests should be directed to the point of purchase. For purchases through secondary ticket market providers, you are advised to contact those vendors directly.

The conference office began distributing refunds on Monday, March 23, 2020.

Those who purchased ticket books from the MEAC office via credit card will receive credit through your original form of payment. Please allow up to 10 business days for the refund to be reflected. For those who purchased tickets via cash, check or money order, you will receive a check in the mail. Please allow up to seven business days to receive the check.

Should you have any questions regarding reimbursement, feel free to call the MEAC office beginning Monday, March 23rd at 757-951-2055 or email [wrightd@themec.com](mailto:wrightd@themec.com).

### NC A&T FRESHMAN TRACK AWARD FINALIST:

EAST GREENSBORO — **North Carolina A&T** track and field standout **Randolph Ross**, a 6-1 freshman sprinter, is one of three finalists for National Indoor Men's Track Athlete of the Year as announced by the United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

The other two finalists are Northern Arizona's Tyler Day and Florida State's Trey Cunningham. The vote was to be conducted Monday but no result was available at press time.

Ross entered 2020 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships with the No. 1 men's 400-meter time in the world, a 45.44 completed at the Texas Tech Invitational on Feb. 1. Before the indoor season and subsequently, the NCAA indoor championships were canceled, Ross entered the championships ranked No. 2 after .11 seconds was added to his time at Texas Tech because of altitude. Ross also helped the Aggies 4x400-meter relay team advance to the NCAA nationals as the foursome's best time was a 3:04.78 at Texas Tech.

At the 2020 **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** Indoor Track and Field Championships, Ross won the 400 meters (46.25), finished second in the 200 meters (21.36) and fifth in the high jump (6'7"). He was 16th in the nation in the 200 meters after running a 20.85 at the Tyson Invitational at the University of Arkansas on Feb. 14.

Ross runs for his father, **Duane Ross**, the director of NC A&T's track and field program who was named earlier a repeat winner of the USTFCCCA Southeast Region Coach of the Year award.

Last season, N.C. A&T's **Kayla White** was named women's track athlete of the year.

### HAMILTON SIGNS WITH CHIEFS:

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs made their first foray into this year's free-agent market late Friday, agreeing to a one-year contract for cornerback **Antonio Hamilton** and working on finalizing a deal with offensive lineman Mike Remmers.

Hamilton entered the league as an undrafted free agent with Oakland in 2016 from **South Carolina State**. He's emerged as a valuable special teams contributor, earning a grade of 80.2 from Pro Football Focus last season as a five-phase player. His 373 special teams snaps ranked seventh in the NFL in 2019.

As a cornerback, Hamilton played a career-best 132 snaps last season while starting two games for the Giants. He collected a career-high 17 combined tackles last season while breaking up four passes.

Hamilton joins a Chiefs secondary group in need of competition. The club currently has just four cornerbacks under contract for the 2020 season. **Alex Brown**, also a S. C. State product, joined the Chiefs' 53-man roster late in the season.

ESPN's Adam Schefter reported Hamilton turned down a more lucrative deal from another club to sign with the Chiefs, according to his agent Drew Rosenhaus. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

# McNair to enter College Football HOF

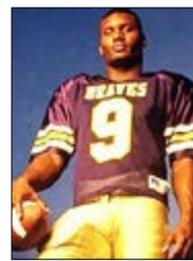
IRVING, Texas — Former **Alcorn State** quarterback **Steve McNair** was among 17 All-America First-Team players and two standout coaches that were selected for induction into the 2020 College Football Hall of Fame. His selection was announced in conjunction with the National Football Foundation (NFF).

Arguably the greatest player in Alcorn history, McNair rewrote the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and school record books en route to winning the 1994 **Walter Payton Award** as the best player in the FCS. "Air McNair" deservedly becomes the first Braves player to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

A 1994 First-Team All-American, McNair finished third in Heisman Trophy voting, which is tied for the highest finish ever by an FCS player. The 1994 **Eddie Robinson Trophy** recipient as the nation's best HBCU player, he remains the all-time total yards leader in FCS history with 16,823, and his 14,496 passing yards were a national record until 2018. The only four-time **Southwestern Athletic Conference** Offensive Player of the Year in history, McNair led Alcorn State to conference titles and FCS Playoff berths in 1992 and 1994. Those same two seasons, the

four-time first team All-SWAC selection led the nation in total offense with 4,057 yards in 1992 and an FCS single-season record 5,799 in 1994. McNair's other career FCS records include 41 games with 200 passing yards, 32 games with 300 passing yards, 15 games with 400 total offensive yards and nine games with 500 total offensive yards.

Alcorn's all-time leading passer with 14,496 career yards, McNair also owns school records for career completions (958) and passing touchdowns (119). During his remarkable 1994 senior campaign, he set single-season Braves records with 5,377 passing yards, 356 completions and 47 passing touchdowns. Some of McNair's top performances from that season led to Alcorn State single-game records, including 587 passing yards against **Southern**, eight passing touchdowns against Chattanooga and 52 completions against Youngstown State (an FCS Playoff record). The 1991 SWAC Freshman of the Year also ranks third in school history with 2,327 rushing yards. The two-time Dean's Schol-



Steve McNair

ar is enshrined in the SWAC, Black College Football, State of Mississippi Sports and State of Tennessee Sports halls of fame.

The third overall pick in the 1995 NFL Draft by the Houston Oilers, McNair played for the Oilers/Tennessee Titans from 1995-2005 and led the franchise to a berth in Super Bowl XXXIV. The three-time Pro Bowler and 2003 NFL Co-MVP finished his pro career with the Baltimore Ravens from 2006-07. McNair is a member of the Titans/Oilers Hall of Fame, and the franchise retired his No. 9 jersey in 2019.

The 2020 College Football Hall of Fame Class will be officially inducted during the 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 8 at the New York Hilton Midtown. Their accomplishments will be forever immortalized at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

The announcement of the 2020 Class was made March 11 during the Noon ET edition of "SportsCenter" on ESPN2.

## BCSP Notes

### Bobby Collins taking over Shaw men's basketball

RALEIGH, N.C. — **Shaw University** Director of Athletics, **Dr. Alfonso L. Carter** named **Bobby Collins** as the Bears' head men's basketball coach Tuesday morning. Collins becomes the 16th head coach in Shaw men's basketball history.

Collins comes to Shaw after serving a two-year stint as an assistant coach at **South Carolina State University**.

Prior to South Carolina State, Collins was the head coach at **Maryland-Eastern Shore** 2014-2018, compiling a 49-82 overall record. He led the Hawks to their best record at 18-15 in 41 years of the Div. I men's basketball. The winning mark was the first above -.500 record for an Eastern Shore team since the 1993-94 season, while the third-place finish in the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** was the best since that same year. Collins was named MEAC Coach of the Year for his efforts.

At Shaw, Collins will be returning to the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Conference**. He spent eight seasons (2007-14) as the head coach at **Winston-Salem State University**, four of those in the CIAA.

The Southern Pines, N.C., native was at the helm when WSSU made the transition into the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** before the 2007 season. He guided the Rams to 32 wins during that time, including a pair of 12-win seasons. When WSSU moved back to the CIAA in 2010, Collins went 79-35 winning at least 10 games in the conference each year. His teams made three appearances in the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional Tournament during the span, including a CIAA Southern Division Championship in 2010-12 and Tournament title in 2011-12.

His best season with the Rams was during the 2012-13 season as the team went 21-7 overall, with a 13-3 record in the CIAA. That year, WSSU was ranked as high as No. 7 in the nation and earned a second seed in the NCAA Division II Tournament. His overall record at WSSU was 115-110.

Previous to his job with Winston-Salem State, Collins coached at **Hampton University** for 11 seasons, and spent the final four seasons as the Pirates' head coach. As an assistant he was part of two MEAC Tournament titles and compiled a 65-57 mark as head coach after taking over from **Steve Merfeld**, leading them to the 2005-06 MEAC Tournament title and NCAA Div. I playoff berth.

A 1991 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Collins was a four-year starter on the men's basketball team where he was named to the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) All-Freshman Team and reaped Honorable Mention All-OVC as a senior.

### Overton Steps Down as Lincoln (Pa) Head Men's Basketball Coach

Lincoln University, Pa. - **Lincoln University** Director of Athletics **Harry Stinson III** announced last week that **Doug Overton** has stepped down as the men's basketball head coach due to personal reasons. Overton was in his fourth season as the Lions' head coach.

Stinson appointed Assistant Coach **Eugene Lett Jr.** to serve as Lincoln's acting head men's basketball Coach. Lett has served as a full-time assistant for the past two seasons following two seasons as the Lions' graduate assistant coach.

## SWAC, MEAC and CIAA name top bowlers

### SWAC Announces Bowling All-Conference Honors

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — **Prairie View A&M's Patricia Rosales** was named SWAC Bowler of the Year and Freshman of the Year after posting a league-best average pinfall of 198.32 per game during league play.

Prairie View A&M head coach **Glenn White** was tabbed SWAC Coach of the Year after leading PVAMU to a regular season title, capping off a dominant run for the Lady Panthers over the course of the past two seasons.

#### 2019-20 SWAC BOWLING FIRST TEAM

- Patricia Rosales, Prairie View A&M  
- Crystal Cline, Prairie View A&M  
- Capri Howard, Jackson State  
- Alize Stevenson, Alabama State  
- Tierra Jackson, Jackson State

#### SECOND TEAM

- Summer Salak, Texas Southern  
- Mariana Viveros, Jackson State  
- Bailee Chapman, Alabama State  
- Allison Sledge, Alabama State  
- Gabby Hosien, Alabama State

#### BOWLER OF THE YEAR

Patricia Rosales, Prairie View A&M

#### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Patricia Rosales, Prairie View A&M

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

Glenn White, Prairie View A&M

### MEAC Announces Bowling All-Conference Honors

NORFOLK, Va., March 20, 2020—**Delaware State's Alexis Neuer** was named the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)** Bowler of the Year, **Brooke Roberts** of **Maryland Eastern Shore** was named Rookie of the Year and **Maryland Eastern Shore's Kayla Bandy** received Coach of the Year accolades.

Neuer earned the Bowler of the Year honor for the second time in three seasons. In more than 1,000 total frames bowled this season, she averaged nearly 21 pins per frame (20.81) and she had an overall fill rate of 89.1 percent.

For the regular season, Roberts averaged 196.2 pins overall (197.1 in traditional play, 195.5 in Baker) and had an overall fill rate of 84.4 percent.

Bandy led Maryland Eastern Shore to an 83-win regular season, a perfect 20-0 record in MEAC play and a No. 6 ranking in the National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA), the highest among ranked teams in the MEAC.

#### FIRST TEAM

Alexis Neuer, Sr., DSU; Cayla Hicks, Sr., UMES; Chloe Skurzynski, So., UMES, Cameron Strombeck, Jr., NCAT; Taylor Russell, Sr., UAB;

#### SECOND TEAM

Brigitte Jacobs, Sr., UMES; Brooke Roberts, Fr., UMES, Saige Yamada, So., MON, Ana Olaya, Jr., NCA&T; Ericka Quesada, So., NC A&T;

#### THIRD TEAM

Nia Turner, Sr., CSU; Kaitlyn Robb, So., DSU; Demetria Bethel, Sr., FAMU; Kyla Day, Sr., MON;

### CIAA names Bowling All-Conference Team and Superlatives

CHARLOTTE, NC - The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)** along with its Bowling Coaches Association announced the 2020 CIAA Bowling All-Conference team and superlatives, sponsored by Hercules Tires.

2019 Rookie of the Year **Cayla Snowden** from **Bowie State** earned the top award as she finished with the highest scoring average within at 175.08 pins per match. Freshman **Cecilia Chafin** of **Fayetteville State** recorded the second-best average in the conference at 170.50 pins per game, and was named the top freshman.

Head Coach **Bobby Henderson** was named CIAA Coach of the Year for the fourth straight year after leading Fayetteville State to a perfect 39-0 CIAA record (24-0 in division play) this season. Henderson and the Lady Broncos also captured their 19th CIAA Southern Division title this season.

#### 2020 ALL-CIAA BOWLING TEAM

Cayla Snowden, BSU - POY;  
Cecilia Chafin, FSU - ROY  
Amaree Durfee, Virginia Union  
Ishuana Anderson, Johnson C. Smith  
Trinity Black, Virginia State  
Angel Pope, Fayetteville State  
Brittany Worthy, Fayetteville State  
Savannah Starling, Fayetteville State  
Necarri Moore, Shaw  
Jessie Royall, Virginia State  
**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
Bobby Henderson, Fayetteville State



Collins



Overton

"We appreciate the contributions Coach Overton has made to the Lincoln University Athletics Department, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors," said Stinson. "Coach Overton, our current student athletes, and acting head coach Eugene Lett Jr. have provided an excellent foundation for the success of our program in the future, and I am looking forward to the next chapter of excellence."

A 2016 graduate of **Cheyney University**, Lett was a four-year starting point guard on the Wolves basketball team, playing in 100 career games. Over the course of his career, Lett scored 448 points and had 184 career assists.

The Lions finished the 2019-20 season with a 9-20 record and were 42-70 over the course of Overton's four seasons including a 22-38 record in CIAA conference play.

Stinson said Lincoln University will begin a national search to name the next head men's basketball coach immediately.

### Men's and Women's hoops head coaches out at Alcorn State

LORMAN, Miss. — **Alcorn State University** will be taking its men's and women's basketball programs in new directions after announcing the contracts of **Montez Robinson** and **Courtney G. Pruitt** will not be renewed.

"We fully recognize and appreciate the commitment they made to Alcorn. These were very difficult decisions especially considering how they were both great mentors to their student-athletes. I thank them for their service and wish them the best in their future endeavours," said director of athletics **Derek Horne**. "We have very high expectations for our basketball programs and will begin a national search immediately to identify their successors."

Both Robinson and Pruitt spent five seasons at Alcorn.

### Morehouse College Hires New Athletics Director

ATLANTA—**Curtis Campbell**, a veteran administrator with nearly 20 years of experience in intercollegiate athletics at both NCAA Division II and NCAA Division III schools, has been hired as **Morehouse College's** new Athletics Director (AD).

Campbell will begin his new role on July 1. He will replace the Interim Athletics Director **Javarro Edwards**. Campbell has served as an AD at four colleges—**Blackburn College** in Carlinville, Ill., **Stillman College** in Tuscaloosa, Ala., **Tuskegee University** in Tuskegee, Ala., and **Western Oregon University** in Monmouth, Ore.

In his former role at WOU, Campbell managed a \$5.1 million budget and a program with 13 sports, 300 student-athletes, and 55 employees. Setting the bar high for his staff and student-athletes at WOU, yielded positive results. More than 300 student-athletes maintained at least a 3.0-grade point average during his tenure. Campbell also has experience leading multimillion-dollar renovation and construction projects. At Stillman College, he was part of the team overseeing the construction of the \$4 million Birthright Gymnasium and a \$465,000 tennis center.