

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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THE GUNSLINGER: Archie Cooley, who shepherded Jerry Rice and Willie Totten to college football fame at Mississippi Valley State, passes at 85.

UPS AND DOWNS

NEW COACHES AT JCSU, FAMU; LOSING HBCU HOOP STARS, "THE GUNSLINGER" AND KENNY ANDERSON

2023 BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL (Standings and Weekly Hohors)

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Albany State	27	3	30	10
Spring Hill	22	7	27	18
Edward Waters	21	8	27	15
Miles	20	9	22	19
Savannah State	18	12	25	13
Lane	16	13	18	22
Morehouse	12	17	18	26
Kentucky State	11	17	17	25
Benedict	10	20	14	22
Tuskegee	8	20	10	31
Clark Atlanta	6	24	10	33
LeMoyne-Owen	4	25	4	27

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER
Jonathan Logsdon, Jr., INF, ALB - Was 10 of 15 with three triples, two doubles and a home run with 12 RBI and 9 runs scored vs. Benedict.
PITCHER
Michael Racobaldo, Sr., P, SHU - Went six innings with 10 Ks scattering two hits vs. KSU with one walk.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EAST				
Florida A&M	15	3	20	19
Bethune-Cookman	14	4	24	17
Alabama State	10	8	19	19
Jackson State	9	9	25	14
Alabama A&M	4	13	8	30
Mississippi Valley State	1	17	9	25
WEST				
Texas Southern	14	3	18	18
Grambling State	13	5	16	20
Southern	10	6	17	19
Prairie View A&M	11	7	20	22
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	4	14	13	26
Alcorn State	1	17	2	31

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER
Tiger Borom, Sr., OF, GSU - 3 of 5 with a triple, SB and 4 RBI in 18-2 win over Alcorn State Friday, in 9-8 win Sunday vs. Alcorn was 4 of 5 with a double, run scored and 3 RBI, in 28-2 win vs. Alcorn Wed., was 1 of 2 with 2 walks, 2 steals and 3 runs scored.
PITCHER
Mason Martizez, Sr., P, GSU - Pitched 7.0 innings giving up 7 hits and 2 earned runs with 9 Ks in 18-2 win over Alcorn in improving to 7-1 on season. Leads SWAC in Ks.

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	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
7 NCA&T	5	10	21	18

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Canyon Brown, Jr., C, NC A&T - In 1-2 weekend series vs. Delaware, Brown was 7 for 13 (.538). He was 3 for 5 with a double and 4 RBI in 11-6 win Saturday over Delaware in only win for Aggies. Brown was 3 for 4 in with 2 runs scored and 2 RBI in 9-8 loss Saturday, 1 for 4 with a double, RBI and run scored in 13-6 loss Friday.

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



Florida A&M Sports Photo

NEW RATTLER: Florida A&M Athletics Director Tiffany-Dawn Sykes (l.) and President Larry Robinson introduced new men's head basketball coach Patrick Crarey II (c.) at Thursday's press conference.

FLORIDA A&M HIRES CRAREY AS HOOPS COACH:

Florida A&M named Patrick Crarey II as its new head men's basketball coach last Wednesday.

Crarey, 40, was introduced Thursday by FAMU President Larry Robinson and Athletics Director Tiffany-Dawn Sykes. He comes to FAMU after spending three years as the head coach and assistant athletics director at St. Thomas University. He becomes the 15th head men's basketball coach in FAMU history.

At St. Thomas, his team finished 22-9 overall this season, 10-4 to earn first place in the NAIA Sun Conference regular season, just ahead of second-place Florida Memorial. St. Thomas lost to Florida Memorial in the post-season Sun Conference championship game, 65-61.

In his previous years leading St. Thomas, Crarey's teams finished 26-8 in 2022-23 and 13-10 in his inaugural season of 2021-22 for a combined 61-27 mark. The Bobcats played in NAIA national postseason tournaments in each of the last two seasons.

Prior to St. Thomas, Crarey took the head coaching job at Washington Adventist at 26 and served 10 seasons compiling an overall record of 163-129. He became the all-time winningest coach for the school and led the Shock to their first-ever United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) national championship in 2014. He had four 20-plus win seasons, four NAIA Div. II Tournament appearances and was named the conference coach of the year twice.

Crarey, a Washington, D.C. native and La Sierra Academy alumnus got his first job leading a program at Takoma Academy, a high school in Maryland. He replaces former FAMU coach Robert McCullum who went 67-133 in seven seasons leading the Rattlers.

"I don't have a lot of slogans but I have one, relationships and championships," Crarey said. "I'm a relationship-based person. I believe my relationship with God, my family, my players are the most important things that I have in my entire life.

"In our game, things have become very transactional," Crarey added. "I'm here to build real, substantial relationships that will last a lifetime."

"The biggest resource we have is people. It's bigger than any monetary involvement that we could ever see. So I'm indebted to President Robinson and AD Sykes for investing in me and trusting me with this program.

"I will make you proud. Quickly," Crarey said.

"Our program will be real, intentional and authentic. I'm here to win. If I didn't see that possible, I wouldn't be here.

"Fangs up!," Carey quipped.

BCSP Notes

Legendary football coach Archie "The Gunslinger" Cooley passes

Former Mississippi Valley State, Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Norfolk State head football coach and black college legend Archie Cooley passed Thursday. He was 85.

Cooley, who led MVSU from 1980 to 1986, is best remembered for being the mastermind of the Delta Devils' "Satellite Express" offense that produced black college stars Jerry "World" Rice at wide receiver and Willie "Satellite" Totten at quarterback.

Cooley played at Jackson State from 1959-1961 under legendary head coach "Big" John Merritt, who led JSU from 1952 to 1962 before moving to Tennessee State from 1963-83. Cooley finished JSU in 1962 and embarked on a coaching career beginning on the collegiate level as a defensive line coach at Alcorn State before joining Merritt's staff at TSU as linebackers coach.

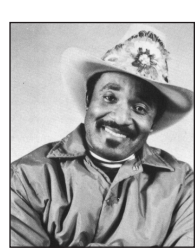
When he took over at MVSU in 1980, the Delta Devils were a SWAC also-ran. He turned them into title contenders.

In Cooley's no-huddle scheme that featured as many as five receivers, sometimes four to one side, Totten and Rice set college passing, receiving and scoring records from 1981-84, many that still stand today. With Totten and Rice putting up never-heard-of numbers, Cooley's high-scoring and exciting MVSU teams were the talk of the nation and his schemes would come to be adopted by both college and pro teams.

Rice had numerous games with double-digit receptions and set NCAA records for receiving yards and touchdowns. He set 18 NCAA records for receiving, regardless of division. He finished ninth in the Heisman Trophy balloting in his final season (1984).

Totten set more than 50 NCAA Division I-AA passing records while leading an offense that averaged nearly 60 points per game in the 1983 season. MVSU went 9-2 under Cooley in 1982, the senior year for both Totten and Rice, and earned a spot in the I-AA playoffs.

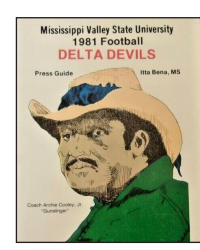
"What I'm doing is going against the rules of football," Cooley told



Archie Cooley, The Gunslinger

legendary Jackson Clarion-Ledger SWAC beat writer, the late Roscoe Nance. "I have the guts to stick with it. You have to believe in what you do and it will.

"We're daring. We throw the ball when we're not supposed to throw. I think I could make a good poker player. I take chances."



Cover of 1981 MVSU Media Guide

That interview spurred Nance to dub Cooley "The Gunslinger." It was a nickname that Cooley embraced. Soon, he donned a cowboy hat anytime he was on the sidelines that became his signature look.

One of the most legendary games in SWAC history was played in 1984 and pitted Cooley's high-scoring Delta Devils, with Totten and Rice, against the vaunted Alcorn State Braves, led by legendary head coach Marino Casem that featured defensive back Isaac Holt and a feared Alcorn defense led by defensive coordinator and future MEAC Commissioner, Dr. Dennis Thomas.

The much-anticipated game was so big and hyped nationally that it was moved from MVSU's 10,000-seat stadium to the 62,000-seat Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson and drew a national television audience. The attendance was listed at 63,808 for the 42-28 win for Alcorn.

Rice and Holt went on to be first round NFL draft choices.

Cooley posted a 42-27-2 record at MVSU but could not repeat the 16-4-1 record he put up in Totten and Rice's final two years. He went 8-3 in 1985 and 4-4 in 1986.

He left to lead UAPB's transition from an NAIA school to a D-1 and SWAC program. Cooley had an excellent 27-13-2 record at UAPB and, after a brief stint at Norfolk State, was out of coaching until he took over at Paul Quinn University in 2000. His career mark as a coach was 83-75-5.

J. C. Smith names interim men's hoops coach

CHARLOTTE – Johnson C Smith University (JCSU) President, Dr. Valerie Kinloch has announced Antwain Banks as the interim head men's basketball coach. His appointment is for the year and is effective as of May



Banks

15, 2024. Banks will be reporting directly to new Athletics Director Dr. Denisha Hendricks.

Banks is replacing long-time Golden Bulls' head coach Stephen Joyner who retired after the 2023-24 season after 36 years at the helm.

Before getting the role at JCSU, Banks spent three seasons at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) as associate head coach and director of Operations. He returned to IUPUI after spending three seasons as an assistant coach at Alabama A&M. Before AAMU, Banks was an Assistant Coach at Clayton (Ga.) State.

Before joining IUPUI in 2015, Banks was head coach at Kentucky State in the SIAC for four seasons. He compiled a 47-62 mark during his tenure there.

Banks spent seven years as a member of the Indiana University Southeast (IU-Southeast) basketball program (two as a player and five as a coach). He helped IUS reach 166 victories (.712 winning percentage) and five appearances at the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship.

As a player, Banks guided IU Southeast to back-to-back conference titles. Banks was the starting point guard and served as a co-captain on the Grenadiers 2002-2003 squad. Under his leadership, the team tied a school record for wins and went to the national tournament for the first time in six years.

Kenny Anderson steps down at Fisk

Former NBA All-Star Kenny Anderson has resigned as head men's basketball coach at Fisk University after five seasons at the helm, per an announcement Saturday on X.

"I will enjoy my life, but I will miss everyone at Fisk University," Anderson posted Saturday morning. "I have been here for five years and truly love it. My daughter graduated from here! I don't know what else to say!"

Anderson, 53, took over as men's basketball coach to turn the program around. The 2023-24 season was his most successful as the Bulldogs finished the season 14-16, losing to Dillard in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference semifinals.

Anderson's career record at Fisk stands at 43-95 overall and 25-34 in GCAC play.

Anderson played 15 seasons in the NBA, including making the Eastern Conference All-Star team as a member of the New Jersey Nets in 1994.

Alabama State sweeps SWAC tennis titles

NEW ORLEANS, La.- Madalena Andrade won at No. 3 singles to seal a 4-3 win for Alabama State over Florida A&M in the SWAC Women's Tennis Championship on Sunday here at the Pepsi Center.

The Alabama State men's tennis team also prevailed defeating Jackson State 4-0 to win its third straight Men's Tennis Championship.

For the men, not only was it the third title in a row for the Hornets, it marked the sixth SWAC title in seven years.

The Lady Hornets claimed their seventh SWAC title and their first since 2021. Sahra Bouchaala was named the SWAC Tournament MVP and was joined on the All-Tournament team by Andrade and Bea Acena.

Florida A&M swept the doubles to take a 1-0 lead into singles. Bouchaala, Carmelle, and Acena captured wins as No. 2, No. 4 and No. 5 to tie the match at 3-3.

Andrade won 6-2, 6-0 to clinch the match.

David Grandinot and Sam Bajracharya won at No. 1 doubles and Lun Obrul and Matteo Latatet won at No. 3 doubles to give the Hornets a 2-0 lead.

Alexandre Verlaguet, Obrul and Johnson capped off the win with wins at four-six singles.

WOMEN'S ALL-TOURNAMENT

Zofia Dziejewicka, JSU; Rebekkah Gaines and Reagan Harris, FAMU; Madalena Andrade and Bea Acena, ALST; Sahra Bouchaala, ALST (MVP)

MEN'S ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Kai Cowcher, AA&M; Federick Pickenstain and Carlos Castillo, JSU; David Jeanne Grandinot and Alexandre Verlaguet, ALST; Sam Bajracharya, ALST (MVP)

2023 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Standings and Weekly Hohors)

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

DIV	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
NORTH				
Virginia State	9	1	15	20
Lincoln (PA)	7	3	12	16
Bowie State	5	4	10	15
Virginia Union	4	6	8	8
Bluefield State	2	6	7	12
Elizabeth City State	0	7	4	9
SOUTH				
Winston-Salem State	10	0	12	4
Claffin	5	3	8	6
Fayetteville State	7	3	8	14
Shaw	1	5	2	10
Livingstone	2	8	2	14
J. C. Smith	1	7	1	13

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE PLAYER
Hailey Darrington, Jr., OF/1B, VSU - In doubleheader sweep of VUJ Saturday, Trojans' leadoff went 2 for 4 with an RBI and run scored in 7-1 win, was 1 of 3 with a double and run scored in 8-0 victory.
PITCHER
Alajah Pratt, Jr., P, VSU - Pitched a complete game 2-hit shutout over five innings in 8-0 win vs. VUJ.

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Morgan State	16	2	28	15
Coppin State	14	4	19	16
Howard	13	5	29	11
NC Central	12	6	16	31
Delaware State	4	14	13	26
SC State	4	11	7	24
Maryland ES	3	15	8	31
Norfolk State	3	15	4	39

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Amber Rivas, Fr., C/OF, MSU - In doubleheader sweep of Howard Saturday, leadoff hitter was 1-3 with RBI and run scored in 2-0 win, two walks, run scored and stolen base in 3-2 win. MSU overtook Howard for first place.
PITCHER
Eliee Bostedt, Fr., P, MSU - Pitched a 2-hit shutout vs. Howard Saturday with five strike outs and just two walks in 2-0 win. Improved to 6-5 on the season.

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EAST				
Fort Valley State	19	4	27	15
Edward Waters	17	5	35	15
Albany State	16	7	28	15
Clark Atlanta	7	17	16	31
Savannah State	9	15	13	26
Benedict	7	17	11	30
Allen	3	21	3	40
WEST				
Spring Hill	22	0	23	18
Tuskegee	17	5	28	20
Lane	14	8	29	14
Miles	8	14	11	27
Kentucky State	8	14	16	21
LeMoyne-Owen	1	21	3	28

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER
Rycca Hinton, Fr., UT, SHU - 3 of 4 with two doubles and a triple, 4 RBI and a run scored in 8-0 win over Lane and had run scored in 11-3 win over Lane.
PITCHER
Emma Curry, So., P, SHU - Pitched 1-hit shutout of Lane with 4 Ks in 8-0 win. Improved to 10-4 on the season.

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
EAST				
Florida A&M	16	4	20	17
Jackson State	14	6	27	14
Alabama State	13	8	23	26
Bethune-Cookman	13	8	15	26
Alabama A&M	4	16	8	24
Miss. Valley State	1	19	3	30
WEST				
Prairie View A&M	19	1	24	17
Southern	12	9	16	22
Texas Southern	9	7	16	14
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7	8	15	21
Grambling State	5	13	13	28
Alcorn State	4	16	9	30

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HITTER
Aerin Talley, Jr., INF, PVA&M - Had two home runs in three-game sweep of Alcorn State with homer in 2-0 win Friday, another homer in 11-7 win Saturday.
PITCHER
Breanna Reyna, Sr., P, PVA&M - Pitched 4-hit, seven inning shutout of Alcorn with 3 Ks and just two walks. Improved to 9-6 on the season.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

ON THE MOVE - MORE NOTABLE HBCU PLAYERS IN TRANSFER PORTAL

Jordan Hinds
6-5, Jr., G, Bluefield State
CIAA scoring leader (19.0 ppg).

Deywilk Tavarez
6-2, Fr., G, Delaware State
MEAC Rookie of the Year
13.7 ppg., 3.6 apg., 2.0 spg.

Ti'an Boler
6-1, Sr., G of SWAC women's champion
Jackson State - 12.1 ppg.