#### FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 2024



NEW CHANCES

defensive back Jordan Toles signed to rookie free agent deal by Baltmore after no HBCU players named in 2024 NFL Draft.

NO HBCU PLAYERS IN 2024 NFL DRAFT, BUT 16 HEAD TO NFL CAMPS; REED LEAVES JSU FOR CHARLOTTE

## THE STAT CORNER I

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

#### NUMBER OF HBCU PLAYERS TAKEN EACH YEAR IN NFL DRAFT HISTORY

2024	0	19782	4
2023	1	19771	9
2022	4	19765	3
2021	0	19754	2
2020	1	19744	3
2019	4	19734	4
2018		19725	1
2017		19716	
2016		19706	
2015	4	19696	6
2014	2	19687	
2013		19675	
2012		NFL/AFL MERGE	
2011		1966	
2010		(NFL) 2	2
2009		(AFL)1	
2008		1965	-
2007		(NFL) 1	8
2006		(AFL)1	
2005		1964	•
2004		(NFL) 1	8
2003		(AFL)	
2002		1963	•
2001		(NFL) 1	4
2000		(AFL)	
1999		1962	
1998		(NFL) 1	3
1997		(AFL)	
1996		1961	0
1995		(NFL) 1	2
1994		(AFL)	
1993		1960	•
1992		(NFL)	9
1991		(AFL)	
1990		AFL BEGINS	•
1989		1959	3
1988		1958	
1987		1957	
1986		1956	
1985		1955	
1984		1954	
1983		1953	
1982		1952	
1981		1951	
1980		1950	
1979		NFL ONLY	

#### 2023 BLACK COLLEGE BASEBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

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FINAL	CON	F	ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Albany State	30	3	34	10
Spring Hill	25	7	30	19
Edward Waters	21	11	27	18
Savannah State	21	12	28	13
Miles	20	12	22	22
Lane	18	14	20	23
Morehouse	14	17	20	26
Kentucky State	14	17	20	26
Benedict	10	23	14	25
Tuskegee	8	23	10	35
Clark Atlanta	7	26	11	35
LeMoyne-Owen	4	27	4	29

SIAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 2-5, 2024

Albany State East Campus

	SOUTH ILETIC			CE
	CON	F	ALL	
EAST	W	L	W	L
Florida A&M	17	4	22	21
Bethune-Cookman	15	6	25	19
Alabama State	13	8	22	20
Jackson State	10	11	27	16
Alabama A&M	7	14	11	31
Mississippi Valley State	1	20	9	28
WEST				
Texas Southern	14	5	18	21
Grambling State	15	6	18	22
Prairie View A&M	13	8	23	23
Southern	11	8	18	21
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	5	16	14	29
Alcorn State	3	18	4	34
PLAYERS OF THE WEE HITTER Travor Hatton, R-Jr., OF,		-for-11	(.545)	with
RBI, 3 doubles, 1 triple and PITCHER				
Charles Jackson, Gr., RH	IP, <b>gsu</b>	- Gave	up one	e hit i
six innings with 7 Ks vs. TS	SU.			

#### COLONIAL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION CAA CONF W W 11th NC A&T 13 21 22 PLAYER OF THE WEEK Tatsunori Negishi, Gr., INF/P, NC A&T - Hit his

sixth home run of the season during 10-4 loss at Hofstra Sunday. Negishi was 2 of 4 with 2 runs scored and 2 RBI. He was also 1 of 4 with an RBI and run scored in 14-4 loss on Saturday. He leads the Aggies with 59 hits, 6 home runs, a .381 batting average, 94 toal bases and a .606 sluggiing percentage on the season.

> CAA BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP May 22-25 Brooks Field Wilmington, NC

## **Reed leaves Jackson State for Charlotte**

UConn, South Carolina and Florida

State experience," Reed said at her

introductory press conference.

"I will never forget the Jackson

"It made me who I am today:

Reed said she would bring

her entire Jackson State assistant

coaching staff with her -- Chase

Campbell, Jonathan Williams

and LaShonda Cousin -- while

and JSU Athletics Director Ashley

Robinson. "I want to thank him

for his support, for allowing me to

win many, many championships

at Jackson State University. I am

She thanked God, her family

that's a hustler

and a winner at

heart, a champion

and a resilient,

tough person. I

am grateful to the

HBCU community

and what we were

Gulf Coast.

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able to do."

adding staff.

at JSU.

SWAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP May 22-26 · Chandler Stadium · Atlanta, GA

Successful six-year Jackson winning percentage behind only State Head Women's Basketball Coach Tomekia Reed was introduced Thursday as the new head coach of the Charlotte 49ers. formerly UNC-Charlotte.

In her six years at JSU, Reed guided the Lady Tigers to become the most dominant program in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) winning the last five regular season titles, three tournament titles and NCAA berths.

Reed was selected as the SWAC's Coach of the Year four times.

She compiled a 125-54 (.693) overall record and was a dominant 95-10 in conference play over that span. Her first JSU squad in the 2018-19 season finished 12-6 vs. SWAC competition and her teams then went 16-2, 14-1, 18-0, 17-1 and 18-0, a .954 percentage while winning the regular season titles.

Those marks were fourth best in the nation in conference

# **BCSP** Notes

#### Dropoff continues as no HBCU players taken in 2024 NFL Draft

Despite the fact that players drafted into the NFL from the black college ranks over the past few years have become impact players, none were taken when the seven rounds of the 2024 Draft were conducted last week in Detroit.

"It's very disappointing," said former NFL quarterback and former NFL executive James "Shack" Harris, who played for legendary head coach Eddie Robinson at Grambling State. Harris, along with fellow former Grambling quarterback, NFL vet and league executive Doug Williams, put on the NFL-sanctioned postseason HBCU Combine and HBCU Legacy

forever grateful for my HBCU family and experiences."

"I want to thank Tomekia for what she has done for Jackson women's basketball," State Robinson told the Jackson Clarion-Ledger newspaper. "The work she did during her time here at Jackson State is unmatched and we wish her nothing but the best at Charlotte."

Reed becomes the ninth head coach in Charlotte women's basketball history. Last year's 49ers team finished 16-15 overall and 9-9 overall in the American Athletic Conference (AAC), tied for sixth in the 14-member league.

The AAC includes teams in Texas (North Texas, UTSA, Rice and SMU), Florida (South Florida and Florida Atlantic) and Pennsylvania (Temple) as well as East Carolina and Charlotte in North Carolina.

Reed is replacing Cara Consuegra who had led the 49ers for 13 seasons and compiled a



REED: At Charlotte.

224-164 record during her tenure. Consuegra resigned after the season and was introduced last week as the new head women's coach at Marquette.

"I want more trophies and more championships," Reed said. "This will be the new location for where the rings reside."

every year except three (1960, 1993 and 1999) between 1959 and 2000.

### 16 black college players to enter NFL rookie minicamps

As of press time, there are eight undrafted free agents and eight rookie minicamp invitees from the HBCU ranks that will get a chance to impress NFL teams when rookie minicamps open over the next couple of weekends (see STAT CORNER II).

According to NFL sources, the biggest difference between an undrafted free agent and a player with a minicamp invite is that undrafted free agents will have signed contracts with the respective team. A minicamp invite is a tryout, with no signed contract heading into camp. Alcorn State running back Jarveon Howard, considered by many as the top HBCU prospect, was signed by Green Bay. Virginia State defensive back Willie Drew was inked by Carolina. Big 6-8, 353-pound Howard offensive lineman Anim Dankwah signed with Philadelphia. Ball-hawking defensive back prospect Jordan Toles of Morgan State was signed as a rookie free agent by the local Baltimore Ravens. Many times, undrafted free agents are training camp bodies or roster fillers, but there are always a few on teams that end up making rosters and contributing for years to some. Some even end up as Pro Bowlers or make the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Former Florida A&M safety Markquese Bell is a recent example. Signed by Dallas as an undrafted rookie free agent in 2022, Bell spent most of the 2022 season on the Cowboys' practice squad. In 2023, the 6-3, 205-pounder became a starter as a hybrid inside linebacker and finished second on the team with 94 tackles and led the team with two forced fumbles Former Fort Valley State running back and SIAC rushing leader Emanuel Wilson was a 2023 rookie free agent signee of Green Bay. The 5-11, 226-pounder was so impressive for the Packers in the preseason that he beat out more experienced backs for the third-string spot on the Packers regular season roster. Wilson went on to appear in seven games, average 6.1 yards per carry and rush for 85 yards.



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### **THE STAT CORNER II**

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

#### 2024 BLACK COLLEGE UNDRAFTED **ROOKIE FREE AGENTS**

**Baltimore Ravens** Jordan Toles, DB, Morgan State **Carolina Panthers** Willie Drew, DB, Virginia State **Chicago Bears** Ian Wheeler, RB, Howard **Green Bay Packers** Jarveon Howard, RB Alcorn State New England Patriots Mikey Victor, CB, Alabama State **New York Jets** Marcus Riley, WR, Florida A&M **Philadelphia Eagles** Anim Dankwah, OL, Howard Seattle Seahawks Sundiata Anderson, Edge, Grambling State

#### **2024 ROOKIE MINI-CAMP INVITES**

Indianapolis Colts Jablonski Green, DL, South Carolina State Aidan Hemphill, OT, Texas Southern Minnesota Vikings Noah Washington, LB, Morgan State **New England Patriots** Tariq Stewart, OL, NC A&T **New York Jets** Michael Chris-Ike, RB, Delaware State Brandon Codrington, DB, NC Central **Pittsburgh Steelers** Aeneas Dennis, QB, Benedict **Tampa Bay Buccaneers** 

Jeremy Moussa, QB, Florida A&M

Bowl trying to increase black college players inclusion in the draft.

"It's not disappointing just because there were none taken (in the draft), but because there were several that proved they were worthy of being drafted," said Harris. "That's what's disappointing."

This was the second time in four years - and only the second time since the draft began in 1950 - that no HBCU player went off the draft boards (see STAT CORNER I).

There was just one black college player selected in the 2023 Draft former Jackson State defensive back Isaiah Bolden - who because of injury did not play in the 2024 season. It was only the sixth time - three times in the 1950s - since 1950 that a single HBCU player was taken.

However, four black college players were taken in 2022. Those four were former Howard and Cincinnati safety Bryan Cook to Kansas City in the second round, Fayetteville State defensive back Joshua Williams to Kansas City in the fourth round, South Carolina State defensive back Cobie Durant to the LA Rams also in the fourth round and Jackson State edge rusher James Houston to Detroit in the sixth round. Each has become a regular in their two years in the league.

Black college players also came up empty in 2021.

The 2024 number also represents the 24th straight season that HBCU numbers in the draft failed to reach double-digits. The last time that happened was in 2000 when 13 players from the ranks were selected. The highest number since 2000 was eight in 2003.

The highest number of black college players in the NFL Draft was 70 in 1968 when many of the nation's top football players attended HBCUs. HBCU players in the NFL and/or NFL/AFL Drafts reached double digits in

#### 2023 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

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FINAL*	CON	F	ALL			
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Morgan State	18	•	30	17		
Howard	16	5	32			
Coppin State	15	6		20		
NC Central	14	7	18	32		
SC State	8	13	11	28		
Delaware State	5	16	14	28		
Maryland ES	5	16	10	32		
Norfolk State	3	18	4	42		
Norfolk State 3 18 4 42 *Three non-conference regular season games remaining PLAYERS OF THE WEEK PLAYER Maryn Jordan, So., OF, HOW - In 29-8 win over Norfolk State Saturday, she was 3 for 3 with a triple and double, 4 runs scored and 7 RBI. PITCHER Vanessa Carriozosa, Sr., P, CSU - Improved to 13-14 after pitching 3-hit 3-0 shutout of league- leader Morgan State Saturday with 2 Ks and 2 BBs. MEAC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP May 8-12, 2024 Norfolk State Softball Field Norfolk, VA						

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FINAL	CON	F	ALL				
EAST	W	L	W	L			
Fort Valley State	20	4	31	16			
Edward Waters	18	6	37	17			
Albany State	16	8	29	19			
Savannah State	9	15	14	29			
Clark Atlanta	7	17	16	31			
Benedict	7	17	11	30			
Allen	3	21	3	40			
WEST							
Spring Hill	22	0	24	19			
Tuskegee	17	5	30	20			
Lane	14	8	31	17			
Miles	8	14	12	29			
Kentucky State	8	14	16	25			
LeMoyne-Owen	1	21	3	30			

SIAC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHI April 29 - May 1 · Columbus, GA

MON., APRIL 29 SHU 5, SSU 0; LC 6, EWC 1; TUS 13, ALB 2; MC 6, FVSU 2; EWC 8, SSU 0; LC 4, SHU 3; FVSU 10, ALB 6; TU 13, MC 4 TUES., APRIL 30 SHU 9, FVSU 1; MC vs. EWC; LC vs. TUS;

SWAC	SOUTHWESTERN					
JUAC	ATHLETIC CONFERENCE					
	CON	ALL				
EAST	W	L	W	L		
Florida A&M	19	5	23	18		
Bethune-Cookman	16	8	18	28		
Jackson State	15	8	28	17		
Alabama State	15	9	25	27		
Alabama A&M	5	18	9	26		
Miss. Valley State	1	23	3	34		
WEST						
Prairie View A&M	23	1	28	17		
Texas Southern	13	8	19	17		
Southern	12	12	16	25		
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	8	13	19	27		
Grambling State	8	16	17	29		
Alcorn State	5	19	10	34		

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HITTER Samantha Smith, Jr., UT/P, FAMU - 4-8 with 8 RBI a grand slam HR vs. Alabama A&M PITCHER Lauryn Peppers, Jr., P, FAMU - Had first Rattler no-hitter in ten years vs. MVSU with 10 Ks.

> SWAC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP May 7-10 - Gulfport (MS) Sportsplex