DIVISION I TRACK NATIONALS

TSU, Bison produce eight All-Americans

on finishing among the top eight in individual first. events and relays.

The Lady Tigers of Texas Southern know how to make a little bit go a long way as they 10.78. Just fractions of a second separated the finished fourth in the team standings at the next three runners - LSU's Esther Jones



Photo by Victor Jackson Texas Southern's Mary Onyali was intent on successfully defending her national title in the 200.

Only national champ LSU (86 points), 44.03. UCLA (47 points), and Nebraska (37 points) proved to be better. Texas Southern tallied 34 critical miscue. Onyali didn't get out quickly points with a small contingent of athletes.

administrator Dave Betheny. "When you think violation that calls for disqualification. of all the schools around the country in Diviwe did, the feeling is great."

The Lady Tigers' efforts on the oval were paced by Mary Onyali and Hope Obika. ified the team. the 100 meter hurdles.

Onyali came to the nationals intent on whole team." retaining her collegiate title in the 200 from last the next Flo-Jo.

The difference in this race was the start. who blazed the distance in 9.97.

Texas Southern and Howard University Sowell wasted no time coming out of the produced eight All-Americans at the NCAA blocks. Onyali was sluggish. Early in the race Division I Outdoor Track and Field Champi- Sowell held as much as a 10-meter lead. Even onships held at Brigham Young University in though Onyali closed the distance considerably, Provo, Utah. All-America choices are based it wasn't enough to get her to the finish line

> In the 100, the race was closely contested except for Sowell, who won in an ultra swift (11.12), Florida's Anita Howard (11.16), then Onyali. Beatrice Utondo, also a Lady Tiger, placed seventh (11.48).

Utondo gives TSU versatility in providing her team with points. She is really a long jumper who is fast enough to be competitive in the 100. Utondo finished seventh in the long jump, leaping 20-3 3/4.

The hurdles race turned out to be "a blanket finish" in third through sixth places, according to Betheny. The LSU duo of Tananjalyn Stanley and Cinnamon Sheffield, hit the tape at 12.70 and 12.95. Obika grabbed the No. 3 spot (13.23), while UCLA's Janeene Vickers was fourth (13.25) and Texas Southern's Cheryl Dickey finished fifth (13.26).

At the national level, Texas Southern's 4 x 100 and 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 teams have more than held their own against the top track schools in the U.S.

At the championships, both teams fell short of what they hoped to achieve. The foursome of Linda Eseimokumoch, Dyan Webber, Onyali and Obika run both relays. In the 4 x 400, they finished third in 3:32.18 and were only a step away from victory as Texas won in 3:31.18, followed by UCLA at 3:32.13.

The ironic thing about the 4 x 400 was that the Lady Tigers had the lead on the anchor leg coming down the last straightaway. But with five meters left to the finish, Webber cramped up, fell and literally had to crawl across the finish line which enabled TSU to place in the top three.

The 4 x 100 was a case of bad timing. LSU won in 42.5 and Illinois was second at

Texas Southern was out of it because of a enough on the exchange and the baton was "We feel very blessed," said TSU track passed before she entered the passing zone - a

That setback was disheartening. All year, sion I who have so much more in the way of the Lady Tigers had been one of the premier resources, and then see a small, predominantly quartets in the 4 x 100. They won at the Drake black college like Texas Southern finish like Relays and had run a personal best of 43.43.

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TSU's men got a very respectable perfortive campaigns this spring. year. However, LSU's Dawn Sowell had other mance out of Augustine Olobia, who finished notions. Sowell, by the way, blitzed the half-lap second in the 100 (10.09). The Nigerian women's 400, running 51.91. Felder won the the intermediates as fast as 50.31, which would distance in 22.04 and some are billing her as Olympian set a new personal best and was sur- '89 MEAC outdoor title by breaking her own have placed him in the top five at this year's passed by Texas Christian's Raymond Steward conference record that she had set a year earlier. nationals.



Photo by Kenny Harriston

John Branch of Howard was on a roll going into the Division I nationals at Provo, Utah.

conference finals and finished fifth. Last year as and vying for the top spot next year. Onyali placed second in the 200 (22.45) and "It was just a case of not executing," said a freshman, he ran 10.19 before succumbing to fourth in the 100 (11.14). Obika was third in Betheny. "We should've been able to go under injury right before the end of the season.

43. Once that happened, it demoralized the Howard University had three people to the 400 intermediate hurdles (51.15). Branch, make All-America as all three enjoyed produc-

In two seasons, she has lowered her time by

Olobia's finish shouldn't be considered nearly 1.3 seconds, which is significant in a Even with the bad hand-off, they had still surprising even though he didn't win the sprinting event. With one year left to compete, recorded a 43-flat before track officials disqual- SWAC title. He suffered a muscle cramp in the the junior is setting her sights on breaking 51

> Curtis Chappell finished seventh in the 400 at 45.94 and John Branch placed eighth in who is the MEAC champ and record holder in the highs and intermediates, didn't get his usual Michelle Felder finished sixth in the push towards the end of the race. He has run

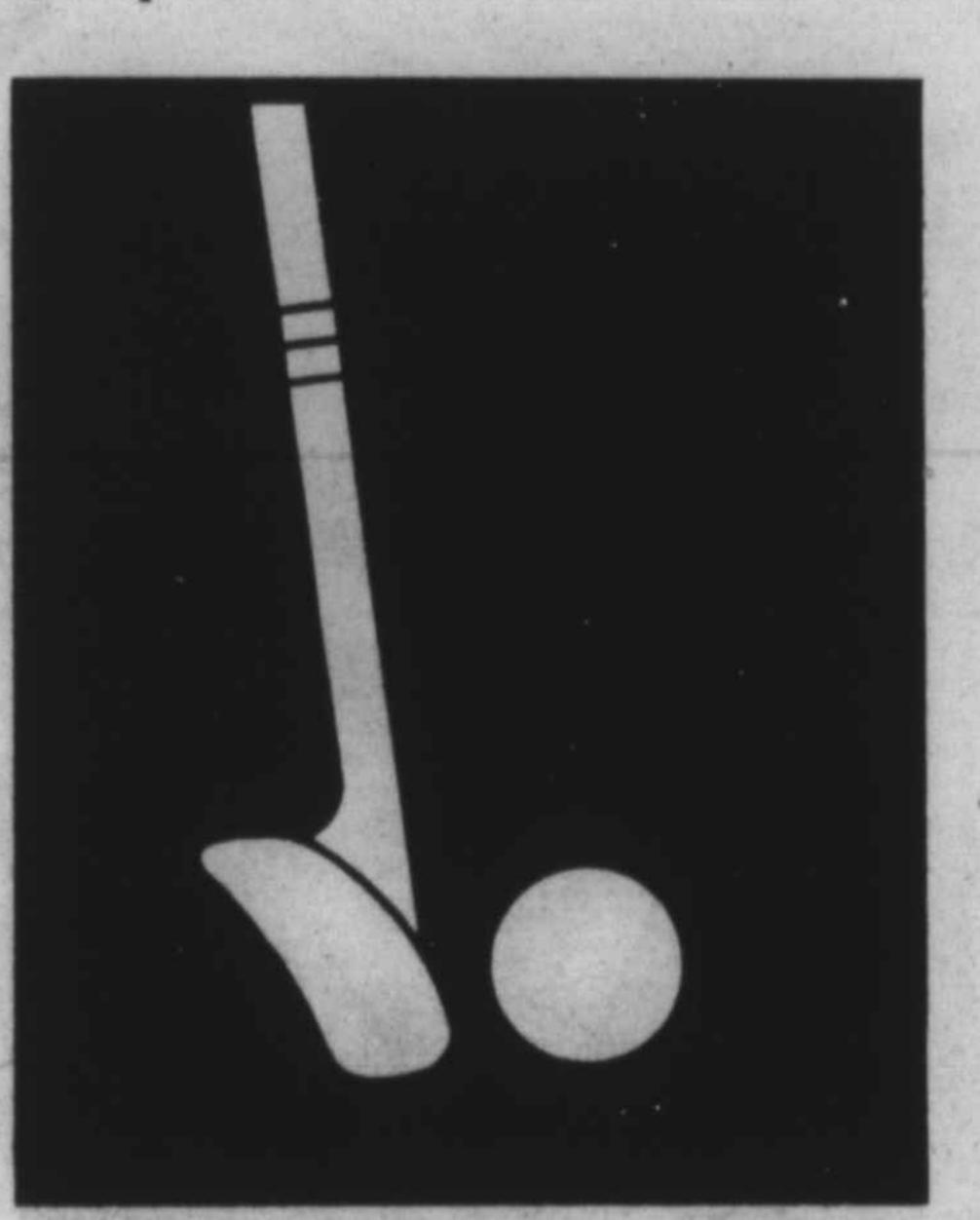
> > -Frank Burnstein

BCSR SPOTLIGHT

Livingstone wins minority college golf championships

highly favored Jackson State to win the scores of 76 and Jerome Westley turned Hampton University. third annual National Minority College in a 79. Taylor also won the tournament's

champs led the 16 team field with a score over 270 yards.



of 626 to ease past SC State by three strokes. Jackson State ended up in the No. 3 spot with a 630.

Livingstone forged into the lead on the second round of play after trailing by track coach of the year for 1989 by the four strokes on opening day. Alan Mon- NCAA Track Coaches Association. teque led the charge by firing a final

Golf Championships in Cleveland, Ohio. longest drive contest, coming away tri-The Bears, who were also CIAA umphant over a field of 84 with a drive of

The Bears' steadiness in the tournament was attributed to senior leadership and the fact that the team became accustomed to playing in national-caliber tourneys such as the Pembroke State Invitational, South Carolina State Invitational and the Catawba Tournament.

Livingstone placed second and third in the first two national tournaments. The coach of those teams, Andre Springs, is now the manager of the Highland Park Golf Course in Cleveland. "Andre Springs laid the groundwork," said Bears coach Morris Wiggins. "We wanted to be consistent and keep our players focused on their ultimate goal. Last year we were tied for the lead at the half-way mark and didn't win. But this year's come-frombehind victory is real sweet." NCAA honors A & M coach

Alabama A & M women's track country. coach Joseph Henderson was been chosen as the NCAA Division II women's

The announcement was made at the

mentor at a program that become one of the top flight women's programs in the His selection was based on his performance in '88 when he took seven

Joseph Henderson

Henderson has been the guiding

place in the team standings. A & M bolted into the runner-up spot

women to nationals and captured second

Livingstone College spoiled the round, four-over par 75. Teammates Greg conclusion of this year's outdoor national with a surge on the final day of that comparty by besting South Carolina State and McCord and Carlton Taylor both posted championships that were hosted by petition as his squad won the 400, 4 x400 relay, the high jump, plus a second place finish in the 200.

> He has coached world-class runners which include Olympians Grace Jackson, Dannette Young and Jearl Miles.

Henderson's teams have been dominant in the SIAC, having won ten straight conference championships.

MEAC format change

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament will undergo a format change starting next spring, according to reports from the recently conducted league meetings.

Next season, all of the conference's teams will meet at one site in a single elimination affair.

This past season, the opening round games were played at the home of the league's top four teams with the winners advancing to the Final Four for both men and women.

NFL Draft correction

In last month's issue, BCSR misidentified the teams of two players in its article on "Corners who can cover..." The article stated that Albert Lewis (Grambling) is with the Minnesota Vikings. It should have read: Ike Holt (Alcorn State) of the Vikings. Lewis is a defensive back with the Kansas City Chiefs.

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Badgett didn't feel it was impossible for after Penn that's not a problem." her to take the title away from defending would be decided by capitalizing on an opponent's mistake.

who scratched on her last attempt. Ironibefore the board or I'd scratch. So coach 3:40.69 to the Lady Spartans' 3:40.80. their shocker for the last event of the cally, Thomas' final jump was her best Williams worked with me on starting Hampton (Danez Lyons, Judy McDonald, meet. and would have given her the lead at that down the runway more slowly, then Stubbs, and Spence) made it a clean

off a 20-7 1/2 to win it. Thomas finished distance." second at 20-5 1/4.

that," Badgett said. "What I thought about New York Tech were all in contention. was getting off my best jump because I knew I final jump would after hers."

Badgett started coming on strong the college division in 20-9) set the tone the field. Kima Edwards staved off difference. the nationals. "I feel I can get 21 (feet)," leg to seal the win for the host team in nationals after suffering muscle strains diate hurdles. she said matter of factly. "I used to have a 45.84. Abeline Christian clocked 46.24 during the spring. She was the '88 nation-

In the long jump, St. Aug's Cynthia mental block about reaching 20 feet, but and Norfolk State (Royster, Knox, al champ in the high jump (she finished

At Penn, Badgett reached 20 feet or placed third at 46.99. champ Mazel Thomas of Abeline Chris- better consistently. Five of her six jumps

The margin of victory for Badgett That speed at the end gives me more third at 3:43.10. came on her next to last effort. She reeled explosion on the take-off and I get better

told myself that Thomas would do better the race was in doubt as Hampton, the finals, she followed up with 2:09.81. on her last jump, so I was prepared for Abeline Christian, Norfolk State, and

Stacey DeBerry, and Shelita Hudson)

tian. For better than two hours, the two in that competition exceeded the 20 mark. Knox, and Hudson) was the favorite in dles. Still, Bruff had enough to help her women took turns besting one another. It Adjustments in her approach have been the 4 x 400. The Lady Spartans took the team stick with the pace. When Welsh was evident that the eventual winner difference in her improvement, she said. national indoor title and were looking to took off on the last leg, she held firm, "I wasn't reaching 20 feet earlier in do the same outdoors. However, the Lady even as NSU's Royal made a powerful the year because I was hitting the board Bulldogs of Alabama A & M had other surge to overtake her at the end. But it The mistake was made by Thomas, wrong," she explained. "I'd either take off ideas. They stunned NSU to win in wasn't enough and A & M had staged

> 800 meter specialist came into the race the spear 155-11. Hampton won the 4 x 100 as expect- full of confidence after placing third in

Her performance at the Penn Relays (won cant space between herself and the rest of to be close enough on her leg to make a

tied for third this year -- 5-9 3/4), and when healthy is one of Division II's tops Norfolk State (Royal, DeBerry, at the open quarter and intermediate hur-

Kimmy Goode ended her collegiate speeding up during the last 12 meters. sweep for black colleges by finishing career for Hampton by delivering big in her final meet, placing second in the Gloria Morgan, A & M's freshman javelin. The New Jersey senior heaved

St. Aug's Gladys Milton got her first In Badgett's mind, Thomas' foul was- ed with Spence giving the team a big the two-lap race. Her 2:09.41 in the trials taste of national championship competin't a major concern for her. "I had already boost on her split. For the first two legs, was a personal best. The following day in tion and responded by finishing fifth in the heptathlon (4,753 points). Hampton's Morgan gave A & M a solid stint as Debra Alexander earned fourth place in the lead runner. But what made the differ- the triple jump (41-4 1/4). Alexander had Patrice Farrington and Mariska ence was the unexpected surge by Juanita the misfortune of straining her hamstring Stubbs kept the Lady Pirates close until Boatwright, who had never run better on her final attempt, which may have cost Spence got her hands on the baton. In a than 59 flat. Boatwright lowered her time her the opportunity to finish among the towards the middle of the outdoor season. matter of seconds, Spence created signifi- by three seconds and that allowed Bruff top three. Alexander placed third at the '89 indoor nationals. Deberry picked up a few more points for the Lady Spartans by for the rest of the season as she headed to Abeline Christian's Thomas on the anchor Bruff wasn't at full strength for the finishing sixth in the 400 meter interme-

-Craig T. Greenlee

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