

Trei Oliver comes home

The first time I met Trei Oliver was at North Carolina Central's athletic banquet in 1998.

He and teammate Buddy Crutchfield were about to graduate and both were anxiously awaiting a call from an NFL team to sign on as a free agent.

Fast forward 20 years, and Oliver got another call, this one as head football coach. Oliver was reintroduced to Eagleland at a Thursday press conference before a standing-room only crowd.

Check out our video of the press conference on our YouTube page.



BONITTA BEST

NCCU loses appeal

North Carolina Central lost its appeals case to the NCAA over the use of 22 ineligible players in football, baseball, men's basketball, men's cross country, men's track, women's cross country and women's track.

NCCU had appealed the alleged infractions for football, baseball and men's basketball, but was denied.

For their misdeeds, the Eagles will:

- incur a two-year probation from May 30, 2018 to May 29, 2020
- pay a financial penalty of \$5,000 to the NCAA
- give a public reprimand and censure, which has already been self-imposed
- vacation of records, among other things.

Below is some of the official press release:

North Carolina Central must vacate football, baseball and men's basketball records in which student-athletes competed while ineligible, according to a decision by the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee.

In the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions' decision, the panel found and the university agreed that North Carolina Central did not monitor its certification process when it improperly certified 22 student-athletes in a total of seven sports as eligible for competition.

In its appeal, the university argued the Committee on Infractions should not have prescribed the vacation of records for three reasons: The Committee on Infractions ignored directives from Division I membership to avoid disproportionate penalties on student-athletes; it ignored Level III case precedent involving the same or similar violations; and the competitive advantage rationale should not apply to the university's situation because the violations were the result of clerical or technical errors, not an attempt to keep student-athletes eligible for competition.

In its response to the appeal, the Committee on Infractions noted that vacating records is a membership-approved penalty used in infractions cases involving ineligible competition to address the advantage a university gains by playing ineligible student-athletes.

In its decision, the Infractions Appeals Committee addressed the three issues the university raised. It noted the membership directive cited by the university applies specifically to the processes for waivers, amateurism certification and student-athlete reinstatement. The NCAA Division I Council did not intend for the directives to apply to the prescription of penalties in the infractions process when it adopted the directives.

The Infractions Appeals Committee also detailed that there are separate NCAA rules that govern Level II and Level III violations and penalties, as well as different groups that decide the cases. Since the university agreed that the violations were Level II, the Infractions Appeals Committee noted the university inherently agreed to the prescription of penalties under the guidelines and case precedent related to Level I and II violations. Because of that, the Committee on Infractions is not bound by Level III precedent when prescribing penalties in a Level II case.

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Hornets split with rival Jordan in JV



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Jordan High junior varsity girls kept their unbeaten streak alive with a dominating 50-15 victory over rival Hillside. The Falcons' Aysia Hinton led the way with 16 points and four steals. Teammate Gabby Davis added 11 points and six steals.

Above: Jordan JV coach Brittany Jones, who doesn't look much older than her players, has the Lady Falcons at 4-0.



Hillside JV boys held off a late charge by Jordan to take a 72-61 win in the second half of the doubleheader. The Hornets led from start to finish, building an eight-point, first-quarter lead into 19 at the half.

The Falcons trimmed the margin to 10 in the third on a basket by Samson, but Hillside reeled off seven straight to end the third up 54-37. Jordan made one last run, pulling to within eight, but ran out of gas. T. Johnson scored 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds, while teammate J. Warren recorded four blocks for Hillside. Samson was the game's high scorer with 20 points, plus 11 rebounds and a block.

HBCU BASKETBALL

Shaw men nationally ranked

By Bonitta Best
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Only one undefeated team remains in the CIAA after Virginia Union women lost to Claflin last week. Chowan men are 7-0 and ranked No. 6 in the latest D2SIDA Atlantic Regional Poll.

Former Morehouse star Tyrius Walker has signed a pro contract with the Maine Red Claws of the NBA G-League, an affiliate of the Boston Celtics.

Walker was the 2018 BOXTOROW Division II national player of the year. He led the Maroon Tigers to a 25-3 record and the No. 1 seed in the NCAA DII South Region Tournament last season.

The CIAA is losing another member. No, not another school. Bria Funte, the assistant commissioner for strategic communication, is leaving for the ACC as the assistant director for external affairs. Bria has been with the CIAA for the past three years. Suzette McQueen is the new contact person for now.

WOMEN
N.C. Central (1-7)
What a difference one



Kamya Renwicks scored 13 points in St. Aug's upset win.

player can make.

Senior guard Rodneysha Martin returned to the lineup for the first time this season after being sidelined with an injury. Martin scored a game-high 27 points - 17 in the first half - to left the Eagles to their first win of the season Wednesday over UNC Greensboro.

Teammate Paulina Afriyie added a double-double of 17 points and 13 rebounds, plus a career-high five blocks. NCCU hosts Wof-

ford College this weekend.

St. Augustine's (2-4 overall, 1-1 CIAA)

The Lady Falcons upset first-place Claflin in a 55-51 thriller that saw SAU rally from a nine-point halftime deficit. The Lady Panthers had just knocked off unbeaten Virginia Union two nights before.

Junior Kamya Renwicks scored a team-high 13 points, and teammate Angela Caraballo added 11.

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HBCU FOOTBALL



COURTESY

Bowie State quarterback Amir Hall is the CIAA's leading passer.

Accolades keep coming for Amir Hall

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Bowie State star quarterback Amir Hall continues to rack up the postseason honors.

He was named the BOXTOROW offensive player of the year for the second straight season.

Hall is the CIAA's all-time leading passer with 4,152 yards and 31 touchdowns. He also rushed for 445 yards and seven TDs. He led the Bulldogs to their first CIAA championship and a victory in the first round of the NCAA Division II Atlantic Region playoffs.

North Carolina A&T took three top BOXTOROW awards: Darryl Johnson was voted defensive player of the year, Sam Washington the coach of the year and kick returner Malik Wilson the special teams player of the year.

Johnson, the MEAC defensive player of the year, led the conference with 10.5 sacks and 18.5 tackles for loss, 47 total tackles (29 solo) and three pass breakups.

Alcorn State running back De'Shawn Waller is the impact player of the year, and Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Dejuan Miller the rookie of the year.

Waller rushed for a SWAC-best 12 touchdowns to go along with 1,048 rushing yards.

I love you

The CIAA's love affair with Salem, Virginia, will continue. The board recently approved to extend its contact to host the football championship game there through 2024.

Also, the CIAA Tournament finalists have been narrowed to three: Baltimore, Charlotte and Norfolk.

9 financial tips for future pros

By John Karaffa, CPA

SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

As the college bowl season approaches, the Heisman Trophy is awarded, and we wait to see who will win the College Football Playoffs, hundreds of top-flight college football players anxiously await their opportunities to have their names called in April during the 2019 NFL Draft.

Potential riches on the horizon await this elite group of young men. Unfortunately, while these future pros are at the top of their game, they are novices in the world of personal finance. Bad decisions now during these top-earning years are amplified, and early missteps can sideline their financial futures.

As a former professional athlete and the president of ProSport CPA, the leading tax firm in professional sports, I am blessed to work with more than 500 professional athletes from all major leagues. I have listened to, served and interviewed pros about their financial decisions, and have derived advice from their experiences in an effort to help future professional athletes.

These tips below are from the legends of the game.

1. **The career is short.** As they say, the NFL stands for Not For Long. With the average pro career lasting only three to five years, peak earning years are few and can end instantly with a bad fall or hard hit.

2. **Take it slow.** Be conservative. Pro athletes should live frugally, like they did when they were in college. You will have many, many years to spend your wealth. Focus on your sport instead of blowing away your money.

3. **Consult only trustworthy professionals.** Carefully check out your advisers and select only the best qualified ones. Take advantage of the background checks the leagues offer. Only pick advisers who are credentialed by professional organizations, which monitor their members.

4. **Budget and save.** You can only save what you don't spend, so use a budget as an effective tool to control what goes out the door. Set goals, beat them, and watch your wealth grow.

5. **Educate yourself.** You're only good at what you spend time at. If you're blessed to earn a lot of money, you should want to learn how to manage it in order to keep your money longer.

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6. **Just say no.** And not just to temptations, but also to family and friends' requests for money. Taking care of family is often a high priority. Include it in your plans, be reasonable, but make sure your other financial goals are met. Turn down requests for money.

7. **There's life after sports.** Prepare for your next career, because it's going to last a lot longer than your playing career. Start thinking about what you want to do later; it will help your transition.

8. **Stick to safe investments.** You can't go wrong investing in your 401(k), high-quality bonds, and a modest home, condo or apartment. Don't invest in anything until you fully understand it.

9. **Wait to select a mate.** It doesn't matter if you save a lot and invest wisely if you have to give away half of everything when you're done playing. There's plenty of time to find the right partner. Choose wisely.

Best of luck to the collegiate athletes who are ready to reach for the NFL and remember to always be proud of how far you've come.



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SAU travels to Elizabeth City State this weekend and Chowan next Monday.

Shaw (2-4, 0-1)

The Lady Bears will be looking to end a two-game losing streak with conference games at Elizabeth City State and Chowan. They don't play at home again until Jan. 5.

MEN

N.C. Central (4-6)

The Eagles had their three-game win streak broken at Appalachian State, 82-73. NCCU travels to Coastal Carolina Dec. 16 and Saint Louis University next Wednesday.

St. Augustine's (2-6, 0-2)

The Falcons lost their sixth straight game in a 60-55 defeat to Claffin, which swept them for the season. SAU's contest against Chowan on Tuesday was postponed due to snow. The team plays in the doubleheader at the Vikings.

Shaw (5-2, 1-0)

Thanks to newcomer Amir Hinton, the Bears are finally getting some respect. Shaw earned its first top 10 ranking of the season in the D2SIDA Atlantic Regional Poll at No. 10.

The Bears travel to ECSU this week before heading to Tampa, Florida.

Grambling State to host NAIA championships

By Stacy M. Brown

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The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics recently selected Grambling State University to host its 2019 and 2020 football national championships at the historic Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium. The event draws student-athletes, fans and media personnel to host cities, and includes streams on ESPN3 and regional networks throughout the country.

"The Grambling State University campus is synonymous with both football and academic achievement," Jim Carr, NAIA president and CEO, said in a news release. "We are grateful to add a host city

with this incredibly rich legacy to our list of partners."

Formerly held in Daytona Beach, Florida, the mid-December game is expected to generate more than \$1 million in economic impact to North Louisiana, officials said in the release.

"From homecoming to Bayou Classic, our team has proven time and again that we're one of the best at delivering game and fan experiences," said Marc Newman, GSU's vice president for advancement, research, and economic development. "We are working to leverage that reputation to move our university and city ahead, and are excited to have NAIA join us as partners in that effort."

The host opportunities are

a result of the continued work of the Ruston-Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau in partnership with GSU and the City of Grambling to better collaborate with local hotels, transportation providers and businesses to drive growth.

"This selection is a major accomplishment for our area," said Travis Napper, president and CEO of the Ruston-Lincoln CVB. "Each major event adds value for the citizens, businesses and the students who call Lincoln Parish home."

Grambling Mayor Edward Jones said officials couldn't be more excited. "They will get to experience the town and culture that has produced hundreds of football legends," Jones said.



Aysia Hinton's 16 total points in the second and third quarters led the way for Jordan in the win.

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Thoughtful, Stress-Free GIFT GIVING

FAMILY FEATURES

When in need of inspiration during gift-giving season, focusing on thoughtful presents that align with the personalities and interests of your intended recipients can be a surefire way to delight even the hard-to-buy-for friends and family on your list. If you need a little extra help this holiday season, though, these ideas curated by the experts at Macy's can help you hand out on-trend, versatile gifts.

"The holidays are our favorite time of the year," said Durand Guion, group vice president, Macy's Fashion Office. "As the gift destination, we believe in the wonder of giving and are excited to help our shoppers find the perfect gifts. Our fashion directors have highlighted the best selection of fashion, beauty and home with trendy pieces that are not only versatile but also inspiring, whether they're for gifting, dressing or entertaining." Find more thoughtful gift ideas that can make your loved ones smile at macys.com/gifts.



For the Home Decorator

Bring the holiday cheer home this season with cozy throws and decorative pillows that are perfect for gathering around the fireplace. A variety of options are available, including a Basket Weave Faux-Fur Pom Pom Throw, a Snuggle by the Fire Pillow, a Holiday Truck Pillow and a Stand Out Scottie Pillow. Featuring touches of faux fur and velvet, these throws and pillows from the Martha Stewart Collection can add warmth to a room on chilly nights.



For the Beauty Lover

For the woman who is beauty-obsessed, give her a gift of relaxation with the Tony Moly sheet mask set. The set includes 19 masks in total, including pulp sheet masks, layering sheet masks, gel face masks and gel eye masks, and is a perfect reason for a girls' night in. Featuring ingredients such as red wine, which helps tighten and purify skin, and lemon, which helps brighten skin tone and combat hyperpigmentation, among others, there is a mask for nearly every skin need.



For the Luxurious Lounger

This holiday season, you can combine the cozy and glamorous sides of nearly any woman in your life with sparkly slippers from I.N.C. International Concepts. These comfy, round-toe, moccasin-style slippers are faux-fur lined and available in four vibrant colors – Rose Gold Glitter, Black Glitter, Navy Glitter and Silver Glitter – that can put a luxe finish on lounging around during a night in.