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"Wildcats"
Daytona Beach, FL

Coppin State College
"Eagles"
Baltimore, MD

Delaware State University
"Hornets"
Dover, DE

Florida A&M University
"Rattlers"
Tallahassee, FL

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"Pirates"
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"Spartans"
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**North Carolina A&T
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"Aggies"
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University**
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B-CC BASEBALL DEFEATS DSU, 7-4 TO WIN MEAC Championship Delaware State Forces Second Game, But Falls Short Of Title

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (May 2, 2004) -- Bethune-Cookman College got its chance at redemption with a 7-4 victory over Delaware State University in the second of two games Sunday at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex, to claim its sixth consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title in as many years.

The Wildcats dropped a 4-3 decision to Delaware State University earlier in the day. The loss forced another match-up between the two conference rivals.

In game two, Colin Irvine is credited with the win for B-CC while Jimmy Conroy receives the loss for DSU.

The Hornets jumped off to an early start on Bret Underwood's single plating Norris Gordon in the first inning. DSU's Kelly Williams scored on a Justin Wenger single to center field for a 2-0 Hornet lead.

B-CC answered in same inning with a Juan Figueroa sacrifice plating Brad Frick for a 2-1 DSU lead.

In the second inning DSU would pick up the pace with a Gordon single which sent C. J. Acker home for a 3-1 edge. On the next play, Underwood would plate Garrett Weir for a 4-1 DSU advantage.

Still in the second, B-CC would score on a Jon Roberts two run homer which sent Roberto Rodriguez home to make the score 4-3 in favor of DSU.

Defense would prevail until the sixth inning when B-CC's Juan Figueroa doubled to left field scoring Brad Frick to knot the score at four apiece. An error by DSU second baseman Kevin Hill allowed Figueroa to score the Wildcats fifth run of the night giving them a 5-4 lead with three innings remaining.

B-CC continued to rack up runs in the seventh when Carlos Garcia boomed a homerun to left field bringing in Sebastian Boucher and giving B-CC a 7-4 cushion which proved to be the Hornets undoing.

In the first game, Jason Bornstein shouldered the loss for B-CC while Derek Batton recorded the win for Delaware State.

The game turned out to be a defensive battle until the fourth inning when DSU's Gordon slammed a single to left field plating Williams for the Hornets' first run of the afternoon.

DSU would score another run in the fifth off a Weir drive to left center sending Jason Rust home for a 2-0 Hornet lead in the fifth inning.

B-CC would make a showing on the scoreboard in the seventh inning when Bryan Maples' blast to left field plated both Carlos Garcia and Ryan Ghianda to even the score at two all. On the next play, a Luis Turmero single to center would score Bryan Maples for a 3-2 Wildcat lead.

Not to be outdone, the Hornets regrouped in the eighth inning on a throwing error by B-CC's Ryan Ghianda allowing Weir and Acker to score for what would turn out to be the run to keep the Hornets season alive for one more game.

B-CC placed four players on the All-Tournament team in Maples, Frick and Figueroa, and Jon Roberts. Roberts was also named Outstanding Performer for the tournament.

2004 MEAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

April 29 – May 2 * Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Location	Time	Game
Field A	Game #1	#5 Norfolk State def. #4 N.C. A&T, 8-4
Field B	Game #2	#3 Florida A&M def. #6 Coppin State, 7-2
Field A	Game #3	#2 Delaware State def. #7 Md-Eastern Shore, 21-0
Field B	Game #4	#1 Bethune-Cookman def. Norfolk State, 9-0

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Field A	Game #5	Delaware State def. Florida A&M, 12-0
Field B	Game #6	Coppin State def. Md-Eastern Shore, 3-2
Field A	Game #7	N.C. A&T def. Florida A&M, 5-1
Field B	Game #8	Norfolk State def. Coppin State, 7-2

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Field A	Game #9	Bethune-Cookman def. Delaware State, 7-3
Field B	Game #10	N.C. A&T def. Norfolk State, 6-1
Field A	Game #11	Delaware State def. N.C. A&T, 5-1

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Cracker Jack	Game #12	Delaware State def. Bethune-Cookman, 4-3
	Game #13	Bethune-Cookman def. Delaware State, 7-4

2004 Champion: Bethune-Cookman College

2004 Runner Up: Delaware State University

2004 Outstanding Coach: Mervyl Melendez, B-CC

2004 Outstanding Performer: Jon Roberts, B-CC

2004 All-Tournament Team

Garrett Weir, DSU

Austin Love, NCAT

Kelly Williams, DSU

Brandon Gravely, DSU

Bryan Maples, B-CC

A.J. Corbin, NSU

Brad Fricke, B-CC

Jon Roberts, B-CC

Juan Figueroa, B-CC

2004 MEAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

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#1 Bethune-Cookman

BYE

#1 B-CC 9

GAME 4 - 2:00 PM
Thurs., April 29
Field B

#1 B-CC 7

#4 N.C. A&T 4

GAME 1 - 10:00 AM
Thurs., April 29 - Field A

#5 Norfolk State 0

#5 Norfolk State 8

GAME 9 - 1:00 PM
Sat., May 1
Field A

#1 Bethune-Cookman 3

#3 Florida A&M 7

GAME 2 - 10:00 AM
Thurs., April 29 - Field B

#3 Florida A&M 0

#6 Coppin State 2

GAME 5 - 10:00 AM
Fri., April 30
Field A

#2 Delaware State 3

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
GAME 12 - 2:00 PM
Sun., May 2
Cracker Jack Stadium

#2 Delaware State 21

GAME 3 - 2:00 PM
Thurs., April 29 - Field A

#2 Delaware State 12

If winner of Game 9 loses game 12, the two teams
will play a second game for Championship

#7 UMES 0

#4 N.C. A&T 5

Loser of Game 1
GAME 7 - 2:00 PM
Fri., April 30 - Field A

#4 N.C. A&T 6

#2 Delaware State 5
Loser of Game 9

#1 Bethune-Cookman 7

DECIDING GAME
GAME 13 - 4:00 PM
Sun., May 2
Cracker Jack Stadium

Bethune-Cookman
CHAMPION

#3 Florida A&M 1

#5 Norfolk State 7

Loser of Game 4
GAME 8 - 2:00 PM
Fri., April 30 - Field B

GAME 10 - 1:00 PM
Sat., May 1
Field B

GAME 11 - 5:00 PM
Sat., May 1
Field A

#2 Delaware State 4

#6 Coppin State 3

Loser of Game 2
GAME 6 - 10:00 AM
Fri., April 30 - Field B

#5 Norfolk State 1

#4 N.C. A&T 1

#2 Delaware State 4

#7 UMES 2

#6 Coppin State 2