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MEAC ANNOUNCES PRESEASON BASKETBALL HONORS

DSU's Bright and Hampton Pirates Receive Preseason Recognition

RALEIGH, N.C., October 10 - The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) announced its preseason All-MEAC team preseason and basketball predictions Tuesday at the 2007 MEAC Basketball Press Luncheon held at the Sheraton Hotel in Raleigh, NC.

Delaware State University's Roy Bright was selected as the MEAC Preseason Player of the Year while the Hampton University Pirates were picked to finish first in the preseason poll.

A first team All-MEAC selection in 2006-07, Bright averaged 15.3 points and 4.9 rebounds per game. The lone returning starter for the three-time regular season champions, Bright finished sixth in MEAC scoring and free-throw percentage.

Hampton received 13 first place votes and totaled 415 points to garner the league's top position. Under the guidance of second year head coach Kevin Nickleberry, the Pirates finished the 2006-07 season with a 15-16 overall record and a 10-8 MEAC finish.

The Delaware State Hornets were predicted to finish second, also receiving 13 first place votes, with 390 total points. The Hornets finished the 2006-07 season 16-2 in the MEAC and 21-13 overall, and won their third straight regular season title.

Predicted to finish seventh last year, the North Carolina A&T Aggies climbed the poll ranking with a predicted third place finish. Morgan State University was selected to finish fourth while the defending MEAC Champion Florida A&M Rattlers have been slated to finish fifth.

The 2007-08 MEAC Basketball season tips off November 7 when the Morgan State Bears faces the Connecticut Huskies in their season opener. Eight teams will open regular season play Friday, November 9.

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Preseason Predictions and All-MEAC Teams listed below.



2007-08 MEAC Men's Basketball Preseason Prediction

*as voted on by the league's head coaches and sports information director
(First place votes in parenthesis)*

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1.	Hampton (13)	415
2.	Delaware State (13)	390
3.	N.C. A&T State (3)	365
4.	Morgan State (2)	359
5.	Florida A&M (1)	253
6.	Bethune-Cookman	237
7.	South Carolina State	212
8.	Coppin State	204
9.	Norfolk State	159
10.	Howard	106
11.	Maryland E. Shore	38

2007-08 Preseason All-MEAC Team

as voted on by the league's head coaches and sports information director

MEAC Preseason Player of the Year: Roy Bright, Delaware State University

First-Team

Name	School	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
Roy Bright	DSU	F	6-6	225	Sr.	Durham, NC
Steven Rush	NCAT	G	5-11	170	Sr.	Greensboro, NC
Tywain McKee	CSU	G	6-2	182	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Rashad West	HAM	G	6-1	175	Sr.	Raleigh, NC
Tony Murphy	NSU	G	6-4	220	Sr.	Paterson, NJ

Second-Team

Name	School	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
Michael Freeman	HAM	F	6-8	220	So.	Alexandria, Va.
Eugene Myatt	HOW	F	6-5	195	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Matt Pilgrim	HAM	F	6-8	225	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Ed Tyson	UMES	G	6-2	200	Jr.	Baltimore, Md.
Jason Wills	NCAT	F	6-6	208	Sr.	Upper Marlboro, Md.