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MEAC ANNOUNCES 2014 BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

FAMU's Bennie Robinson Named Player of the Year; FAMU's Shouppe Selected as Coach of the Year

NORFOLK, Va., May 13, 2014 – Florida A&M first baseman **Bennie Robinson** was named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Baseball Player of the Year, the conference announced on Wednesday. **Carlos Ortiz** of North Carolina Central was selected Rookie of the Year, while Bethune-Cookman's **Montana Durapau** earned Pitcher of the Year for the second straight time. Florida A&M head coach **Jamey Shouppe** received Coach of the Year accolades.

All awards are voted on by the conference's head baseball coaches and sports information directors.

Robinson leads the Rattlers in batting average (.401), hits (69), runs (38), RBIs (35) and doubles (14). Robinson, who has a .477 on-base percentage, ranked first in the MEAC in hits and second in runs scored. Nationally, Robinson is 20th in batting and 20th in hits. He was selected to MEAC Player of the Week on March 31, and was an All-MEAC Preseason Second Team honoree.

Ortiz finished the season with a .323 batting average on 127 at-bats, with 41 hits, 24 runs, 22 RBIs, and five home runs. He boasted a .392 on-base percentage. Defensively, Ortiz registered 81 putouts and four assists. He was selected the MEAC Rookie of the Week twice.

Durapau appeared in 16 games this season, starting 13. The MEAC Preseason Pitcher of the Year led his team with a 9-1 overall record and 4-0 in conference games only. A four-time MEAC Pitcher of the Week honoree, Durapau ranks first on his team with a 1.30 ERA, innings pitched (83.1), wins, strikeouts (70), and complete games (2). Nationally, Durapau ranks 15th in wins and 16th in ERA. He also was the MEAC Pitcher of the Week four times.

Shouppe earned Coach of the Year honors after leading the Rattlers to a share of the 2014 southern divisional title and a number two seed in the MEAC championship, with a 14-10 MEAC mark.

Joining Robinson (FAMU) and Durapau (BCU) on the first team are Matt McClain (DSU), Kevin Herlihy (SSU), Mike Alexander (DSU), Todd Hagen (SSU), Tyson Simpson (NCCU), DJ Miller (DSU), Aarron Nardone (DSU), Stephen Bull (UMES), Byron Campbell (UMES), and Charles Sikes (SSU).

The 2014 MEAC Baseball Championship tournament gets underway Wednesday, May 14 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Marty L. Miller field in Norfolk, Va. Admission is \$7 per day or \$25 for the four-day tournament. A complete tournament bracket can be found on www.MEACsports.com.

-All-Conference Team Attached-



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2014 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Baseball All-Conference Awards

Player of the Year

Bennie Robinson, Florida A&M

Rookie of the Year

Carlos Ortiz, North Carolina Central

Pitcher of the Year

Montana Durapau, Bethune-Cookman

Coach of the Year

Jamey Shouppe, Florida A&M

First Team

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
P	Montana Durapau	Bethune-Cookman	Sr.	5-10	170	Deltona, Fla.
P	Matt McClain	Delaware State	Sr.	6-2	180	Dover, Del.
RP	Kevin Herlihy	Savannah State	Sr.	6-3	175	Roswell, Ga.
C	Mike Alexander	Delaware State	Sr.	5-10	185	New Castle, Del.
1B	Bennie Robinson	Florida A&M	Sr.	6-3	233	Ocala, Fla.
2B	Todd Hagen	Savannah State	Sr.	5-9	160	Bristol, Ga.
3B	Tyson Simpson	North Carolina Central	Sr.	5-11	205	Burgaw, N.C.
SS	DJ Miller	Delaware State	Sr.	6-0	175	Wilmington, Del.
OF	Aarron Nardone	Delaware State	Sr.	6-0	195	Chesapeake, Va.
OF	Stephen Bull	Maryland Eastern Shore	Sr.	5-7	155	Millsboro, Del.
OF	Byron Campbell	Maryland Eastern Shore	Sr.	5-11	200	Waldorf, Md.
DH	Charles Sikes	Savannah State	Jr.	6-4	215	Hinesville, Ga.

Second Team

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
P	Austin Denney	Savannah State	Jr.	5-11	160	Springfield, Ga.
P	Keith Zuniga	Bethune-Cookman	r-Jr.	6-0	185	Nogales, Ariz.
RP	Devin Hemmerich	Norfolk State	Fr.	6-0	170	Norfolk, Va.
C	Lester Salcedo	North Carolina A&T	Jr.	6-0	195	Wilmington, Calif.
1B	Eric Sams	Bethune-Cookman	Sr.	5-11	195	Apopka, Fla.
2B	Cody Ellis	Norfolk State	Sr.	6-3	185	Timberlake, N.C.
3B	Cameron Cecil	Delaware State	Sr.	5-9	180	Gloucester, Va.
SS	Luke Tandler	North Carolina A&T	Sr.	6-0	195	Wilmington, N.C.
OF	Eros Modena	Bethune-Cookman	Sr.	6-0	202	Miami, Fla.
OF	Marlon Gibbs	Florida A&M	Jr.	5-9	185	Orange Park, Fla.
OF	Carlos Ortiz	North Carolina Central	Fr.	5-9	185	Cleveland, Ohio
DH	Carter Williamson	North Carolina Central	Jr.	5-7	170	Greensboro, N.C.

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