



Black Soccer Coaches Committee

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Excitement Builds for NSCAA Convention



Don Calloway
Missouri State
Representative and
BSCC Guest
Speaker

With the historic Presidential inauguration of Barack Obama fast approaching, it seems fitting that the headline speaker for the NSCAA's Black Soccer Coaches Committee's annual meeting be a bright young politician, newly elected Missouri State Representative, Don Calloway.

Calloway grew up in Missouri's 71st district, a culturally and economically diverse area in St. Louis County. His father, Don Sr., is a Vietnam vet, and mother, Jonell, provided Don with a sense of the importance of public service with 60 years of national service between them.

Calloway attended Alabama A&M, studying political science and government. He also became a varsity baseball player and President of the Student Government Association. Calloway found some unexpected lessons outside the classroom at A&M, a traditionally strong NCAA soccer power. Rooming with Norbert Wembley, a Jamaican player for A&M, Calloway gained a special understanding of how important soccer was culturally to people of color outside the US.



After college, he attended the Boston University School of Law, focusing on constitutional processes, and drafting legislation. He returned to St. Louis following law school where he taught civil procedure review sessions for St. Louis University School of Law students. True to his upbringing, Calloway threw his energy into public service, working pro bono and becoming involved in community outreach provided by his law firms, Thompson Coburn, and later Lathrop & Gage. That commitment to his community laws a major factor in his election win over a field of more experienced campaigners.

Don is an assistant scout master for Troop 44 of the Boy Scouts of America, tutors and mentors for the Matthews Dickey Boys' and Girls' Club, along with being an active member and youth ministry volunteer for the Greater Mt. Carmel M.B. Church.



Calloway on the campaign trail

Melvin Belong and Bethel College Take Men's NAIA Crown in Thriller

Following a tense 90 minutes of regulation play, Bethel (Tenn.) College beat the University of Rio Grande (Ohio) 2-1 seconds into overtime to win the 2008 NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship. Bethel forward Mario Vila Boa, the Tournament MVP chipped a 20-yard shot into the net 15 seconds into extra time.



NAIA Champion
Melvin Belong

Rio Grande's All Tournament forward, Ederson Lopes, put the Red Storm on top in the 59th minute with his 24th goal of the season. Erick Rosas leveled the score 1-1 in the 71st minute on an assist from Joseph Omondi.

"I'm very delighted and happy," said Melvin Belong, Bethel's second year coach. "Our guys worked hard all season and it paid off. All season long we focused on playing with character and not giving up...I believe our character carried us tonight."

Belong, a native of Surinam, was a member of his nation's Under 18 National Player Pool. He came to the States to play collegiately for Oklahoma Wesleyan for two years before transferring to Bethel. Belong played for the Wildcats and earned his BS in Business Administration and Masters in Education.

Belong was an assistant coach at Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky before returning to Bethel as an assistant for the women's program. During his tenure with the Lady Wildcats, they compiled an 86-20-5 record and qualified for the NAIA National Tournament from 2003-2005 with an Elite Eight finish in 2004.

Belong is a dedicated BSCC member committed to coaching education as evidenced by his participation and leadership at this year's BSCC Coaches Symposium in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He holds a NSCAA Advanced Regional Diploma and is heavily involved in player development in his McKenzie, Tennessee community. He lives there with his wife Carol and sons, Melvin Jr. and Melic.



Coach Proves Soccer is More Than a Game

Soccer always meant a great deal to Paul Myers. He discovered a love for the game in the rec and competitive leagues in his hometown of Washington Township, New Jersey. Soccer was key to Paul's developing values, teaching him commitment, hard work and responsibilities. More important, it set the stage for his dedication to teach others lessons about soccer and life.



Coach Paul Myers
and his Camden
Youth Soccer Club

He continued his soccer career in a highly competitive intramural program at Rowan University along with local 3 v 3 tournaments. Paul graduated in the spring of 2008 and began teaching at Cramer Elementary in Camden, NJ. He also coaches at Camden Catholic High and the Camden Youth Soccer Club. In the process, Myers started to work on getting his coaching education, becoming a member of the NSCAA and Black Soccer Coaches Committee, participating in numerous clinics and diploma courses.

Paul Myers is steadfast in his commitment to make a difference as a coach and educator away from the playing field. His greatest reward come from seeing the smiling faces and the development of young players. Paul speaks passionately about "spreading the love and positive experiences" that he had learning the game. Myers stated, "The positive path that was provided to me needs to be passed onto more growing youth players who are excited to learn. I was born in the city of Camden, and I recognized it was an opportunity to give back to the city as a positive male role-model".

Kotler, Football Partnerships Eager to Link up with BSCC



Alex Kotler
CEO
Football Partnerships

The book on Alex Kotler says he's an entrepreneur and marketing specialist with a portfolio including work done with Godiva chocolates, Harley Davidson and McDonalds. However, football, no not the NFL variety is his first love. That led him to his newest venture, Football Partnerships, a business to business network for professionals in soccer.

Football Partnerships serves as a resource for individuals and companies in the soccer industry using a strong online community. It increases the exposure of soccer-related opportunities and facilitates relationships between potential partners through original articles and podcasts related to soccer.

Alex's networking efforts took him to Gauteng, South Africa representing Football Partners at SOCCEREX 2008, a four day event in November. SOCCEREX 2008 brought the global football community together for the purpose of giving participants an opportunity to learn network, and do business.

In addition to the impressive lists of soccer professionals gathered to discuss the business end of the sport, there were other attractions. Legends teams representing Manchester United, Liverpool FC Barcelona and the African Stars featuring John Barnes, Bryan Robson, George Weah and Glenn Hoddle, combined with freestylers and African dancers entertaining the enthusiastic crowd between matches.

Alex is eager to work with BSCC in advance of the 2010 World Cup believing its never too early to build bridges. Football Partnerships gives its members free access to an extensive network of professionals involved in soccer at every level allowing them to promote their interests through the website and newsletter. To become a member, send an email to membership@footballpartnerships.com with your name, contact information and how you are involved in the business of soccer. If you would like to be included in the Football Partnerships directory, send a two sentence description to the Membership department at the above listed email address.

Football Partnerships will host a networking session at the NSCAA Convention following the BSCC General Meeting on Friday, January 16 from 3:00pm-3:45pm in room CC131 (Hollow Square). Space is limited but you can RSVP at akotler@footballpartnerships.com

Dean Gorre: Southampton Coach BSCC Featured Clinician at NSCAA



Dean Gorre, the 2009 NSCAA BSCC featured clinician brings a wealth of professional experience with a long and successful career in the Netherlands and England. Born in Surinam and raised in the Netherlands, Gorre debuted in 1988 for SW and had stops at Ajax Amsterdam, Feyenoord Rotterdam, Huddersfield, Barnsley and Blackpool.

He recently joined Southampton of the English Championship League as top assistant under fellow Dutchman Jan Peeters who hailed his coming. "He shares my passion for good, passing football in the Johan Cruyff tradition and also has a great deal of experience of English football as a player. He will undoubtedly strengthen our coaching team".



Gorre will conduct a field session, **Teaching Good Habits to Develop Professionals** in Exhibit Hall 5 Thursday, January 15 from 8:30 to 9:15 AM. He will also hold a session Thurs. from 4:00 to 5:15PM titled **My Experience as a Black Footballer in Holland and the UK** in Convention Center #260

Editorial

I honestly believed I was done with soccer after 2001 when I officially retired from coaching. Twenty years of long hours away from home, little or no pay, annoying parents and bad kids can do that for you. Five years later, I decided the best way to express my love for the game was to write a historical analysis on black players and their future in America. That book **Black People Don't Play Soccer? Unlocking American Soccer's Secret Weapon** is now a reality after two years of struggle. Joining the BSCC was probably the best choice I made. The key was attending my first two NSCAA Conventions in Indianapolis in 2007 and Baltimore in 2008. Being a writer and not a coach for the first time was a strange experience but the BSCC not only welcomed me, they were an incredible source of support. There was so much to be learned from the Society of Soccer History, Floyd Keith, President of the Black Coaches Association, Dr. Reginald Avery of Coppin State, information on marketing high school and club soccer, not to mention the great field sessions.

There is something of value for coaches at all levels at the NSCAA Convention. Time is running out but you can still attend if you act promptly. Pre-registration is closed but you can register at the convention. Rooms are still available at the Hyatt Regency and can be reserved on the main NSCAA site. The NSCAA has also partnered with Air Tran for a great deal on flights to St. Louis. See You in St. Louis!

Convention Booth Volunteers Needed: The Black Soccer Coaches Committee booth is open in the Exhibition Hall from 7 PM until closing Thursday evening; 9 AM - 5 PM Friday and Saturday. The Booth Committee needs volunteers to lend time so others may attend floor sessions, lectures and meetings of their choice/responsibilities. . If you can spare an hour or two, please check your schedule and send Guy Cornish (guycornish@nscaa.com) your preferred time (s). Thank you

BSCC 2009 NSCAA Convention Events:

Thursday, January 15

8:30 – 9:15A BSCC Floor Session with Dean Gore of Southampton CC – Exhibit Hall 5
1:30 – 2:30P BSCC Leadership Meeting (Closed) R – Benton
7:00 – 10:00P Exhibit Hall Grand Opening CC – Exhibit Halls 3&4

Friday, January 16

9:00a – 5:00P Exhibit Hall Open
1:30 – 3:00P NSCAA BSCC General Meeting CC – 124
5:30 – 6:30P BSCC/Urban Collaborative Reception R – Landmark Ballroom #4

Saturday, January 17

9:00a – 5:00P Exhibit Hall Open
10:00- 11:00A BSCC Leadership Meeting (Closed) R – Benton
CC = Convention Center R = Renaissance Grand H = Hyatt

To get the full Convention Schedule with an individualized schedule printed out go to: www.nscaa.com/convention_schedule.php .

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The Black Coaches Committee was founded in 1996 as an advocate for coaches of color within the NSCAA. The BSCC promotes opportunities to increase participation by people of color in soccer. The BSCC's mission is to identify, educate, develop, promote, and support people of color into leadership positions within the soccer community. BSCC represents nearly 500 members in the US.

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