

Meet The Coaches



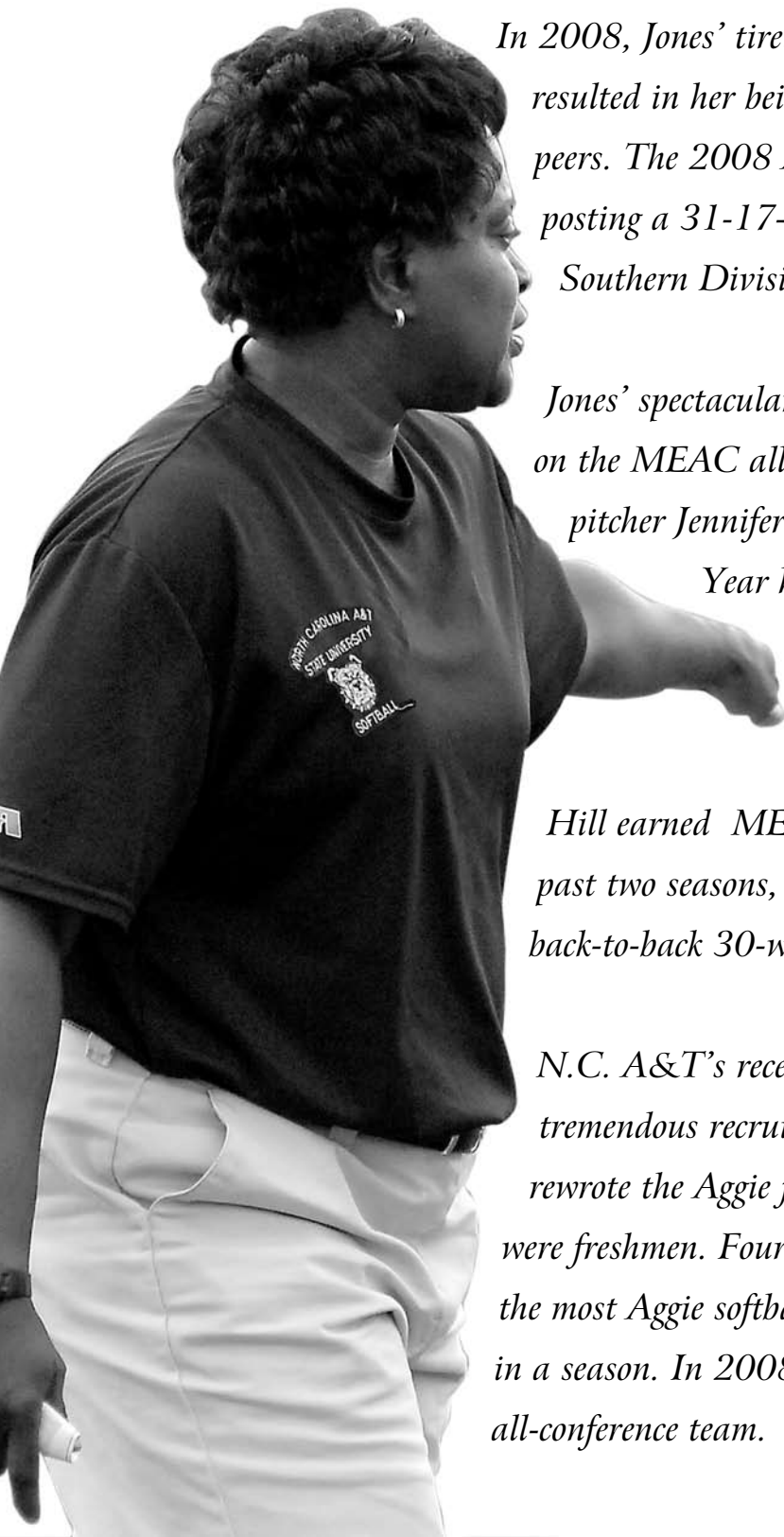
Head Coach Mamie Jones

Mamie Jones enters her 15th season as head coach of the Lady Aggies softball team. Jones has established herself as one of the best coaches in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference since the 1992 season when the program moved to fastpitch.

In 2008, Jones' tireless work with the Aggies softball program resulted in her being voted the MEAC Coach of the Year by her peers. The 2008 Aggies tied the school record for victories by posting a 31-17-1 record. They also tied for the MEAC Southern Division lead at the end of the season.

Jones' spectacular 2008 also included placing three players on the MEAC all-conference first-team. In addition, freshman pitcher Jennifer Luper was awarded the MEAC Rookie of the Year honor after breaking the Aggies single-season record in pitching wins with 20. It marked the second straight year the record was broken. Another promising recruit, Ryanne Hill earned MEAC Rookie of the Week honors once. In the past two seasons, Jones has led the Aggies to the program's first back-to-back 30-win seasons.

N.C. A&T's recent success can be attributed to Jones' tremendous recruiting skills. She put together a 2007 team that rewrote the Aggie fastpitch record books. All the record breakers were freshmen. Four of those freshmen earned All-MEAC honors, the most Aggie softball players recognized for all-conference honors in a season. In 2008, the Aggies again placed four players on the all-conference team.



The Jones File

SEASONS AT N.C. A&T

Entering 15th season.

Hometown: New Bern, NC

EDUCATION

B.S., Health and Physical Education

Masters in Education - Health and Physical Education

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1995-Present - N.C. A&T, Head Coach

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

N.C. A&T, 1976-1980

Jones' impressive freshman class helped the Aggies break team records in doubles, triples, home runs, slugging percentage, runs scored, hits, RBIs and total bases. Individually, star recruit Yahamma White became the first Aggie softball player to lead the nation in a statistical category when she topped the nation in runs scored per game.

White also broke single-season school records in batting average and hits. Fellow freshman Lillian Bullock top single-season records in home runs and RBIs (shared the RBI record with freshman Jessie Larson). Bullock even became the Aggies all-time leading home run hitter in just one season.

Freshman pitcher Sasha Philpot broke the single-season record for pitching wins with 18. Jones' 2007 team also ranked nationally in the top 50 in six different statistical categories, and White, Bullock and Larson ranked in the top 50 in several individual statistical categories. The strong recruiting class also led the program to just its second 30-win season (30-30) and helped the Aggies advance to its first MEAC championship game.

In 2003, Jones led a team with only one senior and three juniors to a 31-27 record, the school's first winning season in fastpitch. The 31 victories shattered the previous record of 23 set in 2000. Jones has coached 14 first-team all-MEAC performers during her career and has had at least one player placed on the All-MEAC first team in five out of the last seven seasons.

Jones has been recognized for having one of the nation's most outstanding academic teams since 2002. Several players have been recognized for being National Fastpitch Coaches Association Scholar Athletes for carrying a grade point average of 3.5 or above. The NFCA also noted that the team's overall GPA is one of the best in NCAA Division I.

Recently, Jones was distinguished as a NFCA Four-Star Master Coach for completing all eight courses of the association's National Fastpitch Coaches College. The awards show the commitment of the coaches to professionalism and the sport of softball.

Jones has a long association with N.C. A&T. She played second base on the 1979 softball team that won the NCAIAW North Carolina Division I Championship. She was also a member of the Lady Aggies basketball team from 1976-80, establishing herself as one of the greatest players to put on a N.C. A&T uniform. Jones was the recipient of the "Aggiette Award" in 1978. She also was named team MVP in 1978 and '79. Also in 1979, she earned the school's Player of the Year award.

Following the 1978-79 season, Jones became the first women's basketball player at N.C. A&T to be named first- team All-MEAC. She ended her basketball career as the program's first career 1,000-point scorer. In 1998 she was inducted into the N.C. A&T Athletic Hall of Fame.

A native of New Bern, NC, Jones received a BS in Health and Physical Education in 1980 and earned her master's degree in Education - Health and Physical Education in 1983. She also spent 11 years with the Greensboro Police Department. Jones received a prestigious honor in September of 2004 when she traveled back to her alma mater New Bern High School to be inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jones is well known for her casual, quiet demeanor. However, she is an intense competitor on the field, and influences her players to be successful in all walks of life. ■

