



“From the Rough” Opens April 25th



An advance screening of the highly anticipated movie, “From the Rough” was held on Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Room at Towson University. After the film a panel discussion was held lead by the film’s executive producer Michael Critelli, Tennessee State University alum and first African American Division I golf Coach Sam Puryear, Kate Schanuel, Head Women’s Golf Coach at Towson State University and former TSU golfer Ariel Dawson.

From the Rough, starring Academy Award nominees Taraji P. Henson and Michael Clarke Duncan and Tom Felton, is the inspirational true story of Catana Starks from historically Black Tennessee State University, who became the first African-American woman ever to coach an all-men’s team at the collegiate level. Through grit and determination, she overcame incredible odds and deep-seated prejudice from all corners to guide a rag-tag group of golfers to an all-time record championship season.

Proceeds from the fundraising event went to benefit First Tee Baltimore’s Girl’s FORE Golf and the Barnes-Harris Scholarship Endowment. Girls FORE Golf is a program developed by the 2013 AAU District Junior Golf Tournament Champion Kendel Abrams to provide access and training to girls interested in learning the game of golf. From the Rough, in theaters beginning April 25.

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The Shoe

Sneakers or tennis shoes signify coolness. They denote an active lifestyle and are the center of an outfit. The yellow Soldier VII, the blue/silver/yellow Nike Air Flightposite, the orange LeBron XI, the Adidas yellow/white Barricade 8, and the Wolfe grey/black/white Nike Air Force Low are considered cool. With the average boy owning 10 pairs and the average girl owning 2 pairs, the tennis shoe industry boasts sales of 350 million pairs annually. While athletes select their shoe for comfort and performance, many wearers select the canvass, rubber, leather or mesh shoes for casual wear and high fashion.



With shoes costing more than \$100 per pair, there is added incentive for shoe companies to make shoes for every sport and every palette. For example, there is the fitness shoe, the training shoe, the cross training shoe, the walking shoe, the basketball shoe, and so on and so on. While Nike and adidas dominate the world market, there are several brands that have attracted a loyal customer base including Under Armour and New Balance. Particular brands retain a prominent place in the history of The Shoe; from the Puma Clyde’s worn by former New York Nicks guard Clyde Frazier to the Nike Air Jordan I, popularized by the great Michael Jordan. The hottest player on the planet, Oklahoma City’s Kevin Durant wears Nike KD VI; Clippers Blake Griffin wears Jordan’s Super.Fly 2, while Indiana forward Paul George wears Air Jordan II or Nike Zoom Soldier VI. But so far the 2014 Shoe is the LeBron XI, followed closely by the KD VI.

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- **2014 AAU Maryland District Track & Field Championship, * Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15**
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