



# Winter Sports

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# The Clinton Chronicle

# clinton high hoops

Info is from the Mike Hughes Sports Report of WKBG Radio:

Basketball: Laurens at Clinton ...

- Boys: Clinton 72 – Laurens 68... Clinton jumped out to a 33-24 lead at the half and led 51-38 at the start of the 4th quarter but Laurens came back outscoring the Red Devils 30-21 in the last 8 minutes and cut the Red Devil down to 2 points under 30 seconds left to play only to see their comeback fall short as the Red Devils took a 72-68 win MJ Henderson scored 21 points to lead the Red Devils and Tushawn Richardson 16... Others scoring for the Red Devils included Kadon Crawford with 6 points, Nyterian Smith 3 and, Keleja Byrd Byrd, Khari Vance, Emarian Jones and Denarian Jones all scored 2 points each... Laurens TyJ Jones game-high 26 and Martinez Shaw scored 19... Others scoring for the Raiders included Tylan Fowler 6 points, KJ Singleton 4, Nick Danciu 4, Travija Austin 3, Mason Aiken 2, Zakarion Simpson 2 and Jaylen Simpson 2.

- Girls: Laurens 31 – Clinton 27... In the girls' game, the Raiders took a 31-27 win but it was close and hard-fought all the way... The game saw both teams turn the ball over numerous times as both teams used a pressing defense however both teams had trouble converting the turnovers into points... Laurens had the early lead but the Red Devils led 24-21 going into the 4th quarter where the Raiders outscored the Red Devils 9-3 with Keyoric Yeargin hitting a couple of clutch free throws with 4 seconds left to seal the deal as Laurens took the 31-27 win... Zoe Young led the Raiders with 10 points while McKenzie Clark led the Red Devils with 9 points... Other Raiders scoring included Yeargin with 8 points, Faith Jackson 7, Ty Jones 3 and Taliyah Bullard 2

- JV Boys: Laurens 36 – Clinton 32... In JV boys' action, Clinton took the early lead but Laurens cut their lead to one 18-17 at the half... The Raiders then outscored the Red Devils 19-14 in the second half to take a 36-32- win over the Red Devils... The Red Devils had their chances in the second half but just could

not get the key shots to fall while the Raiders did... Quintavius Anderson had a game-high 18 points to lead the Raiders in scoring while PJ McGowan led the scoring for the Red Devils with 9 points... Hykieem Burnside 5, CJ Bates 5, Jaden Williams 5, Cari Stephens 3, and Trendon Brown 2...

JV Girls: Clinton 17 – Laurens 15... The night started off with the Clinton JV girls taking a 17-15 win over the Raiders where either team could have won the game... The Raiders actually led 8-7 at the half but the big quarter for the Red Devils was the 3rd where they outscored the Raider 6-3 to lift them to the win... Arianna Reeves and Amirah Hill both scored 5 points to lead the Red Devils while A'Nyah McBeth also scored 5 points to lead the Raiders... Also scoring for the Red Devils Teonna Bailey scored 3 points, Alana Jackson 2 and Halleigh Luke 2... For the Raiders, Gabby Wormley scored 4 points, MaKayden Livingston 2. Destiny Centeno 2 and Nasira Sanders 1

- Boys: Greenwood 57 – Clinton 39... In varsity boy's action, the Eagles took a 57-39 win over the Red Devils handing them their first loss while the Eagles remain undefeated... Clinton actually led 15-13 after one quarter of play but the Eagles rallied and led 29-19 at the half and then continued to pull away as the Red Devils struggled to make offensive play... The Red Devils had only one player scoring in double-digits and that was Devin Swindler who scored 11 points... Tushawan Richardson finished with 8 points, Kylan Calhoun 5, MJ Henderson 3, Denarian Aiken 4, Khari Vance & Khari Vance both scored 3 points while Nyterian Smith & Jalin Massey each scored 2 points...

- Girls: Greenwood 35 – Clinton 23... The Lady Red Devils also fell to the Eagles by a score of 35-23... Ry'Daijia Mars led the Red Devils in scoring with 10 points.

Clinton at Laurens...

- Boys: Clinton 58 – Laurens 47... After winning the first game at Clinton

72-68, the Red Devils were able to claim the County Championship as they took a 58-47 win over the Raiders... Clinton led 13-11 at the end of the first quarter but the Raiders rebounded and led 26-19 at the half... the score was 38-33 Raiders at the end of the third quarter but the Red came out in the fourth quarter and outscored the Raiders 15-9 to take the win... The Raiders missed critical free throws down the stretch that could have made a difference in the game... The Red Devils had 3 player scoring in double-digits as MJ Henderson finished with 18 points (9 in in the fourth quarter), Tushawan Richardson 15 and Keleja Byrd 10... The Raiders were led in scoring by Martineze Shaw's game high 20 points... Also scoring for the Red Devils Devin Swindler scored 8 points, Emarian Jones 6 and Nyterian Smith 1... For the Raiders TyJ Jones scored 9 points, KJ Singleton 7, Tylan Fowler 4, Zee Simpson 4, Nigere Brown 3 and Nick Danciu 1.

- Girls: Clinton 29 – Laurens 23... In varsity girls' action, the Red Devils took a 29-23 win over the Raiders... The game was tied 14-14 at the half but the Red Devils came out in the third quarter and outscored the Raiders 9-2 and then went on to take the win... The Raiders took the first game at Clinton 31-27 so the teams will have to settle for a tie as far as the County Championship is concerned... The Red Devils used their quickness and every time Zoe Young got the ball there were 3 Red Devils around her... Laurens won the first game at Clinton by a score of 31-27 so the neither team can claim the County Championship outright... Brianna Belton led the Red Devils with a game-high 14 points while the Raiders were led by Faith Jackson's 11 points... Others scoring for the Red Devils included Mylayja Thompson with 6 points, McKenzie Clark 4, Saniya White 3, and Zakalia Redd 2... Also putting points on the scoreboard for the Raiders you have Zoe Young with 7, Shaniya Chinn 3 and Ty Jones 2.

- JV Boys: Laurens 35 – Clinton 27... In JV boys' action, the game was close at the half as the Raiders

only led 15-13... Raiders outscored Red Devils 20-14 in second half to take a 5-27 win... The Raiders won 36-32 at Clinton so the JV boys can claim the County Championship... Quintavius Anderson led the Raiders with 14 points while the Red Devils were led by T. Finley's 7 points... for the Raiders Damyyo Watts finished with 9 points, Hykieem Burnside 5, Cari Stephens 3, CJ Bates 3 and Jayden Williams 1... Others scoring for the Red Devils included D. McGowan 5 points, Owen Glenn 3, A. Grant 3, N. Pitts 2, Jaydon Glenn 2 and Angelo Cromer 2.

- JV Girls: Laurens 29 – Clinton 28 in OT... In the first of the 4 games, the Raider and Red Devil JV girls found the game tied 14-14 at half and 24-24 end of regulation... Raiders were able to score 5 points in overtime to Clinton's 4 to take the win... Nasira Sanders and MaKayden Livingston led the Raiders in scoring with 8 points while the Red Devils were led by Amirah Hill's game-high 14 points... Alayah Carter scored 6 points for the Raiders, Da'Lijah Rouse 5 and A'Nyah McBeth 2... Also scoring for the Red Devils Arianna Reeves finished with 6 points, Shy Epps 4 and Halleigh Luke 2... The Red Devils took the first game 17-15 so no outright winner in the County Championship here.

Clinton HS...

- Boys: Greenwood 67 – Clinton 59... In boys' action, the Eagles jumped out to a 21-13 lead after 1 quarter of play and led 40-30 at the half as they went on to take a 67-59 win over the Red Devils... The Red Devils did manage to get within 2 points in the third quarter but just could not get any closer before the Eagles pulled away for the win... The Eagles were led in scoring by CJ Terrell who finished with 26 points and Nathan Moore who had 16... The Red Devils had two players in double-digits as Tushawan Richardson finished with 23 points and Nyterian Smith 11... Also scoring for the Red Devils MJ Henderson had 9 points, Denarian Aiken 7, Zy'Darrion Butler 3 while both Keleja Byrd and Emarian Jones both scored 2 points...

COVER: An example of how sports over-lap: George Cody is honored during a Clinton High School Football game for his Wrestling State Championship. Red Devil grapplers are now in their second season of competition. The Clinton Red Devils wrestling team made quite a showing at the 2023 S.C.H.S.L. State Championships in their first year competing as a team. The team, with only 4 qualifiers place 7th in the state. The tournament was held on February 24th & 25th at the Anderson Civic & Events Center. 160 George Cody (Sr.) Champion & 3AAA Most Outstanding Wrestler Defeated Rashawn Williams, Loris (fall) Defeated Ethan Jones, Hanahan (fall) Finals: Defeated Josh Collins, West Oak 6-4 Season record 40-1 Cody wrestled in the S.C.W.C.A. North - South All Star Match in North Myrtle Beach. - Photo by Fletcher Pruitt Jr.

- Girls: Greenwood 49 – Clinton 21... Now where the Lady Red Devils are concerned, the news is no better as the Eagles led 14-4 after 8 minutes of play and never looked back as they went on to take a 49-21 win over the Red Devils... Mylayja Thompson led the Red Devils in scoring with 10 points...

Clinton HS...

- Girls: Clinton 60 – Hillcrest 25... The Lady Red Devils picked up another win as they rolled to a 60-25 win over the Rams... The Red Devils wasted little time in getting a lead as they led 14-2 at the end of the first quarter and were never really threatened the rest of the way... The Red Devils had two players scoring in double-digits as Mylayja Thompson finished with a game-high 17 points (including four three-point shots) and Brianna Belton close behind with 15 points... Ry'Daijia Mars finished with 9 points, Nah'shia Wright 7, McKenzie Clark 6, Halleigh Luke 3, Saniya White 2 and Arianna Reeves 1.... The Red Devils are now 5-3 on the season

- UPDATED: Boys: Hillcrest 83 – Clinton 50... The news is not as good where the boys are concerned as they fell to the Rams by a score of 83-50... The Rams only led 28-25 at the half but the wheel started coming off the bus in the third quarter where the Rams outscored the Red Devils by 13 points and finished coming off the bus in the fourth quarter where the Rams outscored the Red Devils by 17 points... To be honest, the Red Devils were playing without a couple of their key substitutes so their depth was lim-

ited... Caden Coleman led the Rams with a game-high 26 points and they had two other players scoring in double digits... The Red Devils were led by Tushawan Richardson in scoring who finished with 15 points... Kadon Crawford was also in double-digits with 12 points... Also scoring for the Red Devils Khari Vance finished with 6 points, MJ Henderson 5, Zy Butler 4, Nyterian Smith & Emarian Jones 3 each while Denarian Aiken rounded out the Red Devil scoring with 2 points...

Clinton HS...

- JV Girls: Clinton 33 – Mid-Carolina 25... The Lady Red Devils JV's picked up another win as they took a 33-25 come-from-behind win over the Rebels... the Red Devils trailed by 10 points at the start of the 4th quarter and then stormed back to take the win... Arianna Reeves led the Red Devils with 10 points...

- JV Boys: 52 – Mid-Carolina 18... The news is also good where the JV boys are concerned as they defeated the Rebels 52-18... Clinton raced out to a 22-8 lead at the half by holding the Rebels scoreless in the 2nd quarter and then rolling to the 52-18 win... Jaydon Glenn led the red devils in scoring with 11 points and Angelo Cromer was also in double-digits with 10 points... Also scoring for the Red Devils A. Grant finished with 9 points, D. McGowan & N. Pitts both scored 6 points, Owen Glenn 4 and J. Massey 3... J. Ivey, T. Finley and A. Jones all scored 2 points while D, Butler rounded out the scoring with 1 point...

- varsity basketball games were

anceled and will NOT be rescheduled.

Clinton HS...

- Girls: Clinton 32 – Southside 22... In girls' action, the Red Devils took a 32-22 win... Coach Gardner says his team played well and controlled the game most of the way... Bryanna Belton had a good night for the Red Devils as she scored a game-high 17 points... Mylayja Thompson finished with 6 points while Symiah Floyd, Nah'shia Wright, McKenzie Clark and Zakalia Redd each scored 2 points... Ry'Daijia Mars rounded out the Red Devils scoring with 1 point...

- Boys: Southside 53 – Clinton 35... Coach Glenn reported the team "didn't make plays down the stretch"....

Clinton HS ...

- Girls: Clinton 55 – Newberry 18... The Lady Red Devils came out Friday night hitting on all cylinders as they rolled to a 55-18 win over the Lady Bulldogs... The Red Devils outscored the Bulldogs 16-8 in the first quarter and never looked back... Bryanna Belton led the Red Devils with 22 points and Ry'Daijia Mars was also in double-digits with 13 points... McKenzie Clark finished with 7 points, Nah'shia Wright 6, Zakalia Redd 4 and Saniya White 3...

- Boys: Clinton 61 – Newberry 56... The news is also good for Red Devil fans where the varsity boys are concerned as they took a 61-56 win over the Bulldogs... Clinton led 36-28 at the half and the Bulldogs did outscore them 13-10 in the third quarter but could get no closer... Tushawan Richardson had a game-

Basketball, Boys & Girls

Jan. 19 @ Emerald

Jan. 23 @ Union County

Jan. 30 Woodruff (home)

Feb. 2 @ Chester

Feb. 6 Emerald (home)

Wrestling

Jan. 19 Region IV Duals (home)

Jan. 23 Mid-Carolina (home)

Jan. 24 @ Broome

Jan. 29 All Lakelands Tournament @ Emerald

high 22 points to lead the Red Devils in scoring and both Kadon Crawford & Nyterian Smith were in double-digits as they scored 10 points each... Others putting points on the scoreboard for the Red Devils included MJ Henderson with 5, Zy'Darrion Butler 4, Denarian Aiken 4 and Keleja Byrd 1...

- JV Girls: Clinton 46 – Newberry 17... In the first game of the day last Friday, the Lady Red Devil JV basketball team also took a win as they defeated the Lady Bulldogs 46-17 ... Arianna Reeves scored 25 points for the Red Devils and Emma Patterson 15.

- JV Boys: Clinton 55 – Newberry 42... I can also report to you that the JV boys took a 55-42 win over the Bulldogs thus giving the Red Devils a sweep of the Bulldogs... NyKing Pitts led the Red Devils in scoring with 20 points and Devin Butler had 15 points.

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**Jr.- Bryanna Belton**



**Preseason Region 4 All Region Team**

**Soph.- Mylayja Thompson**



**WRESTLING**

Clinton wrestling defeats Laurens, 40-39,  
(Dec. 14).

Clinton wrestling competes @ Air Force Duals, 2-3 record,  
defeating Greer and Laurens, losing to Byrnes, Boiling  
Springs and Chesnee  
(Dec. 17).

On Dec. 28, the Red Devil wrestling team competed in the  
Yellow Jacket Invitational at TL Hanna High School. The team  
had five wrestlers place at the tournament! Malik Abernathy  
and Henry Curtis both finished 3rd. Sandro Guzman and  
Joseph Carles finished 2nd. Mikevious Byrd finished in 1st  
place and was also named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the  
tournament! Congrats to these student-athletes!

Results from the Dreher Invitational

On January 5 and 6, the wrestling team competed in the  
Dreher Invitational at Dreher High School in Columbia.  
The team finished in 9th place out of 30 teams and had four  
wrestlers finish in the top four. Mikevious Byrd finished  
4th, Joseph Carles and Ares Jones finished 3rd, and Blake  
Greenwood finished 1st. Congratulations to the Red Devils  
and these student-athletes!

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# Red Devil Winter Athletics,

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# presbyterian college hoops



## Education Day at PC men's basketball, The Templeton Center

### Presbyterian Cruises Past Mid-Atlantic Christian

Eleven Presbyterian Blue Hose players scored led by six double-figure scorers as Presbyterian (7-4) cruised past the Mid-Atlantic Christian Mustangs, 118-51, in front of a season-high Education Day crowd of 1,007. Presbyterian's 118 points set the program's Division I era record for most points in a game.

Jamahri Harvey and Jonah Pierce scored 16 points apiece. Harvey was a perfect 6-for-6 shooting from the field including 3-for-3 from beyond the three-point arc. Pierce also grabbed nine rebounds. Kaleb Scott and Marquis Barnett scored 15 points each. Scott was a perfect 7-for-7 from the field while grabbing five rebounds. Barnett grabbed five rebounds with five steals and four assists. Kory Mincy and Carl Parrish each scored 11 points off the bench. Trevon Reddish-Rhone with a strong all-around game with nine points, seven rebounds, and a season-high seven assists. Kobe Stewart scored eight points off the bench while shooting 3-for-5 from the field.

Presbyterian finished the game with a 58-14 advantage on points in the paint and a 55-11 advantage on bench points. For the game, Presbyterian shot 69.8 percent from the field while limiting Mid-Atlantic Christian to 34 percent shooting.

### HOW IT HAPPENED

**FIRST HALF** – Presbyterian scored the game's first six points and never looked back. Scott, Barnett, and Reddish-Rhone connected on early baskets for the Blue Hose. Mid-Atlantic Christian scored five straight points cutting PC's lead to 6-5. Presbyterian went on a 7-0 run behind baskets from Reddish-Rhone, Barnett, and a three-point basket from Samage Teel, who scored eight points and dished out seven assists in the win. MACU connected on a three to get within five points of PC, 13-8. PC scored four straight points pushing their lead to 17-8 with 12:35 on the clock. MACU scored two points cutting PC's lead to 17-10. Then, the Blue Hose blew the game open with a 15-0 run taking a 32-10 lead after a fast break layup from Barnett with 6:42 on the clock. Presbyterian pushed their lead to a first half high of 38 points, 54-16, after a made free throw from Barnett with 30 seconds on the clock. MACU connected on two free throws with three seconds on the clock. Presbyterian led 54-18 at the half.

**SECOND HALF** – At the 15:38 mark, Presbyterian led 68-26 and MACU would not get any closer. Presbyterian's lead ballooned to a game-high 67 points after two free throws from AJ Shaw with 41 seconds left in the game.

### NOTES

· After scoring 118 points, Presbyterian improved

to 12-0 in games that they have scored 100 points in the school's Division I era.

· Shaw, who scored four points, and Henderson Williams, who scored five points, both scored their first points at Presbyterian.

· Presbyterian's 58 points in the paint and 55 bench points are both season-highs.

### Blue Hose Beat Queens after an Impressive 22 Point Comeback

Charlotte, N.C. – The Presbyterian College Blue Hose women's basketball team (7-3) beat the Queens University of Charlotte Royals (4-5), 68-60 on the road, despite being down by 22 points with a minute to go in the first half.

After losing 38-19 at halftime, the Blue Hose came out with a vengeance in the second half, scoring 49 points while holding the Royals to just 22 points in the final two quarters. Mara Neira scored a new season-high of 24 points and came up huge in the beginning of the fourth quarter where she drilled four consecutive three-point shots to put PC ahead 54-49. Natalie Herrin also played a key role in Presbyterian's comeback after recording a new career-high of 12 points with six rebounds and some

## Basketball, Men & Women

Jan. 20 @ Longwood

Jan. 27 @ Radford

Jan. 31 USC Upstate

Feb. 3 @ High Point

Feb. 7 Gardner-Webb

Feb. 10 Radford

Feb. 14 @ UNC Asheville

Feb. 17 Longwood

Feb. 21 @ Winthrop

Feb. 28 @ USC Upstate

March 2 Charleston Southern

March 6-10 Big South Tournament

\*\*Women play same teams on same days only at home when men are away and vice versa.



## Thornwell Charter School and PC women's basketball

strong defense in the clutch.

### COACH SHARP'S THOUGHTS

"Our kids really responded at half-time and made the appropriate adjustments. It comes down to players stepping up. Natalie Herrin and her defense on one of the best guards we will see this year, she had 12 points and her minutes were amazing. I'm so proud of her. She deserves that so much."

### HOW IT HAPPENED

First Quarter – Queens started out the game by scoring the first eight-points before a jumper from Christina Kline ended the Royal's streak. PC picked up another point after a foul on Bryanna Brady, but Queens sent the game to a media timeout with a 12-3 lead. The Royal's took the next six-points before Paige Kindseth swished a two-point bucket to make the score 18-5. Queens ended the first quarter with a score of 24-6.

Second Quarter – Presbyterian scored the first four-points of the second quarter behind buckets from Ashley Carrillo and Neira. After two more points from both sides, followed by a scoreless three minutes, the Royals claimed the last two-points before the media timeout which gave them a 28-12 lead. Queens made the next basket but PC answered with four-points of their own to make the score 30-16. The Royals then went on an eight-point run before Herrin made a three-point jumper to end the first half. After two quarters Queens led by 19 points with a score of 38-19.

Third Quarter – A layup by Brady started off the second half for the Blue Hose. Queens answered with a two-point jumper, but the Blue Hose fought for the next 10 points to bring the Royal's lead down to nine. A three-point play from Queens made the score 43-31, but a pull-up jumper from Herrin followed by a layup from Laney Scoggins made it an

eight-point game with a score of 43-35. Baskets from both sides kept it that way, until Herrin swished a perfect three-point shot to make the score 45-40. Two more points from both teams ended the third quarter with a score of 47-42.

Fourth Quarter – Neira started off the final quarter of play on a hot streak after draining four straight three-point shots to give the Blue Hose their first lead of the game with a score of 54-49. The Royal's took the next four-points before a layup by Kindseth made the score 56-53 with Presbyterian still holding the lead. Both teams exchanged free throws to push the score to 58-55 when a layup from Neira put the Blue Hose up by five with 2:30 to play. Queens took the next five-points to tie the game at 60 points apiece before a layup from Carrillo put PC up by two-points with 1:03 left to go. After Queens committed several fouls, the Blue Hose scored the last six-points of the game to secure a 68-60 victory.

### NOTABLES

- Mara Neira scored a season-high of 24 points after shooting 50% from the field (8-of-16) and from outside the arc (4-of-8).

- Natalie Herrin recorded a new career-high of 12 points and 6 rebounds.

- The team came back and won the game after being down by 22 points (38-16) with 1:02 left in the second quarter.

- Held Queens to 22 points in the second half while scoring 49 points themselves.

- Shot at 57.1% (16-of-28) from the field in the second half.

The Presbyterian College Blue Hose women's basketball team (8-3) took victory over the South Carolina State Bulldogs

(1-11) with a score of 63-52. Three double-figure scorers led PC to their sixth consecutive win. The Blue Hose's six game win streak ties the program's record for most consecutive wins in a season. The last time this happened was during the 2012-13 season.

### COACH SHARP'S THOUGHTS

"SC State played a great game, our team really responded at halftime. Usually our assist total shows you how our offen-



sive end is going. We had three assists at halftime, but had nine in the second half and I think that shows that we came out of the locker room really well."

### NOTABLES

- PC tied the program's record from the 2012-13 season with six consecutive wins.

- Tilda Sjøkvist 18 points, 7-of-13 from the field, 3-of-6 from outside the arc.

- Bryanna Brady 16 points, 6-of-11 from the field, and a perfect 4-4 from the line.

- Mara Neira 15 points, four rebounds, and four steals.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Presbyterian College Blue Hose women's basketball team claimed their second weekly award in a row after Tilda Sjøkvist collected her

first Big South's Offensive Player of the Week accolade.

Sjøkvist played a key role in both of Presbyterian's wins last week. First PC beat UNCW on the road with a score of 64-51. Then, the Blue Hose welcomed Morehead to Clinton, S.C. where PC won 65-59. This was Sjøkvist's fourth and fifth consecutive double-figure scoring games.

Overall, Sjøkvist totaled 44-points and shot 62.5% (15-of-24) from the field

and 50% (6-of-12) from the three-point line. She made 100% (8-of-8) of her free throws and added five steals, seven assists, and three rebounds to her efforts.

In Presbyterian's road win over UNCW, Sjøkvist recorded 18-points (which was her season-high at the time) while shooting

60% (6-of-10) from the field, and 40% (2-of-5) from outside the arc. She went 4-of-4 from the line, and added four assists, two rebounds, and two steals.

In the home win over Morehead State, Sjøkvist recorded a new career-high of 26-points after shooting 64.3% (9-of-14) from the field while shooting 57.1% (4-of-7) from outside the arc. She made all four of her free throw attempts while also tallying three steals, three assists, and a rebound.

Throughout Presbyterian's seven games this season, Sjøkvist has averaged 11.4 points per game which ranks her seventh in the Big South Conference. She is also ranked seventh in the conference for her 2.9 assists per game and sixth for her 1.7 3-PT field goals per game. Sjøkvist has also recorded seven steals and 16 rebounds.

# tennis

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Presbyterian College men's tennis team, who have captured Big South Conference Tournament titles in 2017, 2021, and 2023, were picked to finish second by the league's coaches in the Big South Preseason Poll, as announced on Thursday.

Last season, Presbyterian shared the Big South regular-season title while capturing the program's third Big South Tournament title and earning a bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Blue Hose have reached the Big South Conference Tournament Championship match six times in the program's history while claiming three tournament titles. The Blue Hose are under the guidance of head coach John Collins, who is in his fourth season at PC. Presbyterian returns six letterwinners off last season's team led by senior Javier Matos, a 2023 Second Team All-Big South Singles and Doubles selection, and sophomores Denim Yadav, the 2023 Big South Freshman of the Year, and David Mamalat, who earned Big South Freshman of the Week accolades three times last season. Rounding out the returners are juniors Pedro Cardoso and Loup Alleno and sophomore Austin Skoog. Joining those returning letterwinners are talented newcomers freshmen Marco Foglieni, from Italy, and Evgenios Vasilakis, from Greece. Presbyterian began its 2024 season on the road at perennial NCAA Tournament team the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders Saturday, January 13 at 2 p.m.

## 2024 BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE MEN'S TENNIS PRESEASON POLL

1. Gardner-Webb
2. Presbyterian
3. UNC Asheville
4. Radford
5. Longwood

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Presbyterian College Blue Hose women's tennis team was selected third by the league's coaches in the Big South Preseason Poll, as was announced on Thursday.

The third-place selection marks the highest ever preseason ranking the Blue Hose have earned in their time in the Big South surpassing the fourth-place selection during the 2022 preseason.

"Really excited for our program and our team with this preseason honor." Said Presbyterian head coach Joel Roberts. "We have been building the program for the last few years and it just shows the hard work the girls have put in. They also know we still have to go play the matches and get the wins we need to continue to build our program and exceed expectations."

Charleston Southern received six first-place votes and 36 total points as the Buccaneers were predicted to win the league. UNC Asheville earned five second-place votes with 29 total points. PC earned 22 points and finished third in the preseason poll. Gardner-Webb slid into fourth place with 19 points while Longwood placed fifth (11 points). Radford rounded out the field with nine points in sixth place. In addition to the preseason poll, the Big South has had coaches around the league vote for a preseason player of the year for the first time. Noa Boyd from Charleston Southern is this year's Big South Preseason player of the year after receiving 14 points. Presbyterian's Lucianna Piedra received five points for this award.

The Blue Hose 2024 season began Saturday, January 13 with PC traveling to Charlotte, N.C. for a match against Queens followed by one against Charlotte. Big South play begins March 17 with a home match against Longwood.



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# pc men's wrestling

SPARTANBURG – As the count-down to the 2023-24 season crept to a smaller number, it was announced that Dominic Chavez of the Presbyterian College men's wrestling team qualified for the 10-man list of preseason All-Southern Conference.

A senior hailing from Arlington, Texas, Dominic was spotlighted by the league in the lightweight category after publishing 11 total victories next to a 5-1 SoCon record last time

around.

Rebounding from an early-season injury in the 125-lb. class, the then-junior achieved a 7-3 mark when competing in a dual setting, kick-started by a 21-6 technical fall versus Truett McConnell, a 5-2 decision at Davidson, and a 19-9 MD against the Duke Blue Devils all in December alone.

Dominic nearly capped off his third year at PC with an NCAA

HENLEE HAYNES -- HOFFMAN ESTATES, III. – Keeping up her immaculate tournament record by tallying her third top-two placement of what's already been a solid debut year, Henlee Haynes of the Presbyterian College women's wrestling team put together the highest finish of last Saturday's Midlands Championships for the 13th-ranked Blue Hose squad, ending the evening in 2nd-place across class 170.

One of a quartet that concluded their stay in Chicago as a top-four representative throughout their respective weight class, Haynes' silver stride was the most notable step for a PC unit that accommodated 18 victories spread between 11 entrees. An event that is always held in high regard nationwide, Presbyterian's movement at the 59th annual Midlands bracket involved a 4th-place standing for Alyssa Mahan (123), a 5th-place nod courtesy of Madeline Kubicki (143), and a 6th-place tilt for Cassia Zammit (130).

Each of those grapplers recently finished their very first semester for head coach Brian Vutianitis' program, showcasing the depth that the Blue Hose already harness despite their immense youth.

Men's Wrestling  
 Jan. 19 @ Bellarmine  
 Jan. 21 Queens  
 Jan. 22 Appalachian State  
 Feb. 3 VMI  
 Feb. 9 @ Chattanooga  
 Feb. 11 Gardner-Webb  
 Feb. 18 Campbell  
 Feb. 22 @ The Citadel  
 March 9 SoCon Championships  
 Women's Wrestling  
 Jan. 19 Emory & Henry  
 Jan. 21 @ Emmanuel  
 Feb. 4 @ Frostburg (Md)  
 Feb. 23 NCWWC Southeast Championships  
 March 10 NCCWWC National Championships

season, Chavez downed his opponents from Chattanooga, Campbell, Gardner-Webb, and Bellarmine by a combined clip of 35-8. Based on that strong finish, he was given the number two seed by the SoCon among all 125-pounders where he promptly won his first two matches in the league bracket.

The Texan defeated VMI and Campbell in succession by an added margin of 11-2 with the campaign in the balance, only three points shy of advancing to nationals in the conference title bout opposite Appalachian State.

Championship ticket, having his hand raised in four of his last five regular season meetings on his way to a runner-up standing at the SoCon tournament.

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# pc women's wrestling -- the trailblazer

TRAILS ABLAZE, GLASS CEILINGS SHATTER: PC TAKES DOWN THE FIRST NCAA DI WOMEN'S WRESTLING QUAD DUAL

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING TEAM COMPETED IN THE FIRST TRAILBLAZER DUALS AT CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

BY SAM HAUFF

IOWA CITY, IOWA – You don't know what history sounds like until you hear it with your own two ears – but this wasn't just history, it was HERstory.

The Presbyterian College Blue Hose Women's Wrestling team traveled to the University of Iowa in Iowa City to compete in the first ever NCAA Division I Women's Wrestling Quad. The event, rightly dubbed the "Trailblazer Duals," featured the only NCAA DI schools in the country to offer women's wrestling as a collegiate sport: the Presbyterian College Blue Hose, the Sacred Heart University Pioneers, the Lindenwood University Lions and the host, the University of Iowa Hawkeyes.

"The atmosphere in the Carver-Hawkeye Arena was electric. Every movement warranted some sort of reaction from a crowd filled with excited and enthusiastic wrestling fans," said PC head coach Brian Vutianitis.

History was the sound of a roaring crowd and fans shouting "TWOOO!" History was the sound of fire cannons blasting on the matsides as competitors went to cordially shake hands before they battled for six long, grueling minutes. History was the sound of athletes cheering and high-fiving, harmonizing with the sounds of other athletes weeping and consoling. History was all the sounds that could be heard inside the infamous Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"The arena was bleeding black and gold and gigantic in size," said freshman wrestler Lilly Luttrell. "The moment you walked out there were cameras, spotlights, fog and even pyrotechnics in the works. It was the kind of stuff you see on T.V. for men's wrestling, but only this time it was for the women of this sport."

The Trailblazer Duals also marked another glass-ceiling-breaking moment for women in sport with the largest crowd in history at a women's wrestling event, the attendance totaling at 8,207 spectators.

"Competing in front of 8,207 people is insane to even believe," said freshman wrestler Maddie Kubicki. "It just shows



how much this sport has grown and how women's wrestling is constantly making history in its own way. I have no words for what it was like to be surrounded by thousands of fans watching us make history. All I could do was just take it all in and enjoy this rare experience."

After falling to the No. 8-ranked Hawkeyes (44-1) and the fifth-ranked Sacred Pioneers (26-18), the 13th-ranked Blue Hose picked up their first dual win of the season against 11th-ranked Lindenwood with a closely fought 25-20 victory. This upset in the rankings was highlighted by two back-to-back pins by Kubicki at 155 lbs. and Henlee Haynes at 170 lbs.

According to PC sophomore Paige Wehrmeister, who picked up a pair of wins on Sunday, the event was vaster than square footage and spectator numbers compared to the gymnasiums with "around 8 people in the stands" of some of the dual events from the past season.

Kubicki agreed.

"All eyes were on us," she said. "I'm used to coaches and parents yelling in a gymnasium."

Numbers and hype did not deter the Blue Hose, though. They said the noise is just background static when it comes to what happens between whistles.

"It just felt like wrestling because that's what I did," said freshman Alyssa Mahan, who went 2-1 on the day, picking up a pin and a 13-4 decision win. "The only thing

on my mind was just to go out there, do my thing, score points and wrestle hard through every position."

"When wrestling, I usually don't focus on who's watching me, I just go out there and fight each match with everything I have," said Kubicki.

Vutianitis holds a similar attitude toward coaching as Mahan and Kubicki hold toward competing.

"I wouldn't say coaching in front of a crowd this size is much different than coaching in our home gym, only because I make it my job to separate any emotion of our surroundings from the goals of the event," he said. "I am grateful to have been a part of such a largely attended event but coaching, to me, is very much the same no matter where or what event we are attending."

Any other athlete or coach could easily let the pressure of the overwhelming percentage of attendance wearing an opposing team's colors or cheering in the moments where your face is in the mat get to them, but not PC Women's Wrestling.

"You know going into Carver-Hawkeye that the crowd isn't going to be on your side," said Wehrmeister.

Iowa's team brought the numbers in – of course. A Big 10 school with a men's wrestling team holding 24 national championships and one of the most dedicated fan bases in college wrestling, people are going to want to see how the women's team measures up.

What Iowa brought was big, but what

the Blue Hose brought was equally important.

In the locker room before the team walked out to be greeted by their opponents, there was more media and a crowd much larger than any college women's wrestling team has ever been used to. PC's team quietly lined the chairs of a meeting room in the visitor's locker room, about 50

paces away from the sounds, cameras and lights that would soon strike the athlete's faces.

This was the calm before the storm.

"Don't get it mixed up," Coach Vutianitis said, scanning the room to make eye contact with each of the athletes. "The crowd may be cheering for them, but this moment is for you. Division I Women's Wrestling doesn't exist without you. This moment doesn't exist without you."

He said all of this in reference to the fact Presbyterian College was the first NCAA DI school in the nation to offer a sanctioned varsity women's wrestling team in 2019. Since then, two other schools, Sacred Heart and Iowa, added women's wrestling with Lindenwood moving up from Division II this season.

Those thousands of Hawkeye fans would not exist without a small liberal arts college in Clinton, South Carolina, with one-eighth of the student body of that crowd, adding the sport to its roster five years ago. The investment was history which continues to breed history, each year by tenfold.

The history made this Sunday only exists with PC Women's Wrestling. PC is the past, present and future of Division I women's wrestling, inside and outside of the Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Blue Hose have a lone message: This is only the beginning

## ADIDAS / GAME ONE

Having her hand raised in six consecutive matches to aid the Presbyterian College women's wrestling team to four victories in a row, true freshman Cassia Zammit was selected as the Adidas / Game One PC Student-Athlete of the Week.

Joining fellow newbie Henlee Haynes who received the distinction on November 7, Zammit kept the train rolling during the team's first-ever complete shutout over the weekend against Huntingdon (47-0), defeating her opponent in the 136-lb. class via 70-second pin.

Behind a 4-2 overall record, the Blue Hose find themselves at number 13 in the latest NWCA countrywide rankings. Zammit may just be the hottest of the bunch thanks to her increasing win streak, boosting her individual mark to 7-2 on the young campaign.

A native of Miamisburg, Ohio, Cassia's pin on Saturday landed as the fourth fall of her PC career for a group that has calculated 75 W's since the start of the semester. At present, it's been 30 days and counting since the freshman has taken a loss (going 3-0 inside Templeton Gym).

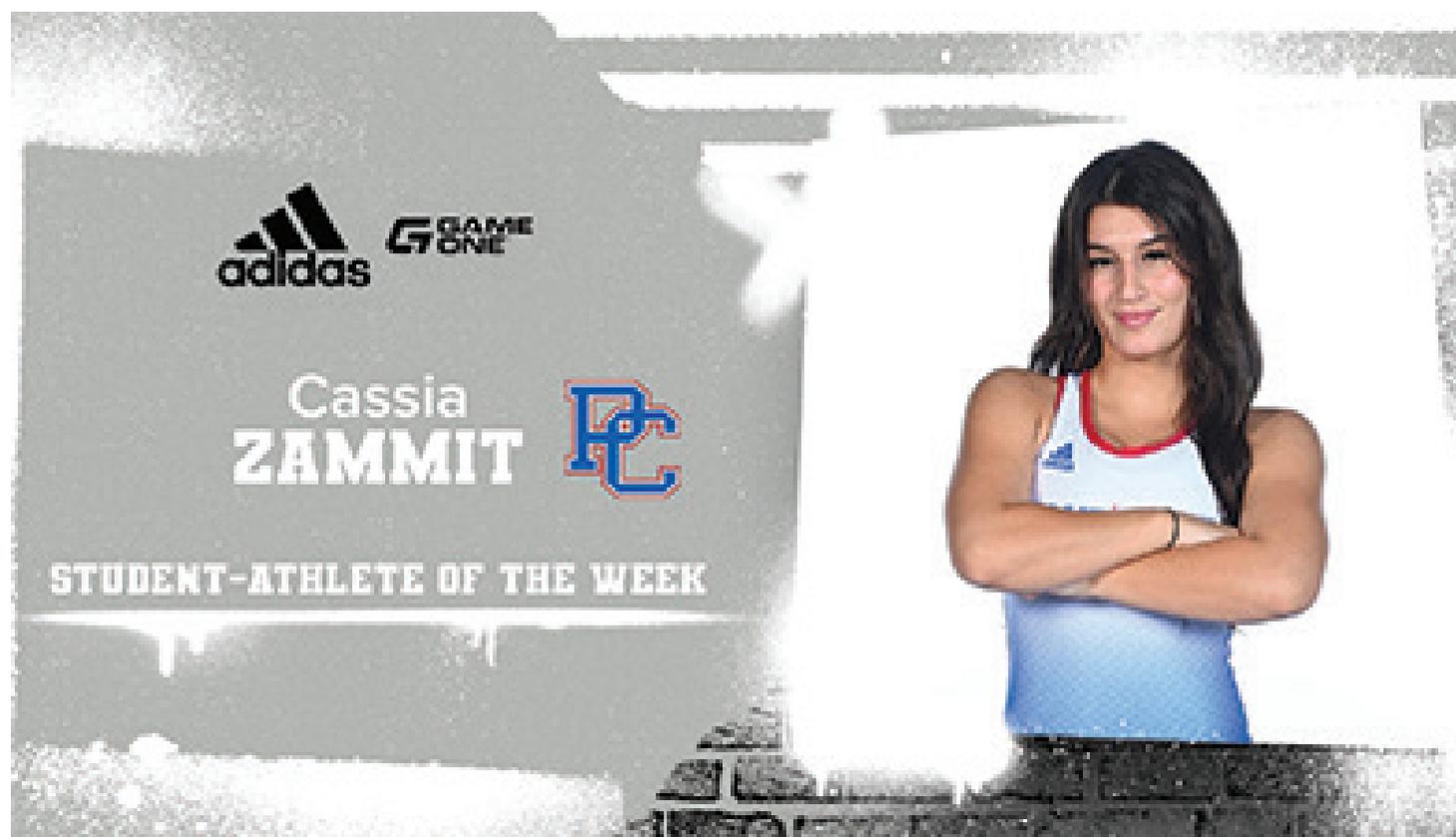
Prior to the one-sided beatdown over the Hawks last weekend, Zammit helped Presby defeat both Bluefield State and Allen by an added difference of 68 points with a forfeit and a 10-0 technical. Currently, she equals Haynes (170) and Chiara Barbieri (101) for the third-highest win count on the roster.

While the majority of PC's slate thus far has occurred in a dual setting, the rest of December will see the squad enter into two tournaments just over two weeks apart. They'll head to Emory & Henry in Virginia for the Wasp Open in three days' time, transitioning to the esteemed Midlands Championships in Chicago on the 30th.

Presbyterian similarly squared off in the Wasp Open 12 months ago and utterly dominated the field on their way to an eventual ninth-place national finish in March, claiming six different wrestlers in the top three of their respective weight class at that specific event in 2022.

The Presbyterian College Athletic Department partnered with Game One on a multi-year apparel agreement last November as an official team dealer for Adidas. The partnership extended the university's alliance with Adidas which began in 2015 to outfit the Blue Hose athletic programs.

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Presbyterian's Adidas / Game One Student-Athlete of the Week

September 11, 2023 – Tyler Wesley, Football

September 18, 2023 – Kasey Battle, Volleyball

September 27, 2023 – Damorney Hutchinson, Men's Soccer

October 3, 2023 - Sophia Del Valle, Volleyball

October 10, 2023 - Lina-Marie Müller,

Women's Soccer

October 16, 2023 - Alex Herriott, Football

October 24, 2023 - Jack Wofford, Men's Golf

October 31, 2023 - Keyli Gomez, Women's Cross Country

November 7, 2023 – Henlee Haynes, Women's Wrestling

November 14, 2023 - Samage Teel, Men's Basketball

November 21, 2023 – Caleb Francis, Football

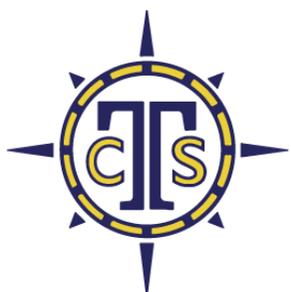
November 28, 2023 – Ashley Carrilo, Women's Basketball

December 4, 2023 – Jonah Pierce, Men's Basketball

December 13, 2023 – Cassia Zammit, Women's Wrestling

January 10, 2024 – Tilda Sjokvist, Women's Basketball

# thornwell hoops



Info from Mike Hughes Sports Report, WLBG Radio: Thornwell Saints

Girls Basketball: PCA 34 – Saints 24...

the Thornwell Saints girls' basketball team traveled to Palmetto Christian Academy in Greenwood to take on the Lions... This time the Lions were able to take down the Saints as they won by a score of 34-24... The Lions roared out to a 17-8 lead after one quarter of play and led 25-8 at the half... The Saints found themselves trailing 34-14 going into the fourth quarter where they tried to come back holding the Lions scoreless in the fourth quarter while they scored 10 points, but it was too little too late... Jessie Pitts led the Saints in scoring with 6 points... All Jeter, Victoria Parker and MyKeiziyia Watts all scored 4 points for the Saints while Karlieigh Porter, Makenzie Godfrey, and Madi Landrith all scored 2 points each.

Thornwell Saints

• The Thornwell Saints hosted the Ware Shoals Hornets... according to MaxPreps in girls' action Ware Shoals took a 53-13 win over the Saints and in boys' action the Hornets won by a score of 72-15...

Thornwell Saints

• Boys: Union Day School 44 – Thornwell 42... The Saints varsity boys' basketball team was in action as they hosted the Union Say School Eagles... The Crusaders jumped out to a 14-6 lead after one quarter but by the start of the fourth quarter the Eagles led 34-30... The Saints tried to come back in the last 8 minutes, but they fell just short as the Eagles took a 44-42 win... Travious Quarles had 15 points to lead the Saints in scoring... Kaevon Washington finished with 9 points, Kemonte Pitts 8, MJ Anderson 6 and Evan Summer 2.

Thornwell 11-28-23

• Clear Dot 75 – Thornwell 33... The Thornwell varsity boys' basketball team hosted Clear Dot Charter out of Columbia in the first game of their season. Clear Dot opened the game scoring 31 points in the first quarter to the Saints 6 and then went on to take the win... The Saints defense improved after that hold-

ing Clear Dot to no more than 20 points the rest of the way... For the Saints both Travious Quarles and Zay Kinard scored 9 points while Kaevon Washington had 7 points, MJ Anderson 5, Evan Summer 3. Thornwell

• Basketball... the very young Saints varsity teams traveled to McCormick to take on the Chiefs. Girls: Chiefs 60 – Saints 3. Boys: Chiefs 76 – Saints 10... The Chiefs jumped out to a 23-3 lead after one quarter of play and then rolled 76-10 holding the Saints scoreless in the last 8 minutes of play... Kaevon Washington scored 8 points for the Saints and Kyshuan Webster scored the other 2 points.

Thornwell... The Saints traveled to Ninety Six to take on the Wildcats last Friday in a change of location on their schedule to take on the Wildcats

Girls: Ninety Six 61 – Thornwell 10... The young Lady Saints found the older and more experienced Lady Wildcats tough to handle as the Wildcats took a 61-10 win over the Saints... Ally Jeter led the Saints with 6 points while Kelyn Spurgeon and Jessi Pitts scored 2 points each.

Boys: Ninety Six 75 – Thornwell 12... The news on the boys' team is about the same as the girls in that the young Saints lost to the Wildcats by a score of 75-12... sorry no scoring details available as I had to get the score from MaxPreps.

Thornwell Charter

Girls: Calhoun Falls 40, TCS 15.  
Boys: Calhoun Falls 89, TCS 10.

Thornwell Charter

Jan. 19 @ Ware Shoals  
Jan. 23 @ McCormick  
Jan. 26 @ Calhoun Falls Charter  
Jan. 29 Niety Six  
Jan. 30 @ Opponent TBA  
Feb. 1 SCSDB  
Feb. 5 @ Whitmire  
Feb. 7 Dixie.

Laurens Academy

Jan. 18 @ Oconee Christian Academy  
Jan. 19 Wardlaw Academy  
Jan. 23 @ Our Lady of the Rosary  
Jan. 26 @ Richard Winn  
Jan. 30 Anderson Christian  
Feb. 2 @ Cambridge Academy

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## BLOG

### USC Union Anglers Win Lake Keowee Fishing Trail

On Saturday, Sept. 30, USC Union Anglers Isaac Greene and Bryson Holderness won the Clemson Bass Fishing Trail "Lake Keowee" event. It was their first collegiate win and only the third tournament of the year.

"We capitalized on our opportunity," said Holderness. "It was truly a special day for us."

Holderness, a freshman from Gilbert, SC, says that the bass fishing team at Union was a perfect fit for him. After graduating from Gilbert High School, where he competed on their bass fishing team, he found that USC Union was an affordable option that allowed him to take online classes and work during the week while doing what he loves on the weekends. "What I enjoy most about the sport of fishing is being in the great outdoors," he said. Though he says it can be challenging to persevere through the up and down results of the sport, this win had made him more confident in himself and Greene as a team. "I am excited to see how we compete against some of the best college anglers in South Carolina and across the US in the spring."

"Our sport is never the same two days in a row," said Greene. "Constant change makes it so anglers are always having to evolve and change as well." On the weekend of the competition, he and Holderness were able to find some good fish on the practice day, but were not able to locate them on the day of the tournament. "We talked and made a simple move and like magic we had our five fish limit in the boat. [Soon] we were culling out (replacing smaller fish with the bigger) and we kept upgrading all day long and ended up being able to pull off the win with 15.9 pounds and a 4.7-pound big fish." Greene is a freshman from Landrum and had competed on the Landrum High School team since he was in 6th grade. "Coach Coone reached out and I was drawn to the team chemistry and the small campus," he said. He is looking forward to competing out of state in the spring season.

"I'm pretty happy with the overall success that we've had so far this season," said Coach Cameron Coone. "I'm proud of Isaac and Bryson for getting the win on Lake Keowee, because it is not an easy place to catch a giant bag of large-mouth." He says that the team is getting to the point in the season where they tend to have a lot of success. "Fish patterns change with the weather and our anglers historically do well during the late fall to winter transition," he said. Coone says that recruiting for the bass fishing team has been going "exceptionally well" as



he has had multiple potential students visit from outside the university's normal recruiting areas. "I am excited with the growth and momentum that we currently have going forward."

### Meet the USC Union Golf Team

USC Union welcomes a new sports team this year with the formation of the Bantam Golf team under Coach Gil Moss. With exciting new facilities and technology these skilled players are practicing hard to compete at the club level in Fall 2024. They played their first scrimmage match against USC Sumter on Oct. 3 at Lakeside Country Club. Meet a few of our USC Union Golf players.

Sophomore Will Childers is excited to be playing golf again after competing on the Union County High School team. "I wanted to learn the sport just to play for future reference," he said. "When I heard about the preparations for a team here, I told Coach Moss I would be his first player." He says that the technology that the team uses to practice, like their indoor golf simulator, provides a great opportunity to practice in a way that he has never experienced before. "I'm looking forward to trying new courses and playing against new folks," he said. "I enjoy the competition."

"This game is 90% mental and 10% physical," said freshman Jaeden Weathers. "So much can go wrong and so little can go right." A graduate of Laurens High

School, where he was the #1 golf player, he says that the furthest his ball has ever traveled is 374 yards, but that having more speed and power makes it harder to be accurate. Between the simulator and his teammates, though, Weathers says he learns a lot. "We're all friends, but there is definitely a lot of friendly competition," he said. "We help each other grow."

Freshman Logan Crawford says he feels confident going into the team's first matches. "We've got some good guys on the team," he said. "My swing has improved a lot." Since he began playing on the team at Ware Shoals High School, where he became the #1 player, Crawford says he has "gotten a lot better than he thought he was going to be."

These players can be found practicing on their new driving course or in their indoor golf simulator at the Laurens location. They are currently using a Garmin, which is placed behind the players when they hit the ball in their indoor simulator. The device connects to an app on the player's phones, where they can then see their total distance, speed, backspin, deviation and much more. In the coming weeks, the team will begin working with a new simulator box, with which they can virtually play over 200 courses and download playback videos to study later.

"We are in the infant stages," said Coach Gil Moss. He currently has seven players on his team, two sophomores who played at Union County High School and 5

freshmen, and he says that they played well at their first scrimmage match. "These are good guys. We are having a great time."

Bantam Soccer Team Wins Record Number of Region Awards

The USC Union men's soccer team brought home a record number of awards this season. Mila Mzamane, a freshman from Johannesburg, South Africa, was recognized as the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 10 Player of the Year and was named an All Region Player (1st team) and Head Coach Marc Curlee was awarded Coach of the Year. Mzamane is the second consecutive Player of the Year

for Bantam Soccer, as sophomore Nico Steinweg was the 2022 winner. An additional four players were named NJCAA Region 10 All Region players – Ben Roder (1st team), Adrian Williams (2nd team), Bryan Garcia (2nd team), and Jay Brunson (2nd team) joining Maximus Moriarty (3rd team, 2022). Goalie Donovan Cobb received an Honorable Mention.

"This really is a team award," said Mzamane. "I couldn't have done it without my coaches and teammates. It feels special to win for my first season." Curlee says that having only a four-loss season and back-to-back Player of the Year awards has been a huge step forward for the program. "The team was very family oriented and disciplined this season," he said. He feels that winning Coach of the Year was a "group effort" and credits the honor to his assistant coaches Benjamin Coffey, Zach Curlee, Zayne Sutton, and Jose Pimental. "All of these guys played for me at some point," he said. "It meant a lot that they came back to help."

Curlee says that next season, he hopes to build on the progress the team has made this year. "We just look for growth from year to year. We usually set the goal of winning one more game than the year before, and we exceeded it," he said. "This shows that the program is heading in the right direction."

# looking at the spring ...

The Presbyterian College Blue Hose acrobatics & tumbling program and head coach Kara Christian announce their 2024 schedule. The schedule is highlighted with four home meets in the Templeton Center.

“We have a competitive schedule this season that will allow our team to showcase their talent and the hard work they have put in during the off-season,” said Christian, who is in her second season at the helm of the Blue Hose acrobatics & tumbling team. “We have emphasized our team culture and growing as a unit and are very excited for this season. As acrobatics & tumbling continues to grow, there are additional opportunities for more divisional competition with new Division I programs. This season we compete against three division I teams that will be in their first season of competition, Iona, Long Island, and Morgan State.”

The season begins with home meets against Limestone on Sunday, February 18, and Talladega College on Sunday, February 25.

PC competes five times in March. The Blue Hose travel to Tennessee to face King on Tuesday, March 5. Then, the Blue Hose travel to New York for road meets against Iona on Sunday, March 10, and Long Island on Thursday, March 14. Presbyterian finishes the month of March with home meets against Morgan State on Friday, March 22 and Bluefield State on Saturday, March 30.

In April, the Blue Hose finish the regular season with a road meet in Florida at Saint Leo on Thursday, April 11.

The season culminates with the NCATA Championships at Fairmont State University, April 25-28.

The Blue Hose return nine letterwinners while welcoming 14 newcomers to the 2024 roster.

The Presbyterian College baseball team announced its 2024 slate which features 29 home games at Elton Pollock Field. The schedule also features five games against teams from the ACC and the SEC along with two matchups against teams from the 2023 NCAA tournament.

“Our 2024 schedule promises to be as challenging as ever.” Said head coach Elton Pollock. “It includes several SEC and ACC midweek opponents, as well as a tough conference schedule. That said, four of our first five weekend series are at home, which will lighten our travel load immensely compared with years past. I am excited about our team this year and look forward to the challenges ahead.”



## FEBRUARY

The 2024 schedule opens with a three-game home series against St. Peter's University from February 16-18.

The Blue Hose will then take their first road test on February 20 when they travel to Clemson University to battle with the Tigers in their first ACC matchup.

Following another three-game home-stand against Canisius, St. Joseph's, and Quinnipiac, PC will travel to Athens, Ga. for their first SEC matchup against the University of Georgia on February 27.

Presbyterian finishes off the month at home with four games against St. Bonaventure from Feb. 29 – Mar. 2.

## MARCH

After Western Michigan visits Clinton on March 5, PC will head to Memphis, TN for three more road games from March 8-10 against Jackson State, Memphis, and Butler.

The Blue Hose then return to S.C. for a game in Charleston on March 12 against the Citadel.

Their last home stretch of the month will be against George Washington University from March 15-17.

Closing out the month with eight more games on the road, PC will once again face Clemson at Fluor Field on March 20 before opening up conference play with a three-game series at Longwood from March 22-24.

A trip to the University of South Carolina will mark the second SEC matchup of the season on March 26.

The Blue Hose close out March with a trip up to North Carolina to battle Gardner-Webb from March 28-30.

## APRIL

In the month of April, after traveling to Atlanta, Ga. to face Georgia Tech, PC will spend a majority of their time at home with games against Radford (April 5-7), Western Carolina University (April 9), Winthrop (April 12-14), and USC Upstate (April 26-28).

Presbyterian also has contests at Wofford (April 16) and High Point (April 19-21).

## MAY

PC will travel to Charleston, S.C. for a trio of games against Charleston Southern from May 3-5, before returning home for a game against Wofford on May 7. The Blue Hose will play against the Citadel in a three-game series, starting in

Clinton on May 10-11 and then moving to Charleston, S.C. for the final game on May 12.

The final road match of the regular season will be on May 14 against Western Carolina followed by the final home series against UNC Asheville from May 16-18.

## POSTSEASON

The 2024 Big South Baseball Tournament will be played at Truist Point in High Point, N.C. The four-team tournament will determine the Big South's automatic bid recipient to the NCAA Championship which will be held Thursday-Saturday, May 22-26.

On the heels of the program's highest Big South Conference efficiency rating last year that came with their first 3-1 start in league play, the Presbyterian College lacrosse team has revealed its upcoming spring schedule, the 17th in school history.

Officially uncovered by head coach Eric Clakeley – who'll ride in his fifth season with the Blue Hose in 2024 – the squad will feature in 16 matches with eight apiece between home and away designations. The slate will begin on February 10 at Bailey Memorial Stadium for a showdown with Stetson.

“We're very excited about our team's capabilities this season”, remarked Clakeley with just under two months until showtime. “Being able to play non-conference games in Georgia and New Hampshire is a very cool opportunity for some of our students to play close to home, and we feel that there's a really solid blend of home and away meetings that will help this team get stronger in a

hurry”.

Four of the team's first six encounters will be held from Clinton, with the aforementioned contest against the Hatters landing as the first time that PC will open up a season on their home base since 2020 (Clakeley's debut year with the university).

From there, the Blue Hose will hit the road for a pair in a nine-day stretch. They'll move to Kennesaw State on Feb. 15 for matchup number two before battling Xavier on the 24th for the second consecutive campaign, although this time in Ohio.

Returning to Bailey for three in a row – a sequence that didn't take place last spring – Presbyterian will welcome UMass Lowell, Akron, and Rider in an ultra-busy week with that entire trio taking place over a five-day window.

The pay-off for PC's home-heavy opening will result in a three-match period as the visitors, making a long trip upward to face Southern New Hampshire on March 16. Three days later, Central Connecticut will host coach Clakeley's unit, segueing into the Big South opener versus reigning conference champion Mercer on the 27th in Macon.

From that point, every remaining duel will occur in league territory. Both Longwood and Furman will enter Bailey Stadium on March 30 and April 6 before the Blue Hose head to High Point on the 10th to reach the halfway tab of the eight-game divisional layout.

Split evenly among home and road settings for the final four regular season dates, PC will take an April 13 trip to Gardner-Webb ahead of their last two clashes from Clinton against Radford (Apr. 20) and Winthrop (Apr. 24).

The '24 finale, while not held at home, will instead come to fruition just down the road in Spartanburg for an April 27 rivalry renewal with Wofford. Closing the slate against the Terriers, Presby saw the opposite end of the spectrum last time out by kicking off the conference schedule against that same club in a 12-8 victory.

Should PC end the year as one of the top four teams in the Big South standings, they'll earn a ticket to the conference tournament beginning on May 3. The Blue Hose assembled a final record of 6-11 in 2023, with five of those W's taking place whenever the team played the visiting role.

The 2023 Big South Conference Tournament and Co-Regular Season

Champion Presbyterian College men's tennis program and head coach John Collins release their 2024 spring schedule.

"Our guys worked incredibly hard all fall and now we are excited to shift our focus to our spring campaign," said Collins, who is in his fourth season as PC's head coach. "We have set a standard these last few years of playing a nationally and regionally competitive schedule that allows us to finish in the top 10 of the Carolina Region and be at the top of the Big South Conference and we look forward to keeping that standard."

The Blue Hose begin the dual match season with road matches against perennial NCAA Tournament teams at Middle Tennessee (January 13) and Georgia Tech (January 19). The Blue Hose begin a five-match homestand at the Templeton Tennis Courts against Lander on January 26 and a doubleheader against Belmont Abbey on January 27.

The month of February begins with home matches against Limestone (February 3) and Queens (February 4). Presbyterian finishes the month with road matches in Tennessee against Chattanooga (February 24) and Tennessee Tech (February 25).

Presbyterian begins the month of March with a rematch of the 2023 Big South Tournament Championship match with a road contest at Gardner-Webb on March 2. Then, Presbyterian plays five straight home matches against South Carolina State (March 3), Samford (March 7), Elon (March 10), and Big South Conference foes Longwood (March 17) and Radford (March 23). PC travels to Charlotte, North Carolina to play Charlotte (March 29) and Rice (March 30).

In April, Presbyterian plays former Big South Conference opponent Campbell on the road on April 6. The Blue Hose finish Big South Conference play with a home match against UNC Asheville on April 11. A road match at William & Mary (April 13) concludes the regular season. The four-team Big South Conference Tournament will take place at Marion Diehl Park in Charlotte, N.C., April 20-21.

Presbyterian College softball head coach David Williams (upper right) has uncovered the full regular season layout for the program's 17th season at the Division I level and his incoming sixth go-around.

Comprised of 53 matchups – 26 of which will be held at the recently-renovated PC Softball Complex – Presby's '24 slate includes a 10-game home sequence right out of the starting blocks and an additional eight-game stretch of home-only meetings in the thick of Big South Conference play through April.

"We look forward to the 2024 season with great expectations," commented Williams upon becoming PC's winningest



coach in the D-I era last spring at 103 victories and counting. "We have enjoyed on-the-field success the last few years and look to continue that in the immediate future with hopes of bringing a conference championship to Clinton."

#### FEBRUARY

Two strings of five-game weekends will begin PC's journey (all set from their home turf), tossing the season's first pitch on February 9 at 2:30 versus Tennessee Tech. Presbyterian takes on TTU twice in that three-day span as well as Norfolk State, with a Feb. 10 date against Alabama A&M sandwiched in between.

The following weekend sees the same blueprint only with different opponents, battling Morehead State and Youngstown State twice each along with a one-off against Valparaiso from February 16-18.

Queens will be the first school to tussle with the Blue Hose outside of South Carolina, hosting coach Williams' squad for a February 21 doubleheader that leads into a four-game Georgia Southern tournament (also involving Purdue Fort Wayne)

that weekend.

#### MARCH

PC will close the month by welcoming Wofford on the 28th, beginning a five-game home-stand that bleeds into March. Both Drexel and Albany will make the Palmetto trip for a quartet of meetings on the 1st and 2nd, finishing a sequence of 15 out of 21 games to be held on the group's home base.

A visit to the Sunshine State will await thereafter, headed to Jacksonville to face the Dolphins but not before back-to-back DH's on the 8th and 9th versus reigning MAAC Tournament champion Marist and Tarleton State.

The final foe before Big South competition gets underway, Western Carolina will be the destination to close

PC's seven-contest spurt away from home, enacting a doubleheader in Cullowhee on March 12.

Williams' unit will have home field advantage for the '24 league opener in a three-game series with Winthrop, making a quick excursion to Furman for another non-conference DH on March 20.

Presbyterian will continue to dip in and out of Big South affairs, returning to divisional action near the end of the month in an expedition to Longwood.

#### APRIL + POSTSEASON

Starting on April 3, the Blue Hose will find their second-longest home streak of the calendar but at a price of being forced to remain the visitor for the final nine regular season dates. They'll host South Carolina State for a Clinton two-parter before staying put for the next six against Charleston Southern and USC Upstate.

The last duals to be held outside of the conference umbrella, PC will face off with ACC stalwart NC State on April 20 and 21. From there, they'll wrap up the spring shift with consecutive weekend series at

Gardner-Webb and Radford.

May 9-11 are the dates set in stone for the Big South Tournament, a four-team bracket that will take place in nearby Rock Hill. Presby will look to return to the post-season after winning 36 games and making the league semifinals in 2021, putting together a 25-22 overall mark a year ago.

The Presbyterian College Blue Hose women's tennis program and head coach Joel Roberts release their 2024 spring schedule. The Blue Hose will compete in 11 home matches at Templeton this spring.

"Really excited for the spring season." Said Presbyterian coach Joel Roberts. "We have a great schedule this year and I am very excited to see how the season develops. The girls worked extremely hard all fall and they know we have to be ready to go right when we get back to school for our first match against queens"

The Blue Hose open their spring slate on January 13 as they travel to Charlotte, N.C. to battle Queens with a 12 p.m. first serve. The opening weekend wraps up the next day with a match against Charlotte.

PC will make the trip to Columbia, S.C. on January 21 for a match against the South Carolina Gamecocks before opening their home slate on the 25th with a 2 p.m. start against Lander.

The month of February begins with two matches on the road starting on Feb. 2 against Coastal Carolina with a 1 p.m. first serve followed by another 1 p.m. start against UNC Wilmington the next day.

Four of the next five games will take place here in Clinton against Belmont Abbey (Feb. 9), North Greenville (Feb. 10), Tennessee State (Feb. 18), and the College of Charleston (Feb. 21). The only road match in this stretch is set for a 10 a.m. first serve in Spartanburg against the Wofford Terriers on Feb. 17.

The Blue Hose will close out the month with a pair of road matches in Georgia. First, against Georgia State on Feb. 24 followed by a trip to Kennesaw State at 1 p.m. the following day.

PC will stay in Clinton for the entirety of the month of March with five straight home matches against UNCG (March 9), Quinnipiac (March 14), Longwood (March 17), Gardner-Webb (March 20), and Chattanooga (March 29).

PC's final home match of the regular season is set for April 3 against Charleston Southern with a first serve at 1 p.m.

Presbyterian will play on the road against UNC Asheville on April 10 followed by their final match of the regular season against Radford on April 13.

The 2024 Big South Conference Tournament will feature the top four teams in the league and is set to take place at Marion Diehl Park in Charlotte, N.C. on April 19 and 20.

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| CANISIUS<br>FEB. 23         | JACKSON STATE<br>MAR. 8             | LONGWOOD<br>MAR. 22-24          | WINTHROP<br>APRIL 12-14     | THE CITADEL<br>MAY 10-11       |                                   |
| SAINT JOSEPH'S<br>FEB. 24   | MEMPHIS<br>MAR. 9                   | SOUTH CAROLINA<br>MAR. 26       | WOFFORD<br>APRIL 16         | THE CITADEL<br>MAY 12          |                                   |
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| GEORGIA<br>FEB. 27          | THE CITADEL<br>MAR. 12              | GEORGIA<br>APRIL 2              | USC UPSTATE<br>APRIL 26-28  | UNC ASHEVILLE<br>MAY 16-18     |                                   |

“Our 2024 schedule promises to be as challenging as ever. It includes several SEC and ACC midweek opponents, as well as a tough conference schedule. That said, four of our first five weekend series are at home, which will lighten our travel load immensely compared with years past. I am excited about our team this year and look forward to the challenges ahead.”

-- Elton Pollock

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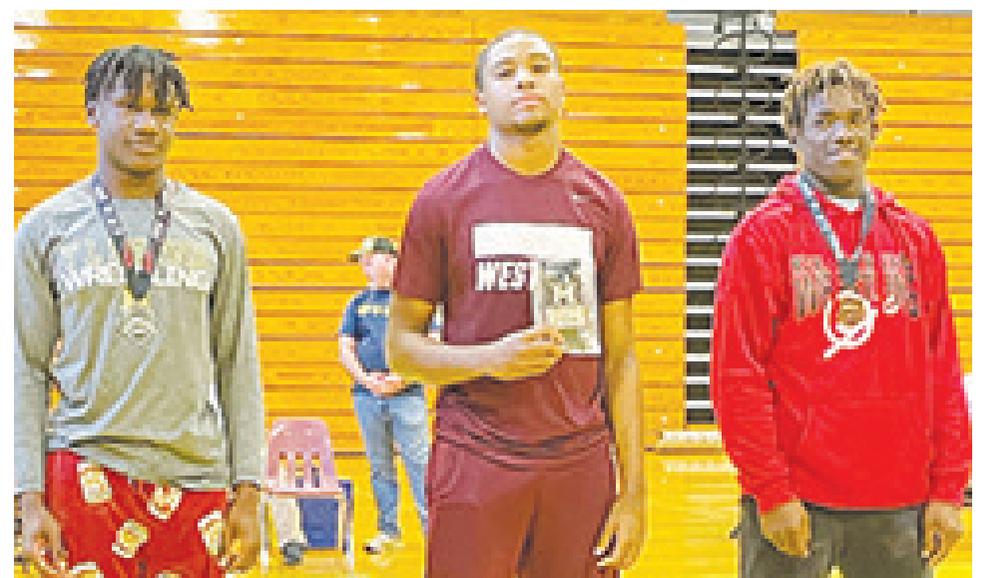
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# chs wrestling pictures

Yellow Jacket Invitational @ TL Hanna



# player of the week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Presbyterian College Blue Hose women's basketball team claimed their fourth Big South weekly award of the season after sixth year center Bryanna Brady's performance against Columbia College. Brady was named Big South Co-Player of the Week which is the third weekly award she has earned in her career and the second this season.

#### LAST WEEK'S PERFORMANCE

Last week, the Presbyterian Blue Hose beat the Columbia College Koalas 62-53 on Sunday, December 31. Brady scored a new season-high of 27 points while shooting 73.3% (11-of-15) from the field. She also shot 62.5% (5-of-8) from the free throw line and dished out two assists. Defensively, Brady helped the team hold the Koalas to no points for almost 11 minutes in the second half. She added four rebounds and a block to her efforts.

#### ON THE SEASON

Throughout Presbyterian's 15 non-conference games this season, Brady has led the team with an average of 12.7 ppg while shooting at 55.9% (71-of-127) from the field and 75.4% (49-of-65) from the line. Both her points per game and free throw percentage rank her sixth in the Big South Conference. Brady is also ranked sixth in the conference for her 0.6 blocked shots per game and eighth in the conference for her 2.0 offensive rebounds per game.

#### Men's Soccer Coach Nick Finotti Named Technical Advisor for South Region U.S. Youth Soccer's ODP

Presbyterian College Blue Hose head men's soccer coach Nick Finotti has been named the technical advisor for the South Region for the Boys' United Soccer Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (ODP). Finotti has served as a head coach in the South Region U.S. ODP program since 2009.

The Olympic Development Program has a core purpose of identifying and providing opportunities for high-potential players, facilitating their development, and exposing them to the next level of their chosen pathway. Led by US Youth Soccer and its Sport Development team, ODP boasts top-tier coaches from throughout the United States. Its alumni coaches include recently-named US Women's National Team head coach Emma Hayes.

Finotti just completed his first season at the helm of the Blue Hose men's soccer program. This past season, he coached a Blue Hose team that had three First Team All-Big South selections, as well as players named Big South Newcomer of the Year and Freshman of the Year. This past season, Presbyterian set a program Division I record scoring record with eight goals in PC's season-opening win over Southern Wesleyan.

Before becoming Presbyterian's head coach, he spent four years as an assistant coach at Wofford. During his time at Wofford, Finotti helped recruit and coach two players who were named Southern Conference Freshman of the Year, ten All-Southern Conference selections, and 11 Southern Conference All-Freshman team selections.

Before joining the Wofford coaching staff, he spent 15 years (2005-19) as the co-director of the boys' ECNL program at the Carolina Elite Soccer Academy. While at CESA, he was head coach of three teams and coached over 200 players who would play college soccer and eleven players who went on to play professional soccer. He led teams to four USYS Premier League Championships and 16 South Carolina state championships.

From 2002-07, he spent five seasons as head coach at Northwestern and Greenville High Schools. He won 118 games, and five region championships while making two appearances in the state championship game. He earned South Carolina Coach of the Year honors twice and was a five-time Region Coach of the Year selection.

Finotti began his coaching career with three seasons as an assistant coach at Lander University from 2000-02. During his time at Lander, he coached two All-Americans and helped guide the team to the 2001 National Quarterfinals.

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# laurens raiders

The Laurens District High School Raiders boys basketball team recently held their second annual Tip-Off Dinner and Green Jacket Ceremony at The Ballroom Weddings and Events venue.

LDHS head coach Armond P. Flood started the event with the goal of raising funds for the team's needs and an opportunity to inspire his athletes to learn how to act and dress for success.

Members of the team officially started the program with Tylan Fowler giving a brief welcome. Mason Aiken then shared the purpose of the event. Zakarion Simpson led

the blessing, followed by the LDHS National Honor Society beginning food service.

Former Raiders head basketball coach Mark Freeze was the featured speaker. Coach Freeze served LCSD 55 for 25 years in various roles, including basketball coach, football coach, and Athletic Director. He retired in 2018 after 40 years in education. He was inducted into the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2021. He was honored as Region Coach of the Year 11 times and South Carolina Basketball Officials Association Coach of the Year twice.

After Coach Freeze's speech, Coach Flood shared his goals and vision for his team. "We want to improve and take another step in the right direction. Focus on the three Cs- Community, Classroom, and Court. Become better sons at home and in the community, become better students in the classroom and play exciting basketball, give the City of Laurens something to be proud of," shared Flood.

During the Green Jacket Ceremony, each member of the team walked down the red carpet to the stage. Zakarion Simpson, Travija Austin, Mason Aiken, Martinez Shaw, Tylan Fowler, E'myus Young, Jaylan Simpson, Nick Danciu, Keilund Singleton, BJ Byrd, Narius Jones, Nigere Brown, and Tyon Bailey were each presented with green jackets.

Superintendent Dr. Ameca Thomas shared her excitement about this new yearly tradition. "It was such a blessing to gather in celebration of the Raiders Boys' Tip-Off Dinner and Green Jacket Ceremony. This wonderful event honors our exceptional athletes and their dedication to excellence. This event marks the beginning of a remarkable season and serves as a testament to the teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship that our student-athletes embody. I am grateful for the community coming together to uplift and cheer for our talented Raiders, as they embark on a journey filled with passion, grit, and boundless potential. I hope this event will inspire us all to strive for greatness both on and off the court. Thank you to Coach Armond Flood, the assistant coaches, administrators, parents, sponsors, and all who helped to make this event a success." -golarens.com



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Congratulations to Strom Thurmond High School volleyball coach Heather Webb on her recent coaching performance during the 2023 North-South All-Star Volleyball matches held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at Brookland-Cayce High School.

Coach Webb, who is in her 11th year as a head volleyball coach, began her career at Butler High School in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she spent her first five years. Coach Webb moved on to Dreher High School in Columbia, South Carolina, over the next five years before taking the reins at Strom Thurmond High School where she now leads the Lady Rebels.

She has guided her volleyball programs to the playoffs in ten of her eleven seasons, securing two region champion-



ships and earning Region Coach of the Year honors along the way.

A native of Clinton, South Carolina, she excelled in volleyball, basketball, and softball at Clinton High School. Following her college volleyball career at Newberry College, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education.

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# a look ahead -- football signees

The Presbyterian College football team's offensive core just gained six more bodies for the 2024 campaign next fall, as the program welcomed a host of new faces for the December Signing Day period last Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

Of the new commitments to announce their signing to the Blue Hose early, five of them hail from the state of Florida and all hold a position on the offensive end of the field (three running backs, two offensive linemen, and a wide receiver).

Head coach Steve Englehart completed his second campaign in Clinton over this past semester, improving the squad to a three-win jump from the prior year by finishing at 4-7. Presbyterian achieved a massive non-conference victory over Wofford (Sept. 16) which went down as the Pioneer Football League's first-ever win over a SoCon member in dramatic fashion.

The Blue Hose would go on to post their first two W's against PFL opponents since the university jumped ship to the non-scholarship division in '21, defeating Dayton in Ohio thanks to some overtime heroics and later besting Morehead State 31-27 in the fall finale from Bailey Memorial Stadium.

Of course, this week's signees won't be the only commitments to sign the dotted line over the offseason, as more will join in two months during the February period.

All six recent additions are listed below, compiled in alphabetical order by last name.

Quory Ambrose  
6'1" | 285 | OL

Orange Park, Fla. / Oakleaf High School

Selected as a two-time All-

Conference honoree while competing at the prep level with the OHS Knights, going on to add an All-State plaudit in Florida as a senior...Excelled not only on the field, but in the classroom as well by being included on the Academic All-District team twice...Signed the dotted line for the Blue Hose because "this is where I felt like I could grow and create change, and build a culture that will win and achieve success"...Intends to major in Health Science once enrolled in classes at PC...Son of Daphael Ambrose and Quortney Pringle.

Jameel Carter  
6'3" | 298 | OL

Homestead, Fla. / Homestead Senior High School

Was another All-Sunshine State selection underneath the Homestead Broncos' umbrella, part of a squad that amassed a double-digit win count for three straight seasons while claiming 24 W's in the past two years...Reached the Semifinal round of the Florida Playoffs as a senior, while also being a part of the school's Honor Roll...Chose Presbyterian "to become a member of the Blue Hose family and help the football program reach new heights"...Plans to take on a Business major once arriving on campus...Son of Shanika Montgomery.

Denim Edwards  
5'7" | 185 | RB

Miami, Fla. / Christopher Columbus High School

United States Naval Academy  
Spent his freshman campaign with the Midshipmen after posting a lights-out high school career at CCHS in South Beach, a four-time

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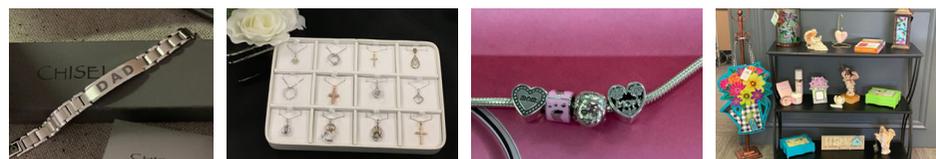
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# a look ahead

All-Conference recipient and two-time State Champion...Won his final six contests as a prep senior to polish off a 14-1 title-winning campaign for the Explorers, capturing the crown in overtime... Grabbed a similarly-dramatic State Championship three years earlier as a freshman, ending the season on a seven-game winning streak...Eyes a major in Business after heading to Clinton from Annapolis.

Jamari Haynes  
5'10" | 160 | WR

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Plantation High School

Competed alongside the Colonels of PHS where the squad would find its deepest postseason run during his sophomore stint in 2021 (going 9-3)...Plans to major in Business after committing to coach Englehart's program.



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| <p>Marlon Leslie<br/>6'1"   210   RB<br/>Pleasantville, N.J.<br/>/ Pleasantville High</p> | <p>School<br/>Landed a spot on the All-Conference First Team lineup on three separate occasions</p> | <p>after leading the PHS Greyhounds to 15 victories over his upper-classman years... Is a member of the</p> |
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school's National Honor Society while also spending his athletic duties with the Track & Field program...Chose Englehart's club because "I feel as though PC has the best platform for me to be successful in life, both athletically and academically"...Will major in Business Management while in Clinton...Son of Marlon Leslie, Sr. and Takia Manning.

Antonio Wright  
5'10" | 170 | RB

Melbourne, Fla. / Melbourne High School

Gannon University

Will transfer to Presbyterian as a redshirt-junior after spending the first half of his collegiate stretch at Gannon...Part of a roster that assembled an eight-win season in 2022, going for a total of 1,247 rushing yards (223 carries) thus far at the college stage...Secured eight touchdowns while at Gannon...Will engage in a Criminal Justice major as he makes the transition to the Blue Hose.

**More recruiting information is at: [gobluehose.com](http://gobluehose.com)**

# CHS hoops

Clinton HS

Basketball... The Clinton varsity basketball teams started their participation in the Carolina Invitational in the Charleston area Thursday and ending on Saturday...

Thursday Results

Girls: Wolves 41 – Red Devils 30... The Lady Red Devils fell to the Worthington Kilbourne Wolves out of Columbus Ohio by a score of 41-30 Thursday afternoon... The Red Devils had trouble getting their offense going as they were held to single digit scor-

ing in each quarter except the second... There the Red Devils found themselves down by more than 10 points early in the quarter but did fight back to make the score 23-17 at the half but just could not get any closer... Bryanna Belton was the only Red Devil scoring in double digits as she finished with 13 points... The only other person that I know scored for the Red Devils was Mylayja Thompson who finished with 8 points... The Red Devils are now 7-4 on the season.

Boys: Red Devils 54 – Storm 49... The news is better for Red Devil fans where the boys' team is concerned as they took a 54-49 win over the Willow Spring Storm out of the Raleigh area... It was a hard fought game throughout that saw the teams tied 21-21 at the half... The Red Devils managed to score 2 more points that the Storm in the third quarter and outscored the Storm by 3 points in the fourth quarter to take the win... The Red Devils had 3 players scoring in double-digits as Keleja Byrd finished with 13 points, Kadon Crawford 11 and Tushawan Richardson 10... Also scoring for the Red

Devils MJ Henderson finished with 6 points as did Nyterian Smith... Zy Butler finished with 4 points, Emarian Jones 2 and J. Massey 2 ...

Friday Results

Girls: Red Devils 26 – Seahorses 17... On Friday the Lady Red Devils faced off against the Seahorses of Christ Church HS out of Christ Church, Virginia... the Red Devils took a 26-17 win over the Seahorses in what Coach Gardner described as a very physical game... As for scoring, Brianna Belton, McKenzie Clark and Mylayja Thompson led the Red Devils in scoring with 5 points each...

Boys: Statesmen 52 – Red Devils 42... On Friday the Red Devil boys team took on the Statesmen of George C. Marshall HS out of Falls Church, Virginia and came up on the short end of a 52-42 score... Tushawan Richardson led the team with 16 points while Kadon Crawford was also in double-digits with 10 points... Keleja Byrd scored 6 points and J. Massey 5

Saturday Results

Girls: Trojans 44 – Red Devils 26... On

Saturday the Lady Red Devils took on the Lady Trojans of James Island HS the host school and fell to the Trojans by a score of 44-26... According to MaxPreps, the Red Devils led 17-15 at the half but went cold in the second half as they scored only 9 points while the Trojans scored 29 to take the win... No individual scoring details available... The Lady Red Devils are now 8-5 on the season while the Lady Trojans improve to 12-3.

Boys: Stags 64 – Red Devils 45 .. In action against the Berkeley Stags out of Monck Corner, according to Max Preps the Stags, took a 64-45 win over the Red Devils...

Clinton HS... The Clinton Red Devils traveled to Newberry yesterday (Jan. 3) to take on the Bulldogs for both varsity and JV action.

Varsity

Girls: Clinton 52 – Newberry 16... The Lady Red Devils came back from the Christmas break ready to rock and roll as they jumped out to a 16-2 lead after 8 minutes of play and lead 34-4 at the half

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and then went on to take a 52-16 win with a running clock in the second half... Brianna Belton and Mylayja Thompson led the Red Devils scoring with 13 points each and Ry'Daijia Mars was also in double-digits with 10 points... Others scoring for the Red Devils included Nah'shia Wright who finished with 6 points, Kemaria Shelton 5, Saniya White 3 and McKenzie Clark 2... The team is now 9-5 on the season.

Boys: Newberry 71 – Clinton 56... Now the news is not as good where the varsity boys are concerned as the Bulldogs took a 71-56 win avenging an earlier 61-56 loss to the Red Devils in Clinton...The Bulldogs jumped on top 20-12 after 8 minutes of play and then outscored the Red Devils in each of the remaining quarters by at least 1 point... Coach Glenn said the Red Devils “struggled to make plays and execute”... The one Red Devil that did not have trouble scoring was Tushawan Richardson who finished with 26 points... Keleja Byrd scored 7 points for the Red Devils while MJ Henderson, Kadon Crawford and Emarian Jones each scored 5 points... Nyterian Smith finished with 3 points and rounding out the Red Devil scoring Khari Vance scored 2 points...The Red Devils are now 5-7 on the season.

JV

Girls: Clinton 27 – Newberry 17... In JV action, the Lady Red Devils took a



27-17 win over the Lady Bulldogs... Emma Patterson led the team with 12 points while Amirah Hill finished with 5 points.

Boys: Clinton 44 – Newberry 32... The Red Devil JV boys also took a win last night as they rolled to a 30-8 lead at the half and then held on to take a 44-32 win over the Bulldogs... Jaden Glenn led the Red Devils in scoring with 11 points... Others scoring for the Red Devils included Owen Glenn with 7 points, N. Pitts 6, A'javian James 6, Angelo Cromer 5, D. McGowan 4, J. Ivory and T. Finley 2.

Clinton HS... The Red Devil varsity and JV boys' teams hosted the Union County Yellow Jackets Friday (Jan. 5) as they opened region action for this season.

Girls: Clinton 61 – Union 4... The Lady Red Devils outscored the Lady Yellow Jackets 24-0 in the first quarter and then rolled on to a 61-4 win with a running clock in the second half... The Red Devils “pressed” Union into at least 25 turnovers in the first half and

dominated the boards... Bryanna Belton and Kemaria Shelton led the Red Devils in scoring as they scored 14 and 11 points respectively... McKenzie Clark and Zakalia Redd scored 6 points each while Emma Patterson, Symiah Floyd, Ry'Daijia Mars and Nah'shia Wright each scored 5 points... Mylayja Thompson rounded out the Red Devil scoring with 4 points... The team is now 10-5 on the season while Union falls to 2-12

Boys: Clinton 63 – Union 55... The Red Devil boys also won by a score of 63-55 but they actually trailed 28-17 at the half as they just could not get the shots to fall in the first half... The Red Devils started using a press in the second half which resulted in more Union turnovers and they also did a better job of rebounding on both ends of the court in the second half and cut the Union lead to 47-41 at the end of the third quarter... In the fourth quarter, the Red Devils continued to come back and got key free throws down the stretch... Tushawan led the Red Devils in scoring with 37 points and led the comeback in the second half as he scored 28 of his points in the second half... Keleja Byrd and Kadon Crawford scored 9 points each, MJ Henderson 3, Nyterian Smith 2 and J. Massey 1... The Red Devils improve to 6-7 on the season while Union falls to 5-12.

JV Boys: Clinton 40 – Union 30... The JV boys' game followed the pattern of the varsity boys in that the Red Devils were down 15-11 to Union at the half but rallied to take a 40-33 win... Jaden Glenn led the Red Devils in scoring with 8 points... T. Finley scored 7 points, A Cromer 6, N.

Pitts 5, A. Grant 5, P. McGowan 4, J. Ivory 2, A. James 2 and Owen Glenn 1.

Clinton HS... The Red Devil varsity basketball teams and the JV boys traveled to Columbia to take on the Columbia HS Capitals yesterday (Jan. 8).

Girls: Clinton 57– Columbia 13... The Lady Red Devils picked up a one-sided win as they defeated the Capitals 57-13... Ry'Daijia Mars led the Red Devils with 11 points and Zakalia Redd was also in double digits with 10 points... Bryanna Belton finished with 9 points, while Emma Patterson, Na Nah'shia Wright, Kemaria Shelton and McKenzie Clark scored 6 points each... Mylayja Thompson rounded out the Red Devil scoring with 4 points... The team is now 11-5 on the season.

Boys: Clinton 60 – Columbia 56 ... The Red Devils improve to 7-7 on the season.

JV Boys: Clinton 41 – Columbia 5... The JV boys took a one-sided win as they defeated the Capitals 41-5...

Games at Woodruff Jan. 12 were postponed by the potential for bad weather.

SC Basketball Coaches Association

SC Poll:

Boys

Class AAA: 1. Crestwood, 2. Darlington, 3. Orangeburg-Wilkinson, 4. Powdersville, 5. Wren, 6. Seneca, 7. Daniel, 8. Marlboro County, 9. Manning, 10. Dillon

Girls

Class AAA: 1. Camden, 2. Wren, 3. Orangeburg-Wilkinson, 4. Blue Ridge, 5. Aynor, 6. West-Oak, 7. Gilbert, 8. Fountain Inn, 9. Dillon, 10. Darlington.



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