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March 27, 2024

Pitch Perfect

Melanie Dillingham Watson,
CHS Athletics posted:

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Last night (March 5),
varsity softball defeated
Southside Christian 10-0
in five innings. 8th grade
pitcher Catherine Wilkie

pitched a perfect game: no hits, no walks, no runs, no
errors! #GBR



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Melanie Dillingham Watson is with Louie Alexander.

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Congratulations to our very own Louie Alexander!

Today (March 13) he was named the AAA, Region 4 Athletic Director of the Year AND the STATE, AAA Athletic Director of the Year!

He is the best in the business! Congrats, Coach!

From the 2023 football program: Louie Alexander, Athletic Director, WR, 6th year coaching at CHS.

Graduate of Whitmire High School in 1990.

Graduate of Newberry College in 1995, degree bachelor of science in physical education.

Graduate of United States Sports Academy with a masters degree in sports administration.

Spouse: Betsy Brooks Alexander.

Children: Tripp, age 25, Price, age 22, Baxley, age 18.

Favorite Quote: "Serve their hearts not their talents."

Clinton High School Boys Tennis Results 2024

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL 2

DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL 4

1 Singles Nathan Meade lost to Nate Helms 6 - 0, 6 - 0

2 Singles Edwin Orr defeated Will Hatchett 6 - 7 (8-10), 6 - 4, (10 - 4)

3 Singles Matthew King lost to Corben Punch 6 - 2, 6 - 4

4 Singles Jacob King defeated Eli Kern 6 - 2, 7 - 6 (1)

5 Singles Malakye Brewer lost to Carter Pitts 6 - 0, 6 - 0

1 Doubles DID NOT PLAY

2 Doubles Brady Mason & Ethan Wargo lost to Walker Timms & Sam Grant 6 - 0, 6 - 0

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL 4

AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL 2

1 Singles Nathan Meade defeated Henry Vaughters 6 - 3, 6 - 3

2 Singles Edwin Orr defeated Joseph Burch 6 - 0, 6 - 0

3 Singles Matthew King defeated Aiden McLwain 6 - 3, 6 - 2

4 Singles Jacob King defeated Alex Jammell 6 - 1, 6 - 2

5 Singles Malakye Brewer lost to Brinkley Johnson 3 - 6, 6 - 3, (6 - 10)

1 Doubles DID NOT PLAY

2 Doubles Brady Mason & Ethan Wargo lost to Jake & Josh Woiczehowski 6 - 1, 6 - 0

Clinton Varsity Golf beats Laurens District 55 164 - 210

Individual Scores

Clinton

Aiden Bragg- 37** Mia Carles- 40 Gabi Carles- 41 Luke McMurray - 46

Laurens

Cameron Seay- 49 Lee Malone- 53 Rich Coggins- 54 Blake Lyons- 54

**The match medalist was Aiden Bragg from Clinton (37).

Golf... Catching up with the Red Devil boys golf team, last Thursday (3-14) the Red Devil golf team hosted Chapman and Chester at Lakeside CC... The Red Devils won the tri-match with a score of 165 while Chapman finished second with a 171 and Chester finished last shooting a 248...

Golf (from CHS Athletics): Clinton 1st 155, Union County 2nd 183; Broome 3rd 189. C Scores: Luke McMurray - 37, Aiden Bragg - 38, Gabi Carles - 40, Mia Carles - 40. Co-Medalists: Luke McMurray 37 (2), Clinton, and Alex Weathers 37 (2), Broome. Clinton Varsity Golf defeats Emerald, 166 to 190. C Scores: Luke McMurray, 37; Aiden Bragg, 40; Gabi Carles. 42; Talulah Wilson, 47.

Softball: Clinton 20 - Newberry 1 (5)... The Red Devil softball team was in action as they traveled to Newberry to take on the Bulldogs... The Red Devils scored 9 runs in the first 3 innings and then scored 11 runs in the 5th inning as they steamrolled to a 20-1 win over the Bulldogs... Clinton's offense was very efficient as they needed just 20 hits to do that while Sierra Templeton allowed just 6 hits picking up the complete game win... Me-Me Smith went 4 for 4 driving in 5 runs as she had a double and 3-run homer in the 2nd inning... Halleigh Luke also had 4 hits including a triple and 3 RBIs... The team is 6-2 overall.

Softball: Clinton 11 - Newberry 1... The Red Devil softball team opened its season taking an 11-1 win over the Newberry Bulldogs in the second game of the Preseason Tournament they are hosting... The Red Devils led 4-1 going into the bottom of the 5th inning where they scored 7 runs to make the score 11-1 thus ending the game on the 10 run rule... The Red Devils pounded out 13 hits while Me-Me Smith picked up the win giving up no hits while striking out 9 and walking just one batter in five innings of work... At the plate, the Red Devils were led in hitting by Halleigh Luke, Sierra Templeton and Cat Willkie who each had 2 hits... **One of Luke's two hits was an inside-the-park homerun hit to the right field corner...** Taylor Davis, Ella Adair, Kamryn Campbell and Cat Wilkie all had doubles among their hits

JV Baseball... the Red Devil JV baseball team hosted the Union County Yellow Jackets in a pair of 5 inning games. Game 1: Clinton 2 - Union 1... The first game saw both teams have 1 hit each but the Red Devils made the most of that hit and a Union error to take a 2-0 win... The Red Devils got a single run in the first inning when after a couple of walks, Owen Glenn stole third and then scored on a ground-out... The Red Devils other run was scored in the 3rd inning when Angel Vargas singled for the Red Devils only hit and later scored on a Yellow Jacket error... Rhett Gilliam picked up the complete game win striking out 5 and walking none... Game 2: Clinton 7 - Union 3... In game 2 there were a few more hits (6 total) and a few more runs but it is still good news for Red Devil fans as they took a 7-2 win over Union... The Red Devils score 3 runs in the 1st and 2nd innings and a single run in the 3rd while holding Union to single runs in the 2nd and 3rd innings... The five hits were by 5 different Red Devil and Owen Glenn had the only extra-base hit in the game which was a triple and drove in 2 runs... The team is now 5-2 on the season.

JV Baseball: Clinton 11 - Abbeville 0... Catching up with the Red Devil JV baseball team, they traveled down to Greenwood to take on the Abbeville Panthers... Good news for Red Devil fans as they rolled to an 11-0 win over the Panthers in 3 innings... The Red Devils had 8 hits while Zack Lawson and Rhett Gilliam held the Panthers hitless... The Panthers did have 4 errors and issued 5 walks that aided the Red Devils... All of the Red Devil hits were singles and they were led at the plate by Owen Glenn who went 3 for 3 with 3 RBIs... Zack Lawson was the only other Red Devil with more than one hit as he had 2... Lawson and Gilliam struck out 7 and walked none... - WLBG, Mike Hughes Sports Report

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL 4

EMERALD HIGH SCHOOL 2

1 Singles Nathan Meade defeated Brady Lloyd 6 - 1, 6 - 1

2 Singles Edwin Orr defeated Jason Dunton 6 - 0, 6 - 0

3 Singles Matthew King defeated Gavin Jenks 6 - 2, 6 - 1

4 Singles Jacob King defeated Mason Fazio 6 - 0, 6 - 0

5 Singles Malakye Brewer lost to Tatum Bonaca 6 - 1, 6 - 1

1 Doubles DID NOT PLAY

2 Doubles Brady Mason & Ethan Wargo lost to David Sherer & William Trent 7 - 6 (3), 6 - 3

Next Match Tuesday, April 9 at Emerald High School 5 pm

Record: 2 - 1; Region 1 - 0

Varsity Baseball... Laurens 7, Clinton 6. C Hits: Carson Glenn & Luke Young, 2 each.

Clinton 7, Union County 2. WP: Carson Glenn, 13 SO. Luke Young, 3-for-3, 3 RBI.

Clinton 8, Gaffney 4. Zane McLendon, 3-run HR.

Softball: Clinton 3, Whitmire 1. WP: Cat Wilkie, 1 earned run. - Source: Blue, Green, Purple & Red, by Monte Dutton on X (Twitter)

JV Baseball - Laurens 3, Clinton 1.

JV Baseball: Clinton 17 - Greenwood Christian 4 (3)... The Red Devil JV team started their season off with a 17-4 win over the Greenwood Christian Hawks down in Greenwood Saturday... They only had 7 hits but took full advantage of 5 Hawk errors to win the game... Rhett Gilliam was the only Red Devil with more than one hit as he went 2 for 4 with an RBI... Angel Vargas, Talan Campbell, Owen Glenn, Collin Lollis and William Addison had a hit each with Addison's hit being a double that drove in 2 runs... Zack Lollis and Clayton Kyko teamed up to take the win pitching for the Red Devils...

Freshmen: Clinton 9 - Greenwood Christian 1 (5)... The news is also good where the freshman baseball team is concerned as they also defeated the Hawks in Greenwood Saturday by a score of 9-1... They led 3-1 after 1 inning of play and broke the game open in the third inning scoring 5 runs and adding another in the fourth inning... The Red Devils outhit the Hawks 5-1 and had less errors than the Hawks (3-4) to take the win... Matthew Hardick and Ryder Roland led the Red Devils with two hits each... Ryder Roland's only hit was a double that drove in 2 runs... Kaleb Dickenson started the game for the Red Devils and gave up the 1 unearned run on one hit in two innings and Alex Cornelio pitched the last 3 scoreless innings striking out 5.

-- WLBG

A successful basketball season comes to an end Clinton High Boys' AND Girls' Teams earn Region Championships



**Tushawan Richardson
Player of the Year**




Clinton High School -- Region IV
3A All Conference Team
**Kadon
Crawford**



 
Sophomore - #5 - PG
Mylayja Thompson
Region 4-3A Player of the Year
3A All State Selection

**Mylayja Thompson
Player of the Year**



 
CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL REGION IV
3A ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
**DEVIN
SWINDLER**



 
Junior - #3 - PG
Ry'Daijia Mars
Region 4-3A
All Region Selection

Ry'Daijia Mars
Region 4-3A
All Region Selection



Sophomore - #11 - P/G

McKenzie Clark

Region 4-3A
All Region Selection



Mylayja Thompson

****NEW CHS RECORD****

Steals in a Season -132



Junior - #14 - P

Bryanna Belton

Region 4-3A
All Region Selection

CLINTON LADY RED DEVILS



2024 Senior
#23 Zakalia Redd



Broke Single Season Steals in a Season Record
#5 Mylayja Thompson



2023-2024 SEASON RECAP

- Varsity Overall Record 19-6
- Region Champs 8-0
- 4 All Region Selections
- Region Player of the Year
- 1 All State Selection
- 1 Record Breaker
- 11 Game Winning Streak
- Held Opponents to 24 PPG
- Only gave up 40 points 4 times
- Never gave up a 50 point game
- Highest FG% in 5 years

Bridge Builders: SC Football Hall of Fame 2024
 Bridge Builder Excellence Award Nominees: Brock Franklin, Laurens District High School; Jackson Cole, LDHS; Kadon Crawford, Clinton High School; Keegan Fortman, CHS; Keleja Byrd, CHS; Ra'Heith "Nyzee" Byrd, CHS; Tushawan Richardson, CHS; Zaravion Johnson, CHS.

The Basketball Teams, the Wrestling Team, FFA members, USC Honors Band, and Louie Alexander (Page 3) were recognized March 25 by the District 56 Board of Trustees during a meeting at the district's new conference center.

Clinton HS
 Wrestling Team Post-Season Honors...

The Clinton Red Devil wrestling team had three members of its team named to the All-Region Team... They are Joseph Carles, Blake Greenwood and Ares Jones... Blake Greenwood was further honored as the Region Wrestler of the Year... Now in addition to being names to the All-Region Tear, Carles and Greenwood were also name to the North/South Wrestling team... They represented Clinton High School Feb. 29-March 2 at North Myrtle Beach High School in the North/South Tournament.... Congratulations to these fine young men and Good Luck in the North/South Wrestling Tournament... Go Big Red

COED VARSITY WRESTLING · FEB 26

Two Wrestlers Earn All State

The wrestling team had five student-athletes compete in the state tournament in Anderson, and two Red Devils placed in the top four, earning All State honors! Mikevious Byrd finished 3rd, and Blake Greenwood finished 4th. Congratulations to these young men, as well the other Red Devils who competed. The wrestling team had a tremendous season, and the future is bright for this program.

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2024 SCHEDULE

■ HOME ■ AWAY

 OAKBROOK PREP FEB 13 6:PM	 CLEAR DOT CHARTER MAR 4 6:PM	 MCCORMICK MAR 22 5:PM	 WARE SHOALS APR 12 6:PM
 HIGH POINT ACADEMY FEB 19 5:PM	 GREAT FALLS MAR 7 6:PM	 DIXIE MAR 26 6:PM	 WHITMIRE APR 16 6:PM
 SOUTHSIDE HIGH FEB 23 5:30PM	 BRASHIER MC MAR 8 6:PM	 DIXIE MAR 28 6PM	 WHITMIRE APR 19
 GREENVILLE TECH CHARTER FEB 24 11:AM	 BRASHIER MC MAR 12 6:PM	 CALHOUN FALLS APR 2 6:PM	 CLEAR DOT CHARTER APR 22 6:PM
 CAROLINA HIGH FEB 27 7:30PM	 MCCORMICK MAR 19 5:PM	 CALHOUN FALLS APR 5 6:PM	
 PRE-SEASON FINAL FEB 29 TBD	 GREAT FALLS MAR 20 6:PM	 WARE SHOALS APR 9 6:PM	

#GOSAINTS

 Claude Brogdon Rowe
18m · 🌐

Varsity girls got their first win of the season last night against Emerald 7-3. Jv girls were also winning when we had to cut the game short so varsity could play. We wanted to pass it along to the alumni and hope you keep cheering us on. Thanks for the support and follow us on our facebook page as well Thornwell Softball.



Thornwell

Softball: Saints 7 – Emerald 3... The Thornwell Saints softball team hosted the Emerald Vikings and it was a “bell ringing” game for the Saints as they took a 7-3 win... The game was tied 1-1 going into the bottom of the 3rd inning where the Saints took the lead for good scoring 4 runs... The key hit of the inning was an inside the park homer for Adrienne Anderson that accounted for 3 of the 4 runs scored in the inning... The Saints outit the Vikings 7-5 with no Saint having more than 1 hit... Camden Nelson picked up the win pitching all but the last two outs which were pitched by Karleigh Porter...

Baseball: Saints 18 – McCormick 3 (3)... The Saints baseball team hosted the McCormick Chiefs and it was another “bell ringing” game as the Saints took an 18-3 win in 3 innings... Thornwell scored 4 in the 1st inning then broke the game open in the 2nd scoring 12 runs as they rolled on to the win... The Saints outit the Chiefs 6-2 but 4 Chief errors, 15 walks and 2 hit batters by 2 Chief pitchers helped the Saints take the one-sided win... Cole Sipes led the Saints at the plate going 2 for 2 with 3 RBIs....

Softball: Saints 17 – McCormick 2 (3)... The Saints softball team also took on the McCormick Chiefs it was a “bell ringing” win for them also as they defeated the Chiefs 17-2 in 3 innings also... The Chiefs scored their only 2 runs in the top of the 1st inning but the Saints responded with 11 in the bottom of the inning and added 6 more in the 2nd as they cruised to the win... The Saints only outit the Chiefs 8-2 but just kike in the boys’ game, the Chiefs helped them out with 8 errors 14 walks and a hit batter... Madi Porter led the Saints at the plate as she went 3 for 3 with a double and 3 RBIs... Karleigh Porter was the only other Saint with more than 1 hit as she went 2 for 3 with a double and 2 RBIs...

TCS VARSITY SCHEDULE 2024

	20 RIDGE SPRING FEB AWAY/ SCMG 5 PM	24 NORTH CENTRAL FEB TOURNAMENT	5 EMERALD MAR AWAY 7 PM	6 EASTSIDE MAR AWAY 7 PM
7 BRASHIER M C MAR AWAY 5 PM	8 GREENVILLE HURRICANES MAR HOME 7 PM	11 ABBEVILLE MAR AWAY 7 PM	13 EMERALD MAR HOME 7 PM	
14 BRASHIER M C MAR HOME 4:30 PM	19 MCCORMICK MAR HOME 5 PM	20 SOUTHSIDE MAR AWAY 5 PM	22 MCCORMICK MAR AWAY 7 PM	
26 DIXIE MAR HOME 7 PM	27 ABBEVILLE MAR HOME 4:30 PM	29 DIXIE MAR AWAY 7 PM	2 CFC APR HOME 4:30 PM	
5 CFC APR AWAY 6 PM	9 WARE SHOALS APR AWAY 7 PM	10 HIGHPOINT APR AWAY	12 WARE SHOALS APR HOME 7 PM	
16 WHITMIRE APR AWAY 7 PM	17 EASTSIDE APR HOME 7 PM	19 WHITMIRE APR HOME 7 PM		

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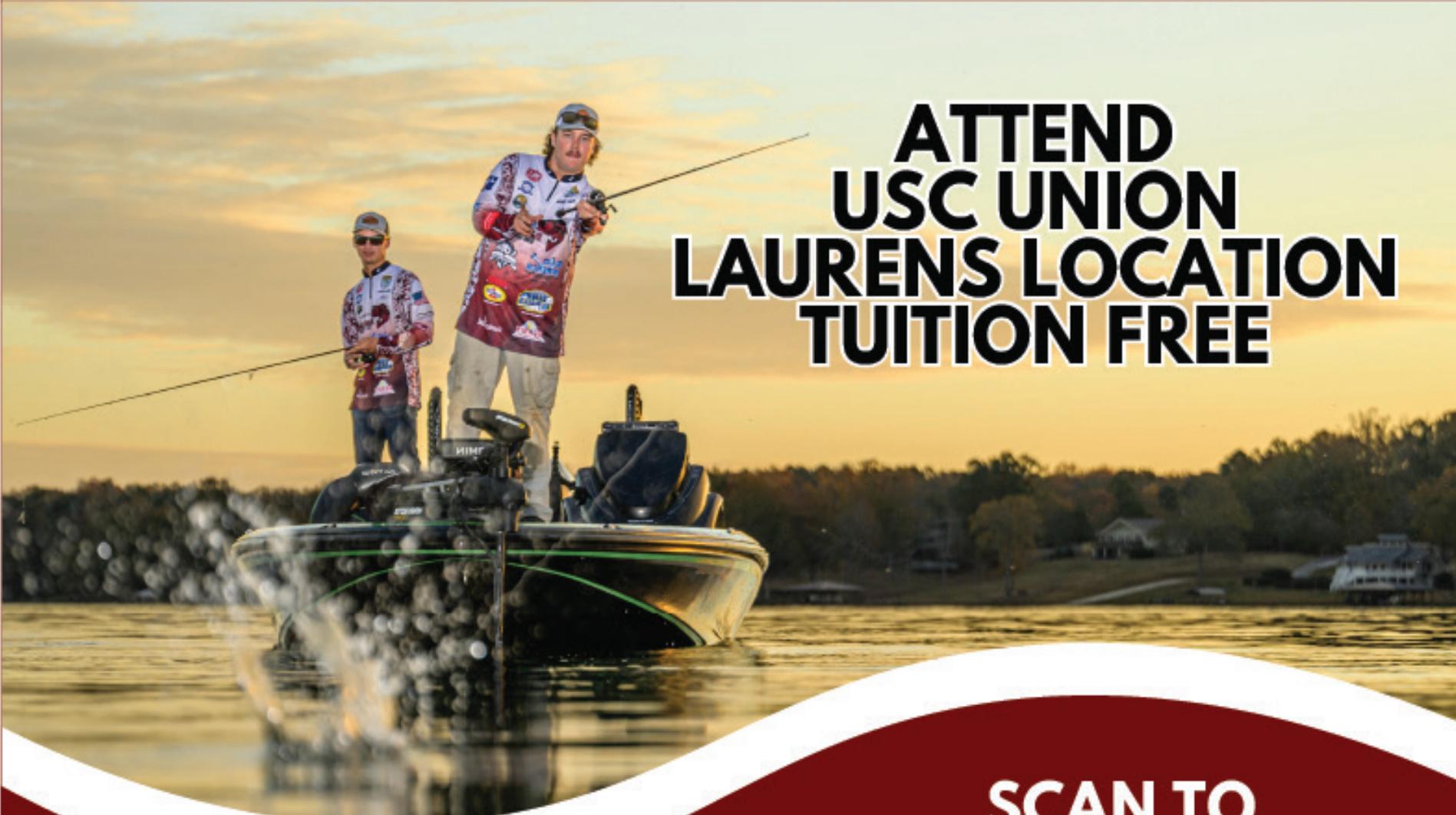


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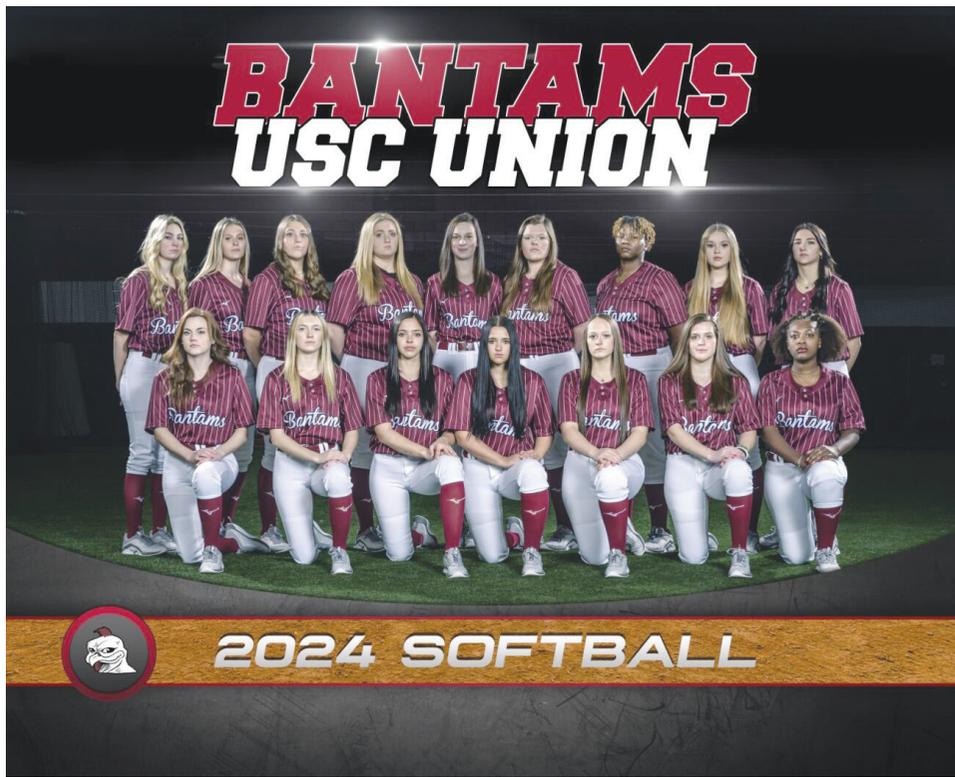
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Bantam Rifle Team Update

The Bantam Rifle Team kicked off their season on Jan. 6 at The Citadel for the South Carolina Jr. Olympics. This match was to determine the best shooters in South Carolina in each discipline. Air rifle is shot at a distance of 10 meters and a 10 is achieved by hitting the center dot that is the same size as the dot on an (i). Freshman Keagan Dean had a phenomenal first match with a new personal best score of 560/600, which earned her a silver medal in the U21 category against other D1 athletes of her age. "This is a great accomplishment, and she has shown great improvement," said Head Coach Paige Sherbert. Bantam Rifle has 4 more matches scheduled for this season – Feb. 3 and Feb. 9 at Ole Mill Range, Feb.

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The Bantams

24 at Georgia Southern, and will end their season in Ft. Wayne Indian at the X-Count for Collegiate Club Nationals, where they will face off with schools such as Akron, Michigan, Purdue, and a few other. We are looking forward to a great season!

Catch Up with The Bantam Anglers!

On Jan. 5, the team of Mark Kershaw and Jacob Butts finished 7th out of 250 at the most recent Major League Fishing College Series Event on the Harris Chain of Lakes in Florida. Jacob Butts landed the big fish of the tournament with a giant 10lb 11oz largemouth. Isaac Greene and Bryson Holderness finished 71st out of 250 in the same event. The team is currently ranked #14 in the MLF National Rankings. After that event, Kershaw and Butts fished the MLF National Championship the following week on Lake Toho and finished 38th.

On January 27, Tanner Hadden and Caleb Hudson, placed 4th in the College Bass Series event in Lake Murray Country, finishing against 250 of the best teams in the nation. They also qualified for the 2024 Bassmaster College National Championship.

The team is currently competing in the College Bass Event at Clarks Hill Lake. Hadden and Hudson finished the first day in 12th place out of 244 boats. On Feb. 2, they finished the competition with a 17lb catch, placing 5th overall!

As a program, the Bantam Anglers are currently ranked 35th in the nation out of 450+ schools.

USC Union Athletes Awarded

Region 10 All-Academic Honors

25 USC Union athletes received Region 10 All Academic Honors for Fall 2023. To be named All-Academic, student-athletes must participate in a sport, which competes during the fall semester (basketball, cross country, football, golf, half marathon, soccer, and volleyball) and achieve a 3.0 grade point average while passing 12 credit hours.

The following students were honored:

Soccer

Carlo Gonzalez
Maximillian Diebold
Michael Murphy
Maximus Moriarty
Jay Brunson
Matheus Mateus
Nico Steinweg
Tim Groenberg
Adrian Williams
Josue Mejia
Ben Roder
Mila Mzamane
Chris Neilson

Luke Hopewood
Matteo Chittaro
Rogelio Contreras
Jedidiah Omoghan
Donovan Cobb

Volleyball

Audrey Slacks
Hannah Johnson
Cadence Clayton
Holly Thames
Lapri Cromer
Amber Cooklin
Kierra Martin

Bantam Baseball Announces

Record Start to the Season

The baseball team has reported their best start in school history!

10-3 Record
.337 Team BA
1.079 OPS
18 Home Runs
113 Runs Score
34 Stolen Bases
4.55 Team ERA
106 Strikes Out
.234 BAA
Baseball Season Wins
2/2 vs. Roane State 10-7
2/3 vs. Roane State 12-11
2/6 vs. Limestone 6-4
2/6 vs. Limestone 7-0
2/8 vs. Blue Claws Post Grad 11-7
2/8 vs. Blue Claws Post Grad 11-6
2/19 vs. Montreat College 13-1
2/19 vs. Montreat College 11-0
2/23 vs. Mott Community College 7-5
2/24 vs. Mott Community College 10-0
3/3 vs. Cleveland Community College 9-3

“The season has started out great. We still need to improve on some of the smaller aspects of the game but we have done a good job at the big things,” said Head Coach Micah Stancil. “We have pitched and hit well. We have definitely put ourselves in a position to have one of the best seasons to date.”

Athlete Spotlights

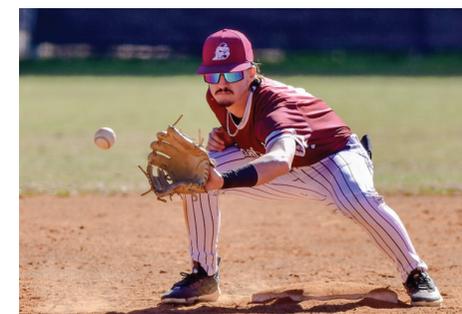
Chase Rogers is an angler on the USC Union Bass Fishing Team. He is a sophomore from Warrenville, SC and will earn his Associate of Science this spring. His favorite thing about USC Union is the flexibility of being able to complete his coursework close to home. “I am looking forward to travelling and fishing new lakes and fisheries this season,” he said. His favorite team memory so far has been travelling to Florida for a tournament on Harris Chain. “It was a different type of fishing that I was not used to and I learned a lot,” he said. Chase says that he would eventually like to start his own outdoor clothing brand and he has already designed a few logos.

Williams Childers is a Bantam Golfer from Union, SC. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership through Palmetto College. “I'm looking forward to playing tournaments and competing,” he said. “There's nothing better than a good competition.” His favorite team memory so far has been playing at Lexington Country Club.

Andrew Stephens is a Bantam Baseball player and sophomore business major from Columbia, SC. “My favorite team memory so far has been beating Florence – Darlington Stingers Baseball last year,” he said. He is grateful to be able to play collegiate baseball and likes to work out in his free time.

Tyler Strickland (above right) is a Bantam Baseball player from Seminole, Florida. “My favorite thing about being a student athlete is being able to earn my degree and play baseball and a higher level with the chance to keep going forward with my academic and athletic career,” he said. A sophomore business major, he enjoys the “brotherhood” he gets to experience with his teammates. A fun fact about Tyler is that he has a pet tortoise named Marty.

Kyler Murray is a sophomore USC Union Angler from Modoc, SC, currently working towards his Associate of Science at USC Union. He loves being able to travel with the team and meet people from other fishing teams. “My favorite fishing team memory so far is Jacob Butts catching an 11lb bass in Florida,” he said. When he is not fishing, Kyler enjoys golfing.



Angler Mark Kershaw is looking forward to competing in the national championships this season. A senior from Fort Mill, SC, he is pursuing a bachelor's in business Management and Administration from Palmetto College. His favorite thing about USC Union how easy it is to communicate with professors and get help when you need it.

Bantam Golfer Julian “Alex” Styer is looking forward to building his game and strengthening his connections on campus this year. A freshman International Business major from **Ware Shoals**, his favorite team memory so far has been playing with the team on their trip to Lexington Country Club. A fun fact about Julian is that he is left-handed.

“There's never a dull moment when the team is together,” said Andrew Gonzalez, a freshman golfer from Hodges, SC. He is studying Human Services and is looking forward to competing in his first collegiate matches this season. Outside of school, Andrew is a big NASCAR fan and enjoys collecting hats.

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Spring is a time for honors

The Laurens County Sports Hall of Fame will induct five members into its fifth class on April 25, 2024.

The induction ceremony will be held at the Laurens County Museum on the historic square in Laurens at 6:30pm. Tickets are now on sale at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-laurens-county-sports-hall-of-fame-induction-ceremony-tickets-861577831487?aff=oddtcreator>. Tickets are \$30 and includes a catered meal. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Current members of the Laurens County Sports Hall of Fame include Keith Richardson, Chrissy Floyd, J.D. Fuller, Kevin Long, King Dixon, Barry Atkinson, Cally Gault, Chick Galloway, Sam Owens, Kinard Littleton, Rickey Foggie, Truman Owens, Bobby Ivey, Clovis Simmons, William Hill, Bill Hogan, Phil Rogers, Lonnie Pulley, Anne Parks, Ed Pitts, Roy Walker, Shell Dula and Buddy Jennings.

“After four great classes of inductees, we are excited about the group that we have assembled to induct in 2024,” said Billy Dunlap, president of the Laurens County Sports Hall of Fame. “It is once again a who’s who of individuals that have been involved in the sports landscape of Laurens County for the past century. I think the committees did a great job of selecting this class and it is something that we can all be proud of.”

Members of the class of 2024 of the Laurens County Sports Hall of Fame are:

Anthony Downs – Downs was a member of the Laurens Raiders football state championship team in 1983 and played in the Shrine Bowl that year. At Appalachian State University, Downs was a consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1987. He was named 1987 Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year after amassing 138 tackles. Downs was a three-time first-team all-Southern Conference performer and was inducted into Appalachian’s Hall of Fame in 2012.

Charles Peterson – Peterson led the Laurens Raiders to a baseball state

championship in 1990 and a football state championship in 1991. During his high school career, Peterson was named state player of the year in baseball and football and played in the Shrine Bowl. Peterson was drafted in 1993 by the Pittsburgh Pirates as the 22nd overall pick in the first round of MLB’s amateur draft. He played six years in the minor leagues, making it to AAA in 1998.

Walter Todd – A graduate of LDHS and Presbyterian College, Todd was inducted into the SC Golf Hall of Fame in 2024. Todd has competed at the local, state, national and international levels for nearly four decades. In SC, he won the SCGA Mid-Amateur Champion title in 2005, CGA Mid-Amateur title in 2007, seven SCGA Four-Ball titles, three

SCGA Father-Son titles with both of his sons and nine Musgrove Mill Club Champion titles. He is three-time SCGA Senior Player of the Year and 2019 Senior Azalea Champion. Todd won the 2017 Senior Jones Cup Champion title, competed in the 2012 US Mid-Amateur, 2016, ’19 & ’22 British Senior Amateurs and the 2018, ’19, ’21 & ’23 US Senior Amateurs advancing to the quarterfinals in 2019.

Jean Hammond Whitfield – A graduate of Hickory Tavern High School and a current resident of Laurens, Whitfield was inducted into the SC Women’s Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1984. She won four international titles, including overall champion and doubles champion in the Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela in 1983. She was a member

of the US Team in 1982 and 1983. Whitfield was also the top amateur in the WIBC championship in 1982.

Robert Wilder – Wilder was a resident of Clinton from 1935-1993. He was a football All-American in 1930 at Furman University and is a member of their Athletic Hall of Fame. Wilder coached Clinton High School’s first upperstate championship team in 1938 and their first state championship team in 1939. He was later the principal at Clinton High School and the football stadium is named in his honor.

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COLUMBIA – The Presbyterian College Blue Hose women’s basketball team (21-14) won the program’s first ever NCAA Tournament game over the Sacred Heart Pioneers (24-9) behind 24 points in the paint while holding SHU to just 25.4 percent from the field.

COACH SHARP’S THOUGHTS

“It’s such a great feeling and I’m so proud of our players and I’m so proud of our community for really rallying around us. The Blue Hose Nation was deep up there, and that means so much to your program. When you create a vision when you take over a program and start seeing it come to life, it’s the most rewarding feeling. I’m forever grateful for this moment and this memory that will be etched in us forever.”

HOW IT HAPPENED

First Quarter – In the opening quarter, Bryanna Brady kicked off the action with the first basket of the night, swiftly followed by Tilda Sjökvist’s own contribution that nudged Presbyterian ahead 4-0. Sacred Heart narrowed the gap with a score, reducing the lead to two points, until Mara Neira added her first two points of the game. The Pioneers then took the next five points before Brady halted their momentum with a layup. With two more points exchanged between the teams, the first media timeout arrived, leaving the Blue Hose in front with a score of 10-9 and 2:43 remaining in the quarter. Following a brief scoreless stretch, Sjökvist made another layup, expanding the team’s lead to three points. Neira then drew a crucial foul with just over two seconds left on the clock, sinking both free throws and elevating Presby’s lead to 14-9 as the first quarter concluded.

Second Quarter – Neira came out firing in the second quarter, notching the first two points and extending PC’s lead to seven points. The Pioneers quickly responded with a basket of their own, but the Blue Hose surged ahead with the next three points, setting the score at 19-11. Following a stretch of over two minutes without any scoring, the quarter’s first media timeout was called with 4:46 remaining in the half. After a minute marked by solid defensive plays from both teams, Neira capitalized on a three-point opportunity for the Blue Hose, giving them an 11-point advantage. Neira’s hot streak continued as she sank the team’s first three-pointer of the night, pushing the lead to 14 points with a score of 25-11. SHU managed to score the next four points, but Christina Kline halted their momentum with a mid-range jumper. Sonia Sato then added a last-second layup, sending the Blue Hose into halftime with a 12-point lead and a score of 29-17.

Third Quarter – Sacred Heart emerged from halftime scoring the first four points to narrow Presby’s lead to eight points. Paige Kindseth swiftly responded by notching the next four points for herself before a timeout was called by the Pioneers, with the Blue and Garnet holding a 33-21 lead. The Pioneers then went on another five-point surge before the next media timeout at 3:35 remaining in the quarter. SHU managed to add four more points to trim Presbyterian’s lead to just three points. As the clock winded down, Sjökvist drew a shooting foul and converted two crucial free throws, bringing the score to 35-30 by the end of the third quarter.

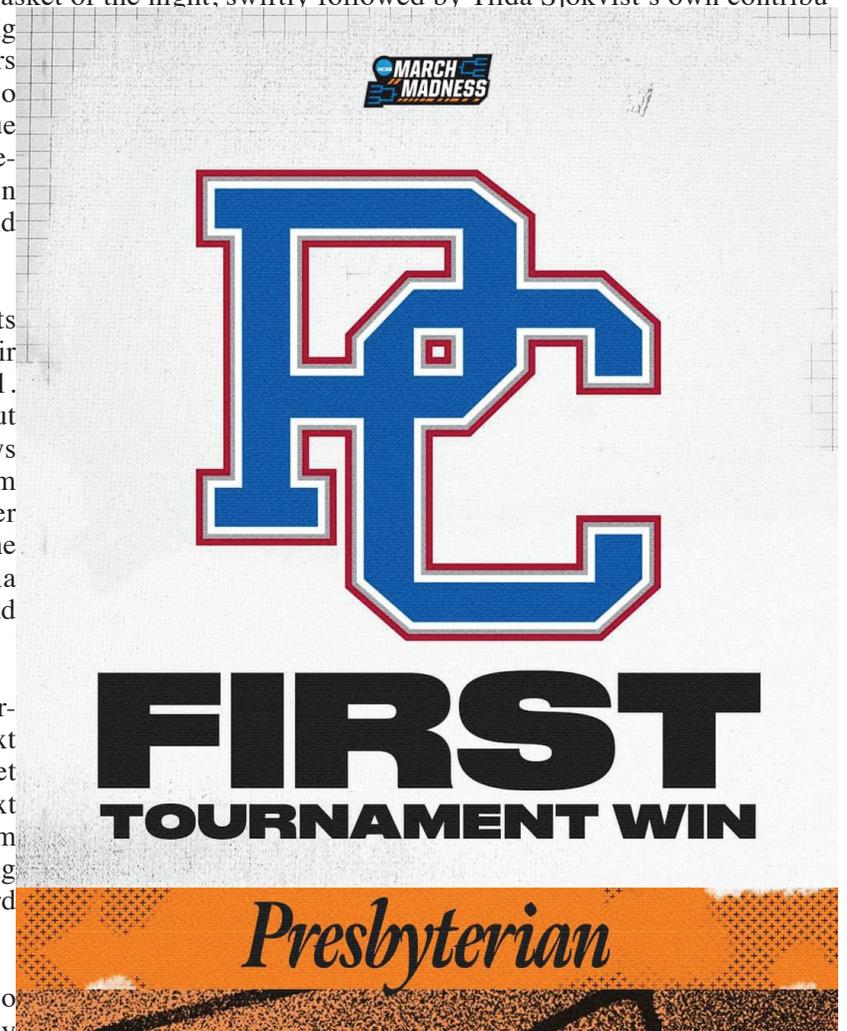
Fourth Quarter – The final 10 minutes kicked off with the opponents scoring the first two points, but Brady swiftly responded after drawing a foul and sinking both free throws. Brady then added another two points for PC with a smooth jumper in the paint, extending Presby’s lead to 39-32. SHU managed to make another layup, but Brady continued her impressive performance, adding another two points for the Blue Hose. Both teams exchanged baskets, bringing the score to 43-37 as they headed into a media timeout with 4:46 left on the clock. The Pioneers scored the next three points, but with 1:16 remaining, Sjökvist nailed a critical jumper to give the Blue Hose a five-point lead. SHU responded by sinking two free throws, making the score 45-42 with 27.8 seconds left on the clock. Forced to foul, Sacred Heart gave Neira the opportunity to secure two more points, widening the gap to five points with 26.1 seconds remaining. Kindseth iced the game, with two free throws to give the Blue Hose their first ever NCAA Tournament win with a score of 49-42.

NOTABLES

- First ever NCAA Tournament win in program history.
- Fourth time a Big South Conference team has won an NCAA Tournament game.
- The team improves to 21 wins on the season, increasing what will be in the record book for most wins in Division I history.
- PC ended Sacred Hearts 15-game win streak.

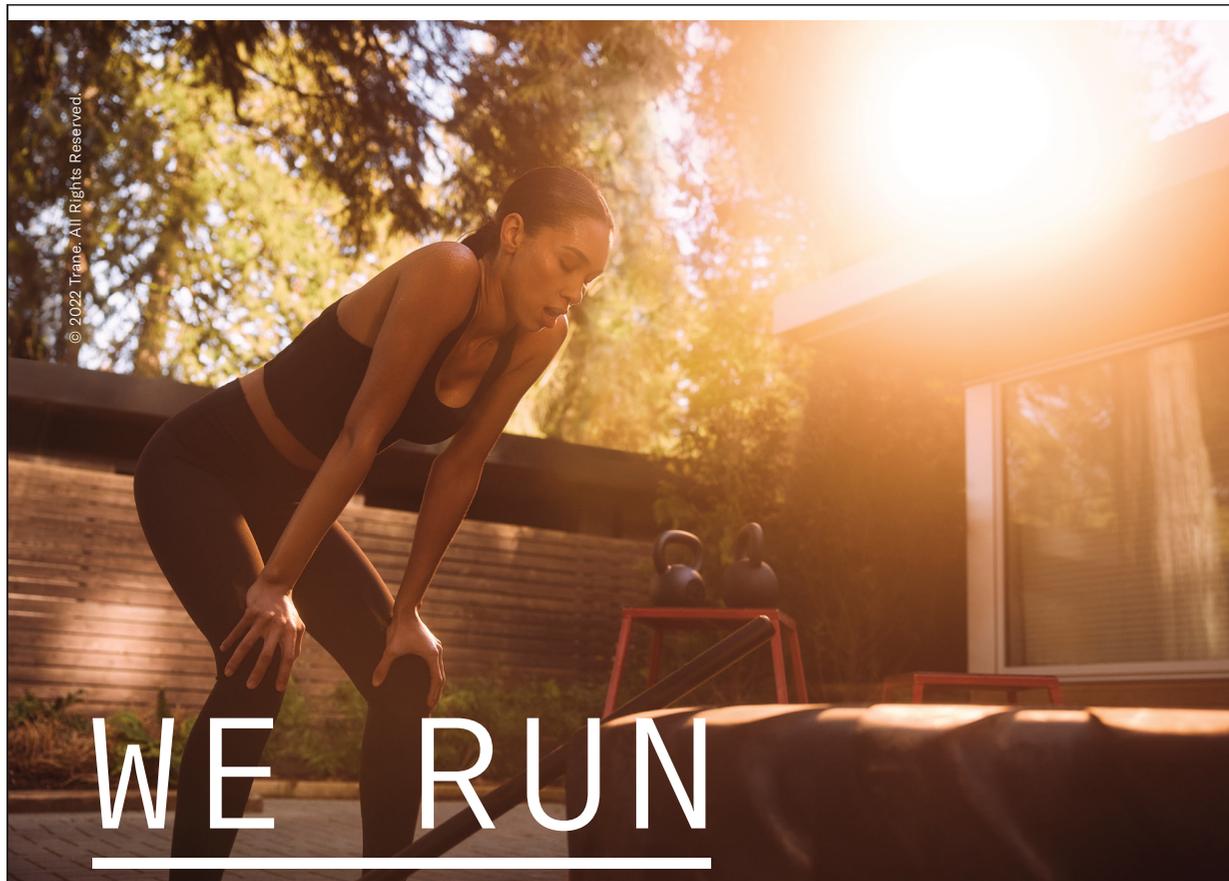
UP NEXT

The Blue Hose move on to the round of 64 with a match Friday (March 22) against the No. 1 ranked South Carolina Gamecocks on their home court in Columbia.



Blue Hose in the spring

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Clinton High School	4-12 BYE
Varsity Baseball	4-16 @Woodruff, 5:30/7
3-28 v Chesnee, 7:30	4-19 v Chester, 5:30/7
3-29 @Woodruff, 6	4-22 @Emerald, 5:30/7.
Tournament	
3-30 v Wren (Duncan Park), 6	Boys Soccer
4-1 v SSC (Duncan Park), 11:15am	3-29 @Emerald, 5:30/7
4-2 Championship Game, TBA	4-9 @Union County, 5:30/7
4-8 @Strom Thurmond, 6:30	4-12 BYE
4-9 @Chester, 6:30	4-16 v Woodruff, 5:30/7
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4-15 v Blue Ridge, 6:30	4-22 v Emerald, 5:30/7.
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4-19 @Emerald, 6	Boys Tennis
4-22 @Blue Ridge, 6:30	3-28 v Woodruff, 5
4-23 @Laurens, 7:30.	4-9 @Emerald, 5
	4-10 @Dorman, 5
Track	4-11 v Union County, 5
3-30 @JCSU, TBA	4-16 @Woodruff, 5
4-12 @Spring Valley, TBA	4-17 v Aiken, 5.
4-19 @Hillcrest, 5	Golf
4-23 Home Meet, 5	4-8 @Laurens, 4
4-27 @Region Meet (Emerald), 10am	4-9 @Emerald, 4
5-11 @Upperstate Qualifier, 9	4-15 @Spartanburg County Tournament, 9am
5-16-18 State Championship, TBA	4-18 @Chester, 4
	4-23 @Woodruff, 4
Girls Soccer	4-25 @Woodruff, 4
3-29 v Emerald, 5:30/7	4-30 @Region IV Tournament, 4
4-9 v Union County, 5:30/7	5-6 Upperstate Tournament, 8am
	5-13-14 State Tournament, TBA.

