

# Winter & Spring Sports



Representing Winter & Spring Sports are: left, Bryanna Belton (14), Clinton High School girls basketball, region champions, competing in the AA Upper State Championship at the Florence Center - Vic MacDonald Photo; below left, Presbyterian College women's basketball's Play for Kay game in recognition of breast cancer awareness - PC Photo; and below, USC Union Bantams softball's Raphaele Bouchard - Ohana Sports Photography. This section is in tribute to the student-athletes at the conclusion of Winter/Indoor basketball, wrestling and competitive cheer, and the beginning of Spring/Outdoor baseball, softball, track & field, tennis, golf, lacrosse, acrobatics, and soccer. We encourage everyone to get out into the spring weather and enjoy some great outdoors competition.



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# PC women - 6 All-Americans

CORALVILLE, Iowa – The Presbyterian College women's wrestling team finished off a marvelous 2025 season last Saturday night with eight of their 14 qualifiers advancing to the top 12 of the NCWWC National Championships. When the dust cleared, PC garnered a school-record six All-Americans and a

sixth-place team ranking (the program's highest in history).

After claiming the Southeast Region title for the first time two weeks ago, the Blue Hose sent three wrestlers to the National Semifinals in Iowa and found their highest-ranking placer in true freshman Carina Giangeruso who nabbed 4th.

Regional Coach of the Year Brian Vutianitis has directed his squad to a school record in three consecutive seasons at this tournament (which encompassed 61 other institutions), climbing from 9th place in 2023 to 8th in 2024 and now a 6th-place finish on the grandest stage this year.

plaudits as rookies since 2023.

- Going the furthest of the 14 qualifiers that made it to Coralville, Giangeruso concludes her debut year in a Blue Hose singlet with an individual record of 33-5.

- Coach Vutianitis' program continues its ranking among the country's best, steadily rising up the ladder with each





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Carina Giangeruso (138) – 4th Place, All-American

Paige Wehrmeister (138) – 6th Place, All-American

Maddie Kubicki (145) – 6th Place, All-American

May Cuyler (160) – 6th Place, All-American

Maria Aiono (207) – 6th Place, All-American

Alyssa Mahan (124) – 8th Place, All-American

Chloe Dearwester (110) – Day 2 Advancer

Henlee Haynes (180) – Day 2 Advancer

## AMONG THE COUNTRY'S ELITE

- Of PC's six All-Americans, two of them received that distinction for the second time in their career. Kubicki is the first Blue Hose in the Vutianitis era to win All-America status in back-to-back seasons, while Wehrmeister gets the honor for the second time in three years after sitting out last March due to injury.

- Three Presbyterian grapplers gained an All-America accolade as freshmen on Saturday (Aiono, Cuyler, and Giangeruso), meaning that seven total PC athletes have earned All-America

year and has been rewarded with its highest team finish at Nationals that they've ever witnessed.

## NCWWC National Championships Top 10

1. Iowa (201.5 points)
2. North Central (181 points)
3. McKendree (158.5 points)
4. Grand Valley State (129.5 points)
5. King (92.5 points)
6. Presbyterian (91 points)
7. Lindenwood (57.5 points)
8. Colorado Mesa (48 points)
9. Sacred Heart (47.5 points)
10. Elmira (42.5 points)

## NCWWC Individual National Champions

- 103 – Olivia Shore (Otterbein)
- 110 – Sage Mortimer (Grand Valley State)
- 117 – Sydney Petzinger (North Central)
- 124 – Amani Jones (North Central)
- 131 – Alexis Janiak (Aurora)
- 138 – Katerina Lange (Grand Valley State)
- 145 – Macey Kilty (Iowa)
- 160 – Kennedy Blades (Iowa)
- 180 – Kylie Welker (Iowa)
- 207 – Tristan Kelly (McKendree)



# Sports Hall of Fame--May 22



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
“Sports’ Biggest Night in Laurens County” will kick off in 2025 with the inaugural Laurens County Sports Awards on Thursday, May 22 at 7pm at Belk Auditorium on the campus of Presbyterian College.

The Laurens County Sports Awards will be an ESPYs-style red carpet event that will recognize athletes and teams from the 2024-2025 season from Clinton High School, Laurens Academy, Laurens District 55 High School and Thornwell Charter School.

“It will be a great night to showcase the phenomenal athletes and teams that have excelled in sports in Laurens County high schools this year,” said Billy Dunlap, organizer of the Laurens County Sports Awards. “We have been blessed with much success this year and it will be a great opportunity to bring everyone together for one night to celebrate those accomplishments as a collective community.”

The Laurens County Sports Awards will be held in conjunction with the induction of the Class of 2025 into the Laurens County Sports Hall of Fame. The sixth class of the Laurens County Sports Hall of Fame includes Ed Prescott, Travis Langford, Andy B. Young, Stan Whitlock and Hall King.

“Partnering the Laurens County Sports Hall of Fame with the Laurens County Sports Awards is a perfect combination,” said Dunlap. “It will allow those Hall of Fame inductees a much larger audience to be recognized in front of and it will also allow those athletes from the local high schools to see some of the legends that have made up the sports landscape

of Laurens County throughout the years.”

The Laurens County Sports Awards will present 27 awards and three nominees for each award will be invited to the event.

Tickets for the event will go on sale April 1, 2025.

Awards to be presented include:  
Male Athlete of the Year  
Female Athlete of the Year  
Team of the Year  
Scholar Athlete of the Year  
Best Performance of the Year  
Service Award  
People’s Choice Award  
Courage Award  
Coach of the Year  
Football Player of the Year  
Baseball Player of the Year  
Wrestler of the Year  
Boys Tennis Player of the Year  
Girls Tennis Player of the Year  
Softball Player of the Year  
Boys Basketball Player of the Year  
Girls Basketball Player of the Year  
Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year  
Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year  
Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year  
Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year  
Boys Soccer Player of the Year  
Girls Soccer Player of the Year  
Volleyball Player of the Year  
Competitive Cheerleader of the Year  
Boys Golfer of the Year  
Girls Golfer of the Year  
For more information, please contact Billy Dunlap at bdunlap@golaurens.com.

## Hutchinson Signs Pro Contract with MLS NEXT Pro’s New England Revolution II

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. - Presbyterian Blue Hose men’s soccer forward Damorney Hutchinson signed a professional contract with the New England Revolution II, an MLS NEXT Pro team.

### DAMORNEY HUTCHINSON

Hutchinson was the 2024 Big South Offensive Player of the Year. He was also a First Team All-Big South selection. This past season, Hutchinson set the program’s Division I era records for goals (12) in a season and a career (19). Hutchinson finished the season seventh in the nation in goals per game at .80. The St. Thomas, Jamaica native scored seven goals against Big South competition. For his stellar play last season, he was the Top Drawer Soccer’s National Player of the Week on September 17 and a two-time Big South Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 16 and Oct. 7).

In the 2023 season, Hutchinson garnered the Big South Newcomer of the Year award while being a First Team All-League selection.

### LAX

CLINTON, S.C. – Braving strong winds and pelting precipitation for the majority of last Monday afternoon’s non-conference matchup against FDU, the Presbyterian College lacrosse team found the perfect mix of steady offense and stifling defense in a 15-5 rout over the Knights.

The third home victory for the Blue Hose this year – becoming the third school in the Big South to hit that number – PC led from wire to wire against another northeastern visitor and did not allow FDU to score a single goal in either the 2nd or 4th periods.

Willow Hammond and Emily Currie came into Monday’s affair tied with each other for the highest goal count on the roster, and they will stay that way after both putting up four scores. It’s the fourth time in the last five meetings that Presby has made it to double digits

### ACRO

OWINGS MILLS, Md. – The Presbyterian Blue Hose (5-1) won all six events, Compulsory, Acro, Pyramid, Toss, Tumbling, and Team Evets, in a 242.075 to 176.935 road win over the Stevenson Mustangs (0-3).

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### BEATING WOFFORD

The Presbyterian College baseball team (7-6) delivered a clutch performance, edging out the Wofford Terriers (11-2) with a 4-3 victory at the PC Baseball Complex.

### HOW IT HAPPENED

- Yechiel Saint set the tone on the mound, keeping the game scoreless through the first four innings.
- The Terriers broke through in the fifth, plating two runs to take the lead.

However, the Blue Hose responded immediately. Ryan Becker ripped an RBI double to left-center, followed by an Aaron Hobson bunt single that brought Rhogue Wallace home to tie the game.

- Wofford added another run in the sixth to go up 3-2.
- In the seventh, Hobson reached base after being hit by a pitch. Mikah Conner then capitalized, blasting an RBI triple to right-center to even the score. Moments later, Jake Randolph delivered

the go-ahead RBI single, giving the Blue Hose their first lead of the night.

- Sean Hollister shut down Wofford in the seventh and eighth innings before Jacob Fields slammed the door in the ninth, earning his third save of the season.

### NOTABLES

- Mikah Conner went 2-for-3 with a walk, recording a double and an RBI triple. He now has five extra-base hits this season.

- Ryan Becker's RBI double in the fifth marked his first of the year.

- Yechiel Saint tossed 4.1 innings, striking out four while allowing just one hit and one earned run.
- Jacob Fields earned his third save of the season, striking out two of the three batters he faced in a flawless ninth inning.

*NEXT: Home March 21 - 23, Gardner-Webb (3-22: Breast Cancer Awareness Game); March 26 @ Clemson, 6 pm*

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Rion Gordon Signs with Brevard College... Last Friday (2-28-25) senior offensive lineman Rion Gordon signed a letter of intent to continue his football career and academic career playing for the Brevard College Tornados... Rion was very thankful to his parents, coaches, teammates and teachers for helping him to get this point in his career... Coach Fountain talked about him getting the work done in the classroom as well as being one of the leaders on this year's Red Devil football team that won the SCHSL Class AA Championship... He played offensive line and was long snapper for the Red Devils this past season and the latter is what he will mainly do for the Tornados... Other schools further away also showed interest in him ... Congratulations and good luck to Rion! -- Mike Hughes Sports Report WLBG

Anderson Claims Big South Player of the Week Accolades

CHARLOTTE, N.C – After scoring a program record 40 points in Presbyterian's regular season finale, junior forward Kishyah Anderson earned Big South Player of the Week honors, as announced by the conference office.

Anderson is the second Presbyterian player to garner the award this season after Paige Kindseth was Player of the Week on January 13.

Anderson is the 11th player in the program's history to garner the Big South Player of the Week award.

**KISHYAH ANDERSON – BIG SOUTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Against Gardner-Webb on March 1, Anderson scored 40 points while shooting 56.3 percent from the field (18-for-32). She recorded two steals as well. Anderson's 40-point performance set the Presbyterian's Division I era single-game scoring record. She is the sixth player in Big South history to score 40+ points in a Big South Conference game.

Against UNC Asheville on February 26, Anderson scored 27 points while shooting 55.6 percent (10-for-18) from the field. She grabbed five rebounds with three blocks and three steals.

In Presbyterian's two games this past week, she averaged 33.5 points while shooting 56 percent from the field.

**ON THE SEASON**

The Gilbert, Arizona native averages a team-leading 15 points per game while tallying 13 double-figure scoring games. Anderson is third in the Big South in scoring. She is second on the team, averaging 5.0 rebounds per game.



Elizabeth Reid Signs with Lander... Yesterday (3-5-25) at Clinton HS, senior Elizabeth Reid signed a letter of intent to continue her education and cross-country career a little further than the distance of a marathon from Clinton at Lander University... Elizabeth has been a member of the Red Devil cross country team for 6 years and will be missed... Her senior season was in doubt at one point as she had surgery back in April of last year but her work and dedication during rehab paid off as she helped the team qualify for the state tournament where the Red Devils finished 11th in Class 2A. She earned All-Region and All-County honors this past season and just missed the All-State team finishing 18th in the state tournament last fall with a time of 21:33:06 which placed her 18th in the state... - Mike Hughes Sports Report WLBG

**Lukas Kykendall signs with Brevard -- in March 19 Clinton Chronicle.**

Laurens HS

Five Raider Wrestlers Finish in Top Four of State Individual Tournament... This past weekend 11 male and 1 female wrestlers from LDHS participated in the SCHSL State Individual Wrestling Championship at the Florence Civic Center... The Raiders had 4 male and the 1 female wrestler to finish in the top 4 of the event.

In the 138-pound division, Dakota McCall finished first taking a 7-2 decision over his opponent

In the 144 pound division, Michael Aiken finished second.

In the 150 pound division, Leyden Gentry also finished second.

In the 120 pound division, Kai McCall lost a close 5-4 decision to his opponent

And last but certainly not least, Emily Riopel placed 4th in the female 170 pound weight class.

Congratulations to these Raiders for a fine showing this past weekend and to the Raider team and Coach Jordan for finishing second in the team completion this year!



**Bantam Soccer Brings Home Region Awards**

Though Bantam soccer finished their season just short of the region finals, the team brought home an impressive number of awards. Julien Fodisch (second team), Juan Rodas (first team), and Pedro Rocha (first team) were named All Region players while goalkeeper Colby Suber received an honorable mention. Mila Mzamane was also named first team All Region and received his second consecutive Region 10 Division 1 Player of the Year Award. This honor makes history for USCU Athletics, as this is the third player of the year award for Bantam soccer, following Mzamane's win in 2023 and Nico Steinweg's win in 2022.

"Winning these awards back-to-back is a good feeling," said Mzamane. "I worked hard, but I also felt the support from my parents and my coaches." He says that his plans for the future are to reach the highest level of soccer. "The sky is the limit," he said. "I want to try to go pro."



# CHS baseball

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3-11 Union, 7:30 pm	4-8 @ Fairfield Central, 7:30
3-12 @ Ninety Six, 5 pm	4-9 @ Saluda, 7:30 pm
3-13 @ Union, 7:30 pm	4-11 Fairfield Central, 7:30
3-18 Mid-Carolina, 7:30 pm	4-14 @ Laurens, 7:30 pm
3-21 @ Mid-Carolina, 7:30 pm	4-15 Laurens, 7:30 pm
3-24 @ Newberry, 6 pm	4-22 Eau Claire, 6 pm
3-25 @ Chester, 6 pm	4-23 Strom Thurmond, 6 pm
3-28 Chester, 7:30 pm	4-25 @ Eau Claire, 7:30 pm
4-1 @ Columbia, 6 pm	4-29 Ninety Six, 7:30 pm
4-2 @ Strom Thurmond, 6 pm	5-1 Saluda, Senior Night, 6 pm
4-4 Columbia, 7 pm	5-5 - 5-31 Playoffs, TBD

### Pre-Season Baseball Poll

• Laurens and Clinton Ranked... In case you missed it late last month, the South Carolina Baseball Coaches Association released its top 10 preseason picks for each of the classification in the SCHSL... Laurens County was well represented in that pool because the Laurens Raiders were picked to finish first in Class AAAA and the Clinton Red Devils were picked to finish third in Class AA... I'm sure that both Laurens Coach Tori Patterson and first-year head coach Peyton Spangler would say that these polls are nice and they are mainly for the fans and the only one they are concerned about is the one at the end of the year where the hardware is handed out after earning it on the field throughout the season... Both Clinton and Laurens will face stiff competition within their own regions as Mid-Carolina is ranked #1 in AA while Fountain Inn is ranked #5 in Class AAAA... Let's look back at the end of the season and hope these polls were accurate of wind up even better in the case of the Red Devils....

SC Basketball Coaches Association All-State Teams... Recently the SC Basketball Coaches Association released is ALL-State Teams for 2024-2025 for each classification and both boys and girls... If you would like to see the entirety of those teams, click here to go to an article in The State Newspaper listing them... The Raiders and the Red Devils were represented on a couple of those teams.... Congratulations to the following athletes on their accomplishments this season!

• Laurens  
Boys... Narrius (better known as TyJ) Jones was named to the All-State team in Class AAAA... He was second on the Raider team in scoring (behind Q. Watts) averaging 13.9 points per game for a total of 362 points... He shot 43 % from the field, averaged 2.2 assist per game, 3 steals per game, made 68% of free throws attempted, 30% of 3-point shots and was third in rebounding for the Raiders.

Girls... Zoe Young... The senior Raider led the team is scoring averaging 14.4 per game for a total of 346 points, shot 44% from field (while being battered by multiple defenders usually), averaged 12.7 rebounds per game (305 total), 1.6 blocks per game (caused a lot more shots than that to be altered) and shot 53% from free throw line.

Coach... Armond P. Flood, Sr. is 2024-25 Region 1 AAAA Basketball & District 4 Officials Association Coach of the Year.

• Clinton Boys had 2 players make the All-AA Team that were the mainstays of the Red Devils.

Tushawan Richardson... Tushawan averaged 19.4 points per game for 350 points, averaged 4.9 rebounds per game (88) and shot 74% from the free throw line.

Devin Swindler... Devin averaged 16.3 points per game for 245 points, averaged 6.3 rebounds per game (94) and shot 77 % from the free throw line.

Clinton girls have 3 on the All-Region Team: Mylayja Thompson, Bryanna Belton & McKenzie Clark

Scores - Softball: Blacksburg 11, Clinton 2; C - Halleigh Luke, double. Greenwood 12, Clinton 7; C - Sierra Templeton 2 hits. River Bluff 13, Clinton 8.

Baseball: Emerald 5, Clinton 2. Clinton 10, South Aiken 6; C - Jayden Glenn, 3-for-4 - Emerald City Pre-season Tournament. Clinton 20, Union 4 (4 inn.); Luke Young 3-for-4, double, 2 RBIs. Clinton 11, Ninety Six 4. C - Camden Finley, Luke Young, Owen Glenn, 3 hits each.

JV: Clinton 4, Union 1. Ninety Six 6, Clinton 5.  
Golf: Clinton 162, Laurens 185. C - Luke McMurray, medalist, 39. -- Mike Hughes, WLBG Clinton High School Boys Tennis Results 2025

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL	4	CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL	2
# 1 Singles	Nathan Meade defeated Tyler Hance	6 - 2, 6 - 3	
# 2 Singles	Edwin Orr defeated Walker Buice	7 - 6 (7 - 5), 6 - 2	4
# 3 Singles	Matthew King defeated William Appleby	7 - 6 (7 - 1), 6 - 2	
# 4 Singles	Jacob King defeated Thomas Ricks	6 - 4, 6 - 4	
# 5 Singles	Jake Meyerholtz lost to Brady Grimard	6 - 0, 6 - 1	
# 1 Doubles	DID NOT PLAY		
# 2 Doubles	Cooper Stinson & Ethan Wargo lost to Grant Gill & Will Heming	6 - 0, 6 - 2	
Clinton High School	1 - 0.	Next: March 20, home v Mid-Carolina.	

### Clinton High School Boys Tennis Schedule 2025

Feb 25, Tuesday	Dorman	Home	Scrimmage
Feb 27, Thursday	Woodruff	Home	Scrimmage
Mar 5, Wednesday	@ Laurens	Away	Scrimmage
Mar 11, Tuesday	@ Chapin	Away	5:00 pm
Mar 20, Thursday	Mid-Carolina*	Home	5:00 pm
Mar 27, Thursday	@ Mid-Carolina*	Away	5:00 pm
Apr 1, Tuesday	OPEN		
Apr 2, Wednesday	@ Woodruff	Away	5:00 pm
April 7, Monday	@ Blue Ridge	Away	5:00 pm
April 8, Tuesday	Columbia*	Home	5:00 pm
Apr 10, Thursday	@ Columbia*	Home	5:00 pm

### April 14 - 18, 2025 Spring Break – School District # 56

April 15, Tuesday	@ Fairfield Central*	Away	5:00 pm
April 17, Thursday	Fairfield Central*	Home	5:00 pm
April 22, Tuesday	Eau Claire*	Home	5:00 pm
April 24, Thursday	@ Eau Claire*	Away	5:00 pm

May 1, Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Round Play-off	*Denotes Region Match
May 5, Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Play-offs	*BOLD Home Match
May 7, Wednesday	State Semi-Finals	
May 10 Saturday	State Finals 12 pm	Florence Tennis Center
May 12 – 13 Mon & Tues	State Singles (Invitation Only)	Florence Tennis Center

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