

BLACK COLLEGE
SPORTS PAGESPRING
THINGSCIAA, SIAC CROWN SOFTBALL CHAMPS, MEAC,
SWAC UNDERWAY; HOWARD GOLFER IN NCAA MIX

Howard Sports Photo

PARIS FIELDINGS: Howard soph,
NEC champ, tied for fifth overall
after first round of NCAA Regional.

BCSP Spring Sports News

Howard's Fielding fifth in NCAA Golf Regional
headed to the second round

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (May 5, 2025) – Howard University sophomore **Paris Fieldings** from Chesapeake, Va. was tied for fifth overall in the individual leaderboard at the NCAA Charlottesville Regional, held at the Birdwood Golf Club (par-71, 6,365 yards).

After 18 holes, the Northeast Conference (NEC) Player of the Year shot 6-over par (77) with one birdie on hole two. The Virginia native is tied with UNC-Wilmington's Hannah Altman. Maryland's Nicha Kanpai holds the top spot after Day One, firing 1-under par (70) with a seven-stroke lead over Fieldings.

Fieldings continued with round two Tuesday (May 6), beginning with a 9:50 a.m., shotgun start time.

Fielding is the first Bison in school history to win the conference's individual NEC title. The Virginia native posted a 227 (+11) over 54 holes to win the NEC crown. The Bison team fell one shot short of Fairleigh-Dickinson in winning the team NEC title.

Without Fieldings, the Howard women's golf team is tied for first after round one of the PGA Works Collegiate Championships (PWCC), held at the Whistling Straits – Irish Course (par-72, 6,709 yards) in Kohler, Wis. Collectively, the Bison shot 14-over par (302) with three golfers sitting in the top 10; **Emily Mayne** (72), **Marley Franklin** (74) and **Kendall Jackson** (75)

Howard continued round two of the PWCC Tuesday (May 6), beginning at 8:30 a.m. (ET)..



Fieldings

Bowie State three-peats in CIAA softball

Orangeburg, S.C. - North Division regular season champ **Bowie State** defeated Southern Division champ **Clafin** 7-6 in the deciding game Saturday at the 2025 **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** (CIAA) softball championship tournament here. It was the fourth season that the two teams met in the championship round and the third straight title win for the Bulldogs.

BSU (27-18), who ran thru the regular season with a 16-0 mark against CIAA competition, handed Clafin its first loss of the championship tournament 4-2 on Friday to set up the potential two-game showdown on Saturday. Clafin (24-24) gave BSU its first conference loss and first of the tournament Saturday with a 5-2 decision. In the nip-and-tuck final game, **Mikayla Amos** came up with a big bases-loaded two-run double in the bottom of the sixth inning to put Bowie State ahead 7-6.

Junior outfielder **Coreena Dunham** and senior pitcher **Lindsey George** were named to the All-Tournament Team, with Dunham earning Tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

The NCAA announced Monday that BSU has been seeded eighth in the NCAA D2 Atlantic Region pod and will face the pod's top seed and host No. 15 East Stroudsburg (46-10-1) in the NCAA Atlantic Region for the third consecutive season from Thursday, May 8 through Saturday, May 10.

Spring Hill wins back-to-back
SIAC softball titles

COLUMBUS, GA. — The **Spring Hill College** softball team secured its third **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** (SIAC) championship title and second straight last Wednesday with a pair of wins against **Fort Valley State** here at the South Commons Softball Complex.

The Badgers (31-21 18-4) knocked off FVSU 9-3 in the first game and 8-4 in what turned out to be the deciding contest. FVSU finished 24-22, 15-9).

In game one, **Rycca Hinton** sparked the SHC offense with a two-run home run while **Leighanna Turk** (9-8) threw her ninth complete game of the season, striking out seven.

In game two, SHC broke from a 3-3 fourth-inning tie to score five unanswered runs over the next two innings. **Emma Curry** pitched the first 3.0 innings, striking out one. Turk (10-8) made her second appearance in the day, closing the game with one strike out and allowing four hits over 4.0 innings.

The NCAA named Spring Hill as the No. 8 seed in the 2025 NCAA Softball Championship South Regional. The regional is set to start on this weekend, May 8 in Tampa, Fla.

The South 1 Region pod, which is being hosted by top-seeded Tampa, will also feature No. 4 Nova Southeastern, No. 5 Barry and the No. 8-seeded Badgers. SHC will open its week at the regional against No. 1 Tampa on Thursday at 12 p.m. ET.

The Badgers, led by first-year head coach **Hannah Filmore**, are a notable 13-5 this season in neutral-site games.

Howard set as top seed for
MEAC softball tournament

NORFOLK, Va. – **Howard**, with a dominant 20-1 conference record, is set up as the top seed for the 2025 **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) Softball Championship beginning Wednesday thru Saturday (May 7-10) at the NSU Softball Field on the campus of **Norfolk State University**.

Howard (26-18) set a new program record for most conference wins

BREAKING NEWS

SWAC releases statement on
dismissal of Urban Edge \$150m lawsuit

The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** (SWAC) and its Commissioner **Dr. Charles McClelland** announced in a statement Tuesday that it has successfully obtained the dismissal of all claims asserted against them by *Urban Edge Network, Inc.* ("Urban Edge" or "UEN"), in a \$150 million lawsuit that has been pending since 2023 concerning the media rights to SWAC's athletic games.

In its lawsuit, Urban Edge contended that it had a right to broadcast SWAC athletic conference games on its nationwide streaming platform. That notion was dispelled by an April 21, 2025 Order issued by the Arbitrator presiding over this lawsuit, who held that among other things that, "UEN has no contractual relationship with SWAC and, as such, no right to market, sell, or promote advertising, broadcasting, or similar right[s] for SWAC games or events of its member institutions."

The Order also "permanently enjoined" Urban Edge and its founders Hardy Pelt and Todd Brown "from any further fraudulent attempts to sell SWAC's advertising and media rights to third parties, or otherwise use SWAC's media, or induce SWAC's member institutions to breach their agreements with SWAC."

This is a significant victory for the SWAC, who still has claims against Urban Edge that will proceed to trial.

This is the third time Pelt, then known as "Victor Pelt," has had court action taken against him for fraudulent dealings regarding black college sports media rights. He is the former founder and owner of New Vision Sports Properties (NVSP) that settled a fraudulent business practices suit against his company by Integrated Sports Media LLC for \$550,000 that remains unpaid. Pelt was also sued in 2010 for misrepresenting his ability to get athletic contests involving HBCUs on College Sports Television Network (CSTV) by HBCU Pro Football, LLC, and President and CEO Ronald E. Richardson resulting in an almost \$2 million payout to the plaintiffs. (<https://sportslitigationalert.com/court-finds-sports-programming-agent-liable-for-breach-of-contract/>)

in a single season. The title is the Bison's first regular season crown since 2010.

Prairie View A&M, Florida A&M top seeds
for SWAC Softball Tournament

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.- The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** (SWAC) has announced its 2025 Softball Tournament seedings following the conclusion of regular season play.

Prairie View A&M (21-3 SWAC) enters the tournament as the No. 1 seed from the Western Division. **Florida A&M** (19-5 SWAC) enters the tournament as the No. 1 seed from the Eastern Division.

The tournament will be played in a double-elimination format with action set to start at 10:30 a.m. CST on Tuesday, May 6th with games slated to run through May 9th. If necessary, the final tournament championship game has been scheduled for Saturday, May 10th at the Gulfport Sportsplex in Gulfport, Miss. All tournament games will be available live on the SWAC Digital Network.

The complete tournament bracket is below.

Tuesday, May 6

Game 1 – (W2) Texas Southern vs. (E3) Alabama State, 10:30 a.m.
Game 2 – (E2) Jackson State vs. (W3) Southern, 1:00 p.m.
Game 3 – (E1) Florida A&M vs. (W4) Grambling State, 3:30 p.m.
Game 4 – (W1) Prairie View A&M vs. (E4) Bethune-Cookman, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7

Game 5 – Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3, 10:30 a.m.
Game 6 – Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 4, 1:00 p.m.
Game 7 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3, 3:30 p.m.
Game 8 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

Game 9 – Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 7, 10:30 a.m.
Game 10 – Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 8, 1:00 p.m.
Game 11 – Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 3:30 p.m.
Game 12 – Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 9

Game 13 – Winner Game 12 vs. Loser Game 11, 10:30 a.m.
Game 14 – Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 13, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 (if necessary)

Game 15 – Championship Game 2, 11:00 a.m.

SWAC announces 2025
softball postseason awards

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** announced its 2025 All-SWAC softball teams and individual award winners on Monday (see STAT CORNER). The all-conference honors were voted on by the league's head coaches and sports information directors.

Grambling State slugger **Kamryn Broussard** hit .448 with 60 hits and three home runs and was named Player of the Year. **Jackson State's Jace Jackson** batted .433 with 58 hits and 51 RBI to earn Hitter of the Year. **Prairie View A&M** pitcher **Cailin Massey** had a league-best nine wins and a 2.49 ERA to win Pitcher of the Year while her teammate **Janaiya Thomas** hit a team-best .368 with 39 hits and 40 RBI to take Newcomer of the Year accolades.

A .413 batting average with on 52 hits garnered **Texas Southern's Kylie Wilson** Freshman of the Year honors and **Prairie View A&M's Vernon Bland** was tabbed Coach of the Year after leading the Panthers to the W. Div. title with a 21-3 record, the most wins in the SWAC.

2025 BLACK COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

FINAL NORTH	DIV	CONF			ALL		
		W	L	W	L	W	L
Bowie State	10	0	16	0	26	17	
Virginia State	7	3	11	4	14	12	
Lincoln (PA)	4	5	9	5	17	28	
Elizabeth City State	3	7	5	10	6	25	
Virginia Union	3	7	5	10	8	25	
Bluefield State	2	7	5	9	13	29	
SOUTH	DIV	CONF			ALL		
		W	L	W	L	W	L
Clafin	9	1	10	6	22	22	
Winston-Salem State	8	2	11	5	17	11	
Fayetteville State	3	5	7	7	12	20	
Shaw	3	5	4	10	7	18	
Livingstone	1	7	1	13	6	20	
J. C. Smith	0	4	0	4	1	14	

CIAA SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
May 1-3, 2025

MAY 1

LINP 3, WSSU 1 - BSU 11, SHAW 3
YSU 8, FSU 7 - CLAF 7, ECSU 1
FSU 9, ECSU 4 - CLAF11, YSU 3
BSU 11, SHAW 3

MAY 2

CLAF 8, WSSU 6 - LINP 7, FSU 6
WSSU 7, FSU 6 - BSU 4, CLAF 2
MAY 3
CLAF 5, BSU 2 - BSU 7, CLAF 6

MEAC MID EASTERN
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

FINAL*	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Howard	20	1	28	1
Norfolk State	14	7	21	2
Delaware State	12	9	24	2
Morgan State	12	9	17	2
NC Central	10	10	13	3
SC State	10	11	14	2
Coppin State	3	18	3	2
Maryland ES	2	18	6	3

MEAC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Wednesday-Saturday May 7-10, 2025
Norfolk VA. | Hosted by Norfolk State

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

FINAL EAST	CONF	ALL		
	W	L	W	L
Edward Waters	19	6	28	25
Albany State	16	8	27	15
Fort Valley State	16	10	25	23
Benedict	12	12	18	22
Savannah State	11	13	15	25
Clark Atlanta	3	22	7	30
Allen	3	22	3	25
WEST	CONF	ALL		
		W	L	W
Tuskegee	20	2	27	8
Spring Hill	18	4	28	22
Kentucky State	10	10	13	20
Miles	11	11	13	30
Lane	10	12	17	26
LeMoyne-Owen	3	19	8	22

SIAC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
May 1 • Columbus, GA

Spring Hill 9, Fort Valley State 3
Spring Hill 8, Fort Valley State 4

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Rycca Hinton, Spring Hill (Most Valuable Player)
Jesslyn Gordon, Natalee Curry, Destiny Pierce
Leighanna Turk - SHC; Tenison Myricks, Laila
Leverett, Jasmin Stewart, Gabrielle Stonecyph -
FVSU; Avery Fisher, ALBST; Desalynn Nesbitt, MC

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

EAST	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Florida A&M	19	5	23	18
Jackson State	15	9	25	22
Bethune-Cookman	14	10	21	29
Alabama State	14	10	16	34
Alabama A&M	10	14	19	25
Miss. Valley State	0	24	2	36
WEST				
Prairie View A&M	21	3	27	19
Southern	13	11	22	22
Texas Southern	13	11	13	23
Grambling State	10	14	17	29
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	9	15	14	28
Alcorn State	6	18	11	29

SWAC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
May 6-9 - Gulfport (MS) Sportsplex

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