

The BUC Starts Here



Small Talk

We are right in the thick of action, but what a great time of year with plenty of chances to get out and see your fellow Buccaneers play.

CSU had plenty of Big South honors over the past month, with 11 different Buccaneer athletes earning Player of the Week honors from the conference. **Kelsey Wasmer** earned the distinction twice, while all four members of the men's 4x200m relay team (**Javon Young, Dantwan Spreads, Cornelius Tyler and Levi Brooks**) were also honored. **Kelvin Day** and **Olivia Jordan-Higgins** earned golfer of the week honors, while tennis player **Andrea Schutte** was selected. In the first two weeks of the softball season, CSU had three players honored (**Megan Lombard, Megan Hall, Sondra Vetter**), including a sweep of the weekly awards after the team upset #15 Louisville.

The softball team also has a 4-0 record against the College of Charleston this season.

Baseball got a big win against VCU during their opening weekend and followed that up with a come-from-behind victory over Furman.

The basketball seasons are winding down, and the women's team put together a four-game winning streak in Big South play to put them in a battle for third in the conference. The men's team earned a couple of Big South honors, including **Jamarco Warren** earned first-team All-Conference honors, while **Jeremy Sexton** earned Freshman of the Year honors. **Kelvin Martin** finished second in the Defensive Player of the Year voting.

OBEDIENCE

"The ability to follow and submit to instruction, command, or authority"

From the 50s' James Dean in "Rebel Without a Cause" and Marlon Brando in "The Wild One," to today's gangster rappers, our society—especially the younger portion—has glorified disobedience. There has always been something cool about the rebel, whether it be Rambo or Snoop Dogg. In the world of entertainment, even if you don't know old movies, it is easy to find many such examples, while in the wide world of sports, it's harder to find examples—for good reasons.

The military and athletics have been bastions of OBEDIENCE in our society because OBEDIENCE has been a key ingredient of success for both. Following instruction, command and authority have always been vital components in winning in war and sports. How often have you heard an athletic contest called a battle? There are strategies, plans of attack, etc., that must be executed and that is where OBEDIENCE enters. I know that I am stating the obvious, so why talk about obedience here? The reason is that we all fight the tendency to be a rebel. Our rebellious nature expresses itself by the uplifting of SELF. It is expressed in little ways, sport by sport: how you wear your socks and hat in baseball, your touchdown celebration in football, length of hair, facial hair, earrings, etc. In big ways, it is expressed by coaches breaking NCAA rules in recruiting and other areas, and athletes breaking substance rules like in Major League Baseball. We see it there and it certainly impacts us at our level also.

Romans 13:1-7 addresses this area in amazing ways. Paul was writing to the Christians in Rome under the yoke of Roman rule. None of us in this country would ever face the OBEDIENCE challenges that they faced, yet Paul says in verse two, "He who rebels against authority is rebelling against God." This reveals that submission to authority is a key sign of obeying God, the ultimate Authority, and being a Christian. The ramifications of submission are too numerous to go into here, but it is enough to say that it is God's will for us, and a blessing for us, to be obedient people and to submit our rebel selves to authority. This credo is good for the coach as well as the athlete. An authority figure who does not submit to the authority above them has no reason to expect those under him to submit to their authority. It is clear that the kingdom of God and the world of athletics run according to an authority structure that must be followed for maximum success to be realized. Obeying the authority structure means putting aside SELF and understanding the concept of submission.

In many areas of our culture today, the concept of submission to authority is viewed as a sign of weakness. As has been stated, movies and music glorify being strong against authority, even overthrowing it in the most extreme cases. This influence will affect our world of athletics, which in turn affects our ability to be successful—to win. Consider OBEDIENCE and its facets and see if you will agree with me that OBEDIENCE is ...

OUR WINNING EDGE!

--Hank Small, Athletic Director

Support your fellow athletes

Athletic calendar of events through March 25

March		
1	M. Golf.....	Wendy's Shoot Out (Stono Ferry).....
2-6	MBB.....	@ Big South Conference Tournament.....
3	SB.....	@ USC Upstate (DH)..... 2:30 / 5 p.m.
3	BASE.....	@ College of Charleston..... 5 p.m.
5	Tennis.....	Liberty..... 2 p.m.
	BASE.....	Holy Cross..... 2 p.m.
5-6	SB.....	Lowcountry Invite (Presbyterian, Dayton, UNCW).....
6	Track & Field.....	@ Virginia Tech Last Chance (Indoor).....
	BASE.....	Holy Cross (DH)..... 11:30 / 3 p.m.
	Tennis.....	@ Gardner-Webb..... 1 p.m.
7-8	W. Golf.....	@ Adminstaff Lady Jaguar Intercollegiate.....
8-9	M. Golf.....	@ The Cleveland Palmetto Intercollegiate.....
8	WBB.....	Winthrop..... 7 p.m.
9	Tennis.....	UNC Greensboro..... 2 p.m.
	BASE.....	USC Upstate..... 2 p.m.
10	BASE.....	Georgia Southern..... 2 p.m.
	SB.....	Georgia Southern (DH)..... 2 p.m.
11	Tennis.....	@ USC Upstate..... 2 p.m.
12-13	Track & Field.....	@ NCAA National Championships (Indoor).....
	Track & Field.....	@ Coastal Carolina Invite (Outdoor).....
12-14	WBB.....	@ Big South Conference Tournament.....
	SB.....	@ FAU Tourney (Iowa, Va. Tech, FAU, Syracuse, Jacksonville).....
12	BASE.....	@ Florida..... 6:30 p.m.
13	BASE.....	@ Florida..... 4 p.m.
14	BASE.....	@ Florida..... 1 p.m.
15	Tennis.....	Jackson State..... 2 p.m.
16	Tennis.....	UMASS..... 2 p.m.
	BASE.....	@ USC Upstate..... 4 p.m.
17	SB.....	@ S.C. State (DH)..... 1 / 3 p.m.
	BASE.....	Savannah State..... 2 p.m.
18-20	Track & Field.....	@ Shamrock Invitational (Outdoor).....
18	Tennis.....	UNC Wilmington..... 1:30 p.m.
19-21	M. Golf.....	@ Furman Intercollegiate.....
19	BASE.....	Coastal Carolina..... 2 p.m.
20	BASE.....	Coastal Carolina..... 2 p.m.
21	BASE.....	Coastal Carolina..... 2 p.m.
22-24	W. Golf.....	@ Pinehurst Challenge.....
23	BASE.....	@ Savannah State..... 2 p.m.
	SB.....	@ Campbell (DH)..... 4 / 6 p.m.
24	BASE.....	College of Charleston..... 2 p.m.
	Tennis.....	@ UNC Charlotte..... 2:30 p.m.
25	Tennis.....	AUM (Lexington, S.C.)..... 1 p.m.



“March Madness: Don’t Bet on It!”

As the NCAA Basketball tournament begins, and brackets start to be released, it seems like a good time to remind everyone that gambling and betting on sports can cost more than you think. NCAA rules prohibit student-athletes from being involved in any sort of gambling activities.

This includes:

1. Providing information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition.
2. Soliciting a bet on any intercollegiate team.
3. Accepting a bet on any team representing the institution.
4. Soliciting or accepting a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value.
5. Participating in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.

Doing so can cost you your collegiate athletic career permanently. If you have any questions about NCAA compliance, please contact Mike Hammond at extension 7078.

◆ ACADEMIC CALENDAR ◆

March 1	Accelerated I Final Exams
March 6 – 14	Spring Break
March 15	Classes Resume
March 15	Accelerated II Classes Begin
March 15 - 19	Advisement and Preregistration for Seniors and Juniors
March 18	Last Date to Register or Drop/Add Accelerated II; Last Date to Receive a Full Tuition Refund if Withdrawing from CSU (Accelerated II only)
March 22 – 26	Advisement and Preregistration for Sophomores
March 25	Last Date for Refund of 25% Tuition if Withdrawing from CSU (Accelerated II only)
March 29 – April 9	Advisement and Preregistration for Freshmen

