



SSC WEEKLY RELEASE

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SUNSHINE STATE CONFERENCE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BASEBALL



PLAYER OF THE WEEK -- Despite a 1-3 performance for his team, Rollins senior third baseman **Gene Howard** (Nahant, Mass.) was stellar in his final games in a Tar uniform, batting .650 with five RBI and eight runs scored. Howard tallied multiple hits in all four games, and he notched at least three hits in three contests. He also drove in at least one run and scored at least one run in every game. In a 9-7 loss at Eckerd, he went 3-for-5 with two doubles. In a 22-0 win versus the Tritons, he was 5-for-7 with a home run, two RBI, and four runs. In the game, he set a new Rollins single-season record for hits. Howard rounded out the series against EC by going 2-for-3 with another homer and set a new RC single-season mark with a .426 batting average. In four games, he posted an impressive 1.050 slugging percentage and a .667 OBP.



PITCHER OF THE WEEK -- Barry junior **Bobby Hernandez** (Key West, Fla.) led the Buccaneers to a 4-2 win at No. 3 Tampa, allowing just one earned run on six hits and five walks over seven innings. He struck out five. With the win, Hernandez concluded the season with a 7-0 record, setting a new school record for win percentage. He also set a new Barry single-season mark with a 1.58 ERA.

FIVE SSC TEAMS BEGIN PLAY AT WOMEN'S GOLF REGIONAL ON MONDAY



Five SSC teams have received bids to compete at the NCAA Division II Women's Golf South Regional, which will be contested May 5-7 at Mission Inn Resort & Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. The event is being hosted by the Central Florida Sports Commission and the Sunshine State Conference.

Nova Southeastern, Florida Southern, Rollins, Barry, and Lynn claimed five of the six spots in the regional. Additionally, Florida Tech's **Daniela Iacobelli** was invited to compete for the individual title. A year ago, Iacobelli won the NCAA DII individual championship, while Florida Southern claimed the team title.

The region's top two teams and top two individuals not with one of those teams will advance to compete at the NCAA DII Women's Golf Championships, which will be held May 13-16 in Houston, Texas, as part of the Division II Spring Championships Festival.

SSC teams have won the last eight DII women's golf national championships.

FIVE SSC TEAMS TO COMPETE IN MEN'S GOLF REGIONAL MAY 5-7



Five SSC men's golf teams and one individual have been selected to participate in the NCAA Division II Men's Golf South/South Central Super Regional May 5-7 at the Grey Rock Golf Club in Austin, Texas.

In the South Region, **Florida Southern** leads the SSC contingent, entering the tournament as an automatic qualifier compliments of its victory at the SSC Championship. Also making the field were **Nova Southeastern, Barry, Lynn, and Florida Tech**. Additionally, Saint Leo's **Matt Cornuet** was invited to compete for the individual title.

The top team from each region within the super regional, as well as the top individual not with one of those teams, will advance to the national championship, which will be held as part of the NCAA Division II Spring National Championships Festival May 14-17 in Houston, Texas. Based on previous strong performance in the NCAA DII Championship, three additional teams from the South/South Central Regional will earn berths to the Championships Festival.

2008 Sunshine State Conference Rowing Update (through May 4, 2008)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 9 - SUNDAY, MAY 10

Dad Vail Championships - Participants: Barry, Florida Tech, Nova Southeastern, Rollins

SIX SSC TEAMS RECEIVE BIDS TO WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP



Six SSC teams have received bids to compete in the NCAA Division II Women's Tennis Championship, which will begin May 8. **Lynn** and **Barry** were selected to host opening-round matches in the Southeast Regional.



Joining the Knights and Buccaneers in the field will be **Florida Southern**, **Nova Southeastern**, **Rollins**, and **Saint Leo**, which makes the first NCAA tournament appearance in program history.



In matches hosted at Lynn, the Knights will open against Carson-Newman at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 8. Nova Southeastern will square off with Florida Southern at 2 p.m. on Thursday. The winners of those matches will play Friday at 8:30 a.m.

In matches contested at Barry, the Bucs will host Saint Leo in first-round action on Friday, May 9, at 9 a.m., while Rollins will take on Tusculum Friday at 11:30 a.m.. The winners of those matches will meet Saturday at 11 a.m.

Winners of second-round matches will advance to compete in the round of 16, which will be played May 14 in Houston, Texas, as part of the Division II Spring Championships Festival. Action will conclude with the finals on May 17.

2008 Sunshine State Conference Women's Tennis Update (through May 4, 2008)

SSC WOMEN'S TENNIS STANDINGS

	SSC Games			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Lynn	8	0	1.000	21	2	.913
Rollins	7	1	.875	22	2	.917
Barry	6	2	.750	18	6	.750
Nova Southeastern	5	3	.625	14	7	.667
Florida Southern	4	4	.500	16	6	.727
Saint Leo	3	5	.375	13	10	.565
Florida Tech	2	6	.250	15	15	.500
Tampa	1	7	.125	10	15	.400
Eckerd	0	8	.000	0	15	.000

SSC TEAMS IN RANKINGS

ITA DII Women's Tennis Rankings (4/3):

3. Lynn, 7. Rollins, 10. Barry, 13. Nova Southeastern,
14. Florida Southern, 34. Saint Leo

DII SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

Hosted by Barry University

Friday, May 9

Barry vs. Saint Leo, 9 a.m.
Rollins vs. Tusculum, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 10

Friday's Winners, 11 a.m.

Hosted by Lynn University

Thursday, May 8

Lynn vs. Carson-Newman, 10 a.m.
Nova Southeastern vs. Florida Southern, 2 p.m.

Friday, May 9

Thursday's Winners, 8:30 a.m.

FOUR SSC TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP



Four SSC teams have earned berths to the NCAA Division II Men's Tennis Championship, which will begin May 8. **Lynn** and **Barry** were selected to host opening-round matches in the Southeast Regional.

Florida Southern and **Rollins** will join the Knights and Buccaneers in the tournament field.



In matches played in Boca Raton, the host Knights will open against Newberry on Friday, May 9, at 11 a.m., while Florida Southern will meet Mars Hill at 3 p.m. The winners will face off Saturday at 1 p.m.

In matches hosted at Barry, the Bucs will square off with Palm Beach Atlantic in first round action on Thursday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m., while Rollins will face Tusculum Thursday at noon. The winners of those matches will meet Friday at 2 p.m.

Winners of second-round matches will advance to compete in the round of 16, which will be played May 14 in Houston, Texas, as part of the Division II Spring Championships Festival. Action will conclude with the finals on May 17.

2008 Sunshine State Conference Men's Tennis Update (through May 4, 2008)

SSC MEN'S TENNIS STANDINGS

	SSC Games			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Barry	6	0	1.000	17	4	.810
Lynn	5	1	.833	16	5	.762
Florida Southern	4	2	.667	16	8	.667
Rollins	3	3	.500	15	7	.682
Florida Tech	2	4	.333	14	12	.538
Eckerd	1	5	.167	3	13	.188
Saint Leo	0	6	.000	3	16	.158

SSC TEAMS IN RANKINGS

ITA DII Men's Tennis Rankings (4/3):

5. Barry, 6. Lynn, 9. Rollins, 14. Florida Southern, 41. Florida Tech

DII SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

Hosted by Barry University

Thursday, May 8

Barry vs. Palm Beach Atlantic, 9:30 a.m.
Rollins vs. Tusculum, noon

Friday, May 9

Thursday's Winners, 2 p.m.

Hosted by Lynn University

Friday, May 9

Lynn vs. Newberry, 11 a.m.
Florida Southern vs. Mars Hill, 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

Friday's Winners, 1 p.m.

FOUR SSC TEAMS EARN BIDS TO SOFTBALL REGIONAL



Four SSC teams have received bids to compete in the NCAA Division II Softball South Regional, which will be hosted by **Barry** May 7-11.

Joining the top-seeded Buccaneers in the field will be No. 3 **Saint Leo**, No. 4 **Tampa**, and No. 5 **Rollins**.

All teams will begin action on Wednesday, with Saint Leo leading things off in a contest against No. 6 Valdosta State at 11 a.m. Game three on Wednesday will pit SSC foes Tampa and Rollins against each other for the fourth time this season. Game time is 4 p.m. Rollins took the regular season series with two wins versus the Spartans. Host Barry will wrap up first-day action with a 6:30 p.m. contest against No. 8 Albany State.

All teams will play again on Tuesday, as the tournament is a double-elimination format.

2008 Sunshine State Conference Softball Update (through May 4, 2008)

SSC SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	SSC Games			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Barry	17	4	.810	40	6	.870
Tampa	14	7	.667	31	11	.738
Saint Leo	14	7	.667	35	13	.729
Rollins	13	8	.619	38	14	.731
Nova Southeastern	12	9	.571	43	20	.683
Florida Southern	9	12	.429	29	14	.674
Lynn	3	18	.143	18	36	.333
Eckerd	2	19	.095	8	47	.145
Florida Tech	0	0	.000	9	6	.600

RECENT RESULTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Rollins 16, Albany St. (Ga.) 0 (5)
Rollins 9, Albany St. (Ga.) 1 (5)

SSC TEAMS IN RANKINGS

NFCA DII Poll (4/30):

3. Barry, 17. Tampa, 24. Saint Leo, T25. Rollins

DII SOUTH REGIONAL Hosted by Barry University

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Game 1 - No. 3 Saint Leo vs. No. 6 Valdosta State, 11 a.m.
Game 2 - No. 2 Ala-Huntsville vs. No. 7 West Fla, 1:30 p.m.
Game 3 - No. 4 Tampa vs. No. 5 Rollins, 4 p.m.
Game 4 - No. 1 Barry vs. No. 8 Albany State, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Game 5 - Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 11 a.m.
Game 6 - Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 1:30 p.m.
Game 7 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 4 p.m.
Game 8 - Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Game 9 - Loser Game 7 vs. Winner Game 6, 11 a.m.
Game 10 - Loser Game 8 vs. Winner Game 5, 1:30 p.m.
Game 11 - Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 4 p.m.
Game 12 - Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 9, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Game 13 - Winner Game 12 vs. Loser Game 11, 1 p.m.
Game 14 - Winner Game 13 vs. Winner Game 11, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Game 15 - Necessary if Winner Game 13 defeats Winner Game 11, 1 p.m.

2008 Sunshine State Conference Baseball Update (through May 4, 2008)

SSC BASEBALL STANDINGS

	SSC Games			Overall			
	W	L	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Tampa	17	7	.708	38	9	1	.802
Nova Southeastern	13	6	.684	30	19	0	.612
Florida Southern	15	8	.652	29	21	0	.580
Lynn	11	8	.579	32	17	0	.653
Florida Tech	11	10	.524	33	17	1	.657
Barry	11	13	.458	32	19	0	.627
Rollins	9	14	.391	29	24	1	.546
Saint Leo	7	12	.368	28	21	0	.571
Eckerd	4	20	.167	16	34	0	.320

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 5

SAINT LEO AT NOVA SOUTHEASTERN

TUESDAY, MAY 6

SAINT LEO AT NOVA SOUTHEASTERN (DH)

FLORIDA TECH AT LYNN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

FLORIDA TECH AT LYNN (DH)

RECENT RESULTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Embry-Riddle (Fla.) 8, Rollins 7

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Florida Southern 6, Embry-Riddle (Fla.) 3

ECKERD 9, ROLLINS 7

BARRY 4, TAMPA 2

SATURDAY, MAY 3

ROLLINS 22, ECKERD 0

ECKERD 7, ROLLINS 3

TAMPA 13, BARRY 5

TAMPA 8, BARRY 4

Nova Southeastern 12, Palm Beach Atlantic 7

SSC TEAMS IN RANKINGS

Collegiate Baseball Newspaper DII Poll (4/28):

3. Tampa, Florida Southern, Lynn, NSU - received votes

NACBW DII Poll (4/22):

4. Tampa, Lynn - received votes

NCAA DII Baseball South Region Rankings (4/30):

1. Tampa, 5. Florida Tech, 6. Lynn, 7. NSU, 8. Florida Southern

Baseball Weekly Honor Roll

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

	GP	BA	SLG	OBP	FLD	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB-SBA
Gene Howard, RC (Sr, 3B)	4	.650	1.050	.667	.818	20	8	13	5	2	0	2	1	2	0-0

Howard was stellar in his final games in a Tar uniform, batting .650 with five RBI and eight runs scored. Howard tallied multiple hits in all four games, and he notched at least three hits in three contests. He also drove in at least one run and scored at least one run in every game. In a 9-7 loss at Eckerd, he went 3-for-5 with two doubles. In a 22-0 win versus the Tritons, he was 5-for-7 with a home run, two RBI, and four runs. In the game, he set a new Rollins single-season record for hits. Howard rounded out the series against EC by going 2-for-3 with another homer and set a new RC single-season mark with a .426 batting average. In four games, he posted an impressive 1.050 slugging percentage and a .667 OBP.

OTHER NOMINEES

	GP	BA	SLG	OBP	FLD	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB-SBA
Dale Alberto, NSU (Jr, SS)	1	.500	.750	.400	1.000	4	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
Steven Broschofsky, UT (Sr, OF)	3	.500	.600	.583	1.000	10	3	5	5	1	0	0	2	0	0-0
Derek Makowski, EC (Sr, OF)	3	.714	.857	.750	1.000	7	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-1

PITCHER OF THE WEEK

	GP	W-L	SV	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HR	HBP	CG	ShO
Bobby Hernandez, BU (Jr)	1	1-0	-	1.29	7.0	6	2	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	0

Hernandez led the Buccaneers to a 4-2 win at No. 3 Tampa, allowing just one earned run on six hits and five walks over seven innings. He struck out five. With the win, Hernandez concluded the season with a 7-0 record, setting a new school record for win percentage. He also set a new Barry single-season mark with a 1.58 ERA.

OTHER NOMINEES

	GP	W-L	SV	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HR	HBP	CG	ShO
Tony Capoverdi, EC (Sr)	1	1-0	-	3.86	7.0	8	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	0
Danny Clark, RC (So)	1	1-0	-	0.00	7.0	5	0	0	3	4	0	0	1	0	0
Kevin McCourt, NSU (Fr)	1	1-0	-	1.29	7.0	5	1	1	1	8	0	1	2	0	0