



# MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Softball  
2018 Season • Week 1  
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## 48 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

NORTHERN DIVISION TEAM	CONFERENCE				OVERALL				Last 10	Streak
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.		
SOUTH DIVISION										

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

### THIS WEEK'S GAMES

### NOTES

#### Friday, February 9

Youngstown State vs. Hampton	10 a.m.
Morgan State vs. Toledo	11 a.m.
North Carolina A&T State vs. Towson	11 a.m.
Nicholls State vs. Howard	12 p.m.
Western Kentucky vs. Hampton	12 p.m.
Howard vs. SE Louisiana	12 p.m.
North Carolina A&T State vs. Charleston Southern	1 p.m.
Florida A&M vs. Virginia Tech	2 p.m.
Morgan State vs. Detroit Mercy	4 p.m.
Florida A&M vs. Mississippi	4 p.m.
Florida Atlantic vs. Bethune-Cookman	8:15 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 10

North Carolina A&T State vs. North Dakota	9 a.m.
Kennesaw State vs. Howard	10 a.m.
North Carolina A&T State vs. Towson	11 a.m.
Bethune-Cookman vs. Boston	11:15 a.m.
Western Kentucky vs. Hampton	12 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman vs. Michigan State	1:30 p.m.
Howard at SE Louisiana	12 p.m.
Florida A&M vs. Georgia Tech	3 p.m.
Morgan State vs. Liberty	4 p.m.
Hampton vs. Gardner-Webb	4 p.m.
Florida A&M vs. Central Arkansas	6 p.m.
Morgan State vs. Fairleigh Dickinson	6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, February 11

Kennesaw State vs. Howard	9 a.m.
Morgan State vs. Toledo	10 a.m.
Western Kentucky vs. Hampton	10 a.m.
North Dakota at South Carolina State	12 p.m.
Florida A&M vs. Lipscomb	12:30 p.m.
Morgan State vs. Fairleigh Dickinson	12:30 p.m.
North Carolina A&T State at Charleston Southern	1 p.m.
North Carolina Central at Elon	1 p.m.
North Carolina Central at Elon	3 p.m.
Florida Atlantic vs. Bethune-Cookman	3:45 p.m.

- MEAC softball play begins on Friday morning as the annual non-conference postseason tournaments dot the conference schedule. Eight of the MEAC's 13 teams are in action in tournaments ranging from Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

- The Hampton Lady Pirates and the Florida A&M Lady Rattlers were predicted to win the MEAC softball Northern and Southern Divisions, respectively. Delaware State was picked to finish second behind the Lady Pirates in a tight race as they received 10 first-place votes and 153 total points. Pollsters predicted another showdown between FAMU and rival Bethune-Cookman as the Wildcats were picked second after receiving 10 first-place votes and 130 total points.

- Morgan State's **Amy Begg** has been selected as the conference's Preseason Pitcher of the Year while Bethune-Cookman's **Ryan Jackson** was tabbed Pre-season Player of the Year. Ten institutions were represented on the team led by Bethune-Cookman's five selections. Delaware State, Florida A&M and Maryland Eastern Shore each had three selections while Hampton, Morgan State and North Carolina A&T State had two apiece.

- The 2018 MEAC Tournament takes place once again in Ormond Beach, Fla. as Bethune-Cookman will host the tournament.





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## MEAC Overview

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and [www.MEACsports.com](http://www.MEACsports.com) offers authorized media immediate access to original, up-to-date information from the MEAC and its member institutions.

## About The MEAC

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) begins its 48th year of intercollegiate competition heading into the 2017-18 academic school year. Located in Norfolk, Va., the MEAC is made up of 13 outstanding historically black institutions across the Atlantic coastline: Bethune-Cookman University, Coppin State University, Delaware State University, Florida A&M University, Hampton University, Howard University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Savannah State University and South Carolina State University.

The MEAC sponsors 16 Division I (FCS) sports with automatic qualifying bids for NCAA postseason competition in baseball, bowling, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, softball, volleyball and men's golf.

## Social Media

Fans and media members are invited to follow the latest Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference softball news through social media. The MEAC Twitter feed may be accessed @MEACSports and the conference's official Facebook page is available @MEACSports. The MEAC's Instagram handle is @MEACSports.



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## Weekly Release & Statistics

Media members may access PDF versions of the complete weekly release, including conference and team-by-team statistics, on [www.MEACsports.com](http://www.MEACsports.com). Regular updates of the weekly release will be distributed via e-mail from the conference office. To be included on the distribution list, send an e-mail request to **Ryan McGinty** at [mcgintyr@themeac.com](mailto:mcgintyr@themeac.com).

## Annual Awards

The MEAC will name first, second and third all-conference teams, league player of the year, defensive player, rookie and coach of the year.

The awards will be announced in early May prior to the 2018 MEAC Softball Championship.

## MEAC Players of the Week

The MEAC will select a player, pitcher and rookie of the week throughout the season every Monday. The first weekly honors will commence on Monday, Feb. 12 and will conclude Monday, May 7.

## Postseason Awards

The MEAC will name first and second All-MEAC teams, Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Coach of the Year at the conclusion of regular season play. All award winners are selected by the MEAC head coaches and sports information directors.

## MEAC Softball Championship

The media credential application for the 2018 MEAC Softball Championship is available via the conference website at [www.MEACSports.com](http://www.MEACSports.com). For tournament information, log onto [www.MEACSports.com](http://www.MEACSports.com) and visit Championship Central.

## All-Tournament Honors

The MEAC will award an All-Tournament Team, Outstanding Tournament Performer and Outstanding Tournament Coach following the MEAC Championship tournament.

## MEAC Divisional Lineups

The MEAC competes in divisional play in softball. Listed below is the conference breakdown. Divisional winners will be announced at the conclusion of the regular season.

### Northern Division Southern Division

Coppin State	Bethune-Cookman
Delaware State	Florida A&M
Hampton	North Carolina A&T State
Howard	North Carolina Central
Md. Eastern Shore	Savannah State
Morgan State	South Carolina State
Norfolk State	



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### **Softball Athletes of the Week**

The MEAC will select a player, pitcher and rookie of the week throughout the season every Monday. The first weekly honors will commence on Monday, Feb. 12 and will conclude Monday, May 7.

#### **PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

WEEK 1  
WEEK 2  
WEEK 3  
WEEK 4  
WEEK 5  
WEEK 6  
WEEK 7  
WEEK 8  
WEEK 9  
WEEK 10  
WEEK 11  
WEEK 12  
WEEK 13

#### **ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

WEEK 1  
WEEK 2  
WEEK 3  
WEEK 4  
WEEK 5  
WEEK 6  
WEEK 7  
WEEK 8  
WEEK 9  
WEEK 10  
WEEK 11  
WEEK 12  
WEEK 13

#### **PITCHER OF THE WEEK**

WEEK 1  
WEEK 2  
WEEK 3  
WEEK 4  
WEEK 5  
WEEK 6  
WEEK 7  
WEEK 8  
WEEK 9  
WEEK 10  
WEEK 11  
WEEK 12  
WEEK 13

## **MEAC Softball Weekly Honors**

### **Other Top Performers**



## THE MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE vs. NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

[American \(0-0\)](#)  
[America East \(0-0\)](#)  
[Atlantic Coast \(0-0\)](#)  
[Atlantic 10 \(0-0\)](#)  
[Atlantic Sun \(0-0\)](#)  
[Big East \(0-0\)](#)  
[Big Ten \(0-0\)](#)  
[Big 12 \(0-0\)](#)  
[Big South \(0-0\)](#)  
[Big West \(0-0\)](#)  
[Colonial Athletic \(0-0\)](#)  
[Conference USA \(0-0\)](#)  
[Ivy League \(0-0\)](#)  
[Metro Atlantic \(0-0\)](#)  
[Mid-American \(0-0\)](#)  
[Missouri Valley \(0-0\)](#)  
[Mountain West \(0-0\)](#)  
[Northeast \(0-0\)](#)  
[Ohio Valley \(0-0\)](#)  
[Pac-12 \(0-0\)](#)  
[Patriot League \(0-0\)](#)  
[SEC \(0-0\)](#)  
[Southern \(0-0\)](#)  
[Southland \(0-0\)](#)  
[Summit League \(0-0\)](#)  
[Sun Belt \(0-0\)](#)  
[SWAC \(0-0\)](#)  
[WAC \(0-0\)](#)  
  
[West Coast \(0-0\)](#)  
[NAIA \(0-0\)](#)  
[NCAA Division II \(0-0\)](#)  
[NCAA Division III \(0-0\)](#)  
[Ontario Colleges \(0-0\)](#)

### MEAC vs. The Rest

American	0-2
America East	0-0
Atlantic Coast	0-2
Atlantic 10	0-1
Atlantic Sun	0-3
Big 12	0-2
Big 10	0-0
Big East	0-0
Big South	0-3
Big West	0-0
Colonial	0-3
Conference USA	0-1
Ivy	0-0
MAC	0-0
Metro Atlantic	0-0
Mid-American	0-1
Missouri Valley	0-1
Mountain West	0-0
Northeast	2-2
Ohio Valley	0-3
Patriot	0-1
Pac 12	0-0
SEC	0-2
Southern	3-4
Southland	0-2
Summit League	0-0
Sun Belt	3-5
SWAC	2-3
Western Athletic	0-0
West Coast	0-0
NCAA Division II	0-0
NCAA Division III	0-0
OCAA	0-0
Overall	10-41



# MEAC ANNOUNCES SOFTBALL PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) has announced that Morgan State's Amy Begg has been selected as the conference's Preseason Pitcher of the Year while Bethune-Cookman's Ryan Jackson was tabbed Preseason Player of the Year. Ten institutions were represented on the team led by Bethune-Cookman's five selections. Delaware State, Florida A&M and Maryland Eastern Shore each had three selections while Hampton, Morgan State and North Carolina A&T State had two apiece.

All preseason honors were voted on by the conference's head coaches and sports information directors.

A senior from Christchurch, New Zealand, Begg led the MEAC with 179 strikeouts and 20 wins on the mound as she posted a 2.31 ERA in 2017. A five-time MEAC Pitcher of the Week, Begg also led the league with seven shutouts and finished second in opponent batting average (.227). In her three-year career at Morgan State, Begg has amassed a total of 389 strikeouts.

Jackson was named the MEAC's Player and Rookie of the Year in 2017 as she led the MEAC in batting average (.408), home runs (14), RBIs (47), total bases (118), on-base percentage (.483) and slugging percentage (.771). A three-time MEAC Player of the Week and two-time Rookie of the Week, the Chino Hills, Calif. native was also named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division I National Freshman of the Year Top 25.

The 2018 season begins on Friday, Feb. 9 with the first conference matchup scheduled for March 17. The MEAC Tournament returns to Ormond Beach, Fla. and begins on May 9.

**Preseason Player of the Year:** Ryan Jackson, Bethune-Cookman

**Preseason Pitcher of the Year:** Amy Begg, Morgan State

## First Team

Pos.	Name	School	Cl.	Hometown
P	Amy Begg	Morgan State	Sr.	Christchurch, New Zealand
P	Allyson Babinsack	Hampton	Jr.	Hampton, Va.
C	Desiree Moreno	Delaware State	So.	Carson, Calif.
1B	Toni Anderson	Florida A&M	Sr.	Dothan, Ala.
2B	Kailey Richard	Bethune-Cookman	Sr.	Highland, Calif.
SS	Jamesia Stoudemire	Florida A&M	So.	Lake Wales, Fla.
3B	Samantha Casarez	Maryland Eastern Shore	Sr.	Sylmar, Calif.
OF	Mariah Davis	Bethune-Cookman	Sr.	Madera, Calif.
OF	Alexis Day	Florida A&M	Jr.	Ocala, Fla.
OF	Ryan Jackson	Bethune-Cookman	So.	Chino Hills, Calif.
UTL	Zadaisha Waddell	North Carolina A&T State	Jr.	Troy, N.C.

## Second Team

Pos.	Name	School	Cl.	Hometown
P	Adrienne Guerra	Maryland Eastern Shore	Sr.	Monrovia, Calif.
P	Zadaisha Waddell	North Carolina A&T State	Jr.	Troy, N.C.
C	Taylor Sherritt	Bethune-Cookman	So.	Ridgecrest, Calif.
1B	Ilesha Waters	Bethune-Cookman	Sr.	Riverside, Calif.
2B	Jasmine Melgoza	Delaware State	So.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
SS	Jaylene Pryor	Norfolk State	Sr.	Tampa, Fla.
3B*	Cortni Jones	Savannah State	Jr.	Snellville, Ga.
3B*	Cloe' Ochoa	Coppin State	So.	Covina, Calif.
OF	Damali Young	Morgan State	Jr.	Westhampton, N.J.
OF	Taylor Warrick	Hampton	So.	Mount Laurel, N.J.
OF	Mika Limsden	Delaware State	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
UTL	Adrienne Guerra	Maryland Eastern Shore	Sr.	Monrovia, Calif.

*\*Indicates tie*

NORTHERN DIVISION	
School	Points
Hampton (12)	157
Delaware State (10)	153
Morgan State (2)	113
Coppin State	84
Norfolk State	80
Howard (1)	59
Maryland Eastern Shore	54
SOUTHERN DIVISION	
School	Points
Florida A&M (13)	134
Bethune-Cookman (10)	130
North Carolina A&T State (1)	97
N.C. Central	72
Savannah State (1)	61
South Carolina State	31

