

## How are Pirates preparing for Battle of the Bay?

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During basketball season both the Hampton University Lady Pirates and Pirates go to war with Norfolk State University in the Battle of the Bay. The first battle was Feb. 15 in the Spartans' house and the Hampton men **won in overtime**.

Today the Pirates can claim another victory in **their house**.

While the student-athletes prepare for one of the biggest games of the season, students are preparing as well.

Some students put together their best outfits to attract students from the opposing school while others are treating the game as a big celebration.

Senior political science major Biniam Tesfarmarian revealed his plans for the game: "I'll probably just turn up, some of the bruhs (members of his fraternity) from NSU are coming, but we're definitely doing something afterwards,"

The **HU Student Recruitment Team** (SRT) plans on bringing newly admitted students to the game. They intend to show members of the incoming freshmen class that Hampton U. really does bleed blue.

Today is jam packed with activities SRT has put together to assure the baby Ogres have made the best decision and the game will be the icing on the cake.

Spectators should be "**turnin' up**," new students could be watching in admiration, but what about the cheerleaders?

Shannon Anderson a junior biology major from Prince George's County, Md., said, "We as a team have been getting ready for the big game. We have been joining forces with other organizations on campus so we can come together and support our team in winning the Battle of the Bay."

Anderson said the **Blue Thunder** cheerleading team did not have any extra practices but it did meet up with the band and Student Recruitment Team, so fans should expect a great amount of support at the game.

It's safe to say there will be a lot to see both on and off the court tonight.

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