

## MARKETING NEWSLETTER

### Dates to Remember in May:

- **May 6-8:** DII District Playoffs; SoPac and Gulf Coast Regional (DI)
- **May 13-15:** DI Regionals
- **May 17th:** "Suite 301" @ 3:01 pm EST
- **May 20-24:** NCBA DII World Series
- **May 27-June 2:** NCBA DI World Series

### DID YOU KNOW...

**PETER RACIOPPO (THIS MONTH'S CCS PLAYER TO WATCH) THREW A PERFECT GAME AGAINST WVU ON SUNDAY APRIL 17TH. JUST A FEW DAYS LATER ANOTHER PETER THREW A PERFECT GAME.**

#### WHO YOU ASK...

**WELL IT'S NONE OTHER THAN CCS' VERY OWN PETER CHALFIN. PETER THREW THE PERFECT GAME FOR THE BROOKLINE BLACK SOX DURING AN NABA GAME AGAINST THE CARRICK EXPRESS.**

### FLORIDA STATE CLAIMS NCSA WORLD SERIES TITLE

The Florida State Seminoles are National Champions for the second time in the last three years after a perfect 8-0 performance at the NCSA World Series in Columbus, Georgia earlier this month. Florida State defeated the University of Antelope Valley Pioneers 19-5 in the championship game to take home the crown.

Florida State entered the tournament as an at-large selection after finishing second in the South Atlantic South Conference behind the University of Florida during the regular season. This marked the third straight year that an at-large bid went on to win the World Series. It was also the third consecutive year that Florida State played in the National Championship game, defeating Florida in 2009 and falling to Florida in 2010.

Junior pitcher Robyn Adams was selected tournament MVP as voted upon by the teams. She had two doubles, two home runs, and nine RBI at the plate, while picking up

three wins in three starts on the mound, surrendering just three earned runs.

The University of Antelope Valley, out of Lancaster, California, advanced all the way to the National Championship game in just their first year in the NCSA. UAV entered the tournament as the #2 overall seed, but the Pioneers got off to a slow start, going 1-2 during pool play on day one. They picked it up the next day during double-elimination play when it matters most, rallying off three straight wins.

UAV and Florida State entered day three as the only unbeaten teams in double-elimination play. They squared off in the winners' bracket championship where Florida State came away with a 4-2 victory. The Pioneers bounced back quickly from the loss, defeating Florida 6-0 to earn another shot at the Seminoles.

Antelope Valley jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first



*The Florida State University Club Softball Team took home their 2nd NCSA World Series Title in 3 years. FSU defeated the University of Antelope Valley 19-5 in the Championship Game. FSU Pitcher Robyn Adams took home MVP Honors.*

inning, but it was all Florida State from there. The game remained close through three and a half innings, as UAV entered the bottom half of the fourth down 4-3. Florida State broke the game open with an incredible 15-run fourth inning. The Pioneers answered with two runs of their own in the top of fifth, but it was not nearly enough, and the Florida State Seminoles emerged victorious by a score of 19-5. More information is available online at the NCSA Website.

### CollClubSports "Player To Watch"



Name: Peter Racioppo  
 School: Penn State  
 Position(s): Pitcher  
 Scholastic Year: Junior  
 Major: Kinesiology  
 Nickname: Raci  
 Favorites:  
     Movie: The Sandlot  
     Food: Ribs  
     Band: Red Hot Chili Peppers

*Peter is currently majoring in Kinesiology and hopes to go to Grad School to study to become a Physical Therapist. He joined Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity in the fall of his freshman year so he didn't tryout for the club team. However, during his sophomore year he tried out, made the team and hasn't look back since. This year, in a conference game against West Virginia, Peter pitched a perfect game, helping the Nittany Lions take over first place in the division.*

#### Describe the feeling of retiring that last batter to secure your perfect game:

Last year I pitched horribly vs. WVU, so I wanted to just throw strikes and give my team a chance to win. But this game meant a lot more to our team, if we won the weekend we were most likely in playoffs and on the road back to the World Series. So when the last batter grounded out to second, I didn't know what to do. I couldn't believe that I just threw a perfect

game but I was so energized that I ran towards the first person I saw and the next thing I knew the entire team was around me. Also, that weekend was the first time this season that my family came down to watch a game. It was a great feeling to go celebrate with them after the win.

#### What was the atmosphere like in the dugout in the later innings? Did any superstitions come into play?

The only thing that changed in the dugout was me. My teammates were loud, cheering for the batter, but I was getting anxious I just wanted to get out on the mound. Like all baseball players I have some superstitions like I do not touch the foul line but this game was different. After every inning I would take off my hat, put on my sweatshirt and sit in the same spot on the bench. When there were two outs, I would take off my sweatshirt and get a drink. When the third out occurred, I would put my hat back on, run out to the mound, pick up

the ball, fix the dirt on the mound, wipe off the rubber and throw 4 warm-up pitches. I did this every inning for the whole game.

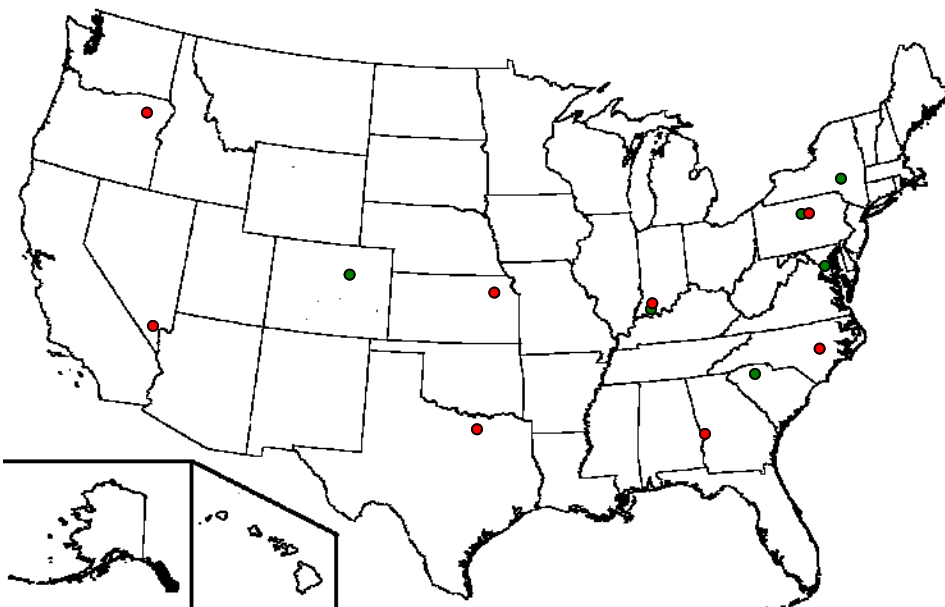
#### Your team was three outs away from a National Championship last year. How does that motivate the team this season?

All of us still have the bitter taste in our mouths from last year; none of us want to go home empty handed again. All the hard work we put in during off-season was for one reason, to win the National Championship.

#### How does this year's team compare to last year's squad? In what areas are you stronger/weaker?

A main difference between the teams is that we are more experienced this year. Last year, almost half the team was new, including me. I think we now understand the importance of each game. Everyone on the team is focused every game, every inning, and every pitch.

## POST-SEASON LOCATIONS AND DATES



### NCBA Division I Regional Tournament Locations and Dates:

- North Atlantic Regional: Williamsport, PA (May 13-15)
- Mid-Atlantic Regional: Wilson, NC (May 13-15)
- South-Atlantic Regional: Columbus, GA (May 13-15)
- Great Lakes Regional: Huntingburg, IN (May 13-15)
- Mid-America Regional: Topeka, KS (May 13-15)
- Gulf Coast Regional: McKinney, TX (May 6-7)
- Northern Pacific Regional: La Grande, OR (May 11-13)
- Southern Pacific Regional: Henderson, NV (May 6-8)

### NCBA Division II District Playoffs Locations and Dates:

- District I Playoff: Williamsport, PA (May 6-8)
- District II Playoff: Oneonta, NY (May 6-8)
- District III Playoff: College Park, MD (May 6-8)
- District IV Playoff: Union, SC (May 6-8)
- District V Playoff: Huntingburg, IN (May 6-8)
- District VIII Playoff: Parker, CO (May 6-8)

## CURRENT DI AND DII POLLS RELEASED

The most current NCBA DI and DII Polls are shown to the right.

In the DI Poll, Arizona takes the top spot for the second week in a row while Colorado State, Penn State, Virginia Tech and Georgia round out the top-five respectively. NC State and Clemson make the biggest jumps, as both jump 8 spots, while East Carolina take the biggest fall, going from #3, to # 8 in the rankings.

In the DII Poll, the top 4 spots remain the same from last poll. Penn State (DII) sits atop the poll with Northeastern, SUNY-Binghamton, Kennesaw State, and West Georgia Tech rounding out the top 5. Western State was the biggest mover jumping 6 spots from #15 to #9, while Fordham take the biggest fall going from #7 to #11.

### NCBA DII Week 46 Top-15 Poll:

1. Penn State University (DII)
2. Northeastern University
3. State University of New York - Binghamton
4. Kennesaw State University
5. West Georgia Technical College
6. College of William and Mary
7. Hofstra University
8. Texas State University
9. Western State College of Colorado
10. University of Wyoming
11. Fordham University
12. Longwood University
13. Furman University
14. Craven Community College
15. Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville

**Next Poll Released 5/12/11**

### NCBA DI Week 45 Top-20 Poll:

1. University of Arizona (11)
2. Colorado State University (3)
3. Penn State University
4. Virginia Tech (2)
5. University of Georgia
6. North Carolina State University
7. Clemson University
8. East Carolina University
9. University of California - Santa Barbara
10. Texas A&M University
11. Florida State University
12. Appalachian State University
13. University of Illinois
14. University of California - San Diego (1)
15. Texas Tech University
16. University of Florida
17. University of Pittsburgh
18. University of Massachusetts
19. James Madison University
20. California State University - Long Beach

**Next Poll Released 5/5/11**

## OTHER NEWS AROUND COLLCLUBSPORTS

There was a lot of news this past month within CollClubSports and its member leagues. A few key updates listed below to take note of.

- Texas State is the first team to earn a trip to the Division II World Series. Texas State won the District VI title and will make their first appearance in the NCBA DII World Series.
- NCBA DI Regionals and DII District Playoffs get underway in the next few weeks. Be sure to check the NCBA websites to see who moves on to the World Series Events.
- The FINAL NCSA Top-15 Poll will be available to view on the NCSA website on 5-5-2011.

- The 2012 NCBA DI and DII Renewal League Participation Agreement (LPA) is available online and is due back to the NCBA by June 1st.
- The NCBA League Meeting is set for May 30th at Golden Park (site of DI World Series). All are invited to attend.
- Red Roof Inn is excited to increase their discount from 12% to 15%. All CCS Member teams can take advantage of this discount. The discount can be used for personal purposes as well.
- The University of Dayton and Eastern Illinois University have joined the NCSA for the 2011-2012 NCSA season. Welcome Aboard!

• Florida State University wins their 2nd NCSA World Series Title in 3 years by defeating the University of Antelope Valley in the Championship Game. Robyn Adams was awarded the MVP of the event.

- For NCSA teams unavailable to attend the NCSA League Meeting. The Meeting slides are available to view on the NCSA website.
- The NCSA Voting Ballot is also available to view on the NCSA website. Each member NCSA team gets one vote and the ballots are due May 9th. Make sure to vote to make your voice heard!
- Make sure to tune into Suite 301 on May 17th for a DI and DII World Series Preview Show.