

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember in September:

- **Sept 1:** NCFCA Season Begins
- **Sept 14:** NCFCA Phone Day
- **Sept. 15:** NCSA Season Begins
- NCBA Fall Season Begins
- Scheduling Requests Due
- **Sept. 20:** Suite 301
- **Sept. 21:** NCBA Phone Day
- **Sept. 28:** NCSA Phone Day

DID YOU KNOW...

Christian's five years of employment with CollClubSports is the longest tenure of any full-time employee with the company outside of CollClubSports President Sandy Sanderson, who began working full-time just two months prior to Christian.

SMITH AND CHALFIN PROMOTED

Christian Smith and Peter Chalfin, two current CollClubSports employees, have recently been promoted within the NCBA. Smith has been with the company for five years, serving as the Director of Marketing before being promoted to Vice President of New Team Development and Division II Baseball Operations. Chalfin, who served as the Sponsor Account Manager for the past three years with CollClubSports, has been promoted to NCBA Director of Division I Baseball Operations and Sports Information Director for CollClubSports. Both Smith and Chalfin are excited about their new positions and hope to enhance the experience of all NCBA teams while helping the league continue to grow and improve.

Smith began his career with the NCBA back in the fall of 2006, initially starting out as the Sponsor Account Manager. He was then promoted to Director of Marketing in the Fall of 2008, where he worked very closely with the current sponsors while at the same time searching for new sponsors to provide benefits for all member teams. His new promotion to VP of Division II Baseball Operations and New Team Development is a different job than he has been accustomed to, but something that he has accepted with great enthusiasm.

"I'm very excited to work closely with all of the NCBA Division II teams as well as new teams that are looking to become members of the NCBA," said Smith. "I have set high goals for myself, and I appreciate everything that the NCBA and CollClubSports has done for me the past five years. It is my hope that I can improve the experiences of all the NCBA Division II teams, while helping the NCBA as a whole grow."

Chalfin started full-time with CollClubSports in the fall of 2008 after graduating from Penn State University where he was a three-time NCBA All American pitcher for the Penn State Club Baseball team. He has been a tremendous asset to the company as well as the teams. His knowledge of club baseball, especially at the Division I level, has made the transition to Director of Division I Baseball Operations a smooth one. "I am honored to be promoted to Director of Division I Baseball Operations," Chalfin said. "Playing in the NCBA was the most rewarding experience of my four years at Penn State. Now, I'm fortunate enough to be in a position where I can help provide a similar, or hopefully an even better experience, for thousands of other college students at universities throughout the country." Chalfin's



Christian Smith (left) and Peter Chalfin (right) were both recently promoted to take on larger roles in the daily operations of the NCBA.

everyday duties include but are not limited to overseeing the day-to-day operations of all eight regions within the NCBA Division I as well as planning post-season tournaments and National Championships.

"You can see by the way they approach work each day that to them it's not just a job but a means to enrich the lives of thousands of college baseball players," stated CollClubSports President Sandy Sanderson. "Both have been meticulous about making sure that they can provide for our NCBA members and that has made promoting them not just an option but a necessity to ensure that the NCBA continues to flourish long in to the future."

CollClubSports Player To Watch



As a senior playing in his second season with the Miami University RedHawks, Dwenger provides both leadership and versatility to the team, playing wide receiver, defensive back and tight end. He has high expectations for the team and hopes to make the most of his senior season, before graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Name: Erich Dwenger
School: Miami University (OH)
Position(s): WR, DB, TE
Scholastic Year: Senior
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Nickname: None
Favorites:
Movie: Anchorman
Food: Steak
Band: Audioslave
Collegiate Football Memory: Beating Xavier 49-0 last year.

Provide background of your college career:

This will be my second year playing club football at Miami. I tried walking onto the varsity team my freshman and sophomore year.

After a devastating loss to eventual NCFCA National Champion New Orleans, do you enter this season with a chip on your shoulder?

Yeab, the team comes out of last year

with our only 2 losses coming from New Orleans, which really stung, because we beat ourselves in those battles. This year we really want to come out and play like we should.

Both # 1 New Orleans and # 2 Wright State listed Miami as their rival, but you listed Xavier as yours. Why does everyone seem to want to beat Miami the most, and what makes Xavier your biggest rival?

The team has improved every year since the start of the club, and the top teams see us as the best competition. 2 years ago we went down and took down New Orleans on their home turf, then last year they came up and beat us, so that rivalry is getting stronger every year. Wright State and Xavier are our local competition and we want to be the best in the state of Ohio.

What is your outlook for your

team this season? What are your goals/expectations?

We lost a couple good players from last year, but we see a lot of good intensity from the younger guys coming in, and our veteran ball players are playing at a high level right now. The team expects to compete for the conference title and get a chance in the national title game, but for right now we are just taking it one game at a time. We want to finish the season unbeaten!

Anything else you would like to add?

GO REDHAWKS!

Do you want to nominate someone to be featured as a Player to Watch?

Just email your nomination and why you're nominating him or her to Peter Chalfin at Pete.Chalfin@CollClubSports.com

SPRING TRAINING SHOWCASE TO RETURN TO TAMPA

CollClubSports will once again be partnering with the Tampa Bay Sports Commission to bring the 2012 and 2013 NCBA and NCSA Spring Training Showcases to Tampa, FL. CollClubSports is excited to have Tampa, FL as the major market host once again, after successful events in each of the past six years. The 2011 NCBA Spring Training Showcase was a record breaking year with an increase from 45 teams in 2010 to 55 teams in 2011. There are expected to be 65+ club baseball and softball teams attending the Spring Training Showcase at Mike Sansone Park in Plant City, FL in 2012.

The field complex at Mike Sansone Park was formerly used for spring training by the Texas Rangers and features two full-size baseball fields and an auxiliary practice field. In addition, the park has two NCAA Regulation softball fields with four batting tunnels. The field crews and umpires at Mike Sansone Park are a huge part of the success that the Spring Training

Showcase has seen over the past six years. With their commitment to excellence the 2012 Spring Training Showcase is sure to exceed expectations once again.

"I am looking forward to the 2012 event, and am very excited about what will develop from our new two-year partnership with the Tampa Bay Sports Commission," said Savannah Harp, Director of Spring Training Operations for CollClubSports. "I can't wait to starting signing teams, sponsors, hotels, and volunteers for the upcoming event!"

"We are thrilled to continue our partnership with the CollClubSports to host their Club Baseball and Softball Spring Training Showcases in the Tampa Bay community," said Jason Aughey, the Sales and Events Manager for the Tampa Bay Sports Commission. "The unparalleled growth this event has experienced over the past few years has helped make it one of the top showcases in the country. Working hand in hand

with CollClubSports, we are confident that our continued collaborative efforts will help this Showcase reach new heights moving forward."

There are already many conversations taking place with potential host hotels and new sponsors for the upcoming showcase. In the past such sponsors have been Mainsail Suites, Red Rose Inn & Suites, Homewood Suites, Subway, Circle K, Hooters, Rock n Sports Bar & Grill, O'Brien's Irish Pub, Champps, Baseball Heaven, Tampa Bay Lightning, AVIS and many more.

For more information about the Spring Training Showcase and ways to get involved as a team, sponsor, or volunteer please visit the Spring Training Showcase website at <http://springtraining.clubbaseball.org/Baseball.asp> or by contacting Savannah Harp at (412) 321-8440 x103 or by e-mail at Savannah.Harp@CollClubSports.com.

CollClubSports Equipment Pass-Along Program

Does your team have extra equipment you're not using? An old set of catchers gear? Old practice pants? A set of helmets you no longer use? Well, you can donate your extra gear to the CCS Equipment Pass-Along Program and help an Up-Start club team get their program off the ground. Email Info@CollClubSports.com to find out how.

Have an idea, story or event that you would like to promote in the CollClubSports Newsletter?

Just email Pete Chalfin at Pete.Chalfin@CollClubSports.com

NCFA TOP 10

The 2011 NCFA Week 1 Top 10 Coaches Poll has been released, with defending National Champion University of New Orleans claiming the top spot. New Orleans received 12 of the 18 first-place votes cast. Three of the remaining six first-place votes went to #3 Miami University, while #7 Chattahoochee Tech, #8 Clemson and #9 OCT received one apiece.

Rounding out the top five are Wright State at #2, followed by Radford and Miami University, who are tied at #3 and Vermont at #5.

Two top 10 teams will square off in a key Week 3 match-up between in-state rivals and conference opponents Clemson and South Carolina. Another big game in Week 3 features #2 Wright State taking on NCFA newcomer Coppin State.

The entire NCFA Top 10 is featured to the right and can also be viewed online at the NCFA website www.NCFAfootball.org.

NCFA Week 1 Top 10 Coaches Poll:

1. University of New Orleans (12)
2. Wright State University
- T-3. Radford University
- T-3. Miami University (OH) (3)
5. University of Vermont
6. University of South Carolina
7. Chattahoochee Technical College (1)
8. Clemson University (1)
9. Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College (1)
10. University of North Carolina



OTHER NEWS AROUND COLLCUBSPORTS

- The Second Annual NCSA Williamsport Warm Up Softball Tournament will be held at Elm Park in Williamsport, PA during the weekend of September 30 - October 2. Participating teams include University of Pittsburgh, Penn State, Johns Hopkins, Delaware, North Carolina State and Central Michigan.

- The new-look NCSA website is now up and running and features online player registration. The website can be viewed at www.clubsoftball.org.

- CollClubSports has agreed to terms with Reebok, making them the official bat of both the NCBA and NCSA through 2014. A full press release with further information will be available in next month's issue.

- Chris Wolf, the founder and former president of the Long Beach State University Club Baseball Program has been named the new Southern Pacific Regional Director of NCBA Division I, taking over for Christian Smith, who now runs the Mid-Atlantic Region. Wolf led the 49ers to an appearance in the regional tournament in their inaugural season.

- Eastern Illinois Club Softball will be hosting the EIU Fall Frenzy tournament at the Roundhouse Complex in Mattoon, IL on September 23-25. Participating teams include Eastern Illinois, Illinois State, University of Illinois, SIU - Carbondale, SIU - Edwardsville, Indiana University, Southeast Missouri State, Saint Louis University, Grand Valley State University, Michigan State, University of Wisconsin

- Twelve NCBA teams will be participating in the first ever State College Classic fall tournament, to be held in



State College, PA during the weekend of September 30 - October 2. Participating teams include the University of Pittsburgh, UConn, Hofstra, Penn State (DI and DII), Lafayette, SUNY Cortland, Cornell, George Washington, Rutgers, SUNY Buffalo, and Maryland.

- With the most recent addition of George Mason University to the league on August 31, 2011, the NCFA has reached a total of 20 member teams for the 2011 season!