

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember in January:

- **Jan. 11:** NCFA Phone Day
- **Jan. 15:** NCBA Team Preview Forms Due
- **Jan. 17:** Suite 301
- **Jan. 18:** NCBA Phone Day
- **Jan. 25:** NCSA Phone Day
- **Jan. 25–31:** NCBA Roster Drop Period.
- **Jan. 28:** NCFA League Meeting
- **Jan. 31:** Spring Training Game/Practice Fees Due

DID YOU KNOW...

2011 was just the second year of existence for the Chattahoochee Tech Club Football Team. In their inaugural season last year, CTC finished ranked #7 in the final 2010 NCFA Coaches' Poll.

CHATTAHOOCHEE TECH CROWNED NCFA NATIONAL CHAMPS!

After a 7-3 season, including a perfect 3-0 record against club opponents, Chattahoochee Technical College was named the 2012 NCFA National Champions by the final coaches' poll, released Wednesday, December 7.

"It feels good. Everybody was on pins and needles for a while there, waiting for the poll to come out," explained CTC Head Coach Tim Freeman. "Once it came out, everybody breathed a sigh of relief. It has been real exciting for the whole school — the whole campus."

Chattahoochee Tech took over the top spot in the polls back in September after a 3-0 start, and retained the number one ranking for the rest of the season. Perhaps the biggest win of the season came in their second game, when the Golden Eagles defeated #2 Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech, 23-20 in double overtime.

According to Coach Freeman, Bryan Owens was the team's most valuable player on offense this season, contributing at quarterback, wide receiver and even running back when needed.



"He's a little bit undersized but he's got a big heart," Freeman said of Owens. Outside linebacker Jamal Hunte was the Golden Eagles' MVP on the defensive side of the ball.

Coach Freeman expects around 30 players to return next year, hoping to defend their title. "We should have a good core to build off," he said.

Final 2011 NCFA Top 10 Coaches Poll:

1. Chattahoochee Technical College (7)
2. Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College (3)
3. Miami University (OH) (2)
4. University of Vermont (3)
5. Wright State University (1)
6. University of North Carolina
7. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (1)
8. Coppin State University
9. Radford University
10. George Mason University

CollClubSports Player To Watch



Brian Adler is a senior starting pitcher for Hofstra University, the defending District II Champs. In his impressive 3-year career, Adler has never lost a conference game, posting a 15-0 record in conference play. He also has Hofstra's only two NCBA World Series wins, coming against Penn State in 2009 and Central Missouri in 2011.

Name: Brian Adler
School: Hofstra University
Position(s): Pitcher
Scholastic Year: Senior
Major: Entrepreneurship and Management
Nickname: The Hebrew Hurler
Favorites:
Movie: The Boondock Saints
Food: Pizza
Band: N/A
Collegiate Baseball Memory:
 Beating Northeastern in the playoffs.

You have been to two NCBA DII World Series in your three-year career. How does this year's squad compare to those teams and what are your expectations for your team this season?

I absolutely see a lot of resemblance to BOTH of the two previous World Series teams. I think there is a great combination

of younger up-and-comers and older, more experienced veterans. The camaraderie that has been and that will be formed with the mixture of personalities and talent will hopefully be very influential in our overall success. EXPECTATIONS: There is one goal! That is it. No ifs, ands or buts. And that is standing in Georgia at the end in May holding up that trophy.

Does falling just short of a national title provide some extra motivation for yourself and your teammates heading into this season?

There is no question that it provides motivation! Being that close 2 years in a row is what puts the fire underneath this team. But we must play within ourselves. We must play Hofstra baseball. We have had the recipe for success twice now, and in my opinion, third times a charm.

You are known by your teammates to be a very superstitious player. What are some of your biggest superstitions?

*My superstitions include:
 On days that I start, I sit in the corner of*

the dugout closest to home plate. I sit right up against the wall. It just puts me in a comfort zone.

During my warm-ups I listen to ONE song for the entire time. "Remember the Name" by Fort Minor, plays on repeat.

You have had a very successful career in the NCBA. What are some of your strengths as a pitcher?

To be honest I think my biggest strength is knowing and trusting my teammates. I don't believe it to be much of a secret that I "pitch to contact." A lot of the credit must go to the defense.

Another strength of mine that I take a lot of pride in, is my ability to change speeds and keep the batters guessing. I have been able, over the past 3 seasons to throw any pitch, in any count, at any point in the game. Changing speeds and keeping the batters guessing is key for a pitcher like me.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I would love to work in sports. My overall goal is to become a GM of either a Baseball team or Hockey team.

NCBA DIVISION II WORLD SERIES LOCATION FINALIZED

The National Club Baseball Association is thrilled to announce that the 2012 NCBA Division II World Series will be held at Golden Park in Columbus, Georgia from May 18th through the 22nd. The NCBA has become quite familiar with the city of Columbus, Georgia over the last few years. Currently, Columbus hosts the NCSA World Series, NCBA South Atlantic Regional Tournament and the NCBA Division I World Series. The outstanding facilities, restaurants, and nightlife along with the southern hospitality provided by the Columbus Sports Council make Columbus an ideal location for this National Championship tournament.

NCBA Vice President of Division II Baseball Operations, Christian Smith, is extremely excited that the NCBA DII World Series will be held in Columbus. "The entire procedure of finding an ideal location for this event has been a very long process. I want to thank all the Division II teams for their patience; we were hoping to have a decision made a long time ago," Smith said. "After speaking with dozens and dozens of cities over the course of the past few months, I came to the realization, that there is no better city to host this event than Columbus. That's why I'm so excited that we were able to come to an agreement with the city. I know the teams are going to love the ballpark and the surrounding area, and I feel strongly that this is going to be the best Division II World Series to date."

Located on the Chattahoochee River in Downtown Columbus, Golden Park is a 5,000-seat baseball-only stadium that opened in 1926. Multiple minor league teams have called Golden Park home over the years,

including the Columbus Astros (1970-1988) and most recently, the Columbus Catfish (2004-2008). Mickey Mantle, Ty Cobb, Stan Musial, Cal Ripken Jr., Hank Aaron, and Frank Thomas, a Columbus native, are just a few of the Hall of Famers that have played at Golden Park.



Aerial view of Historic Golden Park in Columbus, Georgia.

In addition to the on-field accommodations offered by Golden Park, Columbus Georgia offers plenty of attractions off the field as well. With over 500 restaurants in Columbus, players and fans can enjoy everything from southern style barbecue to the world-famous Scramble Dog, a local favorite! For fun and exciting nightlife, Uptown Columbus offers a variety of bars, fine eateries, unique and trendy boutiques, and fun-filled events and concerts in a one-of-a-kind atmosphere. "After speaking with family and fans at last years Division II World Series, it was a common criticism, that there was nothing to do away from the ballpark. With the NCBA's

familiarity of the surrounding Columbus area attractions, I know that that will not be a problem for the players, family and fans this year," Smith said. Other attractions in the area include the National Civil War Naval Museum, the National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center; the Coca-Cola Space and Science Center; and the Chattahoochee Riverwalk. For more information on activities to do in the Columbus area, check out www.visitcolumbus.com.



View of the red brick facade on the exterior of Golden Park.

More information on this championship tournament will be released as the event draws closer and will be announced at www.clubbaseball.org/div2. Any questions regarding the 2012 NCBA Division II World Series can be directed to NCBA Vice President of Division II Baseball Operations Christian Smith at Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com or at (412) 321-8440 x104. Lastly, for those interested, the NCBA Division I World Series will also be held at Golden Park in Columbus and will begin on May 25th, three days after the Division II Champion is crowned.

NCSA December Top 15 Poll:

1. Florida State University (12)
2. University of Florida
3. Virginia Tech (1)
4. University of Antelope Valley
5. University of Illinois
6. Kennesaw State University
7. East Carolina University
8. Miami University (OH)
9. James Madison University
10. Penn State University
11. Naval Academy
12. Grand Valley State University
13. University of Connecticut
14. University of Kansas
- T-15. University of Georgia
- T-15. St. Louis University



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FIVE LODGING OPTIONS FOR SPRING TRAINING

The National Club Baseball Association has officially signed its five sponsor hotels for the 2012 NCBA Spring Training Showcase. The NCBA is proud to have the following five hotel sponsors for the 2012 event, The Official Host Hotel of the 2012 Spring Training Showcase: Mainsail Suites, and our four Sponsor Hotels: Red Rose Inn & Suites, Homewood Suites, Chase Suite Hotel, and Country Inns & Suites/SpringHill Suites Tampa/Brandon.

"I am very excited about the upcoming 2012 NCBA Spring Training Showcase and the involvement of our five sponsor hotels. There were so many hotels competing to be a part of our event, it was no easy task choosing the five that would fit our teams' needs," said Savannah Harp, Director of Spring Training Operations for CollClubSports.

In the past, triple and quad suites have been in high demand. Mainsail and Homewood Suites do have these options available. With rates starting at \$129 per night these suites are sure to fit the needs of any team. The very popular Mainsail Suites offers a unique experience with suites that include a full kitchen, dining and living room. The suite style living continues at Homewood Suites where the rate includes a hot breakfast buffet daily and a manager's reception Monday through Thursday evenings.

The diversity among our sponsor hotels makes it easy for our competing club baseball and softball teams to get exactly what they want out of their

experience in Tampa. With unbeatable one bedroom room rates at \$79 per night, the Red Rose Inn and Suites is sure to be a big hit. They are only 2 miles from Mike Sansone Park and who could forget their famous hot breakfast buffet.

Throwing in a new option to the mix, the Country Inns & Suites/SpringHill Suites is located just 20 miles from Mike Sansone Park and is conveniently located near Brandon shopping, Busch Gardens, the Seminole Hard Rock Casino, Channelside, Ybor City and the Dallas Bull-Tampa's Hottest Country Nightclub. This approved hotel option will offer a hot deluxe breakfast included in the rate.

If it's a hotel by the bay that you are looking for then Chase Suite Hotel is the place for you. This hotel is the only hotel option located in the Rocky Point area of Tampa Bay and offers a complimentary hot breakfast buffet every morning. The rate also includes a manager's reception Monday through Thursday evenings with complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

For more information about the NCBA Spring Training Showcase and ways to get involved as a team, sponsor, or volunteer please visit the NCBA Spring Training Showcase website at <http://springtraining.clubbaseball.org/Baseball.asp> or by contacting Savannah Harp at: Savannah.Harp@CollClubSports.com or 412.321.8440x103.