



# THE SCOUTING REPORT



## Dates to Remember in April :

- **Apr 10:** NCFA Phone Day
- **Apr 15:** NCBA Roster Freeze
- **Apr 16:** Suite 301
- **Apr 17:** NCBA Phone Day
- **Apr 19-21:** NCSA Regional Tournaments
- **Apr 24:** NCSA Phone Day

## DID YOU KNOW...

**The NCBA already has 9 new teams committed to join the league for the 2013-2014 season!**



Applications have been released for the 2013 DeMarini LongBall Challenge Homerun Derby! The event will take place during the 2013 NCBA Division I World Series tournament in Tampa, Florida. The Derby will be on Saturday, May 25th at 7:30 pm in the University of Tampa Baseball Stadium. Eight participants will be selected from the application pool to compete

## Calling All Homerun Hitters!



take a run at the triple crown, or will he be dethroned? It could be you, so sign up today!



with NCBA-approved DeMarini BBCOR bats. Check out the NCBA website at [www.clubbaseball.org](http://www.clubbaseball.org) and click on the link in the "Headlines" section to download the application form! University of Pittsburgh First Baseman Max Hegedus has won the event the past two seasons. Will he return to

## CollClubSports SPOTLIGHT



**Name:** Jenn Stautz  
**School:** Grand Valley State Univ.  
**Positions:** 3B, P, Util.  
**Scholastic Year:** Junior  
**Major:** Athletic Training  
**Nickname:** Squeaks, J  
**Favorites...**

**Movie:** Bridesmaids  
**Food:** Anything German  
**Band/Music:** Luke Bryan  
**Collegiate Softball Memory:**  
 Going 15-0 to become the 2013 Great Lakes North Conference Champions.

### Provide background of your career so far in college:

I was one of three that made up the first freshmen class in team history. Our team is three years old, all three of which I have been a part of. Our first year as a team, we finished second in the conference. Last season, our second, we shared a conference championship, and had a second

place finish at the regional tournament. We also received recognition in the national polls. I became Vice President for this season, in which we went 15-0 in conference, 19-2 overall, and climbed to a history-making #3 in the nation. This season I, along with many of my teammates, had my most success as I hit over .400 at the plate.

### When did you start playing softball? What made you decide to play? Also, what made you choose your position?

My parents put a ball in my hand from the day I was born. I have baby pictures wearing "Little Slugger" hats and shirts, so it was almost as though softball was what I was supposed to do. I began playing when I was four years old, beginning with Tee ball. I began playing actual softball when I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I had always loved watching baseball, and when I got a taste of what it was like to play, I just wanted to play more. I started playing softball because I had to, being a girl, but I loved it from

the first time I played.

I originally got my start as a first baseman, which I loved. My coach, at the time, told my Dad that I had the build for a pitcher, and asked if I would be interested. I just wanted to play, so I was all for it. I was also blessed with speed, so my Dad wanted me to try other positions besides first, so I got switched to short-stop. I really loved pitching so I stuck with it and eventually got to be pretty good at it. I enjoyed being able to play any position I was put at, so I guess I have always been a utility player. It wasn't until college that I was switched from outfield to 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

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2013 NCBA DI Week 17  
Rawlings Top 20 Poll



**Updated NCBA Power Rankings Released!**

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. East Carolina University (13) | 11. Colorado State University      |
| 2. University of Pittsburgh(3)   | 12. University of Arizona          |
| 3. Texas Tech University (3)     | 13. Penn State University          |
| 4. University of Central Florida | 14. California Polytechnic State U |
| 5. University of Georgia         | 15. University of Oregon           |
| 6. Texas A&M University          | 16. UC—Los Angeles                 |
| 7. NC State University           | 17. UC—San Diego                   |
| 8. Utah State University         | 18. UC—Santa Barbara               |
| 9. Ohio State University         | 19. Clemson University             |
| 10. University of Illinois       | 20. Florida State University       |

Losses against some challenging opponents have dropped Preseason favorites Utah State and Colorado State in the polls. They now sit at #8 and #11, respectively. A red-hot UCF team has climbed their way to one of the top spots in the polls, and 4 previously unranked teams have cracked the top 20: Oregon, UCLA, UC—Santa Barbara, and Florida State.

2013 NCBA DII Week 18  
Rawlings Top 15 Poll

**NCBA DII Power Rankings**



A mere ten points separates the #1 and #4 ranked teams in this tight race at the top of the poll. Rough weather across the nation caused many Conference matchups to be postponed but now that Spring is upon us, look for some important series to influence the voters for the Week 20 Top 15 poll, presented by Rawlings.

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Kennesaw State University (6)   | 9. Longwood University                |
| 2. Northeastern University (2)     | 10. Ohio State University (D2)        |
| 3. University of Illinois (D2) (1) | 11. Montclair State University        |
| 4. Penn State University (D2) (1)  | T12. Grand Valley State University    |
| 5. Hofstra University              | T12. University of Alabama            |
| 6. University of Wisconsin (D2)    | 14. Steven F. Austin State University |
| 7. University of Maryland (D2)     | 15. TAMU—Corps of Cadets              |
| 8. University of Wyoming (1)       |                                       |

2013 NCSA February  
Rawlings Top 15 Poll

**NCSA March Power Rankings**



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

Harsh weather all over the United States prevented many games from being played this month. Because of this, little change has been seen in the polls, as only #14 James Madison dropped two spots. March sparked some more play, so April will be an exciting poll to be looking out for!





## 2013 NCBA Spring Training Showcase Wrap-Up



The Spring Training Showcase has come to an end. 5 weeks of non-stop Baseball action that included everything from diving stops and double plays to walk-off squeeze bunts and game-winning homeruns.

Special thanks to Savannah Harp, Director of Spring Training Operations, and Eric Curitore, Assistant Director of Spring Training Operations for putting on such a great event!

### WEEK 2 TEAMS

- Ball State
- Bowling Green State
- Central Michigan
- Florida Tech
- Michigan State
- Northeastern
- Northern Michigan
- Ohio
- Penn State
- SIU—Edwardsville
- UNC—Charlotte
- Western Michigan

### WEEK 3 TEAMS

- Appalachian State
- Carnegie Mellon
- Ferris State
- Illinois State
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Marquette
- Michigan Tech
- Minn. State—Mankato
- Minn. State—Moorhead
- North Dakota State
- Northern Illinois
- Ohio State DI
- Ohio State DII
- Pittsburgh
- Rawlings Free Agent Team
- Robert Morris
- U of Houston
- U of Miami (OH)
- Virginia Tech



### WEEK 4 TEAMS

- Bloomsburg
- Central Missouri
- Cincinnati
- Cornell
- FGCU
- Illinois DI
- Illinois DII
- Iowa
- Iowa State
- Rutgers
- SUNY—Albany
- U of Central Florida
- UW—Milwaukee

### WEEK 5 TEAMS

- Colorado
- Drexel
- FGCU
- Florida
- Kent State
- Lafayette
- Missouri
- Northwestern
- UW—Madison DI
- UW—Madison DII
- UW—Whitewater



## CollClubSports SPOTLIGHT (cont'd)

**Are you superstitious? What habits or routines have you developed before or during games? Do you have any unusual rituals you have to carry out on the field or at the plate?**

I am very superstitious, although I try to hide it! If I have a really good game, I will wear the same pants, socks, and Under Armour combination every single game until I have a bad game. Before games, I always find a quote, verse, or saying that describes my mentality for the day, and write it on paper and put it in my sock. It reminds me why I'm there, and what needs to be done. Before and during games, I won't step on the foul line when I run on and off the field, because I was always told touching it was bad luck. At the plate, I always say a joke my Dad told me, sing to myself, or think about something not pertaining to the game. It keeps me calm, and I feel like I can see the ball better when I relax.

**What is your outlook for your team this season? What are your goals/expectations?**

I think we have a really strong team. Our potential is endless. It is really exciting to me to see the talent that we have. Every position is played by multiple girls, who can be interchanged without our team suffering in talent. The same could be said for our batting line up. We are strong in slots 1-9. Everyone has high energy and the will to win, and I think we show that in our style of play.

**What, in your mind, separates your team from the other World Series-caliber teams around the country in the NCSA?**

My team will make fun of me for saying it, but I think we have that "eye of the tiger" mentality. We want to win, and we will do whatever it takes to do just that. I think the girls are selfless when it comes to winning. We are never content with what we have done. Our team is hungry and plays like it. We keep our feet on the gas and don't let up. It's not just a game to us. We play with a purpose, and I think that sepa-

rates us from other teams in the NCSA.

**Are you particularly excited about any of the matchups on your schedule? Why?**

We always like playing Michigan State and Michigan. Both are talented teams, so it is always a good matchup. Plus, I'm from the Ann Arbor area, so when we travel to Michigan, my favorite supporters are present.

**Anything else you would like to add?**

I just want to express my appreciation to my family and teammates. My Mom and Dad have supported me and pushed me through every obstacle I have faced. I would not be half the athlete I am without them, and I want them to know how grateful I am for that. I want to thank my teammates for the work and dedication they have shown throughout my three years with the team. You guys are the greatest!



The 2013 Grand Valley State University softball team will look to make a splash at the Great Lakes Regional Tournament later this month in Indianapolis, Indiana.