



THE SCOUTING REPORT



Dates to Remember in May :

- **May 3-5:** NCBA DII District Playoffs
- **May 8:** NCFA Phone Day
- **May 10-12:** NCBA DI Regional Tournaments
- **May 15:** NCBA Phone Day
- **May 17-19:** NCSA World Series Tournament
- **May 17-21:** NCBA DII World Series Tournament
- **May 22:** NCSA Phone Day
- **May 23:** Suite 301
- **May 24-30:** NCBA DI World Series Tournament

NCSA World Series Teams are Confirmed!

The teams that will be competing for the 2013 NCSA National Championship have been selected! Representing the North Atlantic Region is Regional Champion Penn State. Ohio State, Regional Champion, and Illinois will represent the

Great Lakes Region. James Madison, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Champion, and Eastern Carolina will represent their Region in Columbus, GA. Earning their trip to the World Series by winning their Conferences outright are Air Force, Antelope Valley, Arkansas State, Florida State, Kansas, Virginia Tech, and West Georgia Tech. The At-Large selections are Michigan State, Central Florida, NC State, and Navy. These 16 teams will compete in the NCSA World Series in Columbus, GA May 17th–19th.



CollClubSports SPOTLIGHT



Name: Omar R. Santiago
 School: Bowling Green State Univ.
 Positions: 2B, SS, 3B
 Scholastic Year: 5th Year Senior
 Major: Spanish Edu/Communication
 Nickname: Omie the Homie
 Favorites...

Movie: Facing the Giants
 Food: Fettuccini Alfredo
 Band/Music: NEOMAR
 Collegiate Baseball Memory:
 Walk-off game winning hit to right field against Ball State in the bottom of the 7th this season.

Provide background of your career so far in college:

This is my 5th year on the team, 3 year captain, 2 year Vice President. I have been the starting 2nd baseman all 5 years. Throughout my 5 years, I have also seen time at 3B, SS, and RF. I have hit leadoff, 2nd or 9th.

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

I started playing baseball when I was about 2 years old in Puerto Rico. My

father and uncle taught me everything I know. Everyone in my family has been athletic and played sports and I wanted to follow in my father's footsteps and play baseball just like him. I started out playing SS, played 3B all through High School, and finally made the transition to 2nd base in college. I am pretty comfortable at all 3 positions.

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 not superstitious but I do pray before every game and every at bat. I also draw a cross on the dirt behind the position I am playing that day in honor of my father and every time we win, I point to the sky in honor of my great grandmother.

What, in your mind, separates your team from the other Top-20 teams around the country in the NCBA?

I believe our pitching and defense is what will take us to the top. I believe we have the desire and the hunger to win every game. We have a young yet strong pitching staff anchored by Freshman Brett Jordan (7-0 with a 0.69 ERA in 39 innings), Junior Kyle Melchert, Sophomore Aaron Christy and a strong bullpen. We are solid 1

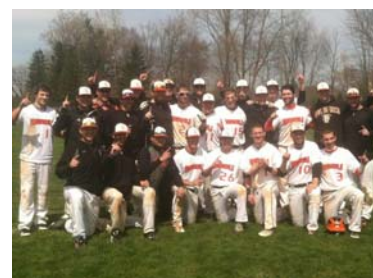
through 9 and have really good backups as well. Good defense, timely hitting, and solid pitching will take us to the top.

BGSU has officially qualified for the Great Lakes Regional Tournament for the first time in 6 years.. What has been the biggest contributing factor to your team's success?

Our biggest contributing factor I believe is the combination of solid pitching, great defense and timely hitting. The seniors have meshed well with the rookies all learning from one another. We trust in one another and play hard but most importantly we are having fun. This is the closest team I have been on.

Anything else you would like to add?

I love this team. Such a great group of guys and I am so thankful to have been a part of this group. Story book ending to my college baseball career.



2013 NCBA DI Week 23
Rawlings Top 20 Poll



Updated NCBA Power Rankings Released!

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| 1. Texas A&M University (7) | 11. Baylor University |
| 2. Texas Tech University (7) | 12. Bowling Green State U (1) |
| 3. University of Oregon (3) | 13. NC State University |
| 4. University of Pittsburgh (2) | 14. University of North Carolina |
| 5. University of Central Florida | 15. University of Illinois |
| 6. University of Georgia | 16. East Carolina University |
| 7. California Polytechnic State U | 17. Utah State University |
| 8. UC—San Diego | 18. Idaho State University |
| 9. UC—Los Angeles | T19. Penn State University |
| 10. Clemson University | T19. University of Massachusetts |

As we near the end of the regular season, more and more teams have clinched their Conference Championships and earned their seats in the Regional Tournaments. As some rise others must fall, which in this case was demonstrated by Ohio State, UC—Santa Barbara, and Cal State Long Beach dropping out to make way for Bowling Green State, Idaho State, and Massachusetts.

2013 NCBA DII Week 22
Rawlings Top 15 Poll

NCBA DII Power Rankings



Kennesaw State remains atop the polls for the 7th and 8th straight weeks (4 polls), barely edging out Penn State D2 for the top spot. Only one team dropped from the poll this week as Loyola Maryland was replaced by Colorado School of Mines. District Playoffs are the first weekend of the month and will determine the D2 World Series participants, which will surely impact the polls.

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| 1. Kennesaw State University | 9. Montclair State University |
| 2. Penn State University (D2) | 10. Ohio State University (D2) |
| 3. Northeastern University | T11. University of Maryland (D2) |
| T4. Hofstra University | T11. University of Wyoming |
| T4. USC—Union | 13. University of Wisconsin (D2) |
| 6. Grand Valley State University | T14. Colorado School of Mines |
| 7. Rice University | T14. Longwood University |
| 8. University of Illinois (D2) | |

2013 NCSA April
Worth Top 15 Poll

NCSA April Power Rankings



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| 1. University of Illinois (5) | 9. James Madison University |
| 2. Grand Valley State University (1) | 10. East Carolina University |
| T3. University of Antelope Valley (1) | 11. University of Delaware |
| T3. Florida State University (2) | 12. Arkansas State University |
| 5. University of Florida | 13. Miami University |
| 6. Naval Academy (1) | T14. University of Kansas |
| 7. West Georgia Tech | T14. Ohio State University |
| 8. Penn State University | |

It took until April for the Florida Gators to fall from the top spot in the polls, leaving an opening for Illinois to jump up to #1. Regional Tournament Champions Ohio State, Penn State, and James Madison will all look to climb in the polls after earning their spots in the NCSA World Series tournament. New poll coming out next week!





NATIONAL CLUB BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Basketball Joins CollClubSports!

CollClubSports will be offering Men's Basketball for the upcoming school year to all interested teams. Registration is now open! Contact Mitch Conner at Mitch.Conner@CollClubSports.com or at 412-321-8440 ext. 105 for more information and to request your copies of the registration forms.

BREAKING NEWS—CollClubSports will be starting up a new league for the upcoming school year and the 2013-2014 season: Men's Basketball. The National Club Basketball Association (NCBBA) is now accepting League Participation Agreement forms from teams planning to participate in the coming season. The season will run from late Fall until the Spring, with the National Championship Tournament following the Regional Tournaments and taking place in mid to late April. Based on the feedback that the league received from existing teams, it was a clear decision that the League should exist solely as a Men's League for the 2013-2014 scholastic year.

If enough interest can be generated in Women's teams around the nation, the front office will examine the option of expanding the League to include a Women's League as well.

The official NCBBA website is scheduled to launch in August. Right now, you can join the NCBBA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/ClubHoops. The League Rules are available to teams as well as information about the great perks involved with becoming an NCBBA team! Member teams can take advantage of ALL of the great CollClubSports fundraisers and sponsor discounts, including 35% off of Rawlings equipment and uniforms! To learn more about the League and its oppor-

tunities or to join, you can contact Mitch Conner, Sports Information Director, at 412-321-8440 ext. 105 or by email at



NCBA District Playoffs

The District Playoffs start on Friday, May 3rd and will play out over the weekend. The winners of the Playoffs will have the opportunity to compete for the NCBA DII National Championship at the Div. II World Series in Paducah, KY from May 17-21.

NCBA Division II District Playoff Teams

- District I:**
- Penn State (DII)
 - SUNY—Oneonta
 - SUNY—Buffalo
 - West Virginia
- District II:**
- Hofstra
 - Northeastern
 - Saint Joe's
 - Sacred Heart
- District III:**
- Maryland (DII)
 - William & Mary
 - Radford
 - Longwood
- District IV:**
- Kennesaw State
 - USC Union
 - Craven CC
 - Alabama



- District V:**
- Grand Valley State
 - Wisconsin (DII)
 - MSU—Moorhead
 - Lakehead
- District VI:**
- Southeast Missouri State
 - SIU—Edwardsville
 - Ohio State (DII)
 - Eastern Kentucky
- District VII:**
- Rice
 - Stephen F. Austin
- District VIII:**
- Western State
 - Wyoming



NCBA Regional Tournaments



NCBA Division I Regional Tournament Participants Clinched



- Baylor
- Bowling Green State
- Cal Poly
- California
- Central Florida
- Idaho State
- Illinois
- Kentucky
- Montana
- Pittsburgh
- Sam Houston State
- Texas A&M
- Texas Tech
- UC—Los Angeles
- UC—San Diego

The first weekend in May marks the end of the NCBA regular season, and many of the Regional Tournament participants are relying on the weekend's games to determine their postseason fates. All of the teams that qualify for the Regional Tournaments will travel to their Tournament locations from May 10-12 to play for a chance to win the NCBA National Championship at the Div. I World Series tournament in Tampa, FL from May 24-30. All Regional Champions will earn the right to participate in the tournament.

Have an idea, story or event that you would like to promote in The Scouting Report?

Just email your idea to Mitch Conner at Mitch.Conner@CollClubSports.com