



THE SCOUTING REPORT



Dates to Remember in February :

- **Feb 1:** Start of NCBA Spring season
- **Feb 12:** Suite 301
- **Feb 13:** NCFA Phone Day
- **Feb 15:** Start of NCBA Fall/Spring teams Spring season
- **Feb 20:** NCBA Phone Day
- **Feb 27:** NCSA Phone Day

DID YOU KNOW...

This year will mark the 8th consecutive year that Tampa, FL will host the NCBA Spring Training Showcase.

NCBA World Series Locations Announced!

The host site for the 2013 and 2014 National Club Baseball Association Division I World Series tournaments has been confirmed. Tampa, Florida's University of Tampa Baseball Field will hold the event which opens up in 2013 with games on May 24th and concludes on May 30th. Eight NCBA Division I teams from the eight geographic regions of the country will participate in this tournament which will crown the league's National Champion.

"On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community we are thrilled to be selected as the host site for the 2013 and 2014 National Club Baseball Association Division I World Series," said Jason Aughey, Senior Director of the Tampa Bay Sports Commission. "Having hosted the NCBA/NCSA Spring Training Showcase in the Tampa Bay area over the past seven years, we have had the privilege of working hand in hand with the NCBA to create an incredible partnership. Adding this signature event speaks volumes to our relationship moving forward. Combining the University of Tampa's breathtaking downtown baseball stadium with all that our destination affords, we are confident that the NCBA, its teams and fans will be treated to a memorable World Series experience."

The University of Tampa Baseball Field features a grandstand and full-size indoor press box. The facility seats 750 spectators and also features a patio on the first and third base sides for lawn chair seating. The

facility features all the amenities, including a beautiful view of the downtown Tampa skyline (pictured above). The grandstand and press box area was built in 2006. It contains a full concession stand with on-site restrooms also constructed. The UT Baseball Field has been the site of numerous NCAA Division II South Regional Tournaments and also serves as the host of the annual Tony Saladino Baseball Tournament for area high schools.

There is never a shortage of entertainment options in the Tampa area. With a beautiful climate year-round the beach is only a few minutes away. The city is full of entertainment, including theaters, performing arts, museums, a zoo and an aquarium. There is no shortage of shopping with the luxury of choosing between strips of stores along a main drag or visiting a giant mall to suit all of your needs in one stop. Be sure to check out Ybor City, one of Florida's three National Historic Landmarks in the entire state.

Known in the 1900's as the "cigar capital of the world," the city now boasts a wide variety of shops, restaurants, clubs and other entertainment. If you've got a day off and you're looking for some fun, why not spend it at the Busch Gardens & Adventure Island amusement park!

CollClubSports CEO and President of the NCBA Sandy Sanderson had this to say about the agreement: "We are excited to



once again partner with the Tampa Bay Sports Commission to host another one of the NCBA's most storied events. What Tampa offers to our players, their families, and their fans is unique to any other host city the NCBA World Series has ever experienced. Whether it's the shopping of Channelside, the Latin cuisine of Ybor City, or simply the sun and beaches, Tampa is sure to entertain everyone who comes to enjoy the exciting NCBA World Series action."

Tampa, Florida will host the NCBA Division I World Series in both 2013 and 2014. More information about the 2013 NCBA Tournament can be found on the NCBA website at www.clubbaseball.org/Championship.aspx. Comments and questions can be directed to Sandy Sanderson at Sandy.Sanderson@CollClubSports.com or 412-321-8440 ext. 100.

CollClubSports SPOTLIGHT



Handsome Rob and the 2012 NCBA DI Champion Utah State University Aggies will look to repeat again in 2013.

Provide background of your career so far in college:

I played 4 years at Mt. Crest High as a pitcher and 2B. I

Name: Robert Garrett
School: Utah State University
Positions: Pitcher, 3B
Scholastic Year: Junior
Major: Exercise Science
Nickname: Handsome Rob
Favorites...

Movie: The Sandlot

Food: Steak

Band/Music: Angels & Airwaves

Collegiate Baseball Memory:

Winning the NCBA World Series last year with guys I've played with my whole life, that was awesome. But I also proposed to my, now wife, at the beginning of a home game last season, out on the pitchers mound. She was "chosen" to throw out the 1st pitch and I dropped to one knee and popped the question. She said YES!

signed and played one year at Southern Virginia University and then last year was my first year of club baseball.

Your team went all the way last year. Can you repeat? Why?

We will be disappointed if we don't go back to the World Series. We have a lot of returning players backed up with some new talent. Plus we have more than 15 guys on the team this year. And oh yeah, we still have the "winning cookies!"

How does your team plan on handling the "target on your back" that comes with winning a National Championship?

We plan on showing everyone why we won a National Championship last year. We have talent, work hard, and most importantly we have a love for the game.

What will be the biggest hurdle that your team has to overcome in order to get back to the World Series tournament in Tampa, FL?

We need to realize that the teams we will face are different

than last year. We need to face every game with our best stuff. No two years are the same, so we aren't going to rely on what we did last year, we're going to bring it every game, every inning, every at bat, every pitch.

What matchups are you most excited for this season? Why?

I'm very excited for our conference series against Idaho St. They don't get much recognition but they are a very good and tough team and find ways to win. We faced them a lot last year and know we have to come out and play every time. We meet them the last game of our conference schedule and I expect both teams to be firing on all cylinders.

Anything else you would like to add?

We're looking forward to a new year and the challenges it will bring. Can't wait to play.

NCBA World Series Locations Announced! (cont'd from Page 1)



It's official! The 2013 National Club Baseball Association Division II World Series will take place at Brooks Stadium in Paducah, Kentucky. The 8 teams that win their respective Districts within the NCBA Division II will be participating in the tournament where a National Champion will be crowned. The event will start on May 17th with the Championship Game concluding the tournament on the 21st.

Named for Paducah Baseball Association President J. Polk Brooks, the stadium was constructed over 60 years ago. It is one of the oldest Baseball parks still in use in the state of Kentucky. Brooks Stadium contains seating for 1200, restrooms, and a concession stand all within its

walls. Handicap seating and parking is also available. Throughout its long life, "The House That Brooks Built" has been home to a St. Louis Cardinals minor-league affiliate as well as playing host to several colleges and universities including the University of Kentucky and Southern Illinois University.

"Brooks Stadium and the Paducah community have a strong tradition of hosting successful collegiate Baseball tournaments. We're confident that the 2013 NCBA DII World Series will be a great experience for the student-athletes and their fans," said Paducah Convention & Visitor's Bureau Sales Director Fowler Black. He felt that the city would be a great location because "Paducah is a very centralized geographic location within a day's drive of two-thirds of the U.S. population and at the heart of the America's inland waterways. It would make for convenient travel for a ma-

majority of the participants."

Paducah, KY is located in the western portion of Kentucky near where the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers converge into one and halfway between St. Louis, MO and Nashville, TN. Paducah plays home to over 25,000 residents within its bounds.

"I am extremely excited with the fact that the 2013 NCBA Division II

World Series will be held at Brooks Stadium, in Paducah, Kentucky," said NCBA Vice President of Division II Baseball Operations Christian



Smith. "Selecting a location for the DII World Series is never an easy task. Finding a city and a stadium has to meet several important characteristics. The city's geographic location, quality of venue, entertainment and financials all are important aspects taken into consideration. Most times, a city meets a majority of those aspects but after personally visiting Paducah and all



that it had to offer, it was revealed that it hit every major aspect that we were looking for. With Brooks Stadium's rich history, Paducah's geographic neutrality to our teams, and the entertainment that Paducah has to offer, makes the city a perfect fit for this event. I am very eager for the eight World Series teams and their fans to experience the city and Brooks Stadium for themselves. I know they will not be disappointed!" 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 2103 NCBA Division II World Series can be directed to Christian Smith at Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com or at 412-321-8440 ext. 104.



"One of the finest amateur baseball parks in the United States" - Mike Shannon, St. Louis Cardinals radio broadcaster



The logo for the 2013 NCSA World Series tournament, hosted by Tampa Florida

With the NCSA World Series set to return to Columbus, Georgia again in 2013, The National Club Softball Association is proud to display the 2013 tournament logo. The South Commons Softball Complex in Columbus will play host to the NCSA World Series from May 17th to the 19th, 2013. Sixteen of the top NCSA teams will compete in Columbus, Georgia so that one may be crowned the National Champion.

Friday the 17th will mark the start of Pool Play for seeding and the Double-Elimination games will start up on Saturday. The four Pools will each consist of four teams, guaranteeing each team three Friday games. The teams that will partici-

pate in the World Series tournament include the first and second-place teams from each of the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, and Great Lakes Regional Tournaments, each Conference Champion in regions without a Regional Tournament, and three At-Large Bid teams to total sixteen teams. "g to Columbus, GA this season," said NCSA Director of Softball Operations, Savannah Harp. "The South Commons Softball Complex has proved to be the perfect venue to host the NCSA World Series and Columbus, GA has proved to be the perfect location. I am looking forward to my first NCSA World Series as Director of Softball Operations and can't wait to get to Columbus in May!"

The South Commons Softball Complex features eight total fields, five of which circle a central main hub. The other three create a fan with the centerpiece as their stadium field. In fact, in 1996, the Complex was used by the Olympic Women's Fast-pitch Softball Competition teams. South Commons also hosts the Superball Classic, a huge event that draws premier amateur softball teams in from all over the world to compete against one-another.

NCSA World Series Updates

Columbus is full of entertainment for both players and fans to enjoy during their downtime at the tournament. If you or your family is looking for entertainment, you might find yourself uptown at a free concert or at a museum or the Coca Cola Space Science Center. Maybe you'll want to enjoy the scenery of the Chattahoochee RiverWalk or in Heritage Park. There are limitless food options within the city to choose from and ample shopping as well, from shopping malls like Columbus Park Crossing all the way to tiny specialty stores hidden away in the cultural districts - there's something for everyone!

Columbus, Georgia Sports Council representative David Boyd had this to say about the event returning to Columbus: "The Sports Council, along with the city of Columbus, is very excited to have the NCSA World Series back on our World Class fields. I've been blessed personally to have the opportunity to work with the NCSA and CollClubSports. It feels like a family reunion every time we get together. On behalf of the Columbus Sports Council and the City of Columbus, we would like welcome



the participants and their families to Columbus GA."

Information about the NCSA can always be found on the League website www.clubsoftball.org. For information specifically about the World Series, follow the link to <http://www.clubsoftball.org/Championship.aspx>. Questions about the event can be addressed to Savannah Harp, NCSA Director of Operations, at 412-321-8440 extension 103 or by e-mailing her at Sa-



The beautiful South Commons Softball Complex of Columbus, GA will host the 2013 NCSA World Series Tournament. The complex boasts seven separate fields as well as one stadium within its bounds.

2013 NCBA DI Preseason
Rawlings Top 20 Poll



NCBA Preseason Rankings Released!



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| 1. Utah State University (13) | 11. Appalachian State University |
| 2. Colorado State University (2) | 12. University of Florida |
| 3. University of Pittsburgh (1) | 13. Penn State University |
| 4. East Carolina University (2) | 14. University of Massachusetts |
| 5. Texas Tech University (1) | 15. Ohio State University |
| 6. University of Georgia | 16. University of Texas |
| 7. UC—San Diego | 17. University of Missouri |
| 8. University of Illinois | 18. Texas A&M University |
| 9. NC State University | T19. Clemson University |
| 10. University of Arizona | T19. UC—Berkeley |

The Rawlings Preseason Rankings Top 20 Poll finds the 2012 National Champions still remaining atop the list, receiving 13 of the 19 first-place votes from the voting panel members. Despite receiving only 2 first-place votes, Colorado State University finds themselves only 10 points behind the defending champs. How will the Aggies handle the pressure of being both the former #1 and the current #1? We can't wait to find out!

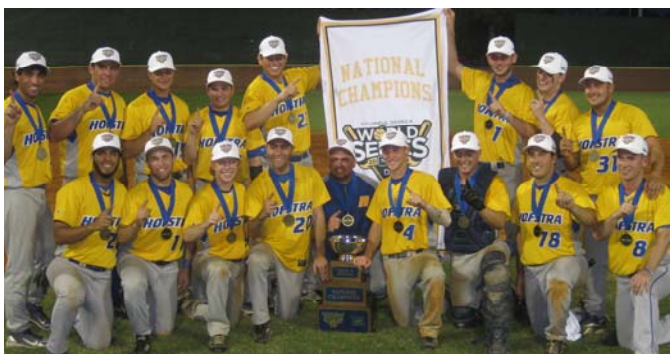
2013 NCBA DII Preseason
Rawlings Top 20 Poll

NCBA DII Preseason Rankings



All signs point to Hofstra University in the Preseason Top 15 Poll presented by Rawlings. 9 of the 12 voters selected the 2012 National Champions as their favorites to repeat again in 2013. This will be no easy task as 8 other teams are within 100 points in the rankings. At this point in the season, the #1 spot is still anyone's to claim, but be confident that Hofstra isn't

about to give it up without a fight!



The 2012 NCBA Div. II National Champions, Hofstra University, sit atop the 2013 Preseason Top 15 Rankings Poll, presented by Rawlings.

1. Hofstra University (9)
2. University of Illinois (D2) (2)
3. Kennesaw State University
4. Penn State University (D2) (1)
5. University of Wisconsin (D2)
6. University of Wyoming
7. TAMU—Corps of Cadets
8. University of Maryland (D2)
9. Northeastern University
10. Longwood University
11. Xavier University
12. SUNY—Binghamton
13. SUNY—Oneonta
14. Western State Colorado University
15. University of Houston

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

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.



Salem Stadium to Host 2nd Annual NCFCA National Championship Bowl Game



For the 2nd year in as many, Salem Stadium is set to host the National Club Football National Championship Bowl Game, presented by Rawlings Sporting Goods, in Salem, Virginia. The Bowl Game pits the #1 and #2 ranked NCFCA teams as decided by the Rawlings Power Rankings voters throughout the season. The winner is crowned the NCFCA National Champion.

Salem Stadium holds many high-profile football events each year, including the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, more commonly recognized as the NCAA Division III National Championship. This past weekend, The Dream Bowl was held there, a convergence of various college All-Stars taking the field to honor Martin Luther



An aerial view of the beautiful Salem Stadium in Salem, Virginia.

King's "I have a dream" motto and his spirit on his holiday Monday. The Stadium, originally constructed in 1986, features an artificial playing surface compatible for play during all weather conditions and full stadium lighting. Stadium seating can house over 7,100 spectators and ample parking is available for all fans. A full listing of amenities is included, from concessions and restrooms to complete locker rooms, press boxes, and coaching boxes. The stadium is even equipped with an elevator to assist fans to the handicapped-accessible seating. When asked what made Salem such a great location to host the NCFCA's capstone event, NCFCA Commissioner Sandy Sanderson explained, "The City of Salem and Salem Stadium made for great theatre as the NCFCA celebrated its first-ever National Championship Bowl Game. I can't be more excited to return the event to Salem as the allure and pageantry of the NCFCA National Championship continues to grow." Roanoke Valley is known throughout Virginia in infamy for having the highest restaurants per capita ratio in the state, and Salem is no excep-

tion. Hot spots like the Blue Heron Restaurant & Red Rooster Bar provide a unique twist of French cuisine with a local inspiration. The city has no shortage of entertainment when the sun goes down either, as the music scene has bloomed in recent years. Find a local gathering place for some live music or visit the Salem Civic Center to catch a nationally-recognized recording artist, the possibilities are seemingly endless. "The City of Salem was pleased to be able to host the inaugural NCFCA National Championship in 2012. It was an exciting game with great action and outstanding student-athletes. We are excited for 2013 and hope this will become an annual event in Salem," said Carey Harvey-cutter, Salem's Director of Civic Facilities.

Check out the NCFCA Championship page at www.NCFCAFootball.org/Championship.aspx for more information about the event. For questions, contact Sandy Sanderson in the CollClubSports office at 412-321-8440 ext. 100 or at Sandy.Sanderson@CollClubSports.com.

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Major news in the National Club Football Association today, as the NCFCA and Wilson Sporting Goods have come to terms on a new contract, making Wilson the "Official Football of the NCFCA." Teams will now have the opportunity to use the 1003 GST model footballs in their NCFCA games and practices by purchasing the balls at NCFCA member-exclusive prices! "Wilson Sporting Goods and especially all the employees at our Ada, Ohio football factory are extremely proud to have had the Wilson WTF1003 GST football selected to become the new "Official Football of the National Club Football Association!" We know the NCFCA teams will enjoy taking the field with the GST," said Tom Berl, Territory Manager for Wilson Sporting Goods. "The GST is used on the field by over 180 College programs at all levels including Notre Dame, Ohio State and Northwestern on Saturdays plus thousands of high school teams across the country on

NCFCA Scores with Wilson Footballs

Friday nights, making it by far the #1 selling performance game football in the world!"

Ada, Ohio holds the only football-specific factory in the world, the location where Wilson proudly produces the GST footballs. Since 1941, the Ada factory has made all of the Official NFL footballs as well as millions of college, high school, and youth balls. Many of the skilled workers have over 20 years of experience solely in producing footballs all 52 weeks a year!

Wilson's WTF1003 GST football is built from WE 863 leather, a Wilson-exclusive product, to make for the finest grip along with patented ACL (Accurate Control Lacing) laces and pebbled composite white stripes sewn on to the ball. All footballs are carefully molded to ensure the truest flight paths and spirals in the game.

The NCFCA is excited to offer the GST 1003 football to member teams at exclusive prices. Teams have the opportunity to purchase GST game balls featuring their team name and the NCFCA logo as well as GST practice balls for use throughout the season. Teams looking for more information



or that are interested in ordering should contact NCFCA Director of New Team Development Chris Girardi. He can be reached at 412-321-8440 ext. 102 or at Chris.Girardi@CollClubSports.com.



Wilson is renowned for having the best footballs, backed up by their dedication to the NFL and NCAA Football teams. Now they've partnered with the NCFCA!



League Welcomes Three New Teams to the NCFCA in 2013



The NCFCA is thrilled to welcome three new teams to the league! Oakland University, Robert Morris University—Peoria, and University of Wisconsin—Parkside are each ready to make an immediate name for themselves in the Power Rankings this fall. The Oakland Golden Grizzlies, Robert Morris Eagles and UW-Parkside Rangers will be joining the Great Lakes Conference.

