



THE SCOUTING REPORT



Dates to Remember in March:

- **Mar 13:** NCFA Phone Day
- **Mar 19:** Suite 301
- **Mar 20:** NCBA Phone Day
- **Mar 27:** NCSA Phone Day

DID YOU KNOW...

2013 will mark the first year that the NCBA Spring Training Showcase and NCBA World Series tournament will both be hosted by the same city since the inauguration of the league in 2000.

NCBA Div. I World Series Logo Revealed!



The DeMarini Longball Challenge is back for 2013! Get ready for an exciting event with new twists for 2013!

The 2013 NCBA Division I World Series logo is out! The World Series tournament is being hosted by Tampa, Florida at the University of Tampa Baseball Stadium

from May 24th through the 30th. The top eight teams from around the NCBA will travel to the Sunshine State for the chance to be crowned World Series Champion.



CollClubSports SPOTLIGHT



Jonathan Fletcher has already received both National Pitcher and Player of the Week honors this season. This is his 3rd year with Stephen F. Austin and their first season as a member of the NCBA.

Name: Jonathan Fletcher
School: Stephen F. Austin State University
Positions: OF / Pitcher
Scholastic Year: Master's Student
Major: MBA
Nickname: Fletch
Favorites...
Movie: Rudy
Food: Pizza
Band/Music: Notorious B.I.G.
Collegiate Baseball Memory:
 The regional tournament last year. Being so close to the World Series and not making it fuels the fire.

Provide background of your career so far in college:

I played two years of club baseball at the University of Texas at Austin and now I am playing in my third season at Stephen F. Austin State University.

You started the team at Stephen F. Austin this year. How difficult was that to accomplish? Any tips for student-athletes out there looking to start a team at their school?

It was a long process but it was worth it. My advice to someone looking to start a team would be to be prepared to do a lot of fundraising. First year clubs usually have a large amount of money to raise to get on their feet.

You've already won National Player and Pitcher of the Week in this very young season. How does that feel?

I don't let it affect me. It's nice to have the awards but in the end, individual awards mean nothing unless it translates into a win. "You play to win the game." As long as we win I'm happy.

Do you think that teams will approach you differently with such tremendous success this early in the year? If so, how do you plan to remain effective?

I doubt teams will approach me differently. I will remain effective by staying mentally focused and by taking a confident approach to the plate. I don't let failure or doubt creep into my mind.

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

I'm excited about all of the matchups this season. I guess you could say I'm most excited about the championship game for the World Series. Winning the World Series is the overall goal so assuming we reach our goal, that would be the matchup I'm most excited for.

Anything else you would like to add?

I think we've got a very good team here at SFA and I believe we can achieve our overall goal. We have a small team but everyone on the team plays a key role in our success. If we all put in the work and stay mentally focused, we will be successful.

2013 NCBA DI Week 13
Rawlings Top 20 Poll



Updated NCBA Power Rankings Released!

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

Few eye-popping changes have been made in the Rawlings Top 20 since February. Most notable are the dropping out of Clemson and UC-Berkeley and additions of Missouri and Cal Poly. Utah State remains the team to beat at #1 but East Carolina seems to be inching ever-closer to that top spot. Things could be shaping up for a very exciting month of March!

2013 NCBA DII Week 14
Rawlings Top 15 Poll

NCBA DII Power Rankings



As we moved from February to March, we see that Hofstra has gained a stronger hold of the top spot in the NCBA Div. II standings. Western State Colorado and Houston dropped out of the Rawlings Top 15 and Montclair State and Ohio State (D2) replaced them, leaping SUNY Binghamton and SUNY Oneonta to sit at numbers 12 and 13 in the poll. What changes will March bring along with the warmer weather?

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| 1. Hofstra University (11) | 9. Longwood University |
| 2. Kennesaw State University | 10. TAMU—Corps of Cadets |
| 3. University of Illinois (D2) (1) | 11. Xavier University |
| 4. University of Wyoming | 12. Ohio State University (D2) |
| 5. Penn State University (D2) | T13. Montclair State University |
| 6. University of Wisconsin (D2) | T13. SUNY—Oneonta |
| 7. University of Maryland (D2) | 15. SUNY—Binghamton |
| 8. Northeastern University | |

2013 NCSA February
Rawlings Top 15 Poll

NCSA February Power Rankings



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

Now that the NCSA season is in full gear, can anyone dethrone the reigning champs, Florida? A couple of red-hot Great lakes Region teams in Illinois and Grand Valley State are hungry for that #1 spot!



NCBA 2013 NCBA DI World Series Host Hotel Announced NCBA

CollClubSports and the National Club Baseball Association (NCBA) are pleased to announce that Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center will be the official host Hotel of the 2013 NCBA World Series tournament. This partnership between Mainsail Suites and CollClubSports has been built over the last seven years as NCBA teams have traveled to Tampa, FL to play at Mike Sansone Park in Plant City over their spring breaks at the NCBA Spring Training Showcase.



A view from a distance of the beautiful Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center property.



NCBA President Sandy Sanderson is thrilled by the new deal. "It has been a pleasure working with the staff at Mainsail Suites for years! They have provided us with such great opportunities to enjoy our Spring Training Showcase year after year. I can't wait to see what they have in store for our World Series teams!"

Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center is so much more than a place to sleep. Every suite includes a full kitchen, living room, and dining room. Outside of the rooms you can find many on-site amenities, including sandpit volleyball courts, half-court basketball courts, a heated pool, and even a

hot tub! One can't forget about their fitness center and 24-hour laundry room. Mainsail has agreed to offer the great low rates of \$104 for a One Bedroom Suite, \$114 for a Two Bed, Two Bath Suite (two queen beds), \$134 for a Triple Two Bed, Two Bath Suite (one queen bed, two double beds, sleeper sofa), and \$154 for a Quad Two Bed, Two Bath Suite (two double beds in each bedroom). Teams can contact Kelly Nixon, Sports Sales Manager, to reserve their rooms. Friends and family can book directly through the hotel lines.

"Mainsail is very excited to once again renew our partnership with

the NCBA," said Sports Sales Manager of Mainsail Suites, Kelly Nixon. "We look forward to welcoming back the teams that stayed with us in the past and sincerely hope to meet new teams as well this year! We feel we are ideal for the NCBA because of our extra-large rooms and the fun amenities we have on the property. We look forward to working with the NCBA to help make this the most successful World Series yet."

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.



NCSA Shows Its "Worth"

Back in 2003, Rawlings Sporting Goods and Worth Sports joined forces. Worth maintained its focus in Slowpitch and Fastpitch Softball while Rawlings turned their efforts to solidifying other sports like Baseball and Football. Since Worth is such a Softball power, the National Club Softball Association is thrilled to announce that Worth is the "Official Uniform Supplier of the NCSA."

Operating as a team the mission of both Worth and Rawlings has targeted enabling the participation of athletes at every level by developing and producing high-quality performance and protective equipment and apparel

As a partner of the NCSA, Worth has allowed the league to offer discounts of 30-35% off of Worth's catalog pricing. Being the "Official Uniform of the NCSA," Rawlings will sport the official NCSA Jersey Patch on the back neck of all team jerseys, coats, and jackets as well as the official NCSA Pants Patch on team uniform pants and shorts, placed above the right rear pocket, on all Club Softball team orders.

Eric Curitore, Rawlings/Worth Sponsor Account Manager at CollClubSports, puts it best: "We're extremely excited with the recent news of Worth taking over our softball uniforms. Worth has done nothing but provide high quality uniforms to softball teams all around the country. They have a great selection. I'm



confident that our NCSA teams will feel the same way."

If you would like a price quote or for more information, to request a catalog, or to place an order, teams should contact Eric in the CollClubSports offices. He can be reached at Eric.Curitore@CollClubSports.com and by phone at 412-321-8440 ext. 101.



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 Scouting Report?

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