

THE SCOUTING REPORT

2016 NCFA League Meeting



The 2016 NCFA League Meeting was held on January 30th at the NCFA Headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA. This marked the 6th Annual League Meeting of the National Club Football Association. Representatives from their selected schools came to discuss rule suggestions, rule changes and to express their input on how to expand the NCFA. Representatives from UNC-Greensboro, Pitt, Ohio University and Cleveland State were also in attendance to learn more about starting a team in the NCFA.



On the Calendar: February



3rd- New Team Phone Day
NCBBA Phone Day



10th- NCFA Phone Day



16th- Suite 301

17th- NCBA Phone Day



24th- NCSA Phone Day



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Michigan State Basketball Moving on Up

The Week 13 Poll has been released, and the Michigan State Spartans now rank #1 in the NCBBA. Team President Rob Ray stated, "Being ranked #1 is exciting for us because it puts all of our hard work and determination into something tangible. We believe our team is unique in the fact that we don't have one player who is necessarily the "go-to guy" or the leader on this team. Instead we have several leaders and rely on our team chemistry more than anything, which allows us to be consistent week in and week out. We think if we continue to work at getting better and play together the sky is our limit this season and we are excited to take on the challenges that are ahead of us!"



2016 NCBBA WEEK 13 RAWLINGS TOP 15 POLL



RANK	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS	PREVIOUS RANK
1	Michigan State (7)	522	7
2	Ohio State (1)	501	3
3	East Carolina (3)	399	1
4	Georgia	333	5
5	Cornell	315	2
6	Umass Lowell (1)	282	T-11
7	Kentucky	276	4
8	NC State	234	T-11
9	Towson	231	15
10	Syracuse	210	8
11	Georgetown	201	6
12	Virginia Tech	195	10
13	Harvard	180	9
14	Michigan	150	14
15	Indiana State	123	N/R

Total Points Available: 675

"The Spring Training Experience"

"The Spring Break Showcase is such a great time for our entire team. This is my third year going and every year so far has been an awesome experience. We usually play 7 games and we play some great competition (including Penn State and Pittsburgh this season). Getting away from the awful weather of Central Illinois and going to sunny and 75 Tampa just makes everything worth it. Can't wait to see what Tampa 2016 has to offer! Playing baseball and enjoying vacation is something all teams in the NCBA should experience!" – Donny Kirk (Illinois State Club Baseball President)

Division I Top 20

The Oregon Ducks are looking forward to another exciting year with their sights set on holding the 2016 World Series trophy at Brooks Stadium. President of Oregon Club Baseball Mikey Finneran said, "It's a great feeling to start the season out atop the preseason polls. However, we know as a team that we need to prove on the field that we are the best team in the nation. We have a lot of returners from last year's national championship team and some great new talent that will hopefully help carry us to the World Series again this year."



RANK	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
1	University of Oregon (14)	388
2	Florida State University (1)	363
3	Arizona State University (DI) (2)	361
4	East Carolina University (DI) (2)	345
5	Penn State University (DI)	253
6	UC - San Diego	241
7	University of Pittsburgh	230
8	University of Texas	224
9	Texas Tech University	223
10	Iowa State University	218
11	Utah State University (1)	205
12	University of Illinois (DI)	166
13	Colorado State University	146
14	University of Georgia	89
15	University of Central Florida	84
16	University of Iowa	83
17	Ohio University	81
18	University of Michigan	67
19	University of Florida (DI)	57
20	Texas A&M University	45

First place votes in parentheses
Total Points Available: 400

Division II Top 20

With 2015 NCBA DII World Series Champions Eastern Kentucky University moving up to DI, Penn State is looking to run the table in DII this year. Ryan Hooven President of Penn State (DII) stated, "The Nittany Lions are honored to have received the #1 ranking for the first preseason poll. We have a lot of confidence going into the spring season but are ready to work hard because there are a lot of good teams in this league and we know we can't take anything for granted. Having 18 returning players and adding 4 valuable new players, the club is very excited to work towards another run at the World Series."



RANK	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
1	Penn State University (DII) (14)	299
2	Ohio State University (DII) (1)	259
3	University of Akron	228
4	St. Louis University	201
5	Virginia Commonwealth University	198
6	Texas A&M University-Corps of Cadets	197
7	University of Windsor	188
8	University of Maryland (DII)	178
9	St. Joseph's University	144
10	Furman University	142
11	Monmouth University	121
12	Florida Gulf Coast University	103
13	San Diego	81
14	Radford University	76
15	East Carolina University (DII)	70
16	Rowan University	64
17	George Mason University	58
18	University of Wisconsin (DII)	57
T-19	Ithaca College	41
T-19	SIU-Carbondale	41

Total Points Available: 300

Player Spotlight: Mitchell Mundy

School: Ohio State University

Year: Senior

Position: Power Forward

Mundy and the #3 ranked Ohio State University Buckeyes took on the #4 ranked Kentucky Wildcats Week 12 and won all three games. Mundy was named the NCBBA Week 12 National Player of the Week.



Interview between Dan Grossi & Mitchell Mundy.

Dan Grossi: Being the #3 rank and Kentucky at the #4 rank what was your approach going into these games?

Mitchell Mundy: As we approached our series against Kentucky we realized it was probably the most important series we will play all year. We feel that in order to control our own destiny we have to win every single game we play in order to make it to the national tournament. When looking ahead to Kentucky, we didn't know what their team looked like so it was tough to game plan. Because we're talented enough we decided to focus on what we do, instead of what they might do.

DG: Who is your team's biggest rival?

MM: I would say that our biggest rival would probably be the University of Dayton, but we have our sight's set on beating Cornell.

DG: What are your goals for the season moving forward?

MM: Our goals for the rest of the season have been laid out in team meetings. They are to go undefeated in NCBBA play and win the National Tournament, and we know that we are capable of doing it. That being said we're not a team that looks too far into the future. Coach Days has shown us how to be in love with the process, not just the end results.

2016 Spring Training Showcase Teams

National Club Baseball Teams Attending:

Week 1 (February 27-March 5)

University of Florida (DI)
University of South Florida
Ohio University
University of South Florida - St. Pete
Wright State University

Week 2 (March 5-12)

Appalachian State
Bloomsburg University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Carnegie Mellon
Central Michigan
Edinboro University
Ferris State University
George Mason University
Hofstra University
Illinois State University
Michigan Tech
Minnesota State-Mankato
Northeastern University
Penn State (DI)
Penn State (DII)
Penn State - York
Robert Morris University
South Dakota State University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
University of Pittsburgh
Virginia Commonwealth University
Western Michigan University
William & Mary
Winona State University
Xavier University
Rawlings Free Agent Team

Week 3 (March 12-19)

Cleveland State University
Colorado State University
Hofstra University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Minnesota State-Moorhead
North Dakota State University
Northern Illinois University
Ohio State (DI)
Ohio State (DII)
Purdue University
Rutgers University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Cortland
University of Florida (DI)
University of Florida (DII)
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Minnesota
University of Northern Iowa
UW-Milwaukee

Week 4 (March 19-26)

Illinois (DI)
Illinois (DII)
Kent State
Lafayette College
Marquette University
Northwestern
SUNY Oswego
University of Central Florida
University of Florida (DII)
University of Wisconsin (DI)
University of Wisconsin (DII)
UW-Eau Claire
UW-Whitewater

National Club Softball Teams Attending:

Monroe College
University of Florida
University of Pittsburgh
Florida State University
SUNY Cortland
University of Central Florida
University of Wyoming