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IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW IN OCTOBER

	5 th - NCBBA Phone Day	Oct 8 th & 9 th - NCSA Indy Invitational Tournament
	12 th - NCFA Phone Day	Oct 15 th - NCBBA Previews Due
	18 th - Suite 301	Oct 15 th & 16 th - NCBA Henderson Fall Tournament
	19 th - NCBA Phone Day	Oct 21 st -23 rd - NCBA Wood Wars Tournament
	26 th - NCSA Phone Day	Oct 27 th - NCBBA Preseason Polls Released
		Nov 1 st - Start of NCBBA Season
		Nov 1 st - NCFA Roster Freeze



2016-2017

NCSA Preseason

RAWLINGS

Top 15 Poll



RANK	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
1	James Madison University (12)	235
2	Clemson University (3)	214
3	The Ohio State University	174
4	University of Florida	173
5	Arkansas State University	168
6	University of Delaware (1)	137
7	UC Davis	126
8	Naval Academy	100
9	Virginia Tech	89
10	Grand Valley State University	73
T-11	Florida State University	69
T-11	Penn State University	69
T-11	University of Connecticut	69
12	University of Illinois	55
13	Air Force Academy	39
14	Lake Superior State University	26
15	Rutgers University	25

Others Receiving Votes:

University of Kentucky	15	Illinois State University	6	University of Wyoming	3
University of Georgia	13	SUNY Cortland	5	Iowa State University	2
Marquette University	9	University of Michigan	5	Sacred Heart University	2
Univ. of North Carolina	7	Grand Canyon University	3		

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Ohio University and the University of Michigan are Crowned Champions of the **State College Classic** and the **Battle Creek Blast!**



The last full weekend of September saw some great baseball. In State College, Pennsylvania, 16 teams traveled for the State College Classic tournament. Friday and Saturday were filled with pool play with teams fighting for the chance to play in the playoffs on Sunday. After some close games, Penn State and Ohio University were the last two teams standing, with OU beating the Nittany Lions 3-2 in the finals. "The 2016 State College Classic was a huge success with a great field of teams and perfect weather" says Christian Smith, VP of DI Baseball Operations. "After a 1-year hiatus, the wood bat tournament saw a bigger turnout than in 2014... I couldn't have been happier with how things played out and I hope that the teams enjoyed their time as participants."

Out in Battle Creek, Michigan, 16 teams descended on the city to participate in the Battle Creek Blast tournament. Split evenly between DI and DII teams, there was some solid competition as teams battled it out to make it to the championship game on Sunday. Eventually, it was the University of Michigan and the University of Toledo who met up with the Wolverines defeating Toledo 8 to 5. "Hats off to the 2016 Champions" says Craig Budzik, coordinator of the tournament. "The University of Michigan had to play 3 must win games on Sunday to run the table. I would like to thank all 16 teams that competed in this year's Battle Creek Blast, and hope to see them back next year."



DII World Series Heads Back to Pittsburgh, Kansas!!



The National Club Baseball Association is excited to announce that they have renewed their contract with the Crawford County Convention & Visitors Bureau to host the 2017 & 2018 Division World Series. The games will be held once again at Jaycee Field in Pittsburg, Kansas.

"In just two years we've already experienced the incredible positive impact of the event on our community" says B.J. Harris, Executive Director of the Crawford County Convention & Visitors Bureau. "The NCBA players and their fans have become a wonderful part of the kickoff to our summer baseball schedule. More than just the economic impact, this event has provided us an opportunity to showcase Jaycee Ballpark and Pittsburg to fans from around the country, many of which are experiencing our community for the first time."

The NCBA is honored that the city of Pittsburg wishes to host them again. "I'd like to thank B.J. Harris & the entire staff at the Crawford County Convention & Visitors Bureau, along with the Parks & Recreation Department within Pittsburg, for giving us the opportunity to come back for another two years" says Eric Curitore, Director of DII Baseball Operations. "Through our 2015 & 2016 events we saw the immense value this partnership not only brought our association, but to our 8 qualifying teams and those who made the trip with them. Jaycee Ballpark is a beautiful facility surrounded by a great college town that provided all the resources we could ever ask for. I know our teams will be excited once they hear we'll be heading back for another two years!"

Any question regarding the 2017 NCBA Division II World Series can be directed to Eric Curitore at Eric.Curitore@CollClubSports.com or at (412) 321-8440 ext. 101.

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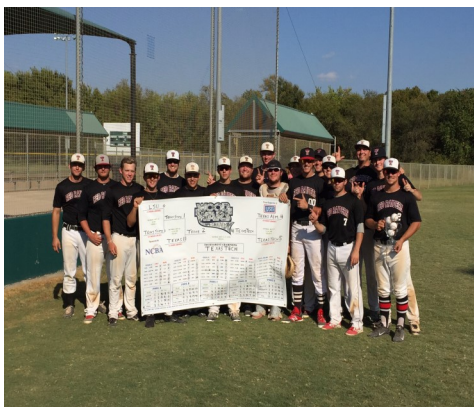
NCBA to Host 7th Annual *Wood Wars* Tournament McKinney, Texas October 21st-23rd

In an unprecedented move by Ryan Norris, tournament director, and the NCBA, this year's Wood Wars will feature a record 24 teams. Growing from a mere 4 teams back in its inception in 2009, this tournament has now grown to be the go-to tournament in the Fall for the Gulf Coast region.

In addition to the regular tournament, the Wood Wars will feature the 4th annual *Swing It! Hitters Challenge*. Instead of a simple homerun derby, in 2013, Norris wanted an event that had more of a team competition feel to it with audience participation. Held the Friday night of the tournament, each team supplies a 4-man team comprised of 3 hitters and 1 batting practice pitcher to compete against other squads to determine which team has the best hitting team. Competing teams have each of their hitters take 5 swings for a total of 15 swings per team. They then accumulate points based on where the ball lands initially. After one round, the top 4 scoring teams move on to the finals where they compete again to see who has the highest score in the end.

Most impressively about this tournament, for the past 3 years, Wood Wars, the NCBA, and the Dallas USO have partnered up to raise money. The NCBA has donated over \$3000 to the Dallas USO in those years and have welcomed the presence of active duty military members at the tournament.

"In 2009, the tournament was 4 teams and I literally had to beg the 4th team to attend the week of the event" say Norris. "From there to where we are now has been a whirlwind ride and there have been so many great moments, great teams, and terrific experiences." With last year's champion, Texas Tech, and 4-time champions Texas A&M returning this year, the 2016 edition of Wood Wars should be an exciting one.



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The **NCFA** is Heading to Salem, Erie, and Wheeling for Post-Season Play!



The NCFA is very excited to announce the locations for the 2016-2017 playoff and championship games. First up, the South Atlantic and Mid Atlantic Conference champions will battle it out at Spartan Field in Salem, VA. The NCFA has had a great relationship with the city of Salem for the past five years and is very excited to be partnering with them again. Equipped with a 1,100 capacity grandstand, a fully synthetic turf, and locker rooms, Spartan Field is the perfect place to host this semi-final game as it hosted both of the 2015 NCFA playoff games. This match up kicks off on November 19th at 3pm.



That same day and time, the NCFA and the Erie Sports Commission have teamed up to host the North Atlantic and Great Lakes Conference champions in Erie, PA at Dollinger Field. As a part of the Prep & Villa Event Center, this field is the perfect midpoint for these two conferences. Dollinger Field is fully turfed and boasts a 2,000 person seating capacity, locker rooms, and a state of the art scoreboard and sound system.

The winners of the NCFA playoff games will then travel to Wheeling, WV to play in the NCFA National Championship game presented by Rawlings and SignUpGenius at West Liberty University. WLU is the proud home of West Family Stadium, which has recently gone through some incredible upgrades. This 3,200-seat facility includes an updated press box, a new lighting system and is considered one of the top NCAA Division II stadiums in the area. This game promises to be one for the books and is situated exactly 43 miles from the epicenter of the entire NCFA.

For up to date information about all the events happening with the NCFA postseason, please visit www.ncfafootball.org/post-season/

NCBBA Welcomes 10 New Teams in September!



University of Connecticut



Purdue University
Black & Gold



Creighton University



Western Illinois



Bradley University



Michigan Tech



University of Wisconsin
Red & White



Johns Hopkins University

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The 2016 NCFA Fall Kickoff Wrap-Up



The 2016 Fall Kickoff was a huge success, featuring matchups of Ohio State vs. George Mason & Sacred Heart vs. University of Pittsburgh. In game 1, Sacred Heart beat Pittsburgh by a score of 68-6 reminding everyone why they won the North Atlantic Conference in their inaugural season last year. Game 2 featured a very hard-hitting game, ending in a 30-0 Buckeye win. Ohio State has one of the best rushing attacks in all the league and should prove it throughout the season.

All in all, the 2016 Fall Kickoff was a great event and there is already huge demand for the 2017 games. There is already one giant matchup agreed to for 2017, but the announcement will not come until after the NCFA National Championship.

If your team is interested in playing in the 2017 Fall Kickoff, contact Scott Hoffman at scott.hoffman@collclubsports.com

The Game Promo Ends November 30th!



Interested in getting some new hats for your team? Contact Felicia Battaglia to get the best prices around! Currently, CollClubSports is offering **\$2 off ALL hats** ordered through The Game. That includes stock baseball hats, custom caps, and boonies! In addition, visors are being offered at the super low price of \$13.25 (models GP362 & 363). Get yours today at felicia.battaglia@collclubsports.com or 412-312-8440 x107



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Next episode is Tuesday, October 19th at 3:01pm! See you then!

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NCFA Team Spotlight: *Oakland University*



Since the team's inception in 2012, the Oakland University Grizzlies club football team has been a force to be reckoned with. In their beginning, Oakland had to first overcome the campus perception that contact sports were forbidden on campus due to the founding family's wishes. Proving that untrue, the boys at OU finished a strong first season with a record of 5-2. In 2013, NFL Films followed club member, Christopher Harris, as he was a finalist in the NFL's "Together We Make Football" contest. That following year, in 2014, OU fought their way to a NCFA National Championship and boasted the first ever undefeated record for the league. Since then, the Grizzlies have been looking for ways to recapture the magic of that year. Off-season troubles and change in leadership resulted in a 4-2 season in 2015.

The 2016 season, however, is looking up. Earlier this year, the team was featured in a Xenith football helmet commercial, a company that is based in their hometown of Detroit, Michigan. This has led to sponsorships with both Xenith and Adidas. This exposure and growing recognition bodes well for the Grizzlies as they start up their season this year.

Some players to be on the look out for include Malik Pettway and Steven O'Connell. Pettway, a third year player, has a great running game that has helped the team significantly. More importantly, he has developed in to a strong leader that the team can rally around. As for O'Connell, his ability to play both sides of the ball makes him a great asset to the team. He has an innate ability to find the ball on defense and his athleticism allows him to find the end zone easily.

With some great leaders this year and a solid defense, the Grizzlies look forward to this season, especially to their game versus rival Miami (OH). Coach Menas and his boys have had that match up date circled on their calendars as Miami (OH) is 2-1 versus OU, "embarrassed" them last year, and are the reigning Great Lakes champions. That game happens Week 8.

When asked what OU is looking forward to this year, Coach Menas had this to say: "We are ready to see the benefits of our hard work, discipline, and improvements since the end of last season come to fruition. We developed a philosophy of "trusting the process" when it comes to our discipline and tireless work ethic. In doing so, we have we have set extremely high standards for ourselves. Our work is to achieve only 1 goal, and it's the ultimate goal of every team in the NCFA and that's to win the NCFA Championship. Anything less than that would will falling short of our goal."

Having only lost 4 games in 3 seasons, the NCFA is expecting big things from the Grizzlies and wishes them luck this year!

