



THE SCOUTING REPORT



Dates to Remember in September :

- **Sept 1:** Start of NCFA Season
- **Sept 12:** NCFA Phone Day
- **Sept 15:** Start of NCBA and NCSA Fall Seasons
- **Sept 19:** NCBA Phone Day
- **Sept 26:** NCSA Phone Day

DID YOU KNOW...

GENE WHITLEY, HEAD COACH OF THE PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE CLUB BASEBALL TEAM, APPEARED IN THE 1989 FILM 'MAJOR LEAGUE' WITH SUCH ACTORS AS CHARLIE SHEEN, TOM BERENGER, CORBIN BERNSEN, AND WESLEY SNIPES. AS HE TELLS HIS PLAYERS, YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN HIS CURVEBALL, EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER MET HIM.

CollClubSports "Fashions" a Deal with Rawlings

CollClubSports and Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, Inc. have signed a new contract making Rawlings the "Official Uniform Supplier of CollClubSports." Rawlings has also been named as an "Official" sponsor of the NCSA World Series in Columbus, Georgia. Further, they will be "Presenting" the NCFA National Championship Bowl Game to be held in Salem, Virginia.

The Rawlings mission has targeted enabling the participation of athletes at every level by developing and producing high-quality performance and protective equipment and apparel since 1887. Rawlings also holds the title "The Official Baseball of the NCBA" and serves as the official baseball for the NCAA, as well as being the Official Baseball Supplier and Official Helmet of Major League Baseball.

"Rawlings is proud to be the Official Uniform Supplier of CollClubSports," said Mark Kraemer, Senior Sports Marketing and Licensing Manager for Rawlings. "They do an outstanding job of enhancing the educational experience of students by providing additional leadership and character building opportunities that would not be possible without their guidance. Rawlings is passion-

ate about partnering with such a strong governing body to continue to give players an opportunity to take their education and game to the next level."

As a part of the deal, CollClubSports has become an authorized Rawlings dealer. This agreement allows the league to offer discounts of 30-35% off of Rawlings' new catalog pricing. Member teams are still receiving the same exclusive low prices that they were receiving before Rawlings restructured their catalog. As the "Official Uniform of the NCBA," Rawlings will include the official NCBA Jersey Patch on the back neck of all jerseys, coats, and jackets sold to Club Baseball teams. They will also feature the official NCBA Pants Patch above the right rear pocket of team uniform pants. 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. "The Official Uniform of the NCFA," Rawlings has agreed to showcase the official NCFA Jersey Patch on Club Football team jerseys

across from the Rawlings "R." They will also show the official NCFA Pants Patch across from the Rawlings "R" on team uniform pants.

Eric Curitore, Rawlings Sponsor Account Manager a CollClubSports, puts it best: "We're extremely excited to have Rawlings back as the Official Uniform Supplier of CollClubSports. Over the years they have done nothing but provide quality uniforms to all our teams at great prices. Teams throughout all of our leagues have the opportunity to take advantage of the large assortment of designs and features that Rawlings uniforms can provide them. Rawlings makes a fantastic product, and we're excited to have built this relationship with them!"

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 Player to Watch



Senior Wide Receiver Andrew Schofield has led Clarkson University in receptions for the past two seasons.

Name: Matthew Schofield
School: Clarkson University
Positions: Wide Receiver
Scholastic Year: Senior
Major: Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Minor in Project Management
Nickname: Schofs
Favorites...
Movie: The Departed
Food: Chicken Parmesan
Band: Breaking Benjamin
Collegiate Football Memory:
 Our first ever game in 2010 at the University of Maine. Our team accomplished what many believed was impossible- we got Clarkson University back on the gridiron.

Provide background of your career so far in college:

Played 2 seasons for Clarkson University, this is the 3rd coming up, as a Wide Receiver, Led the team in receptions both seasons, All Conference Honorable Mention in 2011.

Can your team go all the way this year? Why?

Yes we can because we have the talent to do so.

What matchups are you most excited for this season?

All of them because it is my Senior year.

Are you excited about the NCFA's decision to determine a winner through the National Championship game instead of using the polls?

Very much so, it is more fair this way.

What is your outlook for your team this season? What are your goals/expectations?

We aim to finish undefeated and win the national title. End of story.

Are you particularly excited about any of the matchups on your schedule? Why?

I'm excited to play Onondaga because my cousin is a safety on their team.

Anything else you would like to add?

My career goal is to work for federal law enforcement either for the FBI or US Marshals.



Smooth Sailing for the NCBA and the Official Host Hotel of the Spring Training Showcase

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 Spring Training Showcase." 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.

"I am so excited about signing Mainsail Suites Hotel as the Host Hotel for the second year in a row," said CollClubSports Director of Spring Training Operations, Savannah Harp. "Mainsail is by far the most popular of our accommodation options and teams are already looking forward to their return trips!"

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! Who could forget about their fitness center and 24-hour laundry room.

"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 hope that 2013 is an even bigger year than last year and look forward to working with the NCBA to help make this the most successful Spring Training yet."

Eric Curitore, Assistant Director of Spring Training Operations, talked about the showcase venue. "CollClubSports is excited to bring the NCBA Spring Training Showcase back to Plant City, FL once again. From not only a field standpoint, but from the local community as well, the event has seen nothing but growth and support over the

past seven years. The showcase is expected to draw over 60 club baseball teams to the area during their spring breaks in March of 2013."

For more information about the NCBA Spring Training Showcase and ways to get involved as a team, sponsor, or volunteer, please visit the NCBA Spring Training Showcase website at <http://springtraining.clubbaseball.org/Baseball.asp> or contact the Directors, Savannah Harp and Eric Curitore. Savannah can be reached at Savannah.Harp@CollClubSports.com and at 412-321-8440 ext. 103. Eric's email is Eric.Curitore@CollClubSports.com and he is accessible by phone at 412-321-8440 ext. 101.



Looking for a Fall Tournament?



With the NCBA and NCSA seasons fast approaching, many teams like to prepare for their Conference matchups by participating in fall tournaments. The following list includes some information about the tournaments being held this fall.

- State College Classic—State College, PA**
 - NCBA and NCSA tournaments
 - October 12-14
 - \$375 entry fee
- Greenville Fall Invitational—Greenville, SC**
 - NCBA, mainly Mid-Atlantic Region and South Atlantic Region teams
 - November 9-11
 - Invitation Only
- Gulf Coast Invitational—Richardson, TX**
 - NCBA Wood Bat tournament
 - November 2-4
 - \$400 entry fee
- Saluki Slugfest—Carbondale, IL**
 - Hosted by NCBA member Southern Illinois University Club Baseball
 - NCBA and NCSA tournaments
 - October 12-14
 - \$500 entry fee, discounts available



2012 NCFA PRESEASON POWER RANKINGS

TEAM	Coaches Poll			Power Ranking
	Total Points	1st PV	Rank	
Miami University (OH)	134	2	1	1
Chattahoochee Technical College	129	5	2	2
Ohio State University	122	4	3	3
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	113	4	4	4
Coppin State University	96	1	5	5
Wright State University	77	0	6	6
University of Vermont	76	3	7	7
George Mason University	56	0	8	8
Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville	54	1	9	9
University of New Orleans	50	0	10	10
UM - Flint	46	0	11	11
Rollins College	20	0	12	12
Kennesaw State University	17	0	13	13
Radford University	17	0	13	13
University of South Carolina	16	0	15	15
Clarkson University	15	0	16	16
Loyola - Chicago	11	0	17	17
Virginia Commonwealth University	11	0	17	17
Macon State College	9	0	19	19
UMD - Eastern Shore	9	0	19	19
Xavier University	9	0	19	19
Eastern Connecticut State University	5	0	22	22
Shepherd Bible College	3	0	23	23
Columbus State University	2	0	24	24
Old Dominion University	2	0	24	24
Onondaga Community College	1	0	26	26
Longwood University	0	0	27	27
University of Maine	0	0	27	27

Total Coaches Poll Points Available: 200



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The CollClubSports Experts preview their top five matchups from the first month of the 2012 season.

Chattahoochee Tech vs. OC Tech (Week 3)

Talk about a clash of the titans! These two schools finished last season as the No.1 and No.2 Seeds, crushing just about every club team they played. The only exception was when these two schools played each other in a game that ended in a double overtime thriller! Chattahoochee would end up winning 23 to 20, which solidified their position as the top seed. Surely the result of this rivalry game will continue to bear the same significance as the winner will likely be solidified as a contender. While both of these teams have lost the majority of their players from last year, Chattahoochee still appears to have the foundation to return to

last year's form. This game will likely be close, but we will stick with the defending national champions.



The teams to finish last season ranked #1 and #2 match up this month in Week 3. Chattahoochee opens the season ranked 2nd in the NCAA and OC Tech opens ranked 4th.

Ohio State vs. Wright State (Week 4)

For the first time in NCAA history, a new team will be entering into the league already commanding an enormous amount of respect. Last season, Ohio State went undefeated, playing primarily teams from the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes is arguably the toughest conference in the country, and it is therefore no easy feat to win a game in that region, let alone to go undefeated. Wright State, which has been a very solid football team over the years, went 5 and 4 last season. The last time these two teams met, Ohio State only won by a touchdown, beating the Raiders 25 to 18.



We anticipate Preseason Ranked #3 Ohio State to handle the #6 Wright State in Week 4.

Although Wright State is a talented and disciplined team, OSU seems to have everything going for them this year. The Buckeyes are coming into this season with 40 returning players and an immense amount of talent on both sides of the ball to go with it. As much as we love the underdog, it's hard to argue with depth!



Preseason #7 University of Vermont is in a great position this season to make a run at the National Championship Bowl Game

Maine vs. Vermont (Week 4)

Could this be the year the Black Bears return to form? After an abysmal season last year, going

0 and 6 and allowing an average of 35 points a game, the Maine Black Bears are looking to start over. With some major administrative adjustments and a new pool of recruits to bolster their offense, Maine could very well become a threat again in the North Atlantic. Despite this major overhaul, beating the Vermont Catamounts will be no easy task for the Bears. Then again, it wouldn't really be an easy task for anyone! Vermont, who will have 25 returning players this year, looks to maintain their potency on offense and to continue their domination of the region, despite new additions to the conference. Hate to say it, but it doesn't look like anyone will be dethroning the King of the North any time soon.

Pick - Vermont over Maine

UMES vs. Coppin State (Week 4)

Despite the fact that these two teams have never played each other, there is already an enormous rivalry brewing. This conflict is the result of a long and



#19 University of Maryland—Eastern Shore has a lot to prove this season, but it's hard to bet against the #5 powerhouse Coppin State University in this rivalry game.

heated rivalry between these schools' varsity programs in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. Now, to top off this already tenacious contention, the two schools will have a football team to battle over. One can only imagine the intensity of this game as both of these teams engage each other for the first time. The UMES Hawks will have everything to prove this game as they take on powerhouse Coppin State. If the Hawks can pull together their program quickly, they could give the Eagles a run for their money. With this being their first full season, taking on Coppin State might be a little too much to ask.

Pick - Coppin State to win the Battle of the Birds

VCU vs. Ohio State (Week 5)

At long last, teams across the country will finally get to witness a game between the Great Lakes and the Mid-Atlantic. Now, for the first time, the league will have a good assessment of the strength of these two conferences. VCU, a team on the rise in the Mid-Atlantic, will be taking on the juggernaut of the GLC. While both teams boast formidable size and an aggressive attitude, this game still looks like a match between David and Goliath. Then again, VCU is known to be a bit of a giant killer. If

the Rams can fix the significant problems they had with their secondary, they'll have a shot against the Buckeyes. For now though, we will have to stick with the numbers.

Pick - Ohio State over VCU



We're taking #3 Ohio State to win this long-distance matchup against #17 Virginia Commonwealth University.



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.