

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### Dates to Remember in October:

- **Oct. 12:** NCFA Phone Day
- **Oct. 18:** Suite 301
- **Oct. 19:** NCBA Phone Day
- **Oct. 26:** NCSA Phone Day

### DID YOU KNOW...

**In 2011, swinging Reebok bats exclusively, Mercer College finished third in total home runs among all NCAA teams. Compared to most teams, the 80 home runs hit by Mercer College during the 2011 season using Reebok's BBCOR bats was a minimal drop-off from the 90 home runs they hit the previous season using BESR bats.**

### REEBOK NAMED OFFICIAL BAT OF NCBA/NCSA

CollClubSports has agreed to terms with Reebok International Ltd. to make Reebok the Official Baseball and Softball Bat Supplier of CollClubSports through the 2014 season.

Every NCBA member team will receive two free BBCOR certified Reebok bats per season for the duration of the agreement. For the 2012 NCBA season, all NCBA member teams will receive one Vector-O and one Vector-1 bat. Additional bats can be purchased at exclusive NCBA pricing by contacting CollClubSports President Sandy Sanderson at [Sandy.Sanderson@CollClubSports.Com](mailto:Sandy.Sanderson@CollClubSports.Com) or by phone at (412) 321-8440 x100. NCSA teams looking to order softball bats can also receive exclusive pricing on bats by contacting Sandy at the above phone number.

A great deal of time and effort was put forth researching the various bat options on the market before the final decision to go with Reebok was made. On two separate occasions, a group of NCBA staff members and players took batting practice to test out the various bats, and the performance of Reebok's product spoke for itself.

"The Reebok bats were very comfortable to swing," said 2011 Longball

Challenge Champion Max Hegedus of Pitt. "I usually don't like to just pick up a new bat but they were definitely some of the easiest bats to get acclimated to that I've tried."

"I thought they hit very similarly to the BESR's we used this past year," added Hegedus. "Although the sweet spot seemed slightly smaller than a BESR bat, it was as big on the Reeboks as any BBCOR bat available."

In addition to being the Official Baseball Bat of the NCBA, Reebok will be the Title Sponsor for the Reebok Home Run Challenge for each of the next three seasons. The Reebok Home Run Challenge, held at the NCBA Division I World Series, is a home run derby featuring 16 of the NCBA's best sluggers from throughout the country. Reebok give-away items will be distributed to fans in attendance and a Reebok Representative will be on site to throw

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out the first pitch at the event.

"Reebok has always been synonymous with sports," said CollClubSports President Sandy Sanderson. "Whether it's footwear, apparel, or equipment, they have dedicated themselves to providing cutting edge sporting goods to teams and individuals globally. After hearing the feedback from our players on the performance of the Reebok bats, it was clear that this was the company for us to partner with. I'm excited to have the CollClubSports name in the company of the NFL, NHL, and others who rely on Reebok to provide their athletes with the best products on the market."

"Reebok is excited to partner with CollClubSports on our baseball bats," said Reebok Director of Team Sales Rob Plunkett. "The NCBA gives us a strong avenue to get our bats into the baseball community. With the Reebok O-Technology, we feel we offer a distinct competitive advantage with our BBCOR bats vs. the competition. The O-Technology gives our bats less drag, which results in faster bat speed. We look forward to a long lasting partnership."



### CollClubSports Player To Watch



**Name:** Devron Pye  
**School:** Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College  
**Position(s):** LB  
**Scholastic Year:** Freshman  
**Major:** Marketing  
**Nickname:** Devron  
**Favorites:**  
**Movie:** Paranormal Activity 2  
**Food:** Wings  
**Band:** Fairfield Central HS Band  
**Collegiate Football Memory:** Scoring my first defensive touchdown.

*A freshman linebacker for Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, Pye currently leads the NCFA with five sacks and picked up National Defensive Player of the Week honors in each of his first two games. On September 24, he helped lead his team to a 21-13 upset victory over top-ranked New Orleans.*

#### Provide background of your career so far in college:

*I'm in school at OC Tech, I've been keeping up with my school work and grades. I go to practice every day because I love to play and I am a hard worker both on and off the field.*

#### Describe the atmosphere in the locker-room before your big game against #1 ranked and defending national champion New Orleans?

*Everyone was calm and focused, even the coaches. People were listening to their music and just zoned out to themselves.*

#### What was the atmosphere like in the locker-room after you upset the top ranked Pri-vateers?

*It was like a burden was lifted, everybody felt relieved to travel that far and win a game and travel back very comfortable and relaxed.*

#### You currently lead the nation in sacks with five. What makes you so successful at getting to the quarterback?

*Well for one, because of my size. I'm short, but yet fast and quick so I could easily beat offensive linemen off*

*the ball and through a gap.*

#### How did you and your teammates react when you saw that you had been named the first-ever NCFA Defensive Player of the Week?

*They were very proud of me and encouraged me to do it again.*

#### What is your outlook for your team this season?

#### What are your goals/expectations?

*We just want to come together as one big family and as one team who will stick together no matter what the obstacle is.*

**Anything else you would like to add?** *I just want to thank god for this opportunity to play football again in my life. The coaches put me in good position to do my thing and I am definitely living it up to the fullest.*



## MAINSAIL SUITES NAMED OFFICIAL HOST HOTEL OF SPRING TRAINING

CollClubSports is excited to announce that Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center will be the Official Host Hotel of the 2012 NCBA/NCSA Spring Training Showcase. Mainsail Suites has hosted numerous teams from across the nation in past Spring Training Showcase events. These teams have enjoyed many fabulous stays at Mainsail Suites as they traveled to Tampa, FL over their spring break to compete at Mike Sansone Park in Plant City.

"I'm looking forward to another amazing NCBA Spring Training Showcase," said CollClubSports Director of Spring Training Operations, Savannah Harp. "Mainsail has always been a staple for participating teams. I've already gotten many excited phone calls from teams who can't wait to get back to Mainsail and those famous suites and amenities."

Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center is not your ordinary hotel. Their accommodations are above and beyond your average, everyday overnight stay. With a

full kitchen, living room and dining room in every suite, guests are more than comfortable in these spacious suites. Onsite features include sand volleyball courts, a heated pool and hot tub, half court basketball courts, an extensive fitness center, and a 24 hour laundry room with seven new washers and dryers.

"On behalf of Mainsail, I'd like to welcome back the NCBA/NCSA to Tampa!" said Mainsail Sales Coordinator, Kelly Nixon. "We have welcomed many teams for the past several years and are thrilled to be selected as the host hotel for 2012. The players love our suite design and onsite amenities. We look forward to welcoming back our faithful teams but also some new ones too."

CollClubSports is excited to bring the NCBA/NCSA 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 six years. The show-

case is expected to draw over 60 club baseball and softball teams to the area during their spring breaks in March of 2012.

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 by emailing Savannah Harp at: Savannah.Harp@CollClubSports.com and by phone at 412.321.8440 x 103.



### NCSA Preseason Top 15 Poll:

1. Florida State University (13)
2. University of Florida (1)
3. University of Antelope Valley (1)
4. University of Illinois
5. Virginia Tech
6. James Madison University
7. Kennesaw State University
8. East Carolina University
9. Naval Academy
10. Miami University (OH)
11. University of Colorado
12. Penn State University
13. University of Central Florida
- T-14. University of Georgia
- T-14. University of Michigan



### POLLS RELEASED

The 2011 NCSA Preseason Top 15 Poll has been released, and it comes as no surprise that defending National Champions Florida State University comes in at number one. The only other teams receiving first place votes were #2 Florida and #3 Antelope Valley, each receiving one first place vote. Rounding out the top five are #4 Illinois and #5 Virginia Tech.

For the first time this season, there is a new team sitting atop the NCFA Top 10 Poll, with Chattahoochee Tech taking that honor after former #1 New Orleans was upset by Orangeburg Calhoun Tech. New Orleans still has the most first place votes with seven, but has dropped to third in this week's poll, while OC Tech climbed from #10 to #7 after their upset victory.

Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville makes its first appearance in the polls this season, entering the top 10 at #9.

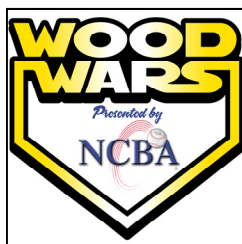
### NCFA Week 4 Top 10 Coaches Poll:

1. Chattahoochee Technical College (6)
2. Miami University (OH) (1)
3. University of New Orleans (7)
4. Wright State University (1)
5. University of Vermont (1)
6. Radford University
7. Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College (1)
8. Coppin State University (1)
9. Southern Illinois Edwardsville (1)
10. University of North Carolina



## OTHER NEWS AROUND COLLCUBSPORTS

- The deadline to register for the NCBA/NCSA Spring Training Showcase down in Tampa, Florida is November 15, 2011. For more information on this event, contact Savannah at Savannah.Harp@CollClubSports.com.
- The annual Gulf Coast Invitational Wood Bat Fall Tournament has expanded to 12 teams this year. Hosted by Gulf Coast Regional Director Ryan Norris, the 2011 "Wood Wars" Tournament will be held the weekend of October 21-23 at Breckenridge Park in



Richardson, Texas, near Dallas. Participating teams include: Baylor, Sam Houston State, Texas, Texas State, North Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, UTSA DI, LSC-Kingwood, LSC-Montgomery, Texas Christian and UTSA DII.

- The Eastern Illinois Fall Frenzy Softball Tournament, held September 23-25 was a success. The tournament featured 12 teams from around the NCSA: Eastern Illinois Blue, Eastern Illinois Black, University of Illinois, Illinois State, Southern Illinois Edwardsville, Southern Illinois Carbondale, Saint Louis University, Indiana, Grand Valley State, Michigan State, Southeast Missouri, and Wisconsin. In the end, with a record of 6-1, the EIU Blue Squad took home the title, defeating Illinois State

10-9 in 8 innings in the championship game. Illinois State finished in second place with a record of 6-2; followed by Saint Louis (6-3) in third and Illinois (4-3) finishing fourth. Eastern Illinois plans to expand the tournament to 20 teams next fall to utilize their entire eight-field complex. Interested teams can contact EIU President Jessi Smith at [jrsmith7@eiu.edu](mailto:jrsmith7@eiu.edu).



The Eastern Illinois Blue Team Celebrates after winning the EIU Fall Frenzy Championship Game 10-9 in 8 innings over Illinois State.