

It was a great weekend for Softball in mid-October in the "Happy Valley" of State College, PA.

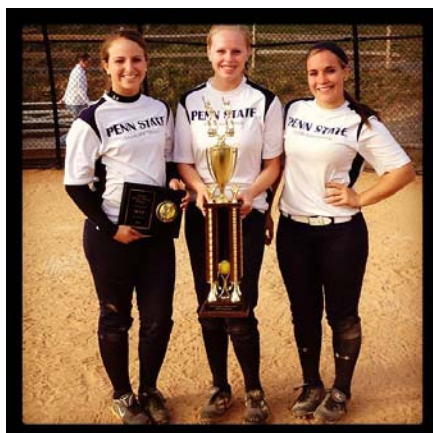


John Hess Complex played host to the NCSA State College Classic fall tournament on October 13th and 14th. Countless great games were played throughout the day, with the competition heating up as quickly as the temperature! Seven teams participated, including Cornell, Ithaca, Northeastern, Penn State, Rowan, Rutgers, and West Virginia.

Day 2 kicked off the elimination games, where there was no shortage of skill or emotion in any game. Right off the bat the #7 seed Rutgers upset the #2 seed WVU! As the teams whittled down, the last two standing were #3 Ithaca and #1 Penn State.



***2012 State College Classic Champions
Penn State University Club Softball poses
with their trophy.***



A regulation game wasn't enough time to determine a winner in this matchup, as the score after 7 innings was 1-1. Ithaca took command of the game in the top of the 8th inning by driving home 2 runs, but Penn State was not deterred. In the bottom half of the inning, PSU rallied to score 3 runs to win the game in walk-off fashion, with the winning run driven in by Brittany Bray.



***Tournament MVP Emily
Detz***

We were able to catch up with the winning coach, Kelsey Detweiler, following the tournament. "It's always fun to be able to play right in your back yard and what better way to end the weekend than with a nail-biter of a championship game? Our girls work hard four days a week every week and to be able to play six games in two days in front of our family and friends and bring home a trophy was really a great time. It was nice to see a lot of other NCSA teams make the trip for the tournament too - we always love meeting new teams, and Kate [Crossman] does such a good job of rallying a lot of them together in one place no matter where it is."

A special thank you needs to go out to Kate Crossman, the Tournament Director. None of this would have been possible without her hard work and countless hours dedicated to the cause. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Garfield's Restaurant & Bar for sponsoring the tournament. The teams and parents that took advantage of the opportunity to dine in their restaurant were thrilled with the service! Thank you to Damon's Grill and the Penn State Club Softball team for setting up a very successful THON fundraiser! The turnout to raise money for families battling childhood cancer was a huge success. Finally, thank you to all of the teams and fans who came out to support and participate in this great event. We couldn't have done it without you!



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