



# THE SCOUTING REPORT



## Dates to Remember in October :

- **Oct 10:** NCFA Phone Day
- **Oct 12-14:** NCBA and NCSA State College Classic
- **Oct 16:** Suite 301
- **Oct 17:** NCBA Phone Day
- **Oct 24:** NCSA Phone Day

## DID YOU KNOW...

**THE 'INFO' TAB ON EACH LEAGUE WEBSITE CONTAINS LINKS TO SEVERAL IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE MOST-UPDATED LEAGUE RULES, WEEKLY SUBMISSION FORMS, REGISTRATION FORMS, LPA'S, AND ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY TEMPLATES.**

## How Club Sports Made It All Possible

With the 12th pick in the 17th round of the 2012 Major League Baseball draft, the St. Louis Cardinals selected Pitcher Chris Perry from Methodist University. At number 540 overall, Perry is the school's second-highest pick ever in the draft. Why should Chris's story stand out? It was an opportunity within the NCBA that allowed him to keep playing Baseball.

Chris, a native of Cary, NC, was not recruited out of high school despite being a North Carolina 4A All-Conference selection. He decided to attend the University of North Carolina—Wilmington and joined their Club Baseball team, a member of the NCBA Division II. After a strong first season, Perry tried out for

UNCW's NCAA team. He made the roster as a catcher but was cut after the fall. He rejoined the Club squad and continued to impress on the mound, although he never gained much recognition since his stats and scores were rarely reported.

Determined to play NCAA Baseball, Chris transferred to Methodist University (NCAA Division III) after his sophomore year at UNCW. He made the Baseball team there but spent most of his time as the backup catcher, making few appearances on the hill.

Sure he could succeed as a pitcher, Chris worked the entire offseason on his game. He proved that hard work does pay off by entering the 2012 season as Methodist University's #1 Starter. That year he totaled 132 strikeouts in 92 2/3 innings, ranking him 2nd in Strikeouts and 1st in K's per inning in the NCAA DIII. As a result, he was named 1st Team All-Conference and Pitcher of the Year in the USA-South Conference, South-Region Pitcher of the Year by D3baseball.com, and 1st Team All-Region and 3rd Team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Chris was drafted by the Cardinals needing only one more course to finish his degree at Methodist, and he plans to finish his degree when time allows. Shortly after the draft he was scheduled to report to Jupiter, FL to join up with the Palm Beach Cardinals.

"Playing in the NCBA for those first two years allowed Chris to keep playing Baseball," said Chris's father, Ed. "It's hard to imagine if Club Baseball didn't exist at UNCW that Chris would now be a Professional Baseball



## CollClubSports Player to Watch



Name: Matt Boucher  
 School: Miami University (OH)  
 Positions: DB  
 Scholastic Year: Junior  
 Major: Management Information Systems  
 Nickname: Bouch  
 Favorites...  
 Movie: Friday Night Lights  
 Food: Beef Stroganoff  
 Band: Linkin Park  
 Collegiate Football Memory: Last year's trip to New Orleans when we beat them in overtime.

Provide background of your career so far in college: Entering my third year on the team. I have been a starter for all three of my years at Miami. Since I have been here we have had a great deal of success and won the Great Lakes Confer-

ence Championship last year, our first year in the NCFA.

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

We can definitely go all the way this year. Since I have been here this is

our biggest and deepest team yet. Our defense plays with an intensity that I do not think can be matched. We play physical and have 11 hats around the ball after every play. Along with our stellar defense, our offense is starting to click at the right time as we enter our games against tough NCFA opponents.

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

Absolutely, championships should be decided on the field, not on paper.

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

I expect us to compete and get better every day. We believe as a team that we can win any time we take the field. If we continue to work and improve like we have been the past few weeks, we will be a very difficult team to beat.

What is it going to take to get into the top 2 spots in the rankings? Who is going to be your hardest challenge to beat?

We feel like with how tough the NCFA is we need to leave no doubt every week that we are the best team in the country. We play in the toughest conference and are tested every week. If we can take care of business in our conference we think we deserve to play for the championship.

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

Over the years we have developed good relationships with all of the teams that we play annually. We look forward to games with UNO, SIUe, Flint, and Wright State because we know we are going to be in a battle with them no matter what.

Anything else you would like to add?

See you all November 17<sup>th</sup>.



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**2012-2013 NCSA PRESEASON  
RAWLINGS TOP 15 POLL**



RANK	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
1	University of Florida (9)	173
2	University of Illinois (2)	166
3	Florida State (1)	156
4	University of Antelope Valley	137
5	Virginia Tech	122
6	Miami University	114
7	St. Louis University	93
8	Penn State University	91
9	East Carolina University	68
10	Kennesaw State University	67
11	Air Force Academy	46
12	Naval Academy	37
13	University of Delaware	31
14	James Madison University	28
15	University of Georgia	22

Total Points Available: 180

Others Receiving Votes:

Grand Valley State U.	21	Arkansas State U.	7	Towson University	5
SUNY-Cortland	15	Eastern Illinois U.	7	University of North Carolina	2
University of Kansas	9	Illinois State University	7	Ohio State University	1
Michigan State University	8	TCNJ	6	University of Connecticut	1

**The "Rubber" That Makes Your Money Stretch Further**



The leagues of CollClubSports are excited to announce Evolution Marketing as the "Official Fundraising Program of CollClubSports." In 2007, Evolution Marketing launched theRubberU.com fundraising campaign. This past week, theRubberU made two monumental moves, first purchasing HookUpTheU from BBI Marketing and then, most recently, signing on with CollClubSports. theRubberU owner Vic Lombard had this to say about the new deal: "We are thrilled to be partnered with such a reputable organization and hope that we can provide its members with quality opportunities to raise funds for their goals!"

Evolution Marketing's theRubberU has assisted countless non-profit organizations, fraternities, sororities, and club teams in their fundraising efforts. In its five years of operation, these organizations have produced over \$350,000 in funding! "We at CollClubSports make it a very important goal of ours to find ways to help our teams raise funds for their club teams," said CollClubSports President Sandy Sanderson, "and I'm extremely excited about the future of this particular fundraiser now that theRubberU has taken over. Their past experience in this specific type of fundraiser has me anxious to see how high they can increase the earning levels of our member teams. It is obvious to me that Evolution Marketing has their priorities and motivations in the right place when it comes to theRubberU and that can only result in a positive fundraising experience for our member teams."

So how does it work? The savings program uses a rubber wristband to represent a reusable coupon at participating venues. Simply wear your wristband, show it to the participating business cashier, and redeem

your special! In the past with HookUpTheU it was difficult to know what businesses in what locations were participating. Evolution Marketing tries to offer its customers more, and has done so by integrating technology into the equation. TheRubberU.com now also offers a mobile website that allows anyone to view the specials from their mobile devices. They are also in the final stages of what Lombard describes as "a groundbreaking mobile application for iPhone and Droid phones." Another great perk of these wristbands - you can use them at any participating businesses nationwide! Make sure you bring them and wear them when you travel for games so that you can take advantage of the offers in different cities while you're there.

"I look forward to working with all of the CollClubSports teams and members," said theRubberU owner. "We have been doing this for a long time and hope that we can impart our success to the teams that are trying to raise money while competing on a collegiate level."

For more information or to get started on this great opportunity, feel free to check out their website at [www.theRubberU.com](http://www.theRubberU.com) or email the company at [service@therubberu.com](mailto:service@therubberu.com). If you have questions do not hesitate to contact Chris Girardi in the CollClubSports offices at 412-321-8440 ext. 102 or email him at [Chris.Girardi@CollClubSports.com](mailto:Chris.Girardi@CollClubSports.com).

**NCSA Teams! Looking for a Tournament?**

The **State College Classic** is being held from October 12th to the 14th, and there is limited space available! Cost is **\$325** and at least 4 games are guaranteed. For more information and to request a registration form, contact Kate Crossman (Kate.Crossman@CollClubSports.com) immediately. The remaining space is first come, first served, so don't delay!



**NCFA North Atlantic Conference Clinched!**



With a decisive 28-0 rout of conference foe Eastern Connecticut State University, the #6 University of Vermont Catamounts have clinched the North Atlantic Conference title for the 2nd straight year. Keep an eye on them as they continue to push towards



their goal of reaching the National Championship Bowl Game in Salem, VA on November 17th!

*Have an idea, story or event that you would like to promote in The Scouting Report?*

Just email your idea to Mitch Conner at [Mitch.Conner@CollClubSports.com](mailto:Mitch.Conner@CollClubSports.com)



**2012 NCFA WEEK 4 POWER RANKINGS**

TEAM	Coaches Poll			Power Ranking
	Total Points	1st PV	Rank	
Onondaga Community College	116	2	1	1
University of South Carolina	46	1	11	2
Ohio State University	113	3	2	3
Miami University (OH)	110	2	3	4
Coppin State University	55	0	7	5
Macon State College	49	1	8	6
University of Vermont	49	1	8	6
Chattahoochee Technical College	92	2	5	8
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	107	3	4	9
Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville	88	2	6	10
Eastern Connecticut State University	6	0	17	11
Radford University	22	0	14	12
UM - Flint	48	1	10	13
UMD - Eastern Shore	7	0	16	14
George Mason University	10	0	15	15
University of New Orleans	27	0	12	16
Xavier University	1	0	23	17
Clarkson University	0	0	25	18
Columbus State University	4	0	18	19
Wright State University	26	0	13	20
Kennesaw State University	0	0	25	21
Longwood University	0	0	25	21
University of Maine	0	0	25	21
Virginia Commonwealth University	4	0	18	24
Loyola - Chicago	4	0	18	25
Shepherd Bible College	3	0	21	26
Rollins College	2	0	22	27
Old Dominion University	1	0	23	28

Total Coaches Poll Points Available: 180



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

**UNO @ Miami  
(Week 6)**

This has got to be one of the most unique rivalries in the country. For the past few years, Miami and UNO have been traveling back and forth to each other, playing very close and heated games. Although UNO owns this series 2 to 1, the average point difference in these games has been only 9 points. While UNO is still a dangerous



team, Miami's strength has only seemed to increase over the past two years, to the point where they are now contenders for a national championship. The odds just don't seem to be in the privateer's favor with this one.

**Pick - Miami over UNO**

#4 Miami (OH) (on left) looks poised to handle the #16 University of New Orleans (above) in this Week 6 matchup.



**Columbus State @ Macon State  
(Week 8)**

Macon state was definitely a team no one but themselves saw coming. The Blue Storm started this season with a bang as they slaughtered conference opponent KSU 57-0 and sent the rest of the league a wakeup call. After going 2-0 against club teams, Macon is definitely one of those squads other school should take caution against. Columbus state, a team on the rise, hung tough with the Blue Storm, but ended up losing 27-17. Now in this rematch, the Cougars will have another shot at taking down one of the big dogs of the SAC. Will Columbus have what it takes to get the job done? Probably not.



We expect the #6 Macon State Blue Storm (below) to again handle #19 Columbus State University (top), despite their bid for redemption.



**Pick - Macon over Columbus**

**OSU @ Onondaga  
(Week 9)**

While many teams are fortunate to fill a season with opponents near their area, it's always great to see two teams going out their way to play out of conference games. Especially when they are



two powerhouses like OSU and OCC! While both of these teams are very highly ranked, they will need all of the wins they can get at this point to remain in contention. No doubt this will be another tight game, despite the fact that these teams are not conference opponents. Although OSU has depth on their side in this game, the ogre's defense is notoriously stingy and big at the line of scrimmage. It will take a very valiant effort to score against them.

**Pick - Onondaga over OSU**



It will be fun to see where these two teams are ranked for this matchup. Currently, Onondaga sits atop the pole at #1 and Ohio State is lurking at #3.

**Rollins @ USC  
(Week 9)**

Where did these guys come from? At the beginning of the season, the gamecocks were flying under the radar, very quietly dismantling other club teams in the area. Now, coming over a huge win over OC Tech, the Gamecocks have suddenly become a team to beat! While Rollins has is currently 2-0 against club teams, they will likely have their hands full with

USC's tough defense, which held UNC's powerful offense to just 3 points. Although Rollins won this past weekend against KSU, they still allowed 29 points on defense from a team that Macon State had no problem shutting out. Expect the Tars to receive their first loss from a club team in week 9.

**Pick - USC over Rollins**



Don't expect #2 South Carolina (above) to have much trouble handling the #26 Rollins College Tars (left) in Week 9.

**VCU @ Coppin State  
(Week 9)**

Last season, these two teams met in what ended up being one of the most shocking games of the year. The Rams, a very young and scrappy club team, ended up upsetting Coppin State 28 to 20, preventing them from advancing to the Mid-Atlantic Championship game. That day, the rams were probably the only team in the country that thought they had a chance. Needless to say, the Eagles are still sore about it and will not likely

hold any punches back. After torching powerhouse Ohio State 41-6, it is not certain if anyone can stand in Coppin's way. With Coppin having improved on all sides of the ball this year, the Rams will have a VERY daunting task in front of them. Although VCU is more organized with more depth as well, it doesn't look like the Rams will be able to slay goliath in this game. Then again, that's what we said last year..

**Pick - Coppin State over VCU**



After a shocking upset last year, expect #5 Coppin State (left) to hold a grudge against the #24 Virginia Commonwealth University Rams (right).