



THE SCOUTING REPORT



Dates to Remember in January:

- **Dec 9:** NCFA Phone Day
- **Dec 15:** Suite 301
- **Dec 16:** NCBA Phone Day
- **Dec 23:** NCSA Phone Day
- **Dec 26:** NCFA Annual League Meeting—Pittsburgh, PA

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
FROM
COLLCLUB-
SPORTS!**

2013 NCFA League Meeting Scheduled

The National Club Football Association (NCFA) has announced the date of its 3rd Annual League Meeting. The gathering will take place at the League Headquarters at 850 Ridge Avenue—Suite 301, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 and will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 kicking off at 1:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to look at the future of the growing league and to help culminate its continued improvements. Each current and future member team of the NCFA has been allotted up to three representatives to attend the meeting and speak on behalf of their respective organizations. It is recommended that two of the three reps be student leaders. The meeting will provide an opportunity for everyone in attendance to network with the leaders of other club football organizations, learn more about the history of CollClubSports and future of the NCFA, ask questions, and voice your opinions on the operation of

the league. The annual league meeting is your opportunity to learn about the latest Hot Stove happenings around the league, and to provide your much-needed input to assure that the league is headed in the right direction. Be sure that your team is not left out of these important discussions. The first portion of the meeting will be focused on reviewing the 2012 NCFA Season. We plan to discuss the positives and negatives of our 3rd season and where improvements can be made. The next segment will be focused on the 2013 Season specifically regarding league membership growth and the all important future plans for the National Championship Bowl Game and the reinstatement of the Conference Championship Games. The CollClubSports Marketing Department will then present all the fundraising/ sponsorship benefits currently available to NCFA member teams as well as some new equipment/

sponsorship deals we have in the pipeline. Finally, we'll get in to the all important discussion of the NCFA rule book. We'll look at the rules as they currently are laid out and discuss what needs to be added, deleted, or amended. This is a very important part of the meeting as this is your team's opportunity to have your opinions heard and your vote counted as it is always our goal to build the league in the best interests of our member teams. Of course throughout the meeting, you will also have the opportunity to ask any questions that you might have, and to bring up any issues that you feel need to be addressed.



CollClubSports SPOTLIGHT



This fall, Ashley is 4-0 in her 4 starts. Each appearance has been a complete game, giving her 27 innings on the year. Her accuracy is reflected in her 17 strikeouts to only 2 walks allowed. This assault on the strike zone has helped her to surrender only 6 runs (5 earned) on the season.

Provide background of your career so far in college:

College offers new experiences, new friends, and a lot of new material to learn, so it was difficult at first to prioritize and

Name: Ashley Hall
School: Penn State University
Positions: Pitcher, 1B, OF
Scholastic Year: Sophomore
Major: Mathematics, Statistics minor
Nickname: Ash, A-Hall
Favorites...
Movie: Baby Mama
Food: Anything chocolate and unhealthy
Band/Music: It depends on my mood, but I like a little bit of all genres
Collegiate Softball Memory: As a freshman last year, it was so much fun to go to Georgia for the NCSA World Series. I got a lot closer to my teammates, we played well, and I learned a lot about myself as a pitcher at this time. The competition was tough, but I loved the challenge.

manage time, but I think I got the hang of it. I knew going into college that my school aspect of college would be tough, as a math major can be extremely difficult. I adapted to cope with the challenges and then began to branch out and see what

else I wanted out of Penn State. My first stop was trying out for the Penn State Club Softball Team, and I would not have wanted it any other way. It is literally the ideal escape from school work as I get to do what I love around people that make me incredibly happy. I did well as a pitcher for the team last year, but hope to further develop and perform better this season.

When did you start playing softball? What made you decide to play? Also, what made you choose pitching as your position?

I started in first grade with tee ball and have been with the sport ever since. At that young of an age, my parents honestly just put me in any sport I showed remote interest in. I think what interests me the most about softball is the fact that it is an individual sport within a team sport. I love that you play as a team, but the team consists of the summation of individual skills. This is why I chose pitching many years back, as I can be in every play but be supported by all of my teammates.

Are you superstitious? What habits or routines have you developed before or during games? Do you have any unusual rituals you have to carry out on the mound?

Outside of softball, I am very superstitious and have specific routines I must follow. But while playing softball, there are only a few I can think of. If my dad is at the game, which he usually is, I have him tie

my cleats to be really tight. On the mound, after a pitch, I have to catch the ball and walk to the left in a circle to the back of the mound. I usually stand there and look at the ground for a moment, reflecting on pitches and what I want to do with a specific batter.

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

Not including the coaches of our team, it is a pretty young squad. The young caliber is full of talent though, and they have played plenty of softball in their lifetime to be up to any challenge. Our fall season seemed to be short, but we showed no mercy. Our team has a lot of heart and skill, and it will definitely show throughout the spring. My goals and expectations are always extremely high. The more I expect, the more I push myself. The rest of my team will act in the same manner. I want us to be just as good as we have been in past seasons, and to display these talents further than we have in the past at the World Series this year.

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

There is not a matchup that jumps out at me as being more important than the rest. I look at every game as a challenge and treat each with importance, no matter the team. I am just so excited to get the spring season started!



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



The final NCSA Power Rankings of 2012 have been released. Heading into the Spring season of 2013, Florida has maintained its #1 position throughout the fall despite not playing any games. A stat correction to Illinois' record helped them bounce back to the #2 position heading into the Spring. Antelope Valley and Florida State have held steady as top-5 teams as they prepare for the grueling Conference games of the Spring. A red-hot Grand Valley State team who started outside of the top 15 ranks has climbed all the way to #5 after winning their Conference and sporting a 19-2 overall record in the Fall. Naval Academy, Penn State, and West Georgia Tech will each look to build on their undefeated records as the Spring season opens up in just a few short months. A few Conference losses dropped Virginia Tech in the polls, where they are now just a few points ahead of Kansas, the first team outside of the top 15 but certainly peeking in! This is sure to be an exciting Spring season ahead of us in the NCSA!

RANK	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS	PREVIOUS RANK
1	University of Florida (9)	197	1
2	University of Illinois (2)	188	3
3	University of Antelope Valley	169	4
4	Florida State (2)	158	2
5	Grand Valley State University (1)	145	5
6	Naval Academy	124	6
7	Miami University	116	7
8	Penn State University	108	8
9	University of Delaware	78	9
10	East Carolina University	77	10
11	West Georgia Tech	70	11
12	Arkansas State University	44	14
T-13	St. Louis University	43	T-12
T-13	James Madison University	43	15
15	Virginia Tech	38	T-12

Total Points Available: 210

Others Receiving Votes:

University of Kansas	36	Illinois State University	4	West Virginia University	2
University of Pittsburgh	11	Coastal Carolina University	3	Michigan State University	1
Radford University	8	Air Force Academy	2	Ohio State University	1
Kennesaw State University	5	University of Georgia	2		
Eastern Kentucky U.	5	North Carolina State U.	2		

Announcements Around the NCBA

- The NCBA is excited to welcome two new teams to the league starting in the 2014 season. Cleveland State University (Cleveland, PA) and Slippery Rock University (Slippery Rock, PA) will be joining the NCBA Division II in the Fall of 2013.
- The Division I Gulf Coast Region has secured its site for their 2013 Regional Tournament! The Gabe Nesbitt Stadium in McKinney, TX will host the four-team tournament.
- The Mid-Atlantic Region of Division I has also locked-in its stadium for their Regional Tournament. Hooker Field in Martinsville, VA will play host to the Spring tournament.



Looking for an easy fundraiser? Domino's Delivering the Dough is a risk-free way to raise cash for your team!

Here's how it works — You sell a card with 16 Buy One Get One Free coupons on it for \$10 per card and HALF of it goes to your team! The best part is, if you don't sell all of your cards, Domino's will buy them back! It's risk free!

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Just email your idea to Mitch Conner at Mitch.Conner@CollClubSports.com

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.