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Dot Richardson's Division I National Collegiate Softball Invitational

Clermont, Fla. - The National Training Center (NTC) will host the 2nd Annual Dot Richardson's Division I National Collegiate Softball Invitational February 11- 13, 2011, at Legends Way Ball Fields in Clermont, Fla. This collegiate softball tournament will feature high caliber teams including Georgia Tech, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Florida Atlantic University and Fordham University. These teams all excelled during the 2010 season and have high expectations to do the same this season.

Georgia Tech won their second straight ACC regular season and conference title last season. The Yellow Jackets ranked in the top 10 for most of the season and in the top 25 each week of the season for the first time in program history. Overall, they finished 17th nationally. Returning players include Hope Rush, Kristine Priebe, Kelsi Weseman, Kate Kuzma and Christy Jones. These athletes won conference and regional accolades this past year and are expected to lead the team again this season.

UT at Chattanooga had a great 2010 season as they won their fourth-consecutive Southern Conference regular season title. Head Coach Frank Reed won his 700th career game this past season and earned his third-straight SoCon Coach of the Year award. Featured Senior Lady Mocs include Tiffany Baker, who holds the Chattanooga career HR record with 32, Kandice Irwin, who led the NCAA with 11 saves last season and Lyndsey Stiles, who paced the team in hits and batting average over the past two seasons.

Florida Atlantic University made a conference appearance last season finishing fourth. FAU has won ten Sun Belt Conference championships in 16 total appearances. The Owls have also made seven NCAA Tournament appearances throughout their program's history. With ten returning players, six of them are starters; look for featured athletes Rose Gressley, Kerri Croney, Joshlyn Martinez and Taylor Fawbush to push the team to success.

Fordham University finished second in the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship and made their first NCAA appearance this past season. The Rams bring back all but one starter which includes: Jen Mineau, Beckah Wiggins, Jocelyn Dearborn, and Jamie LaBovick. Making their way into Fordham's record books with career high stats are Beckah Wiggins (148 RBI), Jen Mineau (1.39 ERA), and Meghan Shager (1.000 Stolen Base Pct.). After 33 Fordham individual and team records were broken and concluding their eighth-straight 30+ win season, the coaching staff was honored with the NFCA Mid-Atlantic Coaching Staff of the year.

Join us at the National Training Center's Legends Way Ball Fields to watch these highly competitive teams put their talent, strategies and experience to the test! Preorder daily and tournament passes by contacting Bob Borak at 352.241.4585 or by email at Bob.Borak@NTCsoftball.com. For the tournament schedule, please visit www.NTCsoftball.com.

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