2017 Northern Classic Results  
  
231 Fusion Fastpitch Sweeps 12U and 14U Titles!!  Elite 10U Takes Home Top Honors!! Jenison Wildcat Pride Close to Perfect in 16U Title Run!

What a great two days of softball!  Problem is, the Northern Classic was scheduled for three days of play.    
  
Underscoring the importance of pool play, four teams emerged from Friday and Saturday play with perfect 3-and-0 records before Mother Nature ushered in Father's Day with a tournament-squashing torrential downpour.  At least it wasn't a [dust storm](wstxpagelink:68f47b58-91f9-4fc8-9b3c-2fa9a382b36a).  
  
In the 10U division, the Elite 10U girls out of Jenison stormed through pool play to capture their first Northern Classic title.  Jason Hamilton's TC Thunder 10U squad made*another*strong tournament run and took home second-place medals for their efforts.  Great job, ladies!  
  
In the 12U division, Juli Tiesworth's 231 Fusion Fastpitch squad and Brent Simcox's Hudsonville Havoc team rang up 3-and-0 records, but by virtue of the fewest runs allowed, 231 Fusion took home the team title and home plate trophy.  It was the first tournament title for the rapidly-improving Fusion team.  For Simcox's Havoc squad, it was their third top-two finish in three years in Traverse City!  
  
Not to be outdone, the 231 Fusion Fastpitch entry in the 14U division made it two tournament titles in two weeks by rampaging through their pool play schedule early in the tournament.  Steve Steimel's girls were dominant in winning the Northern Classic title the week after earning top honors in the Spring Splash, also in Traverse City.  The Mt. Pleasant Drillers Orange team played great softball on Friday and Saturday, and took home runner-up medals in the process.  
  
In the 16U division, Rob Bobeldyk's Jenison Wildcat Pride used great defense and excellent pitching to earn their first Northern Classic title.  The Pride gave up only one run in three pool play games.  Mickey D's, a colorful and fun-to-watch team out of Michigan's thumb area, captured second place in the senior group.  
  
Thank you to all of the families that made the trip to Traverse City for the weekend.  It was great to meet so many nice people--we hope you enjoyed your stay in northern Michigan!