**2016 Northern Classic Results**  
  
It's Havoc Times Two!! Ogemaw Lays Down The Law In 14U!!  TC Thunder Capture 16U Title!!

Well, THAT was a hot weekend!  The weather was a bit warm, too, but the play on the diamond was sizzling in the 2016 version of the Northern Classic.  
  
The Hudsonville Havoc organization returned to Traverse City and conquered opponents in the 10U and 12U divisions to capture Northern Classic crowns.  When I checked, I was surprised to learn that Brent Simcox's 10U team and Tim Weber's 12U squad earned their first Traverse City tournament titles.  The Havoc ALWAYS seem to make a deep tournament run, but this year the Hudsonville-based teams finished the task at hand and took home the Home Plate Trophy in their respective divisions.  
  
In the 10U group, the Havoc proved to be too much as they defeated the Gaylord-based Sandlot Slammers.  Both teams were very-well coached.  The heavy-hitting Havoc team, led by Mabrae Simcox's SECOND over-the-fence home run as a 10U player (she hit one last year, too!) won the title game, 12-2.  
  
At 12U, Tim Weber's team polished off the Mt. Pleasant Drillers Blue team, 9-0, in the championship game.  All four finalists in the 12U division--TC Thunder 11U, Moran Iron Works Vulcans, Drillers Blue and the Havoc--played high-level softball all weekend and proved to be the cream of the 12U teams.  
  
In the 14U group, the Ogemaw Outlaws and Mt. Pleasant Drillers Blue squads made long playoff runs on Sunday that culminated in a thrilling championship game.  The Outlaws jumped out to a sizeable lead and then held on to win the Northern Classic 14U title, 5-4.  The title game was a fantastic matchup--great play by both teams!  
  
In the Senior Division, the Traverse City Thunder 16U team used solid pitching and lockdown defense to edge Great Lakes United, 3-1, in the championship game.  Coach Rick Troy's United team moved up one week after winning the Cherry Capital Showdown championship last year, and despite returning to ANOTHER championship game, were unable to get past Jeff Musser's Thunder squad.  The 16U Northern Classic field was one of the strongest in recent memory, top to bottom.  Way to go, ladies!  
  
THANK YOU to all of the families that visited Traverse City over the weekend.  We hope you had fun, and we hope you found some water--Lake Michigan?  Great Wolf Lodge?  A local hotel pool?--to jump into while you were here!  It was HOT!!!