**2016 Cherry Capital Showdown Results**  
   
A string of first-time champions dotted the 2016 Cherry Capital Showdown landscape on a weekend that was interrupted by a Sunday rain--more on that later.  
  
Turnin' 2, the Diamonds, and Traverse City-based 231 Fusion notched tournament titles in 10U/12U/14U, while Morgan's Fastpitch (Pladies) captured the rain-shortened 16U division.  
  
In the 10U group, Turnin' 2 rampaged through pool play and then wore down a good MBS Jets team, 10-2, to win the Home Plate Trophy.  The level of play in the 10U division continues to impress--way to go, girls!  
  
In the 12U division, a pair of 11U squads met in the finals, with the Diamonds earning the tournament victory over Lansing-based Krash 11U, 10-3.  Both teams are especially good offensively...will we see a rematch in next year's Showdown?  
  
In the 14U group, Steve Steimel's 231 Fusion team broke out the heavy aluminum all tournament long, capped by a 7-1 title game win over the Tri-Valley Twisters.  The Fusion, runners-up in the Spring Splash tournament earlier in the month, broke through for the organization's first tournament championship.  Congratulations to the Fusion and to all of the teams that made up a large, and good, 14U field.  
  
16U division play, very unfortunately, was called short by rain.  Morgan's Fastpitch in Pool B and TC Thunder 16U in Pool A both finished 3-and-0 in Friday/Saturday pool play.  Morgan's allowed fewer runs, and was awarded the rain-shortened tournament title.  Special mention goes to Steve Osborn and Lance Dusseau's West Michigan Venom team that finished third with a 2-0-and-1 record.    
  
Thank you to all of the teams that participated in this year's tournament.  A special thanks goes to all of the visiting parents at the SEAS location who chipped in to help remove water and ready those fields for play.