**It's Fusion Times Three As 14U Breaks Through!  Elite 10U Edges The Pride In Thriller!!**

"Everything that happens once can never happen again.  But everything that happens twice will surely happen a third time." -- *Brazilian novelist and lyricist Paulo Coelho.*

...Not in the case of the 231 Fusion Fastpitch 14U team!  The Fusion, runners up in two--TWO!--Traverse City Summer Series tournaments this year, broke through and proved Mr. Coelho wrong.  What happened twice definitely did not happen a third time.  The Fusion captured the Cherry Capital Showdown 14U crown with a 5-1 victory over an excellent Intruders 14U team.  The Intruders, a 5-seed going into bracket play, and the Fusion, a 4-seed, both caught fire and mowed through the 14U championship bracket before meeting up in a well-played title game.  Congratulations to both teams!

Although fields that were underwater and unplayable forced cancellation of the 12U and 16U Sunday games, Mike Garver's 12U Fusion team earned a tournament title based on their #1 ranking following pool play.  John Haddix's Fusion squad and Angie Behling's Lady Lakers team captured a co-championship based on their 3-and-0 pool play record while allowing only five runs each.

In the 10U division, Elite 10U held off a hard-charging Inter-Lakes Pride team, 6-5, to capture a tournament title for the second week in a row for the Elite organization.  The 15U Elite squad earned a Northern Classic title the week before.  Great job, 10U ladies, on your work this weekend!