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## LISA FERNANDEZ FASTPITCH JUNIOR CHALLENGE HAMBURG, GER

Dear Softballfriends,

...as you might have heard, we decided to try a different time of the year for our 11th edition of our 18 and Under Lisa Fernandez Fastpitch Junior Challenge.

To avoid the cold weather in October we decided to move the tournament to May.

So the 11th edition will be on 18th & 19th of May 2013.

We invite you to come with your Team to Hamburg, Germany to play at our great Tournament, or send this invitation to anybody else who might join our Tournament.

Like always you can already come on Friday and maybe even practice or play a friendly game or stay a little longer to use our field for practice and play against our Local Team (Top German Level)

In the past 10 editions of the Tournament great teams participated.

6 different National teams, many State-Select-Teams, big number of great Clubteams and of course not to forget the impressive highschoolteam from Taiwan that joined our Tournament in 2009 and put the tournament on another level.

For more information please check the tournament homepage <http://www.softball-links.com/lisafernandez/2011/index.php> or contact me directly.

Best wishes

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## SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR SOFTBALL CLINIC AT DBV CONVENTION 2013

From January 25th to 27th, 2013 the German Baseball and Softball Federation is organizing the DBV Convention at the Ahorn Sportpark in Paderborn.

The convention features baseball and softball coach and player clinics as well as seminars for score keepers and umpires. Registration for the softball clinic is €100 including lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. Special group discounts are available.

Meanwhile the organizers have announced a strong lineup of speakers. Liliana Rossetti (Italy) and André Prins (Netherlands) were invited besides the German national team and softball bundesliga coaches Uli Lauen, Udo Dehmel and Christina Lipp. Rossetti, currently the technical director for softball coach edu-

cation in Italy, is highly regarded as speaker in European softball clinics.

Prins is a member of the ISF Hall of Fame, head coach of the Gryhons in the Dutch Hoofdklasse and the Czech women's national team.

The clinics at the DBV Convention 2013 in Paderborn will not only have classroom style seminars, but also will feature practical elements thanks to the great indoor facilities at the Ahorn Sportpark. Registration is open through the official website <http://www.convention.baseball-softball.de>



DBV-CONVENTION  
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## FRANCE: TOULON WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPION

by A.Varnat

For the 5th consecutive year, the Comanches of Toulon have taken the French championship title of softball fast pitch. The Meyzieu CARDS are finalists; they qualified for the European Cup 2013.

Results by Pascal Maitrot:

Saturday  
Group A :

- 1-Toulon 4-0
- 2- Meyzieu 3-1
- 3- Bron 2-2
- 4- Pessac 1-3
- 5- Clermont-Ferrand 0-4

Toulon – Pessac 25-0 (3)  
–Winning pitcher : Charline Gaertner  
–Losing pitcher : Caroline Louis dit Trieau  
– Home-Runs : Raina Hunter 2  
Raina Hunter hit 2 home-runs in the same inning for 5 points scored

Meyzieu – Clermont 14-7 (5)  
–Winning pitcher: Charlotte Mounier  
–Losing pitcher: Marjorie Brunel

Group B:  
1- Thiais 2-0  
2- BCF 2-1  
3- Nice 1-2  
4- Contes 0-3

Toulon-Thiais 13-6 (5)  
–Winning pitcher: Charline Gaertner  
–Losing pitcher: Carole Maman  
3/3, 3 points, 3 points scored by Camille Lemaire-6th consecutive final for girls of Olivier Leonne

Meyzieu-BCF 6-5  
–Winning pitcher: Cathy Dymowicz  
–Losing pitcher : Aurelie Bachelon  
The card win at the end of the 7th inning, Double by Cathy Dymowicz with one Out. Alienor Toumit hits the winning double that makes Pinchrunner Sandra Dymowicz score.

Group C :  
1- Nice 4-0  
2- Bron 3-1  
3- Contes 1-3 (1-1/16)  
4- Pessac 1-3 (1-1/17)  
5- Clermont 1-3 (1-1/18)

Nice – Clermont 11-1 (4)  
–Winning pitcher: Johanie Lefebvre  
–Losing pitcher : Elia Kouachi  
3/3, 4 points scored by Adeline Gaudin

Contes – Bron 5-12 (6)  
–Winning pitcher: Marie-Rose Alfano  
–Losing pitcher : Laureline Grieco

Bron – Nice 14-7  
–Winning pitcher : Johanie Lefebvre  
–Losing pitcher: Marie-Rose Alfano  
Losing 7-3, the Cavigal scored 10 points in the 6th inning

Pessac – Contes 4-12  
–Winning pitcher: Atty Achille  
–Losing pitcher: Anais Harcaut  
– Home-Run : Siobahn Hayes (IP)  
12 outs made by Atty Achille.

The CARDS won and will play their first final since 1985.

Meyzieu had the advantage at the beginning of the game with a 4-0. Thiais comes back to 4-5 at the end of the 5th inning before losing the game. Points scored by Peggy Vendramin and a triple play made by Sandy Dbrana for the Tigers at the 6th inning.

Sunday  
Group C  
Pessac – Nice 7-14 (5)  
–Winning pitcher: Johanie Lefebvre  
–Losing pitcher : Siobhan Hayes  
5 points scored for Kimberley Jarvis (2D)

Clermont – Contes 12-2 (5)  
–Winning pitcher : Elia Kouachi  
–Losing pitcher : Laureline Grieco  
First victory for the Arvernes in the French Championship Page System

Thiais – Meyzieu 8-16  
–Winning pitcher: Alienor Toumit  
–Losing pitcher: Aurelie Behr

Final  
Toulon – Meyzieu 12-0 (4)  
–Winning pitcher: Raina Hunter  
–Losing pitcher: Cathy Dymowicz  
The Comanches hit really hard and produce 5 points in the 1st inning having a big advantage they slowed down their game because the CARDS are tired of the epic game in the morning.  
4 points produced by Camille Riera, 5th consecutive title for Toulon that become the second club that has most title in feminine softball.

Final Ranking

- 1- TOULON Comanches (qualified for the ECWB)
- 2- MEYZIEU Cards (qualified for the EWCW)
- 3- THIAIS Tigers
- 4- BCF
- 5- NICE Cavigal
- 6- BRON ST PRIEST Los Buhos
- 7- CONTES Cobras
- 8- PESSAC Panthères
- 9- CLERMONT-FERRAND Arvernes

individual titles

- \* MVP : Raina Hunter
- \*Best pitcher: Raina Hunter ( 0.00 Era, 2w/0l, 9ip, 0R, 2H, 6Ks)
- \*Best hitter : Raina Hunter (.778 Avg, 14/18, 1D, 1T, 3 Hrs, 6 points scored)



## GERMANY: WESSELING VERMINS WIN 2012 GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIP

by Philipp Wuerfel

The Wesseling Vermins have won the championship in the German Softball-Bundesliga for a second time in team history after 2010.

The team of head coach Udo Dehmel defeated the Neunkirchen Nightmares 3-1 in the best-of-five final series. It was a thrilling championship series, as three of the four games were decided by just one run.

A two-run single by Alina vom Bruck in the bottom of the seventh inning in game four lifted the Vermins to a 5-4 victory and clinched the title.

Ashley Chastain (Wesseling) was named Most Valuable Player of the series, Caitlin Belanger and Claudia Volkmann (both Neunkirchen) got the best batter and best pitcher awards.

For the first time the championship was decided in a best-of-five

final series, as the German Baseball and Softball Federation eliminated the Final-Four tournament.

Wesseling had defeated the Mannheim Tornados in the semi-finals, while the Nightmares eliminated the Haar Disciples, making it an all-North final series. Neunkirchen won the inaugural German Cup, beating the Mannheim Tornados in the finals.

The Vermins and the Nightmares are therefore qualified to represent Germany in next year's European Softball Competitions.

Results Final Series:

Neunkirchen Nightmares 5 – Wesseling Vermins 9  
Neunkirchen Nightmares 8 – Wesseling Vermins 9

Wesseling Vermins 8 – Neunkirchen Nightmares 9  
Wesseling Vermins 5 – Neunkirchen Nightmares 4  
(Wesseling wins Serie 3-1)



## PONY GIRLS SOFTBALL FASTPITCH EUROPEAN ZONE TOURNAMENT

We are pleased on behalf of PONY and Eagles Praha Club, Prague Czech Republic to invite European youth and national girls softball teams to the 2013 PONY Softball Qualifier Tournament.

The winner of the tournament qualifies for the Girls Softball Fastpitch World Series 2013 in Sterling, Virginia located near Washington, DC from July 30 – August 3 sponsored by PONY.

Venue: Eagles Praha Baseball Softball Complex, Prague,

Dates: April 19th – April 21th, 2013

Age Group: Girls (16 and under)

Eligible: Sixteen (16) teams

Entry Fee: 85 EUR/per team

Winner: Qualify for 2013 Girls Softball Fastpitch World Series, Sterling, Virginia

Accommodation:

1. Accommodation is available at the Gym of Eagles Praha Baseball Softball, own sleeping bags. Cost is 1000 Kc (40 EUR) per team/per night. Breakfast is available/optional 3 EUR per person.
2. Organizers are ready to assist teams to get another accommodation (hotel etc.) by suitable prices.

The closing date of entries: March 4th, 2013

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