

## DIRECTIONS TO CLASSIC VENUES

Detailed directions from Days Inn-Airport and Wellesley Inn & Suites to Sarasota Christian School and Twin Lakes Park, as well as directions from Sarasota Christian School to Twin Lakes Park, can be found by accessing the link below.

<http://www.emu.edu/athletics/baseball/links/>

To find Days Inn-Airport or Wellesley Inn & Suites, travel I-75 south to the exit for University Parkway and travel west. University will take you past the Sarasota Airport and will intersect with Tamiami Trail. All teams are using either the Days Inn-Airport or the Wellesley Inn & Suites for lodging. Both properties are located south of University Parkway on Tamiami Trail. The Days Inn-Airport is located at 4900 North Tamiami Trail, and the Wellesley Inn & Suites is located at 1803 North Tamiami Trail.



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## 2006 CLASSIC SCHEDULE

All Games at Sarasota Christian School unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
12:30 p.m. EMU vs Cedarville  
4:00 p.m. Cedarville vs TIU  
6:30 p.m. TUI vs EMU

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. EMU vs Kenyon  
Kenyon vs EMU  
6:30 p.m. N'western vs Cedarville

(at Twin Lakes Park)  
10:30 a.m. TIU vs Cedarville  
1:00 p.m. TIU vs N'western

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 p.m. Cedarville vs N'western  
6:30 p.m. N'western vs EMU

(at Twin Lakes Park)  
10:00 a.m. Kenyon vs TIU  
TIU vs Kenyon

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 a.m. EMU vs TIU  
12:30 p.m. Kenyon vs Cedarville

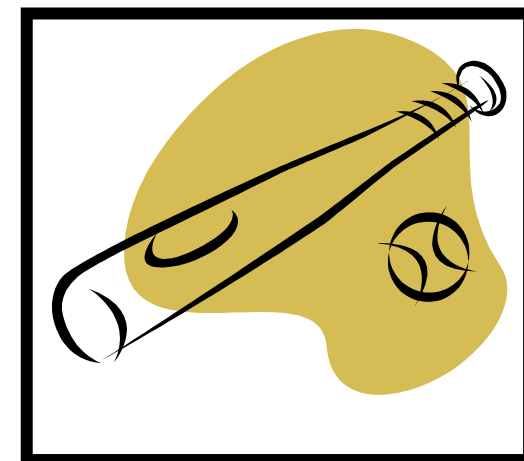
Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 p.m. Cedarville vs N'western  
12:30 p.m. N'western vs TIU  
6:30 p.m. Cedarville vs TIU

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. TIU vs N'western  
6:30 p.m. N'western vs Kenyon

(at Twin Lakes Park)  
10:30 a.m. Cedarville vs Kenyon

EMU - Eastern Mennonite University  
N'western – Northwestern College  
TIU – Trinity International University

# EMU Sarasota Spring Classic



**Eastern Mennonite University  
Cedarville University  
Kenyon College  
Northwestern College  
Trinity International Univ.**

**March 4-10, 2006  
at**

**Sarasota Christian School  
& Twin Lakes Park in  
Sarasota, Florida**

## PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

**Eastern Mennonite University** is a Christian liberal arts institution connected with Mennonite Church USA. EMU offers majors in 50 fields, as well as seminary programs and master's degrees in business, conflict transformation, counseling, and education. A member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the university maintains 17 varsity sports for its 1,400 students. EMU's hillside campus is located in Harrisonburg, Virginia, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, approximately two hours from the nation's capital.

**Cedarville University** is a Christ-centered learning community with over 70 academic majors and programs for its 3,100 students. With roots that trace to 1887, the college has served as a Baptist college of arts and sciences for over 50 years. A small town of about 4,000, Cedarville, Ohio, is located between Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati. A member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the school offers 16 varsity sports.

**Kenyon College** is a private liberal arts institution located in the picturesque village of Gambier, Ohio, about 50 miles north of Columbus. Founded in 1824 by Episcopal Bishop Philander Chase, the college is reputable for strong academic programs and annually sending a large percentage of students to leading graduate and professional schools. Kenyon's enrollment of 1,550 students is divided equally between men and women.

**Northwestern College**, with over 50 different majors and programs, provides an academic tradition of Christian education with strong commitment to the liberal arts. Located in Orange City, Iowa, a town of 5,600 located in the northwest corner of the state, the school traces its roots to 1882 and the Reformed Church of America. A member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Northwestern offers 15 varsity sports for its 1270 students.

**Trinity College**, one of the institutions in the family of four schools that makes up Trinity International University, is located in Deerfield, Illinois. With an enrollment of 2,800 students, Trinity offers over 30 academic programs, including graduate and divinity degrees. As a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the school offers eight varsity sports for its men and women. The education at Trinity revolves around five main goals: Christ centeredness, comprehensive education, community, church connectedness, and cultural engagement.



## HOW THE CLASSIC CAME TO BE

**Question:** What do you get when you combine one person's idea with another person's ability to make it into a reality?

**Answer:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual EMU Sarasota Spring Classic.

During the 1995 and 1996 seasons, the EMU baseball team competed in the Kenyon College Baseball Invitational in Tallahassee, Florida. The Kenyon tournament "was an ideal baseball week" according to former EMU head coach **Rob Roeschley**, but freezing temps in 1996 left the Royals dreaming of warmer weather and greater crowds.

"On the last day in Tallahassee, we froze our tails off," said Roeschley. "We knew the weather was a fluke, but Sarasota was much warmer that same week."

Recognizing Sarasota Christian School's field to be a prime location, Roeschley presented the idea of a tournament to SCS's superintendent **Gene Miller**, a '79 EMU graduate. The idea was very warmly received. "The word 'warmly' is the key word," stated Roeschley. "Gene agreed that if we are going to travel all the way to Florida then we should at least go somewhere with warmer weather."

With everything still at the "dream" stage, EMU's regional director of development **Sam Weaver** entered the picture. Weaver's efforts included organizing several generous patrons in the Sarasota area to sponsor the event, and the idea quickly became a reality.

"His enthusiasm for this event was contagious," praised Roeschley. "He knew the right people to contact -- those with a love for baseball, EMU and Sarasota. There's no better place for us to be, and Sam knew that."

Through the sponsorships, a reduction in costs is provided to the participating teams that in turn makes the Classic possible. Classic sponsors are listed on the other side of this brochure.

## CLASSIC OUTLOOK – 2006

With two new teams and a few nine-inning games, the **EMU Sarasota Spring Classic** takes on a new look in 2006. In addition to **Kenyon College** (OH), back for its seventh Classic, and **Trinity International University** (IL) which returns for its second year, the Classic will welcome newcomers **Cedarville University** (OH) and **Northwester College** (IA). **Kenyon College** returns to the Classic as the reigning champion after waltzing through the Classic with a 5-2 record in 2005.

Host school, **Eastern Mennonite University**, was also 5-2 in 2005, but lost the head to head tie-breaker to Kenyon to finish runner-up.

The second new look features a traditional baseball aspect, a result of a recent ruling by the NCAA. According to the governing body to which Kenyon and EMU belong, all games that are not true double-headers (two games between the same teams) must contain nine full innings. Thus, all of the games featuring Kenyon and EMU will consist of nine innings unless the double-header rule can be applied. In a nine-inning game, a 10-run mercy rule may be applied after seven innings; no mercy rule exists for NCAA teams in a scheduled double-header.

For the second straight year, the Classic will feature a "come and go" feel to it. Host school EMU will open the Classic with a 12:30 game on Saturday, but then must leave after Wednesday's game to return to Virginia for conference games on Saturday. Only Cedarville and TIU will see the Classic from start to finish as Northwestern and Kenyon will not play until Monday.

The 2005 Classic uses a modified round-robin format and provides each team with the number of games that it wanted. The Classic will recognize a champion and runner-up with overall winning percentage being the determinant. An All-Tournament team will be selected by vote of the coaches.