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FGCU Paintball Wins Second Straight National Championship

FORT MYERS, Fla. – For the second consecutive year, the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Paintball Club has clenched a National Championship, this time in Class A. The win comes over California State University-Long Beach, with a score of 11-5. Last year the Eagles won their first national title in the National Collegiate Paintball Association Class AA division. After that success, the club moved up to the more competitive Class A, which features a different style of play and longer matches.

FGCU Paintball dominated the 2013 field throughout the tournament, held annually in Lakeland, Fla., which ran April 19 through April 21. The club’s first win against Liberty University, with a score of 15-1, immediately got the attention of commentators who were broadcasting the games live through socialpaintball.com. The Eagles did not relent and worked together as a team to deliver two more impressive wins in against West Point and Northeastern University.

Semi-finals were no different when FGCU handed Kennesaw State a heavy 13-4 loss in order to advance to the finals and face off against the defending Class A champions, Cal State Long Beach. Momentum was on FGCU’s side however, and the club cruised to an easy 11-5 victory. Combine this with last year’s title and fall’s PSP World Cup title, and the Eagles have completed what is being called the “triple crown” of college paintball.

The National Championship matchup featuring the Eagles and 49ers will be nationally televised on CBS Sports on May 18 at 12:00pm ET.

The National Collegiate Paintball Association (NCPA) is home to over 225 collegiate teams in two divisions, with nearly 6,000 general members. For more information on the league, visit www.ncpapaintball.com. For a full report of tournament results, visit http://www.paintball-players.org/scores/L2/E2600/scores/s253_c13.html

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