

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2016

European Cups' Winners

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## CLUB CHAMPIONS OF 2016

Six European Cups were organized in 2016 season. Club champions for women's and men's and coed categories were determined. Also, European Cup for under 13 players was organized in Italy.

### EUROPEAN PREMIERE CUP WOMEN



*European Premiere Cup winner: Sparks Haarlem (NED), photo by Grega Valancic*

Nine teams took part in this tournament, while another eight teams played simultaneously European Cup B, whose winner advances to the Premiere Cup for the next season.

All top four teams were very close to winning the Champions' Cup, all their playoff games were decided on no more than two runs and none of the teams remained undefeated throughout the complete tournament. In the end, it was the Dutch club Sparks who seized the title and won for the fourth time in history of the competition. Team Mediterraneo represented Malta and won the European Cup B, therefore Malta will have

the right to send a team to the next year's Premiere Cup.



*European Cup B winner: Mediterraneo (MLT), photo by Antonio Fernandez*

#### **European Premiere Cup**

GOLD: Sparks Haarlem (NED)

SILVER: Joudrs Praha (CZE)

BRONZE: Forli (ITA)

#### **European Cup B**

GOLD: Mediterraneo (MLT)

SILVER: SC Storms Repy (CZE)

BRONZE: Sant Boi (ESP)

*Results, statistics and complete final standings are available [here](#), and [here](#) (for the Cup B). Full games from the final three days of EPCW are available for free [here](#).*

## **EUROPEAN SUPER CUP MEN**



*European Super Cup winner: Pro Roma (ITA), photo by Rein Merkkx*

Men's Super Cup is the largest men's fastpitch softball competition in Europe and it is held every year. This is also the highest-level men's softball tournament in Europe thanks to the possibility of including pick-up players from outside Europe - typically Argentina, New Zealand, Australia - in the rosters.

Super Cup is an unusually designed tournament, which splits into two tournaments after the round robin phase. In this case, top nine teams advanced to the Super Cup and the remaining nine teams played the ESF Cup. There are medalists for both of these tournaments.

Italian team Pro Roma won the Super Cup for the second time in a row, the Dutch squad BSC Quick won the ESF Cup.



*ESF Cup winners: BSC Quick Amersfoort (NED), photo by Miriam Boode*

### **European Super Cup**

GOLD: Pro Roma (ITA)

SILVER: Brasschaat Braves (BEL)

BRONZE: Spectrum Praha (CZE)

### **ESF Cup**

GOLD: BSC Quick Amersfoort (NED)

SILVER: Pessac Pantheres (FRA)

BRONZE: Junior Alpina (ITA)

*Results, statistics and complete final standings are available [here](#). Full games from the final two days are available for free [here](#).*

## **EUROPEAN SUPER CUP COED SLOWPITCH**



*European Super Cup Coed Slowpitch winner: H2O (GBR), photo by Matej Mrevlje*

A record number of 14 teams took part in the Slowpitch Super Cup. Unlike the European Slowpitch Championship, the Super Cup has had winners from other countries than just Great Britain, however this year, two British teams dominated this tournament and met in the final game. In the end, H2O won the 2016 Slowpitch Super Cup.

GOLD: H2O (GBR)

SILVER: London Chromies (GBR)

BRONZE: UCE Travellers (GER)

*Results, statistics and complete final standings are available [here](#).*

## **EUROPEAN CUP WINNER'S CUP**



For the 25th time, winners of national cups met at the European Cup Winner's Cup. Ten teams took part in a tournament that climaxed with an amazing final game, where Italian team Legnano showcased a comeback from 0-3 to 4-3 and then the Dutch team Olympia Haarlem took their lead back thanks to a two-run homerun and won 5-4.

The whole tournament was very enjoyable also thanks to a crowd of Dutch fans, who created a beautiful softball atmosphere.

GOLD: Olympia Haarlem (NED)

SILVER: Legnano (ITA)

BRONZE: Brasschaat (BEL)

*Results, statistics and complete final standings are available [here](#). Live streaming through YouTube was provided and the recorded games are available [here](#).*

*/photo by Robert Meijboom/*

## **EUROPEAN MASSIMO ROMEO YOUTH TROPHY**



*European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy winner: Italy 1 (ITA), photo by Giacomo Canali*

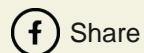
This annual European tournament for players under 13 years of age reached a new era by allowing boys to compete together with girls. Eight teams from six countries came to Italy to engage in so called "Festival of Youth". Two Italian selections played the final game and Italy 1 ended up as the winner of the trophy.

GOLD: Italy 1 (ITA)

SILVER: Italy 2 (ITA)

BRONZE: Moskovia (RUS)

*Results, statistics and complete final standings are available [here](#).*



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