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ESC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

JULY 19, 2025

Benefiting



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



The Sunday before the tournament, I checked the weather forecast. Chance of rain Thursday, 85%. Chance of rain Friday, 90%. Chance of rain Saturday, 65%. I instantly knew we would be in good shape for the tournament. You see, I was born into a family that ran softball leagues and tournaments and in my lifetime of experience, I have learned that you can trust a weather forecast.... to be wrong! A 0% chance of rain would have concerned me.

A sunny Friday helped dry out the fields leading to a clear Saturday morning. But right about the beginning of bracket play, dark skies threatened. The radar showed the band heading straight for us. Anyone that ever played at St. Louis King of France knows that we had a little magic there. Like at Tiger Stadium, the chance of rain was NEVER. St. Louis Softball is not around any more, but we still have managed to hold on to a little bit of that magic. By the end of the day, a protective dome formed around us, with a rainbow holding off the dark skies surrounding the fields.



With every year that passes, I continue to be in awe of the how much this event has grown. With a goal in 2013 of having six teams, and raising \$1,000, I never envisioned this turning into what it has become. We had a record setting number of teams, with 20, and a record setting attendance. BREC officials commented that the parking lot was more full than any event they have seen, even those that use all eight fields. They have also remarked that the ESC leaves the complex cleaner than any other event. It is a pleasure to be associated with this group of teams, companies, and fans.

My name may be on all the correspondence, but the people behind the scenes make this event what it is, which is hopefully a first class experience. From concessions, to food prep, to scorekeeping, my parents, kids, friends, and all of the volunteers work long hours in brutal heat to make everyone's experience top-notch. Without them, there would not be an ESC.

After all is said and done, this year's tournament raised \$25,210.00, bringing the grand total donated to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to \$255,213.68. As my dad told me at the tournament, "It's pretty cool to speak in terms of 'millions', even if it just a quarter of one."



Another year, another Construction Finals appearance for Performance. Allowing only 3 runs through pool and bracket play, Performance faced off against one of the many ExxonMobil teams, ExxonMobil1. XOM1 jumped to an early 1 - 0 lead in the top of the first, but Performance responded by scoring 7 in the bottom half. Never giving up another run, Performance added 7 more runs in the second inning coasting to their fourth consecutive championship.



For the third time in four years, Sigma Blue and Hargrove Blue met in the Engineering Finals, after splitting the previous two contests. What, on paper, appeared to be a good matchup was anything but. Sigma jumped out to a 6 - 0 lead in the first and never slowed down. With a final score of 19 - 1, Sigma completed its second ESC 3-peat bringing their total championships to eight.

After last year's event, Sigma was the owner of 7 trophies. Before this year's they were down to 5. I'll never speak to why, but let's just say something to do with karma and shattered dreams. However,

after replacing the two that were lost, and winning one more this year, they now own 8. Or do they?

A Construction vs. Engineering battle of the champions has often been discussed, and this year came to fruition. After coasting through their respective finals, Sigma and Performance, squared off to crown the ultimate ESC champion. With the victor winning the other team's trophy, the stakes were high. In a game that lived up to the hype, Sigma was leading 8 - 5 after 4 innings. Maybe it was the extra game Sigma played or maybe Performance was just the better team on this day, but Performance responded by taking a 14 - 9 victory along with Sigma's 2025 trophy. I suspect this is not the last time these teams will face off.



POOL PLAY SCHEDULE

First team listed is <u>Home Team</u> and will occupy <u>3rd Base Dugout</u>

Game Time	ESC Field	St. Jude Field	Baker Field	St. Louis Field
8:30 am	Hargrove Green (15) vs. GIS Gold (0)	Marathon (2) vs. Sigma Blue (23)	CDI (5) vs. GRSA (20)	ISC (8) vs. Sigma Gray (11)
9:30 am	GIS Blue (2) vs. Hargrove Blue (15)	Orion (12) vs. S&B (7)	ExxonMobil 3 (4) vs. ExxonMobil 4 (16)	Repcon (13) vs. ExxonMobil 2 (0)
10:30 am	GIS Gold (3) vs. Marathon (22)	Sigma Blue (21) vs. Hargrove Green (9)	Performance (19) vs. MMR (1)	Cajun (0) vs. ExxonMobil 1 (12)
11:30 am	Hargrove Blue (15) vs. CDI (0)	GRSA (2) vs. ISC (16)	ExxonMobil 2 (0) vs. ExxonMobil 3 (19)	ExxonMobil 4 (11) vs. Repcon (1)
12:30 pm	Sigma Gray (15) vs. Orion (5)	S&B (6) vs. GIS Blue (19)	MMR (2) vs. Cajun (10)	ExxonMobil 1 (0) vs. Performance (16)

ENGINEERING STANDINGS

	Team Coach's Rox	Record
1	Hargrove Blue	2-0
2	Sigma Blue	2 - 0
3	Sigma Gray	2 - 0
4	ISC	1 - 1
5	Hargrove Green	1 - 1
6	GRSA	n-Dack Dircle
7	GIS Blue	1-1
8	Orion	1-1
9	Marathon	1-1
10	S&B	0 - 2
11	CDI	0 - 2
12	GIS Gold	0 - 2

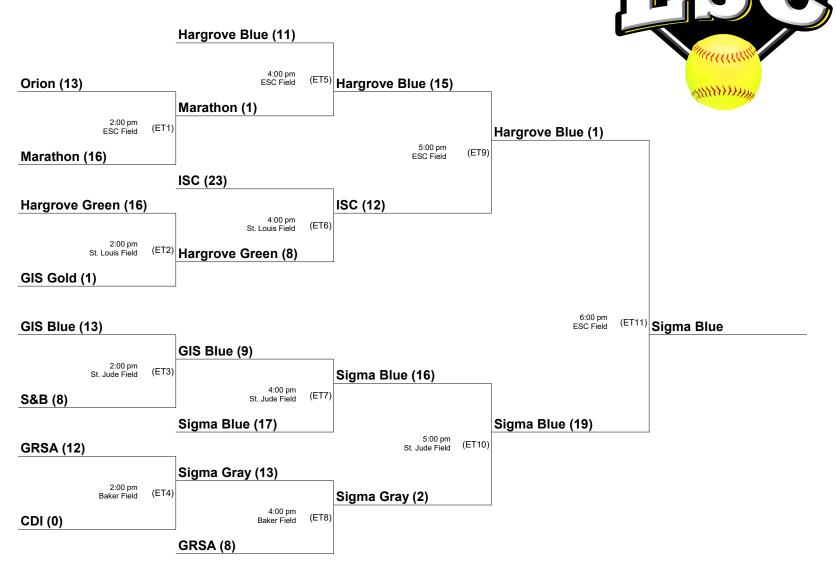
CONSTRUCTION STANDINGS

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1	Performance	2 - 0
2	ExxonMobil 4	2 - 0
3	Repcon	1 - 1
4	Cajun	1 - 1
5	ExxonMobil 3	1 - 1
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8	ExxonMobil 2	0 - 2

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ENGINEERING BRACKET

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Category	Туре	Transaction	Amount
		Event Sponsorships	\$2,500.00
	Income	Concessions	\$9,532.27
	lincome	Raffle Tickets	\$6,655.00
		Total Income	\$18,687.27
		Umpires	(\$2,860.00)
		Security	(\$480.00)
Event Finances		Insurance	(\$394.80)
Event Finances		Concessions	(\$6,103.25)
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	Expenses	Prizes	(\$278.00)
		Awards	(\$580.13)
		Equipment	(\$2,173.93)
		Administrative	(\$1,167.16)
		Total Expenses	(\$15,837.27)

Event Profit	\$2,850.00

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Charitable Donations	Donations	Online Donations	\$5,360.00

Total Donations to St. Jude's \$25,210.00



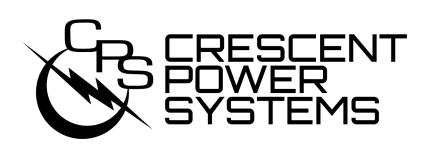


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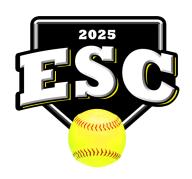












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