

SOFTBALL | WARRIOR CLASSIC

North Cobb defends its tournament

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KENNESAW — North Cobb beat Lowndes 6-1 and Northside-Columbus 5-3 to win the platinum division and claim the Warrior Classic championship for the second straight year Saturday.

Last year, the Lady Warriors' won the tournament for the first time in 10 years with a win over Cambridge. This year's event, in its 16th

edition, featured 11 teams and saw Pope win the gold division and Sprayberry claim the silver crown.

North Cobb (22-4) won Pool A with victories over Dunwoody and Walton, while Northside led Pool B with wins over Eagle's Landing Christian, Pope and Sprayberry. Lowndes and South Cobb both finished tied 2-1 in Pool C, but the Lady Vikings earned the top seed because of their head-

to-head victory over the Lady Eagles.

Lowndes finished as the tournament's runner-up, beating Northside 5-4 in eight innings.

"When we started this tournament 16 years ago, it brought us a chance to show our hospitality and play some good teams," North Cobb coach Jo Beth Weaver said. "We've had several state champions come through here over the years

and it's been hard to win it. But the girls got it done for the second year in a row, and I'm proud of them for that."

North Cobb needed a victory in its final game of the tournament, to prevent various tiebreaker scenarios from coming into the play.

The Lady Warriors were in danger of failing in that regard after Northside staked a 2-0 first-inning lead on

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Olivia Mould was in the circle for Saturday's decisive game, as North Cobb defended the championship in its annual Warrior Classic. / Special