

Eaton wins battle with La Junta in state's longest title game
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Fifteen innings, four hours later, Reds get revenge, state title

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DENVER — Aaron Janssen will always believe that good things come to those who wait.

He waited. And waited. And waited. And waited.

The Eaton reserve decided to do some stretching in the 10th inning of a 2-2 tie against the Eaton Reds and La Junta Tigers in the Class 3A Baseball State Championship game Saturday at All-City Stadium.

"They told me to go for a jog around the 10th inning. I went out there and tried to push it as hard as I could," Janssen said.

One inning passed. No call.

Two innings passed. No call.

Three innings passed. Call waiting.

Four innings passed. No call. Finally, in the 15th inning, Janssen got the call. It'll be the one of the biggest calls of his life.

"I was standing there and they said my name. I didn't even think they said it," said Janssen, who runs the 800 and 1,600 meters for the Reds' track and field team. "I just couldn't believe it. For some

baseball



Eaton 3
La Junta 2

NOTE
Eaton's Craig Ayers pitched 12 innings, striking out 15 batters and giving up seven hits, two earned runs and six walks.

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The members of the Eaton baseball team pile on top of each other while celebrating moments after beating La Junta, 3-2, to capture the Class 3A State Baseball title at Denver's All City Stadium. Saturday's game lasted 15 innings and more than 4 hours, making it the longest title game in Colorado history.

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