

## 2002 Legion B State Baseball Bracket



# Tourney time

Eaton, Central face each other in state baseball

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Eaton's Chris Swain has been through bigger games than the ones coming up during the American Legion B state tournament in Fort Morgan, but that doesn't mean he's taking these lightly.



Swain

"We want to go in and win," Swain said. "We set our standards pretty high."

Eaton will face off with Greeley Central in today's first round at 3 p.m. Other first round games feature Windsor vs. Aurora Hinkley at 9 a.m., Greeley West vs. Cañon City at noon and Fort

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Morgan vs. Pueblo Centennial at 7 p.m. The tournament runs today through Saturday with the possibility of a final game on Sunday.

"There's a lot of good teams there," said Swain, who is preparing for his third Legion B state tournament.

"We've played West and Central a lot and we've played Windsor, too. That helps, because we've seen their pitching, but they've also seen ours."

Swain is coming off his second straight state championship with the Eaton high school team.

Two years ago was a 15-inning nail biter while this years was a 12-0, five inning blowout.

Either way, Swain has played in big games before.

"This is a little more relaxed (than during the high school season)," Swain said. "But we're still very competitive when it comes to the games. We don't practice a whole lot during the summer, but we're ready come game time."

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opportunity to get some young kids some playing time in preparation for the high school season.

"I think it's real important for the younger guys that haven't had a chance to play much," Swain said.

Swain likes his team's chances heading into the tournament, too.

"It's typical Eaton baseball," Swain said. "We lose a lot of guys, but other step up. Plus, we've played in a lot of big games so a lot of us know how to react if we get down."