

Highlights of Eaton Baseball in 2010

January / February

2009 graduates Bennett Pickar (ORU), Tyler Wallace (UNC), Logan Hall (Seward County), and Bryce Ruff (Seward County) begin their collegiate careers, while previous Reds' graduates Jared Carlson (Covenant), Drew Smith (Emporia State), Bo McLavey (Trinidad State), and Kyle Ottoson (South Mountain) continue their stellar collegiate careers. McLavey and Ottoson are named to the NJCAA Top 10 Returning Pitchers in the entire Western District.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/TopReturningPitchers.pdf>

Reds' 2006 graduate Shane Dyer reports to the Tampa Bay Rays' Spring Training for another season in the minor leagues.

Open gyms start in January for the Reds, with players of all ages showing up to prepare for their upcoming seasons.

The Reds are awarded the host site of the 2010 Legion C State Tournament. <http://www.calb.org>

Coach Danley is inducted into the inaugural Colorado Dugout Club Hall of Fame.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/2010HallOfFame.pdf>

March

The 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 year-old Reds' teams play in tournament games throughout the state starting in March and continuing throughout the summer, with all teams finishing above .500 and nearly all of the teams winning at least one tournament championship. <http://www.eatonbaseball.com/9-14yearolds.html>

The 11 year-old Reds' team goes undefeated to become champions of the Fort Morgan Invitational Tournament.

Cancer survivor and former Reds' shortstop Jeff Sutter is named March 2010 Red of the Month.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/JeffSutter.pdf>

The Reds open the season with home wins over Kent Denver, Fort Lupton and Faith Christian to run their consecutive game win streak to 40, dating back to the 2008 season.

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100327/SPORTS/100329732>

The Reds then defeat Holy Family at Coors Field, before traveling to Brush on March 30 for another win to go 5-0 in the month of March. <http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100330/SPORTS/100329616>

April

The Reds then travel to Bennett, Denver Christian, and Estes Park to earn wins and tie the all-time state, set by the Reds themselves in 1999, with the Reds' 45th consecutive win. The Reds are featured on Jesse Horne's 9News Prep Rally with the record-tying victory.

The Reds defeat Valley on the road to win #46 and set the new all-time state mark for consecutive wins.

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100416/SPORTS/100419749>

The Reds are featured nationally on CBS Sports' MaxPreps' website for the Reds' record win streak.

<http://www.maxpreps.com/news/Wd9wa0yhEd-lugAcxJTdpg/colorados-eaton-baseball-has-won-a-state-record-47-in-a-row.htm>

The Reds then defeat Yuma, Strasburg, Brush, and Erie to end the month of April with 8 wins to run the Reds' record to 13-0 on the season, and 50-0 since midway through the 2008 season.

By starting off 6-0 in league, the Reds officially qualify for their 28th consecutive State Tournament, extending the Reds' state-record streak for State Tournament appearances. <http://eatonbaseball.com/PostSeason.html>

Reds' 1995 State Championship Game MVP Russ Shelton is named April 2010 Red of the Month.
<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/RussShelton.pdf>

Reds' senior Adam Geisick is named to the Top 50 Game at Coors Field as the only Class 3A outfielder selected to the all-star team. http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci_15027100

May

The Reds defeat Weld Central, Roosevelt, University, Lyons, Highland, and Platte Valley to end the regular season 19-0 and secure the #1 seed for the State Tournament.

The Reds' JV Team completes their season with a record of 13-2-1.
<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/schedule.php?team=jrvarsity&season=2010>

The Reds' C Team completes their season with a record of 13-1, winning the final 13 straight games of the season.
<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/schedule.php?team=cteam&season=2010>

CHSAA announces the seeding for the State Tournament, and the Reds learn they will host Sheridan in the first round, and then face the winner of Bennett and Roaring Fork.
<http://www.chsaa.org/sports/baseball/pdf/2010%20Class%203A%20District%20Baseball%20Bracket.pdf>

The Reds sweep through Sheridan and Bennett in Regionals by the scores of 18-0 and 10-0 to earn the Reds' 18th straight Regional Championship, an all-time state record.
<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100516/SPORTS/100519762>

The Reds graduate four seniors, 4-year starter and team captain Adam Geisick, along with Tanner Anderson, Josh Cruz, and Gus Jones. This is the first time since the 1980's that graduation occurs before the completion of the State Tournament.

'06 grad Shane Dyer is named the Tampa Bay Rays' Minor League Pitcher of the Month for April, and is soon promoted to the High-A Charlotte Stone Crabs.

'08 grad Kyle Ottoson sets the all-time South Mountain single-season strikeout record and finishes just a handful of strikeouts short of the all-time Conference record, earning First Team All-Conference honors for the 2nd straight season.

'08 grad Bo McLavey wins the final game of his junior college career, extending Trinidad State's postseason run with a 1-run win in his 7-inning victory over Western Nebraska.

'09 grad Bennett Pickar plays in the NCAA National Tournament as the starting catcher for ORU against the region's #1 seed, Oklahoma, where Pickar helps lead ORU to force the game into extra innings.

'09 grad Tyler Wallace helps lead UNC to the Great West Conference Championship Game.

'09 grad Logan Hall earns another win in the Jayhawk Conference Regionals to stay undefeated lifetime in all league and postseason games.

'07 grad Drew Smith helps lead Emporia State into the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament and top 10 national ranking.

'06 grad Jared Carlson helps lead Covenant into the NCCAA Regional Tournament.

The Reds defeat Legend 8-4 in the first round of the Elite Eight; Legend would go on to be a Class 5A team the following year. The Reds then defeat Florence to guarantee that the Reds will advance to the following week's Final Four. Florence entered the game with the state's 2nd longest winning streak at 19 games. The win is the Reds' 33rd consecutive win on the road, an all-time state record. The win is also the Reds' 60th straight victory, making the Reds one of only a dozen baseball teams in the history of our country to win 60 or more consecutive games.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/60StraightWins.pdf>

Following a loss to Holy Family, the Reds defeat Kent Denver in a must-win game by the score of 6-5, advancing the Reds to their 16th State Championship Game since CHSAA realigned the classifications 20 years earlier.

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100529/SPORTS/100529653>

The Reds maintain the highest winning percentage in the nation over the previous 25 years, with a winning percentage of 86.7% over that period. The next closest opponent is Kee High School in Lansing, Iowa at 84.1%. The Reds could lose all of their first 17 games in 2011 and still would hold the highest win percentage in the country over the past 25 years; though that isn't exactly the plan the Reds have going into 2011. <http://www.eatonbaseball.com/TopRecords.pdf>

The Reds still maintain their position atop all public schools in the nation with the most State Championships since the Reds won their first Title in 1994. Congratulations to Rhode Island's all-male private academy, Bishop Hendricken, for surpassing the Reds in terms of the number of state titles won by any school in the country since 1994.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/TopRecords.pdf>

The May Red of the Month would have to wait to be determined after the completion of the 2010 summer and fall seasons, as Reds' Coach John Guzman was then named Reds' 2010 Coach of the Year.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/CoachGuzman.pdf>

June

The Reds start off the Legion B season on two days' rest from the State Championship Game. The Reds win 2 out of 3 games against Roosevelt, including the key 3rd game of the series that counts as a win in both the Reds' NCBL and for the Reds' Legion B league standings.

Reds' 2010 graduate Adam Geisick is named the Greeley Tribune Baseball Athlete of the Year.

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100620/SPORTS/100629995>

All-State honors are awarded to Adam Geisick, Tanner Anderson, and Seth Jackson.

http://www.denverpost.com/preps/ci_15334488

Kyle Ottoson is drafted for the third time in his career, this time by the Philadelphia Phillies.

http://mlb.mlb.com/team/draft.jsp?c_id=phi Ottoson opts for his scholarship at Arizona State University (ASU) instead.

Reds' longtime fan and concessionaire Mike Sandberg generously donates to the Eaton Baseball Program a Polaris Ranger 4-wheeler to greatly improve the fieldwork, replacing the longtime Gator the Reds had used previously.

The Reds go on to rattle off 20 more straight wins against Greeley Central, University, Valley, Skyline (twice), Loveland (thrice), Prairie View, Centaurus (twice), Berthoud (thrice), Sterling, Greeley West, Greeley West #2, and Frederick

(thrice) to end the month of June atop the league standings in both Legion B and the NCBL National League, with an overall record of 22-1.

The Reds win over Greeley West improves the Reds' record to +100 in terms of wins versus losses against Weld County's top 5 opponents in the 2000's, improving to 124-24. <http://www.eatonbaseball.com/EatonVsWeldCounty.pdf>

All 5 of the Reds' 10-14 year old teams qualify for their respective State Tournaments against much larger schools.

July

The Reds win two out of three games against Thompson Valley to take control of the NCBL National League title race. The Reds then go on to defeat Skyline and sweep Broomfield to end the NCBL regular season with a 19-2 record. This clinches the NCBL National League Championship for the Reds and secures Eaton as one of 4 host sites for the NCBL Tournament. By virtue of having the top record in the entire NCBL, both in the National League and the American League, the Reds are also guaranteed to host the NCBL Final Four if the Reds advance through the initial 4-team pool play tournament, which the Reds learn will include Class 5A Fort Collins, Class 4A Windsor, and Class 4A Erie.

In Legion B, the Reds wrap up the Northern League Championship with wins over Fort Morgan, Brighton, Niwot and Northridge, to end the regular season with a 13-0 Legion B league record and clinch the #1 seed for the Northern District Tournament.

The Reds are honored to have Jesse Horne of the 9News Prep Rally visit Eaton at two different ballfields to shoot video of the Reds' Legion B and Legion C teams preparing for their respective State Tournaments, which later aired on 9News.

The Reds defeat Fort Collins, Windsor and Erie to win the four-team NCBL pool play tournament held at Eaton. The Reds trail in all 3 of the games, and earn walk-off hits in two of the games, with a 6th inning comeback in the final win. The Reds then learn the other qualifiers for the Final Four are Fossil Ridge, Thompson Valley, and Roosevelt.

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100719/SPORTS/100719675>

The Reds win the NCBL Championship by defeating Roosevelt in the NCBL Final Four and then Fossil Ridge for the NCBL Championship. <http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100721/SPORTS/100729949>

The Reds' Legion D team wins the league title and earns the #1 seed for the State Tournament. The Reds go on to defeat Class 5A Denver East and Class 4A Woodland Park in the State Tournament to end the season atop all Class 3A teams in the state. <http://www.eatonbaseball.com/schedule.php?team=legiond&season=2010>

The Reds' Legion C team takes 2nd place in league and earns the #3 seed for the State Tournament, hosted at Eaton. The Reds go on to defeat Class 5A Denver East, Strasburg, and Class 4A Northridge in the State Tournament to end the season atop all Class 3A teams in the state. <http://www.eatonbaseball.com/schedule.php?team=legionc&season=2010>

The Reds advance through the Legion B District Tournament with wins over Valley, Roosevelt and Sterling to qualify for the Legion B State Tournament. <http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100724/SPORTS/100729818>

The Reds defeat Class 5A Boulder, Class 4A Northridge, and Class 5A Greeley West to advance to the Legion B State Championship Game.

August

The Reds win the Legion B State Championship, coming back from arguably their worst defeat in history the day before to win the State Championship by a 12-7 score over Class 5A Greeley West. Dante Foos is named Tournament MVP (20 innings pitched, 2.10 ERA, 0 runs allowed in two major relief appearances) and Tyler Sieg is named the Tournament's Top Pitcher. Seth Jackson would have been the choice for the Tournament's Top Hitter if the Reds would have carried all 3 awards. <http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100803/SPORTS/100809944>

This remarkable run over the final two weeks of the season is later remembered in Two Weeks in Pinstripes. <http://www.eatonbaseball.com/TwoWeeks.pdf>

Jeff Sutter is once again declared cancer-free after fighting lymphoma into remission for the 2nd time in as many years. <http://www.carepages.com/Sutter>

The Reds order their State Championship Rings, designing the 15th set of rings in Eaton history, and the first one to include two championships on it, as the Reds won both the NCBL Championship and the Legion B State Championship.

The Reds order two more banners to fill their outfield walls with the 2010 NCBL State Championship and the 2010 Legion B State Championship. The banners arrive before the Reds' first fall baseball game the next month.

Reds' 2010 graduates' Adam Geisick (Barton County) and Tanner Anderson (Scottsdale) leave for college on scholarship. The Reds also return the following players to college on scholarship: Kyle Ottoson (ASU), Bennett Pickar (ORU), Drew Smith (Emporia State), Jared Carlson (Covenant), Tyler Wallace (South Mountain), Logan Hall (Seward County), and Bryce Ruff (Seward County). <http://www.eatonbaseball.com/CollegePlayers.html>

Reds' 2006 graduate Brent Payne, a previous two-year starter at Doane College, walks on at the College of Mines and starts throughout the fall season. http://www.csmorediggers.com/sports/bsb/2010-11/bios/Brent_Payne

Reds' seniors Seth Jackson and Tyler Sieg are selected to play on a fall all-star team sponsored by the Atlanta Braves, with a roster filled by players from 3 other top high schools, Class 5A State Champion Rocky Mountain, Wyoming State Champion Cheyenne, and Fort Collins High School.

The Reds hold tryouts for the tournament teams for the following year, and have more than 80 youth players try out, nearly all of which are already donning the pants and hat worn by The Pinstripes' older players as well. To accommodate the younger players and try to prevent cuts as much as possible, the Reds expand the program to include a 9 year-old team for the following year as well. No cuts are made for players that tried out between the ages of 8 and 12. The Reds also welcome a number of new players from Greeley that transferred to Eaton Middle School over the summer. <http://www.eatonbaseball.com/9-14yearolds.html>

September

Reds' seniors Seth Jackson and Tyler Sieg combine to beat Cherry Creek's top all-star team, with Jackson knocking in the tying run and scoring the winning run, while Sieg earns the win on the mound in relief. The Braves would go on to defeat a number of other top high school all-star teams as well as a number of top junior college teams.

The Reds compete in a fall ball invitational tournament in Boulder, and despite missing 4 of the Reds 1-5 hitters from this summer, due to football and the WYCO Braves all-star games that weekend, the Reds defeat Class 5A Brighton, a Class 5A all-star team from 5 different large schools in the area, and defeat Class 5A Boulder.

The Reds compete in fall ball games against many of the region's top Class 5A teams, including Wyoming's perennial State Champion Cheyenne on four consecutive Sundays throughout the fall. As umpires were not used throughout most of fall ball, scores were not reported, but the Reds outscored nearly all of their opponents throughout the fall.

October

The Reds complete a 6-game sweep of Greeley West over the final 3 weekends of the season. The Reds were without 6 of their 1-7 hitters from the summer season for the final game, but still complete the sweep against the Greeley area all-star team that was predominantly comprised of Greeley West players.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/schedule.php?team=fall1&season=2010>

The Reds' 12-year old team for next summer finishes the fall league in Fort Collins atop the standings with a 6-1 record.

Reds' Coach John Guzman is named Reds' 2010 Coach of the Year. <http://www.eatonbaseball.com/CoachGuzman.pdf>

November / December

Reds' senior Seth Jackson signs a top scholarship at Division I University of Northern Colorado (UNC).

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/SethJackson.pdf>

Reds' seniors Dante Foos and Alex Flores commit to top scholarships at Trinidad State.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/NextTrojans.pdf>

Reds' senior Tyler Sieg also verbally commits to a top junior college scholarship.

The Reds remember the 60-game win streak, one of only a dozen such streaks in our nation's history.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/60StraightWins.pdf>

The Reds remember one of the top two-week periods in Eaton Baseball history.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/TwoWeeks.pdf>

The Reds remember the era that brought baseball to Eaton, Before We Wore Pinstripes.

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/BeforeWeWorePinstripes.pdf>

<http://www.eatonbaseball.com/TopMomentsOfTheEarlyYears.pdf>

The Reds honor National American Indian Month. <http://www.eatonbaseball.com/IndianMascot.pdf>

The 2011 varsity schedule is released. <http://eatonbaseball.com/schedule.php?team=varsity&season=2011>

The Reds receive their State Championship Rings from the Colorado American Legion B State Championship and NCBL State Championship. These 17 rings for the Reds' players put the Reds at nearly 300 State Championship Rings ordered in the past 17 years.

