

Highlights of Eaton Baseball in 2012

January / February

- Reds start open gyms, with nearly 100 Reds' ballplayers ages 8-18 regularly working out each Saturday
- EatonBaseball.com showcases the first of 12 elite Reds' players from 1999-2010 on website under title This Is Eaton Baseball, the legendary Reds that would be highlighted each month throughout 2012 for their exceptional will to win: Craig Ayers, Mike Carrasco, Dusty Dominguez, Shane Dyer, Adam Geisick, Logan Hall, Bo McLavey, Jeff Meyers, Josh Noblitt, Kyle Ottoson, Chris Swain, and Garrett Walker
- Seniors' Cory Dyer, Weston Hager, and Brandon Koehler sign full scholarships for the Colby Trojans, fellow seniors Keenan Hall and Tyler Batt would later sign respectively with the Seward Saints and the Colorado Christian Cougars
- The Reds' recent graduates start their college seasons with '07 graduate Drew Smith at Emporia State, '08 graduate Kyle Ottoson at Oklahoma State, '09 graduates Bennett Pickar at ORU and Logan Hall at West Texas A&M, '10 graduate Adam Geisick at Barton, and '11 graduates Seth Jackson at UNC, Tyler Sieg at NJC, and Dante Foos at Trinidad State
- Reds start first official practice Feb. 27th

March

- Shane Dyer reports to minor league spring training for the Tampa Bay Rays Organization, leaves camp at Double-A level but would go on to be called up to Triple-A by midseason
- Reds start season with scrimmage at 2010 Class 4A State Champion Mountain View
- Reds open regular season with 10-0 win over Roosevelt to improve head-to-head record to 39-2 since '79 and remain undefeated all-time (11-0) on St. Patrick's Day, and improve home record to 150-9 since Eaton Baseball Field built in '97
- Reds win non-league games over Berthoud and Bennett
- Reds' 13 year-olds win Greeley Tournament with wins over Fort Collins, Akron, Roosevelt and Denver
- Reds' 13 year-olds win Roosevelt Tournament with wins over Rocky Mountain, Fort Collins, and twice over Roosevelt
- Reds' 12 year-olds win Windsor Tournament with wins over Greeley, Cheyenne, and twice over Loveland

April

- Reds shut out Brush 6-0 and Kent Denver 9-0 to complete non-league schedule, then post shutout wins over Estes Park, Highland, Platte Valley and Strasburg to earn Eaton all-time record with 6 straight shutouts
- Reds then defeat Brush, Berthoud, Lyons, Mead and University to guarantee berth to 30th consecutive State Tournament; Reds allowed a total of just 4 runs in 11 games in April
- Reds' 14 year-olds win Greeley Tournament with undefeated record beating Lafayette, Parker, Pueblo, Cheyenne and Northern Colorado
- Reds' 2008 graduate Kyle Ottoson earns 8+ inning win for OSU in Oklahoma State-Oklahoma Bedlam clash
- Reds' 1999 graduate and legendary shortstop Jeff Meyers is diagnosed with Stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma; a former opponent of Meyers sends the following: "This illness picked the wrong S.O.B. to mess with though...because the Jeff Meyers I knew, respected, and admired just didn't know how to lose...You take care and bring the fight Meyers"

May

- Reds defeat Valley and Weld Central to wrap up another undefeated league season, earning Reds' 32nd league championship since 1979, allowing a total of just 6 runs in 11 league games; win over Weld Central is Reds' 50th straight home victory dating back to 2008 and tying the Reds' all-time record; Reds' seniors improve to 44-0 in league games
- Reds' JV team completes season 10-0 in league games and 14-3 overall; C Team completes season with 17-1 record
- Reds defeat Academy 6-0 (earning the Reds their 75th State Tournament win in past 20 years—before 2007 a team could play only 4 State Tournament games per year) and Middle Park 15-5 to earn 20th consecutive Regional Title; shutout over Academy is Reds' 12th shutout of the season, tying Eaton all-time mark (set in 2009)
- Reds enter Elite Eight the following week as a rare underdog as Faith Christian is picked by Denver media as the expected State Champion
- Reds defeat State's perennial southern powerhouse Lamar in opening round of State by rare lopsided score
- Reds then lose to Brush 3-2 and Faith Christian surprisingly loses to Holy Family, setting up an elimination game between Eaton and Faith Christian the following day; this ends Reds' 45-game winning streak over Brush since 1991
- Trailing 2-1 to Faith Christian going into the bottom of the 7th inning, Reds mount rally to score twice to win via walk-off and advance to the Final Four for 20th consecutive year, and guaranteeing Reds' 15th straight season with at least 20 wins
- Reds score 8 first-inning runs to defeat Holy Family 12-2 in 5 innings, ended by a walk-off home run
- Reds defeat Lamar 4-2 to advance to State Championship Game against Brush
- Reds defeat Brush 6-4 to win 10th State Championship since 1994, becoming one of only 16 high schools in national history to earn a 10th baseball State Championship
- Win makes Reds the first Class 3A team to come back to win the State Championship after suffering a loss during the first weekend of the Elite Eight since double-elimination format was introduced in 2007
- Adam Mossberg is named State Tournament MVP, entering in relief to secure State Championship
- Seniors graduate with 94 wins in spring careers, including 23 State Tournament wins
- Reds' 12 year-olds win Greeley Tournament with wins over Denver, Loveland, Northern Colorado, Parker and Greeley
- Reds start summer season with sweep of Cheyenne in NCBL Varsity games

June

- Reds' 2009 graduate Bennett Pickar drafted in 11th round, signing with Detroit Tigers
- Reds' 2008 graduate Kyle Ottoson drafted for 5th time, signing with San Diego Padres
- Reds place 19th championship banner on outfield walls at Eaton Baseball Field
- Reds win 21 of first 27 Legion B games after graduating 5 3-year starters; Legion C posts 22-7 record in June, Legion D goes undefeated at 26-0, prompting Reds to move up 5 incoming freshmen on D team to starting at Legion C level
- All 5 of the Reds' 10-14 year old teams qualify for their respective State Tournaments against much larger schools

July

- Reds' 2006 graduate Shane Dyer called up to Tampa Bay Rays' Triple-A team, the Durham Bulls
- Reds' 1999 graduate Jeff Meyers declared cancer-free, beating Stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma in near-record time
- Reds secure Legion B League Co-Championship with doubleheader sweep of Centaurus
- Reds secure NCBL Varsity League Championship with win over Greeley Central and 3-game sweep of Berthoud
- Reds secure NCBL Junior Varsity League Championship with 3-game sweep of Berthoud
- Reds secure Legion C League Co-Championship with wins over Resurrection Christian, Greeley Central, Mead and Greeley West, ultimately ending season with record of 32-13
- Reds secure undefeated Legion D League Championship with wins over Valley, Brush and Yuma
- Reds secure NCBL Incoming Freshmen League Championship with wins over Windsor
- Reds win NCBL Incoming Freshmen Tournament Championship with sweep of Mountain View, Poudre, Fossil Ridge, and (after 3 rainouts) Roosevelt, ending season with record of 38-3
- Reds win NCBL Varsity Regionals with sweep of Silver Creek, Greeley Central and Prairie View
- Reds advance to Legion B State with District Tournament wins over Windsor, Northridge, and Thompson Valley
- Reds win 8th all-time Legion B State Championship (6th since 2002) with sweep of Elizabeth, Northridge, Rampart and Thompson Valley, ending season with record of 39-9
- Jake Nelson is named Tournament MVP after throwing complete-game no-hitter in State Championship Game

August

- Reds' seniors Britten Abbott and Adam Mossberg are selected to play on a fall all-star team sponsored by the Atlanta Braves; Reds' senior Marcus Longwell and juniors Bryce Dyer, Colton Lind, and Jake Mondragon selected to play on WYCO all-star team in Cheyenne
- The Reds hold tryouts for the youth tournament teams for the following year, with more than 75 players trying out; the Reds add a 6th team (9 year-olds) and combine 11's and 12's into two teams to prevent cutting anyone under age 13

September

- Reds place 20th championship banner on outfield walls (10 spring state titles, 7 Legion B state titles, 2 NCBL varsity titles, 1 Legion D state title)

October

- Reds complete undefeated (8-0) varsity fall season, ending season with 39 consecutive innings without allowing a run

November / December

- Shane Dyer signs with Detroit Tigers' Organization
- Legion B State Championship Rings delivered to Reds' players, marking 350th State Championship Ring made since '94
- 2013 team captain Britten Abbott commits to top scholarship at Northeastern Junior College (NJC)