

Highlights of Eaton Baseball in 2014

January / February

- Reds start open gyms, with nearly 100 Reds' ballplayers ages 8-18 regularly working out each Saturday
- Senior Jake Mondragon officially signs major scholarship at Northeastern (NJC)
- Reds start first official practice Feb. 24

March

- Reds' '06 grad Shane Dyer and '09 grad Bennett Pickar report to minor league spring training
- Reds add Twitter account to front page of www.EatonBaseball.com, quickly picking up over 100 followers
- Reds add 4 summer tournaments for Legion A team, going to Grand Junction for Junior College World Series and playing Gene Taylor's, going to Omaha for Creighton Prep Tournament and watching College World Series, tournament in Gillette Wyoming, and in Boulder Colorado—all 4 tournaments will be against graduate-only teams, while the Reds will only have returning high schoolers
- Reds' seniors commit to playing summer baseball for new Connie Mack team, the Northern Colorado Bandits, filled primarily with Rocky Mountain and Eaton players on the roster
- Reds announce that this summer they will be moving their 2nd level team up to NCBL Varsity (where the Reds had won 3 of the previous 4 NCBL Championships) to get all of their likely starters for 2016 season with varsity-level playing time
- Reds start season with scrimmage against 2013 Class 4A State Champion Mountain View
- Reds scrimmage against 2013 Class 5A State Champion ThunderRidge, Highlands Ranch, and Regis Jesuit in top scrimmage in Colorado with Rocky Mountain, Grandview, Cherokee Trail, Chaparral and Poudre all participating—Reds' faced Class 5A #1 ranked ThunderRidge and #2 ranked Regis Jesuit (CHSAA rules don't allow posting of results)
- Reds open regular season for 3rd straight season with a shutout, this time 6-0 over Denver North
- Reds easily sweep through St. Mary's, Mead, and Sterling

April

- Reds repeat as champions of the 2nd Annual Northern Colorado Classic Tournament, 10-running each opponent in wins over Sheridan, Kent Denver, and Resurrection Christian, allowing a total of only 3 hits combined in the 3 wins
- Reds complete entire month of April with every game being decided by the mercy-rule, with Reds adding wins over Lyons, University, Strasburg, Sterling, Brush, Valley and Platte Valley, as Reds improve record to 14-0
- Reds qualify for 32nd consecutive appearance in State Tournament

May

- Reds defeat Estes Park and Highland to wrap up the Reds' 34th league championship since 1979 (the two years the Reds' finished in 2nd place in league, they still advanced to the State Championship Game, winning it in 2008)
- Reds improve to 65-0 in league games since 2008, and 176-3 since 1997, despite the proportion of Reds' on the all-conference team suggesting to the contrary
- Reds' C team defeats Northridge 15-1 to complete 13-2 season, with both losses occurring by 1-2 runs in 3-4 inning games based on imposed time-limit

-Reds' JV team beats Faith Christian 10-0 to wrap up undefeated season at 18-0, posting 11 shutouts and 3 wins in which the Reds allowed only 1 run

-Reds sweep through Regionals with a 10-0 win over Denver Science & Technology and an 11-0 win over St. Mary's, marking the Reds' 22nd consecutive Regional Championship (Reds have won 44 straight games in Regionals since '93)

-Reds win first game of Elite Eight over Alamosa 5-0, and then defeat Lamar 10-0 to qualify for 22nd consecutive Final Four

-Reds defeat Faith Christian 10-2 to advance to Championship Saturday for the 18th time in past 22 years

-Seniors graduate with 91 wins in spring careers, including 22 State Tournament wins

-Reds have won 14 more spring games than any other team (Faith Christian is 2nd, Cherry Creek is 3rd) in Colorado since 2008, with 4 more State Tournament wins than any other team (Rocky Mountain and Holy Family are 2nd), and more State Championship appearances than all other teams (Rocky Mountain and Holy Family are 2nd; Reds are 2nd in terms of State Championship wins to Rocky Mountain)

-Reds start off summer season with 4-3 extra-inning win over Class 5A Fort Collins and 8-2 win over Greeley West

-Reds go to Grand Junction, watching Championship Game of Junior College World Series and facing Gene Taylor's graduate team

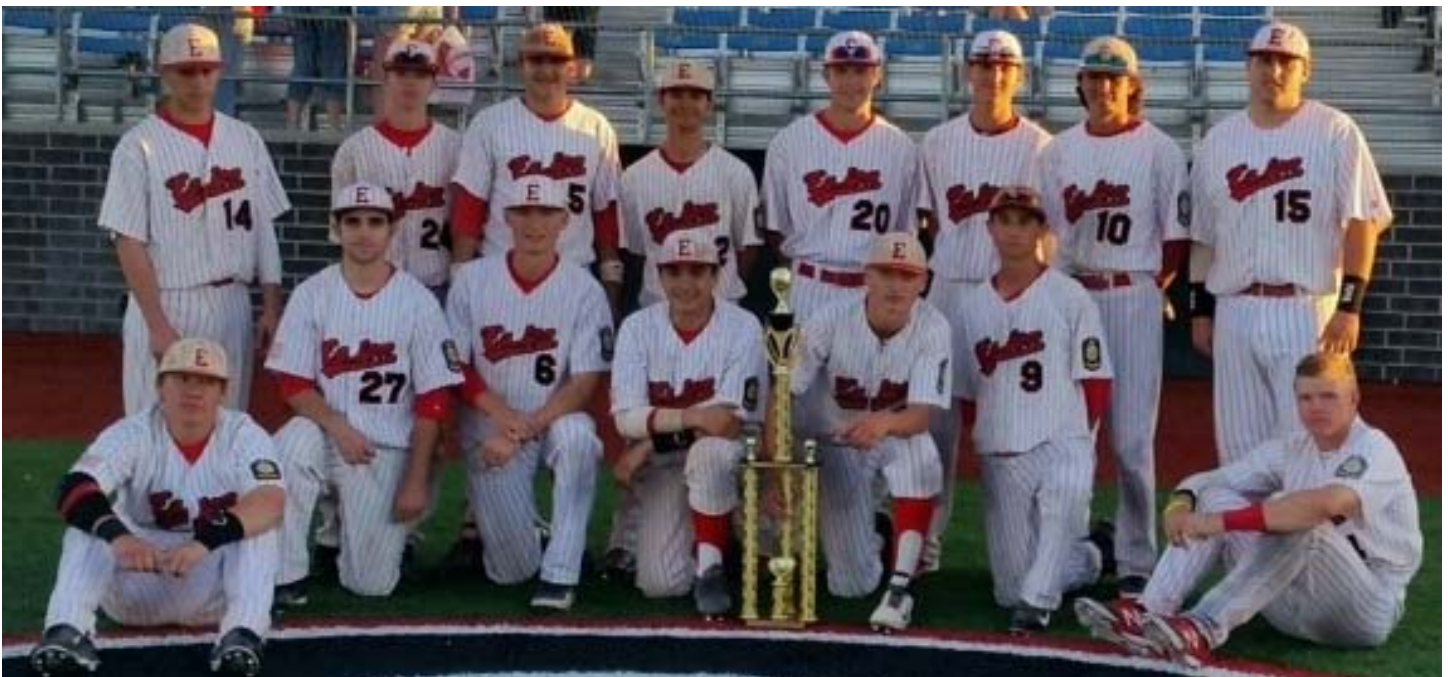
June

-Reds' Legion A starts off June with 9 straight wins, including two wins against graduate teams in Creighton Prep Tournament in Omaha, also watching the College World Series, hosted by Reds' graduates Dino Nolin and Matt Rice

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

-Reds sweep doubleheaders from Mountain View and Rock Canyon, before heading to Gillette, WY tournament

-Reds sweep through Hladky Memorial Tournament in Gillette, WY, defeating Jackson, WY twice, Boulder, Colorado Twins, Ralston Valley, and host Gillette for the championship game



July

-Reds sweep through Mead, Roosevelt, and Denver North, and defeat Fairview and Davy Jones in Boulder NIT

-Reds sweep doubleheaders from Poudre and Mountain Range to complete undefeated league season and secure #1 seed for Legion A Varsity State Tournament

-Reds' 6, 7 and 8 year-olds all win GEYL Championships

-Reds' NCBL C team wraps up #1 seed for NCBL C tournament after completing sweeps of Cheyenne, Holy Family, Windsor, Berthoud, Silver Creek, and Roosevelt to move to 16-0 in league

-Reds' Legion D (mainly incoming 8th graders) wraps up league title with perfect 15-0 record to advance to Legion D State Tournament as #1 seed

-Reds' NCBL C (incoming freshmen) team sweeps through Berthoud, Rocky Mountain, Thompson Valley and Prairie View to win NCBL C Championship, outscoring opponents 38-1 in the tournament, completing a 26-9 season

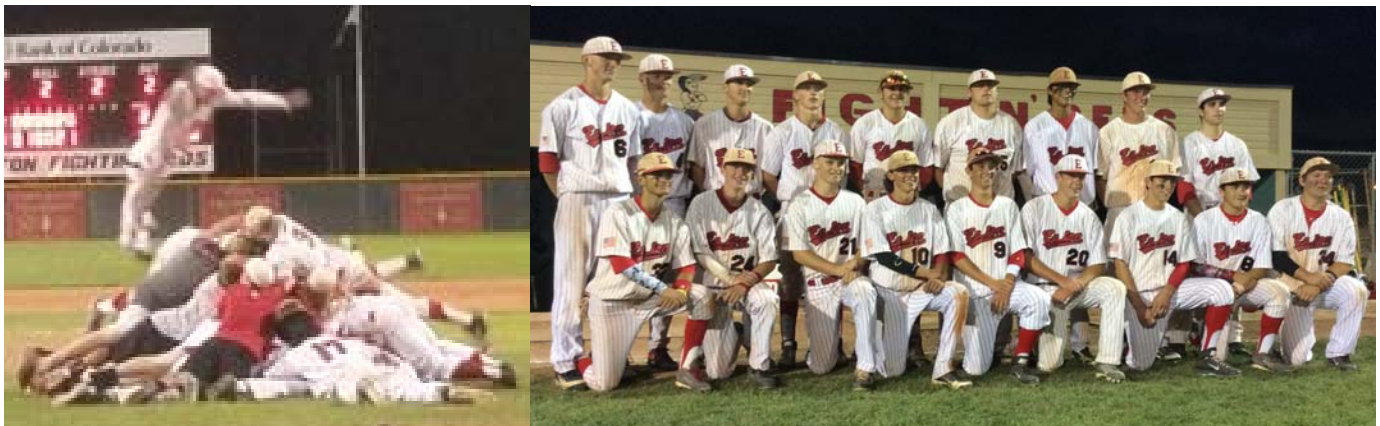


-Reds' NCBL Varsity team, for the first time in history filled with JV players rather than varsity players, completes 19-4 season in which the Reds won the league championship and advanced to the NCBL Varsity Tournament as the #1 seed

-Reds graduates, competing primarily with Rocky Mountain graduates on Northern Colorado Bandits team, defeat Brighton for Connie Mack 18U State Championship Game, with Reds' players playing pivotal role in championship win

-Reds defeat Roosevelt 14-3 and Greeley West 20-1 to advance to Legion A Varsity State Championship Game

-Reds defeat Brighton in must-win game in Legion A Varsity State Championship to secure 3rd straight summer state title against top returning high school teams



-Reds' Legion A, B, C & D teams win 100+ summer games for 2nd straight season

August

-Reds' seniors Lane Greiman, Ethan Kapperman, Ryan Koehler, Brady Tedesco, juniors Matt Burkart, Dalton Lind, Joe Mondragon, JT Mossberg, and sophomore Sean Carson selected to play on WYCO Select 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, and with two 14 year-old teams for the first time

September / October

-Reds place 23rd championship banner on outfield walls (10 spring state titles, 9 Legion A Varsity/Legion B state titles, 3 NCBL varsity titles, 1 Legion D state title)

-Reds, competing without any varsity starters from summer team, defeat Cheyenne, Roosevelt, Brighton, Parker, and Casper in fall ball games

-Reds' juniors and seniors complete very successful fall seasons with all-star team, and then return to Reds for final 2 weekends of season to defeat Pomona and Roosevelt

November / December

-Legion A Varsity State Championship Rings are delivered to Reds' players, this is the seniors' 4th State Title Ring earned at the varsity level and 5th overall (also won Legion D title as incoming freshmen)



-Reds honor National Native American Indian Heritage Month

-Reds' seniors Ethan Kapperman and Brady Tedesco commit to major scholarship at NJC (Northeastern)

-Reds' senior Lane Greiman commits to major scholarship at Otero Junior College

-Reds' senior Ryan Koehler commits to major scholarship at New Mexico Junior College

