

ADAM GEISICK – 2010 GRADUATE – EATON REDS

THIS IS EATON BASEBALL

Every coach wants a consistent player, one that is the same guy every day, regardless of the circumstances that might surround him. At Eaton, all sorts of distractions can get in the way, from playing in high-stakes winner-take-all battles, to living up to the pressure of the success of previous Reds' teams, to maintaining win streaks, to local, state and even national media attention and interviews. Regardless of all that nonsense—which can be looked back upon someday in the future with the benefit of time and perspective and appreciated then—every coach wants a player that will play in the present, at his absolute maximum ability and willpower every single time he takes the field, and on every pitch throughout the entire game, allowing in zero distractions. Every coach simply wants 2010 Team Captain Adam Geisick.

In a career that went on to become the very first in Eaton history to have a player hit leadoff in all 4 years, Geisick came onto the scene humbly as a smaller-sized kid that was just trying to reach base. In the fall of 2006, Geisick played on the JV Fall team and slowly, but steadily, made an impression on his coaches as a kid that simply was doing everything right—taking pitches to get ahead in the count, taking hit by pitches, diving on every ball, sprinting out every pop-up, and legging out every routine groundout to where he often was embarrassing opponents by reaching first base safely on what should have been a routine out. Midway through the fall he was called up to the Varsity Fall team, batting #9 and exercising the same routine in every at-bat, helping reach base to score runs when the Reds' power hitters came up to drive him in. By the spring of 2007, as only a freshman, Geisick immediately started as the Reds' leadoff hitter. That was probably a surprise for the freshman kid who bore a slight resemblance to Opie from *The Andy Griffith Show*, but it didn't show in how he played, as he quickly settled into one great at-bat after another, dinking the ball to the left side and often beating it out when pitchers threw strikes, but taking walks and hit-by-pitches whenever they missed the strike zone. He knew his role, which was to score a ton of runs, regardless of how many hits he had. Given that that the Reds' team was comprised of a number of future Major League Draft selections, Geisick knew that nearly every time he got on base, he was going to score.

After a tremendous season as only a freshman, followed by a summer in which he led the Reds in times on base and runs scored, Geisick took his spot in rightfield again for the 2008 season. Geisick played a significant role as the Reds stormed through the State Tournament, winning the State Championship. The Reds not only never lost a game in the double-elimination tournament, they never trailed in any game, not even for a single half-inning. Against the only team in the tournament that had beaten the Reds earlier in the year, Geisick added a punctuation mark to the mercy-rule victory over Erie by sliding headfirst into home to score the game-ending run on a tag-up play from third base. This win guaranteed the Reds would be in the State Championship Game the following weekend, and with that opportunity right before him, Geisick wouldn't be denied that game-winning run.



That summer, Geisick asked something of the coaches for the only time in his career. It was maybe the only time Geisick considered something personal, for himself, but it showed his focus on the present but understanding of the greatness that he was a part of. After easily winning the first game of a doubleheader at Fort Morgan, the Reds planned on starting some substitutes in the following non-league game. As one of the coaches went over to tell Geisick he would be sitting this one, he bit his lip and said "OK", but it was obvious he was disappointed. While other starters almost seemed to look forward to taking a game off in the hot sun, it was clear that Geisick wanted this game too, and one of the coaches asked Geisick why he wasn't excited like the others. His answer was simple: "Well, it was one of my goals to start every single game throughout my four years here, that's all." With that, the lineup card was changed immediately.

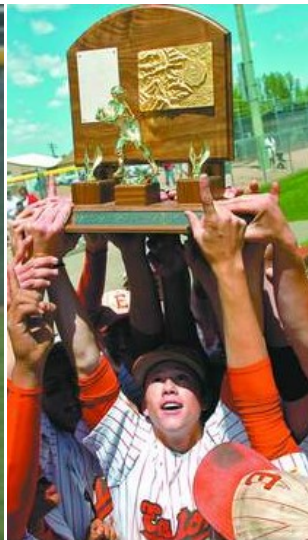
One of the most unselfish players in the history of the Reds Baseball Program, Geisick for once wanted something personal, but it wasn't entirely for himself, it also was due to him knowing that of the greats that had played before him that literally only a handful of them had started every single game throughout their careers, and he wanted to join that group of players like Carrasco and Meyers; it was in part an homage to their careers as well. Geisick got a hit in his first at-bat and after an inning in the outfield, the Reds' coaching staff pulled him, but with a Cal Ripken-like streak still intact.

Fast forwarding to 2012, starting in centerfield at Barton County for the #16 ranked junior college team in the nation, Geisick was a finalist for Region VI player of the week after going 11 for 16 with 3 stolen bases and 7 runs scored. When one of the Reds' coaches found out about this a few weeks later through another source, the question was posed to Geisick as to why didn't he tell us that so we could highlight it on the Eaton Baseball website; his answer though was simple—"Coach, we only won 2 of the 4 league games that weekend, so I had nothing to brag about."

That team-first mindset served Geisick throughout his career at Eaton and thus far throughout his college career, as Geisick fulfilled his role—regardless of circumstances, he always gives you his best. Going back to the summer of 2008, Geisick led the Reds in reaching base and runs scored en route to a 43-2 overall record and another State Championship victory, this one being played on the Reds' home field for the American Legion B State Title. Geisick caught the final out of that game, sending the Reds' into their first dogpile in history at home on the Eaton Baseball Field. The following spring, Geisick played a pivotal role as the Reds completed only their 2nd perfect season in history, going undefeated at 25-0 and storming to another State Championship. Geisick hit over .400 in each of the State Championship seasons, then when the pressure increased, so too did Geisick's performance, as he raised his batting average to .500 in the postseason, as the Reds won 18 straight State Tournament games. Geisick's on-base average exceeded .600 during the postseason in each year of his career, and he scored 44 runs in spring 2009 alone, including 13 runs at State.

Following the graduation of five 3-year starters for the Reds in 2009, Geisick became the first Red to be singularly chosen to wear a "C" on his jersey as the sole team captain. This wasn't exactly a difficult decision for the Reds' coaching staff, as Geisick simply always did everything right, and with all his mental and physical might. Throughout his career, all sorts of personal events occurred, and yet one would never know whether Geisick was having a good day or a bad day outside of baseball, as once he showed up to the field, he was there with a singular mission, to do whatever it took to defeat his opponent that night. Geisick studied opposing pitchers, he asked the coaches that do the advance scouting for every detail on each opponent so that he could position himself and his teammates accordingly. He didn't celebrate the bus ride home from Coors Field after a 19-5 win, he instead asked coaches about the scouting report for the next opponent as he had less than 24 hours to prepare for that opposing pitcher and team. He saw tendencies in pitchers, he picked up on anytime they were tipping pitches and he immediately relayed this to his teammates. He was truly a student of the game. He absorbed everything that was Eaton Baseball, and did everything he could to keep the bar raised as high as had been set by the Carrasco's and Meyers' and Noblitt's before him. He coached youth players that would go on to become his teammates, and even after graduation coached the next generation of Reds' players to be even better than what he and his teammates had been, which is a pretty high goal after Geisick had won 60 straight spring games and at one point won 96 out of 98 spring and summer games. Geisick's focus on consistency was such that his comment about going 96-2 is simply to critique the two losses, knowing that perfect consistency would have yielded a 98-0 record. The path toward long-term perfection begins first with a complete dedication to consistency, for which Geisick is perfect.

Adam Geisick Resume



3 State Championships

4 Regional Championships

212 Spring/Summer Victories

Nationally Historic 60-Game Winning Streak

Undefeated Season

#1 National Small Schools Ranking

Top 100 National All Schools Ranking

Team Captain

Top 50 Game Selection

Braves' Scout Team Selection

1st Team All-State

1st 4-Year Leadoff Hitter in Eaton History

Reds' Media Contact for 9News, Denver Post, and Greeley Tribune

Full-Ride Scholarship

Greeley Tribune Baseball Athlete of the Year

Named as a "Highlight Play Waiting to Happen"