

LOGAN HALL – 2009 GRADUATE – EATON REDS

THIS IS EATON BASEBALL

Sure, everybody would like to go undefeated, but very few have the ability to have that dream even be a remote possibility, and almost none of even those lucky few that do have the talent also have the drive to do all that it takes to will themselves to become undefeated. Logan Hall happens to be a very rare breed that has accomplished the following:

- Undefeated as a starting pitcher, going 42-0 for the Reds over nine spring (9-0), summer (21-0), and fall (12-0) seasons.
- Undefeated as a team in spring 2009 at 25-0, earning CBS Sports' MaxPreps #1 national ranking for small schools.
- Nearly threw a no-hitter in 2009 State Championship Game shutout victory.
- Allowed zero earned runs for the first 0.00 postseason ERA in Reds' history in 2009.
- Undefeated after graduation for Legion A going 13-0 to finish high school with a record of 55-0.
- Undefeated throughout college in all league games at 11-0.
- Undefeated throughout college in all Regional tournament games at 3-0, leading team to 2011 JUCO World Series.

Along the way to this frankly ridiculous series of successes, Hall also earned numerous saves including in the 2008 Legion B State Championship Game and the 2009 Legion A State Championship Game, en route to earning 3 State Championship Rings at Eaton and a 4th Ring with Legion A following graduation.

Yes, the Reds were a pretty decent team during Hall's career, so that didn't hurt any along the way to his achievements, but playing against the top Class 3A teams in the spring, and many of the top Class 4A and even Class 5A teams in the summer and fall meant that he also faced a number of tough contests that came down to a single pitch meaning the difference between victory and defeat. Hall won 9 games by just 1 run, and won 8 games decided by just 2 runs. He never once had the best fastball or the best breaking pitch on the Reds' pitching staff, but that didn't matter.

The Reds garner much state and national attention for their results, as the winningest baseball program in the nation over the past quarter century, setting all sorts of records for win streaks and championships won; but results are just the byproduct of the effort put into an endeavor, and that's what the Reds focus on, playing harder and smarter than their opponents, so that the results simply take care of themselves. The results worked out just fine for Hall, but that's only because he simply willed himself to that result.

No one can quite put their finger on what all it is that makes Tim Lincecum such a great winner, and nor can we do that with Logan Hall, other than to suggest it's a combination of: absolute expectation of victory and a track record of success to validate that expectation both in his mind and in the mind of his opponents, a true vision of one-on-one battle in which only one of us is getting out of the ring alive, a remarkable ability when the game is on the line to place the ball exactly where it needs to be thrown after knowing the spot that the hitter is going to be unable to make solid contact based on how the pitch sequence has gone thus far, and the ability to reach back and harness the adrenaline to add velocity when needed, tempered only by the knowledge of when it is best to take something off a pitch and instead direct his focus to adding movement to the pitch rather than sheer velocity.

If we, or anyone else, knew how to replicate a man that is truly undefeatable, it's safe to assume we would have done it prior to the legendary career of Logan Hall, but that hasn't been replicated by anyone prior to or since. We can only appreciate that we bore witness to the greatness of Hall while in Pinstripes, and can only hope the future holds another such player that through a combination of such rare determination and toughness can also become undefeatable.

Logan Hall's Career Record as a Starter

	Wins	Losses
Summer 2006	3	0
Fall 2006	6	0
Spring 2007	0	0
Summer 2007	8	0
Fall 2007	5	0
Spring 2008	2	0
Summer 2008	10	0
Fall 2008	1	0
Spring 2009	7	0
Eaton Reds Total	42	0
Summer 2009 for Legion A	13	0
High School Total	55	0



<u>By Season</u>		
Spring	9	0
Summer for Eaton	21	0
Fall	12	0
Eaton Reds Total	42	0
Summer for Legion A	13	0
High School Total	55	0

Logan Hall's High School Record as a Starting Pitcher

Date	Opponent	Location	Result	Score	Innings Pitched
6/3/06	Northridge	Butch Butler	W	6-5	4
6/27/06	Silver Creek	Eaton	W	11-4	5
7/14/06	Fort Morgan	Eaton	W	11-6	4
8/27/06	Douglas County	Eaton	W	5-4	5
9/17/06	Roosevelt	Eaton	W	6-1	5
9/24/06	Centaurus	Lafayette	W	5-0	4
10/1/06	Thompson Valley	Loveland	W	7-6	7
10/8/06	Burlington/Eastern CO	Eaton	W	8-1	7
10/15/06	Thompson Valley	Kersey	W	3-1	7
6/2/07	Northridge	Butch Butler	W	4-0	4
6/5/07	Prairie View	Eaton	W	11-1	4
6/16/07	Boulder	Eaton	W	11-5	4
6/16/07	Boulder	Eaton	W	6-4	3
6/21/07	Memphis, TN	Omaha, NE	W	8-4	7
6/26/07	Holy Family	Eaton	W	9-3	4
7/8/07	Weld Central	Eaton	W	11-1	6
7/21/07	Greeley Central	Eaton	W	14-4	5
8/26/07	Roosevelt	Eaton	W	10-2	4
9/2/07	Ft. Morgan/Brush/Sterling	Fort Morgan	W	6-2	7
9/16/07	Rampart	Colorado Springs	W	7-4	5
9/23/07	Roosevelt	Eaton	W	12-0	4
9/30/07	Ft. Morgan/Brush/Sterling	Eaton	W	5-2	5
4/1/08	Strasburg	Strasburg	W	17-1	5
4/19/08	Estes Park	Eaton	W	13-0	5
5/20/08	Greeley West	Eaton	W	8-7	4
5/29/08	Valley	LaSalle	W	7-5	7
6/2/08	University	Eaton	W	12-3	5
6/9/08	Roosevelt	Eaton	W	4-0	7
6/15/08	Greeley West	Butch Butler	W	18-7	5
6/28/08	Fort Lupton	Eaton	W	7-1	7
7/5/08	Holy Family	Eaton	W	12-2	5
7/10/08	Valley	Eaton	W	11-0	5
7/16/08	Valley	Erie	W	10-2	7
7/20/08	Brush	Erie	W	12-3	7
10/19/08	Sterling	Sterling	W	7-0	7
3/17/09	Roosevelt	Johnstown	W	10-0	4
4/9/09	Erie	Erie	W	17-9	4
4/14/09	Brush	Brush	W	17-1	3
4/22/09	Holy Family	Coors Field	W	5-2	7
5/2/09	Machebeuf	Eaton	W	12-0	5
5/8/09	Faith Christian	Jackson Field	W	13-3	5
5/16/09	Holy Family	Jackson Field	W	13-0	5
5/28/09	Cheyenne	Butch Butler	W	2-1	7
6/5/09	Rockies Scout Team	Butch Butler	W	9-5	7
6/14/09	Heritage	Butch Butler	W	16-2	5
6/18/09	Durango, Las Vegas	Pueblo	W	4-3	7
6/21/09	Merced, CA	Pueblo	W	8-2	7
6/26/09	Gillette, WY	Gillette, WY	W	7-2	7
6/30/09	Boulder Fairview	Butch Butler	W	5-4	7
7/6/09	Arapahoe Longball	Littleton	W	5-3	8
7/11/09	Merced, CA	Las Vegas, NV	W	8-7	7
7/19/09	Western Slope	Butch Butler	W	11-1	6
7/23/09	Monarch	Butch Butler	W	7-2	7
7/31/09	Western Slope	Boulder	W	15-4	6
8/6/09	Hawaii	Fairfield, CA	W	7-6	9
High School Record			55-0		309

Hall also earned numerous saves, including a save in the 2008 American Legion B State Championship Game and the 2009 American Legion A State Championship Game.

Hall won 3 State Championship Rings at Eaton, plus a 4th Ring with Legion A after graduation.

Hall won 9 one-run games, and 8 two-run games, to maintain this remarkable undefeated streak.

Summer baseball notes: Past success pays dividends for Eaton grads

Bobby Fernandez
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For Eaton's Big 3 from this past spring, nothing can prepare them for their future better than their past.

Logan Hall, Tyler Wallace and Bennett Pickar all have a lot to look forward to on the baseball diamond.

All feel well prepared because of all that they've learned playing coach Jim Danley and the Eaton Reds during the last four years.

"I think what a lot of people don't understand about Eaton and how we seem to win, is the mental aspect that Danley helps you with," said Pickar, Eaton's standout catcher. "Danley finds a way to win, and it's mostly because of the mental aspect."

Danley was the Denver Post's All-Colorado coach selection, one of many accolades the veteran coach has received during his near 40 years in Eaton pinstripes.

Pickar, Wallace and Hall all wrapped up their Reds careers last month with three straight state titles (two Class 3A, one Legion B) and some spiffy individual honors to boot.

Pickar was named the Post's All-Colorado catcher, awarded to the top player at each position regardless of classification. Wallace was named an All-Colorado infielder and 3A's player of the year. Hall, a pitcher, earned 3A All-state first-team honors.

This past week, Pickar was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 15th round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, and Wallace was picked in the 46th round by the Colorado Rockies.

Both players have instead opted to go to college this Fall – Pickar to Oral Roberts University (Tulsa, Okla.) and Wallace to either the University of Northern Colorado or a top junior college.

Though Hall wasn't drafted this past week, don't count him out of future drafts. He signed on Saturday with Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan. and his time there, coupled with his time at Eaton, could allow the versatile right-hander to catch the eye of pro scouts in coming years.

"Getting that winners' mentality (at Eaton) and going out and battling every day has helped a lot," Hall said.

Summer Baseball Notes: Big decisions upcoming for teams, players

Bobby Fernandez
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Pro baseball teams must decide in which rounds to draft a quartet of Eaton baseball products, or whether to draft them at all.

They're not the only ones with tough decisions this week.

If drafted, Reds graduates Bennett Pickar, Kyle Ottoson, Tyler Wallace and Logan Hall must decide between college baseball or entering the pro ranks when the three-day MLB First-Year Player Draft kicks off today.

All four players could find reason to delay their pro careers.

For instance, Ottoson, a 2008 Eaton graduate, has seen his stock rise significantly since being drafted in the 39th round by the Rockies last year. A second year of seasoning and conditioning at South Mountain Community College in Phoenix could see the lefty add bulk to his body, add velocity to his fastball, and could, in turn, ultimately increase his value when it comes time to sign his first pro contract.

"I have a good situation at South," Ottoson said. "I had a good first year there, so I have no problem going back. After another year I can up my value a lot or I can hurt my value a lot. It's a risk I'm willing to take."

For players like Wallace and Hall, going to college may be no risk at all. Neither player is expected to be drafted as high as Ottoson or Pickar, and therefore going to college and increasing their value may be the preferred option.

Still, that doesn't mean either player has already made up his mind. Quite the contrary.

"I'll just see what happens," said Wallace, who has signed to the University of Northern Colorado. "There's no way I can say what I'm going to do right now. I have a great situation at UNC. Not to say I wouldn't sign (with a pro team), but I like my spot at UNC. Depending on where I'm drafted, we'll see what happens after that."

Pickar may end up facing the toughest decision. He has a near full-ride waiting for him at Oral Roberts University (Tulsa, Okla.), but he has potential to be drafted high enough to at least give going pro a consideration.

"I'm pretty relaxed right now, but once the draft day comes, if it just so happens that I'm a higher pick than I expected, it's going to be tough," Pickar said Saturday. "I'm going to have to make a decision between signing or picking a (junior college) so I can be draft eligible again (in a year) or going to Oral Roberts, and that's my plan right now. I love the guys at ORU – that's kind of what I'm leaning towards right now."

Red faction: Hall, Wallace and Pickar haven't just impressed pro scouts. They, along with fellow Reds graduates Bryce Ruff and Brandon Beach, have impressed their new coaches with Greeley GoJo Sports summer baseball club.

Hall is one of the team's top 3 pitchers and bats leadoff. Wallace is a starting infielder for the team and three-hole hitter. Pickar is the starting catcher and four-hole hitter. Ruff helps anchor the pitching staff. Beach, though a knee injury will likely keep him sidelined this summer, has helped bring an Eaton winning mentality to the dugout, an attitude that has drawn the praise of the GoJo's coaching staff.

"I can't stress enough how impressed I am with those Eaton kids, in the confidence they bring and the willingness to do anything it takes to win," GoJo's assistant coach Jim Jorgensen said. "It has rubbed off. And, I'm not saying anything bad about the other kids. They all come from quality programs. It's just, winning is contagious."

The Eaton five finished their Reds careers winning 80 of their last 82 games, including two straight Class 3A titles and a Legion B title last summer.