

Highlights of Eaton Baseball in 2015

January / February

- Reds start open gyms, with nearly 100 Reds' ballplayers ages 8-18 regularly working out each Saturday
- All 4 seniors sign junior college scholarships, Brady Tedesco and Ethan Kapperman at Northeastern (NJC), Lane Greiman at Otero, and Ryan Koehler at New Mexico JC
- Reds grads Shane Dyer (2006) and Bennett Pickar (2009) retire from minor league baseball taking jobs in the finance industry
- Reds start first official practice Feb. 23

March

- Reds start season with scrimmage against 2013 Class 4A State Champion Mountain View
- Reds scrimmage against Chaparral, Cherokee Trail, and Grandview in top Class 5A scrimmage in Colorado with Rocky Mountain, Regis, ThunderRidge, Dakota Ridge, Highlands Ranch and Poudre all participating—(CHSAA rules don't allow posting of results)
- Reds ranked #1 again in preseason rankings by CHSAA, Prep Baseball Report, and Associated Press
- Reds open regular season for 4th straight season with a shutout, this time 17-0 at Sterling, before defeating Sterling at home two days later 10-0 as Patriot League moves to playing home and away league games against each opponent
- Reds sweep Estes Park 15-1 and 27-1

April

- Reds repeat as champions of the 3rd Annual Northern Colorado Classic Tournament, defeating Bennett, La Junta and University to claim title
- Reds move up to #8 nationally in MaxPreps rankings of schools with enrollment under 1,000
- Reds sweep through Platte Valley, Valley, and Brush and earn a win against University and Strasburg to move to 16-0, with the 2nd game against each scheduled for May
- Reds wrap up the Reds' 35th 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 qualify for 33rd consecutive appearance in State Tournament
- Reds' C team defeats Brush to wrap up undefeated league record of 6-0 and 11-3 overall record

May

- Reds defeat University and Strasburg to improve to 79-0 in league games since 2008, and 190-3 since 1997
- Reds defeat Faith Christian 5-1 to secure #1 seed for State Tournament
- Reds' JV team defeats Faith Christian 6-3 to wrap up 14-3 season
- Reds sweep through Regionals with a 10-0 win over Arrupe Jesuit and a 5-1 win over Lutheran, marking the Reds' 23rd consecutive Regional Championship (Reds have won 46 straight games in Regionals since '93)

- Reds win first game of Elite Eight over Gunnison 10-0, and then defeat Brush 2-0 to qualify for 23rd consecutive Final Four
- Reds defeat University 3-1 to guarantee spot in following weekend's State Championship Game
- Reds defeat Sterling 13-6 in Final Four to improve to 25-0 and advance to Championship Saturday for the 19th time in past 23 years
- Reds come back from 1st loss of season to defeat Brush 7-1 to win the State Championship
- Reds' State Title is an all-time Colorado record of 11, all won by the Reds since 1994
- Seniors graduate with 95 wins in spring careers, including 24 State Tournament wins, 2 spring State Championships and 3 summer State Championships for a total of 5 State Title Rings
- Reds earn top honors for 3A Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, and more than a handful of first team All-State and honorable mention awards
- Reds have won 24 more spring games than any other team (Cherry Creek is 2nd, Faith Christian is 3rd) in Colorado since 2008, with 11 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), and Reds are tied for the most State Championships (with 4) with Rocky Mountain
- Reds have 80 more spring wins since 2008 than any other Weld County team (Valley is 2nd)
- Reds start off summer season with league doubleheader wins over Poudre and Fossil Ridge

June

- Reds sweep two non-league games from Fossil Ridge and down to their final strike come back to beat Northridge to stay undefeated before heading to Omaha for Creighton Prep Tournament and College World Series
- Reds defeat Sheridan, WY in Creighton Prep Tournament in Omaha, and watch the College World Series, with a team dinner hosted by Reds' 1988 graduate Dino Nolin
- All of the Reds' 10-14 year old teams qualify for their respective State Tournaments against much larger schools and all-star teams
- Reds defeat Roosevelt, Casper (twice), Thompson Valley and Mountain View (twice) to take commanding lead in Legion A standings before heading to Gillette, WY tournament
- Reds defeat Boulder and Legacy in Gillette tournament, failing to repeat as champions of this tournament by a 6-5 loss to the host team that prevented Reds from making it to championship game again
- following the completion of spring state tournaments around the country, Reds are named MaxPreps' National Champions amongst schools with an enrollment under 1,000
- Reds finish season ranked #17 nationally amongst the largest classifications, for Reds 2nd top 40 national ranking (Reds also accomplished this in undefeated 2009 season)
- Reds sweep Silver Creek, with a walk-off game-winning hit in the first game, to remain undefeated in all games played in state
- Reds' NCBL C team wraps up first round bye with 3-game sweep of Niwot and 2 wins over Fossil Ridge

July

- Reds defeat Thompson Valley to effectively wrap up the league title before the 4th of July, and then defeat Northridge with another walk-off hit
- Reds defeat Roosevelt, and sweep Greeley Central and Greeley West to finish league season 18-0 and #1 seed for Legion A Varsity State Tournament, marking 90th consecutive league win in spring and summer games since 2012
- Reds' Legion D sweeps Boulder Fairview to earn League Championship with 10-2 league record
- Reds' NCBL C defeats Longmont in Tournament, then beats Holy Family 9-8, Roosevelt 5-3, and Windsor 3-2 to earn 24th win of the summer and claim NCBL C Championship for 2nd straight year and 3rd time in past 4 years
- Reds' Legion D defeats Brush 4-3 to advance to Final Four of Legion D State Tournament
- Reds' NCBL Varsity (mainly incoming sophomores and freshmen) defeat Holy Family and Prairie View in Tournament to finish in 5th place, tied for highest amongst non-varsity teams playing in the NCBL Varsity division
- Reds defeat Evergreen and Silver Creek in Legion A Varsity State Tournament, and then defeat reigning Class 5A State Champion Rock Canyon with comeback in bottom of 7th inning and walk-off two-out single to win 4-3 and advance to Championship Game
- After losing the Reds' first game of the summer within Colorado the day before, Reds come back and again hit a 7th inning walk-off two-out single to defeat Rock Canyon 8-7 in the Legion A Varsity State Championship Game securing the Reds' 10th all-time summer State Championship, and Reds' 21st spring/summer State Title
- Of the Reds 21 State Championship pileup celebrations, this is the Reds' first pileup while on offense

August

- Numerous Reds are selected for fall all-star team with Cheyenne WYCO team competing against local junior college teams and top Denver all-star high school teams
- The Reds hold tryouts for the youth tournament teams for the following year, with 88 players placed on 8 teams between ages 9-14, with multiple teams in some age groups

September / October

- The Eaton School Board and Administration demand Coach Danley sign a ridiculous 13-point performance improvement plan that, among other things, would force an already fired assistant coach (and family friend and employee of a board member) to rejoin the staff, turn over all college recruiting to the athletic director, remove summer State Championship banners, and remove Kirk Danley from having any influence on the spring team's perennial success; after Coach Danley rejected this proposal (and following a heated school board meeting with dozens of former Reds flying/driving back to Eaton to support Coach Danley), former Reds' graduates negotiated a reasonable plan with the administration, before the administration backed out of the deal (after also admitting to violating state laws with vote swapping e-mails) and fires 3-time National Coach of the Year Coach Danley
- Coach Danley is selected days later to the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, surrounded alphabetically by Colorado legends including Carmelo Anthony, Don Baylor, Vinny Castilla, John Elway, Peter Forsberg, Andres Galarraga, and Todd Helton
- Reds receive 2015 MaxPreps National Championship and Colorado 3A State Championship Rings
- Reds' era under Coach Danley ends with highest winning percentage in country during Coach Danley's tenure, 3rd highest win percentage of any high school team nationally throughout history, and the most State Championships of any public high school nationally over the past 15 years and over the Reds' Championship Years from 1994-2015