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DANLEY NAMED NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACH OF THE YEAR FOR 2003

EASTON, Pa. – Jim Danley of Eaton High School in Eaton, Colorado has been selected the National High School Baseball Coach of the Year for 2003, the National High School Coaches Association announced today.

" Jim Danley's coaching record speaks for itself, and this year's state championship for his Eaton High Reds is another example of what continued dedication can lead to," said NHSCA executive director Bob Ferraro. "We are proud to honor Jim Danley as the National High School Baseball Coach of the Year."

Danley, who has coached the Reds of Eaton High for over 30 years, managed his team to its fifth state championship this season. And there was plenty of drama in doing so. Eaton High defeated returning champion La Junta High 3-2 in a 15-inning classic that lasted four hours and 32 minutes. The game set numerous Colorado state records, including the longest state title game ever played.

Along with the five state championships, Danley whose career record is 506-133-1, has also led the Reds to six state runner-up finishes and 24 conference championships. This year's Class 3A state championship team finished 22-2 under Danley, and it was the Reds fourth consecutive state finals appearance in a row. Formerly named the state Colorado coach of the year, now Danley can add the NHSCA National Coach of the Year honor to his impressive coaching resume.

The NHSCA selects Coaches and Senior Athletes of the Year in 20 boys and girls sports, and sponsors 11 national championship events in the sports of wrestling, golf, and soccer. The 14th annual National High School Seniors Wrestling Championships attracted 798 entries from 46 states to Cleveland, Ohio in April. The NHSCA also sponsors the National Open High School Golf Championships for Men and Women, the National Open High Soccer Championships, held in Orlando, Fla. in June, and the National Open High School Wrestling Championships at Norfolk, Va. in July. For a complete list of this year's events, visit the NHSCA's web site at www.nhsca.com.

The National High School Coaches Association is a not-for-profit 501c3 service organization founded in 1988 to provide support and leadership programs for the nation's 500,000 high school coaches.

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