

Eastern Oklahoma State College Mountaineers
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Eastern Baseball Earns Top 10 Ranking in Three Preseason Polls – Several Players Named on Preseason Lists

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As the Eastern Oklahoma State College baseball team gets ready to open up the 2011 season, three publications have marked the Mountaineers as a top 10 team. Collegiate Baseball ranked the Mountaineers 5th, the NJCAA had them 7th and Perfect Game picked them 9th. The Collegiate Baseball and Perfect Game rankings are unique because they rank all junior college teams regardless of affiliation. This includes all three Divisions of the NJCAA and also teams that are not included in the NJCAA affiliation.

The Eastern baseball team has now been ranked in the top 15 in the country five of the past six seasons.

Once again the Mountaineers will play one of the toughest schedules in the country. Listed on the schedule are 23 games against ranked opponents. Preseason ranked opponents includes Grayson County College, Howard College, Northeast Texas Community College, Cowley County Community College, Western Oklahoma State College, Connors State College and Seminole State College.

Perfect Game also released its top 200 Junior College Prospects for the 2011 Major League Baseball Draft. Jonathan Gray is tabbed the 35th best prospect in the country. Gray is a freshman right handed pitcher from Chandler, OK. He was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 2010 draft in the 13th round. Mason Justice is listed at number 46. Justice went to Holland Hall High School and was drafted in the 21st round of the 2010 draft by the Boston Red Sox.

Eastern players included in Collegiate Baseballs "Top Junior College Players Spotlighted Across USA" were right handed pitchers Jonathan Gray, Jesse Baird and multi position players Brandon Bargas (left handed pitcher and outfield) and Chris Munoz (shortstop and relief pitcher).

To see the official NJCAA Poll click:

http://www.njcaa.org/sports_polls.cfm?category=Polls&sid=7&divid=1&slid=3

To see the Collegiate Baseball Poll click:

<http://www.collegiatebaseball.com/polls/njcaa/currentpolldiv1.htm>

To see the Perfect Game Poll click:

<http://www.perfectgame.org/Articles/View.aspx?article=5185>