

Mountaineers Beat Connors 7-4 to Stay Undefeated in Region 2 Tournament

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The Eastern Baseball team defeated Connors 7-4 in Friday's winner's bracket game of the Region 2 Tournament. With the win, Eastern is 2-0 in tournament play and the only undefeated team left heading into Saturday's games. Rose State (0-2) beat Arkansas Baptist (0-2) in the 12:00 pm loser's bracket game and NEO (1-1) defeated Seminole (1-1) in the 7:00 pm game.

On Saturday, Seminole will play Connors at 12:00 pm in an elimination game. At 3:30 pm, NEO will play Rose State in another elimination game. At 7:00 pm, Eastern will play the winner of the Seminole Connors game.

The Mountaineer pitching staff turned in another strong performance. 1st Team All Region Pitcher, Jonathan Gray, picked up his 7th win of the year. Gray pitched seven innings and allowed just four hits and one unearned run while striking out three batters. Mikel Beltran pitched the final 1 1/3 for Eastern. Beltran didn't allow a run or hit and struck out two batters. For the second day in a row, Eastern scored in the first inning. With one out, Keith Price was hit by a pitch and then stole 2nd base. Sam King drove Price in with a two out single. The Mountaineers jumped ahead 4-0 in the 2nd inning. Aaron Cornell delivered a sacrifice fly with one out and Chris Munoz drove in two runs with a two out single. Connors cut the lead to 4-1 in the 6th inning, but the Mountaineers answered right back. In the top of the 7th inning, Eastern scored two runs on another two out single by King. The Mountaineers took a 7-1 lead by scoring another run in the top of the 8th inning on a sacrifice fly by Tyler Crabtree. Connors closed the gap to 7-4 in the bottom of the 8th inning, but that was as close as they would get.

Sam King was 3-5 with three RBI's and two stolen bases. Jordan Mings was 2-4 with two runs scored.

Photo below.



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