

Eastern Eliminates Connors – Playing NEO for Region 2 Championship

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For the second day in a row, the Eastern baseball team defeated Connors by a score of 7-4 eliminating Connors from the Region 2 Tournament. Earlier in the day, Connors eliminated Seminole by a score of 4-3 and NEO eliminated Rose State 1-0. Eastern advanced to Sunday's Region 2 Championship game with their win Saturday night. They will play NEO at 1:00 pm. If the Mountaineers win the 1:00 pm game, they are the Region 2 Champions. If NEO wins the 1:00 pm game, the two teams will square off in a winner take all championship game at 4:00 pm.

For the third straight day in the tournament, Eastern took a lead in the 1st inning. Sam King remained hot and delivered a one out two RBI double to put the Mountaineers up 2-0. Eastern grabbed a 5-0 lead in the 3rd inning when Jordan Mings blasted a three run home run, his 10th of the year. Connors answered with a three run home run in the bottom of the 4th inning. In the 6th inning, the Mountaineers scored two more runs. Jarek Pritchard scored on a balk and Chris Munoz hit a two out single scoring Ross Rose. Connors closed the score to 7-4 in the bottom of the 7th, but Morgan Croft pitched 2 2/3 innings of scoreless relief to end the game. Starting pitcher Jesse Baird picked up his 5th win of the year. Baird pitched 6 1/3 innings and allowed four runs on four hits, while striking out seven batters.

Photo below.



Sam King