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Eastern Oklahoma State College hires new head baseball coach

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WILBURTON - Eastern Oklahoma State College has named Craig Price as the new Head Coach of Mountaineer Baseball. Price, who has spent four seasons as the Wilburton community college's Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator, will take over the position vacated by Aric Thomas.

"I am very thankful that I have been given this opportunity," Price said. "I have played and coached here and this means more to me than the average coach coming in from out of the area."

Price was a high school standout infielder while playing at Buffalo Valley High School. His senior season, he earned All-State honors while guiding the Buffaloes to back to back State Championships. Price's college playing career at Eastern was cut short due to injury. During his freshman season, he set the single-season walks record with 45 and also helped guide the Mountaineers to a national ranking.



The Mountaineer baseball team has been ranked nationally in each of Price's four seasons. In those four seasons, the Mountaineers have been ranked in the top 15 in the country.

During his time at Eastern, Price has been an integral part of recruiting and developing student athletes. Because of his recruiting efforts, Eastern recently signed the No. 1 high school player in the country. The Mountaineer signing class for 2012 also includes four other Major League Baseball Draft choices.

"We haven't lost any players in this transition," Price said the future. "I really want to see an outright Conference Championship and, of course, we need to get to the World Series."

During his tenure, he has helped guide 48 players to the professional and four-year university levels. Five players have been drafted by Major League Baseball and another 31 have signed with Division 1 schools.

Prior to accepting his position at Eastern, Price was a student assistant at the University of Arkansas under legendary head coach Dave VanHorn. Price graduated from East Central University with a bachelor's degree in general studies in 2009. He completed his master's degree from East Central University in sports administration in the summer of 2010. Price and his wife, Meredith, reside in Wilburton.

For more information on Mountaineer baseball, or any of Eastern's programs, visit the Web site at www.eosc.edu.