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Patriot Baseball

Year in Review

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The Patriots finished this past season with an overall record of 28-27 and a 20-9 record at Patriot Field, marking the 32nd consecutive winning season for the Patriot program. DBU's high-powered offense ranked in the top 25 nationally in several categories, including 12th in doubles (146), 16th in slugging percentage (.541), and 19th in total hits (663). They also recorded big wins against teams such as TCU, Rice, A&M, Washington State, and Fresno State.

The DBU Patriots had several players receive individual awards. Ryan Enos, after leading the team in six statistical categories, including batting average (.478), RBIs (59), and home runs (18), was voted to the 2010 Ping!Baseball All-American Second Team, as well as the 2010 American Baseball Coaches Association All-American Third Team. Enos also garnered the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American Second Team honors. Following the 2010 MLB Draft, Enos signed as a free agent with the Detroit Tigers and will be playing with their minor league affiliate, the Connecticut Tigers.

Travis Meiners was selected by the Texas Rangers in the 40th round of the 2010 MLB Draft, joining the list of 18 other Patriots to be drafted over the past four years. Meiners started 51 games for the Patriots during the 2010 season at centerfield,

third base, and short stop where his versatility helped him record a .954 fielding percentage. He was solid at the plate all year, ending the season with a .342 batting average, 67 hits, 11 doubles, 7 home runs, and 41 RBIs.

Likewise, Austin Elkins and Duncan McAlpine were voted to the Louisville Slugger and Ping!Baseball Freshmen All-American Baseball Teams for their performances as first-year Patriots this season.

The 2009-2010 DBU baseball team excelled off the field as well. The players accumulated a team GPA of 3.24 for the year, and most importantly, many players maintained their commitment to the Oaks discipleship program, an avenue that gives players tools to mature in their faith alongside their teammates.

"A number of positive things took place this season that put us in position to grow as a program and get back to regional contention," commented Head Coach Dan Heefner. "We had a number of young players make an immediate contribution, and we sent two more players on to professional baseball. However, the thing I was most proud of was the leadership of our seniors. Ryan Enos, Austin Knight, and Ryan Millard left a mark on the DBU baseball program that will continue on for years to come."