



Elon Club Baseball Newsletter

News on issues and activities within the Elon University Club Baseball team.

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Meet the Team



Sean McCormick

Class Year:
Sophomore - 2014

Hometown:
Hershey, PA

Major:
Business Management

Minor:
Music Technology

Position(s):
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Nicknames(s):
Pablo Sanchez

Favorite Club Baseball Experience:
Sweeping Wake Forest last fall

Plans After College:
Music Management, or if that fails, Astronaut

Best Advice received:
"Life does not stop and start at your convenience." – The Big Lebowski

Lights Out For Fall Baseball Spring Season Ahead

The fall season has ended and games have finished until the spring. The lights literally went out on the series against Appalachian State University as the second game of the two game series saw extra baseball when the two teams remained tied into bottom of the 10th inning of play. However the lights on the field turned off before the game could be finished, ending the game in a tie. Elon Club Baseball has finished game and practices for the fall but will continue to work hard through winter term to get ready for a tough spring schedule ahead with the first series February 25th and 26th against defending club baseball national champions – East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. This is a daunting first series for the Elon team who will be at a disadvantage as many players are away from Elon over January and won't be able to get work in. Senior starting pitcher Jay Struck '12 will be traveling to South Africa for a January study abroad program – South Africa: The Call of South Africa. Senior second baseman Steven MacDougall '12 also will be abroad, going on - Business in the Caribbean: The Cayman Islands. Last year Elon took one game from the defending champions and put up a tough fight in the other two games of the series. The team finished the fall with many positives arising from everywhere on the field. Overall the team posted a record of 7 – 8 for the spring season last year and this year they are looking to improve on that with their first winning season. Members of the team agree that the highlight of this year's fall season was being able to sweep Western Carolina University as well as having a wealth of talented new members come out to join the team. "We feel like we have plenty of talent to compete and go after our first conference title this spring" said team President Aaron Moger '12. Players will continue to practice and study through finals but with ever growing eagerness for the spring season to arrive.

By Steven MacDougall '12

For an extended interview with Sean McCormick see our website - <http://euclubbaseball.weebly.com/interviews.htm>



A Transfer's Tale

Being a transfer student is tough. Before even getting to campus there are chaotic battles to be fought with the Registrar's office for acceptance of credits earned elsewhere, and the inevitable disappointment after learning all will not be applied. Second guessing and thoughts of "what if" creep into the mind as the year of your graduation is further postponed. There is to be endured, upon arrival on campus, the convocation ceremony geared towards freshmen that seems so far beneath us. The childlike faces of students fresh out of high school seem to glow with an excitement long since tempered in our minds. Resentment builds. We, the transfers, are placed in "expanded housing" not included on campus maps, while the now increasingly reviled freshmen are quartered in pristine new dorms. Woe, woe for the transfer as he searches for a place in this cruel world.



These are the thoughts, attitudes, and feelings that vanished from my mind after joining the Elon Club Baseball team. At the organization fair I eagerly jotted down my name among the list of other interested parties, and dutifully I attended the first practice. Playing this great game again for the first time in over a year felt as effortless as when I was 12, and though I paid for my exuberance over the next several days, it was a soreness I welcomed whole heartedly. As the weeks have gone by and practices and games have unfolded, the old familiar routines of baseball have made me feel more a part of this campus than anything else. Lacing up my cleats, pulling my cap tight on my head, the raised seams of the ball against my fingers, the weight of the bat in my hands, sensations I have felt since little league, combine to form a level of comfort unmatched by any other. The idle chatter and anecdotes shared on the bench and on the field, the shared jokes and the game itself bind every member of this team together. Though I am but a rookie, I am a part of Elon Club Baseball, and I count all its members among my friends. Though I am but a transfer, I have found my place here at Elon, and I could not have done it in any better way.

By David Lincoln '14

Team Notes:

The 2012 spring schedule and updated roster have been posted to the website. To donate to the team please visit <http://euclubbaseball.weebly.com/donations.html>

For more information about the team contact team president: Aaron Moger (amoger@elon.edu) or visit our website: euclubbaseball.weebly.com