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REDS' STATE SENATOR ONCE PICKED UP ONLY MVP VOTES

Scott Renfroe delivers a pitch during arguably the Reds' top win of the 1980's, a 2-1 Regional win over Lamar in 1985

Many men of legendary status are remembered for just one thing that they did in life. Neil Armstrong will always be remembered as the man who first landed on the moon, despite his many successes before and after that landing. A few men are remembered for accomplishing so many feats, that it would seem they never did anything other than win. Michael Jordan would be an example of this. So too would Eaton's Scott Renfroe.

As one of the top pitchers in Reds' history, Renfroe won games that the underdog Reds seemingly couldn't possibly win, but he won them anyway. Any of these victories would make a man a local legend, a series of such wins though makes Renfroe a state legend. It is thus only appropriate that Scott would go on after high school to lead a successful career that would land him as a key member in charge of the state, as the local baseball legend is now a Colorado Senator. In high school he accomplished the following feats of historic proportions:

- Outpitched Doug Brocail, a Major Leaguer with over 600 appearances, to defeat Lamar 2-1 in the 1985 Regional Championship
- Not only outpitched Brocail, but outhit him too, as Renfroe knocked in the game-winning run with two outs in the 7th inning
- Allowed no earned runs to defeat Mapleton 4-3 in the 1985 Regional Semifinals played at Eaton
- Threw a shutout against University to win the 1985 District Championship
- Allowed no earned runs in relief to earn the win against Brush to wrap up the 1985 League Championship
- Struck out 100 batters as a senior, winning 12 games his senior year, for a total of 30 career wins on the mound
- Earned the save against Mapleton to win the 1984 Regional Semifinal 5-4
- Threw a 1-0 shutout against Florence to win the 1983 Regional Championship played at Eaton
- Defeated Valley 6-5 to win the 1983 District Championship
- Led the Reds with 4 league wins en route the to the League Championship as a freshman in 1982
- Was one of only two Reds' in history to be the #1 or #2 starter throughout all four years of high school

The feats above put Scott into the record books at Eaton, with some records still standing to this day. He took on pitchers who had more national recognition than he did, and defeated them. The Reds didn't have the history then that they do now, and the Reds were clear underdogs in these big games, but Renfroe and his teammates didn't care what critics had to say, they just simply went out and won anyway. This led Scott to not only send the Reds deep into the State Tournament each year and to build the strength and expectations of the program that much further, but also personally rewarded Scott with a scholarship to play baseball at the University of Iowa.



Renfroe singles with two outs in the 7th inning to defeat Lamar 2-1 in the 1985 Regional Championship played at Eaton

While a shoulder injury at Iowa cut his baseball career short, Scott completed a business degree from Colorado State University and married his high school sweetheart. He immediately went to work for his family concrete business, Foundation Builders, Inc. Scott worked his way up to become vice president and then part-owner, expanding the business and developing commercial and residential projects throughout Eaton and Greeley, including developing Eaton's first strip retail and commercial center. Scott became president of the Weld County Builders Association, and also served on the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees at the Evangelical Free Church in Eaton.

Being a successful businessman, husband, father, and member of the Church wasn't enough for the highly-motivated man though, and Scott first sought public office by running to become a member of the Eaton School Board—a race he won easily in 1997 and then again in 2001. Then in the winter of 2005, local area leaders familiar with Scott's strong conservative values and beliefs approached Scott about running for the State Senate. Despite entering the race as a huge underdog, Renfroe won the Republican nomination. Scott then had to defeat his liberal opponent Solomon Little Owl, who had gained notoriety for trying to remove the Eaton Fightin' Reds' Indian mascot and turning it into a national debate. Renfroe fought not just for his hometown Reds and for their ability to keep the Indian mascot that they take pride in recognizing as a symbol of the warrior spirit of the Indian, but far more importantly, Renfroe fought for his conservative family values to have a voice in the Senate. Renfroe won the election easily, and represents Eaton, Greeley, and most of Weld County in the Colorado Senate. As a member of the Senate, Scott serves on the Senate Transportation and Senate Judiciary Committee. Renfroe is the ranking Republican member on the Judiciary Committee, and has sponsored many major bills, while working to defeat many others.





On January 23, 2008, Senator Renfroe honored the Eaton Baseball Program by directing the American Flag to be flown in honor of Eaton Baseball, on the day in which the Program became only the 2nd baseball team in history to be inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Colorado High School Activities Association.

Scott and his wife Pamela have 5 children: Olivia, Sylvia, Vivian, and twin sons Derek and Spencer. Scott has traveled to India and Belize on mission trips to serve those who have been devastated by natural disasters. Additional information on Senator Renfroe can be found at www.ScottRenfroe.com.



Former Reds' ballplayers who have been honored as Reds of the Month have excelled at many things, from being fighter pilots, to coaches, to surgeons, to entrepreneurs, to executives in charge of business operations, to special forces members of the military. Senator Scott Renfroe represents the first, and thus far only, elected member of Congress who once wore the Reds' pinstripes. His accomplishments during his playing days were unbelievable, and have been no less remarkable since. While just a high school kid, his integrity, determination, and pride served as an example to everyone in Eaton, and now serve to represent the entire State of Colorado.



From one of the batboys during your playing days who's inspired by your great accomplishments:

Congratulations on All of Your Success, Scott, and Thank You for Representing Eaton and Weld County in the Colorado Senate