

Baseball assistant Peterson accepts position at Eastern Kentucky

Member of baseball staff past three seasons

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Volunteer baseball assistant John Peterson has accepted an assistant coach position at Eastern Kentucky as announced by the school earlier this week.

Peterson's duties at EKU will include working with catchers and hitters and assisting with recruiting. He will also serve as the EKU baseball camps director.

Peterson was the volunteer assistant three seasons for the Blue Raiders where he worked primarily with catchers and hitters. Peterson helped the Blue Raiders win the 2009 regular season and conference tournament championship, and an appearance in the 2009 NCAA Tournament.



"When I was at Middle Tennessee I learned a lot about baseball and how to handle the college game. Working with my dad (Steve Peterson), Coach McGuire and Coach McLaury I learned a lot about the ins and outs and what it takes to be an assistant coach. From my first to my third year I learned a ton of stuff and am looking forward to implementing some of it at Eastern Kentucky," Peterson said.

Working closely with catchers during his time with the Blue Raiders, Peterson saw one of his student-athletes, Drew Robertson, drafted in the 48th round by the Kansas City Royals in the 2010 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

During Peterson's tenure the Blue Raiders have broken almost every team offensive record and have been one of the best offensive teams in the Sun Belt as well as the country.

Eastern Kentucky is a member of the Ohio Valley Conference, which the Blue Raiders were a member of for a number of years.

"When I first came to MTSU I knew the game more from a player's point of view so working with the coaches and players I feel better equipped than I did three years ago. My time at MTSU was very valuable and I appreciate the opportunities it has presented," Peterson said. "I am very excited about the opportunity to coach at Eastern Kentucky. I am coming into a program with two coaches, Jason Stein and Jerry Edwards, who I've had previous relationships with so it's a good fit and I'm excited. I'm familiar with the Ohio Valley Conference from when Middle Tennessee was in the league and hope I can help continue what Coach Stein has started.

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