



Eric Grabe - Renegades Coaches Award winner.

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### **Renegades FALL Coaches AWARD - ERIC GRABE**

Renegades outfielder Eric Grabe has been named the Coaches Award winner for the 2006 FALL season. The Ocala native from Vanguard High School won the award that signifies a player who does more than just play well.

In Eric's case playing well was the easy part. The 2008 grad led the Renegades in batting average - including an amazing offensive performance at the WWBA Underclassman Tournament in October.

Eric had to learn a new position in order to make the Renegades. Not only did he quickly learn his new spot (left field), but he threw four runners out at the plate in his new role.

"Eric was/is a third baseman at Vanguard, but he was not going to be able to make our ball club at that position," Renegades Head Coach Bob Pincus said. "However, I saw that he was an exceptional line drive gap-to-gap hitter and wanted him on the team. I offered him a spot providing that he played left field - not infield. Eric accepted the opportunity and excelled both offensively and defensively. I expect that he will be one of the top hitters on the Renegades this summer and will be highly recruited by many Division I colleges.

"His positive attitude in making the position switch showed when he flat out tattooed the baseball every day. He is a respectful young man who has a great deal of baseball in his future."