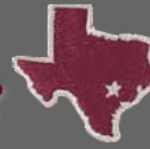




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Cory Patton



Cory Patton facing Jeff Niemann during 2004 Regionals

A Salute to the General



Cory Patton

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 210 lbs

Hometown: Owasso, OK

High school: Owasso

College: Seward County CC/Texas A&M

For those of you who have never stumbled across my website, you need to be filled in on the fact that I really like Cory Patton. The guy can flat out play ball, and he's been a whole lot of fun to watch play over the last two years here at A&M.

Cory came to A&M from Seward County Community College after being named the Juco Player of the in 2001 (his sophomore year). He stepped right into the Aggie lineup (the 3-hole) and just flat out hit. He led the team right into the playoffs for the first time in 4 years while leading the squad in hits, HRs, RBIs, total bases, & SLG%.

I got really worried after last year because the Padres surprised everyone and drafted Cory in the 6th round (161 overall). Thankfully he didn't sign. He would have received a bonus somewhere in the neighborhood of \$170,000 (I got that figure by looking at some of the players around him). Of the 160 players drafted ahead of him only 7 didn't sign. When asked about why he came back in an interview that I ran across, Cory responded by saying, "There were just a lot of things going into it. One of the main reasons was that I knew we were going to have a good team this year, so I really wanted to come back and try to be a part of some kind of championship here. I didn't want to miss out on anything special here. There was just a lot of stuff that went into it. You know, I got married this summer, and stuff like that. So, it was just bad timing for me."

So we got Cory back for his senior year and WOW, he didn't disappoint!

He led the team in HRs by more than double the next hitter, he also led in RBIs, total bases, SLG%, OBP, & outfield assists.....all while lowering his SO total and increasing his BB total.



Here's BaseballAmerica.com's analysis on Cory:

Others To Watch

OFs Cory Patton and Hunter Pence aren't going to win any beauty contests, but they swing two of the meanest bats in Texas. Patton, who has a 5-foot-10, 210-pound frame that one scout compared to Matt Stairs', was the National Junior College Athletic Association's player of the year in 2002, when he hit .463 and led national juco players with 31 homes and 119 RBIs at Seward County (Kan.) CC. He led Texas A&M with 13 homers and 58 RBIs last year, which got him drafted in the sixth round by the Padres. But Patton was getting married and had no desire to sign last summer. He is having a similar season this year, hitting .341-11-64 with good plate discipline (32 walks, 20 strikeouts), and could get drafted in the same area. He runs and moves OK for his size and has a plus arm in right field. He went 8-1 on the mound in 2002, with his fastball clocked at 88-89 mph.

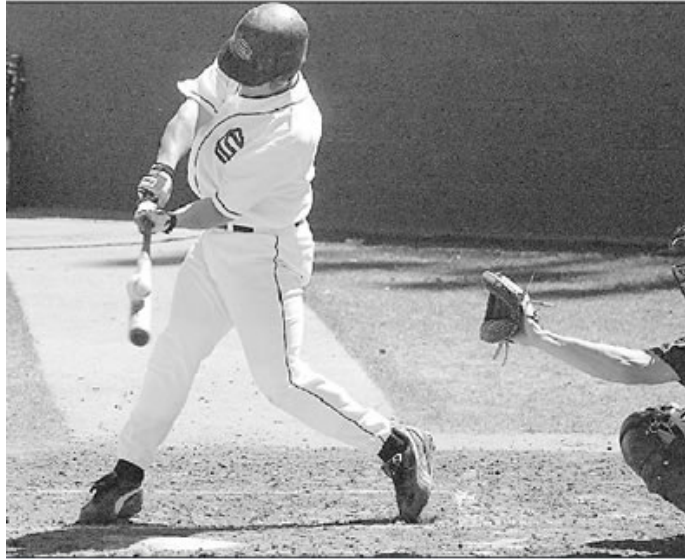
I don't know Cory's times in the 40m, but he sure motors out there in the outfield...and I'd like to see what a plus-plus arm looks like because if it's better than his I'd be surprised. Ok, so he doesn't throw like Ichiro!, but I've been to approximately 100 collegiate games in my life and 100s of MLB games and I've never seen throws so on-the-money every single time. I love it when teams test him and he always comes up with a bullet.

Overall Stats at Texas A&M

	G/GS	AB	R	H	RBI	2b	3b	HR	TB	SO/BB	OBP	SLG	BA	OPS	GPA
2003	64-64	257	53	85	58	15	1	13	141	25/28	.401	.549	.331	.950	.318
2004	60-60	230	49	75	67	18	3	11	132	25/34	.418	.574	.326	.992	.332
Total	124	487	102	160	125	33	4	24	273	50/62	.411	.561	.329	.972	.325

Non-Texas A&M

Seward County Community College (Kansas):



Freshman year (2001):

- .337 BA, 10 HRs, 49 RBI
- All-Conference
- Conference Freshman of the Year

Sophomore year(2002):

- 238AB, 108H, 31HR, 120RBI, .463BA
- 8-1 Record, 70.0 IP on the mound
- First team All-Conference
- All-Region
- All-American
- National Junior College Player of the Year
- NJCAA Male Athlete of the Year

2002 Summer

During the summer of 2002, I found out that Cory played with Team USA during USA-China Friendship Series (June 13th, 2002). Here are all the stats I could dig up on that:

Pitching: 2 G, 7.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 2K/0BB, 0-0 Record, 0.00 ERA

Hitting: 4 RBI, 2 HR

2003 Summer

During the summer of 2003 (after his first year at A&M), Cory went back up to Kansas and played summer ball with the Liberal BeeJays who were coached by his former Seward County CC head coach.



2003 Summer: Jayhawk League: Liberal Bee Jays

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	BB	SO	SH	SF	SB	RBI	OBP	SLG	BA
33	118	30	42	15	2	4	73	13	13	0	1	3	19	.434	.619	.356

Texas A&M

I've got this split up a ton of different ways. I'll start with the more interesting stuff and work down towards his game-by-game line stats....

(note: the 2004 stats in this section do not include Regionals and Super Regionals; to see how he did there, refer to his game-by-game stats at the end of the article)

Hitting Ratios

So you can get an idea of what he does on a game-by-game basis....

	AB/G	R/G	H/G	RBI/G	RBI/H	AB/HR	BB/SO	BA	OBP	SLG
2003	4.02	0.83	1.33	0.91	0.68	19.77	1.12	.331	.401	.549
2004	3.85	0.85	1.31	1.19	0.90	18.91	1.60	.341	.435	.606
Tot	3.94	0.84	1.32	1.03	0.78	19.38	1.33	.337	.419	.572

Season's Split into 1/3rds



I dropped this in here to show how hot he's been during this final stretch of the season this year and decided to see if it was similar to last year....it was, but he's even better this year....

2003 Season Split into Thirds:

	AB	R	H	RBI	SO/BB	XBH	HR	BA
G1-21	84	15	29	20	7/7	9	4	.345
G22-42	85	19	25	13	11/12	7	2	.294
G43-64	88	20	31	25	8/10	13	7	.352

2003 Note: G43-64 has 1 more game included

2004 Season Split into Thirds:

	AB	R	H	RBI	SO/BB	XBH	HR	BA
G1-18	68	14	22	23	3/9	8	1	.324
G19-36	63	12	17	13	8/14	6	1	.270
G37-54	77	19	32	28	9/9	15	9	.416

2004 Note: Team has played 58 games (Cory DNP in 4 G)

Vs. Ranked Teams

This gives a little bit better idea of how Cory hit against better pitching because almost by default, better teams have better pitching....

Vs. Top 25 Teams:

	AB	R	H	RBI	SO/BB	XBH	HR	BA
2003	99	19	29	25	17/12	9	8	.293
2004	45	12	27	21	8/5	9	6	.600
Tot	144	31	56	46	25/17	18	14	.389

Vs. Top 10 Teams:

	AB	R	H	RBI	SO/BB	XBH	HR	BA
2003	40	5	11	9	7/7	4	3	.275
2004	19	6	8	13	3/3	5	4	.421
Tot	59	11	19	22	10/10	9	7	.322

Career vs. texas



You've got to love that he owned them....

		AB	R	H	RBI	SO/BB	
5/16/03	texas (5)	1	1	1	2	0/2	HR
5/17/03	@texas (5)	3	0	0	0	0/1	
5/18/03	@texas (5)	4	1	2	2	0/0	HR
5/22/03	texas (9)	3	0	1	1	1/1	
5/24/03a	texas (9)	3	2	2	2	0/1	HR, HBP
5/24/03b	texas (9)	4	0	0	1	0/0	
5/21/04	@texas (2)	3	1	1	0	0/1	
5/22/04	texas (2)	4	2	3	7	0/1	HR, HR
5/23/04	texas (2)	2	1	1	1	1/1	2B, HBP
5/27/04	texas (1)	5	1	1	1	0/0	HR
Totals		32	9	12	17	2/8	.375 BA

Career vs. Rice

(includes 2004 Regionals)

		AB	R	H	RBI	SO/BB	
2/14/03	Rice (2)	5	1	2	0	2/0	
4/08/03	@Rice (1)	4	0	0	0	2/0	
3/23/04	Rice (6)	5	1	2	4	2/0	2B
6/08/04	Rice (4)	4	0	0	0	1/0	
6/08/04	Rice (4)	3	1	1	0	2/1	
Totals		21	3	5	4	9/1	.238 BA

Game-by-Game Line Stats

Here is every game that Cory has played wearing a Fightin' Texas Aggie uniform....

2003 Season (Junior Year)

- Second Team All-Big XII

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	SO/BB	BA	
2/11	A&M-CC	4	1	1	1	1/0	.250	HR/SH
2/14	Rice (2)	5	1	2	0	2/0	.333	
2/15	LaLafayette	6	0	2	1	1/0	.333	
2/16	Houston (11)	5	1	1	0	1/0	.300	
2/18	@SamHouston	5	1	2	2	0/0	.320	2B
2/22a	Creighton	3	2	2	4	0/0	.357	2B/HR
2/22b	Utah	3	0	0	0	0/0	.323	
2/23a	Creighton	4	1	2	3	0/0	.343	HR
2/23b	UCLA	4	0	0	0	0/0	.308	
2/24a	Utah	3	0	1	1	0/0	.310	
2/24b	UCLA	4	0	2	2	0/0	.326	
2/28	@Arizona	4	0	0	0	1/0	.300	
3/01	@Arizona	3	1	1	0	0/2	.302	
3/02	@Arizona	4	0	2	0	0/0	.316	
3/04	UT-SA	4	1	1	0	0/0	.311	3B
3/05	SWT	4	0	1	0	0/1	.308	2B
3/07	UT-Pan Am	3	1	1	2	0/1	.309	HR
3/08	UT-Pan Am	4	2	4	1	0/0	.347	HBP
3/09	UT-Pan Am	5	1	2	1	1/0	.351	
3/11	Centenary	3	1	0	0	0/2	.338	
3/12	Centenary	4	1	2	2	0/1	.345	2B
3/14	Nebraska(12)	4	0	2	0	0/0	.352	
3/15	Nebraska(12)	3	1	0	0	3/1	.341	
3/16	Nebraska(12)	4	2	2	0	0/0	.347	
3/18	@UT-SA	4	1	2	3	0/0	.354	2B/HR
3/21	@txtech(23)	5	0	1	0	0/0	.346	
3/22	@txtech(23)	5	1	2	2	1/0	.349	
3/23	@txtech(23)	4	1	1	0	1/0	.345	
3/26	Lamar	4	1	1	0	0/1	.342	
3/28	@Baylor (6)	4	0	0	0	1/1	.331	
3/29	Baylor (6)	4	0	2	0	0/0	.336	2B
3/30	Baylor (6)	5	0	1	1	1/1	.331	
4/01	SamHouston	4	2	0	0	0/1	.321	
4/04	@Oklahoma	2	0	1	0	0/2	.324	
4/05	@Oklahoma	4	1	2	0	0/0	.329	2B/HBP
4/06	@Oklahoma	5	2	2	2	0/0	.331	SF
4/08	@Rice (1)	4	0	0	0	2/0	.322	
4/11	@K-State	5	0	0	0	0/0	.312	
4/12	@K-State	6	1	2	0	1/0	.313	
4/13	@K-State	3	2	1	1	0/1	.313	SF
4/15	UT-A	3	2	1	0	0/2	.313	2B
4/18	OkState(21)	3	2	2	4	1/2	.320	HR
4/19	OkState(21)	4	1	2	1	1/1	.324	SH
4/20	OkState(21)	3	0	0	0	0/1	.318	
4/22	SamHouston	5	2	4	1	0/0	.331	
4/25	@Missou(19)	4	2	2	4	0/0	.335	HR/HR

4/26	@Missou(19)	5	0	0	0	1/0	.326	
4/27	@Missou(19)	5	2	2	5	1/0	.328	HR/HR
5/06	SWT	4	1	1	1	1/0	.327	2B/SF
5/09	Kansas	4	0	3	1	0/1	.335	
5/10	Kansas	5	2	2	1	0/0	.337	2B
5/11	Kansas	5	1	2	1	1/0	.338	2B
5/13	Houston	5	1	2	1	0/0	.339	2B
5/16	texas (5)	1	1	1	2	0/2	.342	HR
5/17	@texas (5)	3	0	0	0	0/1	.338	
5/18	@texas (5)	4	1	2	2	0/0	.341	HR
5/21	Oklahoma	5	2	2	0	0/0	.342	2B/2B
5/22	texas (9)	3	0	1	1	1/1	.342	
5/24a	texas (9)	3	2	2	2	0/1	.346	HR/HBP
5/24b	texas (9)	4	0	0	1	0/0	.340	
5/30	OralRoberts	4	0	1	1	1/0	.339	
5/31	Alabama(23)	5	1	1	0	0/0	.336	
6/01a	Houston	3	0	0	0	0/2	.332	
6/01b	Houston	4	1	1	0	1/0	.331	SH

2004 Season (Senior Year)

- 1st Team All-Big XII

Date	Opponent	AB	R	H	RBI	SO/BB	BA	
2/14	A&M-CC	5	2	3	2	0/0	.600	2B/2B/2B
2/15a	A&M-CC	4	0	1	0	0/1	.444	
2/15b	A&M-CC	3	1	1	0	0/2	.417	SB/CS
2/17	@SamHousto	5	2	3	5	0/0	.471	2B/HR/HBP
2/20	S.Alabama	4	3	3	3	0/1	.524	2B
2/21	S.Alabama	5	0	2	2	0/0	.500	SB
2/22	S.Alabama	3	0	0	1	0/0	.448	SF
2/27a	Arkansas	2	0	0	1	0/1	.419	SF
2/27b	N.Mexico	4	0	0	0	1/0	.371	
2/28a	N.Mexico	4	1	1	2	0/0	.359	2B/HBP/HBP
2/28b	Arkansas	4	0	0	1	0/0	.326	
2/29a	Arkansas	5	1	1	1	0/0	.313	
2/29b	N.Mexico							DNP
3/05	@UCLA	5	0	3	2	0/0	.340	2B
3/06	@UCLA	5	0	0	0	1/0	.310	
3/07	@UCLA	4	1	1	0	0/1	.306	SB
3/09	@Houston	3	2	0	1	1/2	.292	
3/12	SantaClara	3	1	3	2	0/1	.324	SF
3/13	SantaClara	3	1	2	0	1/1	.338	
3/14	SantaClara	4	0	1	3	0/1	.333	2B
3/16	@Lamar	4	1	0	0	1/1	.316	
3/17	SamHouston	3	3	1	2	1/2	.317	
3/19	Baylor	4	1	1	3	0/1	.314	HR
3/20	@Baylor	2	0	0	0	0/2	.307	
3/21	@Baylor	5	1	1	0	1/0	.301	3B
3/23	Rice (6)	5	1	2	4	2/0	.306	2B
3/26	txtech	3	0	2	0	1/1	.317	
3/27	txtech	4	1	1	0	0/0	.314	2B
3/28	txtech	3	0	0	0	0/2	.306	
3/30	TexasState	6	1	3	1	0/0	.316	2B
3/31	UT-SA	2	1	0	0	0/1	.310	
4/02	@Ok State	4	0	0	0	0/0	.300	

4/03	@Ok State	4	0	2	0	0/0	.306	
4/04	@Ok State	3	0	0	0	0/1	.299	HBP
4/06	SamHouston	DNP						
4/09	@Kansas	4	1	1	0	1/1	.298	
4/10	@Kansas	4	0	0	0	0/0	.289	
4/11	@Kansas	DNP						
4/13	Houston	DNP						
4/16	Oklah(18)	5	2	2	2	1/0	.293	HR
4/17	Oklah(18)	4	1	2	1	1/1	.299	3B
4/18	Oklah(18)	5	1	2	4	1/0	.302	HR
4/20	@UT-A	4	1	2	2	1/0	.307	HR
4/23	Missouri	3	1	1	1	0/0	.308	HR
4/24	Missouri	4	1	1	1	0/0	.306	HR
4/27	TexasState	2	0	0	0	0/2	.302	
4/30	@Neb (19)	2	1	1	0	1/1	.305	
5/01	@Neb (19)	5	1	4	0	0/0	.320	
5/02	@Neb (19)	5	0	3	1	1/0	.328	2B
5/12	UT-SA	4	1	2	2	0/0	.331	2B/3B
5/14	K. State	4	0	1	0	0/0	.330	
5/15	K. State	4	1	2	2	0/1	.333	
5/16	K. State	4	3	3	3	1/1	.342	HR/2B
5/21	@texas (2)	3	1	1	0	0/1	.341	
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5/26	Ok State	4	0	0	0	1/0	.345	
5/27	texas (1)	5	1	1	1	0/0	.341	HR
6/06	Lamar	3	0	1	2	2/1	.341	2B
6/07	Tx Souther	3	1	1	1	0/0	.341	2B
6/08	Rice (4)	4	0	0	0	1/0	.335	
6/08	Rice (4)	3	1	1	0	2/1	.335	
6/12	LSU (8)	5	1	1	0	0/0	.332	
6/13	LSU (8)	4	0	0	0	0/0	.326	



During the week in-between Regionals and Super Regionals, I found out that Cory had suffered a stress fracture in his left foot (his back foot in his stance). He played through it and here's the difference it made to his season stats.

	G/GS	AB	R	H	RBI	2b	3b	HR	TB	SO/BB	OBP	SLG	BA	OPS	GPA
Hlthy	54-54	208	46	71	64	16	3	11	126	20/32	.435	.606	.341	1.041	.347
Hurt	60-60	230	49	75	67	18	3	11	132	25/34	.418	.574	.326	.992	.332

It's terrible that his numbers dropped so much as he was trying to help out the team as best he could. Not only did they drive down his season numbers but they also impacted his career numbers v. Top 25 teams, Top 10 Teams and v. Rice simply because of the time frame that it happened.

He's a heckuva kid and I hope the Blue Jays organization enjoys Cory as much as I did during his two year stay in College Station.