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Express-News Area Baseball Coach of the Year: David Collenback

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School: O'Connor



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Portrait of O'Connor baseball coach David Collenback Monday June 4, 2013 at the school.

Career record: 309-167-2**Head coaching experience:** Marshall (1998), O'Connor (1998-present)**LOOKING BACK ON 2013**

Collenback, the only baseball coach O'Connor has had since the school opened in 1998, took the program to the state tournament for the first time this past season.

The Panthers had a 16-0 run through District 27-5A, winning the district by six games.

O'Connor saved the drama for the playoffs. The Panthers won three one-game playoffs by one run and dropped the first game of both of their best-of-3 series before sweeping both ends of doubleheaders to advance.

No. 1 pitcher Mark Ecker was unable to throw for the last three weeks of the playoffs because of an elbow injury, but O'Connor was able to keep advancing behind Justin Garcia. The run came to an end in a 2-1 loss to Conroe The Woodlands in the state semifinals.

Also considered for the E-N honor: Alamo Heights' Glynn Tschirhart, McCollum's Jose Garza, Marion's Jason Fox.

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