



# Inside Pitch

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## 2009 Schedule:

May 27	@ Outer Banks	L 5-2
May 28	<b>PETERSBURG</b>	<b>W 4-3</b>
May 29	@ Petersburg	W 4-0
May 30	<b>OUTER BANKS</b>	<b>L 3-1</b>
June 1	<b>OUTER BANKS</b>	<b>L 7-4</b>
June 3	<b>FOREST CITY</b>	<b>L 6-4</b>
June 6	@ Petersburg	W 4-3
June 6	@ Petersburg	W 5-4
June 8	@ Outer Banks	L 4-3
June 9	@ Peninsula	L 6-3
June 10	<b>PETERSBURG</b>	<b>W 9-4</b>
June 11	<b>MARTINSVILLE</b>	<b>W 1-0</b>
June 12	@ Peninsula	L 3-0
June 13	<b>PETERSBURG</b>	<b>W 12-1</b>
June 15	<b>OUTER BANKS</b>	<b>W 7-0</b>
June 16	@ Outer Banks	L 3-1
June 17	<b>PENINSULA</b>	<b>L 3-2</b>
June 17	<b>PENINSULA</b>	<b>L 7-1</b>
June 18	@ Wilmington	W 4-0
June 19	@ Fayetteville	W 3-1
June 20	<b>OUTER BANKS</b>	<b>L 9-7</b>
June 22	@ Petersburg	L 4-3
June 23	<b>PETERSBURG</b>	<b>W 7-2</b>
June 24	@ Peninsula	L 3-1
June 25	@ Outer Banks	L 7-6
June 26	@ Peninsula	L 10-5
June 27	<b>PENINSULA</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>
June 29	<b>PENINSULA</b>	<b>W 10-8</b>
June 30	<b>OUTER BANKS</b>	<b>W 11-2</b>
July 1	@ Peninsula	W 9-8
July 2	<b>PENINSULA</b>	<b>L 7-1</b>
July 3	@ Outer Banks	L 7-4
July 4	@ Petersburg	L 4-3
July 6	@ Columbia	W 7-2
July 7	@ Florence	L 11-4
July 8	<b>PENINSULA</b>	<b>L 8-2</b>
July 9	<b>PETERSBURG</b>	<b>W 10-3</b>
July 10	<b>GASTONIA</b>	<b>W 6-4</b>
July 11	@ Petersburg	L 4-3
July 14	<b>PETERSBURG</b>	<b>W 7-0</b>
July 15	@ Outer Banks	W 7-4
July 16	<b>PETERSBURG</b>	<b>W 11-3</b>
July 17	@ Peninsula	W 3-1
July 18	<b>WILSON</b>	<b>L 12-4</b>
July 20-21	CPL All-Star Game	
July 22	@ Peninsula	L 7-2
July 23	@ Petersburg	W 4-2
July 24	<b>PENINSULA</b>	<b>W 5-0</b>
July 25	<b>OUTER BANKS</b>	<b>W 5-2</b>
July 28	@ Peninsula	L 11-4
July 29	@ Petersburg	
July 30	<b>PENINSULA</b>	
July 31	@ Outer Banks	
Aug. 1	<b>OUTER BANKS</b>	
Aug. 1	<b>OUTER BANKS</b>	
Aug. 3	<b>PETERSBURG</b>	
Aug. 4	@ Outer Banks	
Aug. 5-14	PCL Petitt Cup	

- Home games in CAPS and Teal
- All game start at 7:05 p.m.
- Gates open at 6 p.m.

## Steamers Make Playoff Push In Regular Season's Last Week

The Edenton Steamers are playing the best baseball of the summer and hope to lock up a berth in the Coastal Plain League's eight-team Petitt Cup Tournament field in the final week of the regular season..

Eight teams qualify for the CPL postseason, and Edenton entered the week with the league's seventh best overall record and stand four and a half games ahead of ninth-place Gastonia Grizzlies.

The Steamers vital closing stretch will include eight battles inside the North Division. It begins Monday against North Carolina rival Outer Banks. It is Open Door Baptist Church Night at Historic Hicks Field.

The team travels to Virginia to face division-leading Peninsula on Tuesday and Petersburg on Wednesday.

The Steamers will host Peninsula on Thursday evening on AVOCA Night. The team trails the Pilots by 2 1/2 games coming into the week after winning 5-0 last Friday.

Edenton will close out the week with



*Pitching has been a catalyst for the Steamers strong second half performance toward the Petitt Cup Playoffs.*

three games against Outer Banks — the first being a Friday night road game and then two games at home on Saturday, with the first game starting at 5 p.m. Members of the local Coast Guard base will be saluted by the team during the game.

## Coastal Plain League Standings

North Division			South Division			West Division		
Team	2nd half	Overall	Team	2nd half	Overall	Team	2nd half	Overall
Peninsula	16-6	29-21	Wilson	13-7	30-18	Forest City	18-4	42-7
<b>EDENTON</b>	12-9	25-24	Fayetteville	12-9	28-19	Martinsville	10-9	17-30
Outer Banks	11-9	30-18	Florence	13-10	28-23	Thomasville	10-12	24-25
Petersburg	5-17	18-32	Columbia	7-15	16-34	Asheboro	8-12	18-30
			Wilmington	5-15	15-33	Gastonia	7-13	21-27

### Games Around The North Division This Week:

**Monday**  
Outer Banks at **EDENTON**

**Tuesday**  
**EDENTON** at Peninsula  
Petersburg at Outer Banks

**Wednesday**  
**EDENTON** at Petersburg  
Outer Banks at Peninsula

**Thursday**  
Peninsula at **EDENTON**  
Petersburg at Outer Banks

**Friday**  
**EDENTON** at Outer Banks  
Petersburg at Peninsula

**Saturday**  
Outer Banks at **EDENTON**  
Peninsula at Petersburg

## Couch & Roth Earn Weekly CPL Pitcher Honors

The strong second half play by the Edenton Steamers hasn't gone unnoticed. For the third straight week, a team member has been recognized as a Player of the Week from the Coastal Plain League.

Starting pitcher Keith Couch tossed his third complete game and shut out North Division leader Peninsula in his only start of the week on July 24 at Historic Hicks Field.

The right-hander from Adelphi University struck out four Pilot hitters and induced 16 groundball outs.



Keith Couch



Todd Roth

The Elmont, N.Y. native has now tossed three complete games on the season.

Todd Roth struck out a season-high seven Petersburg Generals and allowed just three infield singles on July 14th to capture the league's pitcher of the week honor.

The University of Pennsylvania tossed a shutout and picked up his third straight win at Hicks Field.

On the season Roth stands 3-2 with a 3.06 ERA.

## Steamers Climb into Second Place with 3-1 Week

The Edenton Steamers moved into second place in the second half North Division race by picking up three victories in four chances last week. Edenton now stands 2 1/2 games behind Peninsula.

**July 22: Peninsula 7, Edenton 2** — North Division-leading Peninsula Pilots picked up a 7-2 victory over Edenton in the first game after the CPL All-Star Game. Pilots starting pitcher Kyle Hallock scattered three hits in seven innings to improve to 4-2 on the mound. Peninsula scored two runs in the second inning and broke the game open with a three-run fifth inning.

**July 23: Edenton 4, Petersburg 2** — The Edenton Steamers scored three

first-inning runs and held off a late inning rally by the Generals to get back to the .500 mark on the season. Doug Kroll drove in three runs and connected on a home run that pushed the Steamers lead to the final 4-2 count. Joe Zeller (*see Steamers spotlight on Page 4.*) tossed six quality innings, striking out seven batters.

**July 24: Edenton 5, Peninsula 0** — Starting pitcher Keith Couch recorded his third complete game of the season in shutting out first place Peninsula. The right-hander induced 16 groundball outs while striking out four. Kroll paced the Steamers offense with a first-inning grand slam home run. Adam Skonieczki drove in Tripp Swann with a sacri-

fice fly in the fourth inning. The win improved Edenton above the .500 mark for the fourth time all season.

**July 25: Edenton 5, Outer Banks 2** — Steamers kept the winning ways going by picking up a 5-2 home victory over North Carolina rival Outer Banks. Trailing 1-0, the Steamers tied the game on Jake Magner's team-leading ninth home run. Kroll would give Edenton a lead with a two-out RBI base hit in the fifth inning. An inning later, Skonieczki drove in two runs. That's all the offense that starting pitcher Anthony Markham would need. The right-hander struck out eight to improve his record to 6-1 on the summer campaign.

## Gerard Hall Named All-Star Game's Offensive MVP

Edenton Steamers infielder Gerard Hall stood tall when competing against the best players in the Coastal Plain League. He was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the All-Star Game after having a solo home run amongst two hits.

The Old Dominion University product gave the National team a 2-1 lead with a towering blast to center field in the eighth inning.

The All-Star game ended in a 2-2 tie after 10 competitive innings be-

tween the American and National teams in Wilmington, N.C.

For the season, Hall leads the team in six offensive categories: at bats (160), runs scored (36), hits (47), doubles (10), total bases (75) and stolen bases (17 in 19 attempts). He ranks second with a .294 batting average after playing in 41 games this summer.

Hall signed a free agent contract with the Kansas City Royals and is currently in Burlington, N.C.



Infielder Gerard Hall accepts the Offensive MVP Award after going 2-for-2 with a home run in the All-Star Game.

# Edenton Steamers Statistics

Overall Statistics as of July 28, 2009

**Record: 25-24    Home: 15-9    Away: 10-15    Conference: 25-24**

## Batting

(All games sorted by Batting Avg.)

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Bill Swanson..	.307	45-36	127	19	39	8	0	0	9	47	.370	15	2	20	2	.389	0	7	8-9	55	5	2	.968
Jake Magner...	.299	48-48	164	28	49	6	0	9	30	82	.500	22	2	17	4	.382	3	3	1-6	486	20	12	.977
Tripp Swann...	.254	41-34	114	9	29	2	0	1	12	34	.298	28	0	27	2	.399	1	1	1-1	0	0	0	.000
Jared DeLong..	.243	42-35	115	14	28	0	0	0	7	28	.243	17	1	13	2	.346	0	4	8-11	46	26	2	.973
Dan Williams..	.240	47-46	167	24	40	7	0	1	19	50	.299	19	1	35	3	.319	1	3	7-8	23	98	7	.945
Broc Sutton...	.230	39-38	135	19	31	11	0	3	26	51	.378	22	3	27	0	.344	3	1	1-2	50	107	9	.946
Adam Skonieczki	.211	45-42	152	20	32	6	1	1	17	43	.283	16	3	25	2	.297	1	3	9-10	54	2	0	1.000
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Doug Kroll....	.421	23-22	76	19	32	4	1	5	22	53	.697	8	4	18	2	.489	2	0	6-8	14	1	0	1.000
Nate Thompson	.250	11-9	32	2	8	1	0	1	5	12	.375	1	1	9	2	.294	0	0	0-1	71	3	0	1.000
Joe Zeller....	.188	10-8	32	1	6	3	0	0	2	9	.281	1	1	4	2	.235	0	0	0-0	12	34	4	.920
Tyler Fiebrich	.182	7-6	22	3	4	0	0	0	1	4	.182	3	1	5	0	.308	0	1	1-1	9	0	0	1.000
Ty Boyles.....	.159	39-33	107	12	17	7	0	3	15	33	.308	12	3	30	0	.260	1	6	6-6	224	26	4	.984
Matt Heller...	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
Tanner Vickers	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	3	0	1.000
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Totals.....	.256	49-49	1560	227	400	72	2	32	197	572	.367	205	24	295	30	.349	14	41	79-97	1264	563	69	.964
Opponents.....	.249	49-49	1607	209	400	63	5	25	178	548	.341	142	33	371	24	.321	9	21	52-66	1260	561	69	.963

LOB - Team (357), Opp (339). DPs turned - Team (33), Opp (40). TPs turned - Team (0), Opp (1). IBB - Team (3), Williams, D. 1, Boyles, T. 1, DeLong, J. 1, Opp (3). Picked off - Swann, T. 3, Skonieczki, 3, Hall, G. 2, Sutton, B. 1, DeLong, J. 1.

## Pitching

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Anthony Markham...	2.08	6-1	9	8	0	0/1	0	52.0	41	17	12	17	63	6	0	3	187	.219	2	4	0	0	1
Joe Zeller.....	2.42	3-2	9	7	0	0/2	0	48.1	43	20	13	13	41	9	0	1	181	.238	0	2	0	0	0
Keith Couch.....	2.79	4-4	10	9	3	1/0	0	61.1	61	26	19	3	44	11	0	3	246	.248	1	3	0	0	2
Todd Roth.....	3.06	3-2	8	8	1	1/0	0	47.0	46	19	16	14	31	9	1	2	178	.258	2	5	1	2	2
Scott Burris.....	4.83	2-3	9	9	1	0/1	0	41.0	44	28	22	16	23	6	1	3	163	.270	1	2	1	2	0
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Randall Thompson..	1.12	2-1	20	0	0	0/3	10	24.0	22	4	3	13	16	2	0	0	87	.253	1	4	0	1	3
Jayme Sukowaty....	2.84	1-0	2	1	0	0/0	0	6.1	7	2	2	1	5	1	0	0	26	.269	0	0	0	0	0
John Dischert.....	3.93	0-1	14	0	0	0/0	0	18.1	12	9	8	10	27	3	0	1	64	.188	4	3	2	1	2
Randy Hoelscher...	4.10	0-2	12	1	0	0/0	0	26.1	25	19	12	11	26	2	1	1	102	.245	2	1	2	2	1
Brandon Michon....	4.26	0-0	6	0	0	0/0	0	6.1	5	3	3	3	9	0	0	1	24	.208	0	0	0	0	0
Bubba Victory.....	4.76	0-0	6	0	0	0/0	0	5.2	6	3	3	2	5	1	0	1	21	.286	1	1	0	0	2
Jay Joines.....	4.84	3-0	18	0	0	0/2	0	22.1	24	14	12	9	22	3	0	0	88	.273	1	1	1	0	1
Tanner Vickers....	6.32	1-1	8	3	0	0/0	0	15.2	11	11	11	18	19	0	0	1	50	.220	5	5	0	1	2
Landon Jordan.....	7.27	0-1	11	1	0	0/1	0	17.1	18	14	14	5	14	3	0	5	66	.273	0	1	0	0	2
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Totals.....	3.52	25-24	49	49	5	6/4	10	421.1	400	209	165	142	371	63	5	25	1607	.249	21	33	7	9	21
Opponents.....	3.86	24-25	49	49	1	1/1	13	420.0	400	227	180	205	295	72	2	32	1560	.256	45	24	4	14	41

PB - Team (18), Boyles, T. 15, Thompson, N. 2, Hewett, B. 1, Opp (14). Pickoffs - Team (17), Markham, A. 5, Boyles, T. 3, Roth, T. 2, Burris, S. 2, Thompson, R. 2, Zeller, J. 2, Hewett, B. 1, Opp (10). SBA/ATT - Boyles, T. (29-40), Thompson, N. (14-14), Hewett, B. (9-12), Burris, S. (8-10), Couch, K. (8-9), Zeller, J. (8-9), Markham, A. (6-8), Vickers, T. (5-7), Roth, T. (4-6), Jordan, L. (3-4), Fuller, B. (4-4), Dischert, J. (3-3), Thompson, R. (2-2), Joines, J. (1-2), Hoelscher, R. (0-2).



## Meet The Steamers

### Scott Burris

6-0 - 185 lbs. - Junior  
University of Portland  
Portland, Ore.  
Left-Handed Pitcher  
Bats: Left/Throws: Left



Burris is one of three sophomore hurlers that have made an impact in Edenton's pitching rotation this summer.

**2009 College:** Went 5-4 in 13 starts for the Pilots while recording 31 strikeouts in 69 innings pitched.

**2008 Summer:** Recorded 56 strikeouts in 46.1 innings for the San Luis Obispo Blues of the California Collegiate League. He started nine games and made 11 appearances overall, and held the opposition to a .236 batting average.

**Personal:** Born on April 13, 1989, and is the son of Van and Karen Burris. He was named to the Oregon All-State Second Team and to the Portland Interscholastic League's First Team as a high school senior.

### Joe Zeller

5-11 - 205 lbs. - Junior  
The Master's College  
Mission Viejo, Calif.  
Right-Handed Pitcher  
Bats: Right/Throws: Right



Zeller is one of the elite two-way players as a pitcher and outfielder, and he has contribute to the team in both areas (3-2 pitching record in seven starts and eight other starts on the field). He also can be used in pinch hitting situations.

**College Career:** Led team in hitting with a .366 batting average. He legged out 18 doubles and had 39 RBIs. He scored 30 runs and connected on five home runs.

**Scouting Report:** On the mound, where Zeller may possess his best professional prospects, he attacks the zone with three quality pitches that are set up with pinpoint control.

*This weekly newsletter contains information about the Edenton Steamers of the Coastal Plain League and is edited by Dale Long, Director of Media Relations.*

## 2009 Edenton Steamers Roster

Player	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Hometown/College
Ty Boyles	C	R/R	5-9	Ararat, N.C./Gardner-Webb
Scott Burris	LHP	L/L	6-0	Portland, Ore./Portland
Keith Couch	RHP	R/R	6-3	Elmont, N.Y./Adelphi
Jared DeLong	OF	L/R	5-8	Evansville, Ind./Austin Peay
John Dischert	LHP	L/L	6-5	Wilmington, Del/Maryland
Tyler Fiebrich	OF	L/R	6-2	Manor, Tex./Sam Houston State
Matt Heller	IF	R/R	5-10	Bradenton, Fla./Eckerd
Randy Hoelscher	LHP	L/L	6-3	Belleville, Ill./Southern Illinois
Jay Joines	RHP	R/R	6-5	Eure, N.C./Richmond
Landon Jordan	RHP	R/R	6-1	Tyner, N.C./Methodist
Doug Kroll	OF	R/R	6-4	South Jordan, Utah/Oklahoma St.
Jake Magner	IF	R/R	6-3	Grand Rapids, Minn./North Dakota
Anthony Markham	RHP	R/R	6-3	Summerville, S.C./Charleston So.
Todd Roth	RHP	R/R	6-3	Lanoka Harbor, N.J./Penn
Adam Skonieczki	OF	R/R	6-0	Endicott, N.Y./Buffalo
Jayme Sukowaty	RHP	R/R	6-3	Reedsville, Wis./Wis.-Milwaukee
Broc Sutton	IF	L/R	6-0	Edenton, N.C./East Carolina
Tripp Swann	1B	L/L	6-4	Montgomery, Ala./Samford
Billy Swanson	OF	L/L	6-1	Cypress, Calif./Cal St.-Northridge
Nathan Thompson	C	R/R	6-3	Stoneville, N.C./Liberty
Randall Thompson	RHP	R/R	6-1	Orlando, Fla./Florida Tech
Tanner Vickers	RHP	R/R	6-2	Lubbock, Tex./Lubbock Christian
Bubba Victory	RHP	R/R	6-0	Keiser, Ark./Dyersburg State CC
Dan Williams	IF	R/R	6-1	Southampton, N.J./Penn
Joe Zeller	RHP/IF	R/R	5-11	Mission Viejo, Calif./Master's

Head Coach: Marty Smith (2nd year, Angelo State University)

Assistants: Russell Carter (Blinn College), Bucky Strickland



*Anthony Markham (left) and Billy Swanson (right) had their families join them in Wilmington, N.C., for the Coastal Plain League's All-Star Game.*

### Catch All Steamers Broadcasts Online

Listen to all of the Edenton Steamers home games this season at [www.edentonsteamers.com](http://www.edentonsteamers.com) with the WebPass function. Dale Long, Director of Media Relations, will call all the action. Also, read the latest news, game recaps, team statistics, player interviews and Coastal Plain League standings on the Steamers' website. Also, fans can follow the Steamers on Facebook under the (Edenton Steamers ID) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/EdentonCPL](http://www.twitter.com/EdentonCPL)).