



# BIG TRAIN THROUGH THE YEARS

## 1999

### Bethesda Big Train Inaugural Season

**MANAGER:** Derek Hacopian  
**GRIFFITH LEAGUE OVERALL:** (23-14)  
**GRIFFITH LEAGUE FIRST ROUND:** Third Place (11-9)  
**JULY 4 HARDBALL CLASSIC:** Champions  
**GRIFFITH LEAGUE SECOND ROUND:** Second Place (12-5)  
**GRIFFITH LEAGUE SECOND PLACE PLAYOFF:** Won (2-0)  
**NABF COLLEGE WORLD SERIES:** Third Place



With Shirley Povich's family in the stands for the opening night ceremony on June 4, 1999, the Bethesda Big Train jumped on the AAABA national champion Arlington Senators with five runs in the first inning and cruised to a 7-2 victory. The Big Train won 8 of its first ten games to

take first place at the midpoint of the Clark C. Griffith Collegiate Baseball League's first round of play. But with four straight losses at the end of June, the Big Train tumbled out of first place. Bethesda captured the Ledo Pizza July 4 Capital Hardball Classic with three solid wins in the sizzling heat of the holiday weekend. The red-hot Senators lost only once in July to capture the league championship and went on to repeat as AAABA national champions. The Big Train swept the Southern Maryland Battlecats two games to none to claim second place and a spot in the National Amateur Baseball Federation College World Series. Three victories got the Big Train to the semifinals before a 5-3 loss to the eventual champion, Swann Insurance.

#### Bethesda Big Train 1999 Honors

**MVP:** Gregg Davies (1B/OF, Towson)  
**MOST OUTSTANDING PITCHER:** Bo Acors (RHP, Virginia Commonwealth)  
**MOST OUTSTANDING HITTERS:** Chuck Easter (1B, Maryland)  
 Steve Thomas (3B, South Carolina)

#### 1999 Final Regular Season Standings

First Round	W	L	PCT	GB
Arlington Senators *	13	7	.650	-
Southern Maryland Battlecats	13	7	.650	-
Bethesda Big Train	11	9	.550	2
Vienna Mustangs	9	11	.450	4
Reston Hawks	4	16	.200	9

\* Arlington won one game playoff.

Second Round	W	L	PCT	GB	Overall	PCT
Arlington	18	1	.947	-	31-8	.795
Bethesda	12	5	.706	5	23-14	.622
Southern Maryland	7	11	.389	10.5	20-18	.526
Vienna	6	11	.353	11	15-22	.405
Reston	1	16	.059	16	5-32	.135

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