

2006

Repeat as Regular Season Champs

MANAGER: Sal Colangelo

CRSCBL REGULAR SEASON: First Place (28-12)

CRSCBL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: Third Place

MONTGOMERY CUP: First Place (11-5)



The 2006 Big Train got off to a strong start with an opening night win over the AAABA national champion Youse's Orioles and held onto first place through most of June. As in 2005, the Orioles and Big Train battled for the league lead throughout most of the season with the Big Train gaining the edge this season by besting the Orioles seven times in eight contests. The difference in 2006 was an amazing stretch run by the Rockville Express. The Big Train clinched the championship by beating the Express in Rockville just three days from the season's end. Despite losing four of

their first five games to the last place Maryland Redbirds, the 2006 Big Train posted an impressive 28-12 record and placed five players on the All-League Team. Outfielder Matt Long (Santa Clara) hit .342 and was named CRSCBL Co-MVP. This Bethesda team set the league record for hits with 352. The League Championship Series produced an improbable result with the fifth-seeded Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts defeating all four higher seeds to capture the crown.

Bethesda Big Train 2006 Honors

MVP: Matt Long (OF, Santa Clara)

MOST OUTSTANDING PITCHER: Chris Cullen (RHP, Michigan State)

MOST OUTSTANDING HITTER: Luke Adkins (OF, Southern Mississippi)

MOST OUTSTANDING FIELDER: Cory Lane (2B, UNC Charlotte)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: Adam Redd (RHP, VA Tech)

Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League Honors

CO-MVP: Matt Long (OF, Santa Clara)

Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League All-League Team

OF: Luke Adkins (Southern Mississippi), Matt Long (Santa Clara)

DH: Preston Pehrson (Texas)

PITCHERS: Chris Cullen (RHP, Michigan State) & Evan Frederickson (LHP, VA Tech)

2006 Final Regular Season Standings

	W	L	PCT	GB
Bethesda Big Train	28	12	.700	-
Rockville Express	25	15	.625	3
Youse's Maryland Orioles	23	17	.575	5
College Park Bombers	20	20	.500	8
Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts	14	26	.350	14
Maryland Redbirds	10	30	.250	18

2007

Narrowly Miss Third Straight Championship

MANAGER: Sal Colangelo

CRSCBL REGULAR SEASON: Third Place (24-18)

CRSCBL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: Second Place (2-2)

MONTGOMERY CUP: Co-Champions (9-5)



Three impressive win streaks of six, five, and four games in late June and July propelled the Big Train team to the brink of its third straight regular season championship. But it was not to be as the Big Train dropped back-to-back doubleheaders on the final weekend of the season, and fell into third place, three games out. In the postseason championship series, the Big Train carried the battle all the way to the championship game, and lost to the Rockville Express by the thinnest of margins, 4-3.

Second baseman Bert Smith (Jacksonville State) was the team's Most Valuable Player. Bert broke the League record for runs scored with 39. He also batted .301 and stole 20 bases. According to Manager Sal Colangelo: "Bert was electrifying, hardworking and one of the most exciting players I saw all summer. Each night he set the tone." The starting pitchers were led by Brian Anderson (3-1 with a 2.63 ERA) and Keith Moreland (4-0 with a 3.11 ERA), while the relief corps was led by Matt Hiserman's 1.39 ERA in 12 games.

Bethesda Big Train 2007 Honors

MVP: Bert Smith (2B, Jacksonville State)

MOST OUTSTANDING PITCHERS:

Brian Anderson (RHP, San Francisco)

Keith Moreland (RHP, UNC Charlotte)

MOST OUTSTANDING RELIEF PITCHER: Matt Hiserman (RHP, Santa Clara)

MOST OUTSTANDING HITTER: Jon Karcich (3B, Santa Clara)

MOST OUTSTANDING FIELDER: Evan Friedland (1B, Michigan State)

Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League All-League Team

Bert Smith (2B, Jacksonville State), Jon Karcich (3B, Santa Clara)

Brian Anderson (P, San Francisco)

2007 Final Regular Season Standings

	W	L	PCT	GB
Youse's Maryland Orioles	26	14	0.650	0
Rockville Express	27	15	0.643	0
Bethesda Big Train	24	18	0.571	3
Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts	19	19	0.500	6
Herndon Braves	19	22	0.463	7.5
College Park Bombers	15	24	0.385	10.5
Maryland Redbirds	12	30	0.286	14