

2004

League Champs with Best Team ERA in History

MANAGER: Derek Hacopian
GRIFFITH LEAGUE OVERALL: First Place (29-13)
GRIFFITH LEAGUE PLAYOFFS: Champions (3-1)
MONTGOMERY CUP: Second Place (3-4)



The Bethesda Big Train captured the Clark C. Griffith Collegiate Baseball League crown for the first time in our sixth season of play. After compiling the league's best regular season record, Bethesda defeated the Herndon Braves three games to one in the league playoffs. The Big Train led the Griffith League in hitting with a .266 batting average. Big Train pitchers set a new all-time league record with a team earned run average of 2.08, including nine shutouts and a no-hitter by Keith Moreland (RHP, UNC Charlotte). In the opening game of the All-American Amateur Baseball Association championship in Johnstown, PA, the Big Train took a one-run lead over the defending national champion Youse's Orioles into the bottom of the ninth only to lose on a two-out, two-run walk-off home run. Manager Derek Hacopian, winning the Griffith League championship in his final season as the Big Train skipper, named Jonnie Knoble (OF, San Francisco) and Greg Lemon (2B, Salisbury) as the team's Most Valuable Players: "These two guys represent everything that is great about the game. They are all hustle, all the time. A championship team needs leaders on the field and in the dugout."

Bethesda Big Train 2004 Honors

CO-MVPS: Jonnie Knoble (OF, San Francisco) & Greg Lemon (2B, Salisbury)
MOST OUTSTANDING PITCHER: Keith Moreland (RHP, UNC Charlotte)
MOST OUTSTANDING HITTER: Brian LaNinfa (1B, Mississippi State)
HUSTLE AWARD: Adam Redd (RHP, Virginia Tech)

Clark C. Griffith Collegiate Baseball League Honors

LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME MVP: Michael McKenry (C, Middle Tennessee State)
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES MVP: Drew Carson (OF, Southern Mississippi)

Clark C. Griffith Collegiate Baseball League All-League Team

Drew Carson (OF, Southern Mississippi), Brian LaNinfa (1B, Mississippi State), Michael McKenry (C, Middle Tennessee State) & Keith Moreland (RHP, UNC Charlotte)

2004 Final Regular Season Standings

	W	L	PCT	GB
Bethesda Big Train	29	13	.690	-
Herndon Braves	28	14	.667	1
Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts	26	15	.634	2.5
Vienna Senators	23	19	.548	6
Fauquier Gators	19	22	.463	9.5
Baltimore Pride	15	27	.357	14
Reston Hawks	6	36	.143	23

2005

Inaugural Season of Cal Ripken Sr. League

MANAGER: Sal Colangelo
CRSCBL REGULAR SEASON: First Place (25-15)
CRSCBL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: Co-Champions
MONTGOMERY CUP: First Place (10-6)



The inaugural season of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League began with a June 10, 2005 face-off between the reigning AAABA national champion Youse's Orioles and our 2004 Griffith League champion Big Train. The two teams battled all summer for the Ripken crown with each team winning four times in their head-to-head contests. The Big Train lost four in a row in late July to fall two games behind the Orioles, and found themselves needing to win the last three regular season games to capture the inaugural season

crown. The cardiac kids pulled it off with two exciting extra-inning victories and a solid win in the season's finale for a record of 25-15. Second baseman Greg Lemon (Salisbury) hit .336 and was named team MVP. This Bethesda team holds the league record for ERA at an amazing 2.10. The Big Train won three games in the League Championship Series and were declared Co-Champions with the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts when heavy rains washed out the championship game. Outfielder Jonnie Knoble was named Series Co-MVP.



Bethesda Big Train 2005 Honors

MVP: Greg Lemon (2B, Salisbury)
MOST OUTSTANDING PITCHER: Adam Redd (RHP, Virginia Tech)
MOST OUTSTANDING FIELDER: Nick Cleckler (OF, Jacksonville State)
LEADERSHIP AWARDS: Jonnie Knoble (OF, San Francisco) & Andrew Smith (SS, San Francisco)

Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League Honors

CO-MVP LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME: Greg Lemon (2B, Salisbury)
CO-MVP LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: Jonnie Knoble (OF, San Francisco)

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

OF: Jonnie Knoble (San Francisco) **2B:** Greg Lemon (Salisbury)
3B: Bryan Thomas (Virginia Tech)

2005 Final Regular Season Standings

	W	L	PCT	GB
Bethesda Big Train	25	15	.625	-
Youse's Maryland Orioles	24	16	.600	1
Rockville Express	19	20	.487	5.5
Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts	18	19	.486	5.5
College Park Bombers	17	23	.425	8
Maryland Redbirds	14	24	.368	10