

2008

Big Train Ties Season Wins Record with 29

MANAGER: Sal Colangelo

CRSCBL REGULAR SEASON: Second Place (29-13)

CRSCBL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: Third Place (1-2)

MONTGOMERY CUP: Champions



The 2008 team was a powerful one both on offense and in terms of pitching. However, they finished second in League standings because Youse's Orioles posted a record-setting season of their own. In postseason play, the Big Train won one game and lost two, being eliminated just prior to the championship game.

The Big Train team broke League and team records for batting average (.278), on-base-percentage (.380), and hits (366). The group set team records for home runs (22), RBI (205), total bases (512), slugging percentage (.389) and walks. With 320 strikeouts, the pitching staff set a new mark in that regard. Drew Lee (Morehead State) tied the League home run record with 7.

Relief pitcher Matt Hiserman (San Francisco) was named Big Train's Most Valuable Player. Matt won 3 games and chalked up 10 saves (a League record). He had no losses and he surrendered no earned runs (another League record). His .148 opposing batting average set a new record. First baseman Danny Stienstra was the team's Most Outstanding Hitter, batting .391 with 50 hits. Among the starting pitchers, Scott Schneider went 6-0 with a 2.27 ERA and Andrew Smith went 5-0 with a 3.38 ERA.

Bethesda Big Train 2008 Honors

MVP: Matt Hiserman (RHP, San Francisco)

MOST OUTSTANDING HITTER: Danny Stienstra (1B, San Jose State)

MOST OUTSTANDING FIELDER: Ryan Mulligan (C, St. Mary's (CA))

MOST OUTSTANDING 2-WAY PLAYER: Scott Schneider (RHP, St. Mary's (CA))

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: Steven Leach (SS, Jacksonville State)

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

Danny Stienstra (1B, San Jose State) Luke Adkins (OF, Mississippi State)

Matt Hiserman (RHP, San Francisco)

2008 Final Regular Season Standings

	W	L	PCT	GB
Youse's Maryland Orioles	35	7	0.833	0
Bethesda Big Train	29	13	0.690	6
College Park Bombers	24	18	0.561	11
Herndon Braves	18	24	0.429	17
Alexandria Aces	16	24	0.400	18
Rockville Express	15	25	0.375	19
Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts	15	26	0.366	19.5
Maryland Redbirds	13	28	0.317	21.5

2009

League Champions & Ranked #9 in Country

MANAGER: Sal Colangelo

CRSCBL REGULAR SEASON: First Place (31-10)

CRSCBL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: Champions (3-0)

MONTGOMERY CUP: Champions (11-1)



The 2009 Big Train team was a powerhouse which gained national recognition, being ranked #9 in the nation by Perfect Game Crosschecker. The team won 31 regular season games, more than any other season in Big Train's history to date. Then they swept through the postseason championship series with a 3-0 record.

The team set eight new League team records, including batting average (.305), hits (411), RBI (256), slugging % (.405), on-base % (.401), doubles (73), runs scored (284), and total bases (547). Jarrod Parks set League records for on-base % (.526) and hit-by-pitch (21). Connor Bernatz set League marks for runs scored (45) and doubles (16). Danny Stienstra set a new League total for RBI with 40. Eli Boike tied the League record for hits with 56. Parks, Bernatz, Stienstra and Boike, plus Luke Adkins and Cameron Love all set new Big Train records in various categories. The starting pitching staff was led by Jordan Beistline (5-2 with a 1.95 ERA) and Cameron Love (6-1 with a 2.59 ERA). Mike Matta anchored the bullpen with a 3-0 record, 3 saves, and a miniscule 0.34 ERA in 16 appearances.

Because of the remarkable team effort, three veteran Big Train players – Luke Adkins, Eli Boike, and Danny Stienstra – shared the Most Valuable Player Award. Outfielder Luke Adkins hit .380. Outfielder Eli Boike hit .371. First baseman Danny Stienstra hit .350, and also saw playing time at second and third base.

Bethesda Big Train 2009 Honors

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS: Luke Adkins (OF, Mississippi State)

Eli Boike (OF, Michigan State), Danny Stienstra (1B/2B, San Jose State)

MOST OUTSTANDING HITTER: Jarrod Parks (3B/SS, Mississippi State)

MOST OUTSTANDING FIELDER: Connor Bernatz (OF, San Francisco)

MOST OUTSTANDING PITCHERS:

Jordan Beistline (RHP, Jacksonville State), Cameron Love (RHP, San Francisco)

MOST OUTSTANDING RELIEF PITCHER: Mike Matta (RHP, Mount St. Mary's)

Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League Honors

LEAGUE MVP: Eli Boike (OF, Michigan State)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES MVP'S:

Mike Celenza (1B/3B, Salisbury), Seth Hester (RHP, So. Mississippi)

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

Danny Stienstra (2B, San Jose State), Jarrod Parks (SS, Mississippi St.)

Luke Adkins (OF, Mississippi St.), Eli Boike (OF, Michigan St.)

Jordan Beistline (SP, Jacksonville St.), Mike Matta (RHP, Mount St. Mary's)

2009 Final Regular Season Standings

	W	L	PCT	GB
Bethesda Big Train	31	10	0.756	0
Youse's Maryland Orioles	29	12	0.707	2
Maryland Redbirds	24	18	0.571	7.5
Herndon Braves	19	22	0.463	12
Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts	18	24	0.429	13.5
Alexandria Aces	17	25	0.405	14.5
College Park Bombers	17	25	0.405	14.5
Rockville Express	11	30	0.268	20