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To Our Big Train Community:

Welcome to the 24th season of Bethesda Big Train baseball at our beloved Shirley Povich Field. The goal of our Bethesda Community Base Ball Club continues to be to provide fun, affordable family entertainment right near home.

At our November 13 fundraising event, Montgomery Parks director Mike Riley named Povich Field, along with the Capital Crescent Trail and Brookside Gardens, as one of the three crown jewels of a parks system that spans 420 parks across almost 40,000 acres of parkland. We can be proud of what we have created.

At a time of increasing social isolation and polarization, we need now more than ever public spaces where people can come together, where kids can put away their devices and hang out with their pals, where seniors can share memories, and where all of us can set aside our differences and just enjoy the company of others and the rich diversity of our community. Povich Field is such a space. I am dedicated to making sure this special space maintains its quality for our children and grandchildren.

When Shirley and Ethyl Povich's son David died in August, the family generously suggested that contributions in David's memory go to support Povich Field and the Povich Center at the University of Maryland. Inspired by the Povich family's initiative, we created the fund I have long dreamed of -- the David Povich Improvement Fund for Shirley Povich Field. I am pleased to report that we have raised more than \$130,000 for our new fund. Our first project was to replace all 284 seats in the first base grandstand. On June 3, we are going to dedicate the grandstand in David's memory.

Our elected officials have stepped up to the plate to ensure the long-term quality of our community jewel. With leadership from Maryland Delegate Marc Korman (District 16 – Bethesda) and State Senator Brian Feldman (District 15 – Potomac), Povich Field will soon have a state-of-the-art irrigation system. Thank you, Delegate Korman and Senator Feldman, for this extraordinary achievement.

2022 was another season of accomplishment:

- our Boys of Summer tied for the Ripken League's best regular season record;
- four of our Big Train alumni made it to the major leagues in 2022 with another in 2023 bringing the total to twenty-two — just turn on MLB Network and watch for awhile and you are almost sure to see one of our ten current major leaguers;
- we honored Montgomery's Black Sandlots with our First Annual Clarence "Pint" Isreal Juneteenth Classic on June 12;
- we held our very first Big Train Pride Night on June 30;
- we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Title IX on June 25; and
- our Roberto Clemente Community Service Day gave 80 of our fans and players an opportunity to give back to seven different local organizations serving our neighbors in need.

Our general manager Michael Michaud, assistant general manager Patrick Chapman, and Hall of Fame manager Sal Colangelo have been hard at work to make sure we provide our fans with the very best and most welcoming fan experience in all of summer college baseball.

This is only possible because of the dedication of our Bethesda Community Base Ball Club board members, our Big Train staff and volunteers, host families, and our generous donors and sponsors. With your ongoing support, we look forward to providing another year of affordable family fun, championship baseball, and service to our community.

My special thanks to all of you.

Roll Train!



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2022 SEASON RECAP



Having captured the League Championship for five straight years, the Big Train entered the 2022 season looking forward to another banner year. It turned out to be a season in which Bethesda and the Alexandria Aces locked horns for dominance over the rest of the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League. The two teams finished the regular season with identical 26-10 records, but the nod went to the Aces for first place because they prevailed in head-to-head competition. In the playoffs, the Aces swept the Big Train, winning two close games to capture the League championship. Big Train took the Montgomery Cup trophy, which goes to the best of the Ripken League teams based in Montgomery County, for the 18th time out of 21 years of competition.



Regular Season

The Big Train got off to a hot start by winning its first four contests. The Big Train started its season on June 7, when they edged the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts 3-2 with a two-run rally in the ninth inning. Peyton Schultze (Long Beach State) hit a walk-off single with two outs to drive in Sean Lane (Maryland). Émilien Pitre (Kentucky), who would lead the team in batting for the year, went 2 for 4 and drove in the other two runs. Another 3-2 victory by the Big Train ensued on June 9. This time the losers were the Cropdusters, the League's newest team based in Olney. The key play in this game occurred when T.J. Rogers (Austin Peay State) scored as the Cropduster shortstop booted a ball off the bat of Clay Wargo in the eighth inning to give the Big Train a 3-1 lead. Connor Ball (Alabama) hurled the first three innings for Big Train and gave up only one hit and no runs. Erik Ritchie (East Carolina) pitched the next two innings. He registered no hit ball and was credited with the win. On June 10, Bethesda managed only four hits against the D.C. Grays, but won the game 5-2, partly with the help of two errors by their opponents. Ryan Sanders (St. Mary's – CA) started for the Big Train and pitched five innings, yielding only one run. Kai Burdick (San Francisco) earned the win for his two innings of hurling. Andrew Johnson (Maryland) struck out five in two innings and did not give up a run.

On June 11, the Big Train and the Aces faced off in a pitchers' duel at Povich Field. The Aces had only one hit; Big Train but two. The Aces held a 1-0 lead until the ninth inning. In the last of the ninth, the Aces imploded and the Big Train came from behind to win the game without achieving a hit. The first batter, Baylor Cobb (Louisiana Tech) walked. The second batter, Trey Winget (St. Mary's – CA), was hit by a pitch. With the third batter, Colton Hegwood (Louisiana Tech) at the plate, a passed ball allowed Cobb and Winget to advance. Hegwood struck out. Jason Schiavone (James Madison) walked to load the bases. Before the next batter could take any action, the Aces hurler threw a wild pitch that scored both Cobb and Winget, bringing an end to the game.

The first Big Train loss came on June 12 against the Gaithersburg Giants, 6-3. Then came another winning streak, this time for eight games. On June 14, it was a 7-6 victory over the Braves, thanks to four hits and 10 walks, plus three Braves' errors. The next three games were runaways. It was 11-2 over the Thunderbolts, 12-0 over the Grays, and 12-0 against the Giants. In that last game, which was on June 18, Luke Nowak (East Carolina) made his Big Train debut and went 2 for 4, while Nick Del Prado (Florida Atlantic) hurled five innings of one-hit ball and chalked up the win. In the June 19 game against the Thunderbolts, Big Train's fast four-run start in the first inning was the key to the game. Peyton Schultze drove in two with a double and Baylor Cobb drove in the other two with a single. The final score was 6-4. Jordan Little (East Carolina) earned the save with two shutout innings. Colby Frieda (Kentucky) had hurled two innings of shutout ball earlier in the game. On June 21, Big Train conquered the Aces for the second time with a 7-5 win. Peyton Schultze was the hero, driving in four runs. Ryan Sanders got the win, going five innings, while yielding only one run. On June 23, Big Train edged the Giants, 3-1. Brayden Jones (Mississippi) started and hurled five innings, while giving up only one hit and one run. The Big Train's winning streak ended with a 13-4 loss to the Aces on June 25.

On June 26, the Big Train edged the Grays 4-3. Outfielder D. M. Jefferson (Notre Dame) went 3 for 4 and homered. Kade Woods (Alabama) started the game and pitched 1.2 innings of shutout



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ball. Kai Burdick hurled three innings of shutout ball in relief and earned the win.

On June 27, the Big Train traveled to South County to take on the Braves for a partial doubleheader. First, in a resumption of a game that began on June 8, Bethesda won 10-3, with Clay Wargo (Coastal Carolina) leading the way. Wargo went 2 for 5 and drove in 5 runs. Evan Marcinko (UNC Wilmington) earned the win, hurling 1.2 innings in relief without yielding a run. Jordan Little was awarded a save for his two innings of shutout ball. In the nightcap, the Braves shut out Big Train, 2-0.

On June 28, Ryan Sanders pitched a shutout beauty for six innings, and Luke Baker (Dayton) earned the save as Big Train squelched the Thunderbolts on a two-hitter, 5-3. On June 30, the Big Train and Cropdusters played the rarely seen partial triple-header. In the first game, Big Train beat the Cropdusters, 8-6, and Colton Hegwood went 2 for 5 with one RBI. Sean Lane also had an impressive game, going 3 for 4 and homering. In the second game, which was the resumption of a previously suspended game, the Cropdusters prevailed 15-12. In the third game, Big Train won 3-0. Nick Del Prado pitched five innings and only gave up one hit. Merritt Beeker (East Carolina) hurled the other shutout four innings and struck out seven.

July began unhappily with a 9-3 loss to the Aces on the 1st. The Big Train returned to winning ways with a 3-2 squeaker over the Grays on July 3. Bryce Greenly (Delaware) scored the winning run when D.M. Jefferson drew a walk with the bases loaded in the eighth inning. After a break for the Fourth of July, Big Train overwhelmed the Thunderbolts, 13-1, on July 7. Sean Lane scored three runs, while Warren Holzemer (Virginia Tech) and Jason Schiavone tallied two each. Connor Ball started and allowed only one hit and no runs over five innings. The next day, Bethesda shut out the Braves 7-0, mainly behind the pitching of Nick Del Prado. Jackson Ritchey (Virginia Tech) also hurled an impressive

two innings, striking out six batters. On July 10, the Grays topped Big Train, 6-1. Big Train rebounded the next day with a dominant 15-5 win over the Cropdusters. The batting stars were Luke Nowak, who went 5 for 7, Garrett Felix (Nicholls State), who scored three runs, John Kramer (Mississippi), who went 3 for 3, and Trey Winget, who drove in three runs. Brandon Clarke (Alabama) earned the win.

On July 13, Big Train handily took both ends of a double-header against the Giants. With Peyton Schultze going 4 for 4 and driving in four runs, the Big Train triumphed 11-1 in the first game, using five pitchers to keep the Giants at bay. In the nightcap, Schultze drove in another three runs and Émilien Pitre went 3 for 4, as the Big Train posted a 7-1 victory. Ryan Sanders was credited with the win, as he pitched six innings while yielding just the one run and one hit. On July 15, Big Train played another double-header, but this time they came up short in both games losing to the Braves, 8-1 and 6-2. They recovered on July 16 by topping the Cropdusters, 6-3. Four of the six Big Train runs were driven in by Peyton Schultze and John Kramer. Merritt Beeker earned the win by hurling 4.1 relief innings of shutout ball. The next day, the Big Train edged the Thunderbolts, 6-4. Émilien Pitre went 2 for 4 and drew a walk, while driving in two runs. Luke Baker earned the win by pitching four innings and yielding only one run. On July 19, the Big Train won again, this time by 8-4 over the Giants. The big blow in the game was a three-run homer by John Kramer in the top of the seventh inning.

July 21 brought end of season drama with the League's two top teams facing off in a double-header at Povich Field. The Big Train started the day with the better overall record, but the Aces had been on a hot streak and had a chance to catch up. The day did not go well for the Big Train. The Aces prevailed in both seven-inning games, 5-4 and 13-7. The first game was particularly tough because the Big Train took a 4-3 lead into the last of the seventh

2022 Final Regular Season CRSCBL Standings

	W-L	%	GB
Alexandria Aces	26-10	.722	--
Bethesda Big Train	26-10	.722	--
Gaithersburg Giants	17-19	.472	9
Cropdusters	16-20	.444	10
Metro SOCO Braves	15-21	.417	11
D.C. Grays	15-21	.417	
SS-T Thunderbolts	11-25	.306	15

2022 Montgomery Cup Standings

	W-L	%	GB
Bethesda Big Train	16-2	.889	--
Cropdusters	9-9	.500	7
Gaithersburg Giants	7-10	.412	8.5
SS-T Thunderbolts	3-14	.176	12.5

Sal Colangelo's 2022 Big Train Manager's Awards

Most Valuable Player
Nick Del Prado (Florida Atlantic)

Most Outstanding Hitter
Luke Nowak (East Carolina)

Most Outstanding Starting Pitcher
Ryan Sanders (St. Mary's-CA)

Most Outstanding Relief Pitcher
Jordan Little (East Carolina)

Most Outstanding Defender
Jason Schiavone (James Madison)

Golden Spikes Award
Émilien Pitre (Kentucky)



CRSCBL Most Outstanding Pitcher Nick Del Prado



Congratulations to Bethesda Big Train starting pitcher Nick Del Prado (Florida Atlantic) for being named the Ripken League's Most Outstanding Pitcher. Nick had a 3-0 record with one save in eight appearances. Nick had an ERA of 0.69, striking out 37 batters in 26 innings. Del Prado was named the League's Pitcher of the Week for Week Four. Manager Sal Colangelo said "Nick set the tone. His tempo and ability to throw strikes and command his pitches was a key to our team's success."



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inning but could not hold it. On July 22, Bethesda played its final regular season game, beating the Grays, 4-3, at the Washington Nationals Academy in Washington, DC. Sean Lane homered. Brandon Clarke earned the win, and Todd Mozoki (James Madison) was credited with the save.

League Semifinals

As the #2 seed in the playoffs, Bethesda sat for a bye in the first round. The third place Gaithersburg Giants beat the sixth place DC Grays to earn the right to face the Big Train in the semifinal round. Game One was a close one. The Big Train got off to a 2-0 lead on a single by Luke Nowak and some heads-up base-running as the Giants committed an error. The Giants tied it in the top of the third with a two-run homer. Sean Lane responded for Big Train with a homer of his own in the bottom of the third. The Giants opened an 8-3 lead in the top of the fourth with a six spot in that half inning, brought about mostly by a three-run homer and two-run double. Big Train came back with one run in the bottom of the fourth on a sacrifice fly. The Giants posted another run in the top of the fifth, but Big Train rebounded more strongly in the bottom of the inning, scoring three runs thanks to Gaithersburg mistakes. One run came on a walk with the bases loaded, and two were caused by an error by the shortstop. The Giants led 9-7. In the top of the sixth, Gaithersburg scored another run. The Big Train really came alive in the bottom of the seventh scoring five runs to take a 12-10 lead. Warren Holzemer walked with the bases loaded to score one. Clay Wargo singled to drive in two. Luke Nowak singled to push in two more. The Giants fought on to tie it up, 12-12, in the top of the eighth. With two outs in the bottom of the eighth, Garrett Felix drew a walk. The next two Big Train batters got on base to load them up. Felix scampered home on a balk to score the winning run. Jordan Little was credited with the win after pitching two hitless innings and striking out two in the ninth. The second game between Bethesda and Gaithersburg began as a close contest, but that didn't last. After five innings, the Big Train had a 2-0 lead. In the top of the sixth, Bethesda broke the game open with 8 runs. The scoring was all done by "small ball" -- singles, walks, hit by pitch, and a sacrifice fly. The Giants tried to come back with one run in the bottom of the sixth and two runs in the bottom of the seventh, but that was all they could muster. The final score was 12-3. Nick Del Prado pitched five innings of one hit shutout ball, and Todd Mozoki hurled 2.2 innings of the same.

League Championship Series

The Alexandria Aces entered the playoffs as the #1 seed. In the semifinals, they topped the Braves 4-2 and 12-4. It was clear that

the League's top two teams were meeting for the championship. It was also evident that this would be a particular challenge for Big Train because several of its regular players would be unavailable due to injuries.

Game One was held at Frank Mann Field in Alexandria on July 29. Kade Woods was sent to the mound to start for the Big Train. The Aces' lead-off man, Eddie Hacopian, son of former Big Train manager Derek Hacopian (BT 1999-2004), began the bottom of the first with a single and advanced around the bases to score an unearned run to get his team off to a 1-0 lead. Eddie would go 3 for 5, score three runs, and be a pest all night. The Aces scored again in the second on two walks, a single, and a fielder's choice. In the fifth, Hacopian doubled, and that was followed by an Adam Tellier home run. At that point, the Aces led 4-0. In the top of the sixth, the Big Train began attempting a comeback by scoring two runs. Sean Lane drew a pass and T.J. Rogers singled. The two advanced on an out. Lane scored on a balk. Jason Schiavone drove in Rogers with a base hit. Unfortunately, in the bottom of the sixth, the Aces responded by scoring four unearned runs to widen their lead. Undaunted, the Big Train came back in the top of the seventh with four runs of their own. Warren Holzemer and D.M. Jefferson walked. Sean Lane singled to load the bases. T.J. Rogers kept fouling off pitches until he drew a walk scoring Holzemer. Baylor Cobb singled and drove in Jefferson. Jason Schiavone singled and drove in both Lane and Rogers. That brought the score to 8-6 in favor of the Aces. Although Big Train had men on bases in the eighth inning, they couldn't score again, and the Aces won the game by the 8-6 score.

The next day, Game Two was played at Povich Field. This would be more of a pitchers' duel. Manager Sal Colangelo chose Brandon Clarke to start for the Big Train, and he pitched well. He hurled four innings, and yielded only one hit and one run. Unfortunately, over those four innings, Big Train didn't score, so he left the game behind 1-0. The Aces had scored their run in the third when Eddie Hacopian was hit by a pitch and doubled home by Adam Tellier. Big Train scored two in the bottom of the fifth to take the lead. D.M. Jefferson had reached base on an error by Alexandria's shortstop. Sean Lane had walked. After a wild pitch, Jefferson scored on a single by Clay Wargo. Lane scored on a double by Baylor Cobb. The Aces came back in the top of the sixth to tie the game 2-2 on a single, a walk, and another single to drive in the first runner. Not content to have lost the lead, the Big Train batters returned in the bottom of the sixth to eke out a run via two walks and a hit-by-pitch to load the bases, and then one more walk to force in a run. But the Aces were stubborn as well. In the top of the seventh, Dylan Koontz tripled and scored an unearned run on an error on the subsequent play. The game went into the ninth inning knotted at 3-3. In the top half, Dylan Koontz led off with a walk, moved to second on a fielder's choice, stole third, and scored on an error. Then Cade Sullivan hit a solo home run. The Big Train could not score in the bottom half and the game ended 5-3. The team had given a valiant effort, but the championship series was over.

BIG TRAIN BY THE NUMBERS

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Twenty-Three Years of Community Baseball

- 🔧 Built Shirley Povich Field in 1999
- 👥 Staffed more than 1,500 Volunteers
- 🔧 Improved Cabin John #2 (Little Povich Field) in 2002
- 🔧 Built Jackie Robinson Field in Anacostia in 2002 for the Field of Dreams after school program
- 🔧 Invested more than \$600,000 improving baseball and softball fields for kids from Rockville to Takoma Park, Bethesda to Anacostia, and Germantown to Wheaton
- 🎟️ Donated Big Train season passes to more than 340 local schools and youth-serving organizations
- 🎟️ Made and donated thousands of Get Well Soon cards to the Children's Inn at NIH
- 🎟️ Hosted more than 520 Bethesda Big Train games at Shirley Povich Field
- 🎟️ Hosted 17 League All-Star Games
- 🎟️ Hosted two Military All-Star Games
- 🍲 Delivered nine tons of food to Manna Food Center through efforts of Big Train players
- 🎟️ Hosted one game against an Olympic team. (Israeli Baseball Team, 2021)
- 🏠 Provided housing in our community for more than 475 out-of-town Big Train players
- 👀 Watched 22 alumni move up to the Major Leagues
- 👀 Watched an additional 20 alumni play with Major League teams in spring training games
- 👀 Watched 205 alumni play professional baseball
- 👥 Welcomed 310,000 fans to Big Train baseball games
- 👥 Certified more than 30,000 community service learning hours for middle school and high school volunteers
- 👥 Employed more than 140 college-aged interns
- 🏆 18 Montgomery Cup Championships
- 🏆 12 Regular Season Championships
- 🏆 10 League Championships
- 🏆 One National Championship

BIG TRAIN ALL-TIME RECORDS

Compiled by Bill Hickman



Batting Average (min. 100 AB)	Kobe Kato (Arizona)	.441 in 2019
Games Played	Drew Carson (Southern Mississippi)	42 in 2004
	Greg Lemon (Salisbury)	42 in 2004
	Adam Barry (Cal State Northridge)	42 in 2011
	Ryne Willard (Tallahassee CC)	42 in 2013
Runs Scored	Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State)	47 in 2012
Hits	Adam Barry (Cal State Northridge)	67 in 2011
Home Runs	Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State)	16 in 2012
RBI	Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State)	53 in 2012
Doubles	Brendan Hendriks (San Francisco)	17 in 2012
Triples	Ryan Collins (Mississippi State)	6 in 2010
Total Bases	Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State)	116 in 2012
On Base % (min. 100 AB)	Kobe Kato (Arizona)	.612 in 2019
Slugging % (min. 100 AB)	Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State)	.866 in 2012
Stolen Bases	Gio Diaz (St. Mary's of CA)	39 in 2019
Hit by Pitch	Jarrod Parks (Mississippi State)	21 in 2009
Walks	Kobe Kato (Arizona)	48 in 2019

Pitching

Wins	Byron Binda (Coastal Carolina)	6 in 2002
	Gus Hlebovy (Kent State)	6 in 2002
	Keith Moreland (UNC Charlotte)	6 in 2004
	Scott Schneider (St. Mary's CA)	6 in 2008
	Cameron Love (San Francisco)	6 in 2009
	Bubba Derby (San Diego State)	6 in 2013
Winning % (min. 7 decisions)	Keith Moreland (UNC Charlotte)	.857 in 2004
	Cameron Love (San Francisco)	.857 in 2009
ERA (min. 35 IP)	Matt Hiserman (Santa Clara)	0.00 in 2008
	Bryan Hamilton (UNC Charlotte)	0.00 in 2010
Strikeouts	Dirk Hayhurst (Kent State)	69 in 2001
Appearances	Justin Davis (Old Dominion)	18 in 2000
	Matt Hiserman (Santa Clara)	18 in 2008
	Bryan Hamilton (UNC Charlotte)	18 in 2010
Games Started	Matthew Griffith (Middle Tennessee State)	10 in 2000
Saves	Justin Davis (Old Dominion)	10 in 2000
	Matt Hiserman (Santa Clara)	10 in 2008
Batting Average Against	Nick Del Prado (Florida Atlantic)	.099 in 2022

Single Game Achievements

Home Runs	Marcus Taylor (Middle Tennessee State) June 26, 2003 v. Herndon Braves at Herndon High School	3
Strikeouts	Dirk Hayhurst (Kent State) — June 12, 2001 v. Reston Hawks at Povich Field	18
Triple Play	July 11, 2000 v. Vienna Mustangs at Nottoway Park	3-2-5-4
No-hitters	Jeff Little (Vanderbilt) June 23, 1999 v. Arlington Senators at Barcroft Field	
	Kevin Damiano (Penn State) June 29, 2001 v. Lower Bucks Indians in State College, PA	
	Mark Galvin (Kentucky) July 27, 2001 v. Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts at Povich Field	
	Keith Moreland (UNC Charlotte) July 14, 2004 v. Baltimore Pride at Povich Field	

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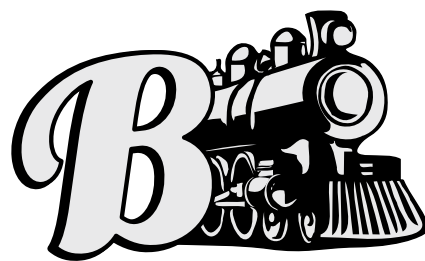
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The Bethesda Big Train Summer Baseball Camp returns for its 24th summer of fun and affordable baseball for girls and boys ages 5-12. We are also excited to introduce Gio Gonzalez Big Train Pitching Camp for kids ages 13-18 who want to take their game to the next level. Sign up now to be taught by some of America's top college baseball players at our Summer Baseball Camp and two-time MLB all-star Gio Gonzalez at Big Train Pitching Camp.



BASIC SKILLS - PITCHING - ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT

Bethesda Big Train Baseball 2023 SUMMER CAMP



At our Summer Baseball Camp, all campers receive instruction in the fundamentals of the game and get the opportunity to play in live games. Along with our General Camp, which is for kids of all skill levels, we offer specialized sessions including Pitching, Catching, and Advanced Development camps, each of which are for older and more experienced 9-12 year olds. Every Summer Baseball Camp camper gets an official Big Train Summer Baseball Camp t-shirt that will get them free admission to all 2023 Big Train regular season home games at Shirley Povich Field. Tickets must be reserved online in advance of each game.

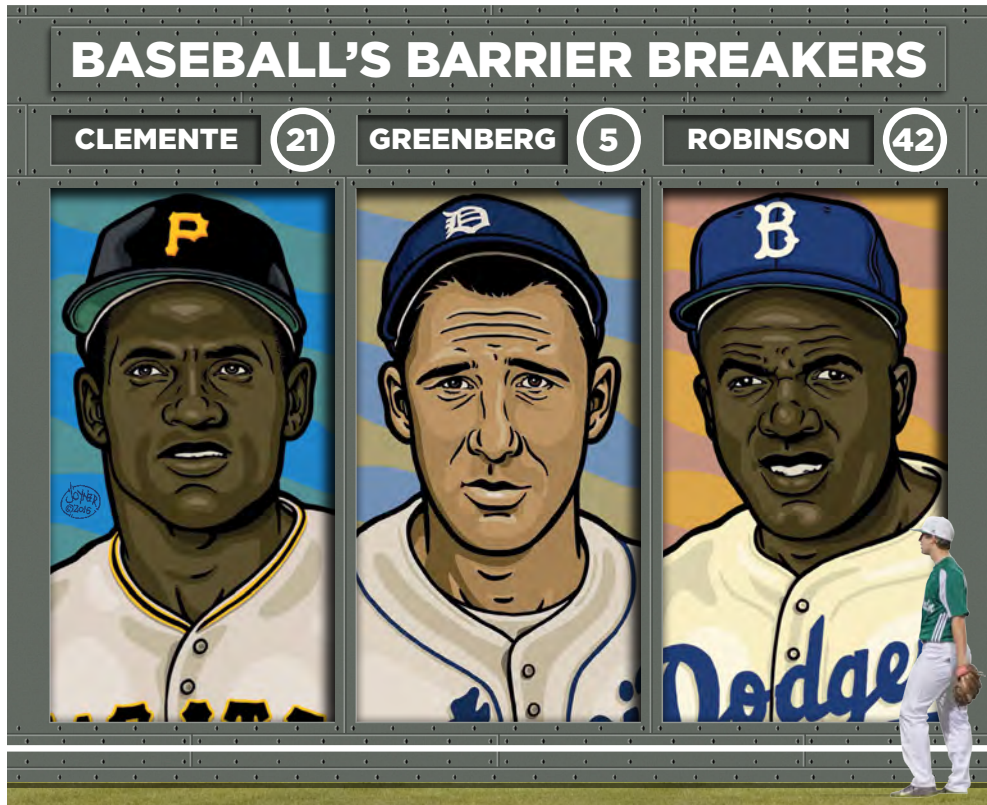
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For information on pricing and the schedule, please scan the QR code here!



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FIRST ANNUAL ROBERTO CLEMENTE COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY



Eighty Big Train players and fans volunteered at seven different community nonprofits in the Big Train's very successful First Annual Roberto Clemente Community Service Day in 2022. Well, two days as two of our outdoor projects were rained out on July 9 and rescheduled for July 23.

"Big Train baseball has always been about more than the baseball," explains Big Train founder Bruce Adams. "Right from the start in 1999, John Ourisman was determined to create a living baseball history museum at Povich Field. I was committed to Big Train as a vehicle for building a stronger community."

Naturally, Big Train followed the lead of Major League Baseball and retired #42 in honor of Jackie Robinson. On July 10, 2009, we held our first Latino Baseball

Night and retired #21 to honor Roberto Clemente. On June 23, 2016, we held our first Jewish Baseball Heritage Night and retired #5 to honor Hank Greenberg. The cover of our 2016 souvenir program tied the three together as "BASEBALL'S BARRIER BREAKERS." We honor Robinson, Clemente, and Greenberg for their strength of purpose in showing the nation the value of our diversity. They taught us that baseball (as well as life) is better when everyone gets to play.

"Our friend David Maraniss's terrific 2006 biography *Clemente: The Passion and Grace of Baseball's Last Hero* inspired me to want Big Train to honor Clemente," says Bruce Adams. "In 2009, we retired #21. I felt we should do more. And now, with our Roberto Clemente Community Service Day, we are doing more."

A complete player, Clemente could run, hit, and throw. He was an All-Star in 13 seasons with four National League batting titles, 12 consecutive Gold Glove Awards, National League MVP in 1966, and MVP of the 1971 World Series. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1973.

We at Big Train don't honor him just for his extraordinary accomplishments on the baseball diamond. Clemente, who died in 1972 in a plane crash attempting to deliver relief supplies to victims of an earthquake in Nicaragua, is honored by Major League Baseball with its highest award for humanitarian and community service. We hope to use our service day to showcase to Montgomery County youth the value of community service.

Biographer Maraniss wrote: "Clemente's myth arcs... to the future, not the past, to what people hope they can become. His memory is kept alive as a symbol of action and passion, not of reflection and longing. He broke racial and language barriers and achieved greatness and died a hero. That word can be used indiscriminately in the world of sports, but the classic definition is of someone who gives his life in the service of others, and that is exactly what Clemente did."

We hope our Clemente Service Day will become a model for baseball organizations at all levels across the country. And we hope Major League Baseball will follow our lead and retire #21.

"If you have a chance to accomplish something that will make things better for people coming behind you, and you don't do that, you are wasting your time on this earth."

- Roberto Clemente

In 2022, Big Train players and volunteers wearing jerseys with Big Train in Spanish across the front and 21 on the back served at the Button Farm, Interfaith Works, Leveling the Playing Field, Manna Food Center, National Center for Children and Families, Rainbow Community Development Center, and Shepherd's Table. In 2023, we will continue this community service tradition in honor of one of baseball's most admirable players.

Button Farm



Interfaith Works



Leveling the Playing Field



Manna Food Center



National Center for Children and Families



Rainbow Community Development Center



Shepherd's Table



Roll Up Your Sleeves and Pitch in on Clemente Community Service Day on Saturday July 15

Join Big Train players on Saturday morning July 15 from 10 a.m. to noon volunteering at such iconic community organizations as A Wider Circle, Button Farm, LAYC (Latin American Youth Center), Leveling the Playing Field, and National Center for Children and Families.

All volunteers will get the same jersey that the Big Train players will wear at our Tribute to Latin Baseball game v. the Gaithersburg Giants on Saturday night.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer Saturday morning July 15, please email Big Train founder Bruce Adams at bruce@greaterwash.org.



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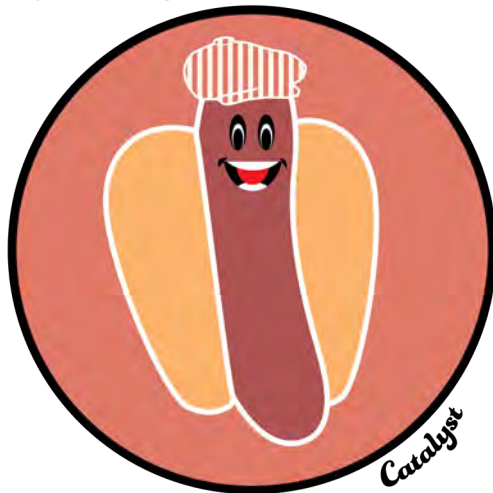
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- 🚫 **5:30 p.m.** dinner provided by Catalyst Hot Dogs and Gregorio's Trattoria in the Davis Family Picnic Pavilion.
- 🚫 **7 p.m.** first pitch of a Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League game featuring the Bethesda Big Train.

For just \$25* per person, everyone in your group gets a reserved seat ticket for the game and a pre-game meal and drink. The Davis Family Picnic Pavilion is covered and can accommodate groups of up to 110 people.



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- 🚫 Pulled pork sandwich with macaroni salad

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Gregorio's Trattoria offers these options:

- 🚫 Two slices of Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza with Chips (Add a Garden or Caesar Salad for \$3 per person).
- 🚫 Sandwich Platter with a Sandwich, Salad, Chips, and a Mini Cannoli (Add a slice of Pizza for \$3 per person).

For Custom Menu Packages, please contact Gregorio's Trattoria directly and mention Big Train Picnic.

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** The price is \$20 per person for Big Train Season Ticket holders and Big Train Summer Campers. Price includes 6% Maryland sales tax.*

Here's how to reserve your 2023 Big Train Picnic:

To check available picnic dates and ask questions, please email picnics@bigtrain.org.

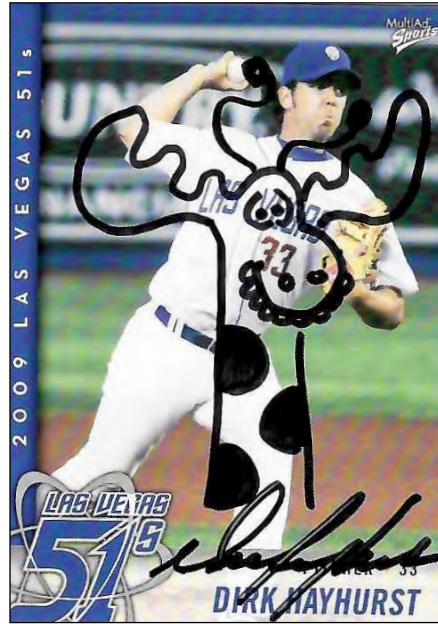
To help us respond promptly, please include in your email:

- 🚫 Name of your organization;
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BIG TRAIN ALUMNI ON BASEBALL CARDS



Each season, a roster of 30 to 35 players assembles to represent the Bethesda Big Train for the summer. Most are new to the team; only a handful return from the previous season. After 23 seasons of Big Train baseball, 560 players have worn the Big Train uniform through the completion of the 2022 season.

Most of the college baseball players who go through the grind of summer ball after a full college season hope to go pro. Because the Big Train team has featured players of high caliber – and we like to think because their experience with Big Train has been a positive aspect to their development -- a high percentage of our alumni has gone on to play professional baseball. As of the spring of 2023, the proportion of Big Train players who have played in pro ball after they left college is 42%. That amounts to 203 players.

Baseball cards and photographs help us visualize the identities of these ballplayers. Big Train founder Bruce Adams and Big Train historian Bill Hickman have been engaged in these two aspects of collecting focusing on Big Train alumni.

Bruce's emphasis is on baseball cards, and autographed cards whenever possible. Of the 203 players who have gone into pro ball, 143 have appeared on baseball cards. Each summer, Bruce mails the Big Train souvenir program to each alumni playing pro ball and asks them to send him autographed cards. Bruce has obtained autographed cards from 87 different players. Bruce and Bill together have 138 of the 143 players represented by at least one baseball card. Bill, using photos to supplement baseball cards, has all 203 professional Big Train alumni players represented in his collection.

Not content to have a single representation for each player, Bruce and Bill have attempted to acquire a card and/or photo for each professional team on which the player has played. A card is not necessarily issued for every stop along a player's career. If we obtained all those cards that had been issued for the Big Train players who were in the professional ranks, that would be 426 different player-uniform combination cards. We have all but 31 of those player-uniform possibilities on cards.

Let's take Hunter Renfroe, a Ripken League Hall of Famer who starred for the Big Train in 2011 and 2012, as an example of how the baseball cards can document a player's progress through the minor leagues on his path to the majors. Hunter began his pro career with the Eugene Emeralds (Class A-Short Season Northwest League) in 2013. Bruce has an autographed Topps card that shows Hunter with that team. Around mid-season, Hunter moved on to the Fort Wayne Tin Caps (Class A Midwest League). This was Hunter's only minor league team that did not issue a card for him. Hunter began 2014 with the Lake Elsinore Storm (Class A Advanced California League) and then was promoted to the San Antonio Missions (Class AA Texas League). Bruce's collection includes autographed Renfroe cards from both of those teams. At the start of 2015, Hunter returned to San Antonio, but mid-season he was promoted once again – this time to the El Paso Chihuahuas (Class AAA Pacific Coast League). Bruce has an autographed card of Renfroe with that team. In 2016, Hunter was back with El Paso and had a superb year, earning his major league debut with the Padres on September 21. The Renfroe card collection continues with many cards for his major league teams.

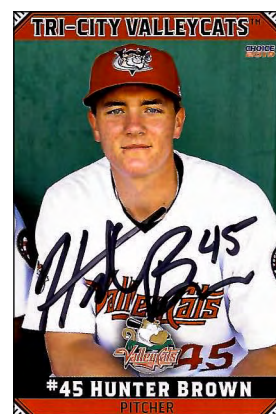
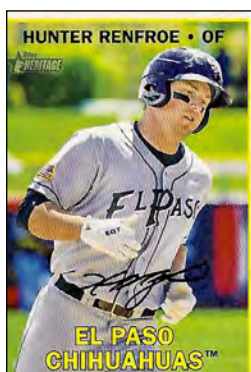
A second way to document the Big Train alumni in professional baseball is to obtain a photo of a player in every uniform along his pro career. In this way there is no constraint caused by a failure of a team to issue a baseball card. Collecting photos brings in additional players who did not appear on baseball cards, and the total of different player-uniform combinations found on images expands to 662. It also brings in additional uniforms for players who have some cards. For example, Bill has a photo of Hunter Renfroe in a Fort Wayne Tin Cap uniform, even though no card was issued for Hunter in a Tin Cap uniform.

Within the collections, there are some interesting individual cards. For example, Dirk Hayhurst (BT 2001), in addition to progressing all the way to the major leagues, became a noted author of baseball books and demonstrated his ability to incorporate humor in his writing. He developed a cartoon-like character he called the "Garfoose," and it had such an appeal that Topps issued an Allen and Ginter card in 2011 showing Hayhurst dressed up in a moose costume. Shown on the previous page is a Garfoose drawing that Hayhurst added to a 2009 Multi-Ad Sports Las Vegas card.

Perhaps the most exotic baseball card on which a Big Train player has appeared is that of the Taiwan Brother Elephants. The Brother Hotels is a chain on the island, and the Elephants played in the Chinese Professional Baseball League. Bobby Livingston (BT 2001) played for them in 2012.

Pitcher David Wayne Russo's 2014 Grandstand Rockford Aviators card is unique in that it mentions his experience with Big Train. The card back says: "He also pitched for the Bethesda Big Train of the Cal Ripken League where he compiled a three-season ERA of just 1.68." Our record-keeping shows his Big Train career ERA at 2.25, but it was still impressively low. He was with Big Train in 2010 through 2012.

As you Big Train fans watch this year's players in action, we encourage you to think about keeping track of them as they advance in their baseball careers. You just might want to start a baseball card or photo collection to keep the exciting memories of their action at Povich Field in mind as the years go by. Some of them will join the 22 Big Train alumni who have made it all the way to the Major Leagues.



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Big Train Outstanding Service Awards

Bethesda Community Base Ball Club founders John Ourisman and Bruce Adams envisioned a community-based organization staffed largely by volunteers. More than one thousand volunteers helped make the Big Train experience special for our fans under our first volunteer coordinator Bill Hickman. Bill and Randy Schools, our Booster Club chair for two decades, personify the Big Train volunteer spirit. Since 2002, 92 Big Train volunteers and partners have received our **Randy Schools Big Train Outstanding Service Awards**. And since 2003, 90 volunteers have been included on the **John Ourisman Big Train Volunteer Honor Roll** in recognition of five years of volunteer service to Big Train baseball.



Bill Hickman & Randy Schools

At our annual Big Train Base Ball & Holiday Auction on Sunday November 13, 2022, we presented seven Randy Schools Big Train Outstanding Service Awards, including one posthumously to long-time Big Train supporter David Povich.

2002

John Ourisman, *Founder*
Chris Renshaw, *Text Design*
Joyce Semmes, *Host Family Chair*
Slapshot, *Washington Capitals Mascot*

2003

Brian Haven, *Raffle Maestro*
Bill Hickman, *Volunteer Coordinator*
Keyote, *Frederick Keys Mascot*

2004

Derek Hacopian, *Manager*
Elda Hacopian, *General Manager*
Debra, Brett & Michael Morganstern,
Equipment Collection for Campo de Suenos
Oriole Bird, *Baltimore Orioles Mascot*

2005

Randy Schools, *Booster Club Chair*
Gary Mowl, *Montgomery County Department of Parks*
Michael Renshaw, *Text Design*
Screech, *Washington Nationals Mascot*
Alex Thompson, *General Manager*

2006

Pat Haggerty, *Auctioneer*
Beth & Jeff Haven, *Raffle Team*
Louie, *Bowie Baysox Mascot*
Glenn Orlin, *Official Scorekeeper*

2007

Tom DiMisa, *Raffle Team*
Peter Kirk, *Ballpark Advisor*
Ben O'Hara, *Volunteer*
Don Seaman, *Volunteer*

2008

Mike Denker, *Hopkins & Porter*
Michael Groeneman, *Assistant GM*
David Ireland, *General Manager*
Mimi Kress, *Sandy Spring Builders*
Tim Kurkjian, *ESPN*
Phil Leibovitz, *Sandy Spring Builders*
Mike Lenkin, *Miller & Long*
Richard Mandel, *Sandy Spring Builders*
John McMahon, *Miller & Long*
Rob Rubin, *Ledo Pizza & Pasta*
Guy Semmes, *Hopkins & Porter*
Mark Whipple, *Volunteer*

2009

Sal Colangelo, *Coach & Manager*
Jeff Devlin, *Montgomery County Department of Parks*
Lisa Kammerman, *Photographer*
Bryan Oringer, *Assistant General Manager*
Sue Ray, *Povich Field Gardener*
Linda Tabach, *Volunteer*
Mitchell Wool, *Food Services Manager*

2010

Alan Alper, *Athletic Trainer*
Meghan Bennett, *Text Design*
Blaskopf-Segerman Family, *Host Family*
Becky Crowley, *Host Family*
Jami Deise, *Host Family Chair & Director of Marketing*
Michael Dunlow, *Assistant Coach*
Gazette Newspapers
Karen Kuker-Kihl, *Volunteer*
Weingardt-Srour Family, *Host Family*

2011

Denise Gorham, *BCC Baseball*
Jordan Henry, *General Manager*
Bob Johnson, *Voice of the Big Train*
Danielle Kloke, *Assistant GM*
Amy Miller, *Volunteer*
Rock Creek Sports Club

2012

Robby Brewer, *Lerch, Early & Brewer, Chtd.*
Lerch, Early & Brewer, *Chtd.*
Lawrence Rosenblum, *Grossberg Company LLP*
Grossberg Company LLP
Lou Novick, *Volunteer*
Teddy, *Washington Nationals Mascot*

2013

Bart Lambergman, *Assistant GM*
Bruce Mackey, *EU Services*

2014

Adam Dantus, *General Manager*

2015

Laura Forman, *Host Family Chair*
Mary Beth Richards, *Volunteer*

2019

Anne Fletcher, *Host Family Coordinator*
Jean Kurtz, *BCC Baseball*
Kristi Voigt, *Athletic Trainer*
Emily Waldman, *Host Family Coordinator*

2020

Doug Cashmere, *BCC Baseball*
Maury Povich
David Schneider, *General Manager*
Hank Thomas
Dick Walker, *Senior Advisor*

2021

Galvin Morris, *Associate Head Coach*
John Daniel, *BCBBC Secretary-Treasurer*
Toby Mendez, *Sculptor*
Dick Leggin, *Architect*
Guy Bami, *Gelberg Signs*

2022

Bruster's Ice Cream
Eric Cole, *BCBBC Vice President*
Skip Davis
Johns Hopkins Community Physicians
David Povich
Mike Riley, *Montgomery Parks Director*
Chris Rogers, *Big Train General Manager*

JOIN THE BIG TRAIN BULLPEN CLUB

Do you love baseball, meeting new people, and staying active during the summer? If so, please consider joining the Bethesda Big Train's Bullpen Club, a team of volunteers who help with game day operations.

The Big Train has a rich history of giving back to our community, and you can be a part of it. Bullpen Club members serve as welcomers and ushers, help to keep the seating areas orderly, and assist fans who have questions. The Big Train also features a robust middle and high school volunteer program, so parents can help out at games while their children accrue important Student Service Learning (SSL) hours.

Bullpen Club members who agree to work a minimum of five games receive an official Bullpen Club shirt to be worn at games while on duty, a 5-game Mini Plan, and a picnic dinner with Big Train Manager Sal Colangelo and the Big Train players.

If you're interested, please reach out to Big Train general manager Michael Michaud at michael@bigtrain.org.

BIG TRAIN COMMUNITY HEROES

The Bethesda Community Base Ball Club is proud to recognize the people who make Montgomery County special.

From 1999 to 2011, we made \$600,000 worth of improvements to youth baseball and softball fields from Germantown to Anacostia. Big Train baseball helped the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League collect 60,846 pounds of food for the Manna Food Center from 2010 to 2019.

For eleven seasons from 2009 to 2019, with the support of the Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation, Big Train provided local nonprofit organizations with 100 free tickets each and an opportunity to showcase their organizations to our fans. More than 400 local nonprofits benefitted from the Nonprofits of the Night program.

In response to challenges due to the covid pandemic, we transitioned to a program of hosting community heroes from a different nonprofit at each home game. We dedicated our 2021 Big Train season to the community heroes -- the nurses, first responders, doctors, grocery store clerks, and others -- who worked so tirelessly on the frontlines during the pandemic.

At each Big Train home game during the 2021 season, we honored 25 Frontline

Community Heroes with a free ticket to the game and a dinner thanks to the generous support provided by the Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation, The Sebrechts Family, and Melanie Folstad, RBC Wealth Management. Nearly 500 frontline community heroes were treated to a night at the ballpark with dinner from our food providers at Gregorio's Trattoria and Catalyst Hot Dogs.

At games during the 2021 season, we recognized at Povich Field these five individual Big Train Community Heroes:

Mark Bergel, founder and executive director of A Wider Circle;

Sheryl Brissett-Chapman, executive director of National Center for Children and Families;

Jackie DeCarlo, CEO of Manna Food Center;

Randy Schools, our Big Train Booster Club chair for two decades who helped establish The Children's Inn at NIH; and

Teresa Rios Wright, a career Montgomery County Public Schools teacher and board member emeritus of Identity.



Each Community Hero received a Big Train jersey with COMMUNITY HERO stitched on the back above Roberto Clemente's #21. In addition, the Trawick Foundation made a \$250 contribution to the organization of each hero. On the night we celebrated her 90th birthday, we presented former Member of Congress and Ambassador **Connie Morella** with a Community Hero jersey in honor of her extraordinary service to our country and our community.

For the 2022 season, we continued our program of honoring a different nonprofit at each home game thanks to the continued generous support of Trawick Foundation, the Sebrechts Family and Luc Sebrechts/Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, and Melanie Folstad.

In 2022, we honored individual Community Heroes as well, including these six nonprofit leaders:

Haile Gebregziabher, Director of Operations, Shepherd's Table;

Agnes Leshner, Board Member, Interfaith Works, and child advocate;

Cara Lesser, Founder, KID Museum;

Linda Plummer, President, Montgomery County NAACP;

John Ross, Founder, Nourishing Bethesda; and

Rob Scheer, Founder, Comfort Cases.

In addition, Big Train honored philanthropist **Carol Trawick** (photo above) and sportscaster **Johnny**

Holliday as Big Train Community Heroes in 2022.





BIG TRAIN COMMUNITY HEROES



At each Bethesda Big Train home game during the 2023 season, we will honor an outstanding community nonprofit with tickets and dinner for **25 Community Heroes** who work tirelessly to make our community so special and serve our neighbors in need.

Thanks to the generous support provided by:

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Join us in 2023 as we honor six more individual heroes who make our community, county, region, and nation stronger:

Chuck Williams, Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church and Second Century Project;

Mark Bucher, Feed the Fridge;

Tom Manger, U.S. Capitol Police Chief and former Chief of the Montgomery County Police Department;

Jamie Raskin, United States Representative (MD-8);

Lupi Quinteros-Grady, President & CEO, Latin American Youth Council (LAYC); and

Brooke Levey, Executive Director, Down Syndrome Network.

Again this year, as in 2021 and 2022, the Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation is donating \$250 to nonprofit organizations in honor of each of our 2023 Big Train Community Heroes.



2023 Big Train Community Heroes

We hope you will come out to cheer on these Community Heroes this June and July:

June 3 Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame

June 6 Link Generations

June 8 Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland

June 10 Miracle League

June 12 Oasis Tutoring

June 16 Living Independently for Everyone (LIVE)

June 17 Open Door Sports

June 18 Nourishing Bethesda

June 19 Second Century Project/Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church
Individual Community Hero: Chuck Williams

June 21 Feed the Fridge
Individual Community Hero: Mark Bucher

June 23 Bethesda Green

June 25 Leveling the Playing Field

June 29 Friends Club & Community Bridges

June 30 Interfaith Works & Jewish Council for the Aging (JCA)

July 1 Housing Unlimited

July 6 CSahm Foundation for ADHD Educational Services & Support and Mobile Med

July 10 Special Olympics & So Kids SOAR

July 15 Latin American Youth Council (LAYC)
Individual Community Heroes:

Lupi Quinteros-Grady

U.S. Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger

U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin

July 16 Down Syndrome Network

Individual Community Hero: Brooke Levey

July 19 Manna Food Center

Catalyst Hot Dog's Chris Van Jura and his partners at Roseda Beef led hot dog challenges in 2022 that raised \$1,684 for the Manna Food Center and \$1,242 for Nourishing Bethesda. This summer, celebrate National Hot Dog Day on Wednesday July 19 by joining Catalyst and Roseda Beef in raising money for the Manna Food Center.



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Big Train baseball believes Fun is Good!
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☞ Meet Gold Medal Olympic gymnast **Dominique Dawes** on **Saturday June 10**.

☞ Join us in our new **Kids Fun Zone** and compete for prizes at **every home Big Train game**.

☞ Play catch in the outfield next to former MLB star **Gio González** on Father's Day **Sunday June 18**.



☞ Celebrate **National Hot Dog Day** by joining Catalyst Hot Dogs to raise money for the Manna Food Center on **Wednesday July 19**.

☞ Talk football with former NFL player and Montgomery County Sports Hall of Famer **Shawn Springs** and get a 2023 Big Train Schedule Magnet and a **free Big Train logo hat** on Opening Night **Saturday June 3**.

☞ Enjoy music from **Lox & Vodka** on Jewish Heritage Night **Wednesday June 21** and **Mariachi Son de América** at our Tribute to Latin Baseball on **Saturday July 15**.

☞ Meet 13-year MLB star **Milt Thompson** and get a replica of the 1954 Scotland Eagles jersey the Big Train players will be wearing at our **Second Annual Clarence "Pint" Isreal Juneteenth Classic** on **Monday June 19**.



☞ Trade baseball trivia with ESPN's **Tim Kurkjian**, a living baseball encyclopedia, on **Saturday June 10**.

☞ Get a **free Big Train seat cushion** if you are 50 or better on Seniors Night **Monday June 12**.

☞ Welcome **2003 Big Train MVP Mike Costanzo** back to Povich Field on **Friday June 23**.

☞ Enjoy **Bruster's Real Ice Cream** at every Big Train game **all summer** at Povich Field.

☞ Meet the **Oriole Bird** and **Slapshot** from the Capitals on **Thursday June 29**.

☞ Get a **Coach G hand fan**, a priceless Big Train souvenir, and join **Montgomery Sister Cities** for fortune cookies and performances by Taiji Friends Club and Qipao (Cheongsam) Association on **Saturday July 1**.

☞ Join County Council President Evan Glass at Big Train's Second Annual **Pride Night** and get a gorgeous Pride hand fan on **Saturday June 17**.



☞ Win a prize in our **Harry Potter and Hermione Granger look-alike contests** on School's Out Night **Friday June 16**.

☞ Join our very first **Big Train Chalk Fest** and get a box of chalk if you are 12 or under on **Friday June 2**.

☞ Trade with fellow bobblehead enthusiasts and celebrate **Homer's birthday** on **Friday June 30**.

☞ Win prizes for the best **Star Wars** outfits on **Monday July 10**.

☞ Get a Big Train clear tote bag on **Fan Appreciation Night Wednesday July 19**.

☞ Join us for **Moonbounce Sundays** from Talk of the Town on **June 18, June 25, and July 16**.



☞ Thank U.S. Capitol Police Chief **Tom Manger** and U.S. Representative **Jamie Raskin** for their service to the nation on **Saturday July 15**.

☞ **Run the bases** after the afternoon games on **June 25 and July 16** if you are 12 or under.

☞ Try **specialty beers from 7 Locks Brewing** on **Saturday nights** if you are 21 or older.

☞ Join Big Train players in volunteering at local nonprofits on **Roberto Clemente Community Service Day Saturday July 15**.

CELEBRATING MONTGOMERY'S BLACK SANDLOTS: CLARENCE "PINT" ISREAL JUNETEENTH CLASSIC

by Bruce Adams

Growing up in Montgomery County in the 1950s as a baseball crazy kid, I had no idea that some of the country's finest ballplayers barnstormed just a few miles from my house. Few who visit the Cabin John Village shopping center or the Rockville Walgreens on Hungerford Drive have any idea that crowds used to watch ballgames on the land now occupied by those buildings.

In the second half of the 19th century, when four of every ten Montgomery County residents were Black, formerly enslaved people founded more than three dozen communities throughout the county. These historic Black communities were isolated and often denied public services. Over the years, some were ignored, others were bulldozed.

Along with churches and schools, baseball was the center of civic life in these communities during the 1940s through the 1960s. Communities from Emory Grove to Lyttonsville and Scotland to Sandy Spring organized sandlot teams. Local historian and Bethesda Community Base Ball Club board member Billy Gordon grew up in Rockville watching the stars of the Black sandlots play. "The entire African American community would turn out on Saturdays and on Sundays after church," recalls Gordon. "It was quite a scene. The preacher would be at the game, and the bootlegger would be there dispensing beverages."



Mural outside Dawson's Market in Rockville honors Black Sandlots.

The center of the county's Black sandlot baseball was Johnson's Park in Emory Grove. One thousand people would show up on Memorial Day for food, fellowship, and a two-night doubleheader. Barnstorming teams from the Negro Leagues came to Johnson's Park to take on the county's top teams – Rockville American Legion Post 151, Maryland Wildcats, and Sandy Spring All Stars.

Johnson's Park and a ballfield in Norbeck that went by the names Bailey's and Page's hosted night games under the lights. Joe Davis' Oak Haven in Boyds had a dance hall and served a full dinner after Sunday games. Wims Meadow in Clarksburg and

Harris Meadow in Stewarttown drew top crowds on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Sadly, as my friend Rev. Tim Warner of Emory Grove United Methodist Church puts it most succinctly: "history is buried with the people." This extraordinary story of resilience in the face of the Jim Crow laws that denied Blacks access to other entertainment opportunities must not be lost to history. I spent several months of our covid lockdown exploring this rich history for a 2021 presentation at Montgomery History's annual conference (available on YouTube – "In Search of the Ballfields of Montgomery's Black Communities").

This is such a complicated and challenging story. How do you sort out our celebration of something undeniably wonderful -- the resilience and entrepreneurship needed to create the Negro Leagues and Montgomery's Black sandlots -- that came about only because of something completely inexcusable? And the tragic irony that long overdue integration of the major leagues led to the death of the Negro Leagues and the much delayed integration in Montgomery County killed these Black sandlot teams.

Clarence "Pint" Isreal

Big Train historian Bill Hickman has spent several years researching and telling the story of Clarence "Pint" Isreal, Montgomery County's greatest Negro Leagues star. In addition to writing the definitive biography of Isreal for the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), Bill successfully nominated him for the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame. Isreal was inducted in 2022.



Mid-1950s All Star team with players from Stewarttown, Mt. Zion, Sandy Spring, Colesville, and Olney.

In an article in the 2022 Big Train souvenir program, Bill introduced him this way: “He beat out an All-Star second baseman to win a starting job with a Negro League baseball team. He held off a Hall of Fame third baseman from taking away his spot at the hot corner on his Negro League team. He was a starting third baseman in the 1946 Negro League World Series. He was penciled into starting lineups by three managers who now reside in the Hall of Fame. He was a local man who spent his whole life in Rockville. His name was Clarence ‘Pint’ Isreal.”

How did Clarence Isreal get the name “Pint”?

His diminutive size at 5’ 5” caused some to call him “Half Pint.”

His son Bobby explained it this way in a 2001 interview for a Montgomery Community Television documentary: “Someone saw him in centerfield and yelled ‘look at that little half-pint out there playing.’” Over time it was “Pint” that stuck.

As with other Negro League stars from the county like Russell Awkard and Bill Williams who realized that segregation denied them the opportunity to play at baseball’s highest level, Pint Isreal returned home to raise a family and compete in Montgomery’s Black sandlot games. Isreal devoted his life to helping Montgomery’s youth through the Black Angels Boys Club and other organizations. He became a valued mentor to Billy Gordon and other youth. Isreal worked as a biological laboratory technician at the National Institutes of Health and was player/manager of the integrated NIH baseball team. In 1988, the year after he died, the Mayor and Council of Rockville dedicated a park in his name in the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

First Annual Clarence “Pint” Isreal Juneteenth Classic

On June 12, 2022, the Gaithersburg Giants came to Shirley Povich Field to take on the Bethesda Big Train in the First Annual Clarence “Pint” Isreal Juneteenth Classic. Major sponsors Westfield Montgomery, Lafayette Federal Credit Union, and the David and Mikel Blair Family Foundation supported a pre-game meal for African American community and church organizations and made it possible for every fan attending to receive a Juneteenth Classic t-shirt. Montgomery County NAACP president Linda Plummer received a Big Train Community Hero award. Thirteen year MLB star and Emory Grove native Milt Thompson joined Isreal family members, former Scotland Eagles third baseman Eddie Dove, and our very own Billy Gordon and Bill Hickman in the pre-game ceremonies.



MLB star Milt Thompson joined the Isreal family for a pre-game photo.



Second Annual Clarence “Pint” Isreal Juneteenth Classic

With the success of the first Juneteenth Classic, Big Train baseball is committed to continuing the tradition and keeping the memory of Montgomery’s Black sandlots alive. This year’s game will be played on the federal holiday on Monday June 19 with the Big Train playing host to the Gaithersburg Giants at Shirley Povich Field again. Big Train players will wear Eagles jerseys to honor the 1954 Scotland Eagles, one of Montgomery’s Black sandlot teams. Former Scotland Eagle Eddie Dove will be on hand to toss out a ceremonial first pitch. Sponsors Gritty, Inc. and Hibiscus Health, Inc. and Big Train baseball will provide t-shirt versions of the Eagles jersey for the first 350 fans. MLB star Milt Thompson and Big Train alum and Ripken League All Star Logan Farrar will host a 4 p.m. baseball clinic aimed at getting more kids of color interested in baseball. Memorabilia from the Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball will be on display at Povich Field. Chuck Williams of the Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church and the Second Century Project will receive a Big Train Community Hero award.



Eddie Dove of the Scotland Eagles shared memorabilia and history lessons with Big Train’s Bruce Adams.

ANNUAL SCOTLAND JUNETEENTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Bethesda Big Train is a proud sponsor of the Scotland Juneteenth Heritage Festival. Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. The festival begins Saturday June 17 with music at the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Club and ends Monday June 19 with a concert at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Events over the long weekend at the Cabin John Village shopping center and throughout Cabin John Regional Park include community service projects, children’s carnival, history talks, an art exhibit, and more. On Monday afternoon, Bruce Adams, Billy Gordon, and Milt Thompson will be on a panel at the AFI Theatre in Silver Spring after a showing of the 1976 classic “The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars & Motor Kings.” Proceeds of the Juneteenth Festival will benefit the Second Century Project, a capital campaign established to repair and expand the historic Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church damaged in a 2019 storm. For information, please go to www.juneteenthscotland.org.



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SATURDAY JUNE 10 – v. **Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts**. **Nationals Night** with the Racing Presidents Tom and Abe. A **Hall of Fame Saturday in partnership with the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame** featuring Gold Medal Olympic gymnast **Dominique Dawes** and ESPN's **Tim Kurkjian**. Celebrating the Community Heroes from **Miracle League**. **KOA Sports Night**. Specialty Beer Night featuring 7 Locks Brewing. Sponsored by the **Washington Nationals**.



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MONDAY JUNE 19 – v. **Gaithersburg Giants**. **Second Annual Clarence "Pint" Isreal Juneteenth Classic**. Big Train players will wear Eagles jerseys to honor the 1954 Scotland Eagles from Montgomery's Black Sandlots. First 350 fans will receive t-shirt versions of the Big Train jersey courtesy of **Gritty, Inc.** and **Hibiscus Health, Inc.**



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WEDNESDAY JUNE 21 – v. **DC Grays**. **Jewish Heritage Night** with music provided by oySongs.com featuring **Lox & Vodka**. Presenting **Mark Bucher** of Feed the Fridge with a Big Train Community Hero Award. Sponsored by **oySongs** and **Medium Rare**.

FRIDAY JUNE 23 – v. **Metro SOCO Braves**. **Bethesda Green Night**. Special guest: 2003 Big Train MVP and MLB player **Mike Costanzo** of **Briganti Wines**. Celebrate your alma mater on **College Night**. **Eat the Change** giving out 100 bottles of Just Ice Tea and product samples.



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Doubleheader - 10 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY JUNE 25 – v. Gaithersburg Giants. Grandparents Day. Let's Play Two! To appeal to our families with younger kids and to provide an opportunity for a day of fun across three generations, Big Train has scheduled a morning-afternoon doubleheader with games starting at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Start off our first ever Grandparents Day with **Breakfast with the Big Train**. Our friends at Eat the Change are donating 200 bottles of **Just Ice Tea** for your refreshment at the morning game. Your ticket is good for both games on this **Moonbounce Sunday** with **Talk of the Town**. Sample **Eat the Change** products from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The **Bowie Baysox mascot Louie** will be in the house. Kids will get to run the bases after the day's 1:30 p.m. second game. Sponsored by *Kid to Kid* and *Washington Parent Magazine*. Whether you are coming to the game or not, today is the day to donate gently used and extra sports equipment to **Leveling the Playing Field** any time from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the entrance to Povich Field.

THURSDAY JUNE 29 – v. DC Grays. Capitals and Orioles Night. Join two of the best mascots in professional sports -- **The Oriole Bird** and **Slapshot** as well as Orioles superfan, the **"I'm Fired Up" guy** from Camden Yards. Sponsored by *MoCo360*.



FRIDAY JUNE 30 – v. Metro SOCO Braves. Homer's Birthday Party and Bobblehead Trading Night. Join mascots from around the region to celebrate Homer's 24th birthday. Bring bobbleheads in good condition and trade with fellow bobble enthusiasts. starting at 6 p.m. Limited supply of 100 Homer bobbleheads to give away presented by our friends at *Springnecks*.



SATURDAY JULY 1 – v. Alexandria Aces. Coach G Appreciation Night. All in attendance will receive a Coach G hand fan, a priceless Big Train souvenir, presented by *Text Design*. **Montgomery Sister Cities Night.** First five hundred fans get a fortune cookie presented by *Montgomery Sister Cities*. Performances by Taiji Friends Club and Qipao (Cheongsam) Association. Specialty Beer Night featuring 7 Locks Brewing.



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MONDAY JULY 10 – v. Cropdusters. Star Wars Night. Win prizes for best Star Wars outfits. Get creative with **KID Museum**. **Central Farm Markets** presenting 50 gift certificates.

SATURDAY JULY 15 – v. Gaithersburg Giants.

Register in advance to join Big Train players and staff volunteering at local nonprofits for our **Second Annual Roberto Clemente Community Service Day** from 10 a.m. to noon. At 1 p.m., watch the **Capitol Baseball Federals Club** play the **Philadelphia Police Blue Sox** at Povich Field (free admission). Then join us in honoring the players in a pre-game ceremony where **U.S. Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger**, **U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin** and LAYC President **Lupi Quinteros-Grady** are presented with Big Train Community Hero Awards. For our **Tribute to Latin Baseball**, Big Train players will wear jerseys provided by *Gritty, Inc.* and *Hibiscus Health, Inc.* with Big Train in Spanish across the chest and Clemente's #21 on the back. Music by **Mariachi Son de América**. Specialty Beer Night featuring 7 Locks Brewing. Sponsored by *Hibiscus Health, Inc.*



1:00 p.m. game

SUNDAY JULY 16 – v. Metro SOCO Braves.

To appeal to our families with younger kids, Big Train has scheduled a Sunday afternoon game starting at 1 p.m. Come out early and play catch in the outfield from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. Another **Moonbounce Sunday** with **Talk of the Town**. Kids will get to run the bases after the game. Join us in honoring Big Train Community Hero **Brooke Levey** of the **Down Syndrome Network**. Sponsored by *Kid to Kid* and *Washington Parent Magazine*.



WEDNESDAY JULY 19 – v. Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts. Fan Appreciation Night. Get to the ballpark early to make sure you get one of the 300 clear tote bags presented by game night sponsor *FitBite Orthodontics*. Help us celebrate **National Hot Dog Day** with a fundraiser supported by *Roseda Beef* and *Catalyst Hot Dogs* to benefit the Manna Food Center.



SATURDAY JULY 22-MONDAY JULY 31 – Possible Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League (CRSCBL) playoff games at Shirley Povich Field. Please check www.calripkenleague.org for dates, times, and ballparks for CRSCBL playoff games.

THE "BIG TRAIN'S" FORAYS INTO POLITICS

by Bill Hickman

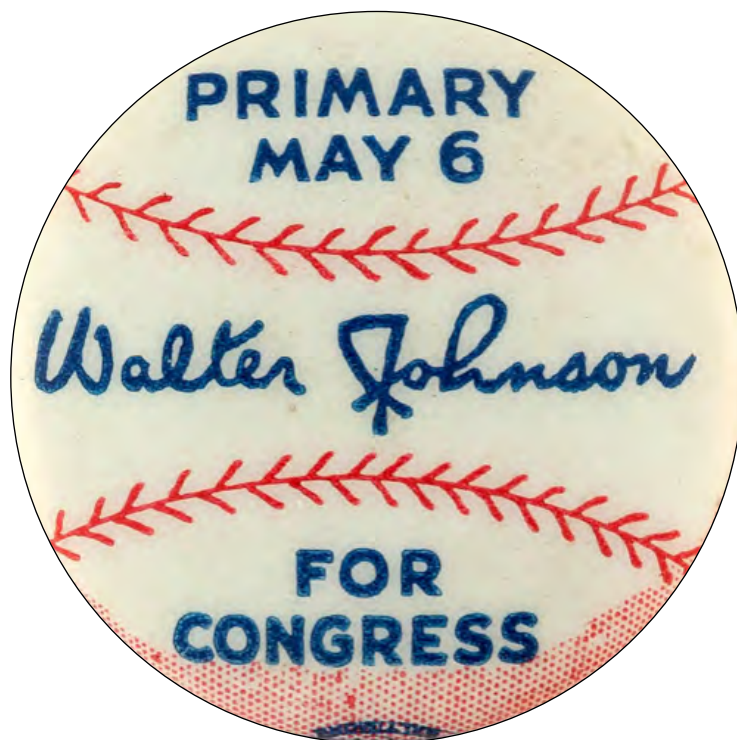
Walter "The Big Train" Johnson was less than enthusiastic about getting into politics. Many of the Republican leaders of Montgomery County had been after him for quite some time to throw his hat into the ring because he had the name recognition and fan base that gave him a strong chance to win in a heavily Democratic area. He finally filed his election papers at ten minutes before the midnight deadline to get into the race for the Montgomery Board of Commissioners, the governing body that existed prior to the current Montgomery County Council.

The year was 1938, and Walter trounced his primary challenger. Given such a strong endorsement by the GOP voters, he was invited to make a nationwide speech on behalf of the Republican Party. He came out against FDR's New Deal programs and the Social Security reserve fund. In the general election, Walter faced the Democratic nominee, Clay Plummer, who had the advantages of being an incumbent on the Board of Commissioners and a former Sheriff of Montgomery County. Nevertheless, Walter won the election with a 55% majority vote to begin his first term on the Board.

Walter was joining a five-member Board as the sole Republican. During his first year in office, he also became president of the National Association of Professional Ballplayers, a Washington Senators radio announcer, and was inducted into the inaugural class of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown – all in addition to his running his farm in Germantown. As a result of these other commitments, it was alleged that Walter missed about a third of the Board of Commissioners meetings. Nevertheless, he was active on a couple of topics. He served with another commissioner on the Livestock Committee, which was responsible for making decisions about payments for claims concerning damage to livestock that were brought before the committee. He also got involved in a housing authority issue.

Again being pushed by Republican power brokers to go more deeply into politics, after serving just a little over a year on the Board, Walter announced in January of 1940 that he was running for a seat in Congress. This would be for the House Sixth District that included Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, and Washington counties. Walter's primary opponent was not an easy target. A. Charles Stewart had run in a general Congressional race before, so he was an experienced politician. But Walter prevailed in the primary with a thousand vote margin out of 14,000 votes cast.

In the general election for Congress, Walter faced a formidable opponent. Incumbent Congressman William Byron was



a former World War I aviator and Mayor of Williamsport, Maryland (near Hagerstown). Walter had some advisers who tried to improve his speaking style, but their suggestions didn't work, and he continued with his natural, plain talking way on the campaign trail. As expressed in Hank Thomas' biography, *Walter Johnson: Baseball's Big Train*, Johnson had a straightforward and simple approach: "I just tell them that I'll try to do my best and hope they'll believe me."

Byron knew that Walter would not get into any mud-slinging, and he made it clear to his staff that their campaign would behave the same way.

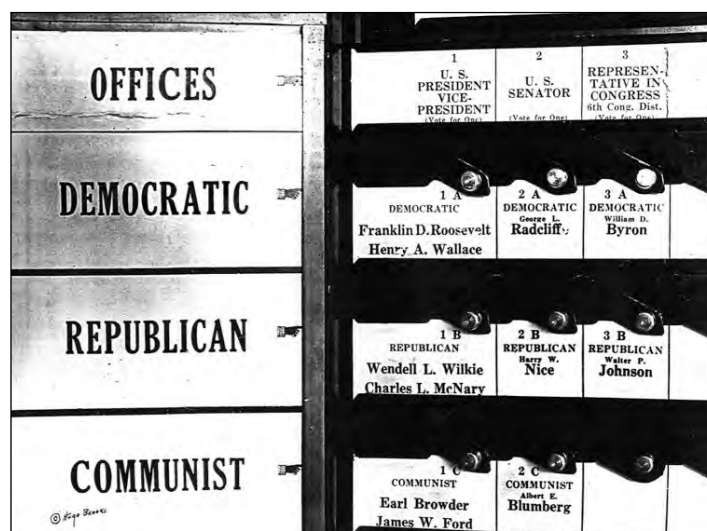
In mid-September of the campaign, Walter took time out from his Maryland efforts to give a boost to the Presidential campaign of Wendell Willkie. Willkie had taught history in Coffeyville, Kansas, the town where Walter grew up. Willkie was launching the western tour of his campaign from Coffeyville, and he had asked Walter to join him and introduce him at the rally. An estimated crowd of 67,000 was on hand to hear the two men speak. Willkie expressed his hope that Walter be elected to Congress.



There would be no Congressman Walter Johnson. When the results came in, Byron had won 53 percent to 47 percent. Byron won Montgomery County by only 529 votes out of nearly 29,000 cast. Walter was strongest in Garrett County. Walter did not make any post-election statements, but returned to his farm in Germantown and continued on the Board of Commissioners.

Byron was killed in a plane crash shortly into his second term. Given that Byron's death opened that congressional position again, it is not known what Walter's thinking was, but he did not run for the vacancy. On the Democratic side, Katharine Byron, the grieving widow, was the nominee. Perhaps Walter, understanding the tragedy, had sympathy for the situation. For the Republicans, the nominee was the same A. Charles Stewart Walter beat in the Congressional primary. When Katharine Byron won the Congressional seat in May, 1941, she became the first woman from Maryland elected to Congress.

In 1942, Walter announced he was running for re-election to the Board of Commissioners. Originally, his opponent in the primary was to be the same fellow he trounced in 1938, but the man dropped out of the race, and Walter won the nomination by default. In the general election, his opponent was W. Lawson King, a wealthy dairyman who owned King Farm. (Yes, the King Farm community in Rockville is named after his former property). Walter won the seat again by a 53 percent to 47 percent margin.



1940 Montgomery County General Election Ballot photographed by Hugo Brooks.

In the spring of 1944, Walter again became involved in presidential politics. He led a slate of Montgomery County delegates favoring support for Thomas E. Dewey's presidential run at the Republican state convention. His group easily won the Montgomery County race. Subsequently, the Maryland Republican delegation endorsed Dewey for President at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.



Johnson after decisive victory in 1938 primary election (Library of Congress).

In March of 1946, Walter announced that he would run for a third term as Commissioner. On April 9, he was admitted to Georgetown Hospital with a complaint about numbness in his left arm and hand. The underlying condition turned out to be a tumor. Never one to admit defeat, he waited until August before agreeing to announce his withdrawal.

On December 10, 1946, Walter Johnson passed away at age 59. Johnson's stellar baseball career inevitably overshadowed his late-in-life political career, which, though occasionally ambitious, ultimately played out on a much smaller field. With his humble and self-effacing manner, he might best be described as a reluctant politician. However, he easily transformed many lifetime fans into loyal constituents, and once elected, he repeatedly demonstrated his ability to play this new game against career politicians on their turf.



Bill Hickman maintains the Big Train record book and keeps track of Big Train alumni in professional baseball. He serves as Secretary of the Bethesda Community Base Ball Club Board of Directors. This article is adapted from a longer one in Montgomery History's Spring 2023 "The Montgomery County Story."

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We Are Big Train



Our annual **We Are Big Train campaign** each spring helps provide the Bethesda Community Base Ball Club with the resources we need to support Bethesda Big Train baseball at Shirley Povich Field. It costs about \$350,000 to operate Big Train baseball each year. This includes the obvious uniforms, baseballs, equipment, league fees, and umpires. We have to maintain the quality of Povich Field and compensate our hard working coaches. We operate a summer camp, and we are deeply invested in building a stronger community here in Montgomery County. It all adds up.

While we have a considerable amount of earned income from our summer camp, ticket sales, concessions, souvenirs, and corporate sponsorships, nearly one-quarter of our annual budget and one-half of total spending come from charitable contributions from our supporters. In the last two and one-half years, nearly 350 individuals and families have contributed \$500,000 to help make Big Train baseball at Povich Field so special. Please see page 29 for a list of our 2022-2023 donors.

In addition to our annual Base Ball & Holiday Auction held each fall to raise money for our community service initiatives, there are now two other ways Big Train fans can help ensure we are able to maintain the special, fan friendly environment we all love — **We Are Big Train campaign** and our new **David Povich Improvement Fund for Shirley Povich Field**. To make donations to our We Are Big Train campaign through automatic monthly donations, please use the DONATE button at www.bigtrain.org.

The We Are Big Train campaign helps provide us with the funds for special community building activities showcasing Montgomery's diverse communities like our Clarence "Pint" Isreal Juneteenth Classic honoring Montgomery's Black Sandlots and our Roberto Clemente Community Service Day when Big Train players and fans serve at area nonprofits. Donations to We Are Big Train also help us be able to give fans t-shirts, bookmarks, hats, and seat cushions on special giveaway nights. Contributions to the David Povich Improvement Fund for Shirley Povich Field will help us maintain the excellence of Povich Field long into the future. Donors of \$250 and more may have an inscribed plaque on an individual seat.

I want to support Big Train baseball and our community service initiatives by making a tax deductible contribution.



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Please make checks payable to **Bethesda Community Base Ball Club (BCBBC)** and mail them with this form to: BCBBC, 7211 Exeter Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

The Bethesda Community Base Ball Club is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization as determined by the IRS. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. BCBBC's federal EIN is 85-0895405.

Travel with the Big Train!



Sign up now to join the **first ever opportunity for Big Train fans to travel with the team** on a fabulous baseball road trip as the Big Train face two of the top teams in the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) for a Fourth of July you will never forget. Our buses leave Monday morning July 3 and head to the Big Apple to tour Citi Field and then watch the Orioles play the Yankees at Yankee Stadium. On Tuesday July 4, we tour Newport and watch the Big Train play the Newport Gulls at Historic Cardines Field with fireworks over Newport Harbor after the game. Wednesday July 5 starts with a tour of Fenway Park before we board the ferry for Martha's Vineyard where the Big Train will face the reigning NECBL champion Sharks at the Shark Tank. During a lunch break on Thursday's July 6 ride home, fans will tour Historic Hinchliffe Stadium, one of only four remaining Negro League ballparks. Reserve your seat on the bus for only \$900 per person (plus \$150 for single occupancy) by emailing Big Train founder Bruce Adams at bruce@greaterwash.org.





Preserving Our Crown Jewel

Maintaining the Excellence of Shirley Povich Field

“When I’m here at a Big Train game, I feel like I live in a small town.” That’s it. That’s why we so love Big Train baseball at Shirley Povich Field. As *The Washington Post’s* Marc Fisher described it, “In a video game world, this is as retro a summer’s eve as most kids will know, and they can’t get enough of it.”

At a time of increasing social isolation and polarization, we need public spaces where people can come together to relax and have fun. We need places where kids can put away their devices and hang out with their pals for a couple of hours, where seniors can share memories, and where all of us can enjoy the company of others and the rich diversity of our community while we watch our boys of summer.

Big Train baseball at Shirley Povich Field is one of those spaces. Montgomery Parks director Mike Riley says Povich Field, along with the Capital Crescent Trail and Brookside Gardens, is one of the three crown jewels of our parks system. It is up to us to ensure the excellence of Povich Field is maintained for our grandchildren and their children.

David Povich Improvement Fund for Shirley Povich Field

On Saturday June 3, Big Train baseball will dedicate the First Base Grandstand at Shirley Povich Field in memory of David Povich. David, an accomplished lawyer, a great Washingtonian, an avid baseball fan, and a loyal supporter of Big Train baseball, died in August of 2022. Our Bethesda Community Base Ball Club established the **David Povich Improvement Fund for Shirley Povich Field**. With support from David’s friends and family as well as donations from Big Train fans, we have already raised more than \$130,000 to help maintain the excellence of Povich Field long into the future.

Our first expenditure with the David Povich Improvement Fund was to replace all 284 seat backs in the first base grandstand and name the grandstand in David’s memory — **David Povich First Base Grandstand**. As of May 15, there are 123 seat plaques remaining for sale at \$250 each. Seat plaques purchased during the rest of 2023 will be in place for the 2024 season, our 25th season of Big Train baseball at Shirley Povich Field.



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Be a part of Shirley Povich Field!

We replaced all 284 seats in the David Povich First Base Grandstand this spring. Fans contributing \$250 may have an inscribed plaque on an individual seat to show your support of Big Train or to honor a coach, parent, child or your family.

Text for individual seat plaques – PLEASE PRINT the text you want below. Each box represents a letter, comma, or space. Please make sure you leave a blank box between words to signify a space.

Text for first plaque (see instructions above)

Text for second plaque (see instructions above)

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Andy, Sam, Alice
& Kevin Smith

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Los Angeles Dodgers
MLB Debut: 4/6/05

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Houston Astros
MLB Debut: 9/14/05

Bobby Livingston, '01

Seattle Mariners
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San Diego Padres
MLB Debut: 8/23/08

Michael McKenry, '04

Colorado Rockies
MLB Debut: 9/8/10

Brian Dozier, '06

Minnesota Twins
MLB Debut: 5/7/12

Mike Costanzo, '03

Cincinnati Reds
MLB Debut: 5/13/12

Cody Allen, '08

Cleveland Indians
MLB Debut: 7/20/12

Matt Bowman, '10-12

St. Louis Cardinals
MLB Debut: 4/6/16

Ryan Garton, '11

Tampa Bay Rays
MLB Debut: 5/26/16

Joe Mantiplay, '10

Detroit Tigers
MLB Debut: 9/3/16

Hunter Renfro, '11-12

San Diego Padres
MLB Debut: 9/21/16

Brandon Lowe, '14

Tampa Bay Rays
MLB Debut: 8/5/18

Ty France, '13

San Diego Padres
MLB Debut: 4/26/19

David McKay, '15

Seattle Mariners
MLB Debut: 5/20/19

Logan Gilbert, '16

Seattle Mariners
MLB Debut: 5/13/21

James Outman, '17

Los Angeles Dodgers
MLB Debut: 7/31/22

Ken Waldichuk, '17

Oakland Athletics
MLB Debut: 9/1/22

Hunter Brown, '18

Houston Astros
MLB Debut: 9/5/22

Alec Burleson, '18

St. Louis Cardinals
MLB Debut: 9/8/22

J.P. France, '14

Houston Astros
MLB Debut: 5/6/23

Teams listed are each player's first MLB team. To see current and other MLB teams, visit: www.bigtrain.org/history/major.

Acors, Bo - RHP '99
Adams, Hugh - RHP '06-12
Adams, John L.F. - RHP '04
Adkins, Luke - OF '06, '08-09
Agosta, Martin - RHP '11
Albir, Marcelo - RHP '03
Alderman, Kemp 3B/1B/OF/RHP '21
Aldrete, Michael - RHP/SS '11
Alemais, Stephen - 2B/SS/DH '12
Alkire, Jack - RHP '17
Allen, Cody - RHP '08, '10
Allen, Tanner - 2B/OF '17
Anderson, Brian - RHP '06-07
Appling, Landon - OF '11
Bach, Carter - LHP '18
Bajger, Dan - RHP '05
Baker, Luke LHP '21-22
Baldwin, Bruce - SS '01
Ball, Connor LHP '22
Ballesteros, Adrian - C '02
Barker, Logan RHP '19
Baron, Casey - LHP '04
Barron, Jesse RHP '21
Barry, Adam - 1B/3B/OF '11-12
Barry, Sean - RHP '16
Bass, Michael - 2B/SS '11-12
Battle, Aaron - SS/2B '02
Beamer, Ken - SS '05
Bechtold, Andrew - 1B/3B/SS '15
Bechtold, Michael RHP '19
Bedford, Matt RHP '21
Becker, Merritt LHP '22
Beistline, Jordan - RHP '09-10
Bernatz, Connor - OF '09-10
Billen, Jared RHP '19
Billingsley, Jacob - RHP '14
Binda, Byron - RHP '02
Boessen, Todd - RHP '00
Boike, Eli - OF '07-09
Bollar, Avondre - OF '12
Bookhultz, Chris RHP '21
Boran, Pat - 2B/SS '00
Bottoms, Michael - RHP/1B/3B '09
Bowman, Matt - RHP/SS '10-12
Boyle, Michael - LHP '13
Braley, Jack RHP '21
Brennan, Jackson - OF '02
Briggs, Cory - INF '08
Brown, Andrew - 3B '14
Brown, Cody - OF/DH '14-16
Brown, Grant - OF/DH/RHP '14
Brown, Hunter - RHP '18
Brown, Kris - RHP '08

Brown, Rusty - 3B '01
Bruce, Harrison - OF '13
Burdick, Kai RHP '22
Burleson, Alec - LHP/1B/OF/DH '18
Burt, Jim Jr. - 1B/OF '01
Caldwell, Derek - LHP '05, '07
Calvert, Alex - RHP/3B/DH '14-17
Campbell, Maceo RHP '19
Carbajal, Noah RHP '21
Cargill, Collin - RHP '07
Carlson, Jon - LHP '12
Carson, Drew - OF '04-05
Catlett, Everett LHP '21
Celenza, Mike - 1B/3B '09
Cerretani, John - RHP '17
Charpie, Trevor - RHP '13
Checkosky, Danny RHP '21
Cipolla, Michael - 3B '08
Clark, Burt - LHP '01
Clarke, Brandon LHP '22
Clarke, Chris - RHP '18
Clarkson, Matt - C '03
Cleckler, Nick - OF '04-06
Cobb, Baylor C/1B/DH '22
Cobb, Zach - RHP '04
Cohn, Andrew - LHP '01
Colangelo, David - OF '00
Cole, Johnny - 1B '13-14
Collazo, Luis - LHP '13-15
Collins, Ryan - OF '10
Cone, Jack OF/RHP/DH '21
Cooley, Hunter LHP '19
Cooney, Jim - LHP '99-00
Costanzo, Mike - 3B/RHP '03
Costigan, Pete OF/DH '19
Covington, Tyler - 1B/OF '10
Crawford, Harrison - 1B/3B '15
Cruz, Gaby - C/1B/3B/DH '17
Cuevas, Trey - C '04-05
Cullen, Chris - RHP '06
Culpepper, Rob - RHP '01
Cuneo, Cameron - LHP '12
Cunningham, Pat - OF/DH '99
Damiano, Kevin - LHP '00-01
Daniel, Clayton - 2B/OF '16
Daugherty, Cam - OF/3B '16
Daugherty, Ryan LHP/1B/DH '19, 21
Davies, Greg - OF/1B '99-00
Davis, Justin "J.D." - RHP '00
Dawson, James - RHP '99
DeBolt, Luke - RHP '99
Delean, Blair - RHP '10
Del Grande, David - OF '13

Del Prado, Nick RHP '22
Derby, Bubba - RHP '13
Diaz, Bryan - OF/DH '18
Diaz, Gio SS/2B '19
Diaz, Victor - RHP/OF '11
Dietz, Josh - 1B '06
DiLeo, Tony - C/DH '14-15
Dini, Greg - C '03
Dokoupil, Tony - OF '00
Donahue, Tucker - RHP '11
Donohue, Ryan - RHP '09
Doran, Ryan - RHP/3B '12
Doyle, Trevor OF '21
Dozier, Brian - SS '06
Driscoll, Logan - 1B/3B/C '17
Duffy, Chris - 3B '07
Durfee, Russell - RHP '04-05
Dux, Marcus LHP '22
Easter, Chuck - 1B '99
Easterly, Tyler - RHP '09
Eberhart, Chris - RHP '05
Eddington, Jake RHP '21
Elder, John - 3B '99
Eldridge, Ryan - 1B '02
Emodi, Michael - C/DH '16-17
England, Chris - RHP '04
Eppard, Nash - RHP '17
Esposito, Vinny - 1B/2B/OF '16-17
Ewert, Quinn - RHP '07-08
Farber, Drew - C/INF '10-11
Farrar, Logan - OF/2B '13-16
Fay, Steve - C '05-06
Feight, Nick - C/OF/DH '14-15
Felix, Garrett OF/2B/3B/DH '22
Feldman, Gabe - RHP '06, '08-09
Fitzgerald, Todd - LHP '08
Flanagan, Quinn - RHP '18
Fontaine, Jeff - OF '03
Foster, Andrew - OF '07
Foster, Darius OF/DH '19, 21
Foster, Matt - LHP '02
Frakes, Andy - RHP '14
France, J.P. - RHP '14
France, Ty - 3B/1B/DH '13
Frank, Michael - RHP '11
Frederickson, Evan - LHP '06-07
Freeman, Cody - C '09-10
Frieda, Colby RHP '22
Friedland, Evan - 1B '07
Fury, Nate - RHP '10
Galvin, Mark - RHP '01
Garcia, Ahmed - LHP '09
Gardner, Chase - LHP '16

Garton, Ryan - RHP '11
Gasaway, Jason - SS '09
Gauthier, Austin SS/2B '21
Gibson, Ian - 1B '03
Gibson, Kalen - RHP '03
Gilbert, Logan - RHP '16
Gilvin, Casey - OF '01-02
Glass, Brady - SS '01
Glenn, John - 1B/DH '18
Gordon, Jeff - RHP '07
Graham, Jason - OF '99
Green, Matt - OF/RHP/DH '17
Greenly, Bryce RHP '22
Grieb, Matt - OF '11
Griffith, Matthew - RHP '00
Griset, Ben - LHP '12
Grisham, Ben - 3B/RHP '03-04
Griswold, Cheyne - OF '09
Gross, Jordan - LHP '12
Grosz, Josh RHP '21
Guffey, Brock - LHP '18, '21
Guinn, Parker - C '13
Gum, Brandon - SS/DH '12, '15
Gumpf, Brady OF/3B/DH '21
Guth, Zach - LHP '17
Gutierrez, Carlos - RHP '05
Haines, Jeff - 2B/SS '99-00
Hale, Austin - C/3B/DH '16
Hamilton, Bryan - RHP '10
Hamrock, Drew 3B/OF/DH '19
Harclerode, Austin - 1B/RHP '19
Harris, Will - RHP '10
Harrison, Torik - RHP '99
Harst, Chance - C '07
Hatfield, Dylan C '21
Hayes, David - RHP '04
Hayhurst, Dirk - RHP '01
Hegwood, Colton OF/SS/2B/DH '22
Hendricks, Brendan - 3B/1B '12
Hepler, Wes - LHP '99
Hepner, Justin - RHP '13
Herold, Mitch - LHP '07
Herzog, Matthew - RHP/DH '16
Hester, Seth - RHP '16
Heyer, Luke - 3B/DH '17
Hildreth, Casey - C '99
Hinchliffe, Gavin - RHP '18
Hinkle, Austin - RHP '06
Hiser, Charles "P.J." - OF/RHP '02
Hiserman, Matt - RHP '07-08
Hitt, Grayson RHP '21
Hlebovy, Gus - RHP '02
Hoeflich, Brett - 1B '05

Hoehn, Connor - RHP '07-08
 Holden, Ricky - RHP '12
 Holloway, Trey - LHP '03
 Holston, Greer RHP '19
 Holzemer, Warren 2B/SS/3B '22
 Hopkins, Luke - 1B '04
 Horseman, Shay - LHP '03
 Hose, Terry Lee "T.J." - RHP '04
 Howat, Matt LHP '2
 Hudak, Alex - OF/DH '11
 Hughes, David B. - SS '02
 Hunley, Brandon - 2B/SS '15
 Hunter, Cade C/3B/1B/DH '19
 Hurry, Jake - LHP '02
 Hurst, Jason - OF '01
 Hutton, Derek - 2B/RHP '02
 Jagers, Nate - 3B/2B '02
 Jancarski, Zach - OF '17
 Jayne, Christian OF/DH '19
 Jefferson, D.M. OF '22
 Jenkins, Kelli RHP '19
 Jimerson, Charlton - OF '99
 Johnson, Andrew LHP '22
 Johnson, Richie - SS '10
 Johnson, Ryley OF '21
 Jones, Andrew "A.J." - RHP '17
 Jones, Ben - OF '08
 Jones, Brayden RHP '22
 Jones, John A "Ja" - RHP '04
 Jones, Marcus - OF '05
 Jones, Tyler - OF '03
 Judge, Michael - RHP '13
 Kalfus, Brenden - OF/SS '11
 Kanagy, Arick - P '04
 Kantakevich, Joe - RHP '04
 Kapothanasis, Costa - RHP '07
 Karchich, Jon - SS/3B '07
 Kato, Kobe 3B/2B/C/DH '19
 Keane, Patrick - RHP '10-11
 Keen, Austin - RHP '17
 Kelly, Chris R. - OF '01-02
 Kelly, James C. - LHP/1B '05
 Kent, Mike - RHP '10-12
 Kidd, Robbie - RHP/1B/DH '12
 Kim, Zach - OF '08
 King, Joey - LHP '99
 King, Jordan - 2B/RHP '08-09
 Kirtley, Zach - SS/2B/DH '15
 Kish, Colin - OF '12
 Klaczkiwicz, Matt - RHP '09
 Kleweno, Matt - LHP '00
 Kline, Steve - LHP '01
 Knipp, Grant C/1B/DH '21
 Knoble, Johnnie - OF '04-05
 Koos, Jacob - OF '17
 Kramer, John OF '22
 Kremer, Kris 3B/OF/DH '19
 Krzyzanowski, Jarret - RHP '18
 Kueber, Garrett - SS/2B '16-17
 Labsan, Sean - LHP/OF/DH '14, '16
 Lafi, Blaine - RHP '16
 Lambert, Gunnar - DH '16
 Lambert, Ray - RHP '14
 Lane, Cory - 2B '06
 Lane, Sean 1B '22
 LaNinfa, Brian - 1B/OF '03-04
 Largent, Kelly - SS '04
 Larson, Brock - RHP '12-15
 Leach, Steven - SS/3B/2B '06-08
 Lee, A.J. - SS '18
 Lee, Chase RHP '19
 Lee, Drew - SS/2B '08-09
 Lemon, Greg - 2B '04-05
 LeNoir, Bobby - SS '01-02
 Lever, Jeff - RHP '00
 Lewis, Chris - 1B/SS/OF/DH '14-15
 Lewis, Josh - RHP '03
 Little, Jeff - RHP '99
 Little, Jordan RHP '22
 Livingston, Bobby - LHP '01
 Locke, Zach RHP '19
 Logan, Bo - LHP '12, '14
 Lomeli, Carlos - RHP '18
 Long, Matt - OF '06
 Loomis, Devon - RHP '14
 LoPresti, James - RHP '09
 Loptien, Tyler - RHP '15
 Love, Cameron - RHP/DH '09-11
 Lowe, Brandon - 2B '14
 Lowe, Ron - LHP '05
 Lumpkins, Stephen - RHP '10
 Lynch, Ryan LHP '21
 Mackey, Jeff - OF '99
 Madrigal, Ty - LHP '17
 Maine, John - RHP '00
 Mansfield, Brian - RHP '03
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 Marcinko, Evan LHP '22
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 Marman, Kyle - RHP '16
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 Martin, Christian 2B/SS '21
 Martin, Eric - RHP '12, '14
 Martin, Justin - C '04
 Martinez, Peter "P.J." - RHP '99
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 Mast, Nolan - 2B '03
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 McBryde, Mike - OF/RHP '04
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 McClaskey, Kris - C '03
 McClurg, Brandon - RHP '08
 McCormack, Conor - 2B/3B '18
 McCullough, Justin - C/RHP/DH '12
 McKay, David - RHP '15
 McKenry, Michael - C '04
 Meagher, T.F. - 2B/SS '00
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 Michael, Brian - C '05
 Middleton, Brennan - SS/2B/3B '10-12
 Miedzianowski, Mike - 3B/2B/OF '12-13
 Milam, Kevin - RHP/1B/DH '17
 Miller, Ethan - RHP '12
 Miller, Joel A. - OF '03
 Minogue, Pat - OF '07
 Mizelle, Cody - RHP '13
 Mobley, Chris - RHP '02
 Monaco, Chris - RHP/DH '15-16
 Monaghan, Jimmy - 1B/DH '16
 Mooney, Danny - RHP '13
 Morales, Mitch - SS/2B '12
 Moreland, Keith - RHP '04, 06-07
 Moreland, Kenny - RHP '05
 Morioka, Mason - C/3B/RHP '09-11
 Morris, Justin - C/1B/OF/DH '14-17
 Morris, Zach - LHP '13
 Mosbacher, Jack - OF '09
 Mozoki, Todd RHP '22
 Mulligan, Ryan - C '08-09
 Murphy, Billy - RHP '08
 Murphy, John - RHP '16-17
 Nahas, Joe - RHP '17
 Naumann, Tyler RHP '19
 Neal, Cam - OF/2B '12
 Nelson, Josh - RHP '18
 Neri, Danny C/1B/DH '21
 Norris, Daryl - 1B/RHP '11
 Norton, Cole - OF '12
 Nowak, Luke OF '22
 Nowatnick, Mark - RHP '15
 O'Dell, Chris - OF '02
 Okuda, Ryan LHP '19
 Oliva, Chad - C '99
 Oregia, Ben - RHP '02
 Outman, James - OF '17
 Overton, Brad - RHP '00
 Owens, Travis - C/OF '07
 Page, Jahsan - RHP '01-02
 Parenti, Joe - OF '00
 Parker, Scott - LHP '18
 Parks, Jarrod - 3B/SS '09-10
 Pease, Dustin - LHP '05-06
 Pershon, Preston - C '06
 Pepe, Alex - LHP '06
 Peppi, Rocco 3B/2B/1B/DH '21
 Permison, Drew - RHP '10
 Peters, Matt - OF/RHP '02
 Piccolino, Anthony - LHP/OF/DH '18-19
 Pilkington, Tyler - LHP '09
 Pillsbury, Chris - RHP '01
 Pitre, Emilien SS/2B/DH '22
 Plummer, Adam - OF '06
 Ponce, Dalton LHP '19
 Poore, Jordan - LHP '18
 Poppert, John - C '00
 Post, Benji - RHP '18
 Pulley, Mike - RHP '99
 Pulos, Matt - RHP '17
 Quiery, Tim - OF/1B '11
 Raczkowski, Joey - LHP '03
 Randolph, Zachary - C '12
 Rea, Wes - 1B '14
 Reaver, David - SS '00-01
 Redd, Adam - RHP '02-06
 Reed, Jimmy - LHP '10
 Reis, Tyler - 2B/OF '18
 Renfroe, Hunter - OF/C/RHP/DH '11-12
 Rescigno, Michael - RHP/1B '15
 Resnick, Will - LHP/DH '12-14
 Rhoades, Chris - RHP '04
 Rhodes, Brandon - LHP '14
 Riley, Nick - RHP '10
 Ritchey, Jackson RHP '22
 Ritchie, Erik LHP '22
 Robinson, Kyle LHP '21
 Rodda, Nick - SS/2B '09
 Rodriguez, James - RHP '02
 Rogers, T.J. 2B/3B '22
 Rogowski, Nick - RHP/DH '11
 Roland, Justin - 2B/SS '09
 Rons, Cooper RHP '21
 Roof, Eric - C '07
 Rose, Jimmy - RHP '03
 Rowland, Tom - RHP '00
 Rudman, Nolan - RHP '09
 Russo, David W. - LHP/DH '10-12
 Ryan, Bobby - C '01
 Sanders, Ryan LHP '22
 Sanderson, Blake - RHP/DH '17
 Santiago, Ricky - SS/3B/2B '13
 Saris, Jimmy - RHP '06-07
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 Scheetz, Kit - LHP '13-14
 Schiavone, Jason C/OF '22
 Schildt, C.J. - LHP '16
 Schmolli, Steve - RHP '00
 Schneeberger, Nick - 2B/OF '10
 Schneider, Josh - RHP '10-11
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 Schoch, Stephen - RHP '16-17
 Schulte, Blaine - OF '01
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 Sheller, Walker - RHP '15
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 Sidwell, Kirk - OF '17
 Sims, Justin - OF '00
 Sisson, Henry - LHP '14
 Skoczlas, David - RHP '01-03
 Smalley, Brett - RHP '07
 Smith, Andrew C. - RHP '08
 Smith, Andrew L. - 3B/SS '04-05
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 Smith, Michael - SS/2B '16
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 Sorrels, Peyton - OF '16
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 Spano, Josh - C/DH '13-14
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 Spivey, Carter RHP '19
 Starr, Alexander "Shooter" - RHP '00
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 Strotman, Drew - RHP '15-16
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 Summerall, Udie - 1B/DH '18
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 Teller, Rhett - 1B '05
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 Valdivia, Alex - 2B '03
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 Van Voorhees, David - RHP '08
 Vassar, Cameron - RHP '17-18
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 Vickerson, Nick - 3B '10
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 Wise, Tim - 1B/OF '11
 Wolff, Josh - OF '04
 Woltz, Kaleb RHP '22
 Woodley, Dan - SS '99
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 York, Johnny - LHP '16
 York, Tyler - C/1B '13
 Zoellner, Elliot - RHP '18-19

2023 BETHESDA BIG TRAIN ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER NAME	POSITION	BATS/THROWS	HEIGHT/ WEIGHT	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
2	Lucas Phelps	INF	R/R	6'0"/185	Florida Atlantic	Valrico, FL
3	Brandon Cassidy	RHP	R/R	5'11"/165	Christopher Newport	Fairfax, VA
6	Justin Nadeau	3B/1B	L/R	6'0"/185	Jacksonville	St. Johns, FL
8	Casey Bishop	SS/2B	R/R	6'0"/175	Towson	Parkton, MD
9	John Long	OF	L/L	6'0"/190	UNC	Saint Simons Island, GA
10	Christopher Hacopian	SS/3B	R/R	6'3"/205	Uncommitted	Potomac, MD
12	Jack Robinson	RHP	R/R	6'2"/200	Roanoke College	Marshall, VA
13	Connor Rasmussen	INF	L/R	5'9"/185	East Carolina	Fort Mill, SC
14	Harland (Zeb) Ruddell	OF	L/L	6'0"/200	LSU	Monroe, Louisiana
16	Joe Bladel	RHP	R/R	6'1"/195	Maryland	Washington, DC
17	Patrick Galle	RHP	R/R	6'2"/215	Ole Miss	Biloxi, MS
19	Jack Hostetler	RHP	R/R	6'2"/190	Whitman College	Encinitas, CA
20	Jason Schiavone	C	R/R	6'2"/208	James Madison	Laytonsville, MD
22	Skyler Hutto	RHP	R/R	6'3"/225	Alabama	Trinity, AL
23	Drew Toigo	OF	L/R	6'3"/190	Cyprus College	Yorba Linda, CA
25	Austin Morris	RHP	R/R	6'4"/210	Alabama	Warrior, AL
26	Brandon Clarke	LHP	L/L	6'4"/220	Liberty	Leesburg, VA
27	Ryan Ertlschweiger	RHP	R/R	6'0"/200	James Madison	Herndon, VA
28	Gavin Jones	RHP	R/R	6'3"/208	Alabama	North Royalton, OH
29	Jesse Gutierrez	LHP	L/L	6'0"/195	San Jose State	San Bruno, CA
30	Davion Hickson	RHP	R/R	6'3"/200	Florida State	Norfolk, VA
32	Nick DeLisi	C	R/R	5'10"/211	East Carolina	Olney, MD
33	Dixon Williams	INF/OF	L/R	6'2"/205	East Carolina	Grimesland, NC
34	Clay Wargo	C	R/R	5'10"/230	University of Louisiana	Huntingtown, MD
35	Jeffery Heard	OF	L/L	6'2"/200	Sacramento State	San Jose, CA
36	Drew Lafferty	RHP	R/R	6'2"/205	Kentucky	South Park, PA
38	Jack Guerrero	INF	L/R	6'2"/200	UNC Wilmington	River Edge, NJ
39	Aidan Kelley	RHP	R/R	6'1"/225	Jacksonville	Lakeland, FL
43	Max Martzolf	LHP	L/L	6'0"/240	Florida Atlantic	Port Saint Lucie, FL
44	Kevin Scully	RHP	R/R	6'3"/200	James Madison	Montvale, NJ
45	Evan Marcinko	LHP	L/L	6'3"/200	UNC Wilmington	Sykesville, MD

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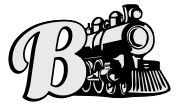
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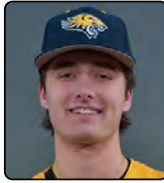
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CASEY BISHOP # 8 SS/2B

Bats/Throws: R/R
Height/Weight: 6'0"/175
College: Towson University
Class: RS-Sophomore
Hometown: Parkton, MD
Date of Birth: 11/23/02

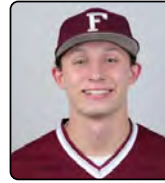


Spring Stats: Slashing .313/.386/.436 in 56 games for the Tigers with 10 2B, 1 3B, 4 HR, 29 RBI, and 19 SB.

Personal: Began his freshman year in 2022 as the Tigers' starting shortstop before his season ended early due to injury. Has bounced back with a strong 2023. Before Towson, he went to the Gilman School in Baltimore, leading the Greyhounds to the 2021 MIAA Championship. Casey also competed in the 2021 Brooks Robinson All-Star Game and was named MVP. Majoring in business. The son of Amy and Tim Bishop. Tim served as the Baltimore Orioles' strength and conditioning coach for 14 years.

JOE BLADEL #16 RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R
Height/Weight: 6'1"/195
College: University of Maryland
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Washington, DC
Date of Birth: 8/14/03



Spring Stats: N/A

Personal: Bladel began his college career at Fordham before transferring to Maryland and successfully walking onto the Terps baseball team. He was a two-sport star at the St. Albans School in Washington, DC where he was all-league in both baseball and soccer. Bladel was also the 2020 Gatorade Player of the Year runner-up in DC. He is majoring in history and pre-law and is the son of Lou and Mary.

BRANDON CASSEDDY #3 RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R
Height/Weight: 5'11"/165
College: Christopher Newport University
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Fairfax, VA
Date of Birth: 6/2/04



Spring Stats: In 35.2 innings pitched for the Captains, has a 4.29 ERA and struck out 44 batters. Has a record of 5-1.

Personal: At Charles J. Colgan High School in Virginia, Cassedy earned first team all district honors three times in three seasons and was named Virginia 6A Player of the Year in 2022. While at Colgan, Cassedy went 13-1, posted an ERA of 0.54 and struck out 124. He is a business management major and the son of Samantha and Keith.

BRANDON CLARKE #26 LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L
Height/Weight: 6'4"/225
College: Liberty University
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Cary, NC
Date of Birth: 6/2/04



Spring Stats: In 3.2 innings pitched for the Manatees, he has 6 strikeouts, a K/9 rate of 14.73, and a BAA of .154.

Personal: Brandon returns to the Big Train for his second season. In 2022, Clarke started 7 games for the Green & White, went 2-1 with a 3.97 ERA, threw 22 innings, and struck out 26. He began his college career at Alabama but will attend Liberty University starting in the fall. Son of Chris and Nicole Clarke and is planning to major in sports/news media.

NICK DELISI #32 C

Bats/Throws: R/R
Height/Weight: 5'10"/211
College: East Carolina University
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Olney, MD
Date of Birth: 4/8/04

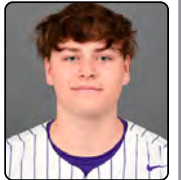


Spring Stats: Has 1 hit in 3 at bats for the Pirates.

Personal: DeLisi was a four year varsity letterman and three time captain at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, MD. In high school, Perfect Game and PBR touted DeLisi as one of the top high school prospects in Maryland and Perfect Game ranked him as the 8th best prospect in the Bay State. DeLisi is an avid hiker and fisherman and plans to major in health and fitness.

RYAN ERTLSCHEWIGER #27 RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R
Height/Weight: 6'0"/200
College: East Carolina University
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Herndon, VA
Date of Birth: 12/9/03



Spring Stats: In 27.1 innings for the Pirates, Ertlschweiger has struck out 25 and has an ERA of 4.94.

Personal: Was named to the Virginia High School League Class 6 second team all-state his senior year at South Lakes High School in Reston. Named the 56th best right-handed pitcher in Virginia by Perfect Game USA. He is an economics major and is the son of Tom and Angela.

PATRICK GALLE #17 RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R
Height/Weight: 6'2"/215
College: Ole Miss
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Biloxi, MS
Date of Birth: 4/5/04



Spring Stats: No appearances for Ole Miss this season.

Personal: Galle was a three-year letterwinner at Biloxi High School. His senior year, he made the 6A Mississippi All-State team and won his team MVP and Most Valuable Pitcher award. In that season, Galle posted a 2.85 ERA in 59 innings pitched while striking out an impressive 91 batters. He is a marketing major and the son of Lex and Melissa.

JACK GUERRERO #38 INF

Bats/Throws: L/R
Height/Weight: 6'2"/200
College: UNC Wilmington
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: River Edge, NJ
Date of Birth: 8/4/03

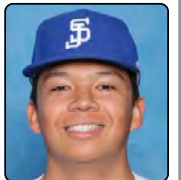


Spring Stats: Guerrero has 6 at bats on the season and has scored 1 run.

Personal: At River Dell High School, Guerrero was on the All Conference First Team twice and made the school's Principal's List four times. He is a business major at UNC Wilmington and is the son of Ramces and Dana. His father, Ramces, played in the Atlanta Braves organization.

JESSE GUTIERREZ 29 LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L
Height/Weight: 6'0"/195
College: San Jose State
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: San Bruno, CA
Date of Birth: 10/1/04



Spring Stats: In 18 innings pitched for San Jose State, Gutierrez has a 5.00 ERA and has struck out 22.

Personal: At Wilcox High School and with his Club Team Living Legends 18U White, Gutierrez thrived. He was named to countless All-Tournament teams during his school career. Still, the baseball accomplishment he is most proud of is winning a State Championship with his 9/10 year old all-star team. He is a business major and the son of Tedine and Carlos.

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CHRISTOPHER HACOPIAN

#10

SS/3B

Bats/Throws: R/R

Height/Weight: 6'3"/205

College: Uncommitted

Class: Freshman

Hometown: Potomac, MD

Date of Birth: 8/30/04

Spring Stats: N/A

Personal: Chris Hacopian comes from Big Train royalty and has made a name for himself, including winning Gatorade Player of the Year in Maryland in 2022 while playing for Winston Churchill High School in Bethesda. In that season, Hacopian hit .539 with 12 homers, 41 RBI, and 39 runs. On the mound, he was 8-0 with an ERA of 1.15 and struck out 55 in 41.2 innings. His father, Derek, was Big Train's first manager.



JEFFREY HEARD #35

OF

Bats/Throws: L/L

Height/Weight: 6'2"/205

College: Sacramento State

Class: Junior

Hometown: San Jose, CA

Date of Birth: 3/3/03

Spring Stats: In 46 games for Sacramento State, Heard is slashing .283/.392/.548 with 11 homers, 33 RBI, 9 2B, 1 3B, and 40 runs.

Personal: Heard has been the model of consistency in over 100 games at Sacramento State in his freshman and sophomore seasons but has amped up the power in 2023. At Valley Christian High School, he played three years on the Varsity team where he helped lead his team to the 2018-19 CIF Central Coast Section Open Division Championship and a 2021 Division One CIF Section Championship. He is a business marketing major and the son of Sheyna.



DAVION HICKSON #30

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

Height/Weight: 6'3"/200

College: Florida State

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Norfolk, VA

Date of Birth: 10/13/03

Spring Stats: Has thrown 1 inning for Florida State in 2023.

Personal: Hickson attended the prestigious IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL for high school where he thrived. In his senior season, he recorded a 1.60 ERA and struck out 30 batters in 30.2 innings pitched. Perfect Game ranked him the ninth best pitcher in the state of Florida and the 210th overall prospect, and he was the top pitcher at the Perfect Game High School Showdown. He is majoring in exercise physiology and the son of Laura and Shermaine.



JACK HOSTETLER #19

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

Height/Weight: 6'2"/195

College: Whitman College

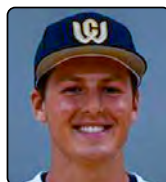
Class: Junior

Hometown: Encinitas, CA

Date of Birth: 8/2/03

Spring Stats: In 21 innings, Hostetler is 2-2 with a 11.14 ERA. He has struck out 28, good for a K/9 of 12.0.

Personal: Hostetler attended San Dieguito Academy High School. He was his high school team's MVP twice, and he helped pitch his team to the CIF State Finals. In one of his playoff games, he threw a 1-hit complete game shutout. Hostetler also excelled academically. He won two scholar athlete awards in high school and recorded a 4.0 GPA. He is an economics major and the son of John and Lynne.



SKYLER HUTTO #22

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

Height/Weight: 6'3"/225

College: Alabama

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Trinity, AL

Date of Birth: 2/13/04

Spring Stats: Has no appearances for Alabama this season.

Personal: In high school, Hutto was a man of many talents. He pitched, played shortstop, and also was a member of his high school's varsity basketball team. He was named to both the Alabama All-State Team and his local All-Area Team three times. He was a Perfect Game All American in 2020, 2021, and 2022. Hutto was also named a part of the Tennessee Valley Terrific 20 in both 2020 and 2022. He is a business major and the son of Matt and Alesha.



GAVIN JONES #28

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

Height/Weight: 6'3"/208

College: Alabama

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: North Royalton, OH

Date of Birth: 3/15/04

Spring Stats: Has no appearances for Alabama this season.

Personal: Jones was highly rated as a prospect in high school. Perfect Game ranked him as the sixth best prospect in the state of Ohio, and the Prep Baseball Report rated him as the 84th best right handed pitcher in the country. He also won two District Championships in his final two high school seasons and was named conference player of the year. He is majoring in business and sports analytics and is the son of Brad and Jenell.



AIDAN KELLEY #39

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

Height/Weight: 6'1"/225

College: Jacksonville

University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Lakeland, FL

Date of Birth: 8/27/04

Spring Stats: In 12 innings, Kelley has struck out 16 and allowed only a .208 batting average against while pitching to an ERA of 5.25.

Personal: In his junior and senior seasons in high school, Kelley was named to his all-county first team. This came after he posted a 2.84 ERA and struck out 156 batters in 80 innings pitched. Outside of baseball, he is an avid fan of cars, music, and spikeball. He is a business major and the son of Liz and Zack.



DREW LAFFERTY #36

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

Height/Weight: 6'2"/205

College: University of

Kentucky

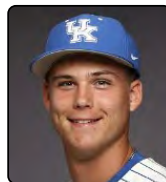
Class: Sophomore

Hometown: South Park, PA

Date of Birth: 8/12/03

Spring Stats: No appearances for Kentucky this season.

Personal: Named one of Perfect Game USA's Top 100 college freshmen for 2023 season. Before Kentucky, Lafferty played at South Park High School in South Park, PA for two years, after two seasons at Seton La Salle. Helped his high school teams to district titles in three out of four years, finishing runner-up in 2021. Earned district player of the year as a senior. Majoring in business management. The son of Matt and Jill Lafferty. Plays the guitar and the piano and knows how to solve a Rubik's Cube.



JOHN LONG #9

OF

Bats/Throws: L/L

Height/Weight: 6'0"/190

College: University of North

Carolina

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: St. Simons Island, GA

Date of Birth: 8/8/03

Spring Stats: No appearances for North Carolina this season.

Personal: At Glynn Academy High School in St. Simons Island, Long lettered in baseball all four years. He missed the majority of his 2021 season because of a torn ACL and Tommy John surgery. In his first game back from injury, Long went 4-4 and hit for the cycle. Majoring in business administration. The son of Whitney and Victor Long.



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EVAN MARCINKO #45 LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L
Height/Weight: 6'3"/200
College: UNC Wilmington
Class: Junior
Hometown: Sykesville, MD
Date of Birth: 5/16/03



Spring Stats: Has thrown 0.2 innings this season.

Personal: Marcinko returns for his second season in Bethesda. In 2022, Marcinko appeared in seven games, recording two wins and a 3.06 ERA with 16 strikeouts in 14.2 innings. Before UNCW, Marcinko earned pre-season All-State and First-Team All-Conference honors at McDonough High School. He was also part of the 2019 WWBA National Championship team. Majoring in finance. The son of Jim and Jen Marcinko.

MAX MARTZOLF #43 LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L
Height/Weight: 6'0"/240
College: Florida Atlantic University
Class: Junior
Hometown: Port Saint Lucie, FL
Date of Birth: 9/16/02



Spring Stats: 10.2 innings pitched across 11 appearances so far this spring. Martzolf has recorded one win and 10 strikeouts.

Personal: As a freshman at FAU in 2022, he appeared in 21 games and tallied 43 strikeouts. That season, Martzolf spun 11 strikeouts across 4.2 relief innings in a single game against Florida Gulf Coast, leading the Owls to a 6-4 victory. He also played in the 2022 CLPB All-Star Game. In high school, Martzolf was named First-Team All-District and Pitcher of the Year as a sophomore at Lincoln Park Academy. He finished his high school career at IMG Academy, under Coach Dave Turgeon. Majoring in public safety. The son of Greg and Brenda Martzolf.

AUSTIN MORRIS #25 RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R
Height/Weight: 6'4"/210
College: Alabama
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Warrior, AL
Date of Birth: 3/5/04



Spring Stats: No appearances for Alabama this season.

Personal: At Mortimer Jordan High School, Morris achieved winning records in his final three seasons, earning him All-State ASWA Second-Team honors as a senior. He came into college rated the No. 8 RHP and No. 19 overall prospect in Alabama, per Perfect Game USA. Finished his senior season 4-1 with six saves and a 1.17 ERA, while also batting .344 with eight home runs, 34 RBI, and 27 runs scored. Majoring in human consumer science.

JUSTIN NADEAU #6 3B/1B

Bats/Throws: L/R
Height/Weight: 6'0"/185
College: Jacksonville University
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: St. Johns, FL
Date of Birth: 7/25/03

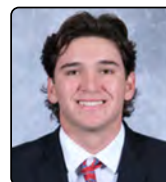


Spring Stats: In 43 games, Nadeau is slashing .301/.401/.401, with 53 hits, 4 2B, 3 3B, and 2 HR, 30 RBIs, and 30 runs scored.

Personal: The Native Floridian has already made his mark at Jacksonville as a freshman, starting in a majority of games for the Dolphins. At Bartram Trail High School, Nadeau earned multiple Florida All-Star and First-Team honors, as well as USA Today Volusia-Flagler-St. John's Player of the year. He also won Athlete of the Year at Bartram Trail as a senior and was named the MVP of the 2022 FACA All-Star Game North Team. The son of Niki and Marc Nadeau, who were both college athletes. Niki played softball and Marc played football at Springfield College. He's majoring in sports management.

LUCAS PHELPS #2 INF

Bats/Throws: R/R
Height/Weight: 6'0"/185
College: Florida Atlantic University
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Valrico, FL
Date of Birth: 3/21/04



Spring Stats: In 17 games, Phelps has 7 hits, including a 2B, 2 RBI, and 1 stolen base.

Personal: Before FAU, Phelps helped lead Newsome High School in Lithia, FL, to a district championship title. He also earned First-Team All-Conference and All-813 Honors at Newsome. As a senior, he missed six games with a hamstring injury but still finished the season with a .441 average, including 29 hits, five 2B, nine stolen bases, and 24 runs. Majoring in exercise science. The son of Tommy and Cassie. Dad Tommy pitched in 25 games for the 2003 World Series-winning Florida Marlins.

CONNOR RASMUSSEN #13 INF

Bats/Throws: L/R
Height/Weight: 5'9"/185
College: East Carolina University
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Fort Mill, SC
Date of Birth: 3/1/04

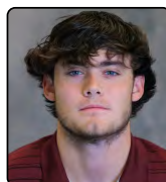


Spring Stats: Rasmussen has appeared in 13 games this season, has 10 at bats, 2 runs, and an RBI.

Personal: At Fort Mill High School, he helped lead the Yellow Jackets to multiple region and district titles, and finished runner-up state champions in his senior year. Across four varsity seasons, Rasmussen batted .394 with 66 RBIs, 79 runs scored, and over 100 hits. Coming out of high school, Rasmussen was rated a Top-20 prospect in South Carolina and sixth-best among shortstops by Perfect Game USA. Majoring in biology. The son of Chad and Marie Rasmussen. Brother Cole plays football at the University of South Carolina.

JACK ROBINSON #12 RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R
Height/Weight: 6'2"/200
College: Roanoke College
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Marshall, VA
Date of Birth: 10/6/03

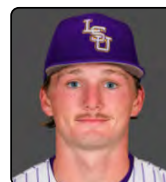


Spring Stats: Has 5 appearances and 1 start. Over the season, Robinson has thrown 6 innings and struck out 5, good for a K/9 of 7.50.

Personal: Before Roanoke, Robinson played at Battlefield High School in Haymarket, Virginia. In high school, he threw a perfect game as a member of the Bobcats' Junior Varsity Team. Undecided major. The son of TC and Jennifer.

ZEB RUDELL #14 OF

Bats/Throws: L/L
Height/Weight: 6'2"/200
College: LSU
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Monroe, LA
Date of Birth: 10/27/03

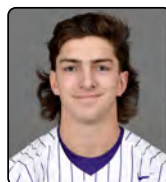


Spring Stats: No appearances for LSU this season.

Personal: A Louisiana Native, Ruddell delivered a stellar career at Neville, HS, posting a .434 AVG in his senior season. He was rated the No. 3 overall prospect and No. 1 outfielder in Louisiana by Perfect Game USA, in addition to being included on the 2022 Louisiana 4A All-State team. Coming out of high school, he was ranked the 54th best outfielder in the country by Perfect Game USA. Majoring in sports administration. The son of Marcia.

JASON SCHIAVONE #20 C

Bats/Throws: R/R
Height/Weight: 6'2"/208
College: James Madison University
Class: Junior
Hometown: Laytonsville, MD
Date of Birth: 3/19/03



Spring Stats: Has appeared in 31 games, with 30 starts, for the Dukes in 2023. Schiavone is slashing .216/.296/.412 with 8 2B, 4 HR, 16 RBI, and 21 runs.

Personal: Jason is back for his second season in Bethesda. In 2022, Schiavone tied for the Big Train team lead with 2 HR, scored 16 runs, and drove in 12. And since the start of his freshman year at JMU, Schiavone has been a regular contributor for JMU in the batter's box and behind the plate. In 2022, he played 40 games for the Dukes, finishing with 16 hits, 13 runs scored, nine RBIs, and 18 walks, along with a nearly perfect .996 fielding percentage. Before JMU, he helped lead St. John's College High School to the 2020 WCAC Championship title. Majoring in sports management. The son of Chris and Tami Schiavone.

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KEVIN SCULLY #44

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

Height/Weight: 6'3"/200

College: James Madison University

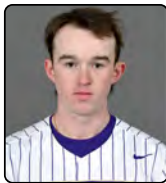
Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Montvale, NJ

Date of Birth: 7/31/04

Spring Stats: Scully has appeared in 6 games for the Dukes, including 1 start. In 10.1 innings, Scully has struck out 6 and has a record of 3-0.

Personal: At Pascack Hills High School, Scully earned spots on the 2021 and 2022 Big North Conference First-Teams. Coming into JMU, he was rated the No. 8 RHP and No. 33 overall prospect in New Jersey. Scully was also among Diamond Nation Garden State Games' top prospects in 2021. Majoring in kinesiology. The son of Tom and Lorna Scully.



DEAN TOIGO #23

OF

Bats/Throws: L/R

Height/Weight: 6'3"/190

College: Cyprus College

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Yorba Linda, CA

Date of Birth: 9/4/02

Spring Stats: Has had a strong freshman year for the Chargers, slashing .303/.399/.484 with 11 2B, 1 3B, 5 HR, 35 RBI, and 41 runs.

Personal: Before starting at Cyprus, Dean was a stalwart for Yorba Linda High School where he was a two-year varsity letterman, was named Male Athlete of the Year, the North Hills League Offensive Player of the Year, and was named Division 2 All-CIF. Perfect Game USA rated Dean the 71st best OF in California coming out of Yorba Linda. His parents are David and Andrea.



CLAY WARGO #34

C

Bats/Throws: R/R

Height/Weight: 5'10"/230

College: University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Class: Junior

Hometown: Huntingtown, MD

Date of Birth: 11/24/01

Spring Stats: Wargo has played in 14 games for the Ragin' Cajuns this season and has collected 2 hits, 3 RBIs, and 1 run, as well as three sacrifice hits and a stolen base.

Personal: Clay is back for a second go-around with the Big Train. In 21 games for the Train in 2022, Wargo had 14 hits, 2 2B, and 8 RBI. Wargo played his first two seasons of college ball at Coastal Carolina before transferring to Louisiana as a sophomore. Since becoming a Ragin' Cajun, Wargo has contributed, especially behind the plate. On April 19, he secured the final strike in Louisiana's 8-5 upset over No. 1 LSU. Coming out of Huntingtown High School, Wargo was rated the No. 3 catcher and No. 10 overall recruit in Maryland's 2020 class by Perfect Game USA. Majoring in business management. The son of Carol and Corey Wargo.



DIXON WILLIAMS #33

INF/OF

Bats/Throws: L/R

Height/Weight: 6'2"/205

College: East Carolina University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Grimesland, NC

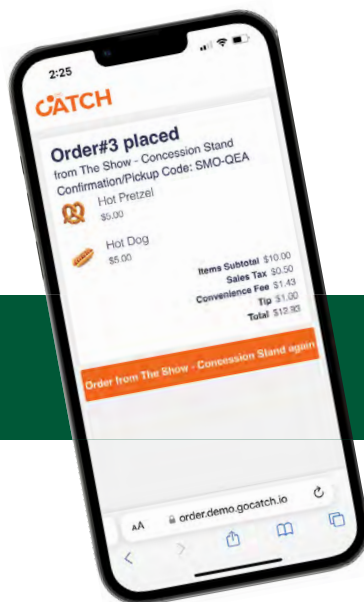
Date of Birth: 12/19/03

Spring Stats: Across 10 games, Williams has 2 hits, including a 2B and 3 runs scored over 12 at bats.

Personal: Williams finished his three varsity seasons at D.H. Conley High School with a .432 AVG and .542 OBP, backed by 57 hits, 55 RBIs, and 64 runs scored. He came into ECU rated the No. 4 shortstop and No. 26 overall prospect in North Carolina by Perfect Game USA. Williams also helped lead his team to the 2020 WWBA Underclass World Championship title. Majoring in business management. The son of Toby and Karla Williams.



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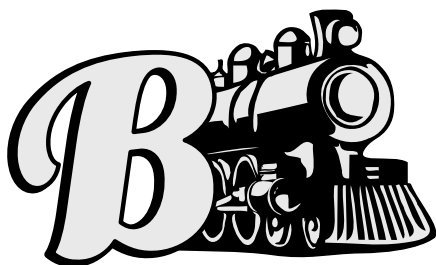


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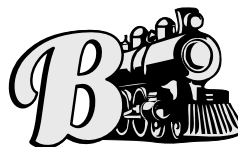
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Claudia Blair, Bucknell University
Julianne Garnett, University of Maryland
Brooke Kirstein, Duquesne University
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Parker Maddox, Walter Johnson High School
Justin Niles, James Madison University
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Brooke Walsh, University of South Carolina

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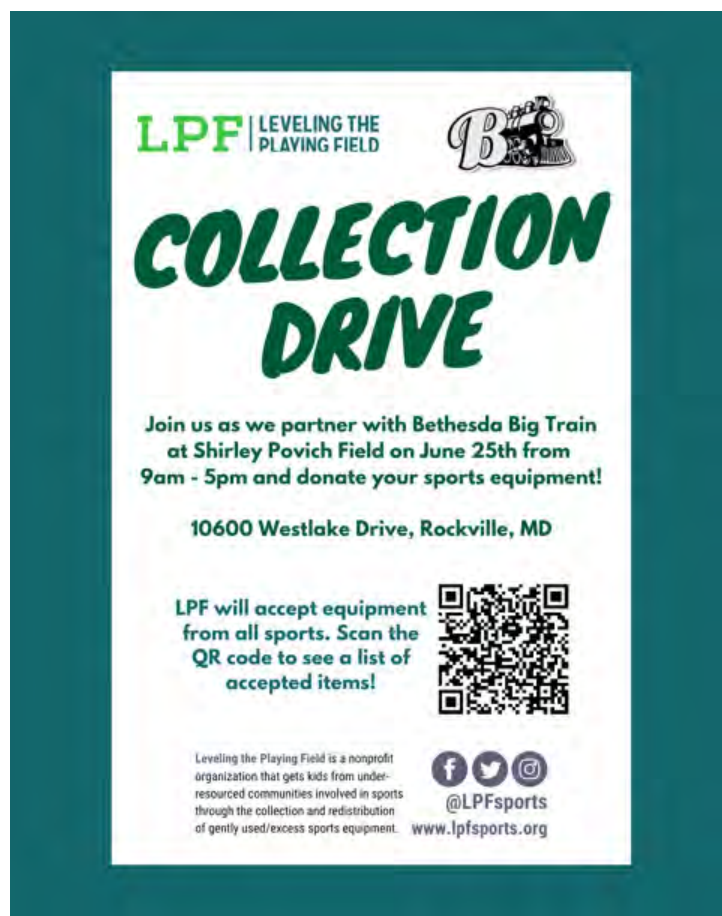
Ford Anderson, Landon School
Cayla Berger, Walter Johnson High School
Ethan Bernman, Wootton High School
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Andy Eisner, Whitman High School
Will Gunster, Whitman High School
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BIG TRAIN BASEBALL OPERATIONS STAFF

Sal Colangelo - Manager & Director of Baseball Operations



Sal Colangelo brings a wealth of playing and coaching experience to his 24th season with Bethesda Big Train. In 2005, he led the Big Train to a Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate League Regular Season Championship in his first year as manager. He owns a 487-195 career regular season record and a .714 winning percentage in 17 seasons at the helm of Big Train. In total, he has led Big Train to twelve regular season league titles and nine Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate League championships. In addition to his nationally top-ranked 2011 team, three other Big Train teams have finished the season ranked in the top ten nationally (2009-9th; 2017-4th; 2019-6th). He was inducted to the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League Hall of Fame in 2019 as part of the Hall's inaugural class. He lives in Lorton, Virginia, with his wife Alison and their daughters, Emma and Abigail.

Galvin Morris - Associate Head Coach



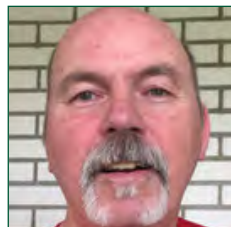
Coach Morris returns for his sixth season with the Big Train. He is in his third season at South Lakes HS, in Reston, VA as hitting and catching coach after a five year stint at Oakton HS, where he was the varsity catching, pitching and hitting coach. He served as the varsity head coach at South Lakes High School in Reston, Virginia from 1999-2014, and as an assistant coach at the school for four years prior. Morris was named the 6A Conference 6 Coach of the Year in his final year with the Seahawks. Morris also has coached several summers in the Clark C. Griffith Collegiate Baseball League and the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League. He serves as a hitting and catching instructor at MVP Baseball in Herndon, VA and manages the Big Train Summer Baseball Camp. Morris works in Special Education at South Lakes and resides in Reston with his daughters, Davilyn and Gracie.



Craig Lopez, Pitching Coach



Bob O'Connor, Bench Coach



Chris Devlin, Assistant Coach



Dr. Donita Valentine, Athletic Trainer



Rahul Nathan, Player Development/Scouting



Harry Kaplan, Director of Baseball Analytics

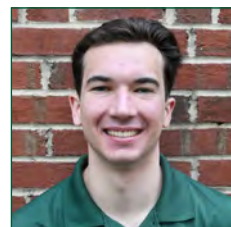


Will Weinberg, Sports Psychology Intern

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Michael Michaud, General Manager



Patrick Chapman, Assistant General Manager

BETHESDA BIG TRAIN *Baseball* 2023 GAME SCHEDULE



DATE	OPPONENT	FIELD	TIME
Friday, 6/02	Southern Maryland Senators*	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Saturday, 6/03	Cropdusters Baseball	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Sunday, 6/04	@ Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts	Montgomery Blair Stadium	6:00 PM
Monday, 6/05	@ Metro SOCO Braves	South County High School	7:00 PM
Tuesday, 6/06	Alexandria Aces	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Thursday, 6/08	Gaithersburg Giants	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Friday, 6/09	@ Cropdusters Baseball	First Responders Field by Serv Pro at Olney Boys & Girls Club	5:00 PM
Saturday, 6/10	Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Sunday, 6/11	@ D.C. Grays	Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy	1:00 PM
Monday, 6/12	Southern Maryland Senators	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Wednesday, 6/14	@ Metro SOCO Braves	South County High School	7:00 PM
Thursday, 6/15	@ Alexandria Aces	Frank Mann Field	6:30 PM
Friday, 6/16	Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Saturday, 6/17	Southern Maryland Senators	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Sunday, 6/18	Cropdusters Baseball	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Monday, 6/19	Gaithersburg Giants	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Wednesday, 6/21	D.C. Grays	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Thursday, 6/22	@ Alexandria Aces	Frank Mann Field	6:30 PM
Friday, 6/23	Metro SOCO Braves	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Sunday, 6/25	Gaithersburg Giants	Shirley Povich Field	10:00 AM
Sunday, 6/25	Gaithersburg Giants	Shirley Povich Field	1:30 PM
Monday, 6/26	@ Cropdusters Baseball	First Responders Field by Serv Pro at Olney Boys & Girls Club	5:00 PM
Wednesday, 6/28	@ Southern Maryland Senators	Regency Furniture Stadium	7:00 PM
Thursday, 6/29	D.C. Grays	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Friday, 6/30	Metro SOCO Braves	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Saturday, 7/01	Alexandria Aces	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Tuesday, 7/04	@ Newport Gulls	Historic Cardines Field	6:35 PM
Wednesday, 7/05	@ Marthas Vinyard Sharks	The Shark Tank	5:30 PM
Thursday, 7/06	Southern Maryland Senators	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Friday, 7/07	@ Alexandria Aces	Frank Mann Field	6:30 PM
Saturday, 7/08	@ D.C. Grays	Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy	7:00 PM
Sunday, 7/09	@ CRSCBL All-Star Game	First Responders Field by Serv Pro at Olney Boys & Girls Club	5:00 PM
Monday, 7/10	Cropdusters Baseball	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Wednesday, 7/12	@ Gaithersburg Giants	Criswell Automotive Field	7:00 PM
Thursday, 7/13	@ Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts	Montgomery Blair Stadium	7:00 PM
Friday, 7/14	@ Cropdusters Baseball	First Responders Field by Serv Pro at Olney Boys & Girls Club	5:00 PM
Saturday, 7/15	Gaithersburg Giants	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM
Sunday, 7/16	Metro SOCO Braves	Shirley Povich Field	1:00 PM
Wednesday, 7/19	Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts	Shirley Povich Field	7:00 PM

Field Locations

Shirley Povich Field

10600 Westlake Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20852

South County High School

8501 Silverbrook Road
Lorton, VA 22079

Montgomery Blair Stadium

Montgomery Blair High School
51 University Boulevard East
Silver Spring, MD 20901

Regency Furniture Stadium

1765 St. Linus Drive
Waldorf, MD 20602

Criswell Automotive Field

Kelley Park
400 Victory Farm Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy

3675 Ely Place SE
Washington, D.C. 20019

First Responders Field by Serv Pro at Olney Boys & Girls Club

4501 Olney-Laytonsville Road
Olney, MD 20832

Frank Mann Field

Four Mile Run Park
3700 Commonwealth Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22305

* Exhibition game

BALLPARK DIRECTIONS

Shirley Povich Field

Bethesda Big Train

10600 Westlake Drive

Rockville, Maryland 20852

Cabin John Regional Park near Westfield Montgomery

From the East: Take the Beltway (I-495) west toward Bethesda. Take Exit 35 onto I-270 North toward Frederick. Go 1.7 miles and take Exit 1B for Rockledge Drive. Turn left, and then turn right to stay on Rockledge Drive. Turn right on Westlake Terrace. Turn right on Westlake Drive, and make your second left into Cabin John Regional Park.

From the North: Take I-270 South to Exit 4B for Montrose Road West. Turn left on Seven Locks Road. Turn left on Tuckerman Lane. Turn right on Westlake Drive, and after the power lines, the entrance to Cabin John Regional Park is on your right.

From Virginia: Take the Beltway (I-495) north, and stay left at the I-270 split to head north toward Frederick. Take Exit 1 for Democracy Boulevard, keep left at the split, and turn left. After Westfield Montgomery, turn right on Westlake Drive. Go 0.5 miles and the entrance to Cabin John Regional Park is on your left.



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South County High School

Metro SOCO Braves

8501 Silverbrook Road

Lorton, VA 22079

From Povich Field (28.3 miles): Take I-270 spur south and merge with the Beltway (I-495) south. Stay on I-495 until taking Exit 57A for I-95 South. Continue on I-95 and take Exit 163 for VA-642 toward Lorton. Turn right on Lorton Road, then take an immediate right on Silverbrook Road. Turn left on Laurel Crest Drive and the field is on the right.

Montgomery Blair Stadium

Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts

Montgomery Blair High School

51 University Boulevard East

Silver Spring, MD 20901

From Povich Field (9.4 miles): Take I-270 south and merge with the Beltway (I-495) east. Take Exit 30A for Colesville Road (US 29) North. Turn right on University Boulevard (MD 193). Pass the school buildings, and at the light for Williamsburg Drive, turn right into the school parking lot.

Regency Furniture Stadium

Southern Maryland Senators

1765 St. Linus Drive

Waldorf, MD 20602

From Povich Field (54 miles): Take I-270 south. Take I-495 east for 28 miles. Take Exit 7A-7B for MD-5 south for 19 miles. Several turns required to stay on MD-5 south. Turn right on MD-488 west for 1.8 miles. Turn right on Piney Church Road for one mile.

Criswell Automotive Field

Gaithersburg Giants

Kelley Park

400 Victory Farm Drive

Gaithersburg, MD 20877

From Povich Field (11.5 miles): Take I-270 north toward Frederick. Take Exit 11 onto Montgomery Village Avenue/MD 124 north. Turn right on Midcounty Hwy to stay on MD 124, and then turn right onto Saybrooke Oaks Blvd. Turn left onto Victory Farm Drive and Kelley Park is on your left.

Washington Nationals

Youth Baseball Academy

D.C. Grays

3675 Ely Place SE

Washington, D.C. 20019

From Povich Field (23.8 miles): Take I-270 south and merge with the Beltway (I-495) south. Cross the Potomac River and take Exit 43 for the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Exit onto I-395 north toward Washington. Keep left to continue on I-695 for 1.9 miles and take the exit for DC 295 north. Take the exit for Pennsylvania Avenue and turn left on Minnesota Avenue SE. Turn right on Ely Place SE.

First Responders Field by Serv Pro

at Olney Boys & Girls Club

Cropdusters

4501 Olney-Laytonsville Road

Olney, MD 20832

From Povich Field (18.5 miles): Take I-270 north to I-370 east and Shady Grove Road for 13 miles. Turn left on Muncaster Road for 3.5 miles. Turn right on MD-108 east/Olney Laytonsville Road for 1.6 miles. Turn left on Volunteer Drive. Note: alternate route using MD-200 East may be faster but has E-Z Pass tolls.

Frank Mann Field

Alexandria Aces

Four Mile Run Park

3700 Commonwealth Avenue

Alexandria, VA 22305

From Povich Field (20.6 miles): Take I-270 south and merge with the Beltway (I-495) south. Cross the Potomac River and take Exit 43 for the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Head south for 10 miles and take the exit toward Arlington Cemetery. Turn left onto Memorial Drive and then take an immediate right onto VA 110 south ramp to US 1 south. Take US 1 south for about 3.5 miles, and turn right on East Reed Avenue. Turn right onto Commonwealth Avenue, and the ballpark is on your left.



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