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# EXPERIENCE

## the World of Montgomery

This summer, Bethesda Big Train baseball at Shirley Povich Field will mark the 75th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's Major League debut by celebrating the diversity that makes living in Montgomery County so special.

### Sunday June 12 @ 2 p.m.

#### First Annual Clarence 'Pint' Isreal Juneteenth Classic.

The Big Train will take on the Gaithersburg Giants in a celebration of the county's historic Black sandlots and honor Pint Isreal, Rockville's greatest Negro Leagues star.



### Saturday June 25 @ 7 p.m.

**Sister Cities Night.** Let Montgomery Sister Cities (Xi'an, China; Morazán, El Salvador; Gondar, Ethiopia; Hyderabad, India; and Daejeon, South Korea) and Rockville Sister City Corporation (Jiaxing, China; Pinneberg, Germany; and Yilan City, Taiwan) introduce you to their Sister Cities. June 25 is also our Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Title IX. The Big Train face the Alexandria Aces.

### Thursday June 30 @ 7 p.m.

**Big Train Pride Night.** The Big Train play the Olney Cropdusters in our first Pride Night at Shirley Povich Field.



### Wednesday July 6 @ 7 p.m.

The Big Train will play an exhibition game with the barnstorming Virginia-based **Native American National Baseball Team**.

### Thursday July 7 @ 7 p.m.

**Jewish Baseball Heritage Night.** Featuring famed documentary filmmaker Aviva Kempner discussing her classic baseball films *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg* and *The Spy Behind Home Plate*. The Big Train play the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts.

### Saturday July 9 @ 10 a.m. and @ 7 p.m.

**First Annual Roberto Clemente Community Service Day** with Big Train players and fans providing community service at county nonprofits in the morning and a **Tribute to Latin Baseball Night** at 7 p.m. The Big Train play the Metro SOCO Braves.



## Honoring Baseball's Barrier Breakers

Seventy-five years ago, Jackie Robinson taught us that baseball was a better game once everyone got to play. Recognizing the contribution sports have played in enriching our lives, Bethesda Big Train baseball has honored three heroes who broke barriers and helped move America toward becoming a more welcoming and just society. We followed the lead of Major League Baseball in retiring Jackie Robinson's #42. In 2009, we retired #21 to honor Roberto Clemente, the first Latin American player enshrined in the Hall of Fame. And in 2016, we retired #5 to honor Hank Greenberg, who helped break stereotypes and change opinions many Americans had about Jews.

*"Jackie Robinson made my success possible.*

*Without him, I would never have been able to do what I did."*

*— Martin Luther King Jr.*



# WELCOME TO BETHESDA BIG TRAIN BASEBALL

To Our Big Train Community:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 23<sup>rd</sup> season of Bethesda Big Train baseball at our beloved Shirley Povich Field.

Two decades plus ago, we promised you “summer nights of family fun with baseball at its most genuine in a county fair-like setting.” I hope you agree that we have delivered on that promise. I believe our fan friendly Big Train brand of “Small town charm and Big League talent” is more valued than ever as we are able to be together again after these last two difficult years.

We are so proud of all we, with your generous support, were able to achieve in 2021. Here are the highlights:

- 🌀 a ninth Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League championship;
- 🌀 a highly successful Israel-Bethesda Friendship Game;
- 🌀 hosting 500 Frontline Community Heroes at our Big Train games; and
- 🌀 the spectacular new sculptures of Shirley Povich and Walter Johnson.

Our new general manager Michael Michaud, our returning assistant general manager Patrick Chapman, and our Hall of Fame manager Sal Colangelo have been hard at work this winter and spring to make sure we provide our fans with the very best and most welcoming fan experience in all of summer college baseball. We are so excited to be able to be together again with the full range of engaging entertainment, good food, and championship baseball that has made Big Train baseball at Povich Field so special. As *The Washington Post* has so aptly stated: “For Baseball That Feels Right, Try Bethesda at Night.”

This summer, in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jackie Robinson’s major league baseball debut, we will be showcasing Montgomery County’s magnificent diversity and honoring our heroes of history. The June 12 Clarence “Pint” Isreal Juneteenth Classic will honor the legacy of Montgomery County’s Black sandlot teams. We will be hosting our very first Big Train Pride Night on June 30. Our July 9 Roberto Clemente Community Service Day will give our fans and players an opportunity to give back to local organizations serving our neighbors in need. We will host a Jewish Baseball Heritage Night on July 7 and an exhibition game with the barnstorming Native American National Baseball Team on July 6. Every fan will get a “Shirley & Walter” t-shirt on June 18 to celebrate our fabulous new sculpture.

All of this and more 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. We thank long term sponsors Community Radiology Associates, FitBite Orthodontics, Gelberg Signs, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Sandy Spring Builders, and SPC Financial and welcome new sponsors Koa Sports, Lafayette Federal Credit Union, Seniors Helping Seniors, and Westfield Montgomery.

This summer, we are launching a Bullpen Club of welcomers and ushers to help improve the fan experience at Povich Field. To learn about joining our volunteer team, please stop by our Bullpen Club table on the concourse behind home plate or go to the Get Involved tab at [www.bigtrain.org](http://www.bigtrain.org).

With your ongoing support, we look forward to providing another year of affordable family fun, championship baseball, and service to our community.

Roll Train!



Bruce Adams

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# 2021 SEASON RECAP



**In the 2021, the Big Train amassed an offensive record not previously seen. Combine that with an excellent pitching staff and it was no surprise the team marched to its fifth consecutive League championship.**

The team's .306 batting average is the highest in team history. The team also set five league records for team offensive performance, including On Base Percentage (.448), Slugging Percentage (.467), OPS (.915), Runs Scored (343), and Runs Per Game (9.80). Yes, on average they scored nearly ten runs per game! What a fun team to watch!

The leader in helping to get to these numbers was Kemp Alderman (Mississippi). Alderman drove in 47 runs, the second highest total in team history trailing only current Milwaukee Brewer Hunter Renfro's (Mississippi State) 53 RBI in 2012. But Alderman accomplished his total in only 25 games. On a per game basis, Alderman set a new team record with 1.88 RBI per game compared to Renfro's 1.47 per game. Alderman was paired with Matt Thomas (William & Mary), the league's offensive player of the year, who hit .350, scored 34 runs, and drove in 32 runs in 31 games.

## Regular Season

After the Covid-induced hiatus of the 2020 summer, the Big Train eagerly jumped into the 2021 season with its first game against the Gaithersburg Giants on June 7. Its fourth batter, Rocco Peppi (Long Beach State), became the 500<sup>th</sup> player to wear the Big Train uniform in a league game and Bethesda dominated the game, 12-6, with Austin Gauthier (Hofstra), Nolan Schanuel (Florida Atlantic), and Matt Thomas each contributing two RBI. Ryan Metz (Virginia Tech) hurled 2.1 innings of shutout ball to close out the contest.

Big Train would continue winning through its home opener on

June 9. It was another lopsided victory, this time 12-5 over the South County Braves. Peppi drove in three with a homer and a double. Kyle Velazquez (St. Mary's CA) hit two doubles and stole two bases. Matt Howat (William & Mary) earned the win by pitching four innings without yielding any earned runs. Following a loss to the Alexandria Aces on June 12, the Big Train took off on a six-game winning streak. Over that period, they outscored their opponents, 73-18. On June 13, Bethesda whipped the Gaithersburg Giants, 14-5, as Matt Thomas went 3/4 with a walk. On June 15, the Big Train crushed the South County Braves, 15-3, with a huge contribution from Kemp Alderman, who drove in five runs. Showing no mercy, Bethesda was back at it against the Braves the next day and thrashed them 16-0. Darius Foster (San Francisco) had three hits and stole four bases. Kemp Alderman drove in another four runs. Matt Bedford (Notre Dame) started the game and earned the win with four innings of shutout ball for the seven-inning contest. On June 16, the Big Train bested the Thunderbolts 10-3 and 12-3 in a doubleheader. Starter Luke Baker (Jacksonville) hurled an impressive four innings, yielding only one run, to keep the first game in hand until the bats picked up. The second game was tied, 3-3, going into the ninth until





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Darius Foster led off and manufactured the winning run. He singled, stole second, and scored on a single by the next batter. The inning exploded, and the Big Train scored nine runs, but Foster's was the lead run that held up through the end of the game. On June 17, Big Train edged the D.C. Grays, 6-4, in the only close contest during the streak. Bethesda dominated most of the game, leading 5-0 heading into the eighth. Noah Carbajal (Long Beach State) started the game and earned the win. Ryan Lynch (Notre Dame) hurled a shutout inning in relief. Grant Knipp (Alabama) had one of his best days, going 2/3 and Matt Thomas homered. The Grays scored four runs in the last two innings, but Rocco Peppi homered to tally one more run for Big Train and Jesse Barron (San Francisco) held on to earn the save.

The Big Train lost to the Gaithersburg Giants on June 18, 6-4, and then began another six-game winning streak. On June 19, they beat the Alexandria Aces in a doubleheader, 13-1 and 8-4. In the first game, Ryley Johnson (East Carolina) led off and went 3/4. Luke Baker pitched one-hit, one-run ball for four innings, and Cooper Rons (UC Santa Barbara) threw the other three innings yielding one hit and no runs. In the second game, Trevor Doyle (Sacramento State) went 2/3 and scored two runs. Grayson Hitt (Alabama) earned the win with four shutout innings. On June 20, Big Train bats were on display again as the team beat the Thunderbolts, 18-5. It was another five-RBI day for Alderman. Austin Gauthier and Keith Torres (Sacramento State) had three RBI apiece. Jack Cone (William & Mary) hit his seventh double of the year. On June 23, the Big Train crunched the D.C. Grays, 13-1. Rocco Peppi starred in the game with two homers and five RBI. Jake Eddington (Alabama) started the game and allowed only one run in three innings. Zach Locke (Long Beach State) was credited with the win with two shutout innings. Everett Catlett (Georgetown) and Josh Grosz (East Carolina) took the mound for short, but effective, stints. On

June 24, Big Train bested the Gaithersburg Giants, 7-4. Starter Brock Guffey (Alabama) hurled an impressive four innings, giving up only a single hit and no runs. On June 25, Bethesda was the winner over the Alexandria Aces, 5-2. The pitching quartet of Grayson Hitt, Noah Carbajal, Matt Howat, and Jesse Barron kept the Aces at bay.

After a loss to the Thunderbolts on June 26, the Big Train won four of the next five heading into the Fourth of July break. On June 27, they edged the Grays, 9-7, as Brady Gumpf (Notre Dame) had a big day, going 4/4. On June 29, Danny Neri (Notre Dame) scored the winning run in the bottom of the 10<sup>th</sup> on a Jack Cone sacrifice fly to give Big Train a 7-6 win over the Braves. The next day, Bethesda beat the Braves again, 17-2, as Kemp Alderman drove in six, and the trio of Brock Guffey, Jack Braley (Christopher Newport) and Josh Grosz sparkled on the mound. The 14 Big Train runs in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning constituted a team record for runs in one inning. The Giants beat the Big Train, 5-1, on July 2, but the Big Train rebounded to beat the Thunderbolts, 4-2, the next day.

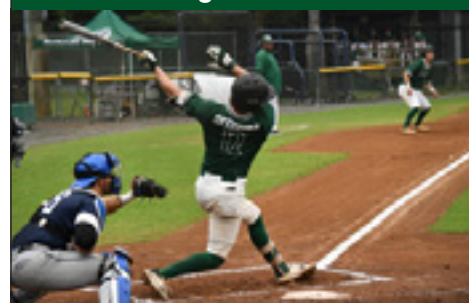
The Big Train started the second half of the season slowly, splitting the first two games. They beat the Grays, 6-3, on July 6, and lost to the Braves, 14-7, the next day. Then they took off, winning six of their next seven games -- all by wide margins. On July 8, they beat the Giants, 9-1. Grant Knipp (Alabama) contributed a double and two RBI.

Chris Bookhultz (Maryland) closed out the ninth with a hitless and scoreless outing. On July 10, the Big Train whipped the Grays in both ends of a doubleheader, 16-3 and 10-1. In the first game, Matt Thomas drove in seven, and Kyle Robinson (Texas Tech) registered the win. In the nightcap, Ryley Johnson and Keith Torres each drove in three runs, and Matt Bedford threw five masterful innings of no-hit ball. The seven-inning game was completed as a no-hitter, with Bookhultz and Locke hurling the final two innings. On July 11, Big Train trounced the Braves, 15-3. Austin

## 2021 Final Regular Season CRCBL Standings

	W-L	%	GB
Bethesda Big Train	27-8	.771	-
Alexandria Aces	20-15	.571	7
Gaithersburg Giants	19-17	.528	8.5
SS-Takoma T-Bolts	16-20	.444	11.5
South County Braves	14-22	.389	13.5
D.C. Grays	11-25	.306	16.5

## Sal Colangelo's 2021 Big Train Manager's Awards



### Most Valuable Player

Matt Thomas (William & Mary)

### Most Outstanding Hitter

Rocco Peppi (Long Beach State)

### Most Outstanding Starting Pitcher

Grayson Hitt (Alabama)

### Most Outstanding Relief Pitcher

Ryan Metz (Virginia Tech)

### Most Outstanding Defender

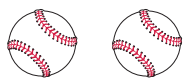
Keith Torres (Sacramento State)



## CRCBL Offensive Player of the Year Matt Thomas



Congratulations to outfielder Matt Thomas of the Bethesda Big Train (College of William & Mary) for being named Offensive Player of Year. Matt batted .350 with 7 home runs, 4 doubles, 32 RBI's, 7 stolen bases and scored 34 runs. Matt helped led the Big Train to the regular season and LCS title.



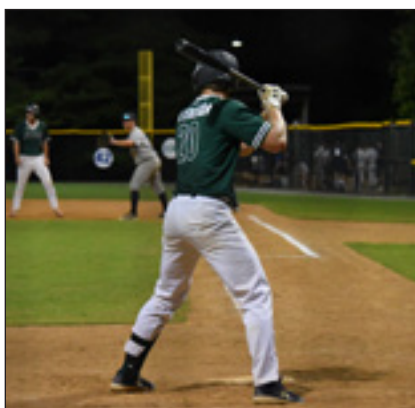
# 2021 SEASON RECAP



Gauthier had a perfect day at the plate, hitting a homer and a triple, and taking three walks, while scoring four runs. Grant Knipp went 4/5 and drove in three runs. The Thunderbolts beat Bethesda on July 12, and then the Big Train turned around and whipped the Aces, 14-2, the next day. Continuing to dominate the Aces, the Big Train beat them, 17-3, on July 14. Keith Torres went 4/4 in this game and drove in four. On July 15, Big Train lost to the Giants in a squeaker, 3-2. On July 20, Big Train bounced back and walloped the Thunderbolts, 14-1. Nolan Schanuel was the big hitter in that game, going 3/4 with four RBI. The regular season ended with a doubleheader split with the Grays on July 21. The Grays took the first game, 7-4. Big Train came from behind in the seventh and final inning of the second game with six runs to edge the Grays, 9-8. A Kemp Alderman homer finished it and set off the celebration as Big Train headed into the playoffs as the regular season champs.

## League Semifinals

As the #1 seed in the playoffs, Bethesda sat for a bye in the first round. The last place D.C. Grays beat the Gaithersburg Giants in the first round to earn the right to face the Big Train in the semis. It proved to be a lopsided series. In Game One, Bethesda was already ahead 4-0 by the end of the first inning, partly propelled by a two-run homer by Nolan Schanuel. At the end of two, it was 6-0, and with the use of his speedy base running, Darius Foster had already scored his second run. In the third, Foster hit a 3-run homer, and that inning ended with Big Train ahead 10-1. Continuing the bombardment, the Big Train scored another three runs in the fourth inning, two of which came on a single by Danny Neri. Grayson Hitt cruised to the win, with Cooper Rons and Matt Howat finishing up for a 14-2 romp. In Game Two, the Big Train got off to a first inning lead again, but it was not as pronounced. Ryley Johnson and Matt Thomas got on base and after a double steal of second and third, Grant Knipp drove them in with a single to give his team a 2-0 lead. Nolan Schanuel led off the second with a single, and advanced around the bases to score on a single, a walk, and a double play. The Grays answered with a run in the bottom of the second to make the score 3-1. Big Train opened things up in the fourth inning with five runs. The big hit was a three-run triple by Ryley Johnson. Big Train scored two in the top of the fifth, matched by two by the Grays in the bottom of the inning. The Grays scored their fourth and final run in the seventh. Big Train notched another pair of runs in the eighth. They closed



out the game with two more in the ninth. Ryley Johnson singled to score Colin Tuft (Virginia) and Christian Martin (Virginia Tech) singled to score Brady Gumpf. Matt Bedford hurled five innings while yielding only one run. The final score was 14-4.

## League Championship Series

The Alexandria Aces entered the playoffs as the #2 seed. In the semifinals, they topped the Thunderbolts, 4-1 and 10-0. It was clear that the league's top two teams were meeting for the championship.

Game One was held at Povich Field on July 29. Jake Eddington was sent to the mound for the Big Train and was on his game from the start. He would throw four innings and yield only one hit and no runs. In the meantime, the offense went to work. In the first inning, Darius Foster singled, stole a couple of bases, and scored on a wild pitch. Grant Knipp walked, advanced to second on a wild pitch, and scored on a single. In the second, Rocco Peppi hit a home run to extend the lead to 3-0. Nolan Schanuel led off the fourth with a single and scored on a Keith Torres double. Luke Baker took over on the mound in the fifth and would toss three innings to earn the win. In the bottom of the fifth, Matt Thomas reached on a single, advanced on an error, and scored an unearned run on a single by Grant Knipp. In the sixth, Keith Torres scored a run after slamming a double. The final run for Big Train came in the eighth as Trevor Doyle homered. At this point, the score was 7-0. The Aces managed to tally two runs in the ninth, but they fell short, and the Big Train took Game One 7-2.

The next day, Game Two was played at Frank Mann Field in Alexandria. Again, Manager Sal Colangelo chose a pitcher ready to come through for the team. This time it was Josh Grosz. Josh pitched six innings of shutout ball, striking out nine. It took a little longer for the Big Train bats to get going in this game. At the end of one, the game was scoreless, but the Aces came close to scoring. Behind two hits and a Big Train error, they had runners on first and second. Then came a single through the infield. Jack Cone fielded it and pegged it to catcher Danny Neri, who tagged the Aces runner at home plate to end the inning and squelch the rally. In the second, Kemp Alderman singled, Nolan Schanuel struck out, Rocco Peppi singled, moving Alderman to second. Trevor Doyle singled to right field and while Alderman was out at the plate, Peppi kept coming and scored to give the Big Train the lead. In the third inning, Darius Foster got aboard on an error and moved to third base on a passed ball and a wild pitch and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly. Jack Cone walked and scored on a two-run homer by Kemp Alderman. Those three runs gave Big Train a 4-0 lead, which the pitching staff would hold up. Ryan Daugherty (St. Mary's CA) pitched the final three innings for Big Train and blanked the Grays with no hits. Once again, for the fifth consecutive time, the Big Train were the champions of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League.



# BIG TRAIN BY THE NUMBERS

with lots of help from our volunteers,  
friends, and sponsors

## Twenty-Two 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 320 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 500 Bethesda Big Train games at Shirley Povich Field
- 🏟️ Hosted 16 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 450 out-of-town Big Train players
- 🏟️ Watched 17 alumni move up to the Major Leagues
- 🏟️ Watched an additional 22 alumni play with Major League teams in spring training games
- 🏟️ Watched 195 alumni play professional baseball
- 👥 Welcomed 290,000 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 130 college-aged interns
- 🏆 17 Montgomery Cup Championships
- 🏆 12 Regular Season Championships
- 🏆 10 League Championships
- 🏆 One National Championship

# BIG TRAIN ALL-TIME RECORDS



Compiled by Bill Hickman

<b>Batting Average</b> (min. 100 AB)	Kobe Kato (Arizona)	.441 in 2019
<b>Games Played</b>	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
<b>Runs Scored</b>	Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State)	47 in 2012
<b>Hits</b>	Adam Barry (Cal State Northridge)	67 in 2011
<b>Home Runs</b>	Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State)	16 in 2012
<b>RBI</b>	Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State)	53 in 2012
<b>Doubles</b>	Brendan Hendriks (San Francisco)	17 in 2012
<b>Triples</b>	Ryan Collins (Mississippi State)	6 in 2010
<b>Total Bases</b>	Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State)	116 in 2012
<b>On Base %</b> (min. 100 AB)	Kobe Kato (Arizona)	.612 in 2019
<b>Slugging %</b> (min. 100 AB)	Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State)	.866 in 2012
<b>Stolen Bases</b>	Gio Diaz (St. Mary's of CA)	39 in 2019
<b>Hit by Pitch</b>	Jarrod Parks (Mississippi State)	21 in 2009

## Pitching

<b>Wins</b>	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
<b>Winning %</b> (min. 7 decisions)	Keith Moreland (UNC Charlotte)	.857 in 2004
	Cameron Love (San Francisco)	.857 in 2009
<b>ERA</b> (min. 35 IP)	Matt Hiserman (Santa Clara)	0.00 in 2008
	Bryan Hamilton (UNC Charlotte)	0.00 in 2010
<b>Strikeouts</b>	Dirk Hayhurst (Kent State)	69 in 2001
<b>Appearances</b>	Justin Davis (Old Dominion)	18 in 2000
	Matt Hiserman (Santa Clara)	18 in 2008
	Bryan Hamilton (UNC Charlotte)	18 in 2010
<b>Games Started</b>	Matthew Griffith (Middle Tennessee State)	10 in 2000
<b>Saves</b>	Justin Davis (Old Dominion)	10 in 2000
	Matt Hiserman (Santa Clara)	10 in 2008

## Single Game Achievements

<b>Home Runs</b>	Marcus Taylor (Middle Tennessee State) June 26, 2003 v. Herndon Braves at Herndon High School	3
<b>Strikeouts</b>	Dirk Hayhurst (Kent State) — June 12, 2001 v. Reston Hawks at Povich Field	18
<b>Triple Play</b>	July 11, 2000 v. Vienna Mustangs at Nottoway Park	3-2-5-4
<b>No-hitters</b>	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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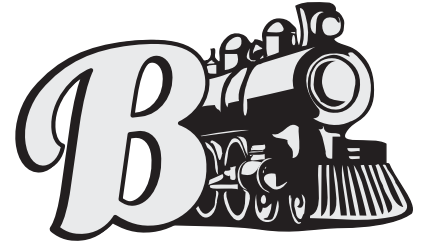




# EVERY KID DESERVES A GREAT SUMMER

Big Train baseball is here to help give your children the great summer they deserve after these last two difficult years. Join us for a summer of fun at Shirley Povich Field:

- Ⓢ A chance for boys and girls to be taught by top notch college players at the Big Train Summer Camp;
- Ⓢ A Big Train picnic party to celebrate a birthday or the end of your youth team's season; and
- Ⓢ Big Train games at Shirley Povich Field.



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# ADKINS, CROWLEY, AND RENFROE INDUCTED INTO CAL RIPKEN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

Luke Adkins (BT 2006, 2008, and 2009/Mississippi State), super host mom Becky Crowley, and Hunter Renfroe (BT 2011 and 2012/Mississippi State) were inducted into the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League Hall of Fame on November 7 along with inaugural Ripken League commissioner Bill Spencer, Thunderbolt founder Dick O'Connor, and Maryland Orioles slugger Justin Bour.



It was a true Big Train family affair with Luke Adkins and his family travelling from Mississippi to attend and Becky Crowley's family out in force. Manager Sal Colangelo and Big Train founder Bruce Adams spoke about the valued friendships and relationships established over the two decades of Big Train baseball at Povich Field. In paying tribute to Becky Crowley, both Colangelo and Adams said that our host families are the secret sauce that have helped propel the Big Train to so many championship seasons.






Luke Adkins, named to the Ripken League All League Team in all three of his Big Train seasons, now serves as head baseball coach at Starkville High School in Mississippi. Becky Crowley serves on the board of directors of the Bethesda Community Base Ball Club and as treasurer of the Ripken League.

Now a member of the Milwaukee Brewers, Hunter Renfroe led the Big Train to a national championship in 2011 and shattered Ripken League hitting records in 2012.

Big Train manager Sal Colangelo, Brian Dozier (BT 2006/Southern Mississippi), and Big Train founder Bruce Adams were three members of the 2019 inaugural class of the Ripken League Hall of Fame along with Cal Ripken Senior, Youse's Maryland Orioles Manager Dean Albany, and Thunderbolts hurler Brett Cecil.

The Ripken League Hall of Fame plaques are displayed on the back of the first base grandstand at Povich Field.

**LUKE ADKINS**

LUKE ADKINS played for the Bethesda Big Train in 2006, 2008, and 2009. In 2009, he shared the Most Valuable Player award on the Big Train's powerhouse 34-10 team that was ranked the nation's ninth best summer college team by Perfect Game Crosschecker. Luke led the Ripken League in hitting in 2009 with a .380 batting average, 52 hits and 37 RBIs. Named to the All League team in all three of his seasons with the Big Train, Luke collected 188 career total bases with 28 doubles and seven triples. He was named the Big Train's Most Outstanding Hitter in 2006. Playing college baseball at University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University, Luke had a career batting average of .301 with 199 hits and 124 RBIs. Luke was named head baseball coach at Starkville High School in Starkville, Mississippi in June of 2018.

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**REBECCA CROWLEY**

BECKY CROWLEY represents the very finest values of the world of summer college baseball. She has used the skills and resources of a successful business executive to enrich our community through her support of amateur baseball. "Miss Becky," as her boys call her, has been the volunteer host mom for dozens of Ripken League players from the Bethesda Big Train over a period of more than two decades. The success of Big Train baseball has been attributed in significant part to the word of mouth of Ripken alumni about the warm and welcoming environment created by Becky and other host families. Becky serves as the League's treasurer and has served as a volunteer at virtually every Ripken League All-Star Game and Championship Series since the League's founding. She is a role model for the generosity of spirit upon which summer college baseball thrives.

**Class of 2020**



# MEMBERS OF THE BIG TRAIN FAMILY IN THE CAL RIPKEN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME



## HUNTER RENFROE

HUNTER RENFROE played for the Bethesda Big Train in 2011 and 2012. In 2011, he hit .305 with eight home runs and 30 RBIs while leading the Ripken League champion Big Train team that was named the nation's top summer college team by Perfect Game USA. In 2012, he shattered Ripken League hitting records with a slugging percentage of .866, 16 home runs, 53 RBIs, 47 runs scored, and 116 total bases. In 2012, the Big Train retired his #11. Hunter played baseball at Mississippi State University and was the thirteenth player selected in the 2013 Major League Baseball Draft. Drafted by the San Diego Padres, he was named the 2016 MVP of the Pacific Coast League. Hunter hit 89 home runs in three full seasons with the Padres. In 2020, he played for the American League champion Tampa Bay Rays. In December 2020, he signed with the Boston Red Sox.

Class of 2020



## BRIAN DOZIER

BRIAN DOZIER played for the 2006 Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League regular season champion Bethesda Big Train, batting .258 with 31 hits in 33 games as shortstop. Brian played baseball at the University of Southern Mississippi and was selected by the Minnesota Twins in the eighth round of the 2009 Major League Baseball Draft. He made his major league debut on May 7, 2012. In 2015, Brian became the 16th player to hit a home run in his first Major League All-Star Game at bat. In 2016, he became the first American League second baseman to hit 40 home runs in a season. By the end of the 2018 season, Brian had 172 career home runs in the major leagues. He received the Gold Glove Award at second base in 2017. Brian received the Twins Heart and Hustle Award from the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association in 2014 and 2015.

2019 Inaugural Class



## BRUCE ADAMS

BRUCE ADAMS co-founded the Bethesda Community Base Ball Club in 1998 with a mission to improve youth fields in Montgomery County and Washington, DC. The club built Shirley Povich Field and created the Bethesda Big Train as the source of revenue for improving fields for kids. He co-founded the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League in 2005. In 2010, he initiated the Ripken League's annual Feed the Hungry Challenge that as of 2018 has collected 27 tons of food for the Manna Food Center to distribute to our neighbors in need. In 2016, Bruce organized the Ripken League's Goodwill Mission Trip to Cuba. He has been a leading advocate for youth baseball in Washington, DC through the Fields of Dreams after-school program based in Anacostia. Bruce and his wife Peggy Engel are the authors of *Fodor's Ballpark Vacations*.

2019 Inaugural Class



## SAL COLANGELO

SAL COLANGELO took over as head coach of the Bethesda Big Train in 2005, the inaugural season of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, after serving as assistant coach for the team's first six seasons. In his first fourteen seasons as head coach, Sal's Big Train teams won nine regular season championships and seven league championships. Through the 2018 season, he has compiled a record of 404 regular season wins with only 170 losses for an eye-popping winning percentage of .704. In 2011, the Big Train was named the nation's top summer college team by Perfect Game USA, and Sal was named Maryland State Amateur Coach of the Year. At Potomac High School in Woodbridge, Virginia, Sal stole more than 100 bases. He played baseball and football at Virginia Tech from 1991-95.

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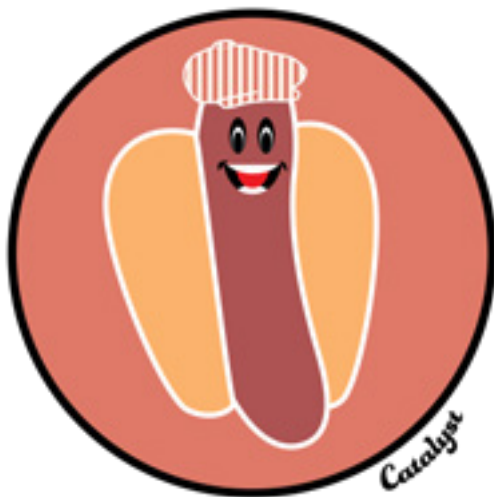
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- ⚾ Chicken tenders with fries from Gregorio's Trattoria.
- ⚾ A cold half Italian sub and chips from Gregorio's Trattoria.
- ⚾ A burger or hot dog from Catalyst Hot Dogs.

*\*The price is \$17 per person for Big Train Season ticket holders and Big Train Summer Campers. Enhanced menus at additional cost available on request.*



**The Davis Family Picnic Pavilion is covered and can accommodate groups of up to 110 people.**

## Here's how to reserve your 2022 Big Train Picnic:

To check available picnic dates and ask questions, please email Big Train Founder & President Bruce Adams at [bruce@greaterwash.org](mailto:bruce@greaterwash.org). To help Bruce respond promptly, please include in your email:

- ⚾ Name of your organization;
- ⚾ Your three preferred game dates (see pages 22-23 for home schedule); and
- ⚾ Name of contact person with email address and phone number;
- ⚾ Approximate number of attendees.

# SHIRLEY & WALTER: TOGETHER AGAIN

On a gorgeous and festive Saturday morning November 6, 2021, members of the families of Shirley Povich and Walter Johnson joined with Montgomery Parks officials, County elected leaders, and Bethesda Community Base Ball Club leaders past and present to dedicate sculptures of two of Washington's most iconic sports figures. The sculptures of journalist Shirley Povich, for whom our ballpark is named, and Walter Johnson, whose Big Train nickname our team carries with pride, were crafted by Toby Mendez, the sculptor who turned the legends of Birdland into bronze at Camden Yards.

Big Train co-founder John Ourisman envisioned Shirley Povich Field as "a living history museum" educating future generations about famed *Washington Post* sportswriter Shirley Povich and baseball Hall of Famer Walter Johnson. Large, colorful biographical murals of Povich and Johnson have greeted visitors as they enter Povich Field since our very first game on June 4, 1999.

At the November 6 dedication ceremony, Bethesda Community Base Ball Club founder and president Bruce Adams introduced Toby Mendez as "a nationally recognized sculptor with a spectacular portfolio focused on civil rights and sports." Mendez noted "this work of art brings civil rights and sports together." Mendez quoted one of his most celebrated subjects, Thurgood Marshall, as saying that a hero is someone who when they have a voice, they use it. "Shirley," Mendez said, "prodded and provoked Major League Baseball to desegregate. He

prodded and provoked the Washington football club to do the right thing and integrate. So, he's my hero."

Former *Washington Post* sports editor George Solomon spoke about his colleague Shirley Povich and was presented with a replica plaque for the newly named George Solomon Press Box: "Shirley Povich would have loved Povich Field and all it stands for. He loved baseball, and he loved baseball at its roots, which is what this is." ESPN's Tim Kurkjian, a living baseball encyclopedia, pronounced Walter Johnson "the greatest pitcher ever. There is not a close second." Tim received a replica of the Tim Kurkjian Sports Journalism Fellows (aka Big Train summer interns) plaque that will also be displayed near the door to the Solomon Press Box.

Walter Johnson's grandson and biographer Hank Thomas pointed out that "this scene (of Shirley Povich interviewing Walter Johnson) undoubtedly took place countless times." Hank recalled, as many Washingtonians have over the years, that he learned to read by reading Shirley Povich's columns each morning.

Shirley Povich's son Maury concluded the dedication by saying that if his father would have been given a choice to sit next to anyone other than family for eternity, it would have been Walter Johnson. Maury explained that his father believed Johnson was "the most honest, the most humble, and the most humane of any athlete he had ever been around." This is really saying something as Povich covered athletes for 75 years from Ruth to Ripken.



Photo from the left: Maury Povich, son of Shirley Povich; Casey Anderson, Montgomery County Planning Board Chair; sculptor Toby Mendez; Hank Thomas, grandson and biographer of Walter Johnson; and Mike Riley, Montgomery Parks Director. ©2021 Eye on the Ball photography.



The Shirley & Walter sculpture was made possible because of generous contributions from:

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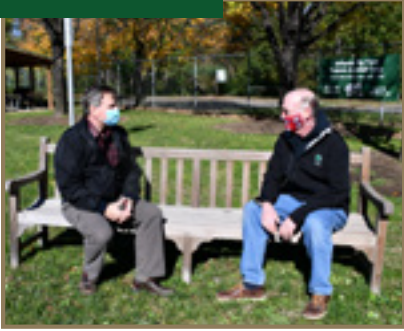
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# THE EVOLUTION OF A COMMUNITY JEWEL

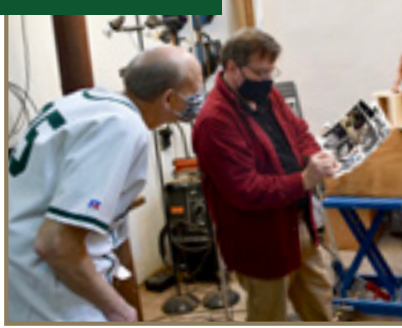
*"Shirley Povich would have loved Povich Field and all it stands for.  
He loved baseball, and he loved baseball at its roots, which is what this is."  
— George Solomon*

NOVEMBER 3, 2020



*Sculptor Toby Mendez and Montgomery Parks Director Mike Riley pick a spot for the sculpture at Shirley Povich Field.*

FEBRUARY 27, 2021



*Walter Johnson's grandson and biographer Hank Thomas visits Toby's studio in Knoxville, Maryland.*

MARCH 1, 2021



*Toby at work on the Shirley Povich maquette.*

MARCH 1, 2021



*Toby and Maury Povich discuss possible changes on the Shirley Povich maquette.*

AUGUST 30, 2021



*Toby and architects Dick Leggin and Jordan Day meet with contractors and Montgomery Parks staff to lay out the project.*

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021



*Santo Seminara and crew of Stonework by Santo build the sitting wall.*

OCTOBER 6, 2021



*Creative Concrete crew pours the plaza.*

OCTOBER 13, 2021



*Toby and Jorge Iglesias and Rigoberto Argueta from Stonework by Santo install the sculptures on the sitting wall.*

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*High powered group of speakers at the dedication.*

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# BIG TRAIN COMMUNITY HEROES

**The Bethesda Community Base Ball Club (BCBBC) has always been about more than baseball. Our founding mission was to improve opportunities for youth.**

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 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, Bethesda Big Train provided local nonprofit organizations with 100 free tickets each and an opportunity to showcase their organizations to Big Train fans. Over those eleven seasons, more than 400 local nonprofits benefitted from the Nonprofits of the Night program.

When we retook stewardship of Big Train in 2020, we honored five Big Train Community heroes and donated \$2,500 to the Manna Food Center and \$1,400 to Nourishing Bethesda.

In response to challenges due to the covid pandemic, we transitioned to a program of hosting community heroes from a different nonprofit at each Big Train home game. We dedicated our 2021 Big Train season to the community heroes

-- the nurses, community nonprofits, first responders, doctors, grocery store clerks, and others -- who worked so tirelessly on the frontlines during the pandemic. "These are the folks who helped us through these challenging times," explained Big Train founder Bruce Adams. "They deserve some fun."

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 and a drink thanks to the generous support provided by the Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation, The Sebrechts Family, and Melanie Folstad, RBC Wealth Management. Thanks to these generous sponsors, nearly 500 frontline community heroes were treated to a night at the ballpark with dinner from our wonderful food providers at Gregorio's Trattoria and Catalyst Hot Dogs. The Frontline Heroes from Nourishing Bethesda are shown in the photo below being applauded by the Big Train fans during our June 20 game. Other organizations honored included Shepherd's Table, B-CC Rescue Squad, NIH Clinical Center, Manna Food Center, and National Center for Children and Families.



At games during the 2021 season, we were able to recognize at Povich Field the five Big Train Community Heroes we had named in 2020:

**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 (in photo above);

**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.







# BIG TRAIN COMMUNITY HEROES



At each Bethesda Big Train home game during the 2022 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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For the 2022 season, we are proud to announce that we will continue our program of honoring a different nonprofit at each home game. Again this year, each nonprofit will receive 25 free tickets and dinner on their game night thanks to the continued generous support of the Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation, The Sebrechts Family and Luc Sebrechts/Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, and Melanie Folstad/RBC Wealth Management.



This summer, we are again honoring 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

As in 2021, the Trawick Foundation will be contributing \$250 to each of the nonprofits represented by these individual Community Heroes.

In addition, Big Train is honoring philanthropist **Carol Trawick** and sportscaster **Johnny Holliday** as Big Train Community Heroes in 2022.

## 2022 Big Train Community Heroes

We hope you will come out to cheer on the Big Train players and these community heroes this June and July.

June 4 League of Women Voters, St. Raphael School, and Dreams for Kids DC

June 5 Miracle League

June 7 KEEN

*Individual Community Hero - Carol Trawick*

June 9 Wood Acres Elementary School

June 11 Nourishing Bethesda

*Individual Community Hero: John Ross*

June 12 NAACP

*Individual Community Hero: Linda Plummer*

June 14 TLC - Treatment and Learning Centers and Bradley Hills Village

June 16 Leveling the Playing Field and Open Door Sports

June 18 Bethesda Historical Society

June 19 Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School & Corporate Work Study Program

June 25 Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland

June 29 Special Olympics and KID Museum

*Individual Community Hero: Cara Lesser*

June 30 PFLAG

July 2 Empowering the Ages and Barker Adoption

July 3 American Legion Post 86

July 6 Montgomery History

July 7 Jewish Council for the Aging

July 9 Shepherd's Table

*Individual Community Hero: Haile Gebregziabher*

July 13 Cornerstone Montgomery

July 15 A Wider Circle

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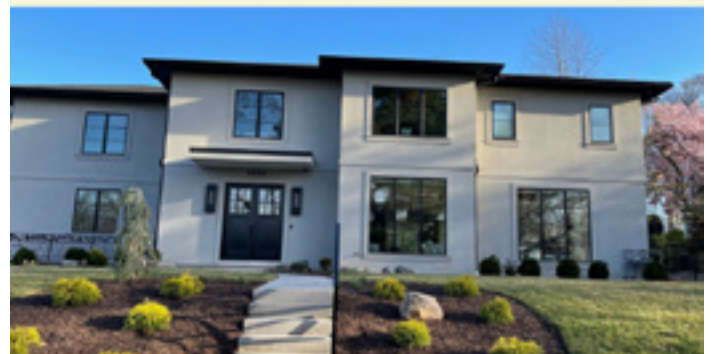
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After a pre-game ceremony that featured remarks from Tammy Ben Haim, Minister for Public Diplomacy of the Embassy of Israel, and Peter Kurz, general manager of Team Israel, Big Train slugger Grant Kipp treated the standing room only crowd of 835 to a home run in the second inning. Playing the third inning under international rules, both teams started with runners on first and second. Ian

Kinsler had an RBI double and scored on a single by Ty Kelly. Kelly also scored, as did a third run to give Team Israel the lead at 3-1. In the bottom of the third, Bethesda's Danny Neri scored on a sacrifice fly. In the top of the fourth, Team Israel scored a run to pad its lead to 4-2. In the top of the fifth, Danny Valencia scored for Israel. Big Train answered in the bottom of the inning with two runs, bringing the score to 5-4. Christian Martin hit a double to bring in Brady Gumpf and Martin scored on a single by Trevor Doyle. In the bottom of the sixth, the Big Train scored three runs and pulled ahead, 7-5. Nolan Schanuel and Colin Tuft led off the inning by getting on base. After the next two Big Train batters failed to advance them, Ryley Johnson drove them in with a ground rule double. Then Johnson stole third and scored on an error by the catcher. In the seventh and final inning, the Big Train

gave up three runs, none of them earned. Israel's Nick Rickles reached first on an error and scored on a two-run homer by Robb Paller. One more unearned run came in, and Team Israel led 8-7 going into the bottom of seventh and last inning. The Big Train had one more chance, and got two men on base via walks, but could not score.

With support from our partners at the International Jewish Sports Foundation, Jewish Community Relations Council, Bender JCC of Greater Washington, The Jewish Federation, *Washington Jewish Week*, and the Embassy of Israel, the Friendship Game was a true celebration of community. Importantly, we were able to raise nearly \$30,000 to support Team Israel on its historic trip to the Olympics.



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FLASHBACK



A detail from artist Terry Rogers' mural outside Dawson's Market in Rockville honors Black baseball players in Montgomery County.

## HIDDEN DIAMONDS

*For Montgomery County's  
Black communities, sandlot  
baseball was a big hit*

BY BRUCE ADAMS

**THERE ARE NO HINTS** at the Cabin John Village shopping center in Potomac or at the Walgreens on Hungerford Drive in Rockville that crowds used to watch baseball games on the land now occupied by those buildings. Growing up in Montgomery County in the 1950s as a baseball-crazy kid, I didn't have a clue that some of the country's finest ballplayers were playing at ballfields just miles from my house in Potomac.

In the second half of the 19th century, when four of every 10 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. For many of them, "history is buried with the people," says the Rev. Tim Warner of Emory Grove United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg.

Along with churches and schools, baseball became the center of civic life in these communities from the 1940s through the 1960s. Many of them—from Emory Grove to Lyttonsville and Scotland to Sandy Spring—organized sandlot teams, according to my research for "In Search of the Ballfields of Montgomery's Black Communities," a 2021 presentation for the nonprofit Montgomery History.

"Baseball was the entertainment. It started out of necessity," former Sandy Spring player Jim Offord, who died in 2019, said in a County Cable

Montgomery documentary that aired in 2000. "It was one of the few places we could go. It didn't take much to get us excited because we didn't have much anyway."

Local baseball historian Billy Gordon, who grew up in Rockville watching the Black sandlot stars play, recalls that the "entire African American community" would turn out. "It was quite a scene," says Gordon, who participated in the Montgomery History presentation. "The preacher would be at the game, and the bootlegger would be there dispensing beverages."

The center of the county's Black sandlot teams was Johnson's Park in Emory Grove. Roughly 1,000 people would show up on Memorial Day for food, fellowship and a two-night doubleheader. Barnstorming Negro Leagues teams came to the Emory Grove ballpark to take on the county's top sandlot teams: Rockville American Legion Post 151, the Maryland Wildcats and the Sandy Spring All-Stars, according to Gordon.

PHOTO BY KELLY MARTIN



**The ballparks provided entertainment and a place to gather for Black residents, who were blocked from other options because of Jim Crow laws.**

Some of Montgomery's best players competed in the Negro Leagues before returning home to join their local sandlot teams and raise their families. Segregation denied them the opportunity to match their skills against the very best, according to Gordon, who lists Russell Awkard, Bill Williams and brothers Clarence "Pint" Isreal and Elbert Isreal as top players.

Black business entrepreneurs and county residents Edward Johnson, Joe Davis, William Wims, Charlie Harris and Buck Bailey saw the success of the Negro Leagues and built ballparks that attracted hundreds of fans. The ballparks provided entertainment and a place to gather for Black residents, who were blocked from other options because of Jim Crow laws.

Johnson's Park and a ballfield in Norbeck with two 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 Stewartown drew top crowds on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

"When you played at night at Johnson's Park, you felt like you were a pro," Eddie Dove, a former Scotland Eagles third baseman, told me. Built in 1947, Johnson's Park is now owned by Montgomery Parks.

As entertainment opportunities for Black residents widened in the 1960s and early '70s, the Black sandlot teams faded away. ■

*Bruce Adams lives in Bethesda. His Montgomery History presentation can be viewed at [tinyurl.com/Moco-black-baseball](https://tinyurl.com/Moco-black-baseball).*



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**THURSDAY JUNE 16** – Ripken League game v. DC Grays. **School's (Almost) Out Night** with the Orioles Bird. Slide into a **Good Book This Summer Night** with author **Fred Bowen**. A Big Train bookmark will be available for all summer readers. **Sporting Equipment Collection Drive for Leveling the Playing Field:** drop off your gently used/extra sporting equipment at Povich Field starting at 6 p.m.



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**WEDNESDAY JULY 6 – Exhibition game v. Native American National Baseball Team.** Join us for a game with the barnstorming Virginia-based Native American National Baseball Team.

**THURSDAY JULY 7 – Ripken League game v. SS-T Thunderbolts.** Join famed documentary filmmaker **Aviva Kempner** at a pre-game picnic for a discussion of her classic baseball films *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg* and *The Spy Behind Home Plate* as we celebrate **Jewish Baseball Heritage Night**. Sponsored by *SPC Financial*, *Washington Jewish Week* and *Gelberg Signs*.

**SATURDAY JULY 9 – Ripken League game v. Metro SOCO Braves.** Sign up to join Big Train players volunteering at local nonprofits on **Roberto Clemente Community Service Day** from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. And then experience the sounds of a mariachi band at our game night **Tribute to Latin Baseball**. Sponsored by *Sandy Spring Builders* and *Ourisman Honda*. Discover the Marucci Sports Experience. Honoring Big Train Community Hero Haile Gebregziabher, director of operations at Shepherd's Table, for extraordinary service to the residents of Montgomery County during the covid pandemic.



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**FRIDAY JULY 15 – Ripken League game v. Metro SOCO Braves. Rockville Baseball Association (RBBA) Night.** Just because May the Fourth has come and gone doesn't mean you can't celebrate everyone's favorite space saga. Big Train invites you to bring your lightsabers and dress up as Darth Vader for **Star Wars Night** at Povich Field. Win prizes and have a blast. May the Force be with Big Train, and with you!

**SATURDAY JULY 16 – Ripken League game v. Olney Cropdusters. Conflict Resolution & Justice Night** with Court Watch and Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County. Come early and get smarter about resolving conflict and promoting justice in Montgomery County.

**MONDAY JULY 18 - Ripken League game v. DC Grays. Host Family Appreciation Night** sponsored by *Washington Parent Magazine*. Honoring Big Train Community Hero Agnes Leshner, board member of Interfaith Works, for her decades of service to the children of Montgomery County.



**THURSDAY JULY 21 - Ripken League game v. Alexandria Aces.** Big Train reusable grocery bag for each fan presented by *FitBite Orthodontics* on **Fan Appreciation Night**. National Hot Dog Day to benefit the Manna Food Center supported by *Roseda Beef* and *Catalyst Hot Dogs*. Come out and enjoy a guest appearance from the Orioles' AA affiliate! Get giveaways and more with the **Bowie Baysox!** Honoring Big Train Community Hero Rob Scheer, founder of Comfort Cases.

**FRIDAY JULY 22 – Exhibition game v. Southern Maryland Senators. Johnny Holliday Appreciation Night.** Come out to Povich Field to express your appreciation to beloved sportscaster Johnny Holliday for his extraordinary service to our region as we honor him as a Big Train Community Hero. Specialty Beer Night featuring 7 Locks Brewing.



**SUNDAY JULY 24-SUNDAY JULY 31 – Possible Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League (CRCBL) playoff games at Shirley Povich Field.** Check [www.calripkenleague.org](http://www.calripkenleague.org) for dates, times, and ballparks for CRCBL playoff games.

# PINT ISREAL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S *Magnificent Mite*

by Bill Hickman

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 nearly his whole life in Rockville. His name was Clarence “Pint” Isreal.

Let’s be clear about the spelling of his last name. That’s Isreal, not Israel, like the country. Newspapers of the day were confused about it, and out of respect, we wish to state it correctly here.

The earliest years of Clarence Isreal were spent in rural Georgia. He was born in Marietta, Georgia, on February 15, 1918, but his parents, Frank and Violet Isreal, lived on a farm in a place called Big Shanty in an area of Cobb County near Kennesaw. Frank was a sharecropper and railroad worker whose life spanned from 1886 to 1977, and Violet lived from 1891 to 1985; they were wed in 1911. In 1923, Frank and Violet packed up their household and moved to Rockville, Maryland, where they hoped their lives would improve.

Clarence grew up on Stonestreet Avenue in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Rockville. He attended segregated schools, including Rockville Colored Elementary School, and graduated from Rockville Colored High School in 1935. Unfortunately, to families of color, the city seemed in many ways like a place in the Deep South until well into the mid-century.

After high school, he played sandlot baseball locally around Rockville for a few years. A historical marker in Rockville indicated the first semipro team with which he signed to play was

the Washington Royals. The year on the marker is in the process of being revised, but the team seems to be correct. The Washington Royals were a semipro team that traveled up the East Coast to cities such as Rochester, New York, and Trenton, New Jersey, to take on all sorts of local YMCA and other teams. Clarence’s nephew, Jackie Smith, believes Clarence joined the Washington Royals in 1938. Then he began playing at a higher level of semipro ball with the Washington Royal Giants in 1939. The Royal Giants played in Griffith Stadium, the same ballpark as the American League’s Washington Senators. The Royal Giants were in the Negro International League, and they were making their debut under that name in 1939. In 1938, the team had been known as the Washington Black Senators.

Clarence was a fine ballplayer. His Royal Giants manager, Ben Taylor, who had been a premier player in the Negro Leagues and who would be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006, described Clarence as “another Dandridge.” The reference was to Ray Dandridge, who had a hall-of-fame career as a third baseman and who was generally considered, along with Judy Johnson, one of the two best Negro League third sackers. Later, Clarence Isreal and Ray Dandridge became teammates on the Newark Eagles, and Clarence was the one who held down the third-base spot. That’s how good Clarence was. After his death, the *Montgomery Journal* reported that scouts had said about Clarence: “You just can’t get anything past him at third.”

Clarence was generally known by his nickname “Pint,” which came from his diminutive size. According to the website of the Cobb County (Georgia) Hall of Fame, of which Clarence is an honored member, he was 5-foot-5. Seamheads.com confirms that. Originally, the nickname was “Half Pint,” but it was shortened as



people verbalized it and used it with more frequency.

In 1940, Pint made his debut in the Negro Leagues with the Newark Eagles and was positioned at second base as one-half of the keystone combination with future major-leaguer Buzz Clarkson. He took over from 12-year veteran second baseman Dick Seay, as the 1940 Eagles manager Dick Lundy announced on July 29 that Isreal had been doing such terrific work as an understudy that he deserved the top job. According to James Riley’s *The Biographical Encyclopedia of The Negro Baseball Leagues*, although never a spectacular hitter, Seay had been the best defensive second baseman in the Negro Leagues during the decade of the 1930’s, so Isreal had beaten out somewhat of a legend.

Pint had a highly successful rookie season, batting .294 with 32 hits in 32 games, with an on-base percentage of .347. He hit four homers, scored 28 runs, and drove in 22 runs.

As 1941 began, Pint moved over to third base so Hall of Fame pitcher Leon Day could play second during those games when he wasn’t on the mound. Newspapers praised Pint’s playing with terms like “sparkplug of the infield.” Pint came very close to making the East-West All-Star game, falling short by just two percentage points in the voting.



For the 1941 season, Isreal hit .268 with 42 hits in 44 games, with an on-base percentage of .341. He hit two homers, scored 31 runs, and drove in 17 runs while hitting second in the batting order for most of the year.

In 1942, Pint returned to the Eagles and continued to receive praise for his play. He was now under a new manager and another future hall-of-famer, Willie Wells. In late June, the *Washington Evening Star* stated that “Newark is reported to have one of the finest infields in Negro baseball, with (Willie) Wells at short, ‘Pint’ Israel (sic) at third, Ray Dandridge at second, and Lenny Pearson at first.” Isreal’s batting average declined, but he had a solid season. He hit .208 with 30 hits and 19 walks in 42 games, scored 24 runs, and drove in another 15 from the lead-off spot in the lineup that year. As the summer proceeded, he unfortunately lost his draft exemption and, on August 18, reported for induction into the Army.



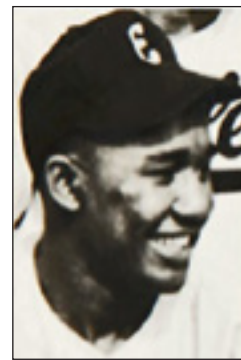
Having completed his military service, he returned to the Newark Eagles in 1946. He would be playing for Biz Mackey, his third hall-of-fame manager. In the season’s first game, played in Newark on May 7, Isreal’s teammate Leon Day tossed a no-hitter. The game was a pitchers’ duel and scoreless until the sixth inning, when Pint hit a triple to right-center and subsequently scored as the Eagles beat the Philadelphia Stars and Barney Brown, 2-0. Brown gave up

only six hits that day, Pint had two of them.

The most important game of the 1946 season for Pint and the Eagles took place on September 4. That was the day the Eagles clinched the National League championship, assuring a spot in the Negro League World Series. The Eagles won that game 17-5 over the Cuban Stars. Pint had two hits – both doubles, according to the newspaper write-up – and scored four runs. The account in the *Indianapolis Recorder* cited future hall-of-famer Larry Doby as the leading Eagles contributor with five hits in the game, but Pint was the second offensive player mentioned.

In the Negro League World Series of 1946, the Eagles faced the Kansas City Monarchs. In Game One, Pint was the starting third baseman for the Eagles. He had one at-bat before he was injured chasing a foul pop off the bat of Herb Souell into the field boxes along the third-base line. He ended up dislocating his knee and did not make another appearance until Game Five, played in Chicago’s Comiskey Park. In that game, he was once again the starting third sacker, and he hit a single in three official at-bats. That was the only contest of the World Series in which Pint played the entire game.

Going into Game Six, the Eagles were down in the series three games to two and were desperate for a win. One more loss and the Monarchs would have been champions. Pint started the game at third base, managed to get a walk in the first inning, and moved around the bases to score the Eagles’ first run. The Monarchs took a 5-0 lead in the top of the first, but by the time the inning was over, the lead narrowed to 5-4. The Eagles ended up winning by a final score of 9-7. The two-run edge was slim, so every run was important, and Pint had made a significant contribution. The victory enabled the Eagles to advance to Game Seven, which they won, although Isreal did not play.



1947 was Pint’s final year in the Negro Leagues. He spent it with the Homestead Grays. Although his batting average dwindled to .206, he was playing regularly, so his defensive skills were still valued by the manager. Only five players on the team had more plate appearances than Pint. With Jackie Robinson having broken the color barrier in the major leagues that season, Pint could foresee the demise of the Negro Leagues, and he didn’t want to start over again in the minors of affiliated baseball. So, he retired.

In the post-Negro Leagues phase of his life, he became an outstanding individual in another sense. He was a strong community leader who was devoted to the cause of helping to steer youth in the right direction. He was the co-founder of the Black Angels Boys Club, which served lads from all over Montgomery County. He gave his time to all sorts of organizations, such as Head Start, FISH, Big Brothers, and his church. He was the player/manager of the first integrated baseball team in Montgomery County – the NIH Baseball Team. And he was the mentor for numerous youths interested in sports.

Pint died in 1987. In 1988, the Mayor and Council of Rockville dedicated a city park in his honor. It is in the Lincoln Park community in Rockville. In 2019, Pint was inducted into the inaugural class of the Rockville Baseball Hall of Fame.



As an additional honor, on June 12, 2022, the Ripken League will play the first annual Clarence “Pint” Isreal Juneteenth Classic at Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John Regional Park featuring the Bethesda Big Train and the Gaithersburg Giants. Festivities start at 12:30 p.m. with a ceremony at 1:45 p.m. and first pitch of the game at 2 p.m.

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Big Train baseball at Povich Field has been able to provide affordable family fun since 1999 because of the extraordinary generosity of our Big Train fans. From 1999 to 2011, our Bethesda Community Base Ball Club (BCBBC) built Povich Field, started Big Train baseball, and donated \$600,000 to improve youth fields. Since regaining stewardship of Big Train in June of 2020, BCBBC has continued our tradition of serving the community. Our annual We Are Big Train campaign provides us with the resources to support Big Train and continue our community service initiatives. Please make a one-time contribution or sign up to make automatic monthly deductions. All contributions are tax deductible.

**I want to support Big Train baseball and community service initiatives by making a tax deductible contribution to the annual **We Are Big Train** fundraising campaign.**

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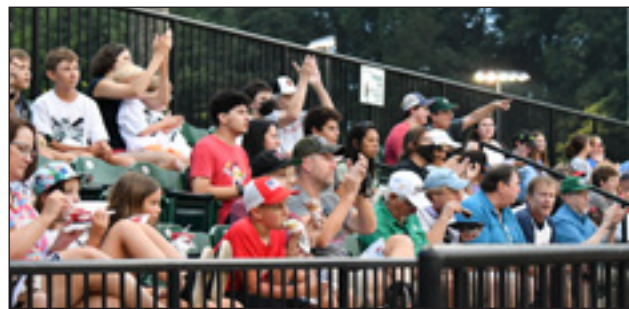
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**In 2019, we replaced the seats behind home plate with brand new seat backs. Donors were able to inscribe seat plaques to honor a coach, a parent, a child, or just to memorialize the family's love of Big Train baseball. Over the next few years, we will need to replace the 500 remaining seats. This is your opportunity for your family to be a part of Povich Field. Each inscribed seat plaque costs \$250 (\$150 is tax deductible).**

The Bethesda Community Base Ball Club, Inc. (BCBBC) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity as determined by the IRS. BCBBC is registered in the State of Maryland doing business as the Bethesda Big Train. BCBBC's federal EIN is 85-0895405. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

**If you prefer to donate by check, please make check payable to  
Bethesda Community Base Ball Club and mail it  
with this completed form to  
Bruce Adams, 7211 Exeter Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.**

# 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, 86 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 November 13, 2021 Annual Big Train Base Ball & Holiday Auction, we presented our Randy Schools Big Train Outstanding Service Awards to sculptor Toby Mendez who turned Shirley Povich and Walter Johnson into bronze; architect Richard Leggin who designed the setting for the Shirley and Walter sculpture; Guy Brami of our partner Gelberg Signs; Associate Head Coach Galvin Morris; and long-time Big Train fan and our BCBBC Secretary-Treasurer John Daniel.

## 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**, Leda 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 Oringher**, 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 Lambergerman**, 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**, Secretary-Treasurer  
**Toby Mendez**, Sculptor  
**Dick Leggin**, Architect  
**Guy Brami**, Gelberg Signs

## 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, an 8-game ticket pack, 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](mailto:michael@bigtrain.org).**



# BUILDING A BIG TRAIN PIPELINE OF TALENT:

## Strengthening Our Fan-First Culture of Service

by Bruce Adams, Big Train Founder

When Rachel Northridge was in high school, she spent a summer on the Big Train High School Leadership Council organized by Big Train general manager Alex Thompson. Now, Rachel is Monumental Sports and Entertainment's senior manager of client services managing suites for two hundred plus events each year at Capital One Arena. And she is a member of the governing board of our Bethesda Community Base Ball Club.

Patrick Chapman started volunteering at Big Train games when he was in middle school. Starting as a volunteer in the Povich Field team store, Patrick took on a number of game night operations jobs over the years and helped with community events beyond the ballpark. In 2021, he was named assistant general manager and given responsibility for managing online ticket sales as the Big Train moved from general admission seating to sales of specific seats in response to the covid challenge. Patrick is a rising junior at George Mason University pursuing an economics degree while playing on the ice hockey team.

The small town charm of Big Train baseball at Povich Field is a rarity in the hustle and bustle of a busy urban-suburban place like Montgomery County. We think a key to keeping this small town charm is attracting talented young people when they are in middle school and teaching them our Big Train fan friendly, customer service culture. I remember my co-founder John Ourisman once observing in our early years of Big Train, "I'll bet if all the adults left their volunteer positions to watch the game, the middle school students could run the place." I have never been quite sure if he was kidding or not. But I do remember fondly all the parents over the years who have thanked me for introducing their children to community service through their volunteer work at Povich Field.

To make sure this fan-first culture of service to others continues as the core value of our Big Train organization, we are bringing back the high school leadership program this summer with six Alexander DiMisa High School Leadership Fellows – Alex Chang (Walter Johnson), Robert Hsu (Walter Johnson), Henry Leggett (Landon), Bronwyn McNulty (Whitman), Jack Sherbacow (Bullis), and Jack Stashower (Walter Johnson). For twelve years, starting at the age of five, Alex DiMisa was a Big Train volunteer working to enrich the experience of Big Train fans of all ages. We are proud to name our leadership program in honor of his life of service and heroism.

The DiMisa High School Leadership Fellows program is designed to inspire a new generation of young servant leaders. Middle school

## Alexander DiMisa

### High School Leadership Fellows



Volunteers are the heart and soul of small community based organizations like the Bethesda Community Base Ball Club. Dedicated volunteers Becky Crowley, Tom DiMisa, Jeff Haven, and Bill Hickman are the secret sauce that make Big Train baseball at Povich Field so special.

Alexander and Christopher DiMisa, sons of Mercedes Sundeen and Tom DiMisa, were two of those volunteers. For twelve years, starting at the age of five, Alex was a Big Train volunteer working to help enrich the experience of Big Train fans of all ages. Whether selling raffle tickets or helping

to run the concession stand, Alex brought joy to those he served. From Cub Scout to Eagle Scout, at Gonzaga College High School and Fordham University, Alex dedicated his life to serving others.

On January 18, 2021, when the fire alarm went off in his Brooklyn apartment building, Alex grabbed his fire extinguisher and helped put out the fire. He helped his neighbor and her dog safely out of her apartment and stayed with them in the smoke-filled hallway until the fire fighters left. Tragically, this was Alex's last act of service and heroism.

To honor his service to others and inspire a new generation of young servant leaders, we are proud to name the high school volunteers who help us run our Big Train operation "Alexander DiMisa High School Leadership Fellows."

Bethesda Community Base Ball Club  
June 2022

*Plaque to hang on the Povich Field clubhouse wall in honor of Alex DiMisa.*

is not too young for baseball crazy kids who want to learn to serve others to start logging Student Service Learning (SSL) hours working as game night volunteers. My hope is that some of this summer's young volunteers will be DiMisa Fellows just a few summers from now. And that some of the inaugural DiMisa Fellows once in college will aspire to be Tim Kurkjian Sports Journalism Fellows and Bill and Mike Veeck Baseball Operations Fellows.

Our plan is to develop a pipeline of talent that produces our future Big Train general managers and assistant general managers and enriches the global sport management pool of talent. Watch out Rachel, there are some talented young people coming for your job!

**If you are interested in getting on board the Big Train as a volunteer, please email  
Big Train president and founder Bruce Adams at [bruce@greaterwash.org](mailto:bruce@greaterwash.org).**

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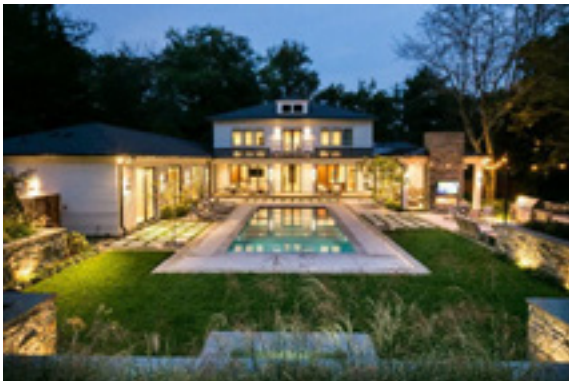
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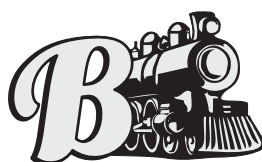
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Natali was the Vice Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board, the agency that oversees our park system and real estate development. Natali's long-standing voting record reveals her commitment to creating vibrant, sustainable and healthy communities for all.

*My glove is ready. Let's go out and play! Natali Fani-González*

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**Gus Hlebovy (2002)**  
**Ben Orengia (2002)**  
**Brian Laninfa (2003-04)**  
**Tyler Jones (2003)**  
**Derek Caldwell (2005-08)**  
**Rhett Teller (2005)**  
**Adam Plummer (2006)**  
**Nick Clecker (2007)**  
**Brian Anderson (2008)**  
**Jarrold Parks (2009-10)**

**Jordan King (2009)**  
**Cody Freeman (2009-10)**  
**Nick Vickerson (2010)**  
**Hunter Renfroe (2011-12)**  
**Victor Diaz (2011)**  
**Darryl Norris (2011)**  
**Zack Randolph (2012)**  
**Adam Barry (2012-13)**  
**Kevin Tatum (2013)**  
**Logan Farrar (2013)**  
**Cody Brown (2014-16)**  
**Jacob Billingsley (2014)**

**Wes Rea (2014)**  
**Blake Smith (2015)**  
**Dan Austin (2015)**  
**Sean Barry (2016)**  
**Tanner Allen (2017)**  
**Fox Semones (2017)**  
**Alec Burleson (2018)**  
**Brock Guffey (2018)**  
**Jacob Southern (2018)**  
**Christian Jayne (2019)**  
**Greer Holston (2019)**  
**Sebastian Martinez (2019)**

# Big Train ROSTER 1999-2021

## John Maine, '00

Baltimore Orioles  
New York Mets  
Miami Marlins  
MLB Debut: 7/23/04

## Steve Schmoll, '00

Los Angeles Dodgers  
MLB Debut: 4/6/05

## Charlton Jimerson, '99

Houston Astros  
Seattle Mariners  
MLB Debut: 9/14/05

## Bobby Livingston, '01

Seattle Mariners  
Cincinnati Reds  
MLB Debut: 4/25/06

## Dirk Hayhurst, '01

San Diego Padres  
Toronto Blue Jays  
MLB Debut: 8/23/08

## Michael McKenry, '04

Colorado Rockies  
Pittsburgh Pirates  
St. Louis Cardinals  
MLB Debut: 9/8/10

## Brian Dozier, '06

Minnesota Twins  
Los Angeles Dodgers  
Washington Nationals  
New York Mets  
MLB Debut: 5/7/12

## Mike Costanzo, '03

Cincinnati Reds  
MLB Debut: 5/13/12

## Cody Allen, '08

Cleveland Indians  
Los Angeles Angels  
MLB Debut: 7/20/12

## Matt Bowman, '10-12

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

## Ryan Garton, '11

Tampa Bay Rays  
Seattle Mariners  
MLB Debut: 5/26/16

## Joe Mantiplay, '10

Detroit Tigers  
New York Yankees  
Arizona Diamondbacks  
MLB Debut: 9/3/16

## Hunter Renfroe, '11-12

San Diego Padres  
Boston Red Sox  
Milwaukee Brewers  
MLB Debut: 9/21/16

## Brandon Lowe, '14

Tampa Bay Rays  
MLB Debut: 8/5/18

## Ty France, '13

San Diego Padres  
Seattle Mariners  
MLB Debut: 4/26/19

## David McKay, '15

Seattle Mariners  
Detroit Tigers  
MLB Debut: 5/20/19

## Logan Gilbert, '16

Seattle Mariners  
MLB Debut: 5/13/21

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  
Alkema, 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  
Baldwin, Bruce - SS '01  
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  
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  
Burlinson, 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, Chris - RHP '18  
Clarkson, Matt - C '03  
Cleckler, Nick - OF '04-06  
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  
Cooney, Jim - LHP '99-00  
Costanzo, Mike - 3B/RHP '03  
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  
Daimano, Kevin - LHP '00-01  
Daniel, Clayton - 2B/OF '16  
Daugherty, Cam - OF/3B '16  
Davies, Greg - OF/1B '99-00

Davis, Justin "J.D." - RHP '00  
Dawson, James - RHP '99  
DeBold, Luke - RHP '99  
Delean, Blair - RHP '10  
Del Grande, David - OF '13  
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  
Durfrey, Russell - RHP '04-05  
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  
Feldman, Gabe - RHP '06, '08-09  
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Frank, Michael - RHP '11  
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Freeman, Cody - C '09-10  
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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  
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  
Hendriks, Brendan - 3B/1B '12  
Hepler, Wes - LHP '99



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 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  
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 Hlebovy, Gus - RHP '02  
 Hoefflich, Brett - 1B '05  
 Hoehn, Connor - RHP '07-08  
 Holden, Ricky - RHP '12  
 Holloway, Trey - LHP '03  
 Holston, Greer RHP '19  
 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  
 Jaggars, Nate - 3B/2B '02  
 Jancarski, Zach - OF '17  
 Jayne, Christian OF/DH '19  
 Jenkins, Kelli RHP '19  
 Jimerson, Charlton - OF '99  
 Johnson, Richie - SS '10  
 Johnson, Ryley OF '21  
 Jones, Andrew "A.J." - RHP '17  
 Jones, Ben - OF '08  
 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  
 Karcich, 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  
 Klewenko, Matt - LHP '00  
 Kline, Steve - LHP '01  
 Knipp, Grant C/1B/DH '21  
 Knoble, Johnnie - OF '04-05  
 Koos, Jacob - OF '17  
 Kremer, Kris 3B/OF/DH '19  
 Krzyzanowski, Jarret - RHP '18  
 Kueber, Garrett - SS/2B '16-17  
 Labsan, Sean - LHP/OF/DH '14, '16  
 Lafin, Blaine - RHP '16  
 Lambert, Gunnar - DH '16  
 Lambert, Ray - RHP '14  
 Lane, Cory - 2B '06  
 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  
 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  
 Mantiply, Joe - RHP '10  
 Manzella, Cody - OF '14  
 Marcelino, Brad - OF '02  
 Marcus, Jeff - RHP '02  
 Marman, Kyle - RHP '16  
 Marsili, Matt - RHP '16  
 Martin, Christian 2B/SS '21  
 Martin, Eric - RHP '12, '14  
 Martin, Justin - C '04  
 Martinez, Peter "P.J." - RHP '99  
 Martinez, Sebastian RHP/DH '19  
 Martz, Ben - C '18  
 Massari, Alex - C/INF '06  
 Mast, Nolan - 2B '03  
 Matienzo, Danny - C/1B '00  
 Matta, Mike - RHP '07, '09  
 McAfee, Dan - RHP '00-01  
 McBryde, Mike - OF/RHP '04  
 McCarvel, Jacob - RHP '18-19  
 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.E. - 2B/SS '00  
 Melgosa, Markus - OF/RHP '10  
 Metz, Ryan - RHP '18-19, '21  
 Meyer, Mack - RHP '16  
 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  
 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  
 Nowatnick, Mark - RHP '15  
 O'Dell, Chris - OF '02  
 Okuda, Ryan LHP '19  
 Oliva, Chad - C '99  
 Oregina, 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  
 Pehrson, 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  
 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  
 Quiero, 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  
 Robinson, Kyle LHP '21  
 Rodriguez, James - RHP '02  
 Rodda, Nick - SS/2B '09  
 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  
 Sanderson, Blake - RHP/DH '17  
 Santiago, Ricky - SS/3B/2B '13  
 Saris, Jimmy - RHP '06-07  
 Schanuel, Nolan 1B/3B '21  
 Scheetz, Kit - LHP '13-14  
 Schildt, C.J. - LHP '16  
 Schmoll, Steve - RHP '00  
 Schneeberger, Nick - 2B/OF '10  
 Schneider, Josh - RHP '10-11  
 Schneider, Nate RHP '19  
 Schneider, Scott - RHP/INF '08  
 Schoch, Stephen - RHP '16-17  
 Schulte, Blaine - OF '01  
 Secrest, Kelly - LHP/1B '11-12  
 Semones, Fox - SS/3B/2B/OF '16-19  
 Sergeant, Jordan - OF/LHP '17  
 Shebloski, Andrew - OF/DH '18  
 Sheller, Walker - RHP '15  
 Shepard, Trey RHP '19  
 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  
 Smith, Bert - 2B '07  
 Smith, Blake - RHP '15  
 Smith, Chase - RHP '11  
 Smith, Jonathan L. - C '99  
 Smith, Michael - SS/2B '16  
 Smith, Tyler - RHP '17  
 Smithson, Bobby - RHP '05-06  
 Smoot, Allen - 3B/2B/SS '16  
 Soderstrom, Tate OF '19  
 Sorrels, Peyton - OF '16  
 Southern, Jacob - C/1B/DH '18-19  
 Spano, Josh - C/DH '13-14  
 Sparkman, Kyle - RHP '99  
 Spivey, Carter RHP '19  
 Starr, Alexander "Shooter" - RHP '00  
 Stephens, Brent - OF '01  
 Stephenson, Riley - RHP '13  
 Stewart, Wyatt - RHP '04-06  
 Stienstra, Danny - 1B/2B/3B '08-10  
 Stiles, Tayler - LHP '14  
 Stone, Stephen C. - RHP '05  
 Strotman, Drew - RHP '15-16  
 Sufczynski, Mike - RHP '04  
 Summerall, Udie - 1B/DH '18  
 Sussman, Nick - SS/2B/3B '02  
 Sweeney, Mike - 1B/LHP '01  
 Swope, Matt - OF '99-00  
 Sylve, Derrick - RHP '12  
 Tatum, Kevin - OF/2B/3B '13-14  
 Taylor, Carson - 3B/C '18  
 Taylor, Chris - C '06  
 Taylor, Marcus - OF '03  
 Taylor, Sammy - LHP '06  
 Teller, Rhett - 1B '05  
 Terpak, Dan - OF '05  
 Thomas, Bryan - 2B/3B '05-06  
 Thomas, Jesse - OF '00  
 Thomas, Matt OF/1B/3B/2B/C '19, 21  
 Thomas, Steve - 2B/OF '99  
 Thomas, Tyler - 1B/RHP '12-13  
 Thorne, Josh - RHP '14-15  
 Tidball, Adam - C '00  
 Tidball, Brett - LHP '05  
 Tigert, Chase - RHP '08  
 Tiller, Mike - RHP '02  
 Tobin, Tucker - 1B/C/OF/DH '11-13  
 Tobin, Tyler - RHP '15  
 Tomlin, Andrew - RHP '04  
 Tonneson, Dylan - C '08  
 Tootle, Ben - RHP '07  
 Toscano, Matt - OF/DH '15  
 Trevvett, Miller - RHP '15  
 Tritz, John "Noah" - RHP '03  
 Tucker, William "Tuck" - LHP '18  
 Tuft, Colin C '21  
 Vail, Andrew LHP '19  
 Valdes-Fauli, Shawn - RHP '02  
 Valdez, Jake - RHP '14  
 Valdivia, Alex - 2B '03  
 Vander Tuig, Ryan - RHP '09-10  
 Van Voorhees, David - RHP '08  
 Vassar, Cameron - RHP '17-18  
 Velazquez, Kyle 2B/3B/DH '21  
 Vickerson, Nick - 3B '10  
 Villalobos, Nelson - RHP '01  
 Villaroman, Tyler - OF '18-19  
 Vincelli-Simard, Martin C/1B/DH '19  
 Wagner, Ray - RHP '99  
 Wald, Jake - SS '00  
 Waldichuk, Ken - LHP '17  
 Wallace, Rich - C/3B/1B '00  
 Warmoth, Tyler - RHP '15  
 Waterman, Elliott - LHP '11  
 Wechter, Jonathan "J.P." - 3B/OF '03  
 Weeks, Jack LHP '19  
 Weigle, Kurt - C '02  
 Weiss, Albee - C '14  
 Welsch, Chris - SS/2B '01  
 Wernicki, Kyle - OF/2B '13  
 Westerman, Jacob - OF/2B '18  
 White, Chris J. - LHP '01  
 Whittemore, Clay - OF '07  
 Wickswat, Matt - LHP '06  
 Wiebke, Erik - LHP '16  
 Wilkins, Ryan - 1B '08  
 Willard, Ryne - SS/3B/OF/DH '13-15  
 Willcutt, Brad - C '01  
 Williams, Seth - C/RHP '08-10  
 Wilson, Mitchell - RHP '17  
 Wise, Tim - 1B/OF '11  
 Wolff, Josh - OF '04  
 Woodley, Dan - SS '99  
 Wright, Justin - LHP '08  
 Wylie, Justin - OF/DH '18  
 Yandel, Tim - 3B/2B/1B/OF/RHP '13-15  
 York, Johnny - LHP '16  
 York, Tyler - C/1B '13  
 Zoellner, Elliot - RHP '18-19

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NO.	PLAYER NAME	POSITION	BATS/THROWS	HEIGHT/ WEIGHT	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN	DOB
1	Colton Hegwood	SS/2B	L/R	5'11"/165	Louisiana Tech	Brandon, MS	6/3/02
2	Connor Hincks	OF	L/R	6'2"/180	Notre Dame	Western Spring, IL	7/6/01
3	Nicholas Morabito	SS/2B	R/R	5'10"/185	Virginia Tech	McLean, VA	5/7/03
6	Garrett Felix	INF	L/R	5'8"/175	Nicholls State	Lafayette, LA	7/30/01
8	Clay Wargo	C	R/R	5'10"/200	Coastal Carolina	Huntingtown, MD	11/24/01
9	Trey Winget	OF	L/R	6'2"/191	St. Mary's (CA)	Washington, UT	2/7/99
12	Jackson Ritchey	RHP	R/R	6'5"/190	Virginia Tech	Huntingdon, PA	10/30/01
13	Luke Nowak	OF	L/L	5'11"/185	East Carolina	Menomonee Falls, WI	12/25/02
14	Connor Ball	LHP	L/L	6'1"/170	Alabama	Sterrett, AL	3/26/03
15	Jordan Little	RHP	L/R	6'4"/195	East Carolina	Mint Hill, NC	9/27/02
16	Emilien Pitre	SS/2B	L/R	6'0"/180	Kentucky	Repentigny, QC	10/4/02
17	Zach Kempe	RHP	R/R	6'1"/185	Notre Dame	St. Charles, IL	5/12/03
18	Ryan Sanders	LHP	L/L	5'11"/190	St. Mary's (CA)	Moraga, CA	11/18/01
19	Jack Weeks	LHP	S/L	6'0"/210	Georgetown	Reston, VA	7/21/99
20	Jason Schiavone	C/INF	R/R	6'2"/195	James Madison	Laytonsville, MD	3/19/03
22	D. M. Jefferson	OF	L/R	6'0"/200	Notre Dame	Bethesda, MD	7/31/03
23	Baylor Cobb	C	L/R	6'2"/210	Louisiana Tech	Winnsboro, LA	11/4/02
24	Peyton Schulze	1B/3B	R/R	6'1"/205	Long Beach State	Poway, CA	6/8/02
25	Merritt Beeker	LHP	R/L	6'2"/190	East Carolina	Lexington, NC	11/12/01
26	Brandon Clarke	LHP	L/L	6'4"/225	Alabama	Leesburg, VA	4/10/13
27	Thomas "TJ" Rogers	SS/3B	R/R	6'2"/175	Austin Peay State	Sparks, NV	5/21/03
28	Evan Marcinko	LHP	L/L	6'3"/200	UNC Wilmington	Sykesville, MD	5/16/03
29	Mason Nichols	RHP	R/R	6'5"/205	Mississippi	Jackson, MS	4/23/03
30	Sean Lane	1B	R/R	6'4"/215	Maryland	South Huntington, NY	2/21/03
31	Brayden Jones	RHP	R/R	6'0"/185	Ole Miss	Madison, MS	1/21/02
32	John Kramer	OF	L/L	6'1"/215	Ole Miss	Wildwood, MO	11/15/02
33	Todd Mozoki	RHP	R/R	6'1"/197	James Madison	Cockeysville, MD	11/21/02
34	Kade Woods	RHP	R/R	6'3"/210	Alabama	Monroe, LA	9/4/02
35	Erik Ritchie	LHP	L/L	6'2"/195	East Carolina	Telford, PA	6/22/03
36	Andrew Johnson	LHP	L/L	6'0"/200	Maryland	Mt. Airy, MD	4/17/03
37	Matt Cunningham	RHP	R/R	6'3"/180	Maryland	Mt. Airy, MD	8/5/03
38	Griffin Stieg	RHP	R/R	6'2"/210	Virginia Tech	McLean, VA	1/8/04
39	Colby Frieda	RHP	R/R	6'2"/210	Kentucky	Jacksonville, FL	3/25/02
41	Luke Baker	LHP	L/L	6'6"/215	Jacksonville	Gainesville, FL	9/25/01
43	Marcus Dux	LHP	L/L	6'1"/185	Virginia Tech	Fairfax, VA	2/15/03
44	Nicholas Del Prado	RHP	R/R	6'2"/235	Florida Atlantic	Miami, FL	3/8/02
45	Kaleb Woltz	RHP	R/R	6'2"/210	San Francisco	Aurora, CO	9/17/02
46	Kai Burdick	RHP	R/R	6'10"/245	San Francisco	Carlsbad, CA	4/13/03

Director of Baseball Operations & Manager..... Sal Colangelo  
 Associate Head Coach.....Galvin Morris  
 Pitching Coach.....Craig Lopez  
 Bench Coach.....Bob O'Connor

Assistant Coach/Hitting Coach.....Sam Bender  
 Athletic Trainer..... Patrick Reynolds  
 General Manager .....Michael Michaud  
 Assistant General Manager.....Patrick Chapman



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As of May 10, 2022



## LUKE BAKER #41

LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L

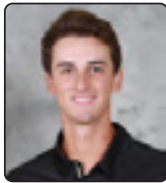
6'6" 215

College: Jacksonville University

Class: Junior

Hometown: Gainesville, FL

Date of Birth: 9/25/01



Spring Stats: Has a 1-0 record in 10 appearances for Jacksonville University. He has struck out 20 batters in 17.2 innings pitched.

Personal: As a senior at Buchholz High School in Gainesville, he pitched to a 0.88 ERA with 25 strikeouts in 16 innings. He was a first team All-Area as a sophomore and junior. He tossed two no-hitters. As a freshman in college, he attended Ole Miss and appeared in six games. He blanked the opposition in three appearances. He pitched for Big Train in 2021, going 1-2 with a 5.25 ERA in 7 appearances. He is the son of Debra and Justin Baker.

## CONNOR BALL #14

LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L

6'1" 170

College: University of Alabama

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Sterrett, AL

Date of Birth: 3/26/03



Spring Stats: Made his collegiate debut with a scoreless inning against Alabama State. He has a 4.50 ERA in two appearances.

Personal: In his senior year at Chelsea High School, Chelsea, AL, he was named the Alabama Sports Writers Association Pitcher of the Year. He posted a 1.90 ERA with 128 strikeouts. In his junior year, he was named a MaxPreps Underclass All-American as he pitched to a 2.12 ERA. Son of Michael and Rhonda Ball.

## MERRITT BEEKER #25

LHP

Bats/Throws: R/L

6'2" 190

College: East Carolina University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Lexington, NC

Date of Birth: 11/12/01



Spring Stats: Has a 2.08 ERA in seven appearances with East Carolina. Opponents' batting average against him is only .207. Has started two games.

Personal: Not counting the Covid-shortened season of 2020, he led his North Davidson High School team in wins, strikeouts, and ERA for every season of his high school career. He was ranked the 12<sup>th</sup> overall prospect in North Carolina by Perfect Game and the fifth in the state by Impact Baseball. Was named to the All-Atlantic Regional First Team by Perfect Game. Son of Tricia and Phillip Beeker.

## KAI BURDICK #46

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'10" 245

College: University of San Francisco

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Carlsbad, CA

Date of Birth: 4/13/03



Spring Stats: He has made eleven appearances for San Francisco in 2022 and has struck out 8 in 10.2 innings pitched. In six of his eleven outings, he has yielded no runs.

Personal: Starred in baseball and basketball at Carlsbad High School. In 2021, he led the pitching staff in wins and strikeouts as he chalked up a 4-1 record with a 2.13 ERA in 6 games. He fanned 27 in 26.1 innings pitched.

## BRANDON CLARKE #26

LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L

6'4" 225

College: University of Alabama

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Leesburg, VA

Date of Birth: 4/10/03



Spring Stats: Recovering from injury during 2022 spring season.

Personal: As a senior, he helped his Independence High School team in Ashburn, VA, to the Virginia Class 3 state championship. Named the sixth-rated prospect in the state by Prep Baseball Report and eighth-ranked in Virginia by Perfect Game USA. A member of the 2019 Future Stars National Team. Son of Chris and Nicole Clarke.

## BAYLOR COBB #23

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Bats/Throws: L/R

6'2" 210

College: Louisiana Tech University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Winnsboro, LA

Date of Birth: 11/4/02



Spring Stats: He has appeared in three games thus far in 2022 for Louisiana Tech. He has three official at bats and has walked once and scored one run.

Personal: Graduated from Franklin Parish High School in Winnsboro, LA. In his senior year, he hit .462 with an .884 slugging percentage and 37 RBI in 29 games. He was named 4A First Team All-State and Prep Baseball Report ranked him as the #4 player in Louisiana. Baylor's father, Kevin Cobb, also played baseball at Louisiana Tech.

## MATT CUNNINGHAM #37

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'3" 180

College: University of Maryland

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Mt. Airy, MD

Date of Birth: 8/5/03



Spring Stats: Has appeared in two games this spring, throwing two innings and striking out 4.

Personal: Starred for Lingore High School in Frederick, MD. As a sophomore in 2019, he was an all-County first teamer with an ERA of 1.00 over 40.1 innings. In his senior year, he pitched a perfect game against North Hagerstown High School in the Class 3A West Region I Tournament. Has had as his personal pitching coach T.J. Hose, a 2004 Big Train hurler who went on to have a pro career.

## NICHOLAS DEL PRADO #44

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'2" 235

College: Florida Atlantic University

Class: Junior

Hometown: Miami, FL

Date of Birth: 3/8/02



Spring Stats: Has a 1-1 record in 13 appearances for FAU. Has struck out 28 batters in 28 innings pitched and started four games.

Personal: Starred at Florida Christian High School where he had a 4-0 record with a 1.14 ERA in his junior year. As a senior, his ERA was 2.10 as he struck out 21 in 13.1 innings. He was named All-District both years. In his freshman year at Florida Atlantic, he pitched in seven games and had 1-0 win-loss record. He is the son of Ginny Rivera and Guillermo Del Prado.

## MARCUS DUX #43

LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L

6'1" 185

College: Virginia Tech

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Fairfax, VA

Date of Birth: 2/15/03



Spring Stats: Has not yet appeared for Virginia Tech this spring.

Personal: Starred at Chantilly High School where he pitched and played first base. Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> best southpaw in the state of Virginia by Perfect Game. Was District Pitcher of the Year and Region Pitcher of the Year as a senior. Struck out 52 in 45 innings pitched. He is the son of Chris and Amy Dux.

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## GARRETT FELIX #6

INF

Bats/Throws: L/R

5'8" 175

College: Nicholls State University

Class: Junior

Hometown: Lafayette, LA

Date of Birth: 7/30/01



Spring Stats: Hitting .294 with 27 runs scored, 7 doubles and 4 triples, while playing as a DH and second baseman. Has stolen eight bases.

Personal: Hit .351 his freshman year at Bossier Junior College in 45 games, scoring 43 runs and stealing 20 bases. Also played for Southern University, where he hit .304 in 14 games and scored 10 runs. Graduated from Acadiana High School (Lafayette) where he was ranked 8<sup>th</sup> best shortstop in the state of Louisiana by Perfect Game. His uncle is Ruben Felix, who was a Big Train coach in 2001.

## COLBY FRIEDA #39

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'2" 210

College: University of Kentucky

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Jacksonville, FL

Date of Birth: 3/25/02



Spring Stats: Has pitched 5 innings this spring in eight appearances. He has struck out six and walked five. He has yielded no earned runs in six of his appearances.

Personal: Helped lead Creekside High School (St. Johns, FL) to regional titles in 2018 and 2019. Named to Florida All-Region Second Team in 2019 and 2021. Named a Perfect Game Preseason All-American in 2021. Ranked #88 right-handed pitcher in nation by Perfect Game. Son of Michael and Lucinda Frieda.

## COLTON HEGWOOD #1

SS/2B

Bats/Throws: L/R

5'11" 165

College: Louisiana Tech University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Brandon, MS

Date of Birth: 6/3/02



Spring Stats: No appearances yet for Louisiana Tech this season.

Personal: In his senior year at Brandon High School, he hit .446 and drove in 33 runs in 34 games. He stole 16 bases and scored 44 times. He had a slugging percentage of .669 and was named the Brandon Baseball Player of the Year. He was also named 6A First Team All-State.

## CONNOR HINCKS #2

OF

Bats/Throws: L/R

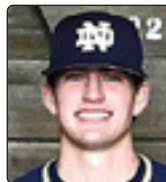
6'2" 180

College: University of Notre Dame

Class: Junior

Hometown: Western Springs, IL

Date of Birth: 7/6/01



Spring Stats: He has two at bats on the season.

Personal: Graduated from the Benet Academy in Lisle, Illinois, where he was the team's MVP his junior year as he hit .433 with 20 runs scored and 12 stolen bases. Was Dupage All-County and Naperville All-Area that year. Was ranked eighth best shortstop and 11<sup>th</sup> overall in Illinois by Perfect Game. Son of Pat and Jacki Hincks.

## D. M. JEFFERSON #22

OF

Bats/Throws: L/R

6'0" 200

College: University of Notre Dame

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Bethesda, MD

Date of Birth: 7/31/03



Spring Stats: Is hitting .231 with eight RBI and five runs scored in 16 games.

Personal: Hit .419 with 18 runs scored and 18 stolen bases in 15 games during his senior year at St. John's College High School. Named to Perfect Game Preseason All-American All-Atlantic Region Second Team in 2021. Full name is David Michael Jefferson. Son of David and Cathy Jefferson.

## ANDREW JOHNSON #36

LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L

6'0" 200

College: University of Maryland

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Mt. Airy, MD

Date of Birth: 4/17/03



Spring Stats: Has a 1-0 record with a 3.00 ERA in 13 appearances and 15 innings pitched. He has 12 strikeouts. He has yielded no earned runs in ten of his 13 appearances.

Personal: In his senior year at Glenelg High School, he led Howard County in wins and strikeouts, and was named County Player of the Year. He pitched to a 1.08 ERA and allowed only nine hits in 27.1 innings. Was also named to the Maryland Association of Baseball Coaches Preseason All-State Team. Ranked seventh among Maryland baseball players. He threw two 18-strikeout games in a two-week period. Son of Brent and Alisa Johnson.

## BRAYDEN JONES #31

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'0" 185

College: Ole Miss

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Madison, MS

Date of Birth: 1/21/02



Spring Stats: No appearances yet for Ole Miss.

Personal: Graduated from Madison-Ridgeland Academy in Ridgeland, MS. He was ranked third among right-handed pitchers in the state of Mississippi by Perfect Game. As a junior, he pitched 72 innings without yielding an earned run. As a senior, his ERA was 0.91 in 54 innings pitched, and he struck out 78 batters. Son of Brian and Megan Jones.

## ZACH KEMPE #17

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'1" 185

College: University of Notre Dame

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: St. Charles, IL

Date of Birth: 5/12/03



Spring Stats: Has not yet made an appearance for Notre Dame.

Personal: In his senior season at St. Charles North High School, he recorded a 6-1 record with a 2.00 ERA and 79 strikeouts in 45 innings pitched. Named a Perfect Game Preseason All-American Central Region Honorable Mention in 2021. Ranked No. 9 in the state of Illinois by Prep Baseball Report in 2021. Ranked No. 8 among right-handed pitchers in Illinois by Perfect Game.

## JOHN KRAMER #32

OF

Bats/Throws: L/L

6'1" 215

College: Ole Miss

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Wildwood, MO

Date of Birth: 11/15/02



Spring Stats: Hitting .429 with two home runs and two RBI in 7 at bats over seven appearances.

Personal: As a senior at Lafayette High School in Wildwood, he hit .483 with 11 homers (school record), 33 RBI's and 44 runs scored (school record). Named the 2021 Missouri Gatorade Player of the Year. Was first team all-state. Ranked as the No. 52 outfielder in the nation and the No. 4 overall prospect in the state of Missouri. Son of Jack and Becky Kramer.



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## SEAN LANE #30

1B

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'4" 215

College: University of Maryland

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: South Huntington, NY

Date of Birth: 2/21/03



Spring Stats: Has one home run and eight RBI in 18 games for Maryland. Has also scored seven runs.

Personal: Ranked the top first baseman in New York State by Perfect Game following his superb senior year at St. Dominic High School. Hit .330 during his first two years of high school. Won the Home Run Derby at the Diamond in the Pines event on Long Island in 2021. Son of George and Sharon Lane.

## JORDAN LITTLE #15

RHP

Bats/Throws: L/R

6'4" 195

College: East Carolina University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Mint Hill, NC

Date of Birth: 9/21/02



Spring Stats: Has made one appearance.

Personal: Helped his Hickory Grove Christian High School (in Charlotte) win the 2021 North Carolina 3A State Championship. In his four-year high school career, he pitched to a 2.38 ERA and struck out 190 batters. In his senior year, he posted a 9-1 record and a 0.98 ERA. Listed as the ninth best prospect in North Carolina by Impact Baseball. Son of Christa Little.

## EVAN MARCINKO #28

LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L

6'3" 200

College: UNC Wilmington

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Sykesville, MD

Date of Birth: 5/16/03



Spring Stats: He has an 0-1 record in six appearances and 4.1 innings pitched. In three of his six appearances, he yielded no earned runs.

Personal: Ranked the sixth best southpaw in the state of Maryland by Perfect Game. Was captain of his McDonogh High School (Owings Mills, MD) team his senior year. Named to Maryland State Association of Baseball Coaches Preseason Team for 2021. Son of Jennifer and Jim Marcinko.

## NICHOLAS MORABITO #3

SS/2B

Bats/Throws: R/R

5'10" 185

College: Virginia Tech

Class: Freshman

Hometown: McLean, VA

Date of Birth: 5/7/03



Spring Stats: Nick continues to star at Gonzaga High School this spring. According to MaxPreps, he is hitting .417 as of April 23 with two home runs.

Personal: Performed well as a defensive shortstop at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC. Scouting reports credit him with smooth, fluid actions and quick hands. Hit .412 in 12 games in the DC Prospect League. Hit .385 in 15 games during his junior year at Gonzaga. Son of MarLynn and Brian Morabito. His uncle, John Morabito, was an outfielder in the White Sox farm system.

## TODD MOZOKI #33

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'1" 197

College: James Madison University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Cockeysville, MD

Date of Birth: 11/21/02



Spring Stats: He has a 1-1 record and has struck out 14 in 11.2 innings pitched for James Madison.

Personal: Starred at Dulaney High School in Timonium, MD. Earned Baltimore County First Team honors in 2018 and 2019. Selected for Prep Baseball Report Third Team All-State in 2019. Named to Maryland State Association of Baseball Coaches Preseason Team for 2020. Son of Todd and Heidi Mozoki.

## MASON NICHOLS #29

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

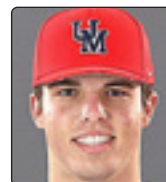
6'5" 205

College: Ole Miss

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Jackson, MS

Date of Birth: 4/23/03



Spring Stats: Has a 3.92 ERA in 15 appearances and 20.2 innings pitched. He has struck out 25.

Personal: As a senior at Jackson Preparatory School in Flowood, MS, he recorded a 6-1 record with a 0.85 ERA and 96 strikeouts. Twice he was named to the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools First Team All-State honors. Ranked No. 13 overall prospect in Mississippi by Perfect Game. Son of Kimberly and Michael Nichols.

## LUKE NOWAK #13

OF

Bats/Throws: L/L

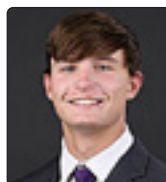
5'11" 185

College: East Carolina University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Menomonee Falls, WI

Date of Birth: 12/25/02



Spring Stats: Has appeared in four games as a pinch runner. Has two stolen bases and has scored twice.

Personal: Named Greater Metro Conference Baseball Athlete of the Year while starring at Menomonee Falls High School. Prep Baseball Report placed him on their First Team All-State selection. He hit .410 and stole 35 bases in 35 attempts. Perfect Game listed him as the second-best outfield prospect in the state of Wisconsin. Son of Laura and Eric Nowak.

## ÉMILIE PITRE #16

SS/2B

Bats/Throws: L/R

6'0" 180

College: University of Kentucky

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Repentigny, QC

Date of Birth: 10/4/02



Spring Stats: Has appeared in ten games and scored three runs. Has been a pinch runner and played second and short.

Personal: Starred at Felix-Leclerc Secondary School in Repentigny. Ranked the number 6 player in the Province of Quebec by Prep Baseball Report and the number 17 player by Perfect Game. Named to Perfect Game's Preseason Canada/Puerto Rico Team for 2021. Selected as best hitter at Canada Cup in 2019. Son of Patrice Pitre and Vivianne Joyal.

## JACKSON RITCHEY #12

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

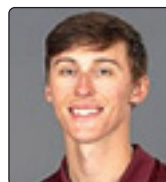
6'5" 190

College: Virginia Tech

Class: Junior

Hometown: Huntingdon, PA

Date of Birth: 10/30/01



Spring Stats: Has a 0-1 record in six appearances and 5.2 innings pitched. He has struck out eight and walked three.

Personal: As a senior at Huntingdon Area High School, he was ranked No. 13 overall in the state of Pennsylvania by Perfect Game and the No. 5 right-handed pitcher. Through his junior year, he maintained a 2.92 ERA and held opponents to a .202 batting average. In his freshman year at Virginia Tech, he posted a 0-1 record and 8.10 ERA in three appearances. Son of Robert and Kara Ritchey.

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## ERIK RITCHIE #35

LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L

6'2" 195

College: East Carolina University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Telford, PA

Date of Birth: 6/22/03



Spring Stats: Has not yet made an appearance for East Carolina this spring.

Personal: All-league pitcher at Souderton Area High School with an ERA under 1.00 in 37 innings pitched. Named 2019 Pre-Season All-American Honorable Mention. Selected as All-Atlantic (2020) and All-Northeast (2021) First Team by Perfect Game. Listed as second-best lefty in North Carolina by Perfect Game. Son of Joan and Chet Ritchie.

## THOMAS "TJ" ROGERS #27

SS/3B

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'2" 175

College: Austin Peay State

University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Sparks, NV

Date of Birth: 5/21/03



Spring Stats: Has appeared in 24 games at shortstop and third base. He has scored six runs.

Personal: Batted .383 in 17 games in his senior year at Edward C. Reed High School and had a .500 On Base Percentage. He was selected to Nevada Class 5A Northern All-Region second team. For prep career as a whole, he batted .287. Son of Joele and Thomas Rogers.

## RYAN SANDERS #18

LHP

Bats/Throws: L/L

5'11" 190

College: St. Mary's College (CA)

Class: Junior

Hometown: Moraga, CA

Date of Birth: 11/18/01



Spring Stats: Has a 3-2 record and has one save. Has an ERA of 3.00. He has struck out 21 in 15 innings pitched over ten appearances.

Personal: At Quartz Hill High School in Lancaster, CA, he chalked up a 21-2 record with a 2.42 ERA. He was named Golden League Pitcher of the Year for both his junior and senior years. As a freshman at St. Mary's, he pitched in two games, allowing no runs. In his sophomore year, he was the second most durable hurler on the staff and had a 2-3 record.

## JASON SCHIAVONE #20

C/INF

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'2" 195

College: James Madison University

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Laytonsville, MD

Date of Birth: 3/19/03



Spring Stats: Has appeared in 39 games and is has two home runs and nine RBI. Has also scored 13 runs.

Personal: Ranked fifth in the state of Maryland among catching prospects by Perfect Game. Has broken into the JMU varsity starting lineup as a freshman. Helped his St. John's College High School team win the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship in 2020. Son of Christopher and Tamara Schiavone.

## PEYTON SCHULZE #24

1B/3B

Bats/Throws: R/R

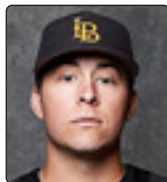
6'1" 205

College: Long Beach State

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Poway, CA

Date of Birth: 6/8/02



Spring Stats: Is hitting .270 with 33 hits in 36 games played. He has 12 runs scored and 12 RBI. Had a walkoff home run to beat No. 8 UCLA on May 3.

Personal: As a senior at Rancho Bernardo High School, he posted a .422 batting average with 31 RBI. He was named First Team All-California Interscholastic Foundation and Offensive Player of the Year in 2021. During the summer of 2021, he played for the Utah Marshalls of the Alaska Goldpanners League and batted .333 with 6 RBI in 6 games.

## GRIFFIN STIEG #38

RHP/OF

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'2" 210

College: Virginia Tech

Class: Freshman

Hometown: McLean, VA

Date of Birth: 1/8/04



Spring Stats: Plays for McLean High School.

Personal: His fast ball was clocked at 95 at the Main Event at Citi Field in New York last September. Prospects Live already has him ranked as their No. 146 in the country on their list of eligible players for the 2022 draft. Attends McLean High School where he is the ace of the pitching staff and plays the outfield as well.

## CLAY WARGO #8

C

Bats/Throws: R/R

5'10" 200

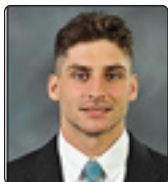
College: Coastal Carolina

University

Class: Redshirt Sophomore

Hometown: Huntingtown, MD

Date of Birth: 11/24/01



Spring Stats: No appearances yet for Coastal Carolina this season.

Personal: As a senior at Huntingtown High School, he was rated No. 3 catcher in the Class of 2020 in Maryland by Perfect Game. He was rated No. 4 best catching prospect in that class in Maryland by Prep Baseball Report. He was rated No. 8 overall high school baseball prospect in Maryland by Maryland Baseball Report. He was an All-American Preseason high honorable mention by Perfect Game. Also helped his high school football team to a 12-1 record as a senior as both a running back and linebacker.

## JACK WEEKS #19

LHP

Bats/Throws: S/L

6'0" 210

College: Georgetown University

Class: Grad Student

Hometown: Reston, VA

Date of Birth: 7/21/99



Spring Stats: Has a 1-0 record and one save. Has struck out 14 in 13.2 innings pitched.

Personal: As a senior at Paul VI Catholic High School, he was the team captain and helped to lead his team to a conference championship. He had a 1.00 ERA and 52 strikeouts in 42 innings. As a freshman at Georgetown, he had a 1-0 record with a 4.26 ERA in 12.2 innings pitched. The next year, he was 1-0 again with a 1.73 ERA in 26 innings pitched. He pitched for Big Train in 2019 in 10 games and posted a 1-0 record with one save and a 3.44 ERA.

## TREY WINGET #9

OF

Bats/Throws: L/R

6'2" 191

College: St. Mary's College (CA)

Class: Junior

Hometown: Washington, UT

Date of Birth: 2/7/99



Spring Stats: Has 18 at bats and has hit one home run.

Personal: Hit .398 with 9 homers and 25 RBI for Gateway Community College last year. His high school career was at Desert Hills, where Perfect Game ranked him the #1 outfielder in the state of Utah and the #4 player overall. Took two years off from baseball for an LDS service mission.



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## KALEB WOLTZ #45

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'2" 210

College: University of San Francisco

Class: Redshirt Sophomore

Hometown: Aurora, CO

Date of Birth: 9/17/02

Spring Stats: Has made 14 appearances. Has struck out 14 in 16.1 innings pitched.

Personal: In his senior year at Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora, he was ranked the 7<sup>th</sup> best right-handed pitcher in Colorado by Perfect Game. He was named to the Rocky Mountain Showcase Top Prospect List in 2019 and received an honorable mention on the Rawlings Perfect Game All-American Pre-Season List. Son of Misti and Kenneth Woltz.



## KADE WOODS #34

RHP

Bats/Throws: R/R

6'3" 210

College: University of Alabama

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Monroe, LA

Date of Birth: 9/4/02

Spring Stats: Has been recovering from an injury, so has not yet made an appearance for Alabama.

Personal: Helped lead Ouachita Christian High School (Monroe, LA) to a Division IV state championship in 2021. Perfect Game USA ranked him as the No. 3 overall prospect and No. 2 right-handed pitcher in Louisiana. Selected as first team all-district and all-region honoree by the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association in 2021. Represented the Colorado Rockies in the East Coast Pro Showcase Game in 2020. Son of Kevin and Nita Woods.



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Roger Angell  
*The Summer Game* (1972)

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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 23rd season with the Big Train. From his first year as manager in 2005, he owns a 461-185 career regular season record and a .714 winning percentage. He has led Big Train to eleven regular season league titles and nine Cal Ripken League championships. He was inducted into the Cal Ripken League Hall of Fame in 2019 as part

of the inaugural class. Colangelo is a graduate of Potomac High School in Woodbridge, Virginia. He played baseball and football at Virginia Tech and is currently the activities director at C.D. Hylton High School in Woodbridge. He lives in Lorton, Virginia, with his wife Alison and their daughters, Emma and Abigail.

## Galvin Morris – Associate Head Coach



Coach Morris is the hitting and catching coach at his alma mater, South Lakes HS, in Reston. He previously served as varsity head coach at South Lakes from 1999-2014. Morris was named the 6A Conference 6 Coach of the Year. Morris also coached in the Clark C. Griffith Collegiate Baseball League. He serves as an instructor at MVP Baseball in Herndon. Morris

works in Special Education at South Lakes and resides in Reston with his daughters, Davilyn (13) and Gracie (12).

## Craig Lopez – Pitching Coach



Craig Lopez spent more than 10 years as the Pitching Coach for the Baltimore Redbirds. He also has worked as a PE teacher in Stafford County Virginia for over 25 years. He has 30 years of coaching experience using baseball as an avenue to teach life skills. Coach Lopez is a native of Stafford County. He graduated from Stafford High and went on to play baseball at

VCU. He was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles as a pitcher. Craig lives in Fredericksburg with his wife Terri. They have two adult sons, Jacob and Craig, and a daughter Grace.

## Bob O'Connor – Bench Coach



Bob O'Connor is in his third summer with the Big Train. Coach O'Connor is currently the pitching coach for Montgomery College Raptors. Previously, he coached at Damascus High School for 8 years during which his coaching record was 104 - 9. Coach "O" has coached many select teams and his teams have won numerous championships and tournaments.

He has also served as the Head Instructor and Camp Director for the Washington Nationals (MLB) Youth Summer Camps. O'Connor graduated from Damascus High School, attended The American University and served in the United States Navy. He lives in Damascus with his wife Rebecca and has three adult sons, Brady, Patrick and Ryan.

## Sam Bender – Assistant Coach/Hitting Coach



Sam Bender is in his third season on the Big Train coaching staff. He grew up in Montgomery County and was an All-Met Outfielder at Wootton High School. Bender was an All-American at Montgomery College and played briefly for the San Diego Padres Double A Affiliate the San Antonio Missions. Bender previously coached at Wootton High School, the MCBL's KOA team, and Montgomery

College, and is now an assistant coach at Marymount University.

## Patrick Reynolds – Trainer



Patrick enters his first year with the Bethesda Big Train as Head Athletic Trainer. He also works at the University of Maryland as the trainer for the women's tennis and cheerleading programs. Reynolds spend the 2018-2021 seasons working in the Cleveland Guardians' organization providing medical care across multiple minor league affiliates.

# BIG TRAIN FRONT OFFICE STAFF

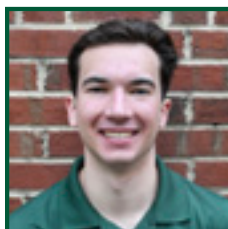
## Michael Michaud – General Manager



Michael Michaud joined the Big Train front office as General Manager in April 2022. He has coached at the high school, AAU, and youth level. Professionally, Michael previously worked on the Washington Research team at investment bank Keefe, Bruyette & Woods and as a director at Washington consulting firm Hamilton Place Strategies. He holds a B.A. in

political science from the University of Vermont and is working towards completing an M.A. in government at Johns Hopkins University.

## Patrick Chapman – Assistant General Manager



Patrick Chapman is returning for his sixth season and seventh year with the Big Train, his second as Assistant General Manager with primary responsibility for ticketing. Patrick joined the Big Train in 2016 as a volunteer. He continued to volunteer for the next five years in a variety of roles around the ballpark. Patrick is a rising junior at George Mason University

in Fairfax, VA and a graduate of St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C.



# BETHESDA BIG TRAIN *Baseball*

## 2022 GAME SCHEDULE



DATE	OPPONENT	FIELD	TIME
Sat June 4	Olney Cropdusters*	Povich Field	7 p.m.
Sun June 5	Southern Maryland Senators*	Povich Field	7 p.m.
Wed June 29	Southern Maryland Senators*	Povich Field	7 p.m.
Wed July 6	Native American National Baseball Team*	Povich Field	7 p.m.
Fri July 22	Southern Maryland Senators*	Povich Field	7 p.m.
<b>Tue June 7</b>	<b>Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Wed June 8	Metro SOCO Braves	South County High School	7 p.m.
<b>Thu June 9</b>	<b>Olney Cropdusters</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Fri June 10	D.C. Grays	Nationals Youth Baseball Academy	7 p.m.
<b>Sat June 11</b>	<b>Alexandria Aces</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun June 12</b>	<b>Gaithersburg Giants</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<b>Tue June 14</b>	<b>Metro SOCO Braves</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Wed June 15	Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts	Blair Stadium	7 p.m.
<b>Thu June 16</b>	<b>D.C. Grays</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Fri June 17	Olney Cropdusters	Olney Boys and Girls Club Field	5 p.m.
<b>Sat June 18</b>	<b>Gaithersburg Giants</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun June 19</b>	<b>Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Tue June 21	Alexandria Aces	Frank Mann Field	6:30 p.m.
Thu June 23	Gaithersburg Giants	Criswell Automotive Field at Kelley Park	7 p.m.
Fri June 24	Olney Cropdusters	Olney Boys and Girls Club Field	5 p.m.
<b>Sat June 25</b>	<b>Alexandria Aces</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sun June 26	D.C. Grays	Nationals Youth Baseball Academy	1 p.m.
Mon June 27	Metro SOCO Braves	South County High School	7 p.m.
Tue June 28	Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts	Blair Stadium	7 p.m.
<b>Thu June 30</b>	<b>Olney Cropdusters</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Fri July 1	Alexandria Aces	Frank Mann Field	6:30 p.m.
<b>Sat July 2</b>	<b>Gaithersburg Giants</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun July 3</b>	<b>D.C. Grays</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Tue July 5</b>	<b>CRCBL All-Star Game</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Thu July 7</b>	<b>Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
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<b>Sat July 16</b>	<b>Olney Cropdusters</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sun July 17	Silver Spring - Takoma Thunderbolts	Blair Stadium	6 p.m.
<b>Mon July 18</b>	<b>D.C. Grays</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Tue July 19	Gaithersburg Giants	Criswell Automotive Field at Kelley Park	7 p.m.
<b>Thu July 21</b>	<b>Alexandria Aces</b>	<b>POVICH FIELD</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>

### Field Locations

#### Shirley Povich Field

10600 Westlake Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

#### South County High School

8501 Silverbrook Road  
Lorton, VA 22079

#### Montgomery Blair Stadium

51 University Boulevard East  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

#### Frank Mann Field

3700 Commonwealth Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22305

#### Criswell Automotive Field at Kelley Park

400 Victory Farm Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

#### Nationals Youth Baseball Academy

3675 Ely Place SE  
Washington, D.C. 20019

#### Olney Boys and Girls Club

4501 Olney-Laytonsville Road  
Olney, MD 20832

\* 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.

## CAL RIPKEN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE OPPONENTS

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Olney Boys and Girls Club**

#### **Olney 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 tolls.





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