



## 2011 Moeller Varsity Baseball

### Game Summaries

#### MOELLER 12, Turpin 2

Big Moe opened the 2011 campaign with a 12-2 win in six innings on a sunny but cool day at Crosley Field in Blue Ash. Senior Kevin Brinkman (1-0) overcame some first inning wildness to settle in and pick up the win. Brinkman pitched five innings giving up two hits and two runs while striking out four Spartan batters. Senior Logan Smyth came on to relieve Brinkman to pitch a scoreless sixth. Junior leadoff hitter Ty Amann led the offense going 2-2 with a triple, three runs scored, three RBI's and was walked three times. Junior Ryan LeFevers was also 2-2 with a double, two RBI, was walked twice and stole two bases. Senior Jake Madsen was 2-3 with a double and three RBI's. Senior Kyle Robinett added a double collecting two RBI's and Senior Ryan Logan had a triple and also knocked in two. Moeller is 1-0 on the season.

#### MOELLER 16, Glen Este 3

Big Moe continued its run scoring ways in beating the Trojans of Glen Este, 16-3. Junior Nick Edwards (1-0) picked up his first varsity win pitching four innings scattering five hits, three runs and striking out four. Senior Matt Higgins came in relief of Edwards to pitch a scoreless fifth. The Crusaders pounded out twelve hits on the day and scored eleven first inning runs. Senior Ryan Logan was 2-2; Senior Marc Gallenstein was 2-4 with a double, two runs scored and two RBI's. Junior John Tanner was 2-2 with a two RBI double. Moe runs its record to 2-0 with GCL League play beginning on Wednesday vs. the Lancers of Lasalle.

#### MOELLER 7, Lasalle 2

Big Moe grinded one out against a Lasalle Lancer team that returned many from their 22 win team a year ago. Senior Jake Madsen (1-0) kept the Lancer hitters off balance all day to record his first win of the year. Madsen pitched 4 2/3 innings, scattering three hits, allowing two earned runs while striking out four. Junior Brian Burkhart relieved Madsen with bases loaded in the fifth inning, pitched out of that jam allowing no runs and shut Lasalle down the rest of the way in picking up his first save of the year. The Crusaders scored four runs while being no-hit early on by Lasalle pitcher Brett Humphrey. Big Moe put the ball in play and put pressure on the Lancer defense and took advantage of several Lasalle miscues. The Crusaders hitters drove up Humphrey's pitch count and eventually knocked him out of the game. While Lasalle's defense was suspect, Big Moe made the plays in field and kept the Lancers at bay. Junior Ryan LeFevers had a double on the day and Senior Alex Barlow, fresh off the hardwood court, took a little satisfaction in helping defeat the Lancers as he knocked in two with a bases loaded single in the sixth inning. Barlow also had two stolen bases on the day. Moeller runs its record to 3-0 on the season, 1-0 in the GCL. Big Moe hosts the Elder Panthers Friday at Schuler Park. First Pitch is at 4:30 as Junior John Tanner makes his first Varsity start.



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MOELLER 16, Elder 14

In a rematch of last year's Ohio State Final Four match up between Big Moe and the Elder Panthers, this year's GCL League game one version couldn't have been more different than the thrilling 1-0 win the Panthers had last year. In that Final Four game Moeller's David Whitehead and Elder's Brian Korte hooked up in a great pitcher's duel. On Friday, in a gray, cool, windy afternoon with an early drizzle Elder and Moeller's pitchers combined for 15 walks, 6 wild pitches, 3 hit batters and a passed ball in a game that took 3 1/2 hours to complete. Big Moe jumped out to an early 5-0 lead after two innings. The Panthers battled back thanks in large part to walks and defensive miscues to put up three runs in the top of the third. With the score 6-6 going to the home half of the fourth inning, Big Moe exploded for ten runs to take a 16-6 lead going into the fifth. Needing one more out to get the ten run ending after five, the Crusaders couldn't hold on. Elder scored five in the fifth, one in the sixth and two in the seventh before Junior Brian Burkhart came on and ended the game in three pitches coaxing a lazy fly ball to center with the tying run on third and the go ahead run on second. Senior Matt Higgins got the win in relief (1-0) and Burkhart earned his second save on the year. An ugly win, but a win nonetheless and the Big Moe moves to 4-0 and more importantly 2-0 in the GCL.

MOELLER 5, Louisville St. Xavier 3

Big Moe took to the road to play in the Miller Classic in Noblesville, Indiana. Game one pitted the Crusaders against nationally ranked Louisville St. X and their top pitching prospect, Matt Spalding who has been clocked throwing 94-95 on the radar guns. With several Major League Baseball scouts in attendance Big Moe upstaged Spalding, knocking him out of the game and winning 5-3. After a scoreless first, St. X put up two runs in the top half of the second. Moe answered by dropping five runs on the Tiger ace in the home half of the second with the big knock being a bases loaded-base clearing triple by Junior Jackson Phipps. Senior Kevin Brinkman (2-0) turned in a gritty performance pitching in and out of jams in his five innings of work to pick up the win. Junior John Hakemoller, pitching against the meat of the St. X lineup, pitched the sixth and seventh, held the Tiger offense in check and picked up his first save of the season. Moe runs its record to 5-0; 2-0 in the GCL.

Fort Wayne Homestead 10, Moeller 5

In the nightcap and Championship Game of the Miller Classic, the Moeller Crusaders suffered their first loss of the season to Indiana power Fort Wayne Homestead 10-5. Junior Nick Edwards (1-1) was hit hard early and suffered the first loss of the season. Down 9-0 after two innings, the Crusaders did not quit. Junior Phillip Diehl came in relief of Edwards and quieted the red hot Spartan bats. As Diehl was dealing the Crusaders started to chip away at the Homestead lead but just couldn't get that big knock when they needed it stranding eight Crusader runners in scoring position. Senior Kyle Robinett hit his second home run of the season and Senior Kevin Brinkman and Junior Ryan LeFevers both added a double. After the first week, Big Moe sits at 5-1; 2-0 in the GCL.



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MOELLER 24, Carroll 15

Big Moe got back to its run scoring winning ways against a game Dayton Carroll team as they beat the Patriots in a slugfest 24-15 at Athletes in Action field in Xenia, OH. Moe jumped out to a 15-0 lead going to the home half of the second inning when Carroll started to chip away the Crusader lead scoring two runs in the second, one in the third, five in the fourth, two in the fifth and after six, Moe clung to a 16-13 lead. The Crusaders delivered the knock out blow scoring eight in the top half of the seventh to put the Patriots away. Big Moe broke the record for most runs in a game scoring 24, eclipsing the previously held record of 23 which was last set by the 2007 team vs. Fenwick. Senior Jake Madsen (2-0) picked up the win and Junior Zach Williams picked up his first save of the season. Hitting leaders for the Crusaders were aplenty as they had seventeen hits; five of which were home runs. Seniors Kyle Robinett and Ryan Logan went back to back for two Crusader home runs. Juniors John Tanner and Ryan Lefevers added home runs and Senior Alex Barlow used his speed to collect an inside the park home run. Moe runs its record to 6-1 and 3-0 in GCL play.

MOELLER 9, McNicholas 5

Junior John Tanner (1-0) picked up his first win of the season pitching five innings, scattering five hits, giving up five runs-two earned and striking out seven Rocket hitters. Tanner overcame some early on wildness to shut the McNick hitters down. Junior Zach Williams came on in relief of Tanner to notch his second save of the season. Down 4-0 heading to the home half of the second inning the Crusaders got on the board scoring three. Junior Jackson Phipps continued to swing a hot bat knocking in the first two Moeller runs with a one out double to left. Moeller plated two runs in the third and three more in the fourth and never looked back. Deuces were wild with #2 Phipps as he was 2-2 on the day with two runs scored and two RBI's hitting two doubles. Senior Jake Madsen was 2-3 with two doubles. Junior Ryan LeFevers was 2-4 with a double. Senior Alex Barlow continued his dominance on the base paths stealing four bases in the win. Moe now stands at 7-1; 3-0 in the GCL.

MOELLER 12, Chaminade-Julienne 2

Big Moe made quick work of the Chaminade-Julienne Eagles beating them 12-2 on a beautiful sun-filled day at Schuler Park. Jr. John Tanner (2-0) earned his second victory of the season pitching a complete game, scattering five hits, giving up two earned runs while striking out ten Eagle batters. Tanner was in total control in this outing walking no CJ hitters while dominating them all day with his repertoire of pitches. The Crusaders scored in every one of their at bats. Senior Kyle Robinett led the attack going 3-3; clubbing his fourth homerun of the season on top of a single and a double. Robinett scored three times and knocked in two. Juniors Ryan LeFevers and Jordan Simpson both went 2-2. LeFevers stole four bases and Simpson stole two. Simpson scored three times and knocked in two Crusader runs. Big Moe runs its record to 8-1 on the year; 4-0 in the GCL. Next up for #1 in the City Poll Crusaders is a road game on Thursday vs. the #2 St. Xavier Bombers.



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St. Xavier 6, MOELLER 3

Thursday's match up with St. X featured the top two teams in the city poll. #1 Big Moe traveling to X to take on the #2 Bombers. St. X prevailed 6-3. Moe opened up the scoring in the top of the first. Junior Ty Amann walked, stole second and went to third as the catcher tried to pick Amann off second and threw the ball into centerfield. Senior Kyle Robinett singled home Amann for the 1-0 lead. But the Bombers answered in the home half of the first scoring four times on two walks and four hits. St. X extended its lead to 5-1 before Jake Madsen doubled home two in the top of the fifth to pull within two runs trailing 5-3. X added a run in the sixth to close out the scoring. Madsen (2-1) started for Big Moe and took the loss. St. X starter Chris Rutz and reliever Dom Plageman held the Crusader offense to four hits and one earned run while the Bombers pounded out twelve hits. Moe's record now stands at 8-2; 4-1 in the GCL.

MOELLER 4, Alter 3

The Crusaders gutted one out in GCL league play beating a gritty Alter Knight team. Senior Matt Higgins started the game on the bump. After giving up two runs to Alter in the first, Higgins threw blanks at them the rest of the way. Higgins pitched five innings, gave up two hits, two runs/one earned and struck out six Alter batters. Leaving the game with the lead, Higgins got a no decision after the Knights tied the game in the top of the sixth. Senior Kevin Brinkman who came in relief of Higgins and gave up the tying run got the win to run his record to 3-0 on the year. Down 2-1 going to the home half of the fifth, Senior Alex Barlow put Big Moe up on top 3-2 after hitting his second home run of the year. Tied at three going to the bottom of the seventh, Junior Jackson Phipps led off with a double. Junior Ryan LeFevers reached on an error after laying down a bunt to move Phipps to third. After an intentional walk to Barlow to load the bases, Senior Jake Madsen hit a sac fly to left to score Phipps and give the Crusaders their ninth win of the season and more importantly a GCL league victory. Phipps continued to swing a hot bat going 3-4. Madsen went 2-3 with a double and knocked in two. Moe's record stands at 9-2; 5-1 in the GCL.

Orange HS, NC 11, MOELLER 10

This year's spring trip takes the Crusaders to Tobacco Road as they head to the Raleigh, NC area. After touring the campuses of North Carolina and Duke, Big Moe traveled to Orange High School to take on the Panthers in a night game. It was a rough night for The Staff. Nine walks, four hit batters and two strikeouts where the Panther batters reached on wild pitches will not win you too many games. With a 9-1 leading heading to the bottom of the fourth inning, Orange sent ten batters to the plate and scored four runs without putting a single ball in play. The Panthers scored three in the sixth and three in the seventh to complete the comeback and send the Crusaders to their third loss of the year. Senior Kevin Brinkman took the loss and his record now stands at 3-1. Moe is 9-3; 5-1 in the GCL.



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MOELLER 12, East Chapel Hill, NC 5

Big Moe got back to their winning ways and defeated the Wildcats of East Chapel Hill 12-5. The Crusaders toured NC State in the morning where Head Baseball Coach Elliott Avent, gave the boys a spirited motivational talk. With NC State, UNC-Greensboro and Baseball America on hand to watch the Crusaders, Junior John Tanner (3-0) turned in a dominating performance pitching 5 1/3 innings giving up one unearned run. Junior Zach Williams relieved Tanner and picked up his third save of the year as he entered the game with the Wildcats in striking distance of the lead. Moe put up a five spot in the top of the seventh to put East Chapel Hill away. Seniors Kyle Robinett, Kevin Brinkman and Jake Madsen all homered on the day. Junior Brad Macciocchi hit a triple and Juniors Ty Amann, Ryan LeFevers and Jordan Simpson each had a double on the day. The win puts the Crusader record at 10-3; 5-1 in the GCL.

MOELLER 3, Riverside HS, NC 0                      Game 1

Big Moe travelled to historic Durham Athletic Park to take on the Pirates of Riverside High School. The DAP, as it is affectionately known around these parts, was home to the Durham Bulls and was featured in the film *Bull Durham*. Senior Jake Madsen (3-1) pitched a gem – a complete game shutout. Madsen scattered five hits, walked one and struck out six. Senior Alex Barlow was 3-4 on the day with one 2B. Junior Jordan Simpson was 2-3 with a pair of doubles. Moe is now 11-3; 5-1 in the GCL.

MOELLER 16, Riverside HS, NC 2                      Game 2

The Crusaders ended their spring trip to NC in grand fashion beating Riverside 16-2 in the second game of their double header at The DAP. Junior Brian Burkhart (1-0) picked up his first win of the season. Burkhart pitched five innings, gave up one earned run and struck out five Pirate hitters. Hitters were aplenty in this one as Big Moe pounded out twenty-one hits on the day. Junior Ty Amann was a perfect 4-4 at the plate scoring three times and hitting a double. Junior Jackson Phipps was 4-5 with three runs scored and two RBI's. Phipps also had a double on the day. Senior Matt Higgins was 3-4 knocking in two Crusader runs. Higgins also doubled in the game. Senior Kevin Brinkman was 2-2, scored twice and knocked in three. Junior Phillip Diehl was 2-2 and scored twice. Junior Jordan Simpson added a triple on the day. Although nobody hit the Bull to get a free steak, the Crusaders had a great day and an even better trip going 3-1 and getting to see UNC, Duke, NC State and play two at The DAP. Big Moe was also the guest of Carolina Mudcat Manager and Moeller Baseball Alum David Bell on Wednesday night. Bell, a 1990 grad, was gracious enough to speak to the boys. Moe returns to the Queen City with a 12-3 record; 5-1 in the GCL.



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MOELLER 11, LaSalle 2

After a ten day layoff due to the wet weather in Cincinnati, the Crusaders traveled to University of Cincinnati's Marge Schott Field to take on the Lancers of LaSalle as part of a GCL South doubleheader. After watching Elder knock off St. Xavier and give St. X their first league loss, it was Big Moe's turn to keep pace with the league leading Bombers. Moeller was facing hard throwing Brett Humphrey who had the Crusaders no hit in their first matchup this season through four innings even though Moe was up on him 4-0. Any thoughts of a no hitter by Humphrey this time around were quickly erased as junior Ty Amann led off the game with an infield single. After stealing second and advancing to third on a fielder's choice. Senior Jake Madsen knocked in Amann with the game's first run. Big Moe knocked Humphrey out of the game in the second after he couldn't record an out. The Crusaders scored six in the second. While the bats were hot, Madsen (4-1) was dealing on the mound. The senior left hander held the Lancer hitters in check throwing five innings of two hit baseball and giving up two unearned runs. In what has been a very atypical spring with the weather this season, the rain won out again shortening this game to a complete five inning contest. Big Moe continued to showcase their speed on the base paths stealing eight bases in the game – three by junior Ryan LeFevers, two by senior Alex Barlow and two by Amann and one by junior Jackson Phipps. Phipps continued to swing a hot bat going 3-3. Amann, LeFevers and Madsen were each 2-4 with LeFevers adding a double to his day. Moe improves to 13-3 and 6-1 in GCL play.

MOELLER 16, Fenwick 0

As rain-outs continue to dominate the 2011 baseball season, teams are scrambling to find alternate locations to play games. One such venue that allows games to be played anytime – other than a driving thunderstorm is the Athletes in Action complex in Xenia, OH. It is Big Moe's second trip to the complex this spring and its where the Crusaders improved their GCL league record to 7-1 after beating the Fenwick Falcons 16-0. Junior Brian Burkhart (2-0) picked up the win as he, senior Logan Smyth and junior Nate Brunty combined on a three hit shutout. Junior Jordan Simpson was 3-4. Senior Alex Barlow was 2-4 with a double and four RBI's. Senior Kevin Brinkman was 2-4 with a double and three RBI's. Junior Ty

Amann was 2-4 with three RBI's. Senior Jake Madsen was 2-2 and junior Jackson Phipps added a triple. Big Moe goes to 14-3; 7-1 in the GCL.



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MOELLER 9 , Bethel Tate 1

With rains wrecking the 2011 season to this point, the Crusaders were scheduled to take on Oak Hills. They cancelled due to a league make up. Then Moe nabbed Colerain, who cancelled for the same reason. Then Badin was on the schedule then off the schedule due a league make up as well. So Bethel Tate High School came into Schuler Park to take on Big Moe. The Crusaders won 9-1. Junior John Tanner ran his record to 4-0 on the year pitching five innings, giving up two hits and one unearned run. Moe collected five doubles on the day; senior Jake Madsen and juniors Jordan Simpson, Brad Macciocchi, Nick Edwards and Jeff Ludwig all had one a piece. Senior Matt Higgins collected a 3B on the day. Moe improves to 15-3; 7-1 in the GCL.

MOELLER 6, Vandalia Butler 3

In front of a packed house at Vandalia Butler, the Crusaders prevailed in the Friday Night Lights baseball edition 6-3. Good pitching and good defense was key to the Moe victory. Add a bunch of doubles and a big fly to the mix and it all equaled Moe's 16th win of the season. Senior Jake Madsen (5-1) pitched a gem pitching six innings giving up five hits, three earned runs and struck out seven. Junior Zach Williams pitched the seventh inning and notched his fourth save of the season. Seniors Kevin Brinkman and Ryan Logan hit two doubles each; senior Alex Barlow added a double of his own and Madsen helped his own cause with a towering home run in the Moe third. It was Madsen's second home run of the year. Juniors Ryan LeFevers were both 2-3 with two RBI's each. Moe stands at 16-3; 7-1 in the GCL.

MOELLER 6, Dublin-Jerome 3

Moe traveled to Elder's Panther Athletic Complex to play a DH in a day where baseball took a back seat to the cause Moeller and Elder both played for – Striking Out Cancer. We'll get to the Elder game next. First up was a feisty Dublin Jerome baseball team. Senior Kevin Brinkman (4-1) picked up the win pitching five innings, scattering four hits and only giving up one earned run. Junior John Hakemoller picked up his second save of the year. Big Moe was on cruise control but five Crusader errors on the day allowed the Jerome to make it interesting. Junior Ty Amann was 2-4 with a double and a triple. Senior Jake Madsen collected a double and junior Jordan Simpson was 2-2 on the day. Moe improves to 17-3; 7-1 in the GCL.



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MOELLER 4, Elder 1

The marquee game of the day was a good one. Moeller and Elder, two of the most storied baseball programs in the state of Ohio, came together not only to fight it out on the field in a GCL league match-up, but the schools also came together to fight for a cause. This game was the 1st annual Striking Out Cancer game to be played each year in the second game of GCL play between the two teams. Proceeds benefited The Pink Ribbon Girls and FORCE. Players from both teams added pink to their uniforms and there was a great amount of Pink in the standing room only crowd. On to the game. Junior Brian Burkhart was stellar on the mound. Burkhart pitched a seventy-seven pitch complete game to earn his third win of the year against zero losses. Burkhart gave up three hits-only one making it to the outfield and one earned run. Big Moe's bats were held in check and were no hit by Elder sophomore Joe Ramstetter until senior Alex Barlow singled in the sixth inning. The Crusaders only had three hits on the day but put the ball in play and made the Elder defense make the plays which they struggled with and allowed Big Moe in the game. Once Moe tied it in the fifth, they added one in the sixth and two big runs in the seventh to close out the Panthers. Seniors Barlow, Ryan Logan and junior Jackson Phipps each collected a hit on the day. Moe moves to 18-3; 8-1 in the GCL. Big Moe will play for a GCL title before beginning tournament play on Thursday when they host the St. Xavier Bombers on Tuesday at 4:30 at Schuler Park.

St. Xavier 3, Moeller 1

With a chance of clinching the GCL title on their own turf at Schuler Park in front of a capacity crowd, Big Moe was turned away by the Bombers, 3-1. Earlier in the day, the Crusaders were named City Poll Champs finishing ranked #1 in the city. St. X finished ranked #2 in the city, so once again it was a battle between the city's two best teams. Junior John Tanner (4-1) suffered his first loss of the season. Tanner couldn't find his rhythm early on even after striking out the side in the first. Tanner got behind each of those hitters and had 3-2 counts on all three before striking them out. Tanner gave up two runs in the second and one more in the fourth before giving way to junior Zach Williams who threw 3 2/3 innings of one hit-no run baseball. Big Moe's bats were stymied by the effective pitching of Dom Plageman. Plageman's curve ball seemed to lull the Crusader bats to sleep as they collected four hits on the day. Moe has an outside shot of a GCL co-championship should Alter defeat St. X on Friday. Tournament play begins tomorrow, Thursday, May 12 as Big Moe takes on Walnut Hills. First pitch at Schuler Park is at 5PM. Moe's record stands at 18-4; 8-2 in the GCL.



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MOELLER 10, Walnut Hills 0

#### Sectional Semi-Finals

Big Moe opened up tourney play facing the Walnut Hills Eagles at Schuler Park. Moe prevailed 10-0 on the strength of Senior Jake Madsen's arm and bat. Madsen (6-1) threw a one-hit complete game shutout, striking out seven. Madsen also clubbed his third home run of the season – a towering drive to right. Speaking of home runs, senior Kevin Brinkman collected his second of the season – a monster shot to left center. Senior Alex Barlow was a perfect 3-3 at the plate knocking in three Crusader runners while scoring twice himself. Barlow stole two bases on the day and the race between Barlow and junior Ryan LeFevers for the single season stolen base record stands at: LeFevers 23 Barlow 21. The single season record is 26 which was reached three times over the years-most recently by Mike Bell in 1993. Big Moe has 90 stolen bases as a team – 1 shy of the record of 91 in a single season which was accomplished twice in Crusader history – most recently by the 1993 team. Speaking of LeFevers, he had a double on the day and a stolen base. Junior Ty Amann was 2-3 with a triple. Moe runs its record to 19-4 on the year. Next up- the Sectional Finals vs. Loveland High School on Thursday, May 19 at Lakota East High School at 5PM.

Moeller 13, Badin 2

On a day where the weather felt like an early season game in March, Big Moe defeated the Rams of Hamilton Badin 13-2 at Joyce Park. Junior Brian Burkhardt (4-0) continued to dominate on the mound pitching five innings, giving up two earned runs on three hits while striking out five. Senior Ryan Logan led the Crusader hitting attack collecting a double and a triple on the day while knocking in five Moe runners. Senior Jake Madsen was 2-4 with a double. Senior Matt Higgins and junior Ty Amann each added a double on the day as well. The 2011 State Poll Champs run its record to 20-4. Next up a regular season game with Mason on Wednesday and then the Sectional Finals on Thursday vs. Loveland at Lakota East.



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MOELLER 10, Loveland 0  
Sectional Finals

On a beautiful Friday afternoon, the Moeller Crusaders captured yet another Sectional Championship beating the Loveland Tigers 10-0 at Lakota East High School. Coach Tim Held earned his 100th victory in his fourth season as Skipper of Big Moe. Senior Jake Madsen (7-1) continued to impress as he threw a complete game shutout allowing two hits, both of the infield variety, while striking out nine. Hitting leaders were aplenty. Junior Jordan Simpson was 3-4; junior Jackson Phipps 2-4 with a double; junior Ryan LeFevers 2-4; senior Alex Barlow 2-4 with two more steals on the year; seniors Kevin Brinkman and Madsen both collected doubles on the day and senior Ryan Logan added a triple. Senior Kyle Robinett collected his first hit since his return from his serious ankle injury suffered on the North Carolina trip. Robinett's single up the middle plated two Crusader runs. Moe runs its record to 21-4 and will now face the Milford Eagles for the District Championship to be played Saturday at Western Hills High School at 2PM.

MOELLER 3 , Milford 0  
District Finals

The Moeller Crusaders came away with a District Championship defeating the Milford Eagles in a tight game that didn't see a run scored until the Moeller home half of the sixth inning. Junior Brian Burkhart (5-0) pitched a complete game shutout giving up one hit, a base hit on the game's first pitch. Burkhart pitched out of jams with big strikeouts, pick-offs and got the ground ball or lazy fly ball when he needed it. Big Moe only collected five hits themselves but they put the ball in play and the aggressive style of running that the Crusaders have displayed all year put the pressure squarely on the Eagle defense. Scoreless to the home half of the sixth, with one out, juniors Jackson Phipps and Jordan Simpson walked. Pinch hitter, senior Matt Higgins grounded to the pitcher who turned and got Simpson out at second, but a good, solid, legal slide by Simpson caused the throw to first base to be off line and allowed Phipps to score the game's first run. Junior Jeff Ludwig pinch ran for Higgins. Senior Kevin Brinkman doubled to the left center gap and scored Ludwig. Brinkman advanced to third on the throw to the Eagle on deck circle. Senior Ryan Logan then singled up the middle to score Brinkman. Game over. Moe stands at 22-4 and will face Vandalia Butler in the Regional Semi-Finals to be played Thursday, May 26 at University of Cincinnati's Marge Schott Stadium at 2PM.