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## STILL ON TOP

Three weeks into the young season the Cincinnati Steam find themselves at the top of the Great Lakes Collegiate Baseball League's standings. This may come as a shock to many, but the leagues only homegrown team isn't at all surprised by their early success.

"We play together like we've

been on the same team for years," said Steam catcher Mike Barnard a Milford High School graduate. "If someone doesn't execute in a situation the next batter will pick him up and get the job done. I have never played on a team with a better team chemistry than we have this summer."

The Steam also enjoys an impressive home field advantage. With crowds at Xavier University and Western Hills High School

exceeding 900, the Steam has put together an 8-2 home record.

"We have wonderful fans that provide great support for our team," said first basemen Drew Roberts out of Sycamore High School. "They give us the extra edge we need to pull out wins in close games."

The Steam play their next home game at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday July 9, at Xavier University.



## DEFYING THE ODDS

Sporting a record of 14-5 the Cincinnati Steam has silenced some of its early critics. Many doubted the team's ability to assemble a competitive team consisting of local talent in a league where other teams are represented by recruited players from throughout the nation. "When Bill (O'Conner) and I were putting this team together everyone said we would finish dead last," said Steam co-owner Steve Brown.

"We were told we wouldn't be able to find enough competitive talent from the Cincinnati area." O'Conner and Brown knew those people were wrong. Cincinnati has recently been included as one of the top five regions in the country for amateur baseball according to Baseball America, a popular baseball magazine. Many professional baseball players have come out of the greater Cincinnati area that that has gone on to have successful careers. The Cincinnati Steam has spoken with their commanding 14-5



record which is currently first place in the league. It's now official that these local players can compete and will keep winning in the Great Lakes Collegiate Baseball League.

## SPOTLIGHT ON KORY LONERGAN



*Kory Lonergan  
shortstop for the  
Cincinnati Steam*

Speed has been one of the themes behind the Cincinnati Steam's fast start in their inaugural Great Lakes Collegiate Baseball League's season.

Northern Kentucky native Kory Lonergan has been responsible for some of that speed, as well as some timely hitting.

Lonergan

comes to the Steam from Northern Kentucky University, where he led the Norse to its second Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship in as many years. The Dixie Heights High School graduate was an all-conference and all-region performer during the 2005 season, batting .322 with 23 stolen bases and a

team leading 59 hits.

Lonergan brought his hot bat to the Steam in the first week of the season when he earned the GLCBL's first Player of the Week, recording a league leading 12 hits and eight runs scored.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7/1</b>	<b>Southern Ohio</b>		<b>Ohio University</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7/3</b>	<b>Xenia</b>		<b>Wilmington College</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7/6</b>	<b>Lima</b>		<b>Shawnee H.S.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>Lake Erie</b>	<b>3:05</b>	<b>Richmond, IN-McBride Stadium</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/9</b>	<b>Southern Ohio</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>	<b>Xavier University</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7/11</b>	<b>Grand Lake</b>	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	<b>Western Hills H.S.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7/14</b>	<b>Lake Erie</b>	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	<b>Western Hills H.S.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7/15</b>	<b>Columbus</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ohio State Univ.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/16</b>	<b>All-Star Game</b>		<b>Ohio University</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7/18</b>	<b>Xenia</b>		<b>Wilmington College</b>