

2014 Grove City HS Varsity Season Recap - Ranked #7 in OH State Div. I Final Poll

- **Division Champs:** OH Capital Conference (OCC), Ohio Div. (Top 3 OCC OH Div. teams won 3 of 4 District Titles)
- **District Champs:** Div. I Columbus District 2 (Dublin Region)
- 21 Game Winning Streak; Overall Record: 24 Wins / 6 Losses

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High-school baseball

Streaking Grove City wins district title

By Mark Znidar
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Grove City has defeated teams with its legs, arms and bats in winning 20 straight games on the way to a third Division I district baseball championship in four seasons.

Coach Ryan Alexander has called the season crazy for a team that lost five of its first eight games. The Greyhounds had more magic yesterday as right-hander Chase Antle threw a two-hitter and the bats awakened in the bottom of the sixth in a 3-0 victory over Westerville Central at Ohio Dominican.

The victory kept Grove City (23-5) in the hunt to make a third state tourna-

ment in four seasons.

"The dog pile at the end of games, we live for that," Alexander said of the players forming a small mountain of bodies on the infield to celebrate a victory. "We talk about the dog pile all the time."

The players tested Alexander's patience time and again against Westerville Central (24-4). Poor base running wasted two hits in the first inning. The bases were left loaded in the third. And two more runners were left on base in the fourth.

The persistence paid dividends in the sixth, when Robbie Jobe led off by beating out a grounder to deep short, stole second and moved to third on

Dakota Hawkins' single to right.

Westerville Central left-hander Austin Sherry relieved starter Kyle Keifer and struck out Gage Kavy. The third strike was in the dirt, though, and the catcher threw wildly to first base, allowing Jobe to score.

Jake Faught followed by hitting a 2-and-2 fastball to center to drive in two runs.

"That hit was a big relief because the last time at bat, I struck out," Faught said. "I had a better approach. I fought off a few pitches. Basically, I was thinking middle or back side."

Faught smiled and said, "We're piling up hard wins. This is crazy, a big accomplishment."

None of it would have been possible had Antle not struck out five and walked two.

Antle also got the victory against Darby in a district semifinal by throwing 28 pitches in relief.

"I have a lot more pitches in me," Antle said. "I'm not done. I just had faith in my team. We've been battling all season. I had a lot of confidence in myself. I definitely had confidence in my fastball. But I just wanted to keep the team in the game."

Elgin 5, Liberty Union 4, 10 innings: Dalton Brown hit a game-ending single in the 10th inning, and Elgin rallied to defeat Liberty Union in a Division III

district final at La Beavers Field.

Elgin, trailing 4 in the sixth, scored on a bunt single and a Sam Hardin, who scored in the seventh on an RBI double, tied the game with a single, setting up Robbie Brown, who drove in Haynes for the victory. Hardin finished with three RBI.

Gahanna 5, St. Charles 3, 9 innings: Jack Gahanna hit an RBI double in the top of the ninth inning, and St. Charles (15-12) defeated Grove City (23-6) in a Division I district final at Otterbein University. mznidar@dispatch.com
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Grove City 3, Westerville Central 0

Chase Antle pitched a two-hitter and the Grove City High School baseball team scored three runs in the sixth inning on its way to a 3-0 win over Westerville Central in a Division I district final May 22 at Ohio Dominican University.

The Greyhounds, who have won 20 consecutive games, improved to 23-5 and will play Gahanna in a regional semifinal Thursday, May 29, at Dublin Coffman.

It is Grove City's third district title in the past four seasons.

Antle and Central's Nick Buchanan hooked up in a pitchers' duel before Grove City broke through in the sixth.

Robbie Jobe reached on an infield single, stole second and moved to third on Dakota Hawkins' single.

Jobe scored the eventual winning run when Blake Griffith struck out against reliever Austin Sherry, but reached first on Central catcher Austin Kondratick's throwing error to first on strike three in the dirt.

Jake Faught's two-run single accounted for the final runs.

Antle went the distance, striking out five and walking two.

"I had faith in my team," Antle said "We've been battling all season."

—Frank DiRenna

Grove City ousted by Gahanna in regional

By FRANK DiRENNA
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Trailing Gahanna 8-3 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning in a Division I regional semifinal May 29 at Dublin Coffman, the Grove City High School baseball team's final rally of the season fell short.

The Greyhounds scored four runs and had the tying and winning runs on base before losing 8-7.

The loss snapped a 21-game winning streak, as Grove City finished 24-6 overall.

"I love this group of guys," coach Ryan Alexander said. "It's going to be tough not to wake up and go to work with them again tomorrow."

Grove City won the two meetings with Gahanna in OCC-Ohio Division play, 5-3 on May 1 and 3-2 on May 3.

The Lions rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the third meeting, scoring three runs in the third to take the lead for good.

Trailing 8-3, Grove City used a two-run double from Tyler Cowles, an RBI double from Ben Myers and an RBI single from Robbie Jobe to pull within a run.

Mason Daniels then pitched out of the jam to preserve the win for Gahanna.

The Greyhounds hit into three double plays.

"We haven't played like this in a long time," Alexander said. "I don't know how many routine plays we did not make. Our pitching has been awesome and our defense has been awesome lately and neither of them came to play (May 29)."

Evan White singled twice, tripled, doubled and drove in three runs for Gahanna, which beat Olentangy Liberty 8-4 on May 30 at Coffman to reach the state tournament.

After a first-round bye in the district tournament, third-seeded Grove City defeated



The ball gets away from Greyhounds catcher Robbie Jobe as Gahanna's Collin Wrona slides home to score a run during the regional semifinal May 29. CHRIS PARKER/THISWEEKSPORTS

At a glance

CENTRAL CROSSING

•**Record:** 11-13 overall, 4-10 (seventh) in OCC-Central

•**Seniors lost:** Austin Albert, Michael Chamblin, Caleb Jones, Marc Russell, Drake Sidner, Jacob Watercutter and Mike Traversa

•**Key returnees:** Danny Conception, Doug Smith and Ethan Swank

GROVE CITY

•**Record:** 24-6 overall, 12-1 (first) in OCC-Ohio

•**Seniors lost:** Dominic Cooper, Tyler Cowles, Tyler Dunn, Tyler Engard, Jake Faught, Ben Myers, Jake Norbut, Wyatt Riley and Josh Schaffer

•**Key returnees:** Chase Antle, Peyton Bowyer, Dakota Hawkins, Robbie Jobe and Gage Kavy

40th-seeded Licking Heights 12-2 in six innings May 16 at home, 10th-seeded Hilliard Darby 4-1 on May 20 at Olentangy on a Cowles' three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth and fifth-seeded Westerville Central 3-0 in a district final May 22 at Ohio Dominican. It was the team's third district title in four seasons.

The Greyhounds won the OCC-Ohio Division title at 12-1, ahead of Pickerington North (9-4), Pickerington Central (8-5), Gahanna (8-6), Newark (6-8), Lancaster (5-9), Reynolds-

burg (5-9) and Groveport (1-12).

Cowles, who was one of nine seniors, hit .500 with 26 RBI, 15 stolen bases, eight doubles and four home runs. He was first-team all-district and all-league.

Jobe, a junior, hit .438 with 15 RBI and was first-team all-district and all-league.

Myers, a senior, hit .434 with 17 stolen bases and 13 RBI and was first-team all-district and all-league. He also was 6-2 with a 2.36 ERA, 49 strikeouts and 12 walks in 53 1/3 innings.

"We knew in our head that we had it," Myers said of the winning streak. "At the beginning of the year we knew we were good, but we started panicking. We settled down and figured out what we needed to do. We needed solid defense and good pitching and our hits would come around."

Junior Chase Antle was 7-1 with a 1.47 ERA, 47 strikeouts and 31 walks in 52 1/3 innings and was second-team all-league. Senior Josh Schaffer was 6-0 with a 2.90 ERA, 28 strikeouts and 27 walks in 38 2/3 innings and was second-team all-league.

Junior outfielder Peyton

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL

All-OCC

Cardinal Division

First team: Nate Green, Eric Norton (Hilliard Darby), Nick Buchanan, Austin Sherry (Westerville Central), Tim Bates (Westerville South), Andrew McKinley (Dublin Scioto), Preston Rapp (Hilliard Bradley), Ryan Curtis (Westerville North), Max Baker (Canal Winchester), Andrew Adolph (Dublin Jerome).

Second team: Drew Haynes, Zach Daylong (Hilliard Bradley), Austin Kondratick, Mason Wamsley (Westerville Central), Brad Dinan (Dublin Scioto), Bret Hay (Hilliard Darby), Nick Thomas (Dublin Jerome), Jack Michael (Westerville South), Lofton Stephens (Westerville North), Trevor Beerman (Canal Winchester).

Player of the year: Green. **Coach of the year:** Jeff Keifer (Westerville Central).

Ohio Division

First team: Tyler Cowles, Ben Myers, Robbie Jobe (Grove City), Justin Childers, Hayden Ballog (Pickerington North), Kyle Casserly, Michael Bamabei (Pickerington Central), Evan White, Zach Baumann (Gahanna), Grant Russell (Newark), Jerry King (Lancaster), Alex Core (Reynoldsburg). **Second team:** Chase Antle, Josh Schaffer (Grove City), Logan Giddings, Brendan Green (Pickerington North), R.J. Williams (Pickerington Central), Boomer Lowe (Gahanna), Ben Harden (Newark), Blake Patterson (Lancaster), Hunter Steele (Reynoldsburg), Jordan Spurling (Groveport).

Player of the year: Cowles. **Coach of the year:** Ryan Alexander (Grove City).

SCIOTO DOWNS

Yesterday's results

1st: \$9,000 pace

1-That Friske Feelin 5.40 4.00 3.60; 2-Fantaddy 4.40 3.20; 4-Igotyourcrazy 2.80. **Time:** 1:51.2. **Exacta** (1-2) \$20.40; **Trifecta** (1-2-4) \$78.

2nd: \$11,000 pace

2-Ab's Attack 9.60 3.80 3.00; 5-Ally-Con 3.20 2.80; 7-Luv Struck 3.60. **Time:** 1:53.0. **Exacta** (2-5) \$25.60; **Trifecta** (2-5-7) \$190.60; **Daily Double** (1-2) \$16.60.

3rd: \$8,000 pace

5-Real Joke 10.60 6.20 3.60; 2-Dontu Get Lonely 8.00 4.80; 3-Sir Howie's Z Tam 2.60. **Time:** 1:54.0. **Exacta** (5-2) \$103.20; **Trifecta** (5-2-3) \$289.60.

4th: \$11,000 pace

7-Mikes Hope 24.80 9.40 5.40; 1-Greatheart Hanover 5.20 3.80; 2-Mustang Tom 5.60. **Time:** 1:53.1. **Exacta** (7-1) \$135.80; **Trifecta** (7-1-2) \$1,010.20; **Superfecta** (7-1-2-5) \$151.23.

5th: \$12,000 pace

7-Jetstream Friskie 31.40 10.40 10.60; 5-Gareth Nourrir 4.60 7.40; 2-Lucky Lime 4.40. **Time:** 1:52.2. **Exacta** (7-5) \$108; **Trifecta** (7-5-2) \$281.60.

6th: \$18,000 pace

5-Roadside Delight 4.00 2.80 3.00; 2-Feelin Lika Winner 5.80 4.20; 1-Hunchie 5.00. **Time:** 1:51.4. **Exacta** (5-2) \$17.40; **Trifecta** (5-2-1) \$66.60; **Superfecta** (5-2-1-10) \$29.80.

7th: \$19,000 pace

6-Ardyne Ace 6.20 3.40 2.60; 3-Full Code 7.40 7.20; 7-Ilikeitrealhot 3.80. **Time:** 1:50.2.

GOLF

U.S. Women's Open

PAR-70 PINEHURST NO. 2; PII

a-amateur

- Amy Yang
- Michelle Wie
- Juli Inkster
- Stephanie Meadow
- Na Yeon Choi
- a-Minjee Lee
- Pornanong Phatlum
- So Yeon Ryu
- Karrie Webb
- Sakura Yokomine
- Lexi Thompson
- Chella Choi
- Paula Creamer
- Stacy Lewis
- Hee Young Park
- Meena Lee
- Yueer Cindy Feng
- Brittany Lincicome
- a-B.Mackenzie Henderson
- Brittany Lang
- Shanshan Feng
- Jenny Shin
- Lydia Ko
- Azahara Munoz
- Mariajo Uribe
- Ha Na Jang
- Karine Icher
- Sei Young Kim
- Beatriz Recari
- Sandra Gal
- Misuzu Narita
- Jee Young Lee
- Se Ri Pak
- Katherine Kirk

NEWS CLIPS 2014 - GC HS Varsity Baseball From the GC HS Website – Daily Announcements Page

Thursday, April 10

The varsity baseball team won 9-4 last night over Reynoldsburg. Ben Myers was a bulldog on the mound--picking up the complete game win and striking out eight. Tyler Cowles led the way at the plate with 4 hits. Jake Norbut and **Robbie Jobe** also added two hits **including a huge 2 out, 2 RBI single by Jobe**. The Hounds are back in action tonight at Reynoldsburg.

Thursday, April 17

The baseball team blanked Newark last night by a score of 8-0. Ben Myers and Ethan Cormany combined on the shutout. Jake Norbut and Ben led the way at the plate with 3 hits apiece. Norbut and **Robbie Jobe** led the way with 2 RBI's each. The Hounds are back in action tomorrow night at Groveport.

Wednesday, April 30

The Varsity baseball team picked up their 10th straight win last night over Pick Central by a 2-1 final. Josh Schaffer picked up the win and Chase Antle shut the door with the save. Tyler Cowles led the way at the plate with a 3 for 3 effort. **Robbie Jobe added the big 2 out RBI single**. The Hounds are back in action tonight vs. 7-1 in the league Gahanna at HOME. See you there!!

Monday, May 5th

The Varsity baseball team moved the streak to 13 games with a 10-0 win over Lancaster and a 3-2 win over Gahanna this weekend. Mark Rader tossed the shut-out vs. Lancaster. Jake Norbut led the way with 3 hits. Peyton Bowyer and **Robbie Jobe** also added 2 hits apiece. Chase Antle dealt on Gahanna, picking up the complete game win in 80 pitches. Dominic Cooper led the way at the plate with 2 huge 2-out hits and all 3 RBI's. Gage Kavy also added 2 hits. The Hounds are back in action Monday at Lancaster. Let's Get it!!!

Thursday, May 8

The Varsity Baseball team won their 16th straight last night with a 12-0 win over 2nd place Pick North for the outright OCC Championship. Ben Myers and Chase Antle combined on the shutout. The Hounds pounded out 16 hits including 5 doubles. Multi-hit nights were turned in by Peyton Bowyer, Tyler Cowles, Ben Myers, Dakota Hawkins and **Robbie Jobe. Jobe finished with 3 RBI's**. The Hounds are back in action Saturday at 11am vs Pick North and 3 pm vs Louisville Christian Academy for Senior Day at home. See you at the game!! Let's Get it!!

Monday, May 19

The varsity baseball team won their 18th straight with a 12-2 win over Licking Heights. Peyton Bowyer led the way offensively with a 4 for 4 effort. **Robbie Jobe also added a pair of hits and a bases clearing double off the wall**. Chase Antle picked up the win on the mound. The Hounds are back in action Tuesday at Olentangy as they play Hilliard Darby at 5 pm.

Friday, May 23

The Greyhounds are District Champs! The Hounds picked up their 20th straight win with a 3-0 win over #8 in the state Westerville Central. Chase Antle never gave in and fired a complete game 2-hitter. He popped the radar gun as high as 89mph in the 6th inning. Dakota Hawkins, Peyton Bowyer, **Robbie Jobe** and Ben Myers all had multiple hit nights. The big hit came from Jake Faught with a 2-RBI single in the 6th that put the Hounds up for good. The Greyhounds are back in action Thursday at 2pm at Dublin Coffman in the Regionals.

Wednesday, May 28

The baseball team picked up their 21st straight win last night with a 14-9 win over #1 in the state division 2 Bloom Carroll. The Hounds pounded out 16 hits and were led by Peyton Bowyer, **Robbie Jobe** and Dominic Cooper with multiple hit nights. Blake Griffith and Jake Norbut also added two-RBI doubles. It was a group effort on the mound: Josh Schaffer, Mark Rader, Ben Myers, Ethan Cormany, Trevor Allmon, Dan Rutan and Blake Griffith combined on the win. The Hounds are back in action Thursday at 2 pm in the Regionals vs Gahanna at Dublin Coffman. Let's Get it!!



Coaches 2014 Week 5 Poll Results

Poll Open: Thu May 15 12:00:00 2014

Poll Close: Sun May 18 00:00:00 2014

Division I

Place	ID	School	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Pts	Record
1	1614	Walsh Jesuit	27	1				279	23-0
2	837	Lakota West	2	12	7	5	3	237	21-4
3	1056	Archbishop Moeller		5	13	3	4	212	19-4
4	740	Hudson		3	3	3	4	137	20-3
5	1470	Springboro		1	2	1	5	104	21-4
6	1203	Olentangy Liberty		2	1	2	4	103	21-5
7	680	Grove City			1	5	2	100	20-5
8	1671	Westerville Central		3	1	1	2	82	22-3
9	522	Elder			1		1	57	18-6
10	1360	St John's Jesuit		2		3		55	17-2
10	764	Jackson (Mass.)				1	1	55	17-4
12	1738	Thomas Worthington				1	1	46	21-6
13	972	Mason				3	2	45	20-4
14	1606	Wadsworth						15	19-1
15	1498	Strongsville						9	15-4
15	1016	Mentor						9	14-5
17	1020	Miamisburg						8	19-5
18	178	Beavercreek				1		7	20-6
18	1248	Perrysburg						7	16-5
20	118	Anderson						6	19-7
20	1354	St Ignatius						6	19-5
20	836	Lakota East						6	20-9

Coaches 2014 Week 4 Poll Results

Poll Open: Thu May 8 12:00:00 2014

Poll Close: Sun May 11 00:00:00 2014

Division I

Place	ID	School	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Pts	Record
1	1614	Walsh Jesuit	25	1				259	22-0
2	837	Lakota West	2	14	8	2		224	20-3
3	1056	Archbishop Moeller	1	9	10	4	1	210	17-4
4	1470	Springboro			2	4	3	106	19-4
5	680	Grove City			1	1	4	92	19-5
6	740	Hudson		1	3	4	2	90	19-3
7	764	Jackson (Mass.)				3	4	87	17-4
8	1203	Olentangy Liberty		1	1		2	77	20-5
9	522	Elder			1	1	2	54	14-6
10	1248	Perrysburg					1	44	14-4
11	972	Mason				2	1	41	15-4
12	1738	Thomas Worthington		1			2	38	19-3
13	1360	St John's Jesuit			1	2		35	14-2
14	1354	St Ignatius				2	1	34	14-2
15	1346	St Edward				1	2	25	15-5
16	1606	Wadsworth				1	1	22	18-1
17	1671	Westerville Central			1			18	21-3
18	1016	Mentor		1				14	18-3
18	846	Lebanon						14	18-5
20	178	Beavercreek	1	11	18-6				

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Baseball 'Hounds enter tourney on roll

By **FRANK DiRENNA**
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The Grove City High School baseball team entered the Division I district tournament with plenty of momentum.

The Greyhounds had won 16 consecutive games and were 19-5 overall before playing Watkins Memorial in a regular-season game May 13.

Grove City earned the program's third OCC-Ohio Division title in six seasons after winning at Pickerington North 12-0 in five innings May 7 behind pitcher Ben Myers.

Robbie Jobe had two hits and three RBI, and Myers, Tyler Cowles and Dakota Hawkins each added two hits.

Grove City's second game



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After losing 4 on May 5 School so Williams w his team bo three league a share of th sion title.

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2014 OHSAA Boys Baseball Tournament - Division I, State Championships

Region 2 - Dublin

#3 GROVE CITY
(23 - 5) 7

05/29 - 2:00 PM @
Dublin Coffman H.S.

#11 GAHANNA
LINCOLN (15 - 12) 8

#2 POWELL
OLENTANGY
LIBERTY (25 - 5) 8

05/29 - 5:00 PM @
Dublin Coffman H.S.

#14 PICKERINGTON
HS NORTH (18 - 8) 5

#11 GAHANNA
LINCOLN (16 - 12)
8

05/30 - 5:00 PM @
Dublin Coffman H.S.

#2 POWELL
OLENTANGY
LIBERTY (26 - 5)
4

05/30 - 5:00 PM @
Stellar Field - BGSU

#2 LAKEWOOD ST.
EDWARD (17 - 8) 1

05/29 - 5:00 PM @
Cuyahoga Community
College West

#3 NORTH
ROYALTON (19 - 7)
4

#3 NORTH
ROYALTON (20 -
7) 3

GAHANNA
LINCOLN 0
(17 - 12)

06/06 10:00 AM
@ Huntington
Park

NORTH
ROYALTON 3
(21 - 7)

NORTH ROYALTON
(22 - 7) 1

VS.

MASSILLON
JACKSON (25 - 5) 5

MASSILLON
JACKSON (26 - 5)
State Final

CIN. ACHBSHP.
MOELLER 2
(24 - 4)

06/06 1:00 PM
@ Huntington
Park

MASSILLON
JACKSON 4 (24 -
5)

05/31 - 5:00 PM @
University of
Cincinnati

#2 CIN.
ACHBSHP.
MOELLER (23 -
4) 4

Region 4 - Cincinnati

#5 MASON (24 - 4)
5

05/30 - 5:00 PM @
University of Cincinnati

#6 TROY (18 - 10) 0

#2 CIN. ACHBSHP.
MOELLER (22 - 4) 3

05/30 - 8:00 PM @
University of Cincinnati

#1 BEAVERCREEK
(23 - 7) 0

Region 1 - Canton

#1 MENTOR (18 -
5) 2

05/29 - 2:00 PM @
Thurman Munson
Stadium

#1 MASSILLON
JACKSON (22 - 5)
3

05/30 - 5:00 PM @
Thurman Munson
Stadium

#1 AURORA (20 -
8) 1 Innings: 8

05/29 - 5:00 PM @
Thurman Munson
Stadium

#2 HUDSON (24 -
4) 4

#2 HUDSON (25 -
4) 2