

REDS' GREATEST CLUTCH MOMENTS OF THE DECADE

80 TOP MOMENTS OF THE 1980'S

The Reds won 380 spring and summer games throughout the 1980's. That included 222 league wins and 52 postseason wins, including a total of 33 State Tournament wins.

Some of these victories were by significant margins (for example, the Reds 10-runned 151 of their opponents, including 46% of their spring opponents), and the Reds' average score in victories was 11-4 throughout the decade. But many of the games were close (85 of the victories were within 2 runs, 61 of which were decided by a single run), especially late in the season when it mattered most. These games required late-inning heroics, including more than a couple dozen games where the Reds had to come back from deficits in the last couple of innings to win. The Reds' season was at times down to its final strike, but the Reds came through to mount heroic victories.

The Reds of the 1980's had to defeat numerous future pro pitchers, including some that had never lost a high school game prior to facing the Reds in the State Tournament.

Even a number of the games that ended in the Reds' favor by a comfortable margin were only decided after the Reds had "that one inning", where the Reds scored 5 to 12 runs to put away an otherwise tight ballgame. A number of comebacks and late-inning heroics in summer league games and non-rival spring games have been eliminated from below to showcase only the Reds' Top 80 clutch moments of the decade. Of the 80 games listed below, the Reds trailed 30 times (sometimes by as many as 5 to 8 runs), were tied late in the game another 33 times, and had to hold onto 1 or 2 runs leads in nearly all of the other games listed below.

Note: In spring games throughout the 1980's, the Reds played in a District Tournament and typically had to win 1-2 games (though not the championship game, and in some years the Reds were protected to advance to the State Tournament by virtue of winning the league championship) in order to be one of 16 teams to qualify for State, and then played a single-elimination tournament from there. Summer tournaments were similar, though with an 8-team double-elimination District Tournament in which the Reds needed to finish within the top 3-4 teams in order to then advance to an 8-team double-elimination State Tournament. Below are the results from games that were in doubt late or that had the Reds trailing by many runs at any point.

Gm.	Date	Opponent	Game Type	Situation	Result
1	4/5/80	Windsor	Pivotal League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	Hanging on to a 2-1 lead in the top of the 7 th inning, with the potential tying run on 3 rd base with just one out, Steve Stencel entered in relief and struck out the next two batters to give the Reds a 2-1 lead in the 1 st league game of the season. The Reds were vying for their first back-to-back league championships in history, and this game was imperative to send the Reds on to achieve their 2 nd straight league title.
2	4/26/80	Estes Park	Pivotal League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Tied Game	With the league championship on the line, catcher Mike Galloway threw out the potential go-ahead run trying to steal 2 nd base in the top of the 7 th inning, as Steve Stencel then went on to strike out the next batter to end the inning. Stencel then retired the side in order in the 8 th inning, and after allowing the first two batters of the 9 th inning to reach base, Stencel induced three straight popouts to end the scoring threat. In the 10 th inning, the first two batters reached again, but then Stencel struck out a batter, got the next batter to popout to Galloway , and then Galloway threw out the runner trying to advance to 3 rd base to end the inning. The first batter in the 11 th inning also reached base, but Galloway threw him out on a steal attempt before Stencel retired the next two batters. Then in the bottom of the 11 th inning, Bill Kurtz hit a one-out triple, before Stan Bauer singled in the game-winning hit. Stencel struck out 15 batters in the 11-inning complete game win, and faced only 5 batters over the minimum.
3	7/14/80	University	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 5 th Inning Tied Game	With one out in the 5 th inning of a tied game, Steve Stencel singled, then Mark Anderson walked, Bill Kurtz singled, Mike McKay reached on an error, and then Bill Lawhead doubled, Dudley Brown reached on an error, Mike Rosales walked, Joe Intermill walked, Mike Anderson singled and Stencel hit his 2 nd single of the inning as the Reds exploded for 7 runs to take a commanding lead. Stencel then retired the side in order in the top of the 6 th inning, and then the Reds ended the game via the mercy rule as Lawhead doubled, Brown singled, Rosales walked, Intermill singled, Mike Anderson singled and Stencel singled to give the Reds the 11-1 win only one inning after having been tied.

4	7/26/80	Loveland	Legion B District Tournament	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 4	With the Reds going for their first victory in the American Legion Summer State Tournament since Coach Danley and Coach Ervin started coaching at Eaton, Bill Lawhead allowed a leadoff single in the top of the 7 th inning, but then induced a groundout, an infield popout, and finally a strike out to end the game and advance the Reds in the District Tournament.
5	7/26/80	Valley	Legion B District Tournament	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 2	Competing against a team that was clearly the top in the entire area during this era, the Reds entered the top of the 7 th inning with a less-than-safe 2-run lead. With one out, Mike Rosales reached on an error, then Joe Intermill singled, Mike Anderson singled, Steve Stencil reached on an error, Mark Anderson singled, Bill Kurtz walked, Mike McKay walked, Bill Lawhead walked, and Dudley Brown doubled and came around to score as the Reds had 9 consecutive batters reach base safely and score to put the game completely out of reach. Mark Anderson then retired the side in order in the bottom of the 7 th inning as the Reds won their 2 nd game of the Legion District Tournament.
6	3/23/81	Windsor	Pivotal League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	With one out and the Reds trailing by a run in the 6 th inning, Bill Lawhead doubled, then Dudley Brown and Mike Rosales reached on errors to tie the game, before Joe Intermill singled to give the Reds the lead, and Mike Anderson hit a sacrifice fly to give the Reds an insurance run. Steve Stencil then retired the side in order in the 7 th inning for the key league win.
7	4/21/81	Fort Lupton	Key Non-League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Tied Game	After a leadoff double, followed by a strikeout, shortstop Mark Anderson fielded the next groundball and threw out the runner trying to advance as 3 rd baseman Dudley Brown applied the tag. Then with a runner on 2 nd base and two outs, a single was hit back up the middle but centerfielder Mike Anderson threw out the runner at home to end the scoring threat. Then in the bottom of the inning, Bill Kurtz reached on an error, and then after a wild pitch, Mike McKay singled for the game-winning RBI.
8	5/2/81	Berthoud	District Semifinals	Top of 6 th Inning Reds Lead by 2	In the District Semifinals, the Reds' lead had been trimmed to 5-3 before centerfielder Mike Anderson threw out a runner trying to score from 2 nd base on the hit to end the top of the 6 th inning. Then in the 7 th inning, Steve Stencil struck out the side in order on just 10 pitches to advance the Reds in the tournament.
9	5/9/81	Burlington	Regional Semifinal	Bot. of 5 th Inning Reds Lead by 4 Trying to Throw 1 st Postseason No-No	Burlington had ended the Reds' season the previous two years in the State Tournament, but this year, Reds' pitcher Steve Stencil carried a no-hitter into the 5 th inning as the Reds had built up a 6-0 lead. Stencil then struck out the side in the 5 th inning to preserve the no-hitter. In the 6 th inning, Stencil struck out the side in order on just 11 pitches. In the 7 th inning, Stencil struck out the side again in order to advance the Reds on in the State Tournament and to complete the Reds' first postseason no-hitter, recording a remarkable 15 strikeouts, including the final 10 outs of the game, in a pitching performance that 30 years later still is regarded as one of the best ever for the Reds.
10	5/19/81	Holy Family	Regional Championship	Top of 5 th Inning Tied Game	Facing a top pro pitching prospect with a berth to the State Final Four on the line, Steve Stencil allowed no runs through the first 4 innings of the game. In the top of the 5 th inning, Mike Anderson singled, and then stole 2 nd base, and took 3 rd base on a wild pitch. Mark Anderson then walked and stole 2 nd base. Then with two outs, Bill Lawhead singled to score both runners as the Reds took a 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the 5 th inning, Stencil struck out the side in order. Then in the 6 th inning, Stencil stranded runners on 1 st and 2 nd base with a strike out and a groundout he fielded himself to end the inning. In the top of the 7 th inning, Mike Anderson walked, stole 2 nd base, stole 3 rd base, and scored on a 2-out single from Bill Kurtz as the Reds took a 3-0 lead. Then after allowing a run on a sacrifice fly, Stencil induced the next batter to fly out to rightfielder Lawhead to send the Reds on to the Final Four.
11	6/29/81	Greeley West	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	Bill Kurtz led off the bottom of the 7 th inning with a walk, then Mike McKay bunted him over to 2 nd base, before Scott Renfroe singled in the game-tying run. In the top of the 8 th inning, Bill Lawhead retired the side to keep the game tied. Then in the bottom of the 8 th inning, Mike Rosales advanced all the way to third base when he struck out but the ball bounced away from the catcher, who then threw the ball into rightfield as Rosales raced to third base. Bill Kurtz then hit a one-out sacrifice fly to score Rosales for the game-winning run.
12	7/22/81	Valley	Legion B League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 3	In a pivotal game for the Reds as they sought a District Tournament bid against the first place team in the standings, the Reds took a walk, reached on an error, took a hit-by-pitch, and then delivered 3 straight RBI singles, the last of which gave the Reds a one-run lead. Bill Lawhead then retired the side to put the Reds into the District Tournament.

13	7/29/81	Greeley West	Legion B District Tournament	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 5	Down by 5 runs with only 6 outs left, Mike McKay reached on an error, then after another error, Doug Leafgren singled to score McKay . Then after another error and two singles, Bill Kurtz stepped to the plate with the bases loaded, down by one run, with two outs. Kurtz then singled to leftfield to score Mike Rosales and Mike Anderson to give the Reds the lead. The Reds then held Greeley West scoreless in the top of the 7 th inning to advance in the winner's bracket of the District Tournament.
14	4/10/82	Roosevelt	Pivotal League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Red Trail by 2	Trailing 7-6 in the bottom of the 6 th inning, Paul Cordova reached on an error, then Mike Anderson singled, Bill Lawhead walked and Bill Kurtz doubled to clear the bases and take the lead. Then with two outs, David Lawhead singled to score Kurtz for an insurance run. Then in the top of the 7 th inning, Bill Lawhead retired the side in order.
15	4/27/82	University	District Championship	Bot. of 5 th Inning Tied Game	In a 0-0 District Championship Game, David Lawhead reached on a fielder's choice in the 5 th inning before Scott Renfroe singled and then Lawhead scored on a wild pitch with two outs. Bill Lawhead then retired the side in order in the top of the 6 th inning, and then after two quick outs in the 7 th inning, allowed a runner to reach 3 rd base, before striking out the next batter to give the Reds their first District Championship under Coaches Danley and Ervin.
16	7/19/82	Valley	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 5 th Inning Tied Game	Competing for the league championship, Mike Anderson broke a 1-1 tie in the 5 th inning by putting down a bunt single, then stealing 2 nd and 3 rd bases, before scoring on a throwing error. Scott Renfroe then retired the side in the 6 th and 7 th innings to earn a 3-hit, complete-game victory that earned the Reds the summer league championship.
17	8/1/82	Valley	Legion B District Tournament (elimination game)	Bot. of 5 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	Scott Renfroe hit a two-run double in the 5 th inning to tie the game, and then took the lead as Renfroe later scored on an error. Paul Cordova then allowed one run in the top of the 6 th inning that tied the game, before the Reds re-took the lead on a 2-run double from Mike Anderson in the bottom of the 6 th inning to score Ron Crowder and Cordova . Cordova then pitched a scoreless 7 th inning to advance the Reds in the District Tournament.
18	3/21/83	Platte Valley	Pivotal League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Tied Game	In a 0-0 league game, the Reds led off the 7 th inning with David Lawhead drawing a walk, then Mike Anderson walked, and Scott Renfroe put down a sacrifice bunt to move the runners to 2 nd and 3 rd base. Then with two outs, Paul Cordova singled to give the Reds a 2-0 lead. Then Renfroe picked off the leadoff batter after he reached in the bottom of the 7 th inning, and then retired the next two batters for the key league win.
19	3/28/83	Windsor	Pivotal League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	With one out in the 7 th inning and no one on base, Pat McKay singled, then Doug Leafgren singled, before both moved up on a passed ball. Ron Crowder then delivered a single up the middle and advanced to 2 nd base as the centerfielder misplayed the ball as the Reds tied the game. Then after a sacrifice fly moved courtesy runner Terry Specht to 3 rd base, with two outs, David Lawhead singled to score the game-winning run.
20	4/2/83	Estes Park	Pivotal League Game	Bot. of 5 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	Pat McKay led off the 5 th inning with a single, and then after a passed ball, scored on a single from Doug Leafgren to tie the game. Mike Rosales then retired the side in order in the top of the 6 th inning, before Mike Anderson led off the bottom half of the inning with a walk, then stole 2 nd base and stole 3 rd base, before scoring on a passed ball to take a 2-1 lead. Rosales then retired the side in order in the top of the 7 th inning to complete the win.
21	4/25/83	Highland	Pivotal League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	Holding onto a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the 7 th inning, Mike Anderson took the mound in relief, and with runners on 2 nd and 3 rd base, Anderson induced a groundout that first baseman Mike McKay fielded and prevented the runners from advancing, then Anderson picked off the runner from 2 nd base, and then struck out the next batter to hang on for the close win.
22	4/30/83	Valley	District Championship Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	Competing for the District Championship, the Reds led by only a run with runners on 1 st and 2 nd base, when Mike Anderson took the mound in relief and struck out the next batter, and then after a hit-by-pitch loaded the bases, Anderson struck out the next batter on just 3 pitches to give the Reds the District Title.
23	5/14/83	Florence	Regional Championship	Bot. of 4 th Inning Tied Game	After Scott Renfroe had held Florence scoreless through the first 4 innings, Mike McKay singled with one out, then Pat McKay singled, and Doug Leafgren singled to knock in Mike McKay to take a 1-0 lead. Renfroe then retired the side in order in the top of the 5 th inning. In the 6 th inning, with runners on 2 nd and 3 rd base, catcher Pat McKay threw out the runner at 3 rd base for the 2 nd out before Mike Anderson entered in relief and struck out the next batter on 3 pitches. Then in the 7 th inning, after a strikeout, a walk and stolen base and fielder's choice put the tying run on 3 rd base with two outs, Anderson struck out the next batter on a full-count pitch to send the Reds to the Final Four.

24	5/21/83	Trinidad	State Semifinals	Top of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	With the season on the line in the State Semifinals, Ron Crowder walked with one out, then Paul Cordova reached on an error, Mike Rosales singled, David Lawhead walked to tie the game, Mike Anderson reached on an error, then Scott Renfroe singled to put the Reds ahead by 2 runs, before Renfroe stole 2 nd base and scored on a fielder's choice to give the Reds a 4-run lead. After allowing a run in the bottom of the 6 th inning, Cordova induced a lineout to centerfielder Anderson to strand two runners. Then in the bottom of the 7 th inning, with runners on 1 st and 2 nd base, Anderson took the mound and induced a groundout and then after a strikeout, picked off the runner from 1 st base to end the game and send the Reds to their first appearance in the State Championship Game.
25	6/14/83	Boulder Fairview	Legion B Non-League Game	Bot. of 5 th Inning Tied Game	With the Reds tied in the 5 th inning at 1-1, Doug Leafgren led off with a triple, then Scott Renfroe doubled in the go-ahead run, Ron Crowder knocked in Renfroe with a single, and then Brad Grauberger reached on an error with two outs that scored another run as the Reds took a 3-1 lead. Grauberger then stranded runners on 2 nd and 3 rd base with a groundout and a flyout to end the scoring threat. Then in the 7 th inning, Grauberger struck out the first two batters and then induced a groundout to end the game as the Reds defeated the much larger school.
26	6/29/83	Valley	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 5 th Inning Tied Game	Scott Renfroe led off the bottom of the 5 th inning with a triple, then with one out, Ron Crowder walked, Brad Grauberger singled, Dan Gilbert took a hit-by-pitch, Terry Specht walked, and then with two outs, Randy Cordova walked, and Doug Leafgren reached on an error that put the Reds ahead by 6 runs. Renfroe then struck out two batters and picked off a runner in the top of the 6 th inning. In the bottom half of the inning, Mike McKay reached on a single, Crowder tripled, Gilbert doubled and then with two outs, Rick Kress reached on an error, Cordova reached on an error, and Leafgren doubled to end the game via the mercy-rule, only one inning after the game had been locked in a tie.
27	7/27/83	Boulder	Legion B District Tournament	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 3	Down by 3 runs in the District Tournament, Doug Leafgren led off the bottom of the 6 th inning with a walk, then Scott Renfroe singled, and both runners scored on singles from Ron Crowder and Brad Grauberger to bring the Reds within a run. Renfroe then retired 3 of 4 batters in the top of the 7 th inning. Rick Kress then reached on an error, Randy Cordova walked and Leafgren singled to tie the game. Then with two outs, Pat McKay hit the game-winning single to advance the Reds in Districts.
28	3/26/84	Platte Valley	Pivotal League Game	Top of 6 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	Scott Renfroe faced a bases-loaded two-out situation in the top of the 6 th inning where the Reds had only a 1-run lead, before he picked to 2 nd base and shortstop Paul Cordova applied the tag to end the scoring threat. Then in the 7 th inning, Renfroe struck out the side in order to give the Reds' a key league victory.
29	5/12/84	Mapleton	Regional Semifinal	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	In the State Tournament, Mike Rosales held onto only a 1-run lead with two outs and runners on 2 nd and 3 rd base, but then struck out the cleanup batter to end the game and send the Reds on to the Regional Championship.
30	6/11/84	Roosevelt	Legion B League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	In a heated environment in which Coach Danley was ejected for just the 2 nd time of his career, the Reds were trailing 6-4 in the 5 th inning when Brad Grauberger hit a 3-run home run to give the Reds the lead. The Reds then exploded to reach 15 hits and capitalize on 11 Roosevelt errors to give the Reds a 20-7 win in 6 innings.
31	6/18/84	Valley	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	With a one-run lead, Brad Grauberger retired the side in the bottom of the 7 th inning to secure the 4-3 win against a team that had been the top baseball team in the area over the previous couple of decades. While it's impossible to point to one game or one season as the turning point in a rivalry, it is true that 1984 marked the first year in history in which Eaton went undefeated against Valley in spring and summer games, and prior to this season (from 1972 to 1983), the Reds won only 18 of 48 games (.375 win pct.), and since the start of 1984, the Reds have won or tied 60 of 87 games (.684 win pct.) since that time, going into the 2010 season.
32	7/16/84	Fort Morgan	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	With the Reds trailing Fort Morgan by one game in the league standings, and trailing by one run in the 7 th inning, Scott Renfroe stepped up and hit a 2-RBI triple for the game-winner.
33	7/19/84	Valley	Legion B League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Tied Game	The Reds held on to first place in the league standings as Eric Richardson took the mound in relief and retired the side in the top of the 7 th inning, before the Reds took advantage of walks and errors to win the game in the bottom of the inning.
34	7/26/84	Greeley West	Legion B District Tournament	Bot. of 5 th Inning Tied Game	Not yet having even set foot in high school, 8 th grader Randy Cordova stepped up and singled with two outs to knock in 2 runs in the 5 th inning to give the Reds the lead. Eric Richardson then finished the complete game win on the mound as the Reds advanced in the District Tournament.

35	3/26/85	Rocky Mountain	Key Non-League Game	Top of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 4	The Reds had trailed 9-0 after only one inning in this game, but then the Reds fought back to get within 4 runs going into the 6 th inning. The opponent's field didn't have lights though, so the Reds knew they may only get 6 innings in before darkness ended the game. Brad Grauberger then led off with a walk, Terry Specht walked, and then Ron Crowder hit a one-out double, Pat McKay walked, Dan Gilbert doubled, Paul Friesen walked, and then with two outs, Bobby Ervin singled as the Reds tied the game. Grauberger then singled in the go-ahead run, and Specht reached on an error to keep the rally going, before Scott Renfroe singled and Crowder walked and scored after a stolen base and two passed balls as the Reds took a 16-9 lead, scoring their 11 th run of the inning and their 16 th unanswered run. Grauberger then allowed a leadoff double, but then struck out the next 3 batters for the win, as the game would continue only briefly into the 7 th inning before being called due to darkness and reverting back to the 6 th inning score.
36	4/30/85	University	Pivotal League Game (Game 1 of DH)	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	With a 2-1 lead in the 5 th inning, Scott Renfroe tripled, then Ron Crowder reached on an error, and then with two outs, Dan Gilbert walked, Bobby Ervin doubled, and Mike Herzberg singled to take a commanding lead. Renfroe then retired three straight batters after a leadoff walk to end the 5 th inning. In the 6 th inning, Renfroe stranded the bases loaded with an infield popout to maintain the 5-run lead. Then in the 7 th inning, after allowing one run on 3 hits, Renfroe retired 2 of the next 3 batters to hold on for the win.
37	4/30/85	University	Pivotal League Game (Game 2 of DH)	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	With a 1-0 lead in the 7 th inning, Terry Specht drew a one-out walk and then stole 2 nd base and advanced to 3 rd base on a wild pitch before Scott Renfroe drew a 2-out walk. Ron Crowder then fouled off a 2-2 pitch before hitting a 3-run home run to give the Reds a commanding lead. Scott Renfroe then retired the side in order on 3 flyouts to give the Reds' control over the top of the league standings.
38	5/18/85	University	District Tournament Championship	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Lead by 2	With a 2-run lead in the District Championship Game, Scott Renfroe led off with a walk and then courtesy runner Eric Garretson advanced to 3 rd base on a double by Ron Crowder , before Paul Friesen walked to load the bases, and Randy Cordova singled to knock in an insurance run. Bobby Ervin then hit a sacrifice fly to score Crowder and give the Reds a 4-0 lead. Renfroe then stranded a runner on 2 nd base with a strikeout in the 5 th inning. Pat McKay then singled in the top of the 6 th inning, Renfroe walked, and Crowder singled to score another run. Renfroe then retired the side in order in the 6 th inning, as shortstop Mike Herzberg fielded a ball that hit off of Renfroe and threw to first base in time for the first out of that inning. In the 7 th inning, Renfroe retired 3 of 4 batters to earn his 10 th win of the season and 3 rd win of the season against University.
39	5/25/85	Mapleton	Regional Semifinal	Bot. of 5 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	Trailing 3-2, Dan Gilbert led off the bottom of the 5 th inning with a single, then Terry Specht drew a one-out walk, and with two outs, Renfroe singled to knock in 2 runs to put the Reds ahead by a run. Renfroe then retired 3 of 4 batters in the 6 th inning to strand a runner at 1 st base, before striking out two batters in the 7 th inning and then inducing a groundout to third baseman Bobby Ervin to end the game.
40	6/1/85	Lamar	Regional Championship	Top of 7 th Inning Tied Game	Facing a pitcher that would go on to have a 15+ year Major League career, the Reds were tied in the top of the 7 th inning when a leadoff double put the game at risk, but then Scott Renfroe induced a groundout that moved the runner to 3 rd base, before a strikeout and flyout ended the scoring threat. Then in the bottom of the 7 th inning, Dan Gilbert hit a one-out single and pinch runner Mike Herzberg then advanced to 2 nd base on a single by Brad Grauberger . Renfroe then stepped up and singled to score Herzberg and send the Reds to arguably their most exciting big game win of the decade. The win marked the 45 th consecutive victory on the Reds' home field, in a streak that would go on to reach 50 straight games, an Eaton record that still stands to this day.
41	6/23/85	Yuma	Legion B Non-League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	With the game on the line, Mike Herzberg singled, and then with one out, Steve Graff singled to score Herzberg after a wild pitch. Ron Crowder then walked, Bobby Ervin walked, and Graff scored on a wild pitch to tie the game. Crowder then struck out two batters and picked off a runner to send the game into extra innings. In the top of the 8 th inning, Lance Mosness walked, Eric Garretson walked, Graff reached on an error, then Crowder reached on an error as the Reds took the lead, followed by an intentional walk to Ervin and then a two-out walk to Terry Specht brought in the Reds' 3 rd run of the inning. Crowder then struck out the side in order to end the game.
42	7/1/85	Boulder	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	With the game on the line, Adam Kaiser hit a one-out single, then Shane Brown singled, and then with two outs, Eric Garretson singled and Randy Cordova reached on an error that scored the tying run to send the game into extra innings. Randy Cordova then retired the side in order in the top of the 8 th inning, before Bobby Ervin singled to lead off the bottom half of the inning, then after a passed ball, Ervin scored all the way from 2 nd base on a wild pitch to win the game.

43	7/3/85	Fort Collins	Legion B Non-League Game	Extra Innings Tied Game	With two outs in the top of the 8 th inning, Terry Specht walked and stole 2 nd base, before scoring on a double from Randy Cordova to take the lead. Cordova then struck out the side in order in the bottom of the 8 th inning for the win.
44	7/7/85	Brush	Legion B League Game (Game 1 of DH)	Extra Innings Tied Game	Steve Graff led off the top of the 9 th inning with a single, then Randy Cordova doubled and Paul Friesen singled to give the Reds a one-run lead. Then after a leadoff single in the bottom of the 9 th inning, catcher Graff threw out the leadoff hitter attempting to steal 2 nd base for the first out of the inning. Cordova then struck out the next two batters to secure the victory.
45	7/7/85	Brush	Legion B Non-League Game (Game 2 of DH)	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	In the 2 nd game of the day against Brush that would be decided in the 7 th inning or later, the Reds trailed by 2 runs before Randy Cordova singled, then Steve Graff reached on a fielder's choice before Paul Friesen walked and Shane Brown doubled to bring the Reds within a run. Then Ron Crowder singled to tie the game, then Lance Mosness and Eric Garretson walked to bring in the go-ahead run. Crowder then retired the side in order in the bottom of the 7 th inning to end the game.
46	7/22/85	Highland	Legion B League Game	Top of 6 th Inning Tied Game	With a district tournament berth on the line for the Reds, Eric Garretson led off the 6 th inning with a double, then Randy Cordova reached on an error, Steve Graff then singled and Ron Crowder hit a 3-run home run to give the Reds a commanding lead. Crowder then retired 3 of 4 batters in the bottom of the 6 th inning, before Cordova singled and scored another insurance run in the top of the 7 th inning. Crowder then allowed one run, but retired the final two batters in the 7 th inning to end the game.
47	4/26/86	University	Pivotal League Game (Game 1 of DH)	Extra Innings Tied Game	Randy Cordova retired 3 of 4 batters in the top of the 8 th inning to strand a runner at first base in this pivotal league game. Then in the bottom half of the inning, Shane Brown led off with a double, then Adam Kaiser took a hit-by-pitch, and with one out, Bobby Ervin singled in the game-winning run.
48	4/26/86 completed 4/28/86	University	Pivotal League Game (Game 2 of DH)	Bot. of 4 th Inning Reds Trail by 8	After having won the first game of the doubleheader in a pitcher's duel, the Reds found themselves down 12-4 in the 4 th inning. Shane Brown then led off with a walk, Jim Reeman singled, Eric Garretson walked, Bobby Ervin doubled, Adam Kaiser walked, and Randy Cordova hit a grand slam to bring the Reds within two runs. Then with one out, Mike Herzberg reached on an error, Ron Crowder walked, Brown singled, Reeman walked, and then with two outs Ervin reached on an error to complete the 9-run inning that gave the Reds a 1-run lead. Then after 3 runs in the top of the 5 th inning gave the lead back to University, the game was delayed due to snow. The game resumed two days later, and after Ervin struck out the first batter, Cordova took the mound and retired the next two batters to end the top of the 5 th inning. In the bottom of the 5 th inning, Cordova walked, Herzberg drew a one-out walk, Crowder walked, Brown walked to tie the game, and Reeman hit a sacrifice fly that gave the Reds the lead once again. With two outs, Garretson then singled, Ervin singled, and Kaiser doubled as the Reds took a 20-15 lead. Cordova then allowed one run in the 6 th inning before a double play turned by 2 nd baseman Garretson and shortstop Herzberg ended the scoring threat. In the bottom of the 6 th inning, Terry Specht walked and came around to score on a sacrifice fly by Crowder before Cordova pitched a scoreless top of the 7 th inning.
49	5/3/86	Windsor	Pivotal League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Tied Game	With two outs in the 5 th inning, Jim Reeman walked, Eric Garretson walked, Bobby Ervin reached base, Steve Graff singled, Randy Cordova walked and Terry Specht hit a double as the Reds took a 5-run lead. Cordova then retired 3 of 4 batters in the bottom of the 5 th inning. Then in the top of the 6 th inning, Ron Crowder hit a solo home run for another insurance run. Then after allowing 2 runs in the bottom of the 6 th inning, Cordova worked out of the inning with a groundout to shortstop Mike Herzberg , and then struck out 2 batters and induced a flyout to end the game in the 7 th inning.
50	6/12/86	Fort Collins	Legion B League Game	Extra Innings Tied Game	With the game tied in the bottom of the 8 th inning, Bobby Ervin singled to lead off the inning. Then Randy Cordova singled, and Steve Graff hit a hard grounder at the shortstop that bounced into the outfield to allow Ervin to score the game-winning run. Ervin also got the win on the mound with 10 strikeouts in the complete game win.
51	6/26/86	Greeley West	Legion B League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	The Reds were down to their final strike in the 7 th inning, with a runner on 1 st base and two outs, then Mike Broyles struck out for what would have ended the game, but the ball bounced away from the catcher and he reached 1 st base before a throw could be made. Bobby Ervin raced all the way from 1 st base to 3 rd base on the play. Adam Kaiser then singled to score Ervin , and Joey Haythorn singled to score Broyles to tie the game. Kaiser then came around to score the go-ahead run. Randy Cordova then retired the side in the bottom of the 7 th inning for the win.

52	6/30/86	Valley	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	<p>Joey Haythorn hit a two-out single in the 6th inning, before pinch runner Craig Kindsfater stole 2nd base, and Eric Garretson doubled to score Kindsfater as the Reds added a key insurance run. Then in the top of the 7th inning, Cordova recorded his 12th strikeout of the game, in completing the 1-hitter by retiring the side to end the game.</p>
53	7/1/86	University	Legion B Non-League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Trail by 4	<p>With the Reds trailing by 4 runs, Eric Garretson led off the 5th inning with a walk, then Bobby Ervin and Adam Kaiser singled, then Steve Graff singled to knock in a run, before the Reds drew 4 straight bases-loaded RBI walks to put the Reds ahead by a run. Ervin then entered in relief in the 6th inning and held University scoreless for two innings to save the game.</p>
54	7/24/86	Greeley Central	Legion B District Tournament	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 3	<p>With two runners on base and the potential tying run at the plate, catcher Steve Graff threw out the runner trying to advance to 3rd base on the ball thrown into the dirt, ending the game and advancing the Reds in the Legion District Tournament.</p>
55	7/25/86	Longmont	Legion B District Tournament	Top of 7 th Inning Tied Game	<p>Tied in the top of the 7th inning in the District Tournament, Eric Garretson and Jim Reeman walked and then advanced on a passed ball, before Steve Graff singled on an 0-2 pitch to score both runners. Then in the bottom of the 7th inning, after one unearned run had scored and runners were on 1st and 2nd base, Randy Cordova threw a 3-2 fastball for a called strikeout to end the game and advance the Reds in the District Tournament.</p>
56	7/27/86	Valley	Legion B District Tournament (elimination game)	Top of 5 th Inning Tied Game	<p>With a berth to the State Tournament at stake, the Reds broke open a tied game in the 5th inning as Jim Reeman, Bobby Ervin, Randy Cordova and Adam Kaiser all singled to score 3 runs. Eric Garretson then knocked in another insurance run in the 6th inning, as Randy Cordova limited Valley to just 2 runs the rest of the way, as the Reds qualified for the Legion State Tournament for the first time since Coaches Danley and Ervin started coaching at Eaton.</p>
57	7/31/86	Lakewood	Legion B State Tournament	Bot. of 4 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	<p>With Eric Garretson on 2nd base, Bobby Ervin hit his first home run of the summer to give the Reds a 7-6 lead. Randy Cordova then retired the side in order in the 4th, 5th, and 6th innings. In the 7th inning, after recording two quick outs, a single and a double put the tying and go-ahead runs in scoring position, before Cordova struck out the next batter for the Reds' first Legion State Tournament win in more than 20 years.</p>
58	4/18/87	University	Pivotal League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Tied Game	<p>Mike Herzberg led off the 7th inning with a single, and then advanced on an error, and scored on a sacrifice fly from Randy Cordova to score the go-ahead run. Then after the first two batters reached, Cordova struck out the next two batters, and then after a walk loaded the bases, Cordova induced a flyout to rightfielder Jim Reeman to end the game.</p>
59	5/16/87	Yuma	District Semifinals	Extra Innings Tied Game	<p>In a 0-0 playoff game, Randy Cordova struck out the first batter of the 8th inning, and then after a walk, induced two groundouts to end the top half of the inning. Then in the bottom half of the inning, Cordova singled, and then courtesy runner Craig Kindsfater stole 2nd base, and then scored on a single from Adam Kaiser on an 0-2 pitch for the game-winner.</p>
60	5/16/87	Brush	District Championship	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	<p>After the Reds had already come back from a 2-0 deficit in the 1st inning to take the lead, but then seen their lead cut to only a run in the 4th inning, with one out in the bottom of the 6th inning, Bobby Ervin singled, and then with two outs, Mike Templeman hit a home run to give the Reds a commanding 3-run lead. Randy Cordova then retired the side in order in the 7th inning to earn the Reds the District Championship.</p>
61	5/23/87	Sheridan	Regional Semifinal	Bot. of 4 th Inning Tied Game	<p>In a 0-0 Regional Semifinal played at Eaton, Bobby Ervin singled to lead off the 4th inning, but then was out at 2nd base on a groundout by Randy Cordova. Cordova then moved into scoring position as Mike Templeman fouled off a 2-strike pitch before walking, and then a wild pitch moved both runners up a base. Adam Kaiser then singled to score both runs. Then in the top of the 5th inning, Cordova retired 3 of 4 batters, and did so again in the 6th inning to hold on to a 2-0 lead. Then in the 7th inning, after the first two batters reached base, Cordova struck out the next batter, and then induced a flyout to leftfielder Templeman followed by a flyout to rightfielder Jim Reeman to send the Reds on in the State Tournament.</p>
62	7/23/87	Valley	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Tied Game	<p>With the summer league title on the line in the bottom of the 7th inning, Marc Gustafson reached base and came around to score on a groundball where he beat the throw to the plate for the win. Randy Cordova earned the win with 13 strikeouts in the complete-game win.</p>
63	7/26/87	Berthoud	Legion B Non-League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	<p>The Reds won their 3rd straight game by a single run in the final inning as Dino Nolin stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and two outs, with the Reds still trailing by a run, before he got down to a 2-strike count, but then came through with a single on the next pitch to knock in 2 runs for the game winner.</p>

64	4/23/88	Brush	Pivotal League Game	Bot. of 5 th Inning Tied Game	With the league championship on the line, Jim Reeman singled and advanced to 2 nd base on a wild pitch. Then Randy Cordova fouled off a 2-strike pitch before walking, and then Henry Hissrich reached on an error that brought Reeman in to score. Ray Garza then struck out the first batter of the 6 th inning, and then after a walk, first baseman Joey Haythorn caught a line drive and raced to first base in time for the inning-ending double-play. Then in the 7 th inning, after a flyout and a single, Garza induced a groundball to shortstop Jeff Sutter who threw to 2 nd baseman Gary Ervin who threw to Haythorn for the game-ending double-play.
65	5/6/88	Highland	District Quarterfinal (elimination game)	Bot. of 5 th Inning Reds Trail by 5	In the wildest game of the decade, and quite possibly in the history of Eaton Baseball, the Reds found themselves trailing Highland 22-17 after the worst inning in Eaton history brought in 16 Highland runs in the top of the 5 th inning. Dino Nolin then led off the bottom of the 5 th inning by reaching on an error. Jim Reeman then singled, and Randy Cordova singled, before Henry Hissrich and Craig Kindsfater singled, and Ray Garza reached on an error to bring the Reds within 2 runs. Ray Garza then retired 3 of 4 batters in the top of the 6 th inning, and did so again in the top of the 7 th inning. Then in the bottom of the 7 th inning, still trailing by 3 runs, Kindsfater led off with a single, then Garza walked, Joey Haythorn singled, and then Matt Ehn drew a 1-out walk to bring the Reds within a run, before Nolin drew a walk and Reeman singled to score 2 runs for the game-winner.
66	6/20/88	Broomfield	Legion B Non-League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Tied Game	Competing against a much larger Denver school, Ryan Fortune stepped up in the bottom of the 6 th inning and hit a ball that landed 430 feet away in dead centerfield (the Reds' centerfield fence was over 500 feet away at the old field) to give the Reds a 2-run lead. Ray Garza then retired the side in the top of the 7 th inning to end the game.
67	7/5/88	Longmont	Legion B Non-League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Tied Game	Tied 4-4 in the bottom of the 7 th inning, Henry Hissrich drove in the game-winning RBI as the Reds improved to a 19-1 record on the season.
68	7/9/88	Loveland	Legion B Non-League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	Trailing by a run in the 6 th inning, Ryan Fortune delivered the go-ahead runs with a two-out double. Ray Garza then retired the side in the 7 th inning to earn the complete game win.
69	7/21/88	Loveland	Legion B Non-League Game	Top of 6 th Inning Tied Game	In an era where contact with the catcher on a close play at the plate was expected and still allowed by rule, the Reds broke a 0-0 tie as Henry Hissrich singled home Mike Carlson from 2 nd base, with Carlson going in hard to the plate and dislodging the ball to score the run. Ray Garza then took the mound in relief after 6 solid innings from Gary Ervin , and retired the side for the 1-0 win.
70	7/30/88	Loveland	Legion B District Tournament (elimination game)	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 5	With a berth to the State Tournament at stake in this elimination game in the District Tournament, the Reds had to mount one of their best 7 th inning rallies of the decade that was capped off with Ray Garza delivering a two-out single to give the Reds the lead. Garza then took the mound in the bottom of the 7 th inning and retired the final two batters to earn the win and send the Reds on to their 2 nd Legion State Tournament of the era. The win gave the Reds a 31-3 record at the time, as the '88 team still holds the 2 nd highest summer win percentage in Eaton history.
71	3/18/89	Highland	League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	Trailing 2-1 to a team that hadn't beaten them in over a decade in the spring season, Craig Kindsfater led off the top of the 6 th inning with a walk and then stole 2 nd base before Jeff Sutter reached on an error. Then with one out, Ryan Fortune doubled to score both runs and give the Reds the lead, before Ray Garza reached on an error that knocked in Fortune . Howard Hissrich then singled to knock in Garza as the Reds took a 3-run lead. Garza then retired the side in order in the 7 th inning to end the game.
72	4/8/89	Windsor	Pivotal League Game	Bot. of 5 th Inning Tied Game	In a 0-0 game in the 5 th inning, Collin Moody hit a two-out single and then stole 2 nd base, before Henry Hissrich singled to score Moody . Ray Garza then retired 3 of 4 batters in the 6 th inning, before Garza reached on an error and scored on a triple by Jeff Sutter to add an insurance run in the bottom of the 6 th inning. Garza then retired 3 of 4 batters to strand the potential tying run on 1 st base to end the game.
73	4/15/89	Brush	Pivotal League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	With a 2-1 lead in the 5 th inning, the Reds added 3 key insurance runs as Jeff Sutter singled, Brad Schmeh walked, Gary Ervin singled, and the with two outs, Collin Moody walked, and Henry Hissrich doubled. After 3 runs scored in the bottom of the 5 th inning to cut the Reds lead to a single run, Ray Garza struck out the final two batters of the inning. Garza then struck out the side in the 6 th inning, and then fielded a groundball himself for an out in the 7 th inning, before striking out the next two batters, to literally retire the final 8 batters of the game on his own to earn the win.
74	4/29/89	Platte Valley	Pivotal League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	With the league title on the line and the Reds holding just a 1-run lead, Henry Hissrich walked, Ray Garza singled, and Todd Hernandez singled to knock in an insurance run. Then Jeff Sutter reached on an error that led to another run. Garza then struck out the side in the 5 th inning, and struck out two more batters in the 6 th inning and induced a groundout to end the inning. Garza then struck out the side in order in the 7 th inning for the win that earned the Reds the League Championship.

75	5/6/89	Yuma	District Semifinal	Top of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	Trailing by 2 runs in the District Tournament, Howard Hissrich led off with a walk, then Gary Ervin singled before Mike Carlson reached on an error to load the bases. Craig Kindsfater then doubled to knock in 2 runs, before Brad Schmeh singled and Henry Hissrich hit a home run to give the Reds a 4-run lead. Ray Garza then retired 3 of 4 batters in the 6 th inning, before retiring the side in order in the 7 th inning to advance the Reds in the District Tournament.
76	5/13/89	Denver Christian	Regional Semifinal	Top of 6 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	With a 2-1 lead, after a triple put the potential tying run on 3 rd base, Ray Garza took the mound in relief and struck out the next batter to end the scoring threat. Garza then induced a groundout to first baseman Todd Hernandez and then struck out the next two batters to end the game and send the Reds on to the Regional Championship.
77	7/2/89	Greeley Central	Legion B Non-League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Tied Game	With the game tied in the bottom of the 7 th inning, Ryan Fortune singled and took 2 nd base before Brad Schmeh was intentionally walked. Then with two outs, Travis Hamilton delivered a single for the game-winning hit.
78	7/19/89	Boulder	Legion B Non-League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	Trailing 13-11 in the bottom of the 7 th inning, Brad Schmeh hit an RBI single to cut the deficit to 1 run, before Todd Hernandez singled to knock in two runs for the game-winning hit.
79	7/23/89	Valley	Legion B League Game	Extra Innings Tied Game	With the league title at stake, Josh Schneider led off the bottom of the 9 th inning with a walk, and then advanced to third base on a single from Steve Booth . Pitcher Ken Ayers then hit a sacrifice fly on the next pitch to win the game and wrap up the league title for the Reds.
80	7/28/89	Longmont	Legion B District Tournament (elimination game)	Bot. of 6th Inning Reds Trail by 1	With the season on the line, Collin Moody led off the bottom of the 6 th inning with a single, then Jeff Sutter walked, and Brad Schmeh singled to tie the game. Ryan Fortune then walked, Josh Schneider knocked in the go-ahead run on a fielder's choice, and then Ken Ayers drove in a couple of insurance runs on a ball that wasn't fielded cleanly. Sutter then retired 2 of the final 3 hitters of the 7 th inning as the Reds held on for a one-run lead as he stranded the potential tying run on 1 st base to advance the Reds in the District Tournament.

