

REDS' GREATEST CLUTCH MOMENTS OF THE DECADE

60 TOP MOMENTS OF THE 1960'S

Before We Wore Pinstripes – the Reds did not wear The Pinstripes before 1972

Eaton Baseball First Started in the Spring of 1958, with Summer Games Starting in 1959

The Reds won 181 spring and summer games from the spring of 1958 through the summer of 1971, despite playing far fewer spring and summer games than the Reds have in decades since. That included 123 league wins and 7 State Tournament wins.

Some of these victories were by significant margins. But many of the games were close, especially late in the season when it mattered most. These games required late-inning heroics, including a number of 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.

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 8 runs to put away an otherwise tight ballgame.

Note: In spring games throughout the 1960's, the Reds had to win the league title in order to advance to the 8-team single-elimination State Tournament, there was no district tournament. In summer games, the Reds had to win the league title to advance to the State Tournament that included a best-of-three game series format for the 8 teams that qualified. Below are the results from games that were in doubt late or that had the Reds trailing by many runs at any point. Scorebooks were not preserved from this era, and thus the details are provided by limited details in newspaper accounts.

Gm.	Date	Opponent	Game Type	Situation	Result
1	6/14/59	Platteville	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning History-Making Strikeout Total at Stake	In the Reds' first summer game in history, Norm Blehm had struck out 17 batters through the first 6 innings, allowing just two hits and one walk. Blehm then took the mound in the 7 th inning and struck out the side in order to record his historic 20 th strikeout. While this was only the Reds' first summer game in history, and despite the more than 2,000 spring and summer games played since, only one Red, Norm's brother Don, in 1963, has ever struck out as many batters in a 7-inning game since.
2	7/7/59	La Salle	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning No-Hitter at Stake	Norm Blehm had a no-hitter through 6 innings against La Salle in a pivotal Legion B league game. In the 7 th inning, Blehm took the mound and retired the side in order to throw the first no-hitter in Eaton history, striking out 16 batters in the game.
3	7/16/59	Evans	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Tied Game	Tied in the bottom of the 7 th inning, Dusty Rhoades drew a leadoff walk, then Skip Bass took a hit-by-pitch to move Rhoades into scoring position. After a wild pitch moved both runners up, a passed ball allowed Rhoades to score the game-winning run. Norm Blehm delivered yet another complete-game performance for the Reds on the mound, en route to pitching every inning all summer for the Reds in their 9 games played.
4	7/19/59	Boulder	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	The Reds were trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the 7 th inning despite a 2-hit shutout from Norm Blehm . The Reds were having a no-hitter thrown at them until Mark Johnson delivered a single to break up the no-no and bring Blehm to the plate with a chance to win the game, which he did with a walk-off home run to give the Reds the 2-1 win over the much larger school.
5	4/9/60	Craig	Non-League Game	Bot. of 3 rd Inning Reds Trail by 1 Reds 1 st Spring Victory in History at Stake	Ron Pappenheim threw a complete-game victory to earn the Reds' first spring victory in Eaton history. Trailing 2-1 in the 3 rd inning, Mark Johnson walked, Warren Miller tripled him home, and Norm Blehm doubled and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Jim Johnson . Then with the bases loaded and the opponent threatening in the fifth inning, Pappenheim induced a ground ball to shortstop Duane Churchwell thrown to second baseman Alan Beede and then to first baseman Jack Brunz to complete the double play and end the scoring threat. The Reds then added two insurance runs in the bottom of the 5 th inning as Miller singled and Rick Whitham hit a home run to give the Reds a commanding 6-2 lead as the Reds went on to win 6-3 for the Reds' first spring victory in history.

6	4/23/60	Grover	Non-League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Tied Game Reds' 1 st Spring Road Victory in History at Stake	With Ron Pappenheim throwing what would become a complete-game two hitter, the Reds were tied 3-3 going into the 5 th inning until Norm Blehm hit a 2-run home run to give the Reds the lead. Blehm had 3 hits on the day, and John Busch had four hits, while Pappenheim struck out 12 batters in the win. The Reds added 4 insurance runs in the 6 th inning and went on to win 10-3. This was the Reds' first win in a spring game on the road in history.
7	4/30/60	Fort Lupton	Reds' 1 st League Victory	Top of 6 th Inning Tied Game	With no score through 5 innings, the Reds led off the top of the 6 th inning as Mark Johnson doubled and Rick Whitham and Ron Pappenheim singled to score two runs for the Reds. Then in the top of the 7 th inning, the Reds increased the lead to 6-0 led by doubles from Warren Miller and Norm Blehm . Blehm then closed out the win on the mound, completing the 4-hit win for the Reds' first league victory in history. This win also prevented Fort Lupton from claiming the league title and put them into a tiebreaker game that they would go on to lose, so while the Reds did not advance to the postseason, this was their first experience in a playoff atmosphere, and the Reds prevailed.
8	6/7/60	Frederick	Legion B League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Tied Game	In a 0-0 pitcher's duel in the 5 th inning, Rick Whitham hit a bases-loaded double to give the Reds a 2-0 lead, before Buzz Allison singled home two more runs to increase the lead to 4-0. Norm Blehm then continued his 2-hit shutout performance into the 7 th inning, before Whitham doubled in two more insurance runs in the top of the 7 th inning as the Reds took a 6-0 lead. Blehm then retired the side for the complete-game 2-hit shutout.
9	6/18/60	Greeley Elks	Legion B League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 1 No-Hitter at Stake	In one of the great pitchers' duels in Eaton history, the Reds had only managed two hits and one run through 6 innings, but the Reds' Norm Blehm hadn't allowed a single hit through 6 innings. He then took the mound in the 7 th inning and retired the side in order to finish the 1-0 victory and earn the no-hitter. After allowing a walk in the first inning, Blehm retired the next 21 batters in order. The Reds scored their run in the 2 nd inning as John Busch drew a walk, stole 2 nd base, advanced to third base on a groundball hit by Jack Brunz , and then scored on an errant throw.
10	7/25/60	Greeley Legion	Legion B League Championship Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Lead by 3	With the Legion B league championship on the line, the Reds had taken a 3-run lead and Norm Blehm then shut down Greeley in the final two innings to preserve the complete-game win and record his 12 th strikeout against just 3 hits allowed as the Reds won their first ever league championship. This win advanced the Reds to their first State Tournament in history the following week.
11	4/6/61	University	League Game	Top of 4 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	Amidst snow flurries, Tracy Ehn singled, and Curt Nicholson and Alan Beede walked to load the bases in the 4 th inning, before Chuck Bass drove in a single to put the Reds ahead 3-1. Then in the 5 th inning, with Reds' ace Norm Blehm on the mound, Blehm snagged a bases-loaded one-hopper and threw home to Don Blehm who then threw to Curt Nicholson at first base to complete the double play and end the inning and the scoring threat. Blehm threw a complete-game 3-hitter to win the key league game 3-2.
12	4/28/61	Fort Lupton	League Game	Bot. of 8 th Inning Tied Game First No-Hitter in Eaton History	Norm Blehm threw a no-hitter through 7 innings, but a couple of Reds' errors led to a 3-3 tie going into the 8 th inning. Blehm kept the no-hitter intact through the top of the 8 th inning, before Greg Springston led off by reaching base for the Reds, then Tracy Ehn walked, and Alan Beede singled to load the bases. Then with two outs and on a full-count pitch with the runners in motion, freshman Chuck Bass hit a 380 foot home run over the leftfield fence to earn the key league victory and guarantee Blehm the Reds' first ever no-hitter in a spring game.
13	5/5/61	Brush	League Championship Game	Bot. of 4 th Inning Reds Trail by 3	Playing for the Reds' first spring league championship in history, the Reds trailed 3-0 in the 4 th inning before Tracy Ehn and John Busch drew walks, and then consecutive singles were hit by Ron Kindsfater , Greg Springston , and Alan Beede , before Chuck Bass drove in one more run to give the Reds a 4-3 lead. Norm Blehm allowed only one hit and no runs after the 2 nd inning to shut down Brush and give the Reds their first spring league title in history.
14	7/9/61	Greeley Elks	Legion B League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Perfect Game at Stake	Norm Blehm had already thrown a no-hitter in the spring and a couple of no-hitters in the summer, but against Greeley Elks, Blehm had truly been perfect through 6 innings—not allowing a single runner to reach base. Having struck out 15 batters already, the opponent chose to bunt in the 7 th inning to try to break up the perfect game, but catcher Don Blehm made a great play to throw out the runner. Then with two outs, and the Reds' first perfect game in history on the line, Blehm induced a groundout in which first baseman John Busch dug the throw out of the dirt to end the game. Busch had already preserved the no-hitter in the 6 th inning by leaping for a high throw to record the out at first base as well, and Warren Miller made the other great play of the day by sprinting in to prevent a Texas Leaguer from dropping in the 6 th inning. Blehm needed just 79 pitches to complete the perfect game. The Reds themselves posted only 3 hits in the 3-0 win, with Chuck Bass taking a first inning hit-by-pitch before Norm Blehm beat out an infield single and Rick Whitham tripled down the line before scoring on a single by Miller. This is one of only two perfect games thrown in Reds' history, the other being thrown more than 4 decades after Norm Blehm's perfect game on this day.

15	7/12/61	Frederick	Legion B League Game	Top of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	With an opportunity to at least earn a tie for the league title on the line, the Reds stormed back against Frederick with Dave Rhoades hitting a leadoff triple, followed by a single from John Busch to tie the game at 1-1. Chuck Bass then singled, before Norm Blehm tripled in the go-ahead runs, followed by RBI doubles from Warren Miller and Ron Kindsfater to take over a 5-1 lead. Blehm then shut down the opponent for the win as the Reds scored 5 more insurance runs in the top of the 7 th inning.
16	7/19/61	Greeley Legion	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 2	With an opportunity to clinch the League Championship, Norm Blehm carried a no-hitter into the 7 th inning along with a 5-0 lead, however after an error and two singles broke up the no-hitter with one out, Blehm then came back and struck out the next two batters to end the game and earn the League Title for the Reds. Blehm struck out 15 batters in the game. Alan Beede had scored the Reds' first run in the 1 st inning after he walked, was bunted to 2 nd base, and later advanced on a fielder's choice. In the 3 rd inning, the Reds took a commanding lead as Jack Brunz took a hit-by-pitch, Beede walked, John Busch reached base, and Blehm hit a 3-run home run to clinch the game.
17	8/6/61	Clear Creek	2 nd Game of Best-of-3 Legion B Series	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	With the season on the line as the Reds were seeking their first State Tournament victory in history, the Reds' lead in the game of the best-of-3 series was slipping away until the Reds brought in Norm Blehm with a slight 5-4 lead to earn the save by retiring the potential go-ahead run at the plate, and then Blehm retired the side in order in the 7 th inning, recording two strikeouts in the save. His brother Don Blehm earned the win, and scored the game-winning run with a 5 th inning single and run scored. This win forced a decisive 3 rd game of the series.
18	8/6/61	Clear Creek	3 rd Game of Best-of-3 Legion B Series	Top of 4 th Inning Reds Trail by 4	Trailing by 4 runs in the 4 th inning of the final game of the series, Jack Brunz , Ron Kindsfater and Chuck Bass drew walks, then Dave Rhoades hit a sacrifice fly to score Brunz, and Kindsfater also scored as the outfielder's throw home went wild to bring the Reds within two runs. Alan Beede , John Busch , and Norm Blehm then all hit singles to give the Reds the lead, before Rick Whitham hit a sacrifice fly to put the Reds ahead 9-7. Don Blehm then held Clear Creek scoreless in the bottom of the 4 th and 5 th innings, and after allowing one run in the 6 th inning to cut the Reds' lead to 9-8, Don Blehm then hit a two-run triple to add a couple insurance runs that he wouldn't end up needing, as he again held Clear Creek scoreless in the bottom of the 7 th inning to earn his, and the Reds, 2 nd win of the day, and advance the Reds on to the State Semifinal round the following weekend.
19	8/12/61	Denver North	2 nd Game of Best-of-3 Legion B Series	Bot. of 6 th Inning Tied Game	With the season once again on the line, the Reds entered the bottom of the 6 th inning in a scoreless tie. Then with two outs, Rick Whitham singled and advanced to 2 nd base on an errant pick-off throw. Ron Kindsfater then singled to score Whitham to give the Reds the 2-1 lead. Norm Blehm then retired the side in the 7 th inning for the complete-game 2-hit shutout, recording his 13 th strikeout of the game, as the Reds forced a 3 rd and decisive game of the series for the following day.
20	8/13/61	Denver North	3 rd Game of Best-of-3 Legion B Series	Bot. of 6 th Inning Tied Game	In front of a capacity crowd, dominated by the visiting Eaton fans, the Reds played a 3 rd and decisive game of a postseason series for the 2 nd consecutive weekend. Knowing the Reds had used up their ace pitcher Norm Blehm's arm in the previous two games, the Reds expected to need to score much more than the one run that was good enough the day before. Going into the bottom of the sixth inning though, the Reds had only scored one run, but pitchers Don Blehm and Alan Beede had held the opponent to only one run as well. Then in the bottom of the 6 th inning, John Busch hit a one out single, then Norm Blehm hit a grounder back up the middle that the pitcher stabbed, but threw wildly to second base as both Reds were safe on the play. Don Blehm then hit a double down the first base line to score Busch with the go-ahead run. Warren Miller then beat out an infield single to load the bases before Rick Whitham also hit a high-bounding groundball up the middle and raced to first base in time to beat out the throw from the shortstop. Ron Kindsfater then drew a bases-loaded walk to increase the Reds' lead to 4-1, before Chuck Bass scorched a triple over the centerfielder's head to clear the bases and give the Reds a 7-1 lead. Bass then scored on a fielder's choice as the Reds went up 8-1. Beede then completed the win on the mound by allowing just one run in the 7 th inning in finishing the victory and sending the Reds on to their first State Championship Game in history.

21	8/19/61	Ent Air Force Base	1 st Game of Best-of-3 Legion B State Championship Series	Top of 3 rd Inning Reds Trail by 2	In the opening game of a 3-game series to decide the State Championship, the Reds trailed early 2-0, before Jack Brunz walked and stoles second base to start the top of the 3 rd inning. Brunz then advanced to third base on a fielder's choice, and then scored on a wild pitch. Norm Blehm then lined a home run to deep centerfield to tie the game 2-2. The Reds took the lead in the 4 th inning following Ron Kindsfater's triple down the line and a single by Alan Beede . The Reds then drove the ball in the 6 th inning to secure the win, as Norm Blehm doubled, Don Blehm tripled, Warren Miller singled, Rick Whitham tripled, Brunz singled and Beede singled to give the Reds a 9-3 lead. In the meantime, Norm Blehm and Don Blehm combined to shut down the opposing batters, allowing just one hit apiece and combining for 14 strikeouts to lead the Reds to the victory and put the Reds just one win away from a potential State Championship pile-up.
22	8/19/61	Ent Air Force Base	2 nd Game of Best-of-3 Legion B State Championship Series	Bot. of 2 nd Inning Reds Lead by 1 State Championship at Stake	Competing in a State Championship Game for the first time ever in Eaton Baseball history, and for the first-time in all of Eaton athletics since the football team competed in the State Championship Game in 1925, the Reds had a chance to bring home the first State Championship in Eaton history with a win in either Game 2 or Game 3 of this series. The Reds were focused on ending this historic postseason run with a victory on Saturday afternoon rather than having to come back on Sunday for what would be a decisive third-game. With a 1-0 lead after one inning, Rick Whitham tripled, and then Ron Kindsfater singled and Chuck Bass tripled to deep centerfield. Jack Brunz then doubled and Alan Beede reached base as well on an error. Norm Blehm then followed with his 5 th consecutive hit of the day and advanced to second base and scored on a single from Warren Miller as the Reds took a 7-0 lead. Rather than save back pitching for a potential third game the next day, Coach Russ Harrach went for the kill with the Blehm brothers on the mound, and while not unexpected from these two, the Blehms would go on to historically strike out 25 batters in the two games played on the day for the State Championship. Norm Blehm threw the first 5 innings and allowed just one earned run on 3 hits against 9 strikeouts. Then Don Blehm took the mound to complete the save. After throwing a scoreless 6 th inning, Don Blehm then allowed just one run in the 7 th inning, completing another dominant performance in the Reds' 7-3 win to secure Eaton's first State Championship in town history.
23	4/10/62	University	Non-League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	Despite having brothers Don Blehm and Norm Blehm throwing a no-hitter through 6 innings, the Reds trailed 1-0 after a couple of errors produced a run for University. Then in the bottom of the 6 th inning, with two outs and no one on base, Norm Blehm singled, advanced to 2 nd base on a wild pitch, stole 3 rd base, and then scored on a single from Warren Miller . Jack Brunz then took a hit-by-pitch, and Ron Kindsfater singled to put the Reds ahead 3-1 after an error occurred in the outfield. Chuck Bass then singled to give the Reds a 4-1 lead. Norm Blehm then closed out the 7 th inning, striking out his 5 th batter in 2 innings of relief to earn the win and complete the no-hitter.
24	4/14/62	Valley	League Game	Top of 3 rd Inning Reds Lead by 1	With a 2-0 lead and the bases loaded and no outs, Reds' ace Norm Blehm struck out the next two batters and then induced an inning-ending double-play. Blehm never allowed another runner past second base the rest of the game en route to 11 strikeouts on the day. The Reds put the game away in the 4 th inning as Ron Kindsfater walked, Chuck Bass hit a triple over 400 feet to centerfield (where there was no fence) and then Don Blehm hit a sacrifice fly to put the Reds ahead 4-0. Norm Blehm allowed just 2 hits on the day.
25	5/4/62	University	League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	The Reds started the day having an opportunity to qualify for a tiebreaker game with an Eaton win over University and a Brush loss to Fort Lupton. So with the season on the line in the bottom of the 7 th inning, despite playing at University, the Reds were the home team and Chuck Bass drew a one-out walk. Don Blehm then hit a two-strike pitch into deep right-centerfield and raced around the bases for an inside-the-park game-winning home run. This home run provided Norm Blehm the victory, as he took the mound with the Reds trailing 7-0 in the 3 rd inning and then struck out 10 batters and allowed just one run as the Reds battled back to win 9-8.
26	6/8/62	Greeley Legion	Legion B Non-League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Lead by 2	With the Reds leading 2-0 and Rick Whitham throwing a 2-hitter, Greeley loaded the bases with one out and tried a squeeze bunt attempt that failed as Whitham threw out the runner for the 2 nd out, and then induced a groundout to the next batter to get the Reds out of the scoring threat. The Reds then added an insurance run in the top of the 7 th inning as Don Blehm walked and scored on a single from Curt Nicholson to give the Reds a 3-0 lead, but Whitham wouldn't need the extra insurance run as he retired the side to preserve the shutout win.

27	7/22/62	Erie	Legion B League Championship Game	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	With the winner of this league game earning the League Championship, and with the Reds leading 5-4 after 6 innings, Alan Beede helped his own cause on the mound by singling to lead off the top of the 7 th inning. Art Meyer then singled, followed by a number of Reds reaching on errors before Ken Masterson singled in the 4 th run of the inning to give the Reds a commanding 9-4 lead. Beede then retired the side in a scoreless bottom of the 7 th inning to send the Reds to their 3 rd straight Legion B league title.
28	5/2/63	Valley	League Championship 1-Game Playoff	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Lead by 2	In a one-game playoff for the league championship, with the winner advancing to the State Tournament, Greg Springston led off the 5 th inning with a single, then Don Blehm and Jim Harris walked to load the bases. Chuck Bass then doubled to knock in two runners and increase the Reds' lead to 4-0, before Jack Brunz and Curt Nicholson singled to make the score 6-0. Blehm then finished up the complete-game one-hitter, allowing just one unearned run to secure the 6-1 win and send the Reds on to the State Tournament.
29	5/7/63	Platte Valley	State Quarterfinals	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 2	Playing in the Reds' first spring State Tournament game, hosted at Eaton, Alan Beede was vying for a complete-game victory in the 7 th inning when he fell behind in the count 3-0 and risked bringing the potential tying run to the plate, but Beede then threw three straight strikes to record his 11 th strikeout of the day. Centerfielder Greg Springston then chased down a flyball and made a running catch to end the game and send the Reds on to the State Semifinals for the first time in Reds' spring history. The Reds scored their runs in the 3-1 win in the 2 nd inning when Chuck Bass reached base and then Beede and Jack Brunz took hit-by-pitches to load the bases for a double from Curt Nicholson to drive in what would be the game-winning runs.
30	6/7/63	Valley	Legion B League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Tied Game No-Hitter at Stake	With a no-hitter on the line, Don Blehm took the mound against Valley in the 7 th inning and after allowing one walk, retired the next 3 batters in order to complete the no-hitter in a key league game. Blehm struck out 15 batters in the win. The Reds put the game away early with 8 runs in the 3 rd inning.
31	6/14/63	Greeley Legion	Legion B League Game	Top of 7 th Inning History-Making Strikeout Total at Stake	Don Blehm took the mound in the 7 th inning after having struck out 17 of the opponent's 18 outs thus far. The only opponent to not have been struck out at least twice by Blehm was actually an interesting side note, as it was Jim Danley that spoiled Blehm's opportunity to strike out all 21 outs of the game. Blehm did however strike out the side in the 7 th inning to tie the historic mark of 20 strikeouts in a 7-inning game, tying his brother Norm's record from 1959. No Red since has ever struck out this many batters in a 7-inning game.
32	6/30/63	Fort Morgan	Legion B League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Tied Game	With the lead in league standings at stake, the Reds led off the top of the 7 th inning in a 2-2 tie. Alan Beede then reached base to start the inning, before stealing second base and advancing to third base on Jim Dahmer's infield single. Beede then scored the go-ahead run on an errant pickoff attempt of him at third base that sailed into the outfield. Don Blehm then retired the side in the bottom of the 7 th inning, recording his 13 th strikeout of the game as the Reds took over first place in the league standings.
33	7/24/63	Fort Morgan	Legion B League Championship Game	Bot. of 1 st Inning Tied Game	The winner of this game would be the league champion, and the Reds came out of the gates with an early rally. Ron Kindsfater and Alan Beede singled, followed by a hit-by-pitch by Ken Masterson , and then a triple from Don Blehm as the Reds took a 3-0 lead. Shortstop Beede then made a great defensive play behind 2 nd base to end the 3 rd inning and charged to snare a sinking liner in the 4 th inning. This early offense, combined with a couple of great defensive plays, would be more than enough for Reds' ace Don Blehm, who allowed just 2 hits while striking out 12 batters. This win earned the Reds their 4 th consecutive Legion B League Championship.
34	4/15/64	University	League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 3	With the bases loaded and two outs in the 7 th inning, and the Reds holding onto a 3-run lead, catcher Art Meyer scrambled to chase down a wild pitch and threw to pitcher Ron Kindsfater covering the plate to get the final out of the game and secure the complete-game victory for Kindsfater, who struck out 7 batters and scattered just 4 hits.
35	5/11/64	Fort Lupton	League Game	Top of 8 th Inning Tied Game	Facing undefeated Fort Lupton and one of the top pitchers in the state, despite having struck out 15 times, the Reds extended the game into extra innings with the game tied 5-5. Jim Dahmer then doubled and stole 3 rd base before scoring on a wild pitch, and then Curt Nicholson walked, stole second base and scored on an errant throw on a bunt to give the Reds a 7-5 lead going into the bottom of the inning. Ron Kindsfater then set down Fort Lupton to finish the complete-game win. This win moved Eaton into 2 nd place and handed eventual state champion Fort Lupton their only loss of the season.
36	6/24/64	Highland	Legion B Non-League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	Trailing 6-5 going into the bottom of the 7 th inning, Roger Smith takes a hit-by-pitch and then Rob McClure singles, before Jack Miller walks to load the bases with two outs. Then Ron Kindsfater hits a hard grounder that isn't fielded cleanly and allows the Reds to tie the game, and a rundown then ensues that allows McClure to score the game-winning run. Earlier in the game Ron Kindsfater hit a grand slam and Louis Renteria hit a solo home run, while Kip Clugston earned the complete-game win scattering 7 hits.

37	7/12/64	Fort Morgan	Legion B League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	While the Reds had fallen out of contention for the league title that the Reds had owned over the past 4 years, the Reds certainly weren't going to let another team secure first place with a win over the Reds. Trailing 1-0 in the top of the 5 th inning, Blaine Nix drew a walks, stole second and third base, and then scored on Gary Potter's 2-strike squeeze bunt to tie the game. In the 6 th inning, Ron Kindsfater walked, stole 2 nd base and advanced to 3 rd base on the catcher's overthrow, before scoring on that same play as the centerfielder overthrew 3 rd base as the Reds took a 2-1 lead. The Reds added one more insurance run in the top of the 7 th inning to take a 3-1 lead, as Kindsfater then finished the win to knock Fort Morgan from atop the league standings by scattering only 3 hits in the victory.
38	3/30/65	Brush	Non-League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Tied Game	In a pitcher's duel that hadn't produced a run yet, Jim Dahmer led off the bottom of the 7 th inning with a double. Dahmer then scored on a game-winning double from Harvey Cozzens to give the Reds the 1-0 win. Kip Clugston allowed a single to lead off the game, but then got the next 21 outs without allowing another hit the rest of the way.
39	4/3/65	University	League Game	Top of 4 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	Trailing 3-2 going into the 4 th inning, Harvey Cozzens hit a 2-run double to put the Reds ahead. Then in the 5 th inning, the Reds added another 3 runs to put the game away with singles from Dick Leffler , Cozzens, and Larry Nix . Kip Clugston then finished the complete-game 5-hitter to secure the 11-5 victory. Leffler scored four times.
40	4/13/65	Brush	Non-League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning No-Hitter at Stake	With a no-hit bid at stake, Dick Leffler took the mound and retired the side in order in the 7 th inning to complete the no-hitter. Ruben Duran led the Reds with 3 hits and a walk and 4 runs, and Jim Dahmer , Ken Vance and Larry Nix each recorded two hits in the win. The Reds played flawless defense as well, and battled for all 7 innings despite the 15-0 score as the mercy-rule was not in effect at the time.
41	7/19/65	Greeley Legion	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Tied Game	While the Reds had fallen out of contention in the league race, Greeley was trying to clinch the title on Eaton's field, but the Reds had an opportunity to prevent that as they came to the plate in the bottom of the 6 th inning with the game tied 8-8. With two Reds on base, Harvey Cozzens tripled to give the Reds a 2-run lead, and then scored on a wild pitch. Kip Clugston then shut down Greeley in the 7 th inning to earn the complete-game win and force Greeley into a tiebreaker game for the league title that they would go on to lose, thereby ending their season.
42	3/29/66	Loveland	Non-League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Trail by 1	Trailing 5-4 in the bottom of the 6 th inning, Harvey Cozzens hit his second RBI triple of the game to knock in the tying and go-ahead runs for the Reds, and then scored an insurance run on a sacrifice fly by Doug Geisick . Kip Clugston then finished the complete-game win by retiring Loveland without a run in the 7 th inning for the win.
43	4/23/66	Weld Central	League Game	Top of 4 th Inning Tied Game	With no score through the first 3 innings, Herman Hoff leads off the 4 th inning by drawing a walk, then John Sutter singled and Ken Vance doubled to give the Reds a 1-0 lead. Then in the 5 th inning, Harvey Cozzens singles in two more runs after Jim Ambrose and Jack Miller took a hit-by-pitch. Dick Leffler threw a complete-game 3-hitter, with 11 strikeouts, to give the Reds the 3-1 victory.
44	4/26/66	Highland	League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning No-Hitter at Stake	Kip Clugston didn't allow a hit through the first 6 innings, and then retired the side in order in the 7 th inning to complete the no-hitter in the 10-0 win.
45	6/20/66	University	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	After the Reds had taken an early 6-0 lead, University chipped their way back to a 6-5 score, but then in the bottom of the 6 th inning, the Reds put the game away with 3 more runs led by RBI singles from Ken Vance and Doug Geisick . Dick Leffler earned the win on the mound, allowing just 2 hits in 3 innings before Kip Clugston earned the save.
46	6/23/66	Valley	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Tied Game	With a key league game against Valley at stake, the Reds entered the bottom of the 7 th inning tied, before Herman Hoff singled and Dick Winter tripled with one out for the game-winner. Kip Clugston earned the complete-game win.
47	4/18/67	Weld Central	League Game	Top of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 2	In a must-win league game to stay in contention for the league title, Dick Leffler struck out the 7 th batter in a row and then retired the next two batters to end the game with the 2-0 win, allowing just 3 hits against 11 strikeouts.
48	4/22/67	Highland	League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Tied Game	In another pivotal league game, Dick Leffler reached base and advanced to third base on an error and a sacrifice bunt by Herman Hoff , and Leffler then scored on a sacrifice fly by Dick Winter . Kip Clugston then finished the complete-game win with 10 strikeouts as the Reds won 3-2.
49	4/29/67	University	League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	Leading by 1 run in the 5 th inning, and only one game out of first place in the league standings, Dick Leffler singled and then scored on a single by Dick Winter to give the Reds a 4-2 lead. Then in the 6 th inning, the Reds added another insurance run on an RBI single by Ken Vance . Kip Clugston threw the complete-game victory, recording 10 strikeouts to keep the Reds in contention for the league title with this 5-2 win.
50	4/11/68	Weld Central	League Game	Top of 4 th Inning Reds Lead by 3	In a spring season in which the Reds would lose 4 games by 4 or fewer runs, the Reds earned their only win of the season by scoring 6 insurance runs in the 4 th inning to go on to win 18-6. The Reds were led at the plate with two hits from Mike Sullivan , Allen Steele , Larry Adams , Ron Cook , Ben Mitchell , and Felix Galindo . Mike Sullivan threw the complete-game victory to catcher John Schneider .

51	6/27/68	Highland	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 3 rd Inning Reds Trail by 8	With the Reds trailing 10-3 going into the bottom of the 3 rd inning, the Reds scored 3 runs in the 3 rd inning, followed by another 4 runs in the 4 th inning to tie the game. After falling behind 11-10 in the top of the 6 th inning, the Reds stormed back with 6 runs as Larry Adams walked and stole 2 nd base, Barry Hager walked and Ben Mitchell hit an infield single to load the bases. Then after Adams induced a balk to tie the game, Hager scored on a wild pitch to give the Reds the lead. Ron Cook then walked and stole second base. Mike Sullivan then singled in a run and an opponent's error led to another Reds' run, before Sam Suppes singled home two more runs. Dick Wilcox and Ben Mitchell combined for the win on the mound, allowing just 5 hits as most of the runs were unearned, with Mitchell striking out 8 batters in 4 innings to allow the Reds to mount the game-winning comeback.
52	4/3/69	Weld Central	League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Lead by 3	Leading by 3 runs, the Reds added another insurance run as Scott Redman and Ben Mitchell singled and Ron Cook hit a sacrifice fly. The Reds had taken the lead earlier in the game when Cook drew a walk, Barry Hager singled, Tim Mitchell moved the runners over, and Dick Wilcox doubled and later scored on a single by Sam Suppes . Mike Sullivan threw the complete-game win, allowing just one hit.
53	7/4/69	Valley	Legion B Invitational Tournament	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	With the Reds leading 4-3 entering the bottom of the 7 th inning, the Reds held on for an upset victory as Dick Wilcox throws a complete-game 4-hitter in the 4 th of July Invitational Tournament. The Reds took a 2-0 lead early and then increased the lead to 4-1 in the 4 th inning as Sam Suppes scored on a single by Barry Hager and Scott Redman also hit an RBI single.
54	4/11/70	University	League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	Down to their final at-bat, Sam Suppes hit a home run, and Randy Foos tripled and scored to tie the game and send it into extra innings. After allowing a run in the top of the 8 th inning, the Reds again were down to their final at-bat, when Steve Strong singled and stole 2 nd base and scored on a single by Scott Redman to tie the game. After Redman advanced to third base, as University was trying to intentionally walk a batter, the University pitcher threw a wild pitch to allow Redman to race home with the winning run. Dick Wilcox struck out 9 batters in the complete-game win.
55	4/15/70	Roosevelt	League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Reds Lead by 1	With a 1-0 lead in the 6 th inning, Don Donahoo led off with a single, followed by a single from Sam Suppes , and then an RBI single from Randy Foos to increase the lead to 2-0. Dick Wilcox then completed the win on the mound, throwing a complete-game 4-hit shutout.
56	7/8/70	Platte Valley	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 7 th Inning Reds Trail by 2	With the Reds still looking for their first win of the season, the Reds came back to win in the bottom of the 7 th inning as Mike Eldridge reached base, then Don Donahoo , Steve Strong , and Cliff Foos walked to force across a run and bring the Reds to within one run. Donahoo then scored on a wild pitch, and the throw to the plate then went wild and Strong raced around from 2 nd base to score the game winning run.
57	3/30/71	Platte Valley	League Game	Top of 6 th Inning Tied Game	With the game tied in the 6 th inning, catcher Mike Eldridge chased down a wild pitch and threw to pitcher Steve Strong covering the plate to tag out what would have been the go-ahead run. Strong then kept Platte Valley scoreless through the 7 th , 8 th and 9 th innings, before Eldridge singled to knock in Rich Helzer with the game-winning run in the bottom of the 9 th inning.
58	4/24/71	Weld Central	League Game	Top of 5 th Inning Reds Lead by 2	Don Donahoo threw a 1-hitter in the pre-determined 5-inning game, completing the doubleheader sweep of Weld Central on the day. This win guaranteed the Reds would not finish in last place in the league standings.
59	6/25/71	Valley	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 6 th Inning Tied Game	In a 0-0 pitcher's duel going into the bottom of the 6 th inning, Steve Strong singled and Gary Heinze walked before Tim Kawakami then singled to score Strong, and Heinze raced around to score as well after an error in the outfield. Then in the 7 th inning, with Don Donahoo going for the complete-game win, Valley successfully bunted twice, but Donahoo induced a flyout to end the scoring threat and earn the win.
60	7/3/71	Broomfield	Legion B League Game	Bot. of 12 th Inning Tied Game	After the Reds had extended the game into extra innings, with Randy Vogel then saving the game in the 10 th inning by making a running catch with his back to the infield of a booming flyball hit over 400 feet away in deep centerfield that would have been a go-ahead home run. No runs had scored since the 4 th inning as the Reds went into the bottom of the 12 th inning after Don Donahoo had thrown a complete-game gem in which he threw all 12 innings and struck out 15 batters in the final 8 innings alone. Then in the bottom of the 12 th inning, Tim Kawakami hit a one-out single, stole 2 nd base, and scored the game-winning run on a single by Steve Strong .

Note: scorebooks from this era were not preserved, and thus EatonBaseball.com had to rely solely on newspaper articles in determining the top moments. Certainly there were additional top games in which clutch hits were delivered, major scoring threats were pitched out of by Reds' pitchers, and key plays were made on defense, however the passage of time has unfortunately prevented these memories from being noted in full detail.