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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **New Rugby Team Wins State**

CINICNNATI, June 23, 2010 – Moeller’s two-year-old rugby program won the state championship on June 5, beating Parma 19-7. They finished the season undefeated, posting a 17-0 record. “Rugby has been a great addition to Moeller,” said Athletic Director Barry Borman ’64. “Doug Rosfeld has done a great job, along with administrative assistant Kim Hauck, in putting together a first-class program in just two years. I have never seen kids have more fun playing a sport... The expectations for our team are the same as any other program in our school. Doug has surrounded himself with several coaches who bring a unique expertise to the program. The team practices hard and prepares thoroughly for each opponent. To achieve what they have in the past two seasons is remarkable. In the first year of the program, the team finished an outstanding sixth in the state tournament.”



Borman particularly commends the rugby fans for their support. “There were several hundred people who followed the team to Columbus to watch the rugby Crusaders capture the title,” he said. “Like all the other athletic programs in our school, rugby is quickly laying a foundation of excellence that is contributing to the rich traditions of our school.”

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Now, after 50 years (1960-2010), Moeller's storied "Tradition of Excellence" includes 24 state team championships in six different sports: football (7) volleyball (6), baseball (5), basketball (3), lacrosse (2), and rugby (1). In addition, the Crusaders added two state runner-up titles this year – one in basketball and one in volleyball – for a total of 15 in six different sports: football (4), wrestling (3), basketball (1) golf (2), lacrosse (2), and volleyball (3). Another team accolade includes a trip to the Final Four for the baseball team. The team's pitcher, David Whitehead '10, recently received the Ohio Gatorade Player of the Year.



David Whitehead, Ohio Gatorade Player of the Year

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## **MOELLER'S 2009-10 Athletic Season: A Year to Celebrate**

The year began with football starting the season 9-0, the best start in 20 years and qualifying once again for the state tournament. Golf not only captured the GCL title but went on to finish sixth in the state tournament. Winter sports were spectacular, with hockey making it to the sweet sixteen of the state tournament, while wrestling again won the GCL and went on to finish 6<sup>th</sup> at the state meet. Basketball, which was supposed to be in a "rebuilding year," went to the state championship game. Swimming, coming off its best season in history last year, followed up this year with an outstanding 13<sup>th</sup> place finish. Moving into the spring we trailed St. X in the All-Sports Trophy by nine points but quickly made up that deficit by finishing first in the league in both volleyball and baseball. Volleyball went on to finish second in the state tournament, while baseball made it to the final four for the third straight year. And the year was capped off with a rugby state championship. I am not sure that any other high school could celebrate a better school year. We had eight different teams finish at the sweet 16 level or higher in state tournament play. Every varsity team finished in the top 10 in the Enquirer City Polls. Certainly all of our athletic teams – and especially our senior athletes – made major contributions to the rich traditions of Moeller High School.

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**2009-10 ATHLETES WHO SIGNED NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT:**

**Brennan, Kevin**/Baseball/Capital University  
**Grau, Tyler**/Baseball/Wittenberg University  
**Hutchinson, Tyler**/Baseball/Campbell University  
**Jones, Patrick**/Baseball/Xavier University  
**McAlpine, Ethan**/Baseball/University of Cincinnati  
**Sunderman, Robby**/Baseball/University of Dayton  
**Thamann, Kevin**/Baseball/University of Dayton  
**Whitehead, David**/Baseball/Elon University  
**Smith, Corey**/Baseball/Football/Wittenberg University  
**McKenzie, Griffin**/Basketball/Xavier University  
**Kyle Sauerland**/Basketball/Wilmington College  
**Aubin, Jeff**/Football/Centre College  
**Burandt, Josh**/Football/University of Chicago  
**Galvin, Nick**/Football/Western Michigan  
**Gatio, Anthony**/Football/Ohio Dominican  
**Hendrix, Andrew**/Football/University of Notre Dame  
**Kassem, Ali**/Football/Western Michigan  
**Klever, Adam**/Football/Wittenberg University  
**Mize, Garrett**/Football/University of Charleston  
**Rosselot, Andrew**/Football/Wittenberg University  
**Rush, Marcus**/Football/Michigan State  
**Schaffer, Adam**/Football/Gannon University  
**Schneider, David**/Football/Ball State  
**Smith, Jonathan**/Football/Lindsey Wilson College  
**Stricker, Jordan**/Football/Ohio Dominican  
**Tanner, Jeff**/Football/Miami University  
**Visagie, Tyler**/Football/Wittenberg University  
**Busam, Joe**/Lacrosse/College of Mt. St. Joseph  
**Foos, Patrick**/Swimming/College of Charleston  
**Hammerstein, Logan**/Swimming/Bryant University  
**Corrill, Jake**/Wrestling/University of North Carolina  
**Hammer, Drew**/Wrestling/Ohio University  
**Harger, Pierce**/Wrestling/Northwestern University  
**Lotz, Garrett**/Wrestling/College of Mt. St. Joseph

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