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MOELLER ICE HOCKEY HEAD COACH REEDER REACHES 200 WINS

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Moeller Varsity Ice Hockey Coach Mike Reeder won his 200th game on Saturday, January 27, 2013 with a 6-3 victory over Dublin Coffman.

Mike Reeder joined the staff at Moeller in 2003. Now in his 10th season with the program, he has captured 200 career victories. When asked if any one of the wins stuck out in his memory, Coach Reeder replied, "Wow, I would have to say all the victories have been special. There was the one over St. Charles in 2004-2005 that sent us on our first trip to the State Final Four. I think my first win was a special one to me; I guess I would say this win over Coffman to hit the milestone was pretty nice as well."

"When I joined the program, I never thought I would still be here 10 seasons later. I never even considered this win and how it would feel, it seemed so far off in the future. I think back to how much I have experienced over the last 10 years. There have been a lot of changes in amateur hockey in Cincinnati and the rest of the state. There were a couple of people who have been with me from the beginning. I guess I would say I will treasure the relationships that I have made with the coaches, players, the staff at Moeller, and all those who are a part of each and every one of those 200 victories.

At the beginning of Coach Reeder's career, Moeller competed in the Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League. After his first trip to the Final Four, Coach Reeder sat down with the coaching staff and Moeller Athletic Director Barry Borman, and said that if Moeller wanted to get back to the Final Four we needed to toughen the schedule. Coach Reeder started looking north for tougher opponents, playing tournaments in Cleveland and Toledo every year, and eventually moving the team to the Columbus Capital Conference. Coach Reeder reflected, "When the Blue Jackets started in Columbus, amateur hockey exploded in Columbus. The number of kids in amateur hockey grew tremendously overnight, and in a few years that resulted in a growth of the number of high school programs. The talent and the competition in Columbus grew much stronger. I knew that was where we needed to be playing."

What does the future hold for Coach Reeder? "I am focused on getting my team ready for the state tournament. I take every season one a time, so the future is the next few weeks, and what we can do to be ready."

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