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Chargers show Coyotes just who has the power

Phila. Electrical banged out 16 hits and held off a late rally to take the league title.

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If all goes as planned, Luke Moscinski will one day join the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 98 with his older brother, Steve.

For now, Moscinski's focus is on the baseball trade. And his skills as a pitcher, shortstop and hitter have significantly aided Philadelphia Electrical & Technology Charter's pinstripe-wearing brotherhood.

In yesterday's PIAA District 12 Class AAA championship matchup against Franklin Towne Charter, Moscinski powered the visiting Chargers to a stirring 11-9 victory over the previously undefeated Coyotes at Vogt Recreation Center in Tacony.

On the mound, the 5-foot-7, 160-pound righthander held Towne to four runs through six innings. In the bottom of the seventh, a hard-hit grounder back to him resulted in a dislocated pinky finger on his left hand. He watched from the bench as Robert Boreman came over from first base and ended the Coyotes' late rally.

"Actually, I couldn't even watch," said Moscinski, who lives near Third and Fitzgerald in South Philadelphia. "But I knew my teammates would be there for me."

Hitting from the No. 2 spot in the order, Moscinski went 3 for 4 with four RBIs and three runs. In the seventh, he smacked a three-run double over the rightfielder's head.

"He's a tremendous player," said his coach, Mark Olkowski. "That was a great effort."

The Chargers (10-5) avenged a pair of regular-season losses to Towne, a Public League Division B rival. According to Electrical athletic director Chris Clayton, it was the school's first district crown in any sport.

After attending Neumann-Goretti, Moscinski transferred this school year to Philadelphia Electrical, near Broad and Chestnut. "It's been a better overall fit for me," he said. "A lot of my friends are here. I love coming to school now."

The Chargers took a 4-0 lead in their first at-bat and finished with 16 hits. Centerfielder and leadoff man Shawn Holmes went 3 for 5 with two runs, and shortstop Chuck Fitzgerald was 3 for 3 with three runs.

Moscinski and second baseman Randy Pizzo (2 for 4, RBI single) earned second-team all-Public honors. Fitzgerald, a sophomore who doubles a pitcher, was a first-team pick.

Down by 11-4, Towne (15-1) scored five runs in its last at-bat. Jason Krajewski, who relieved starter Mike Skinner in the third and took the loss, went 3 for 3 with two RBIs and two runs.

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