



Albert Dominates as Blue Sox Earn First Victory of 2008

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Lynn, MA. (Monday June 9, 2008) – Justin Albert (University of Vermont) was impressive in his first outing of the season, going seven scoreless innings, leading the Blue Sox to victory 4-0 over the North Shore Navigators.

Albert allowed just four hits, no walks, struck out six and only had three runners reach scoring position throughout the ballgame. Charles Williams (Lipscomb University) did the rest on the hill for Holyoke, going two scoreless innings and striking out four.

The Blue Sox, who scored in just one inning in their opener in Keene, scored in three consecutive innings, the sixth, seventh and eighth en route to their shutout win. They got the scoring started in the sixth when Kenny Socorro (Marshall University) reached on an infield single and was moved to second on a Steve Lombardozzi (St. Petersburg Junior College) sacrifice bunt. Allen Bolden (Lipscomb University) followed with an RBI single to left, plating the game's first run.

Holyoke added another run in the seventh on a Grant Allgire (San Diego State University) RBI single to right. Two insurance runs crossed in the eighth as Jeremy Nowak (Stony Brook University), Ken Gregory (St. Petersburg Junior College), and Alex Hilliard (Vanderbilt University) had three consecutive hits.

Ken Gregory led the way for Holyoke at the plate going 2-for-4 with a single, a double, an RBI and a run scored. Gregory was the only Blue Sox batter with multiple hits as the team had only eight hits, but got them in timely situations.

The effort by Albert and the Blue Sox spoiled the effort of Navigators starter Wayne Kitchens (Chapman University) who went six and two-thirds innings giving up two runs, only one of which was earned, on five hits, two walks and notched five strikeouts, but was saddled with the loss.

Holyoke continues their three game road trip to open the season in Montpelier, VT on Tuesday to take on the two-time defending NECBL champion Mountaineers. The home-opener is Wednesday June 11th as the Blue Sox will play host to these same Keene Swamp Bats at 6:30 at MacKenzie Stadium.

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