



Gariano Shines, Striking out 11 as Blue Sox Shutout Mountaineers

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Holyoke, MA. (Thursday June 12, 2008) – Rob Gariano (Fairfield University) got some run support early, some good defense, and took care of the rest as he went 7.1 innings, giving up just three hits to go with his 11 strikeouts en route to his first victory of the year.

Steve Lombardozi (St. Petersburg Junior College) got things started in the bottom of the first with a single up the middle off of Vermont starter Eric Smith (University of Rhode Island). Allen Bolden (Lipscomb University) followed with a line drive single to leftfield that was misplayed into the bullpen, allowing Lombardozi to score.

Newcomer Corey Jones (Cal State Fullerton) following with a booming RBI triple to right field plating Bolden. Ken Gregory (St. Petersburg Junior College) lifted a sacrifice fly to left, and giving the Blue Sox a three run lead.

The second inning scoring was keyed by Jim Wood (Trinity College) who drew a lead-off walk and came around to score on a Mountaineer throwing error, setting the lead at 4-0, where it would remain until the eighth inning.

Gariano, who was dominant on the evening, gave way to the bullpen in the top of the eighth, after retiring the leadoff man of the frame. Ryan Kiel (Marshall University) pitched to one batter, and induced a groundball out before being lifted for Charles Williams (Lipscomb University). Williams got his one out in the eighth, then got three outs in the ninth to close out the ball game.

The Blue Sox will host an exhibition contest on Friday as Team USA comes to town for a 6:30 game. Holyoke will close out their four-game homestand welcoming the Lowell All-Americans to MacKenzie Stadium at 6:30 on Saturday June 14th. They will travel to Lowell for a 5 o'clock game on Sunday evening.

For more information about sox players, coaching staff, personnel or tickets, visit the team's website at www.holyokesox.com.

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