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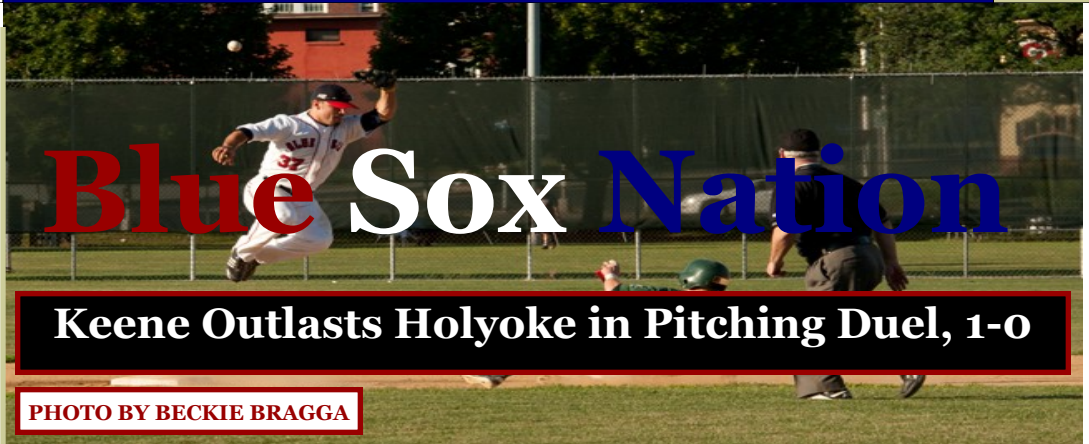
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**Keene Outlasts Holyoke in Pitching Duel, 1-0**

PHOTO BY BECKIE BRAGGA

**Holyoke, MA** - With Ben Mount and Jeff Thompson, arguably two of the best starting pitchers in the Western Division, taking the mound on Friday at Mackenzie Stadium a low scoring affair was to be expected. The Blue Sox (21-12) and Swamp Bats both in the last week had put up double-digits run totals on teams with Holyoke doing it to Mystic, 19-9, on July 16, and most recently Keene

unleashing its offensive power on Danbury, 16-7, on Thursday. But with two aces on the hill both squads were held to a combined one run and just 12 hits, but the lone run was in favor of the Swamp Bats as they held on to claim the 1-0 victory and also win the season series 4-2. Mount started on the hill for Holyoke and continued to show his dominating stuff as he would go seven and 1/3 innings allowing eight hits, one run, walking only one and striking out six batters in

the loss. This was only the first loss for the USC product this season as he fell to 4-1 overall. The lone run that Mount gave up came in the seventh inning when the Swamp Bats got runners at the corners with just one out and Kevin Brown skied a ball into right field, which was deep enough to drive in Michael Burruss, who had singled earlier in the inning. With the Brown sacrifice fly that made the game 1-0 in favor of Keene, which would be the final, as its pitching staff nailed down the victory in the end as the Swamp Bats only needing the skills of only two pitchers to keep the Blue Sox in check. The Blue Sox had their opportunities throughout the game as they left six runners on the basepads including the bases loaded in the sixth inning. For Thompson, the starting pitcher for the Western Division All-Star Team, he did something that is not usually seen not even on the Major League level as he retired the first six batters of the game all via the strikeout.

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**2011 NECBL Western Division Squad**

<b>Pitchers</b>		<b>1B</b>	
Jeff Thompson	Keene (ST)	Trey Mancini	Holyoke (ST)
Kyle Grana	Vermont	Dave Cioocchi	Danbury
Ben Mount	Holyoke	<b>2B</b>	
Alex Norris	Mystic	Paul McConkey	Holyoke (ST)
Nick Williams	Danbury	Mike LeBel	North Adams
Brad Monroe	Keene	<b>3B</b>	
Cameron Copping	North Adams	Brett Doran	Mystic (ST)
Jimmy Reed	Danbury	Greg Bachman	Vermont
Matt Whitehouse	Vermont	<b>SS</b>	
<b>Catchers</b>		Alex Chittenden	Keene (ST)
Ronnie Freeman	Holyoke	John Murphy	Mystic
Tom Murphy	Holyoke	<b>DH</b>	
Joe Hudson	Mystic	Tyler Horan	Danbury (ST)
<b>Outfielders</b>		David Lyon	Keene
Tanner Krietemeier	Danbury (ST)	<b>Coach's Pick</b>	
Dane Opel	Danbury (ST)	Brett DeLoach	Keene
Kevin Brown	Keene (ST)		
Alex Sherrod	Holyoke		
Jacob Daniel	North Adams		
Andrew Garner	Danbury		

**Head Coach** - Marty Testo Keene  
 \*\*(ST)= STARTER\*\*

**2011 All-Star Game Info**

**When:** July 27, 2011  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Fraser Field





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**Loss cont.**

The University of Louisville product would be replaced in the sixth inning, but up to that point had allowed only two hits, no runs, walked three and struck out eight. Thompson improved to 2-2 on the season and most likely will see action again not until the All-Star game on July 27.

Following Thompson's stellar performance, the Swamp Bats called on their usual closer Kyle Gehrs to come in and deliver a three-inning save. In his three-inning outing, which was the longest on the season for him, the Missouri native allowed only one hit, one walk and struck out three to get his fifth save of the season. Keene (23-12) took over sole possession of first place in the Western Division with the win, while the Blue Sox fell back into a second place tie with the Danbury Westerners. Holyoke is back in action on Saturday against the Vermont Mountaineers with that game starting at 6:30 p.m. at Mackenzie Stadium.



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**Six Blue Sox Make 2011 Western Division All-Star Squad**

**By Joshua Koch**  
**Blue Sox Media Director**

**Holyoke, MA-** The Holyoke Blue Sox will be well represented at this year's All-Star Game as six Blue Sox players got the nod to represent the Western Division in the 2011 NECBL All-Star Game in

Lynn, Massachusetts, the home of the North Shore Navigators. Among the six players that got chosen for the game there are three starters in Ronnie Freeman, Trey Mancini and Paul McConkey.

Freeman will start the game behind the plate for the Western Division and he has been a weapon in the batter's box as

well as the catcher out of Kenesaw State is batting .347 on the season with seven doubles, four home runs and has driven in 15 runs this season as well.

Mancini, who will start the game for the Western Division at first base, enters the game leading a couple offensive categories for the Blue Sox including home runs and RBIs. The first baseman out of Notre Dame University is batting .324 on the season with seven home

runs and a league leading 32 RBIs, and Mancini is on track to break the NECBL RBI record which is 42 and was set last season. Mancini has earned the NECBL Player of the Week award once this season and his biggest game for him came on July 4th where he went 3-for-4 hit two home runs and a double driving in six of the Blue Sox's nine runs in that game. McConkey, out of the



## Education cont.

University of Kentucky, is the final starter for Holyoke and will take the field at second base, where he has played a couple of times this season already. McConkey is a utility player for the Blue Sox having played all across the infield and outfield while batting .305 driving in 10 runs and has drawn eight walks as well.

Along with the starters Holyoke got three players selected to the team as well including Tom Murphy, Alex Sherrod and Ben Mount.

Murphy, out of the University of Buffalo, got the nod as he is just having a fantastic summer thus far as he was selected to Team NECBL for the game at Fenway earlier this season where Murphy hit the lone home run of the game against Team USA, which soared into the Green Monster. Following his impressive performance at Fenway Park he was signed by Team USA for their series against Team Japan. Since returning to the Blue Sox lineup Murphy has lit it up hitting five home runs, and on the season

he is batting .299 and is second on the team with 18 RBIs just behind Mancini.

Another player that has made an impact on the Blue Sox, but in the outfield, has been Sherrod out of USC. In just 19 games played he is batting .338 having 10 RBIs so far and is in a three-way tie for the team lead in doubles with eight. Sherrod is tied with fellow All-Stars Mancini and Murphy.

The final All-Star that will take the field for the Western Division in a Blue Sox uniform is Ben Mount, who is a teammate of Sherrod at USC.

Mount is a starting pitcher for Holyoke and has been one of Blue Sox's aces so far as he is a perfect 4-0 with a 1.41 ERA, and in 32 innings pitched he has allowed only five runs and struck out a team-high 34 batters. Opposing hitters have only been able to muster up a .193 batting average against Mount this season. The All-Star Game is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. on July 27th at Fraser Field the home of the North Shore Navigators.



**Karen Rella**

**CEO/ Owner**

## Player to Watch



**No. 14 Kris Richards**  
Infielder/ North Carolina-Greensboro

WESTERN DIVISION					
TEAM	W	L	WPCT	GB	L10
Keene Swamp Bats	23	12	0.657	0	7-3
Danbury Westerners	21	12	0.636	1	7-3
Holyoke Blue Sox	21	12	0.636	1	7-3
Vermont Mountaineers	20	13	0.606	2	8-2
Mystic Schooners	13	17	0.433	7.5	3-7
North Adams SteepleCats	12	21	0.364	10	4-6

## Looking Ahead...

Away= ■

Home= ■

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Win 3-1	Win 4-3	OFF	Win 8-7	Loss 1-0	VS. HOLYOKE SOX @ 6:30 p.m.	HOLYOKE SOX @ 6:30 p.m.



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**JUNE**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 6:30pm	9	10 6:30pm	11 6:30pm
12	13 6:30pm	14	15	16 6:30pm	17 6:30pm	18 6:30pm
19	20	21	22	23 6:35pm	24 6:35pm	25 6:35pm
26	27 12 noon	28	29	30 6:35pm		

**JULY**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 6:30pm	2
3	4	5	6	7 6:30pm	8 6:30pm	9
10	11 6:30pm	12	13	14 6:30pm	15	16 6:30pm
17	18	19	20	21 6:30pm	22 6:30pm	23 6:30pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 6:30pm
31	Aug. 1 6:30pm					

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August 2-12 Playoffs

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- May 1 Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway
- May 27 Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway
- June 25 Monadnock Speedway, Winchester, N.H.
- June 30 Thompson (Conn.) International Speedway
- July 16 New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H.
- July 30 Riverhead (N.Y.) Raceway
- Aug. 5 Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway
- Aug. 15 New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H.
- Aug. 24 Bristol (Conn.) Motor Speedway
- Sept. 4 Delaware (Ont.) Speedway
- Sept. 11 Thompson (Conn.) International Speedway
- Sept. 17 Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, Conn.
- Sept. 24 New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H.
- Oct. 2 Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway
- Oct. 16 Thompson (Conn.) International Speedway



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