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Blue Sox Nation

Blue Sox Steam Roll Steeple Cats

By Taryn Sidney
Blue Sox Media Intern

After struggling to score runs to begin the season, the Blue Sox's bats have come to life of late as they have been not only scoring runs but piling them on at the expense of the opposing pitcher.

For the second time in just a few days, the Steeple Cats proved they were no match for the Blue Sox, as they dropped to 0-2 against Holyoke for the season.

Following the game coach Darryl Morhardt said that he believes if the team continues to play the way they did in this matchup the Blue Sox will be one of the teams to beat.

"If we keep playing like that we should be one of the better team, I think, in the league," he said.

The Steeple Cats, who have experienced some early season struggles, jumped on the scoreboard first as Chantz Mack scored on a Kyle Boudreau RBI single to give them the 1-0 lead. North Adams would score only one more run in the game, but would never lead again.

To combat the early scoring of the Steeple Cats, the Blue Sox answered in their first trip to the plate as Holyoke put four runs up on the board. Kris Richards capped off the scoring in the first inning with an RBI double scoring Trey Mancini and Ronnie Freeman.

The Blue Sox would tack on three more runs to put the

game out of reach for the Steeple Cats struggling offense as Chris Capper, Blue Sox starting pitcher, settled in and hurled a gem. Capper allowed only two hits, the lone run and struck out four before being replaced by Chris Jenkins in the seventh inning.

Jenkins pitched two innings, and struck out every batter he faced in his outing as the freshman from Stanford hit 94 MPH on the radar gun in his first outing of the season.

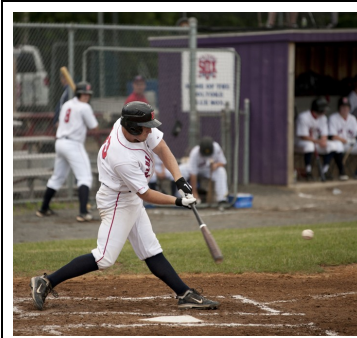
tying them for first place in the Western Division and the NECBL. Starting pitcher Chris Capper walked away from Thursday's game as the winning pitcher. This was Cappers second victory of the season and thought that the game was played well, but admits to having some trouble finding the zone.

"It was good, I had a tough time finding the zone but I had really good defense behind me," Capper said. "It was good, I felt great. I felt like I could throw anything and my defense could help me out."

One of the men behind him that helped turn two of the Blue Sox double plays was shortstop Kris Richards.

Richards was not only good with the leather, but also did work with the lumber as he finished the game 2-for-4 driving in three runs. Following the game Richards said he was happy to see all the guys in the roster starting to get settled into the lineup.

"It went well. Everyone hit the ball," he said. "It was finally nice to see everybody trying to get used to the wood and we didn't have as many broken bats tonight but it was good to see everybody hit the ball and we were able to put the ball in play and score a lot of runs."



Tom Murphy at bat during the Blue Sox 4-3 victory on Monday
Photo By Beckie Bragga

In the top of the ninth inning the Steeple Cats were able to gain one run, but the Blue Sox walked away with the 7-2 win improving the Blue Sox to 3-1 on the season

	2	4	1
	7	11	0



**Meet the Front Office...
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HOLYOKE BLUE SOX EXPAND ENTERTAINING THEMED NIGHTS AS ORGANIZATION GROWS

**By Taryn Sidney
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For the past three years, the Holyoke Blue Sox have incorporated theme nights into their game schedule.

This year the Holyoke Blue Sox have expanded their themed nights to include nights in which they celebrate towns in the Pioneer Valley.

“As we enter season four—there was a more concentrated effort to have town themed nights as they are the sum-up and part of the reward for all of the successful fundraisers we did in school systems and youth baseball leagues,” said Holyoke Blue Sox Director of Sales & Marketing Amy Scott.

On June 8, the Holyoke Blue Sox kicked off their summer season with the first home game at Mackenzie Stadium located at 500 Beech Street in Holyoke, MA. The Blue Sox honored their hometown during the Holyoke Night festivities, which included attendance from Mayor Elaine Pluta and having the first pitch thrown out by former Blue Sox player Sean Killeen. Killeen is currently playing with the Boston Red Sox.

Throughout the summer, the Holyoke Blue Sox have planned special town specific nights where schools, civic organizations and community groups are

invited to join the Blue Sox in celebrating their hometown. Every town from Holyoke to Belchertown has been asked to be an integral part of the 2011 summer season.

As the Holyoke Blue Sox look to the future they are hoping to expand on what they have already learned and provide entertainment and fundraising to the entire Pioneer Valley. In 2012, the Blue Sox will seek to work with even more towns and cities.

“It’s an honor to host so many groups at our field this summer and it’s been a blast planning some great themed nights for our fans,” Scott said. “The Holyoke Blue Sox are perhaps the best-kept family entertainment secret in Western, MA. Where else can you go within such a short drive for \$6 admission, enjoy a ballpark dog, a cold beer, great seats and easy parking. “You get the full professional baseball experience at the Holyoke Blue Sox.”

When planning the themed nights the goal is to provide entertainment to the fans and raise awareness about a number of organizations that the Blue Sox are working with. Some of the organizations that the Holyoke Blue Sox have collabo-

rated with include Habitat for Humanity, American Cancer Society, the Jimmy Fund, and more.

“It’s fantastic that we get to share our success and our field with so many outstanding civic groups and youth baseball leagues this summer,” Barry Wadsworth, Blue Sox Owner and COO, said. “We want every group and league and school in the Pioneer Valley to know that our doors are open to you as a fundraising opportunity and a fun night out.”

Upcoming Events

- Tonight**—Northampton Cal Ripken Night & JLS Team 100
- June 18**—Hampden/Chicopee Night
- June 19**—Fan Bus
- June 23**—Ludlow Night/ Palmer Youth Baseball & Softball
- June 24**—Aztec Night/ St. Elizabeth Youth Ministry
- June 25**—Team USA/ Veterans Assoc. Night

Blue Sox Fan Buses Ready to Roll

This year marks a first for the Holyoke Blue Sox. After a number of suggestions from fans, the Blue Sox have decided to incorporate fan buses into their schedule on a trial basis. Never having done fan buses in the past, the success of the Fan Bus trial run will determine the future of the tradition.

Not including the All-Star game, the Blue Sox will be providing two fan buses throughout the season. Fans who wish to travel alongside the team will be attending a game against the Keene Swamp Bats and also a game against the North Adams Steeple Cats

during the season.

As of right now, there are about 18 people signed up for the first Fan Bus and there are still 12 open seats. For those looking to participate in the newest Blue Sox tradition, it will only cost \$10! The small fee covers the ticket price as well as a tiny transportation fee.

For COO and Chief owner of the Blue Sox, Barry Wadsworth, his hopes are to get more people signed up for this experience, so the team has the same support on the road as they do at home.



NECBL SCOREBOARD

Friday June 17

Mystic Vermont	5 4	Raging Tide Laconia	2 5	Holyoke 7 North Adams 2
Danbury Keene	3 13	North Shore New Bedford	4 3	


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TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	Win	GB	L10
Keene Swamp Bats	3	1	.750	0.0	3-1
Holyoke Blue Sox	3	1	.750	0.0	3-1
Danbury Westerners	2	1	.667	0.5	2-1
Mystic Schooners	2	2	.500	1.0	2-2
Vermont Mountaineers	2	3	.400	1.5	2-3
North Adams Steeple Cats	1	5	.167	3.0	1-5





Player to Watch



No. 11 Desmond Paulson
Pitcher/ BYU

Looking Ahead...

Away= ■ Home= ■

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Win 4-3	OFF	7-2 PPD/ 5TH	Win 7-2	PPD	 VS. 	 @ 
					6:30 P.M.	6:30 P.M.



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2011 HOLYOKE SOX

Blue Sox Hall of Famer
Sam Kline is signed with
the Bristol Red Sox in 2010

JUNE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Blue Sox Kickoff Dinner 6:30pm Spicero East Longmeadow	7	8 6:30pm Home Opener Holyoke Night	9	10 6:30pm	11 6:30pm Westfield Night
12	13 6:30pm	14	15	16 6:30pm	17 6:30pm	18 6:30pm
19 Fan Bus	20	21	22	23 6:35pm	24 6:35pm	25 6:35pm
26	27 12 noon FENWAY PARK	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 Fan Bus	28	29	30 6:30pm
31	Aug. 1 6:30pm	Gary Rome HYUNDAI.com		Stipps	Aztec	Marcus

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2011 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Schedule

- April 10 Thompson (Conn.) International Speedway
- May 2 Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway
- May 27 Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway
- June 25 Monadnock Speedway, Winchester, N.H.
- June 30 Thompson (Conn.) International Speedway
- July 10 New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H.
- July 30 Doverhead (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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