



New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association



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2011 NEIBA ALL-STAR GAME ENDS IN 3-3 TIE

LOWELL, Mass. – The 37th Annual New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association (NEIBA) All-Star Game was held Thursday night at LeLacheur Park in Lowell, Massachusetts. Top players in all three divisions from across New England came together for a fun night of baseball. The University Division Team was made up of Division I All-Stars while the College Division Team was composed of Division II All-Stars and Division III Senior All-Stars. The University Division came back from a 3-0 deficit to tie the game in the bottom of the eighth, 3-3. The game ended in a tie after the scheduled nine innings were completed.

Senior Ryan Walsh from the University of Massachusetts Boston was named the Offensive MVP of the game after hitting a two-run homer for the College Division Team in the top of the fifth inning. The Pitcher of the Game award went to senior Stephen Peterson of the University of Rhode Island who started on the mound for the University squad. He pitched two complete innings allowing only one hit with one strikeout while facing seven batters.

The College Division got on the board first after a bases loaded hit-by-pitch brought in the first run of the game in the top of the third inning. The teams second and third runs came after senior John Phelan of Fitchburg State University reached on a fielding error and then Walsh's homerun off the scoreboard brought them both in.

The University Division tacked on their first run of the game in the bottom of the seventh when University of Rhode Island junior Greg Annarummo got on base after being hit by a pitch and then stole second. A single from his Rhode Island teammate, senior Kyle Borden, would advance Annarummo home.

The Division I All-Stars struck again in the bottom of the 8th when Holy Cross junior, John Pedrotty was walked and Boston College senior Garret Smith then reached base on a fielder's choice. A double to left field from University of Massachusetts senior Peter Copa followed. Quinnipiac junior Kyle Nisson then hit a sacrifice fly bringing in Smith and Annarummo then doubled to center field to bring home Copa to tie the game, 3-3.

Neither team would go on to score any additional runs as the game ended in a 3-3 tie after nine complete innings. The tie is only the second ever in the 37 year history of the NEIBA All-Star Game. The last was 1986 when the two teams finished the game scoreless, 0-0.

NEIBA would like to thank their sponsors, New Balance, On Deck Sports, Louisville Slugger and Diamond as well as the staff at LeLacheur Park for making last night's game one to remember.