

## Blue Team Takes Game One in Extra Innings

The 2009 Blue-Gold Series appears to be evenly matched as game one took an extra frame before the Blue squad scored a single run in the top of the 8<sup>th</sup> for the victory.

Dean Molitor got the scoring started for the Blue team in the first inning after scorching a triple to the left-center gap. Conor Kelley followed with a hit-by-pitch. On the very next pitch, Kelley took off for second base and as the throw sailed into the outfield, the speedy Molitor crossed the plate for the series' first run. Michael Jimenez then grounded out to second base to score Kelley to give the blue a 2-0 lead after one-half inning.

The Gold team responded quickly by cutting the deficit in half. Ryan Kelly walked and quickly stole second. After running the count full, second baseman Jesse Cummings poked a single to the outfield scoring Kelly to make the score 2-1.

Neither team would score again until the fifth as both starters, Chris Brewer for the Gold and Pete Sullivan for the Blue would settle in. In the top of the fifth, however, Brian Cross, in relief for Brewer, ran into a bump in the road. After allowing a one out walk to Molitor, Cross then tossed an errant pickoff throw down the right field line allowing Molitor to cruise all the way to third base. Conor Kelley promptly followed with single making the score 3-1 in favor of the Blue team. The Blue threatened again in the 5<sup>th</sup> as Jake Moser singled to right field. With Kelley coming around third trying to add an insurance run, a strong throw from right fielder Alex McKinlay slammed the door on the Blue as Kelley was cut down at the plate for the third out.

The bottom of the fifth proved fruitful for the Gold team as Brady Harris came on in relief of Sullivan. After retiring the first hitter, the next two hitters reached base and Alex McKinlay roped a single scoring Steve Mabeus, who had reached on a walk. Ryan Kelly then followed McKinlay with a fielders choice scoring Charlie Beckman tying the score at 3.

The score would stay put until the top of the eighth when Jake Moser singled off of Brian Cross. After Kyle Bretsch came in for relief of Cross, Bobby Patton and Adam Szurkowski both singled to the outfield and then Cory Davidson put the Blue on top to stay as he picked up the game winning RBI scoring Moser on a fielder's choice.

The Gold did not go down quietly in the bottom half of the eighth. David Galando started the inning off with a single off reliever Justin Haas, who was in his third inning of work. Galando then stole second base but was gunned down at home by a strong throw from center fielder Jared Munson as he tried to score on a single by Josh Gust.

Justin Haas picked up the win going three innings, striking out four and allowing no runs. Brian Cross picked up the loss. Offensively, the Blue team was led by Conor Kelley who was 2 for 2 with a walk, a hit-by-pitch, a run scored and a RBI. Bobby Patton also had a strong showing at the plate going 3 for 3 with a walk. The Gold team was led offensively by Alex McKinlay and Jesse Cummings, each going 2 for 4 with a RBI a piece.

The series will resume Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. as the Gold tries to extend the fall season. The gold team will rely on Steve Mabeus on the mound while the Blue team has announced Jake Moser will take the ball for them in game two.