

Blue Team Wins Game One of 4th Annual Blue/Gold Series

The Clarke baseball team began the fall wrap-up Blue/Gold World Series Tuesday night at A.J. Spiegel Park. The Blue team, coached by seniors Ryan Kelly and Justin Haas, came out on top by a score of 11-4.

The best-of-five series got off to a rough start as two errors allowed the Gold team, coached by seniors Jared Munson and Tony Harvat, to strike first with two runs in the first inning. Senior Tony Harvat and sophomore Roberto Rivero each tallied RBI singles but the lead didn't last long as the Blue team battled back in the bottom half of the first.

Gold starting pitcher Kyle Bretsch allowed the first three Blue hitters reach base and they promptly all scored on a single by junior second baseman Andre Navarro and a double by senior catcher Josh Gust.

The scoring subsided briefly as Blue starting pitcher senior Sean O'Connor and Bretsch each retired their opponents with relative ease in the second inning. The top of the third inning began with a single by Gold senior Jesse Cummings. Cummings later scored on a fielder's choice by junior catcher Rolando Sanchez, bringing the Gold to within a 4-3 deficit.

The bottom of the third, however, saw the Gold team give the run right back as senior Alex McKinlay reached first on a base-on-balls. After advancing to second base on a wild pitch, McKinlay scored on a double to left-center by Gust.

The Gold team would scratch one more run across to tie the game at four as senior Jared Munson singled to begin the fifth inning. He then stole both second and third base before scoring on a double by Harvat.

The scored remained tied until the bottom of the sixth inning. Freshman Andrew Coleman cracked a base hit to right field. Cory Davidson followed two batters later with a clutch RBI single which put the Blue team on top for good. Offensively, Gust led both teams going 4-5 with three RBI. Justin Haas pitched five innings of relief for the win, striking out seven and allowing one earned run. Kyle Bretsch suffered the loss for the Gold, allowing three earned runs in three innings of work.