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BRANTFORD TAKES A STRANGLE HOLD ON THE SERIES
RED SOX DEFEAT THUNDERBIRDS 7-1

HAMILTON, ON – The Brantford Red Sox score five times in the first couple innings on their way to a 7-1 victory over the Hamilton Thunderbirds. With the win Brantford takes a three games to none lead in the best of seven series.

Josh McCurdy would lead off the game for the Red Sox with a single and advanced to second on a wild pitch. McCurdy would then score on Chris Emanuele's single. Emanuele would then score two batters later when Lee Delfino grounded into a double play.

Brantford then extended their lead in the second as Tyler Patzalek would lead off with a single and would be followed by a walk to Jason Gotwalt. Both runners would then advance 90 feet on Wayne Forman's sacrifice bunt which was followed by a two out single by McCurdy to bring in both runners. McCurdy would then score on Emanuele's second single of the game.

Hamilton would get their loan run in the bottom of the fifth. Chris Piano hit a one out single and would steal second and third. As Piano stole third base, Forman's throw went into left field which allowed Piano to score.

The Red Sox added a run in the seventh as Emanuele singled and advanced to second on Hyung Cho's ground out to short. Emanuele would then get to third on a passed ball and score when Lee Delfino reached base on an error. Brantford would add one more run in the ninth off of Josh McCurdy's solo homerun to left field.

Scott Robinson got the win for Brantford going eight innings, allowing one unearned run on six hits and striking out five. Mark James would close out the game for the Red Sox allowing a hit and a walk in the five batters he faced. For Hamilton, Matt Martinow took the loss going eight and a third innings, allowing seven runs, six were earned, on 12 hits, walking two and striking out one. Nino Fasulo would pitch the final two-thirds of the game getting both batters he faced to fly out.

Brantford will look to close out the series on Friday night when they host Hamilton for game four of the series starting at 8:00pm.

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | R | H | E |
| BRANTFORD | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 2 |
| HAMILTON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 4 |

Winning Pitcher: Scott Robinson (8 IP, 1 R, 0 ER, 6 H, 5 K)

Losing Pitcher: Matt Martinow (8 1/3 IP, 7 R, 6 ER, 12 H, 2 BB, 1 K)

Homeruns

Brantford

Josh McCurdy (Solo Homerun – Top of 9th)

Leading Hitters

Brantford

Chris Emanuele (4 for 5, 4 Singles, 2 RBIs, 2 Runs)

Josh McCurdy (3 for 4, 2 Singles, Homerun, BB, SB, 3 RBIs, 3 Runs)

Hyung Cho (3 for 5, 3 Singles)

Hamilton

Chris Piano (2 for 4, 2 Singles, K, 2 SB, 1 Run)

Darnell Duckett (2 for 4, 2 Singles)

Jordan Windisch (2 for 4, 2 Singles)

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