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THUNDERBIRDS SWEEP FROM PLAYOFFS BY RED SOX
HAMILTON GOES DOWN SWINGING IN A 5-3 LOSS

BRANTFORD, ON – The Brantford Red Sox completed their sweep of the Hamilton Thunderbirds defeating them 5-3 to advance to the second round of the IBL playoffs.

Brantford would open the scoring in the bottom of the first. Josh McCurdy would lead off with a walk and then steal second base. McCurdy then scored on Chris Emanuele's RBI single. Designated hitter, Hyung Cho would then single to move Emanuele to second base who later scored on Lee Delfino's fielder's choice.

Hamilton would break the shutout in the top of the third inning. Jon Saporsantos would get on base being hit by a pitch with two out and then advanced to second base on Chris Piano's walk. Saporsantos then scored on Graeme Carey's single. Unfortunately for Hamilton, Tim Hebner would fly out to end the inning with Hamilton down 2-1.

The Red Sox would add to their lead in the fifth as McCurdy led off the inning with a single and advanced to third on a stolen base and a throwing error by Thunderbirds catcher Tyler Windisch. McCurdy would then score on Cho's one out single. In the sixth, Brantford would once again score a single run as Wayne Forman would score on McCurdy's fielder's choice.

The Thunderbirds would get within a run of the Red Sox in the top of the seventh as Jordan Windisch led off the inning with a single and scored on Piano's one out, two-run homerun. In the bottom half of the inning, Brantford would get one run back as Jason Gotwalt got on with a two out double and scored on Bryon Bell's double. Hamilton looked to strike again in the top of the eighth with the bases loaded and one out. However, Saporsantos and Piano both flew out to end the inning and the Thunderbirds were unable to get any closer losing the game 5-3.

Marc-Andre Major earned the win for Brantford going six and two-thirds innings, allowing three earned runs on six hits, striking out nine while walking three and hitting one batter. Brian Speck would get the save going one and two-thirds innings not allowing any Thunderbirds to get on base. Jordy Alexander would pitch the two-thirds of an inning allowing three hits and striking out one. For Hamilton, Jordell Farquharson took the loss going five and a third innings, allowing four earned runs on nine hits, walking three, striking out four and throwing three wild pitches. Mike Fortuna would pitch an inning and two-thirds in relief of Farquharson allowing one earned

run on two hits while striking out two. Nino Fasulo would pitch the last inning for Hamilton, allowing one hit and striking out one.

The Brantford Red Sox now advance to the semi finals of the 2010 IBL Playoffs.

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

Winning Pitcher: Marc-Andre Major (6 2/3 IP, 3 R, 3 ER, 6 H, 3 BB, 1 HB, 9 K)

Losing Pitcher: Jordell Farquharson (5 1/3 IP, 4 R, 4 ER, 9 H, 3 BB, 4 K, 3 WP)

Save: Brian Speck (1 1/3 IP, 0 R, 0 H)

Homeruns

Hamilton

Chris Piano (2-Run Homerun – Top of 7th)

Leading Hitters

Brantford

Hyung Cho (3 for 5, 3 Singles, 1 K)

Bryon Bell (2 for 4, Single, Double, 1 K, 1 RBI)

Tyler Burnell (2 for 4, Single, Double, 1 K)

Hamilton

Chris Piano (3 for 4, Single, Double, 2-Run Homerun, BB, 2 RBIs, 1 Run)

Jordan Windisch (2 for 4, 2 Singles, 1 Run)

Graeme Carey (1 for 5, Single, RBI)

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