

Team Black wins 50th Annual NEIBA Joe Walsh All-Star Game Hall of Fame and Award Winners Honored

WORCESTER, Mass. (June 1, 2025) — The New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association (NEIBA) celebrated the conclusion of the 2025 college baseball season with the playing of the 50th Annual NEIBA Joe Walsh All-Star Game on Sunday at Fitton Field.

Team Black defeated Team Red, 8-3. The game, featuring combined teams of Division 1, 2 and 3 standouts from around the region, was hosted by the Worcester Bravehearts and the Futures League for the first time, and presented by On Deck Sports.

The game was a scoreless pitcher's duel until the bottom of the seventh inning when Red scored the first two runs, but Black immediately responded by sending 12 batters to the plate and scoring eight times in the top of the eighth to decide the outcome.

Catcher **Jacob Gaudreau's** (Bryant) grand slam to deep right field drove home the game-deciding runs for Team Black in the eighth, which included three of four hits going for extra bases.

The game started as a pitcher's duel, with the teams allowing just two hits apiece through the first six innings. Team Red broke the deadlock in the seventh, as designated hitter **Sebastian Mueller** (Quinnipiac) hit a leadoff double to left and scored on a two-run double by third baseman **Zev Moore** (MIT) two batters later.

In the eighth, right fielder **Taylor Gaspar** (Stonehill) got the Black squad on the board with a one-out RBI double two batters before Gaudreau connected for his big swing. Later in the inning, first baseman **Jack Thorbahn** (Stonehill) — a former member of the host Bravehearts — hit a two-out, two-run single and designated hitter **Stan DeMartinis III** (Bentley) added an RBI double.

Gaudreau and Mueller led their respective offenses, each recording two hits and scoring a run in the game.

After Black broke the game open, center fielder **Carter Doran** (Clark) brought Red a run closer when he homered to left in the bottom of the eighth. **Jack Pletter** (Bryant) finished the remainder of his two-inning outing without allowing another hit, striking out three to secure the Team Black victory.

Eddie Kaftan (Mitchell) started on the mound for Team Black, which allowed just one hit through five innings. **Ross Dexter** (UMass Boston) struck out the first two batters he faced in a 1-2-3 fourth. **Thomas Kierce** (UMass Boston) was the winning pitcher.

Team Red starter **Brayden Clark** (Salve Regina) began the game with two scoreless and hitless innings. **Hunter Dean** (Mass Maritime) worked around a walk to strike out the side in the sixth.

Before the game, the NEIBA honored its newest class of Hall of Fame inductees and several annual award winners. The Hall of Fame Class of 2025 includes a pair of current New England skippers in **Bill Decker** (Harvard/Trinity) and **Matt Noone** (Babson), as well as legends **Bob Corradi** (Mass Maritime), **J.O. Christian** (UConn) and **Eddie Pellagrini** (Boston College).

UMass Boston's **Brendan Eygabroat** was given the Jack Butterfield Award as an active New England coach who exhibits the integrity and dedication to the game of college baseball that Butterfield demonstrated throughout his career. Northeastern head coach **Mike Glavine** won the Andy Baylock Distinguished Service Award, which goes to a person who has significantly contributed to the betterment of New England college baseball. The recipient of the Kevin Burr Assistant Coach Award was Salve Regina's **Andrew McKeon**.

Northeastern (Glavine), Bentley (**Mike Hill**) and Endicott (**Bryan Haley**) were recognized as the NEIBA's Division 1, 2 and 3 Teams and Coaches of the Year, respectively.