

Sports

Valley Blue Sox grab win over Ocean State Waves

HOLYOKE— Through four innings on the Valley Blue Sox's Hall of Fame Night on Saturday, the difference between the Blue Sox and the Ocean State Waves was largely on the mound. Ocean State (0-3) used a pair of walks and a hit by pitch to spark a four-run fourth inning and take a 5-1 lead. Valley (1-0-1) answered in the eighth, scoring four runs with help from an error, two hit by pitches, a walk and a wild pitch, to complete a 6-5 comeback in the ninth at Mackenzie Stadium.

The full nine innings offered an early-season snapshot of the realities of summer baseball. Pitchers and hitters alike are adjusting to

new roles, players have to click with new teammates almost immediately and it is the first competitive action many have seen in weeks.

For the Blue Sox, the turning point began after starter Jackson Hinchliffe navigated five innings despite running into trouble in the middle frames. After retiring six of the first seven batters he faced, Hinchliffe allowed five runs across the third and fourth innings, accompanied by two walks and a hit by pitch.

Rather than making an early move, Valley allowed the right-hander to finish out five innings and throw a total of 75 pitches. The decision proved significant as Gregory

Bruno, Maddex LaBuda and Jake LeFrancois combined for four scoreless innings out of the bullpen, limiting Ocean State to one hit and walk while keeping the deficit at four runs.

"We kept it there," Blue Sox head coach John Raiola said. "Bruno, LaBuda and LeFrancois came in and kept it at five runs, giving us a chance."

That chance came for Valley in the eighth.

Ocean State reliever Max Marchetti entered after Sawyer Deering delivered four scoreless innings in relief. Marchetti pitched just 0.1 innings for Northeastern this spring and did not appear during the previous two sea-

sons while redshirting.

Valley's rally began without a hit. Scott Donahue reached on a throwing error by shortstop Justin Hackett before Anthony Tirado was hit by a pitch, leaving two ducks sitting on the pond with no outs.

After both runners advanced, Anthony Grabau drove in the Blue Sox's second run of the game with an RBI groundout. Trevor Harmon followed with a single to center field that cut the deficit to 5-3.

Ocean State's command troubles continued from there. Eddison Esquivel was hit by a pitch, and Chris Carson worked a walk to load the bases. Brett Rogers then

brought home another run with a groundout before a wild pitch allowed Trevor Harmon to score from third and Esquivel to score from second, tying the game at 5-5.

By the time the Waves' Andrew Jacobs entered to relieve Marchetti and record the final out of the inning, Valley had sent eight batters to the plate and scored four runs on just one hit.

"When you have traffic on the bases late in the game, it just creates some pressure," Raiola said.

The sequence continued an uneven opening week for Ocean State's pitching staff. The Waves entered Saturday having issued 13 walks in a

20-1 loss to Danbury on Friday, and they also allowed runs to score on wild pitches in Thursday's game against Bristol.

Raiola said both teams are still adjusting to the unique circumstances of summer baseball.

"All of our guys are in unfamiliar spaces [and] so are they," Raiola said. "You see some guys pitching in spots or playing positions that they don't normally play a lot at school."

The Blue Sox completed the comeback in the ninth when Nico Soul singled, advanced on an error and scored on Tirado's RBI single to secure the 6-5 victory.

Springfield Thunderbirds raise money for Rays of Hope

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds and the T-Birds Foundation are proud to announce a donation of \$28,000 to the Rays of Hope as a result of proceeds from the live jersey auction and fundraising elements from the T-Birds' 9th Annual Pink in the Rink game on March 7.

Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa, Vice President of Sales & Strategy Todd McDonald, and Managing Partner Paul Picknelly presented a check to Rays of Hope earlier this month at the MassMutual Center. The Thunderbirds' ninth annual Pink in the Rink game once again served as a powerful centerpiece in the organiza-

tion's ongoing fight against breast cancer, raising another impactful total through auctions of the team's pink-themed, game-worn jerseys. The team also extended its "Pink" sellout streak, welcoming a capacity crowd of 6,793 fans for the ninth consecutive Pink in the Rink event.

"Pink in the Rink continues to be one of the most meaningful and cherished traditions in our community and one of the most anticipated days of the year," said Costa. "Our partnership with Baystate Health and the Rays of Hope continues to bring people together in an incredible show of hope, strength, and support. As we now look ahead to our 10th annual Pink

in the Rink game next March, there's a real sense of excitement and pride surrounding what this event has grown into. The atmosphere in the Thunderdome is always unforgettable, the personal stories shared throughout the night are incredibly powerful, and the bravery of survivors continues to inspire all of us. We're already looking forward to making the 10th edition our most impactful yet as we continue supporting the fight for a cure."

Established during the Thunderbirds' inaugural 2016-17 season, "Pink in the Rink" marks the launch of the Rays of Hope fundraising campaign each March, shining a spotlight on breast cancer

awareness outside of the traditional October awareness month. Each year, those fundraising efforts culminate with the annual Rays of Hope Walk & Run in downtown Springfield each October. Since the tradition began, the Thunderbirds have helped raise more than \$200,000 for the Rays of Hope, with every dollar staying local in Western Massachusetts to support patients, families, and the ongoing pursuit of a cure.

"We are so fortunate to have the Thunderbirds as dedicated partners," said Kathy Tobin, Interim Vice President of Philanthropy for Baystate Health. "Each year Pink in the Rink draws attention to breast cancer and

kicks off the Rays of Hope fundraising season which is critical to our success. Rays of Hope means so much to our survivors and it's emotional to see the tremendous community support, led by the Springfield Thunderbirds and their fans.

Since its founding in 1994, Rays of Hope has raised more than \$18.2 million to support women and men across Western Massachusetts impacted by breast cancer. Funds raised through the organization also help advance critical research efforts at the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research, while providing local support, services, and resources for patients and families

throughout the region.

The T-Birds Foundation was established in 2018 with a mission of serving the Springfield community and the Pioneer Valley beyond every win and loss through a focus on providing and supporting initiatives in the areas of health and wellness, youth enrichment, and civil service. During the 2025-26 season, the T-Birds Foundation raised approximately \$150,000 for charitable causes in Western Massachusetts.

The 2026 Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer will be held on Sunday, October 18. For more information, visit baystatehealth.org/RaysofHope or call 413-794-8001.

Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD26P1237EA
Estate of:
Deanna Lynn Ledwith
Date of Death: 02/24/2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 To all interested persons:
 A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Amanda Riel of South Hadley, MA and Samantha Ledwith of Enfield, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Amanda Riel of South Hadley, MA and Samantha Ledwith of Enfield, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/06/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE

(MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: June 08, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
 Register of Probate
 06/11/2026

Town of Agawam Legal Notice
 The **Agawam Planning Board** will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 6:00pm and the **Agawam City Council** will hold its public hearing on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of these hearings will be to hear the petition of Council President Russo for a proposed zoning amendment for "An Ordinance Regarding Fence Height in the Town of Agawam." The City Council's public hearing will be livestreamed on the Town of Agawam's website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15 or Channel 1074. Copies of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Planning Department between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm at the Agawam DPW, 1000 Suffolk Street, Agawam, MA or by emailing the Office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us.

By Order Of:
 Violet Baldwin, Chairman
 Agawam Planning Board
 Anthony Russo
 City Council President
 06/04, 06/11/2026

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Collection Day Reminders

- Trash and recycling carts must be placed curbside by 6:30 a.m. on their scheduled collection day.
- Carts should be placed on the tree belt and positioned at least 3 feet apart from each other and 4 feet away from obstacles such as mailboxes, utility poles, parked vehicles, fences, and other structures.
- Trash cart lids must be completely closed in order to be serviced.

Overflow Trash

Residents with excess household trash may place additional material in official Town overflow bags. Overflow bags are available for purchase at:

- Rocky's Ace Hardware
- Geissler's Supermarket
- Stop & Shop

Waste Ban and Recycling Reminders

Trash carts and overflow bags must not contain prohibited materials, including:

- Hazardous waste
- Sharps, including needles, syringes, and lancets
- Carpeting
- Yard waste
- Batteries, including button-cell, lithium-ion, lead-acid, and rechargeable batteries
- Concrete, brick, asphalt, or soil
- Construction and demolition debris

Recycling carts must also remain free of prohibited materials, including:

- Household trash
- Bagged recycling or bagged trash
- Batteries, including button-cell, lithium-ion, lead-acid, and rechargeable batteries

- Yard waste
- Plastic film, plastic bags, and shrink wrap
- Tanglers such as hoses, ropes, cords, chains, and wires
- Electronics

Please note: The examples listed above are not all-inclusive and reflect some of the more commonly encountered prohibited materials found in the Town's waste and recycling streams. Additional waste ban and prohibited materials may apply. Residents should consult the Town's waste and recycling guidelines for complete disposal requirements.

Proper recycling is more important than ever. When non-recyclable materials are placed in recycling carts, entire loads can become contaminated, resulting in rejected materials,

increased processing costs, and potential penalties to the Town. By placing only accepted recyclable materials in recycling carts, residents help protect the community's recycling program, reduce disposal costs, and support local and regional sustainability efforts.

The Department of Public Works thanks residents for their continued commitment to proper waste disposal and recycling. Your efforts help maintain efficient collection services, protect the environment, control costs, and keep our community clean and safe for everyone.

For additional information, collection schedules, recycling guidelines, or waste disposal resources, please visit the Town's website at Agawam.ma.us or contact the Department of Public Works at 821-0600.

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just great to be able to offer them options, and you know, new groups and new resources to help them with their nutrition needs and some of their medical issues. Gina is now on our COA board, and she was coming here helping us

with blood pressure before that, so she's just a great resource for us. Kristina helped make that happen and Gina's a great resource. The seniors seemed to like it."

The next Diabetic Support Group will be happening at the Senior Center on July 1. Amanda from

Libra will come to discuss the benefits of glucose monitors, different types, and answer any questions members might have.

For more information regarding upcoming events at the Senior Center visit the town's website.

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