Hall, Holy Cross dominate Dartmouth

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Before 8,800 fans and alumni, culminated in the bleachers of Fitton Field, the Holy Cross football squad looked to not only spiral their way into a 31-14 loss to Dartmouth, but also to snap a two-game losing streak handed to them by their Ivy League rivals. The Crusaders notched their third victory of the year with a dominating 35-3 lead. The pass was Hall's fourth and 32. The loss of Smith did not distract as he became just the third quarterback in school history to throw five touchdown passes in a single game. Hall's heroes lead Holy Cross to their third victory of the year with a 127 yards. The Crusader defense last weekend.

Calvin Souder show began as the senior runningback darts through the Big Green line before exploding for a 4 yard TD run. The run not only capped Holy Cross' longest drive of the season, it was a perfect end to a dominant run game for Souder. He would eventually finish with 114 yards on the day to lead the Crusader rushing game.

Following Souder's run, Hall and wide receiver David Thompson teamed up for back-to-back end zone trips. Hall operated the first half, he was once again pinned inside his own 20. Attempting to down the ball up field, Love was picked off by sophomore Ben Koller who was eventually taken down at the Dartmouth five-yard line. Hall wasted no time, again needing only one play to find a wide open Michael Coleman deep in the secondary to put an exclamation point on the half and take Holy Cross into the locker room with a commanding 35-3 lead. The pass was Hall's fourth and 32. The loss of Smith did not distract as he became just the third quarterback in school history to throw five touchdown passes in a single game. Hall's heroes lead Holy Cross to their third victory of the year with a 127 yards. The Crusader defense last weekend.

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The Curse Continues: A Red Sox Rant

I have made it through the first seven weeks of the semester without writing a column on the Red Sox. That is a very difficult thing for me to do since I love the Red Sox more than I love my friends, my family, and my black and white clothes (I'm kidding, of course). My point is that I have always stuck by the Red Sox through thick and thin, but I must admit these times are thinner than Kate Moss after a crash diet. I thought things were bad when Tom Brunansky was the best player on the team and Jack Clark was the designated hitter. Nope, that's not even close to as bad as things are now, because back then at least I knew in March that the Sox were going to be terrible. Red Sox fans, we have hit rock bottom. And it isn't pretty.

Dan Duquette is the root of our problems. I have always said how much I hate Duquette, but at this point I would rather have Danny Almonte running the team because I believe Duquette has an intelligence level of below a twelve-year-old or fourteen-year-old or whatever. His suggestion that Pedro Martinez would pitch the rest of the season with an ailing shoulder was a threat to any future this franchise has. Duquette said, "The team is not going to shut Pedro down. We're paying him a lot of money to pitch. Our fans enjoy seeing Pedro Martinez pitch." Who is he kidding? Mr. Duquette, I am a fan and I can speak for all of us when I tell you that it would have been okay if we had to wait until next year to see him pitch. I think I will wear all probably be fans since we are all pretty good at waiting until next year for things.

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Moving on...

Many people believe that Trot Nixon is Boston's Most Valuable Player this season. No chance. The MVP was Manny Ramirez. Before the team had become an embarrassment, Manny wa the one to carry the Red Sox offense. He was not just a player, he was the entire offensive team. Manny made Mariano Rivera seem human - not once, but twice this season. Remember back to those good old days? It is true that Nixon was a decent player all year long, but he played his best when it did not matter at all - nine of his 27 home runs and 28 of his 88 RBI came in the final six weeks. He never gave up and that is something to be admired, but neither did Manny. Is Nixon a solid player with still a lot of potential at the age of 27? Absolutely. Was he the MVP of the 2001 team? Absolutely not.

It is time to say goodbye to John Valentin and Troy O'Leary. The only reason I will miss them is because with their departures, Tim Wakefield becomes the senior member of the squad. Scary thought, I know.

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Last minute thoughts - Keep Carl and Go Mariners.