



Rookie of the Month
2006

Tim Melville

Holt High School, St. Louis, Missouri



It's funny how players are known for certain strengths, but in the end if they are a good player it doesn't matter what people originally thought, the proof is in the pudding. Tim Melville started this year's season one of Holt High School's dominant pitchers. However, on a cold damp night in March Tim tore his Labrum, ending his season on the hill.

That hasn't stopped Melville from being a big contributor to the Indians success this year. Coach Joel Adam is reported as saying, "It's gotta be tough personally. Tim had been working all winter with an arm guy, an ex-pitcher, getting ready for the season."

After only 5 innings in a game against Troy, Coach could see the look in Melville's eye and just knew. "Here's a kid who's never had arm problems, a real competitor. He told me he felt something snap, but was still ready to go back out and pitch."

Tim decided he had better not, and it was tough for a while for the team. Tim is a leader, and his team was looking forward to playing behind him in the field. After he went down, the team went on a 1-4 skid. However, Melville was able to pick up his teammates with his bat. In 14 games, Tim is batting .406 as the DH. He has 10 RBI's; and in 32 at bats has 13 hits with 2 doubles and 2 home runs.

Now the Holt High Indians are 10-5 and on an upswing. "It's ironic," says coach Adam, "We have 2 guys that throw low 90's, and weren't supposed to have that much pop in our bats. But now it looks like the bats are getting it done."

Being such a competitor, Melville must have a great feeling, swinging a hot stick and helping the team. Congrats Tim on being Rookie of the Month and showing that you can do more than just pitch. Good luck.

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