

Kevin Heller Named NESCAC, ECAC Player of the Week

AMHERST, MA – Amherst College first-year Kevin Heller (Brooklyn, NY) earned the first NESCAC Baseball Player of the Week honor of 2009 for leading the Lord Jeffs to a 7-3 record during their Spring Break trip to Florida. Heller, who was also tabbed the ECAC Baseball Player of the Week for the New England Region, led Amherst in nearly every offensive statistical category to return to campus as the team's leading hitter.

First-year jitters were not a factor for the Amherst right fielder, who went 4-for-4 with four RBIs in his collegiate debut and was a combined 12-for-15 in his first four outings. Heller batted .622 with a .652 on-base percentage during the trip, adding 22 RBIs, 15 runs scored and six walks with only one strikeout.

Heller displayed the ability to hit for power throughout the trip, belting five doubles, one triple and a home run for a slugging percentage of .946. The Amherst first-year was just as dangerous on the base paths, stealing eight bases in 10 attempts.

Heller's 4-for-4 showing against Ramapo was met by another four-hit performance against Denison, but no game was more impressive for the first-year than the Jeffs' 22-9 win over Clarkson. Heller went 5-for-6 in the victory, driving in five runs and scoring six others, as he had three doubles, a triple and a stolen base to lead Amherst.

The Lord Jeffs return to action Wednesday, Mar. 25, when they head to Westfield State College for a 3:30 p.m. non-conference game.

