

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” ~

Martin Luther King, Jr.

When you become a twelve year old in Little League Baseball it is expected that you become the leader. Some rise to the challenge while others fail to step up. For Alex Toye, becoming the leader for the Red Sox was just another obstacle he was willing to face. Alex has faced many obstacles, both in sports and in life, but has always confronted each of them with a pursuit for excellence. Baseball and leadership, was no different. Alex Toye has been chosen Athlete of the Month for his leadership, his hot start and his hard work during the offseason.

In the Braintree American Red Sox's first game, Alex started his 12 year-old career with two homeruns; one a grand slam. Since that first game, Alex has continued on a tear, hitting three more homeruns, two in walk off fashion; a total of five homeruns in five games. His coaches nominated him for this award and the employees of the baseball club whole-heartedly agree. We have seen the Red Sox at the club all winter and Alex was always in attendance working hard and was especially helpful to his peers.

Joe Zanca, Braintree Legion Head Coach and Alex's uncle, was very excited to hear about his award. He stated about Alex,

*Nothing has come easy for Alex in life and in baseball. But instead of feeling bad for himself, Alex chose to keep fighting and work harder. All his extra hitting with his coaches, while playing travel soccer and basketball, has paid off. He is extremely grateful to family members, most importantly his Grandmother Mary, for all their time and attention.*

The Braintree Baseball Club wishes Alex and the Braintree American Red Sox the best of luck in their pursuit to defend their championship. Congratulations Alex, you are a role model for gladly accepting a leadership role and being the “next man up” for your coaches and teammates. Keep up the hard work; continue to lead and good luck the rest of the way.

Jim Joyce