

# CRIEGHTON TAKES FIRST TRIPLE CROWN!

## EXCELSIOR'S YOUNG STAR SET NUMEROUS N.B.B.O. RECORDS IN 1863

BROOKLYN (Aug. 10, 1863) – The 1863 National Base Ball Organization season ended yesterday afternoon, and with it Excelsior B.B.C's young superstar pitcher, Jim Creighton, has been written into the record books for numerous achievements.

Creighton's 1863 from the Pitcher's Area for Excelsior:

**26-4, 2.29 ERA, 173 ERA+, 302.0 IP, 27 CG, 2 SHO, 28 BB, 69 K, 1.02 WHIP, 2.5 K/BB, 7.0 WAR, 12.4 RA9-WAR**

Creighton led the entire N.B.B.O. in Wins, Starter's E.R.A., & Strikeouts, making him not only the first pitcher to win his league's Pitching "Triple Crown" but the first to lead the entire N.B.B.O. simultaneously over the course of a season. Nobody has yet to win the Batting "Triple Crown", which demands a batsman lead his league in Average, Home Runs, & R.B.I.

That was not the only history Creighton made in 1863, as he set new N.B.B.O. in numerous starting pitcher's categories:

- HITS/9: 8.34 – previously 8.88 by Henry Harding (EMP) in 1858
- WHIP: 1.02 – previously 1.12 by Grover Wright (K.C.) in 1861
- OPP. AVG: .239 – previously .248 by Frank Freitag (SHA) in 1862
- OPP. OBP: .262 – previously .275 by Grover Wright (K.C.) in 1861
- OPP. OPS: .566 – previously .571 by Rollie Rogers (N.C.) in 1858
- PITCHING WAR: 7.0 – previously 6.9 by Grover Wright (NIA) in 1862
- RA9-WAR: 12.6 – previously 10.8 by Grover Wright (K.C.) in 1861

Those new records are in addition to the records Creighton currently holds for Strikeouts in a season (73 in 1862) & Strikeouts per Nine Innings (2.23/9 in 1862). He barely missed beating the Starter's E.R.A. record, currently belonging to Syracuse's William Huitema with a 2.25 mark over 312 innings in 1861.

It was thought by many observers when Creighton joined the Excelsior club in 1860 that he had such an abundance of natural talent that it would only be a matter of time that he would become the sport's premier pitcher. In 1863, Creighton has turned that prophecy into reality.

