

# KNICKERBOCKER CLINCHES W/ 13 GAMES TO SPARE!

## N.Y.C. LEADERS' 47TH WIN ELIMINATES GOTHAM; EARLIEST TEAM TO GUARANTEE PENNANT

NEW YORK CITY (July 20, 1865) – The Knickerbocker B.B.C. juggernaut continues to roll along. The most dominant team in N.B.B.O. history started Week Twelve of the season with a 9-3 home win over Metropolitan on Wednesday, and they followed it up with a 12-2 win over Metro on Thursday, a breeze of a contest in which John McGowan allowed two hits and raised his 1865 pitching record to 22-4.

The pair of blowout victories brought Knickerbocker's record to 47-10, keeping them [fourteen games in front of Gotham B.B.C. with thirteen games left on the schedule](#). That meant Knickerbocker were New York City champions with two and a half weeks to spare, three games sooner than any other team has clinched a regional championship N.B.B.O. history.

Knickerbocker has not *quite* been as extraordinarily dominant over the second half of the season as they were during the first. Since their 31-4 run over the opening seven weeks of play, Knickerbocker is “merely” 16-6, which is still a winning percentage over .700. It beggars belief that this team's records over the previous five seasons were [35-35, 37-33, 36-34, 37-33, and another season of 37-33](#). The second-oldest club in existence is *definitely* back to a form that fits their reputation.

Knickerbocker's 47-10 record makes them nine games better than any other team in the N.B.B.O – Alleghany the second-best at 38-19. They have a +170 Run Differential, and while Knickerbocker is unlikely to better the 1859 St. John's record of +245 they are roughly +50 better than any other team this season.

Knickerbocker is allowing 4.4 runs per game, still on pace to easily allow the fewest runs over the course of a season. They are allowing a full run per game less than any other team this season, and they are also a run and a half per game better than the #2 team in the New York League. Their team E.R.A. of 2.33, assuming it holds, will break existing records.

So far in 1865, everything has gone Knickerbocker's way. The only question that remains to be answered is if they can carry that same form beyond the end of the season and win their first Tucker-Wheaton Cup.