

GOTHAM OUTLASTS HILLTOP IN A N.Y.C. CLASSIC

TEAMS COMBINE FOR 35 RUNS & 43 HITS; GOTHAM'S ARNOLD & BILLON THE STARS

NEW YORK CITY (May 10, 1866) – The season is only in Week Two, but already the National Base Ball Organization has been given what might end up being its game of the year thanks to a Hilltop-Gotham classic in New York City on Thursday:

	NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION HILLTOP B.B.C. OF YONKERS AT GOTHAM BASE BALL CLUB GAME ID: 145 - THURSDAY, MAY 10TH, 1866 - <u>GAME LOG</u>											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Hilltop B.B.C. of Yonkers (3-4)	1	8	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	17	22	9
Gotham Base Ball Club (5-2)	4	4	3	0	0	0	4	3	X	18	21	8
												

This game had **EVERYTHING**: 35 total runs, 43 hits, 17 combined fielding errors, and seven lead changes.

Gotham raced out to a 4-1 lead in the bottom of the 1st, but eight Hilltop runs made it 9-4 in the top of the 2nd. Gotham then made it 9-8 in their half of the 2nd and had an 11-10 lead by the end of the 3rd. Hilltop scored three unanswered runs over the middle innings to take back the lead and enter the late stage ahead 13-11, but Gotham once again roared back. After going up 14-11 in the top half of the 7th, Hilltop allowed Gotham to take a 15-14 lead on a combination of hits & errors in the bottom half. The visitors then took the lead back in the 8th on a 2-run single by P Xanthus Komninos, but in the bottom of the 8th the lead went straight back to Gotham on a 2-run double by Alexander Arnold. Gotham then received an insurance run via wild pitch, and they needed it because after scoring a run in the top of the 9th Hilltop had the tying run on 3rd when Richard Kenton hit a fly out to CF to end the game.

Hilltop was led by All-Star C Morris Jennings, who was 4/6 with a pair of doubles, a pair of runs, and one R.B.I, but the stars of the game wore Gotham's clothing. Two in particular stood out: SS Alexander Arnold & LF Luc Billon.

ARNOLD

- B1: Single to LF off R. Frazee (stole 2B, scored)
- B2: 1-run Single to CF off R. Frazee (scored)
- B3: Fly Out to RF off F. Mills
- B5: Single past 2B off F. Mills
- B7: Single b/w 1B & 2B off F. Mills (scored)
- B8: 2-run Double to LF off X. Komninos (scored)
- TOTAL: 5/6, 2B, 4 R, 3 RBI, SB, 6 TB

BILLON

- B1: 2-run Single to RCF off R. Frazee (scored)
- B2: 1-run Single to CF off R. Frazee (scored)
- B3: 2-run Double to LF off F. Mills (scored)
- B5: Fly Out to CF off F. Mills
- B7: 1-run Single to LF off F. Mills (scored)
- B8: Reached via Base on Balls by X. Komninos
- TOTAL: 4/5, 2B, 4 R, 6 RBI, BB, 5 TB

For the two thousand people in attendance, everyone received their money's worth. For Hilltop, it was an extremely disappointing loss littered with miscues. For Gotham, it was a thrilling victory that continued their run of mostly positive results to start the 1866 season.