

TWO BIG PERFORMANCES; GOTHAM STREAK ENDS

KIVIVUORI BLASTS SIX HITS; DAVIS BAGS FIVE HITS & FIVE RUNS; GOTHAM STREAK ENDS AT 17

BROOKLYN & NEWARK, N.J. (July 11, 1866) – The first day of Week Eleven of the N.B.B.O. season saw one batsman in each league put in a sterling performance.

First up was Empire Ilkka Kivivuori, who had six hits in his team's 20-13 victory at Bedford. The visitors came into the ninth behind 13-12, but an eight-run rally helped along by Kivivuori reaching base twice turned Empire into the runaway victors against the second-best team in Brooklyn.

The other big day came from American's superstar CF Willie Davis. In a 14-10 win at Newark, Davis had five hits, scored five times, and stole multiple bases to help his team increase its record to 29-22 and stay within a game of cross-town rivals Quaker State for second place in the Coastal Championship.

KIVIVUORI

- T2: Leadoff Bunt Single off R. van der Hout
- T3: Single past 3B off R. van der Hout
- T5: 1-run Single past SS off R. van der Hout (R)
- T6: 1-run Single b/w SS & 3B off R. van der Hout (R)
- T7: Single past SS off W. Morandi
- T9: Reached via Base on Balls by H. Cataldo (R)
- T9: 1-run Single to LCF off W. Garrett
- TOTAL: 6/6 (all singles), 3 R, 3 RBI, BB, 6 TB

DAVIS

- T1: Double past 3B off O. Sherrill (scored)
- T3: Leadoff Single b/w 1B & 2B off O. Sherrill (SB, R)
- T5: Infield Single off O. Sherrill (SB, R)
- T7: Leadoff Single past 2B off O. Sherrill (R)
- T8: Fly Out to CF off H. Garnett
- T9: Triple to CF off H. Garnett (R)
- TOTAL: 5/6, 2B, 3B, 5 R, 5 RBI, 2 SB, 8 TB

The base on balls that Kivivuori drew in the top of the ninth inning at Bedford meant he actually reached base seven times, one of only a handful of times that has ever happened in a nine-inning contest. The performance raised his average to .357 with three home runs and 45 R.B.I.

Davis, who looks like a lock to make yet another All-Star Game, raised his average to .348 with fifty R.B.I. and 27 stolen bases thanks to his five-hit & five-run outburst in Newark.

Elsewhere in base ball, the other notable event of the day was that Gotham's seventeen-game winning streak came to an end in the first of their five-game series at Metropolitan. The final score was 7-3, with Gotham never really able to make it a contest as the hosts were up 4-0 after the end of the fifth and 7-1 after the end of the seventh.

In spite of the loss, Gotham remains three games clear in the New York City Championship thanks to a 9-8 Union of Morrisania loss at lowly Mutual.