

HISTORIC 9TH GIVES NEWARK “BATTLE OF NEW JERSEY”

VISITORS RUN 16 PAST PLATE IN TOP OF THE 9TH TO TAKE INCREDIBLE VICTORY

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (May 5, 1867) – After eight innings hosts Port Jersey were ahead 14-12 over Newark in the fifth and final game of another edition of the “Battle of New Jersey”. Newark then came to bat and reeled off the largest ninth inning rally in National Base Ball Organization history to turn the contest upside down and take the series four games to one:



NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION
NEWARK BASE BALL CLUB AT PORT JERSEY B.B.C.
GAME ID: 106 - SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, 1867 - GAME LOG

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Newark Base Ball Club (4-1)	5	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	16	28	26	10
Port Jersey B.B.C. (1-4)	1	1	0	0	3	0	7	2	2	16	19	10



On June 27th of last year, Pioneer became the first team to score 10+ runs in the ninth to secure a win by scoring exactly ten at Lake Erie in their final time at bat. This rally, featuring twenty batsmen and two home runs, put that one to shame:

- BAT 1: A. Lewter reached via Error by SS H. Bettman
- BAT 2: J. Midge reached via Base on Balls by A. Blatnik
- BAT 3: W. Spangler hit Single past 2B off A. Blatnik
- BAT 4: A. Jones hit 1-run Single to CF off A. Blatnik (Lewter R)
 - J. Midge Run via Throwing Error by CF S. Guzik
- BAT 5: D. McGinty reached via Base on Balls by A. Blatnik
- BAT 6: E. England hit 1-run Single past SS off A. Blatnik (Spangler R)
- BAT 7: W. Van Buren hit 2-run Double to LF off A. Blatnik (McGinty & England R)
 - A. Jones Run via Passed Ball

- BAT 8: J. Wallace hit Single past SS off A. Blatnik
- BAT 9: I. Moore hit 1-run Single past 2B off A. Blatnik (Van Buren R)
- BAT 10: A. Lewter hit 1-run Double to RCF off A. Blatnik (Wallace R)
- BAT 11: J. Midge hit 3-RUN HOME RUN to LF off J. McLean (Moore, Lewter, & Midge R)
- BAT 12: W. Spangler reached via Error by SS H. Bettman
- BAT 13: A. Jones reached via Base on Balls by J. McLean
- BAT 14: B. King (PH for D. McGinty) Fly Out to CF off J. McLean
- BAT 15: E. England hit Single past 2B off J. McLean
- BAT 16: W. Van Buren hit 1-run Single past 1B off J. McLean (England R)
 - W. Spangler Run via Passed Ball
 - A. Jones Run via Wild Pitch
- BAT 17: J. Wallace hit 2-RUN HOME RUN (Inside the Park) to RCF off J. McLean (Van Buren & Wallace R)
- BAT 18: I. Moore hit Triple to RCF off J. McLean
- BAT 19: A. Lewter Fly Out to LF off J. McLean
- BAT 20: J. Midge Ground Out to 1B off J. McLean
- TOTAL: 20 BATTERS, 16 RUNS, 12 H (7 1B, 2 2B, 3B, 2 HR), 3 BB, 3 E, 2 PB, 1 WP, 1 LoB

It was an incredible half-inning for Newark, who clubbed five extra-base hits and became the first team in NBBO history to hit two home runs in the same inning.

However, it was an excruciating half-inning for Port Jersey and especially pitcher Alva Blatnik, who set new records by allowing ten runs – nine earned – on seven hits without retiring a single batter after entering at the start of the ninth.

Player of the Game honors went to Newark OF Iestyn Moore, who finished 5/7 with the bat with a pair of doubles, a triple, three runs, and five batted in.

The sheer ridiculousness of the top of the ninth inning of this contest at Hoboken & Oakland Park will be hard to top over the rest of the 1867 season.