

PIKE SLAMS 5 HITS, DRIVES IN 5 AT EAGLE

FIRST-TIME ALL-STAR CONTINUES HIS EXCELLENT SEASON FOR VICTORY BBC

ELMIRA, N.Y. (July 25, 1868) – Victory BBC is visiting the NBBO's worst team, Eagle, this week. After losing on Wednesday they took care of business on Thursday & Friday with wins of 16-3 & 10-2, and Saturday saw more of the same:

		NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION VICTORY BASE BALL CLUB AT EAGLE BASE BALL CLUB GAME ID: 1395 - SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, 1868 - GAME LOG													
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E		
Victory Base Ball Club (31-28)		0	0	2	0	0	6	0	5	1	14	18	6		
Eagle Base Ball Club (14-45)		0	1	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	7	11	5		

The visitors received quality performances from OF Claude Jordan (3/6, 2B, R, 2 RBI) and star SS Henry Nabors (3/6, 2B, 3 R, 3 RBI), but it was first-time All-Star 3B Weldon Pike who stole the show:

- T1: Reached via Error by 3B L. O'Reilly
- T3: 1-run Single to LF off C. Lee
- T5: Single to CF off C. Lee
- T6: 3-run Double to CF off C. Lee (R)
- T8: Infield Single to 2B off A. Ratcliffe (R)
- T9: 1-run Double to RCF off A. Ratcliffe
- TOTAL: 5/6, 2 2B, 2 R, 5 RBI, 7 TB

Pike is batting .316 with an NYL-leading five home runs and 49 RBI in 1868, all three marks major improvements over his debut 1867 season (.291, 0 HR, 44 RBI). Also, his OPS of .812 represents a roughly 170-point improvement over last year.

Pike has arguably been the most improved player in the New York League this year, and his Victory team (31-28) still has a faint chance at the pennant as they trail leaders Niagara (36-23) by five games with eleven left to play.