

# NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION JUNE RECAP

NORTHEAST U.S.A. (July 1, 1869) – The end of June sees the National Base Ball Organization part of the way done with Week Nine of the 1869 season. Here is how the competition looks a little more than halfway through:

## REGIONAL LEADERS (20 of 70 games played)

- BROOKLYN: Atlantic & Kings Co. at 24-17 (Eckford & Excelsior 1 GB, Continental 3 GB, Nassau Co. 4 GB)
- NEW YORK CITY: Knickerbocker at 29-12 (Gotham 1 GB)
- UPSTATE NY: Flour City at 33-8 (Binghamton & Utica 10 GB)
- COASTAL: Shamrock at 33-8 (Mass. Bay 8 GB)
- INLAND: Alleghany at 28-13 (Sportsman's 1 GB)
- NEW ENGLAND: St. John's at 27-14 (Cantabrigians, Portland, & S.o.t.O. 5 GB)

Bedford has fallen off the pace, but Brooklyn is still incredibly tight. Interestingly, the team with the most favorable remaining schedule might be the team with the worst Run Differential: Eckford. This is because they have played only 16 games at home compared to 25 away.

Knickerbocker has soared to the top of NYC thanks to an ongoing thirteen-game winning streak, but Gotham is still right behind them.

Flour City is in total control of Upstate New York after an 18-3 June. Similarly, Shamrock has likely conquered the Coastal Championship for the eighth time after a 17-4 June that looked completely dominant.

Alleghany is 7-3 over the last ten games but still just in front of the surprising Sportsman's, who is being led by the pitching of first-year senior player Washington Kihlstedt and a stout defense.

St. John's went from four games back at the start of June to five games clear in New England, thanks to 16-5 June and an offense that is scoring 9.8 runs per game. Granite went from 15-5 in May to 3-18 in June.

## BATTERS OF THE MONTH

- **NYL:** Garfield Koonce (1B, K.C.) – .470 AVG, 1.211 OPS, 32 R, 47 H, 15 2B, 2 3B, 2 HR, 39 RBI, 3 BB, 0 SB, 3.0 WPA, 1.8 WAR
- **NEL:** Samuel Kessler (3B, ALL) – .464 AVG, 1.132 OPS, 38 R, 45 H, 13 2B, 1 3B, 0 HR, 36 RBI, 10 BB, 5 SB, 2.0 WPA, 1.6 WAR

Koonce's brilliant June puts him squarely in place to have a better sophomore season than his All-Star worthy debut in 1868. Meanwhile, 9x Team of the Year member Kessler finally took his first BotM honor as part of Alleghany's incredible offense.

## PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

- **NYL:** James Goodman (F.C.) – 11-2, 1.77 ERA, 116.2 IP, 11 CG, 1 SHO, 5 BB, 46 K, 0.99 WHIP, 4.0 WAR, 6.2 rWAR
- **NEL:** Washington Kihlstedt (SPO) – 11-1, 2.69 ERA, 113.2 IP, 10 CG, 1 SHO, 13 BB, 11 K, 1.21 WHIP, 2.3 WAR, 5.3 rWAR

No surprise in New York: Goodman took PotM again with pitching that was as spectacular in June as it was in May. Over in the NEL, it was the stunning newcomer Kihlstedt and his 11-1 June for Sportsman's that beat the league's best for PotM.

## NEWCOMERS OF THE MONTH

- **NYL:** Charles Hodges (SS, MUT) – .366 AVG, .873 OPS, 23 R, 34 H, 8 2B, 1 3B, 0 HR, 20 RBI, 4 BB, 0 SB, 1.3 WPA, 0.6 WAR
- **NEL:** Washington Kihlstedt (P, SPO) – NEL Pitcher of the Month

Hodges has proven himself a fine winter addition for a much-improved Mutual team, and he has been rewarded accordingly. Given that Kihlstedt was the NEL's Pitcher of the Month, he had to be their Newcomer of the Month as well.

## STATISTICAL LEADERS

- **Average:** .436 by Reginald Roper (OF, F.C.)
- **OPS:** 1.119 by Franklin Petty (CF, L.E.)
- **Runs:** 67 by Royal Altman (OF, ALL) & William Johnson (CF, STJ)
- **Home Runs:** 7 by William Busby (1B, AME)
- **RBI:** 59 by Garfield Koonce (1B, K.C.)

- **Stolen Bases: 40 by Manuel Romeiras (CF, HAR)**
- **Batter WPA: 4.5 by Isaac Kelly (3B, ECK)**
- **Batter WAR: 2.7 by Edward Huntley (SS, KNI)**
  
- **ERA: 1.79 by James Goodman (F.C.) over 226.1 IP**
- **Wins: 22 by James Goodman (F.C.)**
- **Complete Games: 22 by James Goodman (F.C.)**
- **Strikeouts: 84 by Jim Creighton (EXC)**
- **WHIP: 0.98 by James Goodman (F.C.) over 226.1 IP**
- **Pitcher WAR: 7.4 by James Goodman (F.C.)**
- **Pitcher rWAR: 11.6 by James Goodman (F.C.)**