NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION JULY RECAP

NORTHEAST U.S.A. (Aug. 1, 1869) - The end of July means there is exactly one week left to play in the 1869 base ball season. Here is the recounting of the month of July:

REGIONAL LEADERS (65 of 70 games played)

- BROOKLYN: Kings Co. at 38-27 (Excelsior 2 GB, Atlantic & Continental 3 GB, Eckford 4 GB, Nassau Co. 5 GB)
- NEW YORK CITY: Knickerbocker at 46-19 (Gotham 5 GB)
- UPSTATE NY: Flour City at 51-14 (Utica & Victory 17 GB)
- COASTAL: Shamrock at 47-18 (Mass. Bay 5 GB)
- INLAND: Alleghany at 47-18 (Sportsman's 7 GB)
- NEW ENGLAND: St. John's at 43-22 (Oceanic 5 GB)

Five of the regions are either decided or all but decided. Alleghany & Flour City have already punched their tickets to the cup, while all the trio of Knickerbocker, Shamrock, & St. John's have left to do over their last five games is win once or see the team behind them in the standings lose once.

That leaves all eyes on Brooklyn, where five teams still have a mathematical chance to take the pennant and Nassau County still has a chance to force a playoff. It all comes down to whether or not seventh-place Empire (26-39, 12 GB) can play the spoiler at home against Kings County. As things stand, Kings County is being tipped to win three of the five games, which would eliminate all but Excelsior, who would then have to sweep Nassau County to force a one-game playoff.

BATTERS OF THE MONTH

- NYL: Carlton McShane (OF, K.C.) .420 AVG, 1.078 OPS, 27 R, 42 H, 7 2B, 5 3B, 1 HR, 30 RBI, 4 BB, 2 SB, 1.9 WPA, 1.3 WAR
- NEL: Konrad Jensen (OF, STJ) .453 AVG, 1.136 OPS, 32 R, 43 H, 4 2B, 5 3B, 1 HR, 26 RBI, 11 BB, 20 SB, 1.0 WPA, 1.8 WAR

McShane became the second consecutive Kings County player to take BotM after a fine July for the Brooklyn leaders that saw him collect many clutch hits. Meanwhile, Jensen took his whopping eighth BotM honor after batting .450 in July.

PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

- NYL: Peadar Daly (KNI) 11-1, 3.61 ERA, 109.2 IP, 10 CG, 0 SHO, 13 BB, 19 K, 1.21 WHIP, 1.9 WAR, 2.6 rWAR
- NEL: Daniel Flynn (M.B.) 9-1, 1.54 ERA, 67.0 IP, 6 CG, 0 SHO, 7 BB, 3 K, 1.04 WHIP, 1.4 WAR, 2.5 rWAR

James Goodman cooled down in July (5-4, 2.92 ERA), which opened the door for Daly to take PotM after winning eleven times for Knickerbocker. Flynn's PotM was a rare honor for a #2 pitcher, but his July was too good to cast aside.

NEWCOMERS OF THE MONTH

- NYL: James Albertson (P, ORA) 7-3, 3.47 ERA, 62.1 IP, 5 CG, 0 SHO, 6 BB, 7 K, 1.07 WHIP, 1.0 WAR, 1.3 rWAR
- NEL: Ross Gill (P, Q.S.) 11-1, 3.01 ERA, 116.2 IP, 9 CG, 0 SHO, 5 BB, 10 K, 1.23 WHIP, 2.4 WAR, 3.6 rWAR

Albertson (9-4, 3.50 ERA) was given the chance to pitch for Orange due to injury to Tom Gallacher and made the most of it, while five-star talent Gill had a spectacular month for a Quaker St. team solidly in third place in the Coastal Championship.

STATISTICAL LEADERS

- Average: .410 by Collin Henderson (1B, ALL)
- OPS: 1.026 by Franklin Petty (CF, L.E.)
- Runs: 109 by William Johnson (CF, STJ)
- Home Runs: 10 by William Busby (1B, AME)
- RBI: 83 by Tarmo Kuopio (1B, STJ)
- Stolen Bases: 56 by Konrad Jensen (OF, STJ)
- Batter WPA: 5.9 by Isaac Kelly (3B, ECK)
- Batter WAR: 4.6 by Edward Huntley (SS, KNI)
- ERA: 2.08 by James Goodman (F.C.) over 324.2 IP

