

1869 NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION REVIEW

WRITERS POOL OBSERVATIONS

Pity poor Flour City – one of the best teams in NBBO history and their offense withered at the final step. The team's scoring falling by a third didn't bother James Goodman, who earned all five of their wins at the cup, but F.C.'s secondary pitchers were unable to cope with the team's sudden lack of offense.

Alleghany were most-deserving champions. They were 39-11 after June 1st, and when the star combo of Royal Altman & Samuel Kessler virtually disappeared at the cup teammates raised their level of performance to make up for it. On top of that, John Henry was an incredible story, going from 3-2 substitute pitcher to 30-game winner in one year.

There are multiple also-rans poised for great things. Continental won their last nine to finish just a game behind Kings Co. with a +126 RD. Oceanic went 32-18 after June 1st to finish four games behind St. John's, and Mass. Bay was even better: 36-14. Sportsman's had a fine season – a 43-27 record – but it was simply impossible for them to keep up with Alleghany.

Willie Davis (American) had his best season since 1861, yet the 2x Batsman of the Year & 2x MVP was completely overlooked. He had a .397 average, .963 OPS, a +13.3 Zone Rating at CF, and an NEL-leading 4.6 WAR. However, due to Franklin Petty's batting at CF and the MVP award's emphasis on first-place teams, all Davis received was a Golden Glove.

Coastal is now a two-town region: Boston & Philadelphia. For the second season in a row the four teams representing the two cities – American, Mass. Bay, Quaker St., & Shamrock – were the top four finishers in the Coastal Championship. The other teams in the region haven't been completely left behind, but it's now clear those four teams are better than the rest.

Mutual is a strange club to figure out. After seasons of 20-50, 28-42, & 21-49 with superstar 2B Anderson MacGyver anchoring them he went back to St. John's and their record shot up to 35-35 this year. They got All-Star pitching from William Tighe, Golden Glove fielding from Uwe Schneider, and SS Charles Hodges finished 4th in NotY voting.

Konrad Jensen is now the first player to hit .400+ with an OPS of 1.000+ in consecutive seasons. If Jensen isn't the best batsman in the sport, then at least he is the most technical one. He has led the NEL in On-base seven times, Bases on Balls six times, and Stolen Bases six times. Even though Jensen has only one Batting Championship, his career average is .373 with an OPS of .954 (175 OPS+) and he has only just turned 30, so expect another five years of this kind of performance.

Lost in the hoopla of James Goodman's historic season and the annual excitement over Jim Creighton: Carl Bancroft (Gotham) earned 20+ wins for the 8th time, going 24-13 and bringing his career record to 246-183. Bancroft is 48-25 since joining Gotham, and at the age of 34 he continues to be an extremely dependable & durable #1 pitcher.

This year's most disappointing team: Granite. During the month of May they were a stunning 15-5 and looked like they might give St. John's trouble in New England. After that they were 14-36 for a final record of 29-41 and a last-place finish. John Carlton's WPA of 3.8 and WAR of 1.5 in May decreased for the rest of the season, a perfect summary of the Granite team.

Lorenzo Bradford (Flour City) might be the most surprising Batting Champion ever. The NYL average leader hit .398 for Flour City over 56 games this season. The three seasons before that? .266, .252, and .307 during his three seasons playing for Empire in the Brooklyn Championship. His previous career high? .340 in 1861. Nobody saw his season coming.

With the career of Joe Feuerstein winding down, Everett Schreiber (Orange) has become the most valuable catcher in base ball. He hit .367 for Orange this season while barely losing out to cannon-armed Roel Woudenberg for a Golden Glove at C (+11.4 ZR), and it added up a WAR of 3.6 on the season, the best mark ever for an NBBO backstop. Plus, he's only 26.

Over two seasons, Tarmo Kuopio has been the perfect replacement for Collin Henderson at St. John's as both their 1B and the man to drive in the three members of the outfield Hydra when they're on base. His averages? .366 & .345. His RBI totals? A record-tying 90 and then 89, with both figures leading the NBBO. Kuopio's been an ideal fit in the St. John's lineup.

Babe Johnson wasn't the .375 hitter that some thought he could be in his first season as a regular for Gotham, but he was still very good. Johnson hit .324 with an .838 OPS, expert baserunning (32 SB), fine fielding at 1B, and it totaled up to 2.5 WAR and an All-Star Game appearance.

Expect Jim Creighton to rebound next year. 23-16 was his worst record since 1864, and his 2.95 ERA was his highest since then as well. His .281 average & .791 OPS were his lowest as a P/1B, but nothing he's done suggests a falloff in ability.

NEW YORK LEAGUE STANDINGS

BROOKLYN	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Kings Co.	41	29	.586	--	568	465	+103
Continental	40	30	.571	1	558	432	+126
Excelsior	39	31	.557	2	543	508	+35
Atlantic	37	33	.529	4	549	501	+48
Nassau Co.	35	35	.500	6	524	590	-66
Eckford	34	36	.486	7	452	558	-106
Empire	28	42	.400	13	515	569	-54
Bedford	26	44	.371	15	516	602	-86

N.Y.C.	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Knickerbocker	50	20	.714	--	575	419	+156
Gotham	45	25	.643	5	571	442	+129
Orange	37	33	.529	13	522	483	+39
Mutual	35	35	.500	15	505	493	+12
Harlem ¹	32	38	.457	18	425	537	-112
Union	32	38	.457	18	462	483	-21
Metropolitan	25	45	.357	25	366	480	-114
Hilltop	24	46	.343	26	380	469	-89

UPSTATE	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Flour City	55	15	.786	--	622	366	+256
Utica	38	32	.543	17	468	479	-11
Syracuse ²	36	34	.514	19	556	513	+43
Victory	36	34	.514	19	500	500	--
Niagara ³	35	35	.500	20	512	473	+39
Binghamton	35	35	.500	20	534	552	-18
Minuteman	27	43	.386	28	435	524	-89
Eagle	18	52	.257	37	398	618	-220

NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS

COASTAL	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Shamrock	50	20	.714	--	523	341	+182
Mass. Bay	45	25	.643	5	574	423	+151
Quaker St.	36	34	.514	14	541	556	-15
American	35	35	.500	15	546	537	+9
Trenton Utd.	33	37	.471	17	472	490	-18
Newark	30	40	.429	20	419	525	-106
Port Jersey	27	43	.386	23	418	493	-75
Olympic	24	46	.343	26	410	538	-128

INLAND	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Alleghany	51	19	.729	--	680	470	+210
Sportsman's	43	27	.614	8	520	435	+85
Reading Ath.	37	33	.529	14	527	552	-25
Lake Erie ⁴	32	38	.457	19	564	546	+18
Pioneer	32	38	.457	19	507	509	-2
Susquehanna	30	40	.429	21	482	599	-117
Scranton	28	42	.400	23	443	539	-96
Merrimack M.	27	43	.386	25	459	532	-73

N. ENGLAND	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
St. John's	46	24	.657	--	701	498	+203
Oceanic	42	28	.600	4	538	437	+101
Portland	36	34	.514	10	483	500	-17
Cantabrigians	35	35	.500	11	444	532	-88
S.o.t.O. ⁵	31	39	.443	15	482	511	-29
Green Mtn.	31	39	.443	15	461	528	-67
Quinnipiac	30	40	.429	16	494	532	-38
Granite	29	41	.414	17	461	526	-65

¹HAR 6-4 v UNI; ²SYR 7-3 v VIC; ³NIA 6-4 v BING

⁴L.E. 5-5 v PIO w/ higher RD; ⁵S.o.t.O. 6-4 v G.M.

TUCKER-WHEATON CUP

TEAM	W	L	R	RA	RD
ALLEGHANY	7	3	78	66	+12
KNICKERBOCKER ¹	6	4	80	58	+22
ST. JOHN'S	6	4	84	68	+16
FLOUR CITY ²	5	5	60	64	-4
SHAMROCK	5	5	70	80	-5
KINGS COUNTY	1	9	70	111	-41

1: KNI 1-1 v STJ, higher RD

2: F.C. 1-1 v SHA, higher RD

Most Valuable Player: Edward Huntley (33 y/o SS, Knickerbocker)

GAMEDAY ONE: Competition begins with a 7-5 Alleghany win at Knickerbocker.

GAMEDAY TWO: Alleghany scores nine times over first three innings in a 10-2 win at Flour City.

GAMEDAY THREE: James Hoyt bats 2/2 with three sacrifices in Kings Co.'s 10-9 win.

GAMEDAY FOUR: St. John's steals ten bases in a 10-8 win at Flour City.

GAMEDAY FIVE: Edward Huntley bats 5/5 with 2 2B, 2 R, 3 RBI, & 2 SB in Knickerbocker's 10-9 win.

GAMEDAY SIX: James Goodman bats 2/4 with 2 RBI while earning the Win in Flour City's 7-6 victory.

GAMEDAY SEVEN: Thomas Smith pitches a shutout in Shamrock's 5-0 win over Flour City.

GAMEDAY EIGHT: St. John's responds to seven Knickerbocker runs in the 8th with a 9-8 walkoff win.

GAMEDAY NINE: The top four teams end the day still in contention to win the cup or force a playoff.

GAMEDAY TEN: Alleghany wins at Shamrock while Knickerbocker beats St. John's; Alleghany wins the TWC.

ALLEGHANY: John Henry (P) 5-1, 3.12 ERA, 52.0 IP, 5 CG, 8 BB, 5 K, 1.29 WHIP, 0.8 WAR, 1.6 rWAR

KNICKERBOCKER: Edward Huntley .500 (23/46), 1.249 OPS, 12 R, 9 XBH, 9 RBI, 2 BB, 6 SB, 1.6 WPA, 0.8 WAR

ST. JOHN'S: Anderson MacGyver (2B) .357 (15/42), .833 OPS, 8 R, 2 XBH, 9 RBI, 5 BB, 6 RBI, 0.8 WPA, 0.5 WAR

FLOUR CITY: Obelix Tsiaris (CF) .457 (21/46), 1.035 OPS, 10 R, 4 XBH, 6 RBI, 1 BB, 6 SB, 1.1 WPA, 0.6 WAR

SHAMROCK: James Burke (OF) .455 (20/44), 1.093 OPS, 16 R, 5 XBH, 9 RBI, 3 BB, 12 SB, 0.9 WPA, 0.8 WAR

KINGS COUNTY: Edward Johnson (CF) .341 (15/44), .883 OPS, 7 R, 5 XBH, 8 RBI, 1 BB, 0 SB, 1.1 WPA, 0.4 WAR

NEW YORK LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

BATSMAN OF THE YEAR: Garfield Koonce – 24 y/o 1B, Kings County (1st BotY award)

- .386/.412/.561, **.973 OPS**, 93 R, **124 H**, **40 2B**, 5 3B, 2 HR, **84 RBI**, 1 SB, 10 BB, 180 TB, 5.0 WPA, 3.4 WPA
- Led NYL in OPS, H, XBH, 2B, & RBI; 2nd in AVG & SLG, 3rd in OBP & Runs
- Edward Huntley (SS, KNI) 2nd – New York League Most Valuable Player
- Mario Fusilli (1B, SYR) 3rd – .385, .931 OPS, 78 R, 117 H, 29 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 60 RBI, 9 SB, 23 BB, 3.0 WPA, 3.1 WAR

The stars of the NYL aren't as heavy-hitting as those in the NEL but Koonce was still the clear choice for BotY, as he topped the league in RBI and a number of major offensive categories while belting out an absurd forty doubles. NYL Batting Champion Lorenzo Bradford (.398) didn't make the list because, as Flour City's catcher, he only played in 56/70 games.

PITCHER OF THE YEAR: James Goodman – 30 y/o, Flour City (1st PotY award)

- **30-6**, **2.00 ERA**, 342.2 IP, **31 CG**, **2 SHO**, 26 BB, 132 K, **1.05 WHIP**, 3.5 K/9, **5.1 K/BB**, **10.7 WAR**, **14.4 rWAR**
- Tied the NBBO Wins record; set new records for ERA & rWAR; led NYL in five other major categories
- Jim Creighton (EXC) 2nd – 23-16, 2.95 ERA, 335.2 IP, 25 CG, 1 SHO, **136 K**, 1.29 WHIP, **3.6 K/9**, 9.1 WAR, 4.5 rWAR
- Peadar Daly (KNI) 3rd – 28-10, 3.57 ERA, **350.1 IP**, 29 CG, 0 SHO, 51 K, 1.27 WHIP, 1.6 K/BB, 6.4 WAR, 7.5 rWAR

The presumption when it was announced there would be Pitcher of the Year awards handed out for the first time this year was that Creighton would breeze to the inaugural NYL PotY. Instead, he was outdone by a season for the ages from James Goodman, who not only set or tied a number of NBBO records but also matched Creighton strikeout for strikeout.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Edward Huntley – 33 y/o SS, Knickerbocker (4th MVP award)

- .352/.406/.497, .903 OPS, 90 R, 107 H, 23 2B, 9 3B, 1 HR, 73 RBI, 32 SB, 30 BB, 151 TB, +17.5 ZR, 4.0 WPA, **4.5 WAR**
- Led NYL in Batter WAR for 11th time; Hit .500 (23/46) in cup play with 1.249 OPS, 12 R, 9 RBI
- James Goodman (P, F.C.) 2nd – New York League Pitcher of the Year
- Garfield Koonce (1B, K.C.) 3rd – New York League Batsman of the Year

Huntley was yet again the best non-pitcher in the NYL in terms of combined batting & fielding value, and he was absolutely absurd in the Tucker-Wheaton Cup. Many argued for Goodman but it was felt that, after three straight years of MVP going to Creighton, the award should go back to Huntley, who led the NYL in Batter WAR for the 5th straight season.

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Ralph Knight – 23 y/o 2B, Flour City

- .345/.353/.449, .802 OPS, 64 R, 102 H, 16 2B, 3 3B, **3 HR**, 70 RBI, 9 SB, 2 BB, +10.1 ZR, 3.2 WPA, 2.2 WAR
- Made All-Star Game in 1st NBBO season; Was regular 2B for NBBO's best team
- Joseph Hines (C, NIA) 2nd – .337, .774 OPS, 53 R, 93 H, 10 2B, 3 3B, 1 HR, 73 RBI, 0 SB, 10 BB, 3.5 WPA, 1.5 WAR
- Edward Johnson (CF, K.C.) 3rd – .339, .811 OPS, 70 R, 107 H, 25 2B, 6 3B, 0 HR, 66 RBI, 4 SB, 4 BB, 2.2 WPA, 1.9 WAR

Knight beat out fellow All-Star Hines for NotY because of superior offense and the fact that he was a regular for the NBBO #1. He cooled off a bit over the 2nd half, but Knight was still a large factor in the success of a Flour City team that went 55-15. Johnson had a fine debut season and a quality TWC, but was dinged for his CF defense and lack of ASG appearance.

GOLDEN GLOVES

- P: Grover Wright (CON, 2nd) – 15 PO, 30 AST, 1 DP, 5 E, 1.74 RNG, +5.4 ZR, 1.096 EFF
- C: Roel Woudenberg (CON, 3rd) – 44.7 RTO%, 3.25 C-ERA, +6.4 ZR, 1.021 EFF
- 1B: Hawk Peterson (ORA, 3rd) – 751 PO, 72 AST, 29 DP, 22 E, 11.99 RNG, +8.3 ZR, 1.076 EFF
- 2B: Leslie Arnett (GOT, 4th) – 196 PO, 223 AST, 23 DP, 31 E, 6.24 RNG, +12.8 ZR, 1.108 EFF
- 3B: Roscoe Brown (MIN, 2nd) – 59 PO, 189 AST, 2 DP, 35 E, 3.87, +10.4 ZR, 1.105 EFF
- SS: Marcel Bresciani (ATL, 1st) – 143 PO, 235 AST, 10 DP, 67 E, 5.40, +18.5 ZR, 1.140 EFF
- OF: Larry Milton (MUT, 1st) – 146 PO, 3 AST, 38 E, 2.22 RNG, +5.4 ZR, 1.080 EFF, +0.2 ARM
- CF: Seth Guzik (MIN, 1st) – 266 PO, 8 AST, 49 E, 4.03 RNG, +10.1 ZR, 1.055 EFF, +1.6 ARM
- OF: Uwe Schneider (MUT, 1st) – 186 PO, 8 AST, 30 E, 2.85 RNG, +9.6 ZR, 1.117 EFF, +1.6 ARM

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1B: Garfield Koonce (24 y/o, KC, 1st)

- .386 AVG, **.973 OPS**, 93 R, **124 H**, **40 2B**, 5 3B, 2 HR, **84 RBI**, 1 B, 10 BB, 180 TB, 5.0 WPA, 3.4 WAR

2B: Leslie Arnett (31 y/o, GOT, 5th)

- .334 AVG, .776 OPS, 65 R, 99 H, 12 2B, 5 3B, 0 HR, 60 RBI, 19 SB, 17 BB, +12.8 ZR, 3.2 WPA, 2.6 WAR

3B: Isaac Kelly (24 y/o, ECK, 1st)

- .378 AVG, .884 OPS, 49 R, 119 H, 22 2B, 6 3B, 0 HR, 70 RBI, 2 SB, 9 BB, 153 TB, **5.8 WPA**, 2.9 WAR

SS: Edward Huntley (33 y/o, KNI, 9th)

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OF: Carlton McShane (33 y/o, K.C., 1st)

- .350 AVG, .924 OPS, 70 R, 109 H, 26 2B, 12 3B, **3 HR**, 78 RBI, 2 B, 12 BB, 168 TB, 3.7 WPA, 2.7 WAR

CF: Obelix Tsiaris (31 y/o, F.C., 2nd)

- .362 AVG, .861 OPS, **100 R**, 117 H, 23 2B, 3 3B, 2 HR, 69 RBI, 31 SB, 13 BB, 152 TB, 3.7 WPA, 3.1 WAR

OF: Reginald Roper (23 y/o, F.C., 1st)

- .381 AVG, **.563 SLG**, .969 OPS, 93 R, 123 H, 24 2B, **16 3B**, 1 HR, 40 RBI, 10 SB, **182 TB**, 2.6 WPA, 3.2 WAR

NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

BATSMAN OF THE YEAR: Franklin Petty – 26 y/o CF, Lake Erie (1st BotY Award)

- .394/.428/.591, **1.019 OPS**, 80 R, 126 H, 29 2B, **14 3B**, 2 HR, 83 RBI, 22 SB, 19 BB, **189 TB**, 4.4 WPA, 3.7 WAR
- Led NEL in SLG, OPS, XBH, 3B, & TB; Top-five in AVG, Hits, 2B, RBI, & WAR
- William Busby (1B, AME) 2nd – .382, 1.010 OPS, 67 R, 110 H, 17 2B, 3 3B, **10 HR**, 82 RBI, 1 SB, 34 BB, 2.5 WPA, 3.6 WAR
- Collin Henderson (1B, ALL) 3rd – Northeastern League Most Valuable Player

Petty went from MVP to BotY after his second straight season of A) batting over .390, B) an OPS over 1.000, and C) leading the NBBO in Total Bases. Busby's incredible power exploits put him in second place over Henderson, as the voters felt the NBBO Batting Champion was a better fit as the NEL MVP.

PITCHER OF THE YEAR: John Henry – 31 y/o, Alleghany (1st PotY award)

- **30-10**, 3.35 ERA, 333.2 IP, **27 CG**, 1 SHO, 29 BB, 44 K, 1.32 WHIP, 1.2 K/9, 1.5 K/BB, 5.4 WAR, 6.2 rWAR
- Became 3rd P with 30 Wins in a season; 24-4, 2.99 ERA after June 1st; 5-1 in Tucker-Wheaton Cup
- Tom Ricks (SHA) 2nd – 26-13, 2.48 ERA, 337.1 IP, **27 CG**, **2 SHO**, 32 K, 1.11 WHIP, 1.0 K/BB, 5.5 WAR, **10.6 rWAR**
- Ross Gill (Q.S.) 3rd – Northeastern League Newcomer of the Year

Ricks was excellent, but it was obvious that the award was Henry's as soon as he became the third pitcher with 30 Wins in a season the day after Goodman reached the feat. Henry also pitched very well in the cup, while Ricks was 1-3 with an ERA well over 5.00. Gill had a tremendous debut season for Quaker St., living up to all reports made about his talent.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Collin Henderson – 36 y/o 1B, Alleghany (1st MVP award)

- **.407**/.437/.533, .969 OPS, 93 R, **143 H**, 25 2B, 5 3B, 3 HR, 66 RBI, 7 SB, 16 BB, 187 TB, 4.4 WPA, 3.6 WAR
- Had career highs in AVG, OBP, SLG, OPS, R, H, & WAR at age 36; Broke NBBO record for Hits in a season
- Konrad Jensen (OF, STJ) 2nd – .405, 1.001 OPS, 98 R, 120 H, 17 2B, 8 3B, 1 HR, 75 RBI, **59 SB**, 43 BB, 5.0 WPA, 4.0 WAR
- James Burke (OF, SHA) 3rd – .360, .909 OPS, 86 R, 111 H, 23 2B, 12 3B, 0 HR, 55 RBI, 51 SB, 19 BB, 2.4 WPA, 3.1 WAR

Henderson, a #4 hitter previously, took on a new role as the #2 batsman for his 1st year with Alleghany and flourished, having what was easily the best season of his career. Jensen did the usual Jensen things, but didn't quite perform at the level he did in '68. Burke, as in his first two seasons with Shamrock, was a tremendous corner outfielder.

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Ross Gill – 28 y/o P, Quaker State

- 24-12, 3.55 ERA, 327.1 IP, 20 CG, 0 SHO, 14 BB, 25 K, 1.35 WHIP, **0.4 BB/9**, 1.8 K/BB, **6.8 WAR**, 5.2 rWAR
- Made All-Star Game & led NEL in Pitching WAR in debut season in NBBO; 12-3 after July 1st
- Adam Allen (QUI) 2nd – .352, .853 OPS, 59 R, 105 H, 16 2B, 12 3B, 0 HR, 53 RBI, 13 SB, 5 BB, 3.2 WPA, 2.6 WAR
- Washington Kihlstedt (SPO) 3rd – 24-14, 3.62 ERA, 340.1 IP, 27 CG, 1 SHO, 47 K, 1.33 WHIP, 1.2 K/BB, 6.0 WAR, 9.2 rWAR

Kihlstedt looked like a shoo-in for NotY at the end of June, but 6-9 mark with an ERA well over 4.00 over the final five weeks handed the award to Gill, who was dominant over the same span. The control Gill showed over his pitching arsenal was second to none, hence his late-season surge. Allen had a great debut season and made the NEL Team of the Year.

GOLDEN GLOVES

- P: Washington Kihlstedt (SPO, 1st) – 21 PO, 45 AST, 3 DP, 13 E, 1.75 RNG, +8.4 ZR, 1.115 EFF
- C: Otto Hoffman (SPO, 1st) – 43.4 RTO%, 3.38 C-ERA, +11.4 ZR, 1.021 EFF
- 1B: Joe Blake (PIO, 1st) – 687 PO, 48 AST, 22 DP, 15 E, 12.18 RNG, +5.6 ZR, 1.094 EFF
- 2B: William Gillette (SHA, 4th) – 203 PO, 251 AST, 27 DP, 31 E, 6.84 RNG, +18.1 ZR, 1.156 EFF
- 3B: Samuel Kessler (ALL, 2nd) – 69 PO, 149 AST, 4 DP, 36 E, 3.15 RNG, +6.6 ZR, 1.073 EFF
- SS: Gerald Strong (ALL, 1st) – 144 PO, 239 AST, 18 DP, 67 E, 5.92 RNG, +23.8 ZR, 1.185 EFF
- OF: Ralph Fowler (NEW, 1st) – 152 PO, 3 AST, 16 E, 2.33 RNG, +4.4 ZR, 1.081 EFF, +2.6 ARM
- CF: Willie Davis (AME, 4th) – 267 PO, 2 AST, 72 E, 3.95 RNG, +13.3 ZR, 1.084 EFF, +2.9 ARM
- OF: Carthage Ryan (CAN, 1st) – 240 PO, 2 AST, 44 E, 2.99 RNG, +9.8 ZR, 1.081 EFF, +0.8 ARM

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3B: Samuel Kessler (33 y/o, ALL, 10th)

- .365 AVG, .948 OPS, 85 R, 112 H, **31 2B**, 7 3B, 0 HR, 84 RBI, 23 SB, 39 BB, 157 TB, 4.82 WPA, 4.2 WAR

SS: Anthony Mascherino (30 y/o, SHA, 10th)

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- .353 AVG, .936 OPS, 99 R, 113 H, 25 2B, 10 3B, 3 HR, 65 RBI, 47 SB, 34 BB, 167 TB, 4.9 WPA, 3.5 WAR

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW YORK LEAGUE LEADERS

- Average: .398 by Lorenzo Bradford (F.C.)
 - On-Base: .431 by Lorenzo Bradford (F.C.)
 - Slugging: .563 by Reginald Roper (F.C.)
 - OPS: .973 by Garfield Koonce (K.C.)
 - Hits: 124 by Garfield Koonce (K.C.)
 - Extra-Base Hits: 47 by Garfield Koonce (K.C.)
 - Doubles: 40 by Garfield Koonce (K.C.)
 - Triples: 16 by Reginald Roper (K.C.)
 - Home Runs: 3 by four different players
 - Runs Batted In: 84 by Garfield Koonce (K.C.)
 - Runs: 100 by Obelix Tsiaris (F.C.)
 - Stolen Bases: 62 by Taliesin Buckley (NIA)
 - Total Bases: 182 by Reginald Roper (F.C.)
 - Bases on Balls: 47 by Theodore Kohlberg (K.C.)
 - Win Prob. Added: 5.8 by Isaac Kelly (ECK)
 - Batter WAR: 4.5 by Edward Huntley (KNI)
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- Wins: 30 by James Goodman (F.C.)
 - Losses: 33 by Ralph Canfield (EAG)
 - ERA: 2.00 by James Goodman (F.C.) over 342.2 IP
 - Innings: 350.1 by Peadar Daly (KNI)
 - Complete Games: 31 by James Goodman (F.C.)
 - Shutouts: 2 by four different pitchers
 - Walk Rate: 0.5 BB/9 by William Johannessen (VIC) over 337.0 IP
 - Strikeouts: 136 by Jim Creighton (EXC)
 - Strikeout Rate: 3.6 K/9 by Jim Creighton (EXC) over 335.2 IP
 - K/BB Ratio: 5.1/1 by James Goodman (F.C.)

- WHIP: 1.05 by James Goodman (F.C.) over 342.2 IP
- Pitching WAR: 10.7 by James Goodman (F.C.)
- Pitching rWAR: 14.4 by James Goodman (F.C.)

NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE LEADERS

- Average: .407 by Collin Henderson (ALL)
 - On-Base: .474 by Konrad Jensen (STJ)
 - Slugging: .591 by Franklin Petty (L.E.)
 - OPS: 1.019 by Franklin Petty (L.E.)
 - Hits: 143 by Collin Henderson (ALL)
 - Extra-Base Hits: 45 by Franklin Petty (L.E.)
 - Doubles: 31 by Samuel Kessler (ALL)
 - Triples: 14 by Franklin Petty (L.E.)
 - Home Runs: 10 by William Busby (AME)
 - Runs Batted In: 89 by Tarmo Kuopio (STJ)
 - Runs: 115 by William Johnson (STJ)
 - Stolen Bases: 59 by Konrad Jensen (STJ)
 - Total Bases: 189 by Franklin Petty (L.E.)
 - Bases on Balls: 60 by William Johnson (STJ)
 - Win Prob. Added: 5.1 by Royal Altman (ALL)
 - Batter WAR: 4.6 by Willie Davis (AME)
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- Wins: 30 by John Henry (ALL)
 - Losses: 26 by Artemis O'Grady (NEW)
 - ERA: 2.46 by Thomas Smith (SHA) over 248.1 IP
 - Innings: 348.2 by Fred Richards (S.o.t.O.)
 - Complete Games: 27 by four different pitchers
 - Shutouts: 2 by three different pitchers
 - Walk Rate: 0.4 BB/9 by Richard Gill (Q.S.) over 327.1 IP
 - Strikeouts: 73 by Elmer Seabold (SUS)

- Strikeout Rate: 2.2 K/9 by Elmer Seabold (SUS) over 297.0 IP
- K/BB Ratio: 1.8/1 by Richard Gill (Q.S.)
- WHIP: 1.07 by Thomas Smith (SHA) over 248.1 IP
- Pitching WAR: 6.8 by Richard Gill (Q.S.)
- Pitching rWAR: 10.6 by Tom Ricks (SHA)

SEASON RECORDS

- St. John's set a new record for Runs with 701 (10.0 R/G), becoming the first team to score 700+ runs in a season.
- William Johnson (STJ) set new records for Runs (115) & Bases on Balls (60).
- Collin Henderson (ALL) set a new record for Hits with 143.
- Garfield Koonce (K.C.) set a new record for Doubles with 40, becoming the first player to hit 40+ in a season.
- James Goodman (F.C.) & John Henry (ALL) tied the record for Wins with 30.
- Ralph Canfield (EAG) set new records for Losses (33), Games Started (45), & Hits Allowed (466).
- James Goodman (F.C.) set records for ERA (2.00) & Pitching rWAR (14.4).
- Martin Stillwell (BED) set a new record for Games Pitched with 55.

ACHIEVEMENTS & NOTABLE EVENTS

- May 5: George Brown (P.J.) & Fox Ellis (UTI) become the first players with five Hits in their NBBO debut.
 - May 22: George Scott (M.M.) leads off five different innings with base hits at Sportsman's.
 - May 22: Henry Nabors' (VIC) Hitting Streak ends at 40 games, two short of the record.
 - June 1: William Busby (AME) finishes May with a record six Home Runs in one month.
 - June 3: Green Mountain sets a new record with 18 runs in an inning (8th) at Quinnipiac.
 - July 7: Franklin Petty's (L.E.) Hitting Streak ends at 41 games, one short of the record.
 - Aug. 7: James Goodman (F.C.) becomes the second pitcher with 30 Wins in a season.
 - Aug. 8: John Henry (ALL) becomes the third pitcher with 30 Wins in a season.
 - Aug. 14: St. John's steals ten bases against Flour City on Gameday Four of the Tucker-Wheaton Cup.
 - Aug. 22: Alleghany BC wins the Tucker-Wheaton Cup for the first time.
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- Two players hit over .400: Collin Henderson (ALL) & Konrad Jensen (STJ), with Lorenzo Bradford (F.C.) batting .398.

- Four players recorded six-hit games in 1869.
- Only one player hit 5+ Home Runs, the fewest in a season since 1865.
- A record nine players finished the season with 75+ Runs Batted In.
- Two pitchers finished with 30 Wins, the first to do so since John Anderson (SCR) in 1857.
- Five pitchers finished the season with 25+ Wins.