

HALF A DOZEN HIT .400 IN 1871

THREE MEN IN EACH LEAGUE COMPLETE THE FEAT; SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR SIX HAVE HIT .400+

NORTHEAST U.S.A. (Aug. 7, 1871) – The 1871 NBBO season came to an end yesterday afternoon, and with that the final statistics have been tallied.

With the final calculations in, six players have officially hit over .400 in the NBBO for the second consecutive season:

- #1: Troy Oberst (LF, MET) at .439 (1.054 OPS, 143 H, 41 XBH, 81 RBI, 3.9 WAR)
- #2: Cormack Alexander (1B, QS) at .434 (1.034 OPS, 132 H, 34 XBH, 83 RBI, 3.9 WAR)
- #3: William Valentine (RF, NYAC) at .419 (1.059 OPS, 126 H, 38 XBH, 68 RBI, 4.1 WAR)
- #4: Ilkka Kivivuori (1B, EMP) at .407 (.924 OPS, 112 H, 16 XBH, 45 RBI, 2.7 WAR)
- #5: Callum Allison (LF, REA) at .405 (.956 OPS, 128 H, 28 XBH, 73 RBI, 2.8 WAR)
- #6: Iestyn Moore (RF, SPO) at .403 (.974 OPS, 112 H, 29 XBH, 58 RBI, 2.2 WAR)

Three batsmen in each league hit over .400, which also happened last year. The stunner of the group is Moore, who went on an almighty tear over the last four weeks of the season after missing out on a spot in the All-Star Game. He hit 10/21 over Sportsman's final five games to raise his average from .399 to .403.

Incredibly, Peter Huff, the man with the 67-game Hitting Streak that lasted from the second game of the season to the second-to-last game of the season, finished with a .396 average (.984 OPS, 127 H, 35 XBH, 65 RBI, 3.3 WAR).

The top two hitters on this list, Oberst & Alexander, will be competing in the Tucker-Wheaton Cup, so it will be interesting to see if their .430+ hitting translates successfully to the postseason.