APBL & NBBO JUNE RECAP

NORTHEAST U.S.A. (July 1, 1872) – It is summer across the Northeastern United States. The calendar has turned over to the month of July, and it is time to check in on how baseball's two competitions stand:

APBL STANDINGS (48 of 90 games played)

COLONIAL CONFERENCE					METROPOLITAN CONFERENCE				
	W	${f L}$	$\mathbf{G}\mathbf{B}$	RD		W	${f L}$	GB	RD
St. John's	29	19		+33	Gotham	31	17		+38
Mass. Bay	25	23	4	-22	Knick	27	21	4	+26
Flour City	24	24	5	+29	American	23	25	8	+41
Niagara	23	25	6	-29	Orange	23	25	8	+23
Shamrock	22	26	7	+11	Kings Co.	21	27	10	-62
Alleghany	21	27	8	-22	Excelsior	19	29	12	-66

There is a tight marching order in the Colonial, with St. John's a bit in front and the other five teams all one game in front of each other. Over in the Metropolitan the six teams appear to be currently separated into three groups of two.

Based on the current standings, it looks unlikely that any team will reach a Run Differential of +100 or better this season, something that has never happened for an entire competition in the history of the sport.

APBL MONTHLY AWARDS

BATSMAN OF THE MONTH

Babe Johnson (2B, GOT) - .407, .929 OPS, 29 R, 46 H, 5 2B, 2 3B, 19 RBI, 8 BB, 8 SB, 1.99 WPA, 1.3 WAR

PITCHER OF THE MONTH

William Johannessen (NIA) - 9-4, 1.56 ERA, 6 K, 109.1 IP, 11 CG, 0 SHO, 0.96 WHIP, 1.5 K/BB, 1.8 WAR

GREENHORN OF THE MONTH

Robert Ewing (P, KC) - 8-3, 3.48 ERA, 9 K, 108.2 IP, 6 CG, 1 SHO, 1.34 WHIP, 1.1 K/BB, 1.3 WAR

Johnson barely edged out St. Johns' Nelson Townsend, who hit .400 (.883 OPS) for the month with more runs (36) but fewer RBI (13). Johnson's month saw him move up to 4th in the APBL in both Batting Average (.369) and OPS (.914), and he is currently the APBL leader in both On-Base (.426) and Bases on Balls (21).

Johannessen had a fantastic month, going the distance in 11/13 appearances while holding opponents to less than a hit per inning. Charles Sturch (AME) had a better record at 9-3, but he had a higher ERA during the month (2.17) and walked more than three times as many batsmen (13) as Johannessen.

Ewing earned Greenhorn of the Month honors thanks to his 8-3 record for an otherwise struggling Kings County team, in the process putting up a monthly ERA that was two runs lower than it was in May (3.48 v 5.46). Previous GotM Rudolph Decker (StJ) had a decent June (.310, .719 OPS, 28 R, 19 SB, 1.0 WAR) but it wasn't the same as his excellent May.

APBL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Average: .406 by Nelson Townsend (OF, StJ)

OPS: .914 by Royal Altman (OF, GOT)

Runs: 59 by Royal Altman (OF, GOT) & Clive Strachan (OF, GOT)

Home Runs: 4 by William Busby (1B, AME)

RBI: 48 by Garfield Koonce (1B, KC)

Stolen Bases: 39 by Edward Donovan (OF, KNI) Batsman WPA: 3.36 by Babe Johnson (2B, GOT) Batsman WAR: 2.6 by Rudolph Decker (CF, StJ)

ERA: 2.18 by Thomas Paddock (ORA) over 111.2 IP

Wins: 15 by Gus Woods (GOT)

Complete Games: 21 by Henry Tallman (SHA)

Strikeouts: 73 by Jim Creighton (EXC)

WHIP: 1.05 by Thomas Paddock (ORA) over 111.2 IP

Pitcher WAR: 5.3 by James Goodman (FC) Pitcher rWAR: 5.9 by Henry Tallman (SHA)

NBBO REGIONAL LEADERS (45 of 70 games played)

BROOKLYN: Star at 27-18 (Eckford & Marathon 2 GB, Atlantic & Continental 4 GB)

NEW YORK CITY: Union at 28-17 (Mercury & Mutual 2 GB, Harlem & Metropolitan 5 GB)

UPSTATE NY: Syracuse at 28-17 (Frontier 3 GB, Utica 3.5 GB, Minuteman 4 GB)

COASTAL: Quaker St. at 35-10 (Maryland, 8 GB, Trenton Utd 10 GB)

INLAND: Susquehanna at 27-18 (Lancastra & Reading 3 GB, Lake Erie & Pioneer 4 GB)

NEW ENGLAND: Oceanic & Portland at 27-18 (Salem 1 GB, Cantabrigians 4 GB)

For the second straight month Star & Union stay just in front of the pack in the New York metropolitan area's two regions, while in New England the duo of Oceanic & Portland remain tied for 1st with Salem one game behind, just as they were at the beginning of June.

In Upstate New York, Minuteman's 8-14 June allowed Syracuse to sail past and take over top spot, while over in Inland a 14-8 June by Susquehanna let them leapfrog three teams and take over 1st place.

In the Coastal Championship it looks like Quaker State has officially put the rest of the competition to the sword. Maryland's record of 27-18 would be good enough for 1st or a share of 1st in every other region, but since they have to deal with Quaker St. a .600 Winning Percentage just isn't going to be good enough.

NBBO MONTHLY AWARDS

NBBO BATSMEN OF THE MONTH

NYL: Chester Alexander (2B, NYAC) - .464, 1.027 OPS, 23 R, 45 H, 7 2B, 1 3B, 21 RBI, 1 BB, 1 SB, 1.75 WPA, 1.4 WAR

NEL: Ned Morganti (CF, QS) - .438, 1.075 OPS, 25 R, 42 H, 11 XBH, 2 HR, 37 RBI, 3 BB, 8 SB, 1.63 WPA, 1.2 WAR

NBBO PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

NYL: Sherman Friday (CON) - 11-0, 1.83 ERA, 7 K, 98.1 IP, 9 CG, 1 SHO, 0.94 WHIP, 1.2 K/BB, 1.5 WAR

NEL: Earl Henry (SUS) - 9-3, 2.39 ERA, 9 K, 109.1 IP, 8 CG, 0 SHO, 1.32 WHIP, 1.5 K/BB, 1.9 WAR

NBBO GREENHORNS OF THE MONTH

NYL: Sherman Friday (P, CON) - New York League Pitcher of the Month

NEL: Earl Henry (P, SUS) - Northeastern League Pitcher of the Month

NBBO STATISTICAL LEADERS

Average: .444 by Elijah Hill (1B, GM)

OPS: 1.007 by Elijah Hill (1B, GM)

Runs: 59 by James Heilman (OF, UTI)

Home Runs: 3 by Earl Ludgate (3B, UNI)

RBI: 64 by Ned Morganti (CF, QS)

Stolen Bases: 43 by Manuel Romeiras (CF, HAR)

Batsman WPA: 3.81 by Herb Verrett (CF, MLD)

Batsman WAR: 2.6 by Euan Strachan (SS, ATL)

ERA: 1.98 by Earl Henry (SUS) over 231.1 IP

Wins: 19 by Earl Henry (SUS) & George Layman (MER)

Complete Games: 22 by George Layman (MER) Strikeouts: 37 by Washington Kihlstedt (SPO)

WHIP: 1.10 by Francis Molinari (TU) over 189.1 IP

Pitcher WAR: 4.9 by Charles Rhodes (FRO)

Pitcher rWAR: 7.6 by Ross Gill (QS)