

# SMITH CLUBS HOMER, DRIVES IN SEVEN FOR METRO

## 2x ALL-STAR HAS BEST GAME OF CAREER IN WIN AT N.Y.A.C.

NEW YORK CITY (July 11, 1872) – Thursday was a day of big performances in the NBBO, and a notable one took place in the second half of the doubleheader between Metropolitan & New York Athletic Club at the N.Y.A.C. Grounds:

NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION METROPOLITAN BASE BALL CLUB AT NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB GAME ID: 1243 - THURSDAY, JULY 11TH, 1872 - <u>GAME LOG</u>												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Metropolitan Base Ball Club (26-25)	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	4	4	15	22	2
New York Athletic Club (24-27)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	8	7

Metropolitan pulled away late with ten runs over the final three innings, and the main catalyst was All-Star CF Francis Smith, who enjoyed the best game of his career:

- T1: Single past SS off C. McCormick
- T4: Line Out to SS
- T5: Line Out to SS
- T7: 2-run Single past 2B off C. McCormick (R)
- T8: 2-run Single past 3B off R. Blair (R)
- T9: 3-RUN HOME RUN to RF off R. Blair
- TOTAL: 4/6, HR, 3 R, 7 RBI, 7 TB, 100 GMSC

All totaled, Smith drove in seven of Metropolitan's ten runs over their final three times to bat, and he turned what had been an ordinary 1/3 afternoon into the best performance he's ever had in a Metro uniform. One could argue that it should be easy for Smith to drive in runs given that he bats immediately behind defending NYL Batsman of the Year Troy Oberst, but his late-inning hitting here was undeniably brilliant.

The win put Metropolitan into a tie for 4th in the New York City Championship, seven games behind Union. N.Y.A.C. is 25-28, nine games back and in 6th place.