

AMERICAN BASEBALL JULY RECAP

NORTHEAST U.S.A. (Aug. 1, 1873) – The United States of America is now in the Dog Days of summer, and the three organized baseball competitions in existence are in the stretch run. Here is how each of the three looks:

APBL STANDINGS (75 of 90 games played)

COLONIAL CONFERENCE						METROPOLITAN CONFERENCE					
	W	L	GB	RD	JULY		W	L	GB	RD	JUNE
St. John's	46	29	--	+109	17-10	American	54	21	--	+219	18-9
Flour City	40	35	6	+62	14-13	Knick	44	31	10	+78	14-13
Shamrock	38	37	8	-2	16-11	Orange	36	39	18	-17	15-12
Niagara	38	37	7	-39	14-13	Excelsior	35	40	19	-33	15-12
Alleghany	34	41	12	+2	12-15	Gotham	32	43	22	-67	11-16
Mass. Bay	29	46	17	-116	8-19	Kings Co.	24	51	30	-180	8-19

St. Johns' lead over the rest of the Colonial Conference doubled from three to six games over the month of June, with Flour City yet again remaining alone in 2nd place. Shamrock's uptick in form vaulted them above .500 and into 3rd place over a Niagara team that was okay last month. Alleghany, who moved up the standings during June, has fallen back down. Massachusetts Bay remains in last place, and they played far worse in July than in either May or June.

The Metropolitan Conference basically belongs to American, as Knickerbocker has finally fallen off the pace after a .500 month. Orange remains in 3rd place thanks to some nice baseball in July. Excelsior, like Orange, went 15-12 last month and moved up a spot in the standings as a result. Gotham's pitching & defense were below standard during July, and due to that they're now in 5th. Kings County, once again, brings up the rear as they develop a young roster.

APBL MONTHLY AWARDS

BATSMAN OF THE MONTH

Edward Huntley (SS, KNI) – .480, 1.162 OPS, 36 R, 59 H, 11 2B, 5 3B, 43 RBI, 9 BB, 13 SB, 3.4 WPA, 2.4 WAR

PITCHER OF THE MONTH

Thomas Smith (STJ) – 8-3, 2.34 ERA, 6 K, 111.1 IP, 8 CG, 0 SHO, 1.17 WHIP, 0.9 K/BB, 1.2 WAR, 2.0 rWAR

GREENHORN OF THE MONTH

Martin Prince (SS, AME) – .309, .745 OPS, 31 R, 34 H, 7 XBH, 1 HR, 22 RBI, 3 BB, 12 SB, 1.3 WPA, 0.6 WAR

At the young age of 37, Edward Huntley put together what was possibly the best month ever by a batsman when considering the level of competition. His 59 Hits and 43 RBI were all-levels records for a single month, and there wasn't one aspect of his stat line that wasn't ridiculous. Incredibly, Reginald Roper (.448, 1.069 OPS, 34 RBI, 1.6 WAR) nearly matched him.

Jim Creighton had the most Wins (9) and Strikeouts (46) of any pitcher, but the Writers Pool felt that Smith's steady 8-3 month for St. John's with a fine ERA – the lowest of any 8+ game winner – deserved the honors. It's the fourth time in Smith's career he's taken PotM honors, with three of them coming in the APBL.

Prince repeated as GotM because he was excellent for the entire month, while Knick's Bertram Landreth was excellent for two-thirds of the month after coming back from injury. As of right now Prince has the inside track on Greenhorn of the Year, but it will likely come down to the last three weeks of play as Landreth's record remains astounding at 14-1.

APBL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Average: .383 by Albert Stoffers (1B, Mass. Bay)

OPS: .884 by Edward Huntley (SS, Knick)

Runs: 104 by James Burke (CF, American)

Home Runs: 3 by Willie Davis (LF, American) & Hiram Majors (CF, Shamrock)

Runs Batted In: 93 by James Burke

Stolen Bases: 89 by James Burke

Batsman WPA: 6.05 by Edward Huntley

Batsman WAR: 4.0 by James Burke

ERA (150+ IP): 2.70 by Elmer Seabold (Susquehanna)

Wins: 26 by John Henry (American)

Complete Games: 25 by Elmer Seabold

Strikeouts: 124 by Jim Creighton (Excelsior)

WHIP (150+ IP): 1.21 by John Henry

Pitcher WAR: 7.7 by James Goodman (Flour City)

Pitcher rWAR: 8.9 by John Henry

NBBO REGIONAL LEADERS (57 of 70 games played)

BROOKLYN: Atlantic at 35-22 (Eckford 1 GB, Empire 3 GB, Bedford 5 GB)

NEW YORK CITY: Harlem at 34-32 (Metro & N.Y.A.C. 2 GB, Union 3 GB, Baltic 5 GB)

UPSTATE NY: Utica at 35-22 (Frontier 2 GB, Minuteman & Syracuse 4 GB)

COASTAL: Quaker St. & Trenton Utd. at 35-22 (Tiger 4 GB, Pt. Jersey 5 GB)

INLAND: Pioneer at 39-18 (Susquehanna 3 GB, Lancastra 10 GB)

NEW ENGLAND: Portland at 35-22 (Oceania 3 GB, Green Mtn. 4 GB, Cantabrig's 5 GB)

BROOKLYN – Atlantic remains in 1st, but here comes Eckford. The defending champions had a 16-6 July that catapulted them from 5th to 2nd and right next to the leaders in the standings. Bedford & Empire continue to give chase, but based on current form it looks like Eckford might be the team to beat for the pennant.

NEW YORK CITY – Harlem didn't have a great July, but their 14-8 month was enough to move them from two games behind N.Y.A.C. to two games clear atop the standings. The leaders still have plenty to worry about given that there are four teams within five games with thirteen to play, and Mercury is lurking at seven games back.

UPSTATE NY – Frontier & Victory were tied for 1st on July 1st, but on August 1st it's Utica who's alone at the top of Upstate after a 15-7 month. Frontier is right behind them, but a 6-16 July saw Victory fall all the way to 6th place. With Minuteman and Syracuse within arm's reach, the pennant race should go all the way to the final week.

COASTAL – Again it's Quaker St. & Trenton Utd. at the top, although the two are now tied with 2.5 weeks left instead of one game apart. Port Jersey & Tiger S.C. are lurking, so if the top two slip up then Coastal will be up for grabs. Don't think that's impossible, as both Quaker St. & Trenton Utd. were right around .500 in July.

INLAND – A 15-7 July by Pioneer saw the Springfield men go three games clear at the top of Inland as Susquehanna finally cooled off. The two teams, who don't play each other again, are realistically the only two left in the pennant race.

NEW ENGLAND – Portland overtook Oceanic during July, but the region is a jumble as each of the top four teams is 5-5 or 6-4 over their last ten games. If one of the four gets hot over the final 2+ weeks, then the New England pennant could easily wind up in that team's hands as there is no clear frontrunner at the current time.

NBBO MONTHLY AWARDS

BATSMEN OF THE MONTH

NYL: Isaac Holm (LF, COL) – .418, 1.020 OPS, 29 R, 46 H, 11 XBH, 1 HR, 26 RBI, 3 BB, 11 SB, 1.5 WPA, 1.6 WAR

NEL: Gerhardt Berg (1B, QS) – .410, .980 OPS, 27 R, 43 H, 8 XBH, 1 HR, 26 RBI, 4 BB, 2 SB, 3.2 WPA, 1.1 WAR

PITCHERS OF THE MONTH

NYL: Richard Majors (MET) – 8-3, 2.61 ERA, 5 K, 103.1 IP, 7 CG, 1.33 WHIP, 0.5 K/BB, 0.8 WAR, 1.2 rWAR

NEL: Charles McCormick (PIO) – 8-3, 1.97 ERA, 13 K, 105.0 IP, 8 CG, 1.21 WHIP, 1.9 K/BB, 1.6 WAR, 1.5 rWAR

GREENHORNS OF THE MONTH

NYL: Edward Davis (SS, UTI) – .383, .855 OPS, 24 R, 41 H, 6 2B, 0 3B, 24 RBI, 3 BB, 1 SB, 1.8 WPA, 0.9 WAR

NEL: Callum Tait (1B, SotO) – .411, 1.052 OPS, 22 R, 30 H, 9 2B, 2 3B, 11 RBI, 5 BB, 1 SB, 1.1 WPA, 1.0 WAR

NBBO STATISTICAL LEADERS

Average: .402 by Henry Nabors (SS, Victory)

OPS: .956 by Deacon George (2B, Green Mtn.)

Runs: 84 by Lucius Roberts (LF, Syracuse)

Home Runs: 3 by Joseph Kryszak (C, Mercury) & Frank Rose (RF, Maryland)

Runs Batted In: 80 by Henry Nabors

Stolen Bases: 63 by Manuel Romeiras (CF, Trenton Utd.)

Batsman WPA: 5.13 by Henry Nabors

Batsman WAR: 3.8 by Isaac Kelly (3B, Eckford)

ERA (150+ IP): 2.06 by Charles Rhodes (N.Y.A.C.)

Wins: 22 by Ross Gill (Quaker St.)

Complete Games: 24 by Ross Gill

Strikeouts: 36 by George Burroughs (Port Jersey)

WHIP (150+ IP): 1.12 by Rudolph Fowler (Utica)

Pitcher WAR: 5.1 by Ross Gill

Pitcher rWAR: 6.8 by Ross Gill

PCBL LEADERS (57 of 70 games played)

EAST: Frankford Arsenal at 35-22 (Keystone 3 GB, Sons of Ben 4 GB, Spartan 5 GB)

WEST: Mercantile at 36-21 (Merion 3 GB, Philadelphia B.C.C. 5 GB, Overbrook 6 GB)

For the third month in a row, the top four in East Philadelphia looks like this: Frankford in front, with Keystone, Sons of Ben, & Spartan keeping pressure on the leaders. Frankford's last two series are at home against Keystone and Spartan, so the East will come down to the final two weeks of play.

A 15-7 July saw Mercantile climb to the top of the West Philadelphia standings, although they have a pair of B.C.C. teams to deal with if they want to take the pennant. The remaining schedules for all three teams are about equal in difficulty and none of the three play each other, so the leaders remain the pennant favorites due to their three-game lead.

PCBL MONTHLY AWARDS

BATSMAN OF THE MONTH

Joseph Evans (LF, FA) – .371, .953 OPS, 27 R, 39 H, 6 2B, 7 3B, 31 RBI, 4 BB, 6 SB, 2.1 WPA, 1.4 WAR

PITCHER OF THE MONTH

Casper Shultis (MER) – 9-2, 1.66 ERA, 7 K, 103.0 IP, 10 CG, 1 SHO, 1.08 WHIP, 3.5 K/BB, 1.8 WAR, 1.5 rWAR

PCBL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Average: .380 by Joseph Evans (LF, Frankford)

OPS: .928 by Joseph Evans

Runs: 84 by William Engholm (LF, Penn)

Home Runs: 2 by ten different batsmen

Runs Batted In: 73 by Charlie Kleinman (LF, Mercantile)

Stolen Bases: 56 by Harrison Comstock (LF, Germantown)

Batsman WPA: 4.21 by William Engholm

Batsman WAR: 4.1 by Joseph Evans

ERA (150+ IP): 1.95 by Lafayette Crippen (Germantown)

Wins: 22 Charlie Greiner (Frankford)

Complete Games: 21 by Casper Shultis (Mercantile)

Strikeouts: 33 by Jarvis Whitney (Yorktown)

WHIP (150+ IP): 1.13 by Casper Shultis

Pitcher WAR: 4.4 by Paul Krueger (Sons of Ben) & Casper Shultis

Pitcher rWAR: 5.5 by Casper Shultis