

THREE STAR PERFORMERS IN FRIDAY APBL ACTION

BRESCIANI, DAVIS, & HEARNS PUT IN TOP-TIER PERFORMANCES AS THEIR TEAMS WIN

NORTHEAST U.S.A. (June 26, 1874) – The APBL entered the second half of Week Eight on Friday, and the day was marked with three brilliant performances, all in winning efforts by their teams and all placing in the top ten in terms of Game Score by a batsman this season.

The three stars of the day:

STAR #3: Marcel Bresciani (SS, EXC) 5/6 (all 1B), 3 R, 4 RBI, 85 GMSC

Excelsior and Kings County were starting their crosstown rivalry series in Brooklyn, and for a while APBL doormats Kings Co. were making a game of it as they were tied with Excelsior 12-12 after six innings. However, in the top of the 7th Bresciani came up with a man on base and singled him in for his fourth hit and third RBI of the afternoon. That was the first of seven unanswered runs over the final three innings for Excelsior, and they [won the game 19-12](#) while Bresciani picked up hit #5 in the 8th inning.

It was a badly needed outing for Bresciani, who entered Friday's game batting .198 with a .458 OPS, both marks among the worst by any regular batsman in the APBL.

STAR #2: Ashley Hearns (RF, ALL) 4/5, 2B, 3B, 4 R, 5 RBI, 7 TB, 91 GMSC

In Providence, Alleghany & St. John's took part in a back-and-forth affair in which both teams traded runs in the 2nd, 7th, 8th, & 9th. However, Alleghany displayed superior offense in the late innings to [win the game 13-8](#) and run their APBL-best record to 32-14.

Hearns wasn't the sole reason for Alleghany's win – SS Gerald Strong also had four Hits – but it was Hearns' Triple with the bases loaded in the top of the 8th that effectively sealed the victory for Alleghany and increased their lead at the top of the Colonial Conference to 8.5 games.

STAR OF THE DAY: Willie Davis (LF, AME) 4/5, 2B, 5 R, 4 RBI, 1 BB, SB, 5 TB, 92 GMSC

American had little trouble at the St. George Cricket Grounds, as they went ahead 5-0 by the middle of the 3rd and never looked back, eventually [beating Gotham 17-8](#) in a lopsided contest.

2B Peter Boyce also had four Hits and 1B William Busby cracked a pair of Doubles, but it was Davis who took Player of the Game honors as he did a bit of everything: drawing walks, pilfering bags, scoring runs, and hitting for extra bases while leaving no men stranded. The performance raised Davis' average to .348 (.821 OPS) with 42 RBI through 46 games, and he is currently looking likely to make an All-Star Game for the thirteenth time in his illustrious career.