


# METRO HAS TWO FIVE-HIT MEN AT HILLTOP


## SIMONS & USHER POUND OUT FIVE HITS EACH; SMITH ADDS FOUR IN YONKERS ROMP

YONKERS, N.Y. (June 27, 1874) – Metropolitan entered Saturday's game at Nodine Hill facing a Hilltop team that was 2-8 over their last ten games. They proceeded to act like the game against their struggling hosts was simple batting practice:



NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION  
METROPOLITAN BASE BALL CLUB AT HILLTOP B.B.C. OF YONKERS  
GAME ID: 799 - SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH, 1874 - [GAME LOG](#)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Metropolitan Base Ball Club (19-15)	2	5	0	1	4	3	0	0	2	17	25	6
Hilltop B.B.C. of Yonkers (11-22)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	8	12



The game was over quickly, with Metropolitan scoring seven times over the first two innings and adding ten more from there in a fourteen-run drubbing of their last-place opponents that kept Metro tied with Union atop New York City.

Three Metropolitan batsmen delivered outstanding performances:

- MET #1 William Simons (LF): 5/5, 3B, 4 R, 1 RBI, 7 TB
- MET #4 Francis Smith (CF): 4/7, 2 2B, 4 R, 5 RBI, 6 TB
- MET #5 Orville Usher (2B): 5/7, 2 2B, 1 R, 3 RBI, 7 TB

For Simons & Smith, their big days with the bat were much needed. Simons, in his first season as a regular batsman, was batting just .253 (.609 OPS) entering the game, while 2x All-Star Smith was easily having the worst start to a season of his career with a .256 average (.622 OPS) compared to a career mark of .318 (.802 OPS).

With respect to New York City, the N.Y.C. Championship has never been this close near the halfway mark. The standings are as follows:

- #1a Metropolitan at 19-15 (+47 RD)
- #1b Union at 19-15 (+8)
- #3a Baltic at 18-16 (1 GB; +16 RD)
- #3b Mercury at 18-16 (1 GB; +4 RD)
- #5 N.Y.A.C. at 17-16 (1.5 GB; +2 RD)
- #6 Mutual at 17-17 (2 GB; +11 RD)
- #7 Harlem at 16-18 (3 GB; -11 RD)
- #8 Hilltop at 11-22 (7.5 GB; -77 RD)

In fact, no matter how tomorrow's results turn out the New York City Championship will have the closest top seven ever at the halfway point of the season. It seems likely that N.Y.C. will need a playoff for the third year in succession.