

VAN DER HOUT FIRST NBBO PITCHER TO 300 WINS

CANTABRIGIANS PITCHER IS 4TH OVERALL TO LANDMARK VICTORY NUMBER

PORTLAND, ME. (July 29, 1874) – It has been a rough season for Cantabrigians #1 Rainer van der Hout. The eighteen-year veteran entered Wednesday's game at New England leaders Portland with a 9-22 record in spite of a 3.54 ERA, easily the worst Won-Loss figure of his lengthy career.

However, the game in Portland game proved to be a surprise as 18-37 Cantabrigians won 2-1 at William King Field to take a highly unlikely victory to drop their hosts to "just" 42-14 and a nine-game lead atop the New England standings. Cantabrigians' pitcher of record was Rainer van der Hout, who was brilliant:

- CAN P Rainer v. d Hout: CG, 2 HA, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K

The win wasn't an ordinary one for van der Hout. It was the [300th victory](#) of his long career, making van der Hout the first pitcher with 300 Wins in the NBBO and the fourth overall with 300+ Wins in organized baseball.

The four members of the 300 Win Club:

- Jim Creighton: 257-139 in NBBO, 99-77 in APBL, 356-216 overall (1860-present for Excelsior)
- Carl Bancroft: 298-222 in NBBO, 36-31 in APBL, 334-253 overall (1857-present for six teams)
- James Goodman: 227-207 in NBBO, 97-54 in APBL, 324-261 overall (1857-present for MIN & FC)
- Rainer v. d. Hout: 300-255 in NBBO, 0-0 in APBL, 300-255 overall (1857-present for ten teams)

The only other active pitcher remotely close to 300 Wins is Grover Wright, who has a 294-201 in the NBBO during a career that spans 1858 to the present with Kings County, Niagara, Continental, & Portland.

Rainer van der Hout doesn't have the accolades that the three other members of the 300 Win Club do (1x All-Star, 1x Champion, 4x 20-game Winner), but nonetheless he has earned each and every one of his 300 career victories.