

WEST PHILADELPHIA ENDS IN THREE-WAY TIE

MERCANTILE, MERION, & SCHUYLKILL ALL FINISH THE SEASON 39-31; PLAYOFF TO DECIDE PENNANT

PHILADELPHIA (Aug. 17, 1874) – It will take two extra games to decide who will represent West Philadelphia in the second edition of the Liberty Bell Classic thanks to a Schuylkill home loss to Penn and a Mercantile win at Merion on the final day of the season.

The final [West Philadelphia Standings](#):

WEST PHILADELPHIA					
	W	L	GB	RD	H2H
Schuylkill	39	31	--	+45	11-9
Mercantile	39	31	--	+100	10-10
Merion	39	31	--	+9	9-11
P.B.C.C.	38	32	1	+79	--
Overbrook	36	34	3	-2	--
Independence	33	37	6	-64	--
Penn	28	42	11	-158	6-4
Germantown	28	42	11	-9	4-6

Incredibly, if Philadelphia B.C.C. hadn't [lost in ten innings at Overbrook](#) on Sunday there would have been a *FOUR-WAY TIE* atop West Philadelphia and thus a mini-tournament would have decided who took the West Philadelphia pennant.

As it stands, the three teams tied for 1st place have been sorted by head-to-head record and this is what the West Philadelphia playoff will look like:

- GAME ONE (Aug. 17): Merion at Mercantile (1:05 PM)
- GAME TWO (Aug. 18): MBCC/MERC at Schuylkill (1:05 PM)

Whoever wins on Monday will have a strange advantage on Tuesday. For unexplainable reasons, Schuylkill had a 24-11 away record while going just 15-20 in games at their home of River Bend Park. Also, Schuylkill's #1 pitcher, William Winningham, was 18-21 for the season while their #2, Harvey Bowman, was 20-8, and it's Winningham who will likely pitch on Tuesday.

In the PCBL's inaugural season West Philadelphia went down to the final day, and for an encore West Philadelphia had the closest top four that any of the three competitions has ever seen. What could the western clubs have in store for next year?