

CREIGHTON MAKES IT TO 30 WINS FOR 1ST TIME

LEGENDARY PITCHER GOES 10 INNINGS TO BEAT AMERICAN AND REACH HISTORIC MILESTONE

BROOKLYN (Aug. 22, 1874) – During a legendary career that began in 1860, Jim Creighton has done just about everything. On Saturday he was able to cross off one of the few things he hasn't done: earn 30 Wins in a single season.

It took ten innings of pitching, but eventually Creighton and his Excelsior teammates [beat American 7-6](#) at their Home of Carroll Park on Saturday afternoon, with a Marcel Bresciani sacrifice sending in the run that made more history for the mighty pitcher.

Not that Creighton didn't help himself during the contest. He was 3/4 with the bat, scoring twice and driving in two runs. The biggest hit of the day for Excelsior came from leadoff man Charles Hormel, who hit a two-run, inside-the-park Home Run in the bottom of the 4th that put the exclamation point on a four-run Excelsior rally.

After struggling as a 19-year-old greenhorn during his first season with Excelsior, starting almost immediately in year #2 Creighton became one of the sport's premier talents, culminating in an 1868 season in which he led the New York League in Wins (29), Innings Pitched (362.2), Complete Games (35), Strikeouts (197; NBBO record), K/9 (4.9; NBBO record), K/BB Ratio (5.6), Pitching WAR (10.3; NBBO record), On-Base % (.463), OPS (.977), & Total WAR (13.6; NBBO record) while splitting time as a Pitching & First Baseman for Excelsior in the NBBO.

As far as this year goes, Creighton is almost certain to end the season as the APBL leader in Wins, Earned Run Average, and Strikeouts among all pitchers with more than 200 innings to their name. It would be the second time he's performed such as feat, as in 1862 his 26 Wins, 2.29 ERA, & 69 Strikeouts led all NYL pitchers.

A simple look at Jim Creighton's career pitching statistics could make a grown man weep:

Year	Age	TM	LVL	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	HA	R	ER	HR	BB	K	BB/9	K/9	WHIP	H/9	K/BB	WAR
1860	19	EXC	NBBO	12	21	4.11	37	35	19	0	0	278.0	322	227	127	11	80	44	2.6	1.4	1.45	10.4	0.6	0.7
1861	20	EXC	NBBO	21	12	3.96	38	35	23	1	0	293.1	341	189	129	14	37	56	1.1	1.7	1.29	10.5	1.5	1.9
1862	21	EXC	NBBO	20	12	3.40	38	35	22	1	0	294.0	333	189	111	10	23	73	0.7	2.2	1.21	10.2	3.2	3.7
1863	22	EXC	NBBO	26	4	2.29	36	35	27	2	0	302.0	280	138	77	1	28	69	0.8	2.1	1.02	8.3	2.5	5.9
1864	23	EXC	NBBO	22	14	2.85	43	35	29	0	1	312.1	331	185	99	0	24	95	0.7	2.7	1.14	9.5	4.0	6.5
1865	24	EXC	NBBO	25	11	2.24	43	35	25	1	2	313.2	310	178	78	1	8	133	0.2	3.8	1.01	8.9	16.6	8.3
1866	25	EXC	NBBO	25	8	2.85	40	35	24	2	2	296.2	282	180	94	0	23	146	0.7	4.4	1.03	8.6	6.3	8.0
1867	26	EXC	NBBO	27	15	2.46	44	42	30	1	0	361.2	370	219	99	1	27	117	0.7	2.9	1.10	9.2	4.3	7.4
1868	27	EXC	NBBO	29	11	2.70	42	42	35	0	0	362.2	366	195	109	1	35	197	0.9	4.9	1.11	9.1	5.6	10.3
1869	28	EXC	NBBO	23	16	2.95	45	43	25	1	0	335.2	396	274	110	0	38	136	1.0	3.6	1.29	10.6	3.6	8.2
1870	29	EXC	NBBO	27	15	3.26	45	42	30	3	0	356.0	384	222	129	0	36	162	0.9	4.1	1.18	9.7	4.5	8.9
1871	30	EXC	APBL	22	24	4.01	46	45	26	1	0	363.2	442	282	162	1	51	149	1.3	3.7	1.36	10.9	2.9	7.4
1872	31	EXC	APBL	24	18	2.93	45	45	28	1	0	383.1	423	239	125	1	34	170	0.8	4.0	1.19	9.9	5.0	9.3
1873	32	EXC	APBL	28	18	3.26	54	46	29	0	1	395.1	447	247	143	3	42	153	1.0	3.5	1.24	10.2	3.6	8.2
1874	33	EXC	APBL	30	21	2.56	64	45	28	1	1	396.2	444	251	113	4	33	136	0.7	3.1	1.20	10.1	4.1	7.8
TOTAL				361	220	3.04	660	595	400	15	7	5045.0	5471	3215	1705	48	519	1836	0.9	3.3	1.19	9.8	3.5	102.3
Career Highs				30	24	2.24	64	46	35	3	2	396.2	447	282	162	14	80	197	0.2	4.9	1.01	8.3	16.6	10.3

In addition, Creighton has done the following as a batter:

- .340/.394/.451, .845 OPS (145 OPS+), 814 H, 152 2B, 52 3B, 3 HR, 392 RBI, 222 BB, 36 K, 22.8 WPA, 26.3 WAR

He has made thirteen All-Star Games between the NBBO & APBL, been named Most Valuable Player of his league five times, won Pitcher of the Year once (introduced in 1869), and he's been in his league's Team of the Year half a dozen times.

About the only thing left for Jim Creighton to accomplish is to win a championship. If he can manage that before his retirement sometime in the next 5-10 years, Creighton will leave a resumé that no pitching peer will ever be able to touch.