ARSENAL WALLOPS SPARTAN BEHIND BIG BATS

MONTOURO BELTS FIVE HITS, THREE OTHERS HAVE THREE EACH AS FRANKFORD WINS BY 15

PHILADELPHIA (May 19, 1876) - Frankford Arsenal entered Friday's home game against Spartan looking nearly unbeatable with a fantastic offensive attack. The proceedings at Frankford Park were more of the same:



This game was over quick. Seven runs by Frankford in the 1st followed by six more in the 2nd meant the hosts were ahead 13-4 by the end of the 3rd inning. From there, Frankford piled on nine more runs over their last five times at bat to add to the Spartan humiliation, and by the time it was all over they had a fifteen-run victory.

There were five standout performances in the Frankford win:

- FRA #2 Francis Brown (LF): 3/6 (3B, 5 TB), 2 R, 4 RBI
- FRA #4 Joseph Evans (CF): 3/5 (2 2B, 5 TB), 2 R, 2 RBI, 1 BB
- FRA #6 Burton Hyde (SS): 2/6 (both 1B), 3 R, 3 RBI
- FRA #7 James Montuoro (3B): 5/6 (2B, 6 TB), 4 R, 3 RBI
- FRA #8 Roger Thomas (C): 3/5 (all 1B), 3 R, 1 RBI, 1 BB

Montuoro's performance earned him Player of the Game honors, while Evans ended the game with a .405 Batting Average (.936 OPS) and a pace for 7.0 WAR, of course in a small sample size.
Frankford Arsenal is 7-1 with 85 Runs through eight games, already with eighteen more than any other team. The team has quickly opened up a two-game lead on the rest of East Philadelphia, and if the early games of the season are any indication then this just might be the first season in which the pennant race in the eastern half of the city is over before it really has a chance to begin.