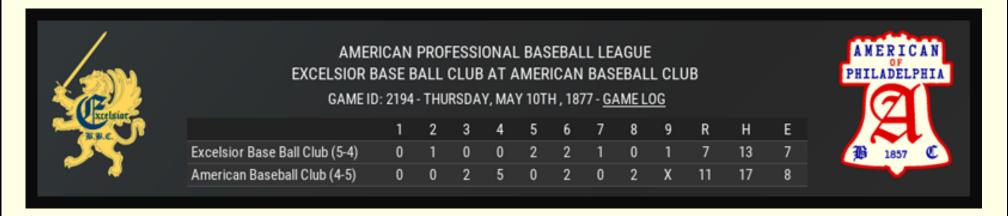
BURKE PUTS UP FIRST BIG GAME OF SEASON

AMERICAN CF HAS FIVE HITS, FOUR RBI IN HOME WIN OVER JIM CREIGHTON & EXCELSIOR

PHILADELPHIA (May 11, 1877) - American finished their three-game home series against Excelsior on Thursday by facing Jim Creighton, but the front half of their lineup was up to the task in a four-run victory:



American took nine runs off Creighton in 5 1/3 innings, with the key moments coming during their five-run rally in the bottom of the 4th. The first five members of their lineup - 2B Peter Boyce, RF Franklin Petty, CF James Burke, 1B William Busby, & LF George Kassabian - combined to bat 14/21 with eight Runs eight RBI.

The player of the game for American was 3x Batsman of the Year James Burke, who had his first big performance of 1877:

- B1: Single past 2B off J. Creighton (SB)
- B3: 1-run Single past 1B off J. Creighton
- B4: 2-run Single past SS off J. Creighton (R)
- B6: 1-run Single to RF off J. Creighton (SB, R)
- B8: Single to LF off G. Scott
- TOTAL: 5/5 (all 1B), 2 R, 4 RBI, 2 SB, 82 GMSC

Burke is batting .432 (.945 OPS) with seven RBI through American's first nine games. As a team, American is 4-5 and in fifth place in the Metropolitan Conference after a week and a half of play.			