

# TWO SHUTOUTS IN APBL TO OPEN WEEKEND

## CORDELL & CREIGHTON FLUMMOX THEIR OPPOSITION ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

PITTSBURGH & NEW YORK CITY (May 12, 1877) – On Thursday, it was a big day for batsmen in the N.B.B.O. & P.C.B.L. On Saturday, it was the pitchers who had fun in the A.P.B.L.

At the Recreation Grounds in Pittsburgh, Alleghany scored twice in the bottom of the first against Flour City and that proved to be enough as they beat the visitors 5-0. The author of the Shutout was twelve-year veteran Raynard Cordell:

- ALL P Raynard Cordell: CG SHO (4-2, 4.29 ERA), 5 HA, 1 BB, 2 K

Cordell was aided by an Alleghany fielding unit that committed just two Errors, and three members of the lineup – CF Robert Golden, SS Gerald Strong, & 1B William Trowbridge – had multiple base hits.

The result moved Alleghany up to 7-4 and Flour City down to 5-6, with Alleghany part of a three-way tie for first place in the Colonial Conference.

In New York City, the A.P.B.L.'s other Saturday Shutout took place at the St. George Cricket Grounds, where Excelsior beat Gotham by the score of 6-0. That game took a bit longer to decide, with no scoring taking place until Excelsior's run in the top of the 5th before their five-run rally during the next inning put the victory away.

The author of Excelsior's blanking of Gotham was, of course, Jim Creighton, who pitched career Shutout #21:

- EXC P Jim Creighton: CG SHO (4-1, 4.57), 6 HA, 1 BB, 3 K

Unlike what he usually does during a Shutout, Creighton wasn't able to collect any base hits but he did score after reaching via Error during the crucial rally in the top of the 6th.

Excelsior's win left them 7-4 and tied top the Metropolitan Conference with Knickerbocker. Gotham is a game behind the pairing at 6-5.