

# TWO FIVE-HIT GAMES IN THE APBL ON WEDNESDAY

## ALEXANDER & SCHUMACHER EXCEL; KC HAS QUARTET OF FOUR-HIT PERFORMERS VS ORANGE

NORTHEAST U.S.A. (July 18, 1877) – There were the usual six games across the American Professional Baseball League on Wednesday, with two of those games featuring outstanding performances by individual batsmen and a third featuring a fantastic team attack.

First, we go to New York City where Gotham and Knickerbocker continued the oldest rivalry in baseball at the Elysian Fields. Knickerbocker took an 11-6 win against a visiting Gotham team that has fallen apart, and the man who was clearly the game's most outstanding player was Knick 1B Cormack Alexander:

- B1: 1-run Double to RF off J. Dressman (R)
- B3: Single past SS off J. Dressman (R)
- B5: Double to LF off J. Dressman
- B7: Double to LCF off J. Dressman (R)
- B8: Double to RCF off J. Smith (R)
- **TOTAL:** 5/5 (4 2B, 9 TB), 4 R, 1 RBI, 75 GMSC

Alexander has driven in roughly a run per game this season (68 G, 67 RBI), but here it was his four Doubles that gave those below him in the batting order ample opportunity to generate runs while his lone RBI came in the opening inning, when he his Double saw Knick Louis Dyke cross the plate.

Alexander is currently having the best season out of his six in the A.P.B.L. Through 68 games, he's batting .367 (.884 OPS) with 20 Extra-base Hits (15 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR), 67 Runs Batted In, and 3.5 Batsman WAR. The win kept Knickerbocker & Excelsior tied – AGAIN – atop the Metropolitan at 42-26, with the two teams being tied for 13/18 days in July. Gotham is 22-46, and on pace for its worst season ever.

Next it's off to Boston, where Niagara & Massachusetts Bay contested the game of the day at Oceanside Park.

The game was a thriller, with plenty of scoring early and Mass. Bay exiting the fourth inning ahead 11-8. Niagara provided consistent offense late – three runs in the 6th, two in the 7th, & two more in the 8th – to take a 15-13 lead, but a six-run rally by Mass. Bay in the bottom of the eighth gave them a 19-15 victory.

Mass. Bay had four players – RF Kevin Duke, 2B Arthur Fisher, C Lane Garvin, & 3B Albert Stoffers – collect 3+ Hits, and while Niagara LF Charles Barrett was 4/6 it was SS William Schumacher who outdid everyone on the field with five Hits:

- T1: 2-run Double to LCF off D. Hobbelink (R)
- T3: Infield Single to SS off D. Hobbelnk (SB, R)
- T4: Sac Bunt to P (2 out)
- T6: 1-run Single to CF off H. Cundiff (R)
- T7: 2-run Single past 1B off H. Cundiff
- T9: Leadoff Single past 3B off J. Desautels
- **TOTAL:** 5/5 (2B, 6 TB), 3 R, 5 RBI, SB, SAC BUNT, 96 GMSC

Schumacher's 96 Game Score in a losing effort tied the season high, which is shared by Excelsior C Edgar Pridgen's performance at Kings Co. six days ago (4/5, 4 R, 5 RBI, 1 BB). The 31-year-old has a .271 Average (.637 OPS) and forty Runs Batted In through 68 games of his fourth season as Niagara's everyday Shortstop.

The result left Niagara 35-33, third place in the Colonial Conference and nine games behind leaders St. John's, while it pulled Mass. Bay up into a tie for last place (28-40, 16 GB) with Boston rivals Shamrock.

The final notable event took place in Brooklyn, where Kings County juiced Orange by the score of 21-5 at Washington Park. The hosts were behind 4-2 at the middle of the third inning, but three runs in B3 and six more in B4 gave them an 11-4 lead and sent them on their way to an easy home victory.

Kings Co. used 23 Hits to score their 21 Runs, and as part of that outburst four of their batsmen had four Hits each:

- KC #1 Herman Stanley (2B): 4/6 (2B, 5 TB), 5 R, 2 RBI, 1 BB
- KC #3 Garfield Koonce (1B): 4/6 (all 1B), 3 R, 4 RBI
- KC #4 Fred Bartholomew (LF): 4/5 (2B, 5 TB), 4 R, 4 RBI, 1 BB, SB, 89 GMSC

- KC #5 Carl Nevers (C): 4/6 (2B, 5 TB), 3 R, 3 RBI

The afternoon left both Koonce (.350, .861 OPS, 55 RBI) & Bartholomew (.367, .911 OPS, 61 RBI) batting .350+ while Nevers hit .300 (.656 OPS, 45 RBI) after the halfway point of the A.P.B.L. season for the first time. Stanley's 4/6 raised his Average to .341 (.810 OPS, 52 RBI), and since he's been overshadowed by fellow Philadelphian import Joseph Evans he's quietly put together a fine debut season in the A.P.B.L.

One other matter of note from the game: Kings Co. 3B Alfred Williams pulled off a rare feat in that he had three successful Sacrifices against Orange, with a pair of Sacrifice Bunts and one Sacrifice Fly.

Wednesday offered up plenty of action in the A.P.B.L., with the batsmen taking starring roles on the afternoon and the fans being on the receiving end of plenty of excitement.