

1877 AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME

NIAGARA PLAYS HOST FOR FIRST TIME; KNICK & ST. JOHN'S LEAD NOM'S WITH SIX EACH;

BUFFALO, N.Y. (July 30, 1877) – There are fifteen games left to play in the season, and that means it's time for the annual American Professional Baseball League All-Star Game!

Rosters for the A.P.B.L. Midsummer Classic aren't the same as those in its N.B.B.O. counterpart:

- Twenty players per conference
- Roster places 1-4 go to pitchers – two for each rotation place
- Roster places 5-20 go to batsmen – two for each position
- All six teams from each conference must be represented

The game was hosted by the Colonial Conference this year, and it was decided that last year's surprise conference champions, Niagara B.B.C., should host the festivities, making this the first time the All-Star Game was played in Upstate New York.

The rosters for this year's All-Star game were led by the conference leaders, with St. John's & Knickerbocker both sending six players to Buffalo for the game. Excelsior, currently one game behind Knickerbocker in the Metropolitan Conference, sent five players. The A.P.B.L.'s two other forty-win teams, Alleghany & Kings County, both sent four.

The elder statemen of the All-Star Game were, once again, the trio of Jim Creighton, Konrad Jensen & Anthony Mascherino. Creighton was going to his sixteenth total All-Star Game, Jensen his seventeenth, and Mascherino his eighteenth. There were nine first-time All-Stars and four Greenhorns, although Carl Nevers had made an All-Star Game while he was in the N.B.B.O.

The Metropolitan had more talent on paper but the Colonial won last year's game with a similar disadvantage, so it was far from guaranteed that the Metropolitan megastars would waltz away with an easy win.

These were the All-Star Game rosters, with total All-Star appearances between the N.B.B.O. & A.P.B.L. noted:

COLONIAL CONFERENCE ALL-STARS

POS	NAME	TEAM	ASG	W	L	ERA	K	IP	CG	SHO	K/BB	HRA	HA/9	WHIP	WAR	rWAR
P	Howard Burns	STJ	3rd	23	11	3.54	80	305.1	22	2	8.0	3	11.3	1.28	5.9	5.3
P	James Goodman	FC	12th	16	19	2.59	38	292.0	19	0	3.8	1	11.1	1.26	5.8	5.0
P	William Haney	ALL	1st	15	14	2.17	28	253.0	17	0	1.0	3	11.1	1.35	2.4	4.1
P	Thomas Smith	StJ	8th	21	14	2.89	52	305.1	23	2	1.6	1	10.8	1.31	4.6	5.5

POS	NAME	TEAM	ASG	AVG	OPS	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	WPA	WAR	OTH
C	Lane Garvin	MB	3rd	.302	.654	42	80	3	2	0	38	7	1	1.0	1.0	
C	James Simon	SHA	7th	.280	.606	41	70	9	0	0	39	0	1	1.5	0.7	
1B	Gerhardt Berg	MB	8th	.352	.839	67	120	13	10	1	64	13	3	2.8	2.6	
1B	Konrad Jensen	StJ	17th	.360	.885	107	121	9	12	1	64	29	87	5.4	4.3	.418 OPS
2B	Burton Ellerby	ALL	3rd	.322	.742	60	100	18	4	0	48	7	3	1.1	2.1	
2B	Arthur Fisher	MB	3rd	.328	.761	76	104	12	5	0	45	7	32	2.3	1.5	
3B	Charles Barrow	NIA	GH	.326	.749	49	84	14	2	1	57	5	1	1.7	1.4	
3B	Eamonn Todd	StJ	2nd	.294	.717	55	97	19	7	1	83	12	0	3.2	1.7	
SS	Robert Jessup	SHA	1st	.299	.724	50	90	10	8	1	49	11	15	0.6	1.8	
SS	William Schumacher	NIA	4th	.276	.644	47	79	11	5	1	46	3	12	1.4	1.1	
OF	Joseph Evans	StJ	GH	.390	.944	90	134	25	10	0	79	18	20	4.7	3.6	.520 SLG
OF	Franklin Skaggs	FC	2nd	.339	.774	83	123	14	8	0	51	5	15	3.7	1.9	
CF	Rudolph Decker	StJ	4th	.324	.764	77	109	16	8	0	68	10	54	2.7	3.1	
CF	Robert Golden	ALL	2nd	.293	.742	48	91	8	12	3	58	9	5	2.0	1.3	
OF	John Meier	ALL	3rd	.317	.786	82	108	18	11	1	46	9	54	3.1	2.3	
OF	Reginald Roper	NIA	7th	.300	.738	69	98	13	12	0	53	13	9	2.5	1.6	

METROPOLITAN CONFERENCE ALL-STARS

POS	NAME	TEAM	ASG	W	L	ERA	K	IP	CG	SHO	K/BB	HRA	HA/9	WHIP	WAR	rWAR
P	Nicholas Banfield	KC	1st	19	13	2.98	89	302.0	25	0	1.8	2	10.5	1.33	5.3	5.9
P	Jim Creighton	EXC	16th	22	13	3.47	110	303.1	18	2	4.2	4	11.5	1.37	5.8	1.2
P	Robert Goodman	KNI	1st	24	9	2.97	66	297.1	25	1	4.4	1	9.7	1.12	5.4	5.7
P	Elmer Seabold	EXC	8th	20	13	3.21	132	311.0	26	0	2.6	3	10.6	1.35	5.7	3.7

POS	NAME	TEAM	ASG	AVG	OPS	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	WPA	WAR	OTH
C	Carl Nevers	KC	GH	.297	.655	53	83	8	2	1	51	2	0	1.5	1.3	
C	Everett Schreiber	ORA	10th	.317	.813	58	86	12	13	0	41	15	16	2.8	2.7	
1B	Cormack Alexander	KNI	10th	.372	.882	76	121	16	4	1	76	23	8	4.4	3.9	.426 OBP
1B	Garfield Koonce	KC	8th	.345	.842	80	117	28	6	1	61	10	1	4.0	2.6	
2B	Anthony Mascherino	KNI	18th	.304	.698	66	101	14	4	0	69	12	19	2.6	3.0	+10.4 ZR
2B	Charles Whitehead	ORA	2nd	.356	.850	66	118	15	7	3	63	13	3	3.1	2.8	
3B	Hugh Harris	KNI	7th	.309	.843	76	92	18	10	2	70	33	43	3.8	4.0	
3B	Elijah Hill	EXC	6th	.356	.819	73	129	19	9	0	82	2	5	5.1	3.1	
SS	Martin Prince	AME	4th	.304	.743	82	104	12	12	0	39	8	27	2.6	3.0	+16.6 ZR
SS	Jonathan Quarles	GOT	2nd	.328	.766	81	119	11	12	0	43	4	16	4.8	3.5	+13.4 ZR
OF	Troy Oberst	EXC	7th	.378	.925	101	130	29	9	1	68	16	9	5.6	3.7	.523 SLG
OF	Clive Strachan	KNI	7th	.338	.808	77	112	17	8	1	72	7	49	3.1	3.3	
CF	James Burke	AME	11th	.403	.944	98	137	17	9	0	71	19	78	5.6	5.2	.506 SLG
CF	Boyd Myers	EXC	GH	.330	.783	78	121	16	10	1	71	9	3	4.4	2.6	
OF	Fred Bartholomew	KC	3rd	.370	.921	84	128	20	18	1	68	7	27	5.8	3.3	.540 SLG
OF	Henry Jost	KNI	1st	.331	.794	87	117	14	13	1	38	4	27	4.4	3.2	

Here are the number of nominees who represented each team:

- ALLEGHANY: 4 (Ellerby, Golden, Haney, & Meier)
- AMERICAN: 2 (Burke & Prince)
- EXCELSIOR: 5 (Creighton, Hill, Myers, Oberst, & Seabold)
- FLOUR CITY: 2 (Goodman & Skaggs)
- GOTHAM: 1 (Quarles)
- KINGS CO.: 4 (Banfield, Bartholomew, Koonce, & Nevers)
- KNICK: 6 (Alexander, Goodman, Harris, Jost, Mascherino, & Strachan)
- MASS. BAY: 3 (Berg, Fisher, & Garvin)
- NIAGARA: 3 (Barrow, Roper, & Schumacher)
- ORANGE: 2 (Schreiber & Whitehead)
- SHAMROCK: 2 (Jessup & Simon)
- ST. JOHN'S: 6 (Burns, Decker, Evans, Jensen, Smith, & Todd)

As for the game itself, this was how it turned out:



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Metropolitan Conference All-Stars	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	11	6
Colonial Conference All-Stars	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	X	7	11	4



The Colonial Conference won the All-Star Game again, thanks to a rally in the bottom of the eighth.

The Metropolitan started out well, taking the lead in T1 on a Single by Troy Oberst before scoring four times in T3 on four separate run-scoring base hits to take a 5-0 lead. The Colonial cut the lead to 5-2 in B3 thanks to a two-run Double by Joseph Evans, and they shortened the Metro lead to 5-4 in B5 on run-scoring hits by Konrad Jensen & Eamonn Todd.

5-4 was how the score stood until the bottom of the eighth, when the Colonial turned the potential result on its head. After a leadoff Single by Arthur Fisher, the next two batters were retired with P Thomas Smith due to bat. Smith then singled in Fisher to even the score (5-5), Gerhardt Berg singled Smith over to third, and Reginald Roper's Double brought Smith & Berg around to give the Colonial a 7-5 lead.

In the top of the ninth Hugh Harris hit a Double that drove in Henry Jost and made it a 7-6 game, but with Harris on second the next two batters had no luck, and the Colonial Conference was the All-Star Game champion for the second straight year.

The All-Star Game M.V.P. was the man who produced the game-winning hit: Niagara's Reginald Roper.

- CC SUB Reginald Roper (RF): 2/3 (2B, 3 TB), 1 R, 2 RBI, GW HIT

He was one of four players with multiple Hits in the game, the others being Fred Bartholomew (2/3, 2B, 2 R, RBI), Konrad Jensen (2/3, 1 R, 1 RBI, 2 SB), and Henry Jost (2/3, 2B, 1 R).

The pitchers of record Thomas Smith with the Win and Nicholas Banfield with the Loss. Every player took part to varying degrees, with four starters staying in until the eighth inning.

A crowd of 8,113 watched the proceedings at the Greater New York Sporting Grounds in Buffalo, a sellout crowd that was able to enjoy a great game in pleasant summer weather (65 F, 12 mph winds).

The Metropolitan Conference may have the marquee talent, but right now the Colonial Conference has the bragging rights.