

TWO SHUTOUTS IN THE APBL ON WEDNESDAY

KINGS CO'S GRAY, MASS. BAY'S HOBBELINK HOLD OPPONENTS SCORELESS IN MIDWEEK ACTION

PITTSBURGH & BOSTON (May 29, 1878) – There were eight games played across the A.P.B.L. on Wednesday, and two of them ended in Shutouts.

The first Shutout took place at Pittsburgh's Recreation Park, where Kings County beat Alleghany 6-0, with the visitors scoring lone runs in six different innings to get the better of their hosts and improve their record to 15-5.

The pitcher of the Kings Co. Shutout was Willie Gray, who excelled with both ball & bat:

- KC P Willie Gray: CG SHO (8-3, 2.08), 4 HA, 0 BB, 5 K
- KC P Willie Gray: 2/4 (both 1B), 1 R, 1 RBI, 1 K

Gray was aided in his cause by the top of the K.C. order, as each of the first four men in the lineup – 2B Herman Stanley, RF Sig Siemens, 1B Garfield Koonce, & LF Fred Bartholomew – had two Hits each, and three of the four clubbed Extra-Base Hits.

Even though the win left Kings Co. 15-5, they remain 2nd in the Metropolitan Conference because white-hot Knickerbocker is currently 16-4. Alleghany sits at 5th place in the Colonial Conference at 10-10 (5 GB).

Over in Boston, it was Massachusetts Bay who completed the day's other Shutout victory with a 7-0 home win over Orange. At the South End Grounds, Mass. Bay's three-run rally in B2 that featured three run-scoring Singles was enough for the win as Drees Hobbelink, like Gray in Pittsburgh, was in fine form with both ball & bat:

- MB P Drees Hobbelink: CG SHO (4-6, 3.84), 3 HA, 2 BB, 4 K
- MB P Drees Hobbelink: 2/4 (both 1B), 1 R, 1 RBI, 1 K

The Shutout win improved Mass. Bay's record to 8-12, which is good for 6th in the Colonial. After starting the season 5-6, Orange has lost eight of their last nine games to fall to 6-14, which is tied for 6th in the Metropolitan and even with Flour City for the worst record of the non-expansion teams in the A.P.B.L.

Elsewhere in the A.P.B.L. on Wednesday, St. John's hammered Gotham 18-3 at the St. George Cricket Grounds to go to 12-8, with Gotham falling to .500 at 10-10. It was never much of a contest, as the visitors scored half a dozen times in T1 and never let up. St. John's received multiple base hits from five batsmen (Cannon, Evans, Jensen, Pugatch, & Todd), and Player of the Game honors went to SS George Pugatch (4/6, 2B, 2 R, 4 RBI).