

# **RAYNARD CORDELL, 1ST APBL POTY, RETIRES**

**4x ALL-STAR WENT 26-10 IN INAUGURAL SEASON FOR ORANGE, WAS 8x 20-GAME WINNER**

WOONSOCKET, R.I. (June 6, 1878) – Raynard Cordell, the inaugural A.P.B.L. Pitcher of the Year, has retired from baseball at the age of 38 after failing to find a new team to play for during the initial weeks of the new season.

Cordell first entered league baseball as a 26-year-old Greenhorn with Orange B.B.C. for the 1866 N.B.B.O. season. He immediately became their #1 and went 19-13 with a 3.86 ERA and 3.3 WAR over 286.2 innings.

Two years later Cordell had his best N.B.B.O. season, finishing 27-8 with a 2.35 ERA and 7.9 WAR for an Orange side that went on to win 1868's Tucker-Wheaton Cup, also going 4-2 with a 3.22 ERA in the Round Robin cup.

Three years later (1871) Cordell you have arguably his best season, finishing 26-10 for Orange with a 3.12 ERA and 5.1 WAR in the inaugural season of the A.P.B.L. while pitching for the first Founders' Cup runners-up and taking the A.P.B.L.'s first Pitcher of the Year award when it was presumed by pretty much everybody that it would go to either Jim Creighton or James Goodman.

After a rough 1872, Orange let Cordell leave and he went on to spend the last five seasons of his career in Pittsburgh as a regular pitcher for Alleghany, where for whom he would pitch in the Founders' Cup twice and in the first of the two series lose to his former team.

Cordell's career in full:

Year	Age	TM	LVL	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	HA	R	ER	HR	BB	K	BB/9	K/9	WHIP	H/9	K/BB	WAR	rWAR
1866	26	ORA	NBBO	19	13	3.86	37	35	21	0	0	286.2	328	205	123	0	35	23	1.1	0.7	1.27	10.3	0.7	3.3	2.0
1867	27	ORA	NBBO	22	19	3.85	44	42	28	1	0	330.0	402	245	141	0	48	20	1.3	0.5	1.36	11.0	0.4	3.6	2.5
1868	28	ORA	NBBO	27	8	2.35	40	40	27	1	0	337.0	325	182	88	0	40	35	1.1	0.9	1.08	8.7	0.9	4.6	7.9
1869	29	ORA	NBBO	20	19	3.66	45	42	25	1	0	332.0	407	251	135	1	41	24	1.1	0.7	1.35	11.0	0.6	4.7	1.6
1870	30	ORA	NBBO	22	17	3.01	41	41	28	0	0	335.0	368	204	112	2	37	28	1.0	0.8	1.21	9.9	0.8	4.4	5.0
1871	31	ORA	APBL	26	10	3.12	45	45	26	1	0	372.2	356	246	129	1	37	21	0.9	0.5	1.05	8.6	0.6	5.1	4.4
1872	32	ORA	APBL	17	21	2.55	45	45	28	0	0	366.2	393	240	104	0	36	25	0.9	0.6	1.17	9.6	0.7	4.8	1.7
1873	33	ALL	APBL	18	29	3.57	54	45	24	0	2	340.0	469	305	135	6	23	24	0.6	0.6	1.45	12.4	1.0	4.3	2.6
1874	34	ALL	APBL	23	18	3.09	48	45	28	0	0	381.0	446	244	131	11	39	23	0.9	0.5	1.27	10.5	0.6	3.0	8.9
1875	35	ALL	APBL	17	16	3.50	49	45	19	0	0	350.0	459	279	136	5	34	23	0.9	0.6	1.41	11.8	0.7	4.0	4.1
1876	36	ALL	APBL	22	15	3.34	48	46	22	0	0	374.2	465	283	139	3	36	53	0.9	1.3	1.34	11.2	1.5	4.5	4.4
1877	37	ALL	APBL	22	21	3.90	46	46	26	2	0	357.2	420	271	155	3	51	40	1.3	1.0	1.32	10.6	0.8	3.8	5.3
CAREER			NBBO	110	76	3.33	207	200	129	3	0	1620.2	1830	1087	599	3	201	130	1.1	0.7	1.25	10.2	0.6	20.6	19.0
CAREER			APBL	145	130	3.29	335	317	173	3	2	2542.2	3008	1868	929	29	256	209	0.9	0.7	1.28	10.6	0.8	29.5	31.4
TOTAL				255	206	3.30	542	517	302	6	2	4163.1	4838	2955	1528	32	457	339	1.0	0.7	1.27	10.5	0.7	50.1	50.5
Career Highs				27	29	2.35	54	46	28	2	2	381.0	469	305	155	11	51	53	0.6	1.3	1.05	8.6	1.5	5.1	0.0
CAREER		ALL	APBL	102	99	3.47	245	227	119	2	2	1803.1	2259	1382	696	28	183	163	0.9	0.8	1.35	11.3	0.9	19.6	25.4
CAREER		ORA	APBL	153	107	3.17	297	290	183	4	0	2360.0	2579	1573	832	4	274	176	1.0	0.7	1.21	9.8	0.6	30.5	25.1

- 1x Tucker-Wheaton Cup champion (1868)
- 3x Founders' Cup runner-up (1871, 74-75)
- Inaugural A.P.B.L. Pitcher of the Year (1871)
- 4x All-Star (1x N.B.B.O., 3x A.P.B.L.)
- 1x Golden Glove (1876)

Cordell won 20+ games in a season eight times over his twelve-year career, and his 255 victories works out to just over 21 per season. He might not have been a dominant pitcher, but Raynard Cordell made his mark on the sport.