

K.C.'S WRIGHT 1ST WITH CONSECUTIVE SHUTOUTS

OUTDOES ORANGE CLUB'S VAN DER HOUT'S TWO IN A WEEK IN LATE JUNE

BROOKLYN (July 18, 1861) – Three weeks ago Orange Club's Rainer van der Hout became the first pitcher to be credited with two shutouts in the space of a week when he shutout Hilltop of Yonkers 7-0 on the 22nd and Knickerbocker Club 5-0 on the 28th. Kings County star Grover Wright, the pitcher in the N.Y.L. Team of the Year last year, one-upped van der Hout this afternoon by becoming the first pitcher ever to record consecutive shutouts thanks to an 8-0 win at Empire Club on Wednesday afternoon.

The game at Empire was an easy one. K.C. scored all of their eight runs over the first four innings, while Wright allowed six hits, walked two, & struck out two while sending in 127 pitches. The defense pitched in by committing a below-average total of two errors.

Four days earlier Wright had a similarly easy time of it in his game at the Bedford Club, winning 7-0 while allowing six hits and needing just ninety pitches to complete his shutout. Again, K.C. scored their runs early – 6/7 over the first three innings – and Wright had stress-free pitching from then on.

The shutout at Empire takes Wright's record on the season to an outstanding 24-4 with a 2.56 E.R.A., and he will almost certainly be the pitcher in the N.Y.L. Team of the Year for the second season in a row.