

HISTORY! McQUAID HIT STREAK UP TO 40 GAMES!

FLOUR CITY SHORTSTOP BECOMES FIRST PLAYER TO REACH MARK

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (June 26, 1863) – Flour City took an 11-7 home loss to Victory B.B.C. at Riverside Park in Upstate New York on Sunday afternoon, but afterward the talk of the afternoon was the history-making base hit by William McQuaid in his last chance at the plate in the bottom of the ninth inning.

McQuaid, Flour City's everyday shortstop, was 0/3 going into his plate appearance in the ninth, but he led off F.C's half of the inning with a single past the Victory second baseman that took his Hitting Streak to a place that had never been seen before: the forty-game plateau.

McQuaid, Shamrock B.C's shortstop from 1857-61, joined Flour City last year and struggled for much of the season before picking up hits in their final two games. He has since collected hits in every one of F.C's 38 games during the 1863 season, making him the first player ever to hit safely in forty consecutive games.

The historic run from McQuaid bests the previous record-long Hitting Streak, established last year by American B.C. center fielder Arthur Waltrip, whose 39-game streak ended on June 4th in Jersey City against Port Jersey B.B.C.

McQuaid has 21 Multiple-hit games so far in 1863. His Batting Average is .368, a 72-point jump from last season (.296), and his O.P.S. is .892, a massive 204-point leap from his debut season with Flour City in 1862 (.688).

If his current level of batsmanship holds up, William McQuaid will end the season having done his best work with the bat since his second season with Shamrock in 1858 (.360, 51 R.B.I, .842 O.P.S.). The 36-year-old has certainly turned the clock backwards in 1863.