

SCOTT STARTS SEASON SWIMMINGLY V PIONEER

2X MERRIMACK ALL-STAR HAS SIX HITS & FIVE RBI IN DOUBLE-DIGIT OPENING DAY HOME WIN

LOWELL, MASS. (May 13, 1874) – Merrimack Mills is looking to make up for a disappointing 1873 in which they started the season as Inland Championship favorites but finished 3rd due to a .500 May & June. With that in mind, consider their thirteen-run win over defending Inland champs Pioneer a perfect start to 1874:

		NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION PIONEER BASEBALL CLUB AT MERRIMACK MILLS B.C. GAME ID: 22 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH, 1874 - <u>GAME LOG</u>													
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E		
Pioneer Baseball Club (0-1)		0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	8	7		
Merrimack Mills B.C. (1-0)		2	2	7	0	0	0	2	2	X	15	20	2		

This game was over quickly, as Merrimack was ahead 11-0 by the end of the 3rd and had an easy time of it from there.

The hosts had three players with three or four hits each – 3B James McNeil, CF Demy Poortman, & SS Bertram Zahn – but their leadoff man and 2x All-Star in Right Field, George Scott, far outdid any of those three:

- B1: Leadoff Single to LF off C. McCormick (R)
- B2: 1-run Single past SS off C. McCormick
- B3: 1-run Single to RF off C. McCormick (R)
- B5: Double past 3B off J. Mullin
- B7: 1-run Infield Single off J. Mullin
- B8: 2-run Double to RCF off J. Mullin

- **TOTAL:** 6/6, 2 2B, 2 R 5 RBI, 8 TB, 97 GMSC

While it was a perfect start to the season for a Merrimack team that is looking to avenge a disappointing season, it was an inauspicious start for a Pioneer team that the Writers Pool thinks is going to lose 10-15 more games than they did as the over #1 last year and finish in 6th place. Of course, time will tell.