

APBL: TWO FIVE-HIT BATSMEN ON GAMEDAY FIVE

ALLEGHANY'S MEIER & MASS. BAY'S STOFFERS HAVE HOT HANDS TO OPEN THE WEEKEND

BOSTON, MASS. & ROCHESTER, N.Y. (May 8, 1875) – The first Saturday of games of the 1875 A.P.B.L. season saw a pair of batsmen collect five hits each, one a new face and one a well-known star.

First up: the new face.

To cap off a back-and-forth game Alleghany scored a run in the top of the 9th to win 10-9 at Flour City in Riverside Park. The winning hit was a one-run Single by CF Robert Golden in T9 and the biggest hit was a two-run Home Run by 1B Jerald Peterson in T5, but the Player of the Game was LF John Meier who put together a 5/6 performance:

- T1: Single to LCF off J. Goodman (SB, R)
- T3: Ground Out to SS
- T5: 1-run Single past 2B off J. Goodman (SB, R)
- T6: Single past SS off J. Goodman
- T7: 1-run Single to LCF off J. Goodman
- T9: Single to RCF off J. Murphy
- TOTAL: 5/6 (all 1B), 2 R, 2 RBI, 2 SB

Meier, who has been trusted with the #3 place in the Alleghany batting order to start his maiden season of organized baseball, had those five hits in just his fifth APBL game. The four-star Greenhorn is 11/26 with eight Runs Batted In.

Next up: the familiar face.

In Boston, Massachusetts Bay started strong with five runs in B1 against visiting St. John's but unfortunately the visitors' offense, led by C Falco van der Vaart and his 4/5 (2B, 2 R, 1 RBI) afternoon, stormed back and St. John's won 12-10.

In a losing effort, Mass. Bay 1B Albert Stoffers took Player of the Game honors:

- B1: 1-run Single past 2B off H. Burns (R)
- B3: Leadoff Double to LF off H. Burns (R)
- B5: Leadoff Single past 2B off H. Burns (SB, R)
- B7: Double to CF off H. Burns (R)
- B9: Double to RCF off J. Caviness
- TOTAL: 5/5, 3 2B, 4 R, 1 RBI, SB, 8 TB

The perfect day continued a red-hot Opening Week for Stoffers. The 3x APBL All-Star is 14/24 (5 2B, 1 HR) with eight Runs Batted In through the first five games of 1875.