



# GROVER WRIGHT GOES 10 INNINGS FOR WIN #300

## LEGEND BECOMES 1ST TO DEBUT AFTER INAUGURAL SEASON TO REACH 300 N.B.B.O. WINS

NEW BEDFORD, MASS. (May 15, 1875) – Longtime New England foes Portland B.C. & Sons of the Ocean faced off in Massachusetts, and it took ten innings to find a victor:

NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION PORTLAND BASEBALL CLUB AT SONS OF THE OCEAN GAME ID: 84 - SATURDAY, MAY 15TH, 1875 - <a href="#">GAME LOG</a>													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
 PORTLAND B.C.	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	9	11	9
 SONS OF THE OCEAN	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	6	8	5

After seven innings S.o.t.O. was in control, ahead 6-3 behind eight base hits and seven Portland fielding mistakes. Then, CF Jonathan Ovaska tied the score in T8 with a three-run Triple, and after an inning and half of scoreless baseball it was time for extra innings.

In the top of the 10th Ovaska drove in another run with a Single and he was followed with a two-run Single by SS Louis Beane to put Portland ahead 9-6. Grover Wright, who held S.o.t.O. hitless over the final three innings, had an easy time retiring the home team in B10 and the 4x defending New England champions had the victory.

For Wright, it was his 300th victory in the NBBO, making him the third pitcher to reach the milestone after Rainer van der Hout and Carl Bancroft.

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
1858	25	KC	NBBO	19	14	3.21	36	35	23	0	0	294.0	356	195	105	0	46	33	1.4	1.0	1.37	10.9	0.7	5.7	4.9
1859	26	KC	NBBO	22	12	3.18	39	35	27	0	0	300.0	364	206	106	0	49	38	1.5	1.1	1.38	10.9	0.8	5.6	4.3
1860	27	KC	NBBO	23	10	2.74	36	35	28	1	0	299.1	327	164	91	0	28	34	0.8	1.0	1.19	9.8	1.2	6.3	7.5
1861	28	KC	NBBO	29	6	2.46	38	36	30	3	0	329.1	331	173	90	0	37	48	1.0	1.3	1.12	9.0	1.3	6.8	9.4
1862	29	NIA	NBBO	15	15	4.05	37	35	20	0	1	282.0	394	225	127	0	26	43	0.8	1.4	1.49	12.6	1.7	7.1	4.4
1863	30	NIA	NBBO	19	10	3.35	37	35	23	0	1	285.0	377	200	106	0	25	29	0.8	0.9	1.41	11.9	1.2	6.0	4.3
1864	31	CON	NBBO	10	19	3.93	35	35	16	1	0	265.2	350	213	116	0	31	17	1.1	0.6	1.43	11.9	0.5	3.5	-0.2
1865	32	CON	NBBO	17	13	2.87	39	36	18	1	1	289.0	353	216	92	1	43	38	1.3	1.2	1.37	11.0	0.9	3.2	-0.1
1866	33	CON	NBBO	12	15	3.25	39	35	12	0	1	251.2	343	246	91	0	19	36	0.7	1.3	1.44	12.3	1.9	3.9	-4.0
1867	34	CON	NBBO	23	15	3.67	43	42	18	0	0	316.2	418	281	129	2	32	38	0.9	1.1	1.42	11.9	1.2	4.0	-1.9
1868	35	CON	NBBO	18	16	3.74	35	35	16	0	0	272.0	340	224	113	0	26	37	0.9	1.2	1.35	11.2	1.4	4.1	-1.0
1869	36	CON	NBBO	18	10	3.21	31	28	16	1	0	233.0	283	168	83	0	36	28	1.4	1.1	1.37	10.9	0.8	2.9	1.2
1870	37	CON	NBBO	13	13	3.47	30	28	16	2	0	220.1	251	160	85	0	37	21	1.5	0.9	1.31	10.3	0.6	2.3	0.4
1871	38	CON	NBBO	13	11	3.83	35	27	16	0	2	230.1	277	172	98	1	27	15	1.1	0.6	1.32	10.8	0.6	3.1	1.0
1872	39	PORT	NBBO	18	8	2.47	30	30	18	2	0	230.0	255	164	63	2	23	23	0.9	0.9	1.21	10.0	1.0	3.6	2.0
1873	40	PORT	NBBO	14	8	2.72	30	28	13	0	0	218.1	281	188	66	1	16	16	0.7	0.7	1.36	11.6	1.0	3.7	2.2
1874	41	PORT	NBBO	16	7	2.42	28	28	16	1	0	223.1	256	161	60	1	16	21	0.6	0.8	1.22	10.3	1.3	3.7	4.1
1875	42	PORT	NBBO	1	1	2.55	2	2	1	0	0	17.2	21	14	5	0	1	3	0.5	1.5	1.25	10.7	3.0	0.4	0.2
CAREER			NBBO	300	203	3.21	600	565	327	12	6	4557.2	5577	3370	1626	8	518	518	1.0	1.0	1.34	11.0	1.0	75.8	38.8

Wright was the most dominant pitcher of the very early years of the N.B.B.O., and it was thought he would remain just that for the entirety of his career after the historic 1861 season that saw him become the first New York League pitcher to earn Most Valuable Player. However, Wright sensationally left Kings County, for whom he had a 93-42 record and 2.89 ERA, for Niagara after winning both M.V.P. and the Tucker-Wheaton Cup, and he's been merely quite good ever since.

Grover Wright is a 2x time N.B.B.O. champion, 5x All-Star, 2x Team of the Year nominee, and a 3x Golden Glove winner in addition to being the 1861 New York League M.V.P. The Brooklyn native hopes that what is likely to be his final season in competitive baseball will end with his ninth trip to the playoffs and his first cup triumph in fourteen years.

For Wright, win #300 cements his status as one of the sport's greatest pitchers.