

BURROUGHS EARNS NEL PITCHING TRIPLE CROWN

PT. JERSEY WHIZ LEADS LEAGUE IN WINS, ERA, & K'S WHILE SETTING NEW NBBO ERA MARK

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (Aug. 17, 1875) – It has been a season to remember for Port Jersey P George Burroughs, and the final leaderboard at the end of the season offers proof of the extraordinary season Burroughs put together.

Burroughs, the N.B.B.O.'s #1 Reserve Team prospect in 1869 & 1870, took a few years to turn promise into production, but by 1872 he was capable of winning 15-20 games while having an ERA close to 3.00 and a WAR close to 6.0. Two years later Burroughs made his first All-Star Game thanks to a 22-18 campaign with a 2.90 ERA and 6.0 WAR, and this season he took his pitching to a wholly different level:

- 29-12, 1.99 ERA, 347.2 IP, 29 CG, 2 SHO, 43 K, 2.0 K/BB, 1.20 WHIP, 7.2 WAR, 13.4 rWAR

While Burroughs didn't quite lead the Northeastern League in Pitcher WAR – Walt Harper of Sportsman's finished with 7.3 – his 29 Wins tied with Trenton Utd's Francis Molinari for the league lead, his 43 Strikeouts were two better than Reading A.C.'s Abraham Evans, and his 1.99 ERA was the first sub-2.00 ERA ever by a regular pitcher over a full N.B.B.O. season.

The result: Burroughs became the second Triple Crown winner ever, joining the extraordinary 1863 season that made Excelsior's Jim Creighton a household name (26-4, 2.29 ERA, 69 K, 6.4 WAR).

Where does Burroughs go from here? Well, Burroughs will be 27 for the whole of the 1876 season, so if his 1875 is an indication of the things to expect during the prime of his career then Burroughs just might end up in the A.P.B.L. after another year or two. It's unlikely that Pt. Jersey will want to put him on the market this winter as they'll want to put all of their efforts into making the slight improvements needed to reach the playoffs for the first time in 1864.

It was widely believed that this was a season in which George Burroughs was capable of some big things. Little did the Writers Pool or other close followers of the game know that Burroughs had just this kind of dominance available at his fingertips. It was a truly historic season for Port Jersey's star player.