

# TWO FIVE-HIT STARS IN THE APBL ON SATURDAY

## DICKERSON & KASSABIAN BOTH HAVE HANDFUL OF HITS TO POWER THEIR TEAMS TO VICTORY

ROCHESTER & MANHATTAN, N.Y. (Aug. 12, 1876) – There was plenty of excitement across the A.P.B.L. on Saturday, with half of the league's twelve teams scoring at least ten runs and a pair of batsmen collecting five Hits each.

The first five-hit outing occurred in Upstate New York, where Shamrock beat Flour City by the score of 17-13. The two teams combined to total 31 Hits, but only two players had more than two: Flour City 1B Samuel Kessler with three (3/5, 1 R, 3 RBI) and Shamrock 3B Bill Dickerson with five:

- T1: Single past 2B off J. Goodman (SB)
- T3: 1-run Single past 1B off J. Goodman
- T5: 1-run Single to RF off J. Goodman (R)
- T6: 1-run Single past 2B off J. Goodman
- T8: Reached via Error by 2B G. LaPierre (R)
- T9: 1-run Triple to RCF off D. Gibson (R)
- TOTAL: 5/6 (3B, 7 TB), 3 R, 4 RBI, SB, 85 GMSC

Dickerson's 5/6 performance raised his Average to .330 (.759 OPS), with 39 Runs Batted In, 53 Stolen Bases, and 3.6 WAR with seven games remaining in the 1876 season. This was Dickerson's first A.P.B.L. season in which he didn't make the All-Star Game, but he's still been outstanding for a struggling Shamrock outfit.

The other five-hit performance happened at the Upper Manhattan Grounds, where American – far from struggling – beat their hosts Orange by the score of 17-10, with a six-run rally during the top of the 9th putting a seal on the victory. Franklin Petty (3/6, 2 R, 2 SB) and James Burke (2/6, 4 R, 2 RBI, SB) were their usually-excellent selves, but this time Player of the Game went to Greenhorn LF George Kassabian:

- T1: 1-run Single to LF off G. Sturgis (R)

- T3: Triple to RF off G. Sturgis (R)
- T4: 1-run Double to LF off G. Sturgis
- T6: Ground Out to 1B (2 out)
- T7: 2-run Double past 3B off S. Kelly
- T9: 1-run Single past 2B off P. Caldwell (R)
- TOTAL: 5/6 (2 2B, 3B, 9 TB), 3 R, 5 RBI, SB, 92 GMSC

It was the best game of Kassabian's debut season, and he exited Saturday afternoon with a .318 Average (.725 OPS), eighteen Extra-Base Hits (14 2B, 4 3B), 69 Runs Batted In, and 1.3 WAR on the season.

The result in Rochester left Flour City five games behind upstate rivals Niagara for the Colonial Conference lead with seven games remaining, while Shamrock has long since been eliminated.

The win by American saw them move to seven games clear of Knickerbocker in the Metropolitan Conference lead with seven games remaining. One more win or one more Knick loss, and American has another pennant.