


SKAGGS POUNDS OUT FIVE HITS & RBI AT MASS. BAY


FLOUR CITY LEADOFF MAN HAS BANNER DAY IN BOSTON AGAINST HIS FORMER TEAM

BOSTON (June 5, 1877) – Flour City & Massachusetts Bay played out a battle of under-500 teams in Boston to open Week Six of A.P.B.L. play, and the result went Flour City's way in a high-scoring affair:



AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE
FLOUR CITY B.B.C. AT MASSACHUSETTS BAY B.C.
GAME ID: 2328 - TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1877 - [GAME LOG](#)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Flour City B.B.C. (13-18)	0	4	4	4	0	2	0	0	3	17	19	10
Massachusetts Bay B.C. (13-17)	1	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	2	11	15	9



The game was effectively over as a contest by the middle of the fourth inning, with Flour City having just finished scoring four times for the third inning in a row to give the visitors a 12-3 lead. Whenever Mass. Bay tried to score runs after that, Flour City was able to respond with multiple runs of their own, and the result was a six-run win.

The bottom half of the Flour City lineup was excellent, with batsmen #5-9 all collecting multiple base hits:

- FC #5 Werner Verstegen (3B): 2/6 (both 1B), 1 R, 0 RBI
- FC #6 Harvey O'Donnell (C): 3/6 (2B, 4 TB), 3 R, 2 RBI, 1/2 CS
- FC #7 Charles Hodges (SS): 2/6 (2B, 3 TB), 3 R, 2 RBI
- FC #8 Roy Wentz (LF): 2/6 (both 1B), 2 R, 1 RBI
- FC P James Goodman: 2/3 (both 1B), 2 R, 1 RBI, SAC BUNT

However, the Player of the Game was the Flour City leadoff man, RF Franklin Skaggs:

- T1: Leadoff Infield Single to SS off W. Kihlstedt
- T2: 1-run Single past 1B off W. Kihlstedt (R)
- T3: 3-run Triple past 1B off W. Kihlstedt (R)
- T4: Ground Out to 1B (3 out)
- T6: 1-run Single to LCF off H. Cundiff
- T9: Leadoff Triple to RCF off H. Cundiff (R)
- TOTAL: 5/6 (2 3B, 9 TB), 3 R, 5 RBI, 92 GMSC

Skaggs' performance equaled that of Hugh Harris on May 26th against Gotham (4/6, GS, 3 R, 6 RBI) when going by Game Score, and it was easily Skaggs' best game since joining Flour City after spending last year with Mass. Bay as a backup. No doubt, he was highly motivated to put on a show against the team he'd spent nine seasons with as a regular in the outfield before they demoted him last year.

The two teams are currently the bottom two in the Colonial Conference standings, with Mass. Bay in fifth place at 13-17 (5 GB) and Flour City in last at 13-18 (5.5 GB).