



WHITEHURST HAS NBBO'S 1ST CYCLE IN TWO YEARS

VETERAN RF COMPLETED FEAT ON GAME-TYING HR IN 9TH; MINUTEMAN BEATS EAGLE IN TEN

ELMIRA, N.Y. (June 19, 1879) – Upstate New York powerhouse Minuteman is visiting struggling Eagle this week, but their hosts gave them everything they could handle on Thursday before Minuteman eventually won the game in extra innings:



NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION
MINUTEMAN BASE BALL CLUB AT EAGLE BASE BALL CLUB
GAME ID: 628 - THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH, 1879 - GAME LOG



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
Minuteman Base Ball Club (17-10)	5	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	14	17	6
Eagle Base Ball Club (9-18)	0	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	0	12	15	9

This looked like an easy Minuteman victory halfway through, as a five-run rally in the opening inning and more tallies in the 2nd, 3rd, & 5th had given them a 9-0 lead at the Fair Street Grounds. However, Eagle clubbed Minuteman over the head with a dozen runs over the 5th & 6th to take a 12-9 lead.

Minuteman began their comeback in T7 when RF Murdock Whitehurst hit a two-run Single to cut the Eagle lead to one (12-11). After a scoreless B7 and empty eighth, Whitehurst came back to the plate in T9 and hit a Home Run to Right Field, which not only tied the game (12-12) but gave Murdock the first Cycle seen in the N.B.B.O. in slightly over two years.

Eagle wasted a Triple in B9, and even though all Whitehurst could do was hit into a lazy flyball to the CF in T10 other Minutemen picked up the slack, with 3B John Hanson giving them a 14-12, and the win, with a two-run Single.

Whitehurst's day in full:

- T1: 2-run Double to RF off W. Proctor (R)
- T3: Leadoff Triple to RCF off W. Proctor (R)
- T5: 1-run Single past 2B off W. Proctor (R)
- T7: 2-run Single past 1B off W. Proctor
- T9: SOLO HOME RUN to RF off H. Birch
- T10: Fly Out to CF (3 out)
- TOTAL: 5/6 (2B, 3B, HR), 4 R, 6 RBI, 11 TB, CYCLE, 111 GMSC

Whitehurst's Cycle, the twentieth in N.B.B.O. history, was the first in the competition since Charles Fletcher of Baltic completed one on June 8th of 1877 in a game versus Hilltop – slightly over two years ago. Fletcher's Cycle was particularly notable because it's the only one in N.B.B.O. history to feature a six-hit performance. Whitehurst also racked up a 111 Game Score that stands as the third-highest in the competition this year, behind David Phillips of Metropolitan's 113 on May 28th and Scott Lyons of Susquehanna's 125 on June 5th.

Whitehurst, who's in his first full season as a regular and his seventh with Minuteman since joining them at age 18, is having a fantastic start to 1879. Through 26 games, Whitehurst is batting .406 (1.056 OPS) with 29 Runs, 31 RBI, and 1.4 WAR.

The win gave Minuteman the Upstate lead by one game over Utica at 17-10. Eagle is in last place at 9-18 (8 GB).