


# ST. JOHN'S PUNISHES PT. JERSEY IN THE RAIN


## SMITH PITCHES 17TH CAREER SHUTOUT; DECKER HAS FIVE HITS; ST. JOHN'S SWEEPS SERIES

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (June 22, 1879) – It was a rainy day over Olneyville Field with a stiff breeze, but that didn't stop St. John's from having themselves an enjoyable afternoon against visiting Port Jersey to close out the week:



AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE  
PORT JERSEY B.B.C. AT ST. JOHN'S BASEBALL CLUB  
GAME ID: 2850 - SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND, 1879 - GAME LOG

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Port Jersey B.B.C. (13-28)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7
St. John's Baseball Club (26-16)	4	0	7	2	0	1	1	0	X	15	19	3



The result was never in doubt. St. John's scored four times in B1 on an Error, a Single, and Doubles from RF Nelson Townsend & 3B Eamonn Higgins. After a scoreless second inning, St. John's piled on seven more runs B3 – a rally that featured a leadoff Home Run by Townsend and a two-run Triple by CF Rudolph Decker. With an 11-0 lead, it was just a matter of seeing if they could keep Pt. Jersey off the scoreboard, and St. John's did just that in a fifteen-run victory that also the hosts sweep the series.

The author of the Shutout was Thomas Smith, now in his tenth season pitching for St. John's:

- StJ P Thomas Smith: CG SHO (7-2, 2.66), 5 HA, 0 BB, 2 K – 1/5 (2B), 1 R

It was Smith's seventeenth career top-tier Shutout going back to his Greenhorn season with Shamrock in the N.B.B.O. in 1866. Smith missed the start of the season due to injury, but since rejoining Howard Burns in the St. John's pitching duo Smith is 7-2 with a 2.66 ERA and 22 Strikeouts over 88.0 innings of work.

St. John's also saw a five-hit performance on Sunday, which came from leadoff man Decker:

- StJ CF Rudolph Decker: 5/6 (2B, 3B), 3 R, 4 RBI, SB, 8 TB, 85 GMSC

Decker's Game Score of 85 was the third highest seen in the A.P.B.L. so far this season, with only Jonathan Nabors' (ALL) performance from yesterday (4/6, 2 2B, 4 R, 5 RBI, SB; 87 GMSC) and Townsend's afternoon against Shamrock on May 30th (3/4, 2B, 5 R, 4 RBI, BB, 3 SB; 88 GMSC) ranking higher.

Decker is having a slow start, but the 5/6 day did raise his Average to .293 (.731 OPS) with 30 Runs, 32 RBI, 25 Stolen Bases, and 1.2 WAR through 42 Games.

As for the previously mentioned Higgins & Townsend, they both had fine games as well:

- StJ 3B Eamonn Higgins: 3/5 (2B), 2 R, 2 RBI, SB 4 TB
- StJ RF Nelson Townsend: 3/4 (2B, HR), 2 R, 3 RBI, BB, 7 TB

The series sweep of Pt. Jersey sent St. John's into a tie with Alleghany atop the Colonial Conference at 26-16. Pt. Jersey, on the other hand, is alone in last place at 13-28 (12.5 GB).