


# EXCELSIOR OPENS JULY BY HAMMERING NEWARK


## BROOKLYNITES TRAVEL TO NEW JERSEY AND WIN BY SEVENTEEN; HILL FINISHES WITH FIVE HITS

NEWARK, N.J. (July 1, 1879) – Excelsior B.B.C. was the A.P.B.L.'s biggest surprise during July. The team that was expected to take a year or two to find an identity after the retirement of Jim Creighton matched Niagara with a league-best 16-9 record during the month, and on Tuesday afternoon at Ironbound Park in New Jersey they opened July with a bang:



AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE  
EXCELSIOR BASE BALL CLUB AT NEWARK BASE BALL CLUB  
GAME ID: 2911 - TUESDAY, JULY 1ST, 1879 - [GAME LOG](#)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Excelsior Base Ball Club (26-23)	4	1	4	7	0	0	0	1	6	23	21	4
Newark Base Ball Club (20-29)	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	10	15



With four runs in the opening inning, one in the 2nd, four more in the 3rd, and a further seven in the 4th, Excelsior had a whopping 16-0 lead before Newark could put any offensive production on the board. From there it was just a matter of filling out the scoresheet, and with six runs in T9 the visitors capped the scoring and took a 23-6 win.

Excelsior had three batsmen finish the game with three Hits:

- EXC 1B Gil Cappelletti: 3/4 (al 1B), 3 R, 0 RBI, HBP
- EXC LF Troy Oberst: 3/7 (2B), 3 R, 3 RBI, 4 TB
- EXC C Joseph Romano: 3/7 (all 1B), 3 R, 0 RBI, 1/1 CS

They also saw RF Christopher Morton hit a two-run Inside the Park Home Run during the top of the third inning and CF Boyd Myers hit a three-run Double during the top of the fourth.

However, Excelsior's player of the game was 5x All-Star 3B Elijah Hill:

- T1: Single past SS off W. Kihlstedt (R)
- T2: 1-run Single to RF off W. Kihlstedt
- T3: 1-run Single to LF off W. Kihlstedt
- T4: 1-run Single to RF off A. Lowden (R)
- T6: Single past SS off A. Lowden
- T8: Fly Out to RF (1 out)
- T9: Reached via Error by 1B (R)
- TOTAL: 5/7 (all 1B), 3 R, 3 RBI

The 5/7 outburst by Hill drove his Batting Average up to .374 (.910 OPS) with 30 Extra-Base Hits (26 2B, 4 3B), 58 Runs Batted In, and 3.1 WAR through 49 games. Hill currently leads the A.P.B.L. in Batsman WAR and is on pace to have the best season in his six years in the league, all with Excelsior.

The seventeen-run win gave Excelsior a 26-23 record, placing them alone in 3rd in the Metropolitan and just two games behind leaders Knickerbocker. Newark is 20-29, 7th the Colonial and ten games behind leaders Alleghany.