


# ORANGE & KINGS CO. CONTEST A 29-RUN THRILLER


## 11 COMBINED RUNS IN 1ST INNING PROVES A PORTENT AS OFFENSE NEVER STOPS IN MANHATTAN

MANHATTAN, N.Y. (May 21, 1880) – Orange & Kings County began their series marking the back half of Week Three of A.P.B.L. play on Friday afternoon, and it was quite the exciting affair at the Upper Manhattan Grounds:



AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE  
KINGS COUNTY B.B.C. AT ORANGE BASE BALL CLUB  
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Kings County B.B.C. (7-9)	6	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	14	19	9
Orange Base Ball Club (11-5)	5	3	0	1	2	0	2	2	X	15	17	6



There was little in the way of subtlety or fine-tuned strategy to be had here, as a locomotive of offense started rolling as soon as the game began and it didn't stop until the teams had totaled up 29 Runs & 36 Hits on the afternoon.

Visiting Kings Co. readied their bats for T1 and hung half a dozen Runs on Orange P Walter Bertelli with a two-run Single by 3B Alfred Williams, an Error, a Single by C Carl Nevers, a Passed Ball, and a Single by P Paul Caldwell. Orange responded with five runs against Caldwell in B1 via Error, a Double by CF George Hopp, another Error, and a two-run Single by C Harold Scholl. By the time the opening inning was over there were already eleven Runs & ten Hits on the scoreboard.

There were five more Runs in the second inning. Kings Co. scored twice in T2 on Singles by Williams & SS Clarence Anderson, but Orange responded with three on a Double by All-Star RF Jonathan Cobb and a two-run Double by 1B Byron Cross. With just two innings gone by, the score was already 8-8.

The visitors took a 10-8 lead in T3 on an Error and, of all things, a Home Run by the Pitcher Caldwell (Career AVG: .195), but by the end of the fifth Orange had the lead back (11-10) when consecutive Doubles by Cobb & Greenhorn SS Walter Carrow brought in Runs. Kings Co. then made it 11-11 in T6 on a Sacrifice Fly, and that was the score going into the late innings.

Kings Co. went ahead (12-11) in T7 on a Passed Ball, but Orange went right back in front (13-12) in B7 on a two-run Single by 3B Lorne Brown. Orange then extended their lead to 15-12 in B8 on an Error & Sacrifice Fly, and those miscues proved deadly for the visitors as they scored two runs in T9 on an Inside the Park Home Run by PH Everton Whittaker that would have given them a 14-13 lead without the mistakes, but instead meant Orange still had a 15-14 lead. Kings Co. then stranded men on 2nd & 3rd, and Orange had taken the victory at home.

There were a number of excellent and surprising performances during the game at the Upper Manhattan Grounds:

- KC P Paul Caldwell: 2/2 (HR), 1 R, 2 RBI, 5 TB
- KC 2B Herman Stanley: 3/6 (all 1B), 3 R, 1 RBI, 1 K, SB
- KC 3B Alfred Williams: 4/6 (3B), 1 R, 2 RBI, 6 TB
- ORA 3B Lorne Browne: 3/5 (all 1B), 1 R, 3 RBI
- ORA SS William Carrow: 2/6 (2B), 3 R, 1 RBI, 3 TB, SB
- ORA 1B Byron Cross: 2/4 (2B), 2 R, 2 RBI, BB, 3 TB
- ORA RF Jonathan Cobb: 4/5 (2 2B, 3B), 3 R, 3 RBI, 8 TB, SAC FLY

The victory continued Orange's outstanding start, moving them to 11-5 and alone atop the Metropolitan Conference standings. Kings Co. is in a three-way tie for sixth in the Metro at 7-9.