

# FIVE GAMES OF INTEREST IN LOWER LEAGUES ON FRI.

## LOPSIDED SHUTOUTS; FIVE HIT & RBI EFFORT; TEAM HAS FOUR HITS IN A WIN; A 28-RUN THRILLER

NORTHEAST U.S.A. (May 28, 1880) – Even though there are three dozen contests played throughout the semi-professional leagues during each gameday, rarely does more than one merit particular interest. On Friday afternoon, the leagues below the A.P.B.L. produced five games that saw some noteworthy occurrences.

In Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, defending cup champions Susquehanna hosted Squirrel Hill after winning the first two games of their series by scores of 6-5 and 16-2 to even their record at 6-6. Apparently they thought one fourteen-run win was worth another, because [Susquehanna blanked Squirrel Hill 14-0](#) at River View Field on Friday afternoon.

Seven Susquehanna players had multiple base hits, and a pair finished with three:

- SUS SS Stephen Barley: 3/5 (3 2B), 3 R, 1 RBI, SB, 6 TB
- SUS CF Jonathan Schultz: 3/6 (all 1B), 2 R, 1 RBI, SB

However, the man of the hour at River View was 4x 30-game winner & 3x P.o.t.Y. William Hawk:

- SUS P William Hawk: SHO (4-2, 2.28), 6 HA, 0 BB, 4 K – 1/4, 2 R, SAC BUNT

The Shutout was the fifth of Hawk's career, and the result gave both teams equal 7-6 records that have them tied with Lancastra Britannia for 3rd in the Inland Championship, one game behind Pioneer & Scranton.

If one fourteen-run win was worth another, apparently one 14-0 Shutout was worth another because [Independence beat visiting Bartram Village by the same score](#) at Mount Moriah Park in P.C.B.L. action.

Independence wasn't quite as robust on offense as Susquehanna was, as thanks to ten Bartram Village fielding mistakes they only needed thirteen base hits to plate all of their Runs. Independence saw three men finish with multiple Hits while everyone else in the lineup had one, including second-year #1 Jonathan Landini, who pitched the Shutout:

- IND P Jonathan Landini: SHO (2-4, 2.89), 5 HA, 0 BB, 4 K – 1/3, 1 R, 2 SAC BUNT

As in the Susquehanna v Bunker Hill game, the outcome at Mt. Moriah left both teams with the same record: 5-8, which places Bartram Village & Independence in a three-way tie for last in West Philadelphia with defending champions Penn B.C. Of course, there is plenty of baseball left to be played so Penn doesn't need to worry just yet.

Over in the C.B.C., there were no Shutouts but there was a blowout victory that featured an outstanding performance.

Struggling Lynn B.C. hosted Camden & Amboy for the third game of their series, and after scoring seven times in the second inning C. & A. went on to post an easy [14-5 victory at Edmund Ingalls Park](#). C. & A. had four players finish with two Hits each – 3B Ernest Brown, CF William Davis, 2B Bodil Hansen, & SS Johnny O'Rourke – but C Jonathan Brumback easily outdid anyone else on either team with five Hits over the course of the afternoon:

- T2: Single to RF off W. Gale (R)
- T2: 2-run Single to CF off W. Gale
- T4: 1-run Single past 2B off W. Gale
- T7: Reached via Base on Balls by W. Gardiner (R)
- T8: Triple to CF off W. Gardiner (R)
- T9: 2-run Single past 2B off W. Gardiner
- TOTAL: 5/5 (3B), 3 R, 5 RBI, 1 BB – 101 GMSC (BAT: 1st)

Brumback's performance marked the first Game Score of 100+ anywhere in baseball thus far in 1880, and it raised his Average to .339 (.773) OPS with 12 Runs and 13 RBI through the first thirteen games of the season.

Camden & Amboy, who were last year's worst team with a 24-46 record, are off to a fantastic 10-3 start that has them just one game behind defending champions Bridgeport. Lynn is struggling mightily, having lost their last five games to find themselves in last place at 2-11.

The next game of interest involves a trip back to the N.B.B.O. This contest involved another Shutout, but not one of the lopsided variety featured in the Susquehanna or Independence victories.

Green Mountain was at Granite for the third game of their Vermont vs New Hampshire matchup at the Kalivas Union Grounds in Manchester, and it turned out that two Runs on a single by Green Mtn. 3B Daniel Hitchcock in T1 provided the 1,852 in attendance with all of the afternoon's scoring, as [the visitors won 2-0](#).

The pitcher of the Shutout was new Green Mtn. #1 Elbert Kidd:

- GM P Elbert Kidd: SHO (4-2, 2.42), 7 HA, 1 BB, 3 K – SAC BUNT

Also of note: Green Mtn. needed only four Hits to secure the victory, the lowest hit total in a winning effort in N.B.B.O. play in at least four years. Hitchcock would later hit another Single to finish 2/4, while 2B Otto Olson & CF Fred Painter provided the other two base hits, both Singles. Granite had seven Hits in a losing effort, also all Singles.

The win put Green Mtn. above .500 at 7-6 and alone in 3rd in the New England Championship. Granite is part of a three-way tie for 4th at 6-7. New England leaders Portland are off to a white-hot 12-1 start.

The final game of interest also took place in Upstate New York, where likely pennant contenders Frontier & Syracuse played the third game of their series at Fort Ontario Park in Oswego.

This was the most exciting game of the day. Syracuse began the proceedings with four runs in B1 via Single, Error, Sacrifice Fly, & Single to take a quick 4-0 lead that was then increased to 5-0 on another Sacrifice Fly in T2. Frontier began their response with a pair of scores in B2 on a run-scoring Ground Out and a Triple by 1B Willis Michaelson. The hosts then evened the game (5-5) in B3 on an Error, a Passed Ball, and a Single by SS Walter Lynch.

Syracuse took the lead (6-5) in T4 on yet another Sac Fly, and they extended the lead to two (7-5) in T5 on a Single by C Andrew Flanagan. Frontier hit back with the game's big rally: five runs in B5 on two Syracuse Errors and a massive three-run Triple by 3B William Rockford that gave them a 10-7 lead. Syracuse scored another run (8-10) in T6, but Frontier responded with two more via another pair of Syracuse Errors to take a 12-8 lead into the late innings.

The sides then volleyed three-run rallies at each other in the lucky seventh. Syracuse started the inning by putting up their tally marks after a three-run Triple by 3B Arvid Walters. Frontier didn't quite respond in kind, scoring their three Runs thanks to a Double by CF George Whaley and Singles by Lynch & substitute 1B Frank Chambliss. It was now 15-11.

The visitors cut the deficit to two (13-15) in T8 on run-scoring Doubles by Flanagan & RF Lon Duffy, but after Frontier went scoreless in B8 all Syracuse could manage in T9 was to be sat down 1-2-3 by 45-year-old Carl Bancroft, who had entered with two out in T8, and [Frontier had taken a thrilling 15-13 home win.](#)

The two teams combined to rack up 38 Hits in total, and five Batsmen had three or more:

- SYR C Andrew Flanagan: 3/4 (2B), 2 R, 3 RBI, 1 BB, 4 TB
- SYR SS Christopher Richards: 4/6 (2B, 3B), 4 R, 0 RBI, 7 TB
- SYR 3B Arvid Walters: 4/6 (2B, 3B), 1 R, 4 RBI, 7 TB – 1 DEF DP
- FRO SUB Frank Chambliss: 3/4 (all 1B), 2 R, 1 RBI
- FRO 3B William Rockford: 4/6 (3B), 2 R, 3 RBI, 6 TB

Also, Syracuse 2B Chester Alexander had a curious afternoon that was filled with twos:

- SYR 2B Chester Alexander: 2/2 (both 1B), 2 R, 2 RBI, 2 BB – 2 SAC FLY

The result was yet another one that gave the participants the same record, with Frontier & Syracuse exiting Fort Ontario at 7-6 and part of a three-way tie for 2nd in Upstate New York with Minuteman. Utica are the current leaders there at 9-4.

That's the end of the summary of the more peculiar goings on in the semi-pro game on Friday, a day that gave plenty of baseball fans their money's worth.