



BURNS PITCHES APBL'S SECOND NO-HITTER

ST. JOHN'S #1 DOMINATES PT. JERSEY, BUT HITLESS VICTIMS ARE ABLE TO SCORE ONE RUN

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (May 28, 1880) – St. John's traveled from Rhode Island to New Jersey to begin their series at Port Jersey on Friday, and Game One at Hoboken & Oakland Park saw both baseball history and an odd baseball first:



AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE
ST. JOHN'S BASEBALL CLUB AT PORT JERSEY B.B.C.
GAME ID: 2694 - FRIDAY, MAY 28TH, 1880 - [GAME LOG](#)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
St. John's Baseball Club (13-9)	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	2	0	10	16	6
Port Jersey B.B.C. (11-11)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2

While St. John's' always-dangerous attack swung their way to an easy victory with sixteen Hits, the opposition finished with none as Howard Burns pitched the second No-Hitter in A.P.B.L. history:

- StJ P Howard Burns: CG W (9-2, 2.03), NO-HITTER, 1 RA/0 ER, 0 BB, 7 K, WP – 92 GMSC (P: #1)

It was a historic day for Burns, but at the same time it was a downright strange one.

While Burns' No-Hitter was the second in A.P.B.L. history, it was the first of the nine pitched in all of baseball history (A.P.B.L.: 2, N.B.B.O.: 7) during which the triumphant Pitcher didn't record a Shutout, as Pt. Jersey scored a meaningless Run in B9 when 2B Vincent Dixon reached via Error, moved to second on another Error, went to third on a Ground Out, and ran home on a Wild Pitch. St. John's wasn't thrilled with the final-inning blunders, but at least the No-Hitter stayed intact.

The list of the nine No-Hitters pitched in the history of baseball:

- #1: Henry Gibson of Eckford vs Empire (N.B.B.O.) on May 23rd, 1858 (1 BB, 1 K)
- #2: Arthur Smith of Atlantic vs Nassau Co. (N.B.B.O.) on May 10th, 1862 (0 BB, 1 K)
- #3: Harry Nettles of Empire vs Bedford (N.B.B.O.) on August 3rd, 1862 (1 BB, 1 K)
- #4: Harry Nettles of S.o.t.O. vs Quinnipiac (N.B.B.O.) on June 22nd, 1867 (0 BB, 0 K)
- #5: Joseph Gant of Susquehanna vs Merrimack Mills (N.B.B.O.) on July 11th, 1872 (1 BB, 1 K)
- #6: Augustus Cook of Eckford vs Bedford (N.B.B.O.) on June 27th, 1873 (0 BB, 1 K)
- #7: Charles Rhodes of N.Y.A.C. vs Baltic (N.B.B.O.) on August 16th, 1871 (0 BB, 3 K)
- #8: Elmer Seabold of Alleghany vs American (A.P.B.L.) in Game 5 of Founders Cup V (0 BB, 2 K)
- #9: Howard Burns of St. John's vs Pt. Jersey (A.P.B.L.) on May 28th, 1880 (0 BB, 7 K)

On top of that, while he was pitching his "No-No", Burns, a career .183 hitter (.385 OPS), was 3/4 with a Double, Run & RBI each with the bat. He was one of three St. John's players to record thee Hits at Pt. Jersey:

- StJ P Howard Burns: 3/4 (2B), 1 R, 1 RBI, 4 TB
- StJ LF Joseph Evans: 3/5 (2B), 3 R, 1 RBI, 4 TB, SB
- StJ C Joseph Nalley: 3/5 (all 1B), 1 R, 2 RBI

In the end, it was the fact that Burns pitched a No-Hitter that the 3,104 in attendance will remember, but they also got to see an odd baseball first and a history-making Pitcher punch far above his weight class with the bat.

Burns is off an amazing start in 1880. Through eleven appearances he's 9-2 with a 2.03 ERA, 54 Strikeouts, and 3.0 WAR over 97.1 innings of work, which is the most impressive May by an A.P.B.L. Pitcher to date.

The result left St. John's 13-9 and alone atop the Colonial Conference by one game, while Pt. Jersey is alone in 4th at 11-11.