



GOTHAM'S WARD IS SECOND TO FIVE SHUTOUTS

GOTHAM #1 JOINS FIVE SHUTOUT CLUB NEARLY TWO WEEKS AFTER ST. JOHN'S GREENHORN HOY

BOSTON, MASS. (July 25, 1880) – Metropolitan Conference contenders Gotham entered the final game of their series at Shamrock needing a victory to avoid a sweep in Boston, and Gotham achieved the objective with a three-hit Shutout:



AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE
GOTHAM BASE BALL CLUB AT SHAMROCK BASEBALL CLUB
GAME ID: 3093 - SUNDAY, JULY 25TH, 1880 - [GAME LOG](#)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Gotham Base Ball Club (41-31)	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	4
Shamrock Baseball Club (38-34)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5

The innings that won the game for the visitors were the 3rd & 4th. With two out in T3, a Single by LF William Tillman sent 7x All-Star 2B Babe Johnson across the plate to open the scoring. C Howard LeBouf followed with a run-scoring Double, and then a Wild Pitch gave Gotham a 3-0 lead. The visitors added two more Runs T4 to go ahead 5-0, with the Runs coming in thanks to a Home Run over the Left Field fence by CF Alexander Hammond.

Gotham didn't put any more Runs on the scoreboard after that, but they didn't need to because Pitching Duo #1 Alex Ward was in fine form:

- GOT P Alex Ward: SHO (20-12), 9.0 IP, 3 HA, 2 BB, 2 K – 79 GMSC

The blanking in Boston made Ward the second Pitcher in baseball history with five Shutouts in a season, joining St. John's surprising Greenhorn William Hoy, who earned his fifth Shutout of 1880 earlier this month – July 13th – in the same venue (South End Grounds), against the same team (Shamrock), and by the same score (StJ 5-0 SHA).

The Shutout also earned Ward his 20th Win of 1880. He is now 20-12 with a 2.94 ERA, 65 Strikeouts, 1.26 WHIP, and 3.4 WAR over 278.1 Innings Pitched, with all of his statistical markers except K/BB Ratio on pace to end up as significant improvement from his debut season last year (14-25, 4.30 ERA, 65 K, 1.47 WHIP, 4.3 WAR).

The victory in Boston kept Gotham one game behind Metropolitan Conference leaders Knickerbocker. Gotham is currently 41-31, and they play at American to start next week before the All-Star Break begins. Shamrock is 38-34, 3rd in the Colonial Conference and six games behind leaders St. John's. Their last series before the All-Star Break is at Flour City.