

MINERVA EVEN WITH FRANKFORD AFTER HUGE WIN

HOSTS NOW TIED FOR 1ST AFTER FIVE HITS FROM BELL & THREE FROM AURIEMMA IN 13-RUN WIN

PHILADELPHIA, PENN. (July 30, 1880) – It's the series of the season in East Philadelphia this week, as Minerva hosts Frankford Arsenal in a top-two showdown. Minerva won the first two games by scores of 13-2 & 5-1, and on Friday they returned to Wednesday's form in another drubbing of the visitors:



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FRANKFORD ARSENAL AT MINERVA B.C.
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Frankford Arsenal (34-24)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	10	6
Minerva B.C. (34-24)	5	4	2	0	0	4	0	0	X	15	21	1



Minerva slammed Frankford to the ground early and never let them get up. The hosts scored five times in B1 on three Singles and a two-run Triple by CF James Lynch, and then followed that with four Runs in B2 on a pair of Singles and a two-run Error. Not content with a 9-0 lead, Minerva added another pair of Runs in B3 on a two-run Home Run by 3B Martin Horst to take an 11-0 lead. Frankford managed to get a Run on the board in T4, but Minerva eventually responded to that with a second four-run rally in B6, the key Hit in this one a two-run Single by P Bud Forster, to take a 15-1 lead and put Frankford out of their misery.

2B Jonathan Auriemma, who had been out of the lineup for ten days, had a nice game from the leadoff spot.

- MIN 2B Jonathan Auriemma: 3/6 (2B), 1 R, 1 RBI, 4 TB, SB

However, the work of SS Archie Bell earned Player of the Game honors.

- MIN SS Archie Bell: 5/6 (all 1B), 3 R, 2 RBI, SB

Auriemma, who has been a Golden Hands winner four times and a finalist for league M.V.P. twice, has endured a massive struggle this year. Having missed 25-30 games, Auriemma is batting just .248 (.587), which would be a career low by 54 points if that holds through the last 2+ weeks of play. His 0.6 Batsman WAR would also be a career low by far, with his previous worst being a total of 2.7 in 1877.

On the other hand, Bell is enjoying another excellent season. His efforts at the plate and in the field vs Frankford left him with a Batting Average of .333 (.792) and 63 Runs, 22 Extra-Base Hits, 34 RBI, a +14.7 Zone Rating, and 3.4 Batsman War.

The thirteen-run win moved Minerva into a tie with Frankford atop the East Philadelphia standings at 34-24. There are two teams with five games of the duo: Sons of Ben at 31-27 (3 GB) and Spartan at 30-28 (4 GB).