

ISKENMEIER CRAFTS CYCLE VS MERION

SCHUYLKILL CF BECOMES 3RD IN PCBL HISTORY TO PERFORM FEAT; TEAM ONE WIN CLOSER TO PENNANT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN. (Aug. 3, 1881) – West Philadelphia leaders Schuylkill opened their series against third-place Merion knowing they have a chance to grab the West pennant this week, and thanks to a late rally they took the opener and came one step closer to doing just that.



PHILADELPHIA CITY LEAGUE
MERION B.C.C. AT SCHUYLKILL B.C.
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Merion B.C.C. (32-29)	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	6	8	8
Schuylkill B.C. (41-20)	0	1	0	0	0	2	7	0	X	10	14	10



The first Runs of the game came during the second inning, when both teams scored a Run each: Merion on a Ground Out and Schuylkill on a Fielder's Choice to Home Plate that the runner beat. The visitors went ahead 3-1 in T3 thanks to a one-run Single by LF Sidney Crowder and a Sacrifice Fly, and they increased the lead to 4-1 in T5 via Error.

The sixth inning was when the Schuylkill comeback began. In B6 a one-run Double by 3B William Greene and a one-run Single by Roy Myers cut the visitors' lead to one (4-3). Then, Schuylkill turned the game on its head with a seven-run rally in B7 that featured two big Hits: a two-run Inside the Park Home Run by CF Helmut Iskenmeier and a two-run Double by LF Harrison Comstock. Now ahead 10-4, Schuylkill had the win wrapped up, and two late Merion tallies never put the hosts in danger.

Helmut Iskenmeier's Home Run in the seventh didn't just give Schuylkill the lead, it completed the Cycle.

- B1: Triple to CF off R. Benson

- B3: Single to RCF off R. Benson
- B6: Leadoff Double past 3B off R. Benson (R)
- B7: 2-RUN ItP HOME RUN TO CF off R. Benson
- B8: Ground Out to P (1 out)
- TOTAL: 4/5 (2B, 3B, HR), 2 R, 2 RBI, CYCLE, (10 TB)

The Cycle by Iskenmeier was the third in P.C.B.L. history:

- #1: May 27, 1876: Joseph Sizemore (Spartan) vs Minerva (4/5, 1 R, 5 RBI)
- #2: July 24, 1879: Francis Stickrod (Merion) vs Schuylkill (4/5, 2 R, 5 RBI)
- #3: Aug 3, 1881: Helmut Iskenmeier (Schuylkill) vs Merion (4/5, 2 R, 2 RBI)

The historic performance left Iskenmeier a .322 hitter (.808 OPS) on the season, with 56 Runs, 24 Extra Base Hits (15 2B, 8 3B, 1 HR), 64 Runs Batted In, and 2.7 WAR with a little less than two weeks left on the schedule.

The win, combined with Overbrook's 4-3 home loss vs Germantown, has given Schuylkill an eight-game lead atop the West Philadelphia standings with nine games remaining. With two more wins, a win and an Overbrook loss, or two Overbrook losses, Schuylkill will repeat as East Philadelphia champions.