

JACOB MILBURN HAS FIRST FIVE-HIT GAME

PRODIGY SWATS OF HANDFUL OF HITS FOR 1ST TIME IN CAREER; SAINTS WIN WITH THREE RUNS IN 8TH

ST. LOUIS, MO. (June 23, 1882) – The St. Louis Saints & Cleveland Generals opened their weekend series at VanDeVenter Avenue on Friday, and thanks to excellent work by the best young Batsman in baseball the Saints came out on top.

		MIDWESTERN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION CLEVELAND GENERALS AT ST. LOUIS SAINTS GAME ID: 4282 - FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD, 1882 - GAME LOG											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Cleveland Generals (19-24)		0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	7	4
St. Louis Saints (27-16)		0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	X	6	14	0

The result was decided in the bottom of the eighth inning. With the score level at 3-3 the Saints came up to bat, and with runners on 1st & 2nd and one out PH Frank Guise hit a Double to Right Field that plated both runners and gave the hosts a 3-5 lead. The next batter, Jacob Milburn, socked his own Double to Right Center Field that sent Guise around and put the Saints ahead by three (3-6). Cleveland was sent down in order during the top of the ninth, and the Saints had the victory.

For Milburn, the Double that sealed the Saints' win capped the first five-hit performance of what should be numerous such games in his career.

- B1: Single to LF off O. Jurkowski
- B3: Infield Single to SS off O. Jurkowski (SB)
- B5: 1-run Single to LF off O. Jurkowski (R)
- B7: Triple to LF off O. Jurkowski (R)
- B8: 1-run Double to RCF off O. Jurkowski
- TOTAL: 5/5 (2B, 3B), 2 R, 2 RBI, SB, 8 TB – 68 GmSc (B: T-17th)

The 21-year-old Milburn is batting .383 (.976 OPS) through 43 games, with 35 Runs (88/108 G), 34 RBI (85/108 G), 19 Extra Base Hits (9 2B, 9 3B, 1 HR), and 2.8 WAR (7.1/108 G) – already [one of the most gifted Batsmen in the ten-team M.W.B.A.](#)

Also, because there's no rest for the weary the Win was earned by St. Louis' Frank Nowitzki, who was part of the famous fifteen-inning Hurler's Duel that took place in South Chicago just three days ago.

- StLS P Frank Nowitzki: CG W (5-1, 1.06 ERA), 7 HA, 3 R/3 ER, 1 BB, 6 K

It's already been a successful year for Nowitzki, who's 5-1 with a 1.06 ERA and 17 Strikeouts and a Complete Game in each of his six outings. The 23-year-old wasn't in the Saints' Hurling Rotation to start the season, as coach John Harris believed Nowitzki would need a year of development before taking a place as a regular Hurler. Instead, Nowitzki was pushed into the rotation after early-season struggles by Samuel Black, and the results so far have been fantastic.

The win kept the Saints three games clear atop the M.W.B.A. standings at 27-16, with still surprising Louisville in second. The loss saw Cleveland fall to 19-24 (8th; 8 GB).