



# GIBSON PITCHES BASE BALL'S FIRST NO-HITTER!

BROOKLYN, May 23 (1858) – In a sport where the average team is collecting eleven hits per game so far in 1858 it would seem impossible for a team to go an entire game without getting even one. However, that is exactly what happened on Sunday afternoon inside the Manor House Baseball Grounds in Brooklyn as Eckford pitcher Henry Gibson and the defense behind held Empire to nothing in the National Base Ball Organization's first No-Hitter!

	NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION											
	EMPIRE BASE BALL CLUB AT ECKFORD B.B.C. OF GREENPOINT											
	GAME ID: 355 - SUNDAY, MAY 23RD , 1858 - <u>GAME LOG</u>											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Empire Base Ball Club (5-10)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Eckford B.B.C. of Greenpoint (10-5)	0	0	3	0	7	0	0	0	X	10	14	1



The entire team became eerily silent in the sixth inning after they had built a 10-0 lead, because they realized that there was an outside chance that the seemingly impossible could happen. Once the impossible did happen, it was chaos on the field as the players mobbed Gibson on the mound.

There were two Empire batter who reached against starter Henry Gibson:

- T 4TH: 1B Walter Banks reached via error by SS William Gilbers
- T 9TH: C Arthur Patterson reached via Base on Balls

Only one Empire batter struck out – third baseman Percy Walsh – so the other 26 outs were all up to the fielders to make. Today's no-hitter was a genuine team effort. To give one an idea of just how unlikely this event was, Empire came into the game with 150 hits and a .291 team Batting Average through 14 games. Nonetheless, it still happened and over two thousand Eckford fans were in attendance to see a truly amazing piece of base ball history.