

STARS IN NEW PLACES & GREAT NEW FACES FOR 1865

NUMEROUS STARS SWITCH CLUBS; LARGE NUMBER OF HIGHLY TOUTED NEWCOMERS

NORTHEASTERN U.S.A. (Apr. 12, 1865) – The National Base Ball Organization's 48 member clubs have started their training ahead of the 1865 season, and that means the ink on each club's senior roster list is almost dry.

As was reported back in mid-November, major stars began changing clubs early in the offseason, with three of the four players to earn selections to all six All-Star games – Willie Davis, Edward Huntley, & Samuel Kessler – trading places in the first 90 days after the end of the Tucker-Wheaton Cup. Those three were not the only stars and highly regarded veterans to decide that a change of jersey and a new challenge was needed.

The list of notable player moves, in order of reputation, is as follows:

- 5.0* CF Willie Davis (2x B.o.t.Y, 1x M.V.P, 6x A-S, 4x T.o.t.Y.) – Susquehanna to American
- 5.0* SS Edward Huntley (1x Champ, 2x M.V.P, 6x A-S, 5x T.o.t.Y, 6x G.G.) – Orange to Knickerbocker
- 5.0* 3B Samuel Kessler (1x B.o.t.Y, 1x M.V.P, 6x A-S, 6x T.o.t.Y, 1x G.G.) – Sons of the Ocean to Alleghany
- 4.5* 2B Anderson MacGyver (3x Champ, 1x B.o.t.Y, 3x A-S, 3x T.o.t.Y.) – St. John's to Mutual
- 4.5* OF Thomas Maloney (1x Champ, 4x A-S, 3x T.o.t.Y.) – Shamrock to Reading
- 4.0* 3B Jerald Peterson (2x Champ, 1x B.o.t.Y, 4x A-S, 3x T.o.t.Y.) – Kings County to Sons of the Ocean
- 4.0* P Bernard Schmidt (2x All-Star, 41.4 career W.A.R.) – Niagara to Sportsman's
- 4.0* P Rainer van der Hout (1x Champ, 1x A-S, 1x G.G.) – Orange to Shamrock
- 4.0* CF Arthur Waltrip (1x M.V.P, 4x A-S, 2x T.o.t.Y.) – American to Alleghany
- 3.5* 1B Joseph Bentley (1x B.o.t.Y, 3x A-S, 4x T.o.t.Y.) – Granite to Mutual
- 3.5* P Joe Cunningham (1x Champ, 2x A-S, 149 career Wins) – Shamrock to Susquehanna
- 3.5* 2B Albert Gore (3x A-S, 1x T.o.t.Y.) – Granite to Sons of the Ocean
- 3.5* 1B Mario Fusilli (1x All-Star) – Knickerbocker to Syracuse
- 3.5* P Harry Nilsson (1x A-S, 1x T.o.t.Y.) – Reading to Excelsior
- 3.5* 3B Leroy Weld (3x A-S, 1x T.o.t.Y) – Merrimack Mills to Union of Morrisania

- 3.0* 1B Arvi Hämäläinen (1x B.o.t.Y, 1x A-S, 1x T.o.t.Y.) – Niagara to Atlantic

There is also an unusually high number of talented Newcomers to the National Base Ball Organization, especially among the pitching ranks. This bumper crop of players new to organized baseball could prove to be the best one yet.

The notable Newcomers, listed in similar fashion to the veterans above:

- 5.0* OF Royal Altman (23 Y/O, 80+ CON, 65 GAP, 55 POW, 50 EYE, 50 SPD, 75 STL, 65 LF) – Alleghany
- 5.0* P Peadar Daly (29 Y/O, 40 STU, 65 MOV, 75 CTRL, 65 STA, 60 P) – Knickerbocker
- 5.0* P Earl Quinn (23 Y/O, 40 STU, 70 MOV, 75 CTRL, 80 STA, 60 P) – Syracuse
- 5.0* P Fred Richards (29 Y/O, 40 STU, 75 MOV, 75 CTRL, 60 STA, 55 P) – Alleghany
- 5.0* P William Tighe (27 Y/O, 40 STU, 75 MOV, 75 CTRL, 75 STA, 65 P) – St. John's
- 5.0* P Gus Woods (25 Y/O, 40 STU, 75 MOV, 75 CTRL, 55 STA, 55 P) – Niagara
- 4.5* 2B Peter Boyce (22 Y/O, 80 CON, 55 GAP, 55 POW, 45 EYE, 60 SPD, 60 STL, 80 2B) – American
- 4.0* P Robert Fertel (28 Y/O, 35 STU, 75 MOV, 70 CTRL, 80 STA, 45 P) – Metropolitan
- 4.0* P Hugh Whiteside (27 Y/O, 35 STU, 70 MOV, 65 CTRL, 70 STA, 45 P) – Cantabrigians
- 3.0* C Clifford Bardo (25 Y/O, 70 CON, 50 GAP, 50 POW, 45 EYE, 45 SPD, 45 STL, 55 C) – Quaker St.
- 3.0* SS Edwin Barr (28 Y/O, 70 CON, 50 GAP, 50 POW, 45 EYE, 50 SPD, 50 STL, 55 SS) – Continental
- 3.0* 2B Arran Duffy (30 Y/O, 65 CON, 75 GAP, 60 POW, 50 EYE, 65 SPD, 60 STL, 60 2B) – Alleghany
- 3.0* SS Logan Hickey (26 Y/O, 70 CON, 55 GAP, 55 POW, 45 EYE, 40 SPD, 60 STL, 60 SS) – Susquehanna
- 3.0* 3B James McNeil (26 Y/O, 70 CON, 45 GAP, 45 POW, 45 EYE, 40 SPD, 45 STL, 65 3B) – Syracuse
- 3.0* OF Fred Olson (24 Y/O, 70 CON, 75 GAP, 55 POW, 45 EYE, 65 SPD, 50 STL, 75 LF) – Eckford
- 3.0* CF Graeme Peel (23 Y/O, 55 CON, 75 GAP, 60 POW, 45 EYE, 60 SPD, 80+ STL, 55 CF) – Quinnipiac
- 3.0* OF Johnnie Sands (28 Y/O, 70 CON, 65 GAP, 50 POW, 45 EYE, 60 SPD, 55 STL, 75 LF) – Utica
- 3.0* OF Henry Stoltz (25 Y/O, 75 CON, 55 GAP, 50 POW, 55 EYE, 55 SPD, 55 STL, 60 RF) – Mass. Bay
- 3.0* SS Roy Vreeken (27 Y/O, 70 CON, 60 GAP, 55 POW, 45 EYE, 45 SPD, 50 STL, 60 SS) – Quinnipiac
- 3.0* SS Ben Weir (26 Y/O, 70 CON, 50 GAP, 45 POW, 45 EYE, 45 SPD, 55 STL, 60 SS) – Olympic

With the amount of Newcomers expected to play regularly during the upcoming N.B.B.O. season likely to reach an all-time high, the future of the sport continues to look brighter and brighter.