

T.W.C. X: DOMINANT FORCES COLLIDE

NORTHEAST U.S.A. (Aug. 8-17, 1866) – After base ball fans & pundits thought the drama of Tucker-Wheaton Cup VIII could not be topped, Tucker-Wheaton Cup IX turned out to collectively be the closest one yet. What would the tenth edition of the cup competition bring?

This much was known: the six cup entrants were a group of dominant, seemingly irresistible forces. Three teams – St. John's (54-16), Shamrock (53-17), & Excelsior (51-19) – won more than fifty games and finished atop their regional championships by margins of nine, thirteen, and eleven games respectively. Syracuse (49-21) nearly joined the Fifty Win Club and were easily the best in the usually tricky Upstate Championship. Alleghany was “only” 47-23 and finished five games clear atop the Inland Championship. Defending champions Knickerbocker were actually the ones who entered the cup with the worst record, a 45-25 mark with a Run Differential of +96. They were also the only team to win their region by less than five games.

Last year's cup competition was heavily slanted toward defense and pitching, with teams averaging 5.9 runs per game compared to the N.B.B.O. regular season average of 6.9 R/G, and Knickerbocker won the cup while allowing just 35 runs over their ten games. This year six of the top thirteen offensive attacks in the N.B.B.O. were present, including #1 St. John's (629 R, 9.0 R/G), even if a couple of the parks were considered pitcher-friendly. The N.B.B.O. Batting Champion, R.B.I. leader, O.P.S. leader, Stolen Base leader, Batter W.P.A. leader, and Batter W.A.R. leader were taking part.

Numerous established star batsmen were on display: Ed Huntley (KNI), Zarek Polakowski (SYR), Anthony Mascherino (SHA), Luther Tatum (SHA), Art Waltrip (ALL), Sam Kessler (ALL), Royal Altman (ALL), Nelson Townsend (STJ), & Konrad Jensen (STJ) were among the shining lights present for T.W.C. X, though they were not all of the stars to play.

That's not to say the teams were mediocre in other areas of the game. Four of the six teams – Excelsior, Knickerbocker, Shamrock, & St. John's – entered with a pair of 20-win pitchers. Shamrock had the best fielding defense in the N.B.B.O, while Excelsior & Knickerbocker were in the N.Y.L's top three. All six teams, as evidenced by their records, were plenty capable in all areas of play: technical, physical, & mental – offense, defense, & pitching.

With such an outstanding roster of contenders, who would be the one to knock out the others the hoist the cup?

1866 TUCKER WHEATON CUP STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	R	RA	RD
SHAMROCK	9	1	83	48	+35
ST. JOHN'S	6	4	76	60	+16
KNICKERBOCKER	5	5	68	63	+5
EXCELSIOR	4	6	45	54	-9
SYRACUSE	3	7	61	74	-13
ALLEGHANY	3	7	59	93	-34

SYR 1-1 vs ALL; had superior Run Differential

M.V.P: SS Anthony Mascherino (SHA) – 15/45 (.333), .834 OPS, 4 2B, 1 3B, 14 R, 14 RBI, 2 BB/0 K, 4 SB
3x P.o.t.G, 142 OPS+, 1.0 WPA, 0.4 WAR in 10 Games

In the end, it was not the #1 team – St. John's – or the defending champion – Knickerbocker – but instead the team that had the best finish to the season – Shamrock and their 28-7 second half – that won out. In finishing with a 9-1 record Shamrock matched the 1863 St. John's cup winners that went 9-1, and bettered their Run Differential in the process. This was the most dominant cup run in the Round Robin era, with Shamrock winning their final eight games, a cup record.

The difference between a 9-1 Shamrock cup win and yet another St. John's triumph was extra innings. Shamrock won twice in ten-inning contests – the difference between 9-1 and 7-3. On the other hand, St. John's lost twice in ten innings, including once at Shamrock – the difference between 6-4 and 8-2. Such was the tiny difference between a championship and a defeat.

Shamrock won the cup with pitching & defense. While they did score more runs than any other team, that was thanks to their two dozen runs over two games against Alleghany. Shamrock had the best defense in the competition, which allowed them to preserve late leads and win games in extra innings. They were led by cup M.V.P. Anthony Mascherino, but OF Dennis Pruitt (.319) cracked six doubles, 3B Jerriek Stoner (.310) drove in a dozen runs, CF Walter Williams (.306) stole eight bases and scored eleven runs, and their pitching duo of Tom Ricks & Thomas Smith went 8-1 with an E.R.A. under 3.00.

St. Johns' offense was brilliant as always in cup competition. Collin Henderson (.457) had 21 hits and fourteen R.B.I, Konrad Jensen (.412) drove in eleven runs with an on-base over .500, Nelson Townsend (.396) and stole eleven bases, and William

Johnson (.367) scored fifteen runs. It was St. Johns' pitching that had issues, and it came from an unlikely source: #1 pitcher William Tighe, who was 2-3 with an E.R.A. over 4.00. John Christian also took a loss by allowing a ninth-inning rally.

Knickerbocker started brilliantly. They were the only team to win their first two games, and outscored opponents 26-10 over the two. However, their form fizzled, Knickerbocker lost their next games, and their hopes to repeat as cup champs were dashed. John McGowan was "only" 3-2, but he had a 2.23 E.R.A. over 44.1 innings. Their best batsman was likely N.Y.L. Batsman of the Year Ed Huntley (.341), who scored & drove in eleven runs each while stealing eight bases.

Excelsior's cup run was simple: they won when Jim Creighton played (4-1) and lost when he did not (0-5). Creighton was incredible – more on him later – but the main issue for Excelsior was that the bats of their stars absolutely deserted them. All-Star C Sam Blade hit .194 (6/31), All-Star 2B Ben Lovette hit .265 (9/34), and All-Star CF Archie Mask hit .150 (6/40). The result was an offense that scored fourteen fewer runs than any other team in the competition.

Syracuse was projected last by the Writers Pool due to their significant number of close games during the season, so fifth was an okay finish for them. The team looked great in the middle of the competition, winning games 4-6, a stretch including a 14-9 win over defending champs Knickerbocker and a 7-6 win over St. John's. Outside of that: seven losses, although they were very competitive outside of the Gameday One loss to Excelsior. Henry Neal (.341, 9 RBI, 1.1 WPA) was their #1 player.

Alleghany had the talent to contend for the cup, but their pitching let them down terribly. Alleghany's 93 Runs Allowed were a whopping nineteen more than any other team, with two-time All-Star Fred Richards going 0-5 with a 6.19 E.R.A. over 32 innings (40 RA, 22 ER). Likely N.E.L. Batsman of the Year Royal Altman (.378, 12 RBI) performed well as did Arthur Waltrip (.383, 13 R, 6 SB), but eight-time All-Star Sam Kessler (.222, 6 RBI) struggled and in the end their disastrous pitching was too much to overcome.

Even though there were other players who put up better numbers, the Writers Pool named Shamrock SS Anthony Mascherino the Most Valuable Player of the competition. His fourteen RBI tied for the cup lead, his fourteen runs scored were second-most, his 1.0 W.P.A. was among the best, and he was easily the best defensive infielder of the Tucker-Wheaton Cup.

If Excelsior had finished second or even third, then the M.V.P. would have been Jim Creighton. His output during the cup was simply absurd:

- 4-1, 1.84 ERA, 44.0 IP, 4 CG, 4 BB/21 K, .209 O-AVG, 0.91 WHIP, 4.3 K/9, 5.2 K/BB, 195 ERA+, 1.6 R9-WAR

- 8/17 (.471), 1.265 OPS, 3 2B, 1 3B, 4 R, 4 RBI, 1 BB/0 K, .554 wOBA, 224 WRC+, 254 OPS+
 - 1.0 WPA, 1.4 WAR combined from batting & pitching

Creighton's four R.B.I. in five games actually tied for the Excelsior lead, and the team had a -16 Run Differential in the five games in which he did not pitch.

St. John's had two worthy candidates for Tucker-Wheaton Cup M.V.P. First was 1B Collin Henderson:

- 21/46 (.457), .979 OPS, 2 2B, 1 3B, 15 R, 14 RBI, 2 BB/0 K, 5 SB, 180 OPS+, 1.2 WPA, 0.4 WAR

The other was venerable OF Konrad Jensen:

- 14/34 (.412), 1.257 OPS, 6 2B, 2 3B, 11 R, 11 RBI, 13 BB/0 K, 8 SB, 255 OPS+, 1.3 WPA, 0.8 WAR

Henderson led or tied for the cup lead in average, runs, & R.B.I, while Jensen had the competition's best O.P.S, Batter W.P.A, and Batter W.A.R. thanks to the ridiculous thirteen bases on balls he took in ten games.

GAMEDAY ONE (August 8th)

SYR 3-10 EXC – P Jim Creighton (EXC) – CG, 6 HA, 1 ER, 1 BB/7 K, 2/4, 2B, 1 R, 2 RBI

STJ 3-4 SHA (10 Inn.) – OF Luther Tatum (SHA) – 3/4, 2B, 3 RBI, GW HIT

KNI 18-7 ALL – 3B Hugh Harris (KNI) – 4/6, 2B, 2 3B, 3 R, 3 RBI, SB

The opening game of Tucker-Wheaton Cup X was close until the 7th inning. Over the first six and a half stanzas sporadic offense had resulted in a 4-2 Excelsior lead, but in the bottom of the 7th Excelsior scored five runs via just about everything: single, passed ball, double, sacrifice, & wild pitch in that order. That made the score 9-2 and the result was Excelsior's.

It was #1 offense vs #1 defense in Boston, and it was defense that carried the day in St. John's vs Shamrock. The score was 2-2 after the 1st inning, and after a single run from each side over the next eight it was time for extras. In the bottom of the 10th Shamrock OF Luther Tatum doubled in Dennis Pruitt to cap a 3/4 afternoon and win the game for the hosts.

Knickerbocker wasted no time in opening their cup defense with a positive result, as a dozen runs over their first four times to bat were enough to sink Alleghany. Hugh Harris took P.o.t.G. honors although he was not the only Knick player to go 4/6 with three runs & R.B.I. each. Ed Huntley put up those same figures, but instead of three extra-base hits he stole three bases.

GAMEDAY TWO (August 9th)

ALL 6-3 EXC – 1B Walter Anderson (ALL) – 3/4, 2B, R, RBI

KNI 8-3 SHA – 1B Willie Love (KNI) – 3/4, 4 R, BB, 2 SB

SYR 7-9 STJ – OF Nelson Townsend (STJ) – 2/4, 1 R, 2 RBI, 2 SB

Alleghany made up for the opening day home thrashing with a win at Excelsior. Samuel Kessler's double in the top of the 7th drove in the team's 4th run and put them over the top, although part-time 1B Walter Anderson was their best batsman here. Solid pitching from Harry Nilsson (CG, 6 HA, 1 ER) and fine defense (2 E) ensured the victory.

Knickerbocker scored five runs over the final four innings to run away from Shamrock and go to 2-0. As in the first game of the day, the victors were led by an unheralded 1B: Willie Love, who in addition to reaching base four times matched his 61-game regular season total by stealing two bases. Peadar Daly (CG, 7 HA, 1 ER) kept Knickerbocker in comfortably in front in spite of eight fielding errors by the team.

St. John's moved into the win column thanks to a middle-inning barrage against Syracuse, with eight of their nine runs coming from the 3rd-6th. That left the score 9-5, and although Syracuse mounted a 9th-inning rally it was not enough as surprise starter Lee Ingle (3.2 IP in regular season) pitched the entire game while receiving plenty of offensive support.

Knickerbocker was the only 2-0 team after Gameday Two, and Syracuse was the only 0-2 team.

GAMEDAY THREE (August 10th)

EXC 4-2 KNI – P Jim Creighton (EXC) – CG, 9 HA, 2 R/ER, 1 BB/2 K, 2/4, 2B, 1 R

STJ 13-4 ALL – OF Nelson Townsend (STJ) – 3/4, 2B, 3 R, RBI, 3 SB

SYR 8-9 SHA (10 Inn.) – SS Anthony Mascherino (SHA) – 4/5, 2B, 2 R, 3 RBI

NOTE: P John McGowan (KNI) lost to break postseason streak of 16 W's

NOTE: OF Konrad Jensen (STJ) set a new postseason record with 4 BB

Excelsior went to the Elysian Fields and gave Knickerbocker their first loss thanks to another great all-around performance by Jim Creighton. With the game level 2-2 in the 7th, Creighton hit a double that moved C Sam Blade to 3rd with no outs, and three batters later OF Uwe Schneider doubled both players home to give the game its final score. In the process, John McGowan received his first loss in his last seventeen decisions in postseason play.

Allegheny was ahead 2-1 after the end of the 1st but after that it was all St. John's in Pittsburgh, with a number of St. John's batsmen having fine days. Aside from Townsend's output, OF Konrad Jensen walked to first four times and stole two bases, 1B Collin Henderson scored three times, and 3B Leopold Pfeiffer drove in four runs.

Shamrock made it two ten-inning victories in three days with their triumph over Syracuse. Shamrock was ahead 6-5 going into the 9th before a single by SS Henry Neal, a sacrifice fly, and another single by P Earl Quinn put the visitors ahead 9-8. Shamrock evened the score with a Mascherino single, and in the 10th PH George Coffman sacrificed in the winning run.

There were no more undefeated teams after Gameday Three. Syracuse was still winless at 0-3.

GAMEDAY FOUR (August 11th)

EXC 2-3 STJ – CF William Johnson (STJ) – 3/4, R, RBI, SB

ALL 1-12 SHA – 1B Charles Weiss (SHA) – 2/4, 2 R, 2 RBI, SB

KNI 9-14 SYR – CF Carson Law (SYR) – 3/4, 2 2B, 4 R, 2 RBI, BB, SB

Excelsior & St. John's opened Gameday Four with a tight contest in Providence. Runs via singles by Nelson Townsend & Konrad Jensen in the 3rd and a Thomas DiMola sacrifice in the 4th gave the hosts the three runs they needed to get the better of the Brooklyn champs. Lee Ingle held Excelsior to five hits and the St. John's defense committed two errors.

Alleghany's pitching was roughed up once again in a double-digit loss at Shamrock, a game in which the hosts scored seven times in the bottom of the 1st inning and all twelve of their runs over the first three. Everyone in the Shamrock lineup, P included, had hits, and this game was seemingly over minutes after the fans sat in their seats.

Syracuse became the last team to win, and in the process broke the Inland Championship's fourteen-game losing streak in Tucker-Wheaton Cup play that had gone back to 1864. Three runs in the 2nd, six in the 3rd, and three more in the 6th were enough as they managed to score nine runs off Peadar Daly while the Knickerbocker defense committed a rare ten errors.

GAMEDAY FIVE (August 12th)

SHA 8-2 KNI – P Tom Ricks (SHA) – CG, 4 HA, 0 ER, 0 BB/3 K, 1/4, 2B, 2 RBI

STJ 6-7 SYR (10 Inn.) – OF Nelson Townsend (STJ) – 4/6, 3 R, 4 SB

EXC 8-7 ALL – P Jim Creighton (EXC) – CG, 9 HA, 2 ER, 1 BB/7 K, 1/3, 3B, 1 R, 1 BB

Shamrock was able to do damage against John McGowan & Knickerbocker early in Manhattan, scoring five runs over the 2nd & 3rd. That was more than enough as an excellently-pitched game by Tom Ricks and fine defensive work by his Shamrock teammates prevented the Knickerbocker attack from doing much of anything.

Syracuse decided it was their turn for a ten-inning home win, becoming the second team to beat St. John's in extras so far in the cup. Down 7-6 in the 9th CF Carson Law singled in Leslie Rabel to tie the score, and then in the 10th PH Henry Stone singled in Arthur Mays to win the game. The outcome spoiled another fantastic performance by Nelson Townsend.

Excelsior was able to squeak by Alleghany in Pittsburgh thanks to yet another outstanding all-around effort from mighty Jim Creighton, who has been doing everything in the three games he has played. He was aided with two R.B.I.s from 3B Wesley Leone and a 2/5 performance from 1B Dan Henderson with three runs. Alleghany had the tying run on third base with two out when an Arran Duffy fly ball to the first baseman ended the game.

The standings after Gameday Five of the Tucker-Wheaton Cup were as follows:

TEAM	W	L	R	RA	RD
SHAMROCK	4	1	36	22	+14
ST. JOHN'S	3	2	34	24	+10
EXCELSIOR	3	2	27	21	+6
KNICKERBOCKER	2	3	39	36	+3
SYRACUSE	2	3	39	43	-4
ALLEGHANY	1	4	25	54	-29

The distribution of the teams was back to more of the standard of years past, and not last year's version where there were five 3-2 teams and a winless whipping boy.

Shamrock had the best Run Differential, but they were still on top thanks to a pair of ten-inning home wins. At the same time, a pair of ten-inning losses was separating 3-2 St. John's from an undefeated start. Excelsior was looking invincible when Jim Creighton pitched and...vincible otherwise. Knickerbocker looked fantastic over the first two games before hitting the skids hard over the next three. Syracuse was the polar opposite of Knickerbocker. Alleghany was being walloped.

GAMEDAY SIX (August 13th)

EXC 1-10 SHA – OF Dennis Pruitt (SHA) – 3/5, 2 2B, 3 R, RBI
SYR 8-6 ALL (10 Inn.) – SS Henry Neal (SYR) – 3/6, 2 2B, R, 3 RBI, GW HIT
KNI 4-7 STJ – CF William Johnson (STJ) – 2/4, 2 R, RBI, BB, SB

Cup leaders Shamrock opened the second half of the competition by having little trouble with Excelsior, who was starting P Clydesdale Jackson and not Jim Creighton. Each of Shamrock's first seven batsmen had base hits, and each of the first six scored runs. Tom Ricks had an easy time pitching, and the defense committed only one fielding error.

Syracuse won in ten innings for the second day in a row, this time at Alleghany. The visitors were behind 5-1 going into the 8th before a four-run rally was answered by an Alleghany run. With the score 6-5 in the 9th Neal singled in the tying run to force extra innings, and in the 10th he capped off his fine day by doubling in Earl Quinn & Carson Law for the winning runs.

The bottom of the 6th made all the difference in Knickerbocker vs St. John's. With the score 4-2, the hosts scored runs on a William Johnson single (1), a Konrad Jensen double (2), & a Dag Nielsen single (2) to exit the inning ahead 7-4. That was the end of the scoring, and St. John's took the honors after an errorless game by their fielders.

The results of Gameday Six left Shamrock alone in first place at 5-1.

GAMEDAY SEVEN (August 14th)

STJ 8-3 EXC – CF William Johnson (STJ) – 3/5, 2 2B, 2 R, SB
SYR 1-3 KNI – P John McGowan (KNI) – CG, 6 HA, 1 ER, 0 BB/1 K
SHA 12-9 ALL – Walter Williams (SHA) – 3/6, 3 R, 3 SB

St. John's became the first team to get to Jim Creighton, scoring seven runs (4 ER) and getting seven hits against him in their five-run victory. The visitors broke the game open with a pair of runs in the 4th and three more in the 5th, and their key players were Johnson, 1B Collin Henderson (2/5, 2 R, 2 RBI, and OF Konrad Jensen (1/4, 2 R, 1 RBI, 1 BB, 1 SB).

The contest in the Elysian Fields between Syracuse & Knickerbocker was all defense. The two teams combined for just four runs, ten hits, and six errors, while Syracuse's Henry Neal & Zarek Polakowski were the only players with two hits. That meant McGowan was the star of the show, as his steady pitching and fine defense behind him won the game.

Shamrock turned on the offense late in their win at Alleghany. Starting in the top of the 6th with the score tied 4-4, the Bostonians scored twice in the 6th, 7th, 8th, & 9th to overcome yet another bout of poor Alleghany pitching. 3B Jerrick Stoner drove in three runs, OF Dennis Pruitt hit his 6th double in seven games, and SS Anthony Mascherino added a pair of R.B.I. The result dropped Fred Richards to 0-4 in the cup and ended Alleghany's cup hopes.

The results of Gameday Seven meant Shamrock was still alone in first place at 6-1. **Also, Alleghany ended Gameday Seven with a 1-6 record, eliminating them from cup competition.**

GAMEDAY EIGHT (August 16th)

ALL 7-4 SYR – 3B Samuel Kessler (ALL) – 2/5, 2B, 2 R, RBI, SB
STJ 11-9 KNI – OF Konrad Jensen (STJ) – 3/4, 2B, 2 R, 2 RBI, SB
SHA 5-3 EXC – SS Anthony Mascherino (SHA) – 2/4, R, RBI, 2 DEF DP

Most of the scoring took place early in the Alleghany vs Syracuse battle. After the end of the 4th inning the score was 5-4 to visiting Alleghany, and after four scoreless innings Alleghany came up in the top of the 9th and added a pair of insurance runs via Kessler double and a fielding error by Syracuse to secure their second win of the competition.

St. John's got the better of a tough battle against Knickerbocker in the Elysian Fields. Up 7-0 after the top of the 3rd, the hosts answered with four runs to make it 7-4 before St. John's took two back in the 4th to make it 9-4. Knickerbocker scored three runs over the next two innings to make the score 9-7, but two late insurance runs guaranteed St. John's the win.

Shamrock did everything they needed to do in order to stay atop the standings in the 1st inning Excelsior, scoring five runs. First came a Dennis Pruitt single, then an Anthony Mascherino single, then a two-run Jerriek Stoner single, and finally a wild pitch to let in run #5. The loss dropped Clydesdale Jackson, who had not pitched badly in the cup, to 0-4.

The results of Gameday Eight eliminated Excelsior, Knickerbocker, & Syracuse.

There were only two teams left in contention for the cup after Gameday Eight.

TEAM	W	L	R	RA	RD
SHAMROCK	7	1	63	35	+28
ST. JOHN'S	6	2	60	40	+20

If Shamrock won at St. John's on Gameday Nine, they would clinch the N.B.B.O. championship.

GAMEDAY NINE (August 17th)

ALL 3-7 KNI – SS Edward Huntley (KNI) – 2/4, 3B, 2 R, 3 RBI
EXC 6-4 SYR – P Jim Creighton (EXC) – CG, 5 HA, 0 ER, 1 BB/4 K, 2/4, 2B, 1 R, 2 RBI

SHA 11-8 STJ – CF Walter Williams (SHA) – 3/6, 3B, 3 R, RBI, 2 SB

Knickerbocker had an easy time of it in their win over Alleghany. The hosts scored twice in the bottom of the first and were ahead 7-1 before Alleghany scored a pair of consolation runs in the top of the 9th. Huntley, who had been disappointing since the opening game, redeemed himself somewhat, as did 3B Hugh Harris. John McGowan's record moved to 3-2.

Jim Crieghton was back to doing everything again at Syracuse, earning his fourth win and fourth P.o.t.G. honor of the competition. His two-run single was a part of Excelsior's six-run rally in the 4th inning that won the game for them, and his pitching, which had been substandard last time out, was back to its normal excellence.

The game all eyes were on was Shamrock at St. John's. A Shamrock win and the cup would be going to Boston. A St. John's win and both teams would be 7-2 going into Gameday Ten.

This was to be Shamrock's day. Even play over the opening innings left the score 3-2 to St. John's after the end of the 3rd, but Shamrock scored three times in the 4th, once in the 5th, and five times in the 6th opposed to three runs from St. John's over the same span. That left the score 11-6 in favor of Shamrock going into the late innings, and after two St. John's runs in the 7th former All-Star P Herman Easley took over and calmly carried the win home for Shamrock, securing their first Tucker-Wheaton Cup triumph in four years.

The top two after Gameday Nine:

TEAM	W	L	R	RA	RD
SHAMROCK	8	1	74	43	+31
ST. JOHN'S	6	3	68	51	+17

GAMEDAY TEN (August 18th)

KNI 6-5 EXC – SS Edward Huntley (KNI) – 3/4, 2B, 2 R, RBI

ALL 9-8 STJ – OF Royal Altman (ALL) – 2/4, 2B, R, 2 RBI, BB, SB

SHA 9-5 SYR – SS Anthony Mascherino (SHA) – 3/4, 3B, 3 R, RBI, SB

Everybody was going to be playing at the same time on Gameday Ten, with the idea that if the standings were as tight as last year teams would not be able to track the progress of an earlier game to see if theirs mattered. As it stood, Gameday Ten would be the end of the line for five teams and a party for Shamrock, even if they were playing in Syracuse.

It was not a legendary 19-1 demolition to clinch the cup like it was last year, but for the second year in a row Knickerbocker ended the cup on good terms, winning at Excelsior thanks to five runs over the course of the 6th & 7th. Huntley put up his second fine performance in a row, and 2B Juriaan Kerstens was also 3/4 with a pair of runs and an R.B.I. Unfortunately for Clydesdale Jackson, he took the loss and finished the competition with a 0-5 record.

Alleghany ended the cup with a surprise, winning 9-8 at St. John's thanks to a two-run rally in the top of the 9th. In the fateful inning, C Wilbert Schrader singled in SS Ed Brown to tie the score and OF Kieran Bullock followed that with a double to drive in Schrader and give Alleghany the lead.

Shamrock went to Syracuse and won by four to equal the 1863 St. John's team with a 9-1 Tucker-Wheaton Cup. They scored four in the top of the 1st and added two more in the 6th before Syracuse could put a run on the scoreboard. From there it was just a matter of finishing the game out, hoisting the cup, and letting the celebrations begin.