

1867'S STAR PLAYERS NAMED

GAME RETURNS TO THE ELYSIAN FIELDS; KNICKERBOCKER TIES RECORD WITH SIX NOMINEES

NEW YORK CITY (July 15, 1867) – There are three weeks left to play in the National Base Ball Organization season, and that means that it is time to send out the rosters for the annual All-Star Game, which were finalized at NBBO headquarters in New York City this morning. Roster rules, once again, are the same as they were last year:

- Places 1-6 in each team's roster will go to the best pitchers in each league.
- The remaining 24 roster spots will consist of three players for every other position.

Since the All-Star Game was held in a Northeastern League venue – Boston's South End Grounds – last year, it is the New York League's turn to host this year, and that means the game returns to the Elysian Fields in Manhattan. It is assumed that there will be a crowd of over 15,000 on hand for the All-Star Game when it takes place two weeks from today.

The 1867 All-Star Game will feature a record-low 22 first-timers, but at the same time a record-high seven first-year players. The newcomer who will have the most eyes on him is Shamrock's James Burke, but there is a pair of NEL newcomers in the game currently batting over .400: S.o.t.O.'s Gerhardt Berg and Cantabrigians' Harvey O'Donnell. The most welcomed debut will probably be that of Knickerbocker's Charlie Greaves, who has made the ASG for the first time after spending the previous seven years as a regular in the outfield for Massachusetts Bay. Over on the NEL side, Oceanic 3B William Booth is making his ASG debut in his seventh season as an every-game member of the Oceanic lineup.

Not surprisingly, the three best teams in the NBBO dominate the rosters. #1 Knickerbocker has a record-tying six players, #2 Shamrock will be sending five, and #3 St. John's has four whose train tickets have been purchased for the trip to Manhattan for the game on the 29th. One big surprise is that 26-29 Empire has three players going to the All-Star Game.

Rosters for the 1867 All-Star Game, with starters highlighted in red, are as follows:

NEW YORK LEAGUE ROSTERS

P: Grover Anderson (KNI/1st) - 17-0, 2.89 ERA, 16 K, 2.5 WAR
P: Carl Bancroft (SYR/4th) - 18-8, 2.61 ERA, 39 K, 5.3 WAR
P: Jim Creighton (EXC/6th) - 23-10, 1.93 ERA, 90 K, 6.9 WAR
P: Peadar Daly (KNI/3rd) - 22-8, 2.90 ERA, 15 K, 5.0 WAR
P: James Goodman (MIN/3rd) - 18-15, 2.73 ERA, 84 K, 7.1 WAR
P: Monroe Munson (NIA/New) - 18-10, 2.87 ERA, 25 K, 5.7 WAR

C: Earl Feingold (UTI/2nd) - .323, 16 XBH, 50 RBI, 0.9 WAR
C: Kenneth Harvey (KNI/1st) - .338, 22 XBH, 55 RBI, 1.9 WAR
C: Oliver Lysiak (ATL/1st) - .310, 11 XBH, 37 RBI, 1.2 WAR

1B: Cormack Alexander (K.C./4th) - .403, 34 XBH, 59 RBI, 2.7 WAR
1B: Walter Driscoll (MIN/3rd) - .330, 14 XBH, 34 RBI, 30 SB, 2.1 WAR
1B: Mario Fusilli (SYR/2nd) - .399, 23 XBH, 37 RBI, 1.8 WAR
2B: Leslie Arnett (GOT/6th) - .329, 14 XBH, 33 RBI, +12.4 ZR, 2.0 WAR
2B: Ilari Marino (ORA/1st) - .338, 20 XBH, 42 RBI, 1.3 WAR
2B: William Strausbaugh (EMP/3rd) - .298, 17 XBH, 29 RBI, +13.6 ZR, 1.7 WAR
3B: Dennis Hunt (EMP/3rd) - .342, 24 XBH, 48 RBI, 1.7 WAR
3B: Charles Schuster (FC/3rd) - .345, 16 XBH, 51 RBI, 1.2 WAR
3B: Cecil Walker (NC/2nd) - .313, 21 XBH, 46 RBI, 1.0 WAR
SS: Per-Olaf Bakken (KC/5th) - .360, 23 XBH, 51 RBI, 2.4 WAR
SS: Edward Huntley (KNI/9th) - .385, 35 XBH, 55 RBI, 30 SB, +19.5 ZR, 4.7 WAR
SS: Henry Nabors (VIC/2nd) - .315, 18 XBH, 40 RBI, 1.3 WAR

OF: Ilkka Kivivuori (EMP/4th) - .393, 12 XBH, 45 RBI, 2.0 WAR
OF: Carlton McShane (KC/1st) - .359, 31 XBH, 48 RBI, 1.7 WAR
OF: Bryn Rasmussen (CON/New) - .365, 20 XBH, 50 RBI, 1.8 WAR
CF: Taliesin Buckley (NIA/4th) - .337, 27 XBH, 48 RBI, 33 SB, 2.0 WAR
CF: Charlie Greaves (KNI/1st) - .367, 27 XBH, 50 RBI, 2.1 WAR
CF: Obelix Tsiaris (FC/2nd) - .365, 16 XBH, 48 RBI, 1.5 WAR
OF: Jerald Peterson (KNI/6th) - .372, 22 XBH, 59 RBI, 2.2 WAR
OF: Francis Smith (MET/New) - .335, 20 XBH, 44 RBI, 2.3 WAR
OF: William Sylvester (HILL/1st) - .322, 25 XBH, 41 RBI, 22 SB, 1.7 WAR

NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE ROSTERS

P: Ben Bailey (SotO/3rd) - 18-11, 3.67 ERA, 46 K, 3.1 WAR
P: William Crane (QUI/1st) - 17-11, 3.40 ERA, 32 K, 4.6 WAR
P: Bubba Mack (LE/1st) - 19-10, 3.94 ERA, 23 K, 3.2 WAR
P: Tom Ricks (SHA/2nd) - 22-10, 2.87 ERA, 31 K, 4.5 WAR
P: Thomas Smith (SHA/1st) - 15-4, 2.55 ERA, 11 K, 2.8 WAR
P: William Tighe (STJ/2nd) - 21-7, 3.97 ERA, 17 K, 4.1 WAR

C: Joe Feuerstein (PORT/7th) - .309, 12 XBH, 30 RBI, 1.4 WAR
C: Albert Goddard (SotO/1st) - .296, 10 XBH, 31 RBI, 1.0 WAR
C: Harvey O'Donnell (CAN/New) - .417, 22 XBH, 44 RBI, 2.1 WAR

1B: Gerhardt Berg (SotO/New) - .427, 29 XBH, 59 RBI, 2.8 WAR
1B: William Busby (AME/1st) - .411, 29 XBH, 6 HR, 72 RBI, 3.2 WAR
1B: Walter Dudley (PJ/3rd) - .373, 20 XBH, 47 RBI, 2.0 WAR
2B: Peter Boyce (AME/2nd) - .330, 23 XBH, 31 RBI, 1.7 WAR
2B: James Caldwell (LE/2nd) - .356, 9 XBH, 32 RBI, 1.6 WAR
2B: Ernest Lewis (QUI/3rd) - .341, 20 XBH, 46 RBI, +11.3 ZR, 1.9 WAR
3B: William Booth (OCE/1st) - .365, 28 XBH, 45 RBI, 2.0 WAR
3B: Samuel Kessler (ALL/9th) - .386, 37 XBH, 40 RBI, 23 SB, 2.8 WAR
3B: Werner Verstegen (AME/1st) - .378, 23 XBH, 37 RBI, 2.1 WAR
SS: Theodore Kohlberg (SUS/2nd) - .335, 22 XBH, 39 RBI, 35 SB, 1.8 WAR
SS: Anthony Mascherino (SHA/9th) - .361, 24 XBH, 59 RBI, +15.9 ZR, 3.0 WAR
SS: Calum Milne (SCR/New) - .355, 23 XBH, 57 RBI, 2.1 WAR

OF: Royal Altman (ALL/3rd) - .467, 28 XBH, 60 RBI, 30 SB, 4.1 WAR
OF: James Burke (SHA/New) - .397, 34 XBH, 54 RBI, 42 SB, 3.0 WAR
OF: Thomas Maloney (MB/7th) - .361, 25 XBH, 45 RBI, 2.1 WAR
CF: William Johnson (STJ/3rd) - .369, 29 XBH, 43 RBI, 29 SB, 3.2 WAR
CF: Franklin Petty (LE/2nd) - .336, 30 XBH, 58 RBI, 2.5 WAR
CF: Walter Williams (SHA/1st) - .358, 25 XBH, 35 RBI, 43 SB, 2.2 WAR
OF: Edward Donovan (PJ/2nd) - .384, 23 XBH, 28 RBI, 55 SB, 2.3 WAR
OF: Konrad Jensen (STJ/7th) - .371, 27 XBH, 65 RBI, 37 SB, 3.4 WAR
OF: Nelson Townsend (STJ/5th) - .397, 33 XBH, 62 RBI, 39 SB, 3.2 WAR

The following players will be making their first All-Star Game appearances:

NEW YORK LEAGUE ALL-STAR DEBUTS

- P: Grover Anderson & Monroe Munson
- C: Kenneth Harvey & Oliver Lysiak
- IF: Ilari Marino
- OF: Charlie Greaves, Carlton McShane, Bryn Rasmussen, Francis Smith, & William Sylvester
- TOTAL: 10 All-Star Debuts

NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE ALL-STAR DEBUTS

- P: William Crane, Bubba Mack, & Thomas Smith
- C: Albert Goddard & Harvey O'Donnell
- IF: Gerhardt Berg, William Booth, William Busby, Calum Milne, & Werner Verstegen
- OF: James Burke & Walter Williams
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Knickerbocker, currently the NBBO's best team at 44-11, leads all teams with a record-tying six nominees: Anderson, Daly, Greaves, Harvey, Huntley, & Peterson. Shamrock, who has the NBBO's next-best record at 40-15, leads the NEL with five: Burke, Mascherino, Ricks, Smith, & Williams. St. John's, currently 40-15 on pace to be the first team ever to score 700 runs in a season, has the next-most with four: Jensen, Johnson, Tighe, & Townsend.

There are a record-low 22 players making their All-Star Game debuts this year, with the New York League featuring their lowest number of debutantes ever at just ten out of their thirty players. Only one of the NYL's dozen infielders, Marino, is going to the contest for the first time, while eight of the twelve are going to the All-Star Game for at least the third time. The Northeastern League's 12 All-Star Game debuts are the same amount as last year.

There are a record seven newcomers in this year's All-Star Game – three representing the New York League and four from the Northeastern League. Monroe Munson, Bryn Rasmussen, & Francis Smith are the NYL newcomers, while Gerhardt Berg, James Burke, Calum Milne, & Harvey O'Donnell are the NEL's first-year players who made the All-Star Game.

One very notable omission is that of American CF Willie Davis. In a year of historically-great performance by the top outfielders of the Northeastern League, Davis' .335 average, 43 RBI, 24 steals, and 1.7 WAR were not great enough, and he will miss the All-Star Game for the first time after having been selected for each of its first eight editions.

The All-Star Game is going back to The Elysian Fields for the first time in three years. The fans can hardly wait, and given the increase in offense this year it should be an extremely exciting contest.